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WDMGC Hibernation Party Photos

Various Groups enjoying dinner, awards and quizzes. (Thanks again Elvin and Janet for the games!)

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Dale Brown - Editor

I know you will be getting the electronic version of this newsletter in time before the April Monthly meeting and the Kimber Run. The printed copy will be to you shortly.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter which included Award Photos, I've included various party pictures of the Hibernation Party throughout this edition.

Speaking of hibernation, I was able to get my Red 1972 MGB out of my portable garage about 10 days ago. I simply pulled out the choke, turned the ignition on for the carburetors to fill with fuel and turned the key the rest of the way. A few turns of the engine and "varoom" it started just fine. The only issue I had was trying to back out. The brakes seized up over the winter, so I revved it slightly higher, let off the clutch and sure enough it broke free and I was out of the driveway. It took about 15 minutes of stop and go driving for the vibrations to go away upon stopping. So all is well. I was able to take the drive to Obsolete Motors for the annual garage sale. Other club members had already come and gone before I got there, but it was a nice drive. Obsolete received several MGB overdrive transmission over the winter and I had gone up and bought one for my 1969 MGB and had new seals and wiring harness put in. Now just waiting for slightly warmer weather to put the engine and the new over-drive back in. I understand that one of our members also bought one of the Over-drives before I got there.

On a different note, the Club has received a letter from a member of the Twin Bay-British Car Club in Traverse City. He is working towards trying to get the Historic Plate rules for Michigan changed to make it easier for Michigan members to use these types of plates. The board will discuss the matter and take the appropriate action. If you wish to view the letter, click on the following link: Historical Plate Letter

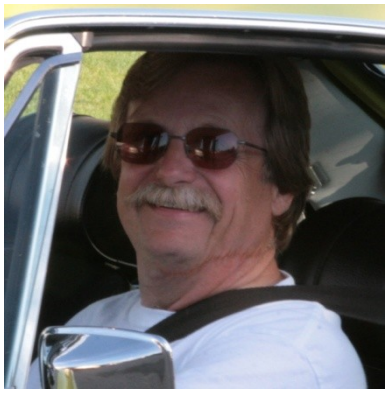
Hope to see a lot of you at the April Meeting and the Kimber Run.

More from the Hibernation Party

Obsolete Automotive Garage Sale

Presidentially speaking

Steve Finch - Club President



"Get your motor runnin'. Head out on the highway. Lookin' for adventure. And whatever comes our way."

Mars Bonfire, Steppenwolf, 1967

Spring is here. The cars are awake and ready, and I'm looking forward to a great new driving season. It all kicks off with the Kimber Run on Saturday April 13. For me, it's good to have options. The MGA is ready for a top down run and the B/GT stands at the ready if the weather is not sufficiently cooperative.

The 2013 calendar has been posted to WDMGC.com. The Stratford Tour this year will feature *Tommy*, the rock opera from *The Who*. We will again be associated with the CTM & Heritage Village All British Car Show and the Battle of the Brits will return to the schedule at Camp Dearborn in Milford.

In March, we held a Tech Session at the Milford Library. We had a great turnout and some very knowledgeable presentations and discussion. If you attended, I hope you found it useful and informative. My thanks to Philip Wiltshire for organizing the event and to our *panel of experts* Rick Astley, George Barton, Doug Butcher, Graham Creswick, and Guy St. John.

As I mentioned above, the first driving event will be the Kimber Run on April 12. Each year the WDMGC joins with other M.G. clubs to celebrate the birthday of M.G. Car Company founding father, Cecil Kimber, who was born in London on April 12, 1888. This year will be his 125th birthday celebration. Ed Fleming will once again lead the convoy on a scenic drive towards the Delhi Cafe in Holt where we will lift a glass to Cecil, enjoy the company of fellow M.G. enthusiasts, and treat ourselves to lunch and birthday cake.

There is still room on the calendar for other events. We welcome suggestions and volunteers to host an event, rallymaster a drive, or conduct a tech session or day in the garage. Please forward suggestions to me or any other board member.

Our last monthly meeting in March was our Annual General Meeting and elections. The board officers were re-elected including me as president, Dale Brown as vice president, Rick Astley as secretary and Matt Bade as treasurer. We also have a new webmaster. Mike Abrosimoff has volunteered to join the board as its webmaster. My thanks to all the board members (elected and volunteer) for their dedication to the club.

