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Remembering Gary Kinney

Pictures From Many Recent Events

From the President

Ron Parks

Well my weather discussion this month is that we had two beautiful days of it last weekend for the spring tour to Marietta. Thanks go to John and Linda Wolfe for planning this fun tour for us. Our group was small, but we had a great time together. Marietta was fun and picturesque.

King Midgets far out numbered MGs in town. There was a King Midget gathering in town and they were everywhere. For those of you who may not be familiar with the King Midget, it was a very small car, golf cart size, that was manufactured in Athens Ohio. They were featured in Popular Mechanics as a kit car in the early years of production back in the 50s. The owner of one of them was proud to open the hood for us,

which is in the rear, exposing his 12 HP Kohler industrial engine and belt drive. Their speedometer's register 60 mph max, but I doubt they would do that.



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, June 27, 2007

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Upcoming Events

June:

27 – Meeting (K of C Hall)
29-1 – Vintage Races, Mid Ohio

July:

1 – Pub Run – Rusty Bucket
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'

Sep:

26 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

We had one casualty before we left Beavercreek, as Dave and Lois Gribler's MGA displayed a generator light. So, they went home, got in another MG and caught up with us before we reached Marietta. Saturday evening we had a nice dinner at the local brewery/restaurant. Some of us had raspberry wheat beer and others had the Scotch ale, both good. Before leaving the hotel Sunday morning, Bob and Jeanie Hanseman had fun posing in their MG TD with their authentic leather skull cap and goggles. Dave McCann Sr, who had driven down Sunday morning to join us for the return trip through the Ohio Tail of the Dragon on Route 26, took video of them. The Ohio Tail of the Dragon was some fun MG driving! And, as an added bonus, there were a couple of covered bridges to photograph along the way, which we did, especially for Jennifer Peterson. Route 78 was a good MG road too. Dave McCann, Hanseman's and I had lunch at the Rocky Boot store grille in Nelsonville. Gribler's and Wolfe's headed on home. After lunch, Dave followed me North on Route 33 to I-270 and I-70 back to Springfield. He served as my brake lights, which had stopped working, sometime on the trip. Hanseman's cut across country towards Chillicothe in their TD and took Route 35 back to Beavercreek. Everyone arrived home safely after a fun weekend together. Tours are a fun way to become acquainted with other members.

In other news, several members attended the show at Ft. Meigs in Perrysburg the weekend before the tour. Michael Hooker won first place with his perfectly restored, red and black Austin Healey. Charlie McCamey and I won awards of excellence for our MGBs. We had our tops down for the show, but encountered very heavy rain on the trip home.

See you at the meeting.

Welcome New Member

Russell Boltz
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1955 MG TF



Pictures From British Meet at 2nd Street Market



Plenty of MGBs



And Plenty of MG Midgets



MG YT



A Lotus 7



Best of Show was a Triumph 4A



A Sunbeam Imp

Pictures from Spring Tour to Marietta



What's this? A covered bridge?



Enjoying lunch after the drive.



Running into a King Midget tour in town.



Dave McCann navigates the Tail of the Dragon.



Bob and Jeanne Hanseman show how to enjoy a long ride in a roadster.



How they did it before power mirrors were invented.

Photos from Taj Kruzers Car Show in Kettering



Three MGCCSWOC members' cars on display.



Dick Smith and his MGB.



Joe Hooker's MG TD.



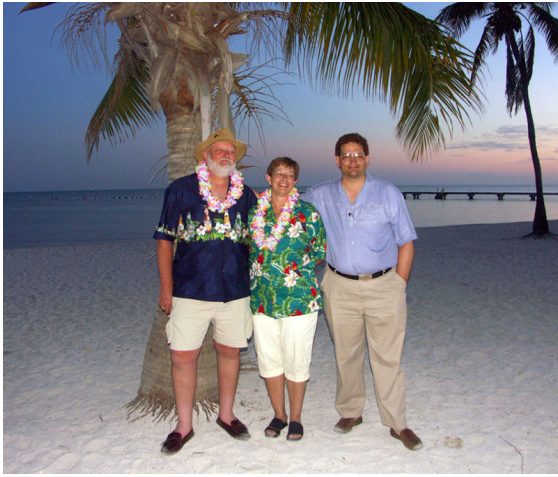
Louie DiPasquele's MGA.

