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Fall Color Tour

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Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

This edition covers both months of November and December and I have lots of content, so I'll keep my remarks short. I have one correction from the October edition where in my article about our trip to The British Invasion in Stowe Vermont. I mentioned we stopped in New York State in a town called Morristown, where Napoleon's brother had settled. The name of the town was actually Harrisville. I should have remembered since I wore my Harris Tweed hat into the restaurant.
Have a great Thanksgiving to our US members and Merry Christmas to all. We've had a great fall so far and many of us are still driving our cars. Remember, snow is only the solid form of rain and we do have heaters. So I'll keep driving until they start salting the roads, hope you will too!

More Photos of Fall Color Tour

Fantastic drive, great weather and fun time. Thanks Gene Johnson for all the organization.

Presidentially speaking

Steve Finch - Club President

The cars are put away and now it is time for Holiday cheer.

I hope you took time for a few last great drives while the weather was still nice.

I was hoping to be reporting on the 2016v2 Hibernation Party that was set for Saturday November 5. We moved 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 was in hopes of catching snowbirds before they fly off for the winter and the better weather compared to February.

Disappointingly, however, the premier event of the WDMGC calendar was cancelled for lack of reservations. We only had 33 reservations on a minimum guarantee of 75 attendees. This was a very expensive misfire. The annual club awards will instead be announced at the Holiday Party during the December meeting at Brass Pointe.

The Fall Color Tour was in jeopardy until Gene Johnson stepped up to rallyemaster a drive on Saturday Oct 29. We took in a cider mill stop and ended in the Irish Hills to watch the Michigan - Michigan State football game. It was a beautiful day for a drive. And we had a great turnout of 18 cars by my count. Gene even arranged a surprise for us. He had a friend video tape the cars as we drove by and then manage to upload it to our facebook page. My thanks to Gene and Joan Johnson.

The December meeting will be our annual holiday party at the Brass Pointe in Farmington Hills on Wed Dec 14. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift of $10-15 value marked “his” or “hers”. Come and enjoy some holiday cheer with your MG friends.

The General Membership Meeting will be held on January 11th at the Windsor monthly 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 GMM 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.

Watch your email box for a survey email from the club. We are looking for feedback and suggestions as we begin to plan the next year of meetings, events and driving tours. Your comments and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

As the Holiday Season is upon us and this year comes to a close, on behalf of the Club and the Board, I would like to wish you and yours the best for the holidays, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

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Safety MG Fast!

Steve

November meeting at River’s Edge

Alternate Hibernation Party

It was disappointing that the club's annual event, the Hibernation Party, scheduled for Saturday, November 5, was cancelled. Elvin and I were at loose ends as to what to do that night. At the last minute we decided to host a substitute dinner at our house. It would be a great opportunity to eat, fellowship, and get to know the club members in an intimate setting. Steve Finch and Vicki Bade graciously accommodated our rushed request for names and contact information. To assure that all who had planned to attend the Hibernation Party knew of the event, we emailed, texted, and phoned everyone. We were surprised at the warm reception to the last-minute invitation.

Maxcine and Arthur Jackson arrived early to assist with final set-up and preparation. As Elvin and I are not coffee drinkers, Anne and Rick Astley graciously agreed to provide coffee and all its fixings. Not to be outdone, Michael and Lori Gedeon brought the festive centerpieces that Lori had crafted for the Hibernation Party. The weather cooperated: sunny, warm, without a cloud in the sky. A couple of brave souls drove their MGs!

The evening started with a house tour and libations. The meal, consisting of rolls, croissants, tossed salad, ham, wing dings, spaghetti, green beans, and desserts of pies, cakes, and cookies, was delicious. The highlight was the Greek salad dressing courtesy of Jan and Jeff Zorn (that's a story for another day). The meal, coupled with great conversation, made for an impressionable and lasting evening that was enjoyed by all. We can't thank Heide Basinger, Steve and Nancy Brown, Doug and Ailene Butcher, Chris and Cathy Gurnee, Gene & Joan Johnson, Fran Lewis, Ozzie and Terry Pillon, Guy St. John, and Bill & Mary Ellen Weakley, enough for attending.

Happy Holidays to all…and Safety Fast!

Elvin and Janet Davis

Gracious Hosts Elvin and Janet Davis

A great time was had by all. Thanks Janet and Elvin!

