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Impromptu "Brake for Brunch"

By Rich Wagner

The Kimber run might have had "Brrrrright Sun" for the first (frigid) drive of the season, but the "Impromptu Brake for Brunch" just two weeks later was the first perfect day for a drive, regardless of the heavy storms that washed out the preceding day.

When we left Meijer's at 11:05 AM, there wasn't a cloud in the sky and the sun had driven away the last of the cool, damp weather. It was top down and a T-shirt for me, with warm temperatures and very little wind (you should be drooling about this time; it was that good.)

The simple route and almost no other traffic made for a great drive, even though it almost stopped when my cell phone went off and I saw headlights flashing behind me. On Eight Mile Rd. there wasn't any shoulder to pull onto, so I pulled into the parking lot of a self-storage building (wasn't that lucky), with nine other cars following behind. Whatever the problem was, it had already been resolved and we got back on the road, traveling as a group from that point and arriving right on schedule, just before noon.

Another couple met us along the way and just a little later Mick Gedeon joined us at Zukey Lake, taking the last seat at our table. With at least eighteen in our party, we were seated together in the old part of Zukey Lake. Unlike our last "Brake for Brunch" visit, where service was less than satisfactory, this time our waitress made a real effort to take care of everyone and she even kept our bills separate.

Those who joined me for both the drive and brunch were Steve and Ruth Swarin, just back from their long vacation to places most of us will never see, and Fran Lewis who has always been to nearly every event I've ever been on. Fran sat next to me and across from Tony & Kathy Kaluzny, and did we ever have fun listening to Fran tell us about her experiences; but I came close to making a real mess of things. I had just taken a drink of coffee when Fran said something so funny that I wanted to laugh, but of course my mouth was full of hot coffee! Self-control can be extremely difficult at times like that, and the Kaluznys nearly got sprayed with coffee.

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Lise Brown - Editor

What a difference a month makes! While May's front page story reminded us that winter's chill was still in the air, this month's boasts of summer warmth, a sign that warm summer days are here … and none too soon if you ask me! But regardless of the weather, this issue of Can-Am Connection is sure to get your MG blood flowing and ready to roll.

As promised in May, this issue features Part II of Rich Wagner's "Enjoying the Ride", but that's just the beginning. You will also be treated to: another instalment of "The Car that Got Away", this one with a twist; a review of an impromptu cruise; Rick's always entertaining "Presidentially Speaking"; and a sumptuous summer recipe. Then of course, there are all the events coming up this month, amongst them: Fort Meigs is a must as is the Orphan show on the same day - decisions, decisions; the London Classic British Car Show; the Stratford Tour; and the recently added WDMGC Hidden Lake Gardens Tour. All to say, sit back and take time to enjoy reading this edition of Can-Am Connection, but don't forget to join fellow members in as many events as you can - like all parties, the more the merrier!

And now for something completely different…

For those members who are familiar with the Internet and the social network Facebook, the club has an established Facebook group that we urge you to join and participate in. Besides enabling communication with fellow members, we hope it will encourage more impromptu get-togethers amongst members. Just as the newsletter complemented word-of-mouth and the web site complemented the newsletter, the Facebook group complements our suite of communication and networking tools. Here's the link:
http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=22340004570

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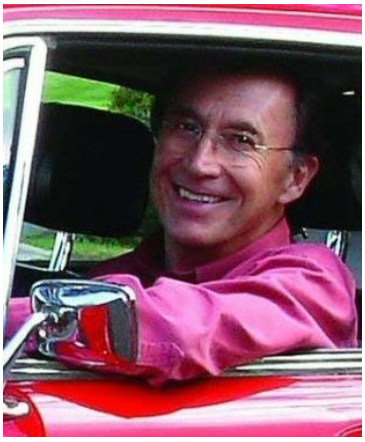
Presidentially speaking

Rick Astley - Club President

I generally have to regard my MGB roadster as a fair-weather-only vehicle because the top puts up such a tremendous fight when I make any attempt to erect it, and as a result, I choose to engage in the battle only if I'm caught in unexpected rain. The very fact that the top is used so infrequently makes matters worse since I'm sure it shrinks when stowed for long periods. Even when it does pour down, I've found that if a reasonable speed can be maintained, most of the rain is deflected over the open car and its possible to stay comparatively dry. I remember Anne and I feeling quite smug when we were caught in a cloudburst while on the Washington beltway; at 60mph we just shrugged it off, that is until, as is inevitable on that road, everything came to a stop. Then we looked simply ridiculous — trapped in the middle lane and unable to move as the interior of the car and we became completely saturated.

