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WDMGC Spring Gathering and Picnic– Camp Dearborn

By Steve Finch

What a great day it turned out to be. Didn't get any official count but it was upwards of 50 cars. Thanks for great participation from WDMGC, DTSC, Mi MGA Rowdies, SEMi Austin Healey. There was a few Jaguars (E-type, XJ6C), a few Lotus 7s (nee Caterham), a Mini or two, and a couple of Morgans including a new vintage Morgan 3-wheeler. I think we will do it again next year. And look for the DTSC Battle of the Brits info also at Camp Dearborn on Sunday Sept 8.

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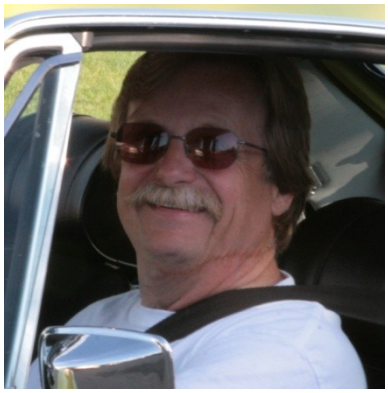
Dale Brown - Editor

This month's edition of the Can Am Connection includes many photos of events that took place in May and June. I hope you see the picture of your car or your friendly face as you read through. Make sure you check the calendar as there are lots of opportunities to drive your LBC during the next several weeks. I'll keep my narrative short this month so I can include more pictures. Thanks to those who submitted articles and photographs as I was not able to attend some of the events. You'll notice our classified ads section is beginning to build up again. As a member, I can include any British Car related item you may want to sell or look for. Just send me an email to the address on your left. Have a great ride!

Pictures from the May Members meeting at The Maple Leaf Bar & Grill in Windsor that was well attended.

Presidentially speaking

Steve Finch - Club President



"I'm running down the road tryin' to loosen my load ..."

The Eagles, 1972

The driving season is here. "Don't let the sound of your own wheels drive you crazy." All you need is a cell phone, a AAA membership and an empty credit card and you can go anywhere. So get out and drive your MG.

Regardless of Austin's complaints, as he reported in this space last month, Donna and I had a great time on our trip to Key West. The best part of it all was the people we met at The Conch Out.

We are unfortunately going to miss the NAMGAR GT-38 in Asheville, NC in June and cannot take the time to go to the NAMGBR MG2013 in Corvallis, OR in July. Besides, the route to Corvallis would take us back through Green River WY (we didn't have a good experience the last time we passed through there on the return from Reno).

But, our next trip might be in September to attend New England's Largest British Automobile Show and Celebration, The British Invasion in Stowe, VT, September 20-22. Our planned route would take us through Canada to Montreal and then into Vermont. If we take that trip, we may continue on to Owls Head, ME to take in the Owls Head Transportation Museum and its current display of pre-war MGs dating back to a 1931 M University Foursome Folding Head Coupe. New England in the fall should be a wonderful experience. On the return we could head down through Boston, Providence and maybe New York. Anyone want to go along?

This past month had a couple of great WDMGC events. The Spring Fling Drive organized by our rallyemaster George Barton had a good turnout despite the chilly start. Thanks George for organizing this.

The Spring Gathering and Picnic at Camp Dearborn was hosted by WDMGC and saw about 50 cars come and go during this informal gathering. My thanks to the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club for helping me to promote this event and to all those who came out to participate. Our hope is to have this be an annual event that bookends the season with the DTSC Battle of the Brits in September. Even Austin enjoyed these two events.

I hope those going to Stratford to see the rock opera, *Tommy*, have a wonderful time. If you are not going to Stratford, you might be interested in attending the EyesOn Design Automotive Exposition, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI, on Sunday June 16.

For those interested in vintage racing you might consider a day trip to the Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio on June 28-30. Saturday features the British Car Showdown car show and Sunday features a Concours d'Elegance. You may also get the opportunity to drive the track at the lunch hour.

And keep the date of July 21 open on your calendar to attend our All British Car Show at the Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage Village. This event is presented in association with the Windsor-Detroit MG Club and we would like to see a great club member turn out.

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

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

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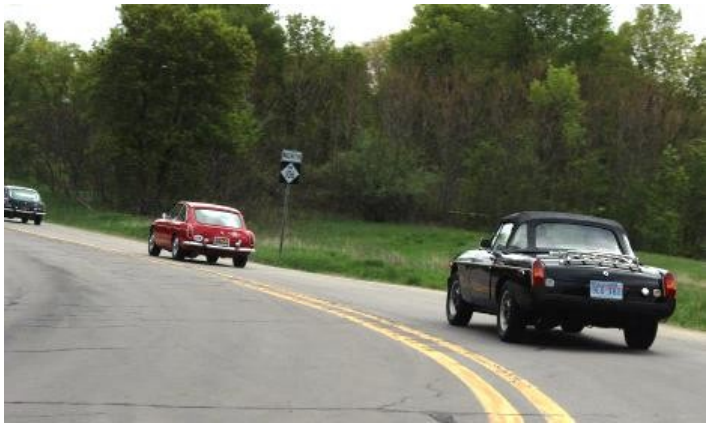
Safety MG Fast!

