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Photos from the May Meeting at The Leaf

Members' other (non MG) cars. Morgan Plus 8 owned by Dave Hornby and Bond 3 Wheeler owned by Richard Dittman at the May Club meeting at The Leaf

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Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Now that the driving season is in full swing, I've had lots of submissions for this month's edition of the Can Am Connection. I hope you can find yourself or your car in some of the pictures I posted.

If you have sent me something in the past and haven't seen it in one of the editions, make sure you send me a note. Maybe I misplaced it and if you know of something that might be of interest to members of the club, be sure to send it to me at Editor@wdmgc.com. I'll make sure I find a place for it at some time. Thanks in advance.

Well, since coming back from Florida, I've tried to spend some time working on my 1969 BRG MGB and have at least been successful in getting all the front headlights and turn signals installed and wired. Still have to install that transmission cross member and do not look forward to putting in those four bolts into the transmission. If anybody has a trick to that, let me know. Sometimes it can take an hour or two on your back under the car, sometimes it can take all day! After that it's the drive shaft, the rest of the engine accessories, the interior and then ready for start up. I was hoping to have it ready for upcoming MG2015 in Niagara Falls, but engine issues (now solved) with the Tartan Red MGB took priority. My next goal is to have the 69 ready for our car show at Heritage Village in July. Wish me luck.

You will notice that I have included a picture and story on the last page for June Car of the Month of Mick Gedeon's beautiful MGBGT-V6. Mine is still on the books for completing in the next year or two. I'm so envious of Mick's car that it gives me an incentive to get back on it. Can't wait!

More photos from the May Meeting at The Leaf

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

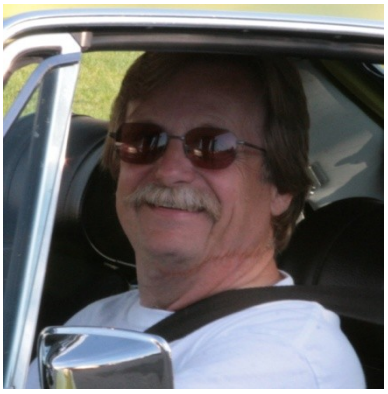
25 years	Philip Wiltshire & Jan Tucker
10 years	Keith & Tarla Gernert
5 years	Brian & Kathie Dewer

Presidentially speaking

"Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer"

Nat King Cole, 1963 (Click the title to hear the song)

Steve Finch - Club President



Another summer is calling us to drive our MGs. The season in Michigan is short so take full advantage.

This past month WDMGC hosted The 3rd Annual Spring Gathering and Picnic at Camp Dearborn, May 17. We had participation of almost 50 cars, a great turn out from our Club, and cars from JAGM, Morgan Club, DTSC, MI Chapter T-Club, Rowdies and a Lotus or two thrown in for good measure. It was a fun event and the weather cooperated again. The event is catching on and will become our annual event.

Last month also saw the Sip into Summer event organized by Dave Hornby. I failed to make the event. It seemed that my Spring honey-do list ate into my sippy time. From the pictures and talking with folks, it was also a great event that included more than a dozen cars, breakfast, shopping, a few wineries and pizza for dinner. My thanks to Dave and Lynne for hosting the event.

June is a busy month with the NAMGBR MG2015 convention in Niagara Falls, the NAMGAR GT-40 convention in Frankenmuth hosted by the Michigan Rowdies and the return to our calendar of the Stratford Festival Tour organized by Philip Wiltshire. I hope you will take advantage of the NAMGAR GT-40 since it is so close to us all. Maybe you just want to spectate at their car show - it's on Wednesday morning June 17 from 9am to noon in Heritage Park along the riverside behind the Bavarian Inn.

I especially want to call your attention to the invitation from the **JAGM Club** to attend with them a visit to ***Hitsville U.S.A.*** and Motown Museum. For those not going to Stratford, the trip to Hitsville is on Saturday June 20th. We will meet at Zee's Restaurant at 42 Piquette, early enough for the 11:30 a.m. shuttle to the Museum. Admission is $15, $10 for seniors 62+. The fee will be collected on the shuttle. The tour takes about an hour. After the tour we will return to Zee's for lunch. Please email Mattie (msquare116@gmail.com) or call (248) 678-1425 for your reservation.

