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To paraphrase Marilyn Monroe,
Say, ”Happy Birthday Mister Kimber, Happy Birthday to you!”,in a soft whispery voice

It threatened to rain on our parade. Early forecasts were for cool temperatures and rain for Cecil’s birthday drive. That could have caused the lighter than normal turnout. Or maybe it was the cold weather that lingered into mid April, discouraging members from getting their summer rides out from under the covers.

At any rate, 17 MGs showed up at the usual Meijer parking lot. At first GTs outnumber the roadsters 2 to 1 as vehicles arrived. But by the time we were ready to roll we had eight roadsters to six GTs. Throw in an Austin Healey 3000 and two TDs.

The drivers meeting was held promptly at 9:30 but no one seemed to want to be the first one out. “You go”, I said No, My navigator isn’t very good, send someone else out first” OK, you go. “Wait, I don’t have a navigator, send someone else” Finally, someone (with a navigator) headed out, breaking the cold footed ice jam and the rumble of vintage four, six and eight cylinder engines was heard disappearing down Haggerty Road.

Speaking of feet (cold or otherwise), Fran Lewis’ day started on the wrong variety. As she pulled into the Meijer parking lot a Novi black and white pulled in behind her. Seems there’s a little sign by I-275 that says “No turn on red” with a bunch of hours listed. The guy in front of Fran turn, Fran turned and the guy behind her turned. The cop singled her out for the ticket. I was hoping it was Jim Petres, the only Novi cop I know and a reasonable man who I could probably talk to, but no, the luck wasn’t with Fran.

At least the trip to Lansing was uneventful (I’ll take uneventful to bad eventful any day). The big news was the number of road kills noticed along the route. Opossums, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, and, on my route 3 deer. If anyone is keeping count, the vehicles are winning.

On the way a volunteer fireman in his pickup went screaming down the middle of the road, forcing cars unto each shoulder. Luckily that was the only excitement.

Marcia Greiner’s delicious chocolate birthday cake made the trip without her. Seems Tom & Marcia’s B didn’t have any brake fluid. I suggested they drive it anyway, heck, I once drove back from Elkhart Lake Wisconsin with no brakes. It’s good for the reflexes. Makes you really pay attention.

Apparently the cake was really good this year as there wasn’t a crumb left over. Make sure you bring your taste buds next year.

In Lansing we met MG friends we haven’t seen for maybe a year, lied about how good our cars are, sang “Happy Birthday” to Cecil Kimber (his 120th) and headed home.

A special mention should be made about two members who win the Longest Drive Award. I just made that up, there isn’t a longest drive award, but maybe there should be. Alex and Shari Taylor drove their TD (Alex behind the wheel) and their B (with Shari driving and navigating) from Port Huron to Northville then to Lansing and back home (about 300 miles total each) Try that all you whimps who didn’t even show up!

Next year plan ahead, get those cars out early, check your brakes early and get an early start on the driving season.

Ed Fleming

Editorially Speaking... Another Tech Session to Remember.....

Shari Pelic

Sandy Kuivenhoven

Could it get any better than last month's "The T-Divas Two Ring Circus and Kielbasa Fest" session? Ooooooooh yeah! The "The T-Divas City Chik'n 'n Mashedputtata Fest" continued to make the T-series MG motorcars even more road ready for the driving season. Issues such as compression testing (the TD scored a perfect 140 across the board, just sayin'), spark plug cleanings, timing, oil changes, valve adjustments, carburetor tuning and synchronicity were all addressed. Roger Melton drove his 1951 MGTD over to Lee Jacobsen's garage in the spirit of the event. Colin Stafford came by, as did a couple of other WDMG members.

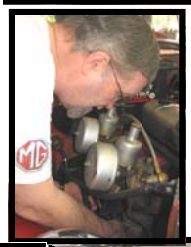
Sandy's TD was started with one turn of the manual crank by Andy Hanzel (not that the '51 baby was showing off what she could do or anything). Cliff (Honey) Schnell and Lou VanKoningsveld (who you may have met as new people at the last WDMGC meeting in Farmington) were back as the Dynamic Duo team for the TD, and Andy Hanzel and Lee Jacobsen headed up the team for the Shari's TC. A special guest appearance again by Tom Sorenson as electrical expert was also there.

