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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.(Especially Janet Davis' story on page 18!)

On my final update on the progress of my BRG 1969 MGB, I was able to get it to the May meeting along with the 72. There are still several things that I'm working on such as painting the wheels, new tires, paint touch up, new front suspension bushings etc, but it's drivable now. Hooray! Now I'll be getting back to work on my Mineral Blue 73 MGB GT V-6.

And keeping in mind that at our Club Meetings, we will be doing some fun quizzes, I'll be bringing the 69 and 72 to the July meeting at Parks & Rec and parking them beside the patio. We'll do a contest to see if you can spot the differences.
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

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Welcome!

To our Newest Members

Kirk Carter and Charlotte Linklater of Harrow, ON. They have a Green 1951 MGTD.

Barry and Jane Jones of Windsor, rejoined after a short absence. He has a Yellow 1978 Triumph Spitfire.

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

25 years Brian and Wilma Hannon of Windsor, ON

15 years Al and Karen Burnham, of Livonia, MI

Presidentially speaking

Vicki Bade - Club President

We are now in June and I wonder what happened to Spring? We went from 60 to 90 degrees and a whole lot of rain in between. Let's hope that June is a little drier and not quite as hot so we can get those cars of ours out more often.

Our Spring Gathering at Camp Dearborn brought in around 26 or so MG's and a few other cars-despite the dreary weather and cooler temperatures, but overall it was a good turnout. Matt took care of grill duty and we had plenty of food to go around. It was a good time and everybody enjoyed themselves.

The May meeting in Canada had an excellent turnout and we changed things up a bit, which we are carrying over to the meetings on both sides through the end of the year. We are doing a raffle each meeting and any member in attendance who wishes to participate will be asked to write their names down and they will be held in a container for each side. At the end of the second meeting for that side we will be drawing 2 names to receive prizes. If you happen to attend meetings on both sides you will have an extra opportunity to win. We are also going to be doing a 10 question quiz at each meeting starting at the July meeting in Canada that Elvin Davis has been kind enough to help us with. We will have 1 winner each meeting that will win a prize. We would love your input and participation, so anyone that would like to enter a question and answer for an upcoming quiz can send the information to Elvin at ejdavis2@att.net or myself at vicki@wdmgc.com, and please include your name in the email as not everyone's email address is known to both of us. We will make sure the questions/answers provided will be spaced out so that no one has an unfair advantage any given month.

We have our first time Bangers & Bonnets gathering on the Eastern Michigan State Fairgrounds in Imlay City MI on Saturday June 16th thanks to the work of Ian Kempf and the generosity of the people running the fairground. It will run from noon to 4:00pm and some bangers, hot dogs, chips & water will be provided for those attending. There will also be access to the grill if you want to cook something of your own and everyone is encouraged to bring whatever else they would like to eat or drink with them. Those that come are also welcome to join the Busker Festival Parade the town is putting on at 4:30pm starting from the fairgrounds. Come out and join us and let's make this a great day!!!

Good news! We have secured a date for the WDMGC picnic at the park in Grosse Ile again this year thanks to Dave Doolin. It will be on Saturday August 25th and we will have more details listed on the website, in the NL and on Facebook as we go. Keep an eye out please as we will be asking for RSVP's to determine how much food to have on hand.

FYI-You may want to find those nametags that some of you have hiding in a drawer somewhere and start wearing them to the monthly meetings.

Keep your eyes on the website and join us on Facebook, if you haven't already. we love to see the pictures and stories so keep them coming. Get those cars on the road and let everyone see them!!

See you at the June meeting on the 13th at The Brass Pointe. Let's fill that back lot!

The foremost club for British car owners in southeast Michigan and southwest Ontario.

Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Club Business

Good Luck Jack and Isobel

by Rick Astley

Jack and Isobel Renaud, will soon be moving from their home in Dearborn to be close to family near Thunder Bay on Lake Huron, about 200 miles north of here. Although this is my personal farewell message to them, I'm sure the sentiments I feel are shared by all who know them.

