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INDY BRITISH MOTOR DAYS

Caravan to Indy British Motor Days

By Ron Parks

On Sunday September 29th at about 8:15am, a caravan of four MG'S left the Meijer parking lot in Englewood bound for Indianapolis Raceway Park. Only the three with their tops up were destined to complete the journey. After snapping a picture of John and Linda Wolfe's black MGA in my driver's side mirror, I realized their lights were on, the signal to pull over. When we stopped on the exit ramp and Linda got out of the car, she seemed to be pointing down at my car. I know my exhaust system needs replacing, maybe part of it is hanging down? But, no, their "A" was running rough and they didn't want to get too far away from home with it. They came along later in another car.

So, with Skip and Jennifer Peterson in the lead in their red MGB, followed by John and Jo Ann Zeno in their red MGA with beer trailer in tow, and me and a friend (Dick Wildman) in my green MGB; we pressed on. It was a beautiful day for a car show again this year.



Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club

MG Car Club Monthly Meeting

The Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Lithuanian Social Club, 922 Valley Street, Dayton, at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be:

October 16, 1996

NEW OFFICERS

MG Car Club Officers

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Club Membership Information
Membership dues of the Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club are eighteen (\$18.00) per year, payable during September and October. On January 1st, the names of delinquent members are removed from the roster. See Linda Wolfe for further membership information.

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- Pay Dues soon for admittance to Xmas party -
Important to re-join!

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- TUES - 7:30 MARTHA'S PIZZA SHROVEIL

Besides those of us in the caravan, other club members who attended the show were: George Chase, Mike Maloney and Randy Balogh.

We no more than finished voting when it was time for the track tour. It was fun, but not quite as exciting as our lap around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in June.

After we had toured the track, had a brat and visited the beer trailer, Dick and I were ready to hit the vendors. The rest of the caravan headed for home. We stayed and would have picked up awards for club members had they won some. Talked to Randy after the awards and then departed for home.

Three miles from home, my alternator light came on real bright. It has been glowing faintly for a long time. I had mentioned this to Dick on the way over, saying that several people had told me that it will run like that for a

Upcoming Events

October:

- 13 Fall Leaf Tour 3 Hour Cruise End at Randy Balogh's.
- 16 MGCC Meeting in Lithuania Club
- 18 Hayride 7pm \$5 Adults, \$3 Children 6-17

November:

- 2 Highway Cleanup at McD's in Vandalia
- 15 Fish Fry at the Lithuania Club
- 20 MGCC Meeting in Lithuania Club

December:

- 7 Christmas Party at Wagner's

January:

- 15 MGCC Meeting in Lithuania Club

February

- 19 MGCC Meeting in Lithuania Club

TBD Events:

Historical Tour Yellow Springs Area (Maybe in the spring?)

Bring booze, amuse
own drinks alcohol
- NEXT IR TOUR -
CLUB
MID-LATE APR.

gonna go sometime" was Dick's reply. He was right and it's time was up. I made it home, took the alternator out had it rebuilt at the

having to tow his midget home from Richmond.

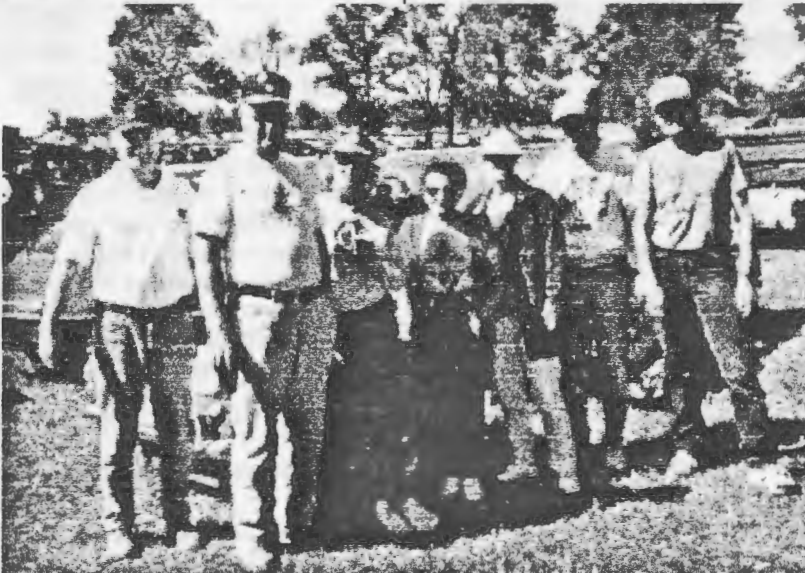
Minutes of September Meeting

By Linda Wolfe

Dan Wagner called the meeting to order at 8:05pm. The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved.

