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Ohio MG Clubs Spring Tour

"My Little Margie" -Dennis Gates' Featured Car



From El Presidente

Sam Hodges

Some things are better left unsaid, or undone. As is detailed in the Minutes, I decided to replace the clutch on my 1977 MGB as it was the most likely candidate for a loud, rattling sound that I'd been hearing. In the process of removing the engine, I drained the fluids, mainly to make the whole package a little lighter, but also it's a good time to just replace the fluids anyway.

In the process of draining the gearbox, I discovered what looked like a small, metallic dandelion when I stuck a magnet into the drain hole. Hence the old adage to just let it break. Well, a new complication to this whole mess, turns out the springs in my clutch sounds like a '60 band's tambourine solo and my throw out bearing actually had negative material. You read that correct. Negative



North American MGB Register

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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 Pub** Family Sports Grill, 67 South Main St. Miamisburg 45342, at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be:

Wed, May 28, 2025

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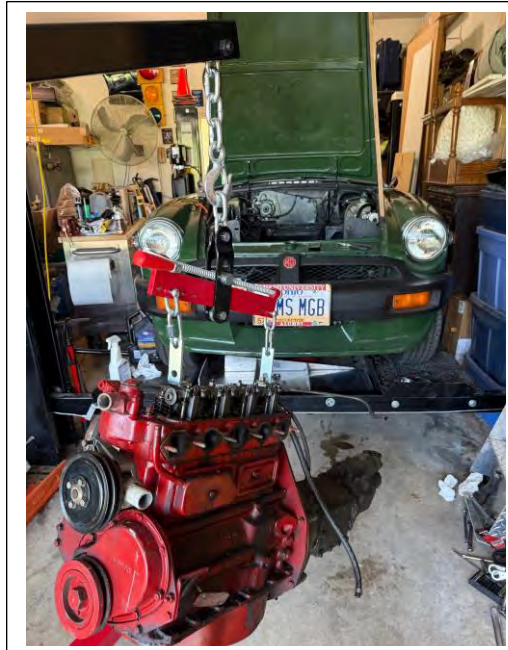
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material. The pictures don't do it justice. The metal of the bearing was starting to be eaten into by the pressure plate. The whole thing is a mess. Since I wanted to get the car back on the road for the upcoming driving, I decided to go with the path of least resistance. This was also not coincidentally, the cheapest path. Ron Parks offered his original gearbox from his upgrade to an overdrive gearbox and I jumped at it. So the plan for now, swap my metallic dandelion (*said '60's band?*) gearbox for Ron's, have mine rebuilt and investigate an upgrade to an overdrive unit.

With the plan set and the parts assembled, the rest was just a weekend of cursing, swearing and trying to figure out why the screw that came out of the hole, won't go back in!?! After 3-days(*ish*), one to disassemble everything, one to pull the engine, swap the parts and the third to get it back in and connected, the whole thing is back together and ready to go. Now, about those torn boots on the steering rack i noticed.



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
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- Sam Hodges 937-581-4767
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Up Coming Events

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)
28 – British Car Day Hudson-Cleveland

July:

23 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)
28-31 -NAMGBR's MG2025 Crystal Lake, IL

August:

2 – BCD Dayton
24 -Club picnic 1:00pm at Cathy & Art Barnes'
27 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Family Sports Grill)

September:

14 – Dayton Concours d'Elegance
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. 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.

Welcome New Members

By Carole Looft

Scott & Anna Chapel - 30 Coachside Ct.- Monroe, OH 45050 - 513-266-2373

scottchapel@yahoo.com - 1965 MGB



Hello everyone, I'm going to try to do a little monthly column of people's garage artwork. This can be anything and everything car/garage related. MG of course but anything British car or transportation related. I'm sure a lot of people have

interesting and unique items on their garage walls or even in their homes.

I will start things off with "personalized" license plates. I have taken a lot of pictures of club cars but

have missed many of them. Send your .jpg pictures to me at: garageart@looft.net

I will compile all the pictures and forward to Ron. For the more unique items feel free to add a note of where, what, when the item was acquired.

