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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

Presidentially Speaking

By Jeff Zorn — Club President

Last night was our US meeting at the Brass Pointe. We had a pretty good turnout and the weather was glorious. As usual great food and before and after tire kicking in the parking lot was enjoyed by all. We had some prizes for newsletter trivia and some table centerpieces courtesy of Shari and Sandy (our editors.) Thanks ladies for adding a little spice to our meetings. Next month I will wear white underwear for sure!!!! (you had to be there)

By the time you ready this it will be almost mid season, gee the season just started. Members are getting ready to drive to the west coast for the NAMGBR event and to Whistler, BC for the NAMGAR GT. I know I am really jealous of Ralph and Kathy Poupard who are driving in their MGA to Whistler and Bruce Reed will be joining them for at least part of the way in his MGA. Elvin and Janet will be off to California for the NAMGAR meet too. Who else is going to either and if you would do a report on them when you get back and send it to our editors that would be great.

The drive and dine scheduled for July 14 at the White Lake Inn will not be that date. Jan and I will be out of town that day so will not be able to do it. We will have a follow up date time permitting.

One event I am really looking forward to is the Tea on the 29th of July. We will be in Cleveland the day before but will be back in time to join in on this fine event.

Recently we were at the event in the South Bend area put on by the Michiana Brits (we are members of that club too) and after several times attending I finally got a chance to ride 5 or 6 lamps at speed on the old Bendix test track. It is a 3 mile oval and was a lot of fun. My speedo on the BSA is not accurate but I hear we got up to speeds of around 60 MPH. That is the fastest I have been on the old Beeser and on that smooth surface it did not even shake one bit.

Our next meeting is at the DH in Windsor so come one come all for a great meal and a visit with other WDMGC members on July 11. See you there.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBER

Jerry & Regina Goodwin
3109 Exeter Drive 1980 MGB Green
Milford, Michigan

Our neighbors, Jan and Philip Wiltshire and Doug and Aileen Butcher got us interested in the classic MG's.

Last summer we purchased a 1980 model and retro'd back with a complete rebuild to look like a late 60's.

As new members of the club, we're looking forward to making new friends and taking many motoring adventures.

Before

&

After

NEW MEMBER

Dennis Elster
350 Fishing Lane 1970 MGB Primrose
Deland, Florida
dennis_elster@hotmail.com

A Florida native for 35 years, I'm originally from Cleveland, Ohio and therefore familiar with the problems an MG can have in the cold (I owned a 1967 roadster up there years ago). My current 1970 MGB has 83,000 original miles, and though it has rostyle wheels now, chrome wires and a restoration are in its future. I was attracted to your club because it was based up north, and if you can master the proper functioning of a MG in subfreezing weather, you're a cut above the average enthusiast.

Mine was manufactured in October of 1969, and I am pleased it has one foot in the 60's, which I hold dear. I enjoy the vintage mechanicals and can spend hours under the car (and sometimes need to) just monkeying with things. I recently had to replace the ignition switch (a 1970 replacement switch was not available) and as a result have a few gremlins and can use some advise.

I'm looking forward to a long, productive membership with the Windsor-Detroit MG Club.

JULY
MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSERIES

Ozzie & Terry Pillon .....26 Years

Ed Fleming.....17 Years

Tom & Marcia Greiner.....17 Years

Ralph & Kathi Popard.....13 Years

Chuck & Joan Rohrborn.....4 Years

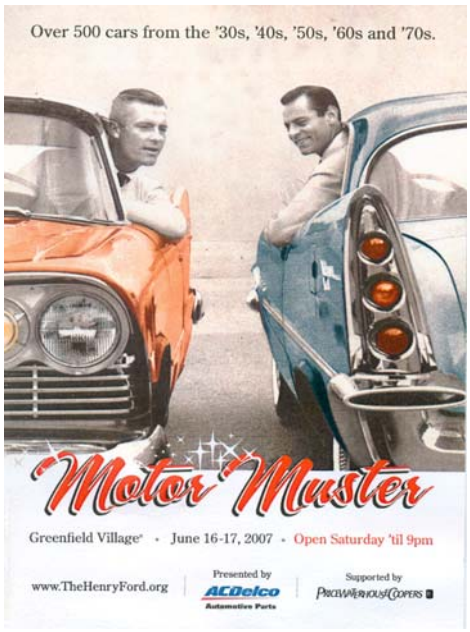
John & Joyce Murphy.....4 Years

Rodolfo & Vania Rasche.....4 Years

Dave & Tracy Lempke.....3 Years

Jim Kozlowicz.....1 Year

MEMBER MAKES US PROUD



Congratulations to Colin Stafford who won Curator's Choice beating out over 190 unrestored vehicles at the Greenfield Village Motor Muster this year. His car, a 1954 MG TF received top honors for original vehicle. A small ceremony was held earlier than planned at the car site rather than the grandstand, do to the backup on the "pass and review" parade (along with consideration for their dog who was at home alone since early morning). Accompanied by his wife Jan, they attempted to stuff the plaque, awarded picnic basket and picnic table into their MG.

