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Remembering Dave McCann Sr. & Cathy Barnes
Leslie Hunter's '58' MGA - Featured Car



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President, Terry Looft

Again, I have to report on the loss of a long-time club member, good friend, and MG enthusiast. We are once again reminded just how fragile this life is as we age. David McCann Sr. passed away this past week. He will be sorely missed by the MG club and everyone who knew him.

I want to pass on our deepest condolences to Linda, David Jr., their family and all that knew David Sr. He was always up and ready to go for long distance MG trips and joined us on so many of our local runs.

Sad news hits our MG car club once again with the sudden passing of Cathy Barnes. Our prayers are with Art and all the family.

As we focus on upcoming events; Perrysburg, BCD, Sandusky, and Hiawasee,



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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, May 27, 2026

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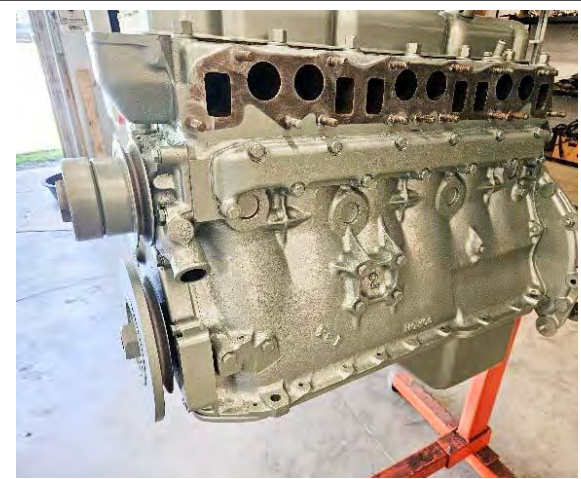
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Georgia, we prepare for a promising season. A lot of driving ahead of us in this season. Try to join us for as many as you can. (Hiawasee, Georgia show is organized by the Peachtree club and is the replacement meet that was formerly held in Dillard.)



Save the Date

This year's British Car Festival, hosted by The Peachtree MG Registry, will be moving to a new location in Hiawasee, Georgia, and overlook beautiful Lake Chatuge

The Ridges Resort at 3499 Highway 76 West will be our host for the dates of September 24-27, 2026

www.theridgesresort.com

All the events you have come to expect from our show will be available, and we have added a few more. Hospitality, drives, tech sessions, food, a fire pit, and a wonderful show field overlooking the lake. Mark your calendars and make sure to join us as we share an exciting new location

The engine is going to look great in my deep red MGC!

For my MGC -GT restoration update things are moving along. A few details yet on the engine, some SU's to overhaul but mostly ready for the body to come home. And that could happen in the next couple of weeks as we are seeing red paint now. Also, big plans and things are moving on Carole's MGB-GT restoration.

One last thing to mention is our MG club anniversary party at Outback Steakhouse. The meal is on the club and should be a good time, and don't forget that famous first drink is also included. Please plan to attend and RSVP. Details provided in this newsletter.

Safety fast, Terry.

Dragons Game Info

by Sam Hodges

Hello everyone

It's time for the second annual MGCC SWOC outing to the Dayton Dragons ballgame. This year's game will be Sunday, May 31st. We are the featured event on the square prior to the game. We have a block of tickets reserved and cost is \$11.00/seat. See me (Sam) for the tickets as I've already pre-paid for a small block. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we'll have a nice day for a game and an outing like last year.

For those not wishing to attend the game, after the game, we are having a Pub Run to Jimmy's Ladder 11 on Brown Street. We have reservations upstairs starting at 4:00. As for the game, first pitch is 1:05. We've been asked to be there by noon on Sunday. I plan to be there around 11:30 to

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make sure everything is in order. If you've never been to the DayAir Ballpark, it sits at the corner of Monument and Patterson Blvd. We can enter the square from either the Monument side or the Patterson side, they said it doesn't matter to them. There are driveways on both sides that lead to the same place. If you can't stay for the entire game or you wish to leave early, that's fine. Just don't hit anyone on the way out.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it there on Sunday, May 31st. I'll send an email closer to the game to update weather and any other last minute info that you might need.

