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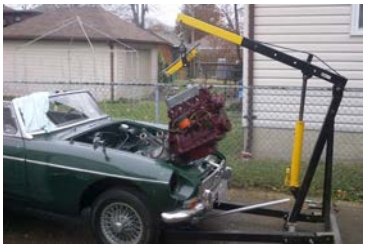
The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Dale Brown - Editor

This issue, as was the last will cover two months, January and February. Lot's of information this time for you to study. There's details of the coming election at the February club meeting including election of officers as well as a possible addition to club by-laws, the Hibernation Party including order form, and a repeat of the very popular trip to the GM Heritage Center. Also, there's photos from past events and advertising information. This time I've included the calendar for the first 1/2 of the year as it stands so far. I hope you enjoy this edition.



Getting back to the progress on my 1969 MGB restoration that I included in my article in the November/December edition of the Can Am Connection, I was able to complete another task outside just before the snow and cold weather hit. I pulled the car out of my tight garage, assembled my engine hoist again then wheeled out my completed engine/overdrive transmission assembly out to the front of the car.

From past experience, I jacked up the back of the car about a foot and then hoisted the front of the car just a few inches so that the legs of the engine hoist would clear the front suspension below and asked Lise to help me unbolt the front bonnet and lift it off. The rest of the operation, I completed myself taking each step carefully and slowly. Because my exhaust system that I am installing from my GT parts car is all welded together from the headers to the tail pipe, I had to feed it through the engine compartment and then tie it up under the car, prior to installing the engine. That worked out just fine.

After successfully getting the rear of the transmission into the tunnel, I used another hydraulic jack to lift it over the permanent cross member. I pushed it back into the garage and lifted the whole car up on jack stands about 2 feet off the floor so that if it is ever warm enough over the next few months, I'll get under and perform the hardest job. That's installing the transmission cross member and those pesky four transmission mounting bolts! At least I remembered to pre-install the longer speedo cable needed for the overdrive and all the wiring. Wish me luck.

JOHN MURPHY

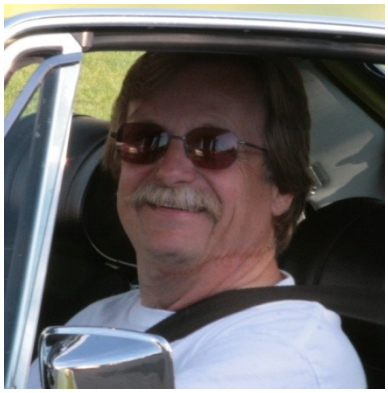
We were saddened to learn of the passing November 14th, following a short illness, of John Murphy.

John and his wife Joyce had been members of the club for over 10 years and were well known to Stratford goers; our picture showing him outside the Westover Inn in St. Mary's. John and son Tom also enjoyed the club's tech sessions. They especially valued Don Capoferi's top-fitting demonstration because using the knowledge learned, the very next weekend, they fitted a new top to John's car. Tom and Joyce will continue to care for John's '77 MGB, which will provide them with many memories of happy times together.

Presidentially speaking

I thought it was a great 2013 M.G. season.

Steve Finch - Club President



As I look to close my three year term as Club President, I have to say that it has been a great experience and a privilege to serve. I want to thank the Board members and Club members who worked with me to make this year a great M.G. season. Being an active member of this Club for the past seven years has truly changed Donna's and my lives for the better with all the great friendships made, events attended, and drives taken. We look forward to many more years with this Club and to making more new friendships along the way.

Celebrating 90 Years of M.G. Motoring! You may have noticed the new for 2014 *Can-Am Connection* newsletter banner on the front page. It sports a new logo variant *Celebrating 90 Years of M.G. Motoring! 1924—2014*. The logo is our WDMGC logo with the center replaced by the MGCC UK *MG90* logo, with their permission.

From the MG Car Club UK, Paul Plummer sent this response to my inquiry about the 90th anniversary. *"Good to hear from you, and while there are some mixed opinions on the actual start date, we, at the MGCC UK are going with 1924 and our MGLive! Annual Festival at Silverstone will be entitled and promoted as MG90."*

Just as with the MG Car Club in the UK, we plan to make the 90th anniversary a big deal. The MG90 logo variant will be used in the newsletter, on the website, and as a one-time logo on a special edition polo shirt and other club regalia in 2014. Stay tuned for more details forthcoming.