Linda Wolfe read the treasurer's report. We had a starting balance of \$470.44, income of \$91.01, and expenses of \$25.00 for an ending balance of \$536.45.

We discussed many events. Our 30th Anniversary Party at Zeno's on September 28th. The club will provide the beer, pop and steaks! Skip gave a report that Dick & Carol Smith have been in the club



Mike Maloney, John Zeno, Linda Wolfe, Jo Ann Zeno, Jennifer Peterson, Skip Peterson & Ron Parks at Indy British Motor Days.

long time. Come to think of it, Dave Gribler did tell me I should look for a rebuilt one at Indy last summer. Humm? "yah, but it's

Electric Garage and was back on the road Wednesday. I could very easily have been in the same situation as Tim Oricko last year,

= Sandnes -
- Spring Tour

Steve Miller - Mini-tech seminar
- Saturday afternoon

from the beginning and John and Linda Wolfe have been in the club for 29 years. - Holiday at Home Show: Skip Peterson was a judge. Joe Hooker and John Lucente came in 2nd and 3rd. - Fall Leaf Tour: The date has been changed to Sunday October 13th. The tour will leave from Skip & Jennifer Peterson's house, 4400 Wing View Drive, Kettering, at 12:00. The tour will be about 90 miles with a break at Houston Woods and will end up at Randy and Linda Balogh's home for a cookout. The club will provide meat and drinks. No covered dishes this time! Skip will send out flyers and asked for an RSVP. - Hayride date is October 18th starting at 7:00pm The cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 for children between the ages of 6-17 - Lithuanian Fish Fry reminder for September 20th, October 4th, & November 15th - Highway Clean up is scheduled for September 28th at 9:00am. Meet at McDonalds in Vandalia - BCCD meeting report - we had 150 cars with a profit of approximately \$1600 to be divided up between the MGCC and the Triumph Club. It was decided to sign a contract with the city for future car shows at Eastwood Lake Park - Matt Schneider offered to have the tune-up clinic in the spring.

Election of Officers -

- Skip Peterson, President
- Karl Sparklin, Vice-President
- Ellen Sparklin, Secretary
- Dick Smith, Treasurer
- Matt Schneider, Member at Large
- Dan Wagner, Member at Large
- Linda Wolfe, Membership Chair

John and Opal Page were guests at the meeting

Ron Parks was thanked for the excellent job that he is doing on our newsletter.


Tim Oricko won the Gumball Rally for the end of the year. He gets a years free membership plus \$15.00.

want this job?) President. I do hope that the club can provide the information, tech info, car parts, driving events, get-togethers that make you want to be a part of this group. If there's something you think we should do, let me know. This is a democracy, of the people, by the people and for the people. These people drive MG's so let the

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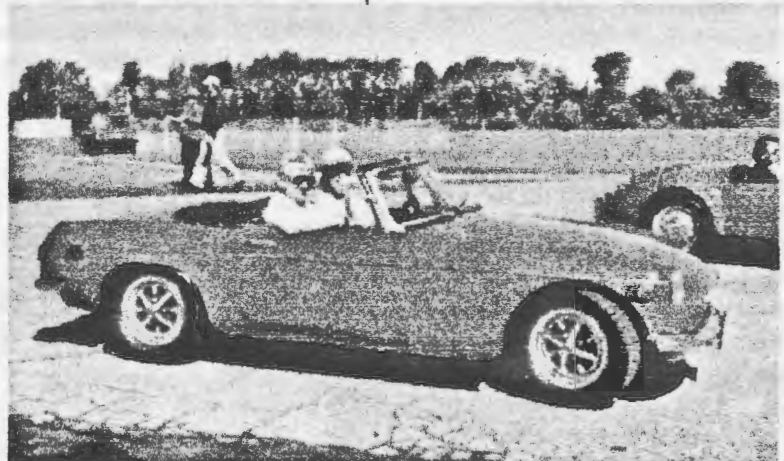
From the President

Skip Peterson

This is the first of what will be an irregular feature in the newsletter, a column from the president. I'm flattered and honored to have been elected (uncontested, does anyone

people speak.

