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A Good Route for Root Beer

We had a beautiful driving night as could be proven by the turn out for the Brown's Root Beer run. We headed west from Northville lead by Ed Fleming who was soon out of sight. Ed

has been known to be a little heavy on the throttle, but after a short refreshment stop by Ed and a chase car we finally caught up and proceeded on a winding drive to Whitmore Lake area and then doubled back to South Lyon. Weather couldn't have been better for top down cruising. This is when you can really enjoy cruising along country roads with the melodious hum of the MG engine and exhaust system. No radios please.

Brown's carries the standard old drive-in fare, with some of the best onion rings and root beer — their own mix — available this side of the river.

We arrived to see our fearless leader Philip Wiltshire already holding down prime spots in the parking lot. Each year I notice that the cars just seem to get a little better and the smiles a little wider. Oh ... if summer would only be 9 month long.

Dave Doolin

The Alterative Dream Cruise, 2003

In spite of the "Largest Blackout in History" that happened during the "Dream Cruise" weekend, the club's annual "Alternative Dream Cruise" still went off as scheduled when 10 cars left Commerce Township for a 60 mile journey to Paint Creek Cider Mill in Rochester.

Is it really 60 miles from Commerce Township to Rochester? Well 60 miles is a wee bit of an exaggeration, but the route taken was actually 58 miles since we first went West and North before we eventually headed East and then South to Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant.

Just as soon as we began the drive, a heavy rain forced everyone to stop and put up their top. Although it only rained for about three miles, we would have been drenched had we not stopped. A short time later, our first stop was in Holly for ice cream and we fearlessly (or is it foolishly?) lowered the tops once again under the threatening sky.

Except for a drop or two, it didn't rain again and the rest of the drive was trouble free and dry and cool. We arrived right on schedule just as the restaurant was opening for dinner and were seated as a group on the outside deck. The group enjoyed the conversations and food in the airy setting without the need to shout at one another to be heard.

As dinner ended, most decided to find their own way home rather than repeat the drive back into the glaring sunshine, but three cars took an abbreviated return route home through Clarkston. If anyone would like to take this drive. The route can be found at: http://community.webtv.net/BigMovieFan/DreamCruise

Rich Wagner

A collage of stills from Rich's movie of the event. See also the back page

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Rick Astley - Editor

About 13% of us are left-handed, and those of our members that are, may well have been alarmed to learn that statically, lefties drop off this mortal coil sooner than right-handed folks. Well, you southpaws can breath more easily now. As Benjamin Disraeli said, "There are lies, damn lies and statistics", and it happens that this particular scary piece of data was the result of poor statistical analysis.

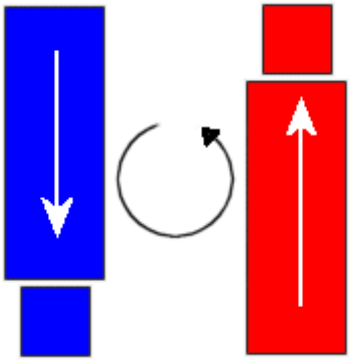
A study made of people of various ages indicated that a smaller and smaller proportion of left-handed individuals could be found in the population as an older and older age group was studied. This led researchers to conclude that a smaller percentage of left-handed people reached an advanced age compared to their right-handed peers. Not so says new research.

It turns out that in the early part of the 20th century, left-handedness was considered unnatural and indeed, left-handed people were just obstinate individuals who needed to be taught to act like the rest of the population. Schools in Western Europe, North America and the countries they influenced thus forced left-handed children into right-handed behavior. As a consequence, less elderly people can be found exhibiting left-handedness, not because of the true incidence of left-handedness in their age group, but due to early forced conditioning to right-handedness.

So what's this got to do with little British cars? Well there is a tenuous link to the left-hand, right hand side of the road theme of this month's *Can-Am Connection* but otherwise — not much. However, you try filling 12 pages of a newsletter every month and you'll resort to writing whatever trivia passes by!