This past two months had no events besides the regular monthly meetings, as we put away our cars for the hibernation season. The December meeting was our annual holiday gift exchange. It was great fun for all who attended (unless your prized gift got stolen). My thanks to Anne Astley for decorations and treats.

The Board met on December 2 in Windsor to discuss the Annual General Meeting, Hibernation Party and recurring business items. 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. The Board will not be offering a slate for the election. All nominations will come from the floor at the meeting. We need you to volunteer your nomination or nominate someone else (without jeopardy to friendship). An amendment to the Club Bylaws will be offered to the membership at the AGM. It is to add a new Volunteer Board Office being Events Coordinator. Club events are important for the continued success of the Club. We have Volunteer Board Offices for Membership Coordinator, Newsletter, Webmaster, and Regalia Coordinators (USA & Canada), but not for Events. This Bylaw change corrects that situation.

The Hibernation Party date is Saturday, February 22 at the Windsor Yacht Club. My thanks to Dale and Lise Brown and Marty and Sue Hunt for hosting this event. We are looking for nominations for the annual club awards. Send your nominations to me or any other Board member.

A visit to the GM Heritage Center has been arranged for us by Bill Reeves, thanks Bill. The date is Friday, January 31 from 2:30 to 4:30pm. An afterglow dinner will be at The Commonwealth Club, a British social club serving authentic British fish 'n chips (including the mushy peas). We have invited other British car clubs in the area to join us. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this exclusive event.

We are saddened to learn that Jean Kimber Cook, daughter of Cecil Kimber, passed away November 12, 2013. Her father was the founding leader, driving force and managing director of the M.G. Car Company. She was a significant contributor and resource for filling in the history of M.G. and the life of its founder.

I hope that everybody has / had a wonderful holiday season and wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope you join us at meetings, events, and for a drive in our MGs next spring.

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

Safety MG Fast!

Steve

Join us for the 2014 W-DMGC Hibernation Party

February 22nd, 2014
Windsor Yacht Club
9000 Riverside Drive East in Windsor

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Cocktails
7:00 pm Dinner

Menu

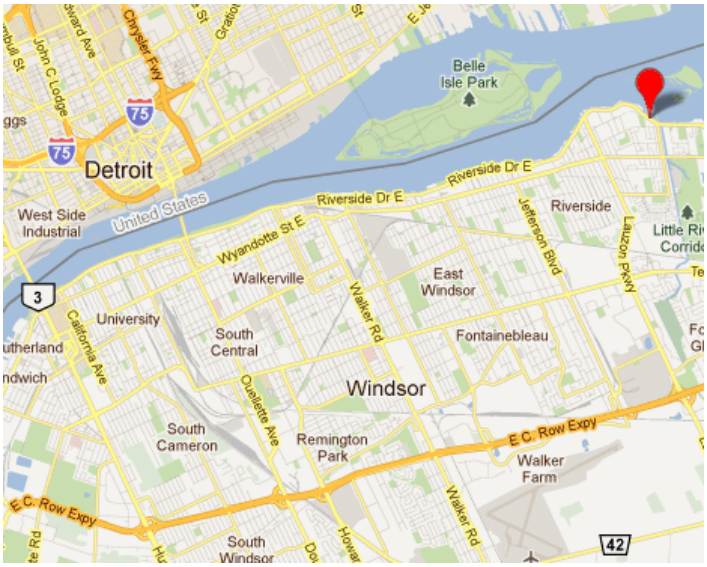
- Assorted baked rolls with whipped butter
- Chef's salad

Your choice of one of the following entrées

- Roast prime rib of beef slow roasted au jus
- Roast Chicken with Olives, roasted with Mediterranean flavors, finished with a reduction of Balsamic vinegar.
- Salmon Salsa Verde, finished with a caper wine sauce.

- Roasted red skin potatoes and seasonal vegetables
- Warm Apple Tart with Ice Cream
- Tea and Coffee

Be sure to get your dinner reservation form and payment to us no later than Feb. 12th.



