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Vapor Locked

President, Terry Looft

The Good news Is there is no Bad news!

We'll jump right into this month's happenings. First one being a pretty successful pub run provided you wore your miners hat with your carbide lamp. Other than being in the dark, even though it was daylight, everything was great at Jimmy's Ladder 11. We had a nice turnout, pretty good food, and pretty good service.

The second event for the month was our run to Perrysburg. It was really a super day and the weather was perfect. The drive very pleasant and scenic. Thank you, Ron for leading the way! The show setting was nicely placed on the grass this year due to no rain to make it soggy. We had a very nice showing from our club, 8 club cars in attendance. We had several

Carolina British Classics Show
Chris Muia's '71' MGBGT - Featured Car



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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, June 24, 2026

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first-place awards, as well as awards of excellence. Southwestern Ohio club always makes a great showing there. It's always a good way to start off the season with our little trip North. This trip also was good preparation for an almost identical drive to Sandusky in August. A perfect test drive for anybody wanting to prove their cars before we go on the next trip. The drive was very laid back and easy. Just what we have planned for MG international this August. Hope people are making plans to go. On that note, the first MG international shirts for our club have been printed and they look great. They were delivered to a few people in Perrysburg.

MGC report. Not much new to report on the MGC this month. With all of the mechanical work pretty much done, engine, transmission, and subsystems, we've hit a bit of a slump. Hopefully, we will be getting the body soon, so we can start the final assembly of the car.

Ryan's 1100 report. With all the trials and tribulations of doing Ryan's 1300 upgrade, we have hit yet another problem. This problem manifested itself last fall. After we test drove the car, it operated quite nicely for about 30 miles. When Ryan got the car from us to continue the engine break- in, he noted an issue with the gearbox that fourth gear synchronizer seemed to be a little lazy. I'd be the first to admit, I'm not a transmission guy, even though I have overhauled a few of them. But particularly on the MG 1100/ 1300, I've only been inside one of those gearboxes before. My thoughts are I have definitely messed up something. But the confusion is that it ran perfectly shifting through all the gears initially. Then after about 30 miles or so, it became impossible to go into fourth gear. The other gears were fine. My only conclusion is that the fourth gear synchronizer has failed. Anyway, I had another gearbox, which happens to be a 4 syncro, which would be a further upgrade for Ryan's car. It was operating perfectly in the car we bought from Eric Jones some years back. After separating the engine, it absolutely looked like it was freshly rebuilt. I have no doubt that Eric Jones probably did just that to both the engine and gearbox. The gearbox itself looked perfect. So that box is now painted and ready to be assembled with new seals and gaskets, and mated to Ryan's engine. We'll once again pull the engine from Ryan's car and do the transmission swap. Hopefully, that won't take all that long since it's going to be just a swap.

Enough rambling for this newsletter. See you at the meeting. Try to make it if you can.

Terry



Welcome New Members

By Carole Looft

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1978 MGB
1958 MGA

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

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

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 Publical Sports Grill)
28 – 60th Anniversary Party MGCCSWOC

July:

22 - Meeting (Bennett's Publical Sports Grill)

August:

1 – British Car Day, Dayton (Eastwood Park)
14-16 – MG103FEST Gananoque, ON, Canada
19 - Meeting (Bennett's Publical 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 Publical Sports Grill)
24-27 Peachtree GA - British Car Festival
26 – British Car Day Toronto, ON, Canada

October:

28 - Meeting (Bennett's Publical Sports Grill)

November:

18 - Meeting (Bennett's Publical Sports Grill)

December:

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

January:

27 - Meeting (Bennett's Publical Sports Grill)

February:

24 - Meeting (Bennett's Publical Sports Grill)

March:

24 - Meeting (Bennett's Publical Sports Grill)

April:

28- Meeting (Bennett's Publical Sports Grill)

May:26:

24 - Meeting (Bennett's Publical 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 Grossepont 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.

Garage Art



Garage Art for this month. "Road Signs" No questions asked, all signs came from the flea market. Maybe I'll relate the story on getting the RR Crossing sign and lights at the meeting. Is there a story with the Kangaroo sign Dave?