That , however, allows me to segue nicely into my theory as to why so many tornados occur in North America and why both the USA and Canada should consider switching to driving on the left. I have made this proposal to the D.O.T. but they are so myopic they cannot see the long term savings that would accrue from spending the measly few $billion that would be necessary to make the change. Perhaps the collective force of our 200 odd members could persuade at least the Michigan and Ontario governments to mandate that vehicles drive on the left on their roads.

As most will know, if otherwise undisturbed, water will flow in a counter-clockwise vortex down a drain in this northern-hemisphere in which we live, and the opposite way in the southern-hemisphere. This is due to the water being influenced by the force and direction of the rotation of the Earth.



Now consider what happens when two heavy-trucks pass one another when driving on the right in the northern-hemisphere. A counter-clockwise vortex is set up in the air between the vehicles. This must be so obvious to anyone who has ever stood by a highway as trucks pass that I feel I am insulting our readership by even having to point this fact out. Given that, surely any fool can see that the Earth's rotation will build on this initial eddy, and that in inclement weather, a tornado will form in no time at all.

Far fetched? Not at all. Have you noticed that tornados are never reported in England? Certainly eddies form when trucks — sorry lorries — pass one another there too. However, they drive on the left and the resulting air-spin is clockwise and the Earth's rotation's tendency to spin the air counter-clockwise soon squelches that out. Pity the poor Australians who chose to drive on the left like their British cousins. They live in the southern-hemisphere and so, just like here, the Earth's spin reinforces the mini-tornados caused by their trucks and as a result, they suffer some tremendous tornados.

So come on WDMGC members, write to your Department of Transportation and do your bit to stop all these terrible tornados that occur across our state and province!

Now all I have to do is sort out how to get the traffic to cross-over when it travels to and from one of our more short-sighted neighboring regions.

Presidentially Speaking

By Philip Wiltshire — Club President

Hello everyone –

Dave Doolin's run to South Lyon suddenly reminded me how MG's are fast fading (if they were ever there to start with....) from most folks minds. I arrived at the root beer place a little early having to miss out on Dave's great cruise route. While I was sitting there a young man in his early twenties came out of the diner, walked to his car and then decided to come back to me and the MGA. He said "what the hell is that THING???". I tried to explain about English sports cars, but his look of disgust at having no A/C, or 6 disc CD changer said it all. Just then, Dave arrived with the cruise crew and the young man jumped into his Cougar, fired up his tunes and shot out of the lot. We have to keep MG's alive, so when the kids in your sub-division see you working on your car, show them over it and keep the flame alight!!

Lucas was at work this month!! The huge blackout across Ontario and Michigan would have made the guys at Lucas proud. I hear that several of the utility companies employ English workers who might have Lucas training! I guess we can work out where the blackout started by finding out who employs the most Brits!!

I've talked with the Detroit Triumph Club and they are interested in having one or two quiz sessions this coming Winter, so we will need to create some killer Triumph questions for their team, as I am sure they will be doing the same for us for MG's. The question is, who are our most knowledgeable members who should be on our team? Volunteers and recommendations please.

Look at your WDMGC calendar — we still have lots of driving events to go before the end of the driving season, so please try to make some of them and show off your car. In September it's the Battle of the Brits in Sterling Heights, MI. I mention this event because last year there were many MG's at the event who are not WDMGC members. So this year, I'm going to try and talk to most of them and see if we can get them into our club. You can try too!

Hope to see you at our September 10th meeting at the Nisbet Inn.

Safety MG Fast

Philip

Why the British Drive on the Left

In fact, while it seems strange to most North Americans, the Brits are not that peculiar in driving on the left, about a quarter of the world drives on that side of the road too, and the countries that do are mostly old British colonies. Japan also drives on the left, largely because its transportation system was set up by the British.

