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Kimber Run and Birthday Bash

Each year WDMGC joins with other MG and British car clubs from around the state to celebrate the birthday of Cecil Kimber, the M.G. Car Company founding father was born in London on April 12, 1888.

This year marks Cecil's 128th Birthday.

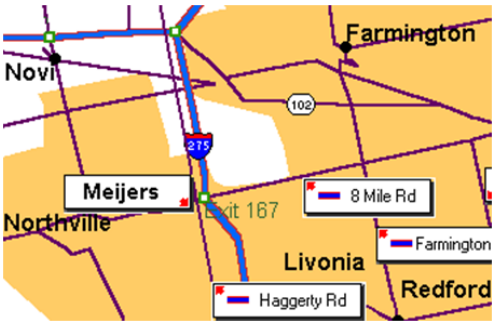
This year's celebration takes place Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Delhi Café in Holt MI. Ed Fleming is our rallye master for our two hour scenic drive from Novi to Holt. We will enjoy the company of fellow MG enthusiasts, toast Cecil, and treat ourselves to a bit of lunch and birthday cake.

If you cannot join the convoy and want to go directly to the Delhi in Holt, plan your arrival for 11:30am.

The Usual Meeting Place - Meijer's parking lot at 8 Mile and Haggerty, just west of I-275 / I-96, exit 167, North Parking Lot. See map below.

Drivers' Meeting at 9:15 AM. First car out at 9:30 AM sharp! Allow yourself ample time for gassing up, etc.

Destination - Delhi Cafe, 4625 E Willoughby Road, Holt MI, 48842, (517) 694-8655.



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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Happy driving season everyone. As you know, I've been driving my 72 most everyday down here in Florida. It's been pretty nice, but I'll be driving it home near the end of the month. Unfortunately, we won't be home in time for the Kimber Run. Not only is it the first driving event of the year, it's one of the most fun as well. Hope you can get out and do that one.

We'll be back in time for all the other events, so, we're looking forward to them.

You'll see a flyer for a new event coming up in Windsor, in Olde Sandwich Towne which is right near the Ambassador Bridge. It's nice and close for our American members. I hope you can make it there to display your cars for the afternoon, while taking in the events, including a really great Beatles cover band. They even use the same brand instruments the Beatles used to sound more authentic. I won't be driving my British Car, but will be arriving on my British Raleigh bicycle as part of the Annual Tweed Ride that ends at the Festival. Should be a lot of fun.

As a note, I think I completed my last task of improvements to my MG while here in Florida with a new set of front tires. Hopefully, nothing else will be needed. See you in Canada!

Sunday, May 22, 2016, 11am – 4pm

Camp Dearborn

1700 General Motors Road, Milford, MI 48380

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club is proud to sponsor the fourth annual Spring British Car Gathering & Picnic at Camp Dearborn in Milford, MI.

No registration, no formal car show or class parking, and no awards; just an opportunity to share our passion with fellow British car owners and clubs, and to get to know one another.

We have reserved a large, well shaded area that is to the right just inside the entrance, behind and down the hill from the office (the "Pony" area A1 on the website map, it is not the BOTB area). Cars will be parked on pavement so not to worry about wet or soft ground. We have use of a picnic shelter and nearby restrooms.

A large grill will be fired-up for anyone to use. BYO picnic, something to throw on the grill, beverages, etc.

The park entrance fee is $6 per car.

BOOT SALE

Have some spare parts, tools, etc. that are cluttering your garage? Bring them along and offer them for sale from the boot of your car. We are not looking to host a full blown swap meet, so please no trailers full of stuff. Whatever you can get in your car or bring pictures of larger items that you want to sell.

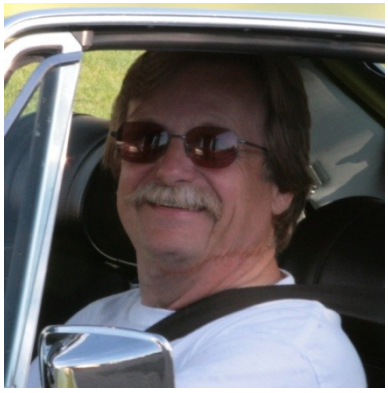
For more information contact us at Board@WDMGC.com or contact Steve Finch at (248)343-1614

The Camp Dearborn Web Site is www.campdearborn.com

Presidentially speaking

Is your MG ready to go? The driving season is here. We've been hibernating way too long. Wake 'em up! It's time to get them out and drive 'em!

Steve Finch - Club President



The first event is the Kimber Run and Birthday Bash celebrating the 128th anniversary of the birth of Cecil Kimber, the founder of the M.G. Car Company. Each year we join with other MG car clubs from around the state to celebrate the birthday of MG's founding father, Cecil Kimber, born April 12, 1888.