Fun at last year's MG show at the Dragons Game:



Transportation Research Center Visit

By Marc Masquelier

Our visit to the Transportation Research Center (TRC) is scheduled for Friday, 19 June! We plan to meet at Young's Jersey Dairy at 10 AM, drive to West Liberty for lunch, then arrive at TRC by 12:30. It is a fairly scenic drive, assume we will take our cars (weather permitting). Note that our cars will not be allowed on any of the tracks due to liability issues, but it will be really interesting nonetheless. The tour should be 2 to 3 hours, and will take us to various facilities and tracks on the property. Our tour guide will be Roger Schroer; Roger is head test driver at TRC and has a wealth of information and experience, feel free to ask him pretty much anything about TRC or driving – he's done it all. He also happens to hold the world speed record for an electric vehicle, piloting the Buckeye Bullet to a speed of 341 mph at Bonneville. He has some interesting presence on various websites.

We have a full roster; if you signed up at the last meeting, I will hand out paperwork that will speed up our entry into the facility. Please plan on completing the form and returning it to Marc or Ron during the meeting. [This link](#) has more information on TRC. Looking forward to the trip!



60th Anniversary Celebration

Our MG Car club, which formed in 1966, will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. We are planning to commemorate this milestone by inviting our members to a complimentary evening meal of either steak or chicken. The details:

WHEN: Sunday June 28th, 2026

TIME: 5:00 PM

WHERE: Outback Steakhouse – 2560 Miamisburg Centerville Rd.
– Centerville, OH

If you are able to join us, we would like you to RSVP by June 14 so we are able to give a count to the restaurant.

RSVP: clooft@earthlink.net or text to 513-254-4848

Drive to British Return to Ft. Meigs British Car Show (Perrysburg)

The plan for our drive to Perrysburg on Sunday June 7, 2026 is to meet at the Shell station/Triumph Energy mini-mart on SR235 just north of I-70, across from Buc-ee's at 7:30AM. Please be on time to allow for fueling/restroom break, etc. **We will depart promptly at 7:45am.** Planned stop at McDonalds in Ada, OH allows for a restroom break and/or a quick dine-in breakfast.

The route to the show is north on SR235, turning right at the end onto W. River Road traveling onward to Ft. Meigs Historic Site on the left.

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.

Up Coming Events

May:

16 – Brits in the Burg show at BTM
27 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Sports Grill)
30 – British Car Week, Drive Em don't Hide Em
31 – Dayton Dragons – MGs on the Plaza

June:

7 – Ft. Meigs British car show, Perrysburg, OH.
19 – Transportation Research Center Tour
19 – Cruise-in at Voss Hoss (5-9pm)
24 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Sports Grill)
28 – 60th Anniversary Party MGCCSWOC

July:

22 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Sports Grill)

August:

1 – British Car Day, Dayton (Eastwood Park)
14-16 – MG103FEST Gananoque, ON, Canada
19 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Sports Grill)
24 – 27 – MG International 2026, Sandusky, OH

September:

18-20 – British Invasion, Stowe VT
20 – Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park
23 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Sports Grill)
24-27 Peachtree GA - British Car Festival
26 – British Car Day Toronto, ON, Canada

October:

28 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Sports Grill)

November:

18 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Sports Grill)

December:

6 – Holiday Party 5:00pm at Bennett's Pubical Sports Grill

January:

27 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Sports Grill)

February:

24 - Meeting (Bennett's Pubical Sports Grill)

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From the Editor

Ron Parks

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remember 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.

Remembering Dave McCann Sr.

By Ron Parks

Our Friend Dave McCann Sr., long time member and past President of the MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre passed away on Monday April 27, 2026, with his wife Linda at his side.

[Obituary information for David McCann](#)

Dave attended the University of Cincinnati where he met and married the love of his life, Linda. From there, he graduated from Eastern Kentucky University and forged a successful career as a paint store manager for Sherwin Williams, and later became a successful painting contractor, in Springfield and surrounding areas where he eventually retired. After retirement, Dave became an Uber driver for local travelers.

Dave enjoyed MG Car Club events as seen here at one of the Club's summer picnics.

