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New Elected Board Introduced - Congratulations!

Left to right: Rick Astley continues as Club Secretary, Vicki Bade is the new President , Cathy Gurnee takes over as Treasurer and Jen Paul (JP) McGraw becomes Vice President.

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Happy New Year everyone! We sure have not had a severe winter yet! This year we are taking a break from spending the winter down south so with this warm weather here, I've been able to work bit by bit on my BGT-V-6. Slow but sure and I hope it keeps up. We are heading south to visit fellow Club members Jeff and Jan Zorn and taking a cruise, so we will get some warmth. We're not taking our MG this time but Jeff has graciously offered his pull handle B for us to drive to their Club meeting down there. Looking forward to that.

This edition again covers both January and February and there's lots of things to include. Fear not for those of you who have sent in articles that are quite lengthy. I'll get to you sooner or later and thanks so much. As someone once said, keep those cards and letters coming in. Happy winter.

My Year in Pictures

submitted by Philip Whiltshire

Ist DAY OUT!!

CORD-DUESENBURG MUSEUM

FOLORN MGB FOR SALE IN INDIANA

US TO CANADA FERRY FOR STRATFORD

"OLD No 1" AT THE BMH MUSEUM, UK

EX179 1954 SPEED RECORD CAR AT THE BMH

Presidentially speaking

Steve Finch - Past President

Happy New Year. A new MG Driving Season will soon defrost.

This is my last Presidentially Speaking. I am now the Immediate Past President. A new Board of Directors has been inaugurated. I am honored to have been your club president and greatly appreciate the support given to me by the club membership.

I want to thank the past Board of Directors for their service to the Club - Vice President Heide Otto, Secretary Rick Astley and Treasurer Vicki Bade. I also want to thank and recognize the Volunteer Board Members - Membership Coordinator Mick Gedeon, Newsletter Editor Dale Brown, Webmaster "The Hunk" Chris Gurnee, Events Coordinator Philip Wiltshire, and Regalia Coordinator-Canada Roli Sylvestre. The volunteer Board members perform the vital yeoman duties that keep the club operating smoothly. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by me and the club membership as a whole.

At the Annual General Membership Meeting held in conjunction with the January monthly meeting in Windsor, the Club recognized two members who have been continuous members of the Club for over thirty-five years, "a lifetime". The Board awarded Lifetime Memberships to Ozzie Pillon, a past president (1988) and member since July 1981; and to Roli Sylvestre, a member since September 1981, a Founders Award recipient in 1997, and the longest serving Volunteer Board Member as Regalia Coordinator since 1983. My congratulations goes to these highly valued, long term members.

In December we conducted a web-based survey of the membership. The Survey had a good response rate as surveys go - 73 Members (38%), and the response rates closely match the mix of the Club by country. We got a lot of good feedback and suggestions. Overwhelmingly, WDMGC members find value in the club being international (90% Yes). This affirms our Founders' vision and the founding principle of the Club. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank all of those Members that participated in the Survey. The responses, comments and suggestions will very helpful to the new Board in planning Club activities and the future direction of the Club. I encourage all members to continue to provide comments and suggestions at any time. Please email them to Board@WDMGC.com.

It has been a pleasure to serve you as Club President and I look forward to continuing on the Board as a Volunteer Member and to many more years as a member of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club.

Safety MG Fast!

Steve

The New President Speaking.

Vicki Bade - Club President

Hello Everyone. Vicki Bade here.

I am happy to introduce myself as the new President of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club.

Matt and I have been members for eighteen years and it is the best thing we could have done. We have a wonderful club and our members are the best people you could ever find. We have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the WDMGC and look forward to many more years.

I will do my best going forward to fill the shoes of the gentlemen that have come before me and hope we can make it a fun and busy 2017.

Our first meeting of the new board was held Thursday January 19 and I think we are all excited for the coming year and how we can get everyone involved more in the club.

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

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Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

December Meeting at the Brass Pointe

The December 2016 Meeting Featured Awards and Gift Exchange!

The December meeting was a busy one at the Brass Pointe in Farmington Hills! The highlight of the meeting was the annual gift exchange, with tools, beer, jewellery, wine, liquor, car parts, more wine, and a good time had by all. But of course the Annual Awards were also presented. Congratulations to the winners listed below.

Rookie of the Year:

Sonny and Sher Straley of Waterford, MI
For being the most active new members of the year. "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night will keep me from driving my MG ...

Navigator of the Year:

Joan Johnson of Livonia, MI
For Navigating the Fall Colour Tour event, helping husband and Rallyemaster Gene to lead us on a great driving event. Honourable Mention to Gene Johnson for making the Fall Colour Tour happen.

Lucky Lucas Award:

Gene Johnson of Livonia MI
When his car died on the road, and since Jesus knows nothing about MGs, he asked himself “What would Rick Astley do?” Gene had his car going in no time.

Hard Luck Award:

Rick Astley of Farmington Hills, MI
For the hard luck of disposing of his MG inventory to buy a Jaguar, only to have it blow up and thereby lose most of the driving season.

Founder's Award:

Elvin Davis, Jr. of West Bloomfield, MI
With sincere appreciation for many years of active participation, dedication and service to the Club.
The club members also had their annual gift exchange, which is always a good time. With trading, teasing, and lots of laughter, the evening will be remembered for some time.

