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Fall Color Tour *(See story on page 4)*

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Dale Brown - Editor

Where has the year gone? Seems like I was just putting together the January Newsletter and starting to obtain articles from members. Well it went fast and I received many submissions to see me through the whole year. Thanks to everybody. This will be the last edition for the year as this issue (and the next) will be for two months. I sifted through all the items members sent me and I think I got them all. If not, my apologies.

Since the elections will be taking place early in the new year, I asked our club secretary to update the info that you will need to consider. Thanks Rick for doing that for me. I always look forward to our President's page and wonder what song he will use in his introduction. This months Presidentially Speaking didn't disappoint me. I hope you've enjoyed them. Some even had the hot link to the song itself!

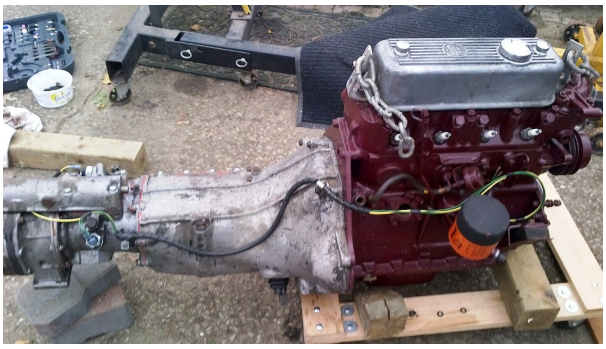
Over the next month look through some of your own written collections of MG trivia and send them on to me for next year. I always appreciate it.

Personally Lise and I had to miss some of the most recent club events due to spending time at our trailer and also a wonderful trip to France and Italy that was organized by club members and advertisers Jeff and Jan Zorn. I tried to pay attention and notice any British cars over there but the one that was seen most often was the Mini both old and new.

Newly painted engine with flywheel and clutch reattached

In closing, I thought I would include something that I have done in the past and that's progress on another MG restoration. Previously I updated you on the rebuild of my red 1972 MGB roadster, so for the next few Newsletters, I'll cover my current second total rebuild of my BRG 1969 B.

Without a heated garage and limited space, I hope it will go well. I stripped the car and had the body and paint redone and it's been sitting in my garage for over a year. (See picture on page 9) After repainting the engine last spring, this past week I reattached the flywheel and clutch as well as joining up the recently purchased and rebuilt overdrive transmission. Next step will be to hoist the assembly into the engine bay. Wish me luck!



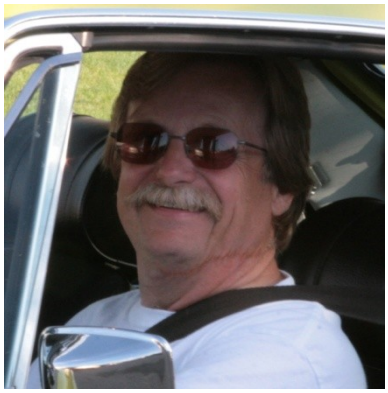
A rebuilt overdrive gearbox fitted to the engine.

Safely tucked away awaiting installation

Presidentially speaking

And that's not to mention the aerial photography.

Steve Finch - Club President



"Alice's Restaurant Massacree" - Arlo Guthrie, 1967

Alright, I really tried, I really did. There are not many songs written about November and none of them have anything to do with cars, or love of cars, or love of driving, or anything else remotely connected to the LBC experience. So the heck with it. This month's featured song is the American Thanksgiving classic from Arlo Guthrie and if you don't have the album you can play it during coffee and desert after the *"Thanksgiving dinner that couldn't be beat."* Just open this newsletter and click on the title above to play the song. Enjoy.

This past month saw the final driving event of the year, the Fall Colour Tour. My thanks to Ed Fleming for being our rallyemaster and I hope you didn't try to catch up at Karl's Kabin (they went to the Deadwood Grill instead; sorry about that.). I couldn't make the trip myself (MGB/GT overdrive issue, MGA slave cylinder issue). Honey-do's took priority instead.