I'm running out of ideas and signs for this every month. Ideas of what you would like to see. Let's go with non MG stuff next month. Yes Ron, even a Triumph sign will fly next month. Also for the month after something different. I'm going to trick people into driving their little British cars. Get you cars out and drive!! How about a picture of your car at your favorite eating place? Your car must be in the picture (you and your passenger also if you like) with the restruant or pub in the back ground. I'm giving you an extra month to

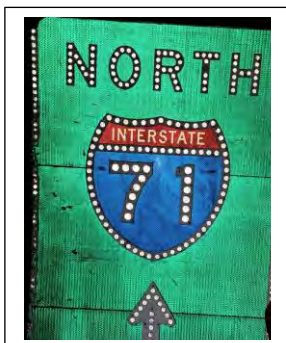
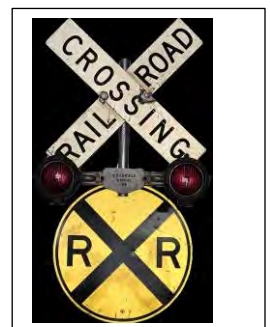
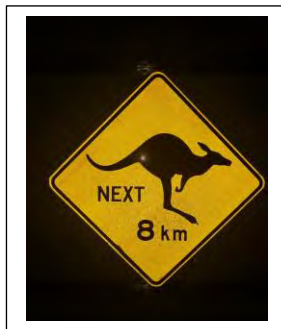
do this. More than one car, go to more than one restaurant. Simple. I'll be looking for pictures at tlooft@earthlink.net.

Safety Fast, Terry

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



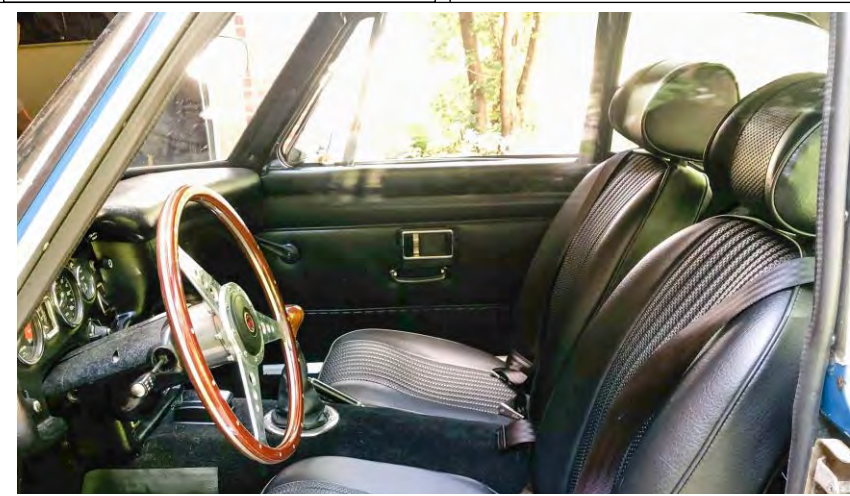
Member Featured Car of the Month

Chris Muia's 1971 MGBGT

By Chris Muia

A friendly warning...watch what you say about a new MG when you're around Carole and Terry Looft. As with Vito Corleone, you may end up with an offer you can't refuse. Terry took me on a visit to the British Transportation Museum in his right-hand drive V8 GT. During the ride I casually made a comment along the lines of "These GTs are cool, I wouldn't mind owning one someday." Terry's response was an equally casual "Carole can find you a good one." To which I replied, "I bet she can." and laughed, not considering the conversation any further.

I don't remember how much time passed, but not too many days later I received a text from Terry with a link to a very sharp 1971 teal blue GT. Since Carole found and approved of it, I had to take a closer look. A rust free "California car" it's whole life, the present (third) owner had the engine replaced in 2018 and at the same time updated to an overdrive transmission. Other than those updates, the car wasn't restored.



Of course, my wife, Jeanne, was way ahead of the game and had already figured out the direction this was taking and fully supported me in the adventure. The long distance transaction and shipping caused some anxiety but everything went smoothly and we received the GT in early June, 2025.