Invitation: To all British Car Enthusiasts
From: Jaguar Car Club of Michigan

"Crazy Christmas Sweater" Luncheon

Saturday, DECEMBER 3, 2016

Mystic Creek Golf Club, Milford, MI

1:00 pm

Prizes will be given for the most creative holiday, fun, crazy, or British sweater.
NO gift exchange. We suggest you please bring a "Toys for Tots" unwrapped gift.
There will be a "Crazy" British raffle.

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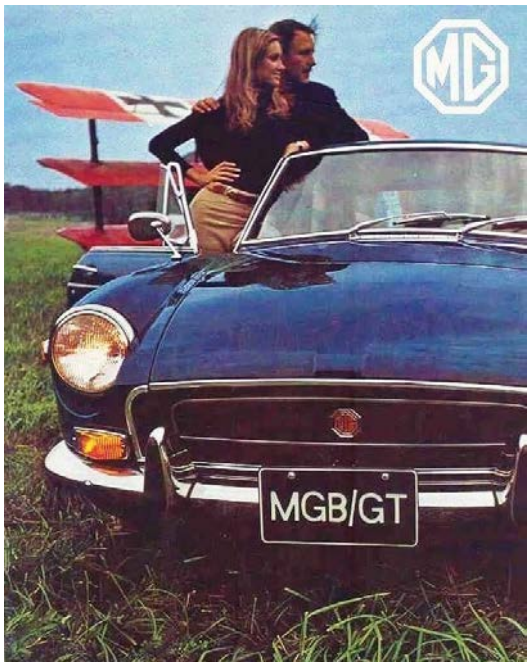
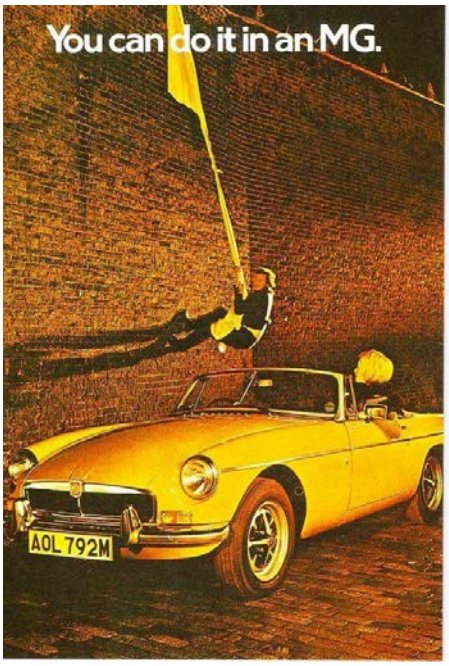




Examples of some Vintage Ads

Dear Fellow Enthusiast!

All good things must come to an end.

After nearly 42 years in full time business at three locations, I am ceasing repair and restoration operations as University Motors in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the end of this month, November, 2016. The remaining workload will be transferred to Forrest Johnson's "Rusty Moose Garage" which will continue out of the Patterson Avenue location for now but will move to Grand Haven, Michigan, in the next several months.