The calendar naturally gets a bit thin in the next few months but we are doing the initial planning for a return visit to the GM Heritage Center being arranged by Bill Reeves on a suggestion from Matt Bade, thanks to both. The tentative date is Friday, January 31 from 2:30 to 4:30pm. An optional dinner is being arranged at a British social club serving fish 'n chips. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this private event. Stay tuned.

Your car club needs you. The next Hibernation Party will be held in Canada early next year and the club needs organizers and volunteers. Arranging this event can be fun and rewarding, and be done by an individual or be shared by a couple or amongst friends. Please contact me or another Board member if you would like to help out.

The Annual General Meeting and club officer elections will be held at the February monthly meeting in Farmington Hills (Feb 12). Three of the four elected officers (President, Treasurer and Secretary) are term limited so the elections are wide open. We need you to volunteer your nomination or nominate someone else (without jeopardy to friendship). We are also looking for nominations for the annual club awards. See the article in this edition for details and contact me or any other Board member if you have a nomination. The club succeeds when its members step up and take leadership positions. It's really not that hard. Honestly, these positions are not as much work as it might seem. I found my experiences to be quite rewarding.

Kjell Qvale, automotive entrepreneur, 1919-2013. As I write this article I just received my Hemmings Daily email and saw their lead story about the passing of Kjell Qvale. Quoting from the Hemming Daily article:

"In a remarkable life that spanned 94 years, Kjell Qvale imported exotic cars, backed a race team, founded an automotive salon in a beautiful city and even built his own sports cars. His death over the past weekend in San Francisco marked the passing of a colorful existence in the world of cars and motorsport."

"He started out with a Willys franchise in Alameda, California, that he opened in 1947, after serving as a Navy pilot during World War II. He soon spotted an MG TC, was thrilled by the sports car, and became the MG distributor for the West Coast. In doing so, he was pivotal in the ascendancy of the great postwar sports car scene in California, indirectly fostering the careers of countless drivers, and helping organize the first sports car races at Pebble Beach. It also led to an alliance with the race car builder and fabricator Joe Huffaker, teaming on a BMC-powered car that raced at Indianapolis from 1963 to 1965."

The MG community owes a lot to Kjell Qvale. We offer our condolences and honor him upon his passing.

I hope that everybody has a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season. And I hope you join us at meetings, events, and for a drive in our MGs next spring.

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Safety MG Fast!

Steve

Colorful Trees, Country Roads, Apples and Cider
Fall Color Tour 2013

By Ed Flemming

When we set the date for the color tour late in October I thought for sure all the color would be gone from the trees. However our unusual fall weather left the trees in beautiful color for our Color Tour.

We had a record number of cars and participants for the tour. Twenty cars and 34 participants! The record number included Brett Altman, Ed Fleming, Dave and Sue Snyder, Dan Campana, Bob Fougere, Gary and Roberta Odor, W. Mc Caffery, Matt Bade, Bill and Denise Goin, Marc Weitzarman, Sebastian Deledda, Gene and Joan Johnson, John and Monique Magee, Marcia Greiner, Erna Vanderwouw, Bob and Mary Elliott, Tom Sandy, Ann Phimister, Mitch and Kara Simmons, Jack and Chris Berry, Jack Adams, Bob Harris, Robert and Paula Turrall, and Heidy and Tom Basenger. All but one car were British makes. We had four Healeys show up from the Healey club and one TR4 and a new Mini.

