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Waco Museum Tour Photos
British Transportation Museum Car Show Photos

Fast Idle

Ed Wolf

Well...the summer certainly is here, and with it comes the car show season. There already have been several, and I hope you've made it to some of them.

Most of us stay pretty much within the local area, but some of our members travel greater distances. Some even drive to the other end of the country to take in a good car show.

Did you ever ask yourself why, instead of going for a pleasant ride on a country road, stopping at a farmers' market or an ice cream stand, we spend hours polishing our cars' paint and chrome, then sit out in the hot sun for six or more hours, getting sun burned and dehydrated, and watch as people walk by and admire our cars?

Some of us are talkers. Some of us aren't. Some of us find it hard to start talking with a total stranger. But, when someone comes up to admire our shiny car and



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Club Membership Information

Membership dues for the Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club are **twenty-five (\$25.00)** 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:

Next meeting June 22nd

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Jun:

14 – National Pop Goes the Weasel Day
22 – Meeting at Bennett’s Pubical

Jul:

4 – Americana Festival
27 – Meeting at Bennett’s Pubical

Aug:

6 – British Car Day!!
12 – Middle Child Day
24 – Meeting at Bennett’s Pubical

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

asks a question, it’s our opportunity to open up and gab with a total stranger with a common interest. Whether we realize it or not, most of us are walking encyclopedias about our car, it’s history, what we love most about it (and those annoying little things that we live with and will get around to fixing one of these days), even the history of the company that made it. We also may discuss the evolution of human beings (i.e., “Those Brits back in the 50s and 60s must have been a lot smaller than people are today.”) If your car just isn’t car-show ready this summer, you always can volunteer to work at a show. Even helping park cars gets you up, out, moving, and talking to people.

I suppose we’re not all that different than people who go to quilt shows, flower shows, woodworking shows, even koi fish shows. It’s about getting together with people, talking, having fun, learning from others, and discovering common interests. So polish up your pride and joy and be sure to make at least a few shows this summer, and don’t forget that British Car Day and Concours d’ Elegance are just around the corner.

Hope to see everyone at the next club meeting, event, or out on the road.

By the way, Steve, how *do* you get a koi to a koi show?



Thanks to Dave McCann Sr. for sending this.

Pictures from May 15 Waco Museum Tour

Photos by Terry Looft and Andy Hein



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Pictures from May 21 BTM Car Show

Photos by Andy Hein



Honor Flight Car Show in Lebanon

Steve Markman

I don't recall how I found out about it. Someone sent me a flyer, and I got it too late to announce at the last club meeting, but I couldn't miss this one. As a veteran and having gone on an Honor Flight trip to Washington DC a few years ago, I couldn't pass up the chance to help raise money for this unbelievable program. Yes, I said "unbelievable" because that's exactly what it is.

Honor Flight is a nation-wide program that flies veterans from WWII up through the Vietnam era for a day to see their memorials. There is no charge to the veteran. Everything is included: charter flight, meals, and transportation in Washington. Honor flight just started up again after a two-year lapse due to Covid, and the price is up to about \$600 per veteran, all paid for by donations.

Being an open show, naturally, there were lots of muscle cars. There also were some street rods, military trucks, motorcycles, and some other just nice-looking cars. I was the only club member there, and there was only one other MG, an MGB from someone in Lebanon. He'd heard of us, but wasn't a club member. I didn't jot down his name, but I gave him an application. I hope everyone carries a few club applications in their car.

There was a different type of judging. There were no formal classes. But, there were at least four sponsors, and each got to pick about five or six of their favorites to receive a trophy. I got one from a local store called Vance Outdoors. Not being an outdoors type, I'll probably never patronize them, but urge others to do so.



I don't know who these twins were, but I sure made their day when I let them sit in my TD.

