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Pictures from Gatlinburg  
and more valuable stuff!

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## From the President

Skip Peterson

**T**he most pressing thing on my mind right now is British Car Day. Imagine that. Did I say we can always use a few more volunteers?

We've been very busy since our last issue. We've been to Gatlinburg, we've been to Cincinnati, and did I mention we're planning for BCD? That's Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at Eastwood Metro Park, BCD that is. OK, I'll drop that for a while.

Gatlinburg- let's see, 14 or 16 cars on the drive down, I don't remember, because heat exhaustion causes memory loss. Actually, a great drive down, no problems, but yes, it was HOT! The event, well, what's better than 1200 MG's? Maybe 1300 MG's! There were a bunch, and we made new friends and saw old ones. 39 members with 22 cars represented the club. That's pretty solid. And we forgot that this is our 40<sup>th</sup> year. We had an anniversary and we forgot. Thank God we're not



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, July 26, 2006**

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## Upcoming Events

### July:

26 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

### August:

5 – British Car Day – Eastwood Metro Park

18-20 – Mid-Ohio

23 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

27 – Summer Picnic at Dick Goodman's

### September:

4 – Kettering Invitational (MG to be featured marque)

27 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

### October:

14-15 – Reliability Run

25 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

all husbands or we would be in the garage for a year.

We also snagged awards at MG2006. **Dick and Kathy Goodman, Torey Looft, Reuben Wassermann and Ron Parks all came away with awards.** When they do MG2011, our group will handle the parking for the car show and all the cars will be parked in the right class and row. Other than that glitch, which can happen to anyone, and the very loud auction at the dinner, which were both pretty annoying, it was tremendous event. While we might complain about those, we also will remember them and all the fun we had, which far surpassed the issues.

Our Thursday trip to the Biltmore Estate was nothing short of spectacular. Beautiful mountain roads, cool morning weather. PERFECT! Drive home was less fun, raining and twisting I-40, which was literally a handful.

Friday's car show was very cool, our club tent prominently displayed, and then we adjourned to the Holiday Inn parking lot for the parking lot party SWOC style, complete with the Zeno beer trailer. When the rains hit, we moved into the Holidome, kicked out the kids, ordered pizza and Terry Looft shuttled 100

pitchers of cold beer from the parking lot to the dome. We did have fun!

Saturday was laid back for some, others drove the Tail of the Dragon, and on Sunday, we headed north, 12 cars moving along. The only issue was Ryan Looft's blown tire, no damage or injury, but frightening. 950 miles later, I was sad to say it was over, but glad to be home.

Let's do it again in 5 years, rumor is Indy might be the spot! I like that idea....

Did I mention we need some help at BCD?

So we re-grouped, and Cincinnati moved their BCD to a park, and again, about 14 of us headed south to Fairfield's Harbin Park. Again, no problems, OK, so I missed the turn and had 9 others also make an illegal U-turn on a highway, but we pulled it off. We arrived to be pleasantly surprised with a neat park, trees, grass, and a nice concession. The Cincy group has done well with their new location and it's going to return there in 2007. Great move. I don't miss Edgewater Park Dragstrip at all!

Jen and I had to leave a bit early, but the results for the club were outstanding. We swept the MG classes, and knocked down 9 awards! Those included: **First place awards to: Candice Cole, Ian Cunningham, Dar Planeaux, Dick and Kathy Goodman.** **Awards of Excellence to: Ryan Looft, Dave and Carol Estelle, Joe Hooker, Reuben and Pat Wasserman, Larry Youngblood, and Jeff Zorn won an award of excellence for his motorcycle.**

I understand Terry Happensack led the group home on new back roads and a good time was had by all.

Which brings me to the final reference about BCD. This club always steps up, and I know you will again this year. It's just a reminder. I'll have some sign-up sheets at the July meeting, but most of you already know the drill. We need some help at registration, parking cars, the concession stand, counting ballots and then tearing down. On Friday night, we need some help stuffing goodie bags and laying out the showfield. We've never been short on volunteers, and I don't see that changing.

I've learned in the last month that we have a bit of a reputation. In Gatlinburg, a club member was talking with someone she didn't know, and was describing how active our club was. Another fellow said, "You must be talking about the MG Club in Dayton. They do everything together and they take care of each other. They're loyal. That's a club." Turned out he was from Texas! And in Cincinnati, I was told they looked long and hard for a park setting like ours, "because you guys really know how to put on a show."

Those are high compliments from our friends. And all along I thought they liked us 'cause Zeno brought the beer trailer! Side note, I saw a lot of trailers in Gatlinburg, None equipped with a tap or keg.

See you soon.

