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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

In this edition, I have made room for lots of photos of events and meetings that have already occurred early in this driving season. Hope you enjoy them and thanks to those of you who sent them to me.

Dale Brown - Editor (Sitting in a 2014 Corvette Stingray at the 12 Hours at Sebring)

Lise and I are still doing some more travelling up to our other trailer in Ottawa and to the one out at Holiday Beach on Lake Erie. But, we are still finding lots of time to drive the red MG.

I started working on the BRG 69 B again and I should have a progress report by the time of the next newsletter. I hope you enjoy the final chapter of our trip across the country.

Fort Meigs Car Show

Story and photos by Vicki Bade

Hi All,

I thought it would be nice to give you a report from a new source. Our little caravan of 2 cars headed out to Perrysburg OH for the Ft. Meigs car show on an absolutely gorgeous Sunday June 1st with Matt's Red MGB and Fran Lewis in her yellow MGC.

Members relax in the shade

The park at Ft. Meigs has a nice spot and we were lucky to get one under a tree for some shade to enjoy the day. They had a good turnout of probably over 100 cars. I think we only actually had a ½ dozen or so from our club and the MG's were a little outnumbered by the Triumph contingent, but we still managed to snag a few awards. Fran won 1st place with her MGC GT and Matt (AKA Nathan Bad as the announcer called him) won honorable mention for his MGB.

A fun day was had by all-including our puppy Gracie as you might see in the award photo I took of Matt and we couldn't have asked for a better day. Elvin and Janet joined us for the ride home and thankfully no problems came up for anyone.

Award winner Matt Bade and Gracie

We are looking forward to more summer events and are hoping for the good weather we had this past weekend as much as possible.

Perennial winner, Fran Lewis, receives her award.

Presidentially speaking

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Ralph Poupard

The warm weather has finally arrived. I have had numerous top down drives in the MGA and MGB and it has certainly felt good. Knock on wood they both seem to be running fine. This has occurred only after going a few rounds with the voltage regulator on the MGA.

I had noticed for some time that the battery was losing more electrolyte than I thought it should. Checking the voltage across the battery at about 2500RPM revealed that it was charging a little over 15 volts. I'm not an electrical expert, but I determined that was too high, since the battery itself was charged and reading about 12.5 Volts. The raw voltage at 2500 RPM with the battery out of the circuit was 15.6 Volts, right where it should be. At first my thought was to lower the raw voltage via the adjustment screw, but I began reading up on the subject, and watching videos on the Moss Motors website. I soon realized that there were different variations of the settings and gaps in the different instructions. Now I was more confused than ever. I had a spare regulator, but I was trying to save this regulator since at 57 years old it is (I believe) the original for the car. A misplaced sense of loyalty you might say, but when one of the Moss videos said that the new regulators are not plug and play and will need adjustment I thought I would stick with the old one if possible. I decided to use the Lucas manual, which I figured had to be correct. I discovered that the air gap for the regulator armature was much too small. This is a bit of a frustrating adjustment, but I eventually got it and the raw voltage reset. Now, so far everything looks good after a 52 mile run with numerous restarts and headlights on.

This all made me realize what a great device a mechanical voltage regulator is, as many of the parts on our MGs are. Some relate back to the development of the automobile, while some, notably on the MGB, bridge the gap into the modern era. Modern cars require little maintenance, compared to classic MGs, but all the basic systems are still there, only managed by a lot of electronics. I once opened the bonnet on the MGA showing the engine to some people at work, when one of them asked "where are all the plastic covers?" "About 40 years in the future" I answered.

I was away opening up the cottage in Muskoka and had to miss the spring British Car Gathering at Camp Dearborn, but I understand it was a great success. Thanks to Steve Finch for arranging this event. I have applied for a renewed passport, so have had to turn my old one in. So I am stuck in Canada until the new one arrives. It should be here before the June monthly meeting at the Brass Pointe. In July some notable events are: Mad Dogs and Englishmen in Hickory Corners, MI on the 13th, NAMGAR GT-39 in Ottawa, Ontario on the 14th to 18th, and our All British Car Show at the Canadian Transportation Museum in Essex, Ontario on the 20th.

As always, check the newsletter and website for upcoming events, and get out for some driving fun in your MG.

Safety MG Fast

Ralph

I-96 Closed for Construction All Summer Long 2014

The Jeffries Freeway (I-96) is closed for construction in both directions from Telegraph Rd to Newburgh Rd. It is not expected to reopen until October 2014.

