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Photos from the April Kimber Run

After a nice, sunny day drive, Fran Lewis and Ruth Swarin prepare Kimber"s birthday cake. This year the cake was baked by Tom Greiner. Thanks Tom, I wish I had been there to taste it!

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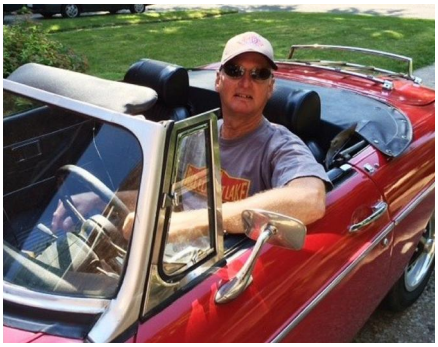


Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Well, Lise and I made it home from our long stay in Florida just fine. As we did when we first went down there, Lise drove the GMC Envoy pulling our Gulfstream Visa travel trailer and I drove the MG.

We didn't get to the Mitty at Road Atlanta on the way back, but we took our time coming home and had a nice relaxing trip. The first two days I was able to drive with the top down through the hills of Georgia, and the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky but on the third day when we were just below the border towns of Covington, Kentucky and Cincinnati , Ohio it was top up time. Boy it was blustery cold, windy and rainy. I could have sworn it was sleet. I wanted to turn around. However, when we crossed the Ambassador Bridge and got in to Windsor, it was warm and sunny. (Relatively speaking that is after spending almost 6 months in Florida.)

While in Florida, I had time to do a lot of improvements on the B, including painstakingly repainting the Rostyle wheels one at a time, polishing the chrome, installing a new hood release cable, repainting the rad and air cleaner covers, two new tires and one headlight etc. I had the head completely rebuilt by a professional shop and also installed Petronics, a new coil, rebuilt carburetors just to list a few. The car ran beautifully for the next 6000 miles but on the way home through the mountains it started to miss.

But since I've been home, I adjusted the valve clearances again and changed all the spark plugs one more time. After the rebuilt head was installed, a compression test was done and everything was pretty much perfect across all cylinders. I'll do another check once I get a new tester. Car is running much, much better but not perfect like it was. I'll get it sooner or later.

So we're getting anxious to take in all the events here. See you at the meeting on Wednesday!

Welcome!

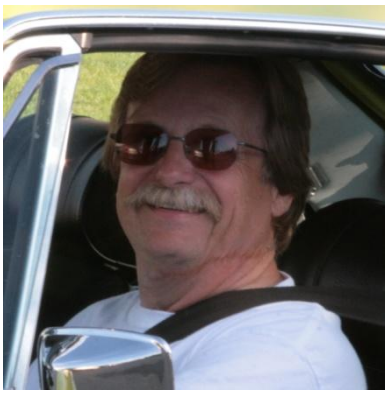
To our Newest Members

Isabel Hammen of Lake Orion, MI. who has a 1977 Chartreuse Midget

Chuck and Joan Rohrborn of Plymouth, MI. who own a 1976 BRG MGB

Presidentially speaking

Steve Finch - Club President



"Don't it always seem to go …" *Joni Mitchell, 1970*

(Click the title to hear the song)

Light a candle and sing a song for Joni Mitchell. I had friends who knew her when Joni hung around Wayne State and University of Windsor. What a lady.

The link to the song didn't work last month when the newsletter got published so I repeated it this month and provide an update for those who remember Joni and her *"Big Yellow Taxi"*. As of April 28 the Joni Mitchell website reports, "Contrary to rumors circulating on the Internet today, Joni is not in a coma. Joni is still in the hospital - but she comprehends, she's alert, and she has her full senses. A full recovery is expected." That is good news indeed.

Yesterday, May 2, was *"Drive Your MGA Day"*. The weekend is beautiful and today it will be 80 degrees. I hope you have your MG on the road and are enjoying the start of another great driving season.

Donna and I got a head start on the season driving the MGA to Key West for the 2015 Brits in Paradise and Conch Republic Independence Festival. We left on April 16 (tax season done) for a four day drive to Key West, four days of party fun and four day return - 12 days, 3,500 miles. About forty people attended and we had 12 cars in the parade on Thursday night. The dog stayed home this time.