London to Brighton Road Rally

Reuben Wasserman joined with numerous other MG T-series cars recently to enjoy the annual London to Brighton road rally.



Gribblers, McCans in Key West, Florida



Dave and Linda McCann with son Dave at a Luau.



Dave and Lois Gribler on the beach.

Note – See minutes of last month's club meeting to learn why they were there!!

Thinking About Importing an MGF?

Editor's Note – I've had this article in my file for a few years. Don't recall where I got it, but it obviously is a few years old. If you're thinking of importing a car that never was certified for sale in the U.S., you might want to verify this information.

Buying a car its maker never certified for sale in the United States, like the MGF, and then driving that car on public roads used to be a frustrating experience. You had to bring the car up to US safety standards for its year of production-even in some cases have duplicates crash tested-and meet emissions rules.

According to "Auto Week" magazine thanks to President Clinton's signature on a little noticed bill last year all that has changed. The bill radically changed the rules under which never certified cars, younger than 25 years of age, are brought into the US. Under the new National Highway Traffic Safety Administration exemption, you can now bring in a never certified car for "show or display," which means you can drive it on public roads, up to 2500 miles per year without meeting NHTSA's safety standards. EPA emissions requirements however haven't changed and must be met for the year of the cars manufacture. The Feds had originally wanted 500 mile annual limitation, but enthusiasts argued, during the rule making hearing process, that such low mileage was unrealistic. The compromise of 2500 miles per year was arrived at because it is the figure used by many classic auto insurance policies. If you later sell the car, it MUST be sold to another individual, who is subject to the same mileage rules.

NHTSA will consider each car and importer (only individuals-no dealers or traders allowed) on a case by case basis, and the Feds have the right to inspect your car for mileage at any time. Break the rule and

NHTSA can make you send the car back, impose a fine, or both. You must get preapproval from NHTSA, and “persuade” (the Federal code’s word) the agency that the car is of historical or technical value. It must be a model NOT previously imported and with no North American version now on sale. The rule does NOT apply to cars more than 25 years old. To start the process, contact: The Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (NSA-32), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6111, 400 7th Street SW, Washington DC 20590. Individual state rules, of course, still apply.

This new rule took effect on August 13, 1999. The exotic car import gates are now well and truly open much wider.

Have Hat, Will Travel



Classifieds

For Sale: 1979 MGB LE (Black). Purchased 7 years ago. Garaged since the purchase. At that time, new tires, battery, seats recovered, etc. Since the purchase, new breaks, alternator, battery, rebuilt the carburetor, new rocker panels installed, renovated the interior with carpeting, and other small repairs that were needed, both to the body and engine. Frame has rust on it, both doors showing signs of rust, and a little fender rust. Electrical system needs work or just cleaned up. Runs well. Have had my fun, would like to sell. Car located in Lexington Kentucky. Asking \$2000. G. Dale Packer, 1-859-967-6888 or E-Mail dale.packer@ymca.net or dale.packer@insightbb.com.

For Sale: 1976 MG Midget, approximately 50,000 miles, new top, new tires, new paint and in great shape. \$3,200. Xenia, 937-376-4350 or 937-266-4351.

For Sale: 1977 MGB, Yellow/gold color. New left front shock; tune up; hand brakes repaired; new radiator hose and some other things. Approximately 89,000 miles. I'm asking \$7200 OBO. Paul Webb, 937-778-8615.

For Sale: 1973 MGB. Very original. Blue with black interior and tan top. Very nice condition. Rebuilt engine. Always kept in garage. Must see to appreciate. \$7000. Call Rob Pence, 937-435-4980 or 513-

425-9598.

For Sale: 1979 MG Midget. Butter Scotch – Yellow. 36K + miles. Solid Body, nice shape. New top and tires. Runs Well. Asking \$6500. Car may be seen in Huber Heights. Call Ken Bender at 937-845-3450.

