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Activities, Activities, and More Activities Coming Up

...and More New Members!

From the President

Ron Parks

As I sit here writing this column with March Madness on the TV and Wright State trailing 13 to 0 with the first timeout called; I'm thinking of the other March Madness. That would be the March Madness where I'm driving my MG on nice 70 degree day and then putting my winter coat on the next. Well folks, that's March in Ohio. Soon April will be here with our tune-up clinic on the 28th just in time to get our MGs primed for our pub run to Covington Ohio to tour D & D Classics on May 5th where we'll have lunch at Buffalo Jack's afterwards. Hey, things are looking up. Wright State has now tied it up at 22. Spring too will come.

Speaking of that pub run to Covington, we want to thank new member Mike Edgerton for jumping right in there and setting up the tour of D & D Classics for us. Thank you Mike! I was talking with Mike about where we might meet if some of us want to caravan to



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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, March 28, 2007

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Upcoming Events

March:

28 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

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)

27 – Meeting (K of C Hall)

29-1 – Vintage Races, Mid Ohio

July:

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'

Covington and it turns out that our usual staging area in the parking lot of Meijer's on Route 48 in Englewood would work well. We'll finalize this and have an article in the May issue of the Octagon News with all the details.

Unlike some car clubs that have individuals assigned to organizing tours, our club does not. Anyone who has a good idea for a fun tour is free to plan one. Even if you are new to the club, don't be bashful about acting on ideas you may have for a driving tour, whether it be a Sunday evening pub run, spring or fall afternoon tour or an overnigher. We all like to drive our MGs. There's nothing, well almost nothing, prettier than lineup of MGs rounding a curve on a country road. Most of our tours have a theme. We've done the Old Forts tour; a Historical tour; Amish country tour and of course Covered Bridge tours. We've even had a couple of competitive rallies and poker runs. Any excuse to drive our MGs, right! John Wolfe is currently planning our spring tour to Marietta Ohio culminating with a drive through the curvy road informally referred to as "The Ohio Tail of the Dragon." We will most likely set a date for this tour at the March meeting. If you have an idea for a tour, tell us about it in our meetings. It's always nice to have ideas waiting in the wings for some future spring or fall tour.

More MG Activities

Reuben Wasserman

I would like to offer, for your consideration, the following activities as additions to the calendar of events:

April 21 - W. Carrollton H.S. Cruise-In. Point of Contact: Beth Mitchell, 937-859-5121, ext. 8871

19-20 May - British Car Day XXIII - Metro Center Dublin OH. Car Show and Swap Meet Sunday May 20th. Point of Contact: Tony Burgess 614-899-2394

July 6-7 - Arthritis Foundation Car Show - Dublin OH. Point of Contact: 614-876-8200

July 27-29 - American MGC Register MK XXVII meet, Staunton VA. Point of Contact: Charles Clemmer, 540-255-3131.

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1-3 June - Ohio Chapter New England T Register G.O.O.F London OH. Point of Contact: Jack Smittle 614-882-6191.

2 June - London to Brighton Run London OH. Point of Contact: Dave Jackman 740-852-1124.

June 30 - British Car Showdown - Mid-Ohio. Point of Contact: 1-800-MID-OHIO

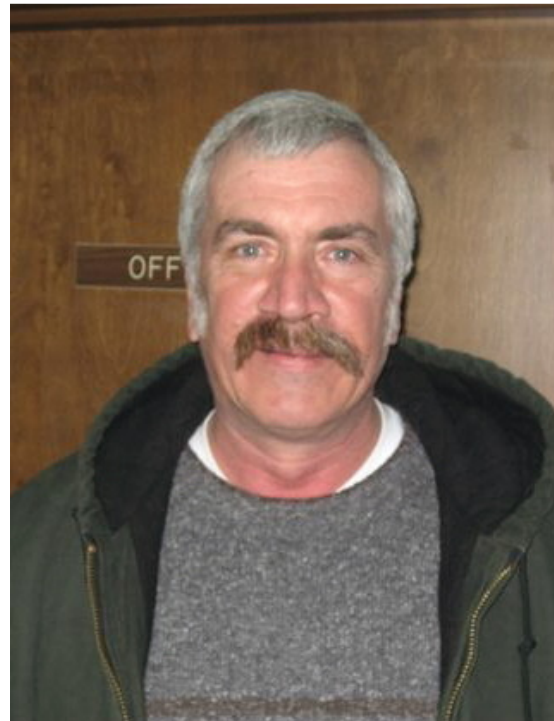
Welcome New Member

Carole Looft

We welcomed guest Tim O'Laughlin at our February meeting and as the meeting closed, Tim decided to join us and become a member. Tim and his wife Charlotte own a 1977 Damask Red MGB. Tim's father purchased the car new at Davis Buick in Dayton and used it as his daily driver to and from work from the springtime through the fall. During the winter months it was parked. About ten years ago the car went through a ground up restoration and Tim bought it from him five years later.

