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UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN (IN GATLINBURG)

Here we are, at the foothills to the Great Smoky Mountains, and we're seeing all our old friends, as well as meeting new ones. This could only be the 2006 MG International. What a time we had. Enjoy the pictures of our club members.

GOTTA REMEMBER TO BRING THOSE CHAIRS TO GET IN SOME R & R

HEY...THAT'S OUR CAR

THERE'S A HAPPY COUPLE!

PROUDLY LOOKING ON THEIR CAR

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

Ellen Stuban — Editor

There are some months, when try as hard as I might, nothing comes to mind for the editorial. This month was easy. How could I possibly write about anything other than the Gatlinburg experience.? What a trip it was. On Page 4, you'll be able to read all about the drive down, from Rich Wagner. We experienced 2 10-hour days, in scorching heat, and I wouldn't have wanted to miss a minute of it. Rich gave so much thought to every detail, we owe him a huge thanks for planning it out for us to enjoy. Then there's the city of Gatlinburg itself. Not at all what I imagined it to be. Full of wall-to-wall shops and things to do. I met people who've been coming there year after year with their children because they love it so much. At any given time, the streets were full of little MGs driving through the congestion. More than once, I stopped to answer the questions of on-lookers who couldn't figure out why there were so many of us. The number I heard was that 1300 cars had come for the show. Can you imagine that many cars in one location? What a sight. Speaking of sights, my favorite part of all was the scenery. Here in Detroit and Windsor we're used to pretty flat elevations. Gatlinburg, the city, being the gateway to the Great Smokey Mountains, is full of uphills and downhills. Once out of the city, the scenery is magnificent. You'll be driving down the road and a mountain with a house on top of it comes into view. One other thing that I noticed is the abundance of Monarch butterflies. I grew up in Buffalo, NY, and I remember seeing them all the time. I had not thought about the fact that I no longer see them, until I saw so many on this trip. They are simply beautiful. I have so many pictures, many more than could possibly be fit into this issue, so look for some in upcoming issues. In this issue, on Page 13, is a collage I put together of only some of the Pancake houses in Gatlinburg and the nearby town of Pigeon Forge. It seemed that you couldn't walk 2 steps without being confronted by a Pancake House. I finally figured out that it must be because so many people travel to the area with their children, and what do all kids love to eat? Pancakes!!

The picture I love the best is the one to the left. To me it captures the essence of what the mountains are all about.

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Presidentially Speaking

By Jeff Zorn — Club President

August and summer feels like it is drawing to a close already. The driving season always seems so short, but there are still a good 10 weeks left to enjoy our LBC's before we start to put them away for the year. We have actually been at home for 3 weeks this month which is really novel for Jan and I, we are usually on the road two or three weekends each month. August looks to be about the same schedule too and hopefully we can take part in some of the events in August that may be planned with the clubs we belong to. I even got a chance to go to a car show where I did not have to work. A DTSC friend of mine also has a Fiat and their Fiat Club here in Detroit was hosting the national Fiat Freak-Out at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. It was really interesting to see all the Italian iron that was on the field.Our first meeting back at the Dominion House was well attended and it seemed all went well this year. The food was good, service was respectable and they even turned the air conditioning on when it got warm. For our September meeting they have told us they will put a ramp up so we can all park on the east side of the building on the grass. That will be really nice being all together. They will also try to find a mic and amp we can use since it was a bit noisy with the public area right next to the area we are in. Our next meeting of course is at the Brass Pointe on August 9th.

Speaking of events, at our July board meeting we discussed just that. Several ideas were put forth and we would really like to see some members come forward to host one or more of these ideas, or if you have some ideas of your own that would be wonderful too. The events do not have to be during driving season either, for example Ann Astley has volunteered to look into and put together an evening at Northville Downs this fall. From what we understand they even name a race after the club. Other suggestions were a weekend in Grand Bend, Ont. at Oakwood Inn (winter activity possibly), a drive to Tony Pacos in Toledo, made famous on Mash. Another suggestion was a weekend at Frankenmuth, a lunch or tea at All Things British in Milford, Windsor Casino night (maybe staying at the casino), more tech sessions. I am sure there are tons of ideas that our great club of 200 member families can come up with. Our club has been active for over 25 years and this is due to members getting involved, from volunteering to host events to running for office. Your help, enthusiasm and participation is what makes WDMGC and active and growing organization. Remember it is the cars that brought us together, but the people keep us going. Please drop me an email to jzorn@mgcars.org.uk or give me a call at 248-489-1855 if you would like to host an event or get involved in one way or another.