Then July starts off another big month with the annual run to the Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Auto Faire XXV on July 12. Matt Bade will be our rallyemaster.

Another a big event for me in July is the Waterford Hills Vintage Races July 25 - 26. The Bob Owens Sports & Imports Racing MG Midget will be on track that weekend for the first time there in over 35 years. I will be in the pits (aesthetics control manager) with a reunion of the race team from our 1978 2nd place SCCA Runoffs Championship season. I am led to believe there are a number of other people and cars from the day coming back to Waterford for the Vintage Races this year.

I am giving up my ring at the Concours d 'Elegance of America at St. Johns in Plymouth this year in lieu of the Waterford Vintage races. The Concours is on July 26. If anyone is interested in volunteering to be a Ringmaster at the show (free admission, free polo shirt, behind the ropes access), please call me.

I hope you join us at meetings, other events, and for a few drives in our MGs this season.

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Steve

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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

Mad Dogs & Englishmen's British Auto Faire XXV will be held July 11th and 12th. 2015

WDMGC Annual Trip to Mad Dogs

Mad Dogs and Englishmen Convoy

Sunday, July 12th, 2015 *By Matt Bade*

Please meet at the usual Meijer parking lot, at the north end, at 8 Mile Rd. and Haggerty beginning at 6:30-6:45 am. and **we will depart at 7 am.** I will be providing maps and collecting cell phone numbers in case of a breakdown or other emergency.

We will then head west and meet the 2nd contingent of our group around 7:30 am. If you live on the west side of town, the 2nd meeting place will be at the McDonald's at the intersection of 9 Mile Rd (M-36) and US 23. There are 2 gas stations at this location if you need to fill up before we head out.

We will leave at 7:45 am. and take a scenic, two lane, freeway-free trip across the State to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. The trip usually takes about 2 ½ to 3 hours and includes a **brief** stop in Leslie to stretch our legs, use the facilities, etc. We should arrive at the car show around 11 am.

After the awards are announced around 3:30 pm., I'll lead the group back east again.

I can be reached at home at 248-683-1210; at my office at 734-855-4400, or by email at mgbade@core.com

Please contact me in some manner if you plan on going so that I can print enough maps and look for you if you're running late at our departure locations.

Ralph Poupard's MGA at Sprucewood Estates Winery

Steve Swarin's MGBGT at Cooper's Hawk Winery

WDMGC Spring Gathering & Picnic — Camp Dearborn

Photos by John Magee

Thanks to Steve Finch for organizing a fun event.

WDMGC Sip Into Summer

Photos by Dale Brown

Special thanks to Dave Hornby for organizing this well attended and successful event.

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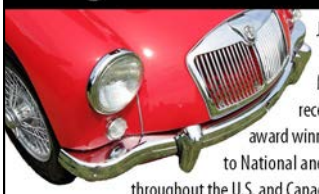

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Sabrina or Jayne?

by Rick Astley

Last month we asked you to decide whether the Mark 1 Austin-Healey Sprite better deserved the British designation of Frogeye or the American one of Bugeye. This month we ask a similar question regarding the early 1974 MGB, which sported some very large over-riders as an interim measure (before the mid-'74 launch of the rubber–bumper model) in order to meet new US bumper height and impact regulations. The Brits called them Sabrinas, while Americans decided they were Jayne Mansfields, each titled after an actress from the respective nations.

Sabrina

Jayne Mansfield

Last month we offered an opinion. This month we more cautiously let you decide. All we can say is that both were outstanding actresses!

