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So, How Was Your "Dream Cruise"?

By Rich Wagner

The day began with a hazy fog and fat raindrops that trickled off to a drizzle. A fine, misty rain hung around until early afternoon. For the second year in a row, the weather which had been so wonderful all week changed for the worst on the 'Official' Day of the Woodward Dream Cruise as well as our 'Alternative' to the **World's Largest Traffic Jam.**

Adrienne and I headed for the meeting place wondering if this would be the year that nobody shows up? We go through this every year (we're always the first ones there), but right on schedule, Fran Lewis arrived followed by Elvin and Janet Davis. Soon, Gary and Roberta Odor and Rod and Kathy Vitovich arrived ready to go with their tops down.

Common sense prevailed when the mist turned into rain and all the tops were up when the 'Genuine Cruise' got underway. With little more than mist for rain, the convoy of five MGs had only gone a few miles when David Torby met up with them driving his unofficial MG replica, the Mazda Miata. Now six, the six cars easily found their way to the Dairy Queen in Holly for our first stop.

This has always been a lucky place for us. A chance to regroup, use the restroom and enjoy a quick treat even if we are heading for dinner less than twenty miles away. In the past, it has also marked the end of the foul weather and this year was no exception.

Everyone enjoyed something, even Fran who wasn't planning to. She told me later that even though she hadn't ordered, they gave her a cone made by mistake. With the clouds beginning to break, the tops came down and we were on our way down Grange Hall Road to M-15. This 12 mile part of the drive is perhaps my favorite part because it's both very smooth and scenic as it winds through Northern Oakland County, much of it through a tunnel of trees.

Dinner was once again at the new "Nickelodeon" and a table for ten was set up for us in the sunken garden area. This turned out to also be the restaurant's 'smoking area,' but we assured the other guests seated there that their smoking would probably not bother us. After all, more than once, we've driven behind a few smokers on the road.

Two waitress's took our orders and if the food wasn't terrific, the group's camaraderie was. In the end, a pleasant day on the road where nothing unfortunate happened.

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

Ellen Stuban — Editor

As I compiled, wrote, and formatted this month's issue, I saw a couple of recurring themes. They may not stick out as such, so I'll bring them to your attention. As you read this, it's already September, and if you're like me, you're asking where did the summer go? It's always such a shock to me when the summer just flies by, even though I lived it one day at a time. That's the first theme. We're gearing up for autumn and reporting on the last of the summer activities. Luckily, living where we do, we still have a couple of months where we can count on as driving weather, maybe not everyday, but a majority of them. As you look back at your summer, did you take advantage of all the club has to offer? Were you a regular at the Cruise-Ins? Did we see you at the Alternative Dream Cruise? If not, I can tell you that you're missing out. These activities were created by some of our most dedicated members for our enjoyment and participation. If we're not part of the action, then the activities offered over time will become less and less. That would be truly a shame, as I believe these driving excursions and get-togethers are the best part of the club. So the next time an activity comes along, get out there and participate. I'll be looking for you.

Now, for the second theme. Surely you've noticed that the same members organize and run all the events. We have some incredibly dedicated members, who make sure that we have reasons to get together and we owe them huge thanks. That being said, it's a fact that any volunteer organization depends on its new members to take up the reigns in order to stay healthy and vital. Organizations failing to do this die away. Now I'm not suggesting that we're on the verge of vaporizing, but I ***am*** suggesting that some more members get involved in the running of the club. There's no shortage of things to be done. Look at how our regular October meeting is being transformed thanks to Shari Pelic. (My apologies if there are others involved in the planning, as I only have Shari's email.) If you look at our website, one of our most popular yearly events, The Lucas Rally, needs someone to organize it. I generally don't do too much soap-boxing in these editorials, so I hope you'll bear with me on this one. It's so important to our club, that I felt the need to spike it out to all. Happy autumn to all. I hope you enjoy reading the rest of the newsletter.

