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Photos from the April Club Meeting at The Brass

Editor's note: Even though I was not at the meeting, I assume that the TVR on the left belongs to Elvin Davis!

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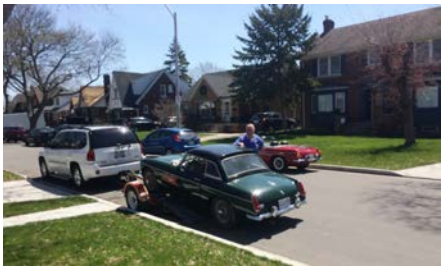
The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

We are now into the swing of things so I have lots of articles and upcoming events in this edition. I hope you enjoy it.

Another update on my 1969 MGB. I brought the MG back home again after a British Car mechanic in the county finished up quite a few things for me. Some of the items included installing new brake and clutch master cylinders, new brake lines, cylinders and drum springs, new fuel lines and pump, installing the seats, exhaust hangers, setting up carburetors, radiator and new plumbing and numerous other items and electrical. The engine was running perfectly, but we couldn't get the clutch to engage and disengage. A new slave was installed and the hydraulics were working perfectly. Alas, we surmised that something was seized in the clutch itself. So, to my dismay, I towed the car home, ordered a new clutch and set about removing the engine. Because the exhaust was somewhat of a racing system with headers and very large continuous one piece welded construction, I had no choice to remove the carbs to be able to remove the header and exhaust system to get the engine out. I left the other side intact including oil cooler lines, distributor, alternator etc. but did have to remove the starter from below.
Today I was able to successfully remove the engine. I'm still hoping to have the new clutch installed and everything put back together in time to bring it to the meeting on Wednesday night. Of course as of this writing, that's only 2 1/2 days away!

Be sure to send me any stories, pictures or tech articles so that I can put them in a future newsletter. Submit to Editor@WDMGC.com



Left: Fellow club member Dave Hornby helped to bring the car back home. Right: The engine being lifted out.

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Presidentially speaking

Vicki Bade - Club President

Things are turning green again, buds are forming on the trees & bushes and the spring flowers are peeking out of the ground. we have finally made it thru the long winter and now the fun begins! I even had a pair of Sandhill Cranes at the bird feeders in front of the house. Wow are they beautiful and big! I think Gracie was a little intimidated but she didn't bark at them as much as the squirrels.

Matt got his car all fixed up and running nicely, so it is ready to go for the driving season and he says that his B will be more visible this year than my Mini. We shall see.

We had a beautiful but very cold day for the Kimber Run the beginning of April, so the turnout wasn't as good as I'd hoped. But it was a wonderful drive as detailed in my story later in the NL.

There was almost a full house for the April meeting as Chris reported on the website, although a little shy on club cars due to the weather and people finishing up work on them. I'm sure we will see many more of them for the May meeting in Canada on May 9th. Kurt Ill and JP McGraw are planning a 9 hole golf outing prior to the meeting, so I hope they had some people interested enough to RSVP-sounded fun.

The Spring Gathering is on track for Sunday May 20th at Camp Dearborn and the club will be providing some food and beverages along with access to the grill for anyone who wants to bring their own food. I will be looking for volunteers to help at the grill during the day. The details are in the flyer on the website and in this NL. Please come out and join us for a great day and show off your car. We usual get a nice variety and we welcome anyone that wants to stop on by, as it was asked about on Facebook, the more the merrier.

There's lots of good things coming up this year so keep an eye out for any announcements and flyers in our newsletters, on Facebook and on our website. We may be adding things as we go and if anyone has any ideas or wants to organize an event or a drive please speak up and let us know. We would love to see more driving events so we can get those cars out there for everyone to see. We know we love our cars and we want everyone else to know how much fun they can be.

Hope to see you at the May meeting in Canada-get those cars out on the road everyone!

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Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Club Business

Jan Tucker (left) and Philip Wiltshire receive an Honorary Lifetime Membership Award from Club President Vicki Bade. Congratulations!

