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Hurry!! Limited Edition Print Available

Remembering Nancy Johnson

From the President

Ron Parks

Happy New Year to you all! We look forward to another year of many fun club events. Some, at least four (4) MGs, that we know of, from the Looft stable, overdrive equipped; will be cruising to Sonoma California this summer for MG 2007, A Great Vintage. Some others of us may decide to go too? This promises to be a great event with spectacular scenery in which to place you and your MG.

We all need to thank Skip and Jennifer Peterson for hosting a wonderful Holiday party in their home. Their house was beautifully decorated and the weather cooperated making their Florida room a comfy place to hang out. We had a great turnout for the party; lots of good food and the gift exchange was fun with some of

the usual tasteful, valuable gifts appearing as you might see in some of the photos. John and Steve Zeno get the long distance award for driving from Kentucky with beer trailer in tow, to attend the party. They have very generously given the



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, January 24, 2007

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Upcoming Events

January:

21 – Pub Run (Quaker Steak – 5PM)
24 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

February:

28 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

March:

17 – St.. Patrick's Party (Gribler's)
28 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

April:

25 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

May:

23 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

June:

3 – Ft. Meigs (Perrysburg OH)
27 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

July:

15 – Cincinnati British Car & Bike Show
16-19 – National MGB – Sonoma CA
23-27 – National MGA – Brit Columbia

Aug:

4 – British Car Day (Eastwood Park)
10-12 – University Motors Summer Party

beer trailer to the club. Thank you John & Steve! We appreciate it very much and we will recognize your gift with lettering on the trailer. I believe the trailer currently resides in the Looft MG warehouse. The club's Presidential, limited edition MG print looked really nice above Skip's bar as it will be on the wall of my home office soon. Skip and I decided to establish the turn-over tradition and let the outgoing President enjoy the print through the Holidays and turn it over to the new President at the January meeting. Actually, truth be known, I think Skip had more input into this decision than I, but.... Just a reminder, Skip, don't forget to bring the print to the January meeting.

The club sweatshirts are in. They will be at the January meeting. So, if you're one of those who raised their hand indicating a need for a new sweatshirt, bring your money with you to the January meeting.

Our January pub run is set up for 5:00pm on Sunday January 21st at the Quaker Steak and Lube restaurant off Col. Glenn Highway in Beavercreek across from Wright State University. Hope to see you there.

Hasn't this weather been great for driving your MG once in a while? There hadn't been any salt put on the roads until this past week. With no salt dust on the roads, I've driven my MG quite a bit. I hope you have too.

On a sad note, we had to say goodbye to a member and friend, when Nancy Johnson lost her fight with leukemia three days after Christmas. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Phil Johnson and his family.

Welcome New Members

By Carole Looft

We first met Gordon and Roxanne Maier when we attended the all MG Meet in Gatlinburg last June. Then in July, while taking part in the British Car and Bike show in Cincinnati, we again had a chance to visit with them.



Welcome new members Roxanne and Gordon Maier

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The Maier's live in the Cincinnati area and own an iris-blue 1960 MGA. They have owned it for 29 years and it came to them as one in a package of five MGAs that was bought for \$900. We'll have to get more of this story, but Gordon says the car literally came in baskets. They are working on another MGA that will be a ground up restoration. Gordon will be doing the work himself. Rumor has it that then there will be His and Hers MGAs.

Spare time for Gordon and Roxanne find them rehabbing older houses and of course enjoying the drives in their car. After owning a variety of other cars, they always found their way back to an MG!! Gordon and Roxanne, we welcome you to the club!

At our November meeting we welcomed new member Mike Edgerton. Mike is a familiar face to a lot of us, and even though Mike doesn't presently own an MG, he previously owned a TD, MGA, and a Midget. Mike and his wife Nancy do have a British car, though. They can be seen driving around in a very shiny red 2005 Mini. What can we say about his car? It's probably very dependable; and I'm sure it's warm, dry and cool when *they* want it to be.

Even though Mike is retired, he stays busy with consulting work for Dayton Wire Wheel and Automobile Quarterly Magazine. He is also on the Board of both the British Museum of Transportation and the Concours d' Elegance. If there's any time leftover, hobbies would include; photography, computers and beer. Not necessarily in that order, I'm sure. Mike and Nancy, it's good to have you as members of the club, welcome!



