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Hoosier A's



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**Race report, 6/28/2010 - Tucker's Odyssey**

Arrived Thursday afternoon, ready to go, registered, and went through a pretty tough tech, nit picking over little things (some day I'd like to go over a tech inspectors car and tech it). Passed anyway. Friday am's practice was a re-familiarization of the track and making sure the car felt OK, which it did. Got down to a 1:54 and change, but felt I had more to go. Friday pm's practice, I got down to the low 1:52's and thought I was on a roll. But got a little cocky, had a lack of talent attack and spun in the uphill left hander before the carousel. Kept it running, got back on and went on, although I watched myself for the first lap after that. My friend Alan came up to the track and he did tire temps for the first time, and although they were overall low (driver not going fast enough) they were equal, which meant the car was set up pretty swell. I'm going to do a little tuning on that front end when I go over the car for Auto Bahn. Saturday I did OK in qualifying, but couldn't get back down to the 1:52 mark again (driver). The car used a little bit of oil but nothing else, and did everything that I asked of it. I ended qualifying 20th at a 1:53.1 out of 32 cars, some of which were in a class higher. I did the Classic Motorsport's Small bore Enduro on Sunday morning, finishing 22nd due to a too long pit stop. Got lapped, and then lapped a couple of cars - wow, I lapped somebody! Unprepared, will try not to do that again. Our customer, Doug Bruce running his legit 948 Bug Eye had a a good weekend as well and it was fun racing with him for a few laps. Again it looks like all I have to do is clean the car up, change the rear end gear, change engine oil, filter, etc, and give it good going over. In checking the tach record, I never went over 6900 rpm. which is a good thing, even though it will go higher - but what for, there's nothing to be gained. It now looks like I have a dependable car, and with a little here and there, and lot of driver improvement, it's getting to be a fun car. Getting my car and Doug's car running well is a lot of work as well as running the business, but worth it. See everybody at Auto Bahn, Grattan, and Elkhart for the ELF Festival in September. Thanks again to all that helped to carry on the dream.

**Tucker**

PS. Special thanks to my wife Lynne and my daughter Erika.



# Olde Octagons of Indiana



**2010 GOF Central**  
**Sawmill Creek Resort**  
**July 1-3**

*Olde Octagon members enjoy the Dinner Cruise on Lake Erie (right), while Dave Snyder negotiates the Funkana course blindfolded, with directions from the navigator. 112 cars were on display, including 53 first-timers.*



## Passing of an OOOI and Hoosier A's Member

Hello OOOI members: Just a note to let you know that my husband, Jim Marsh, passed away May 21st after a long illness. We have been members for very many years but not active recently due to his problems. Please pass this info along to those that we haven't talked to in awhile.  
Thank You, Cathy Marsh

## New Members - Hoosier A's

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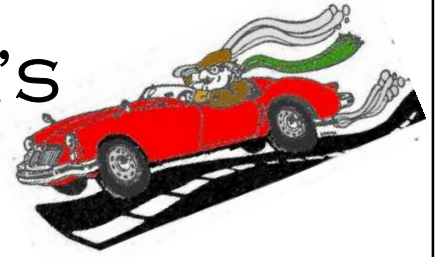
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1961 MGA, 1959 Bugeye Sprite, 1957 Triumph TR3  
and 1953 Jaguar XK120

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# THE HOOSIER A'S



## The Bears of Blue River - June 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

Wimps - that's what we were called, and I guess we fit the title. We had rain all night on Friday and the first thing I did Saturday morning was to check the radar, and sure enough it still had rain on the screen. I wasn't going to miss the ride, so away we went in our Subaru. Big Mistake!!!! Upon arrival in Franklin we are the only American car there! Now in defense of my decision to leave the MG at home, you have to see the woods around our house to appreciate how we have such a hard time judging the weather. With that said, we still had a great time.

Away we drove headed to Shelbyville to enjoy our morning wake up of coffee and tea and some great sweet rolls and a short look at the downtown.

Leaving Shelbyville we spent the first few hours trying to find a road that wasn't under water. The Friday night rains flooded about everything around Shelbyville. I did not know there was that much in the way of scenic drives around this part of the state. We crossed one of the few old iron bridges left in the state.

After a stop or two we rolled into the birthplace of the Wright Brothers and the Festival. Dave Snyder, president

of the T club, was there already in his MG-TC (He lives close). Dave had one of the very few British cars there. The car show was mostly all American stuff and some very nice cars at that. One of the big hits with us was the Pork chop sandwiches, they were great. Of course we had tours of their home and got to see the replicas of their plane - some radio control planes were flying also.

Our next stop after many up and down roads was the Warm Glow Candle Outlet (Key word was OUTLET) also the Ford museum. Nice stop and dessert. "On the road again" - more country roads and we ended up in Oldenburg for supper which was a nice place with good food. I did find out that one of our members (Bryan) has fetish for "slaw". You have heard of foot fetish, well this is slaw fetish. I'm not sure if any our group got any of the slaw; it was served family style, not much family here!

With it all said and done, it was a very nice ride in an area we don't see much of. Big thanks to Fred and Susie and Heather and Dan. I guess a couple of the cars limped a little going home but made it OK.

