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Photos from The March Club Meeting at The River's Edge

photos by Dale Brown & Chris Gurnee

Fun meeting on a cold March evening. We had over 30 members and one MG was driven there. Thanks Sonny Straley for braving the elements.

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

This is the last issue before the Spring Driving Season begins so I had space to promote future events even though some are far into the future. Take a look through and make note of some of the ones you want to add to your calendar. (I'll promote them again as the dates get closer.) Last month I introduced a new feature called "**Letters to the Editor**" We received one letter regarding the location of the Windsor side club meeting with some concerns mostly about adequate parking once the warm weather comes and we all drive our cars. As a result, we have some of our members checking some possible alternatives and if something looks promising we'll let you know. Thanks for the letter. Send your letters to editor@wdmgc.com.

Celebrate Cecil Kimber's Birthday!

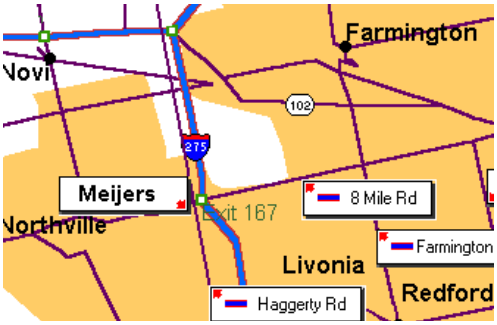
The Lansing Area MG Association will host the Kimber Birthday Party on Saturday April 8, 2017!

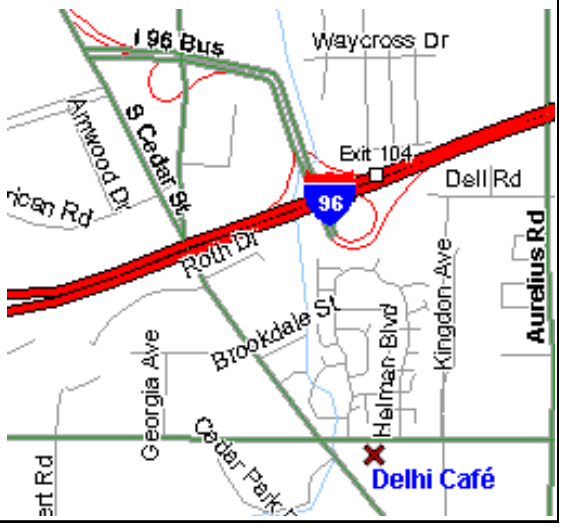
Once again we are planning a convoy on a scenic drive towards the Delhi Café in Holt Michigan where we will toast Cecil, enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts, and treat ourselves to a bit of lunch and birthday cake. Steve Finch has lined up our journey which is expected to take about 2 hours. Those who wish to participate, but cannot join the convoy, can meet us at the Delhi Café about 11:30am. Meeting place: Meijer's parking lot at 8 Mile and Haggerty. Drivers' Meeting at 9:15 AM.

First car out at 9:30 AM sharp! Allow yourself ample time for gassing up, etc.

Delhi Café
4625 E. Willoughby Rd
Holt, MI 48842

WDMGC will gather at Meijer in Northville (see map) in the morning and arrive at Holt around 11:30 AM and lunch at 12:00 Noon.





Presidentially speaking

Hello Fellow Club Members

Vicki Bade - Club President

It is official-Spring has finally arrived!

I just recently returned from spending a wonderful and relaxing week in Florida. I understand why the snowbirds do it and I heard a lot of French being spoken on the beach as the French Canadians were enjoying their last week or two in the sun before heading back to the North. I had a great time visiting with friends and played some golf along with the trip to the beach. Weather was just right- no rain.

Matt and I just drove down to Grosse Isle to pick up his baby and bring her home for the spring/summer. Dave Rudziensky of Dave's Hot Rod Garage from the club had made a nice offer to our members for storage at his facility for a good rate and even though it is not exactly around the corner from our home Matt took him up on it.

Dave took good care of the "B" and we brought her home without incident. Everything was working and she drove like a champ. I tailgated Matt all the way home with Gracie as my co-pilot and we got lucky because the rain had pretty much stopped while we were driving back. Glad to have it once again in the garage, even though it puts the Charger in the driveway. (Yes, my Mini gets the other spot inside the garage).

Looking forward to starting the driving season. I see that Philip Wiltshire has added The Twisty Bits Tour to our schedule for Saturday, August 26th, which is nice. It has always been a fun day and since we haven't done it since 2010 I hope as does he that we get a nice group for the day.

