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MEMOIRS OF A FALL COLOR TOUR

Here's a peek at the fun that was had on a beautifully sunny day back in October. The Fall Color Tour was a resounding success, thanks to Rich and Adrienne Wagner. To find out more, read Rich's recounting of the events on Page 4.

Club Cars at Jenny's Cider Mill
Photo by Rick Astley

Lots'o MGs at the Litehouse
Photo by Rick Astley

Group Photo at Jenny's Cider Mill
Photo by Paul Lester

A Quick Stop Before Crossing The Border
Photo by Ralph Poupard

Drivers Meeting At Meijer's
Photo by Paul Lester

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

Ellen Stuban — Editor

Some months ago, this picture was in the newsletter, with a caption saying, "Do you know where your name tag is?" Now I have another question for you. Do you know the names and faces of 15 members? If not, this is a good reason for wearing your name tag. You may see certain members at many events, but do you always remember their name? Wearing your name tags will allow you to converse with the member and call him or her by their name. What better way to remember them then next time you see them. In an effort to help us to remember to wear our name tags, starting at the November meeting, members attending without their name tags are asked to donate $1.00. This is all in fun, and the money will be donated to the Michigan Reliability Run. My thanks to Elvin Davis for sending me most of this article for inclusion in the newsletter.

I look forward to testing my memory with all of you at the next meeting, the Hibernation Party and all of the great get-togethers that the club offers.

December Club Meeting
Annual Gift Exchange

We will be holding our Annual Gift Exchange at the December monthly meeting. Members wishing to participate should bring a gift of value between about $5 and $10 US, or $7.50 to $12 Canadian and wrap it, disguising if necessary, so that its contents are not obvious. If the gift is gender specific, please mark it "His" or "Hers" as appropriate. Those bringing gifts will be given a raffle ticket, the other half of which goes into a hat.

A number is drawn from the hat and the person having the matching ticket gets to choose a gift from under the tree. What they get is pot luck, bigger not necessarily meaning better. Now here's the fun part. All subsequent members whose numbers are drawn can take their chances and get a gift from the tree, or they can "steal" any one of the gifts already selected and unwrapped by another member. The member who lost the gift must then take another gift from the tree. Just because a gift was "stolen" from another member does not insure that it is kept, a person whose number is called later may steal it again. Obviously, in this raffle, it is better to have the last number drawn — and the last laugh too.

Presidentially Speaking

By Ralph Poupard — Club President

One of the things that I always enjoyed in the comic strip "Blondie" is the family dog, Daisy. In most frames Daisy is there somewhere. Sometimes the expression on her face or body language is priceless, at least to my feeble mind. I have noticed as I was looking at different club event pictures that our '73 MGB is quite often present somewhere. Sometimes it is near front and center, sometimes it is in the background and sometimes the only part visible is just a fender, headlight, or tail end. It's kind of like the dog, Daisy. "Look, there it is again". Why not plan to see *your* car in the newsletter or on the club website. Plan on attending some events next year. I can guarantee that you will meet some friendly people and enjoy yourself. Remember "Your MG days won't last forever".

MG 2006 will be held in Gatlinburg, TN June 22-26, 2006. All of the MG Registers in North America will be meeting at this event. There will be a vast number of MGs, the organizers have planned a great event, and the area has some of the best sports car roads and scenery in the US. You can register and reserve hotel rooms on line at www.mg2006.com. There will be groups of us driving down to Gatlinburg at different times, and you should have no problem finding a group to caravan with. From my house in "world renowned" Gesto, Ontario it is about 570 miles if taking the freeways. I am thinking of splitting that into a 2 day trip, especially in the '57 MGA which will be 49 years old next year. There is a saying in British car circles: "The older the British sports car, the greater one's perception of distance when compared to actual distance". (Actually I made that up; a kind of British car theory of the relationship of distances) I have wondered if maybe there should be different size road maps depending on engine rpm, noise, heat in the cockpit, and the age of the car and occupants. Larger maps for MGAs, Midgets, Sprites, T Series, and original Minis relative to the major task they are about to undertake. A few of us have talked about driving our MGAs to Whistler BC for the NAMGAR GT-32 in 2007. For that trip if we had a map designed as above, it might not fit in the MGA!

