The Can Am CONNECTION

Vol. 30, No. 09 - Newsletter of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club October 2008

BATTLE OF THE BRITS 2008

WINDSOR/DETROIT CLUB MEMBER WINNERS ARE:

Steve Finch, 1st Place, 1974 MGB GT
Kevin Wolfe, 2nd Place, 1969 MGB
Tim Burston, 3rd Place, 1970 MG GT
Tammy Feijoo, 2nd Place, 1976 MGB
Dave Snyder, 1st Place, 1980 MGG Limited Edition
Charles Fehl, 2nd Place, 1980 MGB
John Bowen, 1st Place, 1959 MG Roadster
Bruce Read, 3rd Place, 1959 MGA Roadster
William Weakley, 2nd Place, 1965 MG Midget
Shari Pelic, 3rd Place, 1949 MG TC
Fran Lewis, 1st Place, 1968 MG C-GT
Graham Creswick, 3rd Place, 1976 MGB
Gordon Wallace, 2nd Place, 1972 Jaguar E type OTS
Pauline Blunt, 2nd Place, 2002 Jaguar XK8

The Can-Am Connection
is published 10 times a year by the Windsor-Detroit MG Club, Inc.
E-mail
wdmgcc@mgcars.org.uk

Website
www.mgcars.org.uk/wdmgcc/

President
Jeff Zorn
248-489-1855

Vice President
Cathy Holliday
248-693-1382

Treasurer
Donna Finch
248-685-8488

Secretary
Dale Brown
519-258-5987

Webmaster
Lise Brown
lise@wdmgc.com
519-258-5987

Membership
Rick Astley
28404 South Harwich Drive
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248-737-1978
Fax: 248-538-8339
rick@wdmgc.com

Newsletter Coordinator
Sandy Kuivenhoven
editors@wdmgc.com
248-363-7376

Video Librarian
Tom Newton
313-562-2377

Regalia
Canada: Roli Sylvestre
519-969-2739
U.S.A.: Elvin Davis Jr.
248-960-2296

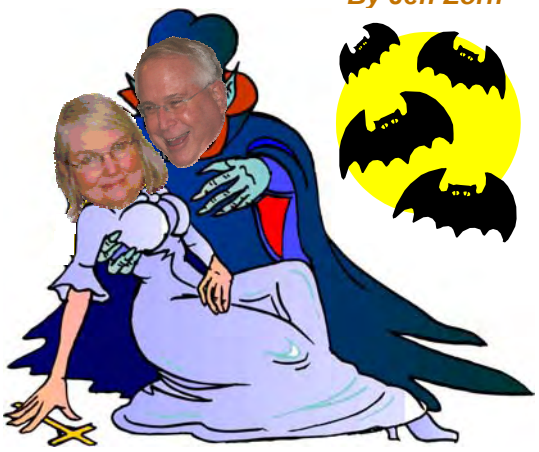
Events Coordinator
Rick Astley
28404 South Harwich Drive
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248-737-1978
Fax: 248-538-8339
rick@wdmgc.com

Classified Ads:
$5.00 for 3 months
Free to members
Display Ads:
Bus' Card $5/issue, $30/year
¼ Page $8/issue, $50/year
½ Page. $16/issue, $100/year

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

Presidentially Speaking

By Jeff Zorn — Club President



October is here already and there are some great driving weeks ahead of us before we put our MG's to bed for the season. One of the favorites of everyone is the Fall Color Tour on October 11th. Check out the details in the Connection or on our website at wdmgc.com. Our monthly meeting will be at the Brass Pointe following a large turnout at the DH in September. Bring those MG's out to the meeting, it probably will be the last time this season we will see them out and about (other than Dale who drives his green one year round of course). The theme for October of course is Halloween and our Editors (Sandy and Shari) have some great stuff planned again this year, featuring a Halloween Hat Contest and costumes are the in thing too, but optional. BE THERE!

MG's won again this year at Battle of the Brits, under very overcast skies and a constant threat of rain. There were over 500 cars and bikes preregistered for BOB this year but due to the weekend long rain and forecast of more on Sunday attendance was off considerably. But those that were there had a great time and low and behold it did NOT rain until about 3PM after the awards were presented. In fact the sun was even out a few times to shine on our LBC's.

