The Can Am CONNECTION

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Ladies & Gentlemen, start your engines . . .

Date	Event	Venue or meeting place
2-Jun	London Classic British Car Show	London, ON
3-Jun	British Return to Fort Meigs	Perrysburg, OH
4-Jun	Orphan Car Show	Ypsilanti, MI
10-Jun	Fun On Wheels	Hertage Village, Essex, ON
13-Jun	June Monthly Meeting	Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
15-Jun	Stratford Festival Tour	Stratford, ON
16-Jun	Stratford Festival Tour	Stratford, ON
17-Jun	Stratford Festival Tour	Stratford, ON
21-Jun	British Car Cruise-In	Anton's Island Grill, Troy MI
8-Jul	Mad Dogs and Englishmen	Hickory Corners, MI
11-Jul	July Monthly Meeting	Dominion House, Windsor, ON
14-Jul	Driving and Dine	White Lake Inn, White Lake, MI
19-Jul	British Car Cruise-In	Anton's Island Grill, Troy MI
22-Jul	Erie Shore Winery Open House	Harrow, ON
23-Jul	All-British Cruise-In	Jose's on Howard, Windsor, ON
29-Jul	English Tea Tour	Milford, MI
5-Aug	Concours d'Elegance	Waterford, MI
8-Aug	August Monthly Meeting	Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
10-Aug	Alden Classic Car Show	Traverse City, MI
10-Aug	Twist Summer Party	Grand Rapids, MI
11-Aug	Alden Classic Car Show	Traverse City, MI
12-Aug	Twist Summer Party	Grand Rapids, MI
13-Aug	Alden Classic Car Show	Traverse City, MI
14-Aug	Twist Summer Party	Grand Rapids, MI
16-Aug	British Car Cruise-In	Anton's Island Grill, Troy MI
18-Aug	Alternative Dream Cruise	Walled Lake, MI
26-Aug	Brake for Brunch	Zukey Lake Tavern, Pinckney, MI
2-Sep	Fun On Wheels	Hertage Village, Essex, ON
9-Sep	Battle of Brits	Sterling Heights, MI
12-Sep	September Monthly Meeting	Dominion House, Windsor, ON
13-Sep	British Car Cruise-In	Anton's Island Grill, Troy MI
16-Sep	British Car Day at Bronte Creek	Oakville, ON
24-Sep	All-British Cruise-In	Jose's on Howard, Windsor, ON
10-Oct	October Monthly Meeting	Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
13-Oct	Autumn Colour Tour	Northville, MI
20-Oct	Lucas Night Rally	TBD

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

Presidentially Speaking

By Jeff Zorn — Club President

The season is finally here in the Detroit/Windsor Metro area. Yeah! Get out your LBC's and drive them especially with British Car Week on the Horizon from May 26 – June2. Maybe when you are out and about you can generate some interest in our Marque of Friendship and tell someone about our club. It is really interesting that there are so many people out there in our area that have MG's (or other British Marques) and are not members of one of the area clubs. Of course clubs are not for everyone, but if they like to drive their little beauties invited them to a club event. No strings of course!

Speaking of events Rick Astley has taken over as events coordinator, at least temporarily, and is doing a great job. We have an events calendar on our website www.wdmgc.com, check it out. Also key events are always printed in the Can-Am Connection. If you are interested in hosting a drive or event please contact Rick and let him know. Events don't have to be anything major, even a drive during the week such as a fun run is a great idea to get together and drive with your fellow members. Think about it, do you have a favorite ice cream parlor? How about a drive-in such as A & W? As a member of the largest British Car Club in Metro Detroit/Windsor, you build the event, we will publicize it and they (we) will come. Just like in a "Field of Dreams" Eh!?

Last month I had the opportunity to visit Key West, FL again for the NAMGAR Regional. I went with a long time sailing friend of mine and we had a great time. We drove my MGB from Tampa to the Key's, which took about 9 hours in ultra hot sunny weather. When we arrived there we met up with fellow Club member Bruce Read. Bruce drove all the way from Michigan to KW in his MGA and received the longest distance award. I think it was something like 1800 miles he drove one way.