Everyone got their hands dirty (as well as other body parts), but who doesn't enjoy playing in that motor oil we ask? Lots of good conversation, lots of information and ideas exchanged, lots of Polish food (including Polish cheesecakes this time round) and lots of beer.

Shari's TC was put back together after the previous session disrobed her of her wheels, bonnet, dash, and a few other unmentionable parts. She did gain a shiny new muffler, wiring and is now the sexy little hot number we all knew she could be ("but not red hot" - said the TD).

We all drove off topless into the sunset at the end of the day, safer, faster and definitively with tighter rear ends. What more could a couple of women and their cars want!!!!

The Editors



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By Jeff Zorn — Club President

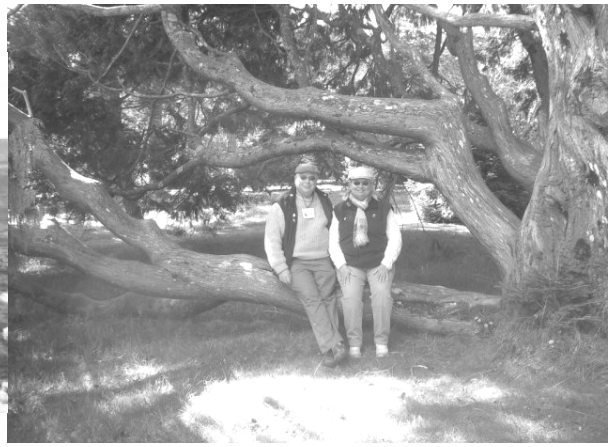
Our April Meeting had another overflow crowd of MG enthusiasts. Extra tables had to be set up to accommodate everyone as about 60+ of our 216 members enjoyed a nice dinner, some drinks and fellowship with each other. When we have our next meeting at the Brass Pointe the owners have asked if a few of us could park on the lawn in the front. I guess they think our LBC's might look nice out there on Orchard Lake Road.

As we enter the 2008 driving season events are always of importance to our members. Please check the events page on both the website and in this newsletter to be kept up to date. As always we are looking for club events and if you have some suggestions and or would like to sponsor an event please contact either Rick Astley or myself. An event can be as simple as a evening fun run for ice cream or hot dog or as complex as a road rallye. Help your club and have fun will doing it volunteer to host an event please.

The Kimber Run is history for 2008 and from what I heard it was a warm day and dry. Jan and I were out of town, in Scotland, with our annual trip with 54 British Car Enthusiasts. I thought about everyone enjoying the day and drive up to the Delhi Cafe. I think this is the first one I have missed in years.

Our next meeting is May 14 at the Dominion House in Windsor so come on out and enjoy the sunshine and meeting. Hopefully we will be able to park on the grass by the deck. See you there.

I have enclosed a few pics from our trip. So far we have enjoyed 8 days of sunny weather in the low to mid 50's. Played a round of golf on a course that the sheep won't even climb, where there were no sand traps, just deep gully's. We also took a gondola ride up Ben Nevis, the tallest mountain range in the UK, for a romp in the snow and took a stroll in a beautiful garden on the Isle of Skye. What a beautiful country Scotland is, with so much to do and see.



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CLUB NEWS

CLUB MEETINGS

May Meeting
Wednesday, May 4, 2008

The Dominion House Tavern
3140 Sandwich Street
Windsor, Ontario

June Meeting
Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Brass Pointe Restaurant
24234 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan

MAY
CLUB MEMBERS ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Erika Ferguson	16 years
Brett Shelley	16 years
Gordon & Susan Wallace	12 years
Jim & Ricci George	12 years
Rick & Anne Astley	11 years
Kevin & Cheryl Wolfe	11 years
Al & Kristin Gaiefsky	11 years
Larry & Debbie Dudek	10 years
Don Capferi	10 years
Steve Krantz	9 years
Elvin & Janet Davis	9 years
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ROAD TO CLUB EVENTS

