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Hibernation Party Was No Sleepy Affair

Over 80 people attended out 2005 Hibernation Party held at the Italian Epicure in Novi February 12th. As usual. There was good food, lots of raffle prizes, music and just the smallest amount of club business to vote and report upon (see pages 6 & 7). Other than that, we'll let the pictures speak for themselves, see here and the back page.

The Founders' Award is without doubt our most prestigious, honoring as is does work, "Above and beyond the call of duty in promoting our club". This year Ralph had the privilege of presenting it to Lise Brown. In addition to fulfilling her duties as club Secretary, Lise unselfishly given her time to the club over the last several years. Last year she surpassed even her own efforts in not only organizing the Hibernation Party but by completely revising the club web site.

"Let them eat cake!" Especially when the Italian Epicure was able to put an MG logo on each piece.

Raffle Brings in a Big Bonanza

The Hibernation Party Raffle revenues were a whopping $380, which will help the club's finances tremendously. The club would like to thank all those who contributed and so if we inadvertently miss anybody in the list below, please let us know so that we can put the omission right next month.

Anne & Rick Astley
John Brown / Union Gas
Gloria & Tom Burke
Guy's Garage
Fran Lewis
Nisbet Inn
David & Joyce Torby
Dale Brown /GM
Lise Brown
Susan & Adam Gucfa
Barbara & Barry Jones
Sandie & Tom Newton
Kathi & Ralph Poupard
Janice & Jeff Zorn/LBC Co

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Rick Astley—Editor

How's Your Swingletree?

In spite of the fact that my MGB-GT handbrake pulled up really tightly and I had adjusted the rear brake shoes, it still would not hold the car on even a moderate slope. The main handbrake cable from the driver's lever to the back of the car was brand new, so what could be causing the problem? Investigation under the car showed the cable going to the left brake drum was tight as —— well a drum, but that going to the right was slack. I knew the problem right away, my swingletree had seized.

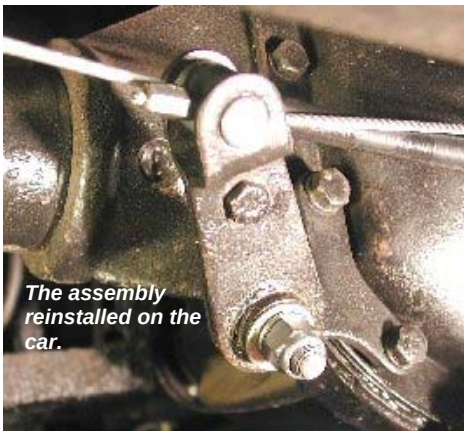
I don't remember from which of the numerous British cars I owned in my youth that I had learned the term "swingletree", but it is a delightful name and one I never forgot. It describes the device that translates the force of the cable from the brake actuator into equal forces that are conveyed via cables to the brake drums.

The one I remember from my old British cars was an elaborated device, a multi armed lever with a centre pivot. The one on the MGB was disappointingly simple, the main brakes being hydraulic and so only the handbrake requiring balanced cables. Furthermore, someone at MG had remembered Newton's law about "every action having an equal and opposite reaction" and had realized that a handbrake cable sheath could carry that opposite reaction. With that in mind a simple mechanism had been devised. Nevertheless, the device required a pivot to operate it in one of the most inhospitable parts of the car, underneath and at the rear.

When I studied my newly acquired GT's swingletree, I was surprised that I was surprised. I have owned a roadster for many years and couldn't remember ever paying any attention to this mechanism. Now I must crawl under that car and check it out. The device had seized and failed to pivot so that handbrake effort was only being applied to the left wheel. Unfortunately, corrosion was so bad that the pivot pin sheared when I tried to remove it. A replacement pin was, however, inexpensive and the newly well-greased assembly was easy to install.

MGAs and Bs have identical mechanisms whereas Spridgets use a more complicated assembly far more deserving of the epithet swingletree. If you own any of these cars and have below par handbrake performance, it would be worth checking out this device. If you own a TC, TD or TF, then you have separate handbrake cables to each rear brake drum and no need for such a device.

The old and new pivot pins



The assembly reinstalled on the car.

Pardon our slips

Like the rest of us, W-DMGC member Everett Smith lives on the border. The difference is that he lives in El Paso, Texas, on the USA-Mexico border. Everett doesn't tell us if he is also a member of the Juarez-El Paso MG Club — if it exists — but he did write to point out a mistake on the back-page of the December *Can-Am Connection*. Apparently the vintage truck shown delivering beer to the Kildare House is not a 1930s Ford but a circa 1940 Dodge or Fargo. Everett says that Plymouth dealers in Canada sold Dodge trucks under the brand name Fargo. Thanks Everett.

In our January– February edition the founders of the club were incorrectly identified. They were in fact: Jim Trofin, Dave Hornby, Ron Harmon, and Mark Deacon.
Thanks to Dan Zebarah for bringing this error to our attention.

