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A Night at the Races

by Anne Astley

The driving season may be virtually over but members of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club decided that wasn't going to stop them going racing. For this occasion, it wasn't little British cars they followed around a track but horses.

Forty-one members, spouses and friends got together Saturday November 11 to enjoy harness-racing at Northville Downs race course. Some left a little richer, some a little poorer depending on their luck, but everyone, without exception, had a full stomach from a diverse and delicious all-you-can-eat buffet and most of all, it was just plain good fun to spend a casual evening with friends from the club.

The 4th race was named after the club. The Windsor-Detroit MG Club stakes was won by No. 7, Noble Niner driven by Don Currier. Many of us picked the winner but nobody made a fortune with the short odds at only 8:5. Everyone did have an opportunity to be photographed with the winning horse and jockey. The general consensus, "Let's do this again sometime".

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

Ellen Stuban — Editor

Life Continues To Change

Some months ago, I wrote an editorial on how I handle the changes life delivers to me. Well, the time has come for yet another change. This is the last issue that I'll be editing all on my own. The time has come for me to pass the baton, as it were, to new Editors. We affectionately know them as 'The Pelic Sisters, Shari and Sandy.

Putting out a monthly publication is a challenge on it's best day, however, I'm so very happy I've had the opportunity to do so for the past two years. In doing so, I've received so much more than I've given. Mostly, I've had a chance to get to know each of you much better. I'd like to thank each of you who have contributed to the newsletter, given me such positive feedback, and supported the entire process. Without the club members, there could be no newsletter. It has been my honor to be part of such a wonderful group of people.

Winter is around the corner, and for the most part, our cars are safely snuggling in their winter locations, but that doesn't deter the club spirit. We continue to meet and have fun, in spite of how much snow and ice winter can throw at us. There is the Holiday Gift Exchange at the December meeting and, of course, our Hibernation Party in March that we all look forward to.

With the holidays close upon us, I want to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a wonderful holiday season, no matter which holidays you celebrate. From my family to yours, Have A Safe and Wonderful Time.

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Presidentially Speaking

By Jeff Zorn — Club President

Winter is almost here or by the time you get your next Can-Am Connection there may even be snow on the ground. (There will be a combo November/December and January/February Issues.) As we all know this means the driving season is over, except for Dale Brown of course, who drives his BRG B all season long. Reminds me of when I was a very young adult and drove my '68 everywhere. (of course it was my only car and the winters took their toll on it.

If most of you are like me you are dreaming already of next season and what it has in store for us. Thankfully my OEW MGB is vacationing in Florida all year long now so I will get to drive it a bit when we have a chance to go down south. We also belong to three clubs in the Tampa area so will partake in a few events too if the timing is right.

The season for Jan and I has been a long one visiting about 24 events and about 23,000+ miles, so now we get a few months off till our next two events in February. We finally had a chance to join in on a club event in November too. Anne Astley put together a really fun (inexpensive for some of us) evening at Northville Downs. For $25 about 45 of us enjoyed an all you can eat buffet and admission to the track as well as a race named after the club and photo op with the winner. One of the horses was even named after our treasurer Matt. It was called "Must Be Matt", I think we all bet on it too, but he came in third I think in his race. We have to do this one again it was really fun.

On the business side of things we have set a date for the Hibernation Party which will be Saturday, March 3, 2007. More details will be coming shortly in the newsletter and on our website, but please put this one down on your calendar. The party is always our annual club awards and election of officers event.

Your club needs your help too please. We have several awards that are given out at the party and we have asked our members in the past to make nominations for these awards. Some of them are the Lucky Lucas Award, the Founders Award, and the Navigator of the year award. More details will be published on both our website and newsletter with a list of the awards that you can make nominations for.

The annual club election is also on the agenda and each year all the positions are up for nomination. The positions that are elected are the President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. Each position is a one year term with a term limit of three terms. Each of our officers this year still have some years to go, but don't be shy, if you would like to nominate someone for one of the positions or if you would like to run, just drop me a note to jzorn@wdmgc.com and we will put you on the ballot. The pay is low as in all clubs, but the job is rewarding. You get an opportunity to get involved in YOUR club. New blood and ideas are always vital to a clubs survival. We also have several appointed positions listed in the newsletter masthead and on the website so if you are interested in any of those please let me know too.

