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Presidential Insights – July 2019

Pete Stroble

One way of measuring success is by the involvement of others. Using this yardstick, BTM is taking big strides forward. Thanks to Ohio Mini Owners, the University of Dayton Motorsports Club, and Miami Valley Triumphs several projects that were in limbo are progressing very nicely.

Ohio Mini Owners has in the past gotten two donated Minis running. They are now putting the finishing touches on our Morris Minor by installing new windshield rubber. Extra bodies have been put to work on an engine installation in the “Orange Crush” Mini Ice Racer. Next are rear brakes and a fuel system. OMO is already talking about the major restoration of a 1963 Mini Woody Wagon donated by the late Joyce Jones.

The UD Motorsports Club members are typically involved with modern sports cars. Their enthusiasm for diving into old rusty, greasy, British technology is encouraging. I think that they like the variety of solutions that the British have found for similar problems.

UD has concentrated on getting two MGB’s running but have helped with an MG TD stuck starter, Lotus Elan brakes, and Sunbeam Imp issues. They have been very helpful in getting cars started to get a heat cycle into them and fluids circulating.

Miami Valley Triumphs has had tech sessions with us in the past working on a Peerless GT differential and Triumph Herald motor mounts. Currently, Jackson Galloway is

leading the semi restoration of our 1979 TR7 nicknamed “Yellow Jacket”. Rebuilt Strombergs, brakes, and suspension will get us a top running TR7 which will lead on to more cosmetic details.

Thanks for all of the work that has gone into making the BTM collection interesting and presentable to the public. It highlights the Clubs and their members that want their marque to be represented well.

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 through education and vehicle preservation.

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Brits in the Burg May 18, 2019

Tim Bosse

I scouted out the show area on Thursday, two days before the show, and found Miami Ave. mostly open with many carnival rides and concessions at the far end. It looked like a lot of room left for a car show. When I arrived at 7:00 am on Saturday, half of that space was taken up with venter tents. This caused some concern because we thought we might have a huge turnout because of the great weather. (Last year we had a small turnout due to rain.) Last year we had 38 people who pre-registered, but only about 20 showed up, plus a few day-of entrants. This year we only had 23 pre-register, so we didn't know what to expect. We ended up with 23 more day-ofs for a total of 46. So, we had enough room for everyone. We could have handled another 10-15 cars.

We expected some confusion in the morning – we were told about the parade route and the time (9 to 9:30). When we got there Saturday morning the route had changed and the time was 9:30 to 10:00. Many entrants found their way to us before the parade, but most showed up just afterwards.

We thought we had use of the bandshell for registration (like last year), but musicians occupied it all day. (I guess that's what bandshells are for...) So we set up just behind it in a nice shaded area. Someone mentioned that the music wouldn't bother us – the speakers were all aimed to the front, towards the carnival crowd. Wrong. By the afternoon, the volume was intrusive and Nancy Edgerton and I had a difficult time tallying up the votes. My voice was almost gone, so I asked Bill Jacobs if he could announce the winners. Sheila Russell, with the City, suggested we move across the street next to the restrooms where it was somewhat quieter. It was a nice quick ceremony so everyone could head out. Thanks, Bill.

We drew entrants from Decatur, In, Louisville, KY, and Knoxville, TN. We sold some t-shirts, a few memberships, collected \$44 from a 50/50 raffle, and over \$150 in silent auction items.

All in all, it was a great day – perfect weather, great people, and good exposure and some profit for the Museum. Thanks to Pete and Nancy Stroble, Amanda Hawker, Bill Jacobs, Max Grattan, and Mike and Nancy Edgerton (and some others) for all their help. Thanks, also, to those that donated all the silent auction items. I would also like to thank Sheila Russell, City of Miamisburg, and one of her great helpers, Emily Price, who found a way to print more registration forms when we ran out. Thanks, also, to the entrants who brought their beautiful cars for everyone to admire.

This is all an effort to raise funds for a new home for the British Transportation Museum. If a suitable location is found this year, we may have the show on the new premises. If not, we'll be back to Miamisburg for the 2020 Spring Fest in the Burg.



**Best of Show 1957 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud
Owned by Charles Marshal II**

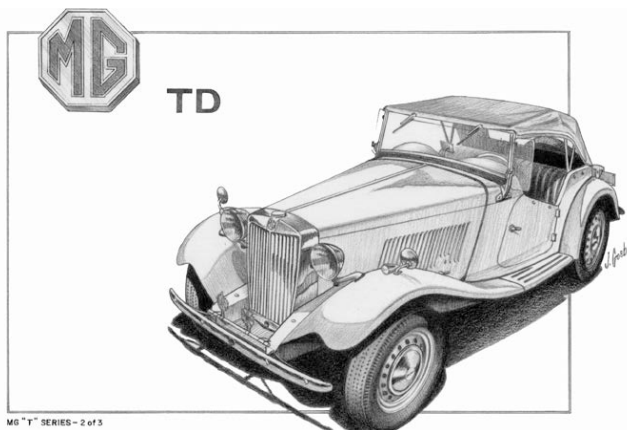
Donation in Memory of Reuben and Pat Wasserman

By Pete Stroble

Deborah Wasserman has donated \$1000 to the BTM MGA Coupe "Restore Me" Fund in memory of her parents. Reuben and Patricia were members of both the British Transportation Museum and the MG Car Club, Southwestern Ohio Centre. With good weather, they were often on drives in either their 1953 MG TD or 1968 MGC (with automatic). Reuben was very meticulous about his cars and they were always spotless and well cared for.



