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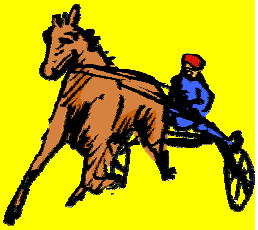
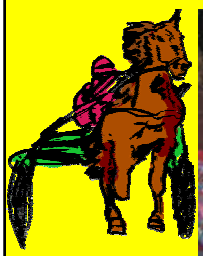

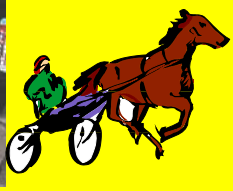

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Submissions must arrive by the 15th of the month to ensure publication in the next issue.

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

Presidentially Speaking

By Jeff Zorn — Club President

2007 has drawn to a close and by the time you read your Can-Am Connection it will be 2008. Jan and I are now home till mid February which is a very welcome break. We will, however, be making a few trips south and I will be attending the British Trade Group Meeting in St. Pete in January with Guy St. John.

This past week our annual holiday meeting was held at the Brass Pointe and we had an overflow crowd. Over 65 people attended this meeting and there were lots of great gifts exchanged. One of the more popular gifts, that I actually had my hand on for about 5 minutes, was a nice bottle of Jack.

Sandy and Shari made some cookies for folks to take home and had some cool WDMGC little cars on the tables. Anne Astley did the centerpieces and table cloths and our favorite waitress Christie made huge plates of cookies for each table. We presented Christie with a nice gift for being a great hostess all year long.

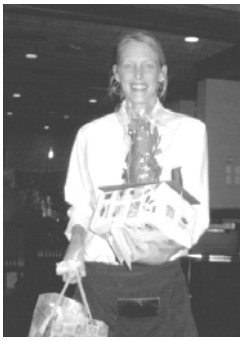
Our membership is up to 222 members and if you have not made a meeting before it would be great to see you at one on either side of the border. The next meeting is January 9th, at the Dominion House so come out and pay us a visit.

The BIG event of the year is the Hibernation Party, which will be held on March 1, 2008 at the Windsor Yacht Club. Please plan to be there it is a great party. The club will again subsidize the meal. Details of the party are elsewhere in the Can-Am Connection.

Elections are slated for that night as well and every position is up for grabs. Scott and Matt are term limited so please if you are interested in Secretary or Treasurer please let me know. The offices of Pres and VP are also available for someone new to step up and take the challenge. Giving something back to the club is always a nice thing and you will enjoy your time on the board and in office. It is very fulfilling. Please let me know if you are interested in any of the positions. Send me a note at jzorn@mgcars.org.uk

The position of Editor(s) will also be open after this coming year. Shari and Sandy have been doing a great job for the past year and have agreed to continue for 2008. We would like someone to step up NOW and work with them to have a seamless transition at the end of 2008 for our most valuable asset. Please let me know if you would like to be our Can-Am Connection editor.

Jan and I wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy 2008.



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NEW MEMBERS

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1975 Truimph TR6 White

Max Kenney
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Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080
586-498-9726
1953 TD Dark Blue

CLUB MEETINGS

January Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2008

The Dominion House Tavern
3140 Sandwich Street
Windsor, Ontario

February Meeting

Brass Pointe Restaurant
24234 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan

Due to space restrictions, see the Windsor/Detroit MG Club website:
www.mgcars.org.uk/wdmgcc/ for detailed directions.

ROAD TO CLUB EVENTS

JANUARY

9th - Wed., Monthly Meeting, Dominion House, Windsor, ON

FEBRUARY

13th - Wed., Monthly Meeting, Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI

MARCH

1st - Sat., Hibernation Party & Annual General Meeting, Windsor Yacht Club, Windsor, ON

12th - Wed., Monthly Meeting, Dominion House, Windsor, ON

APRIL

9th - Wed., Monthly Meeting, Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI

TBA Kimber Birthday Bash, Lansing, MI

11th-13th, Silver Springs, FL, Suncoast Classic MG Club, see http://www.britishcarclub.net for more information.

MAY

14th - Wed., Monthly meeting, Dominion House, Windsor, ON

31st-June 8th - British Car Week, Drive your British Car to Work!