On the Election Front - WDMGC that is - Cathy Holliday has thrown her hat (come to the meeting in October and see her actually do this) into the ring and will be running to be our clubs next president. Thanks Cathy for being the first to announce for one of our club's elected positions.

Images of BOB WDMGC Tent and WDMGC Sponsored Parts Toss

The CAN-AM Connection is the official newsletter of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club and remains its property. All contents, except where noted otherwise, are copyrighted by the Windsor-Detroit MG Club, Inc. Any reproduction requires express permission, except for our sister clubs, who participate in our newsletter exchange, who need only acknowledge the source. News concerning club activities, membership, and advertisements may be emailed to the following address: editors@wdmgc.com Sandy Kuivenhoven, Editor—Can-Am Connection
Submissions must arrive by the 15th of the month to ensure publication in the next issue.

MGurder Mystery

Canadian Transportation Museum (Heritage Village)
Saturday October 25th

We will meet at about 3:30 pm at Jose's Noodle Factory located at 2731 Howard Ave. in Windsor. We will have dinner and refreshments until 5:30 pm and we will then caravan to the Canadian Transportation Museum.

If coming from the US, the Tunnel would be the best option. Out of the Tunnel exit, turn left on Park St. Turn left at the first corner, which is Ouellette Ave. Continue south on Ouellette Ave, until you cross over an overpass. Turn left at the corner just past the overpass, Eugenie St. At the second traffic light, Howard Ave., turn right. Jose's is several blocks down on the right. If you are coming from the Bridge, follow Huron Church Rd. and get on EC Row Expressway East. Exit at Dougall Rd. turning left on to Dougall. Turn right at the first corner, just past Tepperman's Furniture. This road, Edinborough, curves to the left and takes you right to Jose's.

If you can't join us earlier, you can meet us at Jose's for 5:30 pm to join us for the caravan.

And if you can't make it to Jose's you can meet us at Heritage Village where we should be arriving at about 6:45 pm. If we get away about 5:30pm we will have over an hour before sunset allowing us to see some late afternoon fall colours via a somewhat circuitous route to the village.

Heritage Village is about 30 minutes from Windsor, the same venue where Fun on Wheels is held. The 18th century village is made up of historic buildings moved there from throughout Essex County. For those who have not attended before, you are given a leaflet as you enter, that describes the murder and a description of each of the characters and their relationship to the deceased. Any of the characters may have a motive for the murder. As you attempt to determine who the culprit is, you move throughout the village interviewing the characters - the barber, doctor, minister, town drunk etc. There are always false rumors that spread, and the usual red herrings.

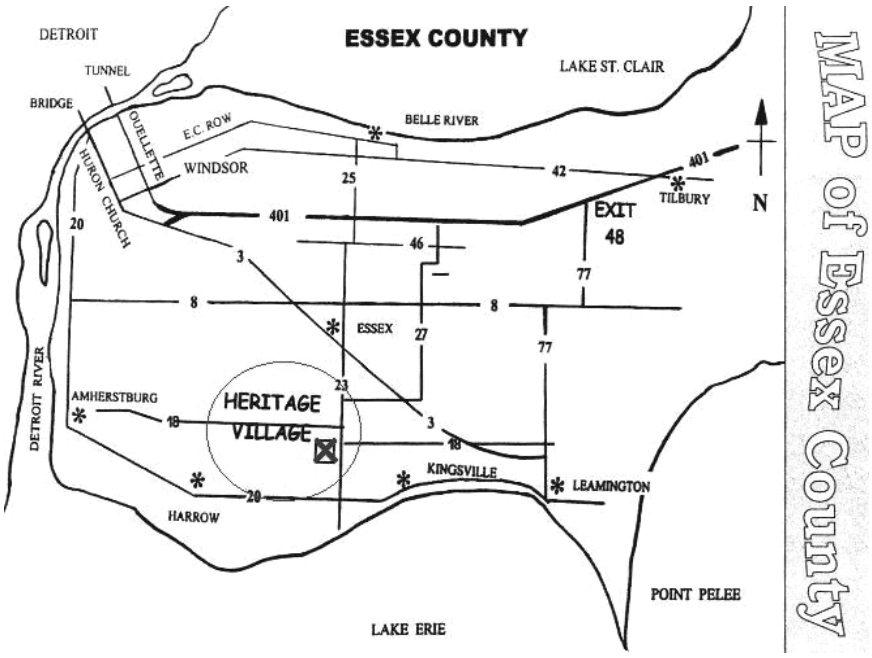
There is a $5:00 entry charge per person and refreshments and snacks available on site. You deposit your ballot of who you believe the murderer to be and at about 9:30pm they will reveal "who done it." They draw randomly from the correct ballots and you have a chance to win a prize. If you are not tired yet we can make arrangements at that time to stop off somewhere in Windsor.