For Sale: 1971 MGB GT. Asking \$4500. 937-426-4698.

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

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: 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.

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MG Car Club Minutes, May 23, 2007

Diana Hodges

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 (*I hope they weren't waiting for me...*).

President's Report: Pres. Parks reported that he found the club's gavel under the front seat of his truck. (*This does beg the question: If he tried to pass off another gavel as our gavel at the last meeting, what kind of character is this character? Did I hear someone say impeachment?*)

Many MGCC members were at the viewing for club member Gary Kinney who died unexpectedly Saturday, May 19th, 2007. The viewing was held Wednesday, May 23rd from 6:00-8:00 at Tobias Funeral home and the services were Thursday May 24th.

The MGCC had a moment of silence for Gary.

There was a Mother's day article in the Dayton Daily News that was a tribute to Peggy Pareseau.

Thanks to Mike Edgerton for arranging the whole D&D Restorations tour. *I for one will use them for all of my automotive restoration work – once I win the MegaLotto and can afford a car worth that kind of attention to detail that is... WOW! Thanks Mike.*

Pres. Parks announces that he and the Loofts' have formed an unholy alliance bent on world domination! No, really, he and the Loofts' are going to the Ft. Meigs car show. Reuben Wasserman is interested in putting together a caravan – *BTW If you didn't go, it was June 3rd and YOU MISSED IT!*



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Ron also informed us that the club insurance has been renewed and we're once again legal to throw keggers', run with scissors, talk with our mouths full, and have strippers (*both female and male – to be politically correct and to accommodate out large female contingent*) jumping out of MG shaped cakes.

Vice President's Report: V.P. McCann reported that he attended the recent British car event in Columbus. It was a good show. The MG's were in the grass while the Triumphs were in the parking lot, (*of the Super 8 down by High & Madison?*) All in all it was a good show.

**NOTE: It is here that I have to thank Linda Wolfe. I was late to the meeting due to my attending Gary's viewing. Linda took notes on everything that happened up to this point. From here on out, I'm solely responsible for any and all libel, slander, and/or outright lies.*

The Gribblers reported on their trip to Key West. They left about 6:30, Lois "...it would have taken less than 24 hours if we hadn't stopped for ice cream!" As it was it was right at 24 hours when they arrived. According to Dave, they averaged 57.8 mph on the way down. On the way back, they were about half an hour north of Key West when the generator light came on. (*It's here that several MGA owners asked the question, "I didn't know MGA's had generator lights?" Okay, it wasn't really a bunch of MGA owners, it was just Skip...*) After taking care of the problem (*you should have just taken the bulb out*) they ran into more trouble in Georgia and then again in Tennessee. By the time that our intrepid travelers made it to Kentucky they had a generator failure that left them somewhat stranded at night without electricity in the A. They had to wait for daylight before they were able to drive home. Apparently Lois has taken to a life of crime in her retirement. She said that a nice family stopped and loaned them an emergency battery pack/jump-start unit. *If any of you know Lois, you know full well that in all likelihood, she flagged down the poor, hapless driver, broke into his truck, stole the battery pack, and probably beat the guy up just for fun. Shame on you Lois, SHAME! (Please direct all legal correspondence to the law firm of Irwin, Richter and Samuelson, care of Heywood JaBuzzoff.)*

Minutes: Due to my inability, er,... um,... I mean Diana's inability to read a calendar, *though I do quite well with sun-dials*, the Minutes from the April meeting did not make it into the Newsletter. Fearless Newsletter Editor, Steve Markman, instead came up with a substitute set of Minutes that were strangely close to the actual happenings. While funny (*not as good as your Yadda, Yadda, Yadda column from when I missed a deadline as President – I still owe you...*) they were somewhat lacking in content. I sent the real and correct minutes via e-mail to all club members who have e-mail (*remember – no one tell Louie what I REALLY said about him and his Spitfire...it's our secret*). (*Please direct all legal correspondence to the law firm of Irwin, Richter and Samuelson, care of Heywood JaBuzzoff.*)

Dave McCann made a motion to accept the Minutes as published in the e-mail sent. Linda Wolfe seconded and the e-mailed version of the Minutes was approved. Kathy Goodman, "...the published minutes weren't that bad."