The events at the regional were a blast, we had a wonderful welcome reception, breakfast at a drive-in the next day, a Treasure hunt (we finished dead last), a parade down Duval St. with our cars as the feature, a car show at Mallory Square and a Luau for our closing banquet. For free time my friend Mike and I went fishing and ate the super fresh fish when we were done and also rented a Hobie Cat for a sail.

This is an annual event and you do not have to be an MGA owner to attended, but you do need to be a member of NAMGAR or a member of an affiliate club (WDMGC is) so you can attend this event. Think about it for next year, I hear the plans are already in the works.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Steve & Brooke White
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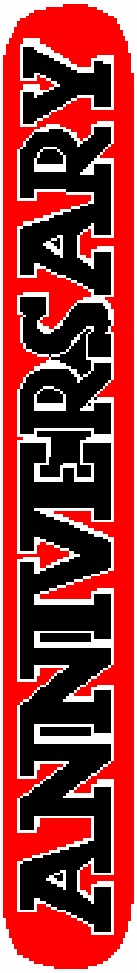
Canada
519-727-3865
(no MG yet)

Bill & Mary Ellen Weakley
4120 Pontiac Trail
Ann Arbor, MI 48105-9626
734-996-2524
1956 MGA Glacier Blue
1665 MG Midget Red

Westward Bound

Jay Kollin, who joined our club in 1989, has left the area for Iowa in connection with his work. Jay will be missed by the club, and we want to thank him for his contributions over the years, particular those in which he acted as our Regalia Manager. We wish him luck. If you would like to send him your own personal greeting, his e-mail remains the same at jkollin@wideopenwest.com.

June Membership Anniversaries



18 Years
Bob/Ruth Lendt

17 Years
Philip Wiltshire/Jan Tucker

16 Years
Tony/Pat Werderitsch

14 Years
David/Joyce Torby
Al/Karen Burnham

13 Years
George/Gail Dielhl
Roger Melton

10 Years
Nobody

5 Years
Andrew/Cherie Turner
Jeff Branch
Steve/Cathy Holiday

4 Years
Greg Walker/Susan Simmons

3 Years
Ron/Marj Garant
Chuck/Theresa Zichichi
David/Brenda Gray

2 Years
Keith/Tarla Gernert

1 Year
Mike/Micki Abrosimoff

A Paucity of Participation

by Rick Astley

With a small prize as an incentive, members were invited last month to coin a collective noun for MGs the result was under whelming. Only two responses were received, one was from my wife Anne, who is ineligible for prize consideration, while the other was from one of our editors Sandy Kuivenhoven.
Even though Sandy wins by default, I am sure her name would have been in the golden envelope anyway with one of her 12 entries:
A "*piddle*" of MGs - those darn oil leaks
A "*puddle*" of MGs - those darn oil leaks again
An "*abut*" of MGs - for our club touching along each others borders
A "*gear*" of MGs - old 70ies British slang for cool or neat
A "*fix*" of MGs - a little repair always needed
A "*cruise*" of MGs - wow!
An "*ado*" of MGs - fussy excitement at every glance.
A "*backfire*" of MGs - a bit embarrassing however.
A "*span*" of MGs - British term for spanner, wrench
An "*amity*" of MGs - due to most of them have aged well
A "*garage*" of MGs - they do spend most of their time there
An "*antiquity*" of MGs - the group due to common friendship

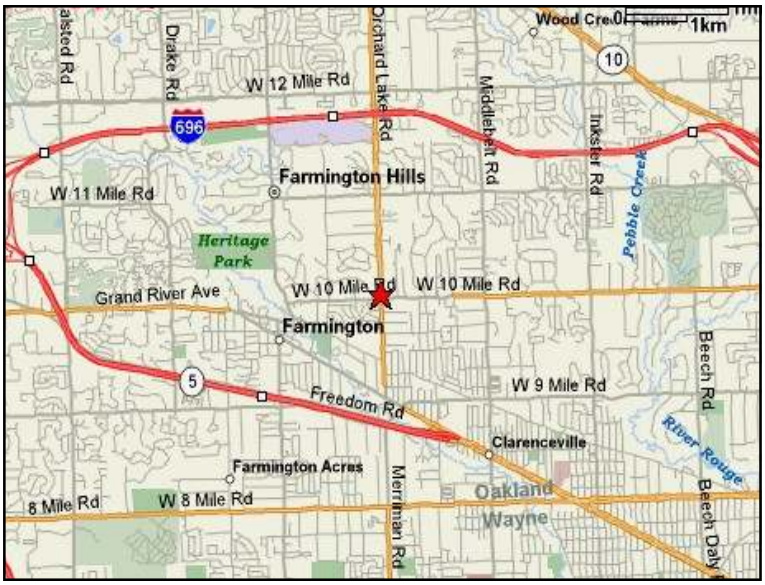
No doubt inspired by the state of our garage floor after the winter hibernation, one of Anne's entries echoed Sandy's first contributions with:
An "*oil slick*" of MGs
as well as:
A "*manifold*" of MGs
A "*mechanism*" of MGs
A "*memento*" of MGs
A "*passion*" of MGs
A "*memory*" of MGs
A "*life time*" of MGs
A "*saga*" of MGs

