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Cincinnati and Dayton British Car Day Photos

Fall Tour, Picnic Plans

From the President

Ryan Looft

We are now in August and this is one of the busiest months for the MG Car Club. BCD just passed and aside from the rain in the morning we had a fairly good turnout. Several awards went to many members in the club. The show went smoothly and everyone had a great time. Thanks for everyone's help and time in making this one of the best shows around. If it were not for everyone pitching in, the show would not have been so successful.

By the time you are reading this some of us will be on our way to Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the University Motors Summer Party which takes place from August 18th to the 21st. We are planning on

meeting a group from Cincinnati at the McDonalds in Tipp City and caravanning up from there. If any of you would like to join us, just give me a call and I will give you more details.



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, August 24, 2005

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Upcoming Events

August:

18 – 21 – Univ Mtrs Summer Party,
Grand Rapids MI
24 – Meeting (K of C Hall)
28 – Picnic at Dick Goodman's

September:

18 – Concours d'Elegance
28 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

October:

1-2 – Fall Drive
26 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

Dick Goodman and his daughter Kathy are once again hosting the summer picnic at Dick's home on August 28th. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share, lawn chairs and their MG (if possible). We can look forward to the beer trailer being there, and grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. The picnic will be starting around 3pm. Dick has asked to keep the picnic as an "adults only" gathering. Be sure to see the article and map in this issue.

As we look forward, September is around the corner, and that means elections for new officers. All of us need to be thinking about who we want to nominate for officers for the coming year. On October 1st and 2nd Ron Parks will be hosting the fall drive which will take place in Ashtabula County in the far northeast corner of Ohio. The drive will consist of beautiful fall foliage and covered bridges. Plan to keep this weekend open.

The next club meeting is August 24th I look forward to seeing everyone there.

BCD 2005 Results

Skip Peterson

Twenty one members of the MG Car Club SWOC took home awards at the 21st British Car Day. The following are the results. Congratulations!

Awards of Excellence: Phil Johnson and Joe Hooker - T series; Dave Estell - MGB 63-67; Ron Parks and Dave Gribler - MGB 68-74; Charlie McCamey, Diana Hodges, Carole Looft and Dick and Kathy Goodman - MGB 75-80; Tom Davis - MGB/C GT; Larry Youngblood - MG Midget; Jeff and Jan Zorn, Classic MINI; Gary Moore - Sunbeam; Gary Kinney - Open Class thru '65; Steve and Jayne Powell - Premier Class; Steve Miller - Motorcycles

First Place: Louie DiPasquale - Spitfire IV; Louie DiPasquale - MGA; Skip Peterson - MGB, '68-'74; and Bob Charles MGB/C GT

Longest Drive: Dave McCann, 550 miles

Rangers Choice: Louie DiPasquale for his MGA

There is no way British Car Day can happen without lots of volunteer help. We will soon be trying to recruit a good weatherman to also volunteer, but in spite of the rain, an emergency run to rent a pa system, and a couple other minor glitches, we still managed to put 255 cars through registration, and nearly sell out the concession stand. All in all, the day turned out rather nice. Below are the volunteers that Jennifer and I counted on the day of the show, and every one of you is the reason this event succeeds. Thank you for your help, and if I missed someone, I apologize:

Terry, Carole, Ryan and Torey Looft, Bill Hammond, Eddie Hill, Dave & Lois Gribler, Carol and Dave Estell, Ron and Linda Parks, Joe Hooker, Diana and Sam Hodges, Phil Johnson, John Zeno, Linda Wolfe, Bob Charles, Tom Davis, Terry Happensack, Tim Oricko, Charlie McCamey, Fred and Betty Shaneyfelt, Dick and Kathy Goodman, Gary Kinney, Dave and Linda McCann, Dave McCann and Dave Greenburg.

