

# THE OCTAGON NEWS

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## Remembering Skip Peterson Steve Torre's MGB GT -Featured Car

### From El Presidente

Sam Hodges

As I was driving home the other day, I was thinking about the fact that I'd always wanted to be 'that' person driving the quirky old car. I'm not talking about a 5-year old Mustang, or a 10-year old Camaro, what I mean is a 25-year old Nova, or something similar. Mind you, this was in the 1980's so those would have been late-'50's, '60's cars. That was not my future. A series of 200's sedans later and I'm still wanting that 1969 Nova.

My current commute doesn't allow for that reality. Currently my daily drivers are, in order of gas mileage bad-to-horrendous, a Buick Encore GX, Lincoln Navigator or a Mercedes GL550. I'm pretty sure my combined mileage is 15 mpg. The only time I came close to being quirky was in law school. I



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### Club Membership Information

Membership dues of 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:

**Wed, March 26, 2025**

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did drive my 1978 MGB on warm, sunny days. You could find it parked on Brown street on any day that was warmer than 50°. Even when I worked for GM, I never drove the MGs to work. And then there was Chainsaw. Some of you know Jim McCulloch by his other name. I'd frequently pull into the parking lot thinking that there was a parking spot only to find his Ford powered Caterham blocking my path.

All of this brings me to what happened today. On the way home, on I-75 north, down by the GE engine plant in Lincoln Heights, I passed a red and white Austin Healy Bugeye Sprite. As it was a Sprite, it was of course sitting on the side of the road. All of a sudden I was reminded of how much I've always wanted to be 'that' guy. And then I remembered what it's actually like owning MGs for the last 29 years. I said to Diana that I feel like I should stop to offer assistance. Diana replied that anyone driving a Bugeye in rush hour traffic not only knew where and who to get help from, but she was also pretty sure they could probably fix the problem.

Based on that analysis, I think that maybe I am that person and that being that person has taught me not to be 'that' person driving the quirky old car as a daily driver in rush hour traffic.

I originally wrote the above on Thursday, 13th. Before Ron and John had published this month's newsletter, we found out the morning of Sunday 16th that long-time member Skip Peterson had passed away. I joined the MGCC in April, 1996 and Skip was the president of the club when I joined. Skip made me feel right at home from the moment that I stepped in the door. Skip would go on to be President of the club more times than I can recall and there were plenty more times that we tried to talk him into being president. That's just the kind of person Skip was. When he was running the show, there were no worries. I supposed that same attitude and personableness is why he ended up being the chairman of the Concours d'Elegance committee. I'm sure that all of you have stories about Skip. I know I've got 29-years worth of stories that I know I'll be sorting through in the coming weeks. RIP Skip.

## MG Help Hotline

Need help with repair or maintenance of your MG? Call one of the club members listed below. If the person you contact cannot help, they most likely can refer you to someone who can and/or they can assemble a team to come to your house to help work on your MG.

- Graham Cooper    513-680-8657
- Dave Gribler       937-671-8994
- Sam Hodges        937-581-4767
- Terry Looft         937-527-7353
- Ron Parks           937-207-9009
- Steve Powell       937-470-8962
- John Scocozzo      937-231-9188

## Up Coming Events

### March:

26 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)

### April:

23 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)

26 – Tune-up Clinic at MG Automotive

### May:

9 – Ohio Clubs' Spring Tour

24 – Brits at the Museum car show at British Transportation Museum

28 -Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)

### June:

1 – British Return to Ft. Meigs (Perrysburg, OH)

2-6 – NANGAR's GT-50 Traverse City, MI

16-20 GOF Central 2025, Downers Grove, IL

25 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)

### July:

23 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)

28-31 -NAMGBR's MG2025 Crystal Lake, IL

### August:

2 – BCD Dayton

27 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)

### September:

24 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)

### October:

22 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)

### November:

19 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)

### December:

6 – Holiday Party (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)

## From the Editor

Ron Parks

**Remember any and all appropriate contributions to the newsletter are always welcome.**

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You can mail them to me at 4101 Grossepoint Street, Springfield, OH 45502, or E-Mail to: [MGDRIVER@woh.rr.com](mailto:MGDRIVER@woh.rr.com). Either of

those methods will work fine or you can call me at (937) 322-0717 and we can arrange to meet and transfer materials or conduct an interview. Editorial cutoff each month is Wednesday two (2) weeks prior to the Club meeting.