Also, you might put a placeholder on your calendar for the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 25th, for a new event that we are trying to put together. If successful, the event will be modeled after last year's DTSC BOTB alternative informal gathering and picnic held a Camp Dearborn.

Also, we understand that the Sunday June 2 British Return to Ft. Meigs car show will include a new feature, a valve cover race. (See Race Rules on page 6) Valve cover racing will be the hot ticket this year with a second event, the T-Club and Twin Bay Club challenging WDMGC at the Alden Car Show with a new traveling trophy valve cover race. Mine is built. I am still thinking about color and design details but actually the "hot rod" flat black is starting grow on me. Build yours and come out to have some fun with this. A link to the rules can be found on our calendar page for the British Return event.

I hope you join us at meetings, events, and for a drive in our MGs.

The foremost club for British car owners in southeast Michigan and southwest Ontario.

Safety MG Fast!

Steve

Photos from The March General Meeting

Windsor-Detroit MG Club Financial Report 2012

Matt Bade –Treasurer

	$US
Income	
Advertising Income	243.00
Hibernation Party Receipts	2020.00
Interest Income	0.94
Membership Fees	5,248.46
Raffle	352.00
Regalia Sales	22.00
Total Income	**7886.40**
Cost of Goods Sold	
Can-Am Connection	
Postage	661.31
Printing	2,030.13
Total Can-Am Connection	2,691.44
Foreign Exchange Charges	
Hibernation Party	22.43
Hibernation Party	
Dining-Food	3,475.03
Entertainment	230.00
Other Expenses	228.77
Prizes	278.19
Total COGS	6925.86
Gross Profit	**960.54**
Expense	
Board Meeting Expenses	150.05
Gift Expense	119.17
Name Tags	140.72
Postage & Delivery Expense	356.15
Printing & Repro. Expense	559.25
Total Expense	**1,325.34**
Net Income	**-364.80**

Membership Payment via PayPal

We are sorry that if you tried to pay your membership dues by PayPal over the last 2 months, you may have experienced some difficulties. These have now been addressed and the system is now working again.

Friday / Saturday / Sunday June 14th, 15th & 16th 2013- "Tommy"

Friday June 14th - We will be traveling to Stratford leaving the Detroit area mid-morning, or Saturday June 15th - A second convoy will be leaving on the Saturday morning from the M59 and I94 area and arriving at St Mary's early afternoon. It's your choice, as we normally have 2 convoys heading for Stratford that weekend.

Saturday June 15th – "Tommy"- 8.00 pm performance at the Avon Theatre.

" The Who's classic rock score powers the spectacular story of a traumatized child who becomes the "Pinball Wizard."

Synopsis:

Deprived of sight, hearing and speech by the shock of what he has witnessed as a child, young Tommy Walker seems lost to life – until he reveals an uncanny talent for the game of pinball. When his faculties are suddenly restored, Tommy is hailed as a living miracle – but will the fans who turn to him for enlightenment want to hear what he has to say?

Music and lyrics by Pete Townshend (The Who)

We have booked the Westover Inn Hotel once again (built 1867) at nearby St Mary's for the Friday and Saturday evenings.

We will also be dining as a group at the Westover Inn prior to the evening performance of "Tommy" on the Saturday.

Many of the rooms for Friday and Saturday are already booked by us, so please call them (or your favourite Stratford / St. Mary's Bed and Breakfast) and make your reservation under "MG Tours". The Westover's phone number is (519) 284 2977.

Please call me when you have made your hotel reservations. The costs are $105 each for the theatre tickets. If you have an e-mail address that you use regularly, then I would also like those details.

Philip Wiltshire, 3105 Exeter Drive, Milford, MI, 48380.
My new cell phone: 706 988 6206 – please note the new number.
E-Mail: pwiltshire@comcast.net

WDMGC Welcomes its newest members:

Harry Mueller III, Modesto, CA. who owns a Red 63 MGB. It was his father's car and he was a member for 28 years.

Robert Turrall, Pinckey, MI, who owns a 1980 White MGB

Kimber Run

The Kimber run will be April 13. We'll meet at the Meijer parking lot at 8 Mile Rd. and Haggerty Rd. in Northville at 9:30 a.m. then head to Lansing on some great back roads, getting there in time for lunch with the other Michigan MG Clubs.

