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BCD '97' BIGGEST EVER

BCD '97 is History

By Skip Peterson

BCD '97 is over and I'm a little disappointed that it is. While it takes lots of people and lots of work, what a great feeling to look out over Eastwood MetroPark and see 175 cars crammed onto the show field. It was a new record turnout, and despite a brief shower that had people scrambling to get those tops up, the day turned out to be a huge success. Why does it take 4 people to put up the top, and only one to put it down?

That's where all of you volunteers fit into the mix. I have been involved in volunteer groups since 1975, putting on conventions, seminars and trade shows with photography organizations, and I will state that I have never worked with a better group of people.

Everyone who stepped up to the plate, no matter whether it was parking a car or counting ballots, picking up trash or printing a sign, you all did whatever you said you would, and you did it well. Without each of you completing your task, we wouldn't have pulled it off. I'll also say we have never had a better show. Many of the award winners said thanks for a



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:

August 20, 1997

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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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Upcoming Events

August

- 1 **Pre-BCD '97'** at Courthouse Square 11am to 1pm
- 2 **BCD '97'** at Eastwood Park
- 20 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

September

- 13 **Highway Clean-up** Mc-D's in Vandalia 9:00am
- 13 **Picnic** At Sparklin's in the Afternoon
- 14 **Concourse Car Show** at Natural History Museum (Museum of Discovery)
- 17 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club
- 26-28 **Indy British Motor Days** at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

October

- 3 **Fish Fry** at Lithuania Club 6-10pm
- 15 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

November

- 1 **Highway Clean-up** Mc-D's in Vandalia 9:00am
- 7 **Fish Fry** at Lithuania Club 6-10pm
- 19 **MGCC Meeting** in Lithuania Club

December

- 6 **Christmas Party** At Skip & Jennifer Peterson's.

great show as they received their plaques, and that reflects well on all of us. THANK YOU!

I am going to go out on a limb and present the first "Rookies of the Year" award to Dan and Barbara Inlow. When Dan pulled in with the flatbed trailer, loaded to the top with grills, extension cords, fans, tables, ladders, canopy's, coolers, utensils and God knows what else, I knew we had a player on that team. Barbara commented " I think he brought about half the garage and some of the kitchen." Barbara also got to drive the "B" to the show, another first for her Jennifer kept asking Dan to stop calling her "Boss Lady", but he politely refused.

Despite a few minor glitches (no Land Rovers showed up so we changed that class to Lotus, no

Sunbeams or Tigers, where are you guys?, and just a handful of Sprites) I think all of the participants went home happy. We closed balloting an hour early due to the rain and proceeded to hand out the awards at 2 pm, dispensing with the parade of winners due to the cramped quarters and wet grounds. We'll try to get that worked out for next year so we can do a parade.

Ken Smith and Harry Haig of Moss Motors joined us for the first time with the MossMobile, and they also joined us on Courthouse Square on Friday at the preview show. That preview event gathered 29 cars and the downtown lunchtime crowd was really impressed.

We had some very unique cars attend this year. Dr. Ted Bernstein brought his recently completed Arnolt-Bristol racer and also an Allard J2. Pierre Moreau of Tallahassee, Florida towed his MGT and stopped by our show on his way to an Antique Automobile Club of America National event. Moreau captured the win in the T



BCD '97' Preview show at lunchtime Friday August 1 on Court House Square in Downtown Dayton. Photo By Skip Peterson

series with the beautiful car

I understand we also had an entrant from Canada. The long distance award went to Mel Finch of Kansas City, who with his wife drove 630 miles to our show, to see his old roommate Joe Hooker. Finch and Hooker had not seen each other since 1956, and the reunion took place on Courthouse Square on Friday about 11 am. The common bond of the MG's reunited the two and they had a great weekend. Finch's green MGB bears license plates EBL-POD, electrics by Lucas, Prince of Darkness.

John Lucente was seen using masking tape to repair a stripped thread on a distributor plate, getting that engine running smoothly again, and in the process recruiting another new club member.

There are lots more stories to tell about BCD, I know I have forgotten some, but I do know we had a great time and all of you made it a huge success. When the rains came, only 2 cars put up their tops and headed for home, and that must say something about our show.

Again, thank you for your hard work, and next year, we'll get 200 cars in the park.

BCD '97' Winners:

Best of Show- Larry and Nancy Beasley, Austin Healey 3000

Austin Healey 100-Greg Sipe, Dayton

Austin Healey Sprite- Don Cima, Dayton

MGT- Pierre Moreau, Tallahassee Florida

MGA-John Lucente, Dayton, OH

MGB chrome-Debbie Meine, Dayton

MGB rubber-Pete Shields

MG Midget-George Chase, Cincinnati

TR 2&3-Larry Beasley, Dayton

TR 4&250-Bruce Clough, Dayton

TR 6-Mike & Mara McKitrick, Dayton

TR 7&8-Ellis Ball, Dayton

Spitfire & GT-6-John Clark,



BCD'97' Best of Show, Larry & Nancy Beasley's Austin Healey 3000 Photo By Ron Parks

Austin Healey 3000-Larry and Nancy Beasley, Dayton

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The Tradition Continues

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By John Wolfe

The second generation of Wolfe Racing had his first race a Kil Kare Speedway on July 18th. Our Son

Clark finished the race with the engine and body of his yellow number 74; '81' Camero intact. We had a few problems, but nothing serious, which we sort of expected for the first time out. Racing only left turns requires a very different and complicated setup. You basically have to

suit on, a small boy asked for his autograph which he graciously gave.

