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Our gracious host, Donna Finch setting out some appetizers for the guests.

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Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Well, we've sure had a busy summer and the weather has cooperated pretty well. I've been able to include stories and photos of some of the events that club members attended.

On the home front, my Tartan Red 72 B is running like a top and Lise and I have had lots of opportunity to take it out for a spin.

In my spare time, I've been working feverously to try and get my BRG 69 B on the road after about a 5 year restoration. Besides all new body panel replacements and paint I also pulled the engine and transmission and installed an overdrive gear box. My 72 has one and it is well worth the work to do it. Of course with the engine out, I was able to repaint the engine the proper deep red colour as well.

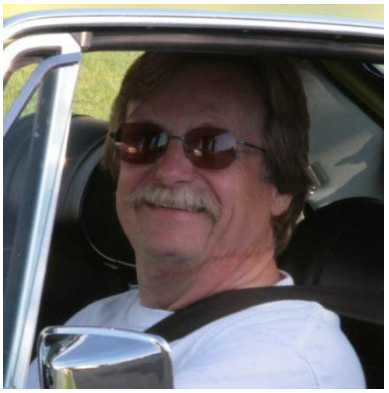
My goal was to have it done for the All British Car Show at Heritage Village but that didn't work out so next was to try for the Vintage Races at Put in Bay. But I was having trouble with the clutch slave cylinder and my radiator didn't get back from the rebuild shop. So...the final goal is to have it on the road and tested to drive it to Florida in December. I have the hard top on it but I'll switch to the soft top once I make it to Florida. Wish me luck!

London Ontario British Car Show

Back in June, Club members Marty Hunt, Graham Creswick and Dave Hornby attended the annual show in London Ontario to promote our show in July. Here's some photos from that event:

Presidentially speaking

Steve Finch - Club President



The MG driving season is entering its waning months but in my opinion the Fall season is the best months of the year. Get out and drive your MGs.

It's a beautiful day today and Donna wants to go for a long ride. We will all load into the '57 MGA, including Austin of course, and just start driving. Eventually we'll find a place to have lunch and when we have driven enough we will turn on the Garmin to find our way home. A great way to spend a day.

Then mid-month we take another long drive. Stowe VT and the British Invasion, the largest all British motorcar show in the United States annually attracting over 600 British motorcars from the US and Canada. Stowe is a magnificent, world-class alpine setting with rolling hills, spectacular fall foliage, and wonderful winding roads to entice the British car enthusiast, I'm told.

On the way we'll overnight in Niagara Falls and Saratoga Springs to visit the British car exhibit at the Saratoga Automobile Museum. After the show we'll maybe visit Montreal or go further east into Maine. I'm sure the Garmin will figure out how to get home. We'll hope that the MGA keeps all four wheels on the ground and not come home on a trailer this time. [*Travel kit: mobile phone, AAA Gold and empty credit cards.*]

In August, the University Motors Summer Party Reunion - *The Farewell Tour* was a great event. The MGA (50 Years) was the featured class and we found ourselves parked next to a beautiful fresh restoration from Virginia Beach. Turns out to belong to Dan Kirby, an alumni member of the club. Dan says hi. He ran the 620mi Endurance Trial on Friday then left Grand Rapids at 4:30am Sunday, arriving back home in Virginia Beach at 8:45pm - 925 miles and just over 16 hours. Dan's car took 2nd place in the show, our's took 3rd.

Past Presidents (left to right), Co-Founder Dave Hornby (1980-84), alumni John Chatley (1985-86), Ed Fleming (1995-97), Philip Wiltshire (2003), Dave Doolin (1998-99), Dale Brown (2000-02), Rick Astley (2009-10) and Steve Finch (2011-13, 2015). Past President Ozzie Pillon (1988) attended but somehow missed the photo. (Sorry about that, Ozzie).

August was indeed Alumni Month for the club. Donna and I hosted the *WDMGC 35th Anniversary Birthday Party* on August 22. We had a great turnout and car show on my front lawn. We were honored by visits from Alumni members including Everett Smith (who drove 250 miles from Alpena), Joe Kidwell, John Chatley, Jim & Holly Bolinger, and Gary Howe (from Harbor Beach 140mi). All total, we had nine out of fourteen past Presidents in attendance. I hope all who attended had a great time.

In September, the annual Battle of the Brits will again be held at Camp Dearborn in Milford and hosted by the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club. The date is Sunday September 13. I hope we get a large turnout of MGs so that we can continue to win the Battle Trophy for MG vs Triumph participation.

Also in September is the annual British Car Day at Bronte Creek Provincial Park on Sunday, September 20. This show draws over 1,000 British cars and 8,000 spectators. It too is a great show.

