

# THE OCTAGON NEWS



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Club Picnic, Parade, and Concours Pictures  
Renew Your Membership and Vote

## Starter Switch

Dave Gribler

Here I go again. It's the last time though, so your suffering is nearly over. I'll begin by stating the SWOCMGCC had a successful showing at the Holiday at Home Parade on Labor Day. I'm happy to report that there were no embarrassing malfunctions, visible roadway oiling, opaque emissions or loss of passengers. The weather was pretty nice too. The crowd was possibly impressed as a few "look at those cute cars" exclamations were overheard and knowing nods and "thumbs up" were noted. Thanks to all of the club members and grandchildren who participated.

At the time of this writing Concours is still on the horizon but it will long be in the rear-view mirror by the time this issue of the Octagon News reaches your inbox or mailbox. The weather was perfect (I just checked the forecast for Sunday and that's what is predicted) and everything ran according to plan (at least that's the company line). Thanks to the MGCC volunteers who always help make this event a success.

The main event at the September meeting will be Elections but there is at least one other important business item to



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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, Sep 25, 2019**

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## Upcoming MGCC Events

### 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

### Nov:

- 8 – Tongue Twister Day
- 20 – Meeting at Bennett's Pubical (this will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday because of Thanksgiving)

*See meeting minutes for other area activities!!*

discuss. As reported in the "Minutes from August Meeting" section at the back of this issue, we're in the midst of raising club dues for the first time in about forty years. There seems to be consensus that this is the right thing to do but we discovered that the pro-rata dues rates are enshrined in the bylaws. As such, we'll need to decide how to handle the changes and then follow protocol to enact them. Not a big deal but this will take a couple of months to take effect. In the meantime we can proceed with plans to raise dues.

Normally by about this time I can hear the sound of the Editor's whip cracking. I'm not certain how the whip cracking thing is going to work out for Steve since he is still recovering from shoulder surgery. Maybe the newly-elect President can test the waters next month.



Thanks, Dave, for a year of great leadership!!

## Welcome New Member

Carole Looft

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1950 MG TD

## Membership Renewal Time

Carole Looft

September is the month for membership renewals. Our dues remain at \$18.00 for members who receive their newsletter via email. However, if you wish to receive your newsletter through the U.S. Postal System, please add an additional \$10.00 to defray rising printing and postal costs. Therefore, dues for members receiving mailed newsletters will be \$28.00. Remember...you must be a paid-up member to vote for new officers at the September meeting. You can bring your dues to the meeting, or you can mail your renewal to:

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# Pictures from Club Picnic

Photos by Dave Gribler



Thanks to Carole and Terry Looft for hosting this year's club picnic!!

# Pictures From Holiday at Home Parade

Photos Submitted by Skip Peterson



# Photos From Concours d'Elegance

Photos by Steve Markman





Thanks to Skip and his team for another great car show. P.S. You looked great on TV, Skip!

If You're Wondering Why You Haven't Seen Ron Parks Much This Summer...



## 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)

**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 August Club Meeting

Sam or Diana Hodges  
One or the other

**T**he August meeting of the MGCC SWOC was called to order at 7:32 by President Dave Gribler. President Gribler, "Our Secretary did make it on time." Sam Hodges, "Yeah, about that. If a State Trooper should drop by looking for the driver of the blue, Buick, I've been here the entire time."

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President Dave, “Welcome to the third edition of the MGCC meeting at Bennett’s Pubical. Kinda feels like home. Summer is over. BCD is over, we almost froze on the way here today with the top down, so its time to start thinking about a Fall Tour. There might be a quiz on this later. In the Mailbag, there was the usual mail from the Food Bank, this month’s Safety Fast and ballots for officers to NAMGBR. Also there’s a copy of MG Driver. In that issue is a nice picture of Mike Maloney’s car. The MGCC is nicely represented in this issue.”

Vice President’s Report. We’ve got no V.P, so we don’t have a V.P Report.

Minutes were next. Skip Peterson motioned accept the Minutes as reported. Lois Gribler seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report was next. There’s currently no Treasurer but they sent word that they’re on the way.

Membership Chair Carole Looft. “We currently have 73 members. We got a new member in the mail, Matt O’Fink from Noblesville, IN, who owns an MG TD. Also with us tonight is new member Jim Carson. Jim Carson, “I have a 1973 MGB that’s almost finished. It has been accepted for the Concours this year. I bought the car in 1979. It originally was and is once again black tulip.”

Birthdays this month: Jennifer Peterson, Jayne Powell, Sandy Johnson, Terry Looft, Carole Looft, Dave McCann (Sr?/Jr?), and Leslie Hunter was the day of the picnic but we didn’t know.

At BCD we sold 3 posters, 14 can coolers and thanks to Lois and we had 2 renewals.

Lois Gribler, “I left home with 750lbs of meat. And we have one pack of hamburgers and hotdogs left. We sold a lot of food.”

Sunshine Committee: Jennifer Peterson, “Hi.” Carole Looft, “Steve Markman had his shoulder operated on, Diana Cooper is still having a back issue with the broken vertebrae. Jim Carson had knee surgery and Charlie had blocked arteries in his legs but he’s here and doing fine.

Octagon News. Newsletter Editor Steve Markman, “Nothing special. You got your newsletter a week early. I’ve been so concerned about my upcoming shoulder surgery to repair a torn tendon that I was off by a week. I even asked Terry and Carole for a ride to the meeting, a week early. I think I’ve discovered the problem: when you stop driving your MG, you revert to your chronological age.” Terry Looft, “I actually refused him a ride to the meeting last week.”