Colin commented after the event, *"Its pretty cool to have won the Curator's Award....so much for those trailer queens we are used to seeing at shows".*

This annual event drew over 900 vehicles from the years of 1933-1970. Several members including Sandy Kuivenhoven, Shari Pelic, Bob Leinen and Tom Parent joined Colin with their MG's for the extremely hot event. Everyone was toasted nicely.

Along with free admission to the village for the week-end with this event, we also received admission to the museum to see the Rock Stars Cars and Guitars. Exhibit highlights included such vehicles belonging to John Lennon, Madonna, Bob Segar, Sir Elton John, Kiss, U2, Bon Jovi and others. (The Ocar Meyer Weiner Mobil was also on display, but not in this exhibit). The cars were great to view and if you have a chance to visit the Henry Ford this summer, it is worth a look-see!

BRITISH INVADE HOWELL, MI

...by land, not sea!

By S. Kuivenhoven

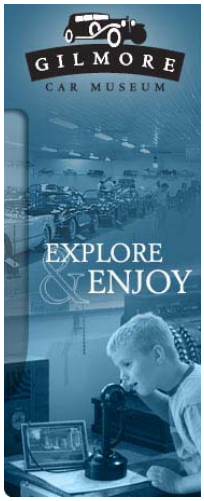
British cars, such as those of Shari Pelic (1949 MG TC), Paul and Pauline Blunt(2002 Jag—their MGB is still in storage), Connie Boyle (TR6) and Sandy Kuivenhoven (1951 MG TD) among other car enthusiasts attended the 23rd Annual Michigan Challenge Balloonfest in Howell, MI on June 23rd! Shair's car was awarded a Sponsor's Choice Award and a great time was had by all.

Activities for the day included a Medieval Village and Equestrian Horse Show, Art Festival, Carnival Rides, Rock-N-Roll K-9 Dogs, Skydivers, Windjammers Stunt Kite Team, Mass Balloon Launch, and of course, Antique and Custom Car Show. This event in previous years has been attended by many Windsor/Detroit members and continues to be a delightful event. Participates of the car show received a special discounted price for the day, along with a dash plate featuring the Michigan Challenge XXIII commemorative pin.

The British cars enjoyed a spectacular view of sixty hot air balloons overhead and also had the opportunity of stay later in the evening to watch the "AfterGlow" (the balloon return to the launch field, inflate, creating many colors illuminating the night sky). It is a never-to-be-forgotten sight, so we heard. But some of us had to leave early since Shari's car does not have working headlights. The fog light of the TC sort of illuminated M59, that's as good as it got for us!

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

Sunday Cruise to the Vineyard

July 22, 2007

Do you enjoy county road cruises in your lbc? Do you enjoy fine wines, good food and great company? If either or both appeal to you then make sure you join us Sunday July 22 for our very popular Cruise to the Vineyard.

Where to meet

- in the rear parking lot of McDonald's Restaurant on Huron Church near the Ambassador Bridge.

Meet-up time

- 11:30 am

Departure time

- as close to noon as possible.

Our Essex County cruise will take us through LaSalle, Amherstburg (where we will stop for ice cream) and finally to Harrow and the Erie Shore Vineyard, where proprietors Alma and Harvey Hollingshead are hosting their annual Summer Open House that will feature live music, great food, and of course many fabulous estate wines to try and to buy, including new releases such as a 2006 Riesling, a 2005 Ridge Red, a new house blend called Erie Shore Red, as well as other favourites like the Baco Noir, Vidal Blanc and Summer Sun Cabernet.

Alma and Harvey are looking forward to seeing us again and are happy to welcome us to their open house. However, as a courtesy to our hosts we would like to let them know ahead of time how many cars (and people) might be in our party, so if you're interested in participating please contact Marty Hunt by the date below. The photo at right was taken at last year's event where we had an amazing turnout, over 30 cars!

Remember to pack your lawn chairs, sun screen, and a cooler of water, juice or pop, but be sure to leave room in the boot for all those fabulous wines you'll want to take home!

If you're interested in participating please let us know before July 21. Although you don't need to confirm ahead of time that you will be joining us, it will allow us to give our hosts an idea of how many cars and people to expect.

