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Photos from The November Meeting at Jose's Bar and Grill

Club members dining before the meeting begins.

Ricci and Jim George with Marty and Sue Hunt

President, Steve Finch chairing the meeting

Jack Renaud, Dave Doolin and Tom Newton

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Lise and I just recently returned from a wonderful trip to Portugal. We toured the whole country by train, trams, buses bikes and lots of walking.

While spending an afternoon with a guide walking in the countryside along an old Roman Aqueduct followed by a bike tour, we stopped at the guide's farm. While getting on the bikes, I noticed an open garage that contained a Healey 3000 and a Jaguar XK120 being worked on by an older mechanic.

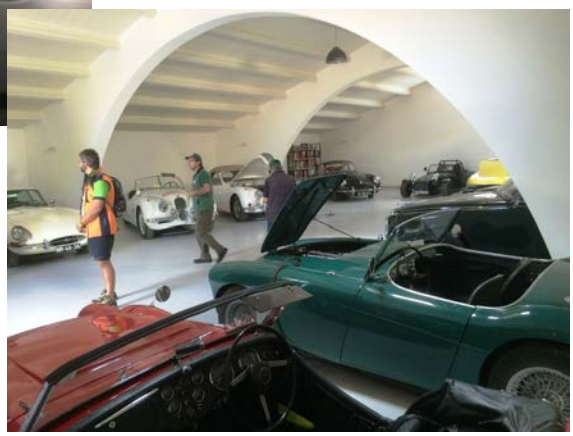
Our guide asked if we wanted to look into the building that housed the owner's private collection of cars. It was amazing. All British and German sports cars and all licensed and driven on a regular basis. What a coincidental find.

During our first few days in the country I spotted at least 4 MG's but all were the more recent modern ones. Lots of old and new Mini's also.

I'll be driving our 72 B to Florida again soon, so I'll get some photos down there for the next edition.

Above, a very early MG T car.

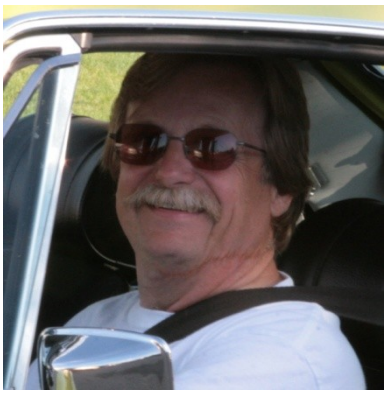
Above, an MG F in downtown Lisbon.



At right, the garage of the walking and bike tour company owner.

Presidentially speaking

Steve Finch - Club President



The 2015 driving season is quickly slipping into memory and our cars are beginning their long winter's hibernation. It's time to plan those winter projects.

I am looking forward to making some big progress on my Midget project this winter. The furnace in the garage works great and I upgraded the electrical service to 220v, installed a new 60 gal. compressor and a bunch of ceiling lights and wall plug circuits. I am running out of excuses in the garage.

In terms of skills, the first weekend of November George Diehl and I went to Carl Heideman's Eclectic Motorworks in Holland MI to attend their MG Unibody Rust Repair & Welding Seminar. This two-day course covers sheet metal forming, welding, patch panel installation, and sill/pillar repair. Within the first couple hours we were using a MIG welder and learning and practicing our welding technique. It was an excellent hands-on training experience and well worth the cost. I highly recommend this seminar to anyone facing a restoration project. I am no longer afraid of my Midget project. Overconfidence is a wonderful thing.

Looking forward to the Holiday Season, the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan (Jag Club) has extended an invitation to WDMGC and other British car clubs to join them for a Holiday Extravaganza party on Friday December 4 at Mystic Creek Golf Course (Camp Dearborn) in Milford MI. It looks to be a wonderful event and I hope you consider attending. Donna and I are looking forward to it. Call Adam Gucfa for details and reservations. (810-441-9096)

Our December meeting at the Brass Pointe in Farmington Hills will be our Holiday celebration and gift exchange. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift of modest value ($10—$20), disguising it if necessary. If the gift is gender specific, please clearly mark it as "his" or "hers".

The WDMGC Hibernation Party is in the final planning stages. Save the date - Saturday, January 23. The venue will be Sindbads Restaurant and Marina off Jefferson Ave near the Belle Isle bridge. More details and registration information will soon follow. Watch our website, facebook page and your email.

At the Hibernation Party the Club will announce its annual awards - Rookie of the Year, Navigator of the Year, Hard Luck Award, Lucky Lucas Award, and the most prestigious Founders' Award. If you have any nominations for these awards, please forward them to me or one of the other Board members.

The February meeting, Feb 10 in Farmington Hills, will be the club's Annual General Meeting. At this meeting the club will hold elections for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you would like to run for one of these positions or would like to nominate someone please contact me or one of the other Board members, or come to the AGM and place the name in nomination. In particular, we are looking to fill the Regalia Coordinator US voluntary Board position. All volunteer positions are open for appointment. All officer and volunteer Board positions are elected or appointed annually for one year terms. I highly encourage you to consider a position on the Board, either in an elected office or as a volunteer Board member.