Treasurer's Report: Graham had this to report. Total Income: Membership Dues (\$20.00) + Regalia (\$41.50) = **A Total Income of \$61.50.** Total Expenses: P.O. Box Renewal (\$40.00) + Newsletter Covers (\$372.00) + Octagon News April (\$95.43) + Octagon News May (\$104.09) + Hall Rental Fees (\$45.00) + Gumball (\$5.00) = **A Total Expense of \$661.50. Total Loss to the MGCC was \$600.02**, that when subtracted from our existing Treasury balance of \$1894.30 equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$1294.28.** Bill Hammond motioned to accept the report. Louie Dipasquale seconded. Report approved. Tonight, in the role pioneered by John Zeno, currently occupied by an absent Eddie Hill, special guest star Terry Looft opposed.

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Membership: As of this meeting, we have 105 members – Charlie renewed. At the Second Street Market show, we had a new member join, Russell Boltz of Kettering Ohio. Russell has a 1955 MGTF that he bought when he was just 16 years old (*what he's not saying is that he's only 18 now...*). Per MGCC Tradition (*...the one I'm trying to start and if the peanut gallery plays along we might get a free beer out of it...*) Russell has agreed to buy a round for the club at the next meeting! Way to go Russell... (*Please direct all legal correspondence to the law firm of Irwin, Richter and Samuelson, care of Heywood JaBuzzoff.*)

Speaking of the **Second Street Market show**, Dick Smith reported that 70 cars showed up. There were also plenty of people who showed up and Dick wants to thank everyone who came. Louie won something for his MGA, Rueben won in MGB chrome, Louie got an award of excellence for the Triumph, the Goodmans' won with the B and took a second with the TF. (*Are we EVER going to have this show on a weekend when I can actually attend?!? Or is that the point...hmmm...*). Congrats to Joe H. who won the 50/50 pot and received \$87.00 for his share.

Joe, "I had to take my shoes off to count it." Skip, "He hasn't seen four twenty's in who knows how long." Dave G., "Are you talking about four twenty year old babysitters perhaps?"

Sunshine Committee: Jennifer, "How you doing Joe?" Jennifer's got nuthin.

Dave Gribler had surgery because he was pushing a Triumph... Pat Wasserman was at the Second Street Market show and was looking good.

Newsletter: Steve's looking for pictures from the Second Street Market show. Dave reported that he has some pics from Key West. Steve feels that there's a story...

Activities: (*I'm running long and most of what I've got has already happened...*)

Cincinnati BCD is July 15th at the new location (same as last years) in Fairfield.

Linda W. gave Reuben a letter where Montgomery Co. is soliciting groups to display at functions at the courthouse square (*haven't we "been there-done that"?*)

The V.A. is having their annual Veteran Salute car and motorcycle show on the June 16th.

Ron plans to do the Cleveland show since his daughter's in Cleveland and it's the weekend before our BCD. Anyone interested in cruising up needs to talk to Ron.

BEER BRAKE – 8:35

8:55 Back from break – *Are these getting longer or is it just me?*

Louie, "Let's go, my baby sitter's waiting..." Terry Looft, "She should be used to that by now."

Spring Tour: John's been working on the A, working on the A, and working on the A. According to Linda, he's replaced so many parts, that he can make it a whole 7 miles before it dies now. "We'll be taking the Celica..." Linda, "I've towed him home seven times this summer."

See their report on how it went elsewhere in this issue – *or at least it OUGHT to be elsewhere in this issue!*

New Business (?): Gary Moore brought a bunch of books down that are going to the museum.

Old Business: Dar brought in the info for where to get any license plate made and the procedure on how to do it. www.euro-sign.com. According to Dar, they're raised letter and look just like the real state plate. Dave McCann, "Be careful where you go. If you go to Springfield, they'll tell you that it can't be done. If you go to someplace like Urbana, then they know exactly what to do." Dar reports that he went to Fairborn and had no problem.