As sole judge I award the winning entry to Sandy for her **'Cruise of MGs'**, and we'll present her the prize of a grille badge at the next meeting.
My own contribution would have been a '*magnificence of MGs*', driven, unfortunately by an indifference of membership.

CLUB MEETINGS

June Meeting

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



July Meeting

Wednesday, July 11
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.)

Sunday Cruise to the Vineyard

July 22, 2007

Mark your calendars, you don't want to miss this event, our second annual Cruise to the Erie Shore Vineyard Open House where you will enjoy great food, fine wine, engaging music, and of course, a wonderful cruise in your lbc!
Last year we had over 30 cars in attendance, which made for a spectacular display at the vineyard and earned us some publicity in the local papers.

Full details will be on the web site shortly and in the July issue of the newsletter.

50/50 CASH DRAW WINNER

Congratulations to **Jeffrey Zorn**, winner of the 50/50 cash draw in May at the Dominion House.

For any of you unfamiliar with our draw here's how it works: 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. The pot that builds up during the year is then added to the "Winner Takes All" cash draw at our premiere event of the year, the Hibernation Party…and what a lovely cash prize that is, just ask previous winners!

The prices at our next draw will be $1 per ticket or $5 for 6 tickets, so have your cash ready when you come to the next meeting; you could be the next lucky winner.

The next draw will be on June 13, 2007 at our meeting in Farmington Hills.

Road-Ready WHEELS

Guess who?

London Classic British Car Show
Saturday June 2, 2007

Tim Burston will lead the WDMGC convoy to the 14th Annual Classic Car Show sponsored by the British Sports Car Club of London. Registration starts at 9:00 am at Diamond Aircraft Industries, 1560 Crumlin Sideroad, N. London, Ontario.

There will be music from the 50's and 60's, Car Olympics, awards, door prizes, vendors and food. Entry fee is $15& dash plaques will be awarded to the first 100 cars registered. Also, for the first time, there will be a British Motorcycle Display.

This year's featured marque is the Lotus.

Anyone wishing to join the club convoy should meet at the Tim Horton's at Manning Rd. and County Road 42 at 7:30 am. Our Chatham friends can meet up with the convoy at the Tim Horton's at Hwy 2 and Bloomfield Rd at around 8:30 am. Thamesville has been a rendezvous point for our Michigan drivers. We'll meet at the Town Hall Square around 9 am. From there it's a scenic blast down Hwy 2 to London. If you're coming from the northern suburbs, you can take the 402 from Sarnia to the 401, then the 401 to Airport Rd., east of London.

For more info contact Tim. email: <jburston2@cogeco.ca>

The British Return to Fort Meigs
Sunday June 3, 2007

This year, Matt Bade and Dale Brown will co-lead the WDMGC contingent to the site of the Lake Erie British Car Club's annual Car Show: Historic Fort Meigs in Perrysburg Ohio. Dale will coordinate the Canadian convoy that will join Matt and the rest of the US group. Full details regarding where and when the groups will meet up are provided on the web site via the calendar.

For additional information, or to confirm in advance that you'll be coming (which in turn helps us identify who we should be waiting for at our meet up spots) contact Matt or Dale.