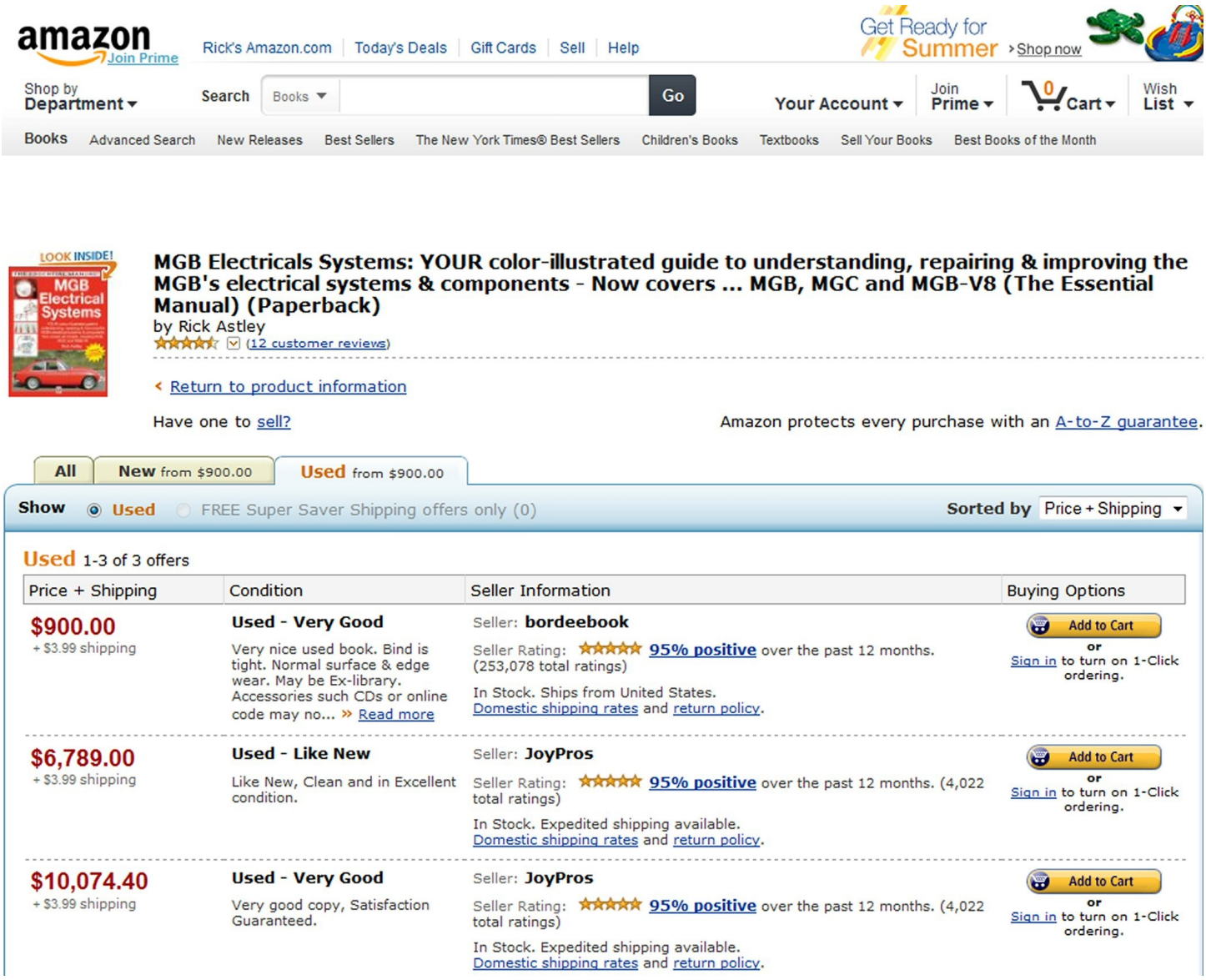
Former member Brett Altman brought his near perfect '67 VW van (the lone non British vehicle.)

We started at Ward Church again and headed down E. Hines Drive. The trees long Hines were in great color. There were lots of reds, yellows, oranges and a little bit of green. I was going to point out all the sticks and black and brown colors but the trees were still in a very colorful mood and almost perfect color.

Once again we had our own private parking spot at Obstbaum's Cider Mill where we loaded up on cider and donuts and great conversation. They have the best cider. They've been voted the best cider of the 4 or 5 cider mills the club has driven to the last 8 or 10 years.

We spent so much time at Obstbaum's we passed up on the second cider mill and went straight to the Deadwood's restaurant for an early dinner and more interesting conversation on their heated outdoor deck.

All in all a great color tour, great conversations, great cars, and great food.



