

# THE OCTAGON NEWS



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BCD Pictures and Winners  
Club Picnic August 25



## Starter Switch

Dave Gribler

**P**ast, Present, and Future

You may have noticed that there has been a certain format to these columns. There is usually a recap of events since the last *Octagon News*, followed by current events and ending with things on-tap. So here goes.

I'll start with a recap of the NAMGAR GT in Dubuque. The GT was attended by ten club members, the Gribblers, a herd of Loofts, Dar and Dave Jr. Our contingent managed to walk away with a fair share of awards in spite of some unfortunate events that will not be discussed here. Dar garnered 3rd place in the 1500 wire wheel class and Ryan won the Premier class with the Magnette. Carol was not eligible for an award with her MGA roadster as it won the Premier class last year. As there is only one award given for Premier class this means that our car was out of the running as it was entered in Premier class (competing with Ryan) the last two years having won its class at GT-42 in Solvang, CA. There were a couple of nice drives while in Dubuque. One that took us along the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River, to the Field of



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### Club Membership Information

Membership dues for the Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club are eighteen (\$18.00) per year, payable during September and October. On January 1st. the names of delinquent members are removed from the roster. See *Carole Looft* for further membership information.

### MG Car Club Monthly Meeting

The Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at **Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill**, 67 South Main St, Miamisburg 45342, at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be:

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

### Aug:

- 10 – *British Car Day*
- 12 – Middle Child Day
- 28 – Meeting at Bennett's Pubical

### Sep:

- 15 – Concours d' Elegance
- 19 – Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 25 – Meeting at Bennett's Pubical

### Oct:

- 2 – Phileas Fogg Wager Day
- 23 – Meeting at Bennett's Pubical

*See meeting minutes for other area activities!!*

Dreams film location and then returning to town.

Two more events will take place between the deadline for this issue and the next meeting. BCD is now history. The weather forecast is for perfect weather. The planning has taken place and all off the necessary supplies are on hand. I'm sure we had a quite successful event to discuss at the next meeting. The Editor has promised to include coverage of the show in this edition of the *Octagon News*.

Also taking place before the meeting will be the annual SWOCMGCC Picnic. This event is once again being hosted by Carol & Terry Looft at their home in Wilmington. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

We'll meet for the third time at Bennett's Pubical the Wednesday following the picnic. Then, before you know it, summer will be officially over. We've again been invited to participate in Holiday At Home Parade on Labor Day. No specific details have been given but if things play as they did last year, expect a report time of 8:00 am. Keep an eye on your email for details. A check of your cooling system, ignition and carb state of tune are recommended before participating in a low speed parade. Not to discourage but those are the typical places to expect problems when traveling at 0.5 MPH.



I hear the distinct sound of the Editor's whip cracking so this column is now being shipped off. I'll see you at the meeting!