From the Zorn's please enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season and we wish you the best and a very Happy New Year!

CLUB MEMBERS AT THE RACES

2007 Stratford Festival
Friday/ Saturday/Sunday June 15th, 16th and 17th 2007
Gershwin's "My One and Only" musical
AND a tour of the Costume Warehouse

Friday June 15th We will be traveling to Stratford leaving the Detroit area mid-morning.

Saturday June 16th "My One and Only", 8.00 pm performance

Synopsis - Daredevil pilot Billy Buck Chandler is determined to woo bathing beauty Edythe Herbet, current star of a 1920's Hollywood-style swimming and dancing extravaganza. But Edythe's boss, the evil Prince Nikki, has other plans.

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

If enough of our party decides to stay Friday night as well, l will arrange a group dinner in the Stratford area. We will also be dining as a group at the Westover Inn prior to the evening performance of "My One and Only" on Saturday evening.

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

For the first time, l have arranged for us to visit the Costume Warehouse on the Sunday morning. This is the third-largest costume warehouse in North America with thousands of costumes and props from the many years of Stratford Theatre.

I will also need a cheque for your tickets and warehouse tour (if you choose to tour with us), so please call me when you have made your reservations and send me a cheque (US funds, US cheques only please. …Or cash by hand) for $180 for each 2 tickets and tour or $166 for theater only. This price should reduce as I've allowed for the best seats in the house which normally are all sold early to theatre members.

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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CLUB DIRECTORY

I will be compiling the club's 2007 Membership Directory in December. Most people notify me of any changes to their entry in it when they renew their membership. However, if you have more recent changes to your contact, companion or car data that you want included in the 2007 directory, let me know as soon as you can. Please call me or e-mail me with any new information or to check what data we already have on file.

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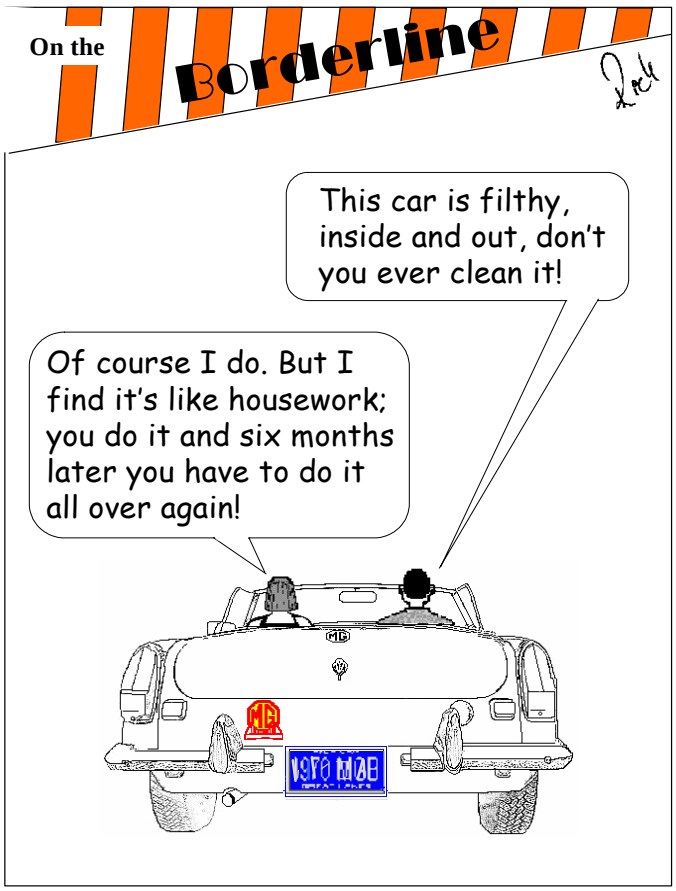

The Young and the Reckless

About 3 years ago *The Can-Am Con*nection featured a pictures of club members in their youth under the heading 'The Young and the Reckless'. We eventually ran out of contributions but were delighted to receive another one this month.
Can you guess who this young car enthusiast is? He is a long time member of the club who is famous at our meetings for always being the one to respond when the president asks, "Has anyone got anything they want to sell?" If you attend meetings regularly then we are sure you guessed correctly, yes this young driver is Chuck Wiley.

