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All British Car Day at Bronte Park, Burlington, Ontario

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

This month has had quite a few events for me to publish, so again I will leave some of the other articles that have been submitted to me for future editions. (most likely during the winter months).

You will see that I have included a new cartoon from Rick Astley on the Calendar page. Even though he has kind of retired from creating "On The Borderline", he must have heard that I discovered a hole in the floor of my red 72 MGB just before our Stowe trip and had to do a quick repair job. So I included this fitting cartoon that I discovered in Jeff Zorn's Little British Car Company's recent newsletter.

Speaking of Stowe, Lise and I along with two other couples in their cars attended the British Invasion in Stowe Vermont where we touched base with members Jeff and Jan. They were there doing their last large scale British Car Show as a major vendor. They have decided to retire from that part of their business and will be making appearances down the road in a much smaller scale. I've written a recap of our most enjoyable trip and it is included on page 5 of this edition.

I've also included photos of Battle of the Brits and the All British Car Show at Bronte that our members attended. If you look in Steve Finch's Presidentially Speaking column on the next page, you will see a link to the list of winners for Battle of the Brits.

There's still lots of opportunity to get out and drive this fall. I hope to see you on the road.

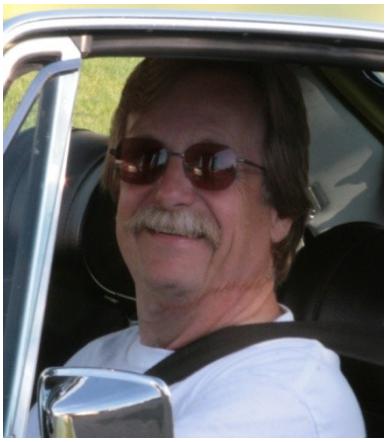
- Dale

There was a great turnout of cars at the September meeting at The Brass Pointe.

Presidentially speaking

Leaves are falling all around. Almost time to put the cars away.

Steve Finch - Club President



The Fall season is my favorite of all the seasons - color change, college football, and great MG drives on crisp Autumn mornings. It's even better this year with Michigan ranked #4 in the collage football national polls. *Go Blue! It's all about Blue, yea boy!*

Time for a few last great drives before the cars are put away for another winter.

Donna and I become snowbirds this winter and the BGT is already in Myrtle Beach, SC. It seems we bought a condo just in time for a visit by Hurricane Mathew. And my flood insurance doesn't take effect for two more weeks. *What were we thinking!*

The featured event of September was the 34th Annual Battle of the Brits car show at Camp Dearborn in Milford. It turned out to be a great day and the MGs again won the Battle Trophy for participation over the Triumphs. As usual, there were a bunch of great British cars on the show field and the awards this year were based on participant choice rather than being a judged show as in the past. Congratulations to all the winners. My thanks to everyone who attended and thanks to the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club for hosting another great event. Click here to see the final results.

The Fall Color Tour is significant in its absence from our calendar at this writing. Tentative dates are Sunday October 16 or Sunday October 23. We are looking for a volunteer Rallyemaster to organize and lead the event. Call or email me if you would be willing to volunteer. Watch your email or keep checking our Facebook page for event details as they come together. Remember that you can use our Facebook page to post an impromptu invitation for a drive or gathering. Sometimes these things just happen at the spur of the moment.

The date for the 2016v2 Hibernation Party is set for Saturday November 5. We are moving 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. And the weather should obviously be better compared to February, so maybe that will also help with attendance. Maybe some will drive there MGs to the party.

The venue will again be Sindbad's on the Detroit River. The 2016v1 Hibernation Party at Sindbad's got good reviews. Our entertainment in February had to cancel due to illness. We will try them again and have booked the musical troupe "Etcetera" to perform for us after dinner. You may recognize our own Bill and Mary Ellen Weakley who are members of the troupe. You can make your reservation for the party and make payment by credit card via PayPal from our website by clicking here.

The annual Club Awards will be presented at the v2 Hibernation Party. These are the Rookie of the Year, Navigator of the Year, Lucky Lucas , Hard Luck, and the most prestigious Founders' Award. The Board is looking for nominations for these awards. If you have any suggestions please contact me or any other Board member.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in January at the Windsor monthly meeting on January 11. 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. All officer and volunteer Board positions are elected or appointed annually for one year terms and are no longer term limited. I highly encourage you to consider a position on the Board, either in an elected office or as a volunteer Board member.

I have served as President for five of the past six years and am considering stepping down. So it would not hurt my feelings if someone else stepped forward to accept a nomination to lead the Club.