## Ohio Clubs' Spring Tour

By Dave Smittle

**I** am continuing with planning of a shared event which will include the Dayton, Columbus and Toledo clubs for a day full of activities around the New Bremen, Grand Lake State Park, St. Mary's and Celina area. Further details will be provided in the April issue of the Octagon News. The event is being planned for Friday May 9th to this part of Ohio which is just an hour straight north of Dayton.

"The idea is to have each of the three clubs leave that morning from a designated starting point in their own area but rendezvous together in West Central Ohio for a series of shared events. "We'll take in some pretty scenery, visit interesting museums, see some oddball roadside attractions and have lunch together,"

"Plans are to finish up late in the afternoon in Wapakoneta at the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum, which is right at Interstate 75, so it can be a quick drive back, if needed, or I'll provide a back-road route if that's your preference and you don't

need to be home in a hurry,"

More details will be provided in the April issue of the Octagon News but feel free to mark your calendar now for Friday, May 9th.

## Skip Peterson 1951 – 2025





## Remembering Skip Peterson

by Ron Parks,

**S**kip was a good friend! I enjoyed good times with him, in his garage or mine working on one of our cars. We worked well together and had fun doing it. Skip helped me install my new canvas top on my MGB. He volunteered to come to my house and help ensure that my MG was road worthy for the trip to Niagara Falls, even though he was not going on the trip. I helped him install and bleed the brakes on his MGA, as you will read about in the Tech Tip article Skip wrote for this issue. Skip was a good contributor to this newsletter, always on the lookout for interesting subjects for us. You'll also read about the Lithuanian Social Club, the place where the club meetings were held back in the 90s, in an article Skip wrote for this issue.

When I joined the MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre, in 1995, Skip Peterson was the president of the club. He was all about having fun with our MG s and each other. He included everyone, with no drama, and helped us all have good times. He led us on tours and my first out of town outing was to the British car show in Indianapolis at the military park. He led us back to Indianapolis in 1996 and had t-shirts made for our club to wear to the All-MG show, Indy '96'. He led us back to Indy again a couple of years later, when the show was at Raceway Park. He and Jennifer planned several other local tours for us over the years. Skip and I planned our caravan trips to French Lick, Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky. We drove the routes noting the mileage and turns, so folks could get there, even if they got separated from the caravan. Good times!

Skip was an accomplished Pulitzer Prize winning Photojournalist and our club benefitted greatly from his expertise. He managed British Car Day and the Dayton Concours d'Elegance with few if any glitches. Well-oiled machines! And, knowing Skip, what he did will be well documented so that others can continue his legacy.

I will miss Skip's friendship, the occasional lunch meetings, phone calls, emails and garage work sessions.

<https://www.westbrockfuneralhome.com/obituaries/skip-peterson>

[Former DDN chief photographer and editor, Skip Peterson, dies](#)

## Featured Car of the Month: Steve Torre's MGB GT

Steve Torre

**M**y first car was a 67 Camaro SS and most all of my friends had American muscle cars also. But I took a new job and a few of my new co-workers had Triumph TR6's. After trying one of those, I wanted something similar but different. Those cars were so much more fun to drive than the clumsy, heavy Camaro. So, 50 years ago I bought a 73, Black Tulip, MGB GT. It was a beautiful car!