Terry



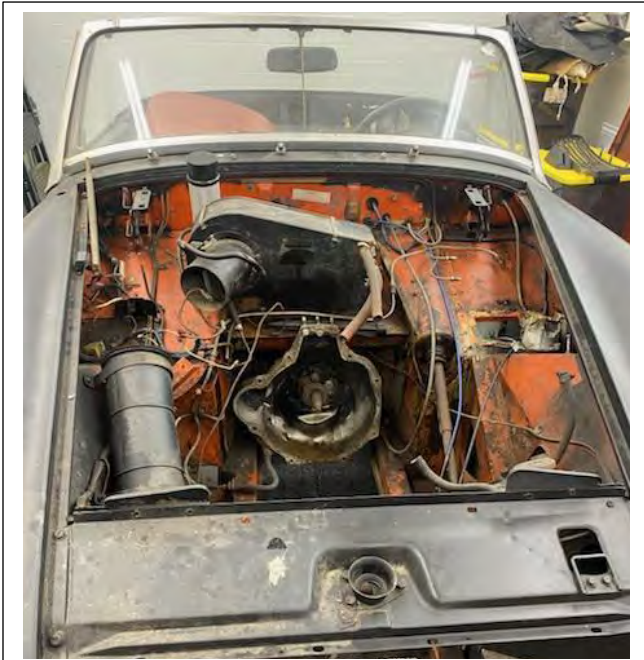
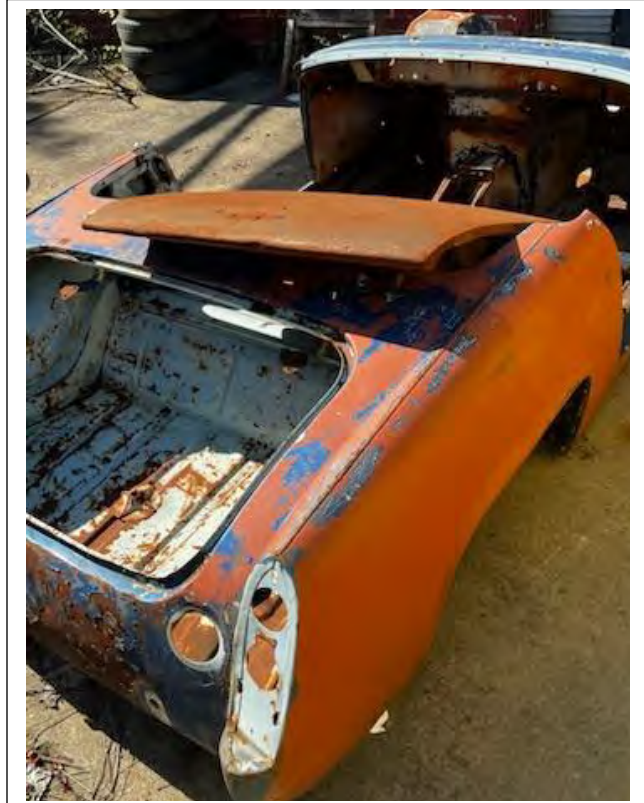
Featured Car of the Month:

“My Little Margie” Dennis Gates’ 72 MG Midget

by Dennis Gates as interviewed by Ron Parks

While cruising FB Marketplace in the Spring of 2021, I found what was once a “72” MG Midget in Washington Court House Ohio owned by a man who was conducting an Estate sale for his recently deceased father. It was in an old barn that was definitely not climate controlled and had been setting there for 28 years. It had become a shelf for setting things on for most of those years. There was a rat’s nest in the glove box. That gentleman had bought the car from another man’s estate in Columbus who had begun restoring it and passed away before completing it. Knowing that two recent former owners of this car died during the early going of its renovation was not a good omen for me but I was determined! Therefore, through the two previous owners, the car remained semi-disassembled and rusting away collecting other pieces of junk as a table. When I inquired about the car on FB, they didn’t even know what kind of car it was; only that was an MG. I paid \$400 for the Midget and all the parts in boxes and the engine setting on floor in another part of building. I brought it home on a trailer and put everything in the small, detached garage that I had built specifically for the purpose of rebuilding this car. I even bought and installed a lift. I immediately named my new wheel-less friend “Margie” after my recently departed dear Mother. It was time to attempt to breathe new life into “Margie Midget”

