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NAMGAR'S GT-50 Report

Mark Schneider's "MG TD" - Featured Car

From El Presidente

Sam Hodges

As the saying goes, if you give a mouse a cookie. So, as it turns out, fixing the gearbox rattle, and the timing chain rattle, led me to go hunting for more rattles. This time it was in the valve train. I decided to adjust the valves and it made a world of difference. A couple trips around the block and it seemed that that was the last thing that needed to be done. But there's a saying that a quiet valve train is a future problem, so, just to be safe, I went back in to make sure everything was good. If this were a horror film, you'd be shouting at the screen right now "DON'T GO BACK INTO THE HOUSE!"

So, in true horror film fashion, I took one more look around. Wanting to be thorough, I decided to check



North American MGB Register

Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club
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Dayton, OH 45420-0032

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, June 25, 2025

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the torque settings on all the nuts and bolts. The main studs were a respectable 50lb. Then I checked the rocker tower inner studs. The middle two wouldn't torque. They just kept turning even with the wrench set to 20lb. Right up until I heard the 'POP!'. Yep, you guessed it. I broke the stud. Luckily it broke at the tip right at the nut and I have stud removal/installation sockets, so it didn't take any time to get the broken stud out and I loosened all of the other studs. The new hardened studs are in the mail as I write and since I'm this far in, might as well replace the head gasket while I'm here. Diana really thinks that I decided to pursue this "restoration" after YEARS of these rattles so I'd have fodder for this column. *Maybe, maybe not.*



Not to change the subject, but to change the subject, Sunday June 8th was the Dragons car show/cruise in/pub run. We had 7 cars show up, including the aforementioned 1977 MGB I spoke of above. The weather was iffy at first but it turned out to be a really nice day. The Dragons didn't just lose, they were hammered, but the day turned out just fine. Afterwards, we went to Jimmy's Ladder 11 and all-in-all had a good time. The people present asked if I can put this back on the calendar for next year so I assume that it was a success. I will keep an eye out for dates for next year and maybe we can see a winning team.

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
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Up Coming Events

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 Publical Family Sports Grill)
28 – British Car Day Hudson-Cleveland

July:

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

September:

14 – Dayton Concours d'Elegance
24 - Meeting (Bennett's Publical Family Sports Grill)

October:

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

November:

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

December:

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

From the Editor

Ron Parks

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

Ed Straley, 303 Elbron Rd. Springfield, OH 45505
(937)206-9246 straley52@gmail.com 1953 MG TD

Jeff Fields, 341 Reserve Ave, Oberlin, OH 44074,
(440) 355-6464, drivesmgs@gmail.com
49 TC, 60 MGA



This months Garage Art is some more personalized license plates. Here are a few to keep things moving. I did get a few to get us through until next month so send in those garage pictures.

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: Mark Schneider's "MG TD"

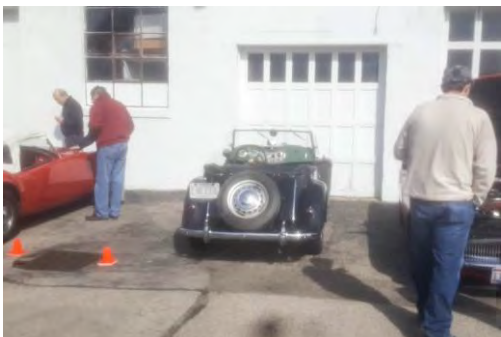
By Mark Schneider

When I was in first grade class back in 1968, I put together a book (that I still have) of what I would be like when I grew up. On one of the pages, I noted that I'd have an "Old Day's Car" with a picture of a 1920's style automobile. I had admired the Rolls Royce and Duesenberg cars of the 1920's, building models of the like.

In 1987, my girlfriend ran across an ad with an MG TD convertible for sale. She was expecting to see a car like an MG-B, but when we went to look at it - there it was - a black 1953 MG-TD. It was the first one that I'd ever seen in person. I wanted it!

I bought the car from Jim Corbitt in Kettering. (See Photo at right) He was the second owner. He had done a restoration of it - believe that he said it was in 1967 soon after he bought it. Fortunately, I'd driven an Opel in college with a stick, so I was able to drive it home fairly smoothly.