Note from the Editor: As most of you know, long time Board Member, Rick Astley has published a couple of MG and British car manuals including the one above. Rick sent me this screen shot that he happened to see on Amazon before it was corrected. I've been waiting over the year for the right time to include it in the Newsletter and being that it's near the holiday season and you might be wanting to buy this book for a friend or relative, I thought I'd post it in the final edition of the year. Believe me though, I think you can get a brand new copy for a lot cheaper than $10, 074.40. Check with Rick at the next meeting for sources!

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2014 Elections

By Rick Astley - Club Secretary

A reminder that in accordance with article 16 of the WDMGC by-laws, elections must be held every year for the following elected positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

"The term of office for any elected position shall be one year. The maximum number of consecutive terms a member may hold in an office effective January 1, 1995 is three (3). A member who has served three consecutive one-year terms in an office may run again for the same office after a one-year term break. That member may run immediately for a different elected office."

The elections will take place at our Annual General Meeting, which next year will be part of the monthly meeting at the Brass Pointe, February 12th, 2014.

With three current board members ineligible to run for the same office again, the club really does need you to contribute by putting your name forward. It really won't take much of your time and is very rewarding.

Office	Incumbent *(terms served)*	Running for another term?
President	Steve Finch *(3 years)*	Ineligible
Vice-President	Dale Brown *(2 years)*	Yes (unless Dale chooses to run for another open office.)
Treasurer	Matt Bade Ineligible *(3 years)*	Ineligible
Secretary	Rick Astley *(3 years)*	Ineligible

Nominations should be formulated as follows:

I nominate:_____ for the office of:_____

Nominated by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Club Awards

By Rick Astley - Club Secretary

It's time once again to ask for your to help in determining this year's recipients of our coveted club awards. Please review the awards criteria at right and nominate the member or members you believe are most deserving of an award and why. Just a few words are sufficient, but a funny or compelling anecdote is even better.

You can submit your nominations to any club board member by phone, email, post or in person at the next club meeting. Board member names and contact details can be found on page 2. **The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2014.**

As always, the awards will be presented at the Hibernation Party, which will be held in the Canada in February or March 2014. Details will be published on the club website as soon as they become available and in the January/February edition of the newsletter.

We sincerely hope you have enjoyed the numerous events that were on our calendar this year, and that you kept your eyes and ears open for possible candidates for our awards.

Founders Award: Given to the member who has contributed the most to the club over the past year. This person or persons are the most valuable members of the club. They have contributed above and beyond anyone else in the club.

Rookie of the Year: Given to the new member who has contributed the most to the club over the past year. "New member" shall be defined as having joined the club since September 1 of the previous year.

Navigator of the Year: Given to the "Travelling Companion" or "Navigator" who has contributed the most to the club over the past year.

Hard Luck Award: Given to the member who has had the most problems with his/her British car during the past year (or suffered a notable loss or hardship in that regard.)

Lucky Lucas Award: Given to the member who has had the most electrical problems with his/her British car during the past year (or a combination of electrical and general malfunction.)

Honoring Past Board Officers

By Steve Finch

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club was founded in 1980, by four men, two Canadian, two American—Mark Deacon, Ron Harmon, Dave Hornby and Jim Trofin. They saw the international border not as a barrier, but as a link for MG enthusiasts in southeast Michigan and southwest Ontario. This international camaraderie is what gives the WDMGC its unique character. In the thirty-three years following, WDMGC has become *the foremost club for British car owners in SE Michigan and SW Ontario.*

When I became president three years ago I was surprised to find that there was not a historical list of past officers, board members and award winners so I created one. I went back to the newsletters posted on our webpage to compile the history. That only goes back to May 2002. I mentioned this at a meeting and found that long-time member Roli Sylvestre had a complete collection of paper newsletters back to inception of the club. Roli gladly volunteered to compile the early years – thanks Roli. We now have a spreadsheet in the WDMGC data dropbox that can be maintained as this record.