Classifieds

For Sale: 1974 MG B Chrome Bumper with “Sabrinas.” Originally and currently painted “Mirage” that was only used in 1974. Ownership history thru current (8th) owner. Complete restoration 2008-2012 including inner/outer sills. Car in Sparta, TN. Asking \$19,000. For photos and details contact Charlie Bunnell; cebunn3@gmail.com, selling for a friend. (4/22)

For Sale: Luxury yacht. Great place to party in luxury with lots of your friends while cruising the world. Owner no longer able to travel outside of own country. \$50M or best offer. Email for more details, pictures, and secret location. vladamir@thievingoligarchs.ru. (5/22)

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Minutes from May Club Meeting

Sam Hodges

President Ed Wolf called the May 2022 meeting of the MG Car Club Southwest Ohio Center to order precisely at 7:31. The Minutes will reflect 7:31 just because I can even though Ed was on time at 7:30. Terry Looft, (*referring to the gavel*) “Not loud enough!”

President Ed continued, “The first item is the Vice President’s Report.” Terry Looft, “I got nuthin. See, I can do that job.” Actual Vice President John Scocozzo, “I’m just glad that you’re (Ed) here.”

President Wolf, “Minutes were the next thing on the agenda.” Skip Peterson, “I read them. They seemed entertaining.” Skip motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Dar Planeaux seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes approved as reported.

Treasurer’s report was next. Treasurer Sue Scocozzo, “The MGCC had gains of: (\$0.00) Squat. Nil. Bupkis, for a total gain to the MGCC of \$0.00. We had total expenses of: Tune-Up Clinic Supplemental Supplies (\$13.96) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$13.96. Monthly total gains when added to the loses means a loss of \$13.96, to the MGCC. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$4,114.68, leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$4,100.72 in the primary checking account. The savings account now has \$381.95, with cash-on-hand of \$20. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$4,502.66.” Art Barnes motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Skip Peterson seconded the motion to accept the report. MGCC voted. Treasurer’s Report approved.

Membership was next. (There are 26 in attendance) Carole Looft, “We did have one renewal so that puts us at 66 members. Jim Miller, Vice President of the Cincinnati Car Club is visiting with us tonight.” President Ed Wolf, “Treasurer, I make a motion to approve a bribe?” Ed Hill, “Everyone be on your best behavior.”

Birthdays in May: Mike Hirsch, Rosalie Orr, Sue Scocozzo, Mary Planeaux. Leeann Looft, Tom Smith, and Torey Looft.

Activities with Eddie. Ed Hill, “Saturday June 4th (*you’ve missed it*) the Cincinnati British Car Club is

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going down to Louisville. They'll follow back roads." Ed proceeded to butcher Loooisville and the club tried to correct him. "LoWeville, Loolval, Looovul... This went on for a while. Ed continued, "You have to be registered by the end of May in order to go to Petersborough (*again, you're late*). Not much is going on in July. August 6th is our annual BCD. June 24th is an MGA work day at the British Transportation Museum." Ron Ramer, visiting President of the Cincinnati British Car Club. "The city of Fairfield wants to make us part of a 3-day weekend of car shows. The 9th of September is the first day, on the 10th it'll be Hot Rods and British Cars are on Sept. 11th. All proceeds go to the Aubrey Rose Foundation devoted to sick & dying children. There will be a food truck, beer truck, & indoor restrooms. \$20 to pre-register, \$25 day of show. We'll also honor the Sept. 11th victims. This years featured car will be the MGB." Jim Miller, "We have a new class that's British Race Cars. We'd like to have as many there as possible." Ed Hill continued, "The Concours is Sept. 18th." Art Barnes, "I'd like to offer up a congratulations for the success of planning the Waco Museum trip. We had a good turnout and it was well planned." Terry Looft (*I have to keep typing Looft because Terry Happensack was in attendance*), "I make a motion to close activities." Ed Wolf, "You're just trying to make the motion last longer."