I joined the MG Car Club soon after. I remember attending my first tune-up clinic, where Steve Miller did a tune-up on my new prize. One Year, I joined some of the other members of the MG Car Club with taking the Holiday at Home Queen and her court for rides to the court entrance. The Queen rode in my MG TD.



Tune-up clinic at MG Automotive 2018

There came a time when the MG-TD sat for too long and I couldn't get it started. I Took it over to a friend's house to work with him to get it running but we never seemed to have time. I don't consider myself an auto mechanic and rely on others for help. Years later, my friend was selling his house so I had to move it. The kids were in college and I had more time. I decided to haul it to MG Automotive, where Steve Miller got it running again around 2016. I rejoined MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre.

I ran into Jim Corbitt's son about four years ago. His family was having a picnic in Bellbrook near my house, so I stopped by with the MG-TD. They had fond memories of it with their Dad. Jim's sister recalled driving it a good bit - believe that she learned to drive in it.



I was a member of the MG Car Club from around 1988 to around 1993 - for about 4-5 years, then got busy with family and kids. The British Car Day was an annual event for the MG back then.

Around 1990, my wife (Anna) and I bought a green 1977 MG-B which we had for around four years. Once we had kids, we didn't drive it much and with it being a two-seater, we couldn't take the little ones with us, so we sold it to make room in the garage.



BCD Dayton 2023



Mark Schneider and His son Ben, at Club Picnic at the Loofts 2018

I get it out about every 3-4 weeks to drive it – when the weather is dry, and in the winter when it's at least somewhat warm. I don't go far – it tends to run hot if it's driven too long. I make runs through Bellbrook, Biscuits and Tea and British Car Day.

Brits at the Burg Car Show

By Ron Parks

Several MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre members attended the Brits at the Burg Car show at the British Transportation Museum on Saturday May 24, 2025, with Dave and Lois Gribler winning a first place award in the MGB/C class with their MGC GT. A highlight was meeting the new proud owner of Skip Peterson's MGA. It was great to see the new owner delighted with the car!





“Brits at the Burg” club participants/visitors
Clockwise from top Ron Parks, Mimi and
Steve Miller, Giuseppe Gallelli and Rick
Shields. Ed Wolf present, but not pictured.

MGs Greet Dayton Dragons Fans

By Ron Parks

Seven MGs greeted fans as they entered the Dayton Dragons stadium for their unfortunately, losing, effort against the Lansing Lugnuts on Sunday June 8, 2025. Club members had a good time showing off their MGs and talking with fans before the game. A Pub Run to Jimmie’s Ladder 11 Restaurant after the game capped off a fun afternoon!

Thank you President Sam Hodges for coordinating this with the Dragons!



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Pub Run diners L to R Cathy Barnes, Ed Hill, Diana Hodges, Sam Hodges, Ron Parks, Linda Parks, Dave Gribler, Lois Gribler, Susan Scocozzo, John Scocozzo and Art Barnes

Safety  *Fast*

GT-50 Traverse City MI

By Dave Gribler & Terry Looft

We attempted to depart on Sunday but had to overcome a dead battery caused by leaving the ignition on overnight, says Dave Gribler. We were on our way after 20 minutes on the charger and arrived at the Ft Meigs car show around 9:20AM. The five MGAs on the show field included ourselves and Dave & Kim Smittle in their stunning Iris Blue MGA Coupe and Maya Shoviak with their OWE MGA. Ron Parks was observed on the show field a bit later in his MGB roadster. The Shoviak's red MGC GT was also on display. I managed to recruit one of the MGA owners as a new NAMGAR meeting during the day. We spent a pleasant day talking to other British car owners and in particular checking out the E-Type Jaguars on the show field. Our MGA won an award of excellence in the MGA class with the Smittles winning the class. Ron came home with a first place award in his MGB category. After the show we visited the Ft. Meigs museum and fort on the property and learned a little history of the area and the War of 1812. After checking into the hotel and freshening up a bit we met Tony & Janet Shoviak for dinner.

