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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Dale Brown - Editor

Happy New Year everyone.

This month's edition will also cover January and February and is filled with information regarding Club Election of Officers, Award Nominations and the annual Hibernation Party. Take time to consider your involvement and hope to see you at the events.

Unfortunately, Lise and I will not be able to attend since we are spending the winter in Florida and won't be returning till the snow is gone at home.

However, as I mentioned in the November/December issue, we brought our 72 B with us and have been enjoying top down driving almost every day.

We've had a few issues since we got here though (all of which have been resolved). After correcting an electrical wiring problem, the car just didn't seem to be running right. After searching everything, I noticed a crack in the housing and isolator block at the rear carburetor. I located an Glenn's MG Repair Shop in Saint Petersburg and took the carburetor there with our Envoy. They found a good housing and transferred all the parts from mine over to the other body complete with new seals.

I headed home and the next day installed the carburetor but just couldn't get the balance and the fuel mixture. So a few days later, I made an appointment with Glenn again for them to set it up for me while I waited. In their diagnosis, they discovered I was getting little or no compression in one of the cylinders. I held my breath while they disassembled the top of the engine and pulled off the head. This was an engine from my 71 parts car that I had put in a couple of years ago with the overdrive transmission. I don't believe it had ever had any engine work done. Well, years of unleaded gas took its toll on the valves and had to be completely rebuilt with new guides, valves, hardened seats etc.. Clearly I was not going to get back to the campground with the car, so Lise came with the Envoy to pick me up.

Two weeks later, the new rebuilt head was installed, a brake problem fixed, new thermostat, new coil, leaky fuel pump repaired and the car completely set up. It ran great. A week before I brought it there I had put in new points and condenser and Glenn had warned me that the current manufacturer of the condenser is not always making them right and sure enough it failed before I got out of the parking lot. I bit the bullet and had him install Petronics so now I'm pretty happy. It runs better than any MG I have ever driven.

One further issue happened a couple weeks after I got it back. The starter wouldn't work one day so I took off all the connections, cleaned them and vwa-la. Perfect!

Have a warm winter, and have fun at the Hibernation Party. Wish we could be there.

In Memoriam

Former WDMGC member, Ellen Stuban, a resident of Wolverine Lake, MI, died on December 12th, 2014 at the age of 64. Funeral services were arranged by The Dorfman Chapel.

Joe and Ellen joined the club in May 2001 and were members for seven years. They had a 1971 BRG MGB. Ellen was our newsletter editor from May 2005 until December 2006.

The Windsor Detroit MG Club sends condolences to Joe, their family and friends.

Presidentially speaking

Ralph Poupard

Happy New Year! 2015 looks to be shaping up as a banner year for the Windsor-Detroit MG Club. Besides our club calendar which is currently being set up, there will be two National events taking place within close driving distance. The North American MGB Register MG2015 will be taking place in Niagara Falls, Ontario June 8th to 12th and the North American MGA Register GT -40 will be held in Frankenmuth, MI June 15th to 19th. This is your chance to take part in first class events with other like minded enthusiasts, have a lot of fun, and make or renew friendships.

The next exciting news is that we are launching a new club website the first week of January. For almost 2 years Mike Abrosimoff has been managing our aging Website hosted by mg-cars.org.uk, which due to the old coding it is based on, and different tweaks and challenges was becoming almost unmanageable. This took a large amount of time, which is in short supply for Mike, who indicated that he would be happy if someone else took over the heavy lifting. So, a big thank you to Mike for doing what had become a very difficult job keeping our website up to date.

Chris Gurnee has been hard at work building a new website on our own hosting service, based on the Joomla platform. Joomla is constantly being updated and expanded to take advantage of the latest coding. A few advantages are that some tasks can be automated, and many tasks can be shared, allowing responsibility of the site content to be largely lifted from the webmaster. Chris will become our new primary webmaster, while Mike has expressed a willingness to continue to be part of our website management. Thank you to Chris for all of his hard work. Check out our new look on the web at www.wdmgc.com.