Until the late 1700's, before the birth of the automobile, there were few rules across the world for passing, but what there were favored traveling on the left. The reasons are wholly connected with the fact that the majority of the population was then, as now, right handed. If in those lawless times you were approaching a stranger on the road it made sense, even on foot, to pass him by moving to the left so that your protective sword, dagger or lance arm was between yourself and him. Moreover, pedestrians were not amused when a horseman's whip hand was too close them in the narrow streets of cities, so it was in them that the first pass-to-the-left rules were applied.

Revolutionary France wanted to change everything and it was left handed Napoleon who switched the system so that approaching people passed him on his left so that he could keep his sword arm between himself and any potential assassin. From then on, any part of the world which was at some time part of the British Empire passed one another by moving to the to the left and any part colonized by the French , to the right.

France and other right passing countries such as The Netherlands were very influential in new America. The drive-on-the-right policy specifically being adopted by the USA as an obvious measure to cast off all remaining links with its British colonial past and to be more like its War of Independence ally France.

Today, the European Community would like Britain to fall into line with the rest of Europe, but this is no longer possible. It would cost billions of pounds to change everything round.

Jim Cox's 1979 Yellow MGB

Jim and Carolynn Cox had no interest in MGBs until about 3 years ago. Before that their favorite mode of leisure transportation was a boat, and always a yellow boat. After retirement, various reasons forced them to give up the boat but it was their son who was responsible for bringing them a new form of yellow recreation. He saw this 1979 MGB for sale on someone's front lawn and thought it would be ideal for his parents.

They bought the car and since then haven't looked back. Jim and Carolynn covered 8,000 miles in the first year, 10,000 in the second and as of last month the odometer was showing about 6,000 miles for this year.

They joined our club last year and can often be seen at club events near and far. The picture above was taken at the Fun on Wheels event in Essex, Ontario last May.

Ferrari Gain Big Advantage in F1 Pits

It has just been announced that the Ferrari Formula 1 Team fired their entire pit crew yesterday. The action followed Ferrari's decision to take advantage of the British Government's "Work for the Unemployed" scheme and hire unemployed youths from Liverpool. The decision was brought on by a recent documentary on how unemployed Liverpudlians (Scousers) were able to remove a set of car wheels in less than 6 seconds without proper equipment, whereas Ferrari's existing crew can only do it in 8 seconds with millions of pounds worth of high-tech gear. This was thought to be an excellent and bold move by Ferrari management.

As most F1 races are won and lost in the pits, Ferrari are seen to now have a massive advantage over every other team. Ferrari got more than they bargained for, however, during the Scouser crew's first practice session. Not only were they able to change the tires in under 6 seconds but within 12 seconds they had also re-sprayed, re-badged, and sold the vehicle to the McLaren team for four dozen cans of Special Brew, a gram of coke and a quick eyeful at David Coulthard's girlfriend in the shower.

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NOTICE OF MCCA ASSESSMENT CHANGE FOR 2003-2004

Dear Hagerty Customers:
We wanted to bring to your attention a significant increase in your enclosed Hagerty Collector Car premium this year. This increase is due to the new annual assessment established by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) on March 26, 2003. The MCCA Board of Directors set the 2003-2004 assessment at $100.20 per vehicle beginning July 1, 2003.

However, we do have great news to share with you-"historic vehicles" get a big break! All cars and motorcycles registered with the state as "historic" will receive an 80% reduction in the MCCA Assessment as a result of our legislative victory in 2002 with H.B. 4007. This means that the 2003-2004 MCCA Assessment for registered historic vehicles is only **$20.04 per vehicle, $80.00 less than the assessment for all other vehicles in Michigan!**

If your collector car or motorcycle is not currently registered as "historic" and you would like to take advantage of this great savings, you will need to contact your local Secretary of State office for a historic vehicle registration application. A historic vehicle registration offers a 10-year registration for $30.00-$35.00. The vehicle must be 26 years old or older, "owned solely as a collector's item and used only for historical club activities, parades, car shows, etc. and not for 'routine transportation'" (source--Michigan Secretary of State Historical Vehicle Application and Certification).