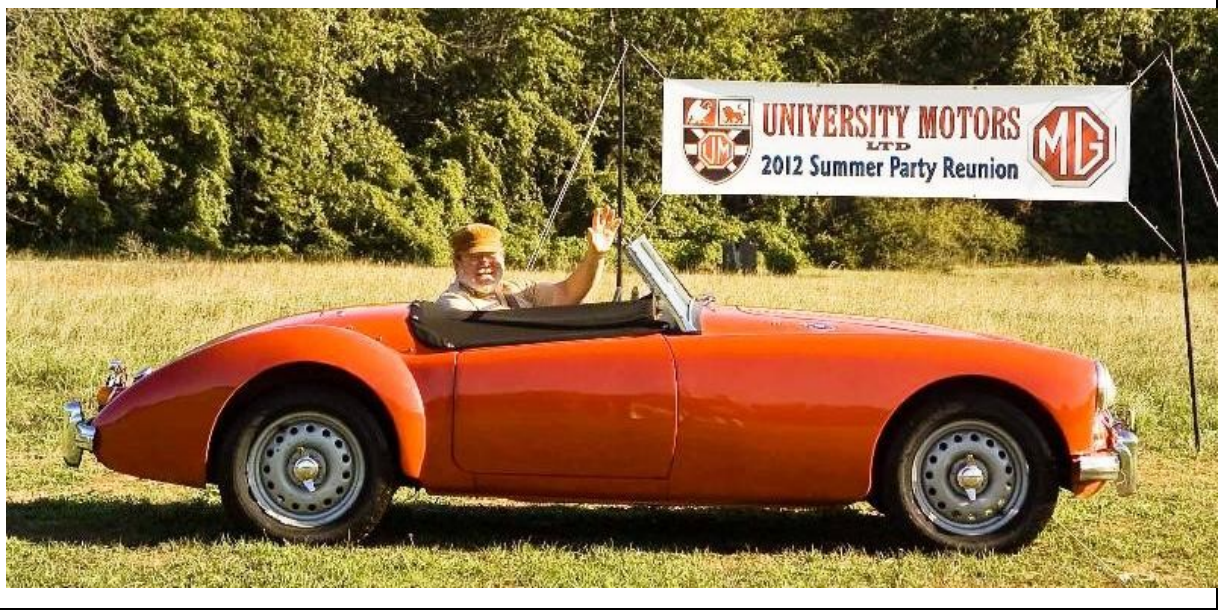
I am not so much "re-tiring" as "re-treading." I will retain the name of University Motors but no longer operate as a brick-and -mortar automotive repair facility. My plan is to continue to write technical articles, offer technical seminars and workshops, produce technical videos, and enter the lecture circuit.

Forrest, who has worked for University Motors for about five years, will keep Curt Saunier in his employ. Curt has worked for UML for about 23 years. Mike Blackport will continue throughout the transition.

The University Motors website will remain active. You will always be able to contact me there. I will keep you apprised of changes in locations and telephone numbers.

Safety Fast!

John Twist



Welcome!

To our Newest Members

-Greg and Laura Bogdanski of Hartland, MI. They have a Blue 1967 MGB and a Yellow 1970 MGB-GT
-Darrell and Joni Harding of Dearborn, MI. They have a Blue 1979 MGB.
-Rich and Cindy Krizmanich of Orchard Lake, MI. They have a Red 1951 MGTD and a Blue 1962 MGA.
-Mike and Judy Nestell of Frankenmuth, MI. They have a Black 1949 MG-YT.

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

5 Years—Jim Hamilton of Ann Arbor, MI

5 Years---John and Monique Magee of Wolverine Lake, MI

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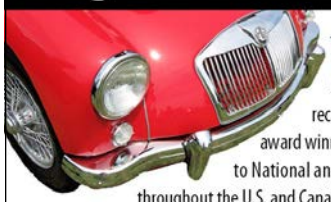

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Club Calendar

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To be sure you are up-to-date with all events, times and meeting places, visit www.WDMGC.com

December 2016	
Sat. Dec. 3	Jaguar Club Holiday Luncheon. Camp Dearborn, Milford. *(See flyer page 6)*
Wed. Dec. 14	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI (Holiday Party, Gift Exchange and Awards)
January 2016	
Wed. Jan 11	**WDMGC Club Meeting River's Edge Windsor, Ontario** (General Membership Meeting and Elections)

December Meeting and Holiday Party at The Brass Pointe

The December club meeting will be Wednesday December 14 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. This will be the annual Holiday Party including gift exchange and awards. See page 3 for details.

January Meeting and Elections at River's Edge Tap and Table

The January Club Meeting will be Wednesday January 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. This will be the General Membership Meeting and Elections. See page 3 for more details.

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For Sale

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

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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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

Two MGB transmissions. 69 and 72 One rebuilt at John Twist Tech session. Make any reasonable offer. 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

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Priced at $18,500 Pictures available. Contact: Tom Newton at 313-407-7334 or newts2u@gmail.com

New Ad *Editor's note: We don't normally run ads for non MG items, but I will make an exception this month. Our fellow member, past president and friend Jeff Zorn has decided to stop touring with his massive British store at British Car Shows and is selling his truck and trailer. He may still do some shows in the future with his small trailer pulled by his MG. Details are below:*

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Car of the Month - November 2016 - 1970 MGB - LE

With the Holiday Season here, I thought it would be fitting to highlight members Rob and Sue Moroz's fine LE on the day they received it.