Welcome!

To our Newest Members

Mounir Blibeche of Ann Arbor, MI (previous member)

Kaylen and Nicole Rossi of Commerce Twp, MI

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

15 years	John and Sheila Marsh of Birmingham, MI
20 years	Larry and Debbie Dudek of Livonia, MI
20 years	Dan Capoferi of West Bloomfield, MI

Annual Kimber Run

by Vicki Bade

We had our first official caravan run for the season celebrating the 130th Annual Kimber Run and Birthday Bash in honor of Cecil Kimber on Saturday April 7th.

It was a very cold start to the day which may have attributed to the low turnout, but it was a beautiful sunny day for a drive nonetheless.

Ironically there was not an MG to be found at our starting point in the Meijer parking lot. We had 3 Minis (including 1 classic), 1 BMW, 1 Jaguar and a Honda SUV. The drive was really nice and considering the shape of most of the roads in Michigan at the moment it was relatively painless on the tires except for a few spots.

We added a 2nd official stop this year for the west enders at North Territorial and US23 and low and behold we picked up 3 MG's for the ride and the caravan was on its way. We had a wonderful drive with no problems and joined a good crowd at the Delhi Café for lunch. Marcia brought her wonderful chocolate cake as usual and we had a nice gathering to enjoy it. We even got bigger pieces this time as the crowd wasn't quite as large as last year. One of the Mini drivers liked it so much they joined our club during lunch. A good day all around, although I do hope for a better turn out next year.

Thank you to those who joined us: Tom & Marcia Greiner, Buck Steele (classic Mini), John Magee and Atlee Rierdon (Jaguar), Elvin & Janet Davis (BMW), Kaylen Rossi and his fiancée Nicole (our new members in their 2003 Mini), Kurt Ill & Guy St John (72 MGB), George Diehl (73 MGB) and Tim McCotter with his little boy as his navigator (77 MGB) along with Matt and myself in my Mini.

Member Trip to Ancaster British Car Show and Swap Meet

by Dale Brown

Many members to the journey to Ancaster Ontario for the Annual British Car Show and Swap meet. It was a nice day and there were lots and lots of cars from the surrounding areas including Windsor, London, Hamilton and Toronto. The indoor and outdoor vendors were busy all morning and into the afternoon. Three club members elected to drive their British Cars while others had lots of shopping to do and came in a van. A couple members were also there selling some of their used parts. Afterwards, we took a drive to Lake Erie and had a nice lunch overlooking the beaches of Port Dover. It was a great day and many members came home with items to install on their British Cars.

By the time the Windsor group driving their cars got there, the main show field was already full and had to park in the overflow.

An automatic Morgan 4 + 4

Annual Obsolete Automotive Garage Sale

by Dale Brown

Just like the trip to Lancaster, members took the trip up to Pointe Edward (near Sarnia) for their annual garage sale in the shop and some drove their British Cars and some took a van to purchase some bigger parts. Afterward, we all met and had a nice lunch at a diner in Tilbury. Now, more parts to install.

A London Ontario British Car Club member admiring the MGB's of J.P. McGraw and Dale Brown.

Another customer arrived in a shiny TR-6.

An Invitation to Visit

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Saturday May 12th 10am - 12 noon
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Coffee and doughnuts supplied

Lunch at 12:30 at Buddy's Pizza. 33605 Plymouth Rd. Livonia, MI 48150
(To help us plan, please email rick@wdmgc.com if you're coming)

Sunday, May 20, 2010, 11am – 4pm

Camp Dearborn
1700 General Motors Road, Milford, MI 48380

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club is proud to sponsor the 6th 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.

This year WDMGC will be providing picnic food (hot dogs, burgers, fixings and chips). If you want something else, the large grill will be fired-up for anyone to use. Feel free to bring a side dish you would like to share. WDMGC will supply water bottles, otherwise you can BYO beverages.