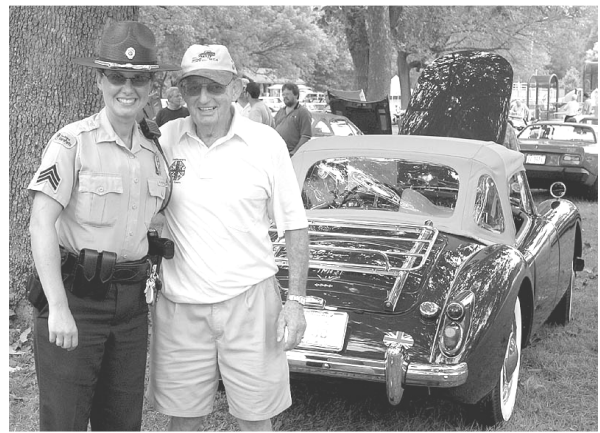
British Car Day 2005 Pictures

Photos by Skip Peterson



John Zeno, friend and MG enthusiast since most of us can remember, attended his last British Car Day. He and JoAnn will be moving from the Dayton area soon. We'll miss them both, and the beer trailer.

Jenifer Peterson, Carole Looft, and Carol Estell served up a ton (or more) of hot dogs, brats, burgers, and chicken sandwiches.



Louie DiPasquale winning the Ranger's Award...or being arrested...one of the two.



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Ryan Looft grills in the rain...



...while Linda Wolfe takes care of door prizes.



Jane Powell and Bill Hammond trying to keep dry.



Charlie McCamey, Carole Looft, and Kathy Goodman with their well-deserved awards.



By noon, the umbrellas finally were put down to dry.

And, of course, no British Car Day would be complete without El Formo Presidente, at left.

...and the Other British Car Day...Cincinnati

Skip Peterson

A dozen MGCC, SWOC members headed south on Sunday, July 17th for the Cincinnati British Car Day. Ron Parks lead the group onto I-75 south, not aware that he would lead us all day. A few were in their "regular" cars, as the skies were not the most inviting.

The first stop was at Tylersville Road; it was raining steadily, so Ron headed us off the road for a quick "top-up" exercise. Back on the road, not nearly as fast as NASCAR teams, but still quickly, we arrived at the Edgewater Park Dragstrip in an hour and five minutes. No car related problems at all.

The parking arrangement is still not what we're used to at the Dayton BCD. Nonetheless, it was a nice day, overcast, with a few minor showers (which scared off a number of others, but not us!). We talked with old friends, met some new ones, and had a nice day.

The awards ceremony (which in previous years was always an hour late) was actually early this year, 3:20 PM. Little did we know that as a club, we were gonna take home a bunch of their hardware; our group knocked down 6 awards in total. Here's where Parks took the real Lead--Numero Uno!--took home the first place award in the B chrome bumper class, a very nice trophy! (Ron, I'm not gonna dry or clean your car ever again!) That bad joke aside, the MG'er in attendance also know how to make some noise... Cheering was very loud. In addition, Kathy Goodman nailed an award of excellence in the rubber bumper B's, and Carole Looft; Mike Maloney and Skip Peterson scored AE's in the chrome bumper B class, and Louie DiPasquale nailed an AE in the featured class, the MGA.

Not a bad day for the rag tag bunch from up north in Dayton. Fact is, we showed some real club spirit to the Cincinnati crew, and I think we even nailed down a new member... Shortly after we left, Mother Nature got nasty again, and it was another quick stop to save Louie from a thorough soaking in his A... See photo-

Nothing eventful to report on the trip home, all cars cruised well, traffic was really exciting (those semi's are huge!) and we're now ready for BCD 21 in Dayton. Also, Miami Valley Triumph clubber Phil Daye also knocked down an AE for his very nice TR 6.



Helping Louie with his top. Hey guys, it's a one-man job on a TD--even in the rain!



Lots of happy winners!

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Fall Tour Plans

By Ron Parks

We're planning the fall tour of the Ashtabula County covered bridges for the weekend of October 1-2. One day during the week of August 22nd, I plan spend a day in Ashtabula County mapping out the tour and selecting a motel at which to reserve a block of rooms. I will communicate reservation information to the membership, via email, so folks can go ahead and reserve rooms. I will communicate this information to those members who do not have email, via phone or postal mail. And, of course, we will repeat it in the September newsletter as well.