## Welcome New Members

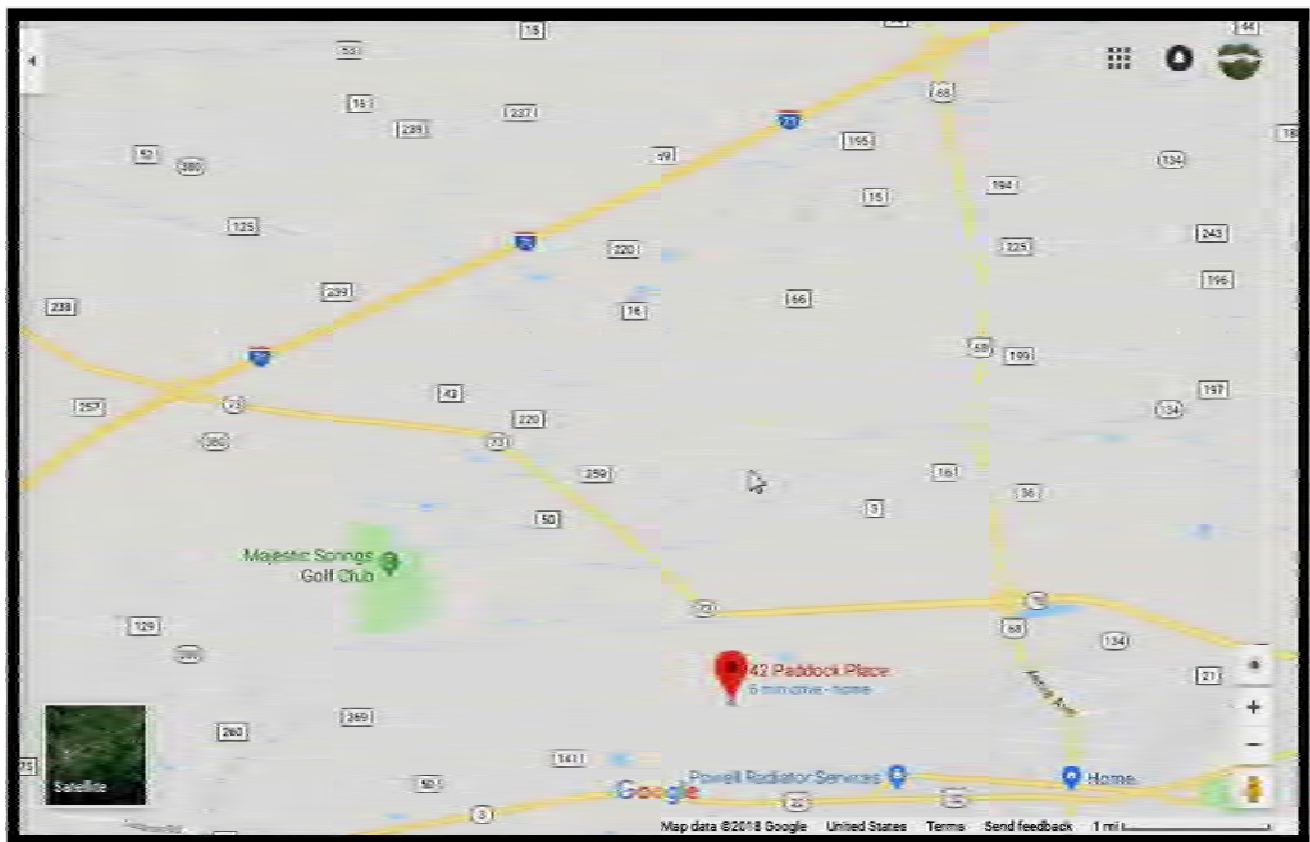
Carole Looft

Jim & Margo Carson 6242 Woodward-Claypool Rd. Morrow, OH 45152 <a href="mailto:carsonfam@juno.com">carsonfam@juno.com</a> 1973 MGB	John & Lee Lundberg 1130 White Oak Dr. Springfield, OH 45504 <a href="mailto:jlundberg@woh.rr.com">jlundberg@woh.rr.com</a> 1979 MGB	Ron Ramer 6669 Taylor Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45248 <a href="mailto:ron@cincyshots.com">ron@cincyshots.com</a> 1959 MGA 1965 MGB
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# MG Club Picnic Sunday August 25

Terry and Carole Looft

**T**he MG club picnic will be held in Wilmington, OH again this year, on Sunday, August 25, at 2:00 PM. It will be at the home of Terry and Carole Looft, 42 Paddock Place – Wilmington, OH. We are hoping that you will be able to drive your MG to the picnic, as we will again be taking a group picture of all the cars in attendance. MGs will be parked in the back yard, as before, so follow the signs. As always, if you could bring a covered dish to share, everything else will be provided. Plan on arriving around 2:00 PM and staying as long as you would like. Easy directions. From SR 73, go south on Mitchell Rd, then right on Paddock Place. It'll be the first house on your right. A map is included below. Call (937) 527-7353 (Terry's cell) if you have any questions. Hope to see everyone there.





