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April 2009

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Cutoff date for next month's Marque is the 20th.

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The President's Comments,

As we leave March, I have to think... Where's the year going so fast. Why, .. just yesterday it was Christmas and the day after, New Year's and now we are staring at the first BCD '09 Meeting at the Poelking Lanes on Monday, 30 March. We've had the Awards Banquet and the new officers are in place and in a week we make the awards to those club members selected by their peers.

Don Bigler is our new Vice President, Eden Allison has taken over the membership and Randy Wakefield is the new Events Chairman. In fact Randy has had his first event, a Tech session at the Allison's.

The Club awards were as follows, Marque of Distinction was won very deservedly by Randy Wakefield, Press On Regardless was awarded to Roger Rutledge, Keep it on the Road went to Chuck White and Most improved was won by Ted Allison. The awards themselves will be presented at the April meeting, where ever we hold it.

Lois Bigler, who did another excellent job in setting up the awards banquet is looking into several possibilities for the April meeting, stay tuned.

The awards banquet was held once again at the Beaver Creek Country club.

Although there was another party scheduled there we did not conflict. We had about seventeen member families attend and there were a couple of late cancellations which is always too bad. While the weather is still a little cold and damp, there's been more and more sun shine and April starts the spring driving season. So, get out there and start prepping your little British Cars.

On a sad note, Bob Sarama, who rebuilds distributors, is getting out of the

business citing too much work in his day job. Very unfortunate state of affairs as he still had the Daye's Stag unit.

Thanks for listening, Stan Seto

Lois says Hello and missed some of you at the Awards banquet.

It was fine time with good friends, good food, and good conversation was had by all MVT members who were able to attend the annual dinner meeting at the Beaver Creek Golf Club on March 7. We are hopeful those who had other commitments will be able to join us next year at this fun event.

APRIL MEETING

We will have our April 1 meeting at the Tumbleweed Southwest Grill at 2030 East Dorothy Lane, Kettering, Ohio, 45420, Phone 937 395 0419. Take Exit 10 [Indian Ripple] off I-675. Go west 1.8 miles, Indian Ripple becomes Dorothy Lane after you cross County Line Road. Tumbleweed is on the south side of Dorothy Lane in front of Elder- Beerman and Sears.(same lot) The Tumbleweed has a room in the front part of the restaurant that is separate from rest of restaurant. We should not be bothered by any patron noises other than our own.

I will have my cell phone with me and turned on, so call if you encounter problems. 937 603 6194.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING

Any questions, call Lois at 937 603 4194

Events

March 2009

14th Tech Session at Ted Allison's garage

An intake manifold was secured and leaks were resolved. Lead thread was Phil who has valuable experience with machine fasteners.



iCorvette unapposed

21st ALMS at Sebring

McNish wins again in Audi. It seems Peugeot and Audi show strength while Acura blows up and Porsche stays home. Corvette wins class. Others avoid this class. See americanlemans.com



iiFord GT 40 runs well.

29th Tech Session at Phil Daye's place.

An engine was installed.

30th BCD Meeting at Poelking Lanes to discuss event particulars.

1 April Monthly Club Meeting no really. Its no joke. The new location is Tumbleweed Restaurant on Dorothy Lane. See Lois's note above

4 April ALMS at St. Pete.

5 April BTCC at Brands Hatch (wish I were going! And

F1 at Malaysia In China on the 19th
Late April Spring Tour TBA

22-25 April Carlisle Spring swap meet.

25 April Grand Am at Virginia

26 April Nascar- Talladega (Fox)

May Dates include:

16 May British Cars at the Market.

08:00

Scottish Weekend

17 Columbus BCD and

Perhaps a May Tour.

Input finalized at the meeting.

An official poster for the British Car Show. The top section features logos for Quaker Steak & Lube and Best Wings USA, along with the text "CENTRAL OHIO BRITISH CAR COUNCIL PRESENTS THE 23RD ANNUAL BRITISH CAR SHOW PARTS AND REGALIA COLUMBUS, OH". Below this, it says "CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MINI" and "CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF MORGAN". The main image shows a classic Mini and a Morgan sports car. The date "Sunday, May 17, 2009" is prominently displayed. The bottom section contains details about the event, including the location at Quaker Steak & Lube, the entry fee (\$10.00 pre-registration, \$15.00 day of show), and the schedule for Saturday (May 16th) and Sunday (May 17th). A small map shows the location of the event in Columbus, Ohio.

iiiOfficial poster sent to Marque office.

Miami Valley Triumphs – State of the Club – 2008



Presented at the Awards Banquet, 07 March, 2009

Glad to see such a good turn out this year.

This talk has to do with the State of The Club and how are we doing relative to last year.

The club has 36 families this year, down from 43 last year, but some are new members, like Steve Meier and some are returning after being away, like Chris and Cris Yanity. We welcome you all.