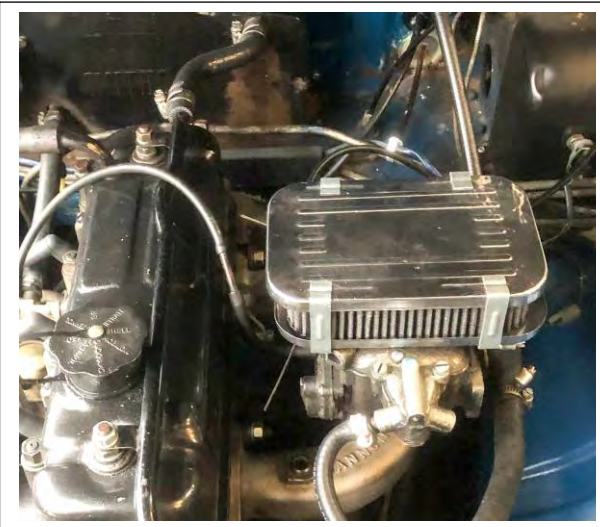
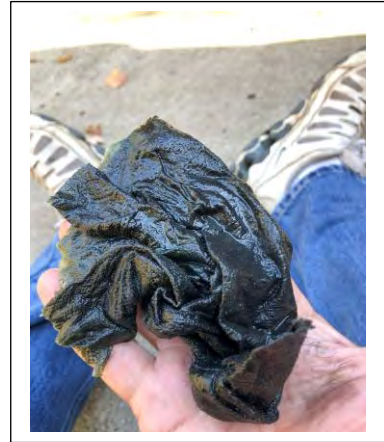
It has only been a year of ownership but I've gotten to know the car rather well. Although rust free, it did bring a lot of California with it (inside and underside) as it lived down a long gravel road and driveway...and was always driven with windows open and not much attention to regular cleaning. Our younger daughter Olivia's review of the interior was "GROSS!" My first attempts at cleanup led to

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an inevitable interior refresh (short of removing the dash). Headliner, vinyl trim, sun visors, etc. were removed, cleaned and refreshed with vinyl paint. Moss supplied carpet kit and seat kits were installed. Olivia approved. A few scrubbing/scraping/power washing sessions of the underside left a couple pounds of California on our driveway and the GT just a bit lighter.

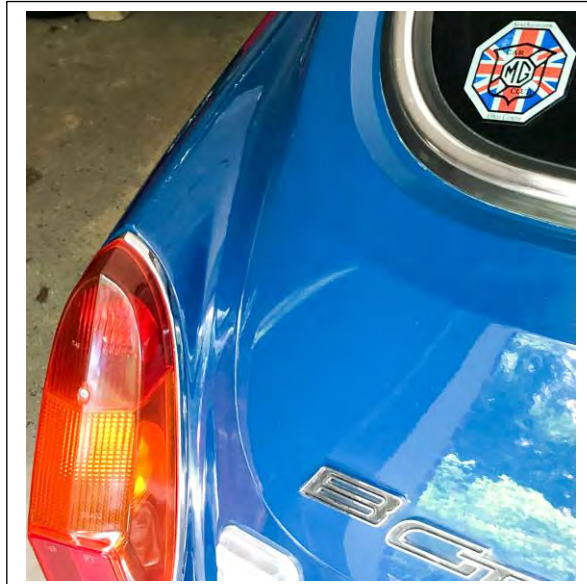
Some mechanical updates were required:

- Universal joints replaced
- A small oil leak led to overdrive solenoid and gasket replacements....which resulted in removing a forgotten shop rag from the housing (picture included). Yes, really...you can't make this stuff up!
- A nice surprise was finding the original SU's, linkages, intake manifold and air cleaners in a parts box shipped with the car. From my Midget experience, these were rebuilt and installed.



- Other updates have included:
- Side molding replacement
- New mirror glass
- Grill refresh
- Door, hatch seal replacements
- New tires
- Ongoing cleanup of engine compartment

I truly love the second MG as much as the first. I'm looking forward to spending more time with the GT, hopefully the majority of the time at the wheel.





I greatly appreciate Carole's time, diligence and expertise that led me to the GT and for the guidance on the interior work. Thanks to Terry for his invaluable mechanical knowledge and direction that have enabled me to undertake tasks I never thought I could accomplish. This article is about the GT but also tells another story...of our club and the help, fun and comradery available to us all.

Chris.