## Pictures from British Car Day





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Photos by Ron Parks and Steve Markman

*Editor's note – I have more photos that I'll run next month, space permitting.*

## BCD 2019 Winners

### ***MGT***

1. Steve Powell, 48 MG TC  
AE. Evan Ford  
AE. George Smith

### ***MGA***

1. Terry Looft, 1960 MGA  
Coupe  
AE. Phil Roberts  
AE. Tony & Janet Shoviak

### ***MGB 63-67***

1. Brian & Edith Hajek, 67  
MGB Roadster  
AE. William Hunter  
AE. Robert Orr

### ***MGB 68-74***

1. Dane Petrie, 70 MGB  
AE. Danny Osborne  
AE. Dexter Douglas  
AE. Robert Rushing

### ***MGB GT***

1. Beverly Smith, 69 MGB  
GT  
AE. Scott Crofford

### ***MGC***

1. Lian Shoviak, 60 MGC  
GT

### ***MGB '75-'80***

1. Charlie McCamey, 75  
MGB  
AE. Tim Lewis  
AE. Mark Mason

### ***Midget***

1. Dennis Cestra, 64 MG  
Midget Mk II

### ***TR 2 & 3***

1. Connie Brocious, TR 3A  
AE. Debbie & Tom Ferratt  
AE. Roy Owens  
AE. John Goode

### ***TR 4***

1. Ron Parks, 67 TR4A  
AE. Mark Macy

### ***TR 250***

1. Bruce Miles, 68 TR 250

### ***TR 6 '67-'72***

1. Bill Michael, 72 TR 6  
AE. Jack Pounds  
AE. Dave Proctor

### ***TR 6 '73-'76***

1. Scott Huey, 74 TR 6  
AE. Harry Mague  
AE. Joe Gerst

### ***TR 7 & 8***

1. Rick Ray, 80 TR8  
AE. John Clifford

### ***Spitfire I-II-III***

1. Dan Briley, 68 Spitfire

### ***Spitfire IV***

1. no entries

### ***Spitfire 1500***

1. John Timpone, 78 1500

### ***Spitfire '78-'80***

1. Ralph Weiss, 79 1500

### ***Jaguar XK***

1. Richard Davis, 59 Jaguar  
XK 150

### ***Jaguar XKE***

1. Phil & Marilyn Campbell,  
66 E-type

### ***Jaguar XJ/Sedans***

1. Bill Owen, 73 XJ6  
AE. Dana Springer  
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### ***Austin Healey 100***

1. Larry Beasley, 56 A-H 100

### ***Austin Healey 300***

1. Andy Manganaro, 62 A-H  
3000  
AE. Bernie Grabow  
AE. John Steck  
AE. Ben Grabow

### ***Austin Healey Sprite***

1. John Bixler, 59 Bugeye  
AE. Mike Bish

### ***Classic Mini***

1. Greg & Linda Graham, 92  
Mini panel  
AE. Greg Lepara

### ***New Mini***

1. Kevin Roberts, 2005 MINI  
AE. Chick Padgett

### ***Sunbeam Alpine***

1. John Rindfuss, 1955  
Alpine  
AE. Tom Bishop

### ***Sunbeam Tiger***

1. Davie Teitmeyer, 67 Tiger  
AE. Jim & Diane Ebert

### ***Lotus***

1. Michael Wolf, 2009 Type  
25

### ***Motorcycles***

1. Rick Slouffman, 2003  
Triumph

### ***Open Class thru 1965***

1. John & Nancy Gebert, 48  
Triumph 1800  
AE. Mike Hickman



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### ***Open Class '66 and later***

1. Dan Davis, 73 Stag  
AE. David Baker  
AE. Charlie Birkline

### ***British Conversions***

1. Phil McConnell, 74  
Spitfire  
AE. Mike Moore  
AE. Michael Maloney

### ***European Open***

David Evan, BSA twin three  
wheeler

### ***Premier Class***

1. Rich Frantz, 54 Jaguar XK  
120  
AE. Tonda Macy  
AE. Tony & Janet Shoviak  
AE. Tim Moore  
AE. Ronald Wheeler

### ***Diamond in the Rough***

1. John Scocozzo, 58 MGA

### ***Best of Show***

Andy Manganaro, 62 A-H  
3000

### ***Longest Drive***

Simon Dix, 440 miles

### ***Rangers Choice***

David & Vicki Roberts, A-H  
3000

**Congratulations to this year's winners, and thanks to Skip and his team for another great show!!**

## Additional BCD Photos by Skip Peterson

*Editor's note – Don't ask me how Skip found the time to take pictures!!*



## Car (Song Lyrics) of the Month

### Henry's Made a Lady Out of Lizzie

Words and music by Walter O'Keefe, ©1928.