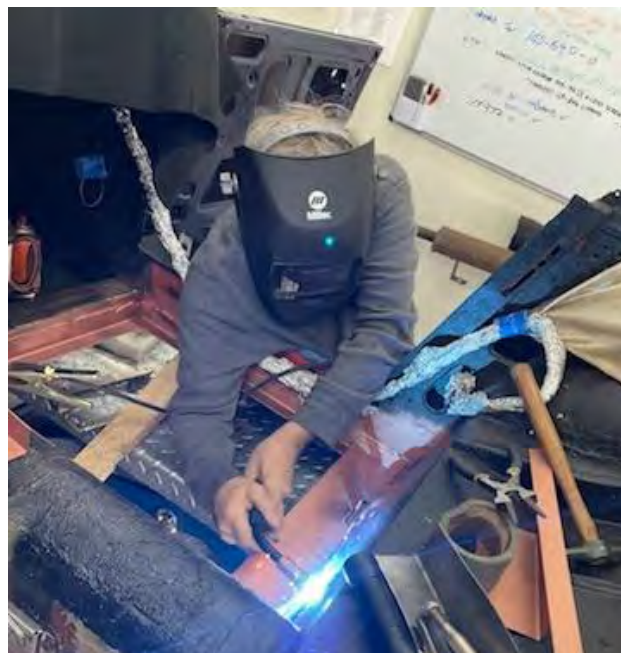
Rebuilding Margie was to be my first major retirement hobby and since I had never rebuilt a car before, I joined the British Car club of Greater Cincinnati. (BCCGC) in hopes of getting some help and advice. This was a good decision, as several members came to help get me started. Specifically, I



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want to thank Tom Leurck, Dave Connit, Brad Lucas, and Ron Ramer for their tremendous help, advice, expertise and most of all friendship!

With all the loose parts stored on shelves and the garage floor, I began working on the body. The body color was orange and rust; a lot of rust!. The first major chore was to bring the body out of its rusting state. I did most of the body work, welding & rust removal, myself. I learned how to weld on the spot with the great of help from Tom and welded the new floor pans in place. I do not do painting myself,, so I found a friend of a friend Joe Stockdale, who custom paints motorcycles in Dayton. He offered to prep and paint the car in a friend's garage up the street. I chose Midnight Blue, a color that was only available for 72 & 73 models and blue was my mother's favorite color. The split rear bumper was another feature unique to these pre-model 74' model years.



After the painting was done and the car was returned to my garage, we began installing the new wiring harness. We found a good wiring diagram online and hung it on wall for reference right next to the dry erase board that served as a seemingly never ending “Yet to do List”. We traced every wire with diagram and found the new harness to be 95% correct.

I ordered most of my parts from Moss Motors and some from Cincinnati Winners' Circle, where the owner, Jeff, has a collection of old British Car parts in an old warehouse. He also has some old MG s on site that I used as examples,



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visiting several times during my restoration to see how things were supposed to be put together.

I hung a big screen TV on the wall connected to the internet and found “YouTube University” to be a very helpful source of “How To” informational videos.

I sent the SU carburetors to New York for rebuilding by Joe Caruso. The wait list was 1 year long, which was OK and fit with my restoration schedule.

The list of all that we did to bring Margie back to life is exhausting (pun intended) but here are the main things...we installed all new brake lines, clutch line, fuel lines, new gas tank and new fuel pump, clutch plate, brakes, brake/clutch cylinder, mirrors, steering wheel, head and tail lights, window and door seals, wiper motor, etc...

The transmission and rear differential looked ok but caked with thick black crud that had once been serving as lubricant. We replaced the clutch hydraulics, disc & pressure plate and throw out bearing.

A good cleaning restored the seats to nearly new condition. I installed a brand new black vinyl top. The carpeting and interior panels were all replaced.

A handwritten note that I found, in one of the boxes indicated that the engine had been sent back to England for a rebuild some 30 years ago. The bottom of the oil pan was painted a gold color, which is what was done in England to indicate a rebuild had been done. Internal Inspection of the engine confirmed the rebuild. It was very clean!

Finished up with new tires on new chrome wire wheels with octagonal knockoffs and a stainless steel exhaust.

The odometer showed 40K miles when I bought the car and I have put 400 or so miles on it since completing the restoration.

The car has done well at shows. Won Best in Class at Cincinnati and Dayton shows.



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This is just a part of a long learning adventure that helped bring new life to a car on the brink of the junk yard...and brought me a world of knowledge and lifelong friends.