“Carolina British Classics” car show in Cayce, South Carolina

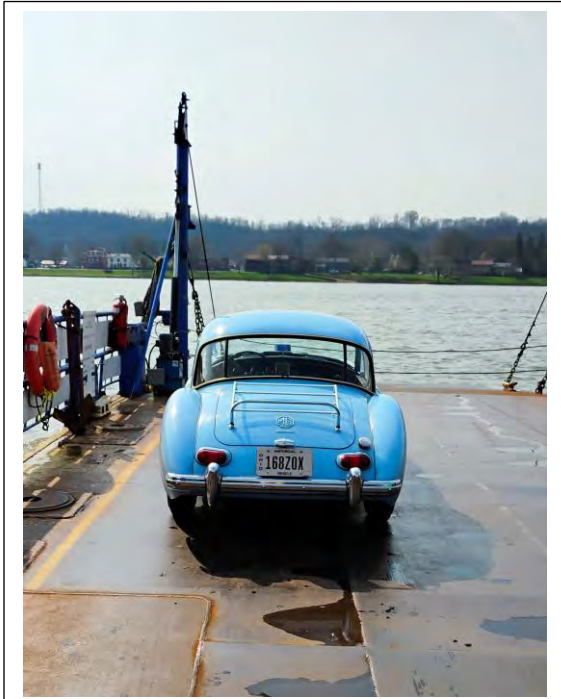
By Dave Smittle

For years, club members Dave and Kim Smittle have been urged by friends Randy Yaussy and Kim

Yerrick to attend the Carolina British Classics car show in Cayce, South Carolina. Kim is the chair of the event and Randy takes on the planning of the car show itself and we've always been told what a nice event it is (and, it was!). The Smittle Kim was busy

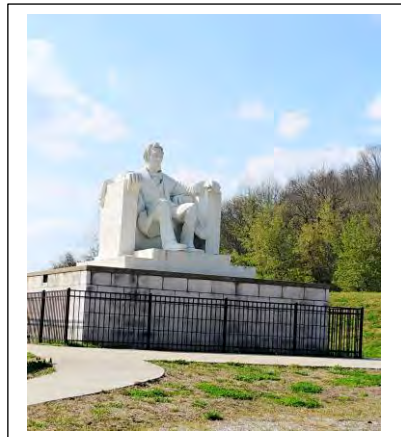
this year with a vendor show for her scrapbooking business and had a friend helping her with that so Dave thought it would be a great chance to experience the South Carolina event first-hand and set out on the trip south, March 25th, the same day as the monthly dinner. Knowing how MGs don't always like to cooperate, the 1950 MG YT Dave worked for a week ahead of time prepping for the trip wouldn't pass the light test when Kim stood behind and reported the tail lamps would work when the side lamps were switched on--and, the brake lights worked--but, when switching from side lamps to headlights, the tail lights would not illuminate. Knowing he had two long days of driving ahead of him, the YT was sidelined at the last minute and trip essentials were transferred to the 1962 MGA 1600 MkII coupe to make the trip. (In hindsight, this was the right move; every day was sunny, but the mornings with frost on the car while still up north would have been rather





chilly in the 2-door, 4-passenger convertible Y-Tourer car, whereas the MGA Coupe was hot inside, as always!). Dave departed Ada in NW Ohio Wednesday mid-afternoon, taking back roads to Miamisburg and arrived to join the first table of early birds ordering dinner at Bennett's. It was nice to visit with friends and also receive our new club antenna flag, which was later proudly displayed on the car on the show field on Saturday. After dinner, the backroads theme was repeated in a quest to find a hotel for the night and Milford was chosen. Thursday morning started out rainy but by the time a hotel breakfast was consumed it had stopped and I headed towards Brown County and one of my intentional trip destinations, the Brown-Augusta Ferry. This passenger-vehicle ferry across the Ohio River between Augusta, Kentucky, and Higgsport, Ohio, has been operational since 1798. It remains one of the oldest in continuous operation, 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. It was started to connect Kentucky to what was then known as Boude's Landing on the Ohio side. The price has increased since my last trip, from \$5 to \$7, but it's cool and serves as a vital, historic connection for residents and tourists and a slow-paced alternative for crossing the river. Instead of my prior trips which have always used KY8 which hugs the river, I cut down KY19 to the AA Highway, KY9, named as such because it connected Ashland to Alexandria. From here, it was a constant stair stepping of roads down through Kentucky and Tennessee for a night's stay in Kingsport, near Johnson City, TN. Along the way, I pulled into Middle Creek National Battlefield in Prestonsburg, Kentucky for the 19-foot Abraham Lincoln replica of the Lincoln Memorial (it was moved here in 2021 following its removal from a law office after the owner was convicted of