I had that car about 3 years, while I was dating my future wife, Debbie. I had waaaaay too many speeding tickets in that car. Had my license suspended a few times along the way and even had a pretty bad wreck with a Pinto wagon and a VW Bug. They were much worse off than that solid MGB GT was. So, I

ended up selling it because of my skyrocketing insurance rates. And after a long line of Capris, Pontiacs, VWs, Hondas, Nissans, Crysler Minivans, more Hondas, a Kia, & a Toyota, & my lovely wife, & 4 wonderful kids, I always regretted selling that MG; The one car I enjoyed driving and owning more than any other. I still have the kids, & the wonderful wife of over 45 years, but until 3 years ago I didn't have the MG. I found this one on eBay motors. It was

in Arkansas & had been in a barn with absolutely no maintenance records. It is a 74 with OD and unknown mileage as the odometer doesn't work. I had Steve Miller give it a once over and a quick





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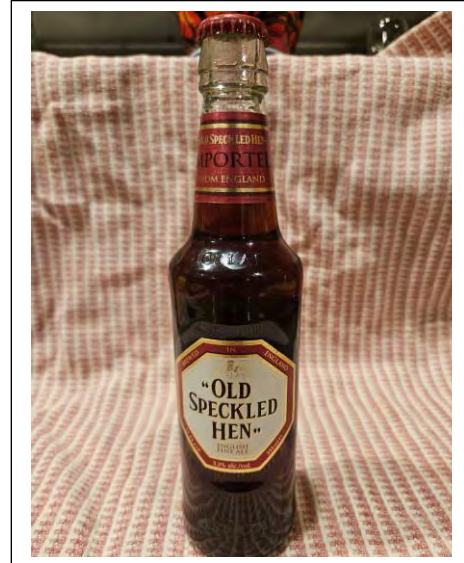
tune up. It had a "boom box" & big amp installed and those were the first things I took out. A large fuse box had been installed and the old wiring had been "upgraded" to accommodate the Amp & boombox. I have left that as is because everything seems to work electrically and I am not quite ready for a complete re-wiring expedition yet.

It was full of leaves, dead mice, hornets' nests, acorns & pinecones. So with new door panels & door locks, fuel gage, and sending unit, fuel pump, new brakes and tires, a new master clutch cylinder, new leaf springs, plugs, plug wires and points, a new heater valve and flushed cooling system and of course a couple of oil changes, and most recently a new electronic distributor to replace the Mallory dual-point one that was on it. It has a Weber carb on it currently but I have the original SU's that it came with that were in a box in the trunk. My next project is to rebuild them and get them back on the car.

I have thoroughly enjoyed having an MGB GT back in my life again! I am a little larger than I was in "74", and it is a bit harder to get in and out of than it used to be but still worth it! And the grandkids enjoy riding around in Grandpa's "Little red car" & my wife really enjoys our rides in the country & around town again! (even though she doesn't like the old car and gasoline smell too much")



I have really enjoyed being in the club and everyone has been very friendly and helpful. I am looking forward to going on some outings with the group in the future now that my wife and I are both retired as of last July. And a special shout out to Terry and Carol Looft for their help, and helping with the storage of it during the winter months! And to Ron for reminding me to write him this little narrative! And an added treasure that was in the car when I got it was a bottle of "Old Speckled Hen" commemorative Ale with a coaster that was tucked under the passenger seat. I found these when cleaning out the car!



*Safety* **MG** *Fast*

## A-TEAM

By Ron Parks

**T**he A-Team has made more progress towards turning the donated MGA 1600 Roadster into a nice driver that the British Transportation Museum can sell for a profit. All the coolant leaks are fixed. Our attempt to fire up the engine had mixed results. The engine ran on starting fluid, but was not getting any fuel into the carburetors. Next step is to replace the seals on the mixture screws and attempt to fire it up again next time.



The list of reassembly items to be done will be emailed to members soon, asking for some volunteers to adopt tasks for various areas of reassembly. We're in the process of getting everything staged for each task. The hope is that we can be all over the car at the same time without getting in each other's way and make the car drivable and saleable before summer.

