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Pictures from British Car Day
British Car Day Winners

Fast Idle

Ed Wolf

Greetings Club members and Happy August. Hope you are enjoying the summer weather, and getting out for a drive during the cooler hours of the day.

Another year, another great British Car Day at Eastwood Metro Park. Always something new to see and the Daimler group, I think there were four cars in total, were quite unique. A big "Thank you" to all those who put in the work to make the show a success. And a big "Congratulations" to all award winners from our club. Terry and Carole Looft (best in class for MGA and MGB rubber bumper?), others? Other than a bit of rain for the drive home, the show was quite enjoyable and the weather wasn't too terribly hot. For August. OK, so it was rather hot toward the end when the sun came out right during the award procession. The combination of having the top up due to the impending downpour, and the bright sun appeared



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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 August 24th

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Upcoming MGCC Events

Aug:

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

Sep:

- 11 – British Car Show - Cincinnati
- 18 – Concours d’Elegance
- 19 – Talk Like a Pirate Day
- 28 – Meeting at Bennett’s Pubical

Oct:

- 24 – Pluto Demoted Day
- 26 – Meeting at Bennett’s Pubical

See meeting minutes for other area activities!!

to be causing some drivers in the procession to start to melt.

Hoping to see you at the next event or out on the road.



MGCC Annual Picnic!!

Art Barnes

Art and Cathy Barnes will host our annual picnic on Sunday, Aug. 21, starting at 2 p.m., at their home on 1991 Old Falls Trail in Vandalia. The menu will include pulled pork, grilled chicken and your own food contributions. The picnic is BYOB, so bring your own favorite beverage and a side dish or dessert to round out the barbecue and baked beans. Also, bring a lawn chair and spouse!

Here are the quickie directions in case your MG doesn’t have a GPS. First of all, we’re on the East side of I-75, as opposed to the Dayton Airport, which is on the west side of I-75. So, starting from I-75 and National Road, which is also Route 40, head East (British banners will mark where to turn as you follow your GPS from Exit 63 of Interstate-75). The most popular landmark will be Bunker’s sports bar & grill, but more important to your driving is NOT to turn as Route 40 turns right at the traffic light, departing from National Road. Instead, stay straight ahead on National Road past the mega church and elementary school and turn at the first right, on Clubhouse Way, at signs to the city golf course. Then, take the first left turn onto Old Falls Drive. Then past the duplex houses on your left-hand side, turn left at a green molded mailbox with our address, 1991, the only blacktop drive in the development.

If you choose to stay on the back roads (Rt. 48 or County Road 25), turn East when you get to U.S. Route 40, National Road, continue past I-75, and then follow directions in the above paragraph. If that’s all clear as mud, then just put the address in Waze and enjoy the round-about route it’ll probably give you (I have no idea how it knows you’re driving a vintage British sports car and thinks you are just out for a pleasant drive). If you get lost, call Cathy at (937) 206-5860 or Art at 206-5903.

Editor’s note – I think the Barnes’ are planning some sort of special recognition for the person who drives the most miles while lost.

Club Members at British Car Day

Photos by Steve Markman, Ron Parks, and Ed Wolf



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Thanks again to Skip Peterson and his team for another great British Car Day!!

Membership Renewals for September

Carole Looft

As a reminder, when September rolls around it will be time again to renew your MG Car Club membership. Membership is \$25.00 for club members who will receive the newsletter by email. Those members wishing to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter will need to add an additional \$10.00 to offset printing and postage making their total \$35.00. **NOTE:** The prorated amount is for **NEW** members only. And don't forget...you must be a paid-up member to vote for new officers at the September meeting.

We appreciate your continued support of the MG Car Club Southwest Ohio Centre.