This year's celebration takes place on Saturday April 9th. We will meet at the Meijer's parking lot at 8 Mile and Haggerty for a Drivers' meeting at 9:15am to caravan on a scenic drive to the Delhi Café in Holt. First car out at 9:30 sharp!

Our next monthly meeting is on Wednesday April 13 at the Brass Pointe in Farmington Hills. Bring out your cars and let's fill the parking lot with MGs.

We are hosting The Fourth Annual Spring British Car Gathering and Picnic at Camp Dearborn. The date is Sunday May 22 and is open to all British car clubs and enthusiasts. No registration, no formal car show or class parking, and no awards; just an opportunity to share our passion with fellow British car owners and clubs, and to get to know one another. I hope to see you all at the picnic.

The MG2016 All MG Registers Meet is in Louisville June 13-17. Every five years all the MG Registers come together for a joint convention. This one is not so far away. If you have never been to an MG convention before then this one is the one you don't want to miss. MG history will be on display in cars rarely seen.

The Stratford Festival Tour is June 17-19. The show this year is "A Little Night Music" by Stephen Sondheim. See the website calendar for details and contact Philip Wiltshire to arrange for tickets.

This is shaping up to be a great driving season for our cars and our Club. Come and join the fun.

TEN YEARS - *Wow!* Time flies when you are having fun. April marks the tenth anniversary of Donna and I joining the Windsor-Detroit MG Club. When I told Donna about this she said, "Has it been ten years already?" Then she said, "We have made a lot of really good friendships in this Club." I cannot agree with her more.

I have owned my MGB/GT from new in 1974. After pitching it into a corn field two years later it as taken off the road, taken apart, then priorities changed and it sat in pieces for 29 years. Finally in 2004 my brother and I started the nut and bolt restoration. By April 2006 my car was nearing completion and I joined WDMGC. But I didn't get active right away - the car wasn't done was my excuse. I'm not sure of my excuse for the 29 years. Had I joined the Club much earlier maybe the car would have gotten back together sooner.

My first event (that I didn't really attend) was the Driving & Dining Event at the White Lake Inn in August 2006. Donna and I went to the Inn for dinner and to take a look (a lurk). The parking lot was filled with great looking MGs. I remember admiring Rick Astley's MGB/GT. Inside the Inn on the back porch was a long table of Club members enjoying being together, talking and having dinner. We specifically remember faces of those that we came to know and befriend as Jeff Zorn, Fran Lewis, Rich and Adrianne Wagner and Steve and Cathy Holiday. But we let our shyness keep us from going out on the porch and introducing ourselves. We know now that our hesitancy was unfounded. I know now that we would have been welcomed with open arms.

The BGT not being done also kept us away from MG2006 in Gatlinburg, the all MG Register Convention. I missed a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet Don Hayter, the man who was instrumental in the design of the MGB. The MG2011 and Rallye to Reno was one of our greatest MG adventures and trips to Key West and to NAMGAR and NAMGBR Conventions have introduced us to friends all over the USA and Canada.

Our lives have been significantly enriched by the friendships that we've made in the Windsor-Detroit MG Club and in the greater MG community. Don't let shyness or lack of MG keep you from getting involved and getting to know the Club and its members. We welcome your active participation and great friendships await you.

I hope you join us at meetings, events, and for drives in our MGs this spring.

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Safety MG Fast!

Steve

Club Convoying (Caravanning)

Rules and etiquette

by Lise Brown

Back in 2002 and 2009 we published a list of convoying rules to be used at club driving events. The list seemed adequate at the time but with a larger club, new technology and more convoying experience, some updates are now in order. With the 2016 driving season just ahead, this is an opportune time to remind members, including those running events, of their responsibilities toward making a club tour a safe and enjoyable occasion for everyone involved. In developing these guidelines I consulted with Rick Astley and Dale Brown, and researched other car clubs' convoying practices adapting a few of their ideas, notably those of The Corvette Club of Western Australia. Of course there is one all-important rule that underlies any club outing and that is: Have fun! Because when all is said and done, there is nothing more enjoyable than time spent with friends enjoying our LBCs doing what they were designed for … driving!

Prior to departure

1. Arrive well before departure time so that the organizers can hold the drivers' meeting at the designated time and not have to repeat instructions to latecomers.

2. The event organizers should provide participants with basic information about the route, any scheduled stops and the destination (including address and telephone numbers.) Additional information such as a map and mobile numbers can also be helpful.

3. The event organizers should stress safety first at all times, reminding participants to drive safely and to obey the rules of the road as well as all traffic signs and signals.

4. Make sure you've fueled up prior to departure time so that you're ready to leave on time.

5. If you have a mobile telephone, bring it along and get the number of your group's leader and perhaps those of some of the other drivers too. Unless invited to do otherwise, only call in emergencies; remember that some people have to pay per-call and may incur roaming charges.