Next is our Annual General Meeting taking place as part of our January monthly meeting at The Leaf in Windsor. Please take your membership seriously and turn out to the meeting to make your vote heard. An agenda for the meeting and officer elections are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

February 21st is our premiere event of the year, the Hibernation Party, at a new venue, Park Place Banquet Facility in Dearborn MI. The organizing committee has a great menu lined up as well as excellent live entertainment. It will be a fine night out with friends at a bargain price. You will find complete information and an application form elsewhere in the newsletter.

Finally, I will not be seeking re-election as President. It has been a pleasure being your President, and I wish to thank the hard working board members for making my job so easy. The WDMGC is alive and vibrant, and a brilliant organization that I am proud to be a part of.

Safety MG Fast

Ralph

Windsor-Detroit MG Club

2015 Hibernation Party

Saturday, February 21, 2015

New Venue this year in Dearborn

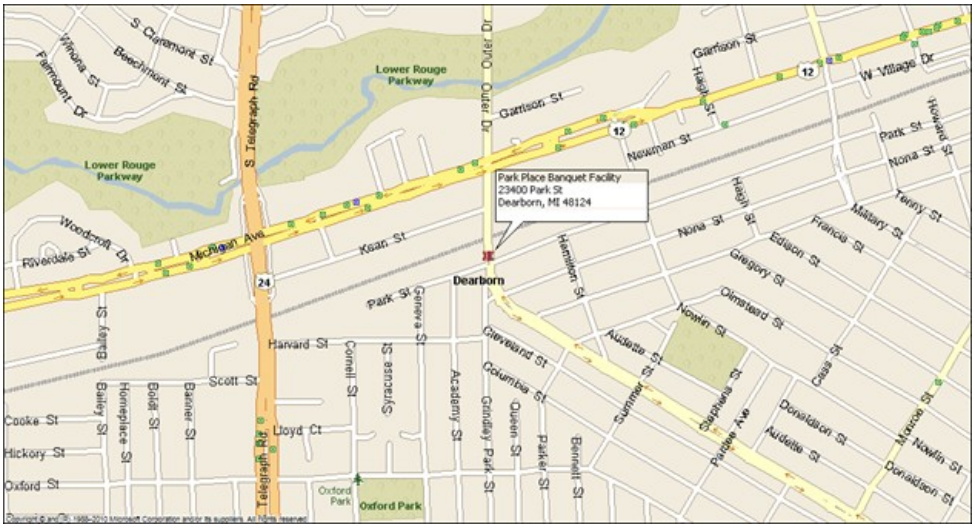
Park Place Banquet Facility
23400 Park Street
Dearborn, MI 48124
(313) 274-4499

Please join with us for our premier social event of the year - a night of friendship, fine dining, award presentations, musical entertainment, dancing and fun. *You won't be disappointed.*

Location

Park Place banquet facility is located in Dearborn on the NW corner of Park Street and Outer Drive, two blocks south of Michigan Avenue, just East of Telegraph Road.

www.parkplacecaterers.com



Party Time

6:00pm Cocktail Hour
7:00 Dinner is Served
7:45 Awards and Presentations
8:30 Entertainment and Dancing

Menu and Options

Choose from three entrée selections:

- Prime Rib of Beef roasted and served with Creamy Horseradish Sauce
- Grilled Salmon complemented with a Sun Dried Tomato Sauce
- Chicken Marsala served with a Marsala Wine Sauce on a Bed of Fettuccini

Salad, side dishes and desert include:

- Spinach Salad with Mandarin Oranges, Red Onion, Mushrooms and Hot Bacon Dressing
- Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes (except for the Chicken entrée)
- Fresh Green Beans
- Vanilla Ice Cream served in a Chocolate Cup on Carmel Sauce with a Strawberry Fan

Please note on the reservation form if you have any special dietary needs, i.e. vegetarian, etc.