On Saturday Oct. 15th, we held the Fall Colour Tour. We had an excellent turnout of about 24 cars. No doubt the prediction of a warm, sunny Autumn day boosted attendance. The tops were down, except for the drive home from the final restaurant. It was just over 75 miles from the restaurant to home for us. In honour of Sir Paul playing at the Palace, the Beatles were playing on the radio, there was a full moon helping our Lucas systems to light our way through Essex County and the MGB was running great. A perfect way to end the last official driving event of the year. Thanks to Rich and Adrienne Wagner for a stellar job of organizing our final club driving event of the season.

MGBs in the distance on the Fall Colour Tour

Unfortunately the service at the Dominion House was less than ideal, so this month we tried a new meeting place in Windsor, the Glasgow Moate. You will find more information elsewhere in the newsletter and on our club website. Also check out the date for the Hibernation Party to be held at the Windsor Yacht Club.

Well, I'm going to try to get in a few more runs before putting the cars away. I have to try to stretch it as far as possible.

So, until next time..…

Safety MG Fast

Ralph

"WELL, THERE GOES ANOTHER DRIVING SEASON"

By Rich Wagner

The leaves were just beginning to fall when twenty-four British Classics met at Meijers for the final drive of the year. Although I tried to take credit for the festive atmosphere in the parking lot with the balloons and even 'Porta-toilets' positioned nearby, the simple truth was that an auto dealer had turned Meijer's into his own private 'Tent Sale'.

Just as I had expected, Ralph & Kathi Poupard were one of the early arrivals. Ralph must have learned his lesson when he was late for the "Alternative Dream Cruise" last August because, as Kathi would later tell me, Ralph had really been in a hurry that morning and she said he had told her, (as Ralph might have said), "Lets get going eh." [Note: I really was glad that they made it after Ralph's horrible experience last August. If you haven't read about it, check out his message in the September, 2005 newsletter that's archived in the club's website.]

Back to my story. The group was quite large and I had a schedule to keep, so I used my car's horn to call the nearly 50 members together. This worked great for Elvin Davis (the club's official vendor) who had laid out name badges on the hood of his car for the newer members. "Look at him!", I thought to myself, "We got to get this guy a coat"; you know, the kind, a really long coat someone selling watches and trinkets would wear on a street corner. Thanks to Elvin's getting everyone together, he made it possible for me to hand out the directions after getting everyone signed up.

The cars were all ready to go when Adrienne suggested to me that it would probably be okay to lower the top (something I hadn't planned on doing until the first stop). As I was lowering the top, the cars began leaving at 12:00 (right on schedule) and we quickly rejoined the group as they were leaving Meijers.

Just ahead, our first turn took us through a subdivision. Earlier, I had asked Paul Lester to leave first so he could be there as we drove by and take some 'candid' photos. You can see some of these here or at the club's website.

The first part of the drive went well (probably because I wasn't leading) and we soon arrived at 'Jenny's Farm Market'. A crowd had already gathered on this sunny day to enjoy some warm cider and freshly made pumpkin donuts that disappeared in two bites much like the famous "White Castle" burgers do (and don't tell me you've never had one of those).

Mike Chachich's Midget in fall color
Photo by Gary Oder

Oh, and yes, the Bees! With a bright sun to warm them, they were deliriously happy as they seemed to swarm around everyone and everything, feasting on the sweet cider and donut droppings as well as trying to sample what was in our hands. It was quite alarming at first to have so many bees attracted to everyone, but the experience was really quite harmless.

Wanting to make certain everyone could enjoy themselves at Jenny's, an additional 'Restroom' stop was added in town to allow everyone to wash up and regroup in Dexter before restarting the drive. John Zajac and Chuck Fehl, who were both driving their cars solo left the group here, while others took advantage of the hot coffee at the 'Subway'/Gas Station.

The second part planned was the "Beer Run" to the 'Litehouse' tavern, 25 miles away. As we began to leave, Paul Lester maneuvered his van onto the road allowing us to leave as a group and we headed down the road on our way to Stockbridge.

Red Cars At The Litehouse
Photo by Paul Lester

Because I had failed to include the route from the Restroom stop on the "Beer Run" page of the directions, it wasn't long before our cell phone began to ring. Cell-phones may be fine in regular cars sitting inside with the windows up, but they never would have been invented if everyone drove around in these small, noisy roadsters like we were doing that day. When I finally pulled over so that Adrienne could hear, we learned that a few of the cars had turned the corner at Jenny's (just as the directions said) and were heading back the way they had just come.

