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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.

Lise and I are still doing some more travelling up to our other trailer in Ottawa in July and will also take our red MGB so that we can attend NAMGAR GT39 which is being held in Ottawa this year.

Dale Brown - Editor

I started working on the BRG 69 B again. I was able to get the headlight buckets in over the last few days and will be working on the wiring for the lighting and the horns this week. Then of course to crawl underneath and connect up the driveshaft and transmission mounts. Little by little I guess.

London Ontario All British Car Show

photos by Marty Hunt

June 7, 2014

Presidentially speaking

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

Ralph Poupard

The weather has been great for sports car driving. I hope you have had a chance to enjoy your MG as I have.

This week, June 23rd to be exact, marks the 41st anniversary of buying our 1973 MGB. I bought the car from Downtown Motors in Windsor, Ontario with a base price of $3995. I added 2 options; an AM radio and rust proofing. Both of these were a disappointment. Driving it year round the car became rusty, requiring body panel repair and repaint in 1982. The cheap AM radio had a tinny speaker mounted in the under dash panel beneath the glove box. More upsetting was that the radio had the name FIAT on the dial face. It bleated out its distorted sound, inaudible over about 20 mph and was just wrong in a car built in Abingdon by Her Majesty's loyal subjects. I wasn't much of a fan of the Big 8, preferring the FM Rock stations of the day, but it was fun listening to Byron McGregor sign off as that distorted speaker blurted out "This is Fire in the Crater for CKLW Plenty-Plenty News". The novelty soon wore off and I replaced it with an AM/FM stereo a few months later. The total price for the MGB with tax and license was $4546.75. It seemed like a lot of money for me then, but it has sure ended up being a bargain after all these years.

Another more important anniversary being celebrated is 90 years of MG, 1924 being the year that the famed MG octagon logo appeared on Morris cars that were modified into sports models by Cecil Kimber. Our club has special T shirts and polo shirts marking this occasion, and you can own one for a reasonable price by contacting our regalia coordinators Chris Gurnee in the US, and Roli Sylvestre in Canada. Or if you attend the monthly meetings you will be able to buy, or place an order for one.

One more anniversary that I would be remiss (and in a lot of trouble) to not mention is that it was myself and Kathi's 40th wedding anniversary on June 22nd. In July we plan to retrace part of our honeymoon voyage of 40 years ago from Skeleton Lake in Muskoka, through Algonquin Park, and on to Ottawa, Ontario for NAMGAR GT39. OK there wasn't a GT the first time around, but it is sure to be a fun time, and despite this being an MGA convention we are taking the MGB, since this is the same car that we used on our honeymoon 40 years ago.

Some events coming up in July are: Mad Dogs and Englishmen in Hickory Corners, Michigan on the 13th, NAMGAR GT-39 in Ottawa, Ontario from the 14th to the 18th, our own All British Car Show at the Canadian Transportation Museum in Essex, Ontario on July 20th and the Border City Mini Club British Car cruise night at the Route 42 Diner in Windsor on the 28th. Check the club calendar for more events in July and for full details. The time is right for good times in your MG.

Safety MG Fast

Well, its time to start getting ready for GT 39 in Ottawa. Lets see; spare fan belts, hoses, points, condenser, rotor…

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.

Motor Muster - Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Mi.
June 14 & 15, 2014

Story and photos by Jack Renaud

My wife, Isabelle, and I got there about 10:30am Saturday. We had not been to the Muster for many years. It was surprising to us how it had grown. It used to be on the Parade Field down by the river. Now the cars are parked all over the village!

The cars were placed by the following categories: 1933-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, Commercial vehicles, Military vehicles, Motorcycles/Scooters, and Bicycles. There were roughly 800 vehicles presented. Interspersed among them were a surprising amount of interesting British vehicles.

Quite a few of the cars were driving around the Village. The Village has early Fords that you can pay to ride in. They had Henry Ford's "Kitchen Sink" engine that they fired up in Bagley Alley. There are 4 restaurants and a few other spots to get snacks. There were parades and also a Saturday night Record Hop which was live on CKLW 800.

I went back in the evening to see that and look closer at some of the cars. Of course, the Greenfield Village is a World Class adventure in itself! It is quite an experience. The day was perfect with great weather. I believe the Windsor Detroit Club has quite a few cars that would be appreciated there in 2015! Check out the photos.

1951 MG TD - Chris Szelap

Jaguar XK

1938 MG SA - Lee Jacobsen

1945 MG TC - Robert Melton

ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW
& Parts Sale
Sunday, July 20th, 2014

Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village
Essex, Ontario

9:00 ~ 2:00 pm

Show Cars ~ $10.00

General Admission ~ $5.00

12 and Under ~ Free

NEW Parts Sale

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Follow HWY #3 Leamington to County Rd 23, turn right
Museum is 6 minutes on right

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MG-2014 – *A Drive into a Gilded Past*

by Steve Finch

What a great time at the MG-2014 NAMGBR Convention – *A Drive into a Gilded Past*. Donna and I, and Steve and Ruth Swarin, drove the 420 miles to French Lick IN on Sunday, June 15. Other WDMGC members in attendance at MG-2014 were Elvin and Janet Davis, Tim and Nancy Shaw, Graham Creswick and Marc Weitzman.

Established in 1845, French Lick Springs Hotel was founded by a physician to explore the healing properties of the abundant mineral springs in the area. In 1931, Franklin D. Roosevelt rounded up support at a Democratic Governor's Conference at French Lick Springs Hotel, for his presidential nomination. In 2006, French Lick Springs Hotel reopened after an extensive renovation. The original 1917 "Hill Course" was restored and reopened as The Donald Ross Golf Course. With renovation of the neighboring West Baden Springs Hotel in 2007, French Lick Resort was born.