Steve

Spring Fling – Saturday May 11

On a pretty overcast morning, nine MGs and one BMW 5 Series (it's true, Doug and Ailene Butcher performed the role of convoy chaperone) left the Kroger parking lot in Howell at just after 10 am. There was just one top-down B but it has to be said that thick coats buttoned up to the neck were the perfect accompaniment for this set-up! The rest of us felt more comfortable under either vinyl or steel.
The convoy explored some pretty smooth roads, taking a route round Howell towards the south along Chilson Road before skirting Hamburg and Dexter. The group trundled through the center of Chelsea, followed by some fast sweeping curves on the "quick" section into Stockbridge.
At this point, the sun poked its way through the clouds making for a much more pleasant ride.
A very winding route through Gregory back to Howell enabled the cars to test their aging suspensions on some nice tight bends, ahead of the straight shot south into Pinckney and on to Hudson Mills Metropark. The route amounted to a shade under 90 miles and all the cars performed perfectly – even Doug's Beamer!
Six Bs parked up in the by-now bright sunshine which provided the provided the atmosphere for a very pleasant early afternoon picnic.
We all made our way home at about 2 pm with no sign of the rain that had been promised for the afternoon.
The sun really does shine on the righteous!



Goodbye and Good Luck

This month we say a fond farewell to Rich and Adrienne Wagner. After 13 years with the club, they are moving to Florida along with their 1977 Tahiti Blue MGB, which they call Mr. Majestic.

You will have seen Rich and Adrienne at many club events, some of which Rich was kind enough to organize for us including a couple of Fall Color Tours and, most notably, Rich's personal invention: the Alternative Dream Cruise. Rich had the idea that, rather than sit in traffic on Woodward on an August Saturday, wearing out clutches and patience while boiling radiators and tempers, he would lead a group around 50 mph country roads and stop at a restaurant and ice cream place or two. It was actually a labor of love. Rich and Adrienne took their responsibility so seriously they found it necessary to make multiple dummy runs, trying out many restaurants and consuming a lot of ice cream.

Their car is quite famous, or infamous, too. Its antics have been featured in *The Can-Am Connection* each time it has caused its owners to suffer the consequences of rather spectacular breakdowns, including to my knowledge: front wheel bearing seized, main drive shaft broken, rear brake fire, body failure at rear suspension supports and a windshield that exhibited weld spatter damage during the last repair. Did I say last? Just a couple of weeks ago, with the car finally in good shape for its drive down to Florida, Rich was paying his bill in a gas station when the SUV driver at the pump in front of him decided it was easiest to back out. He checked his high mirrors and promptly sunk his rear bumper into Mr. Majestic's bonnet. Fortunately, "Mr." Majestic doesn't just have a bonnet, Rich makes him wear a bra too, so the damage, if not his embarrassment, is somewhat hidden.

Rich and Adrienne, we all wish you a long and happy retirement in Florida. We hope too that you'll soon find another excuse to do a lot of restaurant and ice cream research down there.

Rick Astley

Photos from the May Monthly Meeting at The Maple Leaf Bar and Grill

ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW

Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village

Essex, Ontario

SUNDAY

JULY

21st

2013

9:00 - 2:00 pm
Show Cars- $10.00
General Admission- $5.00
12 and Under– Free

*** Diner open from 8 am until 2 pm**
***Boarding House Food available (in village)**
Beer Garden 11-2pm

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www.wdmgc.com

Registration
9 to 1pm
Door Prizes
1-2pm

British Car Vendors FREE

From Detroit
Follow Huron Church South to HWY #3
Follow HWY #3 Leamington to County Rd 23, turn right
Museum is 6 minutes on right

From Toronto
Follow 401 W turn left Belle River Rd (County Rd 27)
Follow 27, turn right on County Rd. 8, then next left on 27
Follow 27, through Cottam, cross HWY 3, follow until road ends
Turn Left on County Rd. 23 (Arner Townline)
Museum is 5 minutes on right
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Photos from some May Club Events

Fleming's British Fling

PRESENTED BY

Fleming's Steakhouse & D. T. S. C.

Sunday, July 28, 2013

2:00 PM -- RAIN or SHINE!

