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Pub Run to D&D Classics Coming Up

...and More Exciting Information!

From the President

Ron Parks

Well, last month, as I sat here writing this column with March Madness on the TV, I complained about the March weather. Huh, not much has changed! They say it might snow in the morning? I'm sure spring is coming any month now. On the other hand we may just skip spring altogether and jump right into summer. Either way, we've got lots of fun MG events coming along, that's for sure.

John and Linda Wolfe have been busy finalizing plans for our spring tour to Marietta Ohio on the weekend of June 9-10. See article with details and make your reservations. This should be a good time. I'm looking forward to driving the Ohio Tail of the Dragon. Surely we'll have good weather by then!

As we waited to be seated at the Tumbleweed restaurant this evening, an auto auction caught my eye on one of the TV screens in the bar. A late 60's



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, April 25, 2007

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Upcoming Events

April:

25 – Meeting (K of C Hall)
28 – Tune Up Clinic @ MG Automotive

May:

5 – Tour to D&D Classics, Covington
6 – Austin Healey Meet – Solon OH
19 – British Car Show at 2nd St. Market
23 – Meeting (K of C Hall)
26 - June 3 -- British Car Week

June:

3 – Ft. Meigs (Perrysburg OH)
9 – Spring Drive - Marietta
27 – Meeting (K of C Hall)
29-1 – Vintage Races, Mid Ohio

July:

7 – Pioneer Village Car show
15 – Cincinnati British Car & Bike Show
16-19 – National MGB – Sonoma CA
23-27 – National MGA – Brit Columbia
25 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

Aug:

4 – British Car Day (Eastwood Park)
10-12 – University Motors Summer Party
22 – Meeting (K of C Hall)
26 – Picnic at the Goodmans'

Corvette Stingray was sold for \$20,000, followed by a 60's Camaro for \$43,000. Then, interestingly enough, a 57 MGA sold for \$25,000. It was tan with tan interior and looked to be perfectly restored. I suppose that price is in the ballpark. Maybe Dar or Louie can give us opinions or some insight into that at the meeting?

See you at the meeting.

Spring Tour to Marietta

John Wolfe

Here is the information about our club tour to Marietta **June 9th & 10th**. We have blocked 10 rooms at the Holiday Inn. They will hold this block until May 12th. You can call (740) 374-9660 to reserve your room. The price is \$89.?? plus tax and you need to mention the MG Car Club to get this rate.

We also made reservations for dinner at the Marietta Brewing Company. We will need to know how many are planning to attend so that they can be ready for us.

We plan to leave the K-Mart parking lot on Indian Ripple Road at Rt. 675 at 9:30 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch to eat on the way. There will be time in the afternoon to shop (pasta store, boutiques, antique stores, consignment shops, etc.), visit various museums, go on trolley tours or self-guided tours. Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, after breakfast, we head for the Ohio Tale of the Dragon. It is about 44 miles but you can go at your own pace. Yes, Jennifer, there is a covered bridge but we aren't stopping. We will stop at the Minors Memorial Park where you will see the "Big Muskie Bucket." The world's largest earth moving machine was dismantled in 1999 but you can still visit it's huge bucket.

The roads are interesting but we will always keep in mind the MG slogan, Safety Fast! Hope you can make it.