Other topics that we discussed were:

New members will get a small gift from our regalia stash at the first meeting they attend. So if you are a new member and have not been to a meeting before come on out and introduce yourself at one of our meetings on either side of the border.

We will have a monthly Regalia Special starting on August 1 so keep your eye out for these deals. More information in this newsletter from Elvin.

We would like to know of any Cruise Ins that may be in your area. If you know of one that would be a good event for us to attend please let Lise Brown know at Lise@WDMGC.com and it will be posted on our website. Speaking of which take a look at it if you have not. Lise does a great job on the site and it is constantly updated with relevant information and can be a very useful tool to find out what is going on and where to be to take part in ours or other club events.Jan and I will be putting together a driving and dinning event on August 26, 2006. We will gather at 5:30PM that Saturday at the Peoples State Bank parking lot on the Corner of 12 Mile Road and Halstead Road. We will depart promptly at 6PM and have a drive of approximately one hour to our destination for dinner the White Lake Inn in White Lake, MI. We have reserved the lakeside covered patio and lawn to accommodate all of us. We will also be provided with private parking together on the grass and they would like to have a couple of “choice” cars put in front for customers to see. We will have an open menu and there is entertainment and dancing about 9PM for those that are interested. Please RSVP to us at jzorn@wdmgc.com or phone 248-489-1855 and let us know how many will be attending. We need to let the inn know by August 20th the number expected. The event will be rain or shine, of course.

The board also has looked at setting our dues in one currency on a motion from Lise. Since the accounts are on the US side of border and have been for years we would set the dues at a rate of $25 USD without mailed newsletter and $30 USD with mailed newsletter. The currency has been fluctuation quite a bit lately and this would allow us to be fair to all by having the one set currency. Please let me know if you have any comments on this at my email address.

One other thing we discussed was providing members in good standing to have a xxx@wdmgc.com email address. We thought this might be a nice personalized touch for our membership and a way to let others know that you belong to our club. More information on this in an article by Rick Astley in this newsletter.

See you at the August meeting and Safety Fast!

OUR INCREDIBLE DRIVE TO GATLINBURG

By Rich Wagner

It all began last winter at a club meeting when Lise Brown mentioned the "MG 2006" event to be held in Gatlinburg. Having been to many car events over the last fifteen years, Adrienne and I frankly weren't really interested in another car show. However, the idea of traveling the backroads down to Gatlinburg at a leisurely pace was exciting just to think about. Promising Adrienne that we'd only be going for the drive (and not registering for the show), I offered to lead others down to Gatlinburg on a two day drive through the countryside instead of taking the 650 mile freeway route.

Joe and Ellen Stuban were first to sign up, but it wasn't long before Elvin and Janet Davis decided to give the scenic drive a try. Since the six of us had been on shorter drives together, I really looked forward to driving cross country in a group instead of alone.

Early Tuesday, we got started right on schedule quickly losing sight of each other in traffic heading down I-275 to Michigan Ave, and then over to M-52 South into Ohio. Thanks to modern cell phones, we easily regrouped in Ohio just south of US-20. From then on, we were together and often the only cars traveling down these deserted roads

Yes—that's Rich's car waaaay up there.

TAKING THE LONG WAY... After driving more than four hours, our route crossed I-75 and we took a short break. That's when Joe and Elvin first realized that after all this driving (more than four hours), we were only just an hours drive from Toledo! It looked like I was about to have a mutiny on my hands. These guys were fired up about getting to MG 2006, and wanted to get down there. At least Janet was on my side, when she smiled and said she was enjoying the ride. She had come prepared with both maps and sudoku puzzles to pass the time. Reminding everyone that we were only driving through Ohio the first day, I figured I could keep them driving at a fast pace the rest of the way down to Portsmouth.