He'll be racing on Friday nights at Kil Kare Speedway with six lap qualifications beginning at 7:00. The race itself is 12 laps. Should you want to come and watch, check with me first to make sure he's racing on a given Friday.

Sunday we watched the third generation race. My grandson Daniel had a B.M.X. race. The tradition continues.

And now for something completely different. People have often wondered why I bother to change my own oil. I'm afraid it's the wee bit of my Scottish ancestry that makes me do it. We recently received an ad for an oil

change for our Jaguar. They wanted \$58.95 to do the job. My cost was \$15.00 for oil an filter plus about \$2.00 for oil dry. I saved about 42.95. You really don't know the intense sensation of hot oil running down your arm into your armpit. Wow! What fun? and my concrete floors will never rust.



Moss Mobile & Rubber Bumper B's at BCD '97 Photo By Skip Peterson

unbalance the car to stick in the turns which is completely foreign to me. We are learning!

Clark races in Street Stock Beginners class. It was cause for celebration when he passed his first car. Then while sitting in the stands after his race with his driver

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BCD'97' Photo By Skip Peterson

MG Automotive Racing Update

By Ron Parks

The team raced at Mid-Ohio on July 26-27 and at Nelson Ledges on BCD weekend, August 2-3. At Mid-Ohio Steve Miller finished 1st on Saturday and did not race on Sunday after losing the rear end differential on the Spitfire. Bob Mason finished in second place on Saturday and Sunday. These results were good enough to keep Steve in the lead for the Mid-Ohio Challenge.

The man who won ahead of Bob on Sunday, Bobby Wolfe, is one of the best drivers according to Steve. His car was broken down on Saturday and then Steve's was on Sunday. Had they raced against each other, who knows?

Nelson Ledges is a rough track that beats up the cars and drivers. It had recently been resurfaced, but was still rough. At Nelson Ledges, they say you're racing against the track not other drivers. In spite of a starter coming lose and a door flying open Steve Miller finished first both days at Nelson Ledges, racing in Bob Mason's Sprite. Bob didn't race that weekend. Steve's son Jeff and Neil Brown served as his pit crew and a busy one at that. They fixed the loose door with a bunji cord.

At this point in the season Steve not only leads the Mid-Ohio Challenge, but also holds down

second place in the Regional SCCA standings.

They will be racing again on September 6 and September 20-21, both weekends at Mid-Ohio.

Minutes of July Meeting

Submitted by fill-in Secretary,
Karl Sparklin

At 8:02, Skip attempted to get the club's attention by throwing the club banner to the floor, covering it in Gumball Rally tickets and cigarette ashes, but it didn't work. So at 8:05, Skip tried the beer-bottle-bang. That worked.

14 members had shown up for the July cleanup, completing the task in record time of about one-and-a-half hours. Nice going! The next one will be on September 13, followed by a picnic at the Sparklin's, who must be insane.

Tony Pareaseau and Mike Maloney got awards at the Cincinnati show last month.

Indy British Motor Days are Sept.

27, 28. If anyone is interested in staying over Saturday night, speak up! This may turn into an outing!

While it was over 90 degrees outside, someone suggested a date for the Xmas party: December 6. Mark your calendars!

It was announced that the next British Car Day meeting was to be on July 24th. Friday, August 1st, MG owners are invited to show up downtown at Courthouse Square from 11am to 1pm. That night, at 5:30, the last preparation meeting will be held at Eastwood Park.

Two fish-fries are coming up this fall at the Lithuanian Social Club: Oct. 3 and Nov. 7, from 6-10pm. MG club members are encouraged to show up and help with the gambling activities to keep the nice landlords happy! We need about 10 people, and excellent food is included. Not to mention beer.

Much time was spent after the beer break discussing details surrounding BCD, with volunteers coming fast and furious.

Jane Powell won the Gumball Rally.



Tim & Mike Oricko's MG Midget at BCD'97' Photo By Skip Peterson

From the Editor

Ron Parks

Those of us who attended BCD '97 own the member featured cars for the month of August, however, next month I'll need an article from someone featuring their car. Please consider sharing some stories about your car or cars.

You received your newsletter early this month because I'll be out of the country the second week of August, fishing in Canada. Thank you Skip, Karl and John for getting your stuff to me early.

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 *

'61' Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite. Frame-off restoration, burgundy paint, fresh 948 engine, wire wheels, previous award winner at BCD, \$10,000. Call Tim at 299-1018

'62' MG Midget First year Midget imported to U.S.) Runs good needs some body work, new interior not installed, some restoration

completed \$2,000. Call Tim at 299-1018

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'71 MGB BRG, 71,000 miles, restored, \$8,000. Call Andrea & Ron at (937) 426-7748

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