BCD 2022 Winners

MGT

1. Dennis Cestra 1964 MGTF
AE. Paul Rich
AE. Tony & Janet Shoviak

MGA

1. Terry Looft 1960 MGA coupe
AE. Dar Planeaux

MGB pull handle

1. Mark Masquelier 1964 MGB
AE. John Wood

MGB chrome bumper

1. Robert Orr 1967 MGB
AE. Ed Wolf
AE. Ron Parks
AE. Graham Cooper
AE Ed Hill
AE. John Rinella

MGB rubber bumper

1. Carole Looft 1978 MGB
AE. Cynthia Wheeler
AE. Thomas Jones

MGC

1. Lian Shoviak 1969 MGC-GT

Midget

1. Brian Hellwig 1974 MG Midget

TR 2 & 3

1. Roy Owens 1963 TR3B police car
AE. Craig Wright
AE. Derrick Zimmerman

TR 4 -250

1. Gordon Attridge 1968 TR250A
AE. Ron Parks

TR 6 chrome bumper

1. Jack Pounds 1971 TR 6
AE. Chuck & Chris White

TR 6 rubber bumper

1. Gerry Hickey 1976 TR 6
AE. Scott Huey

TR 7 & 8

1. John Clifford 1976 TR 7

Spitfire chrome bumper

1. Ron Glatt 1967 Spitfire

Spitfire rubber bumper

1. John Timpone 1978 Spitfire
AE. Jeff Barth

Jaguar XK

1. Patrick Martin 2008 Jaguar
XK

Jaguar E-type

1. Richard McKinley 1963 E-
type

Jaguar XJ/Sedans

1. Dana Springer 1988 Jaguar
XJ
AE. Dane Petrie
AE. Bob Hendrix
AE. Dana Springer
AE. Gary Honnert

Daimler/Lanchester

1. John Spillman 1952
Daimler
AE Robert Sanford

Austin Healey 100-3000

1. John & Karen Steck 1966
AE. David Roberts
AE. Larry Beasley
AE.

Austin Healey Sprite

1. Don Bixler 1959 Bugeye

Classic Mini

1. David Lindsey 1975 Mini

New Mini

1. Peter Dirisamer 2013 MINI
AE. Chuck Padgett

Sunbeam

1. John Rindfuss 1955
Sunbeam
AE. Peter Bolmida
AE. Jean Webb

Open Class thru 1965

1. Jeannie Jacobs 1952
Aston Martin DB2
AE. Pete Melville

Open Class '66 and later

1. Tony & Janet Shoviak
1966 MG 1100

British Conversions

1. Larry Beasley 1956
Austin-Healey 100-Jaguar
AE. Scott Costanzo
AE. Mike Moor

European Open

1. Vernon Campbell 2001
Morgan t8

Premier Class

1. John Goode 1972
Lotus Elan Sprint
AE. Christopher Yannity
AE. Tony Shoviak

Diamond in the Rough

1. Greg Grooms 1949
Standard

Best of Show

John Spillman 1952
Daimler

Longest Drive

John Wood MGB
Pikeville, KY 232 miles

Welcome New Member

Carole Looft

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1969 MGB

Progress on BTM's MGA Coupe

Ron Parks

Body parts for the MGA Coupe at the British Transportation Museum are ready to be taken to the shop for painting!!



Semiconductor Shortage is Chipping Away at Car Safety Features

Gary Gastelu FOXBusiness

Some automakers are deleting options for consumers amid today's chip shortage. Automakers struggling to build vehicles during the supply crisis of these essential components have had to remove a variety of electronic features from their vehicles to keep the assembly lines moving over the past two years. Everything from heated seats to fuel-saving cylinder-deactivation systems and touchscreen displays have been removed at times.

Safety features aren't immune from the cuts. Due in part to a scarcity of sensors, the availability of such optional features as blind spot monitoring systems, proximity alerts and semi-automated driver aids (ADAS) has also been suspended in some cases.