And it did not rain all day!

**Howard Bruce**

**25 Years Ago - 1985...** The Hoosier A's camp-out/canoe trip was a rousing success. The two-night camp-site was set up at Quakertown campground Friday, and the trip down the Whitewater River took place Saturday. Attending: Straubs, Frys, Colliers, Katzs, Gallihughs, and the Griffins from Michigan. There was a British Car show held inside (!) the Glendale Mall on August 17 & 18. Displaying cars were the Gallihughs, Kurkowskis, Kerchevals, and Kubicks. Other Hoosier A's took turns manning the "information desk".

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# HOOSIER MGB CLUB

The Presidents Corner



## Half Horse Power

Driving through Omaha this spring, I spotted an MGB or should I say half of an MGB mounted on an exterior wall of a body shop, Tracy's Collision Center. Naturally you can't just drive on without stopping to inquire. You can't put MG enthusiasm on hold just because you are on vacation. I visited with the body shop owner for a while as he showed me around the shop. He had 3 early 60's MGB's out back of the shop so he cut up one and put it on the wall outside. You talk about an ice-breaker, this was better than any billboard I saw. He had the MGB motor sitting inside the shop and was planning on putting an MGB back together someday.



When you think about it, having half of an MG is not so bad. You can wash it in half the time, you only leak half as much oil and you only take up half as much garage space. Is half an MG better than no MG? I think not because you can't drive half an MG which is why we love them in the first place. Driving an MG while running on two cylinders feels like driving half an MG, which is what I was doing so far this summer. For the last 2 months I have been messing with my B/GT trying

to get it to run right. You know the frustration as you get out all the manuals and tools and you still can't get it to run right. You replace one component and then the next, thinking you've found the problem, and all you're really doing is stimulating the economy. Meanwhile, half the summer is gone and the MG has barely been out of the barn. I finally surrendered to common sense and agreed to take it to Connell's MG Service at Paula's urging. Bob naturally had the problem straightened out in one day! The carbs needed adjusting as they were running too lean. They were so far out of whack that Bob was surprised I was able to drive the car to

him. So let me tell you on that 70 mile trip home, that thing purred like a tom cat in a creamery.

Another lesson learned, if the car don't go, take it to a pro. Use the expertise of our fellow club members to help keep that MG on the road before they become wall hangings.

Safety Fast!  
**Scott**



## Monthly Meetings !!

On the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., members of all 3 Indiana MG clubs are invited to gather for fellowship at the German-American Club on SR135 in Indpls. The agenda for the meeting is to "kick tires and tell lies" as well as share ideas about past and future events. For more info contact Howard Bruce, 812-876-9692. Next meetings will be:

**August 12 and September 9.**

# ANNUAL ALL-MG PICNIC



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010**  
**GATHER AT 11:30**  
**EAT AT NOON**  
**GAMES BEGIN 1 PM**



**@ THE KUBICKS' FARM:** 7915 W. Stinemyer Rd  
New Palestine, IN 46163  
(317) 861-5998

**BRING:** Your MGs, Your chairs, Your Picnic Lunch, A Small Dessert to share

**PROVIDED:** Iced Tea/Lemonade/Ice, MG Funkhana, Homemade Ice Cream - and hopefully, Nice Weather

**DIRECTIONS:** From US-52 (southeast side of Indy), Go one mile south on Carrol Road (County Line), Turn east onto Stinemyer Rd., First house on right. See flyer on our web site for a map.

## 2010 Autosport Summer Solstice Party

I'd like to thank you all for coming out to the 14th annual Autosport Summer Solstice Party. This year we fought the rain all week long. The shop flooded twice that and it got pretty wet that Saturday morning. In the end I think we only had to pull three or four cars out of the field with the John Deere tractor. None the less, it was a beautiful day with beautiful automobiles! We had some new faces and new cars this year. There were also plenty of the usual sus-

pects, club members and enthusiasts. Max Hartstein and his Jazz ensemble were a nice change of pace and I saw more than one foot tapping to the beat as the afternoon went by! As always our family friend Pete Dreesen cooked up some yummy chicken and brats. People brought all kinds of delicious side dishes and desserts. Thanks again for all of you that came despite the muddy swamp! We will see you next year - and remember to be home before dark!

**Tucker, Lynne & Erika Madawick**



THE INDIANA BRITISH CAR UNION PRESENTS THE 22ND ANNUAL

# INDY BRITISH MOTOR DAYS



**Sunday, August 29, 2010**  
**American Legion Post 155, Carmel, Indiana**

You and your British Car or Motorcycle are again invited to join us for the 22nd Annual celebration of the British Automobile - this year featuring the Austin-Healey 100, 3000, and Sprite.

We will again be at American Legion Post 155 in Carmel, Indiana. Coffee and rolls will be available in the morning for a nominal price, with a full breakfast being served next door at Michael's Family Restaurant. A delicious lunch of burgers, brats, and chicken breasts (with all the fixin's) will again be served at the American Legion for \$6.

