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British Car Clubs tour Hidden Lake Gardens

1977 MGB RESTORATION

By Bob Fougere

Well, it's getting into mid-May and the Tech Center is scheduled for an extensive remodeling during the summer. David Hollinger says that the doors will be moved, everything must be cleared out by Memorial Day. Due to other student, teacher and donated project cars, it was decided to do only the left side of my MG this year. In the fall, the right side will be worked on and the car then would get a fresh coat of paint.

As of this writing (May 12th), the left side metal work has been cut, removed and rust proofed. This week, the fender, dog leg and rocker panel should be installed. After that the car will be painted on the left side.

I have been busy spending money at Jeff's auto parts. A new gas tank and other parts are scheduled to be completed by "deadline time"….sometimes known as Memorial Day.

Sandy Kuivenhoven came out last week to show her 1951 MG TD to the students. They took pictures, looked under her car and asked her many questions.

While there today, David said that the car created a lot of interest and discussion among the students. It has been a great experience for me as well.

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

Presidentially Speaking

By Jeff Zorn — Club President

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June is nearly upon us already with two major shows within an hour's drive of the Metro Area. First is the Lake Erie British Car Club's Return to Ft. Meigs on the 1st of June and the Orphan Car Show in Ypsilanti is the same day. By the time you get the printed edition of this newsletter they both will be history.

Our June meeting on the 11th will be at the Brass Pointe and they have asked us to please have a few members park their cars on the front lawn. Maybe we can get a couple of each type of MG to display for the pleasure of those in cars passing by. It would certainly be great publicity. We could even put our club banner up for all to see. Let's look for good weather and a great turnout of members.

Don't forget the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club has their Summer British Knights the 3rd Wednesday of each month, check out the event listing for the location or go to the DTSC website. Most of the get-togethers are at Brann's Steakhouse on 6 Mile Road in Livonia. Folks start to get there around 5:30PM and the food is great.

I had to miss the last meeting since we were on the way to Carlisle, PA for the Import Show there. It was the typical mud bath, with rain all day on Friday and Sunday AM. At least Saturday was nice and there were good crowds. This event seems to get smaller each year, but there are still lots of deals to be found if you are looking for that odd part.

During May, Jan and I visited our newest favorite event in Townsend, TN. The DTSC has been to this event many times as a group and it might be something for our club to consider for next year. They have a BBQ on Friday night and a bonfire, the show is on Saturday (about 140 cars), followed by a short rally, then a dinner and another bonfire. Sunday is the farewell with donuts and coffee as everyone departs. The neat thing is that everything takes place at the 88 room hotel (and the club takes up the whole hotel with overflow at a few surrounding hotels). You can have a blast without having to leave the hotel area or you can visit many of the local sites. The hotel is only 3/4 of a mile from the entrance to the Smokey Mountain National Park and across the street there is river tubing and down the road a piece is a drive -in theatre. Keep it in the back of your mind for a fun long weekend event next May.

See you all at the Brass Pointe.

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CLUB NEWS

CLUB MEETINGS

June Meeting
Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Brass Pointe Restaurant
24234 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan

July Meeting
Wednesday, July 9, 2008

The Dominion House Tavern
3140 Sandwich Street
Windsor, Ontario

MAY CLUB MEMBERS ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Ruth Lendt	19 years
Philip Wiltshire & Jan Tucker	18 years
Tony & Pat Werderitsch	17 years
Al & Karen Burnham	15 years
Roger Melton	14 years
George & Gail Diehl	14 years
Andrew & Cherie Turner	6 years
Jeff Branch	6 years
Steve & Cathy Holiday	6 years
Greg Walker & Susan Simmons	5 years
Ron & Marj Garant	4 years
David & Brenda Gray	4 years
Chuck & Theresa Zichichi	4 years
Keith & Tarla Germert	3 years
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ROAD TO CLUB EVENTS

MAY

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-London Classic British Car Show, Bellamere Winery, London, ON

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

JULY

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

13th-Sun, Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI

14th-18th, GT33,NAMGAR Annual Meet: Experience the Magic, Seven Springs, PA

20th-Sun, Cruise to the Vineyard, Essex County, ON

27th-Sun, English Tea Tour, Milford, MI

28th-Mon, All-British Cruise Night, Jose's on Howard, Windsor, ON

For a more extensive listing of monthly events, please refer to the Windsor/Detroit MG Club website at:
www.mgcars.org.uk/wdmgcc/

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

Starting at about 9:00 AM we'll meet at the Tim Horton's 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 Horton's is 2 blocks down on the right. We'll leave Tim Horton's 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.

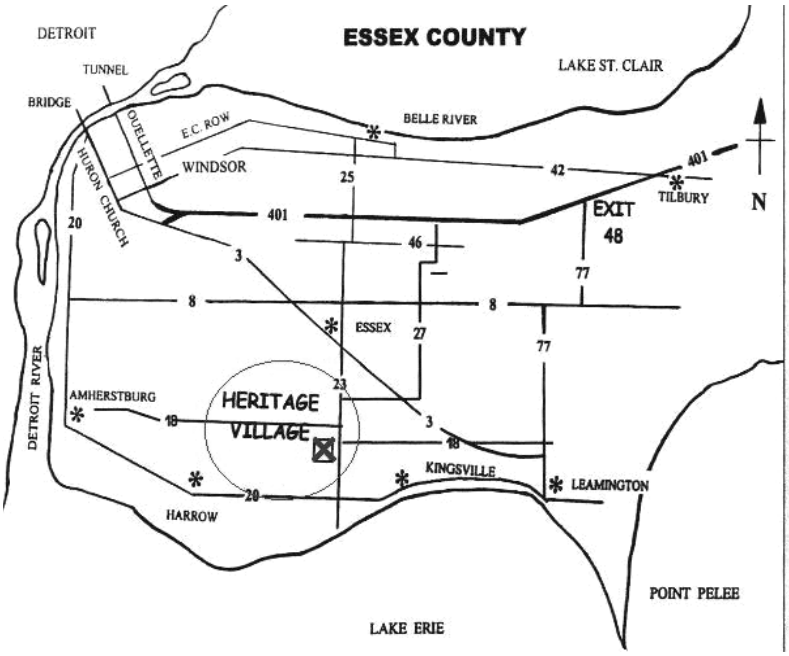
There are usually a few other British cars there besides us, making our cars unique among the hot rods and antique cars that have numbered as high as 500 in the past. It's a great way to promote British cars to the masses. The cars are parked among the historic buildings of Heritage Village and we usually 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.

Ralph Poupard



MAP of Essex County

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…..!!!!

The Mad Dogs & Englishmen XVIII
Sunday, July 13, 2008 9AM-4PM

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 the 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.

To pre-register by June 20th online, visit www.maddogsand englishmen.org
269-344-5555 or email Twlane@net-link.net

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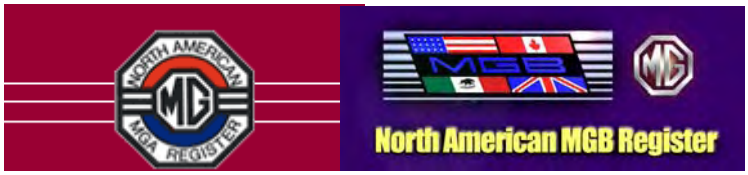

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