We have a busy time ahead, with the fall tour on the 13th, a hayride on the 18th, and then preparing our cars for either winter storage or driving and the Christmas Party with Vicki and Dan Wagner. Linda Wolfe and Jane Powell are trying to make sure that Jim Pesta of AutoGraphics joins us at the November meeting so we can all complete our Safety Fast Christmas



Ron & Cynthia Culbertson - 325-9167

shopping during the beer break. It can be a long break if necessary, be sure to bring Visa, MasterCard, checks and cash. If you also haven't renewed your membership for the coming year, please do. Linda Wolfe is the membership chair and she wants to hear from you.

Now, I'm going to take a minute to express my thoughts, a columnists perogative.

These opinions are those of the writer, and are neither endorsed nor approved by the editor, the MGCC SW OhioCentre, or any of the members of the car club, or anyone else for that matter. Just my thoughts, many of them collected while cruising along I-70 heading east from the Indy British Motor Days. Cruising in the right lane, about 60 mph, with the Zeno's and the Wolfe's following. Enjoying what these cars were built for, a sunny afternoon, the top down, the countryside moving by, having a great time. We had cruised west to Indy in the morning, enjoyed 4 or 5 hours at a British car show, and then headed home; and what did we encounter?, Public enemy Number 1- BAD DRIVERS.

While my alledged career is a newspaper photographer, I really spend about 50 per cent of my work time behind the wheel of a car, about 45,000 miles per year. I also spend a lot of time behind the wheel of the B, the Prelude, and the Toyota. I've been driving for 29 years, and I raced go-karts for 6 years before that. I'm proud to say that I have never caused or been

cited for a traffic accident. I have been hit in the rear three times. I readily admit that I have had numerous speeding tickets (most during the teenage years), but I have been clean for the last five years.

But what's happening on the road today is nearing disaster; people who are in too much of hurry, who

THE SLIDEJOB: there is exactly one car length between you and the car ahead, but they find a way to squeeze in. Let's hope it's not a tailgater behind you when you tap the brakes.

THE WINNER: he's the guy who's always giving you the number one sign with his middle finger, while small parts of his car drag the ground and only one tail light works. His car won't pass E-Check either,

THE RIGHT SIDE PASSER: residential neighborhood or freeway, they always pass on the right, because it's there. Never mind that it's the most dangerous move known to man kind, they are very late for something and they'll pass at all costs.

THE SEMI HATER: on the freeway, they change to the fast lane while a semi is approaching and slow down, just to put those truck cowboys in their place. I'm not a scientist, but I do know that 100,000 lbs of rolling steel going 70 mph is no match for any car or van in it's way, no matter who is driving the car.

These are just a few of my favorite jerks behind the wheel, who I see all too often, which is why I decided to write this. I see them way too often. At some point, I've been everyone of them. At this point, I'm trying to make sure I never fall into those categories again, because they are disrespectful and dangerous people on the road.

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appear to have little concern for anyone else, and who abuse their privilege while manhandling a lethal weapon, their car.

Driving is not a right, it is a privilege. And while we are behind the wheel, we are ultimately responsible for the well being of our passengers, and also the well being of those driving around us. We are only entitled to our fair share of the road. Let's talk about the attitude and behaviour of some of my favorite drivers.

THE TAIL-GATER: who is in such a hurry that no matter how fast we are going, they are only inches behind. When you hit someone in the rear, it is always your fault.



Driving is supposed to be fun, and take us places. The hospital or jail is not the intended destination.