10 AM—11:30 AM	**Pontiac Solstice Vehicle Review by WDMGC's own Bruce Kosbab (GM Solstice Chief Engineer!) and Solstice exhaust tuning by Bosal Exhaust Engineering**
11:30 AM—12:30 PM	**Pizza/Soda Lunch**
12:30 PM—1:30 PM	**History of the Sports car by Colin Stafford**

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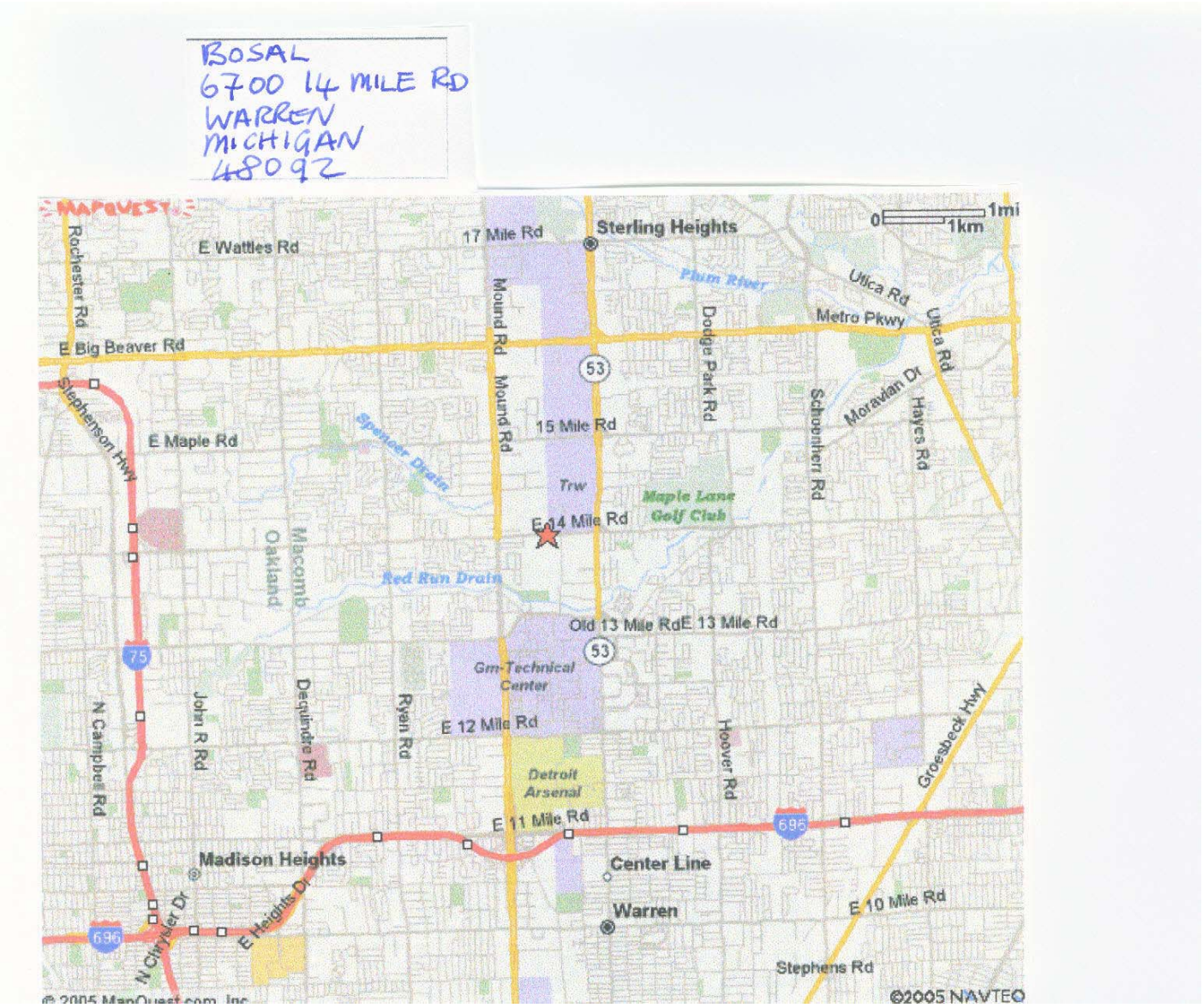
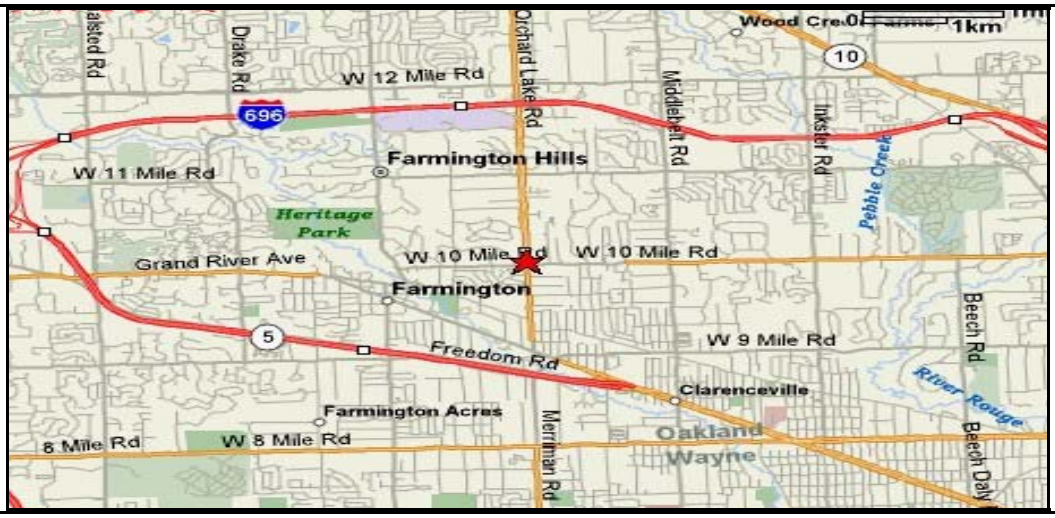


