

# THE OCTAGON NEWS

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## FALL COVERED BRIDGE TOUR

### Fall Tour Plans

By Ron Parks

The Motel Forest in Rockville Indiana is now Completely booked, but not to worry, we have a backup. The Sunshine Motel is just a few blocks away and is saving six rooms for us until September 30<sup>th</sup>, three doubles and three singles. The singles have a King size bed. All rooms at the Sunshine Motel are \$65 per night. It is up to each of us to call and make our own reservations and provide for payment or guarantee with a credit card. Tell them you're with the MG Car Club and you want to reserve one of the rooms set aside by Ron Parks for Saturday October 23, 1999. The phone number for the Sunshine Motel is: (765) 569-3994.



The Narrows Bridge Photo by Ron Parks

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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 Sept. 22, 1999**

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## Upcoming Events

### September

- 12 **Concours d'Elegance** Car Show/Museum of Discovery  
 22 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

### October

- 23-24 **Fall Tour** of Covered Bridges with Ron & Linda Parks  
 27 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

### November

- 5 **Fish Fry** at K of C Hall 6:30pm  
 24 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

### December

### January 2000

- TBA **Fish Fry** at K of C Hall 6:30pm  
 26 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

### February 2000

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

### March 2000

- 22 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall  
 25 **Fish Fry** at K of C Hall 6:30pm

### April 2000

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

### May 2000

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

### June 2000

- 15-18 **Cleveland Rocks, MG Roll**  
 9<sup>TH</sup> Annual NAMGB Register International Convention  
 28 **MGCC Meeting** at K of C Hall

return trip is still undetermined due to some bridges out. We'll be checking on those later.

The plan: We will meet in the parking lot in front of J.C. Penny at the Dayton Mall at 8:15am on Saturday October 23, 1999. **Be on time!** We will depart promptly at 8:30am taking Route 725 West to Indiana where we hit Indiana Route 44 skirting South of Indianapolis. In Franklin Indiana, we hit route 144, which turns into County road 144 and after a bit of jogging, we end up on route 39, which takes us into Danville. There we'll have lunch at the Mayberry Café where Joe & I had lunch. The food was great and they have their upstairs dining room reserved for us. The menu items range from \$7 to \$9.

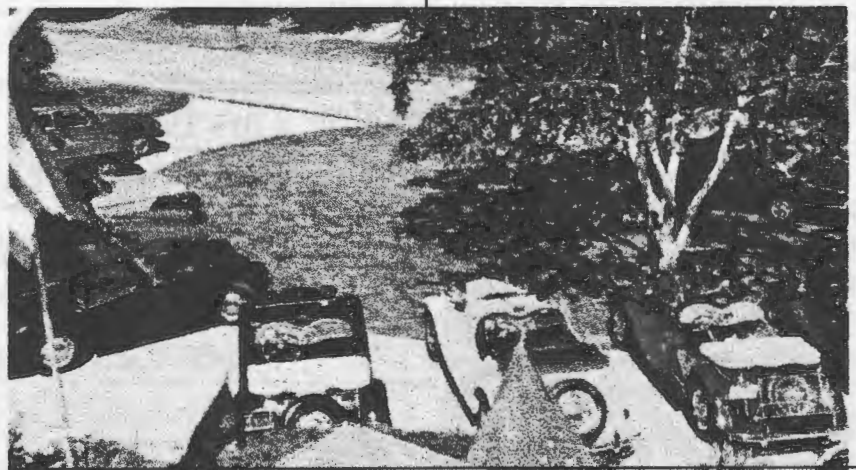
After lunch we will proceed to Rockville and check into our motels. The afternoon is free for you to do as you please. You may choose to tour Billy Creek Village, a replica of an

## Fall Tour Plans (continued)

By Ron Parks

Plans for the tour of Covered Bridges are progressing. Packets of maps and brochures are being assembled and the route to get there is set. Joe Hooker and I made the dry run and have

planned the route to get us there, complete with rest stops. A recommended route for the



View from the top-- Summer picnic.