Presidentially Speaking

By Ralph Poupard — Club President

February in Ontario and Michigan. It's not much fun. You get to the point where you have had about enough of winter, but deep down you know spring and the classic car driving season are still off in the distance somewhere. If you have a heated garage you can work on your British sports car; if not, it takes a pretty dedicated individual to get much done.

What better way to beat the winter blues than to have a party. And that is exactly what we did at the Hibernation Party at the Italian Epicure in Novi on the 12th of February. It was a way out of the doldrums; a way to have fun with fellow enthusiasts, and dream of the warm pleasant days and nights of summer. Thanks to Dale Brown and Phillip Wiltshire, we were treated to 2 continuous slide shows with photos from last year's driving season projected from their laptop PCs. We had some business to take care of, updating several of the club bylaws, which was quickly taken care of. The changes were overdue and are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter. Next we held the club elections. There are several changes in the elected members of the board this year. Phillip Wiltshire decided not to seek a second term as Vice President. Jeff Zorn had ably served as our treasurer for over the 3 term limit and has now been elected as Vice President. Matt Bade has been elected as our new Treasurer. Lise Brown had finished her 3rd term as Secretary, and Scott Turner has been elected as the new Secretary. Lise will be busy with her volunteer board position as Webmaster. I have been elected as President for a second term. I wish to extend a sincere thank you to the departing elected board members, Lise Brown and Phillip Wiltshire, and to Jeff Zorn for his years of service as Treasurer. We then handed out the club awards for 2004. Congratulations to those who won. At that point we then held the drawing for the door prizes. It was then time for music, dancing and socializing. Special thanks to Anne Astley for organizing the event, and to all of those who helped make the evening a success.

MGB playing in the snow, January 2005

In other good news The Windsor-Detroit MG Club has been accepted as a Local Chapter by the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR). This gives us special recognition throughout NAMGAR's membership which spans North America. Its maybe just a little more special since 2005 is the50th anniversary of the introduction of the MGA.

Remember, if you are interested in going on the annual Stratford trip June 18th and 19th your contact is Phillip Wiltshire. Also remember our club British Car and Motorcycle Show, British Marques in the Park on June 24th and 25th. The annual Kimber Birthday Bash will be Sat. April 9th. This is our traditional first driving event of the year. There are more details about these and other events in the calendar, and on our club website. We will be adding more events to the calendar in the next few weeks, so keep an eye on the website calendar and future newsletters.

Well, soon it will be time to go out and start waking those British cars from their hibernation. Now is the time to start planning on attending some of the events for 2005. Let's use those MGs for their design purpose: pure driving enjoyment.

Safety MG Fast

Ralph

Until next time..

Fay Butler's Principles of Metal Shaping

By Jack Renaud

2005 is here, spring is coming, and the days are getting longer. At least they are for Graham Creswick, Tom Newton, Ozzie Pillon and me, Jack Renaud. Graham came over from Chatham Friday afternoon Jan 7 to my home in Dearborn. At 4 am things started happening. Tom Newton was up at 4 am, looked out the window to a beautiful clear day. Ozzie left his home at 4:15 am heading for Dearborn. By 5 am we started leaving to pick up Tom, also in Dearborn. Our Windsor-Detroit MG Club was evenly represented by 2 U.S. and 2 Canadian members. The clear day had turned into a huge snowstorm that was to plague us all across Michigan! Already we had an inch of snow on the ground. We left Tom's home about 5:30 am. We made our stop for fuel at Dunkin Donuts and jumped on I-94. Our normal trip time to Holland, MI of 3 hours turned into a 4+ hour trip. On I-94, we did not see the pavement until we got to Jackson, MI where, accurately, Tom predicted that the snow would lighten up. Then we drove to Kalamazoo and north on US 131, then M89 & 40 to Holland. Many cars were in the ditch along the freeway. We were in my Ford Escape and the aggressive tires really helped. Our plan to stop for breakfast was dropped due to the snow storm. We finally arrived, the last ones to come in, at 9:30 am to Fay Butler's one day seminar on Metal Shaping and Fabricating!

Fay Butler graduated in 1976 with honors and obtained a job at Amsley Antique Body Company in Chambersberg, PA where he was taught how to shape metal into compound curves working on diverse vehicles such as a 1912 Pierce Arrows and a 1931 V12 Cadillac, some Auburn Speedsters and an antique Mack truck hood (bonnet) which curved in all directions. He is now known as one of the best metal shapers in North America. In 2004, he was visited by Jesse James, of Motorcycle Mania TV show and Monster Garage TV show fame. Yes! He is related to the original Jesse James. Fay taught Jesse how to rivet and work with copper. Jesse James then did a custom all copper chopper motorcycle in his shop, West Coast Choppers. Jesse also built a chopper for Detroit's music star, Kid Rock, and the 2 of them toured Mexico on these bikes. Jesse's visit to Fay and the Mexico trip were featured in the Motorcycle Mania 3 show on the Discovery TV channel. Fay said Jesse was one of the best welders he had seen.

