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Salute to Our Military Veterans

Next Meeting...November 16, 2005 (one week earlier than usual)

## From the President

Skip Peterson

Folks, it really hasn't been that long since I did this, and since this is a short month for meeting, you get a short column!

First a big thank you to John and Linda Wolfe for organizing the Steak Fry evening at Valley Vineyards. We had a strong turnout of about 30, only a couple of MG's in the parking lot, but we had a great time, the steaks were excellent, if you know how to grill (I got lucky and didn't get mine too done!) Not being much of a wine drinker, I'm pleased to say that they also now offer the wine of hops, so I had a few Bud's. Sure they cost extra, but you gotta have something, and the Valley Vineyards Rue de Blush 1999 just didn't have the bouquet to suit me. I sampled

the Cab reserve, and it's far too dry for me, and they had no Brie to go with it. So, I think I'll have a Bud! Again, thanks to John and Linda, and thank you for the weather, it was perfect.



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, November 16, 2005**

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## Upcoming Events

### November:

16 – Meeting (K of C Hall)  
Note date change

### December:

10 – Holiday Party at Ryan Looft's  
– No club meeting in December

### January 2006:

25 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

### February:

11 – Valentine Party at the Gribblers'  
22 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

### June:

21-25 – MG 2006 at Gatlinburg, TN

I must confess I left the gavel at the KofC, and the Secret Service guys didn't pick up after me, but a call to Jim Hinders saved the club heirloom. It should be back in my hand on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

I've sent out a feeler to ArnieBrown.Com regarding grille badges, and he says our logo will work fine, so we'll be talking about that at the meeting.

Besides that, I'm slowly making my way along with getting the MGA back together. I will state, that no matter how much you plan, it doesn't work out the way you think. You can't take enough photos, or label items perfectly. And further, I'd suggest a notebook listing the locations of where you store parts! I did find the "missing" toe board after Terry Looft came to the rescue, so now I have an extra one. Terry's is going on the car, but in addition, I still have to search around for parts, and you do need a plan to re-assemble. It sounds weird, but making a list or a plan is a good idea. I have one taped to a cupboard in the garage and as I get another thing done, I check it off, and I also add tasks to the list so I'm trying to do each task only once. It's not working perfectly, but then again, it's still fun. I've sent along a couple of photos, and maybe

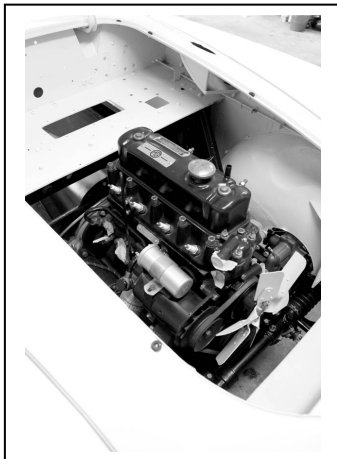
Steve will use them!

Remember to mark Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the annual Holiday Party, our second trip to Clinton County for the holiday gathering. We'll get to visit the new home of Ryan Looft and meet his new St. Bernard puppy, who will likely weigh about a hundred pounds by December.

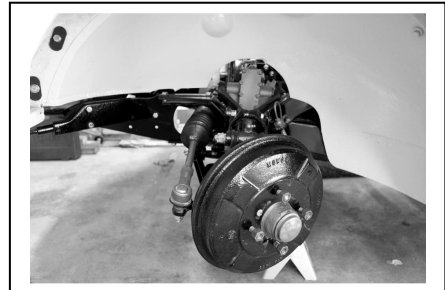


My tech tip for November:

Masking tape is great for painting, but there are a few other tricks that can keep items from getting overspray. If you're doing touch up's under the hood, aluminum foil can be used to wrap tightly around parts and deflect over spray. And when using masking tape, using a very sharp X-Acto knife to cut the



tape perfectly is required. But, my favorite discovery is petroleum jelly or Vaseline. Depending on the size of the parts, you can use your finger to smear the jelly over anything that you don't want painted. For tight detail work, use a Q-tip, and lightly coat the Q-tip with petroleum jelly, then smooth a fine coating of it around the edges, etc. Make sure you cover everything that you don't want paint on. Then paint away... When the part is completely dry, just wipe off the petroleum jelly. There won't be any paint on the area that you covered with petroleum jelly.



# MGCCSWOC Salutes Our Veterans

Can you name them all?