Webmaster John Scocozzo. “If you have photos, please send them to me for publishing on the website.”

Treasurer Cheri Farrell and Bob have arrived. Treasurer’s Report. Cheri, “The MGCC had total gains of: Membership Dues (\$31.00). We had total expenses of: July Gumball (\$10.00) + Traverse City, Michigan ‘Supplies’ (\$96.66) [...Only \$96? They must have been restraining themselves, or hungover...] + Newsletter Postage (\$64.23) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$170.89. Monthly total gains when subtracted from losses means a loss of \$139.89 to the MGCC. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$2,031.32 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$1891.43 in the primary checking account. The Savings account currently has \$380.56. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$2,271.99. Skip Peterson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mike Edgerton seconded. Eddie never opposes money.

Activities with Eddie. “There’s the Labor Day Parade. There was a note that went out. Contact Skip if



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you want to participate, (...but its too late for you now. We had 10 cars show up.) Concours is coming up September 15th. (You missed that too since I'm typing these September 14th.) There's a Biscuits & Tea September 21st. We need to think about a Fall Tour. It's fall, the seasons are drawing to an end..." Dave, "Only if you want it to..." Eddie, "It's the end of the summer driving season." Terry Looft, "It's not to late to join us for Vermont (They're there now, yes it is.) Dave Gribler, "Unfortunately that conflicts with Concours."

Beer Brake called @ 7:50  
Back from Break 8:07

Old Business, Charlie McCamey, "None tonight."

BCD. Skip Peterson, "It was a stunning success, largely due to the date change. It was 80° and if it had been on the normal date it would have been 95. We had 275 cars register, and about 260 on the show field. We got 2 nice notes from the West Virginia club that brought 6 cars. They really liked the show. We're already booked for next year, August 1st and we're pencilled in for the next 3-years with the Metro Parks. We sold a lot of stuff. All in all, a good day. Thanks to the food committee. At some point we're going to need an MG Food Truck. Terry & Carole are above and beyond with tables, truck, ice cream, etc. There were people from Champaign, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and a couple of other places." Dave G. "We're waiting on the bill from Rumpke, and White Allen's sponsorship check."

Other Old Business. The MGCC Picnic, "Thanks Terry & Carole for hosting. Perhaps the engineer who ran the train might want to consider hosting next year." Skip, "That was me." Jennifer, "No." Skip, "Our backyard's big enough."

Dave Gribler, "Concours. It's 3-weeks away (tomorrow as of typing). Everything is looking good and on track. I'm nervous, but I'm always nervous."

New Business. Dave G. "I'd like to continue the discussion that we started last meeting on raising our dues. We were fortunate at BCD that we had a good year, but there's no question that prices have gone up. Our Treasury has been dwindling down. Is it time to raise our dues." Terry Looft, "I'd suggest an even \$20 so that we don't have to make change." Skip, "I joined in 1991 and it was \$18 dues then. They first time I was President, we had \$400 in the bank account." Sam Hodges, "I just ran the numbers. That \$18 in 1991 would equate to \$34.00 with cost of living adjustments." Dave, "I'm just going to leave this here and let the next President deal with it. We only mail 12 paper copies, but the people who get them are already paying extra." Carole Looft, "If we don't do anything about it now, we're essentially tabling it until next year since dues are due next month." Skip, "That's fine, since we've got some money. We can take a long hard look at it to see if it makes sense." Eddie, "If we do raise the dues, what are we thinking?" Jennifer Peterson & Lois Gribler both, "\$25.00". Carole, "After looking at the bylaws, there's nothing in here about the amount, but the proration is here. Therefore, we'd probably have to make a change to the bylaws based on the proration of \$1.50/month."

Tabling the issue, President Dave, "Moving on. Fall Drive. If we do this the way that we've done these things in the past, such as the Picnic, Ron Parks is planning our Fall Drive." Skip & Terry, "I'm good with that." MGCC Voted. Ron Parks is planning our Fall Drive.

Upcoming events: NAMGAR/NAMGB: June 28-July 2, 2020 in Calgary Canada - It's Canada Day. The whole event precedes the Calgary Stampede. Deerfoot Inn & Casino. It's a mere 29 hour drive. Registration will probably be open after the General meeting sometime in November/December." Terry Looft, "We're going to the General Meeting, so we can give a report when we return." The All MG Meet

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will be in Atlantic City, NJ 2020. Good luck getting there without going tough Philly. Only 645 miles.

British Museum of Transportation will be having their annual Chili cook off in October. Stay tuned for more details.

For Sale? Anyone giving anything away?

Carole Looft, “In 2017, rules were changed in trying to get rid of a car without a title. We called several junkyards to see if one can be disposed of. No one post 2017 will take a car without a title. We’ve got a couple shells that we want to get rid of, but no one will take it. Anyone have any ideas on how to get rid of an old car?” Someone suggested calling the local Sheriff and have them verify that the car isn’t otherwise stolen/wanted vehicle and have them issue a letter to that effect.

Tech Tips: Art Barnes, “I need a tech tip. I had a terrible exhaust rattle that I fixed with a plastic clamp, but I’m not happy with the plastic on an exhaust system.” Terry Looft, “The new exhaust systems are slightly shorter/different. They might be slightly different and you’ll either have to live with the rattle, or go to a shop and have something made.”

Lois Gribler, “The Holiday Party this year is Friday Dec. 6th @ The Gribler’s house in Vandalia. BYOB and an appetizer to share.”

Gumball was won by John Scocozzo.

Motion to adjourn 8:38. Next meeting September 25th, 2019.

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**Don't forget...meetings now are held at *Bennett's Pubical***