Departing Perrysburg on Monday morning, we completed the trip north to the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. The Looft and Planeaux contingents had already arrived so we found a parking spot adjacent to their corral. After checking in, unloading the car and visiting GT registration we settled in to visiting with many of our old NAMGAR friends and began making acquaintance with some new ones. There was a First Timers Reception late afternoon followed by a general Welcome and Orientation meeting with all attendees. The evening wrapped with a well-hosted Hospitality Suite.

Tuesday was a Magnette owners' breakfast event and John Twist rolling tech. Terry ran both Carol's car and his coupe through the tech and discovered that all was pretty much as it should be. We headed out on the scenic self-drive tour to the lighthouse on the Old Mission Peninsula, which was also the same route as the gimmick rally. The questions were easy and the route was simple so I'm certain the mileage tie breaker ended up



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deciding the winner. I attended a NAMGAR Board meeting in the afternoon, while Lois enjoyed the first of three afternoon teas held in the hospitality room. I did a quick car wash to prepare for Wednesday morning car show before departing for an off-site pig roast dinner. Weather was kicking up with the threat of storms and some wind during dinner. We learned that this caused a massive tree to fall on the show field grounds while the set-up crew was working to lay out the field.



It began to rain around midnight and did not let up until around 10AM on Wednesday. We received a notice that the start of the show was being delayed until noon and being cut short by an hour so the afternoon events could proceed on schedule. After parking on the show field and doing a bit of last minute polishing we set off to cast our ballot for each of the car classes. This process usually takes every bit of a three hour car show as we are continually distracted with visits with old friends, but we finally managed to complete the task within the allotted time. Our MGA was in the Premier class as we won the MGA MKII class in Oregon last year, thus we were forced to compete with Terry's coupe and four other Premier cars (class winners compete in Premier for three years). One rusted hulk named Pickle was trailered from West Virginia to be displayed (so sad!). Pickle was in attendance at NAMGAR's first GT in 1975.

Following the show we returned to the hotel and briefly stopped by the afternoon tea and visited the vendor area in the ballroom. At this point we intended to head out on another self-drive tour to the Grand Traverse Lighthouse on Grand Traverse Bay. We were slightly delayed by an encounter in the parking lot with our friends Moose and Greg from Texas. They were trying to get underway for a drive to the "Tunnel of Trees", a scenic section of highway north of Traverse City on the west coast of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Moose's car responded positively to the loaner distributor from the stash of spare items in my trunk. After sending the Texans on their way, we headed off on our own adventure, returning to the hotel in time for the Wednesday evening hospitality room activity.



We attended the Thursday morning NAMGAR Board & Staff breakfast and then toured through the hotel public areas to see what we might be missing (not much – lots of families with kids). After placing a few last-minute bids on silent auction items we then attended the afternoon NAMGAR Chapter Contacts meeting to discuss NAMGAR support of and communication with local clubs such as ours.



During the Thursday evening awards banquet, four members who had attended NAMGAR's first GT in 1975 were recognized, with two being in attendance and the other two having registered, but forced to cancel at the last minute because of health issues. After celebrating NAMGAR's 50th anniversary and the 70th anniversary of the MGA with cake and a champagne toast, the remainder of the awards continued as usual. Dar & Mary Planeaus's car won 3rd in the MGA 1500 wire wheel class and Ryan Looft won 3rd in the Mquette class. Terry Looft won the Premier class with his

MGA Coupe and is now relegated to the Premier Emeritus class (along with Carole Looft's roadster). Because of all of the added festivities, the banquet ultimately consumed an extra hour and the hospitality suite time was reduced by an hour, ending promptly at the scheduled time of 11PM.

We took our good old time Friday morning and, after some creative packing and many good-byes, managed to get underway before 10am. We decided visit Muncie Imports since there was no real time or distance penalty in detouring home via Muncie, Indiana. The Jaguar had been picked up by the shop the Friday before, for new top and interior installation and we wanted to visit the shop anyway. It was late Friday afternoon so work had pretty much wound down for the day by the time we arrive. We were able to meet a few of the guys who will be working on our car.

In all a good event and well attended. There were over 120 cars on the show field and over 200 participants. This was the fifth GT hosted by the Michigan Rowdies MGA club, the previous ones being GT-10 (Plymouth, MI), GT-20 (Lansing, MI), GT-30 (Mackinaw, MI) and GT-40 (Frankenmuth). I will add that we continue to receive high praise from attendees for our event, GT-37 in 2012. (I'm NOT suggesting we volunteer to do another!)