A photo for the folks back home,  
1953 or 1954



Rome, Italy, while on leave from  
duty in Germany, December 1945



Vietnam, 1972



Minuteman ICBM launch site, North  
Dakota, Summer 1972



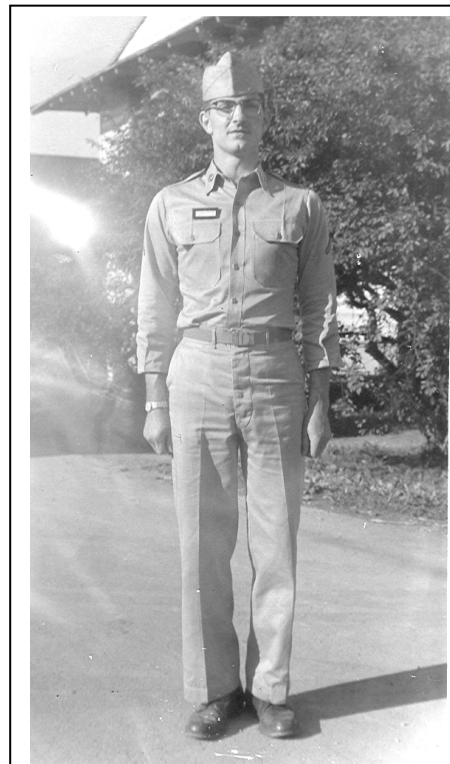
Near Heidelberg, Germany, with a new friend that preferred GIs over Germans, shortly after the end of WWII



Somewhere in England, 1943



82nd Airborne Headquarters, Phu Loi, Vietnam, December, 1969



Ft. Knox, KY, Mid 1950s



Relaxing on a river patrol boat,  
Vietnam, 1970



Chanute AFB IL, 1968

Did you recognize them all? Here they are, in alphabetical order: Jasper Cemino, Ian Cunningham, Louie DiPasquale Joe Hooker, Terry Looft, Steve Markman, Charles McCamey, Ron Parks, Larry Youngblood, and John Zeno. I know we missed a few. Thanks to all our vets!

## Welcome New Members

Carole Looft

**G**erry and Susann Hamilton became members of the MG Car Club in September of this year. They live in Cincinnati where Gerry is a computer consultant.

They've owned a 1974 blaze red MGB for about a year and a half. Gerry found the car in Columbus when he attended the Easton Town Center car show. The paint work on the car was a real 'eye catcher', so, after test driving the car, he struck a deal with the owner.

Gerry enjoys getting out on weekends in the car with Susann. He is finding that some old tools stashed in his garage are working just fine on his MG. He credits Eddie Cole, Steve Howard and Ryan L. as always being a driving force with their encouragement to enjoy the MG Marque. Gerry's future plans for the car are to "just keep it running"! We know how that goes! Welcome Gerry and Susann to the MG Club.