If the roadster is the sunshine car, then the GT with its metal top and recently fitted sun-roof (pictured above) serves as the car I now use when there is any risk of rain or cool temperatures, so that's the car I took out of hibernation first so as to enjoy the early season of MG driving. However, as soon the forecast promised 70°F temperatures, I went straight to the garage to get the roadster off its axle stands and readied to drive. Luck, unfortunately, wasn't going to cooperate. The bottom of one of the rear tires looked rather too clean and black compared to the top and I soon determined it was covered in oil. I first suspected a brake fluid leak but it turned out to be a rear axle oil seal failure that allowed oil from the differential to seep into the brake drum and so onto the tire. The most surprising thing to me was the damage the oil had done to the brake shoe linings, turning the lower one into something resembling blotting paper. That meant not just replacing the oil seal, but also changing the shoes on both rear wheels and doing a lot of cleaning up of thick gear oil.



Doing tasks like the one described above is something I regard as part of the experience of owning an MG, so whenever I can, I prefer to do the job myself, only resorting to professional help when confronted with body and paint problems that need attention. That said, I can't say I always enjoy the experience, especially when it involves getting covered in dirt and grease and where things that should take a few seconds to take apart or reassemble, end up taking far too long and result in torn skin and a shortened temper. On top of that, there are the all too frequent times when I find I have some leftover bolt or clip that requires I do the job virtually all over again so that it can be fitted. It was with this in mind that I expressed my admiration to Guy St. John at the last club meeting. Once I've finished any difficult work on a car I have the satisfaction of being able to think that at least I won't have to do that again for a while. Guy, on the other hand, has to start on the next job that's waiting. There is of course a big difference, Guy's long experience has provided him all the secrets to doing the job in the most efficient way and I'm sure, unlike me, he never has to do a job twice. US members are lucky to have a resource like him still in business, Don Ensley recently having closed his English Motors repair company.

As you will see elsewhere in this issue, one company that is *not* going out of business is Downriver Sports Car Service. A miscommunication between Bob Fougere and Lise resulted in an announcement to the contrary in last month's newsletter, and both were mortified when someone e-mailed the club to say that we had harmed the business. A few days later, I lifted my phone with some trepidation when the caller-ID indicated that John Coleman, owner of Downriver, was on the line. I needn't have been concerned. The old adage that all publicity is good publicity had proven true and John, who is indeed selling a lot of his MG parts inventory, was delighted to have received a number of calls that were not only good for business but that started with some amusing exchanges.

Safety MG Fast

Rick

The car that got away ... But I got it back again!

By Philip Wiltshire

My story concerns our 1965 MGB GT. I had always lusted after an MG. No real opportunities to buy one as in 70's England, as a young Engineer, I was basically penniless and running an old Vauxhall Viva HB from day to day just trying to keep it running. (Luckily this vehicle was never exported to the US!)

Anyway, work was thin on the ground in North London and so I moved my tool chest to Peterborough in the east of England, which had recently been designated a "New Town" thus allowing many start-up companies to benefit from Government grants and tax-free status. In my first week, I glanced around the car park and saw a (mainly) British Racing Green MGB GT. I found out that the owner Paul worked in the same shop as me and one day we kicked tyres and he took me for a ride in her. I was hooked, but what to do except more lust... She got away from me.

Some months later, I heard that Paul had handed in his notice. Oh No - what about the MG? Lost to me forever? But no; Paul and his family were emigrating to a new life in the USA and so the car had to go. I sold the Viva for scrap and found enough cash to become the proud owner! The 14 year old MG was in need of much TLC as the damp British weather kills cars. This picture shows the condition of the car in 1979; but to me she was and is perfect.

Ted Hight purchased the MG from me in a moment of weakness, but I was able to purchase her right back just 4 years later. She almost got away from me for the second time.

As a footnote, Paul immigrated to a place called Kalamazoo, Michigan. I have often wondered if I should drive around Kazoo for a day and see if Paul is still there. Here is the car he gave up 30 years ago, all present and correct. She got away from him – poor guy.

Obituary

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Harry Mueller and Cheryl Fant.

Harry was a 28-year lifetime member of the WDMGC and was very generous. Harry paid for the first run of grille badges for the club because he thought we all should have one. He had suffered from kidney failure for the last several months. Harry's funeral was on Tuesday May 5, 2009 at Our Lady Of Victory Church in Northville, Michigan.