The donation will keep their memory alive in the 1959 MGA Coupe restoration that the MG Car Club has offered to take the lead on. The Club's expertise now guided by Reuben's spirit and funded by Deborah's donation should help get the restoration rolling again



1953 MG TD Donation

By Pete Stroble

A very big Thank You to Larry Leese for the donation of his beautiful 1953 MG TD. Larry bought it in the Chicago area about a year ago for some fun summer driving. He had the fluids changed out and the brakes overhauled for reliability and safety at MG Automotive. In the process of sorting the car out, he realized that he did not fit comfortably in the car. His plans changed and the Museum became the recipient of his generosity.

The TD is red with red steel wheels, white interior, and white soft top. The engine is highlighted by a chromed cast valve cover and tappet covers. Larry had made the tasteful addition of a badge bar with badges and an auxiliary driving light. He had also installed windscreen mirror kits to both sides for safer motoring.



This 1953 MG TD will display well with the Museum's 1950 MG YA. The YA is basically a four seat sedan version of the TD. The British Transportation Museum was originally founded by four MG enthusiasts. It is nice to see the Museum's collection of MG's grow in a direction our founders would love. Thanks, Larry, for the donation of the iconic MG TD.

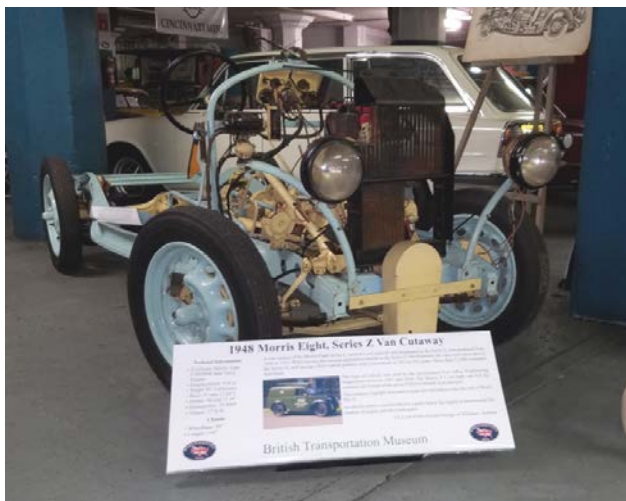
Museum Cars Signage

Jeanie Smith and Bob Luken have been working to design and build descriptive signs for the cars in the British Transportation Museum's collection. Bob began working on designs last year. He looked at signs in other museums and surveyed members as to designs and content issues. Design considerations were that the signs would sit on the floor so as not to block the cars nor risk damage to the cars should they happen to get knocked over. Printing on the signs had to be large enough so that they could be read by a standing person. Simplicity of construction was also a major consideration.

The signs are 14" x 36" and sit on a wide triangular base. When disassembled they can stack to store in a minimum of space.

Jeanie Smith obtained a \$250.00 grant from Thrivent Financial to cover most material costs. Bob Luken has donated additional material as well as printing the informational material for the signs.

Currently four signs have been completed. These are for the 1960 Peerless, the 1952 MG-YA, the 1936 Austin Mayfair and the 1948 Morris "Z" Van Chassis cutaway.



1948 Morris "Z" Van with sign

Look forward to seeing more signs describing the cars in the BTM Collection.

Name That Car

Bob Luken, Newsletter Editor

Frederick Bremer is credited with inventing and building the first car in Great Britain powered by an internal combustion engine in 1892. Since that time there have been many manufactures of automobiles in the United Kingdom. The vast majority are now out of business or owned by foreign interest. Some manufactures produced only a limited number of cars from small cars to luxury cars, kit cars and one-off cars for use in movies. In this column, from time to time a little known car produced in the UK will be featured.



Try to name this car. You are asked to name the car and perhaps provide a little bit of history of the car and its manufacturer.

