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Club Meeting at the Brass Pointe - April 15

A cold wet April, but still a great turnout for the monthly meeting.

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Now that we're home, we're anxious to take in all the driving events that are in store for us. There is lots going on, so make sure you check out all the things that I've listed in this edition of the Can Am Connection.

As I'm writing this and preparing to go to the Windsor Tweed Ride and the British Festival, the weather is finally cooperating. Maybe it's a sign that all of our events will work out weather wise just as nice.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the season.

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

Vice Presidentially speaking

Editor's Note: Due to unexpected circumstances, Steve Finch was not able to prepare his usual article this month, so Vice President, Heide Otto, graciously submitted a review and details for our upcoming event on May, 15

Heide Otto (Club Vice President) and her MGB

The Magical History Tour
A Beatles Memorabilia Exhibition at the Henry Ford Museum, May 15

Facing the opening to the exhibit gives you the impression that you are looking at a giant drum. This is an accurate impression, for the experience you are about to embark on is huge. Plan a good hour to wind your way through the story of the Beatles. It is told in very distant segments.

As you walk into the exhibit, under an archway, into a photo journal display, you get the flavor of Liverpool, and the quiet beginnings of the band before the Beatles became a household name. Colin Haton's drum set from his days in the Quarry Men is on display, was played by John, Paul and George. Word on the street is, all the bands played using Colin's drum set. This section provides a private interactive experience giving the listener the opportunity to hear John Lennon's voice. It not only displays artifacts from the band, but other artists whose work was influenced by contact with the Beatles. Astrid Kirchherr, while living in Hamburg, Germany during 1960, is among them.

A recreation of the Cavern Club stage, an early-years-venue, helps you identify with the rawness of their artistry in its infancy. The Beatles not only "invaded" the music scene, but became imbedded in the youth culture. This is represented with displays featuring games and bobble head figures.

The psychedelic era has many interactive sound stations. You can listen to a favorite song, strum a sitar, or alter the sound of your own voice. Before entering the Beatles break-up phase, there is a performance art display. Dance your way through the visually enhanced psychedelic sounds of the band. It is okay, let yourself go.

The last section shows the Fab Four's 10-year history after the Beatles. One of the items I found most haunting is the Associated Press telegram announcing John Lennon being "shot dead" by a "local screwball". I give this exhibit a must see rating.

Please join your fellow Windsor Detroit MG Club members when we visit.

Sunday May 15, 2016. Buy your tickets in advance for a 10% discount for the museum. Tickets are available at the door. There is no discount for the $5 special exhibit fee. Meet at 7:30 AM at the Early Bird restaurant, located at 333 E Main Street, Northville, for breakfast. We will take a Hines drive, if it is not flooded, and create our own British Invasion in the parking lot at the Henry Ford Museum.

Here is the plan:
Mark Sunday May 15 on your calendar.
Buy tickets for the Henry Ford Museum and Beatles Memorabilia Exhibition.

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Early Bird in Northville for breakfast.
After a Twisty Bits Caravan Drive, we will invade the parking lot at the museum about 9:30 AM.

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Any questions, call Heide Otto (734) 657-2022 cell.

Safety MG Fast

The Evolution of Automobile Headlights
Where They Began and Why They're Safer and More Effective Today

by *Carter McCollum*

When you take a look at automobiles, it is clear that technology has come a long way. Manufacturers continuously evolve the way that they craft everything that makes up an automobile, providing safer and more effective transportation to consumers. The headlights are no exception when it comes to things that have changed throughout the years.

The First Electric Headlight

The electric headlight is more than 100 years old. The very first headlight was created in the 1800 but was not crafted for release until 1912, when Cadillac put out its very first headlamp system. This headlight system was far ahead of its time, and it could be used during inclement weather, including snow and rain, without burning out. The company Guide Lamp then improved upon its system by introducing the low beam light. Cadillac once again doubled down on it evolution by creating a life that you could activate from inside of the car. Prior to that, you had to get out of the vehicle and switch the lights on manually.

The Modern Head Light

Another evolution took place in 1924, when Cadillac once again took the level. They did this by incorporating a headlight that used both high beams and low beams. They also incorporated a dimmer switch that you could use for high beam and low beam effects. A few decades later, in the 1960s, European companies created a halogen light which is similar to the lights that we use today. These lights produce far more light than you would find with other methods of head lamps.

The Introduction of LED Headlights

In this day and age, the LED light is the next rendition of headlamp. LEDs use lighting that is far more energy efficient and significantly brighter than any other form of light coming before this innovation. These lights are widely available from a lot of vehicle manufacturers. Consumers can also have them installed on most vehicles, including classic cars, regardless of the year, make or model.

LED headlights have a long lifespan, and prevents some of the older problems consumers experienced, including having to regularly replace burnt out bulbs.

LED headlights generate a clean, white, light – much different than the yellow hues offered by many headlights that came before. This creates a clearer picture of the road ahead. When professionally installed, they are also easy to focus in tightly on cars, pedestrians and even smaller objects ahead, and this increases safety for everyone on the road.