Tim has owned numerous MG's throughout his adult life. Additionally, his interests lean toward wooden boats. Currently he is the owner of a '59 Chris Craft, all original 17 ft. wooden ski boat that still has the original 283 engine. I'm sure that is quite a prize!

Tim would someday like to have an MGB-GT. As I always say – 'You can't have just one!' Tim and Charlotte, welcome to our club.



Welcome new member Tim O'Laughlin

New Members

Carole Looft

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Don't Miss the May Pub Run to D&D Classics

On May 5, we'll be treated to a special event: a tour of D&D Classics. One of the nation's premier automotive restoration facilities, D&D Classics services include complete chassis rebuild, mechanical restoration including transmissions, rear axle, brakes and exhaust, full electrical rebuilding and rewiring, structural wood rebuild for bodies, interior wood refinishing, and complete disassembly and assembly services. We'll get to see their current projects, including a 1928 Isotta Fraschini in preparation for the 2007 Pebble Beach Auto Show. The tour will be from 10 -12 in the morning. After the tour, we'll drive to Buffalo Jack's in Covington OH for lunch. They are known for their selection of old venison, antelope, wild boar, buffalo, pheasant, rabbit, and duck. They also feature walleye and alligator. Meals range from \$7.95 - \$18.95. They also have a full-service bar.

Special thanks to new member Mike Edgerton for setting this up and provide the above information.

Pictures From the January Pub Run

Ron Parks



Editor's Note – About twenty-five of us braved a cold night last January to attend the Pub Run at Quaker Steak and Lube. I could have sworn Ron sent me more pictures than this, but these are all I could find in my "awaiting publication" file. My apologies to our staff photographer.

Classifieds

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

For Sale: 1969 and 1970 BSA Thunderbolt 650ccs – both rough but restorable. 1981 Honda Breeze 50cc Step Thru. Runs well, but needs some TLC. 1982 Suzuki T50 – 50cc Step Thru – Needs mech, but looks good. All for \$1800.00 Bob 1-513-267-1785.

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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-iast, 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
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<h1 style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">MG 2007</h1>	
<h2 style="margin: 0;">July 16-20</h2>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">July 23-27</h2>
<h3 style="color: red;">Sonoma Wine Country California</h3> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Tour through California exquisite wine country, experience Redwood Canyon, cruise Muir Woods, up the Pacific Coast, and down San Francisco hills to the Golden Gate Bridge. This is more than a MG car show, it is a destination for vistas, culture, MG touring, and making friends. Go! www.MG2007.org</p>	<p style="font-style: italic; font-size: 1.2em;">The MG Drive With Altitude! British Columbia</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">75 miles north of Vancouver is MG God Country. Like no other place, you and your MG will never feel more alive. Twisty mountain roads with eye popping vistas that only the Canadian Rockies can deliver. The place you'll remember for the rest of your life. All British marques and non-NAMGAR members welcome! www.gt32.com</p>

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, February 28, 2007

Diana Hodges

Since you all seem to be rather quite boring lately, I have decided that I am going to fabricate information just because I can...

The meeting was called to order at 8:04. Pres. Parks had to use what appeared to be an old transformer as the gavel since he left the official MGCC gavel at home.

Louie, “let’s get this going – my baby sitter's waiting.”

President’s Report. There was a fair turn out at the pub run held on the slushiest of nights. On the car front, Ron reported that he just bought a new battery and that new tires were on the way. Apparently, Ron has evidence that one member of the MGCC has changed his job. “Fast Eddie's Chop Shop – ‘Illegal Parts Our Specialty’”. Ron has an ad that he saw for a hair salon. They *claim* to be a hair salon, but... we all know that this is Eddie’s new place. It’s that time of year again. The MG Mother Club wants to know who our officers are and they want to verify that we all have correct mailing addresses.

Speaking of VP McCann, **Vice President's Report** was next. Trivia Time – In 1980-81, Chrysler made an Imperial FS. What did the FS stand for and what did it come with that no other car came with? Peanut Gallery responses... “Freaking Slow,” “Fix Steadily,” Ready for the answer? The FS stood for – Frank Sinatra. The bonus was that the car came

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with 16 Frank Sinatra 8-track tapes! Louie, “What's in the trunk?” Jennifer Peterson, “Your babysitter!”

Minutes were next on the agenda. With no corrections needing to be made, Louie D. motioned to accept the minutes as read. Dick Smith seconded. Minutes accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Graham's traveling again... we're all

getting a little suspicious and nervous. *Last month I joked about him not being able to be found. NOW, I'm beginning to wonder...* He did however file the following report:

Total Income: Membership Dues (\$324.00) + Regalia (\$278.00) = **A Total Income of \$602.00.**
Total Expenses: Octagon News [January] (\$186.16) + Octagon News [February] (\$110.41) + Hall Rental Fees \$45.00) + Gumball (\$5.00) + Post card stamps (\$6.24) + EBay print listing (\$11.64) = **A Total Expense of \$178.29. Total Gain to the MGCC was \$423.71,** that when added to our existing Treasury balance of \$1995.80 equals a new **Treasury Balance of \$2419.51.** Dick Goodman motioned to accept the report. VP McCann seconded. Report approved.

