

# THE OCTAGON NEWS

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Lots of Pictures

...and More Exciting Information!

## From the President

Ron Parks

As usual I will start out with a discussion of the weather. Spring has finally arrived and like many spring days last Saturday brought some rain for our Pub Run and tour of D & D Classic. Actually the rain held off pretty much until later. We drove in rain coming home. The rain, however, did not dampen our enthusiasm for the wonderful cars we saw at D & D. Nor did it dampen Roger James', partner/owner of D & D Classic, enthusiasm in telling stories about the cars and restoration projects they currently have underway. We saw projects such as their Pebble Beach car this year, a 1928 Isotta Fraschini. You can read about it and more at the website [www.ddclassic.com](http://www.ddclassic.com). There was the 1957 Ford whose owner is surprising his wife of 50 years with a second honeymoon in a car just like the one they drove on their first honeymoon. Roger had lots of neat stories like this about his customers' cars. It wasn't just looking at cars and saying this



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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, May 23, 2007**

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## Upcoming Events

### May:

19 – British Car Show at 2<sup>nd</sup> 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'

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is a 19-- so and so. He knew the history of the cars, who the owners had been and more. We really had a great time and then topped it off with a nice lunch at Buffalo Jacks. I did not count the MGs, but several came out to play in the rain. Thanks again to Mike Edgerton for putting this together for us.

So, May has already been a good MG month for us, soon to be followed by the British Car Meet at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market on the 19<sup>th</sup> and Drive your British Car week (May 26 – June 3). If you could or couldn't make it to the pub run, shine up your MG and bring it out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Market show to start off the season.

See you at the meeting.

## Classifieds

**For Sale:** 69 MGC GT body refurbished; stops and goes anywhere; has great tires and new carpet. Needs rings, 1 synchro, and some leather seat work. Includes 2nd motor and trans. \$6500 (\$5500 OBO from club member). Quick steer rack from UK negotiable. Jeff Fields, 440-355-MGMG, 440-315-6380.

**For Sale:** Parts for 70 MGB. NEW: 2 sets of points, distributor cap, rear brake pads, oil seal, grommets, etc. USED: side marker lights. FREE to pick up in Liberty Township area. Call or email Chris Linger: 755-7404,

**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.

**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.

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**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-ist, 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

## Original MG Paint Match

*Editor's note – Having just repainted my TD's gas tank this last Winter using paint I had custom-mixed locally, **now** I stumble upon this article in my archive. However, it is a few years old, so I don't know if the information still is current.*

The Club received an e-mail from Michael Wolf of William Wolf and Company auto paint specialists in Warrenville Heights and Mentor, Ohio. They are still supplying the original formula nitrocellulose lacquer paint, in original factory colors, for our MGs. If you want your MG restored to factory conditions, then the older nitrocellulose lacquer, rather than the more modern enamel and/or urethane paint, is the way to go.

William Wolf and Company has an extensive color library for most eras of MGs. Michael Wolf is the third generation to run the family business started in 1930. They will ship your paint via UPS or FedEx virtually anywhere.

You can check them out at their web site at [www.william.wolf.com](http://www.william.wolf.com) or by phone at 1-800-447-9653.

## Pictures from Tune-Up Clinic



Tune-Up Clinic starts with customary shop-talk in the street before getting to work



“Get to work? Then the donuts would go to waste!”



Some members actually worked on their MGs



When all else fails, read the manual.



Not in the manual? Steve Miller always is ready to help (he's the one actually working, at right).



Special thanks to **Steve Miller** and **MG Automotive** for hosting this year's Tune-Up Clinic.



## Pictures from Spring Tour to D&D Restorations



Assembling before the drive to D&D Classics



Lunch at Buffalo Jack's

Thanks again to D&D Classics for hosting us and to Mike Edgerton for setting up the trip.



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## Another New Feature...Member Web Sites

Steve Markman

We've tried hobbies, volunteer work, jobs...anything to get members to share their interests with fellow club members. Now, let's try personal web sites, unless you'd rather have more pet pictures. I'm sure that many of us have web sites, so I'll start with mine. It's called [www.SteveMarkmanWorld.com](http://www.SteveMarkmanWorld.com). I opened it a few months ago. In it you'll find information about my books, my volunteer work at the Air Force Museum, pictures of my sailing ship models, my MG TD, even pictures of the wood pens and pencils I make. You'll find links for ordering the books and pen/pencil sets. Check it out next time you're on-line. You even can send me an e-mail from the home page.

Here is the banner you'll see across the top of each page. As simple as it looks, it took me about a week of evenings to work out the layout. Be sure to take a look at the footnote on the bottom of each page and let me know if you agree! If you have a business website, we'll include those, also!





# MG Car Club Minutes, April, 2007

Steve Markman

I didn't get the meeting minutes from the April meeting. So, this is my best guess at what happened, considering that I wasn't even at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at about 8 pm by Pres. Ron Parks

Someone probably harassed Louie, if he was there.

Someone probably harassed Ron Parks.

**President's Report.** Ron probably reminded everyone of what we did over the last month and mentioned a few upcoming things. Skip probably gave him a hard time over at least one item.

**Vice President's Report.** Dave McCann probably agreed with everything Ron said.

**Minutes** were next on the agenda. No one wanted to hassle with making corrections, so the minutes were accepted and approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** If Graham was there, he told us how much money was in the treasury. If he wasn't there, someone commented that he's off spending the treasury again.

Probably more jabs at Louie and Ron for owning Triumphs.

**Membership.** Carole Looft probably reported a few new members.

**Sunshine Committee.** Jennifer Peterson either reported that everyone's healthy or that someone was sick.

**Newsletter.** Steve Markman was missing again, but keep the articles coming.

**Activities.** If Ruben was there, he probably reminded us about the same upcoming activities as last time:

May 19 – Second Street Market British car show. Contact Dick Smith for info.

May 19-20 – BCD Metro Center Columbus OH. Point of Contact: Tony Burgess 614-899-2394.

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*

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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

**Tune-Up Clinic and D & D Restorations pub run.**

Someone certainly gave a rundown on these. Thanks to MG Automotive and D&D Restorations for hosting these events.

**Beer Break** somewhere around this time.

**Old Business.** Maybe there was some. Maybe not.

**New Business.** Maybe there was some. Maybe not.

Someone harassed Louie and Ron for owning Triumphs.

**Gumball Rally.** Someone won it.

Meeting probably adjourned about 9:15.



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