How To Register Your Classic as "Historic" and receive the reduced MCCA Assessment:

1. Visit your local secretary of state branch office and ask for a "historic vehicle plate' registration form;

2. Be ready to provide the (1) copy of the vehicle title or other sufficient proof of ownership, (2) proof of Michigan no-fault insurance, and
3. $30.00 fee.

You may also register your classic with an "Authentic License Plate" registration. This allows you to use an actual Michigan license plate of the same year as your vehicle was manufactured. The registration fee is $35.00. Please note that the branch offices don't handle "Authentic License Plate" registrations. You must send the following documents to the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Driver and Vehicle Records, 7064 Crowner Drive, Lansing, Ml 48918-1530 to register:

1. A photocopy of the license plate you plan to use (do not mail the original plate);
2. Proof of Michigan no-fault insurance;
3. $35.00 fee-check made payable to "State of Michigan"; and the completed application (available at your local secretary of state office).

For further information on Michigan's historic vehicle registration, visit the secretary of state website http://www.michigan.gov/sos/, or call your local secretary of state office.

Best regards
Hagerty Insurance

MCCA Facts from The Weekly Digest published by the National Association of Independent Insurers:
MCCA Facts: "Michigan is the only state in the nation that provides auto insurance with unlimited personal injury protection benefits provided through the (MCCA). The assessment funds a pool of money for medical costs from which the MCCA reimburses no-fault auto insurers for benefits that exceed $300,000 resulting from an auto accident. "The MCCA was created by the Legislature as a means of spreading costs across all Michigan motorists for providing these unique and valuable unlimited benefits," said Michigan's Office of Financial and Insurance Services Acting Commissioner Ronald C. Jones.

It was anticipated that the MCCA would see a surplus through 2004, which could be used as a credit to the assessment. Due to decreased investment returns and increasing medical costs, the surplus was exhausted sooner than anticipated. Surplus has been used as a credit to the MCCA assessment since 1995, returning $3 billion in surplus, including a one-time lump sum of $1 80 for each Michigan vehicle insured as of March 18, 1998. A recent change in Michigan law, Public Act 3 of 2001, affected the MCCA's operation. As of July 1, 2002, the MCCA began paying for claims that exceed $300,000, up from $250,000 previously. The amount will increase each July 1 until it reaches $500,000 in 2011. Future adjustments will be based on the consumer price index. More than 8,600 claims remain open and continue to receive payment through the fund."

So Long, It's Been Good to Know You

It's easy to open almost any MG book and see pictures of cars from our favorite marque being built. Thanks to Chuck Wiley, only here in *Can-Am Connection* you can see an MGB's demise. Chuck's in the auto-recycling business — that's a wrecker's yard to you and me — and after removing what he wanted from this one he decided it was time for a little euthanasia.

The B takes a last ride by fork lift into the E-Z Crusher. The switch is thrown and the hydraulic pistons do their stuff. Afterwards it's, "Anybody for an MGB sandwich?"

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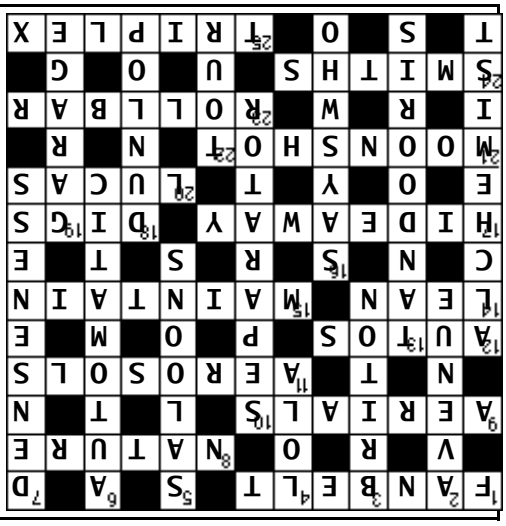