Next year's GT will be part of the 5 year "All MG Meet" to be held at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky in late August, also to be designated as MG International 2026. This destination is located a mere 3 hours from Dayton, accessible via a pleasant, lightly traveled drive north in OH State Route 4. It would appear that this is an opportunity for an organized SWOCMGCC event to attend. It was also announced that GT-52 will be held in May, 2027 at the French Lick Springs Resort in French Lick, Indiana.



Enjoying an ice cream break one afternoon are Dar and Mary Planeaux and the Loofts; Terry, Carole, Emerson, Everly and Ryan.

It was reported that Terry fell off the wagon and had a giant banana split!



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By Jeremy Holdsworth

I've had a couple of our chapter clubs recently inquire about helping to promote NAMGBR and have asked for material that they can use to help encourage their local club members to sign up.

The flyer below outlines the benefits of membership in our organization. Please feel free to include this in your upcoming magazines.

Thanks,

Jeremy Holdsworth

Vice Chairman - NAMGBR



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We are the official MG Club for MGB, MGB/GT, MGC, MGC/GT, MG V8, MG Midgets/AH Sprites, MG 1100/1300 sedans, and all Post Abingdon (MGF, MGTF, MG RV8, etc) MGs.

As a member of NAMGBR, you and your local MG or British Car Club can receive the following benefits:



The MG Driver

This bi-monthly color magazine is packed with useful information with the right mix of technical how tos, member stories and club updates and information.



Mutual Aid Directory (MAD)

A by state, by city directory of NAMGBR members willing to help another member in the event they break down or need assistance while traveling away from home.



Club Insurance

Does your local car club sponsor a car show? Do they have drives, events or regular meetings? Many venues require insurance to hold the event on their property. If your club has at least 8 NAMGBR members and is an affiliated Chapter of NAMGBR, then the club is covered with liability insurance for free! Director & Officer insurance is also available for local club officers.



Member Classified

NAMGBR offers a free classified section in *The MG Driver* magazine. Have an extra MG or parts you want to sell? Target your advertising to the people you know are looking to buy an MG or may need the parts you have.



Technical Help

E-mail questions to a group of technical experts to get help or leverage one of the model specific registrar experts to answer your questions. There's also a Facebook group to get community help.



Annual Convention

A multi-day celebration of all things MG and a gathering of MG enthusiasts from around the globe. Some fly in, some drive their MG or other British car or some bring a car on a trailer. This event features driving tours, a car show and a taste of the local food and drink. MG2025 will take place in Crystal Lake, IL.



Regalia

We have a number of ways you can show your NAMGBR membership to the public. Clothing, bags, key rings or license plate frames are just a few examples.



Car Insurance

NAMGBR is the first MG club to offer members the 5% Hagerty Collector Car Insurance Discount. Being a member can save you money on your insurance! Perhaps more than the cost of your membership.



Dash Plaque

To commemorate your membership you receive a dash plaque with your personal membership number.



100,000/200,000/300,000 Mile Register

Has your MG gone the distance, and traveled 100,000, 200,000 or even 300,000 miles? NAMGBR honors this achievement with a special dash plaque your car can wear with pride.



Window Sticker

Proudly proclaim your membership in NAMGBR with this attractive two-sided window sticker.



Go to the website and instantly join via a secure card payment. Mail in options are also available.

Do you want to know more about the North American MGB Register? Check out our website at: www.namgbr.org

Do you want to be a member in the largest club in North America dedicated to the MGB, MGB/GT, MGC, MGC/GT, MG V8, Midget, 1100/1300 Sedans and Post Abingdon MGs?

We look forward to having you as a member of NAMGBR!

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. Bill Hunter installed the front bumper and Ron Parks cleaned up the boot and boot lid.



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.