Raffle Prizes

The donation of prizes or gifts from members and or their companies is always appreciated. If you can help out in this regard, please contact Lise Brown or Anne Astley.

Entertainment

Following dinner and Award Ceremony, the band will get the party started with music that is sure to keep the dance floor hopping. So have your dancing shoes ready!

Cash Bar

Cocktails, beer and wine will be available. Terms are cash (Canadian currency only) or credit card if running a tab. Credit cards will be charged an additional 2 1/2 % handling fee.

Dress

Anything from smart casual to tuxedos.

Party Time

Cocktail hour begins	6:00 pm
Dinner will be served	7:00 pm sharp.
Award Ceremony	8:30 pm approx.
Music and dancing	9:00 pm approx.

Getting there from the Tunnel

On exiting the tunnel:
Turn right onto Park Street East
Turn left onto Goyeau Street
Turn right onto Riverside Drive
Continue eastward on Riverside to the Windsor Yacht-Club, which will be on your left.
The WYC is about 10km (6.2miles) from the tunnel

WDMGC Hibernation Party - Dinner Reservation Form

Use the form below (or a facsimile) to reserve your place at the party. Please make sure that your form and payment reach us by **February 12, 2014 at the latest.** Unfortunately, forms and cheques received after this date may be returned. Forms will be dated upon receipt and in the event that the party becomes over-subscribed, they will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Return completed form and payment to Lise Brown or Anne Astley:

Lise Brown
1970 Loraine Ave.
Windsor, Ontario N8W 1P4 Canada
tel: 519-258-5987

Anne Astley
28404 South Harwich Drive,
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-4281 USA
tel: 248-737-1978

Raffle prizes*:* Donations of prizes for the raffle table are always appreciated and will be duly recognized. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prices quoted below are *per person*

	Roast Prime Rib of Beef	**Roast Chicken with Olives**	**Salmon Salsa Verde**
Member and one guest (per person)	$30 (Cdn or US)	$30 (Cdn or US)	$30 (Cdn or US)
Additional guests (per person)	$35 (Cdn or US)	$35 (Cdn or US)	$35 (Cdn or US)

If a special diet meal is required, please indicate "**Special**" in the form and price as other meals. Gluten free, vegan and other special diets are available. ***Please indicate what this special requirement is.***

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

_____

	Names	**For each person indicate Beef, Chicken, Salmon or Special (with details)**	**Price**
Member			$30.00
Guest			$30.00
Additional Guest 1			$35.00
Additional Guest 2			$35.00
		Total value of cheque enclosed:	

Cheques payable to ***Windsor-Detroit MG Club on the US side, to Lise Brown on the Canadian side.***

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 this 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 22, at The Windsor Yacht Club.**

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.)

Proposed Bylaw Amendment – Addition of Event Coordinator

At the Windsor-Detroit M.G. Club Board meeting, December 2, 2013, a motion was approved to change the Bylaws to create the Board position of Event Coordinator as a Voluntary Board Office. The club bylaws may be amended by nomination of the Board of Directors and majority vote of the General Membership. Voting may take place during the annual election of officers or as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

The Motion: To nominate the following Bylaw amendment to the General Membership:
Section 17. Volunteer Offices - Add the office of the "Events Coordinator" to the list.
Section 21. Duties and Responsibilities of Volunteer Offices – Add the office of the "Events Coordinator" and list the following duties and responsibilities for the office:

- Coordinate and promote an active calendar of Club events, meetings, tours and drives.
- Recruit club members to suggest, plan, organize or conduct Club events.
- Maintain and publish an up to date calendar of Club events; the initial draft to be made available to Board Members in advance of the new year.
- Ensure that Club events are adequately planned and organized.