Matt email: mgbade@core.com tel: 248-683-1210

Dale email: dale@wdmgc.com tel: 519-258-5987

Fun On Wheels - car show and flea market

Sunday June 10, 2007

Changing things up from the usual Tim Horton's, this year we will meet at Alibi's, conveniently located at Huron Church (Hwy 3) and Howard, where those who would like can also have a full breakfast. Plan on being there by around 9 am and we'll leave at around 10 am for Fun On Wheels located at the Ontario Transportation Museum (formerly Heritage Village), just outside Essex, Ontario.

There are usually only a few other British cars there, making us unique among the hot rods and antique cars that have numbered as high as 500 in the past. The cars are parked among the historic buildings of the village. If you wish bring some lawn chairs, and a picnic lunch or you can purchase food at the site. There will be a flea market with parts mainly for American Cars, but some items are generic, and you never know what you may find.

To get to Alibi's

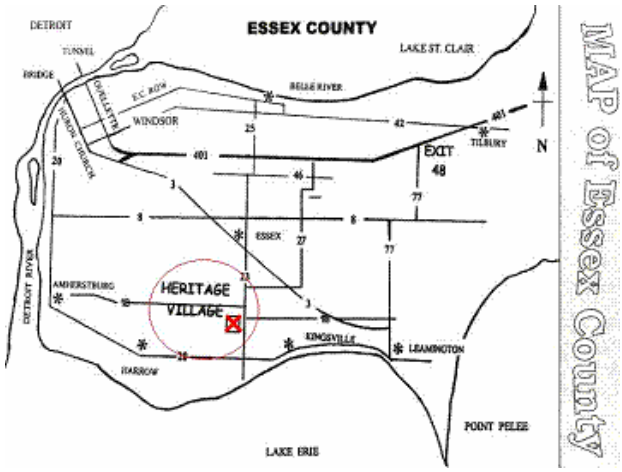
If you are coming from the US side, take the bridge and follow Huron Church southward and follow the directions around the curve to Highway 3 and 401. Just after the big curve and after Windsor Crossings Outlet Mall, you will come to Howard Avenue (traffic light), turn left and you are there. If you're coming from Windsor, head straight out Howard Avenue to Highway 3. There's lots of parking for all our Little British Cars.

Map shows location of **Alibi's**

Map below shows location of

Ontario Transportation Museum

(formerly Heritage Village)



For further information contact:
Dale Brown (email: dale@wdmgc.com / tel: 519-258-5987)
or Ralph Poupard (email: rlp2722@mnsi.net / tel: 519-776-6228)

D.T.S.C.

The Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club

"Summer British Knights"

A series of seven British-only Car Cruise-In Nights to be held on the 2nd 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
39715 6 Mile Rd., Northville Twp., MI 48168, (734)420-1400

May 16, East Side - Brann's Steakhouse
39715 6 Mile Rd., Northville Twp., MI 48168, (734)420-1400

June 20, Southwest - Ypsilanti Depot Town

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 & Linda Carlton [illegible]

Elvin Davis at the recent Monday evening Cruise-In (Farmington Hills)

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We would like to invite all British car or motorcycle owners for 2007 British only cruise in nights to be held at Jose's Noodle Factory at 2731 Howard Ave in Windsor on Monday May 28, July 23 and September 24th 2007 from 6pm until ??

Hop in your British car, cruise on down and enjoy an evening of fun with awesome food, great cars, make some new friends, door prizes and 50-50 draw with proceeds to charity.

For more info contact Wayne at Bordercityminis@cogeco.ca

BRITISH CAR CRUISE-IN

Where: Anton's Island Grill
2891 E. Big Beaver
Troy, Michigan 48084

When: Thursday May 17, 2007
Thursday June 21, 2007
Thursday July 19, 2007
Thursday August 16, 2007
Thursday September 13, 2007

Time: 5pm - 8:30pm

Come and join fellow LBC enthusiasts

...Your event host: Harry Mac Lean...

HMac483017@aol.com

17TH ANNUAL MAD DOGS & ENGLISHMEN BRITISH CAR FAIRE

Sunday July 8th, 2007

2007 FEATURED MARQUE IS PRE-1955 MG

All day family fun car show open to all British made vehicles. Features cars for sale, swap area and car games. Over 350 vehicles on the show field. The featured marques for 2007 are pre-1955 MG and a Rare Gem category for SINGER.

