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July Club meeting at The River's Edge

photos by Dale Brown

Nice turn out of cars for our club meeting, even though the extreme heat caused many of our members to arrive in A/C equipped modern cars.

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
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Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Lots of content this month, so I'll make my section brief.

You will see in this edition, that there is no "On The Borderline" cartoon, by Rick Astley. Unfortunately, Rick indicates, that his appetite for inventing new humorous lines is just about all done. So with that, on behalf of our whole membership, I wish to thank Rick for his time in giving us laughter for many years. When you get a chance, check the Club Website where they are all posted. Too bad there isn't a market for a book! Thanks Rick.

President Steve Finch recently visited the British Motor Museum on a trip to France and England and has graciously submitted some photos. Over the next several issues, I will be including some of them from there and also from The 24 Hour Lemans Classic. (See page 7 in this edition.) Stay tuned...

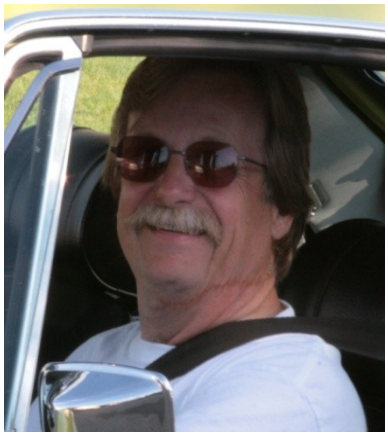
All British Car Show

photos by Dale Brown

Presidentially speaking

Back Home Again in the USA - When I wrote this page last month Donna and I were two thirds of the way through our European vacation and enjoying every bit of it.

Steve Finch - Club President



We started in Positano Italy at a destination wedding, then went on to Bordeaux France for the Chateau, Rivers & Wine cruise on the Viking River Boat. Then it was on to London for a few days before meeting up with Philip and Jan Wiltshire for dinner. The next day Donna flew home, Jan went to stay with family, and Philip and I went off to rent a Jaguar XJS V-12 convertible and go to Gaydon and the British Motor Heritage Museum. Then back into France by ferry and a great drive though the French countryside to the 24 Hours of Le Mans Classic vintage races.

Now that is what I came for. I have my wife to thank for letting me go back to France without her. And I have my great friend Philip to thank for providing me the opportunity to check-off a very big bucket list item. The experience was more than I ever imagined it would be (and that is saying a lot since I had a pretty big imagination going on).

When we arrived at the ferry docks in Southampton, all the cars waiting there seemed to be going to Le Mans. What a wonderful car show that was. Almost every marque you can think of was represented, even a Lotus 11 that drove to Le Mans, raced and drove back to the UK.

Philip Wiltshire splitting an MGB/GT at the British Motor Museum

With our passes and windshield stickers, the moment we arrived at Le Mans we were directed onto the race track for two hot laps without a pace car. What a thrill.

Access to the pits was extraordinary with every car being one that raced at Le Mans sometime between 1923 and 1993. The racing was pretty good too. These guys (and gals) were not soft pedaling at all.

Le Mans was a great end to a great vacation, but it is good to be back home again in the USA.

July was a busy month on the Club Calendar. I hope you found the time to attend an event or two. I want to thank Marty Hunt and the other members who organized the All British Car Show at Heritage Village.

The big event for August is on Sunday the 7th. Dave Doolin has arranged for the WDMGC Summer Picnic downriver on Hickory Island. Join us, for a Tour around Grosse Ile and a Picnic at The Pavilion on Hickory Island. We'll arrive at about 10:30 and start our tour of historic and beautiful Grosse Ile at 11:00. At about noon, back at the Pavilion, we'll have a large grill already fired up. The club will provide burgers, hot dogs, buns and water. Add your own picnic too and you'll be all set for a great day. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. It promises to be quite a party.

The WDMGC Board will be meeting soon to discuss and plan for the Hibernation Party. We are planning to move the party forward on the calendar to November (back to the time where it first started a long time ago) from the February date where it has been for a number of recent years. The move is in hopes of catching snowbirds before they fly off for the winter. The weather should obviously be better too, so maybe that will also help with attendance. We are also considering a number of other possible changes in the format and level of formality. The Club spends a bunch of money underwriting a large portion of the cost of the event. We have 185 members plus their "navigators". But last year we only had 68 people attend (36 members). Attendance has been getting smaller over the past recent years.