These lights enhance safety because they increase visibility on the road. Consider that, nine times out of ten, when people get into accidents, it is because one vehicle was not able to avoid another in time. By increasing visibility, LED headlights have the potential to drastically cut down on the likelihood of getting into an accident. These lights serve as an excellent investment in any vehicle, making conditions safer for drivers any time they are on the road.

History has shown that one of the most prolific innovations in the automobile industry has come in the form of the headlight. It has evolved to the point that it is easier for drivers to make their presence known on the road, and they enjoy greater efficiency than drivers had when the first headlamps were introduced in the early 1900s.

About the Author

Carter McCollum is the publisher of "http://hidheadlightconversionkit.com/" saving lives and helping to keep drivers of all cars safer on our roadways.

Club Winery Tour - May 28

By Dave Hornby

There are ten Essex County wineries participating this year but unlike last year we are required to purchase tickets prior to the event through their online portal. (No tickets are available on the day and only a limited number of tickets are available.) Order your tickets soon!

The $30 (CAN.) cost includes wine tastings and food pairings at 6 of the 10 wineries.

Hit the link below for more details of wine and food pairings at each location and details for the purchase of tickets.

https://windsor.snapd.com/#/events/view/926057

Plan to meet at the McDonald's located at the foot of the Ambassador Bridge around 10:30am, departing at 11:00am heading to our first winery to pickup our winery passports.

There are ten participating wineries and you can choose your favourite six locations where you'd like to stop. Lynne and I thought it would be fun to make the last one Oxley so we can sit and enjoy a glass of wine (or draft craft beers if you've have your fill of wine during the afternoon) on their fine patio and fire place at around 4:30pm.

Please RSVP by May 25 (mgdave@sympatico.ca) so we can inform Oxley of numbers to plan for.

If you have any trouble ordering tickets, please contact Dave at 519-735-3567

Lake Erie British Car Club

The British Return To Fort Meigs

Sunday, June 5, 2016
18th Annual Event

British Car Show

Fort Meigs Historical Site
Route 65, Perrysburg, Ohio

10am to 3pm
(Registration 10am till noon)
Rain or Shine
Pre-registration $12 **Day of show $15**
Pre-registration deadline 5/27/16

For more info, visit our website at: www.lebcc.org, email to LakeErieBritish@lebcc.org or call Lake Erie British Car Club at 419-855-8567. **All vendors please email or call in advance.**

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May Monthly Meeting

The May meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11th, at River's Edge Tap and Table.

Please note the new location:
River's Edge Tap & Table
494 Riverdale Ave
Windsor, ON, N8S 4B6
Phone: 519-915-0200

For our U.S. Members, simply head East on Riverside Drive and turn right (south) onto Riverdale Avenue which is just beyond the Windsor Yacht Club. It's just down the block on the left hand, water side.
More information can be found on the Home page of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club website.

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.

Photos at right: Several club members got together to check out the new place in advance.
Lots of parking out front and a new patio in the back along the small river is currently being built.

The Annual British Car Show and Flea Market Ancaster, Ontario.

Photos by Jean-Paul McGraw

Many of our club members attended the annual event up near Hamilton, Ontario

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 Member

Cheryl Sauer of Wixom, MI. She has a 1980 Orange MGB

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Club Calendar

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May 2016	
Sat. May 7	Little British Festival, Windsor.
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	Sip Into Summer, Winery Tour. Essex County. (See info page 5)
Sat. May 28– Sun. June 5	British Car Week, drive your British Car to Work
June 2016	
Sun. June 5	British Return to Fort Meigs. Perrysburg, Ohio.
Wed. June 8	WDMGC Club Meeting. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
Mon June 13- Fri June 17	NAMGBR MG2016 - Maintaining the Breed
Fri June 17-Sun June 19	Stratford Festival Tour 2016
Sun. June 26	Michiana Brits British Car Show

May Meeting at River's Edge Tap and Table

The May Club Meeting will be Wednesday May 11 at River's Edge 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 pm. (See notes on page 6 regarding new location.

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1969 MGC-GT, BRG; overdrive; mini-lites; red leather seats & door skins on front seats; original black cloth up-holstery 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 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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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, includ-ing custom bucket seats and dash.
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1974 MG Midget. BRG. Purchased in 2002. Had been stored 10 years prior. All work done by English Motors until their closing. 33, 000 miles on odometer. New sound system and lock out switch installed. Driven during sum-mer only, approximately100 miles. Body in good condi-tion and tires are new. Asking $7000.00. bethmcclure1947@gmail.com.

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

Wanted

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Car of the Month 1977 MGB - May 2016

This car was recently purchased from the Estate of former member Robert Hauser by Sonny Straley. He and his wife Sher joined the club recently. We look forward to seeing “Sonny & Sher” on our outings and at meetings. (I’ve Got You Babe!)