# Holiday Party Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> 2005 6:30pm

Ryan Looft

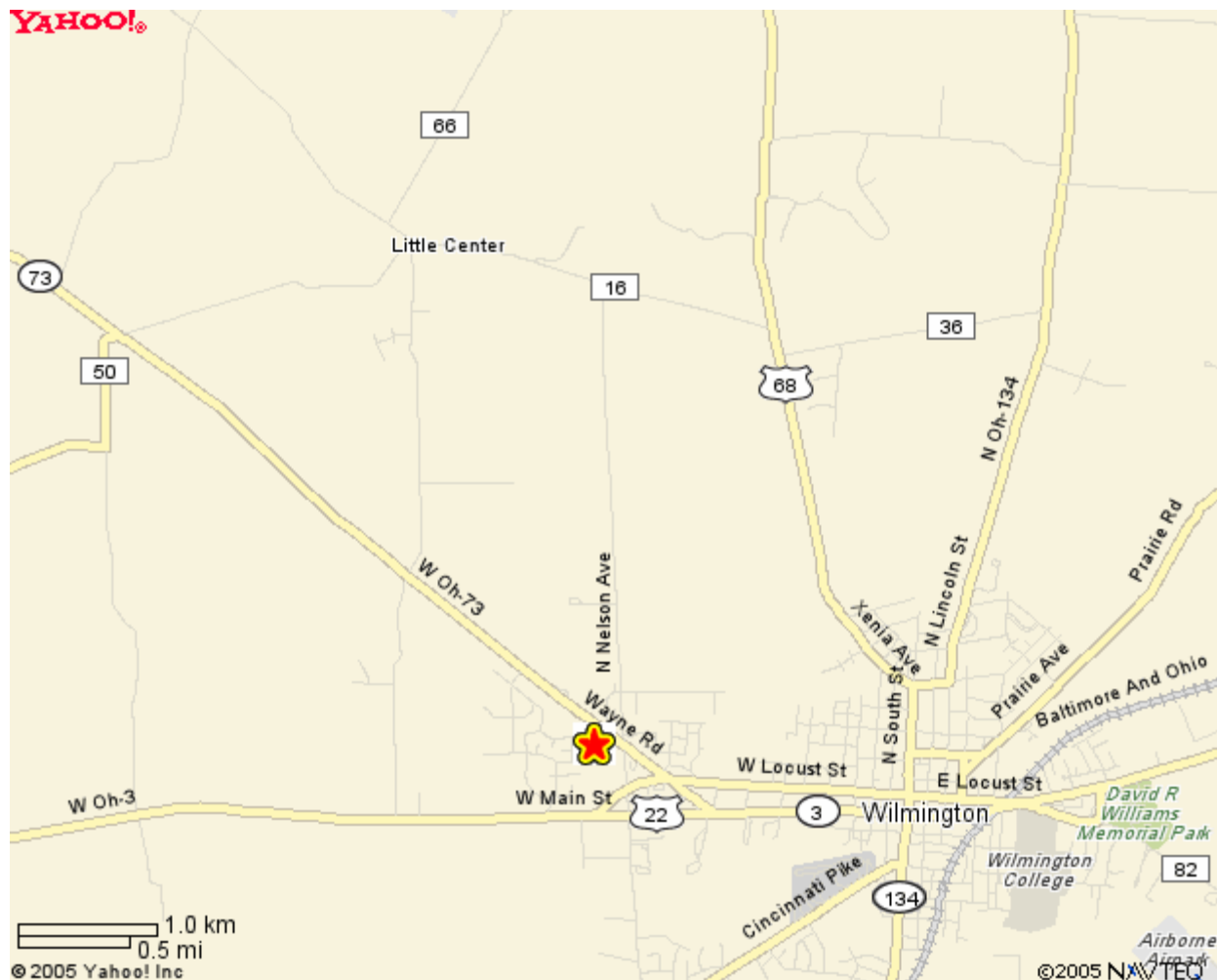
Directions to the Holiday Party: 1542 Wayne Road (SR 73 West) Wilmington, Ohio 45177  
Home# 937 382 5159 Cell# 513 252 4191 Email ryan@looft.net

From Dayton, Beavercreek, Xenia: Take US 68 South and cross over I 71. Go about four miles and make a right on Center Road. Go about one mile and make a left on Nelson Road. Follow Nelson to the first stop light and make a left on SR73. Second place on left

From South Dayton, Springboro, Waynesville: Take SR 73 West cross I 71 and go five miles. Second to last place on right before the first stop light.

From Cincinnati: Take I 71 North to exit 45. Make a right on SR 73 and go five miles Second to last place on right before the first stop light.

The shoulder across the street is wide enough that cars can park there and my driveway can fit several cars as well. I hope everyone will be able to make it.





## Club Logo Embroidery

Skip Peterson

If you're thinking of having the club logo embroidered on anything for a gift over the holidays, be sure to bring it to the next meeting. We'll work out arrangements for you to get it back. The cost is \$8 per logo, and I appreciate the payment up front. Also, if it's a surprise gift, make sure to let me know so I don't blow the surprise, and if you want to be real secret, just drop me a note or call in advance.

## Classifieds

**Looking For:** master cylinder filler cap for '54 T/F (part may be identical to TD). (Moss doesn't carry them anymore). Please contact John Barton, johnnystrees2@aol.com, or (937) 289 7325.

**For Sale:** '78 MGB engine, and a '74 MGB 4 sped trans. Engine was running when pulled from car, but was using oil. Trans was working, but he has no idea about the internal condition. Asking \$200 for both. Located in Jeffersonville. Contact Randy Lovett at 740-426-6523 or on his cell at 937-604-3134.

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**For Sale:** 1969 Red MGC/GT. Chrome Dayton wire wheels, new tires & tubes, new windshield, rubber, and trim. Overdrive. 513-267-1784 (cell) or 513-539-4643 (home).