Hope to see many of you at the Kimber Run on the 8th and at the April meeting the 12th at Brass Pointe.

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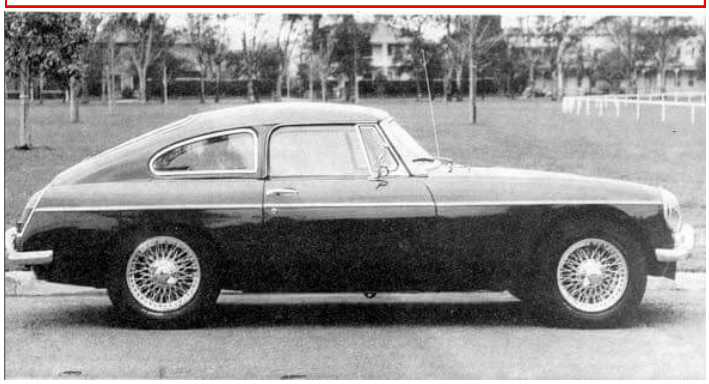
Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Welcome!

To our Newest Member

Harry Mueller III of Northville joined the Club in February. Harry has a Red 1963 MGB.



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A Car in Progress (Aren't they all?)

story and photos by Jim Knapp

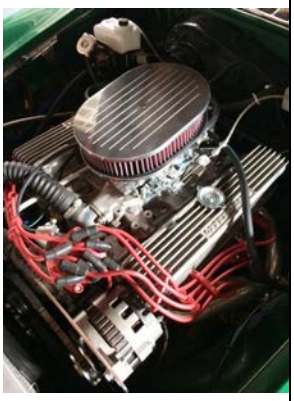
I joined the club about 2 years ago, but haven't been to meetings or events (other than two at Camp Dearborn). I saw an ad in the new newsletter asking for car photos, so here they are.

I have a 1977 MGB that I bought about 5 years ago. It's still a work in progress, but I thought I'd send along a few photos of where it stands. It has an interior from a 1994 RV8. I will cover the stock dash in magnolia vinyl to match and will also complete it with burl elm faces to match the RV8 door caps. The original dash was RHD and didn't work without major fabrication from scratch.

The car also has a 3.5 litre Rover V8 and a T5 transmission from a mid-90s Camaro. I was pretty proud to have assembled the engine in my basement during last winter (only weighs 350 pounds or so until all the parts are in).

I'm not much of a mechanic, and I don't have enough money, knowledge or fear for my own good! I'm really trying to build the car that I want, but trying to keep it somewhat true to the original design and feel. I hope when I'm done, people will feel it's like a version that looks a little bit different, but could have been from the factory. It's fun to drive.

Here are some inside and engine. *(editor's note: I have used the outside picture for Car of the Month on the last page of this edition.)* Cheers! Bill Knapp (recent member whose car is almost ready to drive to meetings and events)



Battery Nursing and Rehabilitation

by Rick Astley

Most years, around fall-time, when we are putting our classic car away for the winter, you'll see an article in these pages describing the various things we should do to protect them, including putting its battery on a trickle or float charge. The reason is that, left to itself, a battery will self-discharge and sulfates will form on the lead plates. The sulfate comes from the water-sulfuric acid electrolyte and is a normal process. This leaves the electrolyte almost devoid of sulfuric acid and the water that's left can, in our climate, freeze and crack the battery's casing. If the battery is soon recharged, the sulfates are reabsorbed into the electrolyte.

So why are we bringing the subject up at this time of year? Well, if you happen to have allowed your battery to remain discharged for a period of weeks or more, the sulfates on the plates will probably have hardened to some degree, making full recharging by normal means almost impossible. Some people, perhaps to avoid the possibility of freezing, may have brought the battery indoors over winter, but if no trickle charge was applied, chemical reactions including self-discharge and hard sulfation, would have happened much more quickly at the higher temperatures, and so the battery's demise may well have come more quickly.

A combined desulfator and trickle charger. (Manufacturer's photo.)

Recent developments have shown that trickle charging can be improved by adding high magnitude, short duration charge and discharge pulses to the current and that such pulses can even rehabilitate a sulfated battery. This is rather analogous to a pace-maker keeping a heart beating and a defibrillator bringing it back to life should it have failed. Desulfating devices that provide the requisite pulses are now readily available and much less expensive than a new battery. The details concerning the process won't be of interest to everyone and are far too lengthy for inclusion here. Instead, if you are interested, you can see a full description of the types of devices now available ,and how they work, on the club's website at: www.wdmgc.com/wa/desulf/

THE TWISTY BITS TOUR

Saturday, August 26th 2017

We start at 10.00 am at Meijer's parking lot on the Ann Arbor-Saline Road, just south east of I94 at the exit #175.