Marty Hunt - tel: 519-948-8730 - email: mhunt@artgalleryofwindsor.com

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.

THE ALTERNATIVE DREAM CRUISE

This year, Rich and Adrienne Wagner will host the club's **Seventh Annual Cruise down the back roads**, an alternative to the traffic jam event held on Woodward every year on the very 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.

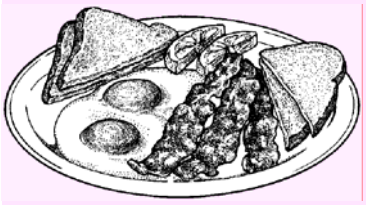
Go see the cars on Woodward if you wish, then come and join in the fun of a real **Dream Cruise**.

Date: Saturday, August 18th, 2007
Meet-Up Time: 3:00 P.M.
Drive begins promptly at 3:30 P.M.
Meet Up Location: **Westwind Lake Plaza**—located on the northeast side of Pontiac Trail and Haggerty Road in Commerce Township.

Directions: From the south, take M-5 north to the very end (Pontiac Trail). Turn right onto Pontiac Trail (going east) and cross Haggerty Road. Once you have crossed Haggerty Road, the Plaza will be directly on your left.

BRAKE FOR BRUNCH

How about a ninety minute drive in the country for Sunday Brunch?
Sunday, August 26th, 2007



Adrienne Wagner has come up with an idea that should be just perfect for those wanting to sleep in on Sundays, or have other family activities that keep them away from many of the club's afternoon events. Arriving for Brunch at 11 A.M. will get you back home in plenty of time.

Destination: Zukey Lake Tavern—located off M-36, just west of Hamburg, MI (810) 231-1441

Meeting Location & Time for the Drive: Meijer's parking lot , Eight Mile & Haggerty Road, Novi, MI at 9:00 A,M. The drive begins promptly at 9:30 A.M. This is a family friendly event with special pricing for kids, so you do not have to drive your roadster.

For those preferring to meet the group at Zukey Lake Tavern, the cars should arrive at 11:00 A.M.

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 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
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 & Laurie Carlson: davida49@aol.com or Dave & Sue Snyder: snydleydog@yahoo.com
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HMac483017@aol.com

CLUB MEETINGS

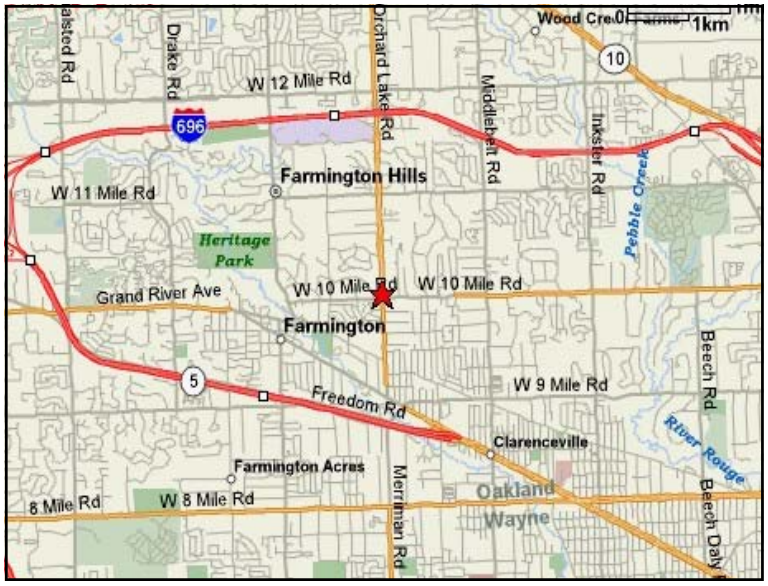
July Meeting

Wednesday, July 11, 2007
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.)

August Meeting

Wednesday, August 8, 2007
Brass Pointe Restaurant
24234 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan



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Sunday, 23rd
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OCTOBER 2007

Saturday, 6th…….. America's British Reliability Run(s) - OH and WI
Sunday, 7th
Wednesday, 10th....Monthly Meeting, Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
Saturday, 13th……. Autumn Colour Tour, Northville, MI
TBD…… Obsolete Automotive Fall Garage Sales, Point Edward, ON
TBD……..Lucas Night Rally

NOVEMBER 2007

Saturday, 10th……. A Night at the Races, Northville, MI
Wednesday, 14th....Monthly Meeting, Dominion House, Windsor, ON