massive Social Security fraud). It was moved to the Middle Creek Battlefield site to represent the Union victory at that location in 1862, a battle where the Union under Col. James A. Garfield defeated Confederate forces. Friday was a long, hot drive (80's most of the day) through TN, NC and SC to our friend's house in a historic neighborhood of Columbia. We then almost immediately headed to a host hotel used by the Sunbeam



Club which traditionally makes this car show their annual national gathering--I mean, who has ever seen over two dozen Sunbeams at a British car show anywhere? I know I sure haven't! Pizza, a potluck and lots of desserts were featured, as was an all-out swap meet of Sunbeam parts and memorabilia. Saturday, car show day, started out sunny but cold--upper 30s--and, the pollen, oh, the pollen! I had washed the car after dark Friday night which got off the bugs, only to be replaced by a layer of bright-green pollen. The car show was their 18th annual event, hosted by the British Car Club Midlands Centre, and is held in conjunction with the Tartan Day South Festival at the Historic Columbia Speedway. (There was really no way to describe what was happening on the other side of the speedway. Tartan Day South is the Southeast's largest Celtic festival and Highland games event, held annually and celebrates Scottish, Irish, and British culture with bagpipes, Highland dancing, whiskey tastings, sheep herding, telephone pole and concrete block throwing; seriously.) Historic Columbia Speedway, located in Cayce/West Columbia, SC, was a legendary 1/2-mile dirt oval that opened in 1948 and hosted NASCAR races from 1951 to 1971. A key to the "cradle of stock car racing," it was the first to host races under lights and saw victories by legends like Richard Petty and Ned Jarrett. It was paved in 1971 before closing to NASCAR in 1971 and final racing in 1977 and is now a concert and event venue. The car show was well-attended with over a hundred cars, they cater in lunch for the car show (you'll stand in food lines for over a half hour at the festival) and everyone was super nice and friendly. Yes, a common question repeated was, "Why would you drive down here from Ohio?" Our car won the MGA class and I captured the Distance Award at about 700 miles (it's an MG, odometer not operational). After the show, I headed home, choosing a MUCH better route up through SC than roads used on the way down, thankfully. I stopped at about 11pm at a hotel in SW Virginia. Sunday's drive was then US23 up to the new bridge over the Ohio at Ironton and the new limited-access highway SR823 which rejoins 23 just below Chillicothe and my lunch location. Stair-stepping up through West Central Ohio got me home by late afternoon, safe and sound, no break-downs, just a lot of almost \$5 a gallon 93 octane gas. I want to thank Ron for asking for a recap of my trip and hope you find my craziness at least a little understandable. It's great fun and an accomplishment when the car makes the entire trip with no problems! Kim and I will probably attend again in a future year if the Carolina British Classics falls on a weekend which avoids her usual vendor show. Probably one of the nicest things was the wonderful opportunity to see the trees, shrubs and flowers in full bloom down there and now we have that up here. Happy Spring, everyone!



Dayton Dragons outing and Pub Run

By Ron Parks

We had a good turnout for the Dragons game and pub run to Jimmy's Ladder 11. Sam counted 13 MGs on the plaza attracting lots of attention before and after the game. And, the Dragons won! Was a good time! We will most likely do it again next year.





Rainy Day at Brits in the Burg show at BTM

By Ron Parks

Attendance was low because of the rain. Hence the three members of the MG Car Club Southwestern Ohio Centre are show here holding their uncontested awards; Steve Milby with his recently acquired MGTD, Dave and Lois Gribler with their MGCGT & Ron Parks with his Triumph TR4A.. It was a good time nonetheless with good camaraderie and good food from the grill!



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.. Not much happened this month. We are into that busy summertime. We are still working on getting all the lights working. To connect wiring to the light switch, we decided the dash needed to be loosened. Also discovered that some bulbs were bad and some wiring was faulty.

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.