*Editor's note: A-TEAM title, coined by Ed Wolf.*

## Tech Tips

### MGA Brake Shims

By Skip Peterson

**R**on Parks and I were putting the rear brakes on my MGA and we just couldn't get them adjusted. It has drums all around, the fronts adjusted fine. Ron gave Steve Powell a call and explained the situation. Steve knew the answer, the new shoes are a bit smaller and you need a shim in the adjuster. He had the same experience and he told Ron that he would make two and bring them to the next meeting. Sure enough, slide those shims in place and boom, those brakes are just fine. Below is from the MGAGuru site by Barney Gaylord. This is not the entire piece, just the first paragraph. Mine are not welded, just held in place by the shoe.



*Going to do more brake work on the car today, determined to reduce the backlash in the brake adjusters. Something I have been resisting doing for at least 10 years, as we were trying to coerce the vendors into supplying correct length brake shoes. Unfortunately it hasn't been working, and likely never will, so now we get to show the world how to fix it. These shims are made from 1/8-inch thick steel plate, cut to 9/16" wide and 1-1/8" long, to be tack welded to the adjuster masks. Each front drum brake adjuster gets one shim, two adjusters per wheel, because there are two slave cylinders up front. Each rear drum brake adjuster gets two shims for 1/4-inch total thickness, one adjuster per wheel, because there is only one slave cylinder in back to move two shoes, and the one double thickness shim is working to space out two brake shoes.*

Here is the link to the page:

[https://mgaguru.com/mgtech/brakes/bt212.htm?fbclid=IwY2xjawI6qttleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHXMn6khmg38qW2gs5QgxqpPElcUtOztmUwfbuX8pE2PEUCS8qsFbgY13g\\_aem\\_EYPXctVeU9U5FUDQRNO7mw](https://mgaguru.com/mgtech/brakes/bt212.htm?fbclid=IwY2xjawI6qttleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHXMn6khmg38qW2gs5QgxqpPElcUtOztmUwfbuX8pE2PEUCS8qsFbgY13g_aem_EYPXctVeU9U5FUDQRNO7mw)

I also encourage you to follow some pages on Facebook. I know there is a bunch of garbage on FB but there are also a number of great pages, MGA Restoration, MGA Fanclub, MGB/MGA & MGC Running & Restoring and many others...

Skip Peterson

## Old MG Car Club Meeting Site Revisited

by Skip Peterson

*Editor's Note: The first meeting of the MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre that I attended in 1995 was held at the Lithuanian Social Club, now the Czech Club. In exchange for our club holding our meetings there we worked their Fish Frys. This consisted of running their gambling games and partaking of a fish dinner. Smoking was still allowed back then, so upon arriving home after working the fish fry, one would disrobe in the garage and proceed directly to the shower to rid one's self of the smoke odor. The good ole days?*

**I** was at an event today at the old Lithuanian Club, now it's the Czech Club and the Lithuanians are welcome. I attached a picture of the meeting room, totally remodeled, paneling, band stand, heating and AC...As I recall in winter months we put the tables closest to the bar door and then opened the door to get some heat. My, have times changed!

Cheers  
Skip



# MG2025 Update

By Melissa Gonzales, Chicagoland MG Club

We are on a mission from... well, not *that* mission, but close enough! Honestly, it still blows my mind. All it took was one unforgettable trip to the Peterborough, Ontario, for the MG2022 Convention. What a blast – hats off to Jeremy and the team! On the drive back, in my mom's ridiculously stylish Mini Cooper (top down, obviously), with some bossa nova setting the mood, inspiration struck like a lightning bolt: "Hey, Melissa, it's time for the Chicagoland MG Club to host a national convention." Fast-forward, and here we are just months away from what is bound to be the event of the year: MG2025 July 28th to 31st, folks!

The team is revved up to meet and greet every one of you. We have a massive kickoff party on Monday night that will be the stuff of legends – think dancing, laughter, and stories you will retell for years (or at least until next year's convention). The website is live and let me give you this advice: register now before someone beats you to the finish line.