6. Generally, non-LBC cars participating in the tour will line up at the end of the convoy after the LBCs but ahead of the Last Car (see Convoy Structure)

During the run

1. When driving in a convoy, your responsibility is to the car behind you; the Lead Car driver is responsible for navigation as well as keeping an eye on the car behind him/her; the Last Car driver is responsible for any car that drops out of line and is not seen by the driver in front of him/her (see Convoy Structure below.)

2. The ideal size for a trouble free convoy is 4 to 6 cars. Any group larger than 10 cars should split into smaller groups during the run.

3. If you know your car's electrical system can sustain it, drive with your low-beam headlamps on.

4. One or more meeting places with facilities should be prearranged along the route. This is also a catch-up place for any cars, which despite everything, still become separated.

5. While driving, be mindful of safety at all times. For instance, do not get caught up with trying to stay with the convoy by rolling through stop signs or burning red lights.

6. If the Lead Car takes a wrong turn, and you know it is not the correct route, keep following so the entire convoy stays together.

7. If for any reason the car behind you slows down or

stops at the side of the road, it is your responsibility to slow down and keep it in sight. If everyone obeys this rule, then all the cars in front of you should also slow down, thus keeping the group together.

8. If part of a convoy needs to stop and regroup, move off the road safely and onto the shoulder as quickly as possible. When ready to get back on the road, the Last Car in the group moves out first to allow the Member Cars in front to pull out quickly and safely, and keep the group together. This should be done as quickly as possible so as not to frustrate any traffic behind the group's Last Car.

9. As often happens, general traffic sometimes joins in or holds up a convoy. If and when this occurs, members should keep an eye on the LBCs behind them, adjusting their pace as necessary.

10. If separated from the group in traffic, do not attempt to pass or overtake non-convoy vehicles unless it is absolutely safe to do so.

11. When approaching a red light in city traffic, take up as many lanes as legally and safely possible so that convoy vehicles are clustered together. This will help the group get through the intersection together when the light turns green. Once through, reform into a single lane behind the Lead Car.

Convoy structure

Any convoy, big or small, is comprised of a Lead Car/ Trip Leader, Member Cars and a Last Car. The following is a suggested list of additional responsibilities for each.

A- The Lead Car/Trip Leader:

- Sets the pace and must obey speed limits at all time, remembering that the rear of the convoy may be some distance back.
- Gives plenty of notice, via turn signals, when a change of direction is coming up.
- Ensures that the convoy is not spacing out too much and adjusts pace accordingly.
- Pulls over to allow for a regroup if necessary.
- Keeps in contact (two-way radio or mobile phone) with the Last Car.

B - The Member Cars:

- Maintain a safe distance from the car ahead.
- Do not pass other member cars unless an emergency situation makes it necessary.
- Make sure that they maintain visual contact with the car behind.
- If a large convoy is broken down into sub groups, each group should designate a Lead Car and Last Car to assume those responsibilities within the group, and both should be equipped with a mobile phone.

C - The Last Car:

- Keeps in contact (mobile phone) with the Lead Car.
- When the Lead Car indicates to pass, moves into the passing lane first (when safe to do so) to prevent non-convoy vehicles from interfering with the convoy; this also applies when the group is ready to get back on the road after having pulled over to regroup.
- Contacts the Lead Car to report any problems or difficulties such as having trouble keeping up with the convoy (e.g., pace too fast, too much interfering traffic, convoy being held back by traffic light) or if there are any other incidents affecting the convoy (e.g., vehicle breakdowns.)

In case of emergency

- If you experience any problems requiring you to pull over and stop, stay with your vehicle and contact the Trip Leader if possible.
- No more than 2 Member Cars should stop to assist.
- Make sure that you and your car are visible and located at a safe distance from any oncoming traffic.
- Maintain contact with the Trip Leader or other designated convoy member.

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Friday / Saturday / Sunday June 17th, 18th & 19th 2016 - "A Little Light Music"

Friday June 17th - We will be traveling to **Stratford** leaving the Detroit area mid-morning. Alternatively, a second convoy will be leaving on the Saturday morning from the intersection of M-59 and I-94 area and arriving at St. Mary's early afternoon. It's your choice, as we often have 2 convoys heading for Stratford that weekend.

Saturday June 18th – "A Little Light Music"- 8.00 pm performance at the Avon Theatre.

A Little Night Music

Music and lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim**

About the Musical

On a magical midsummer night, lovers old and new are swept up in a dizzying whirl of romance. "Send In the Clowns" is just one irresistible highlight of this ravishingly beautiful musical.

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 "A Little Light Music" on the Saturday.