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Presidentially Speaking

By Jeff Zorn — Club President

Labor Day is upon us and that will find Jan and me in Portland. OR again for the All British Field meet. This will be our fourth year at this event and the featured marque is Mini. The event is tied in with vintage car races again and that is always a fun thing to watch since it is only about 200 feet from where we set our display up. Over 700 in all come to this 2-day event, with about 50-100 vendors there on Sunday.

When we are here we always get to spend about a day doing fun things and seeing a bit of the Pacific NW, one of the most beautiful areas of our country. Next year I am hoping that we will be able to go to Whistler for the NAMGAR GT32 and see a bit of Western Canada too. Most likely, we will fly into that too, but not vend.

The meeting on the USA side of the border was very well attended by yanks this time. Since our border patrol was cracking down on people entering Detroit, only two people from Canada were able to make it across, (or even tried.) Hopefully things will be back to normal for the September meeting at the Dominion House. Getting into Canada should not be a problem at all. When I talked to the DH after the last meeting they were going to try to provide us group parking on the building's east grassy side. If this works, out it will be really nice to have all our LBC's grouped together. Rick Astley is going to bring his little PA system and that will help during the meeting since the room adjoins the noisier bar area.

The next USA meeting will be in October and I have heard through the rumor mill that this will be a very special meeting so feel free to wear your Halloween costume and watch out for two little goblins. (or are they gremlins?) Come to the meeting and find out.

During August the big event was the annual WDMGC Alternative Dream Cruise. The day turned out to be partially damp, but there will be a report on the event in this newsletter. Jan and I were at another event near Woodward and actually took the yellow Mini out on Woodward later in the afternoon. We had not driven on Woodward since the 2nd year of the cruise since it is normally a parking lot, but this year the rain seemed to keep some of the cars away. It turned out to be a nice drive for a few miles. We had a fun time and got lots of comments, mostly stuff like, "how many can you fit in the car", "where is the clown suit. " "does it have an engine"? For a while we had a new MINI right behind us, folks that were in the know could see that that the old Mini offers so much more interior room and is much smaller than the new MINI.

On August 26th we had a dinner cruise to White Lake Inn and there will be a report on that in the next newsletter. Anne Astley is busy putting together a fun event for later this winter at Northville Downs and Phil and Jan Wiltshire are working on an afternoon tea or lunch at All Things British in Milford. Every meeting and in each newsletter I ask for members to come forward with ideas for events year around. If you can find the time that would be great. Your ideas are what helps make this club an exciting club to belong to.

The parking lot at the August meeting brimming with cars

OUR INCREDIBLE DRIVE TO GATLINBURG PART 2

By Rich Wagner

Last month, I wrote about our two day drive that got interrupted by a broken drive-shaft some ninety miles short of Gatlinburg. Thanks to modern cell phones and assistance from others in our group, we still managed to arrive at our motel before dark. Although many other cars were trailered to "MG 2006," most weren't equipped with flashing lights like our trailer was. Once we were settled, I went to bed expecting to be looking for a service station in the morning. Now the story continues, and here's how everything turned out.

When I awoke, my first thought was, "I can take that drive-shaft off myself," it's just eight bolts & nuts. Since I had the tools and clothing to work on my car, I was outside before daybreak to get started. My only real concern? Doing the job safely!

Just a short distance from my car, was a building under construction. Although the gate was locked, I took the block that had been left outside to stop the gate. Through the fence, I was able to reach a short 4 X 4 timber and with that 4 X 4 under my jack, it raised the car high enough to place the cinder block next to the jack and lower the car onto it.

I used some stones to block my wheels and broke down some cardboard boxes placing them under the car. Because I expected to be under the car for a while, an empty pizza box worked well as a head rest.

Less than thirty minutes later, the parts were removed and left lying next to my car. I put the placard with the club's logo and our name on the windscreen, leaving the car up on the jack. It was eight o'clock, time for breakfast.

We walked down to the Pancake House to have breakfast that morning and while waiting in line, watched the action with all the MGs on the street. We said hello to several club members including Mary and Eric Marshall and after enjoying French Crepes for my breakfast, returned to the motel to begin hunting a replacement drive-shaft.

