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CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Night Before the Party

By Ron Parks

T'was the night before the party, when all through the house, creatures were scurrying, Dan and his spouse. They'd been working for days, rather months or a year, now it was time, the time, it was here. Vickie made candy, cookies and stuff, Dan's old toy train, with a cloth he did buff. With the house looking good, all spic and span, they decided to rest and sleep if they can. Vickie in her kerchief and Dan in his cap, boy what a sight, it's a shame we missed that! Dan thought as he lay there trying to sleep, of the porch he had painted, you can see from the street. Visions of sugar plums? But, wait there's more, it appeared again, what is it, a door. Doors that need painted, doors with no frame, he shouted and whistled and called them by name. Now Kitchen door, bathroom, front and side too, I've painted you all, I'm finished, I'm through! Vickie said with a start, what, you're dreaming, take care, in hopes that slumber soon would be there. She heard him exclaim as he drifted off, Merry Christmas, Bah Hum Bug, he seemed to scoff.



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:

January 15, 1997

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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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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Commentary

By John Wolfe

Randy and Skip really put on a great tour. Randy and his wife Linda were great hosts.

Randy even provided an MGB to batter with a sledge hammer. But, a strange thing happened. The car was obviously at the end of it's life, but no one had the heart to beat on it. Perhaps no one wanted to add to the abuse that it suffered from previous owners, perhaps we just love MG's. I really doubt if we could beat up any sports car. Randy, I'll bet if you give us a Yugo next year, we could really get into it.

See you at the meeting.

MG Car Club Christmas Party

By Ron Parks

The annual MG Car Club Christmas party was held at Dan and Vickie Wagners house Saturday evening December 7th. The house looked great. Dan and Vickie deserve a big Thank you!

There was plenty of good food, drink, fun and of course valuable gifts. Linda Parks was lucky person, or unlucky as it were, who was sitting next to the Christmas tree and opened the first gift. She didn't keep it long. The expletive generator proved to be a popular

Upcoming Events

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
28 **BCD Meeting** at Marians Pizza Town & Country

February

- 19 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

March

- 15 **St. Patty's Day Party** at Gribler's
19 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

April

- 16 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club
27 **Tune-up Clinic** at Matt Schneider's

May

- 21 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

June

- 18 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

July

- 16 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

August

- 2 **BCD-97** at Eastwood Park
20 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

September

- 17 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

October

- 15 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

November

- 19 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

TBD Events:

Historical Tour Yellow Springs Area (Late May or early June?)

gift and changed hands many times throughout the course of gift opening. You push a button and a blue streak comes out. Also, a popular apparel item was the MG bras. Two of them appeared this

year. Several other gifts reappeared from the past too.

We would like to get the recipe for the fresh salsa dip that someone brought? So, whoever you are, fess up.

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his little garage would make a great Christmas card picture.

I think I speak for everyone there, when I say to Dan and Vickie, "We know you two worked really hard preparing for this party and we sincerely appreciate it. Thank you!"



The group above is evidence of the good food and drink. Paul Wehn(de)er, left, was certainly having a good time and there was John Lucente using the expletive generator again. Dan Inlow was just shaking his head.

The house was completed and looked really good, however there was some evidence of birds in Dan's garage, right there on his GT. He said he was going to take care of that on Sunday.

I told Dan that with a little snow on the ground, his MG in front of



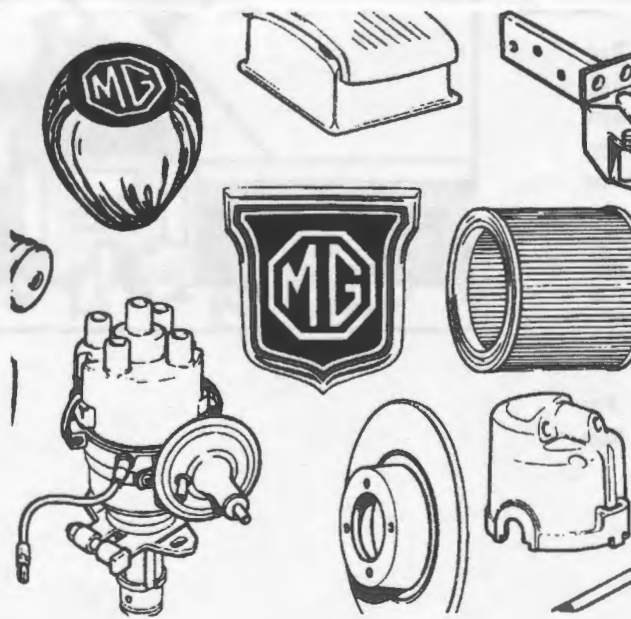


Dick Smith and Ed Hill are pictured here dealing Showdown at the Lithuanian Social Club Fish Fry on November 15th as Matt Schneider shuffles cards. Other Showdown workers from the MG Car Club were, Karen Hill, Ron Parks, John & Linda Wolfe, and Dan Inlow.

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*From the Editor's family
to yours*

May your Christmas dreams come true!



From the Editor

Ron Parks

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 *

'52' TD for sale - The late Roy Woods car. Recent engine rebuild, front end rebuild, new top, new upholstery, low ratio new axle, new tires, battery. - \$10,000 - Call Joe Hooker (513) 426-1128

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