Many of the rooms for Friday and Saturday are already booked by us, so please call them (or your favorite 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 **$55 US dollars <u>each</u>** 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: 574 202 8919 E-Mail: pwiltshire@comcast.net

Welcome!

To our Newest Members

We had six new members join the Club since the last newsletter. WOW!

Robert Auten of Shelby Twp, MI. He has a red 1970 MGB .

Brian and Cindy Chiara of Birmingham, MI. They have a red 1970 MGB-GT.

Monty Billing and Lisa Henkel of St. Clair, MI. They have a butterscotch 1971 MGB.

Kurt III and Dianne Jazdzyk of Ann Arbor, MI. They have an arctic white 1974 MGB.

Duane and Kathy McDonough of Shelby Twp, MI. They have a primer 1962 MGA.

James and Carolyn Ricca of Grosse Pointe, MI. They have a BRG 1970 Jaguar E-type and a red 1979 MGB

Congratulations!

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Club Calendar

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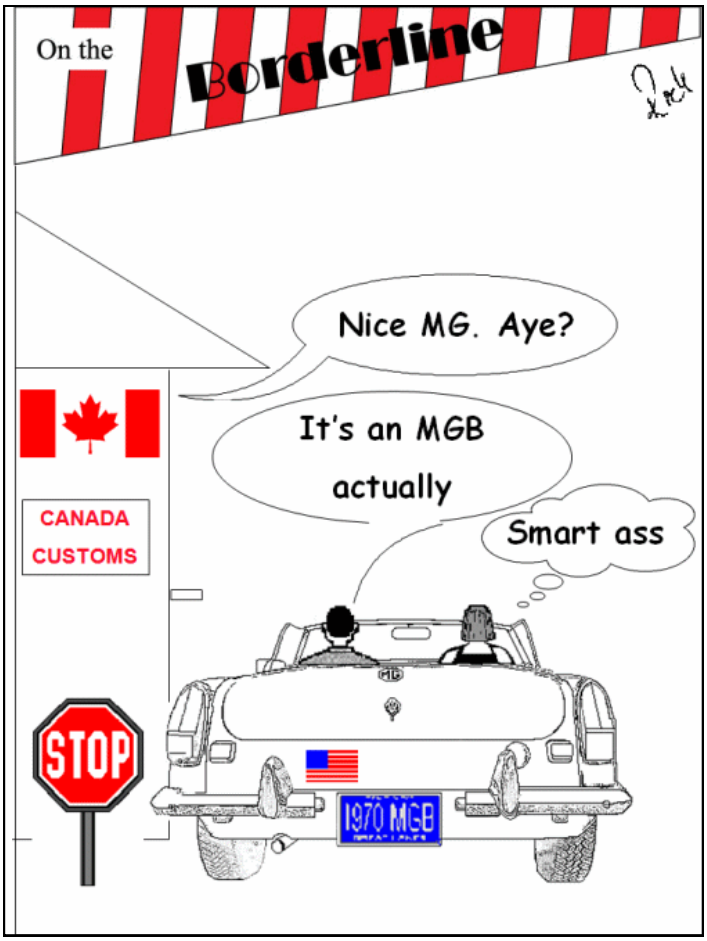
April 2016	
Sat. April 9	Annual Kimber Run. See flyer in this issue
Wed. April 13	**Monthly meeting and AGM Brass Pointe** Farmington Hills, Michigan
Sun. April 17	Ancaster British Car Show and Flea Market. Ancaster, Ontario
May 2016	
Sat. May 7	Little British Festival, Windsor. See flyer in this edition for details
Wed. May 11	**Monthly meeting River's Edge Windsor, Ontario**
Sun. May 15	Beatles Magical History Tour, The Henry Ford , Dearborn, Michigan
Sun. May 22	WDMGC Spring Gathering and Picnic, Camp Dearborn, see flyer in this edition.
Sat. May 28– Sun. June 5	British Car Week, drive your British Car to Work

May Meeting at River's Edge - Note New Location

The May Meeting will be held at a new location in Windsor. The previous restaurant proved to be too popular with local residents and as a result, our meeting and parking space was limited. There will be details of the new location in the next Newsletter.

April Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The April club meeting will be Wednesday April 13 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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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 inspec-tions are welcomed. He is asking $33,000. If you are in-terested, 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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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; quar-ter window missing). Any one interested can e-mail at : vdhoven@uwindsor.ca
and photos call, Mark and Elaine at 248-255-2798

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

New Ad **MGB Hard Top**
The MGB hard top is made by: Royal Coachman (Dyna Plas-tics), out of El Monte, Cal.
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Car of the Month - April 2016

1970 Primrose MGB GT

This is the “Award Winning” MGB GT belonging to Jeff Branch who recently moved back to the Detroit area with his wife Becky from Tennessee and rejoined the club.