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MG Adoption Application Plan to Visit the Studabaker Museum!

From the President

Ryan Looft

This past month has given us some pretty good MG driving weather. The Tune Up Clinic brought out almost 30 MG's. Some got a few things worked out on their cars while others were just there to visit. The Pub Run to Greenville had 12 MG's and 16 members show up. Good food and beer was enjoyed at the Maid Rite Restaurant. After that, it was off to the Museum in Greenville. Thanks, Ron, for setting that up for us.

Dates to keep in mind! The spring drive will have taken place on May 14th and 15th by the time you have read this. Thanks to Dave McCann in advance for all the hard work and time in organizing the drive. The Second Street Market show will take place on May 21st which is open to all British cars. If you are able to lend a hand for this event, I'm sure Dick Smith would appreciate it. Let's hope for nice weather and a good turn out for these events.

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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 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, May 25, 2005

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Upcoming Events

May:

- 21 – 2nd Annual British Car Meet (2nd Street Market – Dayton)
- 21 – 29 – Drive Your British Car Week
- 25 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

June:

- 5 – “The British Return to Ft. Meigs” Perryburg, Ohio
- 5 – TajMa Garaj Kreuzers
- 12 – Studebaker Museum - Fairborn
- 17 – 18 – MG Car Club of Toronto 50th anniversary, Toronto, Canada
- 19 – 2nd Annual Veteran's Salute Car and Motorcycle Show - VA Center

- 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)
- 28 – Picnic at Dick Goodman's

September:

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

Keep in mind that the week of May 21st to May 29th is "Drive Your British Car Week", so make sure you get out and enjoy driving (your LBC, of course).

In June, a group of us will be driving up to the Lake Erie British Car show in Perrysburg, Ohio. This will take place on June 5th. Also on the 5th of June is the TajMaGaraj Kreuzers benefit for the Ronald McDonald House. We'll talk more about both of these events at the next meeting. And, if we have any takers to drive out west to Olympia, Washington to the North American MGB Register show which is July 7th-10th, please let me know.

Hope everyone takes advantage and enjoys all the MG events and activities that are taking place over the next few weeks. Let's hope we have some great MG weather too.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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| James & Polly Turner 6435 Scarff Road New Carlisle, OH 45344 (937) 845-0557 1956 MGA polly0557@aol.com | Jeff M. Duttweiler Sr. - 9 South Sutphin Street Middletown, OH 45042 (513) 292-1134 1967 MGB JeffreyD.Crusader@aol.com |
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MG Adoption Application

When we adopted our cocker spaniel from the animal shelter, they had a two-page questionnaire to determine if someone is qualified to own a dog. Shouldn't the same be required before someone is allowed to own an MG? Consider this questionnaire:

1. Are you ready to love this car, unconditionally?
2. Do you realize that you will have to understand almost everything about this car, including the engine, transmission, brakes, carburetors, etc.?
3. If you already know about cars, are you willing to learn a whole new vocabulary?
4. Are you willing to associate constantly with other MG owners?
5. Do you know a nearby mechanic with expert knowledge about MGs? If yes, skip to # 12.
6. Are you willing to get greasy? All over? In your eyes, hair, skin, clothing, etc.?

7. Are you willing to shed blood?
8. Do you own a fire extinguisher?
9. Do you realize that this car will cost more money than what you can sell it for?
10. If you already own tools, are you willing to purchase a whole new set?
11. Do you possess a large vocabulary of four-letter words?
12. Is your spouse or significant other an MG lover? If yes, skip to #14.
13. Are you familiar with the process for divorce or separation from a spouse or significant other?
14. Do you have another, reliable car?
15. Do you have garage space? For the car, parts, tools, more parts, etc.?
16. Do you have a problem with puddles of oil?
17. Puddles of gasoline?
18. Puddles of blood?
19. Do you know what Hypoid oil is? Its application? The difference between it and crankcase oil?
20. Are you sure you love this car?
21. Do you think "a little rust" is okay?
22. Can you recognize "a lot" of rust?
23. Does seeing daylight through your floorboards bother you?
24. Are you willing to drive without musical entertainment so that you can enjoy the incomparable pleasure of listening to your engine run - and attempt to listen for new problems as they develop?
25. Do you love this car above all others?
26. Do you worry what other people think?
27. Do you think purchasing an MG is a practical decision?
28. How do you feel about people asking you, "What year is that Karmann-Ghia?"
29. Are you sure you're feeling alright today?
30. Are you taking any medication?
31. Have you ever paid money to ride in an MG?
32. Isn't your relationship with this car a little unnatural?

(Source: The MGB Experience. Written by: Philippe Tusler. Used without permission...I hope he doesn't mind)

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More Uses for WD-40

The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40.