Now, let us talk about plans. Crystal Lake, Illinois, is where all the action's happening. We have lined up a fantastic array of events, but if you are feeling rebellious and want to freestyle your time, that is fine. There is plenty to explore, eat, and enjoy in and around town. Still, I would say do not miss the organized events—trust me, your diary is begging for some new entries.

Oh, and while you are packing, channel your inner Blues Brother: white shirt, skinny black tie, and, yes, all your other clothes. Plot your course to Crystal Lake or let your GPS take the wheel. On day one, you will register, and from there, you can cruise the city or kick back at the hotel. But whatever you do, do not skip the welcome and first-timers' reception—it is going to be a blast!



On Tuesday, the fun continues with more registration, silent auctions, all-day tech sessions, and some unforgettable activities. Highlights include:

- **Sanfilippo Estate:** A 44,000-square-foot wonderland of restored musical instruments and antiques.
- **Volo Auto Museum:** Classic cars, movie vehicles, and nostalgia galore—it is like stepping into automotive heaven.
- **Anderson Japanese Gardens:** Serenity meets beauty in this tranquil, waterfall-laden paradise.
- **Illinois Railway Museum:** Steam engines, diesels, and streetcars—railway fans, rejoice!
- **Chicago Architecture Boat Tour:** Stunning views and riveting stories of Chicago's skyline from the river.
- **Pizza-Making Session:** Get your hands doughy and learn to toss like a pro—you will leave with more than just memories (and a marinara stain or two).
- **Drive-In Movie Night:** Grab your popcorn, roll down the windows, and enjoy a classic flick under the stars, car speakers optional but encouraged.

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- **Car Show:** Show off your ride or marvel at others—there is no better way to celebrate our shared love for these iconic vehicles.

Not feeling those? No worries—take a scenic drive to charming towns like St. Charles, Geneva, or Woodstock for strolling, shopping, and some top-notch lunching. There is truly something for everyone! So, what are you waiting for? Register now because this event is HOT. No pun intended. Okay, a little pun intended. Cannot wait to see you there!

[MG2025](#)



## GT-50 Invitation

- [November 15, 2024](#)



The Michigan Rowdies are excited to invite you to GT-50 in Traverse City, Michigan. The Rowdies have hosted GTs 10, 20, 30 & 40 and are determined to make GT-50 the best ever. Help us celebrate 50 years of get-togethers in one of the most popular vacation spots in Michigan. We are planning a full schedule of scenic drives, tech sessions, winery visits, and other fun activities. There will be plenty of opportunities to reunite with friends from past GTs. In addition to planned activities, the Traverse City area offers a wide variety of water sports, shopping, museums and more. Away from Traverse City, there are

many towns along Lake Michigan with ports full of pleasure boats, charter fishing boats and commercial fishing boats as well. Then there are the inland lakes offering a full range of water sports. The city of Traverse City includes a full range of shopping and entertainment, as well as parks and beaches along Grand Traverse Bay.