We would like to hear from you about this. If you've gone to past HPs, what did you like? What would you change? If you haven't gone to an HP lately, what would you like to see to attract you to attend? Please, please email your Hibernation Party comments and suggestions to Board@WDMGC.com. Thanks.

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

The foremost club for British car owners in southeast Michigan and southwest Ontario.

Safety MG Fast!

Steve

Mad Dogs & Englishmen

photos and story by Matt Bade

The day started out sunny and warm but not humid as is often the case for this trip.

Our drive over to the Gilmore Museum included fellow club members Russ & Marlis LaFevre, Tony Kaluzny, Dave Doolin, Mick Gedeon, Andy Bashford, Kurt lll, and new member Pete Blanshard who joined the club just the day before.

The caravan proceeded across the state on 2-lane roads, going through little towns like Leslie and Bellevue, and college towns like Olivet, until we reached our destination of Hickory Corners and the Gilmore Museum. Once again, I'm pleased to report that the group arrived without drama, incident or breakdown.

The Rare Gem this year was the TVR and the featured marque was the MGA.

The museum owns or has on loan over 350 cars and so the cars on exhibit rotate frequently.
On this day, the Heritage Center was featuring American Muscle Cars. They were all beautiful, rare, and very valuable.

At exactly 3 p.m., the awards were presented and club members Russ and Marlis LaFevre received a 3rd place award in the "Rubber Bumpered B's, 1979 & 1980" category and my '72 B also won 3rd place in the "MGB's, 1962 to 1972".

At 3:30 p.m., a smaller group gathered up our belongings and headed back home. It turned out to be a very nice day for top down driving.

The show was excellent and the "Barns" continue to house some of the finest examples of rare and meticulously maintained cars anywhere. If you have never been to this show or are one of our new members and haven't heard about it, please consider marking your calendar for next year and come experience this event.

Heide's First MG

By Heide Otto

I want to start with how I acquired my first MG. My cousin Connie called and said her husband Joe wanted me to buy his 1974 MGB GT. My husband Tom said no. The following spring she called again with a message from her husband telling me that I had better come to Traverse City and pick up my car. Once we arrived, Joe was all too happy to take me for a drive. He was reluctant when I told him I needed to take it for a test drive.

Joe said, "You cannot drive this car. It does not have power steering, and it is a stick". After explaining that I would not own a car I could not drive, he moved over. It was the last time he ever road with me or let me drive one of his cars. He told Connie that I went too fast. I paid him for the car, filled it with gas, got a plate from the local SOS, and drove it home. That was in June of 2011.

That MG was my summer daily driver. In the fall I joined the WDMGC. Joe told me it would help me keep my car on the road. That strategy has worked. I became the club's first woman Rookie of the Year. Six months after buying my first MG, I bought my second one, but you can ask me about that later.

