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December Meeting and Gift Exchange

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A well attended and fun evening. (More photos throughout this issue)

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Lise and I embarked on our trip to Florida for the winter again this year. This time, I drove the 72 MGB down ahead of time and flew back home so that we could pull the travel trailer down together.

Driving the MG was just fine. I planned to take my time and camp along the way and take three days to get here. Shortly after crossing into Kentucky it started to rain, so camping was out of the question. So, I continued driving and got all the way to Knoxville and stayed in a motel. The next day was beautiful but shortly after Atlanta it started to rain heavily so I just kept driving and go here late in the evening. Two days to Central Florida in an MG, not bad. Thank goodness for overdrive.

Since we've been here, I drove the car over to Glenn's MG Repair again and left it for a couple of days. I had them install my new top, fix all the leaks around my windshield wipers, oil change etc. But they discovered that my brake calipers were semi seized and the brake hoses in need of replacement.. I think I changed them about 20 years ago. Brakes are fairly important so I had them change all those too including new pads. So, I should be good for the rest of the winter.

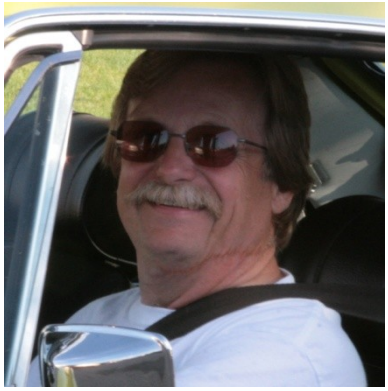
You could spend all day at Glenn's MG Repair in St. Petersburg. The cars in for service are beautiful!

New top installed. I did the last one and it only lasted 20 years! Too bad that most of the time down here in Florida, the top will be down.

I hope everyone has a nice time at the Hibernation Party this year, We would have liked to try the new venue.

Presidentially speaking

Steve Finch - Club President



The year is quickly coming to a close and the new year will soon be upon us. This being the first newsletter of the new year we look forward to a great 2016.

In December Donna and I attended the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan (Jag Club) Holiday Extravaganza party at Mystic Creek Golf Course (Camp Dearborn). In fact, WDMGC members made up a significant proportion of attendees. The venue and food was great and the party was good fun. I would love to see more interaction between our local LBC car clubs going forward.

The WDMGC Hibernation Party will be Saturday, January 23. The venue will be Sindbad's Restaurant and Marina off Jefferson Ave near the Belle Isle bridge. More details and the registration information is included in this newsletter, on our website, and our facebook page. Reservations must be received by Wednesday January 13. Visit our website for online reservations and payment thru PayPal, a new option and capability thanks to our webmaster, Chris Gurnee (Thanks Chris). Or you can use snail mail and send a check but time is short so please take the time to make your reservation as soon as possible.

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.

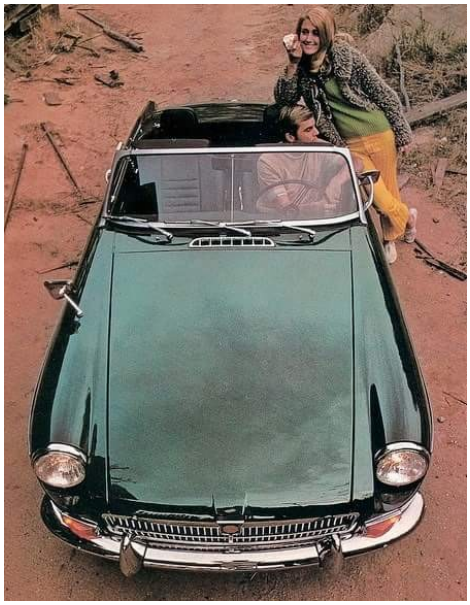
The February meeting, February 10 in Farmington Hills, will be the club's Annual General Meeting. At this meeting the club will hold elections for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you would like to run for one of these positions or would like to nominate someone please 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, a voluntary Board position. 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.

I hope that everybody has a wonderful holiday season and even better new year. If you are a snow bird, safe travels to you and we hope to see you again when spring has sprung.

I hope you join us at meetings, events, and for a drive in our MGs next spring.

Safety MG Fast!