Dave Johnson and John Scocozzo, co-founders of **British Biscuits & Tea** cruise-in (British Car Enthusiasts' Answer to Cars and Coffee) pose for a photo at the most recent event on Saturday May 31, 2025. The first event was held on May 5, 2018. One Saturday each month 10 to noon during spring, summer and fall, British cars gather in the parking lot next to Archers restaurant on Dorthy Lane. [Click here to go to the facebook page](#)

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](#)



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>

MG2025 July 28 - 31

Link to website: [MG2025](#)



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 (6/25)

For sale:, 1970 Split bumper MGB This car is show ready. \$20K. Contact Terry Looft, 937-382-1520 or Terry@Looft.net (5/25)

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 (5/25)

For sale:, 1970 Arkley Needs finishing. Front and rear body clip for an Arkley. TOP not included. Come by to see it. Please contact Steve Miller at MG Automotive for pricing. 937-294-7623 or MGAutomotive1@aol.com. (6/25)

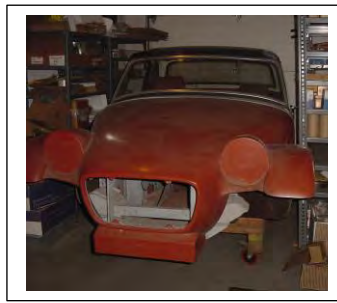
For those of you who don't know what an Arkley is, this excerpt from Mike Maloney's article ([MC Mike Maloney's Arkley.pdf](#)) about his Arkley will clarify: *During the late 1960's, John Britten was the owner of a Morgan/Lotus dealership in, of all places, Arkley, (hence the name) Herfordshire, England, which is a kind of suburb of London. John was also one of the most successful MG midget motor sports racing drivers in England. In the ever so competitive world of auto sports, removing weight was always a priority. It was hardly surprising that John began using fiberglass front and rear bodywork to further lighten the car for a competitive edge.*

The fiberglass body is fitted to post 1966 Spridget chassis.

(Mike Maloney's Arkley)



(Arkley Fiberglass Body for Sale)



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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 May Club Meeting

By Diana Hodges

El Presidente Sam Hodges called the May 2025 meeting of the MGCC SWOC to order, for the seventh time for the third time precisely at 7:30. The Secretary is on time. President Sam, "My 1977 MGB is back on the road. Here's the throwout bearing that I previously mentioned." Dave McCann, Jr., "That throwout bearing has wasted material. Look at all that black on the inside. You should return it and tell them that it was inaccessible." El Presidente continued, "We had a nice drive up to Wapakoneta. We went to the bicycle museum in New Bremen that I didn't know even existed. Then we had lunch at Grand Lake overlooking the water. The seagulls were there but the pelicans were not. We ended up skipping the Neil Armstrong Museum just due to time overruns at the other locations. Fun was had by all." Ron Parks, "The Sasquatch, was impressive." Leaving the state park, Dave Smittle's MG YA decided that it was done and had to be towed home. Carole Looft, "'Speaking of being towed home, did you know that to get the good towing with Hagerty, you have to be part of the Driver's Club? It's \$70/year if you're going to be out driving, it's probably worth it." President Sam, "I've had it for years."

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Vice President's Report was next. Vice President Ed Wolf, "\$2.95 for unleaded, \$3.49 diesel. It looks like that throwout bearing still had thousands of miles left."

Minutes were the next thing on the agenda. Ron Parks motioned to approve the Minutes as reported. Dave Johnson seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes were approved. Sam Hodges, in a token display of opposition to the tissue of lies, opposed. *(For anyone new to the club, the joke here is that I'm the one writing these and I'm the one opposing.)*"

Treasurer's Report was next on the agenda. Treasurer John Scocozzo, "For May we actually had income. We had income of Membership Dues (\$80.00) + Regalia (\$10.00) for a total gain to the MGCC of \$90.00. We had total expenses of: Tune-Up Clinic coffee and donuts (\$29.64) for a total expense to the MGCC of \$29.64. Total losses when subtracted from gains means a total gain to the MGCC of \$60.36. When added to our beginning balance of \$385.75 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$446.11 in the primary checking account. The savings account had \$3,884.15 before the application of \$0.16 in interest. The savings account now has \$3,884.31. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$4,390.42 with \$60.00 as cash on hand." Eddie Hill motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Art Barnes seconded. MGCC voted. Treasurer's report approved.