Current plans are subject to change resulting from my scouting trip to Ashtabula County, but right now I'm thinking we'll travel North on Route 42 and detour to the Der Dutchman restaurant on I-71 for lunch on Saturday. The plan has us then proceeding on to Ashtabula County, where we will tour a few covered bridges before checking into the motel. On Sunday morning we will have the option to tour a few more covered

bridges on our way to a late morning brunch buffet at the Geneva Lodge and Conference Center at Geneva State Park. After brunch we will head home, unless of course, Jennifer Peterson insists we visit more covered bridges.

Welcome to New Members

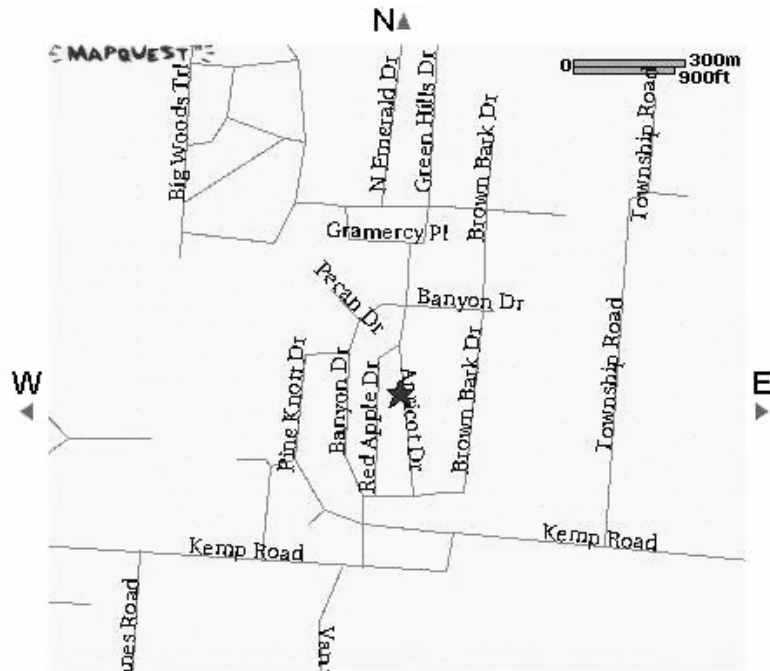
Carole Looft

Jim Cole 348 O'Gara St. Medford, Oregon 97501 (541) 261-2603 championcsa@aol.com 1978 MGB 1979 MGB V8	Fritz Heberling 7746 Scioto Ct. #213 West Chester, Oh 45069 (513) 779-6607 mowog@cinci.rr.com 1958 MGA coupe 1978 MGB	Phillip & Linda Mattingly 11156 Olde Tappan Way Centerville, Oh 45458 (937) 885-2166 lp matt@siscom.net 1953 TD
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Summer Picnic

Dick Goodman

Our summer picnic is set for Sunday August 28th at 2:00pm at my house; 2355 Apricot Drive, Beavercreek, OH 45431. Directions and a map are included here, but just in case, my phone number is 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. Bring a covered dish. The club will provide drinks, meat paper plates cups and plasticware. We'll eat around 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Come and join the fun! Be sure to drive your British car.



New Member Profile – Fritz Heberling

Carole Looft

When we attended the Cincinnati British Car & Bike show, we welcomed a new member, Fritz Heberling. Fritz is the owner of two MG's; a dove gray 1958 MGA coupe, and a white 1978 MGB.

Fritz has been around British cars for almost twenty years, having acquired a Spitfire in the mid eighty's. By the end of the 1980's, however, the Spitfire was no longer in the picture, and it was the MG that now piqued his interest. The whole history behind Abingdon, along with Cecil Kimber, John Thornley and others, made the MG Marque a much more interesting pursuit.