Welcome to new member Mike Edgerton

Limited Edition Print for MG Enthusiasts

Our friends at the MG Car Club Vintage Register in England announced that a limited edition print of a painting commissioned to celebrate 80 years of MG production is available. It is by the motoring artist Glyn Whiting and comprises a portrait of Cecil Kimber surrounded by Old Number One, a 1925 Super Sports, a 1927 14/28, and a 1929 18/80 Speed Model. A view of the original Morris Garages at Longwall Street, Oxford, where it all began in 1924, is in the background.

Only 251 mounted prints were produced and each one is individually numbered and signed by the artist. The mounted print measures 24" x 18". Cost is 25 British pounds plus 7 pounds for postage and packing. Check with your bank to get the current exchange rate before placing your order.

To order, send a check payable to MGCC-Vintage Register, to Bev Hicks, Hawthorn Cottage, Church Road, Eardisley, Herefordshire, HR36NN, England. Telephone number is 01544 327338 if you have any questions.

Editor's Note – the letter to us was dated last Oct 13, so you might want to shell out another pound or so and call to make sure copies still are available.

A Big Thank You

Carole Looft

A much-appreciated present came early this season when John and Steve Zeno presented their 'beer trailer' as a gift to our club. John and Steve drove up from their home in Kentucky to attend this year's Holiday Party. They brought the infamous *beer trailer*, which has been so much a part of our club's many activities over the years, and presented it to the club.

We sure appreciate this, and there is no doubt that it will get a good workout for many years to come. Thank you, John and Steve.



Ron Parks accepts the beer trailer from John and Steve Zeno



The Zeno's beer trailer at a recent BCD



Business end of the Zeno's beer trailer

Charity Auction

Carole Looft



President Ron Parks, holding the checks, and Kathy Goodman, hand the MG print to Dick Goodman

For those of you who didn't keep an eye on the eBay auction of the MG print that Ken Smith donated to the club, here's a recap. We had a final bid of \$202.49 by club member Kathy Goodman. Kathy and her brother had hoped to win the auction to acquire the print as a Christmas present for their father, Dick,. Club president Ron Parks presented the print to the Goodmans at our annual Holiday party and a check for \$202.49 was made out and sent to the Lance Armstrong Cancer Foundation. Our thanks go out to all who made this a successful endeavor!

Pictures From the Holiday Party



New and Improved Isn't Always Better!

Skip Peterson

I've read two articles recently about motor oil, and they hit home regarding our flat tappet engines. It's relevant to me, since I'm on the verge of maybe actually firing up my MGA for break-in. Seems the new and improved motor oils today can cause tappet and cam failure within the first 1000 miles, due to the lack of something called zinc dithiophosphate and molybdenum. Both of these products are very hard on catalytic converters, and are not necessary in today's new engines, but are very important to lubricate the cam and tappets as they mate during break-in.

Keith Ansell of Foreign Parts Positively in Washington State has a very detailed article in the recent issue of MGB Driver, but I did a little more research on the web and also found articles on Hot Rod Magazine's site, since the big block Chevy's hot rodders use are also flat tappet engines.

Turns out that oils that are diesel rated, like Shell Rotella, or Castrol HD 30 are good for break in, and then you can switch to Castrol 20w50. Another oil mentioned is Redline 10w40 and 10w30 for low

mileage engines. I have no knowledge of any of these products except for Castrol 20w50, which is the only oil I've ever used.

The key thing to look for on the labeling today is the word "Energy Conserving" in the API logo on the container. Ansell says that if you see that, don't use it.

For more on this topic, go to these sites, or contact Keith Ansell at www.foreignpartspositively.com

<http://www.minimania.com/web/DisplayID/1922/SCategory/ENGINE/DisplayType/Technical%20Information/ArticleV.cfm>

<http://www.fordmuscle.com/blog/use-the-right-oil-with-your-flat-tappet-cams/11295>

http://www.hotrod.com/techarticles/engine/flat_tappet_cam_tech/index.html

OIL IS KILLING OUR CARS!!!!

Keith Ansell
Foreign Parts Positively, Inc.

Editor's note – I've been hearing much about problems with new oil formulations. This article is a compilation of two articles from the "Bonne"t of the Northwest T Register. Thanks again to our friends in Washington State for keeping on top of this and getting easy-to-understand information out to other British car enthusiasts.

About a year ago I read about the reduction of zinc dithiophosphate (ZDDP) in the oils supplied with API approval that could affect sliding and high pressure (EP) friction in our cars. The reduction of these chemicals in supplied oil was based on the fact that zinc, manganese and/or phosphates reduce the effectiveness and eventually damage catalytic converters and introduce minute amounts of pollutants into our atmosphere.