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The Convair Company bought it in bulk to protect their Atlas missile parts. The workers were so pleased with the product, they began smuggling (also known as "shrinkage" or "stealing") it out to use at home. The executives decided there might be a consumer market for it and put it in aerosol cans. The rest, as they say, is history.

It is a carefully guarded recipe known only to four people. Only one of them is the "brew master." There are about 2.5 million gallons of the stuff manufactured each year. It gets its distinctive smell from a fragrance that is added to the brew. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you. So, here are some of the uses:

Protects silver from tarnishing
Cleans and lubricates guitar strings
Gets oil spots off concrete driveways
Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making it slippery
Keeps flies off cows
Restores and cleans chalkboards
Removes lipstick stains
Loosens stubborn zippers
Untangles jewelry chains
Removes stains from stainless steel sinks
Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill
Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing
Removes tomato stains from clothing
Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots
Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors
Keeps scissors working smoothly
Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes
Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super fast slide
Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers
Rids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises
Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open
Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close
Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers
Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles
Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans
Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons and bicycles for easy handling
Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly
Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools
Removes splattered grease on stove
Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging
Lubricates prosthetic limbs
Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell)
Removes all traces of duct tape
I have even heard of folks spraying it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
Florida's favorite use was "cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly!
The favorite use in the state of New York--WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a LITTLE on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.



Use it for fire ant bites... It takes the sting away immediately, and stops the itch.

WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.

Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! Lipstick is gone!

If you sprayed WD-40 on a wet car distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.

WD-40, long known for its ability to remove leftover tape mung (sticky label tape), is also a lovely perfume and air freshener! Sprayed liberally on every hinge in the house, it leaves that distinctive clean fresh scent for up to two days!

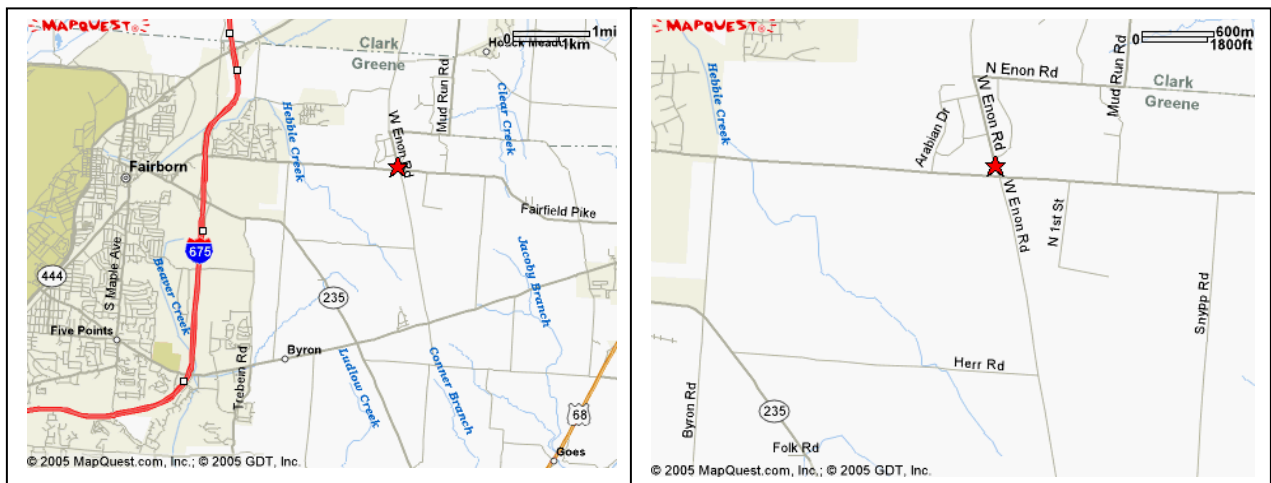
Seriously though, it removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.

Now, having seen all this, I'm sure that it does all the things that it is purported to do, but taking a couple of them as examples, yes it probably keeps the bathroom mirror from fogging, but who wants their bathroom to smell like WD 40? As for removing crayon marks from walls and duct tape residue (along with pitch and other such things) plain old shortning (like Crisco) will work as well or better. I tried some WD 40 on bugs and tar on the car and while it did remove them (wax removal solvent removes them also and faster), when I hit it with water it turned into an emulsion that was somewhat difficult to remove itself.

Pub Run to Studabaker Museum

Ron Parks

For those of you not already committed to attending other more important events that day, don't forget the pub run to the Studabaker Museum on Sunday, June 12th. The address is 4762 West Eanon Rd. From I-675, exit East onto Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd. Then, make a left on West Eanon Rd. As soon as you cross Yellow Springs-Fairfield Pike, the museum will be the first drive on the right. There is no sign, just the street number on the mail box. The building is an old brick farm house. (Of course, if you're bold enough to drive a British car, you certainly can figure out other routes to get there.) We'll visit the museum between 2 and 4 pm, then decide on a dinner location. Current candidates are the Red Robin by Fairfield Commons and Quaker Steak and Lube across from Wright State. See everyone there (except for Steve and Helen, who'll be attending their daughter's graduation from OSU)!



