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2007 Kimber Birthday

With the weather going into the mid forties, a slightly cloudy day, several members of the Windsor/Detroit MG Club converged in the Meijer parking lot. They ventured off to celebrate Cecil Kimber's birthday at the Delhi Café in Holt, Michigan. Only one vehicle, Shari Pelic's 1949 MG TC, drove all the way with its top down….**Cecil would be so proud**.

Cecil would have been 119 years old and MG club members continue to celebrate their founding father's birthday. Everyone enjoyed cake in his honor.

And the ladies hidden underneath the soft tops and hard tops, were looking great!

And there was a "bonnet up", …….need we say more…….

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

Presidentially Speaking

By Jeff Zorn — Club President

April 15th and spring keeps tricking us it seems. One week it is mid 60's or warmer and we think it is time to get the cars out of storage and then next week it is upper 20's. This must be the shoulder season as the airlines call it.

The Kimber party was on the 14th and it was very well attended by WDMGC members and Marsha Greiner did another great cake for the annual Happy Birthday sing along for Cecil. I drove up in Rick Astley's BGT-V8 (my first time in it) and he had just gotten it out of storage. We think the tires had developed a flat spot on the way up, since the ride was a bit rough. The way back it was much smoother. It was supposed to be a beautiful day but it turned out fairly chilly. I nearly froze in the car on the way up, since Rick shuts the valve (or maybe it was stuck, I was too cold to care) off for the summer and forgot to turn it back on. On the way back it was pretty toasty, plus I had a blanket to use too. My fault though actually I failed to dress for what the weather was.

We also had our meeting the Wednesday before the Kimber Party; the weather was a bit iffy for that too. At the meeting we discussed some upcoming events I would like to remind you of. First is the British Return to Fort Meigs in Toledo, this is Sunday June 3 and if the weather is good they could finally reach 200 cars. The same day is the Orphan car show in Ypsi. I have never been to that event since we always go to the all British Fort Meigs, but some folks from our club do attend the Orphan show. The day before on the 2nd is the London, Ontario British Car Show if you are looking to get to two nearby events in one weekend. The Stratford Trip is June 15 to 17 and Summer British Knights is the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Details on these and other events please see our website or the current Can-Am Connection.

British Car Week is the end of May from the 26th to the June 3rd so get out your LBC's and show them off. The season should be in full swing by then so there are no excuses to get out and drive them. Several of us try to get to the Downtown Farmington area every Monday night for the all car Cruise In there. Come and join us. It is fun to see and look at the cars and we usually grab a bite to eat at the nearby Bellacino's at 32720 Grand River Ave, which is right where the festivities are.

My little Austin Mini has been my ride for the past 6 weeks now since the Truck and Trailer have been down south. Jan and I have been doing shows almost every weekend starting in New Orleans, with stops in Orlando, Jupiter and Pensacola, Florida, Richmond, VA and Townsend, TN. We finally will bring the Big Honker and QE3 back home on May 13 before we head to Carlisle that week.

The next meeting is May 9th at the Dominion House so mark that on your calendar now! See you all there in our LBC's if Mr. Winter is finally over by then.

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Finishing Session Was a Great Start

By Rick Astley

The first event of 2007 was held February 17th at A-1 Collision in Windsor. About 30 members attended the technical session where they learned about body-finishing. Cross Canada reps gave very informative talks and demonstrations regarding the features and benefits of different car paints followed by one concerning the techniques and materials required to achieve a perfect blemish-free shine. Samples, discount cards and prizes were generously provided to every attendee.

Our picture shows some members looking very serious, but that's just their way of trying to look intelligent! In fact everyone found it a very informative session and the club would like to thank A-1 Collision for organizing this event and Cross Canada for so kindly providing their staff on a cold Saturday morning.

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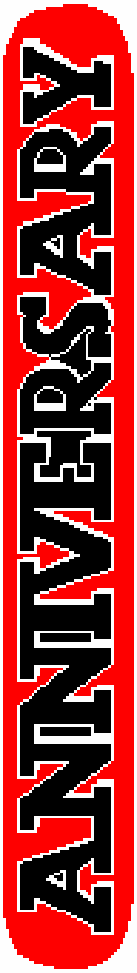
May Membership Anniversaries



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Dennis Ferguson
Brett Shelley

11 Years
Gordon Wallace
Jim George

10 Years
Rick Astley
Kevin Wolfe
Al Gaiefsky

9 Years
Larry Dudek
George Uridge
Don Capoferi

8 Years
Elvin Davis Jr.

7 Years
Rich Wagner
Gordie Bird

6 Years
Dave Rieger
Joe Stuban

5 Years
Terry Schultz

4 Years
John Marsh

2 Years
Bruce Crozier
Bob Leinen
Keith Bruhnsen

1 Year
Katherine Dawson
Dennis Martin

North American MGB Register

MG 2007

July 16-20

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"Summer British Knights"

A series of seven British-only Car Cruise-in Nights to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, April through October, 2007. Evenings, from 6PM. Each Cruise-in will be held at a different location for 2006.