Monday evening was the poolside reception meet and greet. Tuesday was the annual Bocce Ball championship elimination tournament. Wednesday was mostly open to do whatever in KW. Thursday evening was the Independence Festival Parade. The Key West British Car Club is a featured participant in the parade. In typical Key West style, it was a wild and crazy time.

The great part of the KWBCC annual event is that it is unlike typical national MG conventions where they schedule activities for most every moment of every day. KWBCC purposely includes only a few scheduled events and leaves plenty of free time to enjoy everything that the Keys have to offer. There is plenty to do on your own or with new friends, great restaurants, relaxing beaches and tourist attractions. An evening stroll up Duval Street to Mallory Square for the sunset celebration every night is something to behold. The journey is an adventure; the destination is a *"trip"*. It was unseasonably hot this year but way, way cool!

I almost made it all the way home before going on the trailer this time. Like Dale's return trip, the MGA developed a high rpm misfire on return trip day 2. Evenings in the hotel parking lot looking for fuel starvation proved unsuccessful. It finally died 12 miles from home. A Good Samaritan with a pickup truck and empty flatbed trailer came along, stopped, loaded us up and took us home. There is an old adage saying that *"90% of all carburetor problems are electrical"*. Rick Astley thinks it is the coil, and now tests look as if he is right.

WDMGC is again hosting ***The Spring Gathering and Picnic*** at Camp Dearborn. The date is Sunday May 17 and this year will be out third annual gathering. We have invited all British car clubs and enthusiasts in the area and hope to have a great turnout. See the event flyer included herein.

I hope you join us at The Spring Gathering and at meetings, other events, and for a drive in our MGs this season.

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

Safety MG Fast!

Steve

Lake Erie British Car Club

The British Return To Fort Meigs

Sunday, June 7, 2015
17th Annual Event

British Car Show

Fort Meigs Historical Site
Route 65, Perrysburg, Ohio

10am to 3pm
(Registration 10am till noon)
Rain or Shine
Pre-registration $12 **Day of show $15**
Pre-registration deadline 5/29/15

For more info, visit our website at: www.lebcc.org, email to LakeErieBritish@lebcc.org or call Lake Erie British Car Club at 419-855-8567. **All vendors please email or call in advance.**

The Sound of Music

Festival Theatre — Stratford Ontario
Friday June 19th - Sunday June 21st

- Friday June 19th - We will be traveling to Stratford leaving the Detroit area mid-morning, or
- Saturday June 20th - A second convoy will be leaving in the morning from the M59 and I94 area and arriving at St Mary's early afternoon. It's your choice, as we normally have 2 convoys heading for Stratford that weekend.

Our band of WDMGC theater goers last enjoyed The Sound of Music at Stratford in 2001!

Saturday June 20th – "The Sound of Music"- 8.00 pm performance at the Festival Theatre.

We have booked the Westover Inn Hotel once again (built 1867) at nearby St Mary's for the Friday and Saturday evenings.
We will also be dining as a group at the Westover Inn prior to the evening performance of "The Sound of Music" on the Saturday.

Many of the rooms for Friday and Saturday are already booked by us, so please call them (or your favourite Stratford / St. Mary's Bed and Breakfast) and make your reservation under "MG Tours". The Westover's phone number is (519) 284 2977.

Please call me when you have made your hotel reservations. The costs are $91 US dollars each for the theatre tickets. If you have an e-mail address that you use regularly, then I would also like those details.
Philip Wiltshire, 3105 Exeter Drive, Milford, MI, 48380.

My cell phone: 706 988 6206 E-Mail: pwiltshire@comcast.net

ESSEX PELEE ISLAND COAST WINE COUNTRY

Sip into Summer Sunday, May 24, 2015

We will take a guided tour through EPIC Wine Country this spring to "Sip Into Summer"! EPIC Wineries invites us to a Taste of Place in Essex County. Each winery will highlight new vintages, pairing their favourite wines with local flavours, and many will be offering live entertainment.
More details to follow, $5 – $7/per winery

We will be visiting a number of these participating EPIC Winerys to experience a Taste of Place and a stop at Blimeys British Gift Shop

WINERY	WINE & FOOD PAIRING	ACTIVITY
Colchester Ridge Estate Winery (CREW)	TBD	TBD
Colio Estate Wines	TBD	TBD
Cooper's Hawk Vineyards	TBD	TBD
Muscedere Vineyards	TBD	TBD
North 42 Degrees Estate Winery	TBD	TBD
Oxley Estate Winery	TBD	TBD
Pelee Island Winery	TBD	TBD
Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery	TBD	TBD
Viewpointe Estate Winery	TBD	TBD

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Here's The Plan

Meet in the **McDonalds** parking lot at the foot of the Ambassador Bridge located on the right-hand side after clearing Canadian Customs.