Photo by Dick Goodman

early settlement complete with three covered bridges and Artisans demonstrating early crafts until 4pm local time. Admission is \$3, free after 4pm. Or you may choose to just relax around the beer trailer in the afternoon, take a nap or whatever.

We have dinner reservations at the Long Horn Bar & Restaurant in Coxville at 6pm Local time. That will be 7pm our time. It might be easiest if we all remain on Dayton time while we're there to avoid confusion about meeting times? They are reserving tables for us where we will order individually from the menu.

Sunday morning we'll get up early to tour the covered bridges on the Red tour, named for the color in which it is marked on the map that each of

us will have. The plan is to depart the McDonalds restaurant that is just down the street between the two motels at 9am Dayton time. That means that if you want breakfast or at least coffee prior to our tour, you'll need to get to McDonalds or the Burger King that is nearby around 8am. After touring six of the covered bridges on the Red tour and the Narrows Bridge, time permitting, we will proceed to Turkey Run State Park where we have a reservation at the lodge dining room for the Sunday lunch buffet. The cost of the buffet is \$9.95 plus 5% sales tax. I'm told the \$5 per car fee for entry to the park will be waived for our group.

We'll probably be ready to head home after the lunch buffet around 1:30pm - 2:00pm

Dayton time. We'll take the northern route around Indianapolis, if the bridges are fixed by then. Route 47 to Crawfordsville, Route 32 to Route 38 to Richmond, a short stretch on I-70, then Route 40 to the Dayton area and home. If the bridges are still out on routes 32 & 38, we'll either reverse our trip returning on Route 725 or take route 40 home?

## Minutes of August Meeting

By Dick Smith

- \* The August 25th meeting began at 8:07 p.m. with President Ed Hill presiding.
- \* Treasurer's Report - Betty Shannyfeld
- \* Betty was not present.
- \* Beginning Balance as of July 1, 1999 \$1345.60
- \* Income minus expenses 24.29
- \* Ending Balance as of July 31, 1999 \$1369.89
- \* Secretary's Report - Dick Smith
- \* Minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.



TDs at Summer Picnic at Dick Goodman's house.

Photo by Phil Johnson

\* Membership Report - Linda Wolfe

\* New members who signed up at BCD are:

\* Frank and Linda Lucente

\* Ken Mine

\* Larry McDaniel

\* New member - L. Maurice Riggins present with member Barbara Hurt

\* Guest - Lynn Zifferd, guest of Dick Goodman

\* Activities Report - Tim Oricko

\* We want to thank Dick Goodman for holding the picnic at his place.

\* The Concourse De'Elegance will be held at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery on September 12, and MG club members are needed for volunteers. Wear Kacki shorts or slacks and be there for work at 7:00 am. There will be an informational meeting on the Saturday before the show to give members an idea of how things will be set up.

\* The Fall tour will be on Oct. 23 and 24th.



MG Beer Trailer enjoyed by all at Summer Picnic.

Photo by Ron Parks

\* One room remains at the motel.

\* Joe and Ron Drove over Sunday taking 4 hours from Dayton Mall to the Mayberry restaurant at Danville, Indiana.

\* Editor's Report - Ron Parks

\* An apology was made for not listing all the winners in the newsletter

We need new covers, maybe modify to show meeting date.

\* The editorial deadline is the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

\* A suggestion was made that on the membership application, leave more room for listing additional cars that prospective members may own and also for their e-mail address.



MGs at Summer Picnic.

Photo by Ron Parks

\* There was a lot of discussion on the format for the Covered bridge tour and food. It was left for further discussion at next meeting.

\* It was also suggested that we add the clubs website address to the cover.

\* It was moved and approved to print 300 new covers to last until we get a new design for the cover.

\* Mail Bag - Nothing to report.

\* Old Business -

\* BCD - there were 186 cars on the show grounds.

\* \$93 was given to the Mounted Park Patrol, they were not invited to BCD and did not know they get the money, Skip Peterson said this would be rectified.