One of the abandoned buildings

SOMETHING TO SEE...I played "Catch Me if you Can" and kept the group cruising quickly down the road but at the same time, I was mesmerized by the scenic beauty all around our route. "I'm going to come back this way again." I told Adrienne. "I could fill a photo album with pictures of all these old broken down barns and abandoned houses."

The Classic Diner

THE CLASSIC DINER... Four years ago, Adrienne and I had discovered a real Classic Diner on our trip to New Mexico and that's where we stopped for lunch early in the afternoon. The group all ordered filling lunches, but I was just so excited that all I wanted was an old fashioned shake. Yes, I was excited. We had made our first destination on time and after a quick photo opportunity, we got started again for Portsmouth, arriving somewhere around 5 o'clock,

"Ten hours and we've only driven through Ohio!" Elvin exclaimed with that familiar frustrated look on his face. Well, I guess I did forget to mention to them that driving the scenic route usually takes much longer. Still, we were still right on schedule. Shortly after 6 o'clock, the group was seated together for dinner just a block from the motel. Dinner wasn't as memorable as the last time Adrienne and I were there, but soon afterwards, we parted ways agreeing to get started by 8 o'clock tomorrow. Before returning to the motel, we wanted to check out the entire 2,000 foot flood wall mural. When we stopped here last time (during a trip to Florida in our Triumph), it had only been partially completed. This time it was finished and I was able to record the entire flood wall. Awesome!

Can you tell Janet from the mural?

On the way back to the motel, Adrienne bought us each a soft serve ice cream. Can you believe it? Cones were 60 cents, 80 cents and a dollar for small, medium and large when just a small cone in Michigan is much more than a dollar. What a great day this had been I thought to myself. Sure, I had missed one of my turns, but we still managed to stay both on course and on schedule.

ON OUR WAY TO GATLINBURG... Day two began with a Continental Breakfast served pool side. While it wasn't bad for a complimentary breakfast, the warm and humid pool area had me feeling more like we were having breakfast outside in Florida's humidity. This probably was a good thing though since I had no problems getting everyone going by 8 AM, promising Janet that we should easily be in Gatlinburg around 4 o'clock.

OUR INCREDIBLE DRIVE TO GATLINBURG continued

The last time I came through Portsmouth, it had been very easy to continue south. This time however, the old US 23 Bridge was gone so I needed to get help. The motel clerk provided instructions for finding the next bridge (about 30 miles away). Elvin and Janet (who had a real map) took the lead to help find the way out of town and soon we were driving through the hills of Kentucky.

The drive really became more of a thrill ride as we drove up the two lane road, downshifting down to second to make it to the top and then quickly downshifting again to take the hairpin turn at the bottom of the hill only to start back up another one. Leading the pack, I drove this as hard and fast as I could. After all, it was up to me to get them to Gatlinburg on time. This was a hair raising experience for all and I was awestruck watching the trucks (some were tanker trucks) driving up and down these same roads just as fast as we were.

AN EARLY LUNCH... Knowing that everyone was expecting lunch but not sure when or where, I asked a friendly gas station attendant where we could stop to eat. Because we took so long fueling our cars and stretching our legs, I had to ask him again where the restaurant was (I am 60 years old ya know). Kidding him that I couldn't see where he was pointing and look at him the same time, he told me that the uphill road would lead right back onto the highway. I decided to have some fun with the group.

I pretty much knew where to go, but since I was leading, I thought I'd deliberately lead the group the wrong way up a hill (sure that I'd find my way back to the highway). That clever idea really back fired when (after a wrong turn), angry homeowners came running out yelling at us because we were trespassing! Well, at least there weren't any guns shooting at us and when we made our next turn, just ahead was our choice between McDonald's or a nice looking restaurant. What I didn't know then (but would learn on the way back), there wasn't another place to stop to eat for at least 150 miles.

We ran into construction from time to time, and once, it was a blasting crew that kept us waiting at least 30 minutes before we began seeing the traffic getting through from the other way. This exhilarating drive up and down the hills continued most of the day until we found ourselves climbing a straight and steady uphill grade just before 4 o'clock on Wednesday.

THE FIRST BREAKDOWN... The drive up and down the hills continued most of the day until we found ourselves climbing a straight and steady uphill grade just before 4 o'clock on Wednesday.