MAY

4th-Sun, Northeast Ohio Austin Healey Club Spring Car Show & Swap Meet

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

17th-Sat, Hidden Lake Gardens Tour - Tipton, MI

18th-Sun, WDMGC in City of Birmingham Parade, Birmingham, MI

21st-Summer British Knights, West Side, Brann's Steakhouse

26th-Mon, All British Cruise Night, Joe on Howard, Windsor, ON

31st-Sat, London Classic British Car Show, London, ON

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

JUNE

1st-Sun, The British Return to Fort Meigs, Perrysburg, OH

1st-Sun, Orphan Car Show, Ypsilanti, MI

8th-Sun, 15th Annual Spring Fun On Wheels & Auto Flea Market, Canadian Trans Museum, Essex, ON

11th-Wed, Monthly Meeting, Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI

14th-15th-Stratford Festival Tour, Stratford, ON

14th-15th-Motor Muster, Henry Ford Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI

18th-Wed, Summer British Knights, West Side, Brann's Steakhouse

22nd-Sun, Sportscars to Saline, Saline, MI

28th-29th-Howell Balloon Fest Car Show, Howell, MI

25th-29th-MG2008 NAMGBR Annual Meeting, Declare Your Independence, Valley Forge, PA

For a more extensive listing of monthly events, please refer to the Windsor/Detroit MG Club website at:

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1989 Jaguar XKS Black

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1978 MGB Roadster Blue

Fun On Wheels Antique & Classic Car Show **Sunday, June 8th**

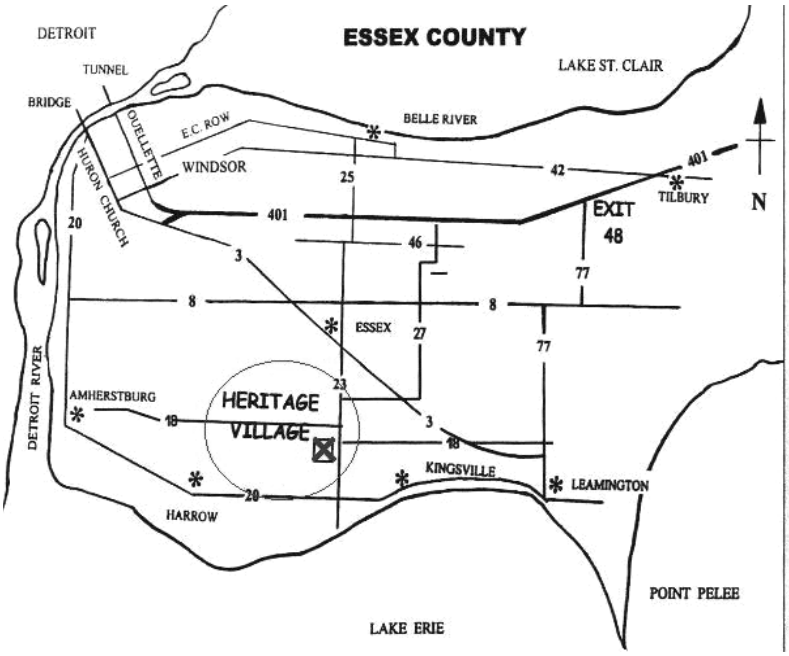
Starting at about 9:00 AM we'll meet at the Tim Hortons in the 5200 block of Walker Rd., at the corner of Walker and North Talbot Rd. in Windsor. From the Tunnel turn right on Park, right on Goyeau and left on Wyandotte St. Continue on Wyandotte until a few blocks past the Kildare House and turn right on Walker. There is a detour around construction at the railway crossing near the Chrysler plant. Follow the signs and you should be OK. However, the easiest way is to take the Bridge. From the Bridge continue down Huron Church Rd. which turns into Hwy 3. until you hit Walker Rd. You will pass a large cemetery on the right and Walker Rd. is the next traffic light. Turn left on Walker and the Tim Hortons is 2 blocks down on the right. We'll leave Tim Hortons at 10 AM and caravan out to the Canadian Transportation Museum (formerly Heritage Village), just outside Essex, Ontario. We'll even drive through my hometown of Gesto, which I've mentioned a few times in some my articles. (Don't look down at your temperature gauge or you might miss it!) If you wish to drive straight to the show follow Hwy 3 East and turn right on to Arner Townline, which is just past the town of Essex. The museum address is 6155 Arner Townline.