"WELL, THERE GOES ANOTHER DRIVING SEASON" continued...

After that, we were quite sure that everyone was headed the right way, but moments later, we got a call from Matt Bade frantically asking Adrienne, "Where is everybody?" At first she thought that Matt must have gone to the wrong Tavern (there is a 'Lighthouse' in Dexter), but was she ever surprised to hear that he was already in Stockbridge (especially since the rest of us had just gotten started). Matt, being one of the club's 'younger' members, didn't bother with the 'Restroom' stop, but headed right out on the "Beer Run" getting there way ahead of everyone else. [That's okay, someday Matt will learn to appreciate frequent 'Restroom' stops like the rest of us, including the Lester family's kids.]

The group finally caught up with Matt at the 'Litehouse' tavern where we quickly overfilled the parking lot. Just like the "Cider Run", there was ample time for everyone to enjoy a beverage or two and some decided to eat there and skip the Dinner stop. Judging by the food I saw coming to the table, those that ate there enjoyed their lunch in Stockbridge. Outside where the cars were parked, there was a police car carefully checking out this group of 'sportscars' that had descended into this sleepy little town.

Another very pleasant (and unexpected) surprise was having an 'antique white' Jaguar XK-140 pull into the lot just as we were leaving. A stout & friendly man wearing a gosh darn authentic Sherlock Holmes styled cap (the kind with a little bill on both the front & back) saw us and decided to say hello, and of course brag a wee bit about the fine looking original car he had just found a few months back.

Even though most of the group continued on the "Dinner Run" drive to Alecko's in Hamburg, only half were staying for dinner. Alecko's, located on M-36, just a short drive west from US-23 is a favorite of ours that we visit several times each year since it's a beautiful 45 minute drive to there from our home in Commerce Township. It is the best (and only) fine dining available in Hamburg, and this visit was no exception. The dining room easily handled our group of 24 and we enjoyed a relaxing dinner while getting to know one another a little better.

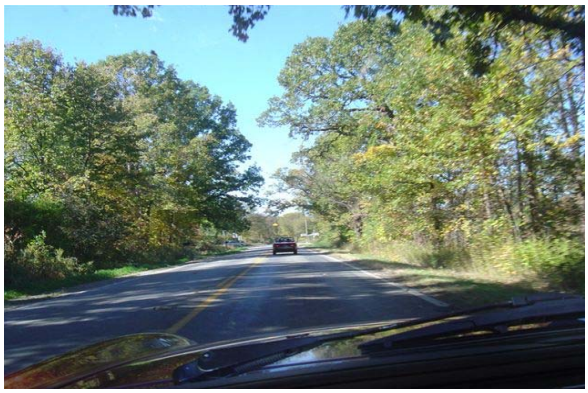
With the daylight quickly beginning to fade, most of us had our tops back up for the ride home and at this point, everyone pretty much went their separate ways.

The day was a great success. Even though the colors were still spotty, the weather couldn't have been much nicer for a fall drive in the country. Remembering all of the reports of how hot all of the Club's events have been over the year, I can assure you that we would have welcomed just a wee bit more warmth, but we were very happy with what we had.

A big thanks to this group, who didn't have to be carefully led, but could move along on their own initiative. That's what made this drive such a big success.

Next year, we'll go somewhere else.

Club Cars At Jenny's Cider Mill
Photo by Rick Astley



A Driver's Eye View Of The Day
Photo by Ralph Poupard

LUCAS NIGHT RALLY '05

By Dave Connor

Nine cars launched themselves into the impending darkness at the start of the 2005 Lucas Night Rally. In addition to club members Dale & Lise Brown, Steve & Nancy Brown, John Brown with borrowed navigator Stephanie Connor, Tim & Joanne Burston, Guy St. John & Alice Ginter, and Ralph Poupard, we had Mini owners Grant Thibeault & Kelly Zuray and Frank McGorman, and also Neil Reichard from Dexter, Michigan in his 1967 Austin London Taxi. Neil's entrance onto the patio at the D.H. caused a bit of a stir as our own "synchronized tumblers" Ralph and John, both fell over backwards from their chairs in an attempt to extend a warm Club welcome. The cause was said to be wobbly chair legs and not the pints of beer they had in front of them.