Road Trip Across the Sunny Southern USA — Part 3

by Dale Brown

When I left off Part 2 in the last newsletter, we were getting ready to leave sunny California and headed east. We spent almost a week at Oasis RV Resort in Las Vegas. We took in the strip a couple of times, toured Red Rock Canyon and enjoyed the resort with its restaurant and beautiful pools and spas.

We eventually pulled out and made it to the Grand Canyon near Flagstaff, Arizona. We had been travelling on Interstate 40 most of the way home and by coincidence, it is that highway that follows along the original historic Route 66. There were many times that we were able to go into the little towns and explore the original highway. Old style motels with the neon signs, vintage cars, cafes, diners and of course lots of antique shops.

Several days later we were exploring Albuquerque and Santa Fe for a couple of days by way of a wonderful train very similar to the great trains of Europe.

After that, we were in Amarillo Texas where we experienced the Cadillac Ranch and then the biggest Texas restaurant that we've ever been in. (Free 72 ounce steak dinner if you can eat it in an hour. We didn't try that one!)

Missing tornados along the way, we experienced the great music of Memphis and Nashville for a few days each. Before staying over in Louisville the day before the Kentucky Derby, we were lucky enough to get a guided tour of the Corvette Factory in Bowling Green. The new C7 is assembled there and it is truly an amazing all new sports car. After that we went to the National Corvette Museum and even saw the sink hole and all 8 cars that were destroyed in the collapse.

When we got back to Windsor at the end of the first week in May the first thing I did after cutting my lawn was to start up the MG. One try and varoom. So nice to be home and driving the MG again!

Vintage cars are abundant on the streets. This one in Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo, Texas

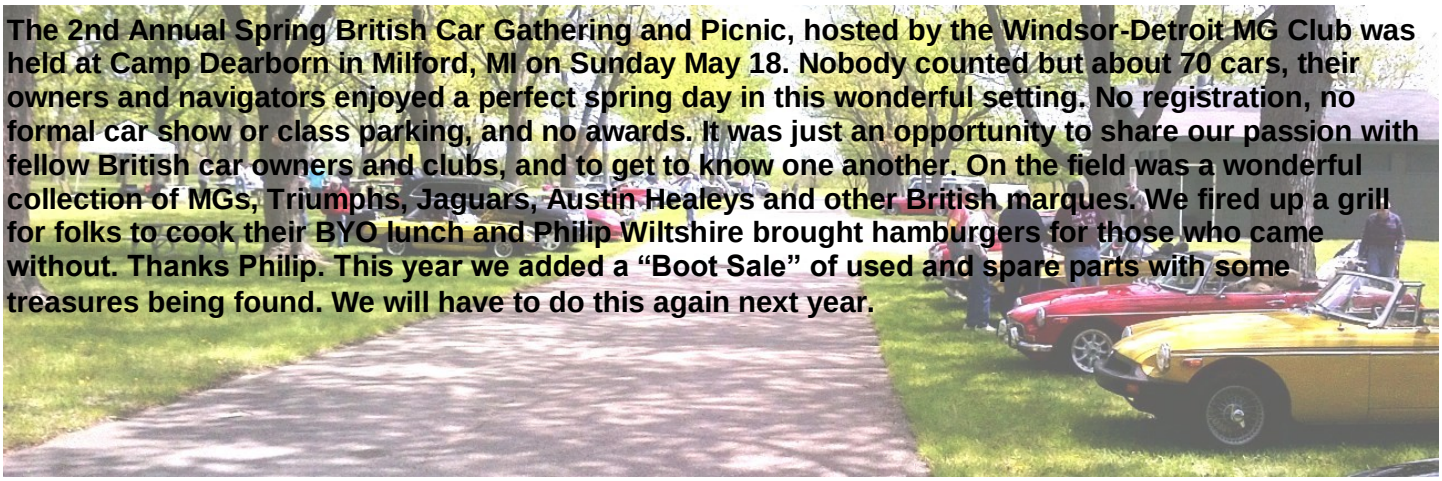
Outside the Corvette factory in Bowling Green

The National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green

A convoy of 25 to 30 Mini's on the highway home

The Spring Gathering and Picnic at Camp Dearborn

By Steve Finch, photos by Dale Brown



The 2nd Annual Spring British Car Gathering and Picnic, hosted by the Windsor-Detroit MG Club was held at Camp Dearborn in Milford, MI on Sunday May 18. Nobody counted but about 70 cars, their owners and navigators enjoyed a perfect spring day in this wonderful setting. No registration, no formal car show or class parking, and no awards. It was just an opportunity to share our passion with fellow British car owners and clubs, and to get to know one another. On the field was a wonderful collection of MGs, Triumphs, Jaguars, Austin Healeys and other British marques. We fired up a grill for folks to cook their BYO lunch and Philip Wiltshire brought hamburgers for those who came without. Thanks Philip. This year we added a "Boot Sale" of used and spare parts with some treasures being found. We will have to do this again next year.