The seminar started at 9 am. After an introduction from Carl Heideman, of Eclectic Motorworks, Fay started the Seminar with a lecture on metallurgy related to steel and aluminum in automotive usages. He covered molecular structure and how it is affected during metal shaping. He covered the different metal classifications, such as AISA 1015 steel and 3003 aluminum, and

what the numbers meant. He gave a short history of aluminum and how it was first refined in 1843 and was more precious that gold at that time. World War II put the pressure on aluminum development due to the need for large quantities of light building material for war planes.

We had a couple breaks for coffee and snacks in the morning, a nice sub sandwich lunch around 12:30pm and a couple more breaks in the afternoon. It was an intense group of about 80 people from as far away as St. Louis, Missouri and Canada! Tom commented that when Fay was lecturing the attendees were quieter than people in church and, besides that, they all sat in the front rows!!

A lot of information was delivered to us. Fay took a claw hammer and a thick circular leather bag about 12 inches in diameter and 1 1/2 inches thick filled with sand, and formed a dome top for a motorcycle tank out of a flat piece of sheet metal just to show us that it did not take really sophisticated tools to shape metal, but, the sophisticated tools really speed up the process. He told us about his Yoder power hammer, a machine about 8 feet tall and 5 feet deep, which is his favorite tool. He showed us many different body hammers (arm power) and how to modify the wood handles for more flexibility. He suggested that the steel and fiberglass handles put too much shock into you arm when you are hammering with them all day long. He showed us various metal clamps, and a cardboard motorcycle gas tank form. He showed us how to make a pattern using flat paper to find out what size piece of sheet metal you would need for a project like the motorcycle tank. Fay said to throw away all our old worn out files and go out and buy some good Nicholson files at about $6-$12 each. There were a lot of chuckles, mine included, as we all thought of all our dull files that everyone hates to part with. He discussed the difference between shape (changing the metal thickness) and form (folding metal). He demonstrated how to use an English Wheel, Pullmax and Planishing machines. He suggested some different books to help us better understand metal and metal forming.

After hand forming the dome for the motorcycle tank, he did the same thing with all the power tools from a much larger piece of sheetmetal. He said that the larger sheet you can use, the less seam welding and weld clean up you will have to do. It was amazing to see this flat steel move into this flowing curved surface.

His last demonstration was the making of a patch panel for an older Triumph auto front fender, lower rear section, which included inserting a wire rod reinforcement around the wheel area and rolling the metal over the rod. This is a prominent flange design on a lot of the earlier cars instead of the 90 degree flange that is commonly used today.

Fay then gave us a wrap up speech and Carl Heideman gave a closing speech, too. Then, the 2 of them pulled out a box of Grassroots Motorsports magazine T-Shirts and a couple “Fay Butler” coffee mugs and had drawings from a box with all the participants’ names. Graham won a t-shirt. This ended the Seminar.

It was a long, intense seminar, well worth the time and money. Carl Heideman and his assistant, Ted Archer, did a superb job of keeping the day running smoothly. I would highly recommend any of Eclectic Motorworks Seminars. February 2004 Tom and I took the MIG welding and MGB Body repair seminar by Carl Heideman and we both felt we learned a lot! We had dinner in Holland, a quaint town where the main street and sidewalk are heated. With snow all around the area, there were absolutely clear walks on the main street, not even a hint of snow! We arrived in Dearborn at 9:30 pm. Ozzie and I had shared the driving. Ozzie and Graham still had more driving to complete their journey. Life is good!

Reference:

Fay Butler at Work www.metalshapers.org/tips/fay/index.htm

Fay Butler Fabricating and Metal Shaping
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Recommended Reading by Fay Butler
Advanced Sheet Metal Fabrication by Timothy Remus
Wolfgang Publications, Inc 2003
www.wolfgangpublications.com

Yoder Power Hammer
http://dsc.discovery.com/convergence/motorcyclemania/photogallery/photogallery_zoom9.html

Carl Heideman’s shop: Eclectic Motorworks
LLC 445 West 22nd St, Holland, MI 49423 616-355-2850
www.eclecticmotorworks.com

See Jesse’s copper chopper fuel tank, click on View Photo Gallery at:
www.motorcycle-usa.com/Article_Page.aspx?ArticleID=1306&Page=1#

Jesse’s trip to Fay’s shop and tour of the Sierra Madre Mountains is available on DVD: Motorcycle Mania 3
www.vabiker.net/ads/motorcycle-mania.html

Discovery Channel and Jesse James
http://dsc.discovery.com/fansites/monstergarage/meet/meet.html

THE WINDSOR-DETROIT MG CLUB WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBERS

BRUCE & BETH HALL - ESSEX, ONTARIO
1972 BLUE MGB

BOB ADAMS - WINDSOR, ONTARIO
1971 RED MIDGET

DARRELL & JAYNE SAMPSON - LASALLE, ONTARIO
1974 HARVEST GOLD MGB

LAWRENCE REINHOLD & DEBBIE TODER
HUNTINGDON WOODS, MICHIGAN
1971 GREEN MIDGET

Windsor-Detroit MG Club Business Report

by Lise Brown - Outgoing

Annual General Meeting – Summary

The following is a summary of club business that took place during the hibernation banquet, February 12, 2005.