Cheryl was a member of the WDMGC many years ago. Funeral services were Wednesday May 6, 2009 at St Paul Lutheran Church in Northville, Michigan.

Our condolences to their families.

New Members

The WDMGC welcomes
its newest members

Mayer Shulman and Brenda Francis Pelkey
Windsor, Ontario
1976 MGB, Blue

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Oh, I almost forgot, I was telling you who was there. Here's the rest. Tim and Nancy Shaw (the third club drive for them), Steve and Donna Finch, and new members, Arthur & Maxcine Jackson in their 30 day old 1980 MGB (age always starts on the day you take possession). Arthur probably thinks I'm the club's "Mr. Know it all" after all the pointers I gave him about the beautiful new top he has. Honest, I wasn't jealous, I just wanted to make sure it doesn't get damaged.

Elvin and Janet Davis drove separately this time because Elvin had another young lady with him. It was a special day for granddaughter Natasha because it was the first time she's ever been able to ride in the front seat (of any car), and it was her first drive in a convertible too.

And how was the food? Well, the buffet was nothing to brag about; at least that's what I thought before Tony brought me a sample of the oatmeal. Not like any oatmeal I've ever had; one bite and I immediately thought, "warm caramel apples" or maybe "sweet baked apple." I don't know, maybe there's none of that in it, but it sure was tasty.

The main attraction of course was the omelet station, manned by experienced cooks. Mine was a Farmer's Omelet with lots of mushrooms, while Fran discovered

that they even had spinach available for her.
When I left the restaurant everyone else had already been gathering in the parking lot and one by one, they left to find their way back on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon. I'm not exaggerating; it couldn't have been a nicer day for a drive.

This is something that anyone can do at any time. It's very easy to do. If you see nice weather coming and would like to invite others to go to brunch, just contact Rick Astley a few days ahead, provide him with the details and ask him to announce it. You might find yourself having the time of your life.

Editor's note: since this was an impromptu event it was not listed on the club calendar.

WANTED

Dead or Driveable

Your Car Picture

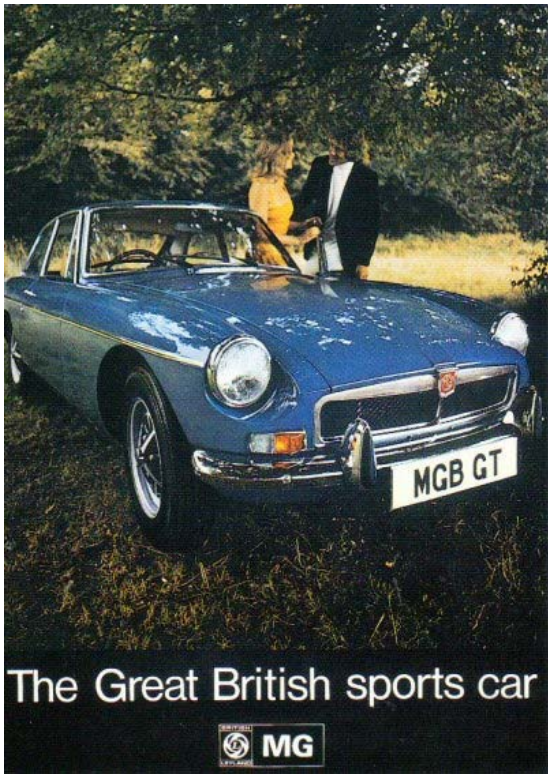
Let us have a picture of your car and some anecdotal information so that we can feature it in *Can-Am Connection* and the club web-site gallery.

Also Wanted

Pictures of members with their "ride" in their childhood or as young adults for our **The Young and the Reckless** feature.

You will be Well Rewarded

Blast From The Past



Enjoying the drive

Traveling in Michigan and surrounding states on two lane roads - Part II

By Rich Wagner

Part I appeared in the May issue of Ca-Am Connection

Planning Ahead

PLANNING FOR THE WORST
(A parable to consider)

Back when I was about eleven, my friend Pete and I were always hanging out at the local shopping plaza and I still remember one day in particular when Pete became a hero.

We had come upon a woman upset because she had locked her keys in the car. The motor was still running and neither she nor anyone else that had gathered around seemed to know what to do. I sure didn't know how to shut off the car, but my friend did.

Pete opened the hood (you could do that back then) and said he could stop the car by disconnecting the battery. There was only one problem; we didn't have any tools!