JANUARY / FEBRUARY CLUB MEMBERS ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

Greg Kuhun & Jill Seguin	23 years
Fran Lewis	21 years
David & Carmie Connor	17 years
Dan & Mimi Sokolowski	17 years
Chuck & Mary Wiley	16 years
Joyce & John Cherwak	14 years
Steve & Linda Reed	14 years
David Lirette	14 years
Barry & Barbara Jones	12 years
Robb & Debbie Lippitt	7 years
Nick & John Cipparrone	5 years
Bob Krzewinski & Sally Lunn	5 years
Mike & Cheryl Moder	5 years
Dave & Teresa Pitter	5 years
Ron Pruette & Jolanta Choluj	3 years

FEBRUARY

Gary Howe	27 years
Chuck Jones	8 years
Graham & Linda Creswick	5 years
George & Helen Barton	5 years
Sam & Faye D'Alfonso	4 years
Mike & Debbie Grimm	4 years
Bruce & Beth Hall	3 years
Derek & Claire Copp	1 year

Please join as for the

Windsor-Detroit MG Club Hibernation Party

Saturday, March 1, 2008
Windsor Yacht Club
9000 Riverside Drive East in Windsor

Menu

Demi rolls with whipped butter

Seasonal salad with house herb vinaigrette

Your choice of one of the following
- Roast Prime Rib of Beef with au jus,
- Chef Rob's Chicken Breast, stuffed with wild mushrooms &sun dried tomatoes, or
- Grilled Fillet of Atlantic Salmon

Roasted red skin potatoes and seasonal vegetable medley

Dessert, Tea and Coffee

Be sure to get your dinner reservation form and payment to us no later than Feb. 15, 2008
The form is available in this newsletter and on the club website.

Raffle Prizes

The donation of prizes or gifts from members and/or their companies is always appreciated. If you can help out in this regard, please contact Lise Brown or Anne Astley.

Entertainment

Following dinner, the band will get the party started with music that is sure to keep the dance floor hopping, so have your dancing shoes ready!

Cash Bar

Cocktails, beer and wine will be available. Terms are cash (Canadian currency) or credit card.

Dress

Anything from smart casual to tuxedos.

Party Time

Cocktail hour begins at 6 pm
Dinner will be served at 7 pm sharp.

Getting there from the Tunnel

On exiting the tunnel,
Turn right onto Park Street East
Turn left onto Goyeau Street,
Turn right onto Riverside Drive
Continue eastward on Riverside to the Windsor Yacht Club, which will be on your left.

The WYC is about 10km (6.2miles) from the tunnel exit.

Accommodations

For your convenience, a list of nearby accommodations is published elsewhere in this newsletter.

WDMGC Hibernation Party - Dinner Reservation Form

Use the form below (hand drawn copies are fine) to reserve your place at the party. Please make sure that your form and payment reach us by **February 15, 2008 at the latest.** Unfortunately, forms and cheques received after this date may be returned. Forms will be dated upon receipt and in the event that the party becomes over-subscribed, they will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Return completed form and payment to either Lise Brown or Anne Astley:

Lise Brown
1970 Loraine Ave.
Windsor, Ontario N8W 1P4 Canada
tel: 519-258-5987

Anne Astley
28404 South Harwich Drive,
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-4281 USA
tel: 248-737-1978

Raffle prizes: Donations of prizes for the raffle table are always appreciated and will be duly recognized. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prices quoted are *per person*

	Roast Prime Rib of Beef	Stuffed Chicken Breast	Grilled Atlantic Salmon
Member and one guest (per person)	$30 (Cdn or US)	$19 (Cdn or US)	$21 (Cdn or US)
Additional guests (per person)	$45 (Cdn or US)	$34 (Cdn or US)	$36 (Cdn or US)

If a special meal, such as vegetarian, is required, please indicate "**Special**" on the form and price as per Chicken. ***Please also indicate the nature of the special requirement.***

Name: _____

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_____

Names	For each person indicate Beef, Chicken, Salmon or Special (w/details)	Enter price per person See list above
Member		$
Guest		$
Additional Guest 1		$
Additional Guest 2		$
Total value of cheque enclosed		$

*US cheques payable to **Windsor-Detroit MG Club** - Cdn cheques payable to **Lise Brown***

Accommodations for Hibernation Party Weekend

To help ensure a more relaxed evening with some added peace of mind, out-of-town members may wish to consider an overnight stay in Windsor on the night of March 1. Below is a list of accommodations that are close to the border crossings, and a short easy drive from the Windsor Yacht Club.

