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Note from Your Editor

Steve Markman

Wouldn't you know, no sooner do I fix the bugs in my TD, they my computer dies! I'm working from my old one, and was able to duplicate everything but the first page. So, if this newsletter looks different, don't panic. All should be well by the next issue. And, who knows, my TD may still be running, also.

From the President

Ryan Looft

Well, have we all been out enjoying the last few days of nice weather in our MGs before they go in for the winter? Unfortunately, I have not, but I hope the rest of you have. It is hard to think that we are about through another year and have the Holidays coming up.

We have had a couple club events since the last meeting. The K of C Fish Fry took place on November 5th where we had 12 member help work. Most of us worked the Show Down table and a couple others sold tickets for the liquor raffle. Two of our club members won bottles at the raffle--how lucky can they be? Everything seemed to run smoothly with no problems and turned out to be a fun time. We also had the pub run on November 7th at the Quaker Steak & Lube in Fairborn. There were 31 members that showed up and a few where in there MGs. The food was great and it was nice to just sit and talk with everyone. We will not have a pub run in December, but let's be thinking about somewhere to go in January.

Keep in mind that the **November meeting is the third Wednesday of the month on 17th**. There is not a meeting in December, however, we do have the Holiday Party on December 11th starting around 7:00-7:30pm at Sam Hodges' home. There should be directions and information in this news letter. He did ask at the last

Upcoming Events

NOV:

17 - Meeting (K of C hall) **NOTE** date change

DEC:

11 - Holiday Party (Sam & Diana's)
No December Meeting

JAN:

26 - Meeting (K of C hall)

FEB:

12 - Valentine Party (Gribler's)
23 - Meeting (K of C hall)

MAR:

23 - Meeting (K of C hall)

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meeting that people bring chairs to sit on and don't forget your gag gift and a covered dish. The Gribler's have set the date for the Valentines Day Party for February 12th at there home in Vandalia. More information is to come!

Hope to see everyone at the meeting on Wednesday.

NEW MEMBERS

Jim & Julie Franzer 1110 King Richard Parkway West Carrollton, Oh 45449 (937) 866-0083 jfranzer@sbcglobal.net 1977 MGB	Jim & Joyce Haupt 6518 W. Fred-Garland West Milton, Oh 45383 (937) 698-4995 jhaupt2497@aol.com 1978 MG Midget	Gary & Judith Moore 7031 Brantford Rd Dayton, Oh 45414 (937) 890-2599 arado7@sbcglobal.net 1959 MGA
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Welcome to a New Member!

By Carole Looft

New member Gary Moore attended our October meeting and was introduced to the club members in attendance. Gary, who is retired, lives in Dayton and owns a red 1959 MGA roadster. He also owns a TD, which he bought in 1964. Gary found his MGA in Springfield at a 'cars and parts' show about a year and a half ago. He describes it as a basket case when he got it. Since then, the car has gone through a frame-up restoration. Gary seems to have a fondness for other British marques in addition to the MG. He owns a Mini, has several British



motorcycles, including Triumph, Norton, and Enfield, and his next project will be the restoration of a TR3. We're anxious to get a peek at that MGA and the TD; great to have you as a member!

Have MG, Will Travel? or Olympia or Bust?

Terry Looff



It's not too soon to start thinking about the trip to Olympia, Washington for the big MGB meet. We plan a two week drive to Olympia and back. The meet will take place July 7-10th. 'Almost' all (Bill, I would think a naked lady would offset a bad alternator anytime) had a great time in NJ this past summer and should be no different next summer. At this point it looks like at least three cars will make the trip. It will be a lot of fun and there are worse things to do with your vacation time. More details and updates to follow.

Start making those vacation plans now!

Just say "MG Event," and Carole and Terry are ready to hit the road. Note the new addition, a recycled motorcycle trailer...perfect size for their MG.

Another Source for British Car Parts?

We got the following message via e-mail. This information has not been verified and we have no idea if it is legit. If anyone contacts this gentleman and does any business, please let us know how it works out.

Hi, have you got any members who either can't get parts or they are too expensive? Well, I have just set up a parts service; you tell me what you want and I will get it for you. As you will know, parts in England are plentiful and cheap. I have already sent parts to US, Australia, Canada, with no problems and the customers were very happy with the price. Please don't hesitate if you have any queries. E-mail Mick at smickjo@aol.com.

Holiday Fiesta!

