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A beautiful MGA at The Spring Gathering at Camp Dearborn
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I hope you have your cars out and driving when ever it's not raining. I've had a chance to do some long distance trips and you'll see a short article of one I did in this edition.

Lots more driving to come!

Enjoy this edition of the Can-Am Connection!

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

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Welcome!

To our Newest Members

Harvey Hammond of Warren, MI. He has a Red 1959 Morris Minor 100 and a Cream 1979 MGB.

Pat and Oliver Bloom of Holly, MI. They have a Black 1959 MGA .

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

15 years	David and Brenda Gray of Ann Arbor, MI
25 years	George and Gail Diehl of Brighton, MI
25 years	Roger and Beverley Melton of Bloomfield Village, MI

Presidentially speaking

Vicki Bade - Club President

Well, I can't believe it is June already and although we are still dealing with a lot of rain everything is growing and blooming wonderfully! I'm sure we are all hoping for some drier days to get those cars out and enjoy them-especially the rag tops.

Our Season has kicked off in good fashion with a cold but clear Kimber Run and a chilly beginning, but sunny ending to our Spring Gathering. We have lots more fun to be had and I am really looking forward to this year's events.

MG 2019 in Traverse City is on the calendar for the end of June and I know they have a full slate of events planned for everyone to enjoy along with the awesome car show. Matt and I will be leaving Sunday morning the 23rd to start making our way up there and anyone who would like to join us is welcome to come to our house to start the journey. We will be leaving no later than 9:00 am and plan to make a day of it and enjoy the scenery on the way up.

July will be starting off with Mad Dogs on Sunday 7/7 and be joined by The Heritage Museum, Concoursd'Elegance and Waterford Hills Racetrack throughout the month.

Matt is trying a new road trip and we will be running a caravan to Ye Olde Carriage Shop in Lansing Saturday 8/3. He is working out the route now and we will be doing a test run shortly. The tour is free as the club will make a donation for the day. More information will be coming.

We also have Bangers & Bonnets again this year in Imlay City, St. Mary's Car Show, The WDMGC Summer Picnic (this year in Windsor) and a Meadowbrook Hall Tour & luncheon to be paired up with a car display at Yates Cider Mill. These will all be happening in August. So take a peek at the club calendar on our website so you can plan your own.

We hope to see you at some or all of the events this year as we celebrate the love of British cars (some not so British). Let's get the party started and get those babies out on the road!

Our June meeting at The Brass Pointe on the US side is coming up on the 12th. Come out and join the group in some food and some stories along with the fun car sightings in the parking lot.

Hope to see you there. Stay safe and enjoy your driving!

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Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Photos – May Club Meeting at Parks and Rec Gastropub

PARKS & REC

Spring Gathering at Camp Dearborn

by Vicki Bade

Our 7th Annual Spring Gathering on May 18th started out dry (thank goodness), but it was a might chilly.

We did end up with a great day and a nice selection of cars that joined us. We probably had 30 or more come and go throughout the day. I did notice that the MGA total exceeded the MGB total at some point, but that is ok-just glad to have everyone out enjoying their wonderful cars.

The food was good. We opted for fried chicken with all the goodies and although we had leftovers, I planned for that and had lots of containers for people to take some home. A big thanks to Anne Astley for helping throughout the day, especially in wrapping everything up at the end so I wasn't the only one taking the extra food home. I also want to thank those that helped set up the tables to get things started.

All in all it was a fun day and there are some nice pictures to show it off. We even got our banner flying high and a great picture of it to boot. It had warmed up enough that many of us were able to go home with the top down enjoying some sunshine.

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Gathering D'Elegance

Join us for a day of history, elegance and fine automobiles. Hosted by the Jaguar Affiliate Group of Michigan and the Windsor - Detroit MG Club. Meadow Brook Hall's largest dining room is limited to 110 people, so register early to reserve your spot!