I was just able to maintain 60 MPH on the climb and we were nearly at the top when we heard and felt a loud bang followed by the familiar thump, thump, thump (just like a car having a blowout would feel). The car was never out of control, and we coasted onto the paved shoulder and then onto the gravel beside it expecting to change the tire (no big deal). Looking back down the road, we saw Elvin stop and pick something up but I had no idea that we had dropped anything.

What I couldn't understand at first was; how could it not be a flat tire, since everything else seemed just fine before it blew. We didn't have a blowout, the four tires were just fine; it was the drive shaft that had broken in two!
Broken about nine inches from the rear U-Joint, the tube literally had torn in half while we were driving 60 MPH. This wasn't at a weld or at any other part that you might expect, but then again, who could ever imagine a drive shaft breaking? Were we overloaded? Let's see; gas tank full, back seat full and the trunk full with a large suitcase on the luggage rack, it certainly was fully loaded for all that stressful uphill climbing.

We've has some close calls, but this was the first time in our fifteen years of driving, that we were not going to be able to make our destination on our own. I'm always ready for nearly every emergency; but not a broken drive shaft.

So, there we sat; three cars along route 25E, without a clue where we were! Well, at least it was daylight, no one was injured, and I knew where to have our car towed to. We sent Joe and Ellen off on their own to find their way to Gatlinburg, and after giving Elvin my Hagerty Insurance information, he and Janet left to find out exactly where we were.

The broken drive shaft under the wheel

Adrienne stuck with a broken car

OUR INCREDIBLE DRIVE TO GATLINBURG continued

I kept thinking that this could not have happened at a better time or place. Had it happened going up or down the hills, we could have gone off the road. Perhaps even worse, if I did manage to stop, we'd surely get smashed by the next car coming over the hill. Never before have we traveled with others, or had cell phones with nationwide service. Good fortune was with us in spite of the problem.

It wasn't long and we heard from Janet that they found out our location and had called Hagerty Insurance. The next phone call moments later was from Hagerty, assuring us that help was on the way and should arrive within two hours. Elvin and Janet came back once more to make sure we were all right before they headed for Gatlinburg on their own.

Now, if you have to break down in Tennessee in a MG, there's no better time to do it than at the beginning of your trip.

I had a pocket full of money, a room waiting for us in Gatlinburg and we were heading to what just might be the largest gathering of MGs ever. I stayed focused on getting both us and the car to Gatlinburg. Everything else could wait for tomorrow.

Within two hours after Elvin and Janet left, the flatbed car hauler arrived and we were on our way with Adrienne riding in the truck cab's back seat.

Shannon, a 24 year old from Tennessee expertly handled the whole process from pickup to delivery. Ninety miles is quite the long haul, so by the time he had gotten us through both Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg to our motel, the three of us were no longer strangers.

We told him about us and Shannon sure told us about himself. He told about the time he hauled a car all the way to California, and then there was the story how his daddy (that's right, we're not in Kansas anymore), had restored several older cars selling one of them for as much as $35,000.00. Everyone in his family (that includes wife, ten year old daughter and yes, even his two year old son) rides their own dirt bike. He went on to tell us his boy has been walking since he was seven months old.

Rich & Adrienne arrive in Gatlinburg

Was all of this true? Who knows, but it sure helped pass the time while we rode to Gatlinburg. With Shannon's help, we found a suitable spot to put the car in the parking lot and I settled up with him for the ride. My share of the more than $300.00 towing bill (Hagerty pays for the hookup and first ten miles) was $170.00.

We got checked in, and by 8:00, we walked the short distance for dinner at Burger King, not our usual choice. On the way back, I picked up a 12 pack for me and we settled into our room where we showered and looked forward to a really good night's sleep.

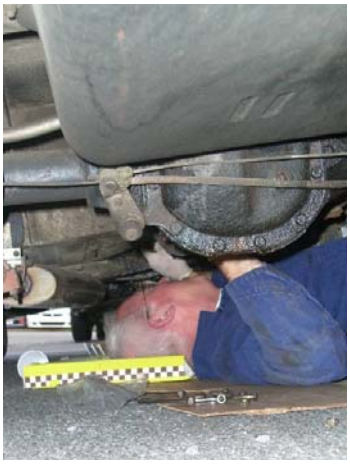
Me, I went to bed planning thinking I'd be calling a service station in the morning to come get my car.