Pictures From Pub Run to Maid Rite Sandwich Shop in Greenville



Thanks to Skip Peterson for these great shots!

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 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!)

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MG Car Club Minutes, April 27th, 2005

Linda Wolfe

Ryan called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. and reported that the Tune-Up Clinic was attended by 30 members and 28 cars. The MG's were parked all along the building of MG Automotive and even (with permission) across the street. We thank Steve Miller for hosting this event and sharing tons of advice and expertise. It was a beautiful day to be out driving and enjoying our MG's.

Vice-President's Report - Skip said hi and reminded us that it cost \$8.00 to embroider the club logo on your shirt, hat, jacket, etc. He also reminded us about the Taj MaGaraj-sponsored cruise-in on June 5th at Carillon Park.

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

Treasurer's Report - Dave said that we took in \$28.00 last month in memberships and spent \$125 for printing & postage, \$45 for rent, \$5 for the gumball rally, \$248 for our annual insurance, and \$38 for our P. O. Box. That leaves us with a balance of \$2,104.83.

Membership Report - Carole said that we had one renewal which brought us up to 96 members. We are getting close to the 104 that we had last year.

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Sunshine Report - Jennifer reported that Reuben had his surgery and is doing well. This we could see as he was at the meeting and walking without the cane. Good news!

Activities Report -

May 1st Pub run to Greenville which had been postponed because of rain

May 1st - British Swap Meet - Fairlawn, OH

May 14th - 15th Spring Drive starting from the warehouse in Wilmington where the British Car Museum keeps their cars and ending in Portsmouth, OH

May 15th - British Car Show in Dublin, OH

May 21st - 2nd Annual British Car Meet at the 2nd Street Market in Dayton, OH sponsored by the British Museum of Transportation?

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July 17th - British Car & Bike Show at Edgewater, OH (Cincinnati)

August 6th - BCD

August 18th - 21st - University Motors Summer Party in Grand Rapids, MI

August 28th - MGCC picnic at Dick & Kathy Goodman's (eat about 5:00 p.m.)

Editor's Report- Steve wasn't at the meeting, but he had mentioned that he might like to have some new software for the newsletter that would make it easier to place advertisements and photos. Dick Smith might be able to help Steve to lighten the photos for the newsletter. This item was postponed.

Old Business - Mini Tour and Pub Run to the Maid-Rite Sandwich Shop in Greenville (rescheduled for May 1st) will start. Meet in the parking lot behind the Speedway and Burger King on the South side of SR 571 in Tipp City at 1:00 p.m. The tour will leave promptly at 1:15 p.m. After lunch we plan to visit the Garst Museum, sometimes referred to as the Annie Oakley Museum. Admission is \$3 and is open until 5:00 p.m.

Spring Drive - Dave McCann gave out some handouts with directions to the warehouse in Wilmington, OH. Skip had e-mailed the club with information and it will be sent out again as a reminder. Dave planned a nice 50 mile loop for a drive in the country and it only has one covered bridge. This made Jennifer happy. He said he made it back from Portsmouth to Springfield in 2 hours. You can participate in any part of this event. If you can't make the tour you can meet us down there for dinner or come the next morning.

A Beer Break was called at 8:25 p.m. Dave Estell paid for the drinks to celebrate his birthday and a new job. Thank you, Dave.

Dick Smith reminded us of the British Car Show at the 2nd Street Market on Saturday May 21st. He needs volunteers



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and registration will be from 8 to 11 with awards at 2:30. He also wanted to give Skip Peterson credit for taking the pictures of last years car show. Some of the pictures were printed in the newspaper and gave credit to the 2nd street market.

We were reminded of the Saturday British Breakfast Group (Saturday, April 30th) at the Steak & Shake in Beavercreek from 7 to 11 a.m.

BCD Report - We met last Tuesday and everything is under control. We are thinking about having the BCD logo on the front and cars on the back. Our next meeting is May 17th at the Polking Lanes behind the Dayton Mall.

Concours d'Elegance at the Boonshoft Museum is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th. Ron Parks will head up the Class Marshals.

Don't forget to put June 12th on your calendar for our tour of the Studebaker Museum and drive. The one hour tour will start at 2:00 p.m.

New Business - Carol Estell brought in some newspaper clippings and a stamp pad (MG octagon and a picture of an MGA). These belong to her friends father Jack Hardesty who owned a British Car dealership until about 1980. Thanks for sharing this memorabilia with us.

Gumball Rally was won by Ryan Looft and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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What...no Pet of the Month again? Yes, there really is one. In fact, I have three more pictures. I'm saving them for when space is available.