Of course, none of the vendors had a drive-shaft, and after calling all the local junk yards, my last chance seemed to be University Motors. When John Twist couldn't help, advising us to call Moss Motors, it began to look like I'd have a real problem getting my car fixed.

Seeing no other choice, I went back to the motel office to see about renting a car. This was perfect timing, because all my problems were about to disappear.

I was on the phone calling "Hertz" in the lobby when several people came in saying they needed to contact a guest whose name was Rich Wagner. "I'm Rich Wagner" I said, and was introduced to Chuck Hamilton. Chuck had come to "MG 2006" and seeing my car, wanted to help telling me that he had a spare drive-shaft at home. He was going home that day anyway, but would return with a drive-shaft in the late afternoon. Adrienne came into the office and I was able to introduce her to Chuck and share the good news that he was going to help. He asked us where we had broken down and when I told him the area was known as "Clinch Mountain," Chuck smiled saying, "that's where I live." "What a great day," I thought to myself as we left the motel lobby. Everything would be fixed tomorrow.

Our Incredible Trip To Gatlinburg - Part 2 Continued

Having the whole day to ourselves, Adrienne wanted to explore the area so she took the trolley into town. As for me, it was going to be really hot and I still had plenty of cold beer in the motel room fridge. Yes, it was turning out to be a very good day, and I spent it checking out the cars and watching TV in the room.

Dinner that evening was with Elvin and Janet Davis and we walked down to "Calhoun's" for chicken and ribs. Returning to the motel lobby, I discovered that just as promised, my replacement drive-shaft was there waiting for me. Not just an old part off of an old car, this drive-shaft looked like new. Wrapped in toweling, Chuck had supplied a complete set of locking nuts & bolts and even extra gloves to keep my hands clean. "The kindness of strangers," I thought to myself. As long as there wasn't something else wrong with the car, we'd be back on the road tomorrow.

Up early on Friday, I improvised a holder for my small flashlight and got busy right away installing the new drive-shaft. Just in time, Joe Stuban stopped by to see how I was doing and with him putting the car in and out of gear, I tightened all the bolts in no time. After the jack was removed, I drove the car to make certain that everything seemed okay, which thankfully it did. I put my tools away, parking the car out in front not realizing that I was about to have another incredible experience. That's when I met Jennifer.

Now don't go getting the wrong idea; it wasn't that kind of experience. My Wedding Anniversary was the following day, and yes, I am very happily married to my best friend Adrienne. Now back to my story.

Jennifer McCarter was the midnight shift clerk at our motel and she was just getting off work when we met. Stopping to say hello, she told me she had owned an MGB back in 1966. I'm always thrilled to meet others who like myself, had one of these cars back when they were nearly new, but this was the first time the owner had been a girl! I soon learned that this had been her very first car and she was just 16 years old when her father bought her a three year old, 1963 MGB. I could hardly imagine any father buying a MG for a 16 year old son, but for his daughter?

As she began relating her memories of that car and her father to me, the spontaneity was so good that I pleaded with her to allow me to record it. Thankfully she did, and for more than 15 minutes, she told about her experiences while I explained to her about my recent problem with the drive-shaft. What made this so exciting was that when I played it back later, the unrehearsed conversation was flawless.

With the car repair finished and the sun shining, it was time to wake up Adrienne. When Joe Stuban had left earlier, we agreed to meet together later for breakfast. I wanted to have my French Crepes once again, so we met them at the same Pancake House later that morning. I was just beaming as I told them of my encounter with Jennifer and how our car was good as new again. What a great day this had already been and it wasn't even ten o'clock in the morning. That evening, we had all agreed to meet for dinner but this time, the weather had changed and it was raining. What we didn't know was that most of the scheduled banquets were also nearby and the parking lot was full. Making this worse, the entrance to the parking area was "One Way" and a vehicle was blocking the exit, forcing people to attempt to drive back down against cars trying to drive up. This was crazy, especially in a downpour and when we found another place for dinner, we called the others, telling them we'd see them tomorrow.