Dave excelled at planning MG Car club tours. Photo shows Dave giving directions on one of our tours. He and his son David Jr. planned a fun tour for us in the Urbana, West Liberty area several years ago. They had us all starting at the Urbana airport, sending cars off at 3 minute intervals. There were three (3) different routes, with every third car repeating the route of the first one. Every car covered the same territory, but from a different route and at different times. We saw MGs all day, but you didn't want to follow them, because they would be on a different route and you might miss something. There were questions to answer, so you didn't want to miss covering any territory. This was really a fun event! Dave and his son David Jr. put a lot of effort into planning this tour/rally and that is what Dave enjoyed doing.

When Dave and I planned tours together, we always felt obligated to sample the beer and food at the establishments we planned to include on club tours. Our 100th Anniversary of MG tour to Hocking Hills was no exception. We sacrificed and did our research having lunch at the Mill Stone BBQ Bar and Grill and 'Okayed' it for the rest of the club.



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Dave was into shooting videos, as you'll see in the picture of Dave driving his MGB on the track at Indy, with Dave Jr. holding the video camera. Dave filmed and edited my trip up the Devils Backbone, the curvy hill that leads to the entrance of John Bryan State Park. We went there on a Sunday morning to avoid traffic. Dave filmed me getting into my MG and rounding the first curve. Then we perched him at the next curve up the hill, then he rode with me in the MG filming that perspective. We made 10 or 12 trips up and down the hill and Dave edited it all together to appear as one long trip up the hill to the sound of Beethoven's 5th. Great fun!



Our club beer trailer made two appearances in the Conch Republic Independence Celebration & parade in Key West Florida. Dave towed our beer trailer behind his MGB to Key West Florida twice.



Dave was a good friend and tour planning buddy! I will miss our monthly visits when I would deliver a printed copy of the newsletter to him in rehab! RIP Dave. We will miss you at club events!

Safety  *Fast*

Remembering Cathy Barnes

[Obituary information for Cathy Barnes](#)

Remembrance by Terry Looft

Sad news hits our MG car club once again with the sudden passing of Cathy Barnes. Cathy, and of course Art, having been long time members and so active at club events. Cathy and Art stepped up to host our club Summer picnic so many times. She put so much effort into those events and it was always a great time for all that attended. They were always there to help out at BCD, true MG enthusiasts. She will be missed at the club meetings. Our prayers are with Art and all the family. All the best to Art and hope to see you at a meeting again soon. Terry

Remembrance by Ron Parks

Our friend and club member, Cathy Barnes passed away on Sunday May 17, 2026. Cathy and her husband, Art were active from the outset when they became members of the MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre. They graciously hosted several summer picnics for the club and for one of those picnics, combined it with a drive and tour of the Mustang Museum. Their home on Lake Loramie offered boat rides by Art, nice picnic areas and plenty of room to park MGs. Cathy is pictured here, hosting the picnic last summer at their home in Vandalia. We are grateful that they were always happy to open their home to us and their effort in preparing for the picnics showed! Cathy will be missed!



Remembrance by Leslie Hunter

Cathy was a member of the Gold Heart Quilters (GHQ) group for 8 years. GHQ is a 501c3 organization that makes and donates quilts currently to 17 different organizations in the Miami Valley area. GHQ has also expanded to Florida as our snowbirds travel south for the winter. There are approximately 100 members between both states. Last year's quilt donations totaled 1,438 quilts and a total of 7,147 quilts for the past 10 years. GHQ accepts cotton fabric donations and monetary donations from across the states to be able to make this organization successful.

Cathy was very involved with GHQ in any way she could help. In addition to being on the Leadership Board, she would make kits which would include a pattern along with counting and cutting all the fabric needed to complete a quilt top that others would pick up at the monthly meetings and take them home to sew. The quilt tops would then be passed along to the long armers

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to complete the quilts. Cathy was also a big part of picking up the fabric/kits and delivering the fabric/kits to others.

Cathy's history as an interior designer gave her a keen eye for pulling different colors and patterns of fabric together for those kits. Cathy had an extreme sense of organization and helped GHQ set up and organize the fabric used by the group in a place named Stash Haven. This was no easy task as the fabric was stored in a very large office space and was stored in a hap-hazard manner. She tackled the challenge with great pride and made searching for fabric easier as she had it all color coded and labeled on the shelves.

In addition, Cathy planned and organized the yearly retreats GHQ had each year. As if that wasn't enough, Cathy would also make up little goodie bags for all attendees which would include a handmade bag that she would sew, and fill it with fabric, patterns and special tools and even some candy. It was a nice treat to receive something so special that was put together with love. She also did this for our Christmas thank you luncheons.

