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The November Club Meeting at Parks & Rec Gastropub

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I'll keep my message brief since I have lots of content for this combined November and December issue.

If you have some tech articles or other general interesting MG bits of information, please forward them to me so that I can use them through the winter months.

Submit to Editor@WDMGC.com

Have a fun and safe holiday season.

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

Bob Fougere

It saddens us to announce the passing of a very active member of the club: Bob Fougere.

Bob was born in Plymouth, Michigan on October 31st, 1950. He attended Farmington High School and lived in the area for most of his life, save for a few years, when his father decided to move the family back to his native Nova Scotia. Bob missed Michigan and soon returned to Farmington, spending most his working life in sales, largely in the food industry.

After a chance meeting with a club member, Bob decided he wanted an MGB, acquiring his 1977 Harvest Gold model in the summer of 2003 and joining the Windsor-Detroit MG Club soon afterwards. The following year he could be found at almost every meeting and event, with the result that he won the *Rookie of the Year* award for 2004.

About 3-years ago, Bob was diagnosed with bladder cancer. The surgical options offered were unacceptable to him and he opted for a holistic healing approach, with which he credited his relative wellness until the spring of this year, when he took a turn for the worse and entered hospital. He was given just a few weeks to live but continued to surpass the doctors' predictions, eventually losing his battle on November 4th, a few days after his 67th birthday, at the Angela Hospice in Livonia.

A number of club members attended his Memorial Service at the Hospice on November 10th and were able, on behalf of the club, to pass on our condolences to his brother Michael and his sister Lucille, who had flown in from Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia respectively.

We will miss his familiar presence at our future events and meetings.

Presidentially speaking

Vicki Bade - Club President

The holiday season is upon us. I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving (Oct 9th in Canada and Nov 23rd in the US) and enjoyed time with family and friends. As we get ready to celebrate the holidays we think about loved ones and friends still with us and remember those we have lost.

We recently said goodbye to another club member-Bob Fougere. He fought a brave battle for over 3 years against bladder cancer but it got the best of him Nov. 4th and we will miss him. He was a quiet, kind and generous man who loved being part of the club and driving his MG. It reminds us what is precious in our lives and how much we have to be thankful for.

Time for most of us to put away our cars for the winter (if you haven't already), which is always sad. Although I do know that we have some die hard members who will drive their cars all year long-more power to you. Matt is looking to local storage facilities so his Charger doesn't have to spend the winter in the driveway, since I won't let him kick my Mini out of the garage. It is tough now that it is darker earlier in the evening, but I don't mind quite as much when the houses are all lit up for the holidays on my drive home.

There was a nice group of Jaguar and MG club members that attended the Detroit Parade Co. Tour downtown in November and I was told it was a fun time-although it was a little chilly. They said that it was very interesting to hear the history of the parade and see how the various floats are put together. The tours go on year round, so maybe we can come up with a group next year and check it out. Thank you to Adam Gucfa for setting it up and reaching out to his fellow club members.

We have our December meeting coming up on the 13th at The Brass Pointe and it is also our holiday gift exchange. A gift is not required-but it is always a lot of fun seeing what is brought and what is stolen each year. Please come out and join us.

We are also coming up on the time to start thinking about club award nominations for this past year-so if there is anyone you want to put in for the various awards please let the board know. There will be more information to come in the NL and on the website.

I would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Holiday! Be safe and enjoy the season.

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Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Visit to the Parade Company

Many thanks to Adam Gucfa, Vice-President of the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan (JAGM) club and member of WDMGC, for organizing a truly fun and interesting tour of the Parade Company in Detroit followed by lunch at the very first Buddy's Pizza restaurant.

The Michigan Thanksgiving Parade, now known as America's Thanksgiving Parade® presented by Art Van, was founded in 1924. For more than 90 years (some years were missed during WW2), the Parade has been a one-of-a-kind spectacle of fantasy, holiday spirit and community enthusiasm. The Parade Company is a non-profit organization and relies for funding on donations from local companies and individuals. It is best known for the floats and balloons it builds from the initial artwork sketches to fantastic displays we see on Woodward Avenue each US Thanksgiving Day.

Adam is seen here standing by some of the Styrofoam blocks that are glued together and then carved with band-saws and hot-wires by artists who transform the 2 sketches, produced in cooperation with the sponsors, into 3D models.

Special zero solvent paint that will not dissolve the Styrofoam is then applied by more skilled artisans.

A single float may require hundreds of individually made pieces along with other structures made from paper-maché covered chicken wire, welded steel and wood.