## Welcome New Members

Carole Loof

Joe & Barb Dierkers 2525 Elsmere Dayton, Ohio 45406 937-414-0313 Joe@JoeDierkers.com 1972 MGB	Gordon & Roxanne Maier P.O. Box 12761 Cincinnati, Ohio 45212 513-731-7699 rgwm@fuse.net 1960 MGA
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One of our newest members, Joe Dierkers, joined the club during the June club meeting. Joe is a commercial real estate broker and he and his wife Barb, own a 1972 green MGB. Joe has owned his car for about 3 months, finding it in Louisville, where it had been sitting for about 5 years in a garage. Joe had previously owned a 1965 Midget while attending college, and regrets selling it. He hopes to find a nice MGA someday.

Joe enjoys hiking, reading and golf and is an instructor at Sinclair Community College. But, like the rest of us, enjoys his MGB and driving, of course, with the top down in nice weather.

Joe and Barb, we welcome you to the MG Car Club, and hope to see you at lots of upcoming get-togethers.

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## Pictures

from MG 2006

Skip Peterson



The Club Tent



MGCCSWOC members doing what they do best!



Manning the beer trailer.



The Loofts' winning auction item.



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Someone admiring Ron Park's MGB.



## New Edition of *Aspects of Abington* Released

**C**lassic MG Magazine is pleased to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition reprint of *Aspects of Abington*, a tribute to the workers who built the MGBs, MGCs and Midgets. With updated text, revised chapters, and several new photos packed into its 114 pages, and sporting a color cover of the factory's Gate #3, this publication is sure to delight the many fans of the venerable MGB. *Aspects of Abington* was compiled by Ken Smith, with a foreword by Don Hayter, former Chief Engineer of the MG Car Company. Price is \$15 (which includes postage and handling) per copy. To order, send check, money order, or Visa/MC info to *Classic MG Magazine*, P.O. Box 8645, Goleta, CA, 93117, or fax your order to 704-948-1746.

## Second-Most Favorite Hobbies

Steve Markman

**W**e all know that acquiring, restoring, maintaining, showing, and driving our MGs (not necessarily in that order) is our favorite hobby. Many of us still have time for other hobbies. Many of us volunteer. Some of us even work (got to do something to pay for the MG!). I'll kick off this periodic feature with a picture of your newsletter editor. I'll print pictures of other members doing other fun things as I receive them. Certainly you do *something* else for fun!!

## Classifieds

**For Sale:** Misc MG parts. Starter, 3 doors (a left, a right, and one stripped), an engine bonnet (hood), rear deck lid with MG emblem, a tire, pair of carburetors, and a box with seat belts & misc. Roland Reichel 294-1107.



Steve Markman volunteers one day each week at the restoration shop at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. He currently is helping to restore the historic WWII B-17 "Memphis Belle." This aircraft was the first B-17 to complete twenty-five bombing missions, and was the subject of several motion pictures. It was brought back to Wright-Patterson AFB for a full restoration, after being poorly-maintained in Memphis for the last fifty or so years. Steve does general mechanical work, corrosion control, woodworking (many internal components are wood, and were badly deteriorated), and paint removal.

**For Sale:** 1969 MGB-GT. Replaced floor boards and exhaust system. Rebuilt engine. Body in very good condition...paint stripped, etched primed, primed, one light coat of acrylic enamel paint....to protect body. New front wind shield, car cover, and carpets still in boxes. Wire wheels started to be stripped and repainted. 4 bad tyres removed and ready to have new ones installed. Spare tyre is in good condition . Car up on blocks in carport. Asking \$1000. hmeis92099@aol.com.



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**Looking For:** Club member Vickie Gearhart is looking for a set of original wheels for her 77 MGB. Anyone with a set for sale, or who knows where there is a set, please drop her a note at Gearhart@oakwood.oh.us

**For Sale:** 77 MGB with 74 engine. Runs well. Nice body with red paint, black interior in good shape, needs some wiring work. Owner paid \$5000, put in over \$1000 in repairs, asking \$4500. Owner passed away and widow can't drive a stick / helping widow sell car. Contact Roy Owens at (937) 623-5772.

**Looking For:** MG TF. I'm not a dealer - personal use only. Jay Moszynski, Cambridge, Ontario, 519-650-3263 (home), 519-653-4482, Fax: 519-653-4637, Jo.Moszynski@wcdsb.edu.on.ca.

**For Sale:** '61 1600 MGA. Has been stored for the past three years and runs great. Wire wheels and a hard top. Only thing wrong is that the heater leaked while in storage and damaged the paint in the engine compartment. Asking \$5,500 as is, or an extra \$400 to have the paint fixed. Dave Frances (former MGCCSWOC member), 1625 SR 121 South, New Madison, OH 45346 (SW of Greenville), 1-937-996-0229, NFrances@bright.net.