We arrived without incident in time for the evening opening reception. It was good to get re-acquainted with many people we've met at other MG conventions and on the Rallye to Reno. Donna and I played golf Monday morning at the Donald Ross Course and that evening everybody drove to nearby Spring Mill State Park Lodge for a group dinner. Tuesday was pretty open with self-guided driving tours around the Hoosier National Forest and to various wineries. John Twist did his rolling tech session and there seemed to be something for everyone to do.

Wednesday was the car show with over 350 cars on the show field. Most were MGBs with a good number of MGAs, MGCs, Midgets and others. Of interest were five Post-Abingdon cars, three MGFs and two Rover MG RV8s. Also of special interest was the Huffaker MG Liquid Suspension Special racecar that competed in the Indianapolis 500 from 1964 to 1969, test driven by A. J. Foyt, and raced by Walt Hansgen and Wally Dallenbach, among others. That evening was the banquet and awards presentation. Tim Shaw took 1st in Class for his MG Midget and I took a 3rd in Class for my MGB/GT.

Thursday morning we said our goodbyes and headed home, arriving midafternoon without incident. The more I attend these conventions, the more MG friendships I make. Now I need to make time for the NAMGAR GT-39 Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, July 14-18 – *A Capital Idea*.

Club members Janet and Evin Davis arriving at the host hotel for MG 2014 in French Lick

Steve and Donna Finch receiving an award in French Lick

Elvin and Janet Davis outside the MG 2014 Convention Hotel in French Lick

Another Photo from Motor Muster

1960 MGA - Andrew Hoffman

Anniversaries

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

20 Years Ralph and Kathi Poupard of Essex

5 Years Nick Cipparrone of Tecumseh

5 Years Mike and Pat Harris of Dearborn

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

The WDMGC welcomes new members:

Gary Sylvester and Theresa Recchia of Warren, Michigan who own a 1973 BRG MGB

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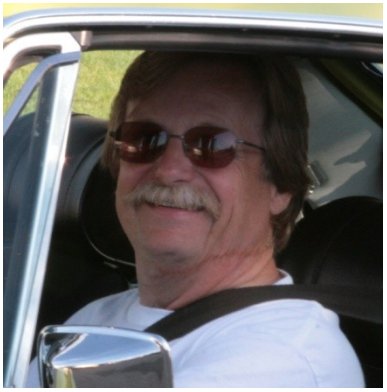


Summer is almost here. *(Click on the title above to hear the song as you read.)* There is nothing like driving top down in your MG and feeling the summer breeze blow through your hair or brush against your cheek.

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.

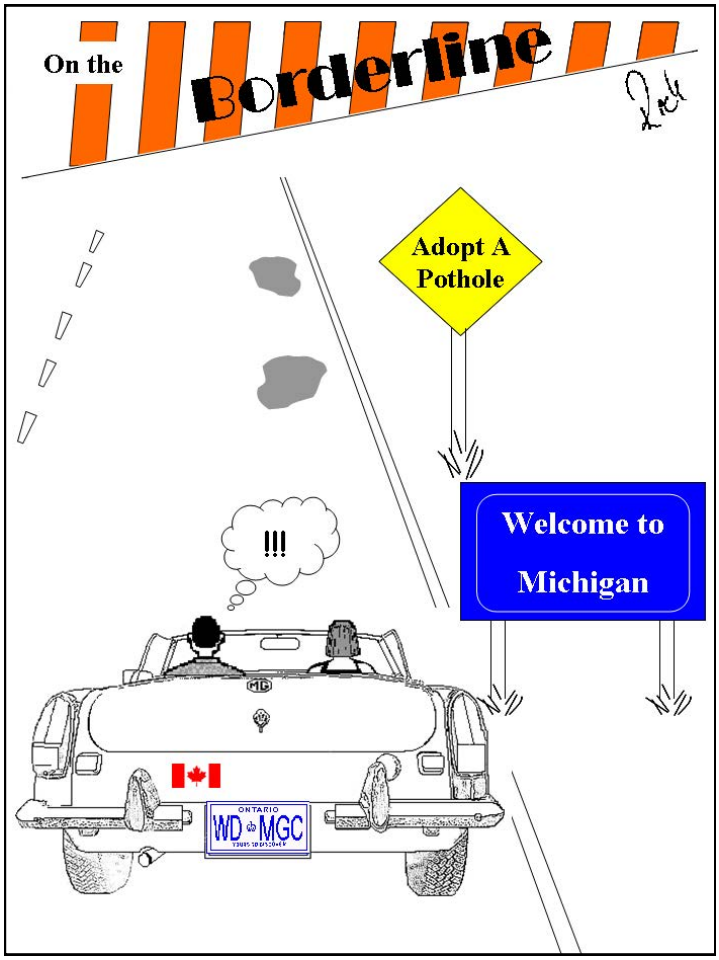
If you attend only one event this year, please make it the All British Car Show on July 20 at the Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village. This is the premier event on our calendar with WDMGC lending its association, promotion and support to CTM&HV. Each year the show gets bigger and bigger.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

Being updated by Steve Finch

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

July Meeting at The Leaf

The Juy club meeting will be Wednesday July 9 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



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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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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.

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.

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Car of the Month July 2014

Huffaker MG Liquid Suspension Special as seen at NAMGBR MG 2014 in French Lick

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