Jack and Isobel have been regular attendees at both US and Canada meetings (Isobel is, by the way, Canadian). For many years they were easily recognized arriving in their bright yellow MGB V8 conversion with a Welsh dragon emblem on the back. Why a Welsh dragon? Jack is a keen kayaker and his kayak came from Wales. In fact, as you will see in the picture, the MGB served as transportation for the kayak.

When I embarked on a V8 conversion, who better to turn to than our experts on that subject, Jack on this side of the water and Graham Creswick in Canada, both of whom were generous beyond words with their time and effort. I remember in particular that I was struggling with designing a slotted stay-bar for supporting and adjusting my alternator belt tension while not fouling the bonnet. Jack, whose working life was spent as a mechanical designer at Ford (he was responsible for the original F150 Crew Cab designs) came to my rescue with rulers and calipers and an eventual sketch. But that wasn't the end of the story. A few days later Jack called and said he was taking a drive in my area and asked if he could stop by. It was a ruse; without ceremony, Jack produced the stay he had sketched and that he had gone home and made, a task that must have taken him many hours and considerable skill. I shouldn’t have been as surprised as I was, such modest kindness was, and is, typical of Jack.

So, while sad to see them leave, I and all our members who know them, wish them well in their new home where they will have time to enjoy their grandchildren and new great-granddaughter. Isobel, a very accomplished artist, will no doubt find new inspiration in the beauty around their new home and Jack will be on the water in his 5 liter Mustang.

Dinner & Cars at May Meeting at Parks & Rec

photos by Dale Brown

WDMGC Camp Dearborn Spring Gathering

The Sixth Annual WDMGC Spring Gathering is now history, and it still remains one of the club's feature events. Once again, we met at Camp Dearborn, and enjoyed each other's company, and got to catch up with stories from the winter.
As is normal for Spring in Michigan and Ontario, we can never predict the rain.
But despite the gloomy day, we had a nice turnout. President Vicki Bade sends her thanks to all for coming and those who helped out!! And a special thanks to her hubby Matt for working the grill for the day.

I think we got all the colors at this one!

Visit to Lee Jacobsen's Belden Garage

By Rick Astley, with considerable help from Lee Jacobsen.
Photos: Rick Astley and Steve Swarin.

Despite the constant rain, which perhaps was a plus, as it is much more fun to do inside stuff on a day where the cars can't be driven, lots of people accepted Lee Jacobsen's generous invitation May 12th to tour his Belden garage and learn a lot too, especially about, paint, finishing and wood-graining. Organized by the Windsor-Detroit MG Club, but with an open house invitation to all British car clubs and enthusiasts, one person counted around 80 people attending in all; many dropping in for a short time before leaving for other adventures.

Lee modestly describes his impressive facility a place for him to work on British cars, and his other passion: Packards. Those attending, however, saw it as much more, Lee having taken the trouble to provide a story about each car as a type and as an individual, just as would be found in a true museum.

We also talked about painting cars, and did some 'hands on' wood-graining on metal demos, which, Lee says, on reflection, was sort of redundant for British folk, as most British cars use 'real' wood, not printed wood, which was typical of American cars – although he does know of one 48 'Bentley' for sure at the Autorama this year that has printed wood-graining, on real wood, because the owner wanted 'burl' instead of straight English walnut and Lee accommodated him!

Lee's full stable of cars makes for an impressive catalog, and we are glad that our all electronic newsletter now gives us the space to list them all:

38 MGSA Saloon, all original , 65 year old barn find
52 MGTD, 65 year old barn find
63 Triumph TR3B, red, my first sports car, which Lee has driven to 43 states, having many adventures,. It is #46 of 100 special 'B's made.
60 MGA roadster, that rusty white one that he bought from a friend of a friend, frame now powder coated, engine being rebuilt.
32 Packard,Shovelnose roadster, frame done, engine done, waiting for Lee to do body work
34 Packard Twelve roadster, #40 of 50 made, 20 survive, this one still needs some parts located.
2003 Jaguar Vander Plas, silver, nice shape, which a friend bought for what he thought was the bargain price of $3,500, until learned about the cost of Jaguar air suspension!
54 MGTF, painted with Preval hand sprayers, supercharged, done in my garage, VIN # 1500 – last one with fuel pump by engine.
49 MGTC, red, supercharged, belongs to a friend
45 MGTC, sequoia cream, painted in driveway with Preval, a fun driver.
53 MGTD, green, rescued from a riding stable with only the frame and ammeter gauge usable, Johnny Cash's one piece at a time' car.
39 MGTA Tickford Coupe, light blue, one of 75 left, winner at many shows – fun to drive
38 MGSA, Tickford drophead foursome, duo green , National MG best of show last year, will be at St. John's this year.
48 MGTC, green, lacquer, the test car for buffing and polishing, never got done: weather
69 MGC, green, six cylinder, a friend's car
55 MGTF, 1500 series, green, original , Lee's barrel racing car
67 Jaguar XKE, 4.2, triple black, original , known since new
53 Jaguar, SE, roadster, green, original, but with new cockpit combing in the back, which dry rotted
52 Jaguar, roadster, SE, running chassis with duo blue seats next to body, one of 28 painted twilight blue, factory build sheet etc.
47 Packard , 7 pass sedan, huge black car, original, Rosie the Riveter parade car
49 Chrysler Convertible. red, Windsor, rare, original, no rust, original paint, low miles, for sale at $12k.
2008 Mini Cooper, red, wife's car, supercharged, 3,000 miles
65 Fiat, model 500, red, mint, a 'chick' magnet – so cute.

If that weren't enough to keep people drooling, there were various grilles, headlights, signs and dashboards on display, plus engines being rebuilt, floor lifts, balconies, tons of spare parts, 2 pallets of free MGB parts, including engines, gearboxes, fenders, etc. The garage is a block away from Lee's business and, it is where he plays an hour a day, trying to relax after work, and where some day, he says, he might actually finish a project or two.

WDMGC Golf Outing

Elvin Davis has secured 2 tee times at Whispering Willows Golf Course for 3:28 and 3:36 pm, **June 13th**, the day of the next Monthly Meeting in the US. That's room for 8 players, but if more show interest, Elvin can get an additional tee time.
Whispering Willows is at 8-Mile and Newburg (called Halstead north of 8-Mile). If you would like to play, please contact Elvin before June 2nd by email at ejdavis2@att.net or by phone or text at (248) 613-5939.

Wed Jun 13 2018 3:15 pm - 6:00 pm
WDMGC Pre-June Meeting Golf Outing

Click on link above for details

Convoy to Mad Dogs , Sunday, July 8, 2018

By Matt Bade

British Car Show and Rally

Presented by the Mad Dogs and Englishmen

This weekend event is one of the premiere British auto shows in the Midwest and our planning is well underway to recognize this important milestone in our club's history. Once again this year, we expect over 400 car and motorcycle entries and expect to be handing out over 80 awards in 30 categories!

Matt Bade will be leading the convoy of MGs to Mad Dogs and Englishmen on July 8, 2018.

We will 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. I will be providing maps and collecting cell phone numbers in case of a breakdown or other emergency. 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. There are 2 gas stations at this location if you need to fill up before we head out.

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 1⁄2 to 3 hours and includes a **BRIEF** stop in both Leslie and Olivet 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., Matt will lead the group back east again.

You can be reach Matt at home at 248-683-1210; at his cell at 586-291-8043, or by email at mgbade@core.com Please contact him in some manner if you plan on going so that maps can be printed. Letting Matt know will also ensure that he can look for you if you're running late at our departure locations.

Gilmore Museum details here

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Member Stories and Tech Info

MGB Adhesive Stripe with Logo
Elvin Davis has had an 8-piece adhesive stripe set, incorporating the MG logo, made for his car (the rear piece is not shown in the picture). He has paid the set-up charges so should anyone else want to have them made for their car, the price will be very reasonable. Although Elvin had his made in gold, the manufacturer can cut them from a wide range of base material colors.
Any member interested in acquiring a set should contact:
Signs By Tomorrow, 40400 Grand River Rd., Suite H, Novi, MI 48375
Phone: 248-478-5600. Email: novi@signsbytomorrow.com
Elvin will be bringing the car at the June 13th meeting.