END OF PART ONE

These first two days of driving provided some really breathtaking views along the blue highway route. I told Adrienne I could fill a book with photos of all that I've seen. Sure we had problems, but it could have been so much worse. Everything was going to be okay.

Coming up next issue: Back On The Road Again. If you think this story was something, just wait until you read how all of this worked out and what else happened to us during the drive both down to and back up from Gatlinburg. You'll never guess what else happens. This has been our most exciting driving trip ever!

Guess who's under the car fixing a drive shaft?



You guessed it...that's Rich! Hey, isn't that a Hungry Howies box being used as a pillow?

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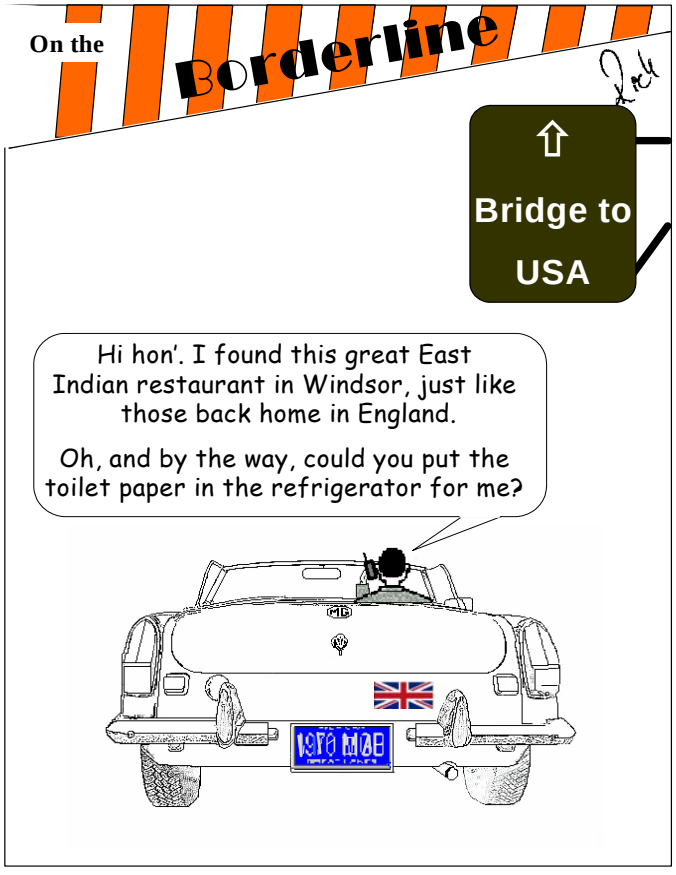
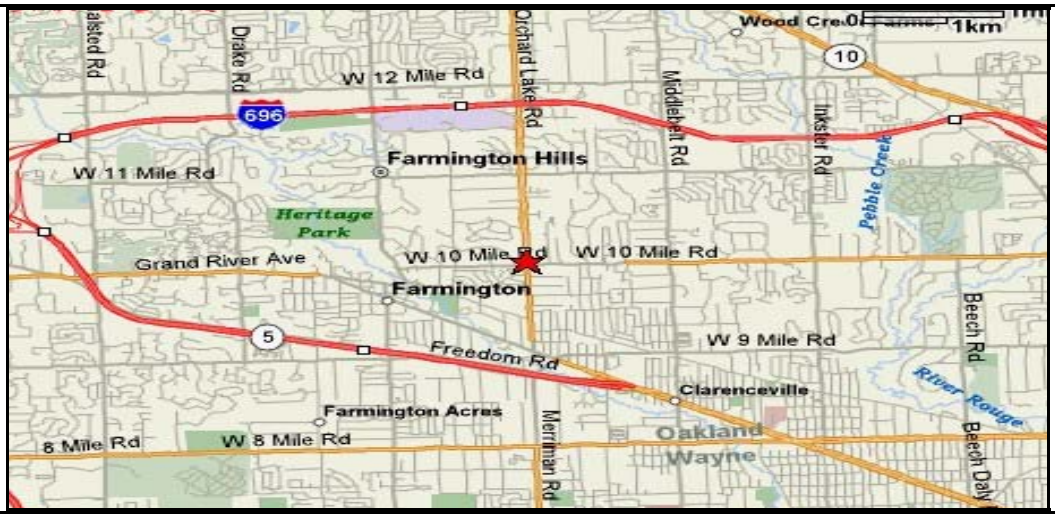