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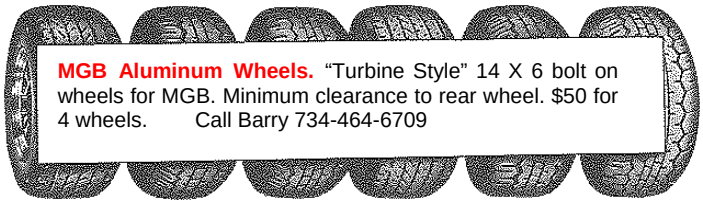
1978 MGB. Arizona Car. Engine recently redone with rings ,bearings, and cyl head. Weber DGV Carb. Frt/rr suspension rebuilt, new brakes/tires. Super clean must see. Many Extras. About 66000 miles. $6500.
Call Glenn 586-226-9519

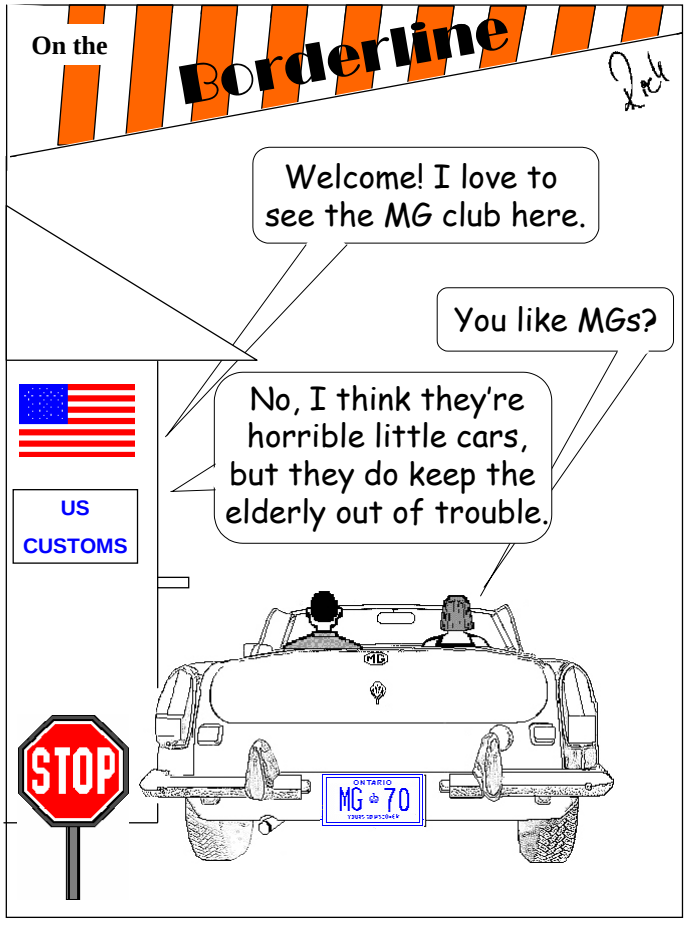
1974 Porsche 914 Orange named Tiger Lily. Replica of a 914/6GT. Factory steel wheel flares. Added rear wheel arch stiffening plates. Full roll cage. 3.2l 6cyl built on an early 930 “split” crankcase, two triple weber carbs, mid 70’s style motor. Transmission is a turned around 911S 5-speed. 2200 lbs. All original 914/6 parts used to convert oiling system—the four cylinder cars had a crankcase, the sixes have a dry sump—additional oil cooler in nose, along with trim & interior parts. 911 sport muffler to one outlet, turned to the then Lime Rock noise regs. 911RS struts for front suspension, rear coilovers matched so that the car is nicely balanced. Brakes are 930 master cylinder, adjustable front/rear bias, with 930 rotors & calipers. Polished “street” wheels 6X15 front & 7X15 rear. Another six wheels 7X15 & 8X15 for “other” purposes. Great care for club or vintage events, did some SCCA vintage races.
Tom (843) 385-2217—Boston Area



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

Here is something you car buffs probably didn't know.

The 3 Goldberg brothers, Norman, Hiram, and Maxwell invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner.
Didn't know that, did ya?..
On July 17th, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97º.
The 3 brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that 3 gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter. Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car which was about 130º, turned on the air-conditioner and cooled the car off immediately. The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them 3 million dollars for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for 2 million but they wanted the recognition by having a label "The Goldberg Air-Conditioner" on the dashboard of each car that it was installed in. Now old man Ford was more than just a little bit Anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on 2 million Ford cars. They haggled back and forth for about 2 hours and finally agreed on 4 million dollars and that just their first names would be shown.
And so, even today, all Ford air-conditioners show on the controls, the names "Norm, Hi, & Max".



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