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Holiday Party Pictures

Valentines Day Special – My First (4-wheeled) Love

From the President

Skip Peterson

Thoughts about our recent trip to Los Angeles. What a great place to visit, what a lousy place to live! I would encourage everyone, if they have the chance, just drive from Culver City to Hollywood on a Friday evening at 6 pm just once. It's 9.4 miles, and it took Jennifer and me one hour and 30 minutes. I really don't want to hear any more complaining about our traffic. We don't have any traffic!

Cars in LA? We did not see single MG on the road. One TR6 is all I can report. About a hundred Ferrari's and Lamborghini's (mostly driven by show dogs!) and everyone it seems have either a BMW or Mercedes. Seven out of 10 plastic bumper cars have battle scars, nearly every door is dinged, and the car is either super clean, or so dirty you can't tell the color. I love America.

Beverly Hill Mercedes looks like a three story bank building with a marble portico and valet



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, February 22, 2006

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Upcoming Events

February:

22 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

March:

22 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

April:

28 Meeting (K of C Hall)

May:

7 – Austin Healey Swap Meet (Akron)
20 – 3rd Annl 2nd St. Mkt Brit Car Show
24 – Meeting (K of C Hall)
27 – June 4 – British Car Week

June:

4 – British Return to Ft. Meigs
(Perrysburg)
21-25 – MG 2006 – Gatlinburg, Tenn
28 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

July:

26 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

August:

5 – British Car Day – Eastwood Metro
Park
23 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

MG2006. For more information, visit MG2006.com. It's time to start figuring out our plan for June. Graham Copper will be the rally master on this adventure. We need to determine how many folks are going, our itinerary, and what we want to do.



parking. The furniture in the showroom is nicer than anything we own. BMW of Beverly Hills has four buildings on four corners and more valets than we have in all of Dayton. We didn't stop there either.

But we did visit the Petersen Automotive Museum, and that is definitely worth the \$10 admission. The Petersen family, that founded Hot Rod magazine and created an automotive publishing empire, funds it. The museum was born upon sale of the publishing company. Three stories of all kinds of automotive history. Featured right now is an



exhibit of Steve McQueen's autos. His Jaguar XKSS, the street version of the D type Jag, was worth the price alone (see picture below). He also owned an MG TC (see below). Not to mention his clapped out daily driver Mini, his many Porsches, a bunch of Triumph motorcycles, the Mustang from Bullet. Great display, but they also have tons of street rods, antiques, an old gas station, a Ford showroom from the 30's etc. It's well worth a couple of hours wandering around. I've included a couple of photos.

Now to business, on another page is the schedule of events for



Graham and I have discussed

a driving trip to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville on Thursday, which is pretty much a free day. Why would we ride a bus there when we have great little cars to drive the 85 miles over there? Admission for the Biltmore is \$42 per person, but I'm told it's well worth it. So, we should devote some time to planning this excursion, and hopefully have everything nailed down by the end of March.

See you at the Kof C on the 22nd.

Welcome To Our New Members

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Grille Badges

Skip Peterson

The grille badge prototypes have arrived. We got two options: one with the background border in white, the other in chrome. The badge is 3.25 inches across, and seems to be well made, with mounting hardware attached nicely. See the photo below, white on the left, chrome on the right. This will be an important topic at our meeting on February 22.



British Return to Fort Meigs...Again!

Don't forget "The British Return to Fort Meigs," June 4, 2006, Perrysburg, Ohio, Sponsored Lake Erie British Car Club. Come join us for our 8th annual "The British Return to Fort Meigs" British Car and Bike show, located at the Fort Meigs Historical Site, Route 65, Perrysburg, Ohio. While you show your car you can take a tour of a restored fort from the War of 1812, try a challenging British car quiz, shop at one the vendors, or sample some tasty delights from one of the food vendors. Voting will be by popular vote. This would be a good warm up for all those planning on attending MG 2006," The All-Registor MG Meet", in Gatlinburg TN June 22-25, 2006. Make plans to attend both. Contact: Tony Shoviak. Phone: 419-878-2041. Email: Tennntony@worldnet.att.net. Website: <http://lakeeriebritishnews.home.att.net>