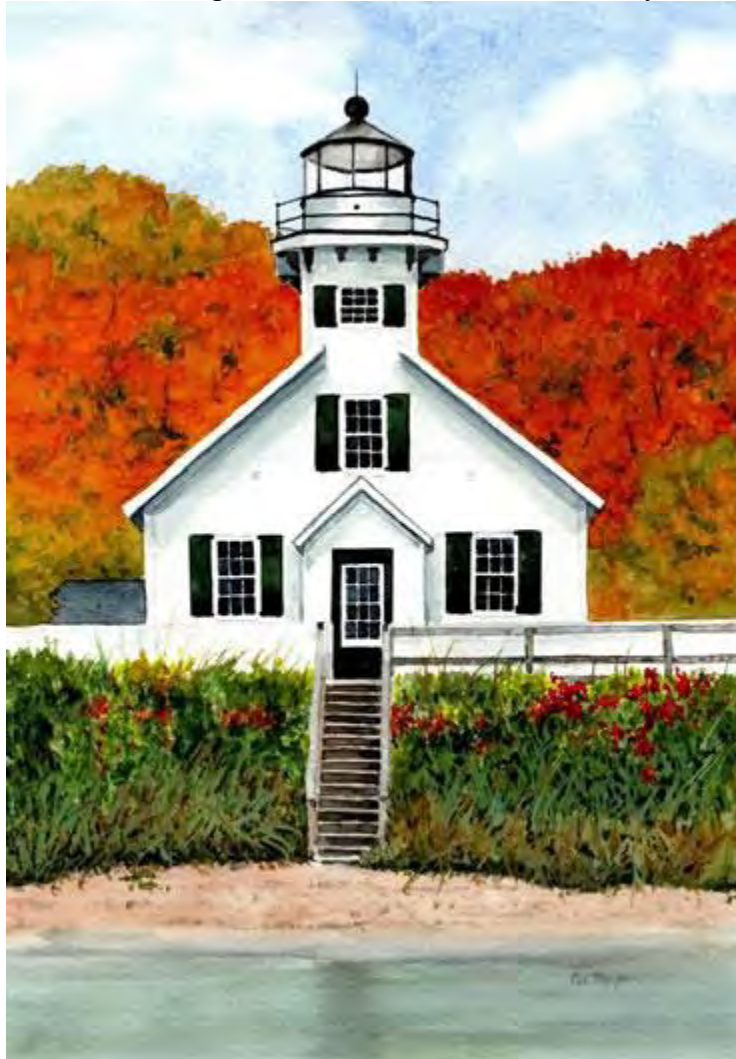
No visit to the area would be complete without exploring Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, one of only three National Lakeshores, two of which are in Michigan. Be sure to bring your National Park Pass. The National Park Service has this to say about Sleeping Bear Dunes: (<https://www.nps.gov/slbe/index.htm>)

Miles of sand beach, bluffs that tower 450' above Lake Michigan, lush forests, clear inland lakes, unique flora and fauna make up the natural world

of Sleeping Bear Dunes. High dunes afford spectacular views across the lake. An island lighthouse,



US Life-Saving Service stations, coastal villages, and picturesque farmsteads reflect the park's rich maritime, agricultural, and recreational history.



The Old Mission Peninsula extends into Grand Traverse Bay from the middle of Traverse City. Historically, the peninsula was the home for many cherry orchards, thanks to the climate moderating effect of Lake Michigan and Grand Traverse Bay. In recent years, vineyards have expanded along with wineries. They provide scenic and tasty stops for visitors exploring the area. Several companies provide winery tours, allowing visitors to enjoy sampling the wines without worrying about driving. At the northern tip of the peninsula, Mission Point Lighthouse provides a destination for scenic photos. It is just one of the 129 lighthouses in Michigan.

Our host hotel will be the Great Wolf Lodge, just outside of Traverse City. The hotel has a full complement of amenities, plus an indoor waterpark, so bring your swim suit.

Anyone who can extend their stay could finish any of the four self-driving tours that the busy GT schedule didn't allow. Also, Mackinaw City is just three hours

away through the famed "Tunnel of Trees", Scenic Heritage Route 119, with Mackinac Island a short ferry ride away. Mackinac Island is famous for its lack of motor vehicles, Grand Hotel, historic fort, and of course fudge shops. Closer up the coast are the picturesque towns of Charlevoix, Petosky and Harbor Springs. Even closer is Michigan's largest inland lake by volume, Torch Lake.

Mark your calendars now for June 2 through 6, 2025 and watch for more details.