Have you seen her? Ain't she great?  
She's something you'll appreciate.  
I'm sure you understand just what I mean.  
Ev'rybody ev'rywhere is falling for her now.  
I'm talking 'bout the new Ford, and boy, it sure is a wow!

Lay off, people; lay off, folks.  
None of your sarcastic jokes.  
Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie.

No more bruises, no more aches.  
Now she's got those four-wheel brakes.  
Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie.  
She's even got a rumble seat, and lots of style and class,  
And the horn just seems to holler out, [honk, honk]  
"They shall not pass."  
The Lincoln car is made of tin.  
They're sisters underneath the skin.  
Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie.

Now she's even learned to stop  
For ev'ry single traffic cop.  
Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie.

Not a rattle, not a bit;  
Lizzie now has lots of it.  
Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie.

There's ev'rything inside her now except the kitchen sink:  
A mirror and a powder puff, and a shower bath, I think.  
I'll bet my socks that this miss Ford  
We'll live as long as Fanny Ward.  
Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie.

C.O.D. and F.O.B.,  
All you need is dough-re-mi.  
Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie.

Since he lifted up her face,  
She travels at an awful pace.  
Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie.



#### Origin of the name 'Tin Lizzie'

[www.thoughtco.com/nickname-tin-lizzie-3976121](http://www.thoughtco.com/nickname-tin-lizzie-3976121)

In the early 1900s, car dealers would try to create publicity for their new automobiles by hosting car races. In 1922 a championship race was held in Pikes Peak, Colorado. Entered as one of the contestants was Noel Bullock and his Model T, named "Old Liz."

Since Old Liz looked the worse for wear, as it was unpainted and lacked a hood, many spectators compared Old Liz to a tin can. By the start of the race, the car had the new nickname of "Tin Lizzie."

But to everyone's surprise, Tin Lizzie won the race. Having beaten even the most expensive other cars available at the time, Tin Lizzie proved both the durability and speed of the Model T.

Tin Lizzie's surprise win was reported in newspapers across the country, leading to the use of the nickname "Tin Lizzie" for all Model T cars. The car also had a couple of other nicknames—"Leaping Lena" and "flivver"—but it was the Tin Lizzie moniker that stuck.



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She's not like Calvin Coolidge; she's a girl who likes her fun.  
She says, "Imagine anyone who doesn't choose to run!"  
You should get delivery  
By nineteen-hundred-thirty-three.  
Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie.

Her dashboard has a clock that's made a hit with all the Scotch.  
A Scotchman saw the clock and so he promptly stopped his watch.  
You've all heard the Frenchmen song:  
Fifty million can't be wrong.  
Henry's made a lady out of Lizzie.

## Classifieds

**For Sale:** 1978 MG Midget. New top and interior. Box of other new parts included. Asking \$3,000. Call Bob at 937-253-9935 and leave a message. (8/19)

**For Sale:** 1974 MGB is offered locally by Tom Stephens after it failed to sell on BaT. He is motivated to sell, asking \$6500.00. He can be reached at 937-293-3037 or [Stephens\\_t@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Stephens_t@sbcglobal.net). (6/19)

**For Sale:** MGB Biscuit color, Vinyl seats. These seats are in good shape with less than normal wear as, the foams, webbing, covers & head rests all replaced in 2002, when car was restored. A good buy at \$300, if you're looking for nice biscuit colored seats for your MGB. Contact Ron Parks with your offer, by phone at 937-207-9009 or email [MGdriver@woh.rr.com](mailto:MGdriver@woh.rr.com). (4/19)

**For Sale:** Factory hardtop to fit late model Midgets. Black in color with original old fiberglass patina on the interior panel. All rubber in good shape. Located in Union, just north of Englewood. 689-69955 [lyngbldoh@yahoo.com](mailto:lyngbldoh@yahoo.com). (3/19)

**Free classified policy:** We are happy to run your auto-related ad for three months free of charge, but may cut older and non-MG related ads as space requires. Please contact the editor when your item sells or if you wish to continue the ad for an additional three months. [srmarkman@att.net](mailto:srmarkman@att.net) or 937-886-9566.