Thank you From Zeno's

By John & Jo Ann Zeno

We want to extend special thanks to Bob Knupp for furnishing the beer and ice for our 30th Anniversary party. Thanks also goes to Dan & Barbara Inlow for bringing the corn and for shucking it, Paul Wehner for bringing the grill, Linda Wolfe & Frank Crabtree for help and contributions. And, to all of you for coming and bringing all the good food and good company!

From the Editor

Ron Parks

Thank you John & Jo Ann Zeno for hosting our 30th Anniversary party at your home. Speaking of which, Barbara Inlow, this is especially for you, but also for anyone else who is interested in making the chili pepper baked beans that Linda brought to the party:

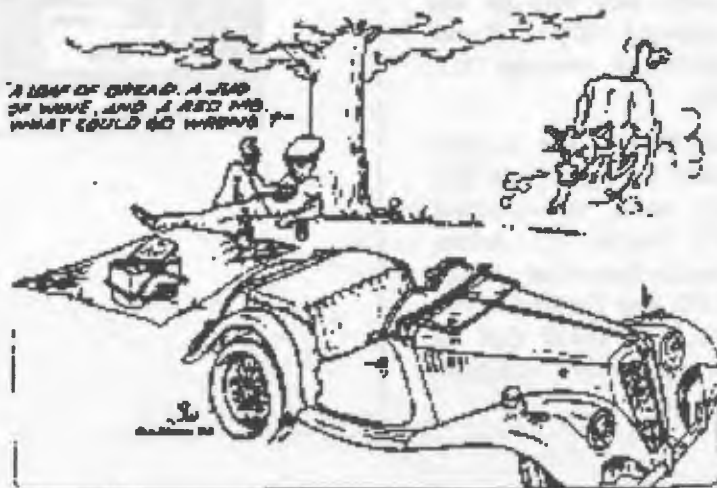
Season your baked beans as you normally would with catsup, onions, mustard, brown sugar and

worcestershire sauce as desired. Use several different kinds of beans; pork & beans, butter beans, pinto, northern, kidney and red beans. Add 1 lb. ground beef, browned and drained along with one can of diced green chili peppers. Bake as you would any other baked beans.

Looks like my car and Skip's car pictured coming off the track at Indy British Motor Days are the member featured cars this month.

Still looking for a member car to feature in the November issue. If you have a nice picture of your car, with or without you in it, please send it to me with information, such as modifications you've made, trips you've made and any other interesting side lights. I bet there are things about your car or the history of your car that some of the other members don't know and would find interesting. So, don't be shy! Enter your car today! The Club will pay \$1,000 for each car featured. See club treasurer Dick Smith for payment? **Good Luck on that one!**

Regarding Classifieds - All classified listed here will be dropped next month unless I hear



from you to the contrary. If you want your classified to run longer, just let me know. Also, if anyone has new classified ads, send them to me for inclusion in the November issue.

Remember, any and all contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. You can mail them to me at 4101 Grossepoint Street, Springfield, OH 45502. Or if you prefer the information super highway, my E-Mail address is: FKZS47A@prodigy.com I'm also on the British Cars BBS as Ron Parks. Any of those methods will work fine or you can call me at home (322-0717) or at work (445-4623) and we can arrange to meet and transfer materials or conduct an interview.

* Classified *

'51' TD for sale - White with red interior. Steve Miller rewired and fixed the brakes. \$ 13,000, will negotiate. Ed Barry, Centerville, 885-3562

'76' MG Midget partially restored: new kingpins and bushings; lots of spares: extra doors and bumpers, extra dash pad (no cracks). With trailer, single axle with tilt and ramps. Asking \$ 1,000. Call work (813) 4465455 or evenings (813) 586-5990

'67'MGB, Classic Blue Roadster Convertible, Vintage Sports Car, 74K orig miles, rare-of-a-kind, Collector's Dream, EC, Asking \$4995. Serious Buyers only. Robert Cross, 1102 Bay Harbour Circle, Centerville, OH 45458 Call for Weekend Appts only. (513)438-0518.

'66' Midget Basket Case, wire wheels, 1275cc engine, \$500, Randy Balogh, (513)933-0950

'62' MGB, Serial #159 which means it was the 59th one built, needs restoring, \$3500, Randy Balogh, (513)933-0950.

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