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club Summer Picnic

Sunday, August 7th, Hickory Island, Grosse Ile

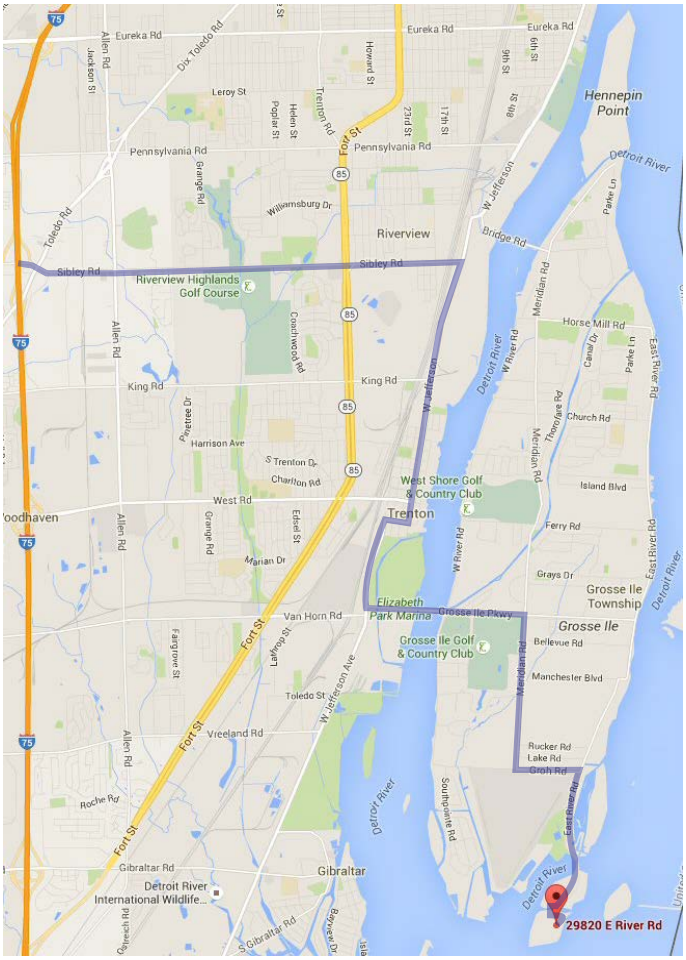
Join us, for a Tour around Grosse Ile and a Picnic at The Pavilion on Hickory Island.

We'll arrive at about 10:30 and start our tour of historic and beautiful Grosse Ile at 11:00.
At about noon, back at the Pavilion, we'll have a large grill already fired up. The club will provide burgers, hot dogs, buns and water. Add your own picnic too and you'll be all set for a great day.

The Pavilion has tables, chairs, washroom facilities and lots of space to relax and play.

Getting there:
Destination - Hickory Island Pavillion at:
29820 E, River Rd., Grosse Ile , 48138
From interstate 275 or 75 take the Sibley road exit east — toward the river.
Stay on Sibley Rd. until it ends at W. Jefferson.
Turn right (south) onto W. Jefferson through Trenton until you reach Grosse Ile Parkway.
Note: there are (2) 90˚turns on W. Jefferson.
Follow Grosse Ile Parkway over the bridge and at the 2nd stop light turn right onto Meridian.
Go ~ 1 mile until Meridian ends at Groh Rd.
Turn left onto Groh.
Follow Groh Rd ~ 1 mile until it ends at E. River Rd.
Turn right onto E. River. Look right for the Pavilion pictured.

Questions? Contact our organizer Dave Doolin at:
734-752-7513 or daviddoolin1@gmail.com



A copy of this page, with an attached larger version of the above map, is available at: www.wdmgc/picnic16.pdf