**For Sale:** Numerous items, all located in Lorain County, just west of Cleveland: 53 TD, black with red vinyl interior, same owner 39 years, not driven last 10 years, many spares, including transmission, \$13K firm. 60 MGAs (2 complete cars and spares, disassembled), \$5600. 60 Bugeye Sprite, needs major restoration or good for parts car, \$3200. Plus, 50 YT, MGCGT, 73 MGBGT, 78 rubber bumper B, 58 MGA, and two dual-axle trailers. Contact Jeff Fields, [drivesmgs@earthlink.net](mailto:drivesmgs@earthlink.net), 440-315-6380

**For Sale:** 1963 Austin Healey Sprite, possibly a Mk II. Has been in storage and not run in years. Needs restoration. Contact James Root Phone: (937) 904-9283 E-mail: [james.root@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:james.root@wpafb.af.mil).

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**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 6x9 speakers and Pioneer head unit. \$3,500 O.B.O. (937) 432-1652

**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

## MG Car Club Minutes, October 26, 2005

Sam Hodges (Slandering you efficiently in the 21st Century...)

President **Skip Peterson** calls the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. **Skip** to Carol Looft: "Mom, thanks for closing the door. That's the last time that I'm going to say that to Carol..." **Peanut gallery**, "...tonight..."

**Pres. Peterson's Report:** (...which we later find out isn't really his report, just the ramblings of a power-hungry politician...) A round of applause to Ryan Looft for doing such a great job. "After taking the year off, Ryan, you'll be eligible for re-election" (Yeah, don't I know about that! Hey Ryan, they're not joking...)

**Skip**, "We need to make a Looft-for-Office sign. This will allow several Loofts' to be elected to what ever, office whenever we feel like it."

On an interesting tangent, Jennifer is the new owner of her very own covered bridge.  
**Terry Looft**, "That'll look good on the mantle." **Jeff Opt**, "...or in the fireplace..."

Miata's Adorn Downtown. None of them leaked oil, all of them started after the show but word has it that a few of them got repossessed since they were behind on their lease payments.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Bill Hammond had one correction - that Moss has a Fuel Injection kit that'll replace the Stromberg. Peanut Gallery "Dick and Kathy Goodman are buying one!" Motion to approve, seconded by John Zeno.

**Treasurer's Report:** Thanks to the Estelles' for doing such a fine job. (Wait a minute... they weren't present and Kathy said something about some accounting irregularities... Hmmm...) New Treasurer Kathy Goodman's report: Total Inflows equaled \$570 = \$520 Membership + \$50 in Advertising Total Outflows equaled \$576 = \$104 Printing and postage + \$372 in copies (New Newsletter covers we think) + \$5 Gumball rally + something I missed and forgot to get from Kathy before the end of the meeting... Sue me!

Hammond Moves that the report be accepted as read. Bob Charles seconds. Report approved.



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**BCD Wrap-Up Meeting:** Phil Day of the Triumph Club will be chairman next year. \$950 to each club. We had a bad year relatively speaking (*it did rain after all*).

Rumor has it that the North American Spitfires Squadron is going to hold their national meet in conjunction with BCD next year. Basically, they need someplace to get together. They don't have the cash to do it themselves and would like to tack their event onto ours. They **MUST** pre-register. If we're going to add potentially 90 cars, then we need to know what we're going to get. (...*Let the normal Triumph bashing begin... and yes, I know the Triumph Club gets a copy...*) **Terry Looft** "...do we really want to stoop that low..." **Louie Dipasquale** (Triumph Spitfire owner for those who don't know yet [*as if there was any one in the Miami Valley who doesn't*]): Grabbing coat and heading for door... **Terry Looft**... Holding said door... **Peanut Gallery** "Louie, don't let the door hit you on the way out!" (*Can't you feel the love?!?*) **John Zeno** "We're going to have to hire a wrecker" **Dar Planeaux**, "That's a lot of cars to have to jumpstart."

**Fall Tour:** Special thanks to the Rally Master, and current Vice President **Ron Parks** for planning such a great fall tour event to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn Indiana.