Pub Run to D & D Classics

Ron Parks

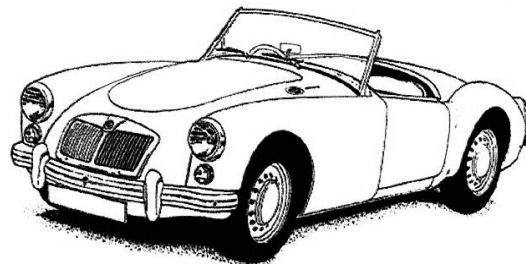
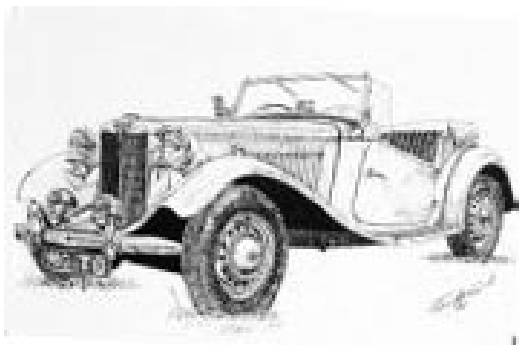
You won't want to miss our pub run to D & D Classics on Saturday morning **May 5, 2007**. D & D is opening their shop from 10:00am until Noon, to give us a tour of their facility and their current restoration projects. See map for directions to D & D Classics in Covington. You may meet us there at 10:00am if you'd like. Or, you may caravan with those of us who choose to meet in the Meijer parking lot on Rte 48 at I-70 around 9:20am. We'll plan on leaving at 9:30am or shortly thereafter for the short drive North on Rte 48 to Covington, where we'll turn right on Mote Dr to 2300, D & D Classics. After the tour, we will go to Buffalo Jacks for lunch. We will need a head count about one week before the pub run. I plan to do this with an email message, or a phone call for those who do not have an email address; asking you to respond, only if you plan to attend. Should be a fun time and we will most likely learn something about restoring fine automobiles as well. Hope to see you there!



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Pictures from St. Patrick's Day Party

Photos by Dave and Lois Gribler





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Wanted: Original aluminum hard top for the MGB V8. E-mail Jim Cole at championcsa@aol.com or call (541)261-2603.

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For Sale: 1974 MGB convertible. This car has less than 16,000 original miles and all of the original bells and whistles. The original paint is red and the leather upholstery is black. The body is in perfect condition as well. This car sat in an old lady's garage in Murfield, OH for years and came into my father's possession by chance. If interested, my mother is asking \$7,000 or best offer. The car can be seen in Vandalia by contacting Mae Cohen at 898-5365.

For Sale: Four Dayton 72-spoke, 15"chrome wires with new Dean Quazar radial tires and new tubes, four chrome 2-ear knock offs, and one new chrome 15" rim for spare (no tire). All items will fit MGB. All for \$900. Robert Charles, 513-267-1784.

For Sale: MGA (year not specified). Total mileage not quite 40K, and only driven 1000 miles in last 4 years. Asking \$14K. Craig Allinson 703-926-9806 cell, or 540-751-1469 home.

For Sale: 1960 MGA. Black, hand-rubbed lacquer, red leather interior, tan rag-top. Good condition, but needs cleaning and tuning. Frame up restoration completed in 1983 except for the wire wheels. Currently stored in Marco Island, Florida. Looking for serious British car enthuse-iaist, not just any "bloke". Asking \$20,000, but negotiable. Contact Carolyn Lee at 216-371-1135 .

For Sale: 74 MGB roadster. Green with tan interior, \$6200 (\$5800 or best offer to club member). Jim Cooley, 937-399-1834.

For Sale: 15 inch Mustang wheels that came on the rubber bumper B she bought from Ryan Pitts. Has the lug nuts and all. Vickie Gearhart, vsg626@aol.com.

For Sale: 76 B roadster. Body has been restored, interior is original and needs TLC. Runs well. Looking for \$5000 or best offer. Contact Ron Hall, 937-760-8172 (this is Skip Peterson's letter carrier, so it has to be a good deal).

Wanted: I want to be an MGB owner! Looking for a 73-74 MGB Roadster in the Midwest area- will drive 250 miles from Kalamazoo, MI for the right car. Must be red color, driveable, and body in good condition. Flexible on interior and drive train. Will give it TLC and a good home. Finders Fee of \$100 paid to first referral that result in a successful purchase. Ed Boyer, Mattawan MI 269-668-7612 Email: edmaddog3@gmail.com

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

MG Car Club Minutes, March 28, 2007

Diana Hodges

Pres. Parks called the meeting to order at 8:03. Ron did find a gavel this month, but we're not sure if it's ours...

President's Report. First order of business was to thank Dave and Lois Gribler for hosting such a nice party

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Lois, “There were 37 people there at one point...” Kathy Goodman, “...I left hungry...” Terry Looft, “...next time make more lasagna...” Lois, “you (people) went through a pan of lasagna, two pounds of fish, half a spiral ham, two turkey breasts, and enough dessert to feed the Triumph club. (I added that last part about the Triumph club...)”