All British Car Show

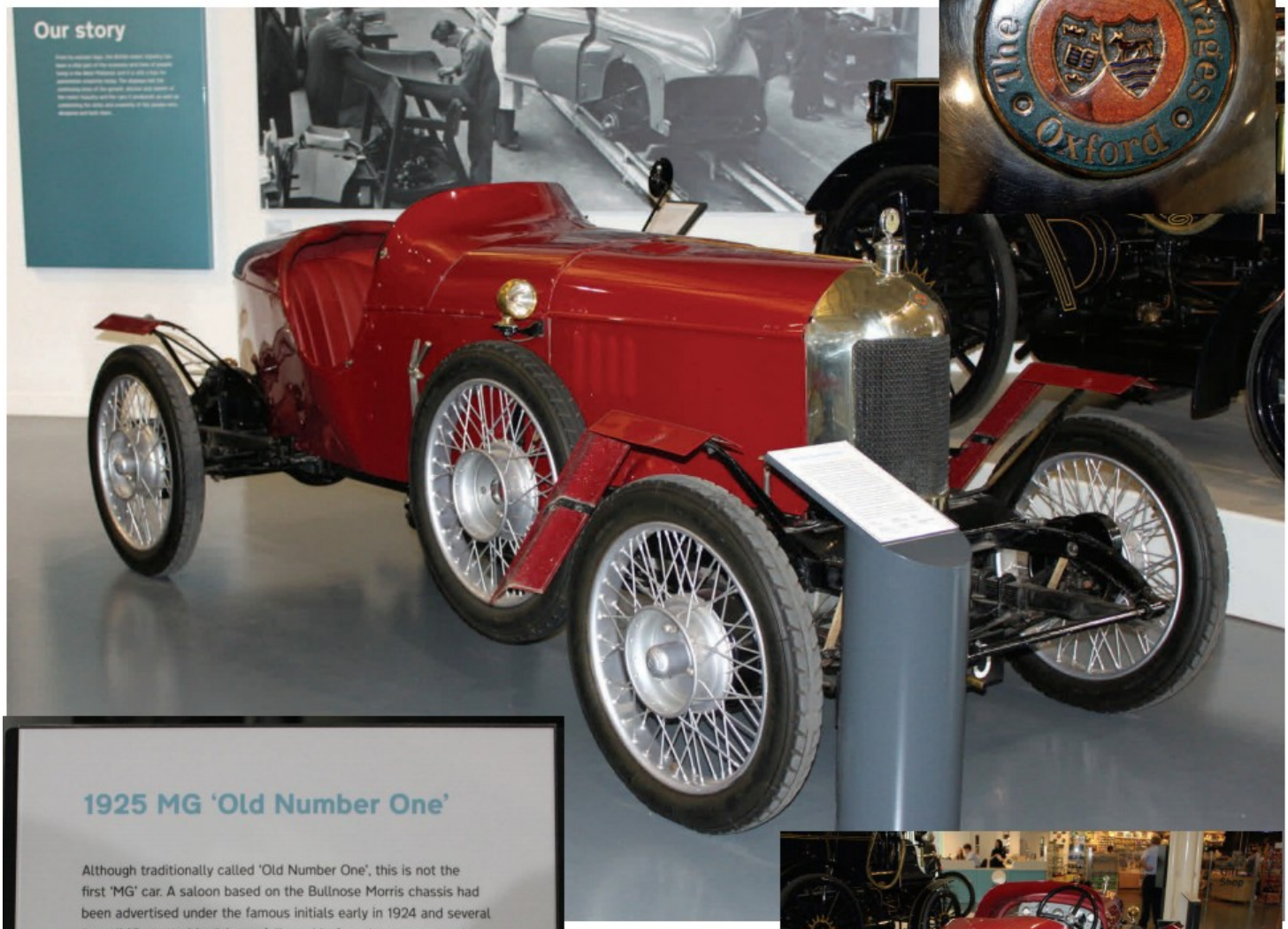
Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village

Sunday July 17– Essex, Ontario

A great time was had by all, and the weather cooperated too! We had close to 100 cars. Let's make it even bigger next year.

SEEN AT THE BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM, Gaydon, UK

By Steve Finch



1925 MG 'Old Number One'

Although traditionally called 'Old Number One', this is not the first 'MG' car. A saloon based on the Bullnose Morris chassis had been advertised under the famous initials early in 1924 and several more 'MG sports Morris' cars followed before the year was out.

The car registered FC 7900 was a one-off special completed in March 1925 for Cecil Kimber. Kimber was manager of Morris Garages in Oxford, the business which lent its initials to MG. He entered it in the Land's End Trial and was awarded a Gold medal. His passenger on that occasion was Wilfred Matthews, who was later described by Kimber as "my first passenger in my first MG".

Early MGs, including this 'Kimber Special', were based on standard chassis with special coachwork, far more elegant than the normal range of Morris bodies. Old Number One had bodywork by Carbodies of Coventry. It used a special overhead valve version of the sidevalve Hotchkiss-type engine normally found in the Bullnose Morris. This engine has been dated to 1921.

MG Old Number One is reputed to have cost £279 to build. Soon after the Trial, Cecil Kimber sold it to Harry Turner of Stockport for £300, thereby making a profit. After it had gone through several ownerships, MG bought it back in 1932 for the princely sum of £15.

Engine:	Top speed:	Power:
4cyl, 1496cc	82 mph [132 km/h]	40 bhp
Coachwork:	**Price new:**	**Registration mark:**
two-seater sports	not quoted	FC 7900

Accession number: 1980-1-58

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

Heide Otto - 5 Years

Welcome, back!

