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Need a Lucas Smoke Kit? Hurry and Bid!

Pet of the Month

From the President

Ryan Looft

All of a sudden we are in the middle of summer weather and it leaves us wondering what happened to our spring. These hot humid days are hard to deal with. It was especially uncomfortable on Sunday the 5th for both the trip to Perrysburg for the Lake Erie British Car Show and the Taj Kruezers benefit. Could it ever be too hot to be out in our MG's? I guess that wasn't the case. There was a good turn-out of members for the Taj Ronald McDonald House benefit. The longer drive to Perrysburg yielded a handful of true enthusiasts. It was a long hot drive that day. A trivia contest at the Perrysburg show included one question with local ties. There was reference to MGBskip@aol.com. I will bring that along to the next meeting for all to see.

The Second annual, Second Street Market Show took place at the British Museum of Transportation on May 22nd.

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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, June 22, 2005

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Upcoming Events

June:

- 17 – 18 – MG Car Club of Toronto 50th anniversary, Toronto, Canada
- 19 – 2nd Annual Veteran's Salute Car and Motorcycle Show - VA Center
- 22 – Meeting (K of C Hall)
- 25 – 28 – Vintage Races at Mid-Ohio

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)
- 28 – Picnic at Dick Goodman's

September:

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

There were a total of 76 cars there and as usual, there was a good showing of members from the car club. Eight of those members won awards. Good show, Dick, and we look forward to next year.

After you read this, we will have had our pub run to the Studebaker Museum on Sunday June 12th. Ron Parks has organized this for us so we thank him in advance. Hopefully we will have a good showing from the group.

These past few days, I have been planning the route and stops along the way for the NAMGBR Show in Olympia, Washington. I am excited about this trip and the sites we will see during the drive. We are figuring around 2700 miles one way and are hoping to be able to drive 600 miles a day. We will be leaving on Thursday June 30th and should be back around July 13th. If we have any last minute people who would like to join us on this trip, let me know.

Looking ahead to July, the 17th will be a busy day with two events that are both well attended by our members. First we have the Cincinnati British car show at Edgewater Speedway and then there is the All Ohio MG Meet in Columbus. We will plan on talking about those at the next meeting and see who will want to attend which event.

Also, just keep in mind British Car Days is August 6th.

Hope to see everyone at the Pub Run and the meeting on June, 22nd.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Pictures from the British Car Meet



Special thanks to Dick and Barbara Smith for organizing this great event!!

Is This Legit, or Is Someone Putting Us On?

Skip Peterson found this on e-Bay and sent it in. This may sound like someone is putting us on, especially to a non-British car fan. But to those of who know and respect the idiosyncrasies of Lucas electronics, this just might be the real thing we've spent years looking for!

NOS Lucas Replacement Wiring Harness Smoke Kit

Have you inadvertently let the smoke out of the wires on your classic British car? This, then, is the solution to your problem!

Here is presented for your perusal one Lucas Replacement Wiring Harness Smoke kit, P/N 530433, along with the very rare Churchill Tool 18G548BS adapter tube and metering valve. These kits were supplied surreptitiously to Lucas factory technicians as a trouble-shooting and repair aid for the rectification of chronic electrical problems on a plethora of British cars. The smoke is metered, through the fuse box, into the circuit which has released it's original smoke until the leak is located and repaired. The affected circuit is then rectified and the replacement smoke re-introduced. An advantage over the cheap repro smoke kits currently available is the exceptionally rare Churchill metering valve and fuse box adapter. It enables the intrepid and highly skilled British Car Technician to meter the precise amount of genuine Lucas smoke required by the circuit.

Unlike the cheap, far-eastern replacement DIY smoke offered by the "usual suppliers", this kit includes a filter to ensure that all the smoke is of consistent size. It has been our experience in our shop that the reproduction Taiwanese smoke is often "lumpy", which will cause excessive resistance in our finely-engineered British harnesses and components. This is often the cause of failure in the repro electrical parts currently available, causing much consternation and misplaced cursing of the big three suppliers.