At Blimey's in Harrow during "Sip into Summer"

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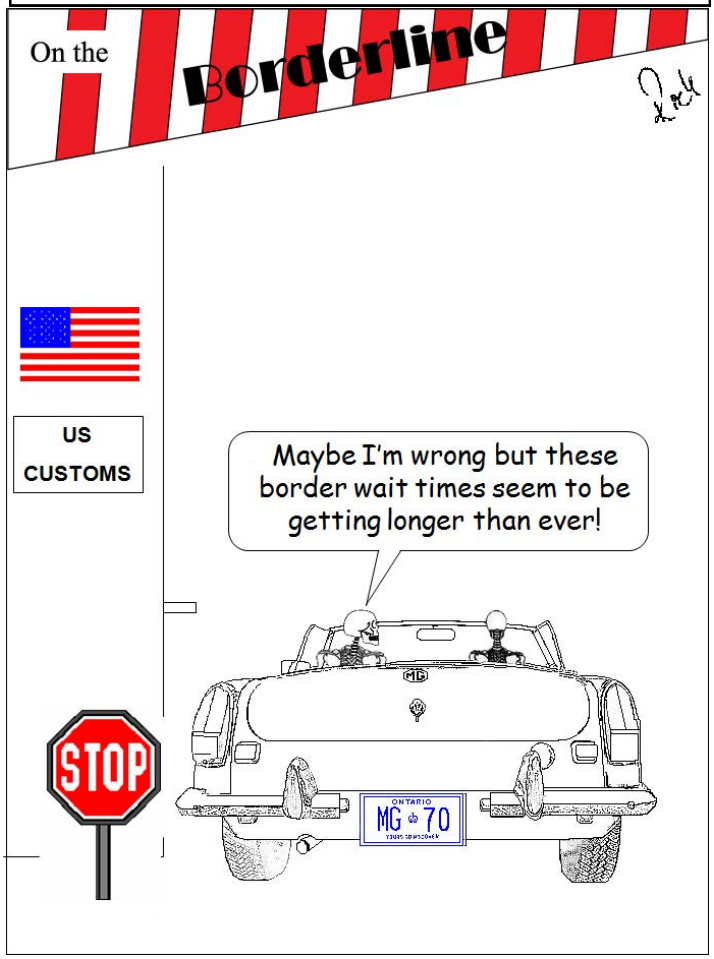
June 2015		
	Sat. 6	British Sports Car Club of London "The Classic"
	Sun. 7	**The British Return to Ft Meigs** Perrysburg, Ohio
	Mon. 8 Fri. 12	NAMGBR Convention 2015 Niagara Falls, Ontario
■	Wed. 10	**Monthly meeting, Brass Pointe** Farmington Hills, Michigan
	Mon. 15 Fri. 19	**GT-40 MGA Convention** Frankenmuth, Michigan
■	Fri. 19 Sun. 21	**Stratford Trip** Stratford, Ontario (See page 4.)
	Sat. June 20	**Motown Museum with Jaguar Club** See Page 3 for details
July 2015		
■	Wed. July 8	**Monthly Meeting** **Leaf Neighbourhood Grill**, Windsor, On.
■	Sun. July 12	**WDMGC Convoy to Mad Dogs & Englishmen.** See Page 5 for details

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

June Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The June club meeting will be Wednesday June 10 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



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Car of the month, June 2015

1974 British Racing Green MGB-GT V6-conversion owned by Mick & Lori Gedeon of Wixom

This restoration project went from dream stage to reality after Mick and Lori experienced an extremely wet drive to the Alden Sports Car Show in their MGB Roadster, which they thought could easily handle a very heavy summer rain storm. They were wrong. At that point Mick knew they needed an all weather MGB-GT. And why not give it a little more power during the restoration?

The final product is an early 1974 body with a 1994 Camaro 3.4 L, 160HP 6 Cylinder Engine, which was totally rebuilt and bored out 0.040". To this Mick added a rebuilt Camaro T-5 (5 speed), a new Holley 4 Barrel Carburetor, a custom intake manifold to get bonnet clearance, a hydraulic throw-out bearing, custom headers, motor mounts, drive shaft and radiator. The exhaust was given a respectable sound with Cherry Bomb mufflers. The new British Racing Green paint and custom interior completed the dream.