After a few instructions from the Rally Master, the cars were sent off into Southwestern Essex County on a rally of navigation and observation. The route followed (supposedly) was one taken by Joseph Lucas on a little known visit to Windsor in 1901. Although the route was meant to be straightforward, it seems that some participants had difficulty with the instruction: "Stay on County Road 15 South". Your Rally Master knew there was a problem when, sitting at the finish at Uncle Vito's Rhythm Kitchen in Amherstburg, the first three finishers arrived together from the wrong direction! One by one the remaining entrants arrived with Ralph motoring in a 1/2 hour after the rest.

The finish ceremonies were somewhat hampered by the house band which, just as everyone was gathered together, started to play. The talent of this group being a might suspect, they attempted to make up for this with volume. A retreat to the next room did not help but your Rally Master prevailed upon the management to convince the band to take a break.

The results were as follows:

1) First U. S. entrant --- Neil Reichard
2) First Canadian entrants --- Dale & Lise Brown
3) Dubious Navigator Award --- Frank McGorman
4) Highest placed solo entrant --- Ralph Poupard

Thanks to all who participated and to my wife Carmie and daughter Stephanie, who typed and re-typed the instructions. This is a fun event and lets hope the next one is better supported.

(P. S. Which word in this report has 6 letters, none of which are vowels?)
CHEERS. Your Rally Master.

From left, Dave Connor, Tim Burston, Stephen and Nancy Brown, and Frank McGorman by a rather unique rally entrant, an olde London Taxicab!

Michigan Reliability Run

By Philip Wiltshire

45 British cars set out from Marshall, Michigan on the third annual run for Children's cancer charities, known as the Michigan Reliability Run. This took place over the weekend of October 1st and 2nd.

The 1st year we ran around the lower peninsular of Michigan. The 2nd year was a circuit from Sarnia up and over the UP and back to Port Huron. This year was a circuit bringing us within 45 miles of Indianapolis, to take in several of Indiana's covered bridges.

Out of the 45 cars, the majority were Triumphs hailing from the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club. Not surprising as Blake Discher, the organizer, is a member of that club. The next biggest block of cars were supplied by Automobile Magazine. In fact one of their writers and his colleagues drove the cars all the way from New York. Old favorites (for me!) never seen in the US such as a Mark 2 Lotus Cortina (1966) belonged to Lotus' Colin Chapman, a Triumph Dolomite Sprint (1973), an early Morris Minor Pick Up and a Lotus Elan. The Windsor-Detroit MG Club were represented by Jeff Zorn with his Australian visitor/friend Anthony in the blown MGA, and me with Doug Butcher in the V8. We had our support vehicle following with Doug's wife Ailene, and our MGB-owning friends Helen and George Barton (WDMGC). There was one other MG, a white MGB GT.

The weather cooperated beautifully, initially, and the run south west towards Indianapolis went well. The only early calamity was a Mini that blew a piston. It's owner limped home and then returned in a 1960 Cadillac convertible and completed the course. One wonders how much fuel that monster consumed. It was reassuring to have it with us as I know I could have got our MG in the trunk if needed. We started to hear droning from under the V8's bonnet. It was found to be the speedometer complaining. We think the moisture from the overnight stop got into it. As long as we kept above 85 mph, the noise was bearable.

Corn, corn and more corn. For me, that sums up Indiana. Being so low in the MG meant that we drove along very smooth roads but in corn-lined avenues. We presumed that there was a landscape to view, but not for us!

325 miles later, we arrived at the State Park that was our destination and housed many of Indiana's covered bridges. A kind of museum. No cell phone coverage, but Jeff Zorn's GPS could still see a satellite up there so all was well. Only issue was one of the taxi's running out of fuel. Apparently, it's difficult to get Diesel in Indiana. Once refueled the taxi's fuel system had to be bled and primed, a messy and time consuming job.

The Sunday morning dawned cloudy; we all got ready to mount up to go and have our group picture taken at, yes you've guessed it, a covered bridge. The heavens opened and we had 30 minutes of torrential stair-rod bounce-off-the-ground 6 inches, rain.

