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## Curb Feelers and Fender Skirts

### Pictures From Recent Events

## From the President

Ryan Looft

At last, we are in April, and what great MG weather we have had the past few weeks. I have not had a chance to get my car out yet, but I will as soon as I am finished with this letter. The Tune-Up-Clinic took place on Saturday the 16th and we had a great turn out.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, the club met at the TajMaGarage for our March pub run or outing. The Taj is a warehouse of Porsche's owned by John Dixon in Dayton. This had to have been one of the largest showings of club members at an event other than BCD. Everyone enjoyed looking at the cars, artwork, and the upstairs bar and game room. It was also Cory and Sara Cooper's last time at a club event before they moved off to Colorado. We wish them good luck.

Ron Parks has put together a pub run for April 24<sup>th</sup> in Greenville. We will start out around the Tipp City area just

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North American MGB Register

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 roster. See **Carole Looft** for further membership information.

#### MG Car Club Monthly Meeting

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

**Wed, April 27, 2005**

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## Upcoming Events

### Apr:

- 16 – Tune-Up Clinic
- 24 – Pub Run to Greenville
- 27 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

### May:

- 1 – British Swap Meet – Fairlawn Ohio
- 15 – Spring Drive
- 15 – British Car Show – Dublin Ohio
- 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual British Car Meet (2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market – Dayton)
- 21 – 29 – Drive Your British Car Week
- 25 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

### June:

- 5 – “The British Return to Ft. Meigs” Perrysburg, Ohio
- 12 – Studebaker Museum - Fairborn
- 17 – 18 – MG Car Club of Toronto 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Toronto, Canada
- 25 – 28 – Vintage Races at Mid-Ohio
- 22 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

### July:

- 6 – 10 – MG 2005, Olympia, WA
- 12 – 16 – NAMGAR – Mackinaw, MI
- 17 – All Ohio MG Meet, at Highbanks MetroPark just north of Columbus
- 17 – British Car & Bike Show, Edgewater, Cincinnati OH
- 27 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

### August:

- 6 – BCD
- 18 – 21 – Univ Mtrs Summer Party, Grand Rapids MI
- 24 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

off I-75 and drive over as a group. Ron will have more info in the news letter. Remember to leave Sunday May 15th open for our Spring Drive which the McCanns are planning.

Don't forget that May 21<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> is 'Drive your British Car Week'. So, make an effort to get out and enjoy your car during that time. A good start for that week would be joining others at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual British Car Meet at the Second Street Market hosted by the British Museum of Transportation. That will be held on Saturday, May 21st. Dick Smith will be needing help for this event and will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. If you are not going to be at the meeting but can help out, be sure to let Dick know. Also keep in mind that June 5th is “The British Return to Fort Meigs” Car Show in Perrysburg, Ohio just south of Toledo. We usually have a small group from the club who drive up for that. It's turning into a very nice show and is growing every year.

Hope to see everyone out in their MG this summer. There sure will be a lot of events and shows to go to.

## Pub Run to Greenville

Ron Parks

Plans are complete for the mini-tour and pub run to the Maid-Rite Sandwich shop in Greenville on Sunday April 24, 2005. This is going to be a lunch pub run rather than our usual Sunday evening affair. We're calling it a pub run, the Maid Rite is really not a pub, but they do sell beer on Sunday. Seating is limited, but there is ample picnic table space in the back beside the two cement silos. “I don't know?” “They have two old silos.” “It's Greenville!” “What can I tell you?”