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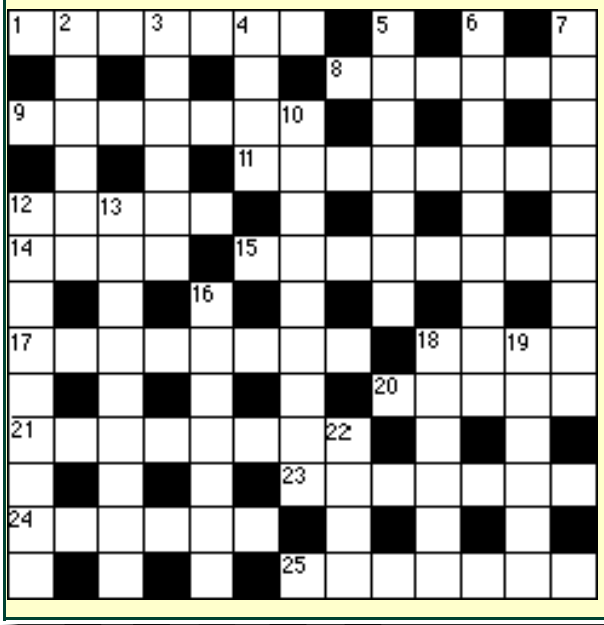

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9 UK radio antennae
11 Spray paint containers
12 Cars
14 Slant
15 Keep up
17 Place of concealment
18 Taunting remarks
20 Electrical component maker
21 Lunar launch
23 Safety tube
24 Instrument maker
25 Windscreen maker

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2 Wide street
3 Scotsman for one
4 Paul Tracy's ride
5 British sedans
6 Not a stick shift
7 Thick-headedness
10 Spacer
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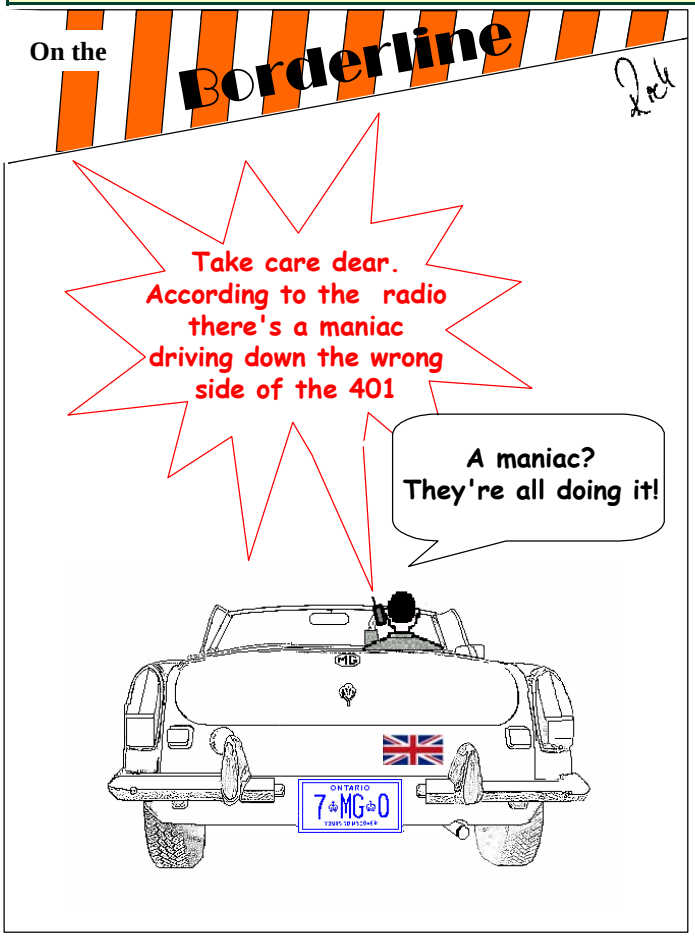

Did you know?

The last European country to convert to driving on the right was Sweden in 1967. While everyone was getting used to the new system, they paid more attention and took more care, resulting in a reduction of the number of road accident casualties.

The Young and the Reckless

This W-DMGC member was pictured here in about 1952 driving a 2 cylinder Triumph motorcycle, but it is certainly no coincidence that there is an MG in the background; even in his teens he was interested in them. Today he has lost a little hair but gained a few cylinders, being one of our most active V8 MGB conversion enthusiasts.