Some of the floats are self-propelled with the driver unable to see and having to rely on a small monitor screen and spotters who walk beside the float and who are in touch with the driver by radio.

There are overhead obstacles, such as the People Mover, on Woodward that can present a challenge to high structures such as this lighthouse, in front of which Anne Astley is standing, which has to be articulated so that it can be lowered as it passes under the doors of the Parade Company and obstructions on the parade route. Similarly, very tall balloons have to be pulled down by their handlers to pass under anything that is too low and that might damage them.

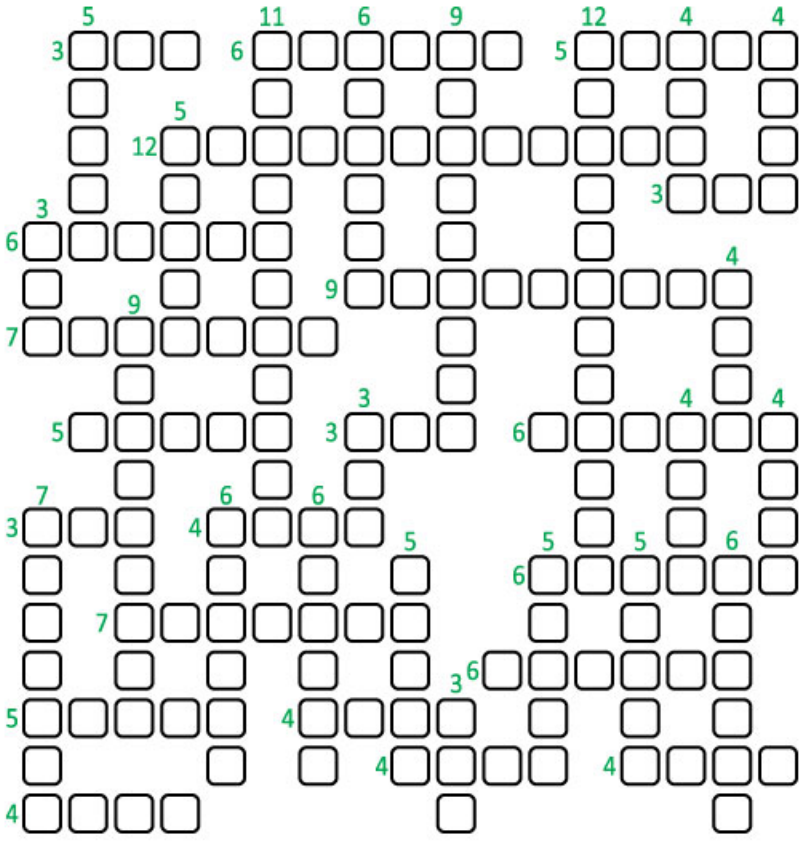
You may notice that Steve and Ruth Swarin, like the other club members pictured here, still wear their outdoor jackets. Money is always tight at the Parade Company and so they seldom heat or cool it, which must make it very difficult for those who create these works of art. The temperatures were close to freezing when we visited but on a hot summer's day, our guide informed us, it can be above 100ºF inside.

If you want to be in the parade and help the cash-strapped Parade Company, for $200 you can choose from hundreds of different "big-heads" to wear. Which of these two would you think would suit Mary-Ellen Weakley best?

This completed GM float is just one of the many beautiful works of art that will be moving down Woodward on Thanksgiving. If you weren't able to be part of our tour you can visit the Parade Company almost any time of year. Our cost was $12 for adults under 62, or $10 for seniors.

Kriss-Kross

Kriss-Kross is a popular puzzle in the UK, where it is found in newspapers and puzzle books. Unlike a crossword where you have to find words that fit into a pre-determined part of the grid, in Kriss-Kross you are given the answers and then have to find where each goes in the frame. Where to start? Well, there is only one 11-letter word, so there is only one place it can go. Get a printable copy of this puzzle at www.wdmgc.com/kriss_kross/kriss_kross_201712.pdf and check your answers at www.wdmgc.com/kriss_kross/kriss_kross_201712_answer.pdf.



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2018 WDMGC Board Member Nominations and Election

The WDMGC By-Laws require that an annual election be held for the club's elected offices at a General Membership Meeting (GMM). The offices are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer.

Year-to-year, we alternate the election GMM between Canada and the USA. For 2018, the election will take place at the February 14th meeting in Farmington Hills.