**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.

## MG Car Club Minutes, May 24, 2006

Sam Hodges

After several failed attempts, Skip finally calls the meeting to order at 8:07.

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Skip, “**Minutes.** Can we just get it over with and get a motion to approve.”

Dave Gribler motions, Linda Wolfe seconds the motion. Minutes as reported approved.

Kathy Goodman and the **Treasurer’s Report** are up next. Total Income: Membership Dues (\$8.00) + Regalia (\$42.25) = **Total Income of \$50.25.**

Total Expenses: Octagon News (\$105.59) + Gumball (\$5.00) + Hall Rental Fees (\$45.00) = **Total Expense of \$155.29.**

**Total Loss to the MGCC was \$105.34**, that when subtracted from our existing Treasury balance of \$1438.98 equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$1333.64.**

Federal Reserve Chairman Linda Wolfe takes a moment to point out that it's only two months until we take in membership again... *(I think that Linda wants to joins Kathy in Aruba...)*

Dick Smith motions to accept and Dave McCann seconds. Treasurer’s report voted on and approved

**President’s Report** is next. Skip, “Graham and Diana, great job! Details taken care of routes excellent.” Diana, “you guys follow like sheep...right off a cliff if we had wanted to.” Ryan, “except for those who missed route 29.” Terry Happensack, “they followed the wrong shepherd.”

While in Gatlinburg, the MGCC Crew decided to make a few side trips. The Gribler’s went whitewater rafting (*no one drowned*), the Wolfes’ went hiking (*apparently spare MG parts left as a trail back the car works quite nicely*), The McCanns’ went climbing and Ryan was very pleased to report that while all of these other saps were enjoying the great out doors, he was holed up somewhere with a person who shall remain nameless to protect the identity of that innocent-until-proven-guilty party. Terry Looft went to the Biltmore gardens and no one has seen him since...

Apparently the clubs new EZ-Up tent is smarter than the club. While others with similar tents were able to put them up and take them down in 5 minutes, the MGCC tent took a half hour to get up and took a hearty crew of brave souls to erect the structure. *Obviously our tent is defective and must be returned to the manufacturer.*

Terry Looft became the Holiday Inn Sunspree table tennis champion. Ron Parks won once, while Jennifer Peterson apparently lost twice. Jennifer P, “Yeah, but I beat you...”

Diana Cooper, “have you heard anything about whether the EPA is going to declare the parking lot a superfund

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site? Apparently, the puddles left after the rains resembled Exxon Valdez oils slicks...

The club won a total of five awards. Ron Parks got brave and took on the Concours crowd. Ron did win an award of merit which he calls the t-ball award because everyone who played got something. Apparently, of all the cars entered, his was the only one with the correct size tires. Congrats to all who brought home awards.

Under the “We’ve Got a Bone to Pick” category, a special award was made at Gatlinburg to the Chicagoland MGCC chapter as they were celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As it turns out, this year is **our 40<sup>th</sup>** anniversary and no one said a thing. An e-mail has been sent the mother club in an effort to rectify this oversight.

At this point, there were lots of stories about the trip being told by various MGCC members. Steve Powell and Dick Goodman told a story about the worlds worst chicken fried steak encountered on the way down. Skip told a tale of intrigue and daring do about how the Goodman's missed an exit, got shunted off the interstate by an “exit only” lane only to come right back up on the interstate about a mile behind the caravan on the other side of the interchange after going straight through the intersection. Ryan Looft's left rear tire blow out occurred on the way home and luckily not while driving the Tail of the Dragon.

Ron Parks lost his center windshield wiper during the drive back to the hotel. When he called Skip to report this episode, Skip was apparently busy himself sandwiched between an 18-wheeler and the median wall in the rain. Skip's basic response was, yeah, and, so....

The Goodmans' had an air pump seize about 3 miles from home. *(This by-the-way is why I don't run the air pump on my cars. They're ridiculously expensive to replace [\$284.95 – Moss Motors] and I've had three of them go bad. After the last one failed, I just said to heck with being emissions compliant. None of you work for the EPA right?!?)*

Many, many more stories about some very cool and very rare cars as well as pictures were shared at the meeting.

Louie's back!

**Vice President's Report** was next. The highlight of the trip for the Parks' was the drive over to the Biltmore estate. Ron, “for us, that was our Tail of the Dragon.” Skip, “that's because you were too hung-over to get up...”

**Beer Break** - 8:40

**Back to order** - 8:56

Advertisement: The 5th annual Celtic Festival is coming up and they need volunteers. Go to [www.unitedirishofdayton.org](http://www.unitedirishofdayton.org) for details and go to the Celtic Festival link. Last year they broke 100,000 in attendance. Dayton is number three in the country as far as attendance. Date for the event is July 28-30.