Leave McDonalds at 9:15 sharp.

Arrive at the Colchester Eatery 10:00, located at 1 County Rd 50 West, Colchester, PH 226.207.0264

Leave @11:00 for Harrow, Antique stores & Blimeys English Shop.

Leave Harrow @ 11:45/Noon.

Visit 3/4 wineries for tastings, food pairings and live entertainment.

At 4:30 arrive @ Muscedere Winery for gourmet Pizza made the old fashioned way in their outdoor wood fired pizza oven.

The restaurant needs to know how many dinners to plan for so please confirm by May 10th your attendance by email to mgdave @sympatico.ca or call 519-735-3567.

Sunday, May 17, 2015, 11am – 4pm

Camp Dearborn

1700 General Motors Road, Milford, MI 48380

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club is proud to sponsor the third annual Spring British Car Gathering & Picnic at Camp Dearborn in Milford, MI.

No registration, no formal car show or class parking, and no awards; just an opportunity to share our passion with fellow British car owners and clubs, and to get to know one another.

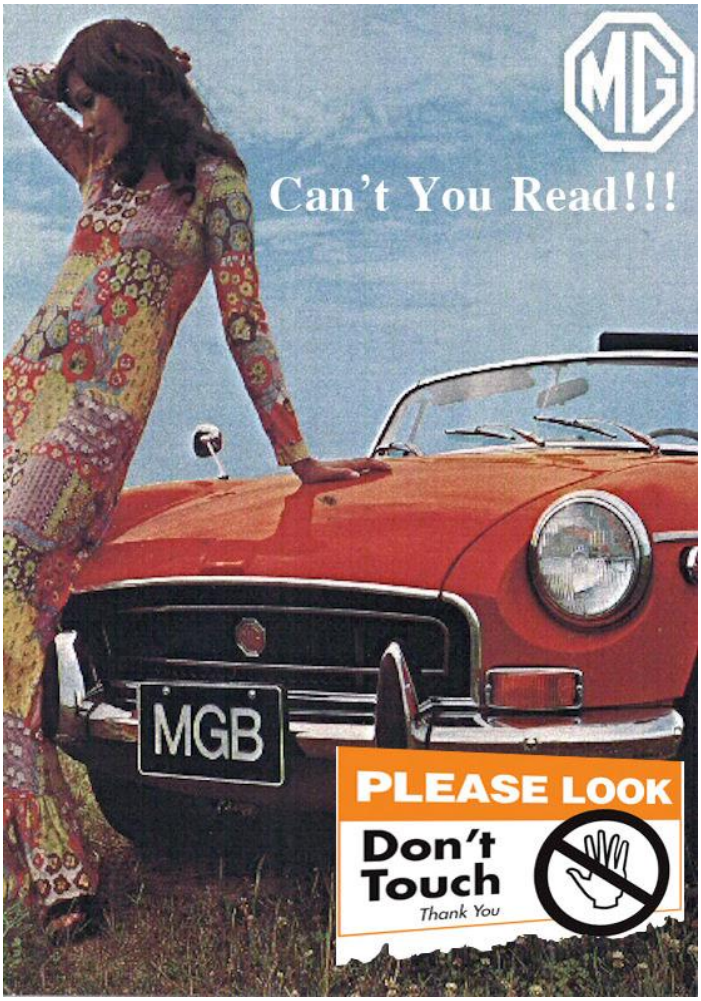
We have reserved a large grassy and well shaded area at Camp Dearborn in Milford. We will have access to a large drum grill fired-up for anyone to use. BYO picnic lunch, something to throw on the grill, beverages, etc.

The park entrance fee is $5 per car.

BOOT SALE

Have some spare parts, tools, etc. that are cluttering your garage? Bring them along and offer them for sale from the boot of your car. We are not looking to host a full blown swap meet, so please no trailers full of stuff. Whatever you can get in your car or bring pictures of larger items that you want to sell.