August Meeting

Wednesday, August 9
Brass Pointe Restaurant
24234 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan



September Meeting

Wednesday, September 13
The Dominion House Tavern
3140 Sandwich Street
Windsor, ON Canada

For those coming from the US, here are directions on how to get there via the Ambassador Bridge:

- When approaching customs and immigration, try to get to one of the booths on the far right; you will be making a quick right turn afterwards.
- Immediately after passing through customs (labelled Toll Booth on the map), proceed to the far right and take the first exit, which is a sharp right-hand U-turn onto Huron Church Rd. (this exit is not evident on the map but is within 50 ft of the customs booths). You're now heading north toward the river.
- Continue through to the 2nd set of lights and turn left onto University Ave. (This will be about ½ mile from where you turned onto Huron Church from the bridge).
- Proceed to the stop sign and turn left onto Sandwich St., heading west.
- Just after a long s-curve you'll see a white house on your right with a large painted sign that reads Bake Shoppe; the DH is the very next building, with the parking lot entrance on the far side or west side of the tavern. (The DH is less that a mile from the where you exited the bridge.)

50/50 Cash Draw Winner

Congratulations to **Paul Perakes**, winner of the 50/50 cash draw in July.

Ticket prices at our July meeting were $5 for three tickets and netted the winner more than $100 Cdn. We will try this again at our meeting in August and if it proves a hit, we'll maintain this new ticket price, if not, we'll revert to the old prices.

Remember that 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.

The next draw will be on August 9, 2006 at our meeting in

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert and Martin Coyle
Windsor, ON
1926 Austin Seven Brooklands Replica. Black
1980 MGB, White

CALLING NEW MEMBERS

Are you new to the club? Haven't been to a meeting, yet? Well now's the time to start getting active. To help you out, we've got a deal for you. Let any of the Board Members know if this is your 1st meeting and we've got a free gift waiting for you! Now I know you're excited, but this is limited to one per family. We'll be looking for you at the next meeting.

HAVE YOU GOT A CREATIVE SIDE?

If you've got the creative bug and want to share it with us, we want you. Send any articles or pictures you'd like to see in the newsletter to the editor - Ellen Stuban at ellen@wdmgc.com. If your item is used in the newsletter, we'll give you 3 free 50/50 tickets.

(You must be present at the meeting to receive the tickets.)

Calendar of Events

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

AUGUST 2006

■ Wed 9 **Monthly Meeting** - Brass Pointe
Farmington Hills, MI

■ Sat 19 Alternative Dream Cruise - MI
Rich Wagner

■ Sat 26 Driving and Dining Event
White Lake Inn
White Lake, MI - Jeff Zorn

SEPTEMBER 2006

☐ Sun 3 30th Annual Fall Fun On Wheels & Auto Flea Market - Essex, ON

☐ Sun 10 Battle of the Brits
Sterling Heights, MI

■ Wed 13 **Monthly Meeting** - Dominion House Tavern
Windsor, ON

☐ Sun 17 British Car Day at Bronte Creek Provincial Park - Oakville, ON

Fri 22 - Sun 24 Canadian British Classic Charity Run Ontario

☐ Sun 24 British Car Day - Waterford Hills Road Race Course Clarkston, MI - Colin Stafford

■ TBA Lucas Night Rally

OCTOBER 2006

■ Wed 11 **Monthly Meeting** - Brass Pointe
Farmington Hills, MI

■ TBA Fall Color Tour

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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
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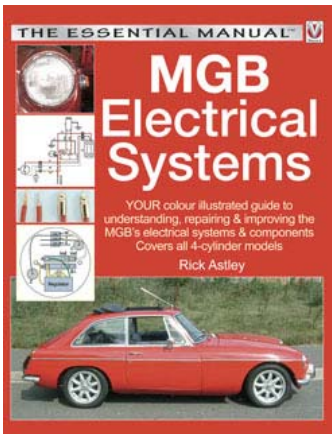

Available in mid August from
Little British Car Company, Amazon, Borders,
Barnes & Noble and all good book stores.
The author attends most club meetings and will be happy to sign books.