New member

Dave Clarke and Liz, Tecumseh, On, Canada. (Dave was a member back in the 80's and has rejoined)

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Club Calendar

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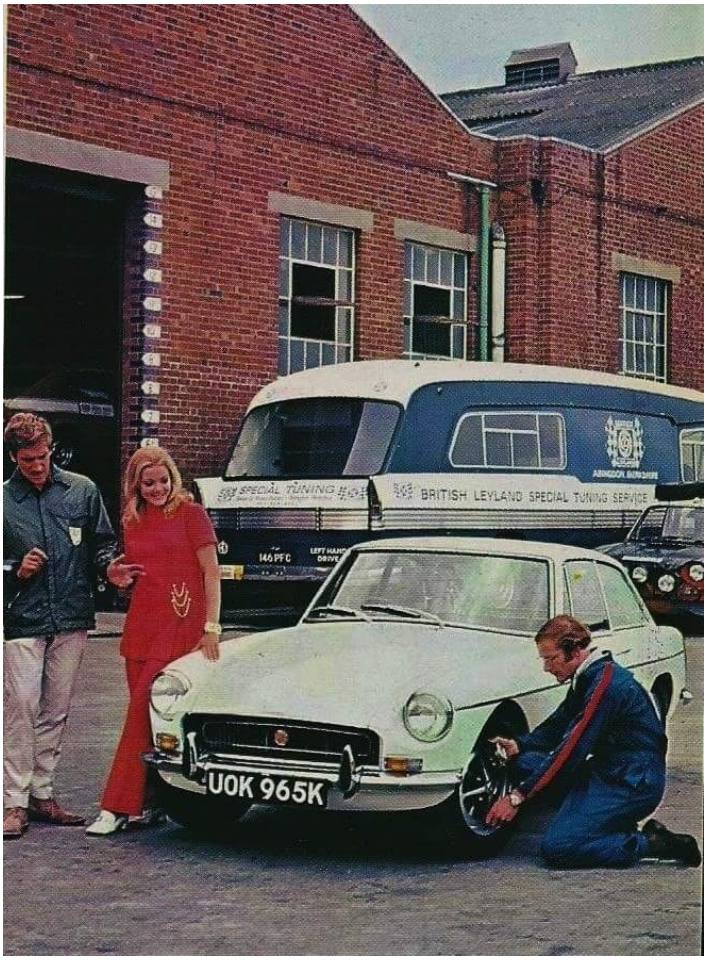
August 2016	
Wed. Aug. 3	6:30 pm WDMGC Board Meeting. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI. Members welcome.
Sat. Aug. 6	9:00 am - 4:00 pm British Car Day, Dayton
Sun. Aug. 7	10:30 am - 5:00 pm WDMGC Island Picnic
Wed. Aug. 10	2016 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm WDMGC Meeting
Aug. 13-14	Sat Aug 13 2016 - Sun Aug 14 2016 Alden Classic Sports Car Show
Sun. Aug 14	The Run for the Border
Sun. Aug. 28	8:00 am - 10:00 pm 5th Annual Cruisin' Hines
Mon. Aug.29 - Wed. Aug.31	Put-In-Bay Road Race Reunion
September 2016	
Sat. Sep. 10	8:00 am - 12:00 pm Marshall MI Historic Fly-In
Sun. Sep. 11	10:00 am - 5:00 pm Battle of the Brits, Camp Dearborn Milford, MI 2016
Wed. Sep. 14	**Monthly meeting River's Edge Windsor, Ontario**

August Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The August club meeting will be Wednesday August 10 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.
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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 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

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

MGB engine and gearbox.- As is. Production date stamp is May 6, 1968. Condition unknown but not seized. $1000 or best offer. 519-969-8910

1974 MGB roadster, red, chrome bumpers, garage kept. I've had it for 20 yrs. Runs no rust. Needs some love and care. 3500.00 obo. Won't take much to get it right. Call 248-689-9401. Ed Kazmierczak Troy MI

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Car of the Month - August 2016

As seen at the All British Car Show, this beautiful 1968 MGB Roadster belongs to Lynn Richardson of Essex, Ontario