Financially we appear to be in good shape, and the club has applied for a Stimulus Package of \$1,250,000.00 to build a medical facility for up keep of Lorna Ball and containing a three bay garage. If we don't get it, we can subsist on club treasury, which reported that we started 2008 with \$2963.17 in the bank.

The club earned from:

Membership	- \$645.00
BCD	-\$2000.00
Split the Pot	- \$88.50
Banquet	- \$420.00
Brown Bag Auction	- \$74.75
Memorabilia & Misc.	- \$217.00

for a Total Income of \$3445.25

But we spent:

Holiday Soiree	- \$140.00
Club Banquet	- \$932.81
Insurance	- \$175.00
Badges	- \$483.41
Donations	- \$100.00
Marque Newsletter	- \$5.74
PO Box	- \$58.00
Awards	- \$538.00

for Total expenditures of \$2433.42

So, the club balance was \$3975.00 at the end of 2008, or a thousand ahead of last year.

In 2008, we spent money on a new cloisonné car badge, courtesy of Brian Smith and these are a very nice way to show the world what club you belong to.

We also made a club decision to support the Triumph Trans-America Tour which is raising money to help those with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The club started its support with a \$100.00 donation to the restoration of a Triumph Stag which will be driven about the USA and Canada in 2009 and eventually auctioned to raise funds for the charity. We raised about \$21.00 at BCD Days, so we are off to a good start.

A comment about the Marque. I look at all the past year's issues when I draw up this history. The striking thing is we have a great picture gallery in those issues, but we really don't have enough written articles to back those pictures up. I would really like to see a stronger effort on the part of those who go to events to provide the details of the trip. It would certainly make the pictures more interesting for the readers. The Marque is a good review of club events, and I would like to recognize and acknowledge the work done by Randy

Wakefield and Mike McKittrick with a round of applause.

Last year I told you I'd like to have some events at which we could award prizes, as a little competition never hurt anyone, and we can afford to do it. One event this could happen at would be the Indian Hill driving tour. Based on the two cars that appeared for the November running of the event, there will be winners and non-winners. All you need to be able to do is drive a car and read simple instructions. There is a second tour in the offering, but let's see how this first one goes.

Speaking of events, what driving activities did we do in 2008??

Well, what it all started with was -

The Super Bowl party, which went very well, helped along by the fact that it was actually a game you could cheer about. The Stalwarts of the Miami Valley Triumphs met at the Clough's on Sunday evening, 3 February to convivate and to watch the XLII Super Bowl contest between the (Arrogant) Boston Patriots and the (Just barely are there) New York Giants. The Patriots were riding a very precarious 18 game winning streak, and the Giants were coming into this game having won their last four, and all away games. Further just at the end of the regular season they had almost beaten the Patriots, losing by just 3 points. Can someone tell me, why then the Giants were installed as 12 point underdogs?? The game should have been even-up! We did not rate the commercials shown in the game, but some of them were very good, and some of them you may never see again.

We gathered just after 5:30 PM, and it was a pretty good crowd. The Biglers, the Rutledges, the Smiths, the Balls, the Bolichs, Jay Kolb, the author and the Cloughs. Everyone bought food, and we had two types of meatballs, several very good dips, a vegetable tray, and desserts of a wondrous variety.

The game was one of the great ones, with the defenses dominating from the middle of the first quarter to the end of the third quarter, and just enough offense in the fourth to keep you glued to the set until the finish, and what a finish, with New York scoring the go-ahead with just 37 seconds left for the Patriots and then the swarming defense of the Giants shutting down what had been up to this game, a dominating offense. The king was dead, long live the king and the only mystery is how will both teams do in the 2008-2009 season. Oh, and will Peyton Manning have good enough support next year to get the Colts to the Super Bowl to perhaps play the Giants, and his younger brother.

There was then, also to report, the voting for the favorite food items at half time. That was pretty tense, and in a close call, Jay Kolb took home the prize for the best entrée, one of the meatball dishes, and by a wider margin, Carol Rutledge won the dessert prize, for her Caramel-Chocolate-Peanut tipped Pretzel sticks. Recipes to be published.

This was an event well worth attending, the weather co-operated and I think most of us were home before 10 PM.

The Museum of Transportation sponsored a trip the Detroit Auto show, Randy Wakefield was one of those who

went and provided a great write-up of that adventure.

March had one event. The awards banquet was moved to the 29th for several reasons. To keep things interesting Daylight Savings time started before spring got here and then we had a late winter blizzard, so March had been entertaining even without events.

The Awards Banquet was held at the Beaver Creek Golf Course Club House on the 29th of March. Lois Bigler did a very good job for the club in setting this event up and the food was excellent and abundant. About half the club attended. The officer's positions were retained by the current holders, as Phil and Carolyn Daye continue as Club Secretary and Treasurer, respectively and Stan Seto remained as President.

The MVT award winners from 2007.