The park entrance fee is $8 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
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8 Mile or Base Line. Which is it?

by Rick Astley

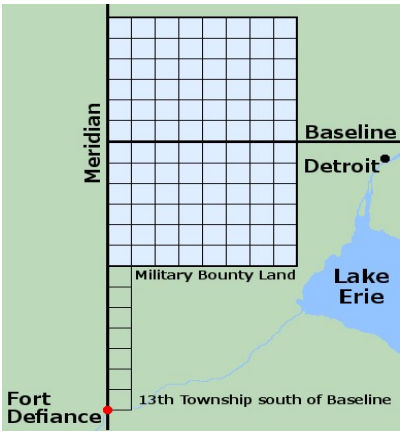
Sign at Haggerty and 8-Mile (photo Paul Sewick)

Many of our driving events have started at 8-mile and Haggerty Roads, and some members unfamiliar with the area must have been confused by the signage that indicates both 8 Mile and Base Line in the east-west direction, so which is it?

The answer is both, but the road was The Military Baseline before it was 8 Mile, the road being an important part of Michigan's history.

After the United States gained its independence, the new republic needed money, and to get it eyed the indian land no longer protected by the British. A land commission, chaired by Thomas Jefferson, was formed that lead to the Land Ordnance of 1785. The idea was to pressure Native Americans into treaties that would extinguish their rights to their lands and then sell that land. However, in order to be able to sell it, it had to be surveyed first.

The US Public Land Survey System would establish an initial point in a new territory and from there run a north-south meridian and an east-west baseline. These axes would then be used to count off 6 mile square townships.



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In Michigan, there were 96 townships to be established on a 12 high by 8 wide grid, with the meridian on the western edge and the baseline to run north of Detroit dividing the north south townships in two, 6 to the north and 6 to the south. In each US territory, the meridians and baselines were almost arbitrarily set and in Michigan it was decided that the north-south meridian should run directly north from Fort Defiance in Ohio, which was chosen because the Treaty of Detroit between the United States and the Native American nations ceded land to the US from that point. The east-west baseline was selected because of the necessity to avoid the Ohio border to the south and Lake Erie to the north. The baseline turned out to be thirteen 6-mile townships, or 78 miles, north of Fort Defiance.

When the Mile roads were established, the baseline became the reference point and happened to be almost exactly, but not quite, 8 miles north of Campus Marshes (originally Grand Circus), in downtown Detroit, where all the 5 spoke-like roads, (established in Detroit's grand plan after the fire of 1805) Woodward, Gratiot, Michigan, Fort and Grand River converge, and in that way, the baseline also became 8 Mile Road.)

The Illinois-Wisconsin border is said to have been set 50 miles north of the most southerly point of Lake Michigan, so giving Chicago enough lakefront to establish trading ports, but it turns out to be very far off that distance; too far to be a surveying error. However, the border is within the 1800's surveying accuracy of Michigan's baseline, so many believe it to have been the intended line for the IL-WI state divide.

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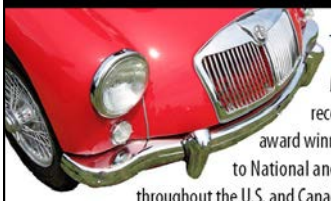

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May 2018	
Wed May 9	**WDMGC Club Meeting** Parks and Rec Gastropub. Windsor, Ontario 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Sat. May 12	Visit to Lee Jacobsen's Garage 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sun. May 20	WDMGC Spring Gathering & Picnic 2018 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
June 2018	
Wed. June 13	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI .
Wed. June 13 -Sunday June 18	GT-43 MGA Convention
Sat. June 16	Bangers and Bonnets 2018
Sun. June 17-Friday June 22	NAMGBR MG2018

May Meeting at Parks & Rec Gastropub

The May club meeting will be Wednesday May 9 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)

June Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The June club meeting will be Wednesday June 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.