As if all that wasn't enough, Cathy found time to make the carrying bags for the MG Club Flags which appropriately has the MG octagon logo sewn into it. These flags are brought by club members to and from the British Biscuits and Tea, and British Car Cruise-Ins.

Cathy had a huge heart for helping run the food bank at her church where she helped them raise funds by making and donating a beautiful quilt for them to auction. Cathy will be missed by the GHQ group and all the other organizations she was involved in.

I sure hope heaven has a sewing machine for her to use. Her talents will be greatly missed.



Garage Art



Lets continue with last months theme of informational signs. Next month I'll give "real" road signs a shot. Own up to the ones you acquired, say maybe the ones you picked up at midnight. I will hit a family member's garage, someone quite active in sign collecting in his younger days.

Reproductions welcome as well, send me pictures of your road signs. If you have none go out tonight and pick up a couple.

Till next month, Terry

Keep the pictures coming, at some point I'm going to run out of stuff.

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



Member Featured Car of the Month

Leslie Hunter's 1958 MGA so Bill could have it!

By Leslie Hunter

There's an old saying my mother often joked – "I know a guy saying he had George Washington's original axe which was used to chop down the cherry tree. The handle has been replaced a couple of times, and the axe head has been replaced once – but it's his original axe."

Our MGA is a little bit like that story. It's all original even though a few parts have been replaced and several upgrades have been added as well. Our MGs are named Lucy and Ethel (red and white)

I've always been a little bit of a car enthusiast. My mother and father have owned a 1930 Model A Ford for several years and I've enjoyed many parades, car shows and club meetings with them. Bill and I have also enjoyed many trips over the years with our MGB. When we became aware of Steve Powell selling his MGA – we were both excited and decided to add it to our collection.

Steve got the car in 2008 and over the next several years made several repairs, replacements and upgrades to the car. As I recall, the car was from the Xenia area prior to Steve's ownership and Steve had even worked on the car for a few years prior to ownership. The previous owner was a client of Steve's practice and the car had been discussed several times.

Steve replaced the engine and transmission shortly after the purchase as the original engine never performed satisfactorily. Sixteen years later, it's still running strong.

Additionally, a new windshield, gaskets, fuel pump, master cylinder, distributor and rear spring bushings were also replaced. Throughout time, regularly scheduled maintenance was completed on schedule.

One of the bigger improvements Steve made was opening a portion of the front valence to increase air flow to the





radiator and engine. Further modifications were made to the front duct panel to direct air to the radiator for improved cooling.

The theory is that the current front grill forces more air over the top of the car than through the grill to help cool the engine. By opening a portion of the front valance more air can get to the radiator for cooling. In addition to this modification, a new 160-degree thermostat was installed at the same time. This modification worked well for me and although I did replace the thermostat and radiator cap in 2025 but have had no issues otherwise.



One other addition made was the addition of a “clutch extender” which Steve designed and installed. I believe these are still available through Steve Miller at MG Automotive and I highly recommend adding one if you have not already done so.

The lesson we’ve learned from all of this is to always maintain your vehicles as required and on schedule. Address the ‘little things’ that creep up so they don’t get worse and create larger problems. Upgrade when and where possible – you’ll be happy with the finished product. And finally – decide to do ‘one big thing’ every year. Whether it’s replacing floorboards, swapping out the chrome parts with poor finish with newer, fresher parts, upgrading lighting or anything else – one big project each year will be a long-term upgrade to the car.

Packard Museum's Spring Fling

"For America 250, the British are Coming!"

By Ed Wolf

The annual Spring Fling fundraiser at America's Packard Museum was held on Saturday April 25th. The theme of this year's event was "The British Invasion: 250 years of Revolution" as a tribute to the longstanding Anglo-American relationship, with particular focus on the automotive industry. America's Packard Museum is on Ludlow street, in a location that was an active Packard dealership in the 1930's. It is also the largest collection of Packard cars on display in the world. For the event, several British cars were brought into the Packard Museum and were on display in the entry room of the museum. There were various concours grade British cars including a Triumph TR6, a Jaguar E-type, an Austin Healey 3000, a 1959 MGA and most notably Steve Markman's 1951 MG TD, generously on loan by his wife Helen.