Sam Hodges

Hola mis Amigos! Greetings from exile from your former El Presidente, Fidel Hodgeriguez! I have to tell you that it's so nice being in exile that I've decided to throw a little holiday fiesta this holiday season. Therefore, I would like to invite all of my close friends, oh, okay, you can come too, to celebrate with me and my new cerveza, (oh, wait, that's beer, how do you say 'wife' in

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Espanol?) this holiday season. The 'esposa' and I would like to remind all of you that this party is a bring your own party. As is traditional for this party, please bring either a covered dish, munchie, or dessert as well as your own alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage. Due to an increasingly burdensome debt load and the extraordinary costs associated with being in exile, I'm afraid that any Triumphs driven to the event will have to be confiscated and sold for scrap. The party has been scheduled for December 11, 2004 starting at around 6:30 p.m.ish (what's the point of me setting a time, I'm sure some of you will show up around 2:00 in the afternoon).

The address for this shindig is 2142 Pelwood Drive, Centerville, Ohio. It's really pretty easy to get to. Coming from the north, take I-675 South to the Wilmington Pike exit (this should be the second exit after you pass the route 35 interchange). Take Wilmington Pike south (a left turn off the interstate) and go approx. 2 miles through 4 stop lights. If you pass Home Depot, you turned the wrong way. You should go past a Cub Food supermarket, a Wal-Mart, a Lowe's, and several other stores mostly on the left as you're driving. You should also pass a Kroger's and a Bank One. Then you should come to an intersection where on one corner is a tire dealer/car repair shop. Across from that is a Shell gas station and across from that is a Marathon gas station. This should be the intersection of Wilmington Pike and Alex Bell. Keep straight through that light. The road narrows from 4 lanes down to 2 so you want to be in the center lane as the right lane is a turn only (there's a left turn lane as well hence the reason that you want to be in the center). After going through that intersection, go about another ½ mile until you see a street called Ambridge. It should be the second street on the right that you come to. Turn Right on Ambridge. Ambridge will become Pelwood in about a ¼ mile (you're actually going from Greene County into Montgomery county when the name changes). 2142 is a tan/beige split-level on the left as you're going down the street. There should be plenty of street parking as well as what will fit in the driveway, just as long as we don't completely block the street. If you're coming from the south, take I-75 north until you come to the I-675 turnoff. Take I-675 North until you reach the Wilmington Pike exit. This should be the fourth exit you come to. Keep in mind that as you pass under St. Rte 48, I'm counting the exit for North and the exit for South as 2 separate exits. From the bottom of the exit ramp take a right and follow the instructions from above starting off with. You should go past a Cub Food supermarket, a Wal-Mart, a Lowe's, and several other stores mostly on the left as you're driving. You should also pass a Kroger's and a Bank One. If you're coming from any other place other than North or South, you're boned! You'll spend the rest of eternity wandering around the back roads until you finally run out of gas and go mad over the constantly changing gas prices. Actually, if you need directions other than these, please feel free to call me at 937-434-6505 and I will be more than happy to help you out any way I can. I should warn you that if you use the 'Mapquest' internet service, it will give you directions to a house that's actually around the corner from where I live, be careful.

OH! One more thing, and this is VERY, VERY important! This party has always had a gift exchange. If you wish to participate in the exchange then you are to bring one GAG gift. Every year we emphasize that the gift is to be a gag gift, and yet someone will inevitably show up with a complete works of Leonardo da Vinci on CD-Rom gift set. If that's your idea of a gag, then just go ahead and leave it for me. A 'gag' for example, is the pair of g-string underwear that's been re-gifted several times since their first gifting. Additionally, alcohol is also considered acceptable for gag gifting purposes, but the person who shows up with a very lovely crystal vase is going to be shot! Oh, by the way, I still haven't gotten over the loss of my cookie jar from last year. Paybacks are-a-comin! Gag gift means gag gift! Like I said, booze works well if you're in a pinch. I hope to see all of you there with gag-gifts in hand. Sincerely, Ex-El Presidente, Fidel Hodgeriguez

Classifieds

For Sale - '77 MGB. This is the car that was raffled off last year by the British Museum of Transport ion. Asking \$3000 Call Mike Roeder at (937) 748-0971.

For Sale: 61' MGA Roadster & a 76' MGB Roadster. The MGA is a basket case (fully dis-assembled), and is very rough. However, many parts are in good condition. This car could make a good project for the serious collector. I would be willing to part out the car or sell it as a whole. The car has been in my family for over 30 years. Unfortunately, rust caused the frame to break, but I do have a solid frame for replacement. The 76' MGB is also pretty rough, but it is solid, and could be restored easily. Contact Charles Falletta at cfalletta@sbcglobal.net

For sale: 1979 MGB, 98k, stainless steel exhaust, Weber carb, good and reliable running, but needs both front wings, door rocker panels, painting etc. etc. to make it look nice. \$1400 obo. 513-266-6407 or deckel@emag.de

Wanted: Pair of seat frames for MGB MkI (1962-68). Dieter Eckel, deckel@emag.de Tel. 01149-1727341572 (I will call you back!)