When: Sunday, August 25, 2019

Venues: **1st Venue:** Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Dr., Rochester, MI; 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
$30 per person
10:30 AM - Arrival at Meadow Brook Hall
11:00 AM - Tour of the Mansion
12:00 PM - Luncheon

2nd Venue: Yates Cider Mill, 1990 E Avon Rd., Rochester, MI; 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
No cost
1:30 - 2:00 PM - Drive from Meadow Brook Yates Cider Mill, directions provided
2:00 - 3:30 PM - Cars arrive and set up for display (bring your chairs, etc)
3:45 - 4:00 PM - Fun Awards Presented (see categories below)

You are invited to both venues, but if you can only join one of the two, that is ok.

A National Historic Landmark, Meadow Brook is the historic home built by one of the automotive aristocracy's most remarkable women, Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of automobile pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband, lumber broker Alfred Wilson. Constructed between 1926 and 1929, Meadow Brook represents one of the finest examples of Tudor-revival architecture in America.

At Yates Cider Mill we will park our cars on the grass for display from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM and enjoy an afternoon of camaraderie, car talk, ice cream, donuts, cider and perhaps even a river walk. Yates will publicize our event on their Facebook page.

No judges, no categories, no rules. Bonnets up or down, it's your choice. We plan on presenting fun certificates of award based on the following criteria:

Route 66 Award - the car driven the further distance to get to this event
Drag Strip Award - the car driven the shortest distance to get to this event
Senior Award - the oldest car present at this event
Junior Award - the newest car present at this event
Prince of Darkness Award - the car sustaining the most event filled journey of the day
People's Choice Award - picked by the customer's of Yates Cider Mill & Ice Cream Shoppe

To register, go to www.jagm.org / Events / Upcoming / then find and open the event. Then click on the Register button. Please provide the number of people who will be attending, your name and email address, and your club affiliation. The cost for this event is $30 per person, including taxes and service charge. Please mail your payment (number of guests attending Meadow Brook Hall luncheon X $30) to:

George P. Crutchfield
23556 Millwood
South Lyon, MI 48178-1944

At the time of registration you receive an acknowledgement email and then three days before the event you will receive a reminder.

Registration and payment, for the Meadow Brook Hall event, **must be received by August 5th**. No registration is necessary if you are just joining us at the Yates Cider Mill venue.

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Road Trip to Wytheville, Virginia for British V-8 Meet

by Dale Brown

Although not a club event, it happened that several members joined up and made the 12 hour trip to beautiful Virginia for this fun, informative but casual meeting of British V-8's. This group has been meeting for many years and although not a formal club or association, most people know each other from past years. It was my first time and it takes place in different cities and venues. Next year it will be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

There were over 50 cars there including stock MGB's like mine and Matt's, stock Morgan Plus 8 like Dave's plus heavily modified cars like Graham's MGB with fuel injected Ford 302. My personal interest was in the several MGB's and GT's that had the 3.4L Camaro Fuel Injected V-6's. I'm currently building a GT with the same engine and got a chance to drive one. What a thrill!

Other than a few tech sessions in the hotel breakfast room, most of the action took place in the parking lot or on one of many self guided tours down wonderful twisty roads including the Claw of the Dragon and The Blue Ridge Parkway. Unfortunately, some cars got a little aggressive at times and ended up severely damaged. Thankfully there were no personal injuries. We thoroughly enjoyed a picnic lunch one day and a fun banquet another night. The Mayor even joined our table.

Enjoying the 5 day trip from our club was Graham Creswick, Dave Hornby, Matt Bade, Terri and Ozzie Pillon and myself.

Halfway lunch stop on the way down at Gibby's in Circleville Ohio.