You may not believe this, but Pete called out to some boys riding by on their bikes and asked if anyone had a wrench. As it turned out, one boy did have a wrench and it was just the right size to fit the bolt on the battery cable. It took him just a minute to disconnect the ground cable and as we all should know, that's the ONLY 'correct' cable to undo first.

Later as Pete told the story to his folks, I remember him saying how surprised he was that those boys had just the right size wrench. Lucky coincidence? You bet it was.

Most of us have experienced times like this where we've been lucky, but that is not the important lesson in this story.

Almost every roadside emergency has a simple solution, but if you don't have anything to work with, you sure can't do much. Lucky coincidences are great to take advantage of, but don't ever count on them!

A properly maintained vehicle, driven on a regular basis will be very reliable, but minor problems are to be expected and, trust me, they will happen! Nearly every trip we've taken has had at least one minor mishap. Most we were prepared for but we've always managed to come back on our own. Yes, we've been lucky many times to be at just the right place when we've had problems, but we were also prepared.

There are several things to consider when you plan for the worst. Of course this includes both tools and various parts, but equally important are items to have on hand to stay clean.

Let's say you're on the way to some important event and that darn MG fuel pump fails. You've got the parts and know what to do, but how dirty are you going to get when you change it on the road? If you have a small tarp, some old clothes and maybe a pair of disposable gloves, you can do the job in a few minutes and no one will know you had trouble unless you tell them. Should you get a flat, that tarp can protect your nice clean trunk as well as anything else you've put in there when the dirty tire replaces your clean spare.

Tools, spare parts, miscellaneous nuts & bolts, terminals, wire and clamps can be easily stored in many areas of the car keeping the trunk space free for when you travel. There's really lots of room, just don't forget where you put them!

If you've planned ahead, you'll be as able as anyone to do simple roadside repairs. From a broken wire to replacing a radiator hose, the problems you're likely to experience usually only require basic skills. Provided you have the tools and parts with the car, you might even be able to help someone else.

Finding the Room

Finding room to store items in your car first requires making a list of what you should have on hand for emergencies. Below is a list of what I carry when traveling in either of my cars.

1. Spare Keys, Emergency Phone Numbers, and Money If you should loose your key, where in the world do you think you're going to get another one made? If you loose your wallet, you've lost everything unless you've got some way of contacting others. I'm sure my list of numbers isn't up to date, but it should include everything from your drivers license to credit card numbers as well as phone numbers. You can make up a code system when you write down this information so someone else will not be able to use it. With some money hidden with the spare keys, you won't need to go begging for help when you need to call friends and cancel credit cards. Stored carefully, it's as good as money in the bank.

2. Fire Extinguisher Every car should have one, but very few do.

3. Oil Did you ever try to find 20/50 oil at a gas station? Today, oil comes in very easy to use containers that can easily be stored.

4. Fan Belt All cars have one, even if yours doesn't have a pulley driven fan.

5. 'Premixed' Antifreeze Any problems with the cooling system will require replacing coolant.

6. Brake Fluid Be very careful with storing this since most types will damage paint.

7. Flashlight Sometimes they're even helpful in daylight.

8. Tarp A very useful item for many reasons. Mine fits out of sight, either under my floor mat or seat.

9. Work Clothes This also includes paper towels, hand cleaner and even better, a supply of thin latex 'examine' gloves.

10. Tools These include 'wheel chocks', small ignition and regular wrenches in addition to a spark plug socket. You should also have a gap tool, SU adjusting tool, voltage tester, screwdrivers, pliers, saw blade (to cut metal) and a razor knife handy.

11. Parts Almost all common spares that you own can be kept in the car. Various hoses, clamps, spark plugs, plug wires and cap, a fused wire, terminals, tape, nuts & bolts, safety wire and perforated hanger strap won't take up hardly any space, but will be worth their weight in gold when you need them.

12. Major Parts Includes fuel & water pumps (with the necessary gaskets), a spare coil and an alternator or generator, depending on your car.

Fire extinguisher stores behind the seat within easy reach

Umbrella suspended at lid hinges

Lots of storage under the hood

The list may sound like a lot, but except for some of the major parts, there's plenty of room to store everything out of sight in the car. While yours may not be an MGB, the following storage tips can help you to find the room too. Here's what I do.

MGB STORAGE

A. In the Trunk There's a cavity under the spare tire that has room for storage. This is my favorite spot to store keys, money, emergency numbers, hand cleaner, paper towels and perhaps even old work clothes. This is an area that's normally unseen and will keep these items both safe and clean. Keeping your papers in sealed plastic further insures that they won't get wet.

