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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

We had a busy month and there's still lots coming. I attended the Brits in Bayfield and we had many of our members attend. It was a good time. Being their first one, they had a few glitches and I intend to write to them and give them some pointers for next year. (Cost of rooms, lack of breakfast served and too formal of a lunch venue, we prefer BBQ with burgers etc on the patio.) Enjoy this month's edition.

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Photos from Brits in Bayfield

See Philip Wiltshire's article on Page 4 regarding the Stratford Trip for more about the Bayfield Show and more photos on page 4-6

The Show Field before the storm.

Presidentially speaking

July is here already and it's amazing how time flies!

Vicki Bade - Club President

We had a fantastic turnout for our June meeting at Brass Pointe-every seat was taken and there was an impressive array of cars in the lot to look at after the meeting. Hopefully we can get as good a turnout for the July meeting at the new place we are trying out-The Parks & Rec Gastropub in Windsor. There is plenty of parking, so come out and join us.

We have some great events coming up in July. Matt is leading his usual caravan to Mad Dogs & Englishmen on Sunday July 9th. Gracie and I will be joining him this year-give him a call if you plan on coming.

The car and bike show at the Heritage Museum in Canada is the following Sunday July 16th. It is always a nice day to enjoy the cars and people. Concours d'Elegance of America at St. Johns is Friday July 28th thru Sunday July 30th.

We are hosting the WDMGC Island Picnic courtesy of Dave Doolin on Saturday July 29th from 11:00-5:00, with a tour of the island and Dave's Hotrod Garage. Food will be provided by the club and we will have water on hand. Anything else to drink is BYOB. Dave is looking for volunteers both before and after for cleanup, so please give him a call if you can help out. We will be looking to try and get a head count for the food, so we need everyone coming to RSVP by Saturday July 22nd to me at either my home phone 248-683-1210 or my cell 248-909-0874. We had a lot of fun last year, so hope to see you there. I will be posting the information on Facebook and all of these events are on the website.

We all know that life is not always fair and we have members who have had their share of life's challenges and losses. 2 of our long standing members; Bob Fougere and Ed Fleming are facing tough roads ahead, so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

It is also with a very heavy heart and some tears that I have to report the sudden and unexpected passing of Paul Blunt. Paul and Pauline are members of the MG Club, but have spent a lot of their time also as members of the Jaguar Club of which Paul was the President. Paul was an absolutely wonderful man and will be greatly missed. Matt and I feel honored to be counted as friends of the Blunts and wish Pauline the strength she will need to go forward without Paul in her life. Let's keep her and their families in our hearts.

With the July 4th holiday coming up for the U.S. side-keep safe and enjoy. Hope to see you at the July meeting on the 12th and at some events this month.

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Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Unfortunately, this month two of our members' cars were hit and heavily damaged. Luckily no one was hurt.

Left: *The 65 MGB owned by Karianne Butler (New member, page 5)*

Right: *The 1974 MGB owned by Kurt Ill.*

The Stratford Trip 2017

Story and photos by Philip Wiltshire

After running this event for nearly 30 years, we have seen all kinds of weather. This year, we had the opportunity for beautiful sunshine, some humidity and oh yes, thunderstorms.

Our eclectic group made the 180 mile trip to Canada, including folk from the Jaguar Club. We had 8 vehicles and 16 participants. 4 MG's, 1 Jaguar, 1 SAAB SUV (now a collectable), a Volvo wagon and a Honda. So at least everything was "foreign"…The oldest vehicle was Ken and Kathy Nelson's MGA; they also drove quite a distance, living in the Grand Rapids area.

The standard run on Friday from Milford to Marine City was uneventful; the Detroit River was quite high, so we had to be careful when entering and exiting the little 12 car ferry so not leave any souvenir exhaust systems behind. We then drove on across the countryside arriving at St Mary's mid afternoon, in time for some cool drinks on the patio. Heavy Thunderstorm No.1 then arrived and gave the cars a good wash. This helped greatly with cleaning the bugs from the cars, although the fallen tree branches were less welcome. Some of us dined at the Westover Inn, our host hotel. Others ventured into Stratford to sample the good food on hand.

Saturday was pre-organized for us by being invited to attend the first **"Brits in Bayfield"** British car show. Not only the first of its kind, but the son of "Mr. MG", John Thornley, was slated to be at the show. We had a nice sunny drive westwards back towards the coast and arrived at the event to find a good number of cars already there. As soon as were parked, Peter Thornley came over and chatted with us about our MGB's and some of the things his Dad had encountered during his career at MG. Our Canadian arm of the WDMGC was there. Dale Brown, Bryan and Bonnie Brown, Graham Creswick and Marty and Sue Hunt. Mick and Lori Gedeon also attended from Michigan.

Then Heavy Thunderstorm No.2 arrived and forced us into the bar. This worked out well, because the lunch menu proved to be very good and the meal was just long enough to let the storm do it's thing and move on.