## Minutes from July Club Meeting

Sam or Diana Hodges  
One or the other

**T**he July 2019 MGCC meeting was called to order by President Dave Gribler promptly at 7:40. (As I was not actually present and I'm writing the Minutes off of notes, most of the lies and slander you're about to read are somewhat fictional.)

President Gribler started things off with his President's Report. There's some note about Barney Gaylord and his son Elliott that's all. Nothing more. I'm assuming they came in late?). President Dave continued, "I'd like to thank Diana Hodges for doing such a wonderful job running the June MGCC meeting. She was the best stand-in President that the club has ever had... (that seems kinda odd for him to say that. Wait a minute, Diana took these notes!)

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Dave, “Thanks to Carole Looft for picking up the mail. We got the usual Food Bank, Salvation Army stuff as well as a NAMGAR magazine that was subsequently loaned out to Mike Elliot in an effort to encourage him to join.

Something about LED taillights...??? Something about the flasher unit (surprised that no one had anything to say. “Flasher”?!? C’mon! The jokes write themselves.) There are LED array units, but they’re pretty expensive, The LED projector bulbs are only \$15.

Vice President’s Report was next. The V.P. Wanted to make sure that everyone brought a bag of ice if they can and if anyone wants to volunteer to cook, that would be much appreciated.

Secretary’s Report was next up. Jeannie Smith motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Bob Farrell seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s report was next. Treasurer Cheri Farrell, “We have money... The MGCC had total gains of: Membership Dues (\$23.00). We had total expenses of: June Gumball (\$10.00) + Tune-Up Clinic Donuts (24.00) + Tune-Up Clinic Coffee (\$19.55) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$53.55. Monthly total gains when subtracted from losses means a loss of \$30.55 to the MGCC. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$2,061.87 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$2,031.32 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$380.53. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,411.85. Ron Parks motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report. ‘Dave’ seconded (That’s all the notes say. “Dave” ...um, yeah. About that. We’ve got something like five Daves around here...) MGCC voted. Treasurer’s Report approved. Eddie won’t oppose.

Membership with Carole Looft. Carole, “We have 72 members right now. We got a few new members. Jim Carson, owner of a 1973 MGB roadster, John and Lee Lundberg, owners of a 1979 MGB, and Ron Ramer, owner of a 1959 MGA and a 1969 MGB.

Since Carole was out of town for the June meeting, we have June and July birthdays.

For June: Steve Veris, Eileen Wolf, Anna Schneider, Diana Hodges, Cheri Farrell, and Cathy Goodman. For July: Skip Peterson, John Scocozzo, Helen Markman, Phil Johnson, Bob Farrell, Joanne Gribler, and Dave Johnson.

Sunshine Committee. There’s a card for Cheryl Nuessgen who recently had surgery. Dave McCann, Sr. had heart valve surgery and doing well back at home. Graham Cooper reported that Diana Cooper crushed her L5 vertebrae while playing Pickleball. She’s going to be wearing a back brace for a little while.

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman. “Nothing much to report. I hope you now understand what power means and why we measure it in horses.”

Webmaster John Scocozzo, “There’s a Biscuits and Tea next Sunday and I’ve got some other pictures that need to be uploaded. Otherwise, the internet is still there.”

Activities with Eddie. “The British Museum of Transportation had their meeting at DQ (you missed it). As mentioned, there a Biscuits and Tea this coming Saturday at 10 am (you missed that too). British Car Day is Saturday, August 10th (by the time you read this, you’ll either have been there, or you’ll have missed that as well.) As always, volunteers are needed on Friday night to help set up the show field. Gates open at 7 a.m., but I’m sure someone will be there at 6. Since we can’t use the normal shelter, we’ll need additional help to keep things on track. 11-1:30 is usually the peak time for concessions. We also need another person for ice cream and someone for grilling. If you bring a cooler, please label the cooler

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when you bring ice. If at all possible, don't try to pay for a drink with a \$20! Bring some singles. (Yet again, another self writing joke.) Simon Dix and Robert Rushing will both be at BCD.