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Bob Charles brought in a customized barrel. Throw in a buck and take it home. Bob, “I bought 24 barrels – the wife's not happy...”

Taj Kruezers: *(Another event you missed if you weren't there...)* There are only three classes, Porsche, Foreign, and Domestic. At noon the road warrior tour will be arriving. See website for details – you can register the day of the show... It was Memorial Day weekend! **Why am I still typing!?!?**

Nothing new to report on the **Concours**, well, actually, there is... There will not be an entry fee to enter a car, however, contributions are greatly appreciated. If your car's accepted, you can bring it to the show no charge *(there will be a \$1,000.00 fee to get your car OUT of the park though... so bring your checkbooks if you have a car in the show...)*. The entry fee will be \$10.00 per person to enter the show, but you get access to all of the Carillon Park attractions.

Pres. Parks, “Those of you who have been Class Marshalls in the past, you'll get an e-mail sometime in June – mark your calendars...” Esther Price Candies is going to have a tent... *wear your elastic waistband pants!* *[Right now some of you (Jennifer) are saying, just like Tim used to, so I won't make that comment...]*

The MGCC “Supply” trailer is here tonight. Skip has the signs already made up. They read, “Donated to the MGCC by John Zeno”.

Newsletter Editor Steve M. poses the following question, “Do we want to drop the freeloaders from the mailing list what with the cost of mailing increasing?” Who can stay, who can go? As far as the spouses of deceased members, we've got about six currently who have been on the list for six, seven years. After some discussion, the club came to the conclusion that they should get the newsletter for a year and if they want to renew, then they need to contact us. Skip, “...yeah, and they never go to the Holiday party either!” Jennifer, “So, who's the grim reaper?” Dick Smith volunteers to take charge of cutting the dead wood.

Talk of sending the newsletter via e-mail as a PDF file is discussed... It would need to be in a PDF due to its size. Steve says that he will get together with Jeff Opt our Technology Systems Integration Specialist *(the guy that maintains our website)* to see what the feasibility is? We could have the membership renewal form have a checkbox for e-mail or mail copies of the Newsletters. Lots of



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folks like the hard copy – gives them something to read in the bathroom...

Bill Hammond proposes a **Pub Run** to the Rusty Bucket down by the Dayton Mall. They've got a good menu. Fast food, but good quality. The date is tentatively set for July 1st. 5:00 p.m.

For Sale: A beautiful pair of Chrysler Crossfire base seats – see Gary Moore
Charlie knows of a 1971 MGB GT green with black interior. The owner's asking \$4,500. 426-4698.

Dick Goodman has a set of 185/*I missed the number*/R14 Dayton radials for sale on a set of MGB LE wheels. Hammond can have them only if he promises NOT to paint them blue.

Tech Tips: Dave McCann models the latest in lighted headgear. If you have to work on the car in the dark his lighted cap works wonders. Louie, "And you can drive home with that if your generator goes out."

Ron, "What do you think new member, you coming back?" Russell, "Yep." Terry Looft, "Why?"

Gumball: Lois Gribler wins

Mike Rolls won the barrel

Motion to Adjourn by Jennifer. Cathy Goodman seconds, we're outta here at 9:30.

Ron, "It's good to have the gavel back."

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September 27, 1942 – May 19, 2007

Gary Kinney was a happy person and fun to be around. He was a showman with his banjo playing and with his Rolls Royce as well. He dressed the part and acted the part when he provided his elegant limo service in his Rolls. Gary had been in several car clubs and, according to his son, liked the MG Car Club best. He liked the people and it was obvious he had a good time when he joined in club events. He showed up at almost every tune-up clinic, where we all pitched in to help him adjust the brakes on his



MGB one year. He participated in many car shows with other club members. Gary made it a point to attend most club meetings. He missed a few in the last year due to health problems, but otherwise was almost always there, sitting at the front table, taking it all in. Gary had many other interests that complemented each other and showed his commitment to his community and his love of people, such as being active in the Dayton Masonic Temple, Shriners of Dayton, and the Kettering Banjo Society. He also was a volunteer probation officer for delinquent children and was on the board of Operation Rebirth, a boys home. We will miss Gary.