I hope you join us at meetings, events, and for drives in our MGs for the rest of this season.

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Safety MG Fast!

Steve

Photos from Battle of the Brits

by John Magee

Three of the four Canadian member winners.
(left to right) Allan Rae, J.P. McGraw and Ralf Poupard.
(Missing from the photo was Marty Hunt.)

A Trip To The British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont and Other Locales

On Wednesday, September 14, three members of the Windsor Detroit MG Club and their wives set out in their British cars on what turned out to be a wonderful two week cruise to the north east of Canada and The United States. Departing at 8 in the morning from Windsor Ontario were Dave and Lynne Hornby in their red 1998 Morgan Plus 8, John and Miriam Woodall in their green 1976 MGB and Dale and Lise Brown in their red 1972 MGB. Both MG's were fitted with overdrive transmissions and the V-8 powered Morgan also had a 5 speed. So highway travel was mostly smooth quiet and quick.

The weather was misty on departure but that would be almost the worst it would be for the whole two weeks. We drove northeast along the 401, bypassed Toronto on the 407 and after rejoining the 401, exited onto Highway 2 at Port Hope. We stopped at a British Pub for lunch and then our car tops came down for the rest of the ride to Kingston. We passed through wonderful scenery through Prince Edward wine country and even had to take a car ferry as the highway continued on the other side of a lake. We had a great night visiting some English style restaurants in downtown Kingston.

Thursday morning saw us boarding a large car ferry over to Wolfe Island. This is where Lake Ontario empties into the St. Lawrence River. We crossed the island, boarded another ferry and landed in upper New York State. We took the back roads and had lunch in a small town called Morristown where Napoleon's brother had settled. After that we took another top down drive and pulled into Lake Placid. Home of the winter Olympics twice, we wandered the streets and had a wonderful dinner overlooking a lake and watched the sunset.

Friday started early. We drove with tops down again through a little fog down windy roads, hills and mountains and came to the ferry on Lake Champlain. We boarded and had an hour and a bit ride and time to look at our maps for our arrival in Stowe for the British Invasion. Great driving again.

We got to Stowe in time to check into our Vermont Inn (reminiscent of the one in the Bob Newhart show) and then head over to registration at the car show field. We headed out for a self guided early afternoon tour of the countryside and made it back a short time after. They had a hospitality tent set up where we enjoyed wine, craft beers, appetizers and a visit by the King and Queen. After that all the cars headed to the downtown main street that was closed off for parking for us. Shops and restaurants were open and they had a live band playing British Music. It was a wonderful time for participants and the local townspeople.

The next day, Saturday included the car show with over 600 cars overlooking the mountains all around. There were lots of vendors, food and many different kinds of competitions going on such as the best dressed English lady, or best hat etc. The girls took a short walk downtown to do some more shopping while the guys watched the Award Ceremony. We had another fine night and later relaxed at the Inn.

Sunday started with a guided tour of the countryside including Smuggler's Notch and then another car show where all remaining cars lined up by color. So there was voting for the best red car for example. That was fun. There was also a tail gate competition. Sunday was a drive by for all the winners in class from the previous day. They pulled up in front of the stage and were given a microphone to speak a little about their cars. Our Dave Hornby won first in class for one of two Morgan groups. Congratulations! Another nice night at the Inn followed dinner out with fellow club members Jeff and Jan Zorn and others. If you have never been to the Stowe British Invasion, it is well worth the trip.

For the next week, we travelled into the Eastern Townships of Quebec. This is an area directly north of Vermont and on the east side of the St. Lawrence Seaway. We stayed in Magog but took day trips to other towns and cities in the area such as Sherbrooke. We stayed at another fine B&B.

After a few days, we left and drove north east to Quebec City for a few days. If you have never been there, it's like a page out of Europe. Stunningly beautiful and friendly.

But finally it was time to head home. We came back to the Kingston area and did some wineries in Prince Edward County followed by a couple more days in the cottage country of Muskoka Lakes north of Toronto.

Fantastic weather, scenery, roadways and absolutely no trouble with any of the cars. We sure learned to pack for limited space and we got better as the time went on. It also helped that one of the wineries offered free shipping!

We travelled over 3600 km and had a great time with wonderful friends.