A month or so ago I had a member of the Columbia Gorge MG Club bring a totally failed camshaft and lifters back to me that had only 900 miles on them!! I immediately contacted the camshaft re-grinder and asked how this could happen. They were well aware of this problem as they were starting to have many failures of this type. In the past, the lack of a molybdenum disulfide camshaft assembly lubricant, at assembly, was about the only thing that could create this type of problem. My customer has assembled many engines and had lubricated the camshaft properly and followed correct break in procedures.

This got me on the phone to Delta Camshaft, one of our major suppliers. Then the bad news came out: **It's today's "modern" API (American Petroleum Industry) approved oils that are killing our engines.**

Too many things are starting to show up on this subject and it has cost us money and time. Be aware that "New and Improved", or even products we have been using for many years, are destroying our cars as it isn't the same stuff we were getting even a year ago.

For the cars that use "engine oil" in their gearboxes this may even pose a problem as these additives that have been removed could be very critical in gear wear. We will be using oil specifically formulated for Manual Gearboxes with Brass Synchronizers. The only oils we are aware of that fit the criteria are from

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I have had the good fortune to have the ear of quite a few leaders in the industry including some wonderful input from Castrol. We have been very reluctant to "dump" Castrol, as it has been such a great supporter of our cars and industry

over the years. Castrol hasn't really abandoned our cars, just shifted to a more mass marketing mode. Many Castrol products are not appropriate for our cars today, some still are.

Now for the latest report:

#1 Castrol GTX 20W -50 is still good for our cars after break-in! 10W-40, 10W-30 and other grades are NOT good. Absolute NOT GOOD for any oil (Any Brand) that is marked "Energy Conserving" in the API "Donut" on the bottle, these oils are so low with ZDDP or other additives that they will destroy our cams. Virtually all "Diesel" rated oils are acceptable.

#2 Castrol HD 30 is a very good oil for break-in of new motors. This oil has one of the largest concentrations of ZDDP and Moly to conserve our cams and tappets.

#3 Only an unusual Castrol Syntec 20W -50 approaches the levels of protection we need when we look to the better synthetic lubricants. We are attempting to get this oil but will be using Redline 10W-40 or 10W-30 as these are lighter weights for better performance, flow volume, less drag and has the additive package we need.

#4 The trend today is to lighter weight oils to decrease drag, which increases mileage. Most of these seem to be the "Energy Conservation" oils that we cannot use.

#5 Redline oil and others are suggesting a 3,000-mile break-in for new engines! Proper seating of rings, with today's lubricants is taking that long to properly seal. Shifting to synthetics before that time will just burn a lot of oil and not run as well as hoped.

#6 The "Energy Conservation" trend was first lead by automakers to increase mileage numbers and secondly because the ZDDP and other chemicals degrade the catalytic converter after extended miles, increasing pollution. We don't have catalytic converters and the mileage gains are not that significant for most of us.

Latest conclusions: Running our older, broken in engines on Castrol 20W-50 GTX is ok. Break in a new

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engine for 3,000 miles on HD 30 Castrol. New engines (after break-in) and fairly low mileage engines will do best with the Redline 10W-40 or 10W-30 synthetic.

For you science buffs: ZDDP is a single polar molecule that is attracted to Iron-based metals. The one polar end tends to "Stand" the molecule up on the metal surface that it is bonded to by heat and friction. This forms a sacrificial layer to protect the base metal of the cam and tappet from contacting each other. Only at very high pressures on a flat tappet cam is this necessary because the oil is squeezed/wiped from the surface. This high pressure is also present on the gudgeon pin (wrist pin) in diesel engines, therefore the need for ZDDP in diesel engines.

Second part of the equation is Molybdenum disulfide (Moly).

The moly bonds to the zinc adding an additional, very slippery, sacrificial layer to the metal. I found out that too much of the moly will create problems; lack of this material reduces the effectiveness of the ZDDP. The percentage, by weight is from .01 to .02%, not much, but necessary.

We'll keep you apprised of any new findings! Happy motoring for now!

Keith Ansell, President
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Classifieds

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.



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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, November 2006

Diana Hodges

Hola y'all! Since neither I nor my ghost writer we're at the November meeting, we're going to try something different. This month, we're going to conduct an experiment in memory and creativity. You are going to have to write the meeting minutes yourselves through the use of the following true-false, multiple choice test. Remember how everyone always says, "...pay attention, you'll be tested on this later..." well, here's that test you've been promised.