\* Both the Park District and the Triumph Club were happy with the event.

\* There are two dozen T-shirts left, one dozen of those are XL.

\* There are still 10 mugs left for sale.

\* New Business -

\* There was a long discussion about purchasing a canopy for use at BCD and other club events. A motion was finally made and passed to purchase a 12X20-foot combo canopy with poles with connectors. Cost was said to be \$149.95 plus connector costs.

\* Discussion on window stickers was postponed until next meeting.

\* Leftovers from the picnic were taken down to ST. Pauls church and they were very

much appreciated as they had been broken into the night before and we in need of food.

\* The Jarts championship was won by John Lucente and Fred.

\* We will need to provide workers for Fish Frys on Friday, November 5th, and Sat. March 25. There will be another one in January, but the date is not set yet.

\* Classifieds -

\* '60 Sunbeam Rapier parts for sale.

\* Bill Hammond has lead on Canadian cars for sale at good prices.

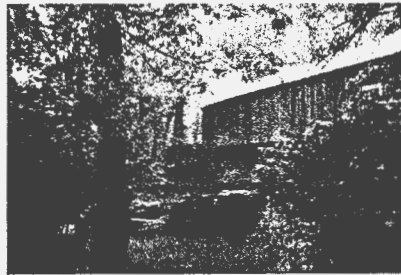
\* Gumball Rallye - The Gumball Rallye was won by Dick Goodman.

\* The meeting was adjourned at 9:45m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Smith

Secretary



Covered Bridge Photo by Ron Parks

## Membership Dues

Linda Wolfe

Remember that next month our fiscal year starts and that means it is once again time to pay your membership dues.

It is \$18 a year for all of us who live locally and \$12 a year for those of you who live more than 50 miles from Dayton.

You can mail in your membership or bring it to the next meeting or event.

Remember that you can't run for office or vote for officers if your dues aren't paid at our September meeting!

## BCD '99', The Rest of the Story

Last month I included only the first page of winners. Here is the complete list of British Car Day '99,' award winners. My apologies to those winners who were omitted last month.

Ron Parks



Winners list Submitted by Skip Peterson

## MGT

1. Phil Johnson
2. AE. Barb Makepeace

## MGA

1. Chris Timpone
- AE. Louis D'Pasquale

## MGB Chrome

1. Ken & Debbie Meine

- AE. Earl Falter  
 AE. Bob Lachmiller  
 AE. Tom Davis

- AE. Dana Springer  
 AE. Dexter Douglas

## MGB Rubber

1. John Drafts
- AE. James Fisher
- AE. Ryan Looft
- AE. Carol Smith
- AE. Tony Pareseau

## Midget/Sprite

1. Scott Rodabaugh
- AE. Ian Cunningham
- AE. Ed Williams
- AE. Larry Youngblood

- AE. Mike Doyle

## TR 2 & 3

1. Ron Wynne
- AE. Connie Brocius

- AE. Scott Stout

## TR 4 & 250

1. Alice Owen-Clough
- ## TR 6

1. Mike McKitrick

- AE. Vic Snively

- AE. Dale Knapke

- AE. Glenn Owen

## TR 7 & 8

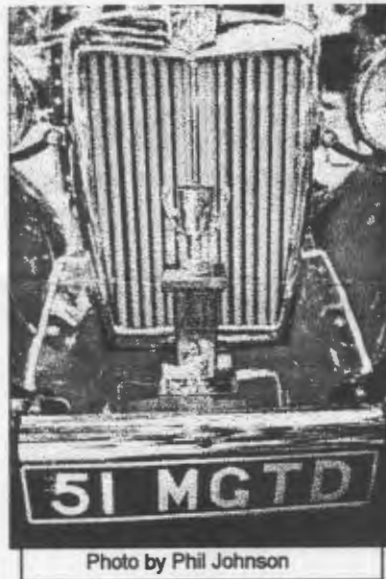
1. Bill Moss

- AE. Ellis Ball

## Spitfire & GT 6

1. John Clark

- AE. Mark Titus



- AE. Phillip Reed

- AE. Bernard Jergens

- AE. Phil Cummell

## Jaguar XK

1. Ron MacLean

- AE. Ron MacLean

## Jaguar XKE

1. Bob Merten

- AE. Paul Weaver

## Jaguar XJ/Sedans

1. Brad Towne

- AE. Gary Brown

## Austin Healey 100/3000

1. Greg Sipe

- AE. Ron Francis

- AE. John Benkovic

- AE. Charlie & Mary Ann Warner

## Mini

1. Dick Smith

- AE. Eric Jones

## Open Class thru 1960

1. Gerald Strange

- AE. Elmer Jauch

## Open Class '61 and later

1. Walter Squires

- AE. Andy Manganaro

- AE. Chris McCamey

## Premier Class

1. Mike Barton

- AE. Skip Wilkins

- AE. Tim Moore

- AE. Skip Peterson

## Diamond in the Rough

1. Dave & Lois Gribler

## Longest Drive

Marty Schwartz, Orlando FL., '77

## MGB

## Rangers Choice

John Engle, 67 Sunbeam Tiger

## Royal Air Force Award

Phil Johnson, '51 MGTD

## Best of Show

Phil Johnson, '51 MGTD

# 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: [MGDRIVER@prodigy.net](mailto: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.

## \* Classified \*

Submitted by Phil Johnson

I've got a neighbor "down the street" who has a pretty nice 1977 "rubber bumper" B for sale (in his yard). I offered to advertise it in the Club's newsletter and he would appreciate that service. Specifics: Car is bright red with black interior. Rubber bumpers are painted red to match the rest of the car. It has a total of 116,000 miles on it but only 10,000 since a rebuild of the engine. Has a Webber carb, a "mild" cam and headers. Previous owner installed a roll bar ("for safety reasons") and current owner indicates "the car has never been raced." The car is originally a "California car" and has no apparent rust. It needs a new soft top but has a nice fiberglass hardtop (black) which is textured to resemble

a cloth top. It has after market mag wheels (Mangel) and a brand new catalytic converter (was required to pass a recent E-Check) Asking price (firm?) is \$5,500. Contact Pete Belue in Miamisburg @ 937-866-1565