Bed and Breakfasts

Ye Olde Walkerville B&B / 1104 Monmouth Street
www.wescanada.com/walkervillebb/home.html

Amber Sunset B&B / 1575 Riverside Drive West
www.wincom.net/ambersunset/

The Windsor Inn-On-The-River B&B / 3857 Riverside Drive East
www.inn-on-the-river.com/

Devonshire House B&B / 546 Devonshire Road
www.devonshirehouse.com/

Hotels

Hilton Windsor / 277 Riverside Drive West
Tel: 519-973-5555 / Reservation: 1-800-774-1500

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Tel: 519-258-7774 / Reservation: 1-888-515-6375

Radisson Riverfront Hotel Windsor / 333 Riverside Drive West
Tel: 519-9779777 / Reservation: 519-977-9777

Casino Windsor Hotel / 377 Riverside Drive East
517 258-7878

A link to a full list of accommodations in the Windsor area can be found at: www.mgcars.org.uk/wdmgcc/hibernationpartyinfo08.htm

CLUB AWARDS - Call for nominees

All right folks, the time has come for you to help determine this year's recipients of our coveted club awards. Please review the awards criteria below, and indicate on the form (or a facsimile) the member you believe is most deserving of an award and why - just a few words are fine, but a funny or compelling anecdote would be even better.

You can submit your nominations to any club board member by phone, email, snail mail, or in person at the next club meeting. Board member names and contact details can be found on page 2. **The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2008**.

As always, the awards will be presented at the Hibernation Party, which this year will be held on Saturday March 1, 2008 at the Windsor Yacht Club. Details about the event are in newsletter and on the club web site.

We sincerely hope you have enjoyed the numerous events that were on our calendar in 2007, and that you kept your eyes and ears open for possible candidates for this year's awards.

Founders Award: Given to the member who has contributed the most to the club over the past year. This person or persons are the most valuable members of the club. They have contributed above and beyond anyone else in the club.

Nominee(s):
Reason:

Rookie of the Year: Given to the new member who has contributed the most to the club over the past year. "New member" shall be defined as having joined the club since September 1 of the previous year.

Nominee(s):
Reason:

Navigator of the Year: Given to the "Travelling Companion" or "Navigator" who has contributed the most to the club over the past year.

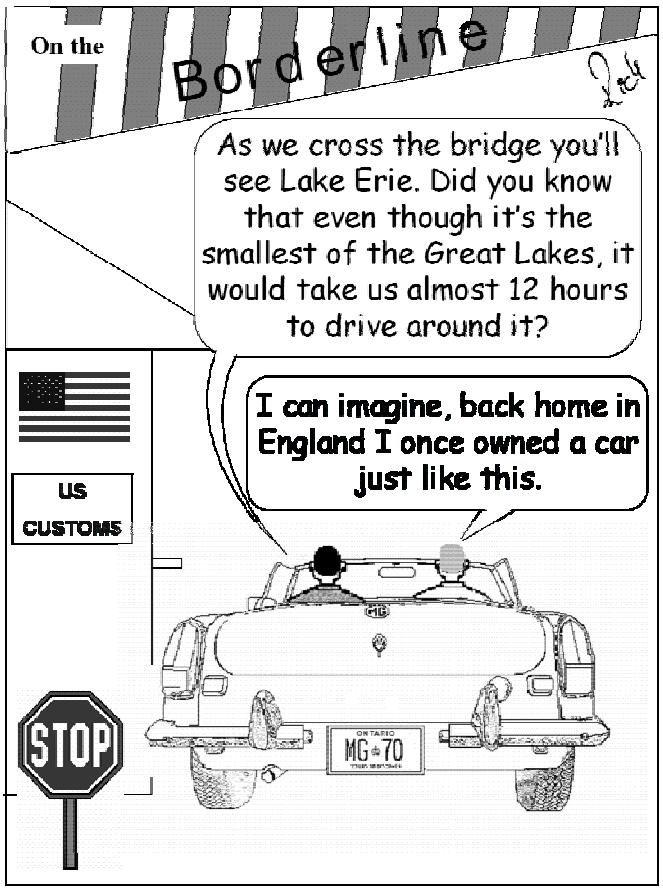
Nominee(s):
Reason:

Hard Luck Award: Given to the member who has had the most problems with his/her British car during the past year (or suffered a notable loss or hardship in that regard.)

Nominee(s):
Reason:

Lucky Lucas Award: Given to the member who has had the most electrical problems with his/her British car during the past year (or a combination of electrical and general malfunction.)

Nominee(s):
Reason:



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