For Sale: Red 1970 MGB chrome bumper w/ wire wheels, toneau cover, and new clutch. Runs well. 90,000 miles. \$3800 firm. 426-2257.

For Sale: Beautiful 1957 MGA 1500. Body and interior completely restored (both red). Spoke wheels with a white soft-top. Runs great, but if going to be a daily car I would suggest a good tune-up. Needs new left-front spring, speedometer tune-up, and an owner who can truly appreciate this car. Asking \$10,000. Rob Zimmerman (Delaware, OH) 740-368-9260.

For Sale: 1951 MG TD. Interior needs a little work, but otherwise in great shape. Runs well. Yellow with dark brown interior. New top. Located in Centerville. \$15,000. Dave Westbrook, 885-7492.

For Sale: Beautifully restored MG TD. Originally a California car that I had shipped here years ago. Also lots of parts that have been in boxes for years. Call Stewart A. Smetts, 513-608-2890, or sasmetts@fuse.net

For Sale: 1977 MGB, wine color, vintage racing wheels, Weber carb & header, new dashboard, new carpet and seats, Grant Wood steering wheel, AM/FM cassette, no rust, hard top (needs refinishing), overdrive, all original spare parts (wheels, carb, steering wheel), convertible top has some tears. \$5995 OBO. 937-672-0736.

For Sale: 1953 MGTD, partially restored by late husband. Large supply of new Moss replacement parts, including new seat covers, new bumper and a new convertible top in Moss Motors boxes and other new things that I don't know what they are. There are two grills in addition to the new one on the car, the original grill, and a 2nd grill that looks pretty new to me. Tires are now flat from sitting for so long. I have the spare tire for back rack also. The engine was rebuilt and the frame stripped and painted and partially reassembled. The fenders, doors and back rack look like they've been stripped / sanded but are

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not repainted. He repainted the car red (the color of the car when he bought it) although it looks like it might have originally been yellow. Nuts and bolts etc. are in labeled baggies. I have a picture journal of the teardown/restoration; most are Polaroids and are too dark to scan. Asking \$8000. Linda Waymire, Lafayette Indiana, Lwaygirl@aol.com, phone: 765-447-6084 (evenings/weekends)

For Sale: 1976 MGB with hardtop, new engine and fuel tank, \$2500, call Terry 1-937-286-9255

Wanted: MGCGT, contact Mike Hirschman at mhirsch1@fairview.org or 763-391-5769

For Sale: 1962 MGA 1600 Mark II roadster, red with black leather interior and red leather trim. Cincinnati area. Digital photos available. \$7000. thunderm3@yahoo.com.

For Sale: 1960 MGA in process of frame-off restoration. Frame was chemically dipped, primed, rustproofed on the inside of the rails, correctly welded (such as with original battery trays), and painted in black hammerite paint. The body was braced, chemically dipped, and primed. The body will require the typical lower reconstruction. All other components are pretty much as removed. I have tons of new parts including most hardware, gaskets, and some interiors, and metal. Also, wire wheels with knock offs, and a few original lenses and goodies. Contact Joe Morgan, 724-457-2880 or joemorgan12345@cs.com

For Sale: Zenith-Stromberg carburetor off '79 MGB, including manual choke conversion, airfilter and manifold \$150.

For Sale: Red 1953 MGTD. It has a new top, new brakes front and rear, new steering wheel and recently tuned up. All work was done by Steve Miller of MG Automotive. Will sell for \$12,500.00. Also I have a 9 piece set of Whitworth Socket Set, 3/4, sale for \$95.00, Fender guards-2 for \$25.00, TD workshop manual with complete wiring diagram for TD's, \$25.00 and a Service Part list Book, \$20.00. John Carter., jabba8811@aol.com, Phone number is 1-937-947-1647

1975(?) MG Midget - rubber bumper parts car. No title. Wheels, suspension, rack, engine (1500), trans, doors, windshield, fenders, trunk deck still on the car. Also has a good top frame but I heard rumors that Skip has first dibs on that item. Some rust in the usual spots...rockers, floors, lower fenders but not quite a total rust bucket yet. 1977(?) MG Midget - rubber bumper project car. Also no title. 1972 MG Midget. Make offer. Call Dan at 937-426-9839 for more details.