A stop in Hillsville Virginia on the way to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Enjoying the Blue Ridge Parkway

A cool shot from the Morgan

left: Damaged Tr6 (with Corvette engine)

right: Pre-banquet refreshments

Club Convoying (Caravanning)

Rules and etiquette

by Lise Brown

In 2002, 2009 and 2016 we published a list of convoying rules to be used at club driving events. The list seemed adequate at the time but with a larger club, new technology and more convoying experience, some updates are now in order. With the 2019 driving season just underway, this is an opportune time to remind members, including those running events, of their responsibilities toward making a club tour a safe and enjoyable occasion for everyone involved. In developing these guidelines I consulted with Rick Astley and Dale Brown, and researched other car clubs' convoying practices adapting a few of their ideas, notably those of The Corvette Club of Western Australia. Of course there is one all-important rule that underlies any club outing and that is: Have fun! Because when all is said and done, there is nothing more enjoyable than time spent with friends enjoying our LBCs doing what they were designed for … driving!

Prior to departure

1. Arrive well before departure time so that the organizers can hold the drivers' meeting at the designated time and not have to repeat instructions to latecomers.

2. The event organizers should provide participants with basic information about the route, any scheduled stops and the destination (including address and telephone numbers.) Additional information such as a map and mobile numbers can also be helpful.

3. The event organizers should stress safety first at all times, reminding participants to drive safely and to obey the rules of the road as well as all traffic signs and signals.

4. Make sure you've fueled up prior to departure time so that you're ready to leave on time.

5. If you have a mobile telephone, bring it along and get the number of your group's leader and perhaps those of some of the other drivers too. Unless invited to do otherwise, only call in emergencies; remember that some people have to pay per-call and may incur roaming charges.

6. Generally, non-LBC cars participating in the tour will line up at the end of the convoy after the LBCs but ahead of the Last Car (see Convoy Structure)

During the run

1. When driving in a convoy, your responsibility is to the car behind you; the Lead Car driver is responsible for navigation as well as keeping an eye on the car behind him/her; the Last Car driver is responsible for any car that drops out of line and is not seen by the driver in front of him/her (see Convoy Structure below.)

2. The ideal size for a trouble free convoy is 4 to 6 cars. Any group larger than 10 cars should split into smaller groups during the run.

3. If you know your car's electrical system can sustain it, drive with your low-beam headlamps on.

4. One or more meeting places with facilities should be prearranged along the route. This is also a catch-up place for any cars, which despite everything, still become separated.

5. While driving, be mindful of safety at all times. For instance, do not get caught up with trying to stay with the convoy by rolling through stop signs or burning red lights.

6. If the Lead Car takes a wrong turn, and you know it is not the correct route, keep following so the entire convoy stays together.

7. If for any reason the car behind you slows down or

stops at the side of the road, it is your responsibility to slow down and keep it in sight. If everyone obeys this rule, then all the cars in front of you should also slow down, thus keeping the group together.

8. If part of a convoy needs to stop and regroup, move off the road safely and onto the shoulder as quickly as possible. When ready to get back on the road, the Last Car in the group moves out first to allow the Member Cars in front to pull out quickly and safely, and keep the group together. This should be done as quickly as possible so as not to frustrate any traffic behind the group's Last Car.

9. As often happens, general traffic sometimes joins in or holds up a convoy. If and when this occurs, members should keep an eye on the LBCs behind them, adjusting their pace as necessary.

10. If separated from the group in traffic, do not attempt to pass or overtake non-convoy vehicles unless it is absolutely safe to do so.

11. When approaching a red light in city traffic, take up as many lanes as legally and safely possible so that convoy vehicles are clustered together. This will help the group get through the intersection together when the light turns green. Once through, reform into a single lane behind the Lead Car.

Convoy structure

Any convoy, big or small, is comprised of a Lead Car/ Trip Leader, Member Cars and a Last Car. The following is a suggested list of additional responsibilities for each.

A- The Lead Car/Trip Leader:

- Sets the pace and must obey speed limits at all time, remembering that the rear of the convoy may be some distance back.
- Gives plenty of notice, via turn signals, when a change of direction is coming up.
- Ensures that the convoy is not spacing out too much and adjusts pace accordingly.
- Pulls over to allow for a regroup if necessary.
- Keeps in contact (two-way radio or mobile phone) with the Last Car.

B - The Member Cars:

- Maintain a safe distance from the car ