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Car of The Month

This car is owned by fairly new Club members Bob and Sue Tereschuk of Windsor.

Bob says: “Finally after almost 40 years my 1978 MGB made its first trip under its own power. Passed the safety, plated, insured and ready to drive!”

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

I'll keep my column short this month.

I was able to get my Tartan Red MGB out of hibernation in the last couple of days so I now have two cars to choose from. If it's rainy or cold Wednesday night for our Club Meeting at Parks and Rec, I'll drive the green one with the hardtop and if it's nice I'll take the red one! See you there.

Take a special note of the list of new members below. This has to be a record number! Thanks also to all the photo contributors.

Enjoy this edition of the Can-Am Connection!

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

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Welcome!

To our Newest Members

Joyce and John Cherwak of Windsor, ON. They have a white 1972 MGB.

Zach Gladfelter of Troy, MI. (British car...TBD)

Arthur Hill and Valerie Butkovich of Mohawk, MI. They have a dark green 1959 MGZ Magnette.

Hal Hultman and Cheryl Van Vliet of Wayne, MI. They have a red 1972 MGB.

Dennis Leland of Whitmore Lake, MI. He has a white 1959 Triumph TR3A.

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

5 years	Alan Evans and Pam Swann of Canton, MI
10 years	Maxcine and Arthur Jackson of Farmington Hills, MI
20 years	Elvin Davis Jr. and Janet Anderson-Davis of West Bloomfield, MI

Presidentially speaking

Vicki Bade - Club President

Ok, we get rid of the snow, only to have the rain come in with gusto. I like how everything is green again, but enough is enough. Let's see that sun shine so we can get out and get those cars driving around!

Seriously, I am very glad to see the Spring come in and the driving season begin. We had a very cold & windy Kimber Run, but it stayed dry for the trip and was a good day just the same.

We had a fantastic turnout for the Tech Session and Rick will give you the details, so next up is the Spring Gathering at Camp Dearborn Saturday May 18th from 11:00am to 4:00pm. We will once again be providing picnic food and bottled water, along with access to the large grill, so come out and join us one and all for a great day. The flyer is in the NL and on the website and we will be reaching out to the other clubs to try and get a nice selection of cars to ooh and aah over.

The calendar is getting crowded, so keep an eye on it on the website and in the newsletters for future announcements to see what is coming up. Mad Dogs is in July and we have been extended an invite to share a caravan with the Jaguar club who are going over on Saturday and staying overnight at Firekeepers Hotel. There are some extra rooms available and I will be bringing it up at the meetings along with posting the information on the website and in future Newsletters. The Heritage Museum is also in July on the Canadian side and is always a nice day.

Banger & Bonnets is scheduled for Saturday August 10th and Ian Kempf will be heading that event up again in Imlay city. We are double checking the date and will make sure it is out there when finalized.

We will be having our picnic on the Canadian side this year August 24. Also the Jaguar Affiliate Group of Michigan has asked us to join them in hosting a tour & lunch at Meadow Brook Hall along with an afternoon at Yates Cider Mill for a fun car gathering on the lawn. Both destinations are in Rochester, MI and details will follow, however we are looking at Sunday August 25th for the date so that will be the day after our picnic.

It sounds like there will be lots of fun events to choose from this year, some new ones to add with the great ones we usually have available. I am hoping we can get some of our new members involved so they can see what a great club we have. WDMGC enjoys a wonderful variety of people and cars that I feel really are unique, so come on out and enjoy those wonderful cars! Let's get rolling and show these beauties off this year. Stay dry and I hope to see you in Canada for the May meeting on the 8th, perhaps even joining some of us in a round of golf beforehand.

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

Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Photos – April Club Meeting at The Brass Pointe

April Tech Session

by Rick Astley

When Mike Harris contacted me back in November of last year and suggested making a spring club Tech Session based on changing out the noisy universal joints in his 1974 MGB, I wondered whether this apparently fairly easy job would garner enough interest among our members. How wrong I was, the whole affair turned out to be far from easy in more ways than one, and other factors lead to the event becoming one of our most well attended.

Firstly, Mike, Chris Gurnee and I decided we would check out a location where we were advised we could put the car on a lift with plenty of room around it for those wishing to observe the operation. We met there one morning in March to a less than welcoming staff but, without any other place to go, made a reservation at the dirty, dull and disorganized facility, which to protect the names of the guilty, we'll call Dark & Dingy's. We even produced a flyer announcing the event there but none of us were that comfortable in our choice of venue. Then a spark of another idea started to flare; just a few months earlier, not a mile from Dark & Dingy's was a place where we'd all spent a wonderful Saturday and which was the antithesis of where we had booked. That was Lee Jacobsen's Belden Garage, a bright clean and welcoming facility if there ever was one. Could we impose on Lee again so soon? We could only ask.

We shouldn't have been concerned; Lee was enthusiastically willing, could accommodate on the date and had in any event been mulling a sandblasting technical session with the Michigan MGT Chapter. We decided to make it an open house, multi-purpose event starting at 10:00, commencing Mike's UJ project around 10:30, and ending whenever the crowd had dispersed. WDMGC offered to make the flyer, bring in coffee and donuts for the morning, while Lee's wife Karen and daughter Bonnie would provide a great lunch for which we would compensate them. We arranged that our lifetime resident mechanic, Harry Mac Lean, would be there to give a hand to the UJ replacement and afford any other assistance required, Guy St John would offer his unparalleled experience as needed, Russ LeFevre would bring his Stromberg tuning tools to go along with his unique expertise on those carburetors and I would offer any electrical advice I could. All this was made possible, even if not eventually needed, because Lee has equipped his garage with 2 lifts and 3 exhaust extractors, which allow for working on cars with ease and if necessary while running. Lee's sandblasting cabinet and media was also available as of course was his extraordinary collection of classic cars.

Our invitation went out to all the local British car clubs and that, along with a sunny 68ºF (20ºC) morning, resulted in an overflowing parking lot and a stream of people coming through all day. What did Lee ask in return for his generosity? Well, keeping his place as clean as he does means he gets through a ton of paper towels, so he asked people to bring a token few along, and I trust he was inundated with them.

Oh, and that quick and easy UJ job on Mike's car? That turned out to be not so simple. Rotational twisting of the driveshaft didn't reveal the bearing damage expected, but laterally, the rear UJ was extremely sloppy. Once on the bench, it was evident to Mike that a previous owner had run into trouble trying to replace the UJ and had only half inserted one bearing. Getting the old bearing out and the new one installed required far too much force and it was eventually decided to give up that endeavour for the day because the yoke was distorted and would need replacement. Mike procured a new yoke, had it and new bearings professionally fitted and the driveshaft rebalanced for very little money at a shop just around the corner Gene Johnson had recommended. Mike and I reinstalled it in just a few minutes the following Saturday exactly where we had left it at Lee's. Thankful, Mike wasn't paying by the hour to leave it on a lift at dark & Dingy's for a week!

(see photos on the following pages)

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For (many) more photos, click here.

Kimber Run 2019 — Cecil's 131st Birthday Bash

by Vicki Bade

The date of the run may have been later in April than in the past-unfortunately it didn't help with the weather as hoped. We had a **very** cold, windy gray day to have our run and as such we didn't have as many participants as hoped. Within those that did come only half were MG's. Dale Brown and Dave Hornby not only braved the border crossing to join us they also braved the elements and were the only 2 at the first meeting place actually driving their MG's-Way to go guys.

We had 2 jags, my Fiat and a Ford and needless to say between the low body count and the cold there wasn't much of a driver's meeting, so we started pretty much on time. It was predicted that we would face a full day of rain (at times very heavy) but there we got lucky and it stayed dry for the whole trip.

We met Kurt Ill & Guy St John who also came in an MG and a gentleman in his own MG named Jim who I believe was not an actual member of our club, but we were happy to have him anyway. Despite the weather we had a really nice drive. The roads are still in good condition for the route and it really is just a super driving run. We had some of the roads a little bit to ourselves and were able to kick it up a notch and enjoy the twisty bits.