'75 MGB, overheated last summer, and hasn't run or been driven since. Original car except for repaint in non original green. Stored inside since overheating. Car is in Cincinnati Contact Dave Davis at 513-271-9413

'79 MGB, Orange with black top, 70,000 miles, runs and looks good, dependable driver, car located in Loveland. Contact Carol Colclasure 513-683-1920, ext 504 or colclaca@loveland.k12.oh.us

Minutes Report October 27th, 2004

Linda Wolfe

8:03 p.m. Meeting called to order by our new president, Ryan Looft. He thanked John and Linda Wolfe for the Fall Colors Tour. It was a beautiful day, nice roads, good people and great food. What more could you ask for?

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He also showed the Wheels newspaper article that featured Reuben Wasserman and Louie DiPasquele's cars. Great publicity.

Minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report - beginning balance \$1,697.74 - income \$258.50 - expenses \$116.71 for an ending balance of \$1,839.53.

Vice President's Report - Skip congratulated Ryan on being our new President and said that he would be hidden away at some secure undisclosed location.

Membership Report - Carole reported that we had several new members. They are:

Jim & Julie Franzer - '77 MGB
Gary Moore - '59 MGA Roadster
Jim & Joyce Haupt - '78 Midget

We currently have 58 paid members. Sam Hodges said see what happens. When I was president we had 102.

Sunshine Report - Jennifer Peterson will be in charge of this committee as Linda is now your secretary. Please let her know when we need to send out cards.

Editor's Report - Steve Markman wasn't present but he always wants articles and pictures if you don't want to continue seeing his pets.

Activities - Tim Oricko was not present. Holiday party will be at Sam & Diane Hodges on December 11th starting at 7:00-7:30 p.m. The address is 2142 Powell Wood Road (This is off Wilmington past Alex Bell Road). Please bring a hors d'oeuvres, gag exchange gift, and BYOB. He could use some chairs.

Fish Fry - November 5th - need ten to sign up to help. Club pays the \$10 to get in.

Feb. 12th - Valentine party at Dave & Lois Gribler's - starting about 6:30 p.m. More details later but get the date on your calendar.

Old Business - BCD wrap-up. We have \$3400 to be divided between the two clubs. It was discussed that some would like a new t-shirt design next year and that some classes will be added such as: motorcycles, Minis to split the old and the new, and possible splitting the MGB's between the early and late. They would like to start a Club Participation award next year (no MGCC and Triumph club are exempt). Skip will chair the BCD next year and doesn't plan a meeting until March. Jennifer will chair the Food Concession again. If you have ideas for a new logo on the t-shirts they should have graphics of MG's and TR's so that we don't have to have the names of both clubs.

8:25 p.m. - Beer Break

MG Barrel - Bob Charles made another barrel and will raffle it off. If you would like a chance just put your name on a dollar bill and drop it in. Dave Estell was the winner.

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Terry Happensack talked a little about his trip to Canada in his Midget. He promises to have more information in the next newsletter. Stay tuned.

Bill Hammond has always valued integrity and is a man of his word. He told Ron Parks that he would give him a hand at the St. Louis meet last year. He came to the meeting with a hand in a box to give Ron but Ron wasn't at the meeting.

New Business - We had a letter from Boonshoft Museum thanking us for our support and help at the Concours d'Elegance.

Pub Run Scheduled for November 7th at 5:00 at Quaker Steak and Lube. Louie wanted to know if he could bring his Spitfire.

We found out that it was Dick Smith's birthday so we sang to him. This should have been taken care of in Old Business.

Sam Hodges was congratulated and given deepest condolences on his recent marriage to Diane. Sam also thanked us for the card.

Ron Parks has been sending Jennifer Peterson lots of post cards of covered bridges and it has gotten almost to the point of stalking.

For Sale - '77 MGB. This is the car that was raffled off last year by the British Museum of Transportation. The man that won it doesn't have time to enjoy it and would like to sell it. He is asking \$3000. He has done some brake work. It needs the carbs adjusted and a different choke cable. If interested you can reach Mike Roeder at (937) 748-0971.

Gumball Rally - MG patches were won by Bob Hanseman, Graham Cooper, Ryan Looft and Fred Shaneyfelt. British patches were won by Lucia Hooker, Carol Estell, Joe Hooker and John Wolfe. The \$5.00 was won by Linda Wolfe.

9:08 p.m. - meeting adjourned.