Email your answer (or best guess) to the Editor at rpl_btm@earthlink.net

No prize other than just being able to name the car

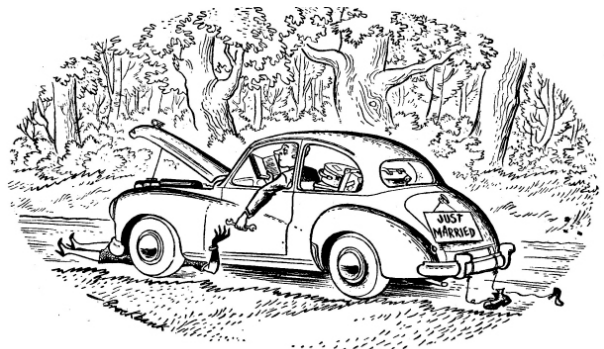


University of Dayton Motorsports Club

2019 British Cars in the Burg First Place Award Winners

Class	Entrant	Car
MGT	Michael/Susan Smith	1946 MG TC
MGB/C	Dane Petrie	1970 MGB
AH Sprite	Don Bixler	1959 Sprite MK I
MG Midget	Lois Gribler	1972 MG Midget
Austin Healey 100	Gregg Sipe	1959 Healey 100
Austin Healey 3000	Larry Beasley	1964 Austin Healey
Triumph TR2/3	Christopher Yanity	1962 TR3B
Triumph TR4/250	Doug Roberts	1962 TR4
Triumph TR6	Harry Mague	1967 TR6
Triumph TR7	John Clifford	1976 TR7
Triumph (Other)	Bill Brown	1967 Triumph GT6
Jaguar E-Type	Keith Bailey	1966 Jag XKE
Jaguar XK	Keith Freimark	1954 XK120
Jaguar XJ	Donald Rouff	1985 XJS
Lotus	Mike McMillan	2005 Elise
Mini, Classic	Al Frost	1970 Van
MINI, New	Dick Smith	2012 MINI Clubman
Sunbeam, Alpine/Tiger	Jim Ebert	1967 Tiger MK II
Open (tie)	Robert A Potts	1957 Silver Cloud I
	Charles Marshall II	1957 Silver Cloud
Best in Show	Charles Marshall II	1957 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud

21 First Place Awards
10 Awards of Excellence



Upcoming Events

British Car Day

Saturday August 10, 2019

9 am – 4 pm. This will be the 35th annual event. Sponsored by the MG Car Club, SW Ohio Centre, and Miami Valley Triumphs.

See <https://britishcardaydayton.com/>

Dayton Concours d'Elegance

Sunday, September 15, 2019 10:30am – 4:00 pm

Located at Carillon Historical Park, Dayton Ohio.

As in past years BTM will have a car there. Several members also enter their personal cars.

<https://www.daytonhistory.org/events/special-events/dayton-concours-delegance/>

2019 4th Annual Chili Cook Off

Tentatively scheduled for October 26, 2019 at the Museum. Detail will be posted when available.

Liquid Wrench Donation

Liquid Wrench donated a 660lb pallet of their products, including Liquid Wrench and Gunk. The donation has a retail value of about \$2800.00



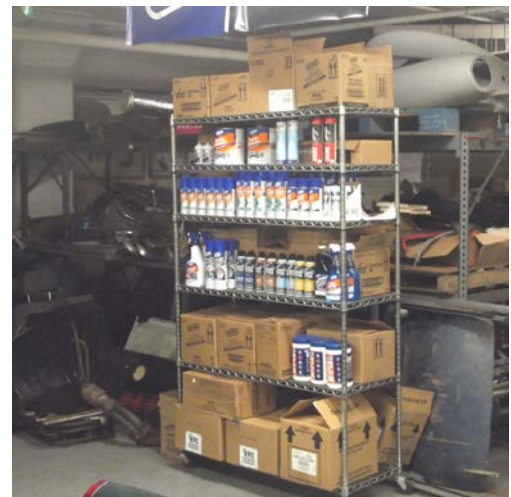
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BTM Rolls Royce on exhibition at Cleveland's Crawford Automotive Museum.

Passing

Robert E. Signom passed away on July 4, 1029 at Miami Valley Hospital. He was the founder of the In 1992, Bob founded The Citizens' Motorcar Company, America's Packard Museum, on Ludlow Street. He served as its Curator until his death. His love of Classic Cars, especially Packards, remains a source of inspiration and education to a great many people. Funeral services were held on Saturday July 13, 2019. Bob was a supporter of the British Transportation Museum. Many cars from his collection have been on loan to BTM.

The British Transportation Museum extends our condolences to his family.



Packards at the Funeral Service for Robert Signom



Replacing Windshield on the Morris Minor



Working on the Mini Ice Racer "Orange Crush"



Working on the TR7

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BTM Opposes Hate Group

On May 25th a Klan Group from Indiana held a rally on Dayton's Court House Square. Many in the Dayton area united to oppose the message of the group.

Only 9 members of the Klan showed up at their rally, while between 500 and 600 people gathered to oppose their message of hate.

A Dayton group developed as sign for folks to display to show that they were united against hate. BTM displayed two of the signs on its Hopeland Street wall.