April 18, West Side - Brann's Steakhouse
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May 16, East Side - Brann's Steakhouse
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June 20, Southwest - Ypsilanti Depot Town
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July 18, North - Christie's Bar & Grill
95 E. Clarkston Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48362 (248) 693-6224

All British car clubs and owners are cordially invited to join the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club in enjoying these summer evenings in the company of fellow British car enthusiasts, while also enjoying great food, spirits.

For more information contact Dave & Laurie Carlson: davida49@aol.com or Dave & Sue Snyder: snydleydog@yahoo.com
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NOTE:
British Car Cruise In—Mediterra Grill—Troy - has been canceled.

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 MEETINGS

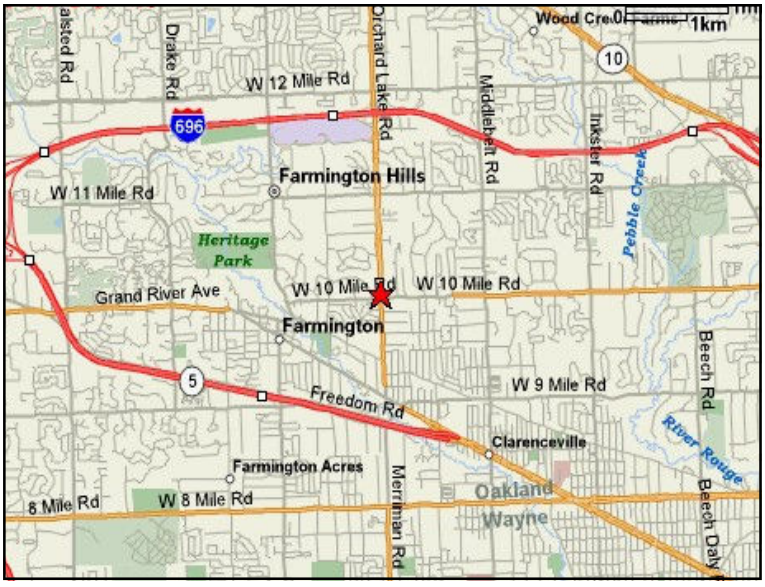
May Meeting

Wednesday, May 9
The Dominion House Tavern
3140 Sandwich Street
Windsor, Ontario

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.)

June Meeting

Wednesday, June 13
Brass Pointe Restaurant
24234 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan



DRIVING NOTES

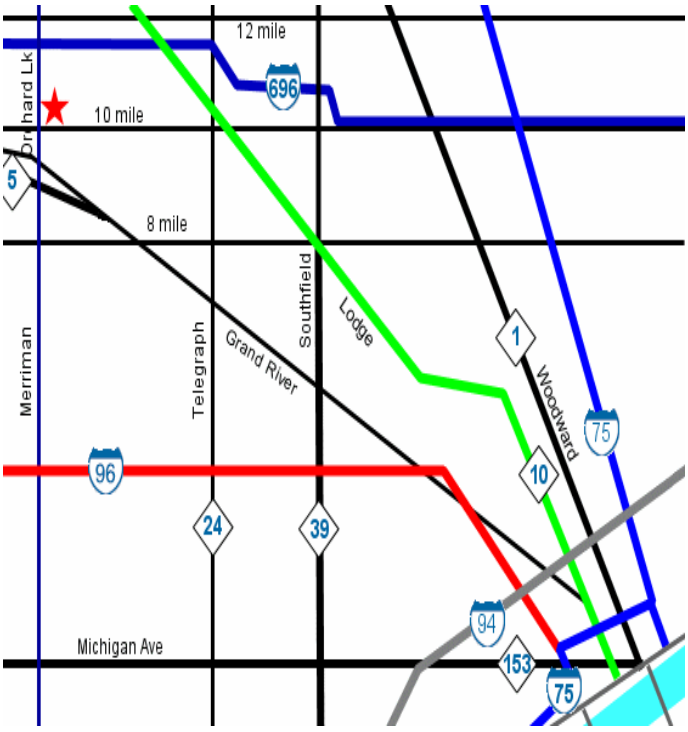
Dodge the Lodge in 2007

The Lodge freeway (M10) will be under construction from February to November this year (2007) and different parts of it will be either single lane or completely closed. We suggest these alternative routes to members coming form Canada to the bi-monthly meetings at the Brass Pointe in Farmington Hills.

Via the Bridge
After clearing customs on the US side, take I-96 to Merriman and go north. Above 8 mile, Merriman becomes Orchard Lake Road. The Brass Pointe will be found on the east side of Orchard Lake just a few yards north of 10 Mile.

