The Can Am CONNECTION

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ANNUAL KIMBER RUN

Hard to believe, but it's that time of year again. So get your motor running and get your gears in drive. Come join us for the first driving event of the 2006 season.

When: **Saturday, April 22, 2006**

Where: **We'll meet at the Meijer Parking Lot at 8 mile and Haggerty Road.**

Time: **Meet at 9:30 AM**
Leave Meijer at 10:00 AM Sharp!

If you can't join us for the drive, but want to join us for lunch, we'll be at the following eatery around 12:00 Noon:

Delhi Café
4625 Willoughby Road
Holt, Michigan
517-694-8655

For questions, please contact Ed Fleming at EFleming@gannett.com

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

Ellen Stuban — Editor

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Newsworthy Articles

As the 2006 Driving Season nears, your editor is looking for contributions from members. Please send anything you think might be of interest to the club membership. The vitality of our Newsletter depends on active participation of the members.

"40 Years on, Trans-Am Lives"

Trans-Am may not have quite the same ring to it as the other double-barreled series of the sixties but long after Can-Am departed the scene, the Trans-Am Series is still going strong. In fact after 40 years it is now the longest running racing series in the USA.

Sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America, who now hold the rights to the "Trans-Am" name, the series was operated by the Champ Car World Series right up to December of 2005, running the majority of its races in support of the parent open-wheel championship.

Trans Am has a proud tradition and **VARAC**, the Vintage Automobile Racing Association of Canada, has chosen to honor the cars of Trans Am as the feature at the **27th VARAC Vintage Racing Festival** to be held this June 22 to 25th at Mosport International Raceway, Nr. Bowmanville, Ont. Canada.

This is your opportunity to thrill again to the "big iron" cars – Mustangs, Camaros, Javelins etc. and see how they compare with the many European and Japanese Cars - Porsche 911's, BMW 2002's, Datsun 510's as they race around the challenging Mosport circuit. In addition to the Trans Am feature, all of VARAC's other Vintage and Historic classes – Monoposto, Production Sports Cars, Sports racers and Classic Sedan – will be racing in a fun and excitement filled weekend.

In addition, on Sunday Morning we also host a Car Show on the infield of the Circuit that ends with all Car Show participants taking a few parade laps around the circuit to experience its challenges and to show off their cars to the many spectators.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, GO TO **WWW.VARAC.CA/FESTIVAL** - THERE YOU WILL FIND A FULL LISTING OF EVENTS IN THIS FUN FILLED WEEKEND OR CONTACT elva7racer@rogers.com .

Presidentially Speaking

By Jeff Zorn — Club President

I have sat for the past week trying to think of what to write about for my first column as president. Gosh this is the hardest part of the job I think. The weather of course has not been cooperating here in Detroit so it has really given me the blahs. But today Monday the 27th of March the sun was out most of the day and the temp was around 50 degrees. It really felt like spring here in the motor city finally.

Actually I did have Muffin the Mini out a few weeks ago. I was trying to find a shop that could do the upholstery in here. Over the past season the drivers seat has worn right though and the material is original cloth. I guess at 23 years old it is time to replace. If anyone knows of a good (reasonably priced) shop in the area please let me know. I have the material just need the labor.

This past winter has actually been one of the best for Jan and me. At an event in the Tampa area in October we ended up buying a condo there. Hopefully someday we can retire there for at least part of the year. In the meantime we have tried to go down about once a month and have rented it out a few times which has been great. I took the MGB down there in December and joined a few of the clubs in the area. We have been lucky enough to participate in a few events so far this winter, but oh my the traffic. During our stint there in March we were off with the Florida Suncoast MG Club to a small fishing camp near Winter Haven and enjoyed a wonderful lunch in 80+ degree weather.

One of the other hobbies that I again may take up was golf. My friend Dave Jonker from the DTSC has gone down with me a couple of times and he is a golfer so we played a few times. Our scores (well mine at least) was a bit like a bowling score, but it was fun. I picked up a couple of sets of clubs at some flea markets to keep down there and of course to keep the MGB company in the garage.