A gala dinner was held Saturday night, with Master of Ceremonies Shaun Yu, President of Dayton Public Radio (WDPR 88.1 FM). Rob Signom III, Director of America's Packard Museum, spoke to the health and vibrancy of Dayton automotive culture then introduced special guest Dr Jon Murden, Chief Executive of the National Motor Museum Trust, located in Hampshire, England. Dr Murden analyzed labor relations in post-war British motor manufacturing for his Ph.D and spoke about the British American connections in the automotive industry since the late 1800's. Of note were Ford's manufacturing presence in England from the era of the Model T, GM's purchase of Vauxhall in 1925 and the collaborative effort during WWII between Rolls





Royce and Packard allowing Packard to manufacture the Rolls Merlin aircraft engine in much higher volume than Rolls could have otherwise achieved.

At the event, Rob Signom presented a special Appreciation award to Peter Stroble, President of the British Transportation Museum. Pete's wife Nancy, and daughters Amy and Amanda were in attendance to see Pete accept this award. The award was in recognition of Pete's many contributions to, and preservation of, the Dayton automotive community. It was quite a memorable event for all involved.

A Party for Cecil

By Carole Looft

Cecil Kimber, the father of the MG, was born on April 12, 1888. When April 12th rolled around this year and it fell on a Sunday, we thought it would be an opportune time to celebrate his birthday. We found a local restaurant that would allow us to gather and pay tribute to Cecil on what would be his 138th birthday.

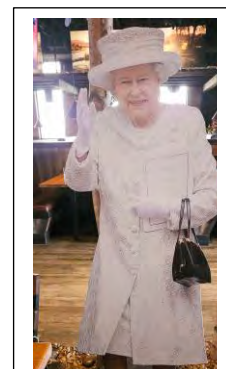
The party room was decorated with British flags, and British balloons. We had Queen Elizabeth in attendance, and what a surprise when Cecil himself showed up.

How can you have a birthday party without a ceremonial birthday cake? The cake was large and adorned with a picture of Old #1, the car that started it all. One corner of the cake displayed a picture of Cecil. In lieu of many, many candles, we opted for a 1, 3, and 8.

All in attendance enjoyed a nice meal. Afterwards, when the candles were lit, we sang *Happy Birthday* to Cecil. Then our oldest member blew out the candles.

The evening concluded with party favors. Each club member there received an octagon puzzle box. The puzzle box was 3D printed and the puzzle was figuring out how to open it. It turned out to be quite challenging.

It was a fun time celebrating with Cecil, and we hope we can do it again next year.





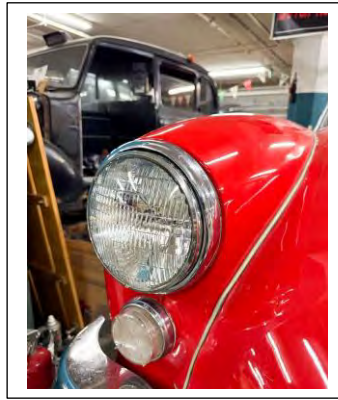
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A-TEAM

By Ron Parks

The A-Team 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 assembled the headlights once we located all the correct parts and got them working. Rick Shielda touched up paint on the fenders. We're moving on to connecting the rest of the lights.

We still need volunteers to accomplish the items on the list of reassembly items to be done that was emailed to members. The list asked for some volunteers to adopt tasks for various areas of reassembly. 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 yet this summer.



Classified Ads

For Sale: 1972 MGB-GT Aqua (Teal). Restored and driven locally, always garaged. Upgraded seats, steering wheel & Stainless steel exhaust. Entered in Concours d'Elegance and British Car Day Dayton. \$30,000 OBO. Email or call John Smith chmalmal@gmail.com (937-979-7911) (2-26)

For Sale: Ignition coil, new for TCs, TDs, Moss P/N 143-210. \$95 Danny Mortensen, 10901 Kimberly Dr., Union, KY 41091. 859-384-7821, agsdanny@aol.com (1/26)

For sale: 1 left front latch pillar for the MG TD,.Moss catalog #450-825. Selling for 1/2 the catalog value - \$94. Brand new. Free shipping. Danny Mortensen 859-384-7821 or agsdanny@aol.com (1/26)