Enjoy people's choice judging, car games, and rides in the Museum's Austin London Taxi or the Double Decker bus. Bagpipers and Tea Time, too!

To pre-register online visit
www.maddogsandenglishmen.org
269-344-5555 or email Twlane@net-link.net

As in previous years, you're invited to join friends and club members as we travel *Safety Fast* down some of Michigan's most scenic back roads to the annual British Car Event held just northeast of Kalamazoo.
The 125 mile run, much of it at 55 MPH, will be a true test of your car, so make certain you're up to the challenge. This year, Rich Wagner is filling in for Matt Bade as leader. Instructions & map will be provided.

Starting times and locations are as follows:
1. 7:00 AM Start at Meijers Parking lot (8 Mile & Haggerty Roads).
2. 8:00 AM Start at Arby's Parking Lot (On M-36, just West of US-23).
(The cars will assemble on the West side of lot)

A breakfast stop is planned half-way into the drive in the town of Leslie. The group should arrive after 11 AM, but before noon.

Return time is scheduled for around 4 PM. There will also be an optional stop for dinner or beverages at the Zukey Lake Tavern. Those wishing to continue on will find US-23 just a few miles away.

Written Driving instructions are available online at:
http://community.webtv.net/OurMGandTR/
Rich Wagner 248-624-9573
mgslovetrs@aol.com

North American MGB Register

MG 2007

July 16-20

Sonoma Wine Country California

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July 23-27

The MG Drive With Altitude! British Columbia

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The Tea Run
Sunday July 29th 2007

Leaving Ann Arbor 2.30pm for 4pm at the Tea Room, Milford

Last year's run was so successful; we thought we should run it again. We will meet at the Meijer's parking lot south of the Zeeb Road exit from I94, just west of Ann Arbor. (Our usual start point is "under construction" and off-limits to MG's). We have created a nice route around western Oakland County that is a classic tour with some winding roads and the odd lake or two. About 60 miles. We will finish in Milford at TJ's.

Look for "Tea J's" sign outside the 1909 Historical home located in the cozy Village of Milford. This tea room is maintained and operated by two sisters who had a vision to create an environment where you can relax and enjoy the company of friends and family, very different than most dining experiences you may have had. Our location offers plenty of free street parking with handicap parking and access available at the rear of the building.

We will have 3 menu items to choose from for approximately $7.95 per person.

We have space for 24 travelers and have given the Tea Room a deposit to secure our very own 4pm to 6pm slot. Therefore we want you to call either me, Philip Wiltshire (248 676 0986) or Ailene Butcher (248 685 8610) and make your menu choice and then send either of us a cheque for $7.95 per person. This will make sure that on the day, we have all the food choices sorted out and we can concentrate on eating, drinking and talking!!

After our tea, I will lead any interested MG's to Baker's cruise night where we will have MG parking amongst the beautiful muscle cars that show there, just south of Milford and opposite the Dairy Queen, 2 miles north of I96 on Milford Road.

We hope to hear from you…..!!!!

Winsdor-Detroit MG Car Club is invited to enjoy Preferred-Club Parking at the 29th Annual Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance, Sunday, August 5, 2007!

This special offer will make it possible for our club members to see 300 of the most stunning automobiles and motorcycles in the world, at a discounted price, all for the preservation of Meadow Brook Hall!

Preferred Club-only parking for all club members who wish to participate with club vehicles. We will all park together very close to the Concours d'Elegance, and will be provided signage identifying the club to the general public.
You will be allowed to purchase tickets in advance at a special car club only rate of $20/person, including parking and Program Book. General Admission to the Concours will be $25/person.

You may bring food and non-alcoholic beverages for consumption within the preferred Club parking area. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on Oakland University property.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Colin M. Stafford (email intx@comcast.net - telephone 248-647-2476). Payment is due to Meadow Brook by June 15, 2007.