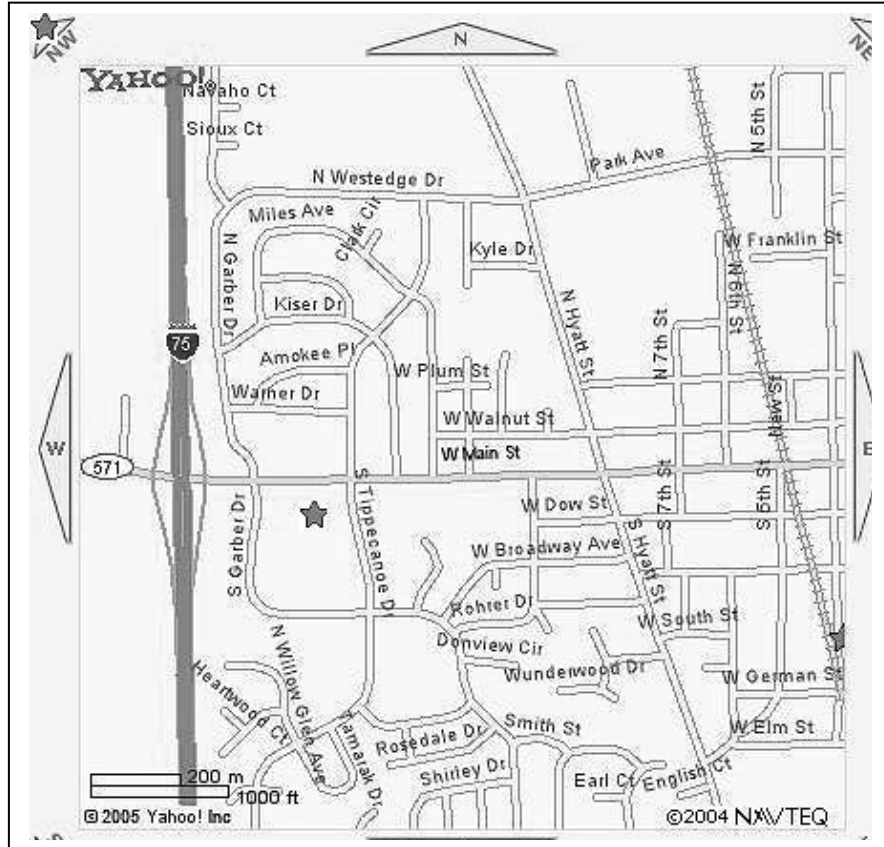
The Maid-Rite Cuisine consists of the Maid-Rite sandwich, an assortment of chips, soft drinks and beer. The Maid-Rite sandwich is a mixture of hamburger, onions and secret ingredients--we think there's some maple syrup in there? This is served on a small steamed

bun with your choice of condiments. Sandwiches are \$1.30—cheese is 15 cents extra.

For those who may be interested, after lunch we plan to visit the Garst Museum, sometimes referred to as the Annie Oakley Museum. Admission is \$3 and the museum is open until 5:00 pm. This is a very nice little museum.

We plan to meet in the parking lot behind the Speedway and Burger King on the South side of SR 571 in Tipp City at 1:00pm on Sunday April 24, 2005. This is near the intersection of I-75 & SR 571. Traveling North on I-75, take the exit for SR 571 East. You'll see the Speedway and Burger King on the right (See map). Be on time, we plan to leave promptly at 1:15pm.

Joe Hooker has agreed to lead this mini-tour as I have a conflict and cannot attend. Joe and I drove the route one day last week and had lunch at the Maid-Rite. Tasty little burgers! Joe will have additional handouts for you on the day of the tour, including maps and museum brochures.



Seating inside the Maid-Rite consists of six (6) booths and five (5) counter stools. Therefore, if it rains we could split into two groups, with those hungrier folks eating first, inside the Maid-Rite and the rest visiting the museum, then switch. I guess it would be a judgment call by Joe Hooker, whether to cancel or not based on the weather reports. Have fun!

p.s. Joe says if it is predicted to pour down rain all day- he will cancel. If weather questionable - call Joe at home Sat. night or Sun. morning @ 426-1128 or cell phone (937)219-7462.