Special Guest Entertainment – Penny and Dan Shanahan, the lead artists in the band Mr. Moody, will be performing selections from their 250 song playlist from the 60's and earlier thru to the 2000's and today. The band, formed in 1997, has played all over Michigan, been featured on the Mitch Albom show, performed at Arts, Beats, & Eats (five years running), played the auto show, and numerous festivals, clubs, bars and many other events. We will be enjoying their *"unplugged"* version of the band known as ***"Mr. Moody Acoustic"*** - no less energy, just a little less volume!! *This year's entertainment promises to be a real treat.*

Cash Bar – New this year, the cash bar will feature ***Old Speckled Hen*** by the bottle. Other cocktails, wine and beer will be available. US currency or credit cards accepted.

Raffle - We are not doing the usual raffle this year. We thank all who have contributed prizes in the past because the proceeds have been helpful in defraying party costs. Instead, to defray some costs this year, we will have a different kind of raffle. ***Please do not bring raffle prize donations this year.***

Of course, everybody gets a free entry to win one year's possession of "Jimmy the Door" prize.

Appropriate Dress – Anything from smart casual to cocktail attire with black tie optional.

Cost - *Can you believe it?* All of this for just **$35 per person** ($40 for non-members). And for our Canadian members, we accept Canadian on par with US funds. *It's like getting border tolls free.*

Reservations - Use the form below (or a facsimile) to reserve your place at the party. Your reservation and payment must reach us **by Wednesday, February 11, 2015**. Make checks **payable to Windsor-Detroit MG Club** and send with your reservation form to:

- **Treasurer Vicki Bade, 7631 Vamoco Dr, Waterford, MI USA, 48327-3699**, or
- **President Ralph Poupard, 1733 S. Malden Rd, RR#1, Essex, ON Canada N8M 2X5**

Or, bring it with you to the January or February monthly meeting.

Questions – Contact Steve Finch, Events Coordinator, at Steve@WDMGC.com or (248) 343-1614.

Names for Name Tag		Beef	Fish	Chick	Special	Cost
Driver						$35.00
Navigator						$35.00
Guest 1						$40.00
Guest 2						$40.00
Total	**Special Diet:**					**$_____**

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2015 Elections

By Ralph Poupard-President

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."
Nominations and elections will take place at our Annual General Meeting, which will be part of the monthly meeting at the Leaf, in Windsor, January 14, 2015.

Office	**Incumbent *(terms served)***	**Running for another term?**
President	Ralph Poupard *(1 year)*	Eligible – not running again.
Vice President	Rick Astley *(1 year)*	Eligible
Treasurer	Vicki Bade *(1 year)*	Eligible
Secretary	Chuck Wiley *(1 year)*	Eligible

Nominations should be formulated as follows:

I nominate:_____ for the office of:_____
Nominated by:
_____
Seconded by:
_____

Club Awards

By Rick Astley - Vice President

It's time once again to ask for your 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, 2015.**

As always, the awards will be presented at the Hibernation Party, which will be held in the US at the Park Place Banquet Facility in Dearborn on February 21, 2015.

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.)

The Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers will be Wed, Jan 14th at The Leaf, in Windsor.

- If you are interested in serving on the Board in an elected or volunteer position please contact any current Board Member.
- Nominations for Board Office will be taken and election of officers will occur at the AGM.
- An additional business item to be brought forward and voted on is a proposed change to the Club Bylaws as follows:

The Board of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club nominates to the General Membership at the next Annual General Meeting a change in the Bylaws to remove term limits on Elected Offices

The above motion would remove everything after the first sentence in the second bulleted paragraph of section 16 of the current Bylaws. See annotation below.

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This motion was approved by a majority of the Board members present at the Board meeting held on November 5, 2014

Sad Loss of Car Talk Co-Host

By Rick Astley

I'm sure that at one time or another, most of us have enjoyed *Car Talk* on NPR. If I happened to be running an errand on a Saturday morning, I'd often find myself engrossed in the show and reluctant to leave the car for fear of missing the answer to a phoned-in question, which could take an awfully long time as any serious response would always take second-place to the wisecracking between the hosts and the questioner.