On April fools day Jan and I are off to Wales and Ireland for two weeks with a group of 50 people. This should be a really fun group as we have traveled with most of them a couple of times before. There are so many great activities that are planned it will be a trip to remember for all of us. We even have a couple of motor museums to visit.

The weekend after we return is the annual Kimber Birthday run to the Holt. The date is April 22 and there is more information about the run in the April issue of the CanAm Connection. I plan on attending and look forward to getting the MGA out for the drive. On Sunday Dave Jonker and I are off to Florida again to attended the NAMGAR Regional GT in Keywest Florida. That should be a real ball as we will be participating in the annual parade and there will also be a car show. I will report more on this next month.

For the general meeting in April, our VP Cathy Holliday will preside since I will be out of town. I know she is looking forward to a huge attendance for this first spring meeting of our club. On the 19th we will have a board meeting at the Moat in Windsor starting at 7PM, anyone of course is welcome to attend.

Lastly we have been trying to put together an all events page for the Michigan area and near surrounding states. This will be a page that hopefully other clubs will post their events that one and all can take part in. We are hoping that it may help increase attendance at events once the site becomes more known. You can visit the site at www.mgcars.org.uk/mooi_events/.

If you have photos or stories that you think would be fun and interesting to our club members please send it in to Ellen (her email address is on the opposite page. If you have an event that you would like to suggest and sponsor please let one of the board members know and we can get it on the club calendar. That is how Jan and I got involved in the club many years ago by organizing a Wednesday evening fun run for dinner and or ice cream every week. Remember an event does not have to be on a weekend so be creative.

See you all at the Kimber meet.

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 Syke'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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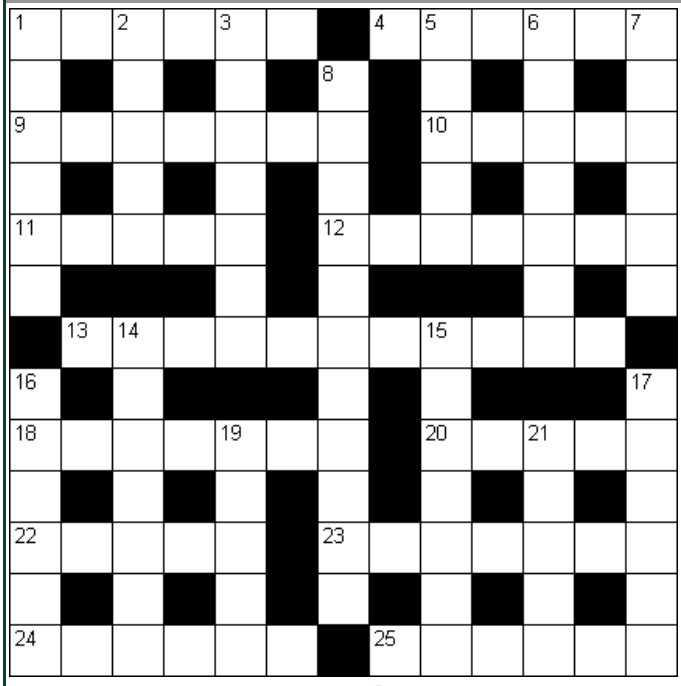

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4 Bundles of wire
9 Limited — 1980 MGB
10 Charles's first
11 Projecting wood joint
12 PBS auto repair show
13 This month's birthday boy
18 Elvin and Roli's role
20 Armored animal, in brief
22 Assembled
23 Part of UK
24 Stick
21 Pelee for one