The area between the spare and where the end of the original fuel pump is located works perfectly for storing tire changing tools and a scissors jack (you should never risk using the car's 'original' jack). I keep mine there along with a spare fuel pump and an assortment of wrenches and screwdrivers. Another item that I store in my trunk way up high and suspended by the lid hinges is a golf umbrella. It's always accessible, stored out of the way in the trunk and useful for both rain or sun. Whenever it's needed, it's easy to get to.

B. Battery Box If you're lucky enough to have an older MG, the ones with two battery boxes, your car already has a perfect spot for storing many items. Another important thing to consider; is your battery securely fastened? If it just sits there unsupported (like mine does), at least insulate the top of the terminals with cardboard so there's no possibility of shorting out should the battery bounce when you hit a bump.

C. Under the floor mat and seat Tarps and plastic bags can easily be stored here. Small umbrellas can also be stored under the seat. In addition to the pocket located on the passenger side, you can usually find extra space behind the center radio consul to store a full size Flashlight.

D. Engine Compartment There's is usually lots of room here. In the cavities near the back on either side, you'll find room for storing quarts of oil and a spare fan belt. If you have one of those washer fluid bottles,

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chances are it doesn't work and it can become additional storage space. While there isn't much room on the carburetor side to store items, I've attached a small bag on the spark plug side filled with small parts, tools, latex gloves and rags.

E. Front part of engine Located below the radiator, there is usually an air flow panel. It's a perfect place to store a full gallon container of premixed antifreeze. I'm not an engineer, but I believe the primary use was to prevent air flow from being sucked under the car instead of through the radiator. Regardless, using this space will not cause your car to overheat. The area around the radiator can also provide additional storage, but since it also can become very wet, carefully planning is required.

Now that you know where to put things, you can be prepared for most any problem and still have an empty trunk.

Enjoying The Drive

Driving a British car down winding tree covered roads can be simply intoxicating, especially if your car's a roadster. Both the eyes and ears can be overwhelmed by the beauty and sound all around you, and not just what you see out the windshield. Yes, it's a delightful distraction but watch out, you still need to pay attention! You can be so busy checking out the sights that you miss a turn or even worse, drive through an intersection where you were supposed to stop!

Are you Comfortable?

Driving in a small open car can be uncomfortable if you haven't planned ahead. Once again, a list to consider:

1. Clothing Is what you wear going to be blowing about your face or chest as you drive, or will the collar be slapping your face? It gets quite windy and the wrong clothing can blow up like a balloon. Ladies, will your loose fitting top keep trying to blow open in the wind?

Below the waist, if you are wearing shorts, are your legs going to be comfortable sitting on your vinyl or leather seat?

2. Towels Whenever we travel, we always have two full size towels and a hand towel with us. The smaller towel is kept behind the seat so that we always have it available to wipe our hands. The larger towels (stored in the trunk) can be a real lifesaver. On really warm days, we stay cool by sitting on them. Although our cars do stay dry when just sitting out in the rain, driving in a downpour seems to be an open invitation for water to leak in from everywhere. Those towels, draped across our legs help to keep us both dry and comfortable.

3. Hat or Sun-visor When you've got your top down, chances are your car's sun-visors will not block the sun's glare. This is especially important during midday when the sun shines down behind your sunglasses into your eyes.

4.Ear Plugs As mentioned before, these are vital for protecting your hearing as well as making the ride much more comfortable. While you may not always need them, you should have them available for when the wind comes blowing across your face as you're driving.

5. Lotion & Lip Balm Blistex or Chap Stick brand Lip Balm helps protect you from both sun & wind burn. Suntan lotion won't do you any good if it's left at home.

6. Cushion My wife uses one to elevate herself since she doesn't sit as high up as I do. Too bad they can't make a cushion to make you sit lower, because I could really use one of those. Another cushion to consider would be a small one to place behind your lower back.

7. Water We always travel with a jug of ice and water to quench our thirst. Kept right behind the passenger seat, it's there whenever we need it and in the glove box, we usually keep some hard candy. The water can also be used to freshen your face and hands when you are stopped..

8. Jackets & gloves Stored in the trunk, they come in handy and you'll always be prepared for a sudden change in the weather.

9. Maps Keep a good County map and road atlas in the car and it'll be there when ever you need to find an alternative route.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Plan your trips carefully, allow lots of extra time so that you are free to stop as often as you like. Driving from Michigan to New Mexico or Florida can seem like a long drive, but if you give yourself lots of extra time for sightseeing like we do, you'll never feel rushed or tired. Find room to take along a small gas grill and roadside parks can become your backyard away from home.