Sunshine Committee, Carole Looft, "We sent cards out. Bill Hunter is recovering from his knee operation. Mary Planeaux is also here with us tonight. I got an email from Dave Estell and he's recovering from his broken leg. Ryan's still in physical therapy. He's driving and doing well. Otherwise, unless you know of something, that's all I have." Sam Hodges, "Unfortunately, Diana tripped and fell climbing over a doggie gate and broke her arm. A proximal humerus fracture. She's in a sling and has her arm immobilized but otherwise she's doing fine. I was also instructed not to inform you that her doctor said that the fracture was likely age-related. So, when you see her, this was NOT because of her age. Skip Peterson, "I had surgery for Dupuytren's contracture. Basically they break your fingers to fix them." Jennifer Peterson, "I kept telling him that I could have done that."

Newsletter Editor Steve Markman, "I wasn't able to make either of the last two events, but if anyone has pictures, I'd appreciate them. I've also used up the last technical article idea so if you have any, please let me know."

Webmaster John Scocozzo, Ed Wolf, "This table over here... (*referring to the ruckus coming from the corner round table*) John, "I started uploading the pictures but the weather outside was so nice, it hasn't been completed." Sue Scocozzo, "So as soon as he's done with my honey-do list, he'll get back to the other things he's got to do."

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

Old Business is next. Ed Wolf, "It's definitely not Diana Hodges." Skip, "It's either Steve or Dar, we're going to need to see drivers licenses." Dar, "No. We don't."

British Car Day. Skip, "We're looking for five volunteers for an 8-10 shift and another five for 10-noon to help park cars. We have agreed to sell the grille that BCD bought. Terry & Carole are helping with that. The Park District continues to add bureaucratic complications. We have to submit a show field drawing now. We're on track. We've got a pretty good amount of entries already. The shirt color is not pink, but maybe it's kinda pink. The actual color is corn silk, which is a light yellow. The Daimler Club is still planning to have their national meet in conjunction with our show. They're telling us 7-10 cars." Ed Wolf, "Can we give them a 1-month membership just to get passed 70 members?" Skip, "You've got to go way past that to get to Looft's record. He had people in Wilmington who were dead that were members. I think he went to a Walmart and had a sign up board."

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Ed Wolf, “The Annual Picnic. Any thoughts?” Skip, “Can’t we just show up at Kathy Goodman’s like we have in the past?”

Ron Ramer, “We have a club member who has a passion for covered bridges...” Jennifer, “Where’s Ron? Did he put you up to this?” Ron continued oblivious to our history with covered bridges... “We’ve got a route that will take us around 10+ bridges.” Skip, “Will we actually go across any or just drive by?” Ron, “We go across several.” Skip (*explaining the joke*), “We’ve got a similar member (*Ron*) who has planned several bridge tours. They all start off the same with us stopping and looking, and by the end, people aren’t even slowing down.” Terry Looft, “I was actually speeding up. That last bridge I took at 50.” A lengthy covered bridge conversation ensued. Ron Ramer, “I withdraw my previous comments on covered bridges. Secretary, please strike those comments from the minutes.” Me, “Nope...”

Tech Tips. Ed, “Anyone have anything? Dave McCann, Sr., “It’s not exactly a Tech tip, but we went to The Last Queen with the Parks’ and they had 1.5 hour wait. We went back again on a Tuesday. They have an outdoor patio area so maybe on a nice day in the summer time, they can accommodate us outside.”

Ed Wolf, “We were at the museum trying to get Dick Smith’s MGB started and after 30-40 light taps with the hammer, it finally started. The problem was, we forgot to reconnect the fuel line. Then, Ron came over and told us to look in the mirror only to see the room had filled with smoke. Needless to say, we had some issues, but we finally got it running, and we got most of the smoke back into the wiring harness.”

Dave Gribler, “We had an issue with the starter relay in the MGC(?) that we had just bought. The new cheap one had already gone bad so we had to replace the replacement.”

Lois Gribler, “The Electric Garage closed. Does anyone know of a good alternator/generator repair place.” Jim Miller, “J&N in Cincinnati is excellent. They’ll take your generator while you wait and test it and get back to you.” Skip, “We should probably get together a list of all the people that we rely on regularly. We need to find and preserve the specialists.”

Gumball Rallye was won by Dave Gribler. Skip, “Don’t start that Urban Suburban stuff again.”

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary Planeaux at 8:34.

Meeting adjourned.



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