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BCD '99' COMING SOON

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BCD '99'

By Skip Peterson

It's getting close to show time! Things are well under control with preregistration well ahead of last year. Our next BCD meeting will be Tuesday, July 20th at 7:30 pm at Marions' Pizza in Town and Country. If things are under control, we'll meet again on Friday, August 6 at 6:30 pm at Eastwood Park to stuff goodie bags and layout the show field. We'll also have a preview show that day at Courthouse Square at 11 am. Please let me know if you're planning on coming to Courthouse Square. We do need volunteers for parking on the morning of the show, and also to staff the concession stand. Fast Eddie Hill won't be at the July meeting so I'm told I'm in charge.

Plan on an extra beer break!

Fraze

Photo by Skip Peterson



Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club

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 mailing list. See Linda Wolfe for further membership information.

MG Car Club Monthly Meeting

The Southwestern Ohio Centre of the MG Car Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the K of C Hall, downtown Dayton, on Bainbridge Street, at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be:

Wednesday July 28, 1999

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Upcoming Events

July

- 11 **Cincinnati** Car Show
 21-23 **MG at the Bend** Regional GT, Ontario
 28 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

August

- 6 **Court House Square Pre-BCD** Car Show (11-1)
 7 **British Car Day** at Eastwood Park
 15 **Summer Picnic** at Goodman's
 18-22 **MG Summer Party University Motors** Grand Rapids
 Featured car will be MG "C"
 25 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

September

- 22 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

October

- 27 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

November

- 24 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

June 2000

- 15-18 **Cleveland Rocks, MG Roll**
 9TH Annual NAMGB Register International Convention

Concours d'Elegance

By Skip Peterson

I'm going to be looking for the 16 class marshals we need for the Discovery Concours d'Elegance on Sept 12 at the Museum of Discovery. The class marshals will need to spend the day at the show site, arriving by 7 am, and then making sure that all of the cars are properly presented, make sure the judges get their scoring

sheets and the sheets returned to the registration tent, and that everything runs smoothly with that group until the show ends at 4pm. The class marshals will need to attend a meeting at the museum on Saturday, August 28th at 9 am to walk through the site, and get all of their information. It will be much smoother this year, with the class marshals having both more responsibility and a more organized approach. I'll have a sign up sheet at the July meeting. See you there.

Skip

Tahoe

By Jo Ann Zeno

June 2, 1999 (Wed)

On a rainy morning the Lucente's and the Zeno's left Beavercreek for the NAMGAR car show at Lake Tahoe, towing their MGA's. Uneventful trip through Indiana and Illinois arriving in St. Louis at 3:10pm (our time). (387 miles)

June 3, 1999 (Thurs)

Left Forest Missouri (West of St. Louis) at 8:45am. We are running 65 mph—cars towing very well. Stopped in Independence Missouri to view the Truman museum and library at noon. The section of I-70 from Kansas City to Topeka was toll. On to Abilene at 4:00pm E.S.T. Got to a motel and had dinner in a lovely old house. (463 miles)

June 4, 1999 (Fri)

Up to go Eisenhower Center and old Abilene. On to Salina at noon. To Oakley at 5:00pm E.S.T. Stayed at the Annie Oakley motel in this, a dry town. Not much in the way of eating places. The motel owner gave us his signed card so we could eat at a private club.

June 5, 1999 (Sat)

Left at 9:30am. Arrived at Colorado Springs Colorado at 5:45pm EST. Stopped at Burlington Colorado where they had an old western town set up. John Lucente wanted to see an old western town. We walked around the town and walked into a saloon, where they had dance hall girls. John Lucente had fun taking their garters off their legs and two of them posed on his lap for a picture. It made his day! We called our friends who were expecting us sometime. Stayed at their home for the night. They even took us out for dinner. We owe them in a big way. With them living on a cul-de-sac, we had to unhook the MG's and park them in the driveway beside our other vehicles.

June 6, 1999 (Sun)

When hooking up the cars, Lucenti backed his car out of the driveway. It started fine, but the started clacking. It was a stuck valve. The two Johns with hammers and WD40 got it working. On to Manitou Springs where we registered at a motel with car ports where we could keep the MG's. We drove the MG's through the garden of the Gods & cliff dwellings, then back to the motel, tired.

