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Photos from MG 2015 in Niagara Falls, Ontario

Above: Janet Davis relaxes during the Car Show at Balls Falls in the new MGB trailer.
Left: Friends and Club members Lise Brown, Cathy Elms, Sue Hunt, Ken Elms, Ralph Poupard, Elvin Davis and Marty Hunt. (l to r)

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

I'm keeping my article short this edition to make sure there's lots of room for the many events that took place since last month. Lise and I were fortunate to have been able to go to Niagara Falls for MG 2015. We had a great time and met many people as well as others from our club. You'll see in the pictures below how I packed the boot for the trip and also the plaque on the front grill for the ralleye to the car show.

Hope you enjoy this edition.

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Welcome!

To our Newest Members

Bruce and Karen Kurth of Commerce Twp, MI joined our Club in last month. They have a 1953 BRG MGTD and a 1970 BRG MGB.

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

5 years - Bob and Mary Elliot of Milan, MI
- Pierre and Kateri Leblanc of Saline, MI

25 years - Ed Fleming of Northville, MI
-Tom and Marcia Greiner of Northville, MI

Explore The Shore

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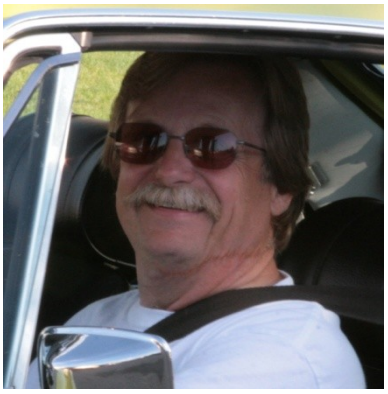
Join your fellow British Sports car friends and Explore the Shore on Sunday July 26
We will be leaving from the McDonalds parking lot at the foot of the Ambassador Bridge at 10am.
This year's exploration offers thirty two points of interest located along historic County Road 50 before we end the day at Muscedere Vineyard for custom made pizza and your beverage of choice.
If you are planning to join us book early as space is limited, please confirm by email mgdave@sympatico.ca or call 519-735-3567.

Presidentially speaking

"This Land was Made for You and Me"

"This Land Is Your Land" - Woody Guthrie, 1945 (Click the title to hear the song)

Steve Finch - Club President



July and Independence Day makes us think about how good we have it in this country, despite all our problems. I came across this classic American song from a classic American singer-songwriter that conveys this truly American spirit. I hope you enjoy it as you read this edition of The Can-Am Connection.

This past month featured the NAMGBR MG2015 convention in Niagara Falls, the NAMGAR GT-40 convention in Frankenmuth and the Stratford Festival Tour. I didn't get to go to any of them. Thanks to Philip Wiltshire for hosting Stratford. From the coverage herein, it looks like I missed a lot of good events.

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 (thanks Matt). Look for more details in this edition.

Then on Sunday, July 19 the All British Car Show at the Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village, in association with the WDMGC, is an important event for the Club. It is a great venue and a great event, complete with an outdoor beer garden. This event has been growing each year, this being our fourth year. We look forward to a large turnout of WDMGC members and hope you will take time to attend.

Another a big event is the Waterford Hills Vintage Races July 25 - 26. The Bob Owens Sports and Imports MG Midget will return to Waterford for the first time in almost 40 years. The latest news is that Allan Moffat and a bevy of Trans-Am Cortina's will be in attendance as well. This is setting up to be a great vintage race weekend with a special MG Challenge feature race and more. Look for the WDMGC awning on top of the hill.

Looking ahead to August is the University Motors Summer Party Reunion on August 7-9 with the big car show on Saturday at Douglas Walker Park. That is always a good event and worth the drive to Grand Rapids.

Also in August, mark your calendars for the WDMGC 35th Anniversary Birthday Party that Donna and I will be hosting at our house in White Lake near Milford on Saturday August 22. We will get more details on the website as the planning firms up. I hope you will join us for the afternoon poolside party and into the evening around a campfire to celebrate our founders and the success of our Club.

Speaking of our Club - your Club, there are some very valuable benefits of membership that you should promote when talking to others and to prospective new members. Some benefits are not always obvious. What I am speaking of is the willingness of our members to help other members. We often speak of MG as the "Marque of Friendship". NAMGBR publishes a Mutual Aid Directory that can be worth its price of membership (I've had occasion to use it on long distance trips). Our membership directory is a local version of a mutual aid directory sized to fit in your glove box. Keep it handy. It's a great resource.