Steve



Left: A vintage ad for a 1968 MGB

Above right: Editor Dale Brown's 1969 MGB. Note that both cars are identical in colour, mirrors, and the one year only leather seats with a particular sewing pattern and once only high headrests. Depending on when the cars were built in the factory and where they were registered, they could be either a 68 or 69. Mine is 69 and from my experience most are 1969 as well.

Windsor-Detroit MG Club
2016 Hibernation Party
Saturday, January 23, 2016

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

New Venue this year in Detroit on the Riverfront

Sindbad's Restaurant & Marina - Sohar Room

100 St. Clair Street, Detroit, MI 48214
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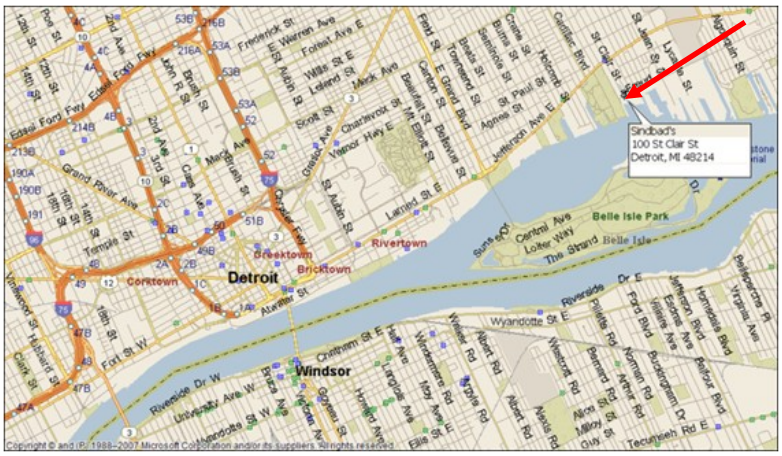
Sindbad's is located off Jefferson Avenue, 1.5 miles east of the Belle Isle Bridge.



Party Time

6:00pm	Cocktail Hour
7:00	Dinner is Served
7:45	Awards and Presentations
8:30	Entertainment and Dancing

Premium buffet-style menu includes:

- Salad Bar with choice of dressings
- Chef-carved Prime Rib
- Sautéed Lake Perch
- Chicken Marsala
- Pasta with Tomato-Basil-Garlic Meat Sauce
- Roasted Vegetables
- Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
- Ice Cream Sundae

Windsor-Detroit MG Club 2016 Hibernation Party

Cash Bar – Cocktails, wine and beer will be available. US currency or credit cards accepted.

Appropriate Dress – Anything from smart casual to cocktail attire and black tie optional.

Cost – **US$35 per person or CA$45 per person** (Non-members US$40/CA$50).

Reservations - To reserve your place at the party, your reservation and payment must reach us **by Wednesday, January 13, 2016**.

You can make your reservation on-line at the WDMGC website (www.wdmgc.com) and make payment by the link there to PayPal, either credit card or PayPal account. PayPal payments are always US$.

If paying by check, please make checks **payable to Windsor-Detroit MG Club** and send with your reservation form to:

- **Treasurer Vicki Bade, 7631 Vamoco Dr, Waterford, MI USA, 48327-3699**, or
- **Vice President Ralph Poupard, 1733 S. Malden Rd, RR#1, Essex, ON Canada N8M 2X5**

Or, bring it with you to the January meeting on Wednesday January 13 in Windsor at Jose's.

Questions – Contact Steve Finch, President, at Steve@WDMGC.com or (248) 343-1614.

Windsor-Detroit MG Club 2016 Hibernation Party Reservation Form:

	Names for Name Tag	Cost
Driver		$
Navigator		$
Guest 1		$
Guest 2		$
Total		**$**

Phone: _____ 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.)

Heide Basinger

Janet Anderson Davis

Jean Paul McGraw

Santa Steve Finch with long time server, Christie

A happy Marty Hunt

New Members

We had two new members join the Club in November

Gerry and Sharon Cooper of Windsor, ON

Robert and Janet Dailey of Rochester Hills, MI (Red 1974 MGB)

Anniversaries

The following members had membership anniversaries in December

10 Years Dan and Elaine Beyer of Birmingham, MI
Reinold Kosciuw and Lyn Cunningham of Tecumseh, ON
Bob and Susan Reaume of LaSalle, ON