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So, in 1991 the first Midget came on the scene, followed by another Midget in 1992. It was 1995 when he found the MGB sitting in a bank parking lot with other 'Sunday afternoon cars for sale'. He passed it up then, but a year later, the same car in the same parking lot was again beckoning. This time he bought it. The Midgets ultimately turned out to be good trading material for work that needed to be done. The MGB has had extensive engine enhancement work done to it, has a Peco header and exhaust, a Kent cam shaft, and was changed over to twin SU carburetors. It also has an overdrive unit.

His MGA was with him in Cincinnati so we were able to get a first hand view. What a beauty! It was bought in 2000 from club members Dick and Pat Newman, who had done the restoration. He says it's 99% original and, money permitting, plans on getting some engine work done in the future.

Fritz is a member of several National MG car clubs as well as the local British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati. He is an 'experienced' newsletter editor, having held that position in the Cincinnati club for four years. Maybe we can talk him into contributing an article now and then for this newsletter too!

Fritz, we welcome to the club! With your enthusiasm for the MG's, we know we'll be seeing you at many upcoming events.

Classifieds

For Sale: MG-TD Parts 195? - Restored fenders, running boards, splash aprons, frame, springs, new wheels, new tan seats and panels, good windshield, fair dash with gauges, curtain compartment, grill, radiator, fuel pump, carburetor, engine block & head, new rubber parts, gaskets & seals, rear end, starter, generator, brake drums, restoration books. Sell all for \$3,000.00 or B.O. Tom (330) 385-7965 Ohio

For Sale: 1977 MGB rebuilt engine with Webber down draft carburetor, 25,000 miles on rebuilt engine, stainless steel pipes, runs strong, brand new top, refinished interior, body kit, mustang wheels, stereo system with Sony explode 6x9 speakers and Pioneer head unit. \$3,500 O.B.O. (937) 432-1652

New member Fritz Heberling with his 1958 MGA.

For Sale: 1953 MGTD. Red with new top. Runs well. Other MG items for sale, also. \$11,000. or \$10,500 from MGCC SWOC club member. Contact John Carter at 937-947-1647.

For Sale: Beautiful MG TD. Only 25,000 miles. Asking \$16,900, but would accept an offer. Mary Kay and John Slimak, 112 Jefferson St., Brookville, Pa 15825, edslim@alltel.net or 814-849-5004

For Sale: MGB (year not obtained). Approx 40K miles. Car was stored for 20 years and is in rust free condition. Engine is the 1800 cc high compression model from a 1966 MGB. Engine was



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removed to do a V6 upgrade but is believed to run. Certainly needs some work since it sat so long. Will take the best offer. Lonnie Waitman, (937) 252-6732, or Alonzo.Waitman@ci.dayton.oh.us

For Sale: '74 MGB, mustard yellow, with wire wheels. The car has been stored in a garage. It has radio, new top, seat covers and a car cover. Needs work on the brakes and a new battery. Very little rust, Has not been driven in two years. MG Automotive has always serviced this MG. Less than 90,000 miles. Looking in the \$3500 range. Contact Janet Mullins, home 567-2420 or work 225-6904.


For Sale: 1972 MGB. driven about 7,000 miles since it was totally restored. It is a with overdrive. The car is extremely clean with not a scratch or mark anywhere on the body. The only area that is not show quality is the engine compartment. The restoration included everything, engine, body, trim, chrome, top, interior etc, etc, the only thing original is the rear end. This car runs very strong, more ponies than the standard "B" I have photo's and invoices evidencing over \$22,000 invested. Asking \$12,000 View photos at <http://tours.tourfactory.com/tours/tour.asp?t=210193>. The car is located in Newtown, Connecticut. Contact Bhgbrian@aol.com.

For Sale: 1952 MG TD. It had a total restoration. British Racing Green. Can be seen in Centerville. Contact Betty Bailey at 937-434-8621 or by e-mail at bbailey@safe-mail.net.