Epilogue:

What follows is a cool little story that reminds us why we own these cars. And, that is to bring joy to us and others.

2 ½ months ago received a text from a guy in Cincinnati, with a strange request. He said that someone told him that I owned a 72 MG Midget that was pretty nice. Is that so? I acknowledged it was true. He went on to say that his Mother and Father would be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in March and that they had driven a 72 MG Midget on their Honeymoon 50 years ago from Cincinnati to Florida. He wanted to surprise his parents and have my 72 MG Midget on display at their reception for their reminiscing and I agreed to bring it down there.. We exchanged pictures of the cars. And I never heard anything for two months. Then I got a phone call from him confirming that we are on for this weekend on Saturday. Well, I said that I hadn't heard anything since our initial texting and didn't know if we were still on or not. He apologized and said that he had intended to call earlier but time just "slipped by". It was short notice, but I agreed to bring the car to the reception hall in Montgomery as we had discussed before. Then he went on to say his parents were renewing their marriage vows at a church right around the corner from the reception hall and asked if could I bring car there for pictures around 12: 30 that Saturday afternoon. And then stretched the request further,... "what if they would like to drive the MG from the church to reception hall...would I be OK with that? Again, I agreed and it was well worth it in the end.

The day came and keep in mind, this is March in Ohio and the temperature was in the 40s. I had not had the top up since I installed it and at this temperature, it would not snap closed. So, I bundled up and endured the 45 minute drive in the cold... people looking at me and waving as they passed. It did warm up into the 50s later in the day. When the couple came out of the church and saw the MG Midget, their honeymoon car, they were both overcome with emotion and cried. As they drove to the reception hall in my MG Midget with a "Just Married" sign and tin cans dragging from the back, I followed driving their car. Right around the corner turned into 5 miles. And that was OK. Driving their honeymoon car made their day and mine too for that matter!.



Ohio Clubs' Spring Tour

By Ron Parks

Our tour to the Grand Lake St. Marys area began at 8:30 am in the Meijer parking lot in Englewood on Friday May 9, 2025, where our group gathered, used facilities and fueled MGs as needed. Terry and Carole Looft were the first to arrive followed shortly thereafter by myself after fueling at the Meijer station. Sam and Diana Hodges, Dave and Lois Gribler arrived next followed by Steve Powell and his daughter Kim completing the MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre's participation in the Ohio Clubs' Spring tour. The ride north to Bicycle Museum of America in New Bremen where we met members of the Lake Erie British Car Club and the Central Ohio MG Owners club was thankfully uneventful, with one pull over for a photo-op.



The Bicycle Museum made me fully appreciate the two wheel technology I'm riding around on today! Early bicycles were constructed of wooden frames, wooden wheels and no springs in the seats. One was aptly called the "Bone shaker." We were given a narrated tour of the first floor taking us through the evolution of the bicycle. Much experimentation was done in the beginning. There were high wheel bicycles, designs with different size wheels in front and back, and there was a tandem bicycle with the two riders sitting side by side. After the tour we



were free to roam upstairs where many more bicycles exhibited. Some of you may remember the "Huffy Radio" bicycle. It had a battery powered AM radio in the center between the bars. One of those was there (See Photo above). I

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thought this was such a neat idea when I was a kid. I hung my six transistor radio from the bar of my bicycle to simulate the Huffy Radio bike. The Bicycle Museum of America is a very interesting and well curated museum and would be worth the drive if you are looking for something interesting to do sometime.

The next stop was for lunch at the Boardwalk Grill on Grand Lake St. Marys. Dave Smittle had arranged for a Pizza buffet for us. Along with a nice assortment of pizzas, appetizers of crispy garlic shrimp and pretzel bites were served. The menu looks good and reasonably priced. There was talk of a possible future tour and “Pub Run” to the Boardwalk Grill.

After lunch we visited “Nelson” the giant, 30 foot, wood carved Sasquatch on the Mercer County Fairgrounds. Spectacular!

Next stop was the visitors’ center in Grand Lake St. Marys State Park. A replica of an eagle’s nest built by Boy Scouts is nearby, accompanied by Placards with information about eagles. Gives an idea of just how big an eagle’s nest is.

Then it was onward to the “Miami and Erie Canal Tumble,” designed to manage excess water to the Miami and Erie Canal. The historic St. Marys Reservoir Mill was located here too.