Recognize Jack Renaud?

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Tech Session - Fitting and MGB Top

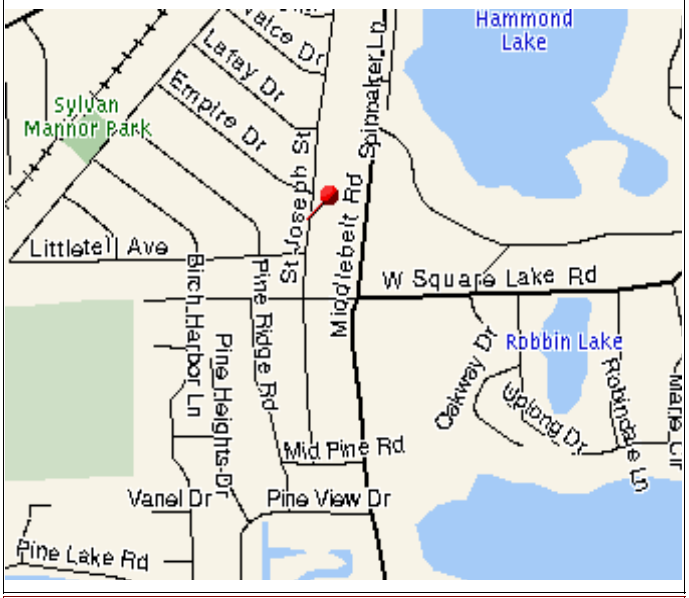
You may remember that a couple of months ago Gene Johnson had appealed in *Can-Am Connection* for assistance from any W-DMGC member who could help him fit a new top to his MGB-LE. Don Capoferi has kindly stepped forward, not only to assist Gene, but also to run a Tech-Session so that other members can benefit as well.

Having discussed the details with Don, I am sure Gene will find his car in good hands; Don has fitted several tops and has some hints and tricks that he will pass on to us all.

There were at least 3 versions of MGB tops during the production life of the car, and although Don will demonstrate on Gene's 1980, everyone with any age or model MG, or indeed British sports car, will find something to take away from this session.

The Tech-Session will take place **10:00 am Saturday September 20th** at Don Capoferi's home at:
2412 St. Joseph St., West Bloomfield, Michigan. (248-738-9218).

For those unfamiliar with the region, Square Lake is at about 18 mile and Middlebelt is 3 miles west of Telegraph. From Middlebelt Road, turn left onto Square Lake and 1st right onto St Joseph Street. Don's house is the 5th on the left, just after Littletel Avenue.



Summer British Knights

Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club members are some of the nicest people you'll meet and once again they have invited us to join them for Summer British Knights, a series of British-only car Cruise-in nights to be held 3rd Wednesday of the month through October. Join them from 6 pm.

For September the venue is BRAVO! Italian Restaurant, 29047, Utica Road, Roseville

In October meet at the Local Brewing Company, 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

Annual British Car Day - Bronte Park

A group of members is leaving for this event Saturday morning Sept. 20 and taking Highway 3. They'll be stopping for lunch probably by the Jumbo the Elephant statue in Tilsonburg then getting to the hotel early afternoon. The guys usually hang around, go over to the show site etc, while the ladies go to IKEA. Then off to the Toronto Triumph Club's BBQ before heading back to the hotel. Sunday's show is the largest British Car Show in North America. The drive home is down the 401 to be home by early evening.

The hotel is The Travelodge, 950 Walkers Line Burlington (905-639-9290) and the rate is $86 Cdn or about $60US.

Contact Dale Brown (519-258-5987) if you plan joining the group.

The Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club celebrates its 44th year at the 21st Annual Battle of the Brits, Michigan's largest display of classic British automobiles and motorcycles. Located on the picnic grove lawn of beautiful Freedom Hill County Park, the event includes concours judging for all cars, participants' choice show, and autojumble. Place awards will be presented to the top 3 vehicles in 40 Concours classes and 14 Participants' Choice classes, and special awards will be given to the "President's Preference," "Chairman's Choice," "Best in Show," and "Diamond in the Rough."