We drove back to the Westover Hotel and dined on our regular banquet menu items, plus the chef made replica MGB GT's (I think) for dessert. They were so authentic, the tires tasted of rubber.

We enjoyed **"Guys and Dolls"** at the Festival theater followed by night caps back at the hotel. A great day!

On Sunday, we all parted company after breakfast and headed off in various directions home. All cars ran well; starting and stopping when we wanted. That's always a nice bonus!

This year's participants were: Steve and Ruth Swarin, Adam and Susan Gucfa, Ken and Kathy Nelson, Dennis and Erika Ferguson, Tom and Marcia Greiner, Andrew and Marla Boyle (Jaguar), Patrick and Carol

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!

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

5 Years	Rick Ceresa and Judy Polite of Washington Twp, MI

Welcome!

To our Newest Members

Karianne Butler and Jason Lommerse of Plymouth, MI. They have a Green 1965 MGB

David Demilner of White Lake, MI. He has a Green 1971 MGB

Caroline Pernot of Dearborn, MI. She has a White 1962 MGA

More from Brits in Bayfield

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club Summer Picnic

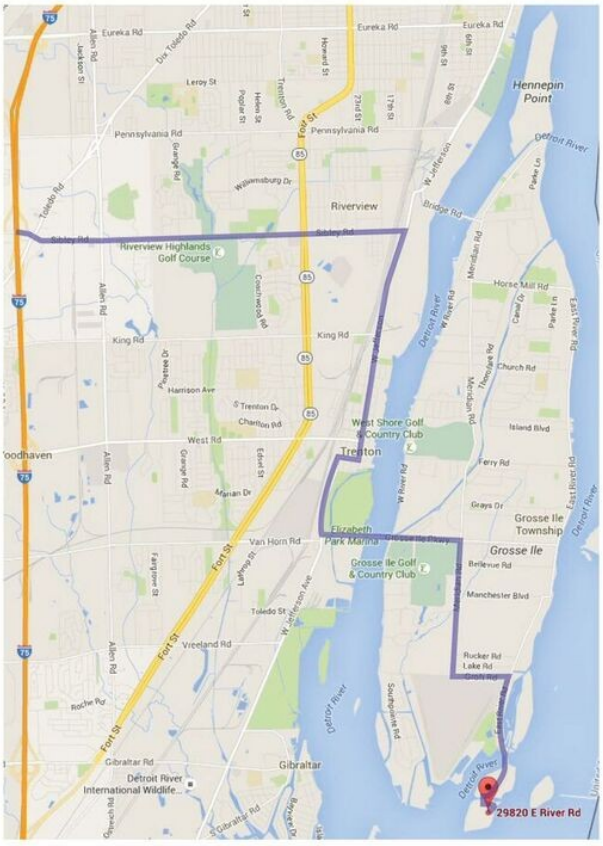
Saturday, July 29th, Hickory Island, Grosse Ile

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 @ 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.



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Club Calendar

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July 2017		
	Sun July 9	Mad Dogs & Englishmen's British Auto Faire, Gilmore Car Museum 2017
■	Wed July 12	**WDMGC Club Meeting** Parks & Rec Gastropub Windsor, Ontario 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
■	Sun July 16	2017 All British Car Show, Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage Village (2) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
	Fri July 28 - Sun July 30	Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's
■	Sat July 29	WDMGC Island Picnic 2017 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
August 2017		
	Sat -Sun Aug 5-6	Waterford Hills Vintage Race 2017
■	Wed Aug 9	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
■	Sun Aug 26	WDMGC Twisty Bits Autumn Tour 2017

July Meeting at Parks & Rec Gastropub

The July club meeting will be Wednesday July 12 at The Parks & Rec Gastropub in Windsor. **(Note new location)** 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. (Click on hyperlink in the Calendar for website)

Convoy to Mad Dogs , July 9, 2016 *By Matt Bade*

Please meet at the usual Meijer parking lot, at the north end, at 8 Mile Rd. and Haggerty beginning at 6:30-6:45 am. We will depart at 7 am. We will then head west and meet the 2nd contingent of our group around 7:30 am. If you live on the west side of town, the 2nd meeting place will be at the McDonald's at the intersection of 9 Mile Rd (M-36) and US 23 and two gas stations in case you need to fill up. We will leave at 7:45 am and take a scenic, two lane, freeway-free trip across the state to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, MI.

The trip usually takes about 2 ½ to 3 hours and includes a BRIEF stop in Leslie to stretch our legs, use the facilities, etc. We should arrive at the car show around 10:45 to 11 am. After the awards are announced around 3:30 pm., I'll lead the group back east again.

I can be reached at home at 248-683-1210; or by email at mgbade@core.com Please contact me in advance if you plan on attending. I'll make sure I have some maps printed up for you and wait for everyone to show up before departing.

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Car of the Month - July 2017

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