Membership Chairwoman Carole Looft was next. Carole, "We do have a new member Ed Strahle owns a 1953 TD. Ed, why don't you tell us about it." Ed Strahle, "It was a barn find. There was also a Ford Businessman's Coupe, but I'm a Chevy guy. I probably should have bought the Ford. the MG had been in the barn since 1974. It actually started after I rebuilt the carburetor and starter. I took it home and took it apart. The body work is done and in primer I put some new wood in and the is on order from Abingdon. Like I said, it started, but I didn't drive it, so I don't know about the clutch/ transmission/ drivetrain/ brakes. I have had it for 5 years and have been working on it here and there. I've got an interior but now I need advice on mainly the electrical. It's pretty scary. I joined the club for the expertise on things."

Carole Looft, "We currently have 60 members."

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

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, "I got nuthin'. Oh, we had the drive to Celina. We're sending a postcard as 'Thanks.' There's an upcoming Biscuits & Tea this Saturday, weather permitting. Sunday is Ft. Meigs. The MGAs will be in Traverse City, MI. June 8 the MGCC are the featured cars at the Dragons game. Be there at noon for a 1:00 game. After the game there's a Pub Run to Jimmy's Ladder 11. I'll contact Jimmy's." Sam, "I'll send an email with details on where to park, etc." Ed continued, "There the Cleveland Car show June 28th. See me or Google for more information. Art & Cathy are hosting our summer picnic on August 24. More details to come." There was some discussion about possibly considering a backroads tour to Boardwalk Grill in Celine where had lunch at lake St. Mary's as a possible fall pub run?

Sunshine Committee. Dave McCann, Jr., "Dad (Dave Sr.) is still hanging in there. he's not 100% but he's doing okay." Jennifer Peterson visited her sister and came back yesterday. The gentleman who bought Skip's MGA was at the British Museum of transportation car show.

Newsletter Editor-for-Life, Ron Parks, "I started pestering Dennis Gates last year, unsuccessfully as it turned out. It was good otherwise wouldn't have gotten the anniversary story.

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The side breather really works, especially if it has a lot of leaks. See MG Driver, p. 51. Remember, if you don't send me more articles featuring your cars, I will feature my Triumph."

Webmaster John Scocozzo, Cars featured in the newsletter each month are added to the "Our Cars" page on the website. Nothing else is new.

Beer Brake called at 8:01.

Back from Break 8:18.

Old Business. Who's the oldest one here? Art Barnes is old business.

Nothing to report on BCD right now. We seem to have picked up the pieces and are making headway.

New Business. El Presidente, "We got word from Mike Edgerton that the Concours would like to do a Skip Peterson class at the Concours this year. They're trying to get one of every different type of MG that they can for the class. Who has what or who is willing to bring what? MG YA, TC, TD, TF, Magnette, MGA, MGB, MGC, 1100, Midget. You get the idea. Skip's son Sam is taking the MGB back to Maine. We don't need a list tonight but think about who has a car they can bring." Dave Gribler, "Who's going to coordinate this?" In true MGCC fashion, since Dave Gribler brought up the issue, the MGCC nominated and subsequently voted for Dave Gribler to coordinate the cars. Sam, "Since Dave's on the Concours committee, he's going to coordinate." Seriously though, Dave was a firm "maybe" if someone else would be interested in taking on this role. The class would be a display, non-judged class, *except for the personal judging that comes from all of us anyway 'did they really wear those shoes with that hat?!?'.* "Who has the car club banner?" Ron has the long one. Carole and Ron are working out how to get the banner to Ron so that we can display it at the Dragons (*which we did*). **Tech Tips.** Sam Hodges, "If you're looking for rattles, it could be the timing chain. Steve Powell pointed this out to me. I replaced the chain, tensioner and harmonic balancer. Everything went back together, except the balancer wasn't tightened correctly. My tip, make sure that it's tightened properly of you don't want t to hear a 'boom - whizzzzz' sound while testing the car."

For Sale: Ed Wolf has custom front "937" front plates if you're in the market. \$20 each

Steve Markman's TD will be on display at the British Museum of Transportation until Helen is ready to sell. It's in good driver shape. it's won various awards.

Gumball Rallye: New member Ed Strahle won.

Next Meeting is June 25th here at Bennett's Pubical.

Motion to Adjourn: Eddie Hill motioned to adjourn. Sue Scocozzo seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:36.

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