June 7, 1999 (Mon)

Leaving the MG's at the motel we drove a car to Royal Gorge, 75 miles south of Colorado Springs. We took a bus over the bridge 1,053 feet above the river, had lunch and then walked back. The gorge was wide enough for the Arkansas river and the railway. We took a cog rail to the bottom. Looking up, the bridge appeared to be a ribbon at the top. Awesome! Back to our motel to pick up jackets to go up the log rail to the top of Pike's Peak. Beautiful clear day. Temperature at top is 35 degrees with snow laying around. It was freezing with shorts on and we became a little lightheaded from the altitude, 14110 feet. We made our way into the building where we were told to drink plenty of water to conquer the lightheadedness. It did help.

June 8, 1999 (Tues)

Left Manitou Springs at 8:00am taking route 24 passing mostly bright meadows surrounded by snow capped mountains. Gorgeous country! Around 10:00am we came upon fields of buffalo on both sides of the road. We, Jo Ann and John were leading and slowed down to park on the side for pictures as did Lucente's. The van

behind Lucente was either too close or not watching John brake. It rammed his MG bending the back bumper from center to left. The bumper broke through the left fender metal. The tow was pushed under John's truck and bent the front bumper of the MG down some. Jay and I went three miles back to the town of Hartsel and called the sheriff. Wasn't long before an ambulance came, then the sheriff and another ambulance and the state patrol. It took two hours for medical checks, (Patty had a little whiplash & John with his high blood pressure) plus police report and unhooking the MG from the truck. The MG was drivable, but the steering was not great. I drove our car and tow; John Lucente, his MG; John Zeno and Patty in the truck. I stopped at Buena Vista where I spotted a garage. The guys went to talk to the mechanic regarding welding the tow bar. He said he could do it, but that it would take time. Luckily there was a motel right across the street. It was very nice so we signed in. Later that afternoon a call from the mechanic took the guys back for the bad news of the frame being bent, causing the bad steering. He said he could fix it, when a call to a shop with a frame rack in another town said it would take a week.

We knew it would take another day so we signed up for the motel for another night.

June 9, 1999 (Wed)

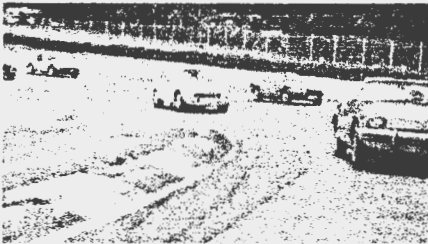
Drove into Leadville to Museum of Mining, antique stores and a fish hatchery. We arrived back at the motel to find that John's MG was done. We had rain hail and snow that evening. All melted in a couple of minutes.

To be continued...

Mid-Ohio

By Skip Peterson & Ron Parks

We had 11 cars caravan up to Mid-Ohio for the vintage races, cruising in cool morning air until we arrived at 10:30. From there on out, it was plain HOT! I enjoyed the noon parade lap,



Powells Parade Lap Photo by Ron Parks

since the marshal held me up before I pulled onto the track and I got to put the B through the gears all the way to the backstretch, when I came to a halt after catching the other



Rendevoux in Plain city enroute to Mid-Ohio

Photo by Ron Parks

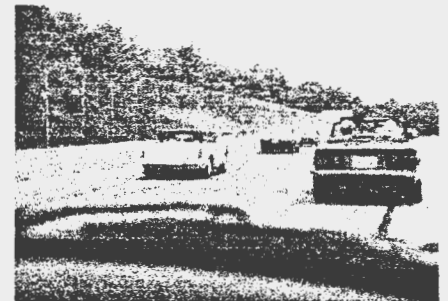
cars. At least I didn't overheat on the two lap cruise. I spent too much time on the cell phone checking on Jennifer who stayed home not feeling too well. By late afternoon I decided to head back home because Jennifer was still not feeling well and my brother in law was in the hospital having an emergency appendectomy. Denny and Berta joined me on the two car cruise back down Rte 42. With wet towels around our necks, we made it back home under 90 degree plus heat with only my speedo drive giving out. I really didn't think I was going that fast.

Skip

Three of us from the Enon/New Carlisle area caravanned separately and met up with the rest in Plain City. The cool mist of the early morning was

hanging low over the corn and wheat fields along route 4 around Mechanicsburg enroute to Plain City. It was a beautiful drive for the one powder blue and two British Racing Green MGB's. This little excursion was special for me because my daughter Elizabeth met me there and drove my MG on the track. We really had a fun day! After a nice dinner together at the Der Dutchman we each headed home in opposite directions