Our Incredible Trip To Gatlinburg - Part 2 Continued

Saturday, the six of us, The Stubans, The Davis' and Adrienne and me, headed off in our three MGBs with the Stubans in the lead for our own little road trip into the Smoky Mountains. The drive began with an ice cream stop and wanting to keep out of the sun, I parked our car in the trees with about a dozen bikers. I soon learned that these people were actually all related to one-another and had gathered in Tennessee for a family reunion on wheels. What a great idea. Saturday evening, Adrienne and I celebrated our wedding anniversary far away from the tourist areas at a hilltop restaurant. Since we had begun our life together in 1991 driving an MGB, it seemed only fitting that 15 years later, we'd still be on another driving trip.

Tomorrow, everyone is heading for home, leaving us on our own. But that's another story.

I was up early Sunday, to say good-bye to the Elvin, Janet, Joe and Ellen as they began their drive home via I-75. Our drive home started out nice but then it rained. As we entered Kentucky, the water was gushing down like small waterfalls on both sides of the road. Our car stays nice & dry sitting in the rain, but driving in it is another story. A steady drip began working it's way down the door seals and we put towels on our legs to catch the water. With the wipers running on high, I was just able to see with the windows steaming up. Still, it really wasn't so bad once we got accustomed to it.

Looking for a place to have lunch, we found ourselves right back at "Pine Mountain," the same place we had stopped going down. No sooner were we inside when the sky opened up again so we had ourselves a long leisurely lunch. While we waited for the rain to subside, we couldn't help but wonder how the others were doing driving on I-75 in all this rain?

It was late evening before we finally reached Portsmouth. No sooner had we sat down for dinner when my cell phone rang; it was Ellen Stuban calling to let us know that they were already home! It turns out they had pleasant weather all the way home and not the steady rain like we had. Wow, we thought, we're only half way home and they're already there.

Up bright and early, we were back on the road by 9:00 AM. This was a beautiful morning for a drive and since we were alone, I looked forward to stopping along the way at those dilapidated buildings we had seen going down. Badly weathered and showing much neglect, they were extremely photogenic with a beauty that can only come naturally. For us, driving these deserted byways as they cut through rural America is exactly what we enjoy most about owning a British Sports Car.

It was 1:00 PM when we stopped in Mt. Victory for lunch and pulling into the parking area, we spotted a Shelby Cobra. What a great photo opportunity I thought, "The Overpowered meets the Underpowered." Even more surprising, when Adrienne walked around the car, she discovered that it had Hawaiian license plates! Sure enough, there I was with my camcorder in hand when out comes this Hawaiian guy to say hello. It turns out that in his younger days, he had owned an Austin Healey 100/4 and he shared old memories of racing it up the mountains in Maui. He and his wife Miki had just stopped for lunch and invited us to join them. During lunch, we learned that they have traveled all over the United States and Canada in one of their two Cobras where they compete on racetracks with others in the Shelby Club. They were headed for Dearborn, so after a leisurely lunch and small talk, we got back on the road and for nearly 60 miles, they followed our MG. When we reached Findlay, we waved good-bye as their Cobra really got moving on I-75.

Already three o'clock, we decided that we needed to pick up the pace and continue the rest of the way on freeways. South of Toledo, we took I-475 towards U.S.23 and maneuvered through heavy truck traffic before finally getting into Michigan.

Our Incredible Trip To Gatlinburg - Part 2 Continued

With just a few miles left to go and nothing in the fridge at home, we began discussing where we'd stop for dinner. Cruising along at 70 MPH, everything seemed just fine when Adrienne mentioned that it looked like we were starting to burn oil? That didn't make any sense. The exhaust was on my side of the car and I didn't notice anything even after I steadied my side view mirror for a better look. Moments later, the car began slowing down and even stepping on the gas didn't help. This time, it didn't seem to be a fuel pump problem because the engine was still running, but we were only doing 35 MPH when I pulled off the road. Though none of the gauges indicated a problem, I noticed some fresh antifreeze under the car when I walked around to open the hood. Just as I opened the hood, Adrienne called out, "Rich, the back wheel is on fire!" Seeing the flames coming right through the alloy wheel, I grabbed my fire extinguisher and put out the fire.