VINTAGE GRAND PRIX AT MID-OHIO SET FOR AUGUST 18-20

From vintage thunder to modern marvels, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio was made for sports cars, and this year is no different. Traditionally held earlier in the season, this year's Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio will be held on August 18-20, 2006. This annual celebration provides a glimpse into the past of sports car racing, with on-track action that includes Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) class races, Trans-Am reunion and Historic GTP races, and more.

British car clubs and individual car owners are invited to partake in the annual British Car Showdown scheduled for action on Saturday, August 19. This year's featured marque of the weekend will be MG, yet all British marques are encouraged to enter the show, including Aston Martin, Austin Healey, Jaguar, Lotus, MG, Morgan, Morris, Rolls Royce, Rover, Triumph and others.

One of the more popular events on the Mid-Ohio calendar, the annual Mid-Ohio Concours d'Elegance will take place on Sunday, August 20. The Concours contains both "Judge's Choice" and "People's Choice" elements, with cars divided into several unique classes for judging. All makes and models are invited to participate, and British Car Showdown participants are welcome to return for the Concours d'Elegance on Sunday.

More than twenty-five awards will be presented throughout the weekend, and each day, all registered show entrants will receive a parade lap around the newly re-paved 2.4-mile, 15-turn permanent road course during lunch. VIP parking and car corrals are available at no additional charge to groups participating in the weekend's festivities.

Special pricing for registered car clubs is available until August 15. For $45, you will receive a weekend general admission ticket and access to a VIP hospitality area. For $60, you will receive two (2) weekend general admission tickets along with access to a VIP hospitality area. Single day tickets are available at a discount when ordered in advance and children under twelve are admitted in free.

To complete the trackside experience, camping is available on-site at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Self-contained motor home camping is $50.00 for the weekend, and tent camping is just $25.00 per tent for the weekend. A weekend general admission ticket is required to enter the campgrounds. Permanent shower facilities are available on-site at all of Mid-Ohio's events.

Tickets to the Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio can be ordered at the discounted rate by calling 1-800-MID-OHIO or by visiting www.midohio.com

Mention the WDMGC to receive the car club pricing. You can contact me at Mitch.ober@delphi.com for addi-

THE ALTERNATIVE DREAM CRUISE

This month, Rich and Adrienne Wagner will again host the club's annual ***cruise down the back-roads***, an alternative to the traffic jam held on Woodard every year on the same day. As always, the drive will take you down some of Michigan's prettiest roads and will include at least one Dairy Queen stop followed by dinner just north of Clarkston. Go see the cars, and then come join in the fun of really cruising the backroads.

Date: Saturday, August 19th

Meet-up Time: 3:00 pm
Drive begins promptly at 3:30pm.

Meet-up Location: Westwind-Lake Plaza - located on the Northeast side of Pontiac Trail and Haggerty Road

Directions:
From the south, take M-5 to the very end (Pontiac Trail).
Turn right onto Pontiac Trail.
Take Pontiac Trail east, passed Haggery Road
When you've crossed Haggerty Road, the Plaza will be directly on your left

What's a Smoky Mountain Pancake?

Old tried 'n true IHOP

Check the little girl who thought I was taking *her* picture!

Flapjack, another word for Pancake

Pancake Cabin anyone?

This one claims to be a restaurant, too

Generic Pancakes

More Pancakes

Can there really be 45 types of pancakes?

Pancakes at night

IS YOUR MG GOOD LOOKING ENOUGH TO BE A COVER GIRL?

MGB Driver is looking for a cover shot for its **November/December 2006** issue.

PHOTO MUST CONTAIN . . .
An MGB, MGB-GT, MG Midget, MG 1100 or MG 1300.