**Member at Large.** Apparently, Jeff took the photo CD's and split at the Beer Break...



**Membership.** We have a new member in attendance, Joe Dierkers who owns a '72 MGB Roadster. His joining brings our membership total to 101. Skip, "we need nine more members to break the Looftinators' record of 110."

**Newsletter** was next. Steve Markman, "does anyone have any pics from Gatlinburg?" Skip, "how many do you want?" Ron, "I can send you some." Steve, "I can do about 8 per page." Skip, "how many pages do you want?"

Louie, "were there any Triumphs down there in Gatlinburg?"

Ron, "Steve, are you grooming Ryan to take over? What's with the dog pics?" Jim Cooley, "Dog?! I thought that was your girlfriend." Ryan, "She didn't shave that day."

**Activities:** July (you've already missed it) 2006 is the Cincinnati BCD. Skip, "do we want to caravan down? I'll send out a mass e-mail..." We'll meet at TGIFridays down by the Dayton Mall...

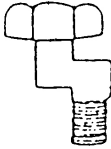
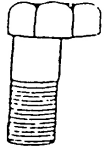
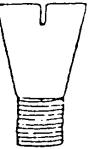
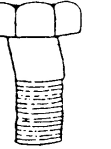

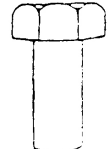
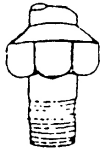
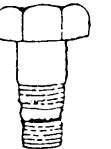
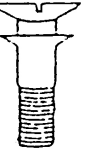
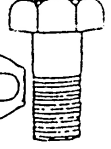
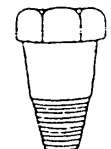
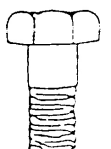
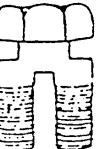
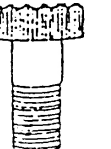
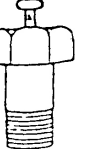
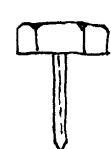
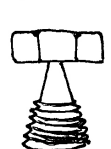
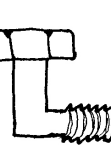
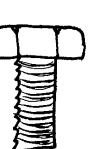
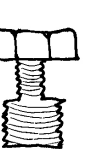
**Old Business.** We've already got 70 cars registered for our BCD. July 20th is the next meeting for BCD at Poelking Lanes. Friday Aug. 4th is the bag stuffing party. Mark your calendars. At Gatlinburg, there were 1500 flyers stuffed into their goody bags.

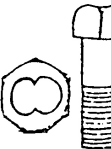
The Spit-together group is predicting about 80 cars. Dave McCann, "that's about 79 too many." Louie, "did you say something?"

**Summer picnic.** August 27th. Skip, "It's our 40th anniversary." Dave McCann, "I didn't think you and Jennifer were that old." Jennifer scowls from across the room at the comment...

Jennifer P., "I think that we should have this one catered! Steaks! Ribs! The works!" Linda Wolfe, "pig roast!" Diana Cooper, "That takes about 2 days." Skip, "I don't think Dick will want a pig roasting in his back yard for that long." *Some jokes that*

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## The Octagon News – July 2006

*even I won't repeat were then bandied about...*

Motion from Bill Hammond, second from Louie that the MGCC will pay for the food. Approved. Ryan Looft wants to send a special invite to the mother club in England to bring the mothers. Skip, "that's a good idea."

**New Business.** Pub Run! Bill Hammond suggests the Fox and Hounds at Fairfield Mall. Hammond, "I can do a recon of the new place, do I have a budget?" The clubs scrapes together about 58 cents and a soft tic-tac... Plan on July 23 as the date for this Pub Run.

Dick Smith wants to thank all those who helped out at the Museum car show, "you know what you did and thank you all."

Now that school's out, if we need to get a hold of Linda Wolfe over the summer, beavercreeklinda@aol.com is the way to send her an e-mail.

**For Sale.** Rubber bumper B badge bar. See Dick G. if you're interested. "I sold it twice, but the guy had to go to his wife for money and she said no!"

Question – "How much is a 79 Midget with a blown motor worth?" Terry Happensack and Carole Looft both say nothing. Carole, "I wouldn't even drag it home." Terry H., "the differential's worth about \$250, but that's it."

### **Tech Tip:**

Joe "he New guy" Dierker, "Can I get my \$18.00 back?" Seriously though, "how do you get the bumpers on a rubber bumper back to black?" Mothers Back-to-Black was the unanimous reply from the club members who own rubber bumper B's.

Kathy G., "there was a B with painted black bumpers at the car show that was almost as tacky as blue wheels..."

Former El Presidente Hodriguez won Gumball Rallye. *(Hey! That's me! I won!)*

Louie motions to adjourn at 9:38.

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