Directions:

North on Mound from I696. Right (east) on 14 Mile Road. We are on the right side (south) next to the railroad

December Meeting

Holiday Gift Exchange
Wednesday, December 13
Brass Pointe Restaurant
24234 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan



January Meeting

Wednesday, January 10
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.)

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DECEMBER 2006

■ Wed 13 **Monthly Meeting** -
Holiday Gift Exchange - Brass Pointe
Farmington Hills, MI

JANUARY 2007

■ Wed 3 Board Meeting
Brass Pointe -
Farmington Hills, MI

■ Wed 10 **Monthly Meeting** -
Dominion House -
Windsor, ON

■ Sat 20 **Tech Session**
Bosal - Warren, MI

FEBRUARY 2007

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

MARCH 2007

■ Sat 3 **HIBERNATION PARTY**
Dearborn Hills Golf Course
Dearborn, MI

■ Wed 14 **Monthly Meeting** -
Dominion House -
Windsor, ON

APRIL 2007

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

■ TBD KIMBER BIRTHDAY BASH

MAY 2007

■ Wed 9 **Monthly Meeting** -
Dominion House -
Windsor, ON

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WDMGC member Guy St. John, owner of Guy's Garage in Northville, would like to remind you ,that along with usual fall hibernation ritual for your LBC*, it's a good time to consider taking care of some of those annoying little, (sometimes big), problems that developed over the driving season. It's really no fun to wait all winter for that first top down spring day, only to find out she won't start, stay running, shift, stop, well you get the picture…

If you are considering major work, I.e. Engine rebuild, Clutch, Suspension, Electrical, Seats & Interiors, you need to call early for scheduling, as garage space is limited. A quick oil and filter change, fluid check, lube, and once over can usually be done in one day. So call anytime 248 349-3649 for your appointment.

*** oil and filter change**
*** check antifreeze**
*** battery disconnect or removal**
*** Sta-Bil in a full gas tank**

Classified Advertisements

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 - 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

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
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$2,000 OBO
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Email: edmaddog3@gmail.com

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Bill Sycalik. 571-216-6147

1966 Midget. Black/white. Good condition.
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