We had our picture taken and then set off around the last half of the circuit that would bring us back to Marshall. No sooner had we left the photo shoot then the stair-rod rain recommenced. We endured this for well over an hour. Easy for Doug and I in the V8, but Jeff had elected to press on and not install the MGA's side screens thinking that the rain would quickly pass. Not so, and therefore he and his Australian co-pilot Anthony got partially drowned. Anthony does not get to see much rain in Australia, so this was a novelty for him. Not for Jeff though and so when we stopped for fuel, in went the side curtains!

Eventually we got ahead of the weather front and things improved to cloudy and then sunny. We arrived back in Marshall by 5:00 pm. The only casualty that day was a TR8 whose engine gave out just 8 miles from the finish.

In total, we covered 960 miles for the whole weekend in the V8; others drove a whole lot more and it was worth every mile. The numbers are still coming in, I think $30,000 has been raised for the kid's. If you wish to add your contribution to the event, Jeff's Little British Car Co website (who were also a major sponsor of the event) accepts donations and makes it easy to do.

Jeff drying out his ex-friend Australian Anthony after driving 100 miles in torrential rain-no side curtains installed

The V8 emerging from an Indiana covered bridge

Please join us for the

Windsor-Detroit MG Club Hibernation Party

Saturday, February 11, 2006

Windsor Yacht Club

9000 Riverside Drive East in Windsor

Menu

Demi rolls with whipped butter

Seasonal salad with house herb vinaigrette

Your choice of one of the following

- Roast Prime Rib of Beef with au jus,
- Chef Rob's Chicken Breast, stuffed with wild mushrooms &sun dried tomatoes

or

- Grilled Fillet of Atlantic Salmon

Roasted red skin potatoes and seasonal vegetable medley

Dessert, Tea and Coffee

Be sure to get your dinner reservation form and payment to us no later than Jan. 27, 2006
The form is available in this newsletter and on the club website.

Raffle Prizes

The donation of prizes or gifts from members and/or their companies is always appreciated. If you can help out in this regard, please contact Lise Brown or Anne Astley. Telephone numbers are on the dinner reservation form.

Entertainment

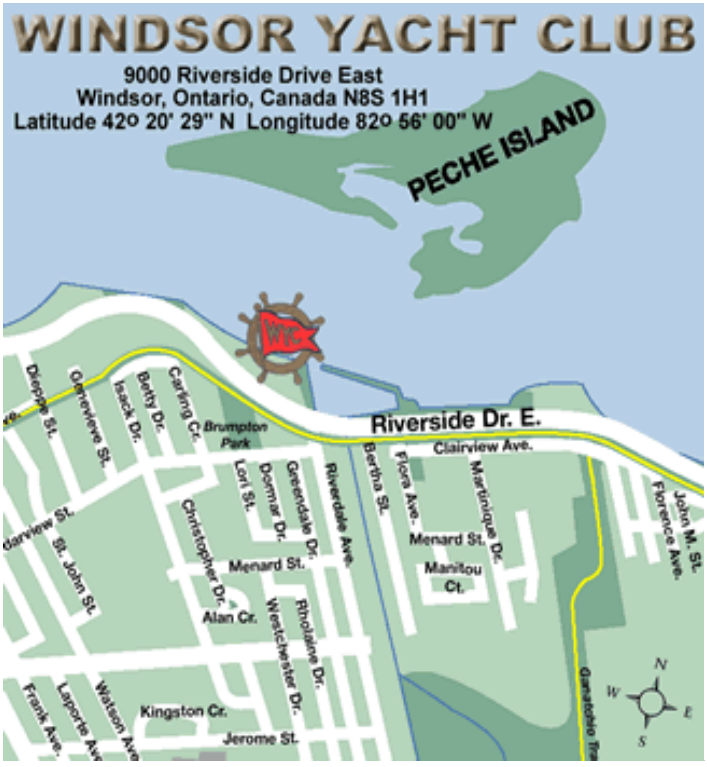
Details are being confirmed as we go to print, but you can be sure that there will be lots of good music and plenty of opportunities to show off your dancing skills.

Cash Bar

Cocktails, beer and wine will be available. Terms are cash (Canadian currency) or credit card.

Dress

Anything from smart casual to tuxedos.



Party Time

Cocktail hour begins at 6 pm
Dinner will be served at 7 pm sharp.

Getting there from the Tunnel

On exiting the tunnel,
Turn right onto Park Street East
Turn left onto Goyeau Street,
Turn right onto Riverside Drive
Continue eastward on Riverside to the Windsor Yacht Club, which will be on your left.