## Caravan to the 2005 NAMGBR Annual Convention

David Deutsch  
Chairman/NAMGBR

I have organized a 6 MG (so far) caravan leaving from NYC area on June 30th. Our first night's stop will be in Boston Heights (Cleveland area), Ohio. Subsequent overnights will be in Madison, WI, Mitchell, SD, Sundance, WY, Bozeman, MT and Moses Lake, WA. We will pull into the host hotel, the Red Lion Inn, around noon on Wednesday July 6th. We will be traveling thru Black Hills National Park and stopping at Mount Rushmore and mapping our route thru Yellowstone as well.

If any in your club are up to the trip and feel like joining in on this adventure to the event, they can contact me for hotel/trip information.

## Good-Bye to the Coopers



In case you missed the Pub Run to the TajMaGarage, we surprised Sara and Cory Cooper with a going-away cake. Cory has been transferred to Denver, and Sara is expecting twin girls in May. We'll miss them both, and wish them the best of luck.



## Fender Skirts, Etc.

Unsigned E-Mail

What a great blast from the past! I haven't thought about fender skirts in years. When I was a kid, I considered it such a funny term. Made me think of a car in a dress. Thinking about fender skirts started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice.

Like "curb feelers" and "steering knobs." Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you.

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Remember "Continental kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

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When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point "parking brake" became the proper term, but I miss the hint of drama that went with emergency brake."

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I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "foot feed."

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## Pictures from TajMaGarage

Thanks again to John Dixon for hosting one of our greatest events ever! We hope that this is just the start of a great friendship between MG and Porsche lovers.





# Pictures From the MG Tune-Up Clinic

Thanks again to Steve Miller of MG Automotive for hosting another great Tune-Up Clinic on April 16th!



## Classifieds

**For Sale:** 1976 MG Midget. Originally yellow, now red. Rust free. Stored under cover. Yellow (?) interior. Was known to be driven two summers back. Located in Northern Kentucky. Make offer. Call: Al 859-586-7820 or Mary 859-282-8108

**For Sale:** 1960 MGA. The car is in storage in Bloomington, Indiana, and ran in 2000 before its placement in storage. This is a project car, in need of complete restoration. The car is all original, and dearly needs some TLC that we are unable to provide. David Fitzgerald, em4lr@yahoo.com

**For Sale:** 2 1979 MGB roadsters. They are on my website at [www.theoldphotocompany.com](http://www.theoldphotocompany.com) click on the "view our images" tab, then the 1979 MGB Roadster. Denny Scales (951) 679 0883

**For Sale:** 1949 MG TC, TC9690, This is a nice, clean driver. It is in excellent mechanical condition, and I estimate that the car has only covered 78,000 miles since new. Starts and runs well, with no issues or problems at all. The car is solid with good wood, has recent black paint, and the chrome is excellent. The interior is beige. The car was originally a home market car that was brought over from England in 1976. The car is complete with all accessories, such as original tool kit, jack, etc. Pictures are available upon request. \$17,500.00. Randy Kegg, 410-592-3733, or Randell\_Kegg@msn.com

**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.



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# Minutes of the March 23rd, 2005 Meeting

Linda Wolfe

The meeting was called to order at 8:00.

**President's Report** - The Wheels section of the Dayton Daily Newspaper had an article about Louie DiPasquele and his Spitfire. The article didn't mention the MG Car Club or his other sports car (MG "A"). Carole wanted to know if they have sufficient paper in the restroom or if we need to use some of the copies that were brought in.

**Vice-President's Report** - Skip said that we had received the bill for our annual insurance. The premium is \$248. He also brought the tape of last years BCD to show at break time but the TV was missing from the room.

Minutes were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report** - Dave reported that we had income of \$36 for membership, and expenses of \$102 for the mother club, \$137 for printing and postage, \$776 for blank name badges, \$45 for rent, \$5 for Gumball Rally and \$204 for food and drinks at the Taj Ma Garaj. This left us with a balance of \$2,515.

**Membership Report** - Carole reported that we now have 95 paid memberships and we had 53 members attend the Taj Ma Garaj tour.