MGCCSWOC Car Statistics

6 Pre T series
30 T series
20 MGAs
78 MGBs
3 MGCs
16 Midgets

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I have another tidbit that I found pretty amazing. In the application for the MG Car Club of England, they ask for a count of the various types of MGs owned by the club members. I did a pretty quick count based on the 2005 membership list, and discovered these numbers:

MG2006 Program Schedule

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Registration/Regalia

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Vendor Setup Self Guided Tours

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

BBQ Social Meet 'n Greet

Location: Glenstone Lodge Riverdeck Pavillion- fee

Thursday, June 22, 2006

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Registration Self Guided Tours

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Vendor Display

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tech Sessions 1

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Tech Sessions 2

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tech Sessions 3

9:00 PM

Parking Lot Parties

Friday, June 23, 2006

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Vendor Display **Car Show**

Registration/Regalia- fee

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Self GuidedTours

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

(NAMGBR) North American MGB Register

Activity - Afternoon Meet 'n Greet

More Information

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

(NAMGAR) - North American MGA Register

Member Only First Timer Reception

Location: Calhoun's Restaurant

More Information

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

(MMM) North American Triple M Register

Activity - Bibulous Gallimaufry

More Information

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

(NEMGTR) New England MGT Register

Activity - Old Fashion Barbeque

Location: Glenstone Lodge Riverdeck Pavillion

More Information

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

(AMGCR) American MGC Register - Pub

Night

Location: Fox & Parrott

More Information

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

(NAMGAR) North American MGA Register

Buffet Dinner and Reception

Location: Calhoun's Restaurant

More Information

9:00 PM

Parking Lot Parties

Saturday, June 24, 2006

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Vendor Display Self Guided Tours

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tech Sessions 1

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Tech Sessions 2

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Cocktail Hour

Location: Gatlinburg Convention Center

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Awards Banquet

Location: Gatlinburg Convention Center- fee

More Information

9:00 PM

Parking Lot Parties

Sunday, June 25, 2006

9:00 AM

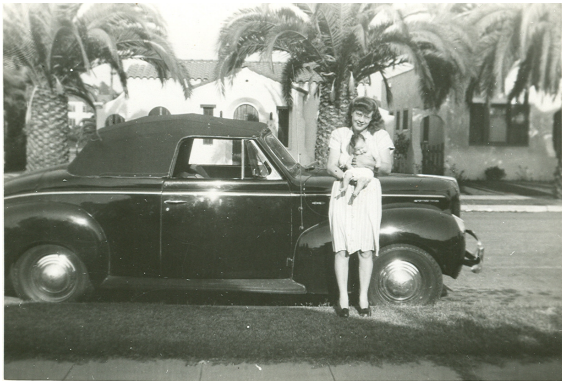
Breakfast (on your own)

Pictures From the Holiday Party

Ron Parks



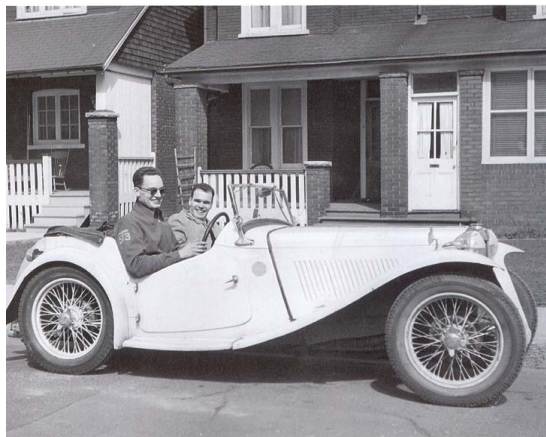
My First (4-Wheeled) Love



Dick Goodman's 1940 Mercury Flathead V-8, that he bought in 1945. Photo taken in 1945. Late wife Maureen is holding Kathy, two months old.