As I was getting out the jack to remove the wheel, Adrienne called out again saying, "Now it's burning under the car," so this time, I laid on the ground and using the remainder of the fire extinguisher as Adrienne stood there telling me not to get dirty. "Cool" I thought to myself. For fifteen years, I've carried a fire extinguisher, and now I've finally used it. With the fire out, I pulled off the rear wheel being careful to avoid getting burned. Everything was under control, at least I thought so.

Apparently a passing truck had called in the emergency and the next thing I knew, two Milan Fire Trucks arrived on the scene, the second one blocking the right lane of traffic. There I was, standing along the road waiting for this "emergency" to be done with so I could call Hagerty Insurance for a tow. The fire was apparently caused by burning brake fluid because my rear brake drum had overheated, (I would later learn from Guy St. John that the flexible brake hose connecting my rear axle had caused the problem).

While waiting for the tow truck (it arrived in under an hour), I called Guy (he has caller ID). Knowing it was me, he answers saying, "Okay, what's wrong this time?" After getting his okay to bring our disabled car to his garage, that's where we had the tow truck driver take us. Guy gave us a ride home allowing Adrienne and I to still have dinner by eight o'clock. "How lucky" I thought. Thanks to Guy, I didn't have to have a broken down car sitting in my driveway.

Back at work the next morning, I really had some story to tell; a broken drive shaft and then a car fire in Michigan after driving all the way back from Gatlinburg. In both cases, I had absolutely nothing to warn me that I was about to have a problem. Within a week, Guy had gone through my rear brakes and located the faulty brake hose that caused the rear brakes to overheat. That's easy to understand, but the broken drive-shaft? I still don't know how I managed that, even if I was (as Janet Davis said), "**A Driving Fool.**"

My story ends with our car back on the road again and since that time, I've driven to "Mad Dogs XVI" and most recently to Leamington, Ontario without incident.

Anybody want to buy a really good car?

September Meeting

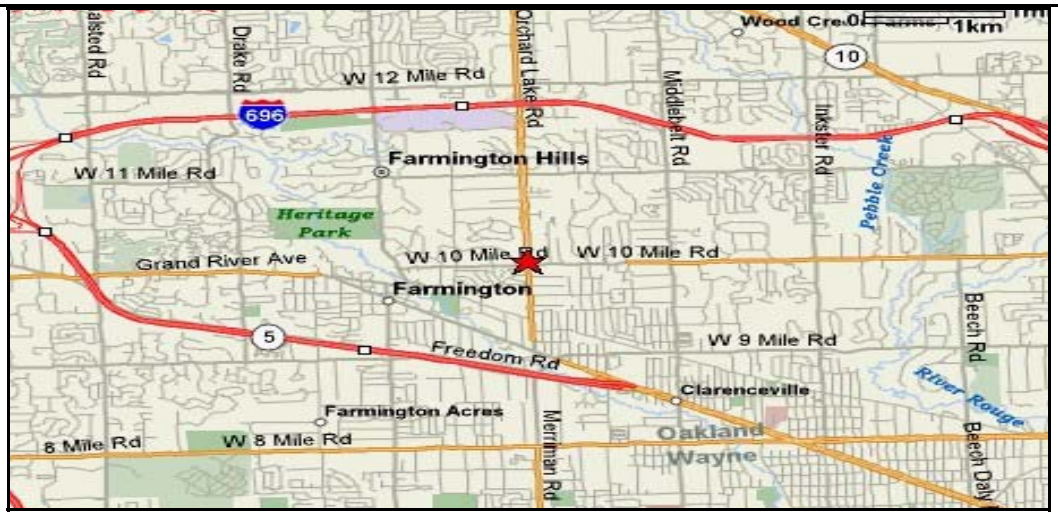
Wednesday, September 13
The Dominion House Tavern
3140 Sandwich Street
Windsor, ON Canada

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 (labeled 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.)