By Steve Finch

SEEN AT THE 24 Hrs of Le Mans Classic 2016

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Windsor-Detroit MG Club
2016.2 Hibernation Party
Saturday, November 5, 2016

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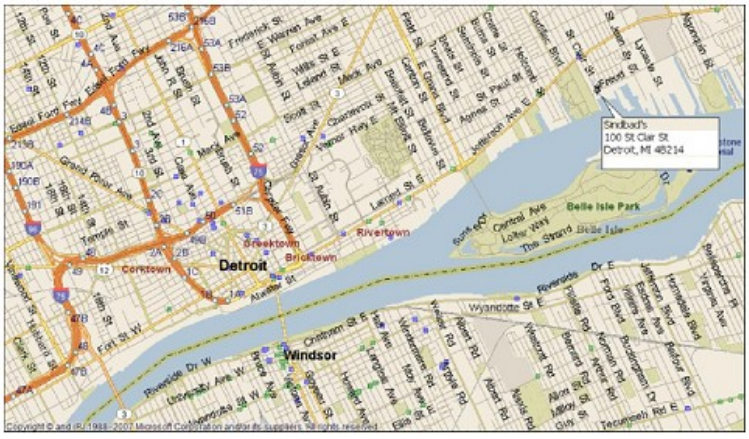
6:00pm Cocktail Hour
7:00 Dinner is Served
7:45 Awards and Presentations
8:30 Entertainment



Premium buffet-style menu

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

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, October 26, 2016**.

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

Or pay by check payable to Windsor-Detroit MG Club and send to Treasurer Vicki Bade, 7631 Vamoco Dr, Waterford, MI USA, 48327-3699

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

Welcome!

To our Newest Members

-Kathleen Clifford of Windsor, ON. She has a Carmine Red 1979 MGB
-Mathew Dunn and Kristyn McClain of Clarkston, MI. They have a Red 1969 A-H Sprite and a Spruce Green 1973 Modified Midget.
- Jim and Mary Ann Forbes of Reese, MI. They have a Red 1963 MGB.
-Dave and Anne Rudziensky of Grosse Isle, MI. They have a White 1960 MGA.

Congratulations!

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Club Calendar

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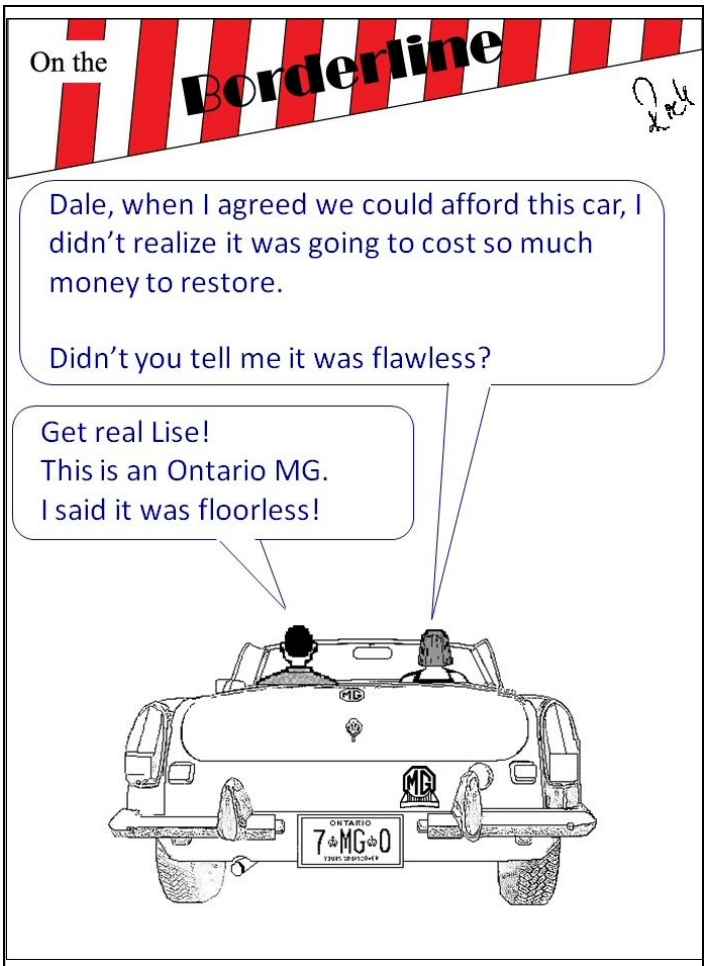
October 2016	
Wed Oct. 12	WDMGC Club Meeting. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
Sun Oct. 23	Fall Color Tour (Tentative) Watch for Email and Facebook posts for details.
November 2016	
Sat. Nov. 5	WDMGC 2016 Fall Hibernation Party
Wed. Nov 9	**Monthly meeting River's Edge Windsor, Ontario**

October Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The October club meeting will be Wednesday October12 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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Car of the Month - October 2016 - Modified MGB

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