Volkswagen and Cadillac are among the brands currently not offering blind spot monitors and other

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ADAS on some models — but the situation is constantly changing. The two automakers could not offer an outlook on availability at the time this story was published. "Automakers are in a tight spot when the materials aren't available for some of the safety technology," Jessica Cicchino, vice president of research for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), told FOX Business. "It really shifts the burden on the consumers who are already having a hard time shopping for a car," she also said.

Blind spot monitoring systems aren't mandated by any regulations, but they have become more common — and with good reason. An IIHS study found that the system can reduce injurious collisions by 23%, while the rear cross-traffic alert that's often bundled with it can cut backup crashes by 22%.

"While we don't test for them in our vehicle ratings programs, these are useful technologies to have, and we do want to see them on as many vehicles as possible," Cicchino also said. Since they're not required, these systems still aren't available at all on certain models, which makes it difficult to track exactly how many vehicles are being built without them. An automaker could simply shift toward manufacturing more of the low-spec models that don't have them without expressly "removing" the features.

"It's unfortunate that the chip shortage may prevent a new model from coming with the latest safety features that can prevent crashes and injuries," said Jake Fisher, senior director of automotive testing at Consumer Reports. "However, most automakers have the required chips to keep producing their models without removing equipment — and a smart shopper will avoid the models that do."

Automotive online marketplace Edmunds, advises car buyers to do their homework. "I think you can't rely on the salesperson to know every single thing that's on the car," said Ronald Montoya, Edmunds' senior consumer advice editor. "So I recommend looking at the window sticker because the feature will be deleted at the factory and noted — and that's probably the best way to go about it," he added.

With the average age of a car now over 12 years, it's not just an issue in today's tight buyer's market. "We will be seeing the consequences of the chip shortage for years to come," said Cicchino. "These vehicles are going to stay in the fleet now that people keep their cars for more than a decade. It'll mean that fewer of tomorrow's vehicles on the road will have this important technology," she also said.

Classifieds

For Sale: 1953 MG TD project car in. need of complete restoration. This car is in Beavercreek and available for viewing by appointment. More details and pix available. Joe Batka, 937-429-3412 (8/22)

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. If you wish to continue the ad for an additional three months, contact srmarmarkman@att.net or 937-886-9566.

Minutes from July Club Meeting

Sam Hodges

The July meeting of the MGCC SWOC was called to order precisely at 7:31 by President Ed Wolf. President Ed, "I'm happy to see Vice President is here tonight." (As I was not in attendance and my proxy took notes, this month's Minutes will be heavier than normal in the amount of fabrication and slander.)

Vice President's report was next. Vice President John Scocozzo, "I've got some old magazines to peruse.

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(It's here that I asked if there was anything more than 'old magazines' but the answer I got elicited an eye roll, from me.)

Minutes were next. There was an actual correction to be made. Ron (Cincinnati Ron), "The Aubrey Rose British Car Day will be September 11 in Fairfield. Cincinnati British Car Club member (*and MGCC SWOC member*) Dennis Gates is bringing a British phone booth. Another correction was that the Looft's came from Colorado Springs, they weren't turned away at border, they went home from Erie. (*So, y'all just waited until I was gone to try to get accurate Minutes?!?*) Motion to accept (*That's all it says, 'Motion to accept' No names...*), Ed Hill motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Jennifer Peterson seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report was next. Since Sue was not present, John is standing in for Sue. "Treasurer 'Sue' Scocozzo, "The MGCC had gains of: Membership Dues (\$4.00) (*Has Ed been hanging out at Walmart trying to bolster his numbers?*) Total gain to the MGCC was \$4.00. We had total expenses of: Gumball Rallye Cash (\$4.00) (*Looks like someone didn't want to have to go to the bank to me*) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$4.00. Monthly total loses when subtracted from the gains means a null set. When added to our beginning balance of \$4,116.72, leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$4,116.72 in the primary checking account. The savings account now has \$381.96, with cash-on-hand of \$59.00. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$4,557.68." Jennifer Peterson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Dave McCann, Sr. seconded the motion to accept the report (*I don't know if Dave was even there. The notes I got say 'Moen' as in the faucet company*). MGCC voted. Treasurer's Report approved.

Membership was next. Carole Looft, "Thank you to Jennifer for taking over last month. We now have total of 69 members (*I wasn't even there but I can hear the giggling*).

July Birthdays: Helen Markman, Dave Johnson, Skip Peterson, Joanne Gribler, and John Scocozzo

Activities with Eddie were next. Ed Hill, "News Flash! BCD! (*You missed it*) You've signed up whether you did or not. The main thing is to help direct cars, this is our only job this year since we're not doing concessions. (*You missed it*) We need 4 people to help by registration. The entrance is being made more complicated this year by the Park District (*You missed it*) Get there early but 9-11:00 is crunch time (*You missed it*) Bring a radio if have one. We also need help with show field at 5:30 on Friday night (*You missed it*). Remember, don't drive on the grass.

The Annual MGCCclub picnic is scheduled for August 21 @ Art & Cathy Barnes. There will not be any valet parking. Look for more info in the Newsletter. Art will send more info to Webmaster John on the Sunday before next meeting (*You HAVEN'T missed it*). The usual rules apply: bring a side dish to share, chairs, and BYOB.

Eddie continued. Holiday at Home. Anyone interested? After a quick canvas, Nope... Skip wants us removed from list. Concours at Carillon Park will be September 18, 2022. Biscuits and Tea will be at the Macy's garage in Tipp City? September 10 there's a British car Cruise-In. NAMGAR GT 48 will be in Nashville. Ron Parks, "September 3 there's a car show in Tremont City"

Sunshine Committee. Everyone is okay.

Newsletter was next. Steve's not here. There was a discussion on advertising free to members, Skip, "Carole, why are you looking at me when you're asking if anyone remembers... I don't..." If advertising, how much should we charge? Should at least have to be a member. Skip will be the enforcer (*That's what my notes say, sorry Skip*)

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Webmaster John Scocozzo. John, “No one has uploaded any photos. You Can upload from a phone, if they’re too small, they can be expanded. Skip, “All sorts of things can expand.”

Beer Brake called at 8:05

Back from Break at 8:11 (*Well that was short!*)

Old Business. Ed Wolf, “Anyone? No old business.”

New Business. Ed, “We don’t have any of that either.”

British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati. “Bob Santaro (*sp?*) donated an MGB to the British Museum of Transportation. They think this is 2,000 hour project time line. They just need to put car back together. It’s a pull handle (late 1964), if it’s not restored, it’ll get crushed.” Steve Veris, “2,000 hours seems a lot.” This is complete car, just us assembled. It has British Leland wings and a factory hardtop. The Cincinnati Club has already voted to partner with us to put the car back together. It’s up to us if we want to partner with them. Skip motioned to table this discussion until after BCD. Ron from Cincinnati seconded. We just need coordination, not really a motion. We’ll circle back around to this after BCD.

Carole Looft, “The 100 year anniversary of the MG company is coming up. Think about what we can do to celebrate as a club.” (*I’ve been told by Human Resources that I cannot make the comment that I really wanted to make here.*)

Tech Tips: Terry Looft, “I did 2 cars this past week. The MGC starter needed to be replaced. The new one is lighter, draws less amperage. New \$200, old \$120. New one can slip in without taking the car apart. They’re available from Moss Motors. They’re more reliable so we don’t have to repair them on the road.” Dave Gribler, “Yeah, that’s why I bring my wife, so she can push start.” Ron Ramer, “Put a rubber boot on to avoid a fire.”

Ed Wolf, “Bring an extinguisher.” Terry Happensack, “I’m having a problem with steering rack. It’s still rusty.” Ron Ramer, “Put anti seize on it” Ed Wolf, “You’ll look like the Tin Man or you’re not doing it right.

Gumball Rallye. Ed Wolf won the first. John Scocozzo won the second.

Motion to adjourn at 8:32. Someone seconded...

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