EnjoyClassicCars.com

A Regional Website for the Classic Car Enthusiast

If you have access to the Internet, check out this web site and become part of the circle. The site is run by MG and Italian car enthusiast Peter Pleitner who is a professor in the vehicle restoration portion of Washtenaw Community College and who facilitates our annual trip to Rivertech

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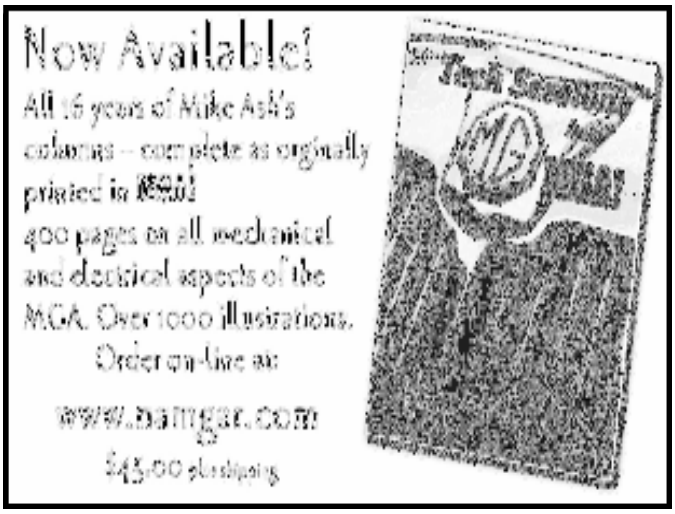

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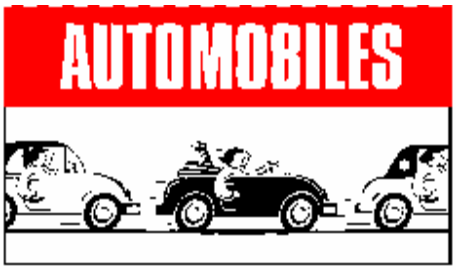
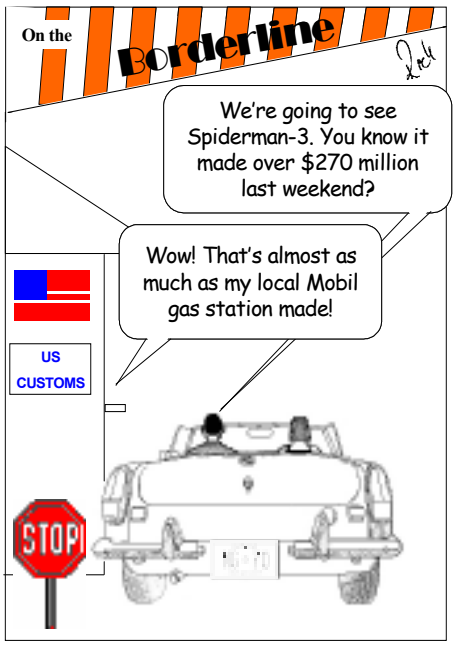


1960 MG 1600. Red convertible with white interior. Call Peter for details. 313-881-8705

1978 MGB. Excellent shape. Has had complete block-up engine rebuild. Rebuilt transmission and front end. Several new components and extras.
For pictures go to www.cblonde.dyndns.org/mgb Tel. 519-735-0005

1978 MGB. Arizona Car. Engine recently redone with rings ,bearings, and cyl head. Weber DGV Carb. Frt/rr suspension rebuilt, new brakes/tires. Super clean must see. Many Extras. About 66000 miles. $6500.
Call Glenn 586-226-9519

MGB Aluminum Wheels. "Turbine Style" 14 X 6 bolt on wheels for MGB. Minimum clearance to rear wheel. $50 for 4 wheels. Call Barry 734-464-6709



Geriatric Jets

By Rick Astley

The average age of the MGs owned by our club members is 38 years old. As we drive them a few inches above the ground, I wonder how confident many us are about their safety and reliability over a long journey. Judging by the number who braved the trip to Tennessee for MG 2006, not many and indeed, in a few cases, their concerns proved justified.

I thought of that the other day as I flew 6 miles above the ground in a Northwest Airlines DC9. NWA, by far the biggest carrier flying out of Detroit, has one of the oldest fleets in the United States, the statistic being heavily weighted by the fact one third of its aircraft is made up of aging DC9s, some of which are 40 years old. Northwest would counter that these planes have been thoroughly refurbished; right, like many of our ultra-reliable MGs!

So if you take a flight out of Detroit within North America, there is a good possibility that you will be relying on a vehicle older than your MG. If that doesn't scare you enough, you may want to think about the fact that some of the flight controls were made by Lucas Aerospace.

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