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The Missouri Endurance Rally is coming up. Graham Cooper is the rally master, whether he wants to be or not. Ron, “Every tour we do is an endurance rally.” Eddie Hill, “Speak for yourself, Triumph owner!” (If this were television, the way that Eddie said “Triumph owner” would have had to have been bleeped.)

Renewal for our insurance was in the mail this month. The renewal term is May 10, 2007 through May 9, 2008.

Vice President’s Report was next. Dave McCann reported that he found a Triumph badge in the trunk of his new MGB GT. Of course, he gave it to Ron. Louie D., “I’ll put it on my Spitfire...”

VP McCann also spoke of a possible trip to Rothschild Berry Farm in Urbana and possibly a fall event. If we need a spring tour, then this might be an option. Dave also went to see the Palace of Gold, a Hare Krishna retreat built in the 60’s when he went to retrieve his MG from Pennsylvania. If anyone’s interested in an overnighter, then this is another possibility.

As far as the new MGB GT, his son was in town and they managed to get two fenders off and put a new windshield in. “It’s not too hateful a procedure...”

Minutes... Lois was upset that she wasn’t in them. (Relax Lois, I’m sure you’ll show up in future minutes. FYI- it helps to COME TO THE MEETINGS if you want to get into the minutes...) Dick Goodman motions, Bob Charles seconds, minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report was next. Graham’s actually here AND we still have money! Graham, “I haven’t spent it all yet...” Total Income: Membership Dues (\$131.50) + Sweatshirt sales (\$48.00) Regalia (\$55.00) = **A Total Income of \$234.50.** Total Expenses: Octagon News (\$199.05) + Hall Rental Fees

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(\$45.00) + Gumball (\$5.00) + Beer Trailer Registration (\$27.95) = **A Total Expense of \$277.00. Total Loss to the MGCC was \$42.50**, that when subtracted from our existing Treasury balance of \$2419.51 equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$2377.01**. Louie Dipasquale motioned to accept the report. Dick Smith seconded. Report approved.

Membership was next. Currently, the club is up to 102 members. Our guest from last month, Tim O'Laughlin, bit the bullet and joined the club. Tim's got a 1977 MGB that his father bought new. It has been in the family ever since.

Sunshine Committee should have been next, but our sunshine committee chair is in a chair enjoying sunshine. Jen and Skip are in still in Florida, so we don't know how everyone's doing. *Just think Jennifer, while you're off sunning yourself, there could be some MGCC member, hoping to hear from you so that they can let the rest of the club know that they aren't doing so well, but your tan was more important!*

Joe Hooker is having back issues but he was at the meeting, unlike some other people in charge of sunshine committee. *(And we would have known about it, too...)* Joe called Tim Oricko. He and his mother Mary are doing better than ever. They have relocated to Altoona, Pennsylvania. Tim's Chrysler and the MG are also now out in Pennsylvania.

Newsletter was next. Steve's not here tonight. Special thanks go out to Reuben for filling in for Joe for the past two months and getting the news letter out. Ron, "I've ordered more newsletter covers and we'll have them for the next meeting."

Activities. Nothing new other than the list that was published in the newsletter.

Spring Tour. John Wolfe's planning a trip to the Marietta area and then we'll have an overnight that would then allow us to run Ohio's version of the Tail of the Dragon *(Stem of the Buckeye?)* The roads not as good so we won't be doing 150 mph *(Lois G. laughs...)*

Ron, "How long is it?" Terry Looft, "311 miles with 11 turns." We'll have two groups of cars, T-series and the go-carts. The end of June would be a good time for the spring tour - Dave Gribler, "That would be a summer tour then..." How about June 9-10th? No one complains, and the date is set.

Ryan Looft, "Everyone holds up their hands, but then they don't show up. I think we need to start writing down names." Ron, "We'll start charging a fee."