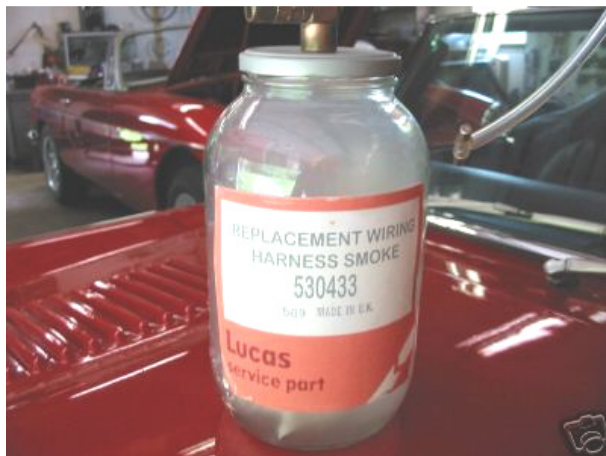
These kits have long been the secret weapon of the "Ultimate Authorities" in the trade, and this may be the last one available. Be forewarned, though, that it is not applicable to any British vehicle built after the discontinuing of bullet connectors, so your Range Rover types are still on your own...

This Genuine Factory Authorized kit contains enough smoke to recharge the entire window circuit on a 420 Jaguar, and my dear friend and advisor George Wolf of British Auto Specialty assures me that he can

replace ALL the smoke in a W&F Barrett All-Weather Invalid Car (147 CC) with enough left over to test a whole box of Wind-Tone horns for escaped smoke. How much more of an endorsement do you need?

More, you say? Well, I once let the smoke out of the overdrive wiring on my friend Roger Hankey's TR3B, and was able to drive over 200 miles home from The Roadster Factory Summer Party by carefully introducing smoke into the failed circuit WITHOUT even properly repairing the leak.

So, if you're troubled by lost smoke, bid early and bid often! Thanks for looking!



Meet the Mini-Coopers

Kala Rae & Hannah Lillian Cooper were born at 1:08 and 1:14 AM on 21 May 05, and weighed 6lb 1oz and 5lb 10oz respectively. In the picture below left, Kala is on the left and Hannah on the right. The girls are wonderful and having fun wearing their folks out. Cory and Sara thank everyone for all of the thoughts and prayers over the past year,



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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 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 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



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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.

MG Car Club Minutes, May 25, 2005

Linda Wolfe

Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm. Acknowledging that this was 'Drive your British Car Week', he asked for a show of hands from those who drove their car to the meeting. Eight members indicated that they had. A special drawing for a 'prize' would be held for those eight people at the end of the meeting.

The announcement was made of the arrival of the 'mini Coopers', Sara and Cory Cooper's twin daughters. Cory emailed pictures along with a note.

Thank You to Ron Parks for the pub run in Greenville and to the McCanns for the Spring Drive to Portsmouth.

The 2nd Street Market show was a success. Dick Smith thanked the MG Car Club members for their help. Eight club members won awards.

Vice-President's Report – Skip brought a picture of Jennifer's MGA. He felt that the "Old English White" color that the car was to be painted had way too much yellow. Looking now at other whites.

BCD report - shirts will have a logo on both the front and back. Orange vests will be purchased for the workers to wear. He'll have a sign up sheet at the next meeting for help.

The Minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

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Treasurer's Report - No money was taken in but \$98 was spent for printing and postage, \$45 for rent, and \$5 for the gumball rally. The balance is \$1953.05

Membership – Carole reported two new members this past month for a total of 99 members.

Sunshine Committee – Jennifer reported that John Wolfe had triple by-pass surgery.

Activities – Tim was not present to report

Newsletter - Steve said he is getting some good articles. Talked more about better software. Jeff Opt was drafted to help check on the software.

Beer Break was called at 8:28 pm.

Old Business - We were reminded of “The British Return to Fort Meigs” show in Perrysburg on June 5th. Those interested in going could caravan.

Also, on June 5th, the Taj Kruezers benefit for the Ronald McDonald House was discussed. Their web site and finding the registration on line was also talked about.

Ron talked about the upcoming visit on June 12th to the Studebaker Museum. We will be meeting at 2:00 pm and 2 groups of us will be guided by Bill Naughton and his daughter. Snacks will be provided. Afterwards, we will drive on to a restaurant. It was suggested that we donate \$50 to the Studebaker Museum.

New Business – A Mini newsletter from Illinois had an article about 3 Iranian companies who could possibly buy-out Rover's interest in the MG.

Tech Tips – Bob Charles was in need of a locksmith. Bill Hammond had available information.

Phil Johnson recommended that tires be replace every 6 years or so – aging can cause cracks.

For Sale – Gary Kinney has a 1979 MGB for sale.

‘Drive Your British Car’ drawing was won by Charley McCamey

Gumball Rally was won by Bob Charles.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



Steve's "Pet of the Month"

You've begged for it and waited patiently. I finally had a bit of space left over, so here it is!



Steve's fancy goldfish wait excitedly for their chance for their ride in his MG TD.

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