The Ambassador Bridge is easily accessible from Heritage Village making for an easy drive home for US members. You will get a chance to see a few fall colours, test your CSI skills, and test your Lucas electrical system on the way home. Oooh, that's scary!!"

A flashlight, notepad and a pen or pencil will be useful. This is primarily an outdoor event, so please check the forecast and dress appropriately. The event runs rain or moon shine, so we will go no matter what. Just bring the regular cars if you don't like to drive your British car in the rain.

Call or E-mail me if you need further information. My phone number, cell phone number, and e-mail address are in the club directory.

Ralph Poupard



CLUB NEWS

CLUB MEETINGS

October Meeting
Wednesday,
October 8, 2008

HALLOWEEN HAT CONTEST

Brass Pointe Restaurant
24234 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan

November Meeting
Wednesday
November 12, 2008

The Dominion House Tavern
3140 Sandwich Street
Windsor, Ontario

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale 1974 1/2 MGB, chrome bumper roadster, all original 27,000 miles, Damask Red with black interior, **A1 condition**, original jack, tonneau covers with bags. Undercoated when new, no rust always garaged. **$12,000.**
phone Barry @ 734-464-6709 Livonia, MI

Union Jack Cars

Expert British Car Repair.
Over 20 years experience at Detroit's leading British Car Garage. I am now working on my own. Excellent quality, cheap rates and free estimates!

We know your MG!!!!
Call Spencer Rigler at 248-797-5057

Brand new British Car Parts available at deep discount prices. We can order many of the same parts supplied by the big guys but at a huge savings to you! Give Stuart a call with your needs at **Union Jack Cars (248) 797-5057**

WELCOME NEW WDMGC CLUB MEMBERS

Larry & Marlene Glanz
Farmington Hills, MI
1979 MGB Yellow

Hunter Hughes and
his father Daniel Hughes
268 Lewiston Rd
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
48236-3449
313-343-0039
No car listed.

John Edwards
Hazel Park, MI
248-545-3508
1973 Midget Yellow

Dave & Julia Yakel
Rochester Hills, MI
248-650-6092
1974 MGB Tundra

Stephen & Jolie Behmlander
22149 Long Blvd
Dearborn, MI 48124-1104
313-982-0368
1974 MGB Tundra

Michael Bailey
Kristen Whise
Plymouth, MI
1962 Morris Mini Minor
1963 Jaguar E-Type FHC
1964 Jaguar E-Type OTS
1965 Jaguar E-Type OTS
1965 Jaguar E-Type OTS
1969 Jaguar E-Type FHC
1967 MGB Red/Black
1973 Midget Red/Black

Joe & Lisa DiLuca
Rochester Hills, MI
1979 MGB Inca Gold

Claude & Gayle Williams
24941 Cooke Street
Dearborn, MI 48124
313-274-3655
1976 MGB Yellow
1976 Triumph Spitfire Blue

Fall Colour Tour

This year, the club's annual "Fall Colour Tour" will be held on Saturday, October 11, providing one final chance to explore some of the prettiest back roads in Michigan. With a little luck, we'll also find some fall color and sunshine as we travel first to Dexter for Cider and then regroup, before taking a leisurely 40 mile drive to Zukey Lake in Pinckney. The entire route is about 100 miles roundtrip.

The drive is schedule to begin promptly at 1:00 PM, so plan on being at our usual starting place by 12:30 for the usual photo opportunity and drivers meet before we leave. This year, the dinner stop will be our second stop, allowing everyone time to get back before it's dark.