Registration fee on the day: $25 US/$37 Canadian There is a $7.00 per car spectator parking fee for non-participants. Each car or vendor registration includes an event shirt, dash plaque, goody bag, and door prize ticket. The vendor fee is the same as (but in addition to) the British car registration fee.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO rain date. The Battle of the Brits will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2003 – rain or shine!

Calendar of Events

Bold Text Indicates Windsor-Detroit MG Club Events.

September	
Wed. 10th	**Monthly Meeting - Nisbet Inn**
Sun. 14th	Battle of the Brits - Freedom Hill Park, Sterling Heights, MI
Wed. 17	British Summer Knights See opposite page.
Sat. 20th	**Tech Session. Fitting and MGB top** **See opposite page.**
Sun 21st	**Annual British Car Day - Bronte Park** **QEW and Burloak Dr., Oakville ON.**
October	
Wed. 8th	**Monthly Meeting - Brass Pointe**
Wed. 15th	British Summer Knights See opposite page.
Sat. 25th	**Murder Mystery** **Heritage Village, Essex, ON**

HELP WANTED #1

Could you run our web site? With a full time job, the newsletter and membership to run I am afraid I only find time to update the web site from time to time and then only minimally. The web site serves a useful purpose for the club, and is certainly by far the single most frequent way new members find us, learn about what we do and get a flavor for who we are and what we represent.

If you are up to it, contact me, Rick Astley at: ricka@twmi.rr.com.

HELP WANTED #2

For just the October edition, Anne Astley will not be available to prepare the Can-Am Connection for mailing after Dan Sokolowski has printed it. The work involves folding the already collated 3 sheets to form the 12 page newsletter, putting it in self-seal envelopes, attaching stamps and labels and dropping them in the mail. Oh and by-the-way, you have to do that 200 times. All materials will be provided.

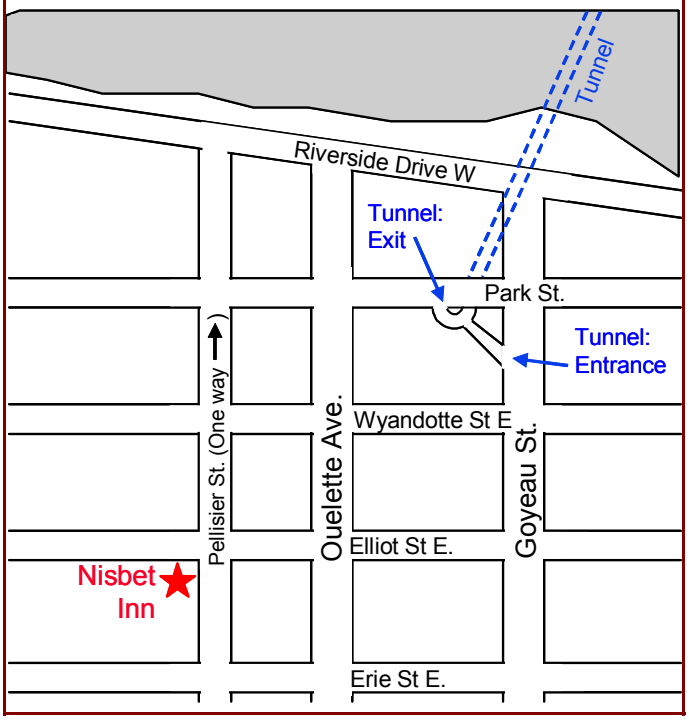
Someone who is located close to, or between Dan's place of work in Southfield and his home in Bloomfield Hills, would be ideal.

Please contact Rick Astley, see contact details page 2.

Next Club Meeting

Meetings usually start around 7:00 pm, but the earlier you arrive the more likely you are to eat comfortably at a table.

September 10th — Nisbet Inn, Windsor



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