Disclaimer: The history is a bit sketchy in some places and election dates moved around a bit. The listing shows the position held for most of the year where actually the term may have started a few months into the year or spilled over a few months after the year. My apologies for any unintended errors or omissions. Please direct any corrections to any current Board member.

In this edition we publish the compiled history of elected officers . In the next editions we will publish the history of volunteer board members and award winners of our cherished annual club awards. On behalf of WDMGC, I honor and thank our founders and past officers of WDMGC. We are truly grateful for their dedication and service.

President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary
Dave Hornby 1981-84	Jim Trofin 1981-84	Ron Harmon 1981-84	Tim Cornell 1981-86
John Chatley 1985-86	*Unkn/Open? 1985-90*	Jim Bolinger 1985-86	Dave Clark 1987-93
Tom Bondy 1987	Gary Howe 1991	Dave Clark 1987-90	Anne St John 1994-95
Ozzie Pillon 1988	Frank Lucente 1992-1995	Marla Zebarah 1991-95	Marcia Greiner 1996-97
Hayden Heath 1989-91	Chuck Wiley 1996-97	Philip Wiltshire 1996-97	Dale Brown 1998-99
Guy St John 1992-94	Marshall Coulter 1998-2002	Kathy Derderian 1998	*Left Open 2000-01*
Ed Fleming 1995-97	Ralph Poupard 2003	Jeff Zorn 1999-2004	Lise Brown 2002-04
Dave Doolin 1998-99	Philip Wiltshire 2004	Matt Bade 2005-07	Scott Turner 2005-07
Dale Brown 2000-02	Jeff Zorn 2005	Donna Finch 2008-10	Dale Brown 2008-10
Philip Wiltshire 2003	Cathy Holliday 2006-08	Matt Bade 2011-13	Rick Astley 2011-13
Ralph Poupard 2004-05	Scott Turner 2009-11		
Jeff Zorn 2006-08	Dale Brown 2012-13		
Rick Astley 2009-10			
Steve Finch 2011-13			

First club President and Club Co-founder, Dave Hornby this year at Watkins Glen, NY.

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Club Calendar

***	WDMGC Event	
*	Organized participation by WDMGC members	
November 2013		
***	Wed. 13	Monthly meeting, The Leaf - Windsor, ON
December 2013		
***	Wed. 4	WDMGC Board Meeting - Windsor
***	Wed. 11	Monthly meeting and Gift Exchange Party, Brass Pointe - Farmington Hills MI
January 2014		
***	Wed. 8	Monthly meeting, The Leaf - Windsor, ON
***	Fri. 31	GM Heritage Center Tour, afternooon.