DATE October 11, 2008
TIME: 12:30 PM
MEETING PLACE: Meijer's Parking Lot
Haggerty & Eight Mile Road
MORE INFO: Contact Rich Wagner at
mgslovetrs@msn.com

ROAD TO CLUB EVENTS & OTHER STUFF

SEPTEMBER

27th-28th - America's British Reliability Run - US, Michigan Run supporting children charities, Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan, Camp Bold Eagle. For more information, visit www.abrr.org or contact Steve Finch.

31st, Sun - 32nd Annual Fall Fun On Wheels & Auto Flea Market, Essex, ON

OCTOBER

8th, Wed - Monthly Meeting, **Brass Pointe Restaurant,** 24234 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan
3rd Annual Halloween Hat Contest, page 4

11th, Sat- Autumn Colour Tour, Northville, MI, contact Rich Wagner at mgslovetrs@msn.com, page 4

25th, Sat - Murder Mystery Night, Canadian Transportation Museum, Essex, ON, contact Ralph Poupard at rip2722@mnsi.net, page 3

TBA - Lucas Night Rally, contact Dave Connor

TBA - Obsolete Automotive Fall Garage Sale, Point Edward, ON

NOVEMBER

12th, Wed - Monthly Meeting, **The Dominion House Tavern**, 3140 Sandwich Street, Windsor, Ontario, page 4

DECEMBER

10th, Wed - Monthly Meeting, **Brass Pointe Restaurant,** 24234 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan,
Holiday Gift Exchange

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

North American MGB Register

WDMGC member **Guy St. John**, owner of **Guy's Garage** in Northville, would like to remind you that, along with usual fall hibernation rituals for your LBC*, it's a good time to consider taking care of some of those annoying little (sometimes big), problems that developed over the driving season. It's really no fun to wait all winter for that first top down spring day, only to find out she won't start, stay running, shift, stop, well you get the picture.
If you are considering major work, i.e., Engine Rebuild, Clutch, Suspension, Electrical, Seats & Interiors, you need to call early for scheduling, as garage space is limited. A quick oil and filter change, fluid check, lube, and once over can usually be done in one day. So call anytime, **(248) 349-3649** for your appointment.

***Oil and Filter Change**
***Check Antifreeze**
***Battery Disconnect or Removal**
***Sta-Bil in a full gas tank**

The Passing of Bob Adams

Sandy Adams has informed us officially of the passing last December of his father Bob Adams. Bob died suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack and this notice is late because informing the club was understandably no on the family's priority list. We have expressed our condolences to Sandy on behalf of the Windsor/Detroit MG Club.

Bob's red 1979 Midget was in restoration and the shop has stopped work on it because nobody in the family is interested in its completion. If anyone in the club is interested in the car, please call Sandy Adams at 519-250-7246.

A Day at the Races

A Day at Meadowbrook Concours 08

John Deikis invited club members to come to Waterford Hills Race Course for its 50th Anniversary. One race fan and ex-SCCA racer, Bill Larson showed up for the events.

In his amateur race career Bill had driven a Mini, a Porsche, A-H Sprite and a kit built Lotus 7. He was also an SCCA driving instructor at the track. Also in attendance was a 50's AC Ace which Bill had raced against many years ago.

During the lunch break for the races they allow some sports cars the opportunity to "tour" around the track. We signed up for that and off we went with a diabolic plan to be racers. Bill had Ed Fleming (one of Bill's students) as his co driver and photographer. Our plan was to go very slowly and let the other participants get a half lap ahead of us and then go like hell through the tricky parts of the course doing some nice drifts thru the Esses and the Swamp turn until we caught up with the field. and then repeat the process much to the chagrin of the officials.

Bill and I did some fun laps, hitting the apexes and catching the rumble strip a bit. It seemed that the years had not dimmed his enthusiasm or his skill and it was about the limit of my bias ply tires to stay on his rear bumper. Ed Fleming was hanging on for dear life and trying to take some pictures. Attached is the TF following the Instructor. (disregard the file name)

When we visited John Deikis who was racing his MG Midget. We found him in the pits cleaning up from repairing broken half shaft. Later in the day he pitted himself against very fast Lester MG and a couple of hot TD's. and finished a respectable 4th in class ahead of a very potent sounding TF.