A promotional poster for the 2026 MG International Event. At the top is the MG logo and the text 'NORTH AMERICAN COUNCIL OF MG REGISTERS'. Below that, it says 'Invites ALL MG Owners to join us August 24-27, 2026 in the Sandusky, Ohio / Lake Erie area for the every five-year ALL-MG Event' with the website 'mginternational2026.org'. The middle section features the 'SHORES & ISLANDS OHIO' logo, listing 'CEDAR POINT SANDUSKY PUT-IN-BAY'. It also states 'Registration opens year-end 2025' and shows a small MG International 2026 logo. The bottom of the poster displays several MG-related logos, including 'MGM', 'MG', and 'MG' with various regional or club affiliations.

For sale:, 1970 Arkley Needs finishing. Front and rear body clip for an Arkley. TOP not included. (Arkley Fiberglass Body for Sale) Come by to see it. Please contact Steve Miller at MG Automotive for pricing. 937-294-7623 or MGAutomotive1@aol.com. (1/26)

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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 April Club Meeting

By Sam Hodges

President Terry Looft called the April 2026 meeting of the MGCC SWOC to order, for the first time precisely at 7:30. President Looft, "I don't care if we start, just as long as it's on time. The meeting is officially called to order. I'd like to start with Tune-Up Clinic. It was very successful. We took care of some electrical glitches, fixed a master cylinder, and did some brake work. We discovered that not all torque wrenches are created equally. Some should go into the garbage. Others were okay. Some of the Harbor Freight were okay, others were junk. There was one that was dead on. Surprisingly, the ones that were most accurate were the beam ones. I tested all I could and they were dead on." Ron Parks, "I got a torque wrench for Christmas one year because Lois Gribler told my wife I didn't have one." Lois, "That was payback for the vacuum cleaner you gave her." President Terry continued, "Thanks to Steve & Mimi for hosting the clinic and thanks to Jeff for the coffee."

The Cecil Kimber Birthday party was next. Lois, "I want to thank Terry & Carole for planning that. The cake was so nice, the Queen was there along with Cecil." Terry, "Carole did a lot of the planning. We had a lot of MGs in the parking lot." Lois, "The party favors were fun." Terry, "It was quite puzzling." (*Terry & Carole gave out puzzle boxes as party favors. I suspect several were 'accidentally' run over to get the treat inside.*)

Terry, "Progress on the MGC continued. It's got red paint on some of it. It should be on a rolling table and off the rotisserie. It's got rhino coating underneath. We could be a couple of weeks from getting the car. I've got the engine on a stand and it should be done in a week or so."

Vice President's Report was next. Vice President Chris Muia, did not send anything.

Minutes we're the next thing on the list. Sue Scocozzo motioned to approve the Minutes as reported. Ron Parks seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was next on the agenda. Treasurer John. Scocozzo, "For April, the MGCC had a gain of nil. Bupkis. Squat. Total gain to the MGCC was \$0. There were losses of P.O. Box rental (\$42.90) + Tune Up Clinic supplies, *i.e coffee & donuts* (\$38.48) + Drives, Dinners, & Outings (\$288.15) for a total loss to the MGCC of \$369.53. Total losses, when adjusted for total gains means a loss to the MGCC of \$369.53. When subtracted from our beginning balance of

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\$585.72 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$216.19 in the primary checking account at the end of April. There was need to transfer out of the savings account \$1,000.00. After the transfer, the checking account now has \$1,216.19. The savings account after the transfer and the application of \$0.16 in interest now has \$2,886.07. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$4,182.26 with \$80.00 as cash on hand.” Eddie Hill motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report. Cathy Barnes seconded. MGCC voted. Treasurer’s report approved.

Membership Chairwoman Carole Looft was next. Carole, “No new members. We’re sitting on 60.”

Birthdays: Linda McCann, Ron Ramer, Tim Dunham, Dave Estelle, Gordon Lindsay.