The Windsor Yacht Club is about 10km (6.2miles) from the tunnel exit.

WDMGC Hibernation Party - Dinner Reservation Form

Use the form below (hand drawn copies are fine) to reserve your place at the party. Please make sure that your form and payment reach us by January 27, 2006 at the latest. Unfortunately, forms and cheques received after this date may be returned. Forms will be dated upon receipt and in the event that the party becomes over-subscribed, they will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Return completed form to either Lise Brown or Anne Astley:

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Raffle prizes*:* Donations of prizes for the raffle table are always appreciated and will be duly recognized. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Additional guests	Cdn$42.00 / US$36.00	Cdn$37.00 / US$32.00	Cdn$35.00 / US$31.00

If a special diet meal, such as vegetarian, is required, please indicate “Special” in the form and price as per Grilled Salmon.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

_____

Names	**For each person indicate beef, chicken, salmon or special**	**Enter price per person See list above**
Member		$
Guest		$
Additional Guest 1		$
Additional Guest 2		$
Total value of cheque enclosed	$	

*US cheques payable to **Windsor-Detroit MG Club** - Cdn cheques payable to **Lise Brown***

2006 STRATFORD TRIP

Friday/ Saturday/Sunday June 16th, 17th and 18th 2006
"Oliver! AND "South Pacific" musicals at the Stratford Festival

Friday June 16th – Oliver! (optional) 8.00 pm performance

In Victorian London, the orphan Oliver Twist is adopted by a gang of child pickpockets run by the sinister Fagin and his brutal accomplice Bill Sykes. A gentlemanly philanthropist tries to rescue him – but it is on the courage of Sike's girlfriend, Nancy, that Oliver's fate must ultimately depend.

Saturday June 17th – South Pacific 8.00 performance

On a pacific island, during the Second World War, nurse Nellie Forbush and Lieutenant Cable, a young Marine on a dangerous mission, both fall in love with local residents. But prejudice casts its shadow over both romances, and even these two loving hearts have lessons of tolerance and understanding to learn.

We have booked the whole Westover Inn Hotel once again (built 1867) at nearby St Mary's for the Friday and Saturday evenings.

New for this trip is our stay for the Friday night as well. If we stay the two nights, we will get complimentary breakfasts. If enough of our party decides to stay Friday night as well, the Westover will arrange a BBQ for us in the grounds. We will also dine here prior to the evening performance of "South Pacific" on Saturday.

Many of the rooms for Friday and Saturday are already booked by us, so please call them (or your favorite B and B) and make your reservation under "MG Tours". The Westover's phone number is (519) 284 2977. Rooms only held until December 31st !!!

I will also need a check for your tickets, so please call me when you have made your reservation and send me a check (US funds, US checks only please. …Or cash by hand) for $120 for each 2 tickets. I will have an exact ticket price in the New Year

If you have an e-mail address that you use regularly, then l would also like those details.

Give me a call !!!!!

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THE WINDSOR-DETROIT MG CLUB WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBERS

TOM AND NICOLE ROBINSON
COMMERCE TWP, MI
1975 YELLOW MIDGET

CLYDE AND CASIE MANION
HIGHLAND, MI
1951 RED MGTD

TIM AND JAN ROLLIN
GOODRICH, MI
1972 MGB

COLIN AND JAN STAFFORD
BLOOMFIELD HILS, MI
1954 RED MG-TF
1969 RED MGB-GT

DAN AND ELAINE BEYER
BIRMINGHAM, MI
1980 CARMINE RED MGB

AL AND EVIE KOZLESKI
LAKE ORION, MI
1974 BRITISH RACING GREEN MGB

ROBERT AND SUSAN REAUME
LASALE, ON
1979 GREEN MGB

REINOLD KOSCIUW AND LYN CUNNIGNHAM
TECUMSEH, ON
1969 GREEN MGB

Calendar of Events

■ - **Windsor-Detroit MG Club Event**
□ - **Organized participation by W-D MGC members**

DECEMBER 2005

■ Wed 14 **Monthly Meeting** - Brass Pointe
Holiday Gift Exchange Farmington Hills, MI

JANUARY 2006

■ Wed 11 **Monthly Meeting** - Glasgow Moate
Windsor, ON

FEBRUARY 2006

■ Wed 8 **Monthly Meeting** - Brass Pointe
Farmington Hills, MI

■ Sat 11 **Hibernation Party and General Meeting**
Windsor Yacht Club – Windsor, ON