There are usually a few other British cars there besides us, making our cars unique among the hot rods and antique cars that have numbered as high as 500 in the past. It's a great way to promote British cars to the masses. The cars are parked among the historic buildings of Heritage Village and we usually have our own area. If you wish, bring some lawn chairs, and a picnic lunch or you can purchase food at the site. There will be a good sized flea market with parts mainly for American cars, but some items are generic, and you never know what you may find.

On the site there is a '50s diner which is serving a buffet style breakfast till noon, an Emergency Medical Museum, a Checker Flag Raceway Tribute, a 1930s Supertest service station, 19th century to present transportation museum, and much more.

Later, in mid afternoon, if members are interested we can head over to the Dairy Freeze in Northridge for ice cream and sundaes etc. A vintage drive in, the Dairy Freeze opened in 1958 and against all odds has remained a popular venue ever since.

It is not far from Highway #3, that leads back to the Bridge and Tunnel. It is about a 20 minute drive to the Bridge. Come on out, and bring your car for a test run before the long drives of summer. My cell phone number is in the membership directory, so remember to bring it along in case you need assistance.



MAP of Essex County

Ralph Poupard

The Tea Run
Sunday July 27th 2008
Leaving Ann Arbor 2.00pm for 3.30pm
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, however the final route has yet to be decided as we are looking at adding to it. 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 $10 per person, which includes gratuity and tax.

We have space for 24 travelers and have given the Tea Room a deposit to secure our very own 3.30pm to 5.30pm slot. Therefore we want you to call Ailene Butcher (248 685 8610) and make your menu choice and then send a check for $10 per person or pay on the day. 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, Philip 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…..!!!!

1977 MGB RESTORATION

The process continues…..

The restoration is really getting interesting, on Friday, April 10th, the new driver side door skin was mounted and primed and ready to be re-installed. Work on the left front fender has started, the lower 10 inched had been cut and being prepared for new metal. I have enjoyed stopping by with a pizza or two and having a chat with the students and getting their opinion on MG's. David and I discussed the pending paint job (same color, sandglow). Well spring is here and I now officially have the cruising' desire to get behind the wheel.

Bob Fougere

Paint Booth at Oakland County Tech Campus in Wixom

<u>The City of Birmingham</u> is having a Parade on May 18 at 1:00pm. It is celebrating its 75th year. This would be an excellent event for club members to participate in, and I have done so myself. Further info at the city 248 644 1800 x 282. Bob Gibbs

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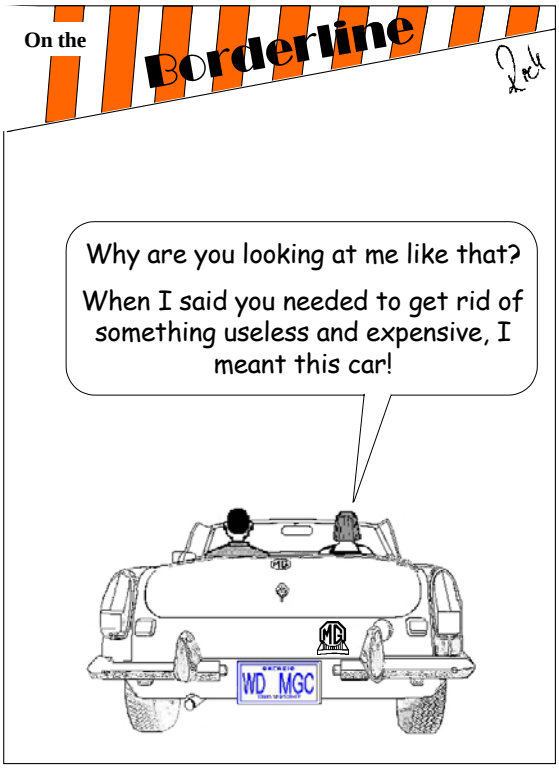

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