Take a little care on the section of Orchard Lake just north of 8 mile because it jogs left and right for a short distance. After crossing M-5, the road will join old Grand River where it is necessary to turn left, travel to the next light and then turn right to rejoin Orchard Lake.

Via the Tunnel
From the tunnel exit, turn right onto Jefferson. Stay in the left lanes and connect to I-375 N, which becomes I-75 N within a few miles. Continue for about 10 miles and exit at I-696 W. From I-696 W exit at Orchard Lake Road, then keep left and turn left (at lights) onto Orchard Lake Rd southbound. Continue south about 2 miles; the Brass Pointe will be on your left just before 10 mile Rd.



CALENDAR

MAY 2007

- Wed 9 **Monthly Meeting**
  Dominion House
  Windsor, Ontario
- Wed 16 **Summer British Knights Cruise In**
  Brann's Steakhouse
  Northville Twp, Michigan
- May 26 to June 3
  Drive Your British Car to Work Week
  (More details on page 6)

JUNE 2007

- May 26 to June 3
  Drive Your British Car to Work Week
  (More details on page 6)
- Sat 2 **London Classic British Car Show**
  London, Ontario
- Sun 3 **The British Return to Fort Meigs**
  Perrysburg, Ohio
- Sun 3 **Orphan Car Show**
  Ypsilanti, Michigan
- Sun 10 **14th Annual Spring Fun on Wheels & Auto Flea Market**
  Essex, Ontario
- Wed 13 **Monthly Meeting**
  Brass Pointe
  Farmington Hills, Michigan
- Fri 15 to Sun 17 **Stratford Festival Tour**
  Stratford, Ontario
- Wed 20 **Summer British Knights Cruise In**
  Ypsilanti Depot Town
  Ypsilanti, Michigan

JULY 2007

- Sun 8 **Mad Dogs & Englishmen Car Show**
  Gilmore Car Museum
  Hickory Corners, Michigan
- Wed 11 **Monthly Meeting**
  Dominion House
  Windsor, Ontario
- Wed 16 **Summer British Knights Cruise In**
  Christie's Bar & Grill
  Lake Orion, Michigan
- Mon 16 to Fri 20 **MG2007, NAMGBR Annual Meet**
  A Great Vintage
  Sonoma, CA
- Mon 23 to Fri 23 **GT32, NAMGAR Annual Meet**
  MG Drive with Altitude
  Whistler, BC

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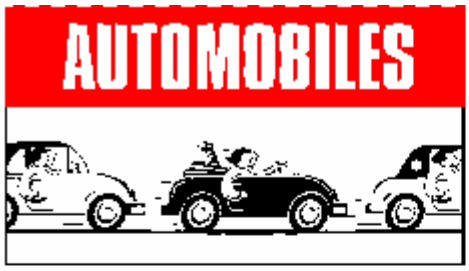

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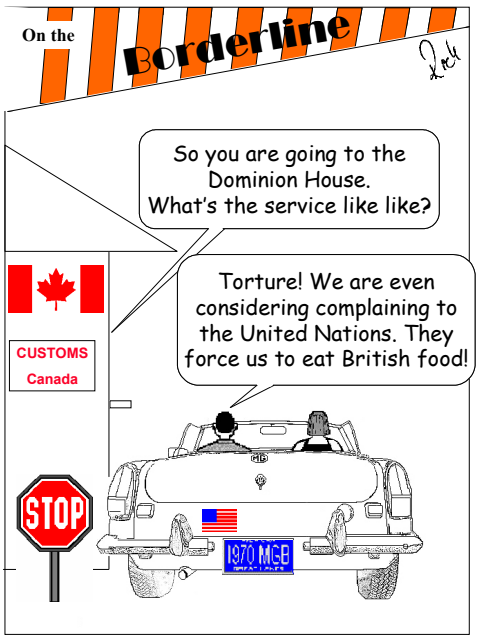

Coin a Collective & Collect a Coin (or a medallion at least)

by Rick Astley

While presenting the membership report at last month's club meeting, I found myself in need for a collective term for MGs. We all use collective nouns each day like a *fleet* of ships or a *flock* of sheep but did you know that there are literally hundreds in the English language? Most of those we know are so called 'terms of venery', that is those relating to animals that were hunted, domesticated or farmed centuries ago, so we are all familiar with expressions like a *swarm* of bees, a *herd* of cattle, a *pack* of hounds and a *pride* of lions. Some lesser-known examples are a *murder* of crows, a *tiding* of magpies, a *muster* of peacocks and *farrow* of piglets.

Many new collectives, most of which are amusing or apt in some way, have been invented in more recent times when people have felt a need for a new term. An *absence* of waiters, a *sulk* of teenagers and a *snap* of photographers are some examples. So what word should we use to describe a group of MGs? Send your suggestions (keep them clean and printable please) to me, or any board member, and we'll award a prize of a grille badge, or other club regalia item of similar value, to the person that coins the most appropriate or amusing word. The closing date for entries is May 14th.

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