Chris Gurnee, as then a new member, can tell you about how Harry MacLean and I helped him out with his carb problems on his then new-to-him Midget. Rick Astley is constantly helping others with "Prince of Darkness" issues. New member Steve Tupper can tell you of the visit Rick and I made to look at his sleeping Midget and to offer our advice. And lately Bob Hauser can tell you of all the help from Rick, Chris and the Club's web resources to find a new home in Illinois for his cherished MGB he could no longer pilot.

These are but few examples that easily come to mind. I know there are many, many more over 35 years of the Club's history. I venture to say there is not a WDMGC member who wouldn't come to the aid of another member or to offer advice and assistance whenever needed. And that maybe the greatest benefit of all.

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

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Safety MG Fast!

Steve

ALL BRITISH CAR SHOW

Sunday, July 19th

9:00am - 2:00pm

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Continue on Hwy #3 to County Rd. 23 (10.8mi / 17.4km)
Turn right onto County Rd. 23 and continue 5.2mi /8.4km
The museum grounds will be found on your right.
Or set your GPS to: 6155 Arner Townline, Essex, ON

Mad Dogs & Englishmen

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.

More New Classified Ads *(See page 11)*

New Ad **MGB Parts for Sale**

4spd Trans (Rebuilt at University) - $200
Exhaust (SU Carbs) - $100
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"MG" Floor and Shelf Mats (3 pieces) - $100
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Midland Alloy Wheels (4 - assume for Spitfire) - $200
Email: acturner2000@hotmail.com
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New Ad **1953 TD** The body is stock, with aftermarket wire wheels, repro bumpers. Color is Jaguar BRG. It is powered by a 1.8L 'B' engine. This beauty has a custom interior, including custom bucket seats and dash.
For more information or pictures, contact:
Pat Sand 248-640-7689
pat.sand@cccnetwork.com

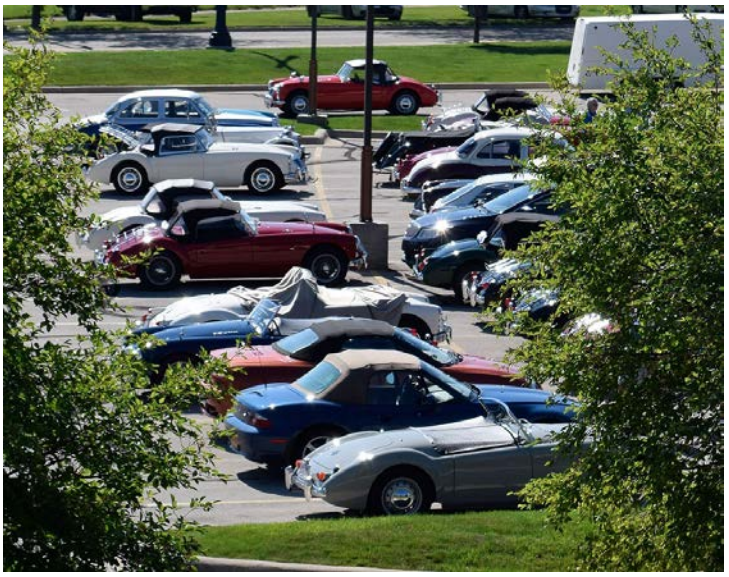
NAMGAR GT-40, Frankenmuth, MI.

Story and photos by Rick Astley, Jeff Zorn & Mary Ellen Weakley. (Thanks for the submissions)

The NAMGAR GT-40 was held June 15th-19th at the Bavarian Lodge in Frankenmuth and our friends from the Michigan Rowdies, who organized it, can be congratulated on putting on a great event. Someone had good connections too because, save from a few evening showers, the weather was splendid throughout.

Of course, many of the Rowdies are WDMGC members too, including Gordie and Tracey Bird who played a significant part in making sure everything ran smoothly and everyone had a good time.