Safety  *Fast*

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1973 MGB GT. Restoration completed April 2011. Driven locally in great weather only for 16,300 miles. Always garaged. Photos from resto process to current times available. Trouble free strong runner, non OD example. Stainless steel exhaust. More information available, \$15,200 or nearest offer. Includes new additional parts, Email or call mjonagap26@gmail.com, 513-515-9500. (6-26)

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)

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- Annual Convention**
In conjunction with a sponsor, Chrysler, we sponsor a convention throughout a different part of the United States or Canada. This is a day event featuring strong local and international MGs. In 2026, NAMGBR International will take place in Sandusky, OH.
- Car Insurance**
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- Dark Plaque**
To commemorate your membership in NAMGBR, you receive a dark plaque to display in your car from either a sponsor or NAMGBR.
- 100,000/200,000 Mile Register**
For your MG, you'll receive the distinction and benefit of over 100,000 or 200,000 miles. NAMGBR honors this achievement with a class plaque your car can wear with pride.
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We look forward to having you as a member of NAMGBR!

MG International 2026 – Sandusky, OH

Article by Glenn Frasca

The MG International event will be a fabulous opportunity to see and talk with SO MANY other MG owners! In early May, I had personal business in Sandusky, Ohio....in addition to the extracurricular activities shared on the MG International website, I have crafted this article to provide more insight to make the most of your journey!



Lake Erie Perch Dining:

- [Lake Fish Company](#) 5.0 (5 reviews)
 - o "Very nice people to work with. Very friendly. **Fish** are filleted in the spot."
- [Dockside Cafe](#) 4.3 (224 reviews)
 - o "Dockside has awesome **perch** tacos! Great portion and they were super yummy."
- [Shore House Tavern](#) 4.5 (141 reviews)
 - o "It was super cheesy but didn't taste the cheese. We, of course, ordered **perch** which was AWESOME."
- [DeMore's Offshore Bar & Grill](#) 4.2 (378 reviews)
 - o "Our **perch** sandwiches were fried to perfection and the taste of fresh perch on a fresh bun cannot be..."

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Here are links to MG International 2026 official website & additional Info:

[MG INTERNATIONAL 2026](#)

<http://mgcarclubswohio.com/images/temp/MGInternational2026.pdf>

Minutes from May Club Meeting

By Sam Hodges

President Terry Looft called the May 2026 meeting of the MGCC SWOC to order, for the first time precisely at 7:30. President Terry, "A part of the job I don't like. Condolences to Dave McCann Jr. & Art Barnes. They were both enthusiasts for as long as I can remember. You guys need anything, just let us know." Condolences from the MGCC to Art & Dave, Jr.

President Looft continued, "The MGC is coming along, but not much has been done. The body is on the table. I drug my feet on the transmission. I pulled the side cover off and the gears were as sharp as razor blades." Dave McCann, "Sharp as razor blades seems pretty worn." Terry, "The edges on the angles were 90 degrees. Better?"

Vice President's Report was next. Vice President Chris Muia, "I went to a car show down in Loveland. It was a small show limited to 60-cars. I took the Midget and there was a Sprite. We were the only British cars. It was a nice show. Otherwise, nothing."

Minutes were the next thing on the agenda. Eddie Hill motioned to accept the Minutes as reported. Sue Scocozzo seconded. MGCC voted. Minutes were approved. Secretary Sam Hodges opposed. "What a tissue of lies!"

Treasurer's Report was next on the agenda. Treasurer John. Scocozzo, "For May, the MGCC had a gain of squat yet again. Total gain to the MGCC was \$0. There were loses of P.O. Box rental (\$196.00) + Erie Insurance Premium (\$400.00) + Tune-Up Clinic supplies [coffee & donuts] (\$15.44) + Drives, Dinners, & Outings (\$158.24) for a total loss to the MGCC of \$769.68. Total loses, when adjusted for total gains means a loss to the MGCC of \$769.68. When subtracted from our beginning balance of \$1,216.19 leaves the MGCC with an ending balance of \$446.15 in the primary checking account at the end of May. There was need to transfer out of the savings account \$1,000.00. After the transfer, the checking account now has \$1,446.51. The savings account after the transfer and the application of \$0.12 in interest now has \$1,886.19. Total ending balance of all accounts was \$3,402.70 with \$70.00 as cash on hand." Ron Parks motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. John Florkey seconded. MGCC voted. Treasurer's report approved.