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**Activities Report** - Tim was not at the meeting. Dick Smith has entry forms for the British Car Meet at the Market on May 21st. Registration is \$10 in advance and T-Shirt is \$7 (by May 1st). Cost the day of show is \$12 for registration and \$12 for T-Shirt. If you are interested, Carol Thayer will provide an English Tea at 2:00 p.m. This will consist of finger sandwiches with crisps and sausage rolls, trifle scones with clotted cream and jam, assorted cakes and biscuits plus hot English tea and a mint. The cost is \$13.95 per person and you can make your reservation at [Thayer\\_@msn.com](mailto:Thayer_@msn.com) or send a check to Carol Thayer - 8750 Bellefontaine Road - Huber Heights, OH 45424.

**Editor's Report** - Steve thanked Larry and Skip for articles and said to keep them coming.

**Spring Tune-Up Clinic** - The place has been changed to Bill Hammond's house (ha, ha) so that he can get his car back together. All kidding aside it will start at 9:00 a.m. at MG Automotive, 3733 Wilmington Pike in Kettering. The club will provide coffee and donuts.

Spring Drive will be on May 14th & 15th and will



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start from the warehouse in Wilmington where the cars are kept that belong to the British Car Museum. More information is coming later.

BCD Report - The park district has approved the 21st Annual BCD on Saturday, August 6th, 2005 at Eastwood Park.

Harry Eberling has a collection of MG books that he would like to sell.

A Beer Break was called at 8:21.

The hotel is full for NAMGAR's GT-30 at Mackinac Island (July 12th - 16th, 2005) meet but they are making reservations at the Holiday Inn Express for anybody that is still interested.

John Dixon said that the 1st weekend in June will be the Taj Kreuzers SpeedFest 2005. This is a four day charity event for Ronald McDonald House and they would love to have other British clubs included. On Thursday June 2nd the Taj Ma Garaj will host a special evening with race legend, Vic Elford. Admission for early registration is \$75. Friday evening the Taj Ma Garaj will provide signature cars for display at the Quaker Steak & Lube Restaurant (by the Fairfield Mall) for a pre-preview party. Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Taj Ma Garaj will host a "clean parts" and literature swap meet. Also on Saturday the Miami Valley Sports Car Club will host an Auto Cross at Wright State University. Entry fee is \$30 and donations will be solicited for the Ronald McDonald House. The Taj Ma Garaj Porsche will also be open to the public from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. \$10 donation for admission and a complimentary museum poster is included. Saturday evening The Taj Ma Garaj will host a VIP gala and silent auction for its sponsors and their guests. Sunday starts out at 8:00 a.m. with a 100 mile Road Rally tour. A \$25 donation is requested and will be limited to the first 80 entrants. 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. is the Taj Ma Kreuzers SpeedFest Concours and Car Show. They will have many awards like "Most



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Ron Parks introduced Bill & Helen Naughton from the Studebaker Museum. It is located on the corner of Yellow Springs-Fairfield & W. Enon Road. It was incorporated as a non-profit museum in 1981. They have a 45 X 65 barn for display which includes a 1852 horse drawn carriage, '59 Lark, '55 Packard Sedan,

Buicks, Palm Beaches, military items from Indian, Civil & Gulf wars, Studebaker history, over 30 bikes and toys from the 60's and 70's. June 11th we will be able to tour the museum. More details later.

New Business - Our next pub run will be at the Made Right Sandwich Shoppe in Greenville on April 24th Ron Parks is organizing this pub run and will check to see if they are open on Sunday. It was suggested that we meet at 3:00 possibly at Steve Powell's in Tipp City. Ron will e-mail us the final details. The Annie Oakley Museum is also close by.

June 5th is the British Car Show in Perrysburg, Ohio and we plan to caravan. We were reminded of the British Breakfast at the Stake & Shake in Beavercreek by the Fairfield Mall on the last Saturday morning of the month at 7:00.

Tech Tip - This is for Bill Hammond - Cross member mounting bolts must be removed before you can pull the engine.

Barbara Smith won the Gumball Rally and the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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Steve's latest "Pet of the Month" picture was deferred again to a later date to make room for pictures from recent club