The Board met on Tuesday October 2 to discuss Hibernation Party planning and numerous other matters. On the agenda was a discussion of the US v Canadian Currency Exchange Rate. It's been quite a few years since the club has had different dues amounts for US and Canadian currency. However, its been since February 2013 when the last time the Canadian dollar was on par with the US dollar. Lately the exchange rate has risen to as much as $1.30+ Canadian to $1 U.S. It will likely be some time before it returns to $1:$1 again. In recognition of this reality the Board approved an increase in dues for paid in Canadian currency.

Dues paid in Canadian currency will increase effective January 1, 2016 - Dues paid in U.S. currency will continue to be $25 per year for electronic newsletter and $40 per year for printed newsletter. Dues paid in Canadian currency will be **increased to $30 for electronic newsletter and $50 for printed newsletter**. Please note that Canadians who pay dues via PayPal automatically pay in $US, so will not be affected by the change. Anyone wishing to prepay their 2016 dues before January 1 may do so at the par exchange rate.

Also discussed at the Board meeting was the Calendar of Events for 2016. The full calendar is still in the planning stages but some of the significant dates to mark on your calendar include:

- Saturday, April 10 - Kimber Run and Birthday Party, Holt MI
- Sunday May 22 - 4th Annual Spring Gathering and Picnic, Camp Dearborn, Milford MI
- June 13-17 - MG2016 All Register Event, Maintaining the Breed, Louisville KY
- Sunday July 17 - 5th Annual All British Car Show, CTM Heritage Village, Kingsville ON
- July 29-31 - Waterford Hills Vintage Races, MGVR Focus Event, Waterford MI
- Sunday July 31 - Concours d'Elegance of America at St. Johns, Plymouth MI
- Sunday September 11 - 34th Annual Battle of the Brits, Camp Dearborn, Milford MI

For those with Key West on their bucket list, please note that the dates for the 2016 MG gathering and "Conch Republic Independence Festival" are a week later than usual - April 25-29. There are at least two cars driving down for that event. If anyone would like to join in the fun please contact me.

I hope that everybody has a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season. And I hope you join us at meetings, events, and for a drive in our MGs next spring.

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Safety MG Fast!

Steve

Sindbads Restaurant & Marina Detroit, Michigan

Save the Date - Saturday, January 23rd

WDMGC HIBERNATION PARTY 2016

Please join with us for our premier social event of the year - a night of friendship, dining, award presentations, entertainment and fun.

Sindbads is located off Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, 1.5 miles east of the Belle Isle Bridge.

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More details and registration coming soon.
Watch our website, facebook page, and your email

2016 Elections

By Rick Astley - Club Secretary

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.

Nominations are welcome for all the elected offices but this year we have no nominee yet for Vice President, so we are especially looking for someone to fill that post..

The elections will take place at our Annual General Meeting, which will be part of the monthly meeting at the Brass Pointe, February 10th, 2016.

Although the form opposite lays out the formal nomination structure, if you are interested in running for any of the posts, or wish to contribute in any other way, feel free to contact any of the Board members listed in the sidebar on page 2.

Office	Incumbent	Running for another term?
President	Steve Finch	Yes
Vice-President	Ralph Poupard	No
Treasurer	Vicki Bade	Yes
Secretary	Rick Astley	Yes

Nominations should be formulated as follows:

I nominate:_____ for the office of:_____

Nominated by: _____

_____

Seconded by: _____

Club Awards

By Rick Astley - Club Secretary

It's time once again to ask for your to help in determining this year's recipients of our coveted club awards. Please review the award 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 January 9th, 2016.**

As always, the awards will be presented at the upcoming Hibernation Party, which will be held January 23rd ,2016. Preliminary details can be found in Steve's Presidentially Speaking article on page 3.

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.)

Autumn Driving Tour - Sunday October 4th. 2015

By Philip Whiltshire

Doug and Ailene Butcher put together another of their tours through Livingstone County, trying to avoid potholes and allow us to enjoy our cars on smoother roads.

It was decided that Sunday October 4th would be the best day for a Fall (Autumn in Brit vernacular) Tour. This drive would not be stopping at traditional Apple Orchards for Apple cider and doughnuts as other trips at this time of year do. We were there for the drive.

It was decided to start at 10.30am from a lot just north of M59 and west of 23.

As you can see from my pictures, the start of the day was, in fact, quite English with mist, rain and a cool dampness that gets into your bones.

We arrived at the start location at 10.15 to find no-one there. Because of the weather, it was decided to wait until 10.35 and then abandon the run if we were the only participants (we had already run the route previously on numerous occasions).