Ten miles further brought the MG caravan to Max’s Dairy Bar in Wapakoneta, but not before experiencing problems with one of the MGs. Dave Smittle’s 1953 MG YB quit running as we were leaving the park. After a group push to get the car off the road, Dave was able to get it started and drove it to a parking lot where it died again. There it set awaiting arrival of a tow truck later. Dave and Kim Smittle rode the remainder of the tour with Tony and Janet Shoviak in their SUV and returned



later to meet the tow truck. Everyone enjoyed ice cream treats, after which most headed home, as less than an hour remained to visit the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum.

The MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre members who went on the tour wish to thank Dave Smittle for putting together a fun and informative tour for us. Great job Dave! Thank you!

Swap Meet Fun

By Tony Shoviak



Dave and Kim Smittle and Tony and Janet Shoviak with their daughter, Lian attended the Chicagoland 28th annual swap meet and autojumble in Wheaton, Illinois on Sunday, March 23rd. Sharing two vendor sites and travel expenses, our two families were able to sell a decent amount of MG car parts and memorabilia without any mishaps or permanent body damage. We loaded up Dave and Kim's car trailer and Dave drove us to the event. Two nice dinners and good conversations were had by all. Great meal at a local German restaurant that included an entertainer playing German music. Tony felt his age when he requested "Fraulein" an old German staple and none of us recognized the song as it was released long before the rest of us were born. Dave displayed his father's "Old Farts Auto Parts" sign in tribute. Lian was a great help with loading parts and setting up tables. Noteworthy friends include Tony Burgess, John Twist, Melissa Gonzales, Robert Rushing, and Bruce Wyckoff. Author Burt Levy and his wife, Carol, set up a booth selling his books. We all connected with MG friends that are not normally seen until a car show later in the year.

Tony Shoviak



Safety  *Fast*

A-TEAM

By Ron Parks

The 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. Giuseppe Gallelli repaired the back carburetor. We bypassed the heater that has a leak in the core and ran the engine. Blue smoke may indicate bad rings, we'll see. The car has set for so many years without running and the hope is it may settle in with more running.



The list of reassembly items to be done was emailed to members, asking for some volunteers to adopt tasks for various areas of reassembly. Thank you to Ed Wolf, who signed up to help with this project. Things are staged and ready for work to begin on reassembly and cleaning tasks. 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 for this summer driving season.

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

Tech Tip

By Ed Wolf

Editor's note: Ed Wolf told me about a problem he had with his MGB intermittently running poorly and here is the cause he discovered:

The issue I was having was that one of the spark plug wires was occasionally touching the oil dipstick, which tends to rotate around since the rubber grommet is very worn out. When this happened, I would get an intermittent engine misfire. The solution is to create some insulation on the dipstick using a split piece of hose. Or a whole roll of electrical tape. Or, a thick coat of paint.

It may have more to do with the quality of the spark plug wires on my car. I think they came with the car when I bought it 13 years ago, and the insulation is likely not very good.



British Car Day Dayton, OH

The 40th anniversary of the Midwest's best
British car & motorcycle show!

Saturday, August 2, 2025 9am - 4 pm

Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, Oh.

Link to website: [British Car Day](#)



MG2025 July 28 - 31

Link to website: [MG2025](#)



GT-50 Invitation

- [November 15, 2024](#)

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



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](#)



British Car Day Hudson-Cleveland

BRITISH CAR DAY HUDSON-CLEVELAND 2025
June 28 at Joann Corporate Center, Darrow Rd, Hudson

Again this year, there are four options being offered to register:

- (1) Our website <https://britcar1.regfox.com/bcd-cle>
- (2) Registration PDF you can download from the website, then mail
- (3) We can email you a PDF. Please email your request to:
BRITSatHUDSON@AOL.COM
- (4) Please mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to:
British Car Day, 318 Hampton Park, Westerville, OH 43081-5723
and we will mail you a form.

The show's profit goes to charity so please utilize options (1) (2) or (3).