My Year in Pictures (Cont'd from Page 2)

submitted by Philip Whiltshire

THE XJS V12 AFTER LAPPING LE MANS, FRANCE

OUR GROUP DINNER NEAR LEMANS, FRANCE

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS BEFORE THE RAIN

JAN LOOKING OUT ACROSS THE LOCHS

STEAM AT FORT WILLIAM, SCOTLAND

OURNEW MGB GT ENGINE – THANKS GUY

MGB GT WITH NEW ENGINE ON FALL TOUR

ALL ASLEEP; SEE YOU IN 2017!

In Memoriam - Jim Cox

It was with great sadness that we learned about the recent passing of Jim Cox.

Jim and Carolynn Cox joined our club in September of 2002. Jim's long time passion was sailing his yellow catamaran, but after losing two toes to diabetes he reluctantly found he was unable to sail it anymore and had to look for a new hobby. His son had seen a '79 MGB for sale and, moreover, it was in the same bright yellow as their boat. Jim was persuaded, reluctantly at first, to buy it. Once in their possession, Jim and Carolynn made the most of their new MGB, and as a result became known to many of our members. Not only did they attend nearly every event or meeting on both sides of the border (Jim was originally from Canada) but they drove around the country from their home in Grand Blanc to meets at Hershey, Watkins Glen and elsewhere. Such was the intensity of their immediate participation in the club, they were jointly presented the 'Rookie of the Year' award for 2003 and Carolynn the 'Navigator' award for 2009.

Tragedy struck on Valentine's Day of 2012 when, near their home and in their regular vehicle, another driver ran a red light and struck their vehicle. Carolynn was not seriously hurt but Jim had to be put in an induced coma and had to have a tracheotomy, the stoma from which he had for the rest of his life, making speech very difficult. On top of that trauma, they lost their daughter very soon afterwards.

Jim never drove again but Carolynn did once make the long journey with him to the Brass Pointe to meet friends and well wishers. Jim was able to get around with the aid of a walker but fell last August and broke his leg. He died of pulmonary problems on Christmas Day, which happened to also be Carolynn's birthday.

Carolynn has asked us to let everyone know that she will be selling their MG in the spring. We'll provide more details and some pictures at that time.

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"Guys and Dolls"

Friday / Saturday / Sunday June 16th, 17th & 18th 2017

Friday June 16th - We will be traveling to Stratford leaving the Detroit area mid-morning.
A second convoy can be arranged, leaving on the Saturday morning from the M59 and I94 area and arriving at St Mary's early afternoon. It's your choice, as we often have 2 convoys heading for Stratford that weekend. It depends on your plans!!

Saturday June 17th – "Guys and Dolls"- 8.00 pm performance at the Festival Theatre.

Guys and Dolls

The musical premiered Broadway at the 46th Street Theater on November 24, 1950. It won numerous Tony awards in 1951

About the Musical

Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, this dance spectacular travels from Times Square to Havana, Cuba – where all bets are off.

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We have booked the Westover Inn Hotel once again (built 1867) at nearby St Mary's (15km from Stratford) for the Friday and Saturday evenings.

We will also be dining as a group at the Westover Inn prior to the evening performance of "Guys and Dolls" on the Saturday.

Many of the rooms for Friday and Saturday are already booked by us, so please call them (or your favourite 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 **$78 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.

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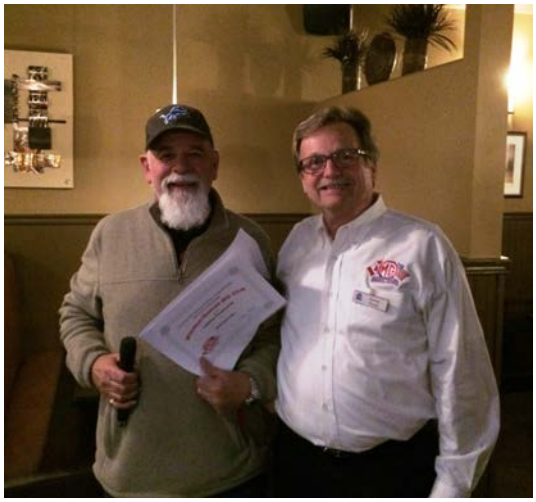

Left: Roli Sylvestre receives his Lifetime Membership Award from Steve Finch. (Ozzie Pillon absent) Above: Members watch the presentations.

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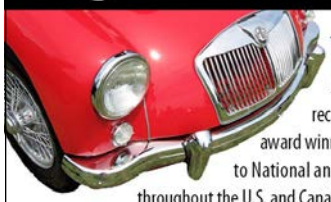

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Club Calendar

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February 2016	
Wed. Feb. 8	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
March 2016	
Wed. March 8	**WDMGC Club Meeting River's Edge Windsor, Ontario**
Sun. March 19	Chicagoland British Car Swap Meet 2017 8am to 2pm
April 2016	
Sat. April 8	Kimber Run & Birthday Bash 2017 9:30am to 3pm
Wed. April 12	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
Sun. April 23	Ancaster British Car Flea Market and Car Show 2017 9:30am to 4pm

February Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The February club meeting will be Wednesday February 8 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.

March Meeting at River's Edge Tap and Table

The March Club Meeting will be Wednesday March 8 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.

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Car of the Month - January/February 2017

This is the 1972 MGB put back on the road again by member Dave Clarke who recently rejoined the Club after a several year absence. Welcome back to the car and to Dave and Liz.