Join the staff of Fleming's and the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club for a delightful Sunday afternoon of fine wine, great food and British cars.

There will be several awards and door prizes for participating British cars.

A goody bag will be presented to the first 30 ***Classic British*** participants. ***New British*** *cars are also welcomed.*

Fleming's will be opening early at 2:00 PM and will have a special menu available for participants (in addition to the regular menu) and wide selection of fine wines. They have also reserved the entire patio and special parking for British cars and cruise-in participants.

! AWARDS !

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

Helpful Accessory – An Ounce of Prevention

By Steve Finch

In the parking lot at the last meeting a member noticed and asked about the extra wire on my bonnet latch. I told him about the Remote Bonnet Release that attaches to the lever and exits into the left side front wheel well. If the original release cable should break, this cable serves as an emergency release. It also comes in handy as an alternative if you don't want to reach into the car to pull the original release handle.

Jeff Zorn carries these at Little British Car Co. as - GMG101 - REMOTE BONNET RELEASE (USE WITH OR WITHOUT ORIGINAL RELEASE) $18.00

The instructions call for drilling a hole in the inner fender wall but I didn't find that to be necessary. I simply routed it through the grommet for the headlight wiring. That leaves it only a bit harder to reach but it's better than the alternatives should the original release cable break.

BORDER CITY MINI CLUB
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THE BORDER CITY Mini CLUB and ROUTE 42 DINER present *British Only* cruise nights .

We would like to invite all British car or motorcycle owners for our 2013 British only cruise in nights at our new location, ROUTE 42 DINER 2825 County Rd 42 (across from Windsor airport) in Windsor on Monday May 27th, July 22nd and September 23rd 2013 from 5:30 until 8pm.

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.

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Club Calendar

***	WDMGC Event	
*	Organized participation by WDMGC members	
June 2013		
***	Wed. 12	**Monthly meeting, Brass Pointe** - Farmington Hills, MI
***	Fri. 14 - Sun. 16	**Stratford Festival Tour**, Tommy - Stratford, ON
*	Sat. 15	**London Classic British Car Show** - London, ON
*	Sun. 16	**EyesOn Design Automotive Exposition & Club Breakfast,** Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Activity Center - Grosse Pointe **Shores, MI**
*	Sat 29th-Sun 30th	**Mid Ohio Sports Car Course Sat Britsh Car Showdown-Mid Ohio Sports Car Course** - Lexington Ohio
July 2013		
***	Wed. 10	**Monthly Meeting Maple Leaf Grill** - Windsor, ON
*	Thu. 11 - Tue. 16	**MG's on the Oregon Trail, Rallye from Independence, MO to Corvallis, OR for MG 2013**
*	Fri. 12	**Rolling Sculpture Car Show,** Ann Arbor, MI
*	Sun. 14	**Mad Dogs and Englishmen,** Gilmore Car Museum -Hickory Corners, MI
*	Wed. 17 - Sun. 21	**NAMGBR MG 2013 Convention** - Corvallis, OR
***	Sun. 21	**All British Car Show in association with WDMGC** - Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage Village - Essex, ON
*	Mon. 22	**Mini Club Cruise Night - Starts 530pm raffle and 50-50 draw at 8pm** - Windsor, ON
*	Fri. 26 - Sun. 28	**Waterford Hills Vintage Race** - Waterford, MI
*	Sun. 28	**DTSC -Fleming's British Fling** - Livinia, MI
*	Sun. 28	**Concours d'Eligance of America at St. John's** - Plymouth, MI

Check the club website for further calendar events

June Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The June club meeting will be Wednesday June 12 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.

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.

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CARS WANTED

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Wanted

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Tom Parent's 1954 TF A pristine red 1954 MG TF Roadster, appraised at being in perfect condition with all categories in the exterior and interior receiving excellent scores. It has been driven on a very limited basis and has been maintained in storage. The exterior is complete and includes taillights, bumpers, and trim moldings that are in excellent condition and the engine compartment shows virtually no wear. The interior has been completely restored with less than minimal wear and the interior glass is complete, clean and has no cracks. Overall, this MG is a top-notch restored vehicle.
Vehicle Specs:
Color: Red
Interior: Tan
Transmission: 4- Speed Manual
Engine: 4 - Cylinder with dual carburetors
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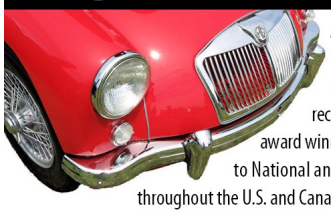

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Photo from the May Monthly Meeting at the Maple Leaf Bar and Grill

Cars of the Month, June 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.