Ron, "Well, we've accomplished something tonight. We set a date for the Spring Tour." Kathy G., "You sound so surprised." Bill Hammond, "We also got the Gribblers here before the end of the meeting." *(Hey, Lois, Dave, that was his dig, not mine – but I do approve.)*

Beer Break was called for at 8:32.

Back from Beer Break at 8:46.

Lois G. "The Spoon collection is growing. It migrated to the Gribblers' and now they've shown up at the meeting. If any of these are yours –TAKE THEM!

Old Business. Flags, sweatshirts, namebadges, etc. Carole Looft, "We've only got 6 name badges left and we need to look into buying more if we have a run on name badges." Terry L., "The magnetic ones

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shouldn't be around a pacemaker Louie." Eddie, "Because of your babysitter's pacemaker..." Louie, "You got a problem?!?"

Ron has copies of the mock-up of the new website for the Concours. The date for this year's event is Sept 16th.

Terry Looft was able to get the beer trailer licensed a few days back and they got lucky by knowing the right people. The beer trailer has been registered as a historic vehicle and has historic plates. They should come up for renewal again around 2050. Kathy G., "We need to let Joann Gribler know... she needs to get ready." The registration is now laminated on the underside of the boot. Kathy G., "could we get a vanity plate?" Terry, "It can be done but it's an additional \$35/year." As far as use, if it's on your car, make sure that your insurance covers it, some will, some won't. It's licensed as a commercial trailer in the club's name. See Terry Looft for further details. Thanks, Terry.

There is a British Museum of Transportation workday being held this Saturday (*if you weren't there, you missed it*) that is piggybacking on the British Breakfast Club that meets at the Steak and Shake then it's off to the museum in Wilmington. The goal is to have all of them running eventually, but it'll be fun anyway. The Museum has two new cars, a 1948 Triumph roadster coming and a 1967 Daimler.

The Second Street Market car show will be held May 19th. Dick is currently working with Frank and Linda to try to do another show on July 7th at Pioneer Village. The museum is still looking for a sponsor for the car show at the market. Hammond discovered a new business called "Wheel Warehouse" that might prove to be beneficial. *See, to all of you doubters, I told you that sometime Hammonds' good to have around...*

Terry would like to have a museum painting day... Louie, "I've got something for you Terry. In the Spitfire magazine, there was a Spit that drove 15,000 miles through 48 states without a hitch. Terry L., "But it blew up at 16,000." Lois G., "That was all downhill wasn't it?" What year? Louie, "It was an 80."

	
	
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July 16-20	July 23-27
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Gary Moore spoke about the **Tune-up Clinic**. Saturday, April 28th is the day. Mark your calendar.

D & D Restorations Tour. We'll meet at 9:00 in the Meijer parking lot in Englewood. Mike needs to know at the April meeting what the official (*close to semi-official*) count will be. Mark your calendar for May 5th.

For Sale. Carole and Terry made blow-ups and laminated wiring diagrams for very every MG A,B,C. \$5.00. See the Loofts if you're interested.

Eddie needs a few cinder blocks for his new chop shop. Louie, "What are you chopping?" Ed, "Triumphs." Terry Happensack, "Then why waste a cinder block?"

Ron, "...moving on..." Bob Charles notes that the battery cutoff previously installed by Bill Hammond on the MGC is the handiest thing there is on that car. Terry L. tells a story that can be summed up like this; dry chemical is nasty in the garage, but it put the fire out.

Tech Tips: Should an ignition coil get so hot that the paint is blistering? Terry L. "Go with high temp paint." Dave G., "It should be warm, but you should be able to touch it."

Terry, "Make sure that you have a coil made for 12 volts, and make sure that you're using the right ballasted (internal v. external) resistor.

How hard is it to rebuild the brake cylinders? As long as the cyl. is not pitted, they're easy. Gary Moore. "Go to Silicone DOT 5 fluid if you want to go the full monte" Dave G. "You have to flush ALL the DOT 3/4 fluid, but once it's there, your problem's are gone." DO NOT mix them... it's ugly...

Gumball won by John Barton

Louie motioned to adjourn. Eddie seconded - Eddie also opposed...

Meeting over at 9: ...

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