All positions are open and anyone can nominate themselves, or another club member, to any of the positions. So far we have 3 nominations:

- President (incumbent) - Vicki Bade
- Vice President (incumbent) - Jean Paul McGraw
- Treasurer (incumbent) - Cathy Gurnee

If you would like to nominate someone and/or vote, you can do so either at the meeting or by contacting me, the current club Secretary, beforehand. My contact details are on page 2. *Rick Astley*

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

5 Years	Tim and Sandra McCotter of Brighton, MI
10 Years	Bob Gibbs of Birmingham, MI. Max Kenney of St Clair Shores, MI Gary Trepanier of Tecumseh, ON
15 Years	Sandy and Larry Kuivenhover of West Bloomfield, MI Jim and Laurie MacArthur of Troy, MI

Another shot from the car show attended by Steve Finch. (see page 7)

2018 Awards

It's time once again to ask for your to help in determining this year's recipients of our coveted club awards. Please review the award criteria below and nominate the member or members you believe are most deserving of an award and why. Just a few words are sufficient, but a funny or compelling anecdote is even better.

You can submit your nominations to any club board member by phone, email, post or in person at the next club meeting. Board member names and contact details can be found on page 2. **The deadline for submissions is January 9th, 2018.**

Founders Award: Given to the member who has contributed the most to the club over the past year. This person or persons are the most valuable members of the club. They have contributed above and beyond anyone else in the club.

Rookie of the Year: Given to the new member who has contributed the most to the club over the past year. "New member" shall be defined as having joined the club since September 1 of the previous year.

Navigator of the Year: Given to the "Travelling Companion" or "Navigator" who has contributed the most to the club over the past year.

Hard Luck Award: Given to the member who has had the most problems with his/her British car during the past year (or suffered a notable loss or hardship in that regard.)

Lucky Lucas Award: Given to the member who has had the most electrical problems with his/her British car during the past year (or a combination of electrical and general malfunction.)

Welcome!

To our Newest Members

John Alexander and Carolyn King of Ann Arbor. They have a BRG 1957 MGA, OEW 1958 A-H Sprite, 1960 Red Morris Mini

Louise Beck and Andrew Ganew of Detroit. They have a Yellow 1977 MGB.

Glenn and Cathy Pitre of Tecumseh, ON. (no car yet)

Pierre and Kateri Leblanc of Saline, MI. They have a BRG 1974 MGB-GT. (Rejoined)

Jerry Goodwin

We are very sorry to report that club member Jerry Goodwin passed away November 21st at the age of 70 after a long battle with spinal cord cancer.

Although born in Kewanee Illinois, Jerry was raised in Detroit and became a real "car guy". He was a US Marine Corp veteran, serving one tour in Vietnam. After working in local industry for many years, Jerry launched MAThread,Inc., in 1999 based on his invention of the world's first anti-cross-threading faster and where he served as an executive until 2016.

Jerry and Regina, his wife of 48 years, joined the club in 2007 and owned a 1980 MGB.
We send our sincere condolences to Reggie and family.

Greetings from the South Carolina Chapter of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club

By Steve Finch

On Saturday, October 28, Donna and I took a 3½ hour drive to Charleston, SC to attend the 33rd Annual British Car Day hosted by the British Car Club of Charleston.

We left out in a bit of a drizzle but it cleared up and turned into a nice partly cloudy 74º day. It was a good turnout of maybe 80-100 cars.
It is fun to go to shows that you have never before attended. You see cars that you have never before seen.

The first thing that caught my attention was a pair of Lotus Cortina Twin Cams sitting side by side.

There was a nice group of MGAs and MGTs. Somehow I missed getting a pic of the handful of nice MGBs.
I did get a picture of one interesting MGB however. Talk about a V-8 conversion!

There were a handful of Morgans with a beautiful blue one that was our favorite.
Also an interesting Morris Traveler with trailer.

The highlight for me was meeting Wray Lemke. I have known of him via the internet MG Experience for a few years.
Wray had his recently completed 1958 MG Magnette on the show field. What a beautiful restoration.
He told me that they built the car in six weeks' time.

Wray let Donna sit in the car and now Donna wants us to buy a Magnette.

Like I need another car! But I would buy Wray's Magnette in a heartbeat if it was for sale.

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December 2017	
Wed Dec 13	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI (Annual Gift Exchange)

January 2018	
Wed Jan. 10	**WDMGC Club Meeting** Parks and Rec Gastropub. Windsor, Ontario 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

December Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The December club meeting will be Wednesday December 13 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.

January Meeting at Parks & Rec Gastropub

The November club meeting will be Wednesday Jan. 10 at The Parks & Rec Gastropub in Windsor. 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)

More shots from the car show attended by Steve and Donna Finch (see page 7)

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