There was a decent showing at Delhi Café and it was a nice chance to really mix and mingle and enjoy the afternoon along with Marcia's delicious dessert. We wished Cecil a Happy Birthday and soon everyone was on their own way home.

We had some nice cars in the lot as the pictures will show and we thank those that set up the event. I saw that Dave Smith who helped get everything together along with his wife left top down in his Midget. I hope they had a decent ride home since the rain seemed to roll into the area just as everyone was heading out.

Good day overall - glad we are finally kicking off the new driving season!

The cold start of the drive

One of two quick pit stops on the way

Kurt III's new aluminum radiator (a beauty)

It was a great drive even though it was gloomy

Lunch was good as usual

Adam Gucfa's XJS had people looking!

Marcia's cake was delicious as usual. Thanks Marcia!

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 11am – 4pm

Camp Dearborn
1700 General Motors Road, Milford, MI 48380

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club is proud to sponsor the 7th 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 area called Evergreen. **There is an entrance fee to the park.** 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 (chicken, salads 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.

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 Vicki Bade at (248) 909-0874
The Camp Dearborn Web Site is www.campdearborn.com

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For Sale

1973 MG Midget parts "free to a good home": two rear springs (rusty); wind shield frame (includes glass which has delaminated); passenger side door (incomplete; quarter window missing). Any one interested can e-mail at : vdhoven@uwindsor.ca

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Phone or text: 58 six-2 nine 8-8 three 98.

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1972 MGB Roadster. Runs, But Needs Work, $1,500
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Brand new rubber sill covers (Moss price $189 U.S.) and two brand new side marker lights (Moss price $59 U.S.) for MGB. Items are in Canada. Make any reasonable offer. Email Dave Hornby: mgdave@sympatico.ca

1974 MG Midget. 30,134 original miles. Covered storage inside garage. Red exterior, tan interior, excellent condition. Original black roof and tonneau cover, both excellent condition. Blaupunkt AM/FM cassette radio. Clean engine and engine compartment. Original carburetors. Michelin tires less than 500 miles stored in basement. Extra parts.
Contact: Jim Carr @ 248-547-9050.

1972 MG Midget for sale

99% renovated. My dad was restoring the car when he passed away. $3,900 or best offer. The car is stored near Clarkston, Michigan.

Lane Rupright
248.660.2134
lanerup@aol.com

Free to good home: I have 2 NIB saddle MGB carpet kits that I want to give away. I live 3 miles west of exit 126, I-75, Just North of Flint.
Garey Knop gk_011@hotmail.com

1979 MGB. Body is in excellent condition, paint has one small blister on the bonnet. One of the nicest driving B's I have driven. Interior is in very good condition. Top has one small repair. Price is $10,000.00 Canadian. More pictures are available on request. Mbeale1@cogeco.ca

1975 MGB for sale

Rebuilt motor and trans approx 10 years ago, minor wiring issues, complete car, needs restoration. Does run and drive. Looking for about $3500 CDN. Located in Windsor

Jessie Darmon
519-737-0680
Cell: 519-816-0719

MGB Four speed transmission. Sell for any reasonable offer. Prefer Canadian side sale. dale@wdmgc.com

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Club Calendar

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May 2019	
■ Wed. May. 8	**WDMGC Club Meeting** Parks and Rec Gastropub. Windsor, Ontario 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
■ Sat. May 18	WDMGC Spring Gathering & Picnic 2019 11:00 am-4:00 pm
June 2019	
Sun. June 2	The British Return to Ft Meigs - Car Show 2019 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
■ Wed. June 12	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI.
Sun. June 23-Wed. June 26	NAMGBR MG 2019

May Meeting at Parks & Rec Gastropub

The May Club meeting will be Wednesday May 8 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 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.

"This lady looks very alarmed, as indeed we all should be. That side-jack is obviously inadequate for working under a car, especially with a passenger onboard who, on close inspection, appears to be a fully grown adult."