And You Thought MGs Broke Down A Lot!

by Janet Davis

Elvin purchased a 1985 TVR 280i about 5 months ago. Determined to be dedicated TVR enthusiasts, we attended the monthly breakfast meetings in Sterling Heights, Michigan. There Elvin learned that the group planned to caravan to the Out of The Woodwork "The British Open" car show in Adamsville, MD in June. In preparation, Elvin had the TVR checked out by the local recommended TVR mechanic.

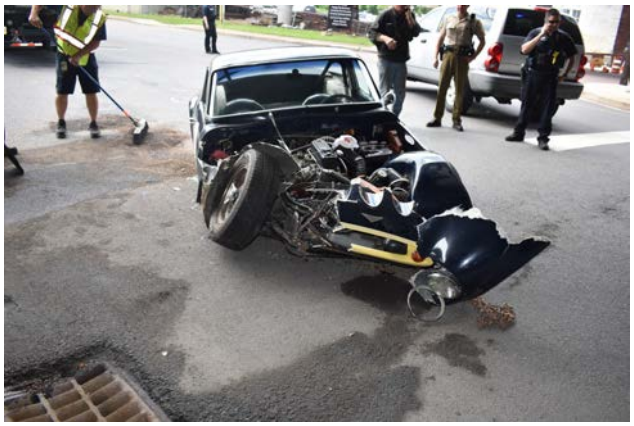
Walt and Sue; Elvin and I; Chuck; and Don, planned to meet at a gas station in Stoney Ridge, OH the morning of Thursday, May 30. That Chuck, the caravan leader, at the last minute, advised that we'd meet at Walmart at Pontiac Trail and Haggerty at 8:30 instead, and requested to borrow my gps, was a harbinger of things to come.

Elvin and I arrived at approximately 7:55 a.m. About 8:15 we texted Chuck to ask if we should continue to wait, or proceed to Stoney Ridge. We received a negative response; and waited patiently. The group arrived in three other cars about 8:30. We set out about 9 or 9:15. We were to drive about 3 hours to Brecksville where another car would join us at a restaurant. It was a challenge to keep up; we were the third car. At one point, the lead two cars were not visible. Elvin guessed they had entered the freeway and he followed suit. Well, they had not. After contact via cell, we learned the address of the destination restaurant and were able to meet them there.

There was a slight hitch – the restaurant didn't open until 4 p.m. Phone calls with the expected joinee resulted in an alternative lunch venue. Lunch was refreshing and relaxing. We set out again. The odometer, speedometer and gas gauge in Elvin's car stopped working. No

worries…our gps served as the speedometer and stopping every 200 miles for gas assured the car wouldn't run out. As for the number of miles driven, we decided that number was not a priority. We picked up another TVR enthusiast at a rest stop. We finally arrived at Holiday Inn Express in Cumberland, MD. Upon parking, Elvin's reverse went out; but he managed to maneuver the car into a spot.

On Friday, our destination was Dulles, VA. It was a dry, sunny day with clear visibility when we prepared to leave Cumberland, MD. Chuck's driving was the norm. We pulled into a parking lot for others to catch up. We formed an instant mini TVR show. Folks from neighboring houses liberally used their cell phone cameras. Our route took us down Main Street and we saw the best of small town America.



In order to enter the freeway ramp, we had to make a left turn at a busy intersection Don, in the car in front of us, too eager to keep up, turned in front of an incoming SUV. The crash and noise were unforgettable. Miraculously, Don exited his damaged vehicle unscathed except for arm bruises. EMT arrived to take the driver and her passengers to the local hospital. Her unbuckled passengers earned her a ticket. Don received a warning ticket for failure to yield.

We were delayed about 4 hours while police took statements and secured the scene; firemen cleaned the street of debris; and tow trucks removed the vehicles. We re-grouped at the service station to which Don's car had been towed to salvage usable car parts and arrange for a tow truck to tow "Big Blue" to a desired repair facility. Although the front end was demolished, Don, a TVR diehard,

proclaimed that he would rebuild “Big Blue”. Don then became a passenger in Chuck’s TVR. Don was determined to make it to the car show!