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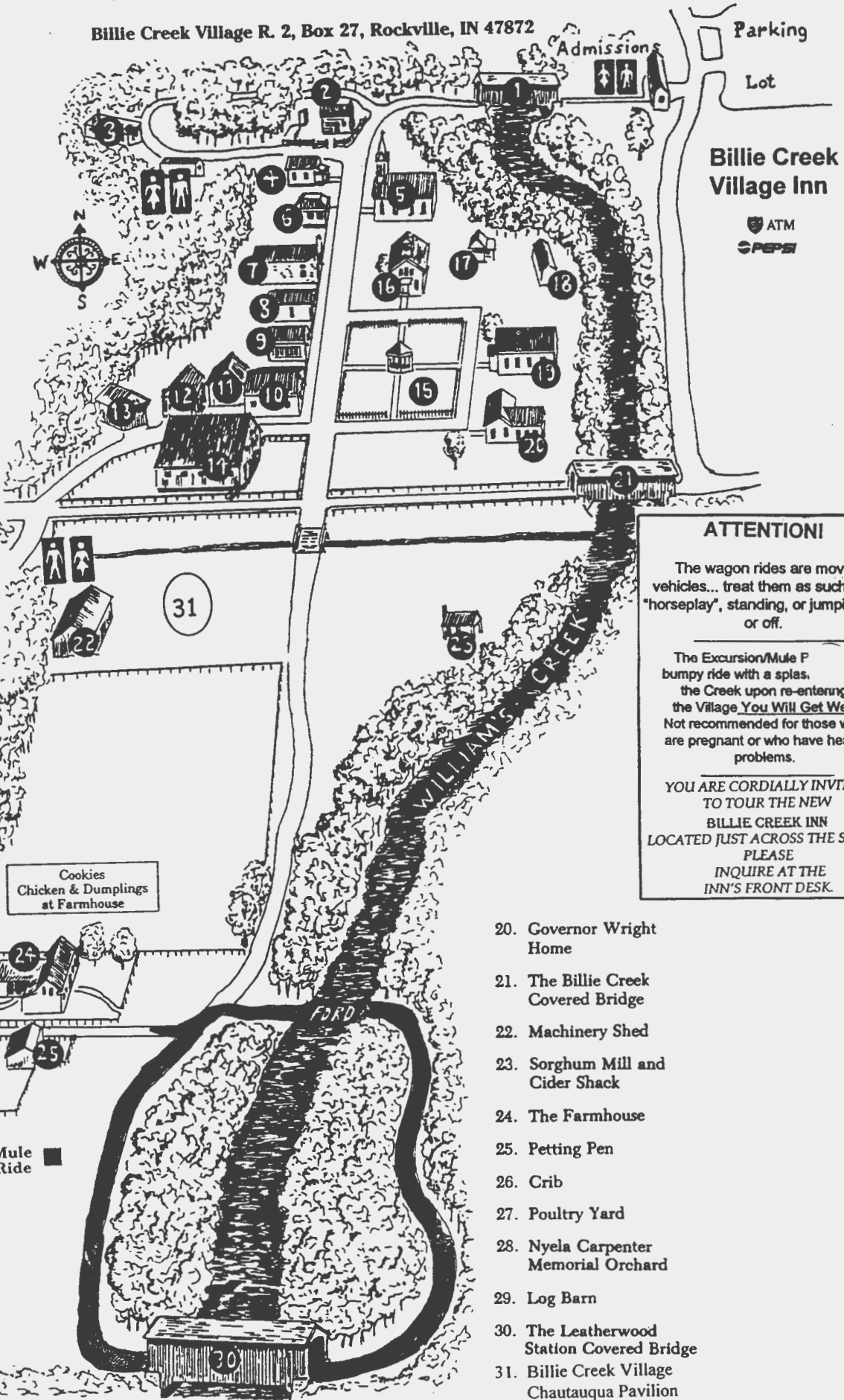
# BILLIE-CREEK-VILLAGE

1 Mile EAST of Rockville, Indiana on U.S. 36

Billie Creek Village R. 2, Box 27, Rockville, IN 47872

## Key to Map

1. The Beeson Covered Bridge
2. The Beeson-DePlanty Cabin
3. Maple Syrup Camp
4. Spinners Nest/Dollhouse
5. St. Joseph's Catholic Church
6. Refreshment Stand
7. Gaebler Building
8. The Covered Bridge Courier Office
9. Dr. Rice's Office
10. The Billie Creek General Store
11. Special Exhibits Building
12. Blacksmith Shop
13. Burr Mill
14. Livery Stable
15. The Commons
16. Schoolhouse
17. Broom Shop
18. Pottery
19. The Union Baptist Church



## ATTENTION!

The wagon rides are moving vehicles... treat them as such. No "horseplay", standing, or jumping or off.

The Excursion/Mule P bumpy ride with a splash, through the Creek upon re-entering the Village You Will Get Wet. Not recommended for those who are pregnant or who have health problems.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO TOUR THE NEW BILLIE CREEK INN LOCATED JUST ACROSS THE STREET PLEASE INQUIRE AT THE INN'S FRONT DESK.

20. Governor Wright Home
21. The Billie Creek Covered Bridge
22. Machinery Shed
23. Sorghum Mill and Cider Shack
24. The Farmhouse
25. Petting Pen
26. Crib
27. Poultry Yard
28. Nyela Carpenter Memorial Orchard
29. Log Barn
30. The Leatherwood Station Covered Bridge
31. Billie Creek Village Chautauqua Pavilion

Restrooms

Horse-pulled Wagon Ride

Mule-pulled Excursion Ride

Picnic Tables

equals 5 tables

Mule Ride

Cookies  
Chicken & Dumplings  
at Farmhouse