Lake Erie British Car Club

Valve Cover Race Rules

The Course

The course shall consist of a launch incline eight (8) feet long, followed by a level run out of twenty (20) feet.

The launch incline shall be divided into two (2) lanes, each two (2) feet wide. The incline shall be two (2) feet high at the rear-most part and level with the course at the front edge. The front edge shall be mitered so as to provide a smooth transition from the incline to the run out area.

The official "starting line" shall be two (2) feet from the rear edge of the incline. A mechanized starting gate may be provided.

The run out section of the course shall consist of two (2) lanes, each three (3) feet wide. The lanes shall be clearly marked.

The finish line shall be marked twenty (20) feet from the front edge of the launch incline.

The Cars
The cars shall have no power source. All motive force is provided by gravity.

Cars shall be based on an actual rocker cover or cam cover from any automobile engine.

Wheelbase shall be no more than twenty-four (24) inches.

Wheel track shall be no more than fourteen (14) inches.

Cars must have four functioning wheels, each no more than six (6) inches in diameter.

Nothing can be mounted in front of cover or chassis (including wheels).

Maximum weight limit of 10lbs (no moving or movable weight (s)).

One valve cover per chassis (no switching cover or chassis).

The Races
Cars will be run in heats of two (2) cars each.

Race will be single elimination random draw pairings.

The cars are to be launched with their front wheels on the starting line. The first car to have its front wheels cross the finish line is the winner.

If the wheels of a car should cross over the lane markers, the car shall be disqualified. The competing car immediately becomes the winner. If neither car makes it to the finish line, the car going the furthest wins.

Winning cars will advance to the next round until all are eliminated except one car.

Line Dancing

Ranted by Rick Astley

In his role as Newsletter Editor, I'm sure Dale has a folder in his computer marked, "Only Use if Desperate", so if you're reading this then it's a sure bet that he was having a tough time filling half a page and thought this article might be marginally better than having you stare at a white space. I don't blame him for filing it there, sometimes writing things down helps a person get something off their chest and put things in perspective and in my case, if my scribbles have a tenuous connection to MGs, I'll send them to our editor. So here it is, straight off my chest where it's been ticking me off.

Like most of us, I don't buy everything for my MG from a specialist source. Instead, for spark plugs, oil, cleaning supplies and a few other things, I go to a regular auto supply store. When I say I go to the store, that's exactly what I do. I get in the car, drive there, consume costly gas, park, enter the store, find what I want and line-up to pay. Eventually, I find myself at the front of the queue, or at least that's where I think I am. However, just as I get there the phone invariably rings, and the clerk who is supposed to be attending to me, picks it up! I then have to wait — and wait — while someone who just telephonically jumped the line, takes 5 minutes discussing what part best suits his needs, whether or not they have it in stock and if not, when can they get it and for how much.

Now just maybe the guy calling-in has crawled from under his car that he requires to travel to work the next day — otherwise he won't get paid — and must call around because he's desperate. But probably not. In my mind at least, I always picture he-who-just-butted-in as someone lounging back in his Lazy-Boy, which was probably aptly named just for him, with a beer in one hand and a TV remote in the other while he talks on a Bluetooth thingy that he has stuck in his hairy ear.

I suppose there are people who like to wait in line, no doubt they're the same people who, when asked their preference when booking a flight, choose the middle seat. Unfortunately, whether it's at our border crossings or in a store, I seem to have perfected the art of choosing the slowest line. That wouldn't be so bad if I wasn't certain that the people who are moving faster than me have smug looks on their faces, but since I only ever see the backs of their heads, I can never be too sure of that.

Now take a look in a mirror. Do you have a smug look on your face? Are you sitting in a Lazy-Boy? Yes? So it was you who called AutoZone last Saturday afternoon!