December Meeting

GIFT EXCHANGE NIGHT

Wednesday, December 14

Brass Pointe Restaurant
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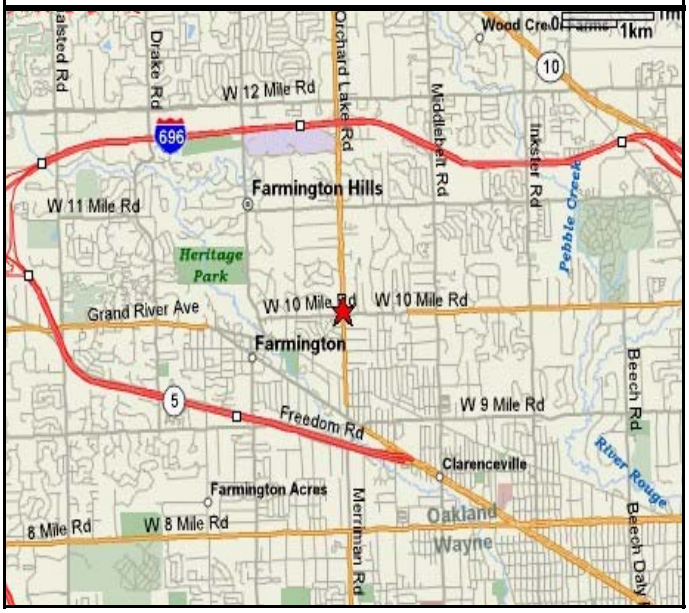

Classified Advertisements

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.
Greg at W - (248)689-3300 or H - (248)650-9727.

1971 Midget Parts. Good 1200 engine/trans, hood, doors, deck lid, windshield frame, rear axle, and a clear title.
$250 or best offer.
Jason Hogan 734 675-0982 janethogan@sbcglobal.net

1975 MGB, with rebuilt motor and more. Call Rich Wagner (248-624-9573) or check it out on line at:
http://community.webtv.net/OurMGandTR/MGB

1970 MGB, white, for sale in Detroit area. Mechanically in excellent condition and body and interior in good to very good condition. Dayton wheels. Relatively new top and tonneau. Approximately 5,000 miles on "completely" rebuilt engine. Pictures available on request. Email John at jdhertz@hertzbergpc.com, or call my office at 248.540.3200 if you are interested."

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
Paul Lester 248 408-6961

British Car Repair and Maintenance. North Oakland County area. Complete service available. Very reasonable. Also available for computer repairs and virus scans.
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1978 MGB
78,000 miles very nice - new fenders, rockers, black Deltron paint, leather interior, cloth top, Moss lowering kit, downdraft weber carb, stainless exhaust, alloy wheels, [over $8000 in parts], $7,500. Dave Reed 586-781-2716

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Call Brian at 586-665-1417

1977—1980 MGB Parts For Sale Included are Radiator—$25; Oil cooler—$30; Oil /Fuel /Water Gauges—$15 each; Speedometer—$50; Tachometer—$40. Call Harry Mac Lean at 248-641-5011

Trailer, flat bed with ramps, 6.8 wide X 15 8 inches off ground, ideal for MG or Midget. New tires came with a car and I don't need it anymore. $500.00 Call for details or pictures. Ron Pruette 248-821-8670 email: rpsurfr@flash.net

1966 Midget. Black/white. Good condition.
Moving to Florida. Must sell. Car located in S.E. Michigan.
$4,000 o.b.o.
Mike Sowards 313-383-8156 or 313-715-0817

Wanted. Laycock LH Overdrive. Either full transmission or O/D unit alone. For 1980 MGB.
Perry Burford 519-737-6424 pburford@sympatico.ca

1969 MGB Rds.
Originally British Racing Green / black interior
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1974 1/2 MG roadster. White, Mini Lite wheels, new carpet, good driver. $4500. Contact Elvin.at ejdavis2@peoplepc.com.
Home: 248-960-2296 cell phone: 248-613-5939

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MG Sport & Racing *by Rick Astley*

As most members are no doubt aware, MG River Group in the UK has ceased car production for the foreseeable future. However, you may not be so familiar with MG Sport & Racing, which is a separate company from MG Rover and still operating, albeit under administration.