Photos from the Annual Trip to Ancaster British Flea Market

Photos by Marty Hunt

A Trip to Myrtle Beach

Photos and story by Mick Gedeon

While vacationing in Myrtle Beach, SC, our Membership Coordinator, Mick, attended a meeting of the Grand Strand British Car Club. Their VP welcomed Mick and provided him time during the Club meeting to promote and describe the WDMGC. Our events and club operations were shared with the SC Club. New friends were made (including Rick Chandler) and good times were had. Southern hospitality is alive and well.

Col. Robert Leinen, Sr. (Retired)

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the passing of Bob Leinen June 2. Bob was a club member since 2005, owning a red 1948 MG TC.

Bob fudged his age, joined the military in 1967 and served as a Captain in Vietnam, being awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts. In 1989, Bob and his family moved to Michigan to become Base Commander at Selfridge Air National Guard Base and simultaneously the Commander for the Detroit Arsenal's Tank Automotive Command. He retired from military service in 1989. Arrangements are being made for burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

According to Lee Jacobson, the family was kind enough to loan Bob's TC racer, that will be raced in his honor at Vermont.

Our condolences to Bob's family and friends.

Anniversaries

This month the Club acknowledges the following members on the anniversary of their WDMGC membership:

20 Years	Roger Melton of Bloomfield Village
10 Years	George and Gail Diehl of Brighton
10 Years	David and Brenda Gray of Ann Arbor
10 Years	Chuck and Theresa Zichichi of Windsor

Thank you for your many years of membership and the support you have provided to the Club through

The WDMGC welcomes new members:

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David and Mary Preston of Rochester Hills, MI (1952 BRG MG TD)

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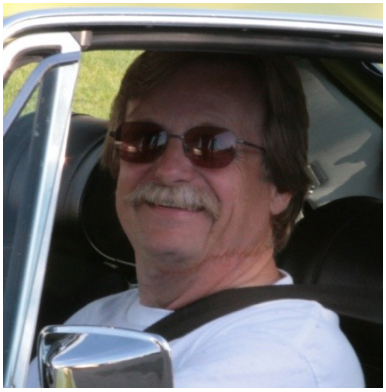
Steve Finch - Events Coordinator



Summer is almost here. *(Click on the title above to hear the song as you read.)* There is nothing like driving top down in your MG and feeling the summer breeze blow through your hair or brush against your cheek.

The opportunity for great road trips present themselves this month with the NAMGBR Convention in French Lick, Indiana ("A Drive Into A Guilded Past"), and next month at the NAMGAR Convention in Ottawa, Ontario ("A Capital Idea"). I know that members are going to each event and the opportunity to travel in a group is always better and safer than traveling alone.

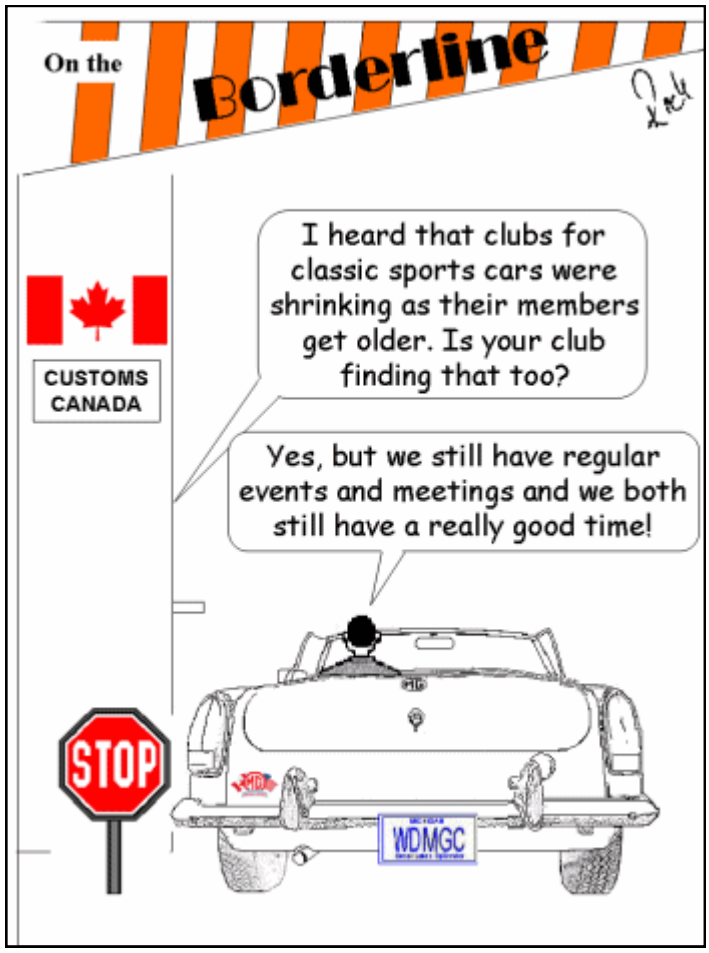
June 11, 2014	Monthly Meeting - Farmington Hills	Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills
June 15-19, 2014	NAMGBR MG2014 Convention	French Lick, IN
June 27-29, 2014	Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio	Lexington, OH
July 9, 2014	Monthly Meeting	The Leaf, Windsor ON
July 13, 2014	Mad Dogs & Englishmen's British Auto Faire, Gilmore Car Museum	Hickory Corners, MI
July 14-18, 2014	NAMGAR GT-39 Convention	Ottawa, Canada
July 20, 2014	All British Car Show, Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage Village	Essex, ON