With apologies to the late Andy Rooney. (editor's note)

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Admission is free & open to all British marques.
Awards will be presented at 5:00 PM

Fleming's is located at 17400 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152

For more information: snydleydog@yahoo.com or davida49@aol.com

32nd Annual
Sunday April 21, 2013
[2nd Last Sunday in April]

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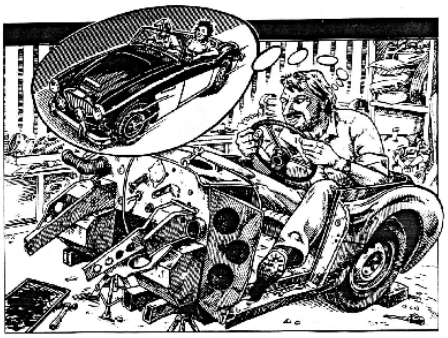

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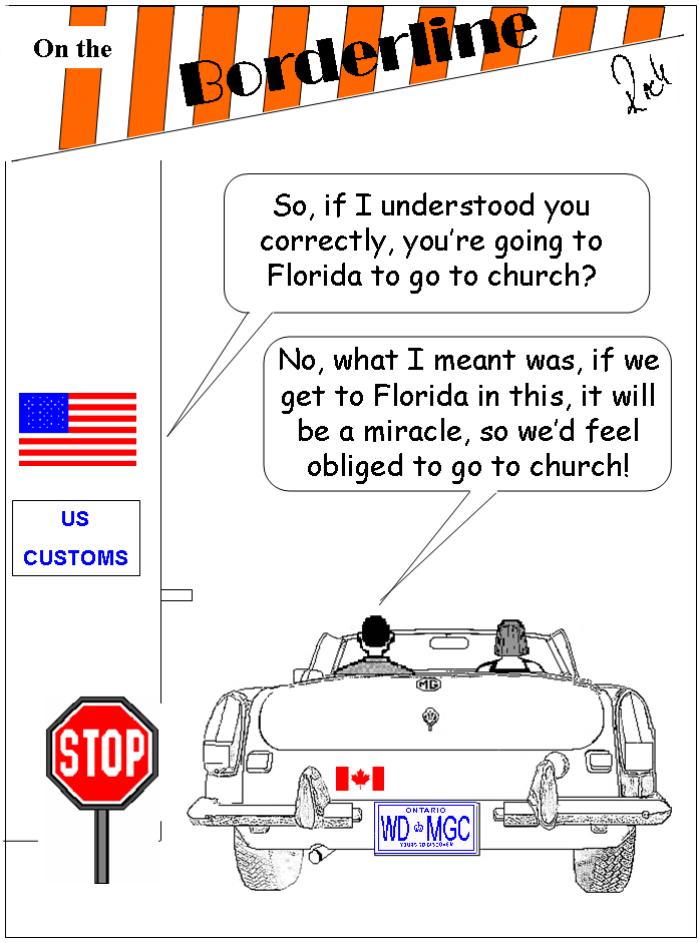
Club Calendar

■	WDMGC Event	
☐	Organized participation by WDMGC members	
April 2013		
■	Wed. 10	**Monthly meeting, Brass Pointe** - Farmington Hills, MI
■	Sat. 13	**Kimber Run & Birthday Bash, Delhi Cafe** - Lansing, MI
☐	Mon. 15 - Fri. 19	NAMGAR Spring Regional - Savannah, GA
☐	Sun. 21	Ancaster All-British Flea Market - Ancaster, ON
☐	Mon. 22 - Sat. 27	Key West British Car Club MG Conch Out, Mile 0 - Key West, FL
☐	Thu. 25 - Sun. 28	2013 Speedfest at the Classic Motorsports Mitty vintage races, MG is featured marque - Road Atlanta, GA
May 2013		
☐	Sat. 4	NAMGAR "Drive Your MGA Day"
■	Wed. 8	**Monthly Meeting - NEW LOCATION - Maple Leaf Bar & Grill - Windsor, On.**
■	Sun. 12	**Spring Fling Drive** - MI
☐	Sat. 25 - Sun. 6/2	British Car Week - Drive your British Car to Work
■	Sat. 25 or Sun.26	**Spring British Car Gathering, Camp Dearborn** - Milford, MI
☐	Mon. 27	Mini Club Cruise Night

Check the club website for further calendar events

April Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The April club meeting will be Wednesday April 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



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Also Wanted

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

A new addition to President Steve Finch's stable of cars. A **1971 MG Midget** that Steve will be working on.

Car of the month, April 2013

Is your car in the club's Gallery on our web site? If not, send one to our webmaster (see page 2) with a little anecdotal information, and not only will we feature it there, you never know, it may become a Car of the Month in the Newsletter too. If your car has already been in the Gallery a while, take a look at it and please check the picture. Some photos are not good enough for printing in the newsletter, but we're betting that you've upgraded your camera since and now have better pictures to send us. Check the story with it too, and update it if necessary.