We arrived at the Courtyard By Marriott near Dulles Airport. That evening we enjoyed bar-b-que at a local car owner’s home. Of course, one of the TVRs stopped in front of the house and had to be pushed into a parking spot. Elvin and I were joined by Elvin’s cousin and his wife who’d driven from a suburb of D.C. to spend time with us. For no good reason, reverse returned on Elvin’s car.

Saturday morning was eventful: we enjoyed “Cars And Coffee” at 6:30 a.m. at a local, quaint strip mall where at least 60 cars were showcased. That was followed by a breakfast with TVR owners at a character diner. During the afternoon we visited other relatives of Elvin in D.C. and Fort Washington. We encountered normal D.C. traffic: inexplicably slow. It started raining; and of course, the windshield wipers decided not to work. Rainex to the rescue!

That evening we attended a banquet and auction. Two guys had car trouble at the hotel – one of whom managed to start. Luckily, the hotel shuttle was available.

We were scheduled to leave the hotel at 7 a.m. Sunday for the caravan drive to the show field which was about 30 miles away. One guy was out of gas. So Walt went to Walmart to buy a gas can and then to the gas station to buy gas. Charlie’s car wouldn’t start and Walt and Sue waited with him. About 8:45 we drove alone to the car show. It was raining cats and dogs. The car windows were heavily fogged and visibility was almost zero. Elvin stopped and bought defogger which helped tremendously.

The show field was in a rural farm area. The intersection where the gps had us arriving was made up of 4 fields. Of course, there was no sighting of other British cars or a show field. Not to be undaunted, Elvin continued driving. The show field was vast, covered in 6 inch grass and soggy. Elvin really had to maneuver to get to a spot near the other TVRs. We were the 240th car to register. But only approximately 50 cars showed up. The balance of our small group showed up about an hour later.

It rained most of the day. The food vendors had bailed; so the TVR club ordered pizza. A few MG owners were present. Voting was over at 1 p.m. Awards were handed out early. Elvin took second place in the TVR wedge category (which was the featured car) and third place in the Other British category.

After the show, we took off for Morgantown, WV. We were about 5 minutes from the exit ramp when Chuck's car died. The consensus was that it was the fuel pump. So we all pulled over to the side. Eventually an assistance vehicle stopped and we were joined by a taciturn untalkative fellow. Although he carried a clipboard and pen, he asked no questions; simply stood there while Chuck called for a tow truck. Elvin, myself, Walt and Sue drove to the hotel. Elvin went back to retrieve Don. The tow truck arrived and transported Chuck's car to a local repair shop.

The following morning, after trying 3 rental agencies, Chuck managed to rent a car. As a caravan we drove to Michigan. The trip home, thankfully, was uneventful. But Elvin's car lost reverse again just as he was trying to back it into the garage! So, being typically British, TVRs break down just as much as MGs!

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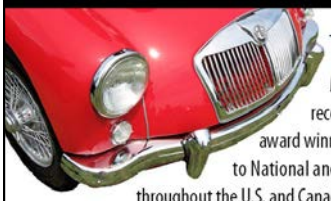

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Dead or Driveable

Your Car Picture

Let us have a picture of your car and some anecdotal information so that we can feature it in *Can-Am Connection* and the club web-site gallery.

Also Wanted

Your contributuion's for this newsletter,.

You will be Well Rewarded

Club Calendar

■ - WDMGC event.
To be sure you are up-to-date with all events, times and meeting places, visit www.WDMGC.com

June 2018	
Wed. June 13	WDMGC Pre-June Meeting Golf Outing 3:15 pm - 6:00 pm
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
July 2018	
Sun. July 18	Mad Dogs & Englishmen's British Auto Faire, Gilmore Car Museum 2018
Wed. July 11	**WDMGC Club Meeting** Parks and Rec Gastropub. Windsor, Ontario 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Sun. July 18	2018 All British Car Show, Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sat July 28– Sun. July 29	Waterford Hills Vintage Race 2018

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.

July Meeting at Parks & Rec Gastropub

The July club meeting will be Wednesday July 11 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)