For more information contact us at Board@WDMGC.com
or contact Steve Finch at (248)343-1614
The Camp Dearborn Web Site is www.campdearborn.com



Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

25 years	Paul and Beverly Thomas
10 years	Darrell and Jayne Sampson
10 years	John and Liz McDonald
5 years	Lynn and Patricia Richardson
5 years	Lee and Nancy Farrell
5 years	Bob Hauser
5 years	Tony and Danielle Marra

Frogeye or Bugeye?

What do you call the Austin-Healey Sprite Mk 1?

Being raised in the UK, I had always described the Austin -Healey Sprite Mk 1 as a "Frogeye" but later, on my arrival in North America, I had to try to remember to call it a "Bugeye". However, seeing a picture in the on-line London Daily Telegraph of some black-webbed tree frogs, I think I was right in the first place; it's definitely Frogeyed! What do you think?

Rick Astley

Black-webbed tree frogs *Photo: Hendy MPSolent*

Mk1 Austin-Healey Sprite *Photo: J Bill Drake*

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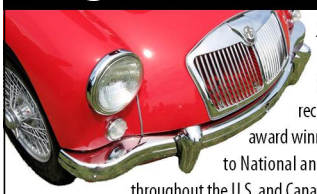

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Pictures from 2015 Brits Return to Paradise

Donna made parrot head hats for both of us but would not let herself be photographed in her's.

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Club Calendar

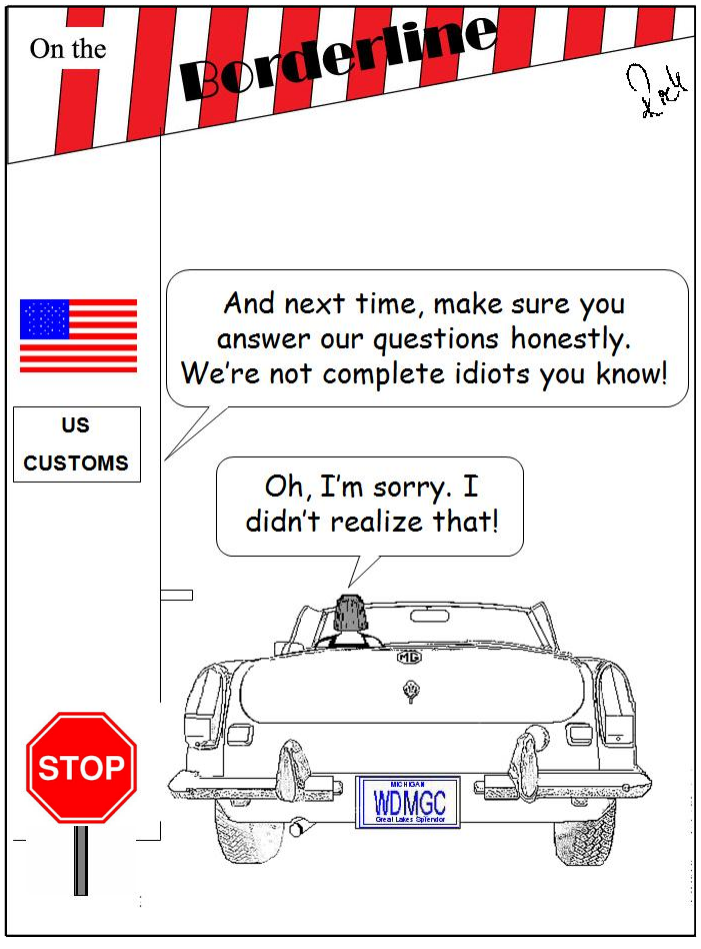
■ - WDMGC event.
To be sure you are up-to-date with all events, times and meeting places, visit www.WDMGC.com

May 2015		
■	Wed. 13	**Monthly Meeting** **Leaf Neighbourhood Grill, Windsor**
■	Sun. 17	**The Spring Gathering and Picnic** Camp Dearborn, Milford (See page 6)
■	Sun. 24	**Sip into Summer Breakfast, Shopping and Wine Tour** (See page 5) Essex County
June 2015		
	Sun. 7	**The British Return to Ft Meigs** Perrysburg, Ohio
	Mon. 8 Fri. 12	NAMGBR Convention 2015 Niagara Falls, Ontario
■	Wed. 10	**Monthly meeting, Brass Pointe** Farmington Hills, Michigan
	Mon. 15 Fri. 19	**GT-40 MGA Convention** Frankenmuth, Michigan
■	Fri. 19 Sun. 21	**Stratford Trip** Stratford, Ontario (See page 4.)