If you use just some of these ideas, you can safely begin traveling the backroads, confident that you're prepared. The drive will become the best part of your travels and you'll cherish the memories forever.

See you on the road…!

Toss the tastes of summer into your salad

By Sue Hunt

This is a refreshing salad for any season, but it's best at this time of year when strawberries are fresh and plentiful. Of course, you can substitute any seasonal berry or fruit; I have even used pineapple with great results. A Pelee Island Winery 2005 Pinot Noir, with its red and black fruit aromas, is a perfect pairing. Enjoy!

Summer strawberry salad

Recipe: Sue Hunt Photo: Marty Hunt

Dressing
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp sesame seeds
- 1 Tbsp poppy seeds
- ½ tsp minced onion
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- ½ tsp Worcestershire sauce

Salad
- 1 med head of Romaine lettuce torn in bite size pieces (or equivalent amount of spinach)
- 1½ to 2 cups sliced strawberries (or other seasonal berry or fruit)
- ¼ to ½ cup sliced almonds

Directions
- Prepare the dressing by mixing the dry ingredients and wet ingredients separately then slowly whisking the liquid into the dry mixture until well blended.
- Gently toss the greens with the berries and almonds.
- Pour the room temperature dressing over the salad just before serving. *(Serves 4)*

Sunday Cruise to the Vineyard
July 19, 2009

Mark your calendars…
You don't want to miss this event, our fourth annual Cruise to the Erie Shore Vineyard where you will enjoy great food, fine wine, engaging music, and of course, a wonderful cruise in your lbc! The cruise also involves a stop at our favourite ice cream parlour and a visit to other wineries.

On our last cruises to the winery we had over 30 cars in attendance, which made for a spectacular British car display at the vineyard and earned us some publicity in the local papers.

For more information contact Marty or Sue Hunt
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Full details in the July newsletter and on the web site.

WDMGC Hidden Lake Gardens Tour

Sunday June 28 2009

Join us in a 40-mile (64km) back-roads tour of Michigan from Belleville to Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton. Even if you visited before there's always more to see at the 755-acre botanical garden and arboretum, which has more than 6 miles of one-way paved drives and 5 miles of hiking trails. There is also a visitor center and a conservatory that features bamboo, banana, cocoa, coffee, sugarcane, tapioca and vanilla among many other exotic plants.

The journey will take about an hour and there is a $3.00 per person entrance fee. There are plenty of places to picnic if the weather cooperates but for those that would prefer a restaurant lunch, we've also arranged reservations at 1:00 pm at Jerry's Pub and Restaurant on Wamplers Lake about 7-miles (11km) away in nearby Brooklyn.

We'll meet at the Burger King on Rawsonville Rd, Belleville, ¼-mile (0.4km) south of the junction with I-94, which is about 12-miles (19km) west of Metro Airport. **Try to arrive at 10:00 am for a drivers' and navigators' meeting and a 10:30 am get away.** For those who arrive early there are gas stations, several other restaurants (including a Tim Horton's that we've had especially built so Canadian members can feel at home) and a K-Mart across the street.

For details contact Rick Asltley: Rick@wdmgc.com

The Border City Mini Club and Jose's Noodle Factory Present

BRITISH ONLY CRUISE NIGHTS

We would like to invite all British car or motorcycle owners to the 2009 British Only Cruise Nights at

Jose's Noodle Factory
2731 Howard Ave in Windsor
on the following Mondays
May 25, July 27 and September 28, 2009
from 6 pm until ??

Hop in your British car, cruise on down and enjoy an evening of fun with awesome food, great cars, make some new friends, door prizes and 50-50 draw with proceeds to Transition 2 Betterness cancer research

For more info contact Wayne at
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Alden Classic Sports Car Show

Sunday August 9, 2009
Alden, Michigan

The **Twin Bay British Car Club** is proud to host the 10th annual Alden Classic Sports Car Show. The show is open to sports cars only, (no muscle cars or hot rods) restored, unrestored, any year, any country of origin. The show is held the second weekend of August, in the picturesque village of Alden Mi., on the Shore of Torch Lake. For 2009 the featured marque is the Corvette.

The event starts on Saturday afternoon with a tour around beautiful Torch Lake, followed by a picnic. The picnic features the area's best broasted chicken and is held at the historic old Depot in Alden. The show is Sunday at the park in downtown Alden.