Gary Moore's MG TD, acquired in 1964, photo taken in 1965 (that's Gary on left with what used to be black hair)



Bill Hammond's 48 MGTC, photo taken in June 54 in Toronto. The car never had a heater.



Joe Hooker's 1941 Plymouth, photo taken in 1954 with his real first love, Lucia



Jim Turner's 1958 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser which he bought new in 1958. Recently restored.



Ron Parks' 1959 Anglia (English Ford). It was green and he called it the "Pickle."



Larry Youngblood's 1961 Ford Falcon, purchased for \$300 in 1968 when he was 18.



Steve Markman's 1967 Camaro, photo taken in 1971 at Randolph AFB, Texas. He wrapped the car around a pole a month after getting married.



Dick Kaczmarek's restored 1965 MGB



Dick Kaczmarek's 1979 MGB being restored. I guess a guy can have two first loves.



Steve Veris' 1960 MkII Jaguar Sedan, photo taken in 1971. "Can't believe I was ever that young!"



Charley McCamey's 1960 Austin Healey "Bugeye" Sprite, owned from 1967 to 1972.

Classifieds

For Sale: 1971 MGB. The underside has been rebuilt with new brakes, front and rear suspension, new tires and wire rimmed wheels. The engine runs well. It does need some body and interior work. Located in Kettering OH. Asking \$1,350. Contact Mark Fussnecker, MFVACS@Prodigy.net or call 937-673-6357.

For Sale: Parts from a 1979 MG Midget, everything but the body--New Top. The car had only 18K miles on it when it was totaled. Located in New Paris, OH; call Don Stokes at (937) 437-1502.

For Sale: 1969 MGB GT. New wire wheels and hubs, new SUs, and alternator. Working OD. Runs well and is in nice condition. Asking \$7,000 for club members. I just don't have the time to enjoy anymore and hate to see it sit in the garage. Pictures available. John Larabee john.larabee@siemens.com

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.

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, 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.

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

MG Car Club Minutes, January 25, 2006

Sam Hodges

Meeting called to order

Apparently we've impeached the truly guilty parties so Ryan Looft's back in control...

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Scuttlebutt on the street is that Skip and Jennifer are *(were)* visiting their daughter out in California and therefore could not make it to the meeting. Similarly, V.P. Parks was also M.I.A. so we needed to find someone else to run the show.

Ron apologizes for not being here and not meeting the deadline for the Octagon News so the Holiday Party pictures will be in the next newsletter. There's also a CD for Jeff to use to put the pictures on the website.

Since the Secretary is the next one in line, technically, the Secretary should therefore have been in control. *(AHA! It is I, El Presidente speaking to you from my exile here in El Dorado, Ohio...)*

Since the current Secretary is otherwise busy *(not to mention quite insane)*, a motion was made by Tim Oricko to allow President Emeritus Ryan Looft to run the meeting, thereby freeing up the Secretary to continue his (my) reign of slander. Dave McCann seconded the motion. Ryan's in charge. *(To explain that joke to those who are new to the club, I used to be President a couple of years ago and I did everything under the nom-de-plume "El Presidente"...and someday I shall return from this exile...)*

On a very sad note, Lucia Hooker fell ill and passed away suddenly and unexpectedly the evening of January 22, 2006. The members present have a moment of silence for Lucia. She will be sorely missed by all. Services were held at the Tobias Funeral Home in Beavercreek Ohio, January 26, 2006.

Ryan's on an ego trip and patting himself on the back over the Holiday Party that was held at his place December 10th. He was pleased with the turnout and even more pleased by all that was left behind. Check out his ebay site to see if any of your dishes, plates or other dinnerware is there.

Pres. Skip sent along a note and wanted to make sure that his appreciation for Ryan hosting of the Holiday Party was expressed at the meeting.

Minutes from last meeting were the next topic. Dave McCann made a motion to accept the minutes as



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read. Bob Charles seconded. Motion passed.