They have some unique merchandise on sale at prices that are quite reasonable even by American standards. Surf to www.mg-xpower.com and navigate to the shop. Note the site only works on Internet Explorer and you should only pay by credit card, that way your money is protected should they suffer the same fate as MG Rover.

Club awards

It's never too early to start your list. *by Lise Brown*

As you know, the selection process for club awards is now more inclusive in that we will be soliciting nominations from the entire membership. As such, we had asked you to review the awards criteria and to keep these in mind as you witnessed the trials, tribulations, accomplishments and special efforts of fellow members during the course of the driving season.

Please take a few moments to review the criteria again as you reminisce about club events and activities in 2005. I'm sure that by December you'll think of at least one member deserving of a particular award.

A call for nominations will be published in a future newsletter, and a form will be supplied to facilitate the process. In the meantime, put your cap, scarf and gloves on, get out in your lbc, and enjoy the crisp air on open country roads.

Founders Award: Given to the member(s) who has contributed the most to the club over the past year. This person or persons are the most valuable members of the club. They have contributed above and beyond anyone else in the club.

Rookie of the Year: Given to the new member(s) who has contributed the most to the club over the past year. New member shall be defined as having joined the club since September 1 of the previous year.

Navigator of the Year: Given to the "Travelling Companion" or "Navigator" who has contributed the most to the club over the past year.

Hard Luck Award: Given to the member who has had the most problems with their MG during the past year (or suffered a notable loss or hardship in that regard.)

Lucky Lucas Award: Given to the member who has had the most electrical problems with their MG during the past year (or a combination of electrical and general malfunction.)

When appropriate, we also award a Certificate of Appreciation to recognize a member who has been outstanding in his or her efforts to promote and support the club, be it on the front lines or behind the scenes.

New Meeting Location In Windsor

For those that attended the November meeting, you're already aware that we've changed our location for meeting in Windsor. If you didn't attend or weren't aware, here's the information that you'll need to know for the **January** meeting.

The Glasgow Moate Pub
6124 Tecumseh Road East
Windsor, ON Canada

The pub is on the northeast corner of Tecumseh and Jefferson. The easiest way to get there from the tunnel or bridge is to head east on Tecumseh, turn left at Jefferson (there is a turning lane and traffic lights), then turn right into the front parking lot. Although Jefferson does run from Riverside Drive to Tecumseh, a traffic island precludes any left turn from Jefferson into the front parking lot. If you would still rather take The Drive, you'll need to turn right on Pillette, continue south to Tecumseh, turn left on Tecumseh, then left again on Jefferson (about 10 streets down) as mentioned above. The pub is roughly 9 to 12 minutes from the border crossings.

Although not mentioned by name on the map, Tecumseh Road is the third major east-west artery counting down from the top at the river. The red dot indicates the pub's location.

GOOD INFORMATION

Our thanks to Rick Astley for passing on this information for our members.

In last March's Can-Am Connection, Jack Renaud described how he and other Windsor-Detroit MG Club members attended one of Fay Butlers metal shaping courses in Holland, Michigan. Jack reports that Eclectic Motor Works are again holding courses that would interest our members, indeed, some are presented in association with University Motors. Among them are: General Sheetmetal and Welding, Sheetmetal Restoration and Tuning for Speed. For more details visit: www.eclecticmotorworks.com or call 616-355-2850.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

The 2006 Membership Directory will be compiled during December. If you have changed any of your contact details (name, address, phone, cell-phone, e-mail), your traveling companion (name) or cars (year, type, color) during the year, and have not already informed Rick Astley, please let him know as soon as possible. Please also inform him if you prefer that any or all of your information is not published.

CLUB REGALIA

Have you looked at our Club Regalia lately? Regalia is available at club meetings or by contacting Elvin Davis (US) or Roli Sylvestre (Canada). Please refer to your membership directory for telephone numbers and email addresses. Take a closer look at what we have to offer.

	SHIRTS	**$30 US / $40 CDN**
	HATS	**$12 US / $15 CDN**
	GRILLE BADGES	**$25 US / $35 CDN**
	LAPEL PINS	**$ 3 US / $ 5 CDN**
	PILSNER GLASSES	**$ 4 US / $ 6 CDN (Each)** **$20 US / $30 CDN (6 Pack)**
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