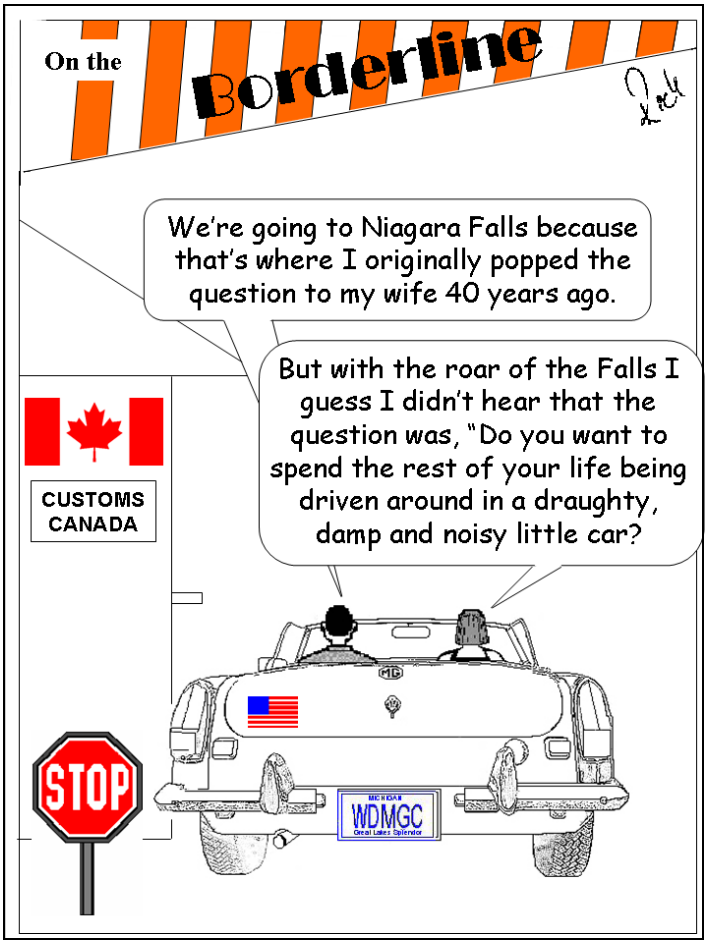
November Meeting at The Leaf

The November club meeting will be Wednesday November 13 at The Leaf Bar & Grill in Windsor. 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

Editor Dale Brown's 1969 MGB Roadster nearing completion

December Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The December club meeting will be Wednesday December 11 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. Don't forget the gift exchange!



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1973 MG Midget parts "free to a good home":
two rear springs (rusty); wind shield frame (includes glass which has delaminated); passenger side door (incomplete; quarter window missing).
Any one interested can e-mail at : vdhoven at uwindsor.ca

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
Odometer: 58,567
Body: 2 Door - 2 Passenger
VIN: XPAGTF31302
The price is set at $39,900 and there is not much room for negotiation, however you are free to make a serious offer if desired. Please call 248-361-6908 if interested/need more information- serious interest only.

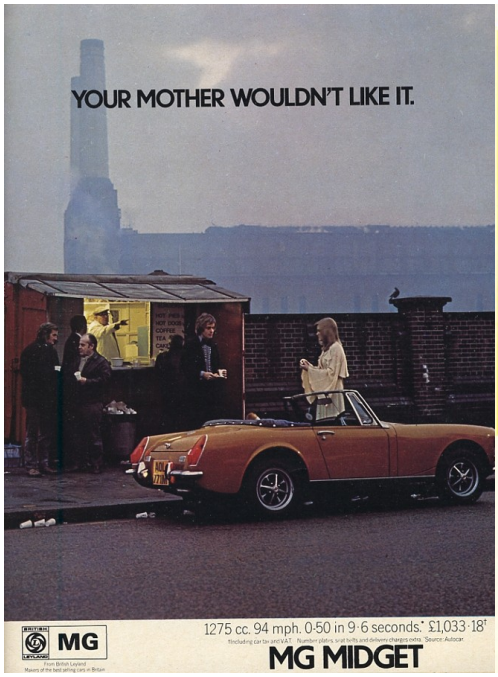
1970 MGB Roadster, Bronze Yellow, excellent overall condition, restored several years ago and driven only a few hundred miles a year. Chrome wires, overdrive, very nice vehicle. Pictures available. Asking $7500. Mike Grimm, 734.502.0811, mwg1950@aol.com.

1973 MG Midget, Red, 47K original miles, 2nd owner, AM factory radio, wire wheels. Great shape, appraised in 2011 for $6,500 – 7,500. Call Mick at 586-709-4184 anytime.

1966 MGB Rdst, Tahiti Blue with black interior. In very nice condition. Needs just a little TLC. Asking $4900. It's located just north of Caseville Mich..For more information and photos call, Mark and Elaine at 248-255-2798

1980 MGB Pageant blue. 75, 200 miles, good clutch, brakes & transmission. Original interior in good shape. New top, starter & battery. An inexpensive rolling restoration. A few small issues, $3600.00. Car is located in Cheboygan. Call Rob at 248-877-6116.

1980 MGB Roadster Inca Yellow. New seat covers, exhaust, tires water pump and more. Great driver, second owner. $6500. Contact Dave at: mgdave at simpatico.ca



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1980 MGB Roadster belonging to Club Co-founder, Dave Hornby. Photo taken on annual trip to Watkins Glen New York for the September Vintage Race weekend. *(editor's note: Check classified ads as this car is now for sale!)*

Car of the Month, November 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.