<https://namgar.com/2024/11/15/gt-50-invitation/>



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## Return To Ft Meigs 26th Annual Car Show

**Sunday June 1, 2025**

**10am to 3pm**

(Registration 10am till noon)

Pre-Registration ends: Fri, May 23, 11:59 PM EDT

Day of Registration: Sun, June 1, 2025

Rain or Shine



**Day of Show Awards Only (No mailings)**

[British Return To Ft Meigs 26th Annual Car Show](#)

## Classified Ads

**Wanted:** I have a '53 TD in need of a differential. Rick Jobe [rtjobe@jobenet.net](mailto:rtjobe@jobenet.net) (8/24)

**For sale:** 1 right & 1 left front latch pillar for the MG TD,.Moss catalog #450-820 & 450-825. Selling as a pair for 1/2 the catalog value - \$94. Brand new. Free shipping. Danny Mortensen 859-384-7821 or [agsdanny@aol.com](mailto:agsdanny@aol.com) (9/24)

**For Rent:** Car storage in Wilmington, Ohio. \$30/mo for one car, \$50/mo for two cars for club members. Non-club members \$35/mo per car. Indoor heated. Electric for battery maintainers. Please bring chargers and extension cord. Terry Looft 937-527-7353 or [tlooft@earthlink.net](mailto:tlooft@earthlink.net). (9/24)

*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 Ron Parks [MGdriver@woh.rr.com](mailto:MGdriver@woh.rr.com) or 937-322-0717*

*Larger ads may be purchased for inclusion in the Octagon News for the following annual prices for 11 issues: full page ad - \$100, half page - \$ 75, quarter page - \$50, & Business card size - \$25.*

## Minutes from February Club Meeting

By Diana Hodges

**El Presidente** Sam Hodges called the February 2025 meeting of the MGCC SWOC to order, for the fourth time for the third time precisely at 7:30. There were 24 in attendance. President Sam, "It's actually getting louder." Ron Parks, "You can't lose control if you never had it." President Sam continued, "As you can tell, I'm not a fashionista. However, my 87-year old mother likes to buy magazines to increase her odds of winning the Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes. As such, she bought me a subscription to Esquire. The point of all this, if you look at the cover, you'll notice the actor Seth Rogan, but what's he leaning on? An MGA roadster." Diana Hodges, "You'll also notice it's in its normal environment. On the back of a tow truck." Sam continued, "If you

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look inside, you'll see more pictures of the MGA. This goes to what I was saying a while back, that MG's seem to be gaining traction in popular media."

**Vice President's Report** was next. Vice President Ed Wolf, "Regular unleaded is \$2.49/gallon. Otherwise, Nothing to report." Lois Gribler, "Through the 28th (*you missed it*) Speedway has gas \$.32 off per gallon."

**Minutes** we're the next thing on the list. Art Barnes motioned to approve the Minutes as reported. Ron Parks seconded. Minutes were approved. Sam opposed.

**Treasurer's Report** was next on the agenda. Treasurer John Scocozzo, "For February, we had income of Membership Dues (\$75.00) for a total gain to the MGCC of \$75.00. We had total expenses of: Holiday Party expenses (\$1,161.73) + Annual Donations (\$400.00) + Gumball Rally cash (\$50.00) + Postage (\$2.04) + Office Supplies (\$154.79) + Drive/Outing expenses (\$118.90) for a total loss to the MGCC of \$325.73. Total gains when added to the losses means a total loss to the MGCC of \$250.73. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$1,262.31, leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$1,011.58. in the primary checking account. The savings account had \$4,383.60 before the application of \$0.19 in interest. The savings account now has \$4,383.79. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$5,485.37 with \$90.00 as cash on hand." Ron Parks motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Eddie Hill seconded. MGCC voted. Treasurer's report approved. President Sam, "One of the requirements for the CD I'm still working on."

**Membership Chairwoman Carole Looft** was next. Carole, "We have 56 members so far. We have new members who are with us tonight." President Sam, "Speaking of which, let's let them introduce themselves." Chris and Jane own a red, early-1974 Midget. The one without the bumper overrides. Chris, "It's running now. It still has some problems but we love it."

**Birthdays** in February were: "Carol Estelle, Dan Mortensen, & Mark Schneider."

**Activities with Eddie.** Eddie Hill, "Don't know of anything new. Had a pub run at the Famous on Feb. 23rd that had a good turnout. April 26th is the Tune-Up Clinic. Just a reminder that you need to get home ASAP after the Crystal Lake, Illinois show. BCD is that next Saturday. There's a meet for three clubs up in Celina, Friday, May 9."