To find your way to all the club's events and meeting places, make sure you visit our **Maps** page under the WDMGC Events/Activities tab at WDMGC.com

May Meeting at The Leaf

The May Club meeting will be Wednesday May 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. Bring small parts to sell.



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For Sale

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. Several MGB 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@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@uwindsor.ca
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 Triumph TR7 Engine and Transmission
Engine Heads professionally redone, new values and springs, new water pump, new timing chain. Starter rebuilt, carbu-retor rebuilt with new TR7 needles, steel headers. $500.00 or OBO
5 Speed Transmission Low mileage 45,000 miles $500.00 or OBO
Both items sitting on trailer ready to go. Contact Bryan at: xpertsystems@cogeco.ca

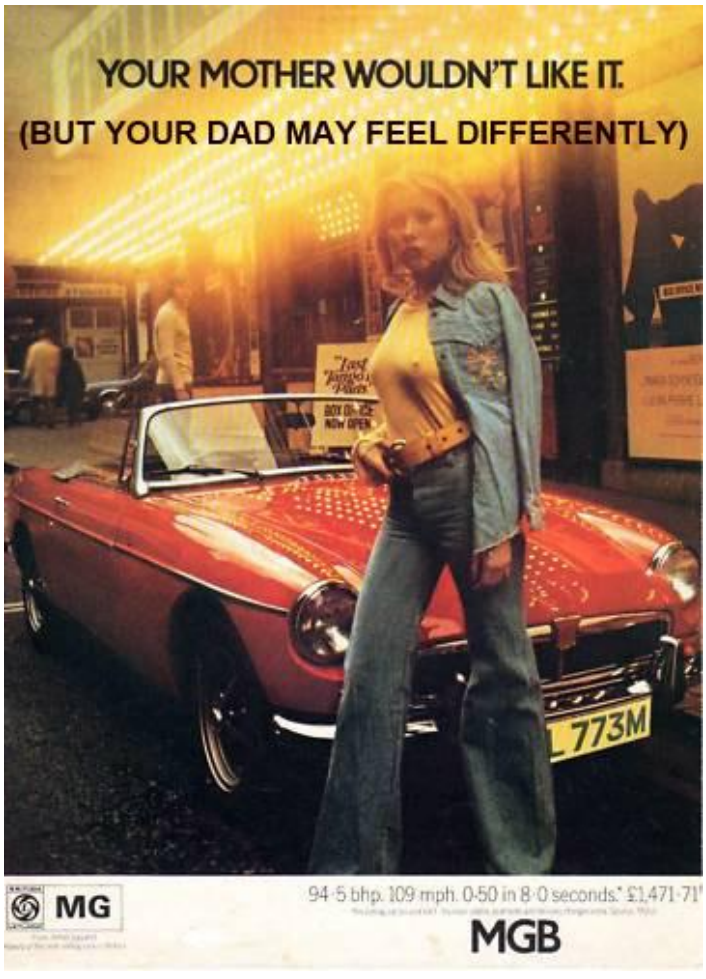
1977 MGB roadster. ***New Low Price!*** BRG. 55,000 miles on chassis, 15,000 miles on rebuilt engine. Recent full body restora-tion plus lots of upgrades in last 4 years. Excellent top and interior. Garaged year round. $16K invested. Asking $8,000 or best offer. Bob Hauser 248-701-6227 (Waterford)
For 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@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

1996 Miata - Red over tan leather. 5 speed, 60K miles. BBS 15" wheels (+1), Yokahama S-Drives (UHP Summer tires), KYB shocks, and timing belt replaced at 50K miles. No dings/dents. Extras (wind blocker, car cover, tonneau cover, books, etc). Stock 7 spoke alloy wheels/tires go with. $ 8700.
810-334-4421 or 419-490-4719 Leave message.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Cars of the Month, May 2015

A beautiful array of B"s and GT's (Thanks to Chris's Club Web Page)

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.