**Vice Pres. Parks Report:** The Hotel did a great job taking care of us.

**Terry Looft**, "...best tour we've been on all fall..."

**Kathy Goodman**, "Just north of Greenville, the car died. Before I had the seatbelt undone, the hood was up and there were 4 heads under the hood. (*Did any of them know what they were doing?*) The people in the club are just wonderful to know and have around." It was on the second stop that Terry L. found out that the sport coil was still good. It's amazing what 40,000 volts can do. (*Nice Perm Terry...*)

**Louie D.** "You'll never have that problem with a Spitfire...**Someone** - "That's because they never start..."**Terry L.**, "What is that, a 3 volt system"

On a vicious filibuster Ron, *the Traditionalist*, Parks feels that all of the officers should be sitting at the



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head table. *(Make me look bad...not that it takes that much...Usually, just standing next to me is enough to do that!)*

In a new twist on the traditional format, Pres. Peterson has decided to go with a **Member at Large Report: Jeff Opt** – also our website guru – Reports... **Skip**: “How's the Website?” **Jeff**: “I just updated it today.” **Skip**: “Can we get a BCD entry form on the website?” **Jeff**: “Sure. I just need it as a PDF document for the web.”

**8:25**, the Smiths have arrived.

**Membership: Carol Looft** reports that currently we have 56 paid members on the Roster...*Funny how now that Skip's Pres, our membership's been cut in half.*

**Newsletter: Steve Markman** has updated the newsletter box but found 2 numbers - "British Hotline" and "MG News Hotline" - that Steve couldn't match to anybody. It was suggested that they be removed. Additionally, Steve was wondering why we have 2 listings for Dick Smith? “Historian” and “Dixmyth” Dixmyth apparently can go...The next issue will be a Veterans' Day issue. We need to send out an e-mail trying to find out how many Vets we have. **John Zeno**: “Does the Civil war Count?” Send in a picture and we'll publish them in the newsletter. *However, if you're reading this for the first time, then you're obviously too late to send in a picture...* Wheel Source and Classic Motorsports are still very interested in running adds. Rates are \$25/quarter page annually. Anyone who wants a sample copy of *Classic Motorsports* just needs to contact him and he'll send out a sample copy. *(What's he thinking?!? We'll have our library made up in no time...)*

**Activities:** Mr. John Wolfe - the Steak and Wine at Valley Vineyards is Sat. Oct. 23rd. *It'll be over LONG after you read this, so forget about it.* Bob Charles and his wife went last Saturday and can attest that the steaks are very good. Meet there at 5:00.

**Sunshine Committee: Skip P.** “We always need to hear from Jennifer about how she's doing?” **Jennifer Peterson** “Everyone here's happy” **Skip P.** - “Can we at least check?” **Jennifer P.** “They're all happy!” *(O.K. then.. Sounds like marital problems here folks, let's just move along... Nothing to see here, keep reading... don't stop and look, it's not polite...)*

**Bob Charles** has had some skin issues due to a follicularly challenged head. He says that he's got 2 weeks of chemo followed by 2 weeks of hydrocortisone.” Bob “Always remember your sun block when going outside even for short periods of time.” *(I need to check, but I think that might qualify as a public service announcement.)*

**Bill Hammond**: “20W-50 Works for me.”

What's going on? I think that we're being robbed. A tall individual wearing what appears to be a ski mask has just entered the room. Wait, there are two of them! I'm a little nervous, they look kind of shifty *(this would be bad place for a typo, eh?)* to me. They're saying something... **Lois Gribler** “Let's celebrate the fact that I'm retired as of Sept. 30th! Therefore, I'm buying!!” Turns out that the tall shifty characters were actually the Gribler's arriving late and they were all bundled up due to the fact that they drove their MG with the top down on a cool October night.

**Beer Break!** 8:36 – Lois is buying! *(No really, she's buying...)*

**Back From Beer Break** 8:57 – Lois bought!

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**Bill Hammond** makes a resolution that when one of the restroom urinals is down, that guys older than 65 get to go to the head of the line. **Terry Happensack** "Maybe guys over 65 shouldn't drink so much." **Skip P.** "If you see Bill coming, get out of the way..."

Thanks to Lois for a great and lovely beer break.

**Old Business:** **Skip** "What's the deal with the canopy that we were looking to buy?"

**Skip P.:** "We don't really need to worry about the canopy until oh, say, Feb. or March..." **Gary Kinney:** "I've got it already" **Skip:** "Okay, now we just need to pay Gary." **Gary:** "I got it for \$10 off the sale price." **Skip:** "Who's going to keep it?" **Gary:** "I can keep it until you need it." **Skip:** "Moving On..." (...what an efficient organization we've got here folks...)

**Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief:** According to Dick Smith, the Shaneyfelts' have been down there working 12 hour days for the past few weeks and are going to be there for a few more trying to get the people off the cruise ships. (*Oh, sure, make us all look bad. I was gonna do it but...*) **Jennifer P.** "I move that we give \$100 to the red Cross Hurricane Relief fund." **Lois G.,** Second. All approved - Kathy will send a check to the Red Cross for Hurricane Relief.

**Old Business:** Steve Markman - the old business about Grille badges is back apparently not having been resolved the last time it was brought up. (*I was President back then...wait a minute...um...er... never mind. Moving on...*)

Skip got a note from someone who does cloisnette grille badges at about \$18 dollars per. The min. order is only about 15, and if the order's over 50, then the price falls down to \$13/per. After a quick vote there seems to be quite a few members who are interested so, Skip will send him a sample and see if we can get some pricing on the issue.

**Old Business:** - Tax Exempt status, where do we stand? In order to get the new TID, we need the by-laws in order to apply. Who's got a copy? Apparently the Loofts's do. Carol reports that she's been sending them out with every new member packet. Kathy has a Form 8718 EO Application... *As the IRS Atty. shudders...* It's at this point that I stop typing. **HAVE YOU ALL FORGOTTEN WHO I WORK FOR???!!** A lengthy discussion about the differences between non-profit and not-for-profit follows. We decide here to blame the whole thing on former President, current President Emeritus, Ryan Looft. Any subpoenas should be addressed to him.

Is there an interest about getting younger member into the club.

**Terry Looft** suggests getting bags of candy and going through school yards... Someone else suggests having our beer break at Chuck-E-Cheeses'... **Dick Smith** has a legit response. He suggests getting them involved at events like BCD. **John Zeno:** "Where do you put a boom-box in an MG?" Getting back to the serious ideas, **Bob Charles** suggests, "Maybe we could donate an MG to a local JVS to restore the car, and maybe raffle it off." **Dave Gribler** reports that at the recent MGA national meet, the teens that were there want some sort of hands on thing that will allow them to get to know what MG's are all about. How do we find out who/where the teens are? We need to get the word out, but how. **Kathy G.** "Maybe we should do some-thing at BCD. What? Don't know, but there's got to be something we can come up with. **Terry Happensack,** "Perhaps we just need to get out there more. The cars were out when the older group was young (**Skip,** "I think the older gen. just got insulted...") but maybe we should think about doing some other things. **Terry Looft,** "Funkana's are an option." **Dave Gribler,** "Just so that it's structured." Joe Hooker pointed out that the Austin Healy club had a Pinewood derby for the younger generation. **Lois G.** points out that JoAnn is the Co-chair of the Gen II National Committee. Lois feels that one of the best things is to give people rides in our cars. **Gary K,** "Each owner needs to go out and

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recruit if that's something that we're interested in doing.” **Joe Hooker** reports that he has given rides to every kid on his street in his TD (**Terry Looft**, “Maybe that's why those posters are showing up with Joe's picture and the tag line – ‘don't get in the car with this man...’”

**Louie D.** “Maybe there could be something done with the Holiday at Home parade.” (*Having recently attended this event, I was rather surprised by some of the cars that were in the parade. I know that the MGCC would have made a better showing than some of the supposed “parade cars” that were there.*)

Skip brought up another idea that was forwarded to him by Vicky. Her second idea was to have a basic MG clinic for wives/spouses. The Women present made it clear in no uncertain terms that the idea was a bad one and it went away as quickly as it came. **Jennifer P.** “If they want to know anything, then they can just ask their husbands.” **Kathy G.** “If they want, they can come to the meetings.” **Ryan Looft**, “Isn't that what the tune-up clinic's for.”

**For Sale:** Terry Looft did have the toe board support for an MGA. After Skip got Terry Looft's, Skip found his. So now, Skips got one for sale...

**Terry Happensack.** “I've got a lot of old parts...” **Skip**, “No Shit.” **Terry Happ.** “...and I wanted to know what can/cannot be repaired. What do I keep?” **Skip**, “All the stuff's that valuable.”

**Tech Tips:** Terry Looft, “Plant your corn early...”

The Goodman Theory, “Never go more than 10 miles down the road without a spare rotor.”

**Terry Happ.** has Q about Petronix Flamethrower coil. **Steve Veris** says that if you've got the wrong coil, you'll fry it.

**Gumball Rallye:** Ron Parks won.

Motion to adjourn 9:37

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