Saturday June 28, 2025



10am to 3pm

(Registration 10am till noon)

<https://britcar1.regfox.com/bcd-cle>

Classified Ads

Wanted: I have a '53 TD in need of a differential. Rick Jobe 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 (9/24)

For sale:, 1970 Split bumper MGB This car is show ready. \$20K. Contact Terry Looft, 937-382-1520 or Terry@Looft.net

For sale:, 1965 MGB, Iris Blue, excellent condition, no rust. Soft top, tonneau cover & boot cover are all like new. Complete maintenance records. \$12,000 OBO. Contact Dave Estell 513-673-5138 or destell1@cinci.rr.com

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 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 April Club Meeting

By Diana Hodges

El Presidente Sam Hodges called the April 2025 meeting of the MGCC SWOC to order, for the first time for the sixth time precisely at 7:31-ish. President Sam, “So, this month, I actually have something to talk about. I decided to finally tackle the clutch replacement on my 1977 MGB. In preparation for the job, I decided to drain the fluids to make the boat anchor a little lighter. After making a mess with various fluids, I decided to put the various plugs back in. The one on the bottom of the gearbox seemed a little “crunchy” going back in. That’s when I decided to stick a magnet into the gearbox to see if there were any “objects” making this plug more difficult. What I pulled out can only be described as a small, metal dandelion. So now there’s this issue to contend with.” Terry Looft, “We’ve used Jerry’s Transmission in Monroe. They did the Borg-Warner T-35. They were working on an E-type transmission when I was in there.” Ron Parks, “I have my old 4-speed that I took out of my MGB when I upgraded to the overdrive unit. Dave Johnson has a couple.” Needless to say, I have some thinking to do.

Vice President’s Report was next. Vice President Ed Wolf, “Gas was \$2.69. By the way, Guiseppi is pretty good with rebuilding transmissions.”

Minutes we’re the next thing on the list. Eddie Hill motioned to approve the Minutes as reported. Art Barnes seconded. Minutes were approved. Sam Hodges opposed.

Treasurer’s Report was next on the agenda. Treasurer John Scocozzo, “We paid mailbox and insurance, etc. For April, we again had income of squat, nil, bupkis for a total gain to the MGCC of \$0.00. We had total expenses of: P.O. Box renewal (\$192.00) + Erie Insurance Premium (\$240.00) + Flowers, Cards & Drinks (\$94.28) + Donations (\$300.00) + Drive/Outing expenses (\$71.35) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$897.63. Total losses when subtracted from the lack of gains mean a total loss to the MGCC of \$897.63. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$783.38, after a \$500.00 transfer from savings, leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$385.75 in the primary checking account. The savings account had \$4,383.79 before the application of \$0.17 in interest. The savings account now has \$3,884.15 after the \$500.00 transfer to checking. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$4,339.90 with \$70.00 as cash on hand.” Dave Johnson motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report. Eddie Hill seconded. MGCC voted. Treasurer’s report approved. President Sam, “I gave John the info about our 990 filings so that he can hopefully convince the bank to allow us to open a short term CD and maybe make some coffee money”

Membership Chairwoman Carole Looft was next. Carole, “We have a new member. Jim Cooley joined. Ron finally cornered him. He has an MG TC and a TD. He wants to sell them.” Ron, “I’ll run ads for them.” Carole, “You’re up to 57 members.”

Birthdays in April: Linda McCann, Ron Ramer, Dave Estell, Tim Dunham, Gordon Lindsay, & Cecil Kimber (*who would be 130-ish*).

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Carole, “We do have visitors tonight. Amber and Scott who are acquiring 1965 MGB. Scott, “Dad bought the car in 1992. It’s been restored, but they’re doing engine work (top end) now. It’s a negative ground car. Also doing the mechanicals and interior. As much as it was rotted out, it was so much fun to drive. We’ll be actually getting it in August from NE Ohio. We wanted to check out the club to see what the culture was like and if we could find advice when we needed it.” The live in Monroe and their son is also interested in MGs.” President Sam, “C’mon! Join. You know you want to!”

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, “Had a nice time at the Pub Run to Jimmie’s Ladder 11. We actually want to go back. There’s a drive on May 9th for the Tour of Mercer. (*I did it. It was a nice drive.*) Memorial Day weekend, Sat. May 24th is the British Museum of Transportation car show. Ft. Meigs in Perrysburg is coming up as is the Tune-Up Clinic this coming Sat. John Scocozzo is bringing the coffee. Mimi has the coffee pot. Donuts will be there at 9ish. 3733 Wilmington Ave., Kettering. Do we want to think about another Pub Run?” Sam, “Hold that thought.” Dave Johnson, “Biscuits and Tea - 10 to 12 - first of the year on April 26.” Scott, “What’s that?” Dave, “It’s like cars and coffee but only for British cars. It’s held in the parking lot at Dorothy and Woodman.”