We will drive about 50 miles around some nicely curved roads. All roads are paved, although some might be classed in the "uneven pavement" category. We will drive through much of the German-settled area of southeast Michigan, plus see some small lakes and two small towns typical of the area.

We will stop at the historic and restored 1835 Sharon Mill and participate in a picnic lunch. So either bring your wicker hamper from home or purchase something just prior to leaving the Meijer's lot. Last time many MG's had their wicker picnic hampers tied to their boot racks and we enjoyed a splendid hour sitting on the grass at the mill.

Then we will continue through the countryside for another 50 miles, ending up back at the Meijer's lot.

The tour distance is 101 miles and we should finish around 3 pm, so we can all get home before the Lucas bewitching hours of darkness.

Please call Philip Wiltshire at 574 202 8919, or
e-mail me at: pwiltshire@lci1.com with any questions to let me know that you intend to drive along with us.

We last ran this event in 2010; I hope we see you at the event again!

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For those coming on your own or by Convoy from the Michigan side, it's not far up the coast line from the Port Huron/Sarnia border by way of the Blue Water Bridge.

From the Windsor Essex area it's about a two and a half to three hour drive down nice two lane highways.

As the time gets closer, keep an eye on our Facebook Page for other members who might wish to organize a convoy together. Let's all try and support any new British Car events when they are in our area.

Click our Facebook Page link above, Brits in Bayfield link above for more details and this The Ashwood Inn link for hotel details.

Sunday, May 21, 2017, 11am – 4pm

Camp Dearborn

1700 General Motors Road, Milford, MI 48380

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club is proud to sponsor the fifth 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 $7.00 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

"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

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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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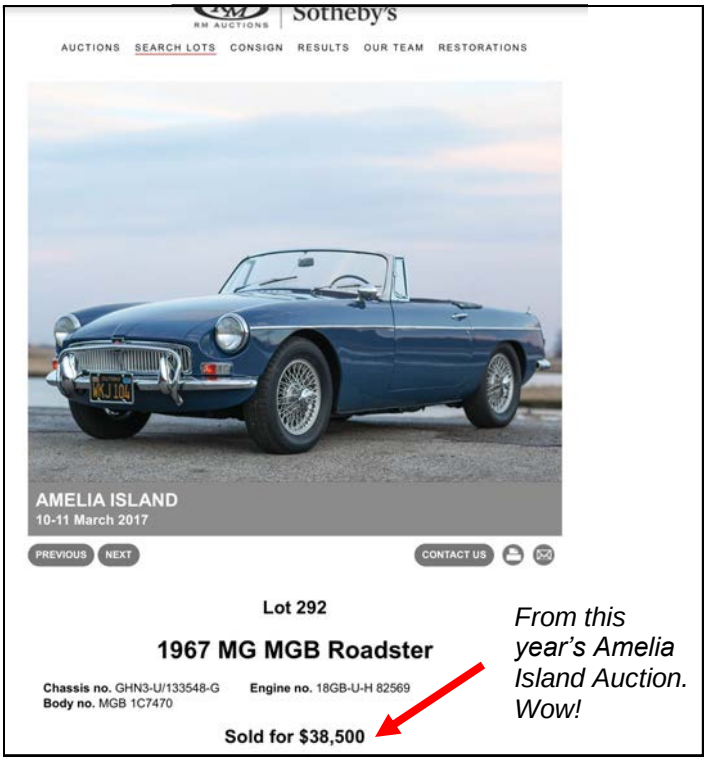
Sat. April 8	Kimber Run & Birthday Bash 2017 9:30am to 3pm
Wed. April 12	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
Sun. April 23	Ancaster British Car Flea Market and Car Show 2017 9:30am to 4pm
May 2017	
Wed. April 10	**WDMGC Club Meeting River's Edge Windsor, Ontario**
Sun. May 21	WDMGC Spring Gathering & Picnic 11am to 4pm *(See flyer on page 6)*

April Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The April club meeting will be Wednesday April 12 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 - April 2017

This is a beautiful 1977 MGB belonging to recent new member, Bill Knapp. See his story on page 4 of this edition.