The photo must be interesting with an interesting background. No limits as to where it can be, city, country, water, cliff . . . The image cannot be altered like cutting out the MG and balancing atop the Empire State Building. Preferred images will be the ones as natural in taste, and beauty as possible. The prettiest MG in a great setting is not the only consideration. The ugliest MG in a bad situation will be considered as well.

This contest is limited to NAMGBR members only, no purchase necessary.

All entries must include name, address, phone number, NAMGBR Member number and a short bio of your car.

If your image is selected, your MG image will be on the front cover of the MBG Driver Magazine.
Front cover winner will receive one year free of NAMGBR membership.
The 4 runners up share prestige on the back cover.

Entries must be in by September 1st, 2006.

Winners to be announced to local participating MG clubs nationwide.
All entries become property of NAMGBR and may be used in the MGB Driver in future issues.
Officers and Coordinators of NAMGBR AND MGB Driver Magazine and their family members are ineligible for top prize, but may be considered for runner up citations.

Please send your high resolution images to:
Robert Rushing Editor of MGB Driver Magazine
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UP TO THE CHALLENGE?!?

CRUISE NIGHTS

Courtesy of Paul Lester

Sundays

- Clarkston: LasPiramides Restaurant; 248-623-9222
- Clinton Twp: Kelly's on the Eastside; 586-226-8969
- Roseville: Wild Woody's, 586-294-5331
- Milford: Bakers of Milford; 248-685-0505
- Shelby Twp: Hoops, 23 Mile; 586-323-3376

Mondays

- Detroit: Cuzin's Bar, Schaefer; 313-282-4888
- Inkster: Copper Door Bar; 734-261-1584
- Rochester: Village of Rochester Hills (Adams/ Walton); 248-651-4155
- Shelby Twp: Art & Jake's Sports Grill; 586-997-3255
- Sterling Hts: Lakeside Circle Cruise; 586-260-3459
- Warren: Juliano's Restaurant, VanDyke; 586-731-1842
- Waterford: Copperstones Restaurant; 248-674-3155

Tuesdays

- Commerce Twp: Motor City Steel; 248-668-1400
- Harrison Twp: Travis Restaurant; 586-465-9078
- Livonia: Don S. Hubert VFW Hall; 313-538-6294
- Oxford: Kalloway's Restaurant; 248-628-6500
- Shelby Twp: Ram's Horn / Hamlin Pub; 586-566-5370
- Southfield: Finger's Saloon; 248-353-3910
- Walled Lake: Big Boy, Pontiac Trail; 248-624-2323
- Warren: Pampa Lanes; 586-264-8877
- Westland: Skones Place; 734-729-2224

Wednesdays

- Downtown Mt. Clemens
- Canton: Central City Diner: 734-728-6638
- Clinton Twp: C.J. Barrymore's; 586-469-2800
- Holly: Cruise to Battle Alley, 248-634-7190
- Livonia: Leather Bottle, Farmington Rd; 248-474-2420
- Madison Heights: Augie's; 248-588-3120
- Novi: Manhattan Club, Grand River; 248-478-9404

More Wednesdays

- St. Clair Shores: Shore Club (10/Harper); 586-771-4250
- Utica: Coachman's Lounge, Auburn Rd; 586-731-0531
- Warren: Big Boy's, 14 Mile/Ryan; 586-977-1670
- Wixom: Molly's Ice Cream; 248-926-0020
- Plymouth: VFW Post 6695, S. Mill; 734-425-6196
- Rochester Hills: Bourbon Jakes Pub; 248-293-9000

Thursdays

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- Highland Twp: Sparkies Bar; 248-887-2610
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- Romulus: Mike B's Bar & Grill; 734-941-6200
- Warren: Rock Bottoms-Universal Mall; 586-582-9350
- Wyandotte: Pennsalt Club, Biddle; 734-285-9717
- Ypsilanti: Depot Town, Cross Street; 734-482-5200

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- Harrison Twp: Rams Horn, Harper; 586-792-9950
- Lincoln Park: Sears Shopping Center; 734-671-8719
- Roseville: Continental Lanes; 586-293-2300
- Westland: Papa Joe's Bar, 34275 Ford; 734-722-2884
- White Lake: V.F.W. Post 4156; 248-698-8302

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- Birmingham: Auto Zone, Woodward; 248-646-2886
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