October Meeting

Wednesday, October 11
Brass Pointe Restaurant
24234 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Don & Fran O'Connell
Beverly Hills, MI
1974 Midget Yellow

Paul Perakes
Dearborn, MI
1973 MGB-GT Red

John Meconi & Liz LaFleur
Windsor, ON
1972 Triumph TR6 Oxblood

Jack & Amy Albright
Clarkston, MI
1979 MGB Brooklands Green

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**

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 4	**Board Meeting** Dominion House Tavern Windsor, ON
■	Wed 11	**Monthly Meeting** - Brass Pointe Farmington Hills, MI
■	TBA	Fall Color Tour
☐	TBA	Obsolete Automotive Garage Sale Point Edward, ON
☐	Sat. 14 Sun. 15	America's Reliability Run Ohio

NOVEMBER 2006

■	Wed 8	**Monthly Meeting** - Dominion House Tavern Windsor, ON

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1966 MGB parts Black vinyl tonneau cover - never used - no fasteners. Fits roadster with no roll bar and no headrests. - cost: buy me a beer at the next meeting
Set of MG mudflaps - still in the dusty packaging - cost : buy me a second beer
Hardtop - needs paint and hardware (possibly seals too)
Fair condition, no cracks or delamination - $100 Pictures available
e-mail Paul on pgl@dcx.com

1976 MG B runs solid. Lots of time restoring - Elec ignition, new tank, batt, headlights. Just welded in new floors, sills & rockers. Includes top, xtra door, hoses, new carpeting & chrome trim in box. I don't have time to finish this one. Yours for only $1,000. GTW1@Cornell.edu or (248) 224 3024"

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

1971 MG Midget
Red -New convertible top. Interior is in good condition. Has extra doors and windshield. Starts, Runs, Drives Great! Can email pictures on request.
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Call Brian at 586-665-1417

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.
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$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

Cars at the July Cruise-In
Courtesy of Harry McLean

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Wire wheels about 65,000 org miles
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Very complete car missing no parts
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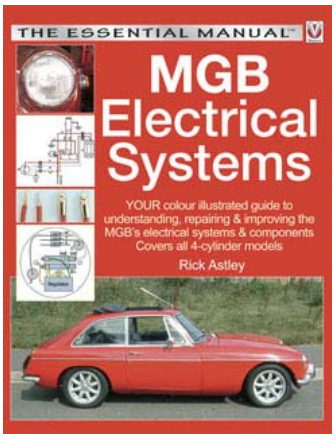

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September 24th 2006

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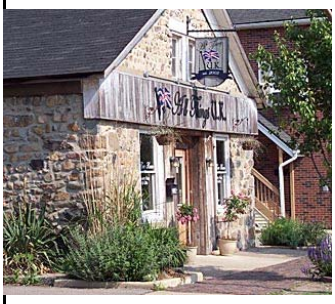

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Alternatively, just come to Tea with us in Milford at 4:00 PM.

In either case, the tour or just Tea, please call me and let me know your intentions so that we can be ready for you at either location.

Please call Philip Wiltshire on (248) 676 0986 for more details and to confirm your attendance.

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- Milford: Bakers of Milford; 248-685-0505
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- 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

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- 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
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- Walled Lake: Big Boy, Pontiac Trail; 248-624-2323
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- Downtown Mt. Clemens
- Canton: Central City Diner: 734-728-6638
- Clinton Twp: C.J. Barrymore's; 586-469-2800
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- 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
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- Rochester Hills: Bourbon Jakes Pub; 248-293-9000

Thursdays

- Chesterfield: McDonald's on Gratiot, 586-725-1309
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- Birch Run: Ken's Diner; 989-624-4800
- Commerce Twp: Multi-Lakes, Newton; 248-363-9109
- 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
- Shelby Twp: Hoops, 23 Mile; 586-323-3376
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British Car Cruise In

(Courtesy of Harry McLean)

Where: Mediterra Grille
935 E. Rochester Rd
When: September 14
Time: 5:30 – 8:30 P.M.

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The October meeting has a Halloween theme. We encourage everyone to come dressed in a costume. If the whole costume thing doesn't appeal to you, maybe you'd be more willing to come in a decorated hat. Yes, we'll be having a contest for the best decorated hat!

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