After some discussion, it was decided to Schedule another Pub Run for March 23rd at Jimmy's Ladder 11 on Brown Street across from Miami VBalley Hospital. 5:00pm. Eddie, "I'll double check and make sure they know we're coming. June 1st is the Perrysburg show. There's British museum of Transportation's spring show will be May 24th.

President Sam, "I received a message from the Dayton Dragons. They do club nights where they have various clubs come in for the night that get to park on the plaza. I've seen Jeeps, Miatas, hot rods, etc. at other games. Ron & I will be there regardless, but I'm gauging interest in doing this from the club. It's free parking for us but the game ticket is not." Lois Gribler, "Do we need to bring diapers for the cars?" Diana Hodges, "Wouldn't they be Depends based on their age?" Sam, "I'll contact the Dragons and get more details."

**Sunshine Committee** was next. Carole Looft, "There are get well cards circulating for Dave McCann, Sr. According to Dave, Jr., Sr. Fell and had a fractured skull but was recovering at home. Jennifer Peterson had hip replacement surgery and was also recovering at home. Things didn't go quite as planned and the simple procedure turned out to be much more difficult. President Sam, "We have another wounded individual here tonight. Cathy Barnes is with us after being run over." Cathy, "I'm here. I will drive the T-bird again." Terry Looft, "But where will Art be?" One last



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item, Andy tore his Achilles tendon and is going to need a skin graft. “I’ll be in the hospital for a little bit. This is oddly the same injury to the opposite leg that I had several years ago.”

**Newsletter Editor-for-Life**, Ron Parks, “I need car articles or I will feature my Triumph again.” Lois Gribler, “Not really our newsletter, but Dave McCann, Jr’s article on his trip to Oregon is going to be featured in the MGA magazine. It’s the cover story for the next issue.”

**Webmaster John Scocozzo**, “The ‘Tech Tips: Phone-a-Friend’ list is up and running. I’ll add Dave Gribler to list.” Ron, “When I joined there was a hot line. Let’s think about it...”

Beer Brake called at 7:57

Back from Break 8:08

**Old Business.** El Presidente, “Who’s the oldest one here? Dr. Steve Powell wins old business.” BCD. Eddie Hill, “We’re not holding show in same spot. There’s Metroparks are redoing the playground and expanding it. As a result, we’re not sure when it will be started but the park won’t commit to us using old location. They want us to use the soccer/rugby field where we’ve previously parked spectators. I went and took a look and it’s big enough to fit the car show. We need to figure out where to put registration, the pop-up’s, layout, etc. I’m not sure where to even start.” There were lots of ideas bandied about and some useful discourse, but we’ll need to figure this out from scratch. “We should probably note on the registration that this is a one-year only change.” Eddie, “There were lots filed is currently home to most of the geese in Montgomery County, so, for now, you have to watch your step. The rugby field is larger, but 1/2 of that space was used for spectator parking. The new site is very visible, but there’s just a concern about spectator parking. Ed needs ideas, thoughts, and comments. Eddie, “I have a rough layout but I want opinions and thoughts. I have a start, and I will run it by the BCD committee and then talk about it with the club.”

**New Business.** Pres. Sam, “There’s nothing for new business that hasn’t already been covered. The potential Spring drive and the Dragons.”

**Tech Tips.** “Ed Wolf, “If you have to take a brake caliper apart, keep the caliper on the car before breaking the bolts loose. Especially for split calipers. Otherwise you’ll have this lose caliper flopping around that is almost impossible to break the bolt’s lose.”

**Gumball Rallye.** New member Chris allowed to pick. Fast Eddie won.

**Next Meeting** is March 26, 2025 here at Bennett’s Pubical.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Terry, motioned to adjourn. Ed Hill seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:38.



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