20 Years Ron and Jane Bodrie of Brownstown Twp, MI
25 Years Garey Knop of Flushing, MI

The following members have membership anniversaries in January

20 Years David Lirette of Ypsilanti, MI
25 Years David and Carmie Connor of LaSalle, ON

Mick Gedeon (left)

Reinold Kosciuw (right)

Tom and Marcia Greiner

Ralph Poupard

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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

January 2016	
Wed. Jan. 13	**Monthly Meeting** Jose's Bar and Grill, Windsor, On.
Sat. Jan. 23	**WDMGC Hibernation Party**, Sinbad's, Detroit, MI.
February 2016	
Wed. Feb. 10	**Monthly meeting and AGM** **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

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

February Meeting and AGM at The Brass Pointe

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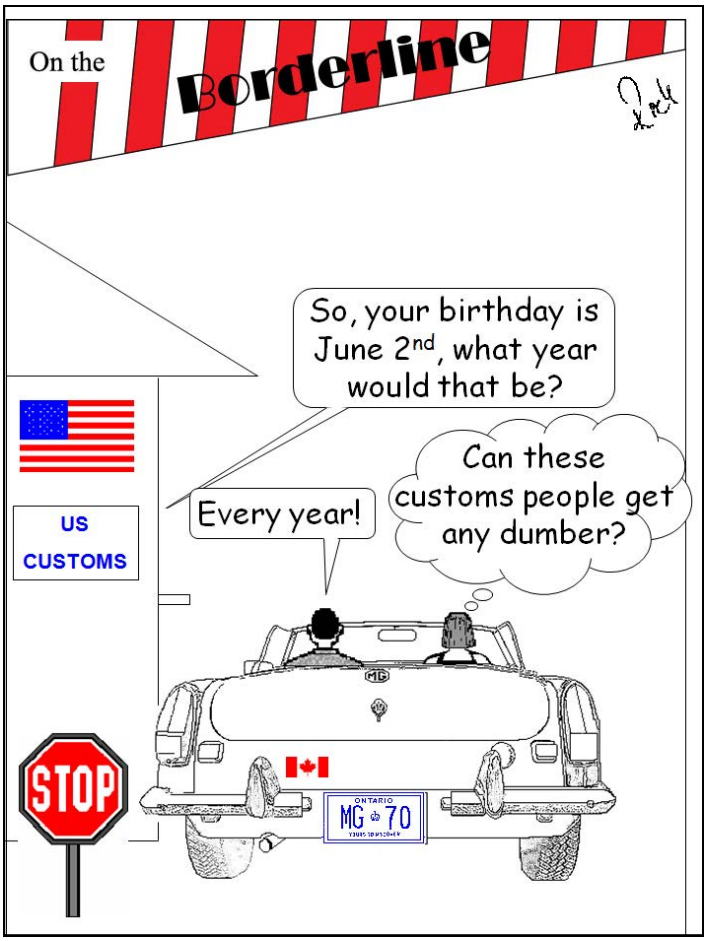

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For Sale

Several MGB vent windows, MGB trunk lid. Make an offer or could give free for some items. 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.

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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

Rack and Pinion removed from a 1980 MGB. Some small wear on steering shaft due to broken motor mount. $50 Harry Mac Lean
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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.
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Pat Sand 248-640-7689
pat.sand@cccnetwork.com

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St-Wheel Boss (Moss P/N 905-480) - $50
Alternator (1978) - $50
Oil Cooler & Thermostat - $100
Midland Alloy Wheels (4 - assume for Spitfire) - $200
Email: acturner2000@hotmail.com
Parts in Windsor, can bring to Michigan

New Ad

1963 MGB Project. This car is a rolling chassis only. The previous owner put some weird wavy sheet metal over the existing floors. There is no visible exterior rust in the dog legs. The car is a wire wheel car, but I wanted a disc wheel car so I have sold the rear axle. I will include a later model disc wheel axle with the car The buyer has the first option of buying the other parts and pieces I have. No engine or trans included, but I do have a later, 5 main, engine and 4 speed, non-overdrive, transmission that I will sell. The car has a clear Michigan title. It is located in Ann Arbor. I have some pictures of it that are available. I am asking $600 Richard Eisele, HAN5L778@comcast.net, 734-761-1877.

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Car of the Month - January/February 2016

Member and Past President Jeff Zorn's early pull handle MGB in Old English White. It's parked and driven regularly from his house in Tarpon Springs, Florida along with his Vespa in the background.