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

More Photos from 35th Anniversary Celebration

Anniversaries

The following members have membership anniversaries this month:

5 Years---- Phillip and Nancy Sweeten of Dryden, MI
10 Years--- Rick and Kathy Dutot of Leamington, ON
20 Years--- Jeff and Jan Zorn of Tarpon Springs, FL

Put In Bay Race Reunion 2015

Photos and story by Dale Brown

From the Sunday till Wednesday before the Labor Day Weekend, I met up with several other members of the Club and drove our MG's over to South Bass Island for the Annual Put In Bay Race Reunion. While there, to our surprise we also met other members of the club as well.

Our small group had all our camping gear packed in our small cars and enjoyed wonderful weather and cliff side camping at the South Bass Island State Park. Others stayed at many of the quaint B & B's on the Island. We had rain free warm and hot weather the whole time we were there so of course it was top down driving everyday around the countryside.

The event began with a meet and greet wine and cheese party at the Put In Bay Winery on Sunday night. The next morning saw the group having a breakfast at the private airplane hangar of one of the residents. After a lunch at "Frosty's", we returned to the airport where the Vintage Racing was taking place.

The afternoon consisted of practice and qualifying for the three racing classes as well as track time for the Exhibition class of race cars. At the end of the afternoon, a highlight of the week was a full half hour of track time for all registered non racing cars on the airport race track.

What a thrill driving with near 100 sports cars of all makes and countries of origin. We got going pretty fast as well.

Following the track laps, the entire field got out to the roads and streets of the island for a paced two laps of the original street course from the late 50's and early 60's until street racing was banned throughout all of the United States. It was a blast watching the crowds of people out at the side of the roads and downtown to watch the large group speed by.

On Tuesday we spent the day watching the races and taking breaks to site see around the island and including taking the elevator to the top of the Perry Monument. That evening Joe's Bar, an outdoor bar and restaurant hosted the whole group for an awards dinner. Being that it was right around the corner from our campground, we walked there and back and ended the evening with a campfire.

Wednesday started with an outdoor breakfast downtown followed by the car show in a field across the street from the lake and then a farewell banquet lunch. We scooted directly from there over to the ferry and all arrived home safely (even with the heavy construction on I-75).
It was a really enjoyable four days away and hope more of you can attend next year. Aug 28-31, 2016.

Above: View of the Marina area from the top of the Perry Monument

Left: My MG all numbered up for the laps around the track and the Re-enactment around the town. (Notice the WDMGC magnet on the door.)

Below: Dave Hornby welcoming the arrival of Ozzie and Terri Pillon in their MGB-GT

Far left, top: Waiting to board the car ferry for the ride over to South Bass Island. The white MGA #49 in the picture belongs to Rowdie Racing's Dave Smith.

Far left, bottom: An MGB race car on the Airport track.

Far left, right: A view of the Perry Monument from a Marina side patio.

***Author's note:** To the best of my recollection, those attending were myself, Dave Hornby , Matt and Vicki Bade, Dave Doolin and his wife on bikes and Ozzie and Terri Pillon. There may have been more.*

More Parts for Sale — *Also see page 11* *(Editor's note: These parts belonged to recently deceased Club Board Member and good friend, Scott Turner.)*

MGB Parts for Sale

4spd Trans (Rebuilt at University) - $200
Exhaust (SU Carbs) - $100
Seat Webs, Fiber Boards, Wood Packing Strips (2 of each) - $30
X-Member Poly Bushings (Moss P/N 264-906) - $25
Smiths Oil Press. Gauge (Mech) - $25
"MG" Floor and Shelf Mats (3 pieces) - $100
Big Brake Kit (Moss P/N 586-628) - $1000
St-Wheel Boss (Moss P/N 905-480) - $50
Alternator (1978) - $50
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September 2015	
Wed. Sept. 9	**Monthly Meeting** **Leaf Neighbourhood Grill**, Windsor, On.
Sun. Sept. 13	Battle of The Brits, Camp Dearborn, Milford, Mi.
Fri. Sept. 18– Sun Sept. 20	VSCDA Vintage Festival, Elkhart Lake, Wi.
Sun. Sept. 20	British Car Day, Bronte Park, Burlington, On.

October 2015	
Wed. Oct. 14	**Monthly meeting, Brass Pointe** Farmington Hills, Michigan

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

September Meeting at The Leaf

The September Club meeting will be Wednesday September 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, carburetor rebuilt with new TR7 needles, steel headers. $500.00 or OBO. **Reduced, email an offer.**
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Both items sitting on trailer ready to go. Contact Bryan at: xpertsystems@cogeco.ca

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.
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