If you attend only one event this year, please make it the All British Car Show on July 20 at the Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village. This is the premier event on our calendar with WDMGC lending its association, promotion and support to CTM&HV. Each year the show gets bigger and bigger. We hope that trend continues. Our thanks to Marty Hunt, Dave Burstyn and other club members for their coordination and promotion activities.

I hope you will join us at a meeting, event or for a drive in your MG. Safety Fast!

June Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The next club meeting will be Wednesday June 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 around 6:00 pm.



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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.

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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.

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. $5750. Also for sale 5 new Michelin Tires. Contact Dave at: mgdave at sympatico.ca (price reduced)

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New Ad **1977 MGB roadster**. BRG. 55,000 miles on chassis, 15,000 miles on rebuilt engine. Recent full body restoration plus lots of upgrades in last 4 years. Excellent top and interior. Garaged year round. $16K invested. Asking $12,500. Bob Hauser 248- 673-0928 (Waterford)

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New Ad **1978 MGB Roadster.** Good clean condition, needs some tender loving care. No rust, red (recent paint). Road style wheels, luggage rack. Recent engine rebuild with dual SU carbs. Car is located at Commerce Lake. Asking $4500 OBO. Can e-mail photos Call Jim at 248-705-8585.

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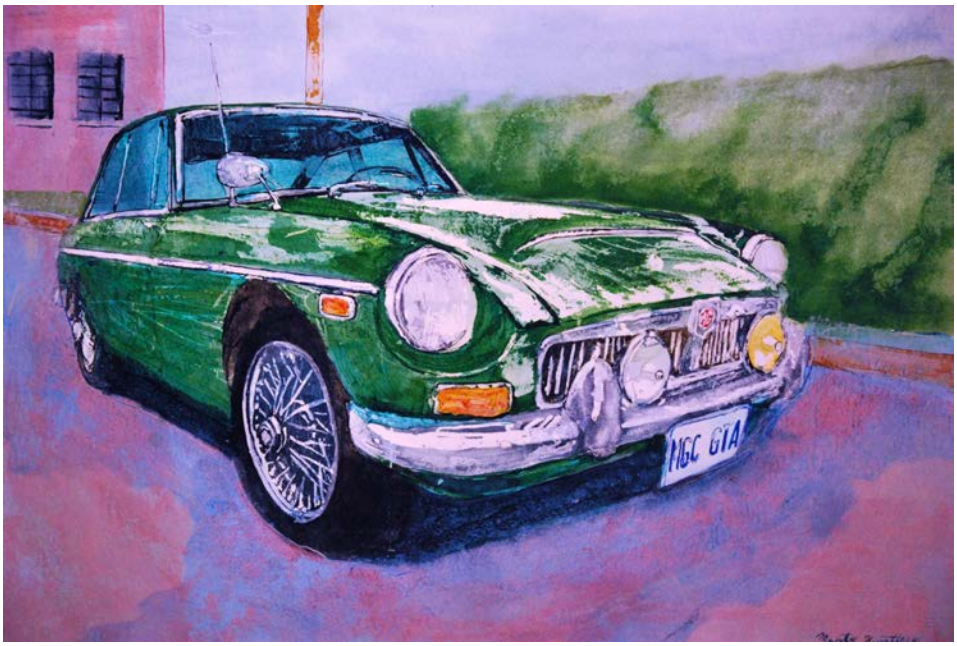

Car of the Month June 2014

A painting by club member, Marty Hunt of an MGC-GT

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.