Tom Magliozzi and his dog in his MG TD

Sadly, Tom Magliozzi one half of the duo of brothers Tom and Ray, otherwise known as Click and Clack the Tappet Brothers, passed away last November from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

The show aired for over 30 years, starting in Boston, near where the brothers lived, and eventually reaching nearly 700 stations across North America with an audience of over 4 million listeners. It continued to be broadcast in reruns after Tom became too ill to continue in 2012, and will soon be renamed *Best of Car Talk.*

Tom Magliozzi was the long time owner of an MG TD which was apparently quite unreliable and so was frequently the subject of many jokes from his brother Ray.

Just last week I heard this typical exchange between them.

Ray: A man is shaving and, looking in the mirror, notices how balding and gray he has become and how wrinkled his face is. What does he go out and buy?
Tom: A new mirror?
Ray: No, a sports car.

Any home truths there? Anyone?

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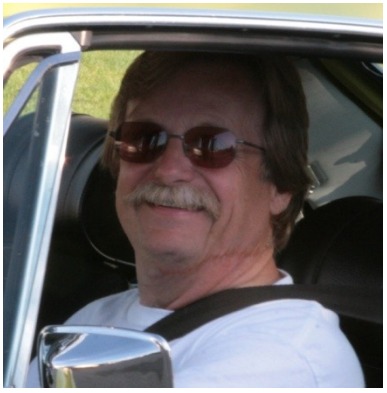
Events

"***A Hazy Shade of Winter.***" - Simon & Garfunkel performed by The Bangles. *(Click to hear the song)*

Steve Finch - Events Coordinator



I hope that everybody had a marvelous Christmas and New Year's holiday. Now it is time to turn to the business of the Club and look ahead to the first driving event of the new season - Cecil Kimber's 127th Birthday Bash.

The January meeting in Windsor will be the Annual General Meeting and election of Board officers. Nominations for elected offices are being sought and should be forwarded to a current Board member or brought to the AGM. Also at the AGM, the membership will vote on a proposed Bylaw change to remove term limits for elected offices. Because of the business agenda, the January meeting will start early at 7pm.

The Board is soliciting nominations for the annual Club awards - Rookie of the Year, Navigator of the Year, Hard Luck, Lucky Lucas and Founders Awards. See the Bylaws Section 22 for a description of the Awards. These will be presented at the Hibernation Party.

Speaking of the Hibernation Party, the date is Saturday, February 21 at a new location, the Park Place in Dearborn MI. This is the premier social event on the Club's annual calendar - a night of friendship, fine dining, award presentations, musical entertainment, dancing and fun. Besides a new venue, this year the cash bar will feature ***Old Speckled Hen*** by bottle, and we are trying something different for entertainment - ***Mr. Moody Acoustic*** - *no less energy, just a little less volume!!* We are also doing something different with the Raffle so please DO NOT bring raffle prize donations this year. Please join us for the party. *You won't be disappointed.*

The first driving event will be Saturday April 11 for the Kimber Rallye and Birthday Party in Holt. Ed Fleming will again be our rallyemaster for the run from the Meijer's parking lot in Novi up to Holt for lunch, birthday cake and a toast to MG founder Cecil Kimber.