1. What time did President Ron Parks call the meeting to order?
 - a. Ron called the meeting to order when the Gribblers' arrived.
 - b. Ron called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.
 - c. Ron didn't call the meeting to order as there was no November meeting.
 - d. It wasn't Ron, it was Skip who called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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2. In the President's Report, Ron reported:
 - a. That the attempted hostile takeover of the Triumph club has finally been completed and we are all now the proud owners of, not only your MG of choice, but also any Triumph that you can manage to get home.
 - b. We had a great time at Valley Vineyards. The food was great and we had 27 attending. Thanks to Linda Wolfe for setting this up.
 - c. That he was officially dropping out of the rat-race and has accepted a position as the batting coach for the Tokyo Giants baseball team.
 - d. Bill Hammond has been traded to the Austin Healey club for an A-H Sprite and two restoration projects to be named later.
3. If Ron leaves Baltimore traveling west in his TR-4 at its top-speed of 35 mph and Skip leaves Los Angeles driving his MGA traveling east at 60 mph, what Midwestern city will they both break down in at the same time?
 - a. Neither car will make it to a Midwestern city
 - b. Baltimore, Maryland
 - c. St. Louis, Missouri
 - d. Budapest, Hungary
4. Ron received an e-mail from Skip. In the now monthly tradition of the former President mis-speaking, which of the following changes were requested to the minutes as reported?
 - a. Please correct the minutes to indicate that Jennifer, Lois **and** Carole Looft, will continue to manage the concession stand operation with lots of help from the club volunteers.
 - b. That Skip feels like a jerk for leaving Carole out, and frankly, without the Loofts and their truck load of supplies (grill, extension cords, tables, water, stuff, more stuff, and yet more stuff) we wouldn't have a stand.
 - c. It takes all of the club members who show up with ice, help set-up, and tear down, cook, serve, etc. So, feel free to share this with everyone. Jennifer, Lois, & Carole are the glue, the management team, but this takes a village of people to make it happen, and they all play a role.
 - d. If things work out, I won't be able to mis-speak, or be mis-quoted again until late January, but you never know!
 - e. Decals are still not in...Cheers, Skip
 - f. All of the above
 - g. None of the above.
5. The MG Mother Club dues have been paid and we have the receipt.
 - a. True
 - b. False

The Mother Club also sent us an offer to order MG prints. They commissioned 251 prints of early MG cars by the motoring artist Glyn Whiting and sold half of the prints to their members and now they are offering them to MGCC contacts overseas. The prints are from an original watercolor, size 24" x 18". All prints are mounted and ready for framing, and are sold to members at £25 (pounds) plus £7 for postage and packing. If you wish to purchase prints for your group they are available as follows:

5 No. prints @ £20 each £100.00 plus £15 for postage and packing = £115.

10 No. prints @ £17.50 each £175.00 plus £20 for postage and packing = £195.00.

An order form is enclosed and will be put in the newsletter. Your check should be made out to "MGCC – Vintage Register." Current exchange rates are roughly £1 = \$1.88. **Secretary's Note** – Hey, you try making all of that into something funny!!?!??

6. In the Vice-President's Report, V.P. McCann reported:
 - a. That he just purchased a Fiat 500 Jolly that he plans on turning into a dragster.

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- b. Martians landed in a cornfield near his house and gave him the secret to cold fusion, but he's not going to share.
 - c. He found Jimmy Hoffa.
 - d. Nothing new.
7. In the Minutes Report, the following corrections were required (*this must be a trick question – I don't make mistakes.*)
- a. On page 9 where it states that the MGB National Meet is to be in Whistler B.C., this is really the MGA National Meet.
 - b. Dave Gribler disputed the total distance and driving time.
 - c. Graham Cooper is our Treasurer not Steve Veris (our past Treasurer).
 - d. a and b
 - e. b and c
 - f. All of the above
 - g. None of the above. I don't make mistakes.

Treasurer's Report – Starting balance	\$ 2,426.72
Income Membership dues	\$ 182.00
Expenses	
Gumball	\$ 5.00
Hall rental/fees	\$ 45.00
MGCC Ltd. Dues	\$ 109.33
Windscreen Decals	\$ 199.95
Total	\$ 359.28
Ending Balance 11/15/06	\$ 2,249.94

Thank you Linda Wolfe for getting all of that down for me. Yet again, let me see you make that funny?!?!!

8. During the Membership report, Carole Looft reported that renewals are coming in.
- a. True
 - b. False
9. We now have 67 renewals and 1 new member tonight. Mike Edgerton joined the club and owns a Mini.
- a. True
 - b. False

Sunshine Report – Phil Johnson called Ron and reported that Nancy isn't doing well. She went to the Indiana University for special treatment but was too weak for it. Hospice has been called in. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. [For those who do not yet know, Nancy Johnson passed away the afternoon of December 28, 2006. The funeral



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was held at Trinity United Church of Christ in Miamisburg on Tuesday January 2. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in memory of Nancy to Hospice of Dayton. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Johnson family.]