Membership Chairwoman Carole Looft was next.

Carole, "You're not doing very well. You're still sitting at 60 members." Terry, "I'm waiting on the price to come down before I hit Walmart."

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

Activities with Eddie. Eddie Hill, "The Dragons game is Sunday, May 31st." (*See elsewhere in the newsletter for a report of how it went*). Ron Parks, "Perrysburg is coming up Sunday, June 7th. We're meeting at the Shell gas station across from the Buc-ee's. Be there by 7:45. Were going straight up 235 all the way. Hopefully they won't be flooded out. We should get there around 10:30. I plan to come back on 235 so I can stop at the De Graff Creamery if you want to follow me." Eddie continued, "The following Sunday are the Mid-Ohio Vintage races. Friday June 19th

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is the TRC gathering. It's in East liberty. If you're not going, or even if you are and are a glutton for punishment, the Voss Hoss Cruise-In is also that same Friday night, June 19th.

Sunday June 28th is our 60th anniversary dinner at the Outback Steakhouse on St.Rt. 725 near the Dayton Mall. As always, BCD is the first Saturday, Aug 1. The all MG meet in Sandusky is Aug 24th-28th." Terry Looft, "As a result, the Aug meeting will be the 3rd Wednesday, Aug. 19th since the rest of us are going to be in Sandusky. September is the Peachtree Registry show. This year it's in Hiawassee, Georgia. It's been moved. Registration is now open.

Sunshine Committee was next. Carole Looft, "No one."

Newsletter Editor-for-Life, Ron Parks, "I'd like to apologize to Leslie Hunter for too many S's. Thanks for sending in the article about your 1957 MGA." Leslie, "It's actually a 1958." Ron, "So there's something else to apologize for. So far I don't have a car to feature next month. I'm polishing up my Triumph article if I don't get something. Keep the articles coming."

Webmaster John Scocozzo, "When I posted the article online, I was looking at what Ron sent, not the article. I'll change the '57 to '58. Otherwise, the internet is still there, I think."

Beer Brake called at 7:48

Back from Break 8:03.

Old Business. Dar Planeaux, "Here." Ron, "Thank you Dar."

President Looft, "Is there anything else to say about the anniversary dinner? Do we need a count?" Carole, "I've already solicited. We're good."

BCD: John Scocozzo, "The last of the hoops for the park is done. The non-profit designation, the insurance. It's all done. Now we're just waiting for the day of the show and the troop of volunteers." Eddie, "I went out there on Monday just to drive the MG. All the orange fencing is gone. The playground is there, but we are still going to use the Rugby field." John Scocozzo, "Our permit is for the rugby field, so we'll be there this year too." Ron, "Will we ever go back to the old spot?" No one knows for sure. After some discussion, it's apparent that the rugby field might be the preferred spot anyway.

Carole, "The Sandusky t-shirts are in and we are in the process of printing them."

British Museum of Transportation. Ed Wolf, "There's lots going on at the Museum. There are vehicles being disassembled and reassembled. We just had a car show." Ron, "Bill Hunter and I are still working on the MGA. Mike Hirsch won the car wash & wax contest to clean the wire wheels. I actually have something for him."

New Business. Terry Looft, "We need to think about my authority to spend money. Right now the President is limited to \$100 without prior authorization. Flowers aren't \$100 anymore. We probably need to increase the pre-authorization a little bit. Maybe to \$150." Lois Gribler motioned to raise the limit to \$150. Scott seconded. MGCC quickly agreed. *Almost as quickly as we elect people.*

Tech Tips. Terry, “John Twist has been talking about coming to my shop in Wilmington and doing a workshop.” Lois, “I’m in...” Anna, “I’ll bring snacks”. Sam, “I’ve got plenty of donor things for him to demonstrate on.” MGCC expressed LOTS of interest so make this happen President Looft!

For Sale. Ron, “I still have the Triumph grille. It’ll make your MG unique.” Carole, “Probably better for target practice.”

Gumball Rallye, was won by Andy Hein. Andy left at beer break so Eddie took the money. Whether Andy actually ever gets it, no one knows.

Next Meeting is June 24th.

Motion to Adjourn: Sue Scocozzo motions to adjourn at 8:15. Dar seconded. Meeting adjourned.

British Car Humour