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

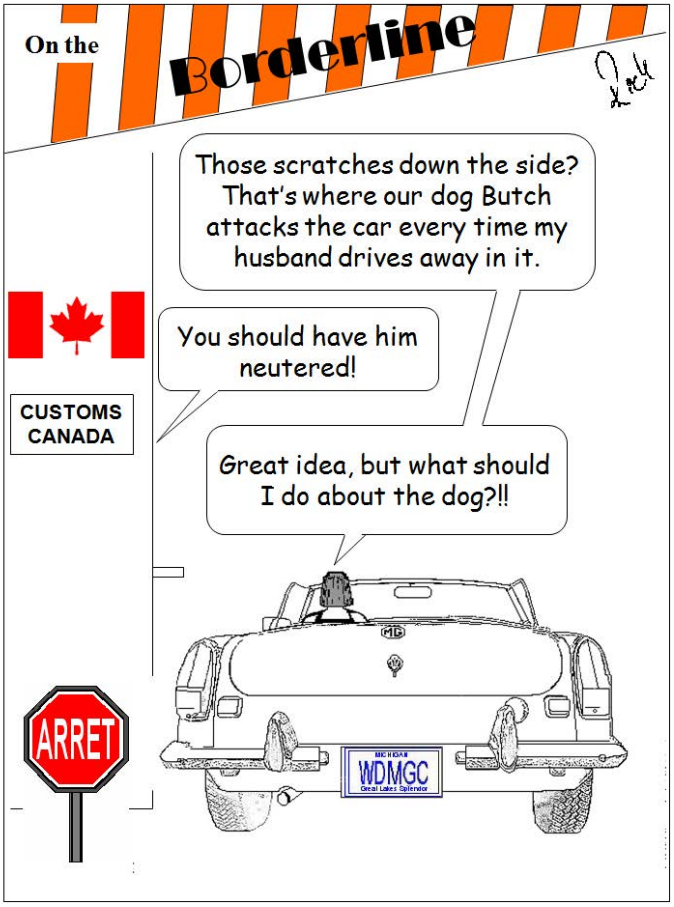
Wednesday, January 14, 2015	Annual General Meeting & Elections - Windsor	The Leaf
Wednesday, February 11, 2015	Monthly Meeting - Farmington Hills	Brass Pointe
Saturday, February 21, 2015	Annual Hibernation Party and Awards Presentation	Park Place, Dearborn, MI
Saturday, April 11, 2015	Kimber Run and Birthday Party	Delhi Cafe in Holt/Lansing

January AGM Meeting at The Leaf

The January Annual General Meeting and Elections will be on Wednesday January 14 at the Leaf Bar & Grill in Windsor. Due to the business agenda, the meeting will start early at 7:00 pm but join us earlier if you plan on having dinner. Most people start arriving about 6:00 pm

February Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The February club meeting will be Wednesday February 11 at the Brass Pointe in Farmington Hills, Michigan. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm but join us earlier if you plan on having dinner. Most people start arriving about 6:00 pm.



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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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MG Parts 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. Reduced to $150. Also Midget luggage rack. $25. Several MGB doors and vent windows, MGB trunk lid. Make an offer or could give free for some items. 71 MGB or GT seats in excellent condition including rear bench. $200. 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.

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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Contact Bryan at: xpertsystems at cogeco.ca

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 $10,000 or best offer. Bob Hauser 248- 673-0928 (Waterford)
For pictures see www.wdmgc.com/hauser.pdf

1969 MGC-GT, BRG; overdrive; mini-lites; red leather seats & door skins on front seats; original black cloth upholstery on shelf seat. Car was purchased in California in 1989 & restoration completed 1990. Body and paint in good condition after 24 years of driving & enjoying it. 73,600 (173,600) on odometer. Repair records available. Asking $14,000. Call Fran at 248-681-8420 or, email govlewis at hotmail to view.

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.

New MGB camshaft and other MG and Triumph parts. Andy Noestheden 519-980-1946

1962 MGA 1600 MkII for Sale DTSC member Jim Kozlowicz has decided it is time to reluctantly part with his very nice 1962 MGA. It is a very late build car and has been completely restored. The car is painted Porsche Cherry Red and has tan soft top and tan leather interior and panels. Side curtains and all body panels are in good order. The car has 71,000 miles, and underneath inspections are welcomed. He is asking $33,000. If you are interested, please contact Jim for further information , or to look at the MGA. Jim is not online! Jim Kozlowicz: 248 -546-5076 2018 Mortenson Blvd.Berkley, MI 48072

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Car of the Month, January 2015

This is Jeff Zorn's beautiful 1959 MGA finished in Guard's Red.

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.