Sunshine Committee. Carole Looft, “Thanks from the Peterson family. I don’t know if you remember Bonnie and Keith Henke, but Keith passed away. Ron, “I visited Dave McCann, Sr.” Dave McCann, Jr. “Dad is having some procedures which may help some with recovery. We’ll see what happens.”

Newsletter Editor-for-Life, Ron Parks, “The All Ohio MG Club tour on May 9th will start by gathering at the Meijer parking lot in Englewood. I’ll send an email. The plan is to leave no later than 9:00am. The restaurant at lunch will have a pizza buffet. I’ll also send an email to get a head count. We’ll be going to the park on Lake St. Mary’s and ending at the Neil Armstrong Museum in Wapakoneta.”

Ron, “I have a list of jobs that need to be done to complete the Museum MGA. Ron, Giuseppe, Bill Hunter, Ed, Hill, Rick Shields and others have been doing a lot of work. There’s a complete list so find what you can help with and pick a chore. If you haven’t featured your car, we will.”

Webmaster John Scocozzo, “Website still there, still running. The potential new members Scott & Amber found us online!”

Beer Brake called at 7:59

Back from Break 8:15

Old Business. Who’s the oldest one here? Steve Powell you win.

As for the possible pub run, and old business, we had discussed any of the Sunday Dragons games (6/8, 7/20, or 8/24) would work best. After talking to Matt, our contact at the Dragons, we have been confirmed to be the featured car on the plaza on Sunday, June 8th. We will have a block of tickets set aside for us at \$14/each and the cars will be parked on the plaza right outside the entrance. Anyone interested in attending, let me know asap and I’ll confirm the number with the Dragons. As of the meeting, we have at least 6 already interested. We’d like to get as many MGs as possible for this gathering to show off the cars, club and maybe drum up some new members.” The game is at 1:00pm and it was decided that we would go to Jimmie’s Ladder 11 restaurant for a Pub Run after the game.

BCD. John Scocozzo, “There was a visit to the alternate BCD site?” Scocozzo has volunteered to be designated contact with park replacing Skip Peterson. The food vendors ready to go. We will get the 50% discount from the Metroparks. We have Skip’s files and Eddie has a diagram for the

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show field. Ron Parks has the DJ, the artwork is in process, t-shirts, awards (talked to Rally - working with another sponsor to replace one that's dropping out). The order will be placed on June 1st. The Loofts will be dropping off signs and poles just to be safe since the NAMGBR Crystal Lake event will have them cutting it close on being back by BCD. Any hiccups and they might not make it so they're leaving the supplies before they leave. Ron, "Door prizes are needed early."

New Business. “

Cathy Barnes has agreed to host the MGCC annual Club Picnic on August 24. Mark your calendars and look for more info to follow. Cathy Barnes, “So far, Aug. 24th and it'll start at 1:00.”

President Sam, “I know that this might not be 100% according to Roberts Rules, but we need to have a special election to replace our Member-at-Large. Our former Member-at-Large was Skip Peterson.” Terry Looft volunteered. Sue Scocozzo nominated Terry. Ron Parks nominated Rick Shields. After an MMA cage-match throw-down, Terry conceded. Rick Shields was elected to fill Skip's term as Member-at-Large by club vote.

Tech Tips. “**Let it break!**” Sam, “Someone once told me that when dealing with odd noises, just let it break. After the adventure my gearbox is presenting me with, I can wholeheartedly endorse that advice. Let it break.” Terry Looft, “I pulled the V8 out of storage. Everything worked except the flashers. I pulled the flasher unit, and it just came out. Turns out the switch must be actually plugged in to work.” Dave Gribler, “Tell the mouse to plug it back in when he's done.”

For Sale. Dave and Carol Estell are selling their 1965 Iris Blue MGB. Terry Looft, “I know of a show quality, everything done 1970 Split bumper. This car is show ready. \$20K. This is the same guy that helped me import my car.

Ed Wolfe won **Gumball Rallye**.

Next Meeting is May 28, 2025

Motion to Adjourn: Terry motioned to adjourn. Cathy Barnes seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:30.