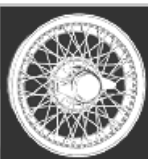
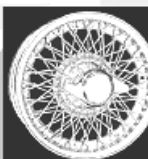
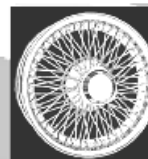
For Sale: 74 mg parts car and a lot of parts. Contact Jackie Powers jpowers@citynet.net

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



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dearly needs some TLC that we are unable to provide. David Fitzgerald, em4lr@yahoo.com

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.

MG Car Club Minutes, July 27, 2005

Linda Wolfe

Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm.

President's Report - Ryan briefly reported on his trip to the MGB National meet that he attended in Olympia, Wa. He thought the attendance there was just shy of 200 cars.

Dar Planeaux gave us a report of the happenings at the NAMGAR National in Mackinaw, Mi. Several other members from the club also attended that event. The Cincinnati British Show at Edgewater Park was well attended by club members. Several from the club received awards.

Vice President's Report – Skip reported on BCD. At present, there were 155 cars pre-registered. The sign-up sheet was available for volunteers. Laying out the field and stuffing registration bags was to take place on Friday the 5th at 6:00 pm. He reported that the Triumph Club had 24 people who were willing to work on Saturday. It was discussed whether the 'refreshment' trailer should be at the park on both Friday and Saturday.

Treasurer's Report – Dave reported income of \$42 for membership. Expenses of \$45 rental, \$250 donation to the Society of Natural History, \$20 gratuity gift for Bob Charles. Balance is \$1,521.81.

Membership – Carole reported 2 new members this month for a total of 106 memberships. New members were Fritz Heberling who owns a '58 MGA coupe, & a '78 MGB. Also, Jim Cole who has a '78 MGB & a 79 MGB V8.

Last month's new member John Barton and friend Joy Oxley were introduced and in attendance.

Sunshine Committee – Jennifer had nothing to report.

Activities – Tim reported on several events coming up. August 6th for BCD; Aug. 18-21 University Motors Summer Party, Grand Rapids, Mi; Aug. 28 MG Club picnic at Dick Goodman's. He had fliers for other events if anyone was interested in looking at them.

Editor's Report – still looking into publishing software. Nothing definite yet. It was noted that the ad for Little British Car Co. was omitted in the last two newsletters. It was agreed that we would extend the length of run time for this ad.

Beer Break – 8:31 – 8:50

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Old Business - We discussed the Club picnic which will be held on August 28th at Dick Goodman's house. Arrival time is between 2:00 – 3:00. Eating is around 5:00 pm. Dick would like this to be an 'adult only' affair this year.

There will be a map and directions in the August newsletter. We hope the beer trailer will be in attendance! John Zeno informed us that he and JoAnn will be moving to Kentucky in September. The members voted to make John and JoAnn honorary members of the Club.

A caravan to Grand Rapids, Mi for the University Motor's Summer Party is planned. We will meet at the Mc Donald's in Tipp City on August 18th between 7:30 – 8:00 am.

The Fall Drive will be an overnight trip to Ashtabula County on Oct. 1-2. Keep those dates open.

New Business - The supply of newsletter cover sheets are running low. A motion to purchase more was made and seconded. Joe will contact Ron to order. Joe invited everyone to his house after the Friday park set-up to view his son Michael's freshly restored Austin Healey. He will provide a map.

Dave Gribler said there is a group of MG owners who are discussing 'how to get younger people involved with MG's. He was looking for any input on the subject.

The June 2006 trip to Gatlinburg was discussed. We may split into two groups. Those who can drive the distance in one day and a slower group who would want to make it a two day trip.

Tech Tip - Dave Gribler had master cylinder problems due to a mixture of DoT 3 & 5 in the brake system. Make sure you know which type of fluid you are using. Keishi Koba needed advice on how to turn the heater off in his TD.

The Gumball Rally was won by Tim Oricko

Next meeting is scheduled for August 24th – the meeting was adjourned at 9:21.

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