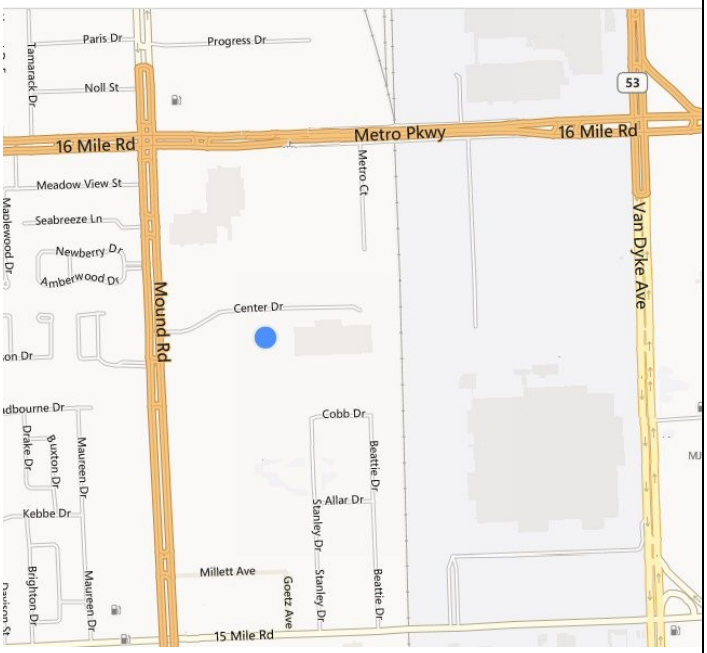
Note that in accordance with the current Bylaws, "All volunteer officers are approved by and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors." The motion was approved and the Bylaw change will be presented to the General Membership at the Annual General Meeting at the Brass Pointe in Farmington Hills, MI on Wednesday, February 12, 2014.

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club Tour to the GM Heritage Center, Sterling Heights
Friday January 31st from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

British Car Clubs are cordially invited to join us for a private tour of the GM Heritage Center, Friday, January 31st from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. The collection is not open to the general public and only available upon special arrangement. This is a great indoor winter activity to jump start your car hobby interest into spring. The Heritage Center is located at 6400 Center Drive, Sterling Heights MI 48312. It is just SE of Mound Road and 16-Mile roads. Bring your camera and enjoy the collection.

There is an admission price of $10.00 per person. Please have your money ready to ease the collection upon arrival. Bill Reeves, who has generously organized this event, may be contacted for further information by phone at 586-808-8300 or by email at mgbv8@att.com.
Learn more by visiting www.gmheritagecenter.com

Join us afterward for dinner at the local British Social club: The Commonwealth Club, 30088 Dequindre Road, Warren, MI



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Club Calendar

January Meeting at The Leaf

The January club meeting will be Wednesday January 8 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

February Meeting and Elections at The Brass Pointe

The February club meeting will be Wednesday February 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. We will also be holding the club elections

Tentative Calendar for First Six Months of 2014

C - WDMGC Club Event
P - Event with WDMGC Participation
O - Other event maybe of interest

C	Wednesday, January 08, 2014	Monthly Meeting	The Leaf, Windsor ON	WDMGC
O	Saturday, January 25, 2014	University Motors Birthday Party	Grand Rapids, MI	
C	Friday, January 31, 2014	GM Heritage Center Tour		Bill Reeves
C	Wednesday, February 12, 2014	Annual General Meeting & Elections	Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills	WDMGC
C	Saturday, February 22, 2014	Hibernation Party	Windsor, ON	??
C	Wednesday, March 12, 2014	Monthly Meeting	The Leaf, Windsor ON	WDMGC
O	April ??	Obsolete Automotive Spring Garage Sale	Point Edward, ON	
C	Wednesday, April 09, 2014	Monthly Meeting	Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills	WDMGC
P	Saturday, April 12, 2014	Kimber Run and Birthday Bash, Delhi Café	Holt, MI	??
O	Sunday, April 20, 2014	Ancaster British Car Flea Market and Car Show	Ancaster, ON	
O	April 21-25, 2014	2014 Return to Paradise	Key West, FL	
O	April 25-27, 2014	2014 Speedfest at the Classic Motorsports Mitty, HSR Vintage Races	Braselton, GA	
O	Saturday, May 03, 2014	NAMGAR "Drive Your MGA Day"		
C	Wednesday, May 07, 2014	Monthly Meeting	The Leaf, Windsor ON	WDMGC
C	Sunday, May 18, 2014	Spring Gathering & Picnic, Camp Dearborn	Milford, MI	Steve Finch
O	Monday, May 26, 2014	Mini Club Cruise Night	TBA	
O	May 31 - June 8, 2014	British Car Week - Drive your British Car to Work		
P	Sunday, June 01, 2014	British Return to Ft Meigs Car Show	Perrysburg, OH	
C	Wednesday, June 11, 2014	Monthly Meeting	Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills	WDMGC
C	June 13-15, 2014	Stratford Festival Tour	Stratford, ON	Philip Wiltshire
O	June 15-19, 2014	NAMGBR MG2014 Convention	French Lick, IN	