Kathy G. and the **Treasurer's Report** were next. Total Income: Membership Dues (\$305.00) + Clothing Sales (\$12.00) + Ad Revenue (\$50.00) = **A Total Income of \$367.00**. Total Expenses: Octagon News (\$150.97) + Gumball (\$5.00) + Office Supplies (\$22.33) = **A Total Expense of \$224.30**. **Total Gain to the MGCC was \$142.70**, that when added to our existing Treasury balance of \$2,046.60 equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$2,188.30**. Gary Kinney motioned to accept the report. Linda Wolfe seconded. Report approved.

Member at Large – Jeff reports that the Auburn pictures are up on the website but otherwise, everything else is going fine.

Membership – Carol Looft reports that total membership is up to 93 paid members at this point. New Members Chris and Angela Hardy - 58 MGA – are in attendance tonight. On a personal note, Carol wanted to make sure to get the message out to Ed Hill. “Eddie, we know where you live. Why have you not paid your dues??” – Carol.

Newsletter – Steve wishes to apologize to those who submitted material that he didn't use. He was going to be out of town, had the Minutes and Pres. Reports, so he did the newsletter a bit early. *No real fear of that happening again any time in the near future, as Steve will probably be leaving me death threats on my voice mail if I don't get him these minutes sometime soon...*

Since most people balked at the notion of having their wedding pictures published in the February newsletter, Steve came up with the alternate notion of sending in a picture of your first love. It has to be your first **wheeled** love be it 2 or 4 wheeled. Terry, “can it have 3 wheels?” Steve (with a sigh), “Yes it can have 3 wheels as well.”

Old Business

Skip reports that he has sent in the info for the Mother Club registration in the UK. According to Linda Wolfe, we have already received our membership information and confirmation material.

Additionally, Skip sent the information out about the grille badges, but we have not received anything back on that yet. *(At the time of actually preparing the minutes for the newsletter, Skip had sent an e-mail with pics of the proposed badges – put me down for 3, they look great.)*

John Zeno wanted to report that he got the granite for his wife. He found a place in Dayton that had the tree that he wanted, a Buckeye tree - they don't have them in KY apparently. John wanted to thank the club for doing all that they had for him. Dave McCann, “Just remember that buckeyes like lots of water.”

Terry Looft, “I understand that Jasper had a birthday. You don't look a day over 29!”
Jasper, “81 and holding...”

Sunshine Committee

Mary Oricko is in the hospital in Pennsylvania. She's apparently frail and depressed, so keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Additionally, Barb Smith had knee surgery in November and is apparently scheduled for back surgery – disks – sometime soon. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both of them.

The club decides to not take the Beer Break and to just press on.

Gatlinburg

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Graham and Diana Cooper are still working on the plans for the drive down with John Zeno. The Coopers are not here, but John Z. is, “Hey John, Pay attention! We’re talking about you now...” Graham is apparently in Mexico at a copper smelting plant. He wants e-mail addresses so that he can work on this so don't be surprised if you get an e-mail from him looking for info.

Activities

February 11, 2006 is the Annual Valentines (*sometimes St. Patrick's Day*) Party at the Gribler's. *It will of course be over by the time you read this in the newsletter, so what's the point...*

Valentines Party start time is 7:00 p.m. Terry L., “...this of course means don't show up before 6:00...” They will (did) have ham, turkey, lasagna, beef, and various sodas. Lois G. “Whatever else you want to bring is fine... There will be an e-mail that will go out with all of the details and particulars.” Linda W. “There are members that don't have e-mail...” Zeno, “...but Louie isn't here tonight...” Linda W. “...he's at a Wright State basketball game...” Terry L. “...didn't he used to be a center somewhere...” Sam H., “...I think it was in the Canadian leagues.”

Bill Hammond has a captive audience, again... He's selling Ronald McDonald House raffle tickets associated with the Concours and the Taj Kruz Fest. Hammond wants to let us in on one of 3000 tickets to be sold where the winner gets \$15K or a Porsche 356 replica. The car's currently on display at the Fairfield Mall until the middle of February, then it'll move on to some other place. One of the activities currently planned for this summer's event is go-cart racing around the Kettering center. *This should be interesting...*

Bill found a source for some racing DVD's amazon.uk.com is the place... Bill then told the story about driving a course in Canada that is on one of the DVD's in a station wagon – only Bill...