In true WDMGC fashion, suddenly 10 MG's (and a Jag) materialized out of the fog and lined up for the run. After greeting everyone, our thoughts turned to the weather conditions. In fact, the day simply turned to grey and the rain abated, so we ready for the "off"

We proceeded to drive around many smooth and curvy roads in the area, with a minimum of stops and lights. We ended at the Red Dog Saloon in Milford Village just before noon.

Once inside we sampled the non-alcoholic beverages (!) and their great hamburgers, while telling tales of projects to be carried out on our cars over Winter in anticipation of the 2016 driving season. I am sure I cannot remember what I promised I am doing or what others committed to, so don't worry. Everyone's pride will be intact at the Kimber Bash next April.

Thanks to everyone who came along and a special thanks to Ailene and Doug for creating the route.

Next year, I hope to run the original Twisty bits figure of eight run; we've not done that for over 5 years, so be ready to dust off that wicker hamper for the picnic in the middle of the run!

Photo on the right depicts the marquee at The Filmore East in New York City early 1970's. The headliners were Jimi Hendrix, Blood Sweat and Tears, The Greatful Dead and The Byrds. What a show it must have been!

But of course the real headliner was the wire wheeled MGB with hardtop passing by.

New Members

We had three new members join the Club in September:

Bruce Frankel of Bloomfield Village has a 1978 Yellow MGB
Phil Lyon of Wixom has a 1950 Red MGTD
Sonny and Sher Straley of Waterford have a 1977 BRG MGB

Anniversaries

The following members have membership anniversaries this month:

20 Years--- Dave and Ceci Doolin of Grosse Isle, MI

25 Years---Harriet West of Whitmore Lake, MI

At left, a rubber bumper MGB spotted in Amherstburg, Ontario during one of our warm November afternoons.

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Club Calendar

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

December 2015	
Fri. Dec. 4	JAGM Holiday Extravaganza, Milford MI (Click link above for details)
Wed. Dec. 9	**Monthly meeting and Gift Exchange, Brass Pointe** Farmington Hills, Michigan (See page 3 for more details)
January 2016	
Wed. Jan. 13	**Monthly Meeting** Jose's Bar and Grill, Windsor, On.
Sat. Jan. 23	**WDMGC Hibernation Party**, Sinbad's, Detroit, MI.

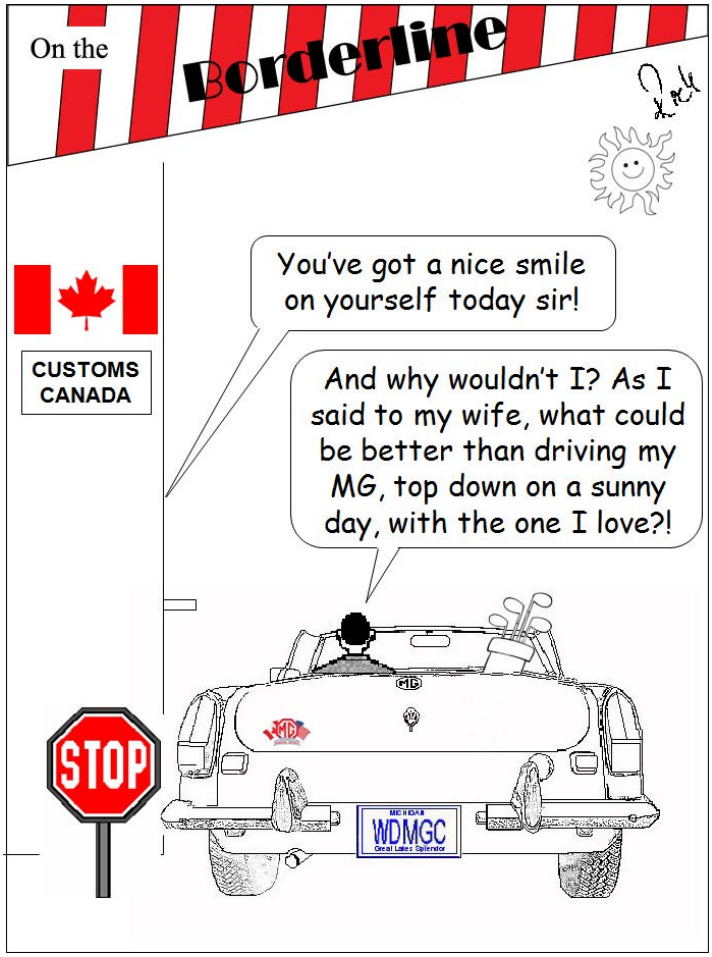
To find your way to all the club's events and meeting places, make sure you visit our **Maps** page under the WDMGC Events/Activities tab at WDMGC.com

January Meeting at Jose's

The January club meeting will be Wednesday January 13 at Jose's Bar and Grill in Windsor, Ontario. 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

December Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The December club meeting will be Wednesday December 9 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.



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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

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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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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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 - November/December 2015

1973 MGB owned by J.P. McGraw (The car was previously owned by deceased fellow club member, Scott Turner. J.P. recently purchased it and has driven it to all club meetings)