Sunday Car Show registration fee: $15 per car
Saturday tour and picnic: $6 per car

Updates and registration form can be found on the club's web site: **www.twinbaybrits.com**

British Car Cruise-in

Where: Kona Grill (spirits available)
30 E. Big Beaver
Troy, Michigan 48083
(1 mile East of I-75)

When: *tentative dates:*
Wednesday June 24, 2009
Wednesday July 22, 2009
Wednesday August 26, 2009

Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Come join your fellow British car enthusiasts!

Your event host: Harry Mac Lean; HMac483017@aol.com

British Car and Motorcycle Rally

Champane's Wine Cellars
7007 Chicago Rd., Warren, MI 48092
Saturday June 6, from 1 to 5 p.m.
The idea is to gather together British cars and bikes for some socializing, English beer-tasting, food, and prizes.

London Classic British Car Show

Saturday June 13 - Bellamere Winery
1260 Gainsborough Road London, Ontario
We'll meet at the Tim Hortons at 42 and Manning, leave at 8:15 and proceed to meet Chatham people at 9:10 at the Timmy's at Bloomfield Rd and old no 2 highway. Then on to Thamesville to pick up anyone there at 9:30.

Imagine mild summer days, cool summer nights, crystal clear blue skies, and twisty roads through mountains and valleys with unbeatable scenery and views that go on forever. Now imagine sharing all of this with 400+ friends all driving MG's. This dream will come true at the NAMGBR MG-2009 Annual Meet in the Kingdom of Breckenridge, **June 24 through 28, 2009.**

The MG Car Club Rocky Mountain Centre is thrilled and pleased to be hosting the North American MGB Register's annual meet **MG-2009 - MG's in Breckenridge**.

The event will be held in the beautiful resort town of Breckenridge, Colorado. Click on the links to the left for more information, or send e-mail to mg2009@comcast.net

For more info visit the event web site www.mg2009.com

NAMGAR GT-34 is the annual get together of MGA, Magnette and MG Variant enthusiasts from around the country. This year's GT-34 will be held in beautiful Hot Springs, Arkansas. The city of Hot Springs is the perfect backdrop for GT-34 with its scenic terrain, which means fabulous driving; luxurious accommodations in our host hotel, the Arlington Resort Hotel and Spa and countless local attractions for every interest. NAMGAR GT-34 events include tech sessions, car show, rally, driving tour, vendor concessions and many hospitality opportunities. Join your fellow MGA devotees in Hot Springs. NAMGAR GT-34 is open to all models of MG with the primary focus on MGA.

For more information checkout our website www.GT-34.com

NAMGAR GT-34

July 13-17 2009
Hot Spring, Arkansas

All British Car Show

Saturday, July 18 2009
Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village
6155 Arner Town Line (Cty Rd 23) Kingsville, Ontario - 519-776-6909 - www.ctmhv.com

Car Show begins at noon

- People's choice award
- 50/50 draw
- Door prizes
- Car boot sale (bring your stuff)

On site attractions include

- 50's diner, fully licensed
- BBQ starting at 11:30 am
- Museum Tours
- Village Tours

Outdoor Rock & Roll Show starts at 6:30 pm

Featuring British Beat 66 singing all your favourite English tunes!

BRITISH BEAT 66

Admission $10 per car includes car show and concert

MG Car Club, Abingdon Works Centre 2009 Pre-Silverstone Dinner

For many years, overseas visitors have joined the many home-grown MG enthusiasts at the MG Car Club's annual weekend at the Silverstone race circuit in the UK. A few years ago, during a discussion amongst members of the Abingdon Works Centre of the MGCC, the view was taken that perhaps more could be done to make the international travellers feel welcome and enhance their visit to the UK. Abingdon, the spiritual home of MG, is only a one hour drive from Silverstone and consequently to combine something in Abingdon with MG Silverstone could prove a distinct practical possibility. After some thought, it was decided to offer an evening in a distinct location where guests could enjoy, not only good food and wine in pleasant surroundings, but also the company of fellow MG travellers as well as local MG people, some of whom had worked in the Abingdon factory. From such gatherings, firm and long-standing friendships have grown! These evenings are held at either a venue in Abingdon or in an Oxford University college which offers many beautiful settings and is only a few miles from Abingdon. (As the first MGs were produced in Oxford, the city has its own MG connections!) Thus our Pre-Silverstone Dinners were formed!