Most of the T cars were running Dunlop Racing, T-5, bias ply tires and we noticed how the easily drove thru the esses, with just a slight drift, and in complete control. A tribute to how nice the balance is on the TD/TF.

After ripping around in the TF on Saturday, I had to delivery a 1954 Olds 98 Starfire Conv. to the Concours at Meadowbrook on Sunday morning. It was like driving a lumbering swaying air mattress. What a contrast.

This year there were no MG's, but we where represented by members Tom and Lois Booth (TF) in the 1916 Scripps-Booth and Fred and Sue Laydorf (TC) with their superb award wining 1954 Ferrari 375 MM.

A great day, fabulous cars and wonderful weather one of the best Concours in many years.

by Colin Stafford

A-1 Collision

John Cipparrone
1380 Crawford Avenue
Windsor, Ontario
N8X 2A6
(519) 252-1197

JAGUAR

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.

English Motors, Inc.

ENGLISH CAR REPAIR

Don Ensley
(586) 786-1187
51200 Milane Dr.
Suite D
Macomb Twp., MI 48042

OTHER FOREIGN CARS WELCOME

HOURS
MON - FRI
8 - 5:30

Chuck's Garage
734-461-9384

MGB Rust Repair,
Patch Panels, Floorpans,
Rocker Panels

Done in primer
No paintwork

9187 Rawsonville Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

Call M-F 6-9PM
Saturday's all day

T&W auto body

ENGLISH CAR SPECIALISTS • RESTORATION • BUMP • PAINTING

5240 Williams Lk. Rd.
Waterford, MI 48329
(248) 673-3677
Fax: (248) 673-3376
E-mail: tes53@sbcglobal.net

THOMAS SHIPLEY

Now Available!

All 16 years of Mike Ash's columns – complete as orginally printed in **MGA!**
400 pages on all mechanical and electrical aspects of the MGA. Over 1000 illustrations.
Order on-line at:

www.namgar.com

$45.00 plus shipping

Guy's Garage, Inc.

Service & Repair for the Vintage British Motor Car

Guy St. John
Phone: 248..349..3649
email: guystjohn@comcast.net

Hours: M – F 8:30 – 5:30
Saturday By Appointment

624 Carpenter Avenue
Northville, Michigan, 48167

CARS WANTED

Very Serious buyer for:
Jaguar, XK-XKE, MG-"T" series, MGA
Triumph, TR-2-3-4-250
Mercedes 190-220-230-250-280 SL
All open cars Porsche 356-911-914
Austin Healey, Riley, Alfa-Romeo, Singer
1964-1967 Ford Mustang, Model T, A

Entire Collections Possible

ANY CONDITION-ANY LOCATION

Generous Finders Fee. WILL PAY THE MOST!
1930's—1960's
Buying Restored Gas Pumps
Also other interesting cars
European and American made

STEVE'S BRITISH CONNECTION USA
(630) 553-9023 email
sbinc@aol.com

Windsor-Detroit MG Club
28404 South Harwich Drive
Farmington Hills, MI 48334 USA

FIRST CLASS MAIL

*OUR **SERVICE** PUTS US **A-PART** FROM THE REST.*

At Little British, we know who we are and where our business comes from. As a growing company founded in the late 90's, we take pride in giving you high quality customer service, We will have the parts you need, the convenience you want, and at a lower price than you thought you would pay.

By being an online based company. we are able to keep costs low and maintain a flawless ordering system that is quick and user friendly. We have the parts for most British marques and models as well as fun collectibles and other useful items for the British car enthusiast, Log on to www.LBCarCo.com and see why we excel at what we do.

Authorized Distributor for

Pertronix Electric Ignitions and Coils

Vintage Ads

Don Hoods

Mota-Lita Steering Wheels

Gunson Tools

Moss Motors

Halogen Bulbs for Most British and American Cars

Plus Many Others!

Little British Car Company
www.LBCarCo.com

Jeff Zorn ● 29311 Aranel Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Phone: 248-489-0022 ● Toll-free: 800-637-9640
Fax: 248-489-9665 ● Email: LBCarCo@LBCarCo.com
Major credit cards accepted