Down

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2 UAW for one
3 Italian red wine
5 Viper
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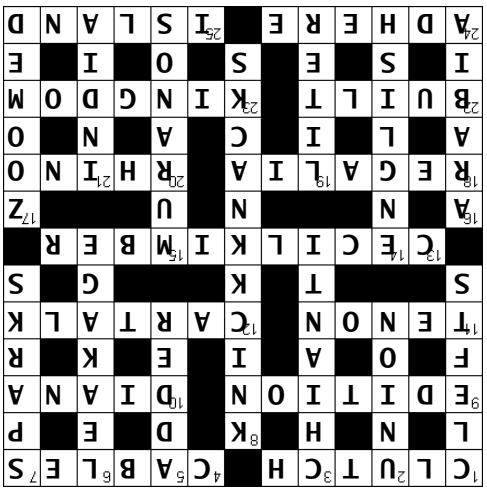
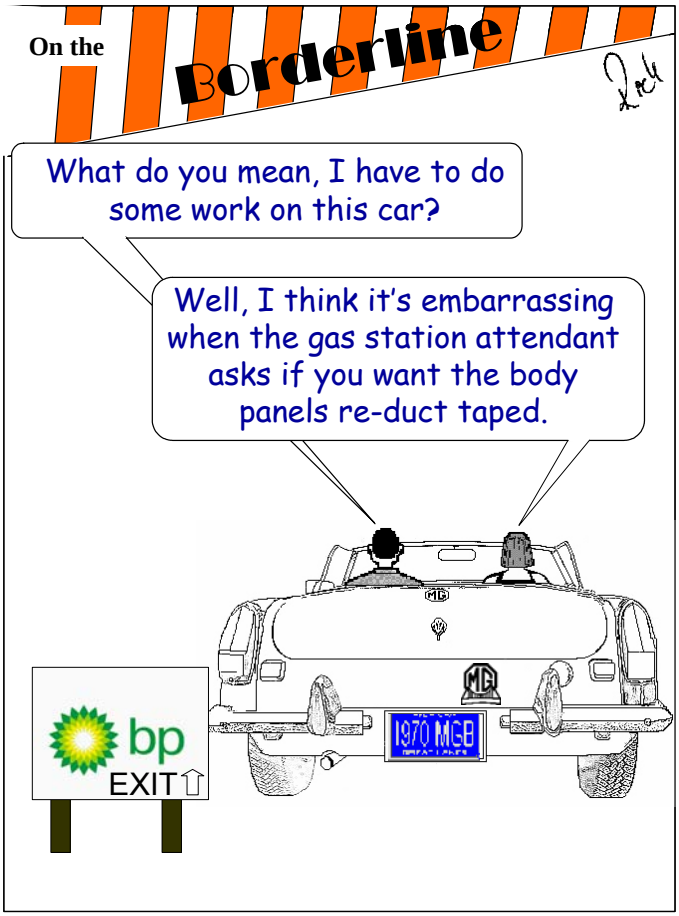




Who Turned the Lights Out?

Ever wonder why rally drivers use those fancy straps to hold the bonnet down? So did this guy!

"MG International 2006" in Gatlinburg

If anyone is interested in taking a two day drive to the MG Event in Gatlinburg, You are welcome to join myself and Adrienne on June 20th. We've scheduled a driving trip to coincide with the event and tentative plans are as follows:

The main purpose of this drive is to avoid as much freeway traffic as possible. We'll begin early Tuesday morning from the usual Meijer's parking lot at Eight Mile and Haggerty Roads. Plans are to take M-50 South into Ohio and drive only through Ohio on the first day (this will be about 350 miles). Tentatively, lunch will be at an authentic roadside diner we discovered on another drive and the first night's lodging (and dinner) will be in Portsmouth, Ohio (right on the Kentucky border). Day two will be a slightly shorter drive to Gatlinburg arriving in late afternoon, just in time for those attending the event to register and freshen up. Since this will be an entirely 'back-road' experience, it may take a little longer, but you can expect lots of scenery. We'll keep on schedule, but the intent of this is to enjoy the drive. The return trip will begin early on Sunday, June 25th using the same route to return that we followed coming down.

If you and your car are ready for a 650 mile trip over two days, you are welcome to join us. Because of the distance, should our group exceeds five cars, we may divide into smaller groups with the same itinerary so that we don't become a caravan.