Past visitors who have sampled the hospitality on offer have included those from Australia, America, Japan, South Africa and Switzerland with many taking the opportunity to either explore the beauty of Oxford during the day, or seek MG connections in Abingdon and the surrounding area.

The 2009 event is being held on the evening of Thursday July 9 in St Cross College right in the heart of Oxford, the City of Dreaming Spires. If you would like to attend or know more, please contact Brian Moylan, brianmoylan@hotmail.com or me at the address below.

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Chairman, chairman@mgabingdon.org.uk
Abingdon Works Centre of the MGCC
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Club calendar

■ - WDMGC event
☐ - Organized participation by WDMGC members

June

☐	Sat. 6	British Car and Motorcycle Rally - Warren MI *See details p. 11*
☐	Sun. 7	British Return to Fort Meigs - Perrysburg, OH
☐	Sun. 7	Orphan Car Show - Ypsilanti, MI
☐	Sun. 7 Wed. 10	British V8 Meet - Durham, NC
■	Wed. 10	**Monthly meeting** - Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
☐	Sat. 13	London Classic British Car Show - London, ON *See details p. 11*
■	Fri. 19 to Sun. 21	**Stratford Festival Tour** - Stratford, ON
☐	Wed. 24 tentative	British Car Cruise-in - Troy, MI *See details p. 11*
☐	Wed. 24 Sun. 28	MG 2009, NAMGBR Annual Meet - Breckenridge, CO *See details p. 11*
■	Sun. 28	**WDMGC Hidden Lake Gardens Tour** - Tipton, MI *See details p. 10*

July

■	Wed. 8	**Monthly meeting -** Dominion House - Windsor, ON
☐	Sun. 12	Mad Dogs and Englishmen, Gilmore Car Museum - Hickory Corners, MI
☐	Mon 13 Fri. 17	GT34, NAMGAR Annual Meet - Hot Springs, AR *See details p. 11*
☐	Sat. 18	British Car Show and Concert - Essex, ON *See details p. 12*
■	Sun. 19	**Cruise to the Vineyard** - Essex County, ON *See details p. 9*
☐	Wed. 22 tentative	British Car Cruise-in - Troy, MI *See details p. 11*
☐	Mon. 27	All-British Cruise Night, Jose's on Howard - Windsor, ON *See details p. 10*

August

☐	Sat. 8 Sun. 9	Alden Classic Car Show - Alden, MI *See details p. 10*
■	Wed. 12	**Monthly meeting** - Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
■	Sat. 15	**Alternative Dream Cruise** - Walled Lake, MI
■	Sat. 22	**Club BBQ** - White Lake, MI

June Meeting at Brass Pointe

Our next club meeting will be Wednesday June 10 at the Brass Pointe in Farmington Hills, Michigan. The meeting starts at around 7:30 pm but join us earlier if you plan on having dinner. Most people start arriving at around 6:00 pm.

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1980 MGB LE 26,000 original miles, I am the original owner, car was garage stored for 20 years. Have original sales paperwork from Bob Owens-Westland, Mich. Rock solid body, absolutely no rust! Car has had some updating, Weber carb kit, Header, pertronix ignition, new electric fan. A much more drivable car now. All removed parts are included in sale. Wheels were glass beaded and repainted (silver actually better matches the stripe) come take a look! Asking $7,500 OBO. Kevin 734-765-7498 *(09-04)*

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WANTED

Fuel Pump for a 75 MGB. Contact Tony tony_dorego@sympatico.ca *(09-06)*

77 MGB motor parts. Call Scott 586-484-7173 *(09-03)*

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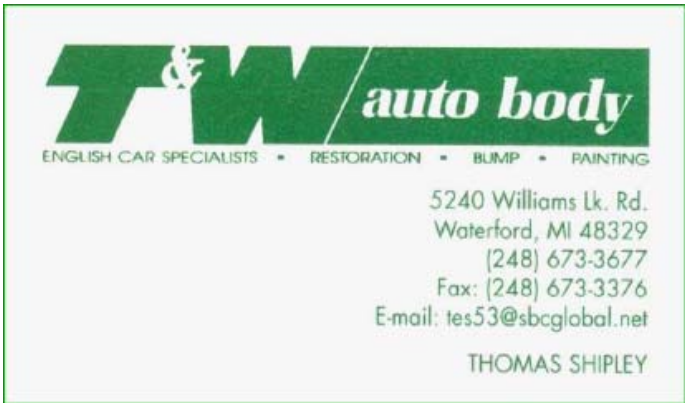

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