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, “What do we have in May?” Dave Johnson, “There’s a Biscuits & Tea this Saturday. It’s the first one of the year. I am looking for a co-host. Mike Harmon was the co-host but he can’t physically do that anymore. “If you’re interested, see Dave. Eddie continued, “The British Museum show is Saturday, May 16th. We have the Dragon’s baseball game cruise-in Sunday, May 31st (*See article elsewhere in Newsletter for more details.*) After the game, we’re having a Pub Run to Jimmy’s Ladder 11 on Brown Street. First weekend of June is the Perrysburg event.” Ron, “I wanted to meet at Buckee’s but that might not be the best option. But the Shell across the street won’t be as crowded. SO, we’re meeting at the Shell across from Buckee’s. They have Triumph in the name, so it must be a sign. We’ll meet there and try to leave by 8am. It’s straight up 235.” Eddie, “Mid-Ohio is having their Vintage weekend, June 12-14. They’re having a British car showdown on June 13th. There will be a parade lap and British car show. Friday, June 19th is the Voss Hoss cruise in at Voss on Loop Rd. in Centerville. Sunday, June 28th is our 60th birthday party. See old business for details. That’s all I got.”

Marc, “The TRC visit is going to be in June. It’s a 2 hour tour. If we go about 11, we can eat lunch and then do the tour from 1-3. If we go on Friday, we can get more people. If we go Saturday, it’s limited to 13 people for space concerns.”

Sunshine Committee. Carole Looft, “I don’t know. Everybody’s sunny.”

Newsletter Editor-for-Life, Ron Parks, “About an hour after I sent the newsletter, John Florkey sent me a picture of his interior. (*Pic passed around.*) We’re having a contest at the BMT to see who can get the wire wheel the cleanest (*sounds like a trick to me*).

Webmaster John Scocozzo, “Articles and pics are out there.”

Beer Brake called at 7:51

Back from Break 8:00.

Old Business. I think Art Barnes wins. Ron Parks, “Thanks Art.”

President Looft, “We’ve done some leg work on the club anniversary party.” Carole passed out an agenda and menu. Carole, “Outback Steakhouse proposed a 3-course meal. That would be a choice of either: 6oz sirloin, 1/2 rack of ribs, Bloomin fried steak, or grilled chicken along with house or Caesar salad and cheesecake. If you go with the regular meal, you get a 6oz sirloin with various sides, or a grilled chicken with various sides. Both would be \$17.99. It looks like the regular menu would be a better way to go. We’re thinking that the regular menu is better since we’ve talked to them and they’ll let us bring in cake. The time’s not cast in stone, but 5 is the time we’re targeting.”

BCD: Moving right along. Registrations have been dribbling in. We’ve got a few sponsors already.

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T-shirts. Carole, “We’re working on the T-shirts for Sandusky. So far I’ve got orders for 19 shirts.” Dave Gribler, “Right now there are 350 cars registered.” Carole, “We’re thinking we can all wear our shirts for a group photo. Maybe Wednesday. Dar & Mary actually ordered t-shirts.”

British Museum of Transportation. Ron Prks, “We’ve driven the MGA. We’re waiting on those folks clamoring to clean up a wire wheel to get 4 of them done.

New Business. Nothing new.

Tech Tips. Sam Hodges, *(still feels weird, even after all these years, to talk about myself in 3rd person!?!)* “Driving home from the Cecil birthday party I heard a pop but didn’t really think k much. After a few more miles, I noticed the temperature starting to rise. I pulled into a UDF and opened the hood only to find a shredded fan belt. Luckily I had a backup in the trunk. The one that died had been on the car since I replaced it back in 1996. When I pulled the backup out of the trunk, I noticed that it has a sticker indicating that it had been manufactured in 1996. I bought two and threw one in the trunk. I ended up replacing a 30-year old fan belt with a new, 30-year old fan belt.” Terry Looft, *(he brought his refurbished steering rack. I honestly thought it was a new part)* “This is the steering rack for the MGC. All new rubber. Powder coated everything. It’s ready to go in.”

Terry, “If you don’t have an antenna, you can get the suction cups from Amazon and you can screw on a regular antenna onto the suction cup mount.” Ed Wolf, “Will it make my radio work?” Dave Gribler, “If you ever come up with an actual tech tip, no one is going to pay attention.”

For Sale: Ed Wolfe, “I have these custom ‘937’ license plates for sale. Since we don’t need front plates anymore. They’re metal.” See Ed Wolf, if you’re interested.

Gumball Rallye. John Scocozzo won. Sue, “That’s okay, the money man doesn’t get to keep the money.”

Next Meeting is May 27th.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:16

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Submitted by Terry Looft