For further information, including Registration Form and Maps, visit our website at [www.ibcu.org](http://www.ibcu.org).

For those wishing to stay overnight, we suggest Hampton Inn, 317 843-1100; Hilton Garden Inn, 317 581-9400; or Renaissance Inn, 317 816-0777.

Awards include Commanders Trophy, Best of Show, Best of Class, and Excellence in Class.

Classes are by Marque and Model, with 4 pre-registered cars needed to create a voting class. Also classes for Masters, Featured Marque, and Motorcycles.

**Entry Fee:** Pre-Registered by August 21st: \$15 per car. Day of show: \$20. **Vendors:** Free if pre-registered, \$10 day of show.

**Show Location:**  
American Legion Post 155  
852 W. Main St (131st St)  
Carmel, Indiana

(Just east of US-31, 3 miles north of I-465 on Indy North side. From Meridian St/US-31, go East on Carmel Dr at Hamilton Crossing Centre, then North on Old Meridian at second light, go 1/2 mile then take Main St exit from second traffic circle. Map available at [www.ibcu.org](http://www.ibcu.org).)

**Show Times:**  
Vendor Registration: 8:00  
Car Registration: 8:30  
Voting: 10:00 to 1:00  
Awards: 2:30

## 2010 Indy British Motor Days Registration - Mail by August 21st

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

British Car/Motorcycle (\$15 per car) - Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail, together with a check made out to Tom Beaver, to: Tom Beaver, Registrar, 1580 E. 101st St., Indianapolis, In 46280. For Info, Contact: Dan Miller, 317 783-0873 [trrestore@aol.com](mailto:trrestore@aol.com)

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# 2010 MG AND BRITISH CAR EVENT CALENDAR

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Aug 7	Dayton British Car Show	Dayton, Oh	<a href="http://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org">www.miamivalleytriumphs.org</a>
<b>Aug 12</b>	<b>Monthly MG Dinner/Meeting</b>	<b>German/American Klub</b>	<b>See Home Page for Flyer</b>
<b>Aug 15</b>	<b>Annual All-MG Picnic</b>	<b>Kubick's - Details TBA</b>	<b>See Home Page for Flyer</b>
<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>Indy British Motor Days</b>	<b>Carmel, In</b>	<a href="http://www.ibcu.org">www.ibcu.org</a>
<b>Sep 9</b>	<b>Monthly MG Dinner/Meeting</b>	<b>German/American Klub</b>	<b>See Home Page for Flyer</b>
Sep 11	Scottish Festival	Columbus, In	
Sep 11	Lemon Creek British Car Open Field Day	Berrien Springs, Mi	<a href="http://www.niahc.org">www.niahc.org</a>
Sep 11	Carmel Artomobilia Car Show	Carmel, In	TBA
Sep 12	British Car Festival	Des Plaines, Il	<a href="http://www.britishcarunion.com">www.britishcarunion.com</a>
Sep 18	SIR Brit's British Motor Day Show	Newburgh, In	<a href="http://www.sirbrit.com">www.sirbrit.com</a>
Oct 2	Fall Out British Car Show	Winona Lake, In	<a href="http://www.nilbmc.org">www.nilbmc.org</a>
<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>Hoosier MGB Club Fall Tour</b>	<b>Details TBA</b>	
<b>Oct 9-10</b>	<b>Roger &amp; Sallies Fall Tour</b>	<b>Details TBA</b>	
<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>Tucker's Tech Session</b>	<b>Details TBA</b>	
<b>Nov 13</b>	<b>Hoosier A's Birthday Party</b>	<b>Details TBA</b>	
<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>OOOI Christmas Party</b>	<b>Details TBA</b>	

Indiana MG Club functions are shown in bold.

For those with Contacts listed as "See Home Page for Flyer", visit our web site at [www.hoosiermgs.com](http://www.hoosiermgs.com).

## London to Brighton Run

The Indiana British Car Union's 2010 London to Brighton run was very well attended, with 31 British cars showing up at the kick-off point near London, Indiana. Breakfast was waiting at the Moral Township Community Center, and after the drivers meeting, everyone was off for a 150 mile, 5 hour jaunt across Indiana. Things went a little squirrely almost immediately when many seemed to lose their bearings at Boggstown, sending cars off in all directions. But everyone eventually got back on track, and the procession headed south and west, passing through the territory south of Lake Monroe before heading northwest to the destination at Spencer. By the time the last stragglers finished the rally, 55 people were seated at the Hilltop Restaurant, where an excellent family-style meal of chicken and ham was waiting. Awards were handed out, and rally questions answered.

After dinner, and with black clouds and lightening threat-

ing in the southern skys, everyone began scattering for home. No word on who might have got caught in the "pop-up" showers, but everyone should have been home before dark. Many thanks to Mike Roe and Kirk Minster of the Indiana Triumph Club for setting up the event, including the rally. Photos are on-line at [www.ibcu.org](http://www.ibcu.org).







**The Bears of Blue River Run -  
June 19**



*Tucker on the Turn*



**Scenes from around the clubs**



*Impromptu Sunday drive to Shoals for breakfast.*



*Breakfast at the London To Brighton Run*