Ron



Tom Davis onTrack Photo by Ron Parks

Summer Picnic

Dick Goodman

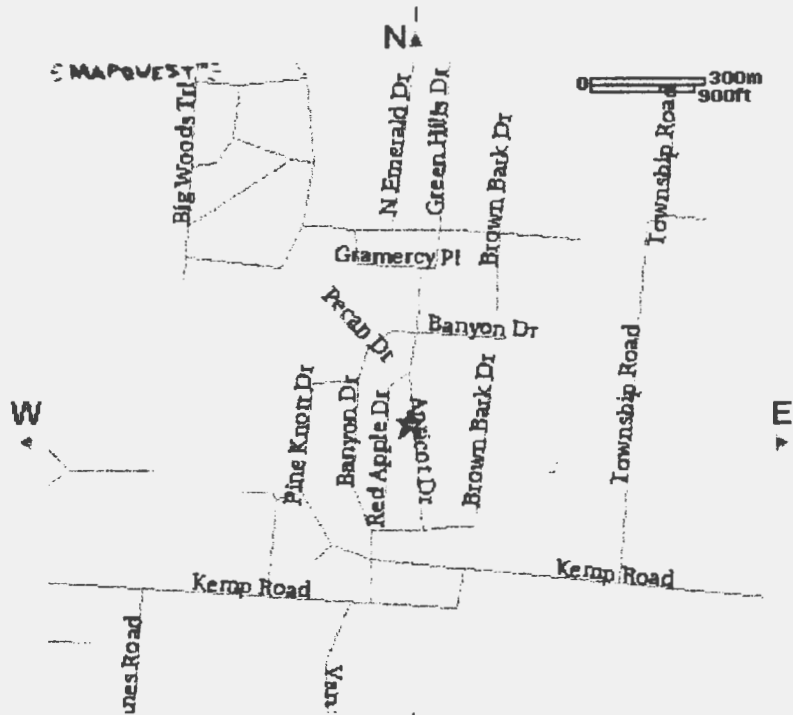
Our summer picnic is set for Sunday August 15th at 2:00pm at my house; 2355 Apricot Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45431. Directions and a map are included here, but just in case, here's my phone number: 426-4161. To get to my house go east on Kemp road from N. Fairfield road. If you're coming south on N. Fairfield Road from the I-675 & the Fairfield commons mall, you would turn left (east) on Kemp road. Turn Left on Banyon, then take the 2nd right which will be Apricot. Come and join the fun!

From the Editor

Ron Parks

"I'm Back!"

It's been a while, but it's kind of like learning to ride a bicycle, I suppose. Plan on me pestering you for articles. We need a member car to feature next month. Please write up anything else you think might be of interest to the membership.



Let's all Thank Linda Wolfe, for very ably filling in while I finished my college education. Dan Inlow too. They did a great job of getting vital news out to the membership!

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: MGDRIVER@prodigy.net. Either 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.

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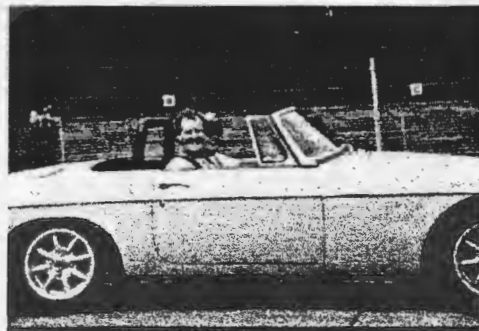
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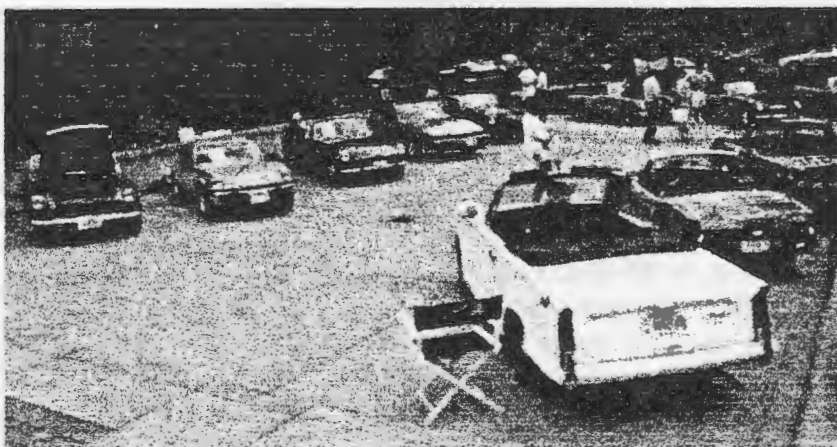
Tom & Greg on Track Photo by Ron Parks



Ron & Elizabeth Parks Photo by Tom Davis



Skip on Track Photo by Ron Parks



British Brass Band Evening at the Frazee

Photo by Skip Peterson