Bob Charles is restoring an MGC and has two sets of bumpers that need to be re-chromed. A couple of club members recommend Larry Blakely of Blakely Polishing, on old 25 near the traffic circle as the best place to go. Club consensus is that it'll be cheaper just to buy new, but the bumpers that you have are better bumpers. Steve Veris, “if you do re-chrome don't forget to ask about chroming the backside beforehand, you'll be happier if you do.”

Tech Tips

Dave McCann has a gauge that has electroluminescent wiring surrounding it. According to Dave, it's really cool. This is an experiment in progress so stay tuned for further progress reports.

Steve Markman - TD owners - When you top off the differential fluid on the TD, there's a vent on the top of the axle that can clog easily and potentially blow out the seals as pressure builds. Make sure that it's clean. There's only one and it's on the drivers side.

Steve Powell was working on the TC and created a large puddle of oil. He found out that the rubber hose that runs to the gauges had a crack in it. You might want to replace those old rubber hoses if you haven't done it for a while. Also watch the oil pump to pressure gauge lines.

Additionally, the brake hoses like to swell shut. *This one actually helped me. I was having a problem with a brake dragging and after checking the hose, I discovered that to be the culprit.* – Sect'y.

On a TF gas idiot light, is there any way to brighten it up? Steve Powell, “Use a yard stick.” Terry L. “Just don't use a lighter to check the level in the tank.”

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For Sale

Steve Veris is looking for a good machinist to have some parts removed from aluminum, brass screwed into aluminum to be specific. Anyone know of a place to go? Terry Happensack, "You could heat them." Jeff Opt, "If the aluminum isn't molten, you didn't heat it enough." Terry and Steve get into a discussion on the topic and decide to talk more later since Terry H. apparently knows of just the place that Steve's looking for.

The Gribler's are looking for an electrician to relocate their electric meter. (*HOW IS THIS A FOR SALE?!?*) Steve Veris said that DPL moved theirs for free.

Ryan Looft, "I just saved 15 percent on my car insurance by switching..."

Gumball Rallye - Ruben Wasserman wins the five dollars.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

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Memories of Lucia Hooker



Picnics, Valentine parties, holiday parties, car shows, and club functions would always find Lucia and Joe there. Lucia had a way of adding an extra touch to some of our get-togethers.

Lucia was very passionate about the ukulele. She got about 15-17 of us to play songs well enough to be recognized! We played at nursing homes, and a small group went to the Beavercreek Schools and entertained several times. A few of us even joined her ukulele group. She was always on the lookout for new songs, tapes, or video to inspire us or show us what we could with ukuleles.

She often had a hand in entertaining us at the annual Valentine Party. She sang and played and encouraged us all to 'sing along'. And, we'll never forget the time she arranged for a group from the

'Sweet Adelines' to stop in and serenade us with a number of their favorite songs.

We all knew Lucia Hooker as a kind, gentle, musical, person of substance. Lucia was friendly as could be, but at the same time, firm in her beliefs. When she prepared a few songs to perform at the St. Patrick's Day party a few years ago, she purposely picked. "Down by the River Side," her own little war protest over the invasion of Iraq. Lucia played and taught ukulele and loved music. She always enjoyed being with other club members. She and Joe were at MG 2003 with us in St. Louis

Lucia was such a kind and thoughtful person. She always seemed very positive in her nature and her love for music was most important. She taught many how to play the ukulele and if you didn't want to learn that she still would encourage you to come and sing along with the group.

Many times Lucia brought a birthday cake for Joe when we were setting up for BCD. And, everyone who was at BCD a few years ago, when Joe turned 70, will remember the huge cake topped with a picture of Joe on his Triumph motorcycle! Once again, because of Lucia's thoughtfulness, we could all share in helping Joe celebrate.

Joe said it best when he stated "Lots of people loved Lucia!" Our club will sorely miss her.