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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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Please contact Bob Fougere at 248-872-6677 or e-mail me at fougerebob at hotmail.com

For Sale

Early MGB Disc Wheels with chrome half moon caps. Wheels recently painted silver and in great condition. (5 wheels and 4 caps). Wheel nuts included. Asking $250. Dale at 519-258-5987 or dbrownmg at mnsi.net.

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

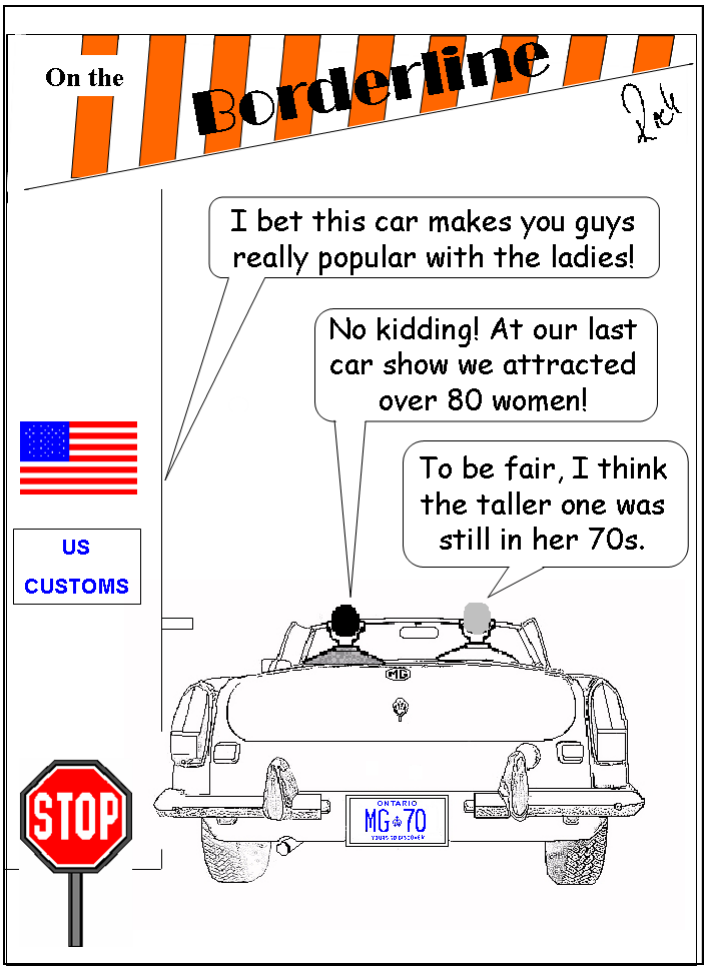
1970 MGB Roadster, Bronze Yellow, excellent overall condition, restored several years ago and driven only a few hundred miles a year. Chrome wires, overdrive, very nice vehicle. Pictures available. Asking $7500. Mike Grimm, 734.502.0811, mwg1950@aol.com.

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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WDMGC welcomes New Members:

Mark Arsenault and Michelle (Carvalho), Belle River, ON who own a red 1977 MGB and
Richard and Melinda Kollins, Pontiac, MI who own a 1973 Teal MGB

Windsor-Detroit MG Club
4058 Twin Lakes Crescent
Shelby Township, MI 48316-1460

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Gary Odor's 1974 MGB/GT in original Brackan color.

Car of the Month, January 2014

"Uh Oh. Roberta caught me signing on the dotted line. I thought I'd be doing this maybe next Spring."
It is pretty much unmolested except for the wheels, 12v battery, and paint. The interior looks to be all original, so that would be next."
This car formerly belonged to member Heidi Basinger who had it painted in its original color.

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.