Concours (I'm assuming Skip gave this update). The Concours will be September 15. Everything is on track. Volunteers for class hosts, see Dave if you haven't done it before.

Beer break called at 8:03

Back from brake at 8:19.

Dave's gonna break his hammer...

Old Business. Charlie's not here, Dick is old business for tonight.

A report on the MG meet at Traverse City, MI. Everything was cherry themed. The Supplies trailer made it there and back without any apparent problems (except maybe not enough 'supplies'?) Dave and Lois bought cherries... John Scocozzo, "Did you make a pie?"

MGCC won 9 awards with the 7 cars that were taken. We were well represented. We were approached about hosting a future meeting.

New Business. The MGC Register event was July 5-8. It was held in conjunction with Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Faire at the Gilmore Museum. There were 8 MGs from our group in attendance. Steve and Mimi were there.

President Dave, "The MGC is working again. The speedometer is working again. Apparently I pinched something at some point. Replacing it was simple, but it was a pain to get started."

Other events: NAMGAR GT44 was held in Dubuque, Iowa. Ryan won Premier class. It was the first time a Magnette won the Premier class. Everyone took a trip on the shortest railway in the world.

Speaking of railroads, in other Old Business, there was an issue about the MGCC Picnic. Namely, the issue was that we railroaded the Loofts' into hosting again. But, do the Loofts accept? Does anyone else want it? Reluctantly, they do. The date will be August 25th, 2 weeks after BCD. Show up at 2, eat at 3. Get there at 1 and you're cleaning toilets.

The British Museum's MGA coupe is being scheduled for work days Saturdays in Sept. Dave McCann volunteered to paint the black parts of the chassis but we still need volunteers for some other painting and more importantly the painting prep work.

New Business. President Gribler. "We need to address the increased costs of putting on BCD. We need ways to generate income to offset the increased costs. We have picked up sponsors, and raised entry fees. We also might need to raise concession prices since they're pretty cheap right now. The increased cost associated with the event will affect our income. If we can't cover the show costs, we might end up needing to increase the MGCC member dues." Dues have been \$18 since the Gribler's joined... No action required at this point, but this needs to be addressed.

2020 National Events: The MGB Register meet will be June 28 - July 2 in Calgary, Alberta, at the Deerfoot Inn Casino. If you leave now, you might get there in time for the banquet.

GT45 will be in Colorado Springs June 1-5. This precedes another rally. The hotel will be the Colorado Springs Marriott. It's Pikes Peak or Bust! The All MG meet will be June 14-17 in Atlantic City. Who plans these?!? Colorado to New Jersey almost back-to-back?!?



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Dave Johnson, “August 24, 2019 is the revival of the Bellfontaine Hill Climb. The route isn’t out but there will be rally cross. Look on our FB page for additional information.” (I’m assuming it was Dave since I’ve seen him liking that page on FB.)

For Sale: Graham Cooper has a BMW Z3 coupe. If interested, contact Graham.

Steve Markman, “We’re looking to buy a reasonably inexpensive used car for grandchild. If you know of anything that fits the bill, then contact Steve (*Editor’s note – we found one, so disregard previous sentence*). Terry Happensack knows of a 1973 MG Midget that was possibly raced. It has Vega mags on it. Looks like it was set up to be raced, side draft carburetors, modernized air intakes.

Tech Tips: Dave McCann, Jr. Had a tip about using low rise hydraulic lifts. “They’re nice for getting a car off the ground, but sometimes you need to finish things like fuel lines. 6-inch wood blocks help to make sure that the car is in the right place for that extra access.”

Graham Cooper. A supercharger sounds great, but find out what your engine can take before you put one on. Pressure showed 170, but you can’t back timing off enough to avoid detonation. The engine has a stage 2 head and top of block shaved and compression was already over 10.

Gumball Rallye Dave couldn’t read the name. Eventually determined that Terry Hap-pensack won the prize

Bob Farrell made a motion to adjourn; mo-tion carried.

Finished meeting at 8:48

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