Terry Looft, “We need someone to replace Zeno. We need someone to always vote ‘nay’.” VP McCann, “I'm working towards that. My voice isn't that deep yet...”

Carole Looft and **Membership** were next. As of the meeting the club has 101 members. Last month's visitor, Dave Marquis ('70 Midget), officially joined. (*Wait, that should only count as a half membership, it is a Midget after all...*) This month's guest was Tim O'Laughlin owner of a 1977 MGB (*YEAH! Another '77!*) Things are looking good. Welcome to new members and guests. Louie, “I've got a Spitfire member that wants to join...” (*Is THAT the line you use on your babysitter???*)

Sunshine Committee report was next. Jennifer P. reported that everyone's healthy. (*Personally, I think that we could have all been bleeding profusely from the eyeballs and she'd have said that everyone was okay...*)

Steve Markman was next up with **Newsletter**. “Nothing to report. Keep the articles coming.”

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Activities with Ruben were next on the agenda. Ruben wasn't in attendance, but he did file the following report on upcoming activities.

May 19-20 – BCD Metro Center Columbus OH. Point of Contact: Tony Burgess 614-899-2394. (NOTE May 19 is the same day as the Second Street Market show)

May 26 - June 3 – Drive your British car week

June 1-3 – Ohio Chapter of the New England T Register G.O.F London OH. Point of Contact: Jack Smittle 614-882-6191. (*Some have speculated that this stands for Grand Old Fogey's, but it really stands for "Gathering of the Faithful"*)

June 2 – London to Brighton Run London OH. Point of Contact: Dave Jackman 740-852-1124.

June 30 - British Car Showdown - Mid-Ohio. Point of Contact: 1-800-MID-OHIO

The **Tune-up Clinic** is scheduled for Sat. April 28.

The **D & D Restorations pub run** is tentatively set for the morning of Saturday, May 5th. Plan on a 10a.m. – noon affair. There's a place called Buffalo Jacks that opens at 6:00 a.m. that serves breakfast if you want. Directions will follow, but basically, go to Troy and turn left on 41 in Covington, Ohio... We will take a rough head count (*the count, not the heads please*) of those wanting to attend this event at the April meeting. Mike Edgerton is our contact.

Spring Tour – John Wolfe wants to know, “is anyone interested in an overnighter to Marietta?” Discuss over Beer Break and we'll get back to that...

Beer Break called 8:30

Back From Beer Break at 8:46

Old Business. We still have all of our stuff for sale, window decals, sweatshirts, flags, etc...

The date for this year's Concours is Sept 16 at Carillon Park. Louie wants Spitfires to be the

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featured marque, while Fast Eddie wants Edsels because this is their 50th anniversary of some sort. We don't know yet, but the marque should be decided by next month.

“Supplies”
(read: beer)
trailer. Accord-

ing to those in the know, John (Tom) Shirley, our insurance agent, stated that the towing vehicle has the insurance. Short answer – there's nothing that we need to do at this time. Skip priced signing the trailer and the estimate was \$20-25. The only issue now is what do we want it to say? "Donated to MGCC courtesy of John Zeno" and maybe a toxic waste sticker? What color? White seems to be the preferred choice. Where on the car? Club to Skip, "...just do it, use your judgment - we trust you..." Dick Goodman motions to let Terry Looft and Skip settle this. Terry Happensack seconds, the club voted with unanimous support. Ron, "Any idea as to allowable usage?" After some discussion the club agrees that it's okay to take it to an MG/British related event. If you want to take it to your uncle's birthday party, then that's not acceptable. The Looft's are still working on the titling issue. Terry Looft, "Do we want a vanity plate/or historical plates? 'BEER HERE'" (*Personally I thing the vanity plate [BR TRLR] would be very fitting.*)

New Business

Joe Hooker, "We need to order coversheets for the newsletter." Club – "Go ahead and do it..."

Do we need new stationary? Skip, "...we're down to about 300 sheets, maybe 280 envelops..."

For Sale – Ron still has the boot cover and old top. Dick Goodman has a chrome badge bar and belt buckle. Steve Veris has a very nice Lotus wiring diagram that measures 24x30. If anyone's interested, a similar item for MG's could be produced. At this time, Steve's checking interest.

Tech Tip

Bill Hammond has something to say about Tyres. If you're in the market, see John Adams (USA Tires, 1501 East Dorothy Lane near AutoZone). Cooper (Mastercraft) tyres are his personal choice. Skip went there and paid \$280 for a set of four 185 R70 14. Many have used them, all are very satisfied with the service and the products they offer.

Another use for duct tape from the Grand Old Fogey files. Soak feet, place duct tape over them and after about two days, the corns, not the feet, fall off... (*Obviously it's time to go...*)

Gary Kinney wins the Gumball rally.

Louie motions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

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