The **Marque of Distinction** was Charles (Chuck) White.

The winner of **Press On Regardless** was Phil Daye.

The winner of **Most Improved** was Mike McKittrick.

The winner of **Keep It on The Road** was Paul Corcoran.

April is the month we do the Spring Tour, the event started on Friday the 25th at 11 AM at the Narrows Park, outside Beaver Creek. We went to Coshocton and to Dover, Ohio, moteling it each night and completing on Sunday afternoon. The turn-out started with six cars, and thirteen club members. From the Narrows we wended our way to the northeast, stopping here and there to antique shop, buy water or just look at the world as it spun by. We stopped at a cemetery on Rte. 13 to pay a visit to Lorna Ball's Dads grave site and skipped

into Coshocton and the Village Inn in the late afternoon. We visited Roscoe Village before dinner at the Raven's Claw Winery and the next morning went on up to Charm, Ohio in Amish Country. Lunch was in New Hope at the famous Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen Restaurant. The afternoon was spent hitting little shops in the area as we worked our way over to New Philadelphia and the Schoenbrunn Inn for the overnight. Sunday started with a short tech session to fix a gas leak in the Rutledge TR3, but they then left for home and the Ball's went with them (safety in numbers). The rest of the tour headed out down roads less traveled to the Scioto Valley and hence to Deer Creek State park for lunch. Then meandering on toward Washington Court House and back into familiar Climes and places.

May is always a good month, the club supported the McKittricks at Scottish Weekend in Carrollton, KY, and also had some cars at the Market Day in Dayton.

June had TRA in Northern Ohio on the banks of Lake Eire and we had several cars up there.

VTR was in July and a number of members went to that event, Valley Forge, typically the White's and Allison's and Paul Corcoran caravan and have a good time. Same group plus Harry Mague showed up at the Cincinnati BCD Day in Fairfield to represent the club, thanks, Gang.

MVT BCD with the MG club of Dayton was a success by any criteria. First weekend in August, sunny and dry, a million cars showed up...No, that's a slight exaggeration, but 295 cars registered were pretty good for a year

where gasoline hit four bucks a gallon. Thanks to all in the club for the volunteer work done. A special thanks to Alice and Ellis whose efforts yielded the judging results before 3 PM for the first time in forever. Again we retired to the Ball's for a decompression party and pizza.

September brimmed over with driving and show events, starting with a Dayton and North tour, Car Show Day in Xenia, the Covered Bridge Tour put on by the British Museum of Transportation and the Greene County Farm tour that is always so much fun, especially when we can fit in a Pig Farm by special request from Lorna (God be with Her) Ball. Toward the end of the month is the Concours at Carillon, and the Indy BCD.

October is when we've been doing the Fall Tour, and we went to Shawnee State Park for the over night and came back along the Ohio River. We saw a lot of winding two lane roads and the cars got well exercised.

November, we tried to run the Indian Hill driving tour. We'll try that again in the spring. Then later we were treated a most violent wind storm in late November, the results of which are still being felt in eastern Kentucky.

December was the Holiday Soiree and brown bag auction. It went well and closed out the year's activities. We'll start 2009 at the super Bowl party in February.

Last year we had a huge ice and snow storm in mid-February, and we almost got the sequel this year in January. All of which suggests that global warming still

has some aspects that are peculiarly difficult to understand.

The one thing we can say is that gas prices are down and are expected to stay down for an indefinite time period, which could bode well for driving events in 2009.

We had elections! With Sixty seven members available to vote, Twenty seven ballots were cast. Six with paper, 21 using the on-line ballot, a little over a third of the members. The results of the slick campaigns for Vice President, Membership Secretary and Events Chairman are as follows, and please hold you applause until all three names are read and they are all standing. The term of office is two years and a candidate can be re-elected, again, and again and again..... You get the idea.

For Vice president, you elected Don Bigler.

For Membership secretary you elected Eden Allison, and

For Events Chairman you elected Randy Wakefield. Let's give them a round of applause.

Moving on to the Honor awards for the club,

Keep it on the Road was won by Chuck White

Most Improved was won by Ted Allison

Press on Regardless was won by Roger Rutledge, Let's give them a round of applause.

Finally, the award of Marque of Distinction was won by Randy Wakefield.

The awards, themselves will be presented to the winners at the April meeting.

The awards conclude the ceremonies and pretty much wraps up the party.

REMEMBER – When you go home tonight, do not forget to turn your clocks ahead an hour, because day Light Savings Time starts at two in the morning.

Thanks for coming.....

My Yahoo group interests include one for model builders. Vin Wragg sends a picture or two of the Air show at Avalon. Let the editor know if you would like to see more pics. rw



Spring is here! Go for it!

Weather for the month is cool and dry. It does not get any better than this so get out into that garage or else I will send over the guy that warns you to be “thinkin with yere dipstick jimmy!”

Web fun of the month.

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