For further information, Contact Rich Wagner at: mgslovetrs@aol.com

50/50 Cash Draw Winner for March

Congratulations to **Nancy Brown**, winner of our first 50/50 cash draw of the season. The next draw will be on April 12, 2006 at our meeting in Farmington Hills.

Tickets are $1 each or $2 for three. The winner gets half of the night's receipts plus half the pot. The other half is added to the amount collected at the following meeting thus increasing the amount to be won each month. Have your cash ready when you come to the next meeting; you could be the next lucky winner.

IT'S A GIRL

The Club and Kevin and Cheryl Wolfe, of course, are happy to welcome it's newest member

Big Sister Abbie proudly holding Noelle

Noelle Annaliese Wolfe

Born: December 16, 2005
6 pounds 11 ounces
21 inches long
(almost tall enough to drive a Midget)

THE WINDSOR-DETROIT MG CLUB WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBERS

STEVE AND DONNA FINCH
WHITE LAKE, MI
1974 MGB-GT — CITRON

KATHERINE AND DON DAWSON
NORTHVILLE, MI
1952 MG-TD

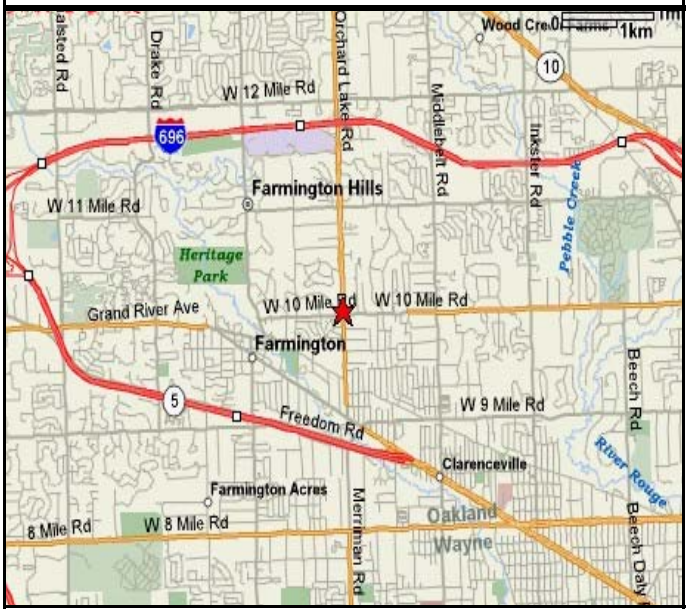
DENNIS AND CASEY MARTIN
NOVI, MI
1979 MGB — CRANBERRY

TEDD AND KAREN BRADLEY
PICKNEY, MI
1978 MGB — WHITE

April Meeting

Wednesday, April 12

Brass Pointe Restaurant
24234 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan



Calendar of Events

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

APRIL 2006

■ Wed 12 **Monthly Meeting** - Brass Pointe Farmington Hills, MI

☐ Sun 16 Ancaster All-British Flea Market Ancaster, ON

■ Sat 22 **Kimber Birthday Bash** Lansing, MI

MAY 2006

■ Wed 10 **Monthly Meeting** - Glasgow Moate Windsor, ON

☐ May 27 to June 4 British Car Week - Drive your British Car to Work

JUNE 2006

☐ Sat 3 London Classic British Car Show - London, ON

☐ Sun 4 The British Return to Fort Meigs Perrysburg, OH

☐ Sun 4 Orphan Car Show - Ypsilanti, MI

■ Wed 7 **Monthly Meeting** - Brass Pointe Farmington Hills, MI

☐ Sun 11 13th Annual Spring Fun On Wheels & Auto Flea Market - Essex, ON

■ Fri 16 to Sun 18 **Stratford Festival Tour** Stratford, ON

☐ Sun 18 to Wed 21 2006 British V8 Meet Townsend, TN

☐ Wed 21 to Sun 25 MG International 2006 Gatlinburg, TN

JULY 2006

■ Wed 12 **Monthly Meeting** - Glasgow Moate Windsor, ON

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