Among the presenters in the Technical Sessions were our own Doug Butcher and Rick Astley who spoke on the subjects of Tyres and Electrics respectively



Upper left: *Steve & Ruth Swarin with Linda & Don Holle ;* ***Upper right:*** *A view from the host hotel ;* ***Lower left:*** *Doug Butcher during his Tech Session on Tyres;* ***Lower right:*** *Mary Ellen & Bill Weakley*

Upper left: *Tracey Bird;* ***Upper right:*** *Steve Holliday having a relaxing time with the ballot box;* ***Lower left:*** *A fascinating mock up of an MGA;* ***Lower right:*** *Gordie Bird.*

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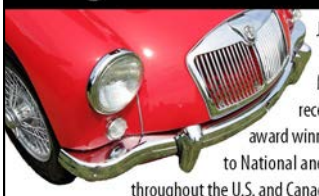

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Club Calendar

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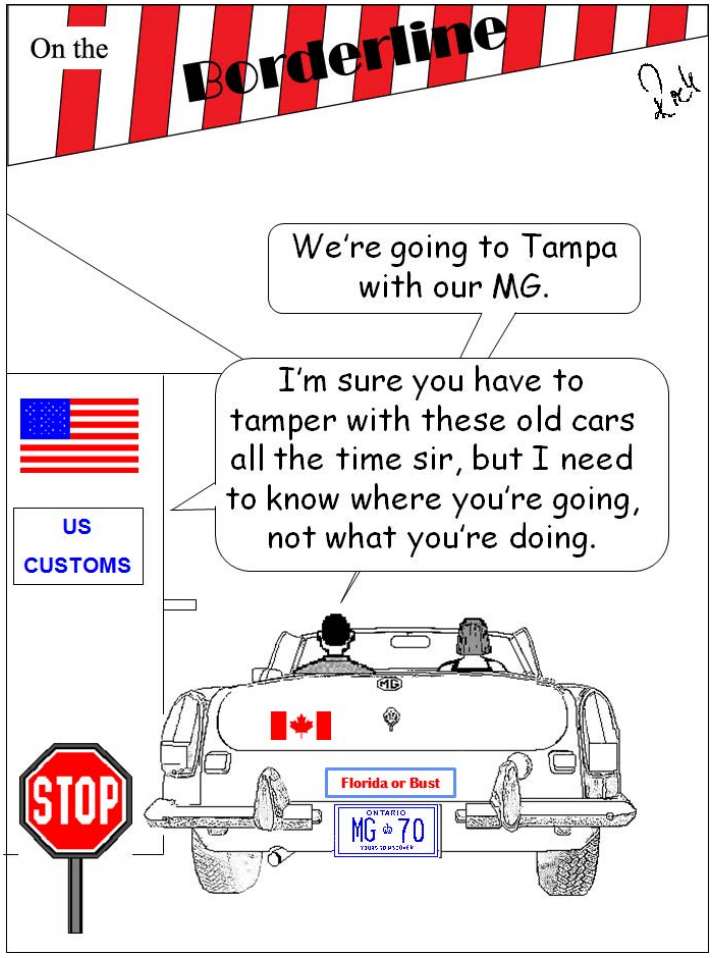
July 2015	
Wed. July 8	**Monthly Meeting** **Leaf Neighbourhood Grill**, Windsor, On.
Sun. July 12	**WDMGC Convoy to Mad Dogs & Englishmen.** See Page 5 for details
Sun. July 19	**All British Car Show** - Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village, Essex, Ontario (See page 4 for flyer and more details)
Sat. & Sun. July 25-26	Waterford Hills Vintage Race
Sun. July 26	**Explore the Shore Wine Tour** - Essex County

August 2015	
Aug. 6 - 10	University Motors Summer Party Reunion
Wed. Aug.12	**Monthly meeting, Brass Pointe** Farmington Hills, Michigan
Sat. Aug.22	**WDMGC 35th Anniversary Birthday Party** - Home of Steve and Donna Finch. (Details to follow)
Aug. 31- Sept. 2	**Put In Bay Race Reunion**

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

July Meeting at The Leaf

The July Club meeting will be Wednesday July 8 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

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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@uwindsor.ca
and photos call, Mark and Elaine at 248-255-2798

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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.
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New Ad **Rack and Pinion** removed from a 1980 MGB. found out it was good after purchasing a new one. I checked it for broken springs which it does not have. Some small wear on steering shaft due to broken motor mount. $50
Harry Mac Lean
hmac3002@yahoo.com
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New Ad **1952 MG TD** A Classic British sports car, and one of the ones that started it all in the USA. S/N: MI YC-TA72, Body Type: 22381, Body No. 10536/78504.
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Wanted

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Car of the Month, July 2015

Steve and Brooke White drive their BRG 1974 MGB to Sprucewood Shores Estate Winery at a recent Club Event.