Having seen Gary twice since his surgery, he's fair game...

10. Gary Kinney called Linda and reported that he is doing much better now. After his surgery he:
 - a. Passed out for five hours and they didn't think that he was going to make it.
 - b. Is now weaning himself off of the walker and hopes to attend the holiday party.
 - c. Got himself into this whole situation while "visiting" Louie's babysitter.
 - d. a and b
 - e. None of the above. I don't make mistakes.
11. Activities – Reuben Wasserman didn't have a report and is trying to find sources.
 - a. True
 - b. False
12. Saturday, March 17th, Dave & Lois Gribblers will be having their annual Valen-Patrick's day party. At this dinner, everybody brings a covered dish to share. This dish could be:
 - a. a salad,
 - b. an appetizer,
 - c. a desert,
 - d. a vegetable,
 - e. All of the above
 - f. None of the above. I don't make mistakes.
13. This is also BYOB but Mixers are provided.
 - a. True
 - b. False
 - c. All of the above
 - d. None of the above. I don't make mistakes.
14. Old Business – the Window Decals have arrived!
 - a. True
 - b. False
15. We decided to order 36 sweat shirts: 3 small, 3 medium, 12 large, 12 X large, and 6 XX large. They will be \$12.00 each.
 - a. True
 - b. False
16. The Club elected not to take a Beer Break at 8:34 and resume the meeting at 8:54. Instead, they decided that our time would be better spent reflecting on the error of our ways and the irony of the imbibing of alcohol during a car club meeting.
 - a. True
 - b. False – *You're kidding me right?!?! We own a Beer Trailer!!*

Has anyone received a bill from the Concours for sponsorship from the MG Car Club and the British Museum of Transportation? Nobody seems to have seen this.

Possibility for a future Pub Run – D & D Restorations in Covington. They have 56 cars in the restoration process. We could have lunch at Buffalo Jacks. Mike Edgerton knows the guys that own D & D Restorations and will check into us going there. (*Secretary's \$\$.02 - PLEASE DO!*)

17. January Pub Run will be at Quaker Stake & Lube on January 21st at 5:00 p.m.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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18. Dick Goodman has FINALLY gotten rid of that chrome badge bar and isn't accepting any more offers!

- a. True
- b. False
- c. All of the above
- d. None of the above. I don't meak mistakes.

Tech Tips from Haggards – Put an extra 10lbs. of air in the tires over the winter to eliminate flat spots.

Dave McCann brought in a wheel that he had chemically stripped and then zinc plated. He said that it was a rusty painted wheel and it cost him \$26 and it can be painted over the zinc plating. Someone suggested a powder coating of the wheels but the coating is too brittle and will crack when the wheel needs tuning.

Dick Goodman asked about the auction of the MG print. It will be on eBay the Friday after Thanksgiving for 10 days. That will include two weekends. Terry Looft will e-mail club members when it is on eBay.

Gumball Rally – We had three BCD T-shirts that we have away to Lois Gribler, John Wolfe and Bill Hammond. Reuben Wasserman won the \$5.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

CORRECT ANSWERS: 1-b, 2-b, 3- *Trick Question*. TR-4's can only go 30 mph, 4-f, 5-a, 6-d, 7-f, 8-a, 9-a, 10-d, 11-a, 12-e, 13-a, 14-b, 15-a, 16-*Yeah right*, 17-a, 18-b.

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Remembering Nancy Louise Johnson 1934-2006

We fondly remember Nancy from many fun events over the years, but maybe best on our tours, hunkered down in the TD and later the B, with barely the top of her blue hat exposed above the dash. She was not a tall person. Like other spouses, Nancy probably was not as enthusiastic about things MG as her husband Phil. But, she went along and enjoyed the social aspect of our activities, very graciously opening her beautiful home to the club, along with Phil, hosting the club Holiday party a few years ago. Nancy enjoyed our fall tour to Auburn, Indiana, touring with Phil in their MGB. During the subsequent MG Car Club Holiday party, we were talking and she was asked if she liked riding in the MGB better than in the MG TD. Her honest reply, “I’d rather ride in the Buick!”



For those of us who didn’t know Nancy very well, we learned through her daughters’ eloquent, touching tributes during her funeral service, of her great strengths as a Mother, homemaker, and nurse, and of her service to her church and her community. Her wonderful, successful family certainly affirms Nancy’s love and caring. We all will miss her!