Amendments to club by-laws

Lise Brown gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments (copies of which were distributed to those in attendance.) In essence, the amendments clarify the definition of "Board of Directors" and update the volunteer offices described in the by-laws. The membership voted to accept the amendments as presented and which are published in the March edition of the newsletter.

Elections

As per club by-laws, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary are elected positions, and elections are held every year at the Annual General Meeting, which this year coincided with the hibernation banquet. As indicated in earlier notices, Jeff Zorn had exceeded the three-year term limit in his position as Treasurer, and Lise Brown was finishing her third year as Secretary, therefore both positions were vacant. The nominees for this year's elected positions were:

President - Ralph Poupard (running for second term);
Vice-President - Jeff Zorn;
Treasurer - Matt Bade;
Secretary - Scott Turner.

As the nominations were not contested, the nominees were voted in by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Zorn reported on the club's financial situation, indicating that a more detailed financial report would be published in the March edition of the Newsletter. [see next page]

Awards recipients for 2004

Thanks in part to the response for nominations from the membership, we had two "winners" of the dubious Hard Luck and Lucky Lucas awards. The honourees for the past year's club awards are:

Lucky Lucas Awards - Mike Chachich and John Brown;
Rookie of the Year - Bob Fougere;
Hard Luck Awards - Paul Lester and Steve Brown;
Navigator of the Year - Cathy Holliday;
Founders' Award - Lise Brown

In addition, the infamous Loose Nut Award was presented to Dale Brown, and the most coveted of all, the Door Prize, was passed onto Les Danielski. Congratulations to all winners.

Volunteers needed

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all club members that there are many ways for you to participate in the administration and organization of club activities. Volunteers are always needed and most welcome. 2005 marks the 25th anniversary of the club; what better reason do we need to boost members' enthusiasm, promote participation in club activities and increase the number of club sponsored events throughout this year and beyond? If you would like to contribute in any way, be it to an existing activity or the establishment of a new one, please contact the club or one of the members listed on the inside front page of the newsletter and on the website.

Awards 2005

Once again, we will be enlisting the help of the entire membership in identifying candidates worthy of the club awards, and would ask that you keep this in mind throughout the year as you witness the trials, triumphs and tribulations of your fellow members. Our goal is to make the awards process more inclusive and rewarding for everyone.

Amendments to club by-laws

Below are the amendments as voted on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting on February 12, 2005. Additions to the bylaws are indicated in *italics* while deletions are shown in strikethrough. Please consult your latest copy of the by-laws if you wish a frame of reference for the articles cited.

1. To clarify the composition of the Board of Directors, article 19 of the by-laws will be amended to include the following:

"**19. Powers of the Board of Directors**

- *The Board of Directors consists of Elected and Volunteer Offices as identified in Articles 16 and 17 of the current by-laws, with each member of the Board having one vote. The duties of these offices are described in articles 20 and 21*."

(Vote result: all in favour, none against)

2. To reflect current needs and operations of the club, article 17 of the by-laws will be amended as follows:

"**17. Volunteer Offices**

- The volunteer offices are:
  - Newsletter Editor
  - *Membership Coordinator*
  - British Car Council Representative - Canada
  - British Car Council Representative - U.S.A.
  - Regalia Sales Representative - Canada
  - Regalia Sales Representative - U.S.A.
  - *Webmaster*
  - Sales and Parts Representative
  - Marque Coordinator "

(Vote result: all in favour, none against)

3. As a result of amendments made to article 21, article 20 will be amended to delete the following duties from the office of Treasurer:

"**20. Duties and responsibilities of the Elected Offices**

- TREASURER:
  - Maintain and publish an up to date membership list
  - Provide newsletter editor with the names of new members for publication in the club newsletter. "

(Vote result: all in favour, none against)

4. In support of amendments to article 17, article 21 will be amended to include the following additions and deletions:

"**21. Duties and responsibilities of Volunteer Offices**

- *MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR:*
  - *Maintain and publish an up to date membership list*
  - *Provide newsletter editor and Webmaster with the names of new members for publication in the club newsletter and on the club web site.*
- *WEBMASTER:*
  - *Maintain and develop the club web site as a dynamic resource for information on club activities, events, news and other areas of interest to the membership.*
  - *Effect frequent and timely updates and revisions to ensure that information is current and responsive to users' needs.*

- ~~SPARES AND PARTS REPRESENTATIVE~~
- ~~MARQUE COORDINATOR~~ "

(Vote result: all in favour, none against)

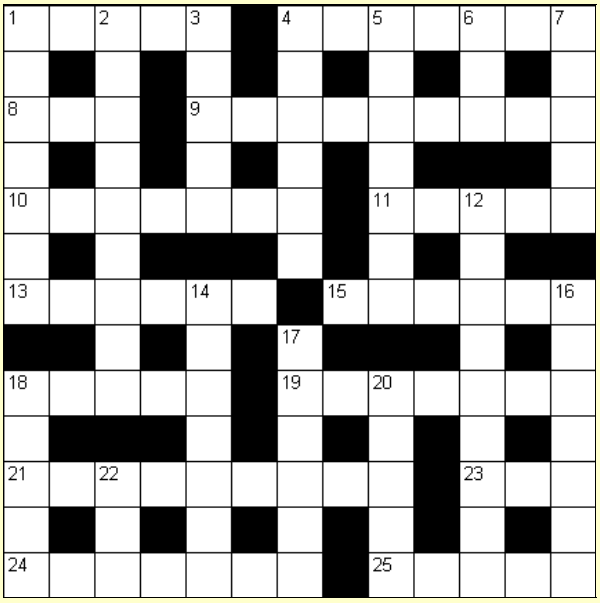
Windsor - Detroit MG Club - Financial Report

Jeff Zorn, Treasurer

WDMGC Profit & Loss. '04 and '03 Compared	Jan - Dec '04	Jan - Dec '03	$ Change	% Change
Income				
Advertising	$ 100.00	$ 0.00	$ 100.00	100.00%
Foreign Exchange - Hibernation	$ -59.31	$ -154.84	$ 95.53	-61.70%
Foreign Exchange - Membership	$ -285.37	$ -298.73	$ 13.36	-4.47%
Foreign Exchange - Other	$ 0	$ -31.94	$ 31.94	100.00%
Foreign Exchange - Regalia	$ -26.30	$ -50.40	$ 24.10	-47.82%
Hibernation Party Receipts	$ 1,729.45	$ 1,523.00	$ 206.45	13.56%
Membership Fees	$ 4,737.47	$ 5,107.50	$ -370.03	-7.25%
Regalia Sales	$ 512.00	$ 1,529.00	$ 1,017.00	-66.51%
Total Income	$ 6,707.94	$ 7,623.59	$ -915.65	-12.01%
Expense				
Bank Charge	$ -3.50	$ 5.00	$ -8.50	-170.00%
Can-Am Connection				
Misc	$ 127.45	$ 0	$ 127.45	100.00%
Postage	$ 1,074.22	$ 1,936.39	$ -862.17	-44.53%
Printing	$ 418.85	$ 0	$ 418.85	100.00%
Other	$ 0	$ 115.66	$ -115.56	-100.00%
Total Can-Am Connection	$ 1,620.52	$ 2,052.05	$ -431.53	-21.03%
Dues and Subscription Expenses	$ 100.83	$ 86.62	$ 14.21	16.41%
Entertainment	$ 350.00	$ 0	$ 350.00	**100%**
Hibernation Party				
Awards	$ 0	$ 61.00	$ -61.00	-100.00%
Dining-Food	$ 2,368.28	$ 1,603.13	$ 765.15	47.43%
Entertainment	$ 200.00	$ 0	$ 200.00	100.00%
Misc	$ 103.03	$ 0	$ 103.03	100.00%
Prizes	$ 346.62	$ 139.17	$ 207.45	-149.06%
Hibernation Party Other	$ 0	$ 300.00	$ -300.00	-100.00%
Total Hibernation Party	$ 3,017.93	$ 2,103.30	$ 914.63	43.49%
Meeting Expense	$ 26.23	$ 109.72	$ -83.49	-76.09%
Misc. Business Expense	$ 35.00	$ 0	$ 35.00	100.0%
Name Tags	$ 185.19	$ 454.86	$ -269.67	-52.29%
Office Expenses	$ 0	$ 7.41	$ -7.41	-100.00%
Postage and Delivery Expenses	$ 84.00	$ 0	$ 84.00	100.00%
Printing and Repro Expenses	$ 248.72	$ 199.57	$ 49.15	-24.63%
Regalia	$ 2,284.97	$ -371.37	$ 2,656.34	-715.28%
Supplies	$ 35.89	$ 9.29	$ 26.60	286.33%
Uncategorized Expenses	$ 126.75	$ 0	$ 126.75	100.00%
Total Expense	$ 8,112.53	$ 4,656.45	$ 3,456.08	74.22%
Net Income	**$ -1,404.59**	**$ 2,967.14**	**$ -4,371.73**	**-147.34%**

WDMGC BALANCE SHEET. '03 and '04 Compared	Dec 31, '04	Dec 31, '03	$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Windsor-Detroit MG Car Club	$ 6,348.04	$ 7,752.63	$ -1,404.59	-18.12%
Total Checking/Savings	$ 6,348.04	$ 7,752.63	$ -1,404.59	-18.12%
Total Current Assets	$ 6,348.04	$ 7,752.63	$ -1,404.59	-18.12%
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 6,348.04**	**$ 7,752.63**	**$ -1,404.59**	**-18.12%**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Opening Balance Equity	$ 2,030.60	$ 2,030.60	$ 0	0.00%
Retained Earnings	$ 5,722.03	$ 2,754.89	$ 2,967.14	107.70%
Net Income	$ -1,404.59	$ 2,967.14	$ -4,371.73	-147.34%
Total Equity	$ 6,348.04	$ 7,752.63	$ -1,404.59	-18.12%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**$ 6,348.04**	**$ 7,752.63**	**$ -1,404.59**	**-18.12%**

The Windsor - Detroit MG Club Crossword



Across

1 North Eastern state
4 — Suiza, Spanish-French car
8 Kind of bread from 11 across
9 Put the car to bed for winter
10 Toyota model
11 — rubber, tire compound
13 Boston NHL team
15 Bend
18 *Mash* transportation vehicles
19 — Games
21 Site for over-current protectors
23 French come-hither for UK chem. co.
24 Less old
25 Sibling's daughter

Down

1 Kind of British taxi
2 Tire need with spoked wheels
3 Type of alcohol fuel
4 Wheel center cover
5 Act for cars and churchgoers
6 US car drivers' assoc.
7 Phantom of the ——
12 Something won at the entrance
14 Horse's fuel station?
16 Task performing apparatus
17 British hue
18 — Lube
20 GMC truck
21 CA state and capital school

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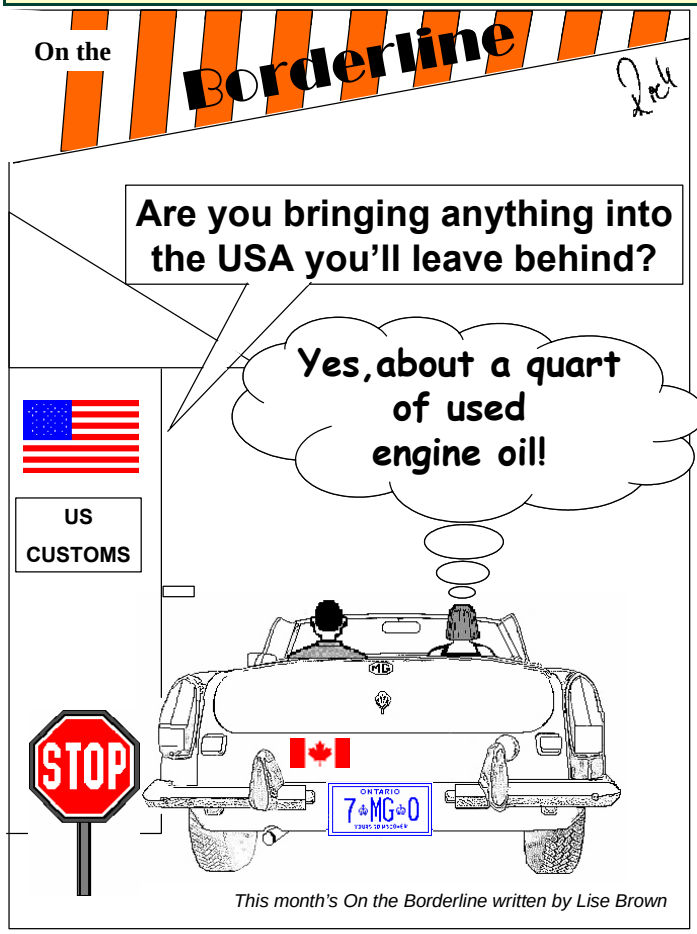
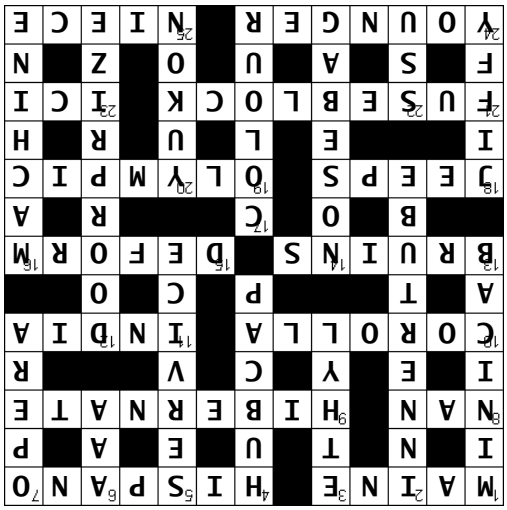


This month's On the Borderline written by Lise Brown

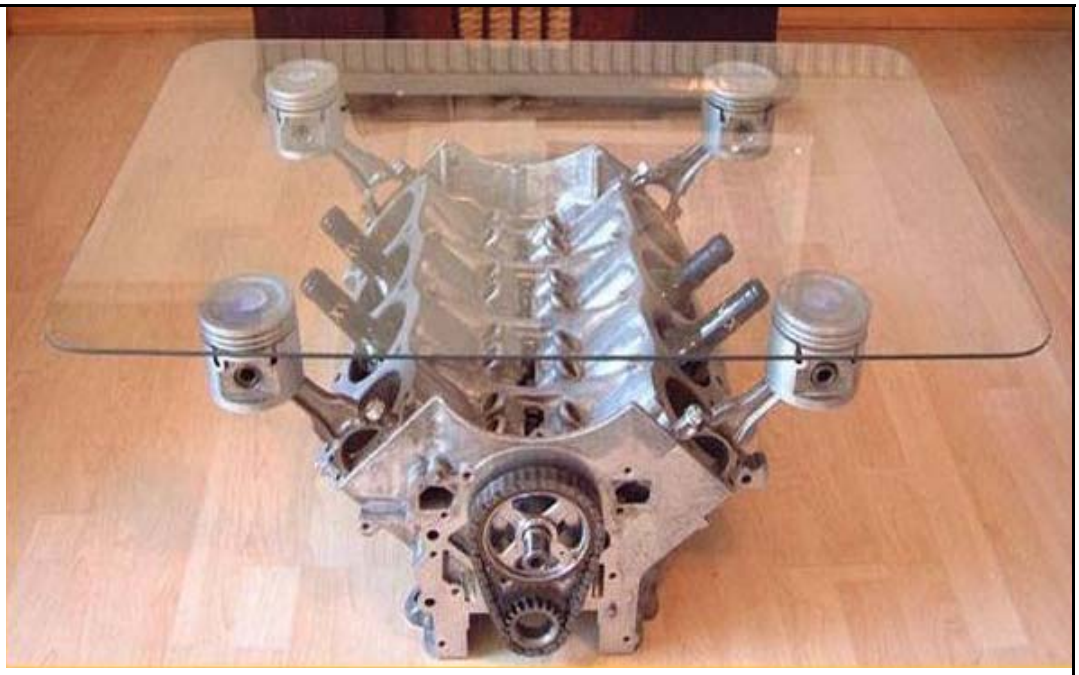
Ever forget to latch the bonnet down properly on your car and thought, "Wow, that could have been scary "? Things could be worse! *Picture sent in by Harry MacLean*

Q: How many car salesmen does it take to change a light bulb?

A: I'm going to work this out on my calculator, and I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.



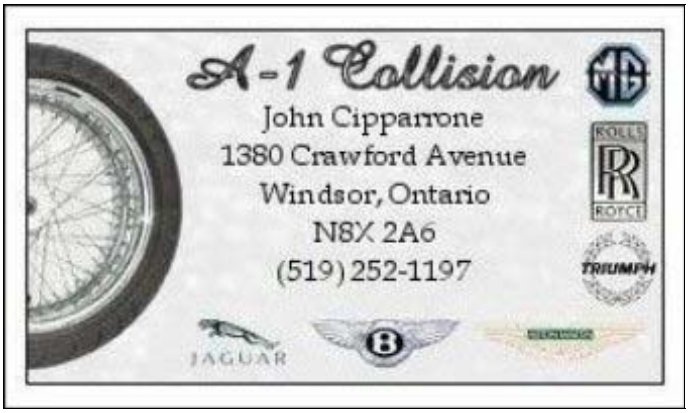
Project of the Month



Just kidding! However, this photo of an aluminum V8 block turned into a coffee table and wine storage unit may have a useful purpose. Next time any of us is charged with taking our passion for cars too far, show the accuser this picture and whatever you did will seem insignificant.

How practical is this thing anyway? It looks like a device designed to stub toes, bruise shins, scratch floors and break glass.

Thanks to Andrew Turner for submitting the photo.



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A Regional Website for the Classic Car Enthusiast

If you have access to the Internet, check out this web site and become part of the circle. The site is run by MG and Italian car enthusiast Peter Pleitner who is a professor in the vehicle restoration portion of Washtenaw Community College and who facilitates our annual trip to Rivertech

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50/50 Cash Draw winner for January and February

Congratulations to **Drew Hastings** (prospective new member), and **Mark Wallace** winners of our 50/50 cash draw, held at the January and February club meetings. The next draw will be on March 9, 2005 at the Nisbet Inn.

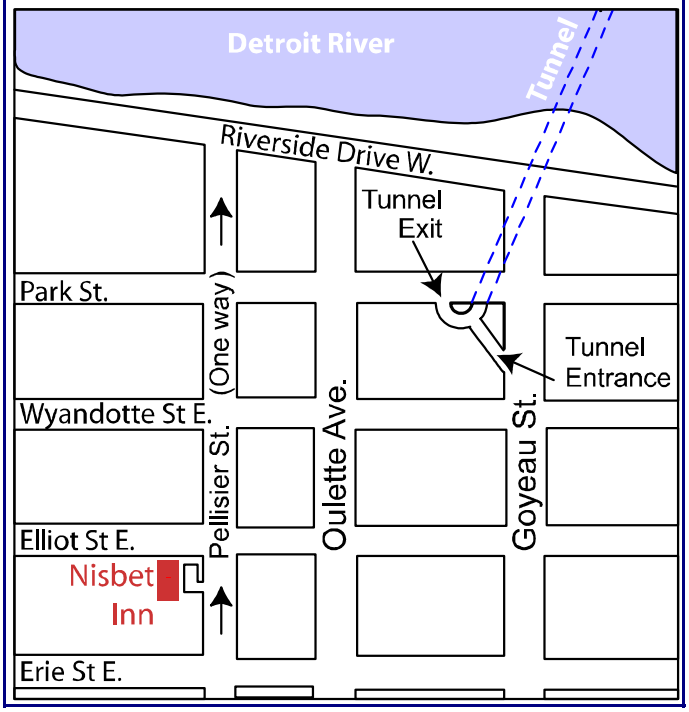
Just a reminder, tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2, and the winner gets half of the night's receipts plus half the pot. The other half is then added to the amount collected at the following meeting thus increasing the amount to be won each month. So have your cash ready when you come to the next meeting; you could be the next lucky winner.
Winners to date: Dave Torby, Jack Renaud, Anne Astley, Ted Hight, Drew Hastings, Mark Wallace.
Lise Brown

MG Owners and Enthusiasts Trip to UK July 2005

MG enthusiasts Tab & Tina Kurtz of Hagerstown, MD are putting together a trip to the UK from July 15th to 20th with a total expected cost of only $1,700.
This is a not-for-profit event and will take in some hallowed ground for MG fans including British Heritage Centre, Brooklands Museum, the 75th MG Anniversary event at Silverstone and much more.
For full information, contact Tab & Tina at:
301-714-4948 or tk0270@yahoo.com
Thanks to Fran Lewis for forwarding this information.

March Meeting

March 9th — The Nisbet Inn, Windsor



Calendar of Events

■ - **Windsor-Detroit MG Club Event**
☐ - **Organized participation by W-DMGC members**

March

■	**Wed. 9th**	**Monthly Meeting - Nisbet Inn**

April

■	**Sat. 9th**	**Kimber Birthday Bash** More details in April's *Can-Am Connection*
■	**Wed. 13th**	**Monthly Meeting - Brass Pointe**
☐	**Sun. 17th**	**Ancaster All-British Flea Market - Ancaster, ON**

May

■	**Sat. 7th**	**Rivertech Trip—Ypsilanti, MI**
■	**Wed. 11th**	**Monthly Meeting - Nisbet Inn**

June

☐	**Sat. 4th**	**London BBC Classic Car Show London, ON**
☐	**Sun. 5th**	**The British Return to Fort Meigs Perrysburg, OH**
■	**Wed. 8th**	**Monthly Meeting - Brass Pointe**
☐	**Thur. 9th Sun. 12th**	**British V8 Meet—Terre Haute, IN** www.britishv8.org/index2.htm
■	**Sat. 18th Sun. 19th**	**Stratford Festival Tour - Stratford, ON**
■	**Fri. 24th Sat. 25th**	**British Marques in the Park** **WDMGC All British Car and Motorcycle Show** Friday evening Meet and Greet: St Clair College Residence - Windsor Saturday Show: Malden Park - Windsor

British Marques in the Park

BRITISH MARQUES IN THE PARK
All British Car and Motorcycle Show
June 24 - 25 2005

This event will be a fund raiser for the Windsor Regional Hospital Foundation - Oncology Program. Besides helping a worthy cause, the charitable nature of our first club show allows us to run the event without risking valuable club funds.

Over 65 British car and motorcycle clubs have been contacted and extensive publicity plans are in the works to attract as many entrants and spectators as possible.

Perhaps your business or employer could benefit from being a sponsor from only $250 for a Marque sponsor, $1500 for a 4 star sponsor or $4,000 for the exclusive 5 star sponsorship.

Classified Advertisements

1951 MG-TD and 1967 Midget--TD apart and Midget is mostly together but doesn't run. Some spare parts. Both have been garaged for over 15 years. Located in Plymouth, MI. Prefer to sell both as a package for $6500.
Call 734-604-0378 (Away first 2 weeks in March)

1959 MGA Mid-restore, all needed parts plus many spares and NOS included. Engine already done with about 3,000 miles on it. Owned for 35 years, driven for five, in storage 30. All exterior rust conquered, frame solid, some interior panel work (inner fender) to complete. Asking $7,500. Contact Richard Alan, Grand Blanc, MI; Phone 810.695.2045 or wesson@triton.net

1977 MG Midget Parts Complete engine, dash with gauges, 2 leaf springs, 1 trunk, 2 jacks, glove box door, 2 tail LT lens, "midget" letters, Lucas Alternator, starter, new spark plug wire set, 2 chrome headlight bezels, exhaust manifold & pipe, master cylinder, turn signal, horn & wiper lever, roll bar hardware, mirrors, drivers vent window, new flex channel weather-strip, PH 922 A oil filter, plus misc box of parts, would like to sell as one complete package.
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1971 Midget Parts. Good 1200 engine/trans, hood, doors, deck lid, windshield frame, rear axle, and a clear title.
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1974½ MGB-GT teal blue with only 22,000 miles. $7,000
Location Ann Arbor
Call Ron 734 662-4075

1966 MGB parts. Black vinyl tonneau cover, good condition, no tears, zippers work .Duplicate came with the car - fits only vehicle without roll bar. Set of MG mud flaps still in package - MG logo on back. Both parts may fit other years or models. I would prefer to swap them for something rather than sell them
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← Officially, Cathy Holliday received her Navigator of the Year Award for, “Great support to her driver, attendance and participation in many driving events”. Unofficially, we all know it was for managing to fit the essentials of life in her and husband Steve’s MGs that rival a Moss Motor’s warehouse in terms of the number of spares parts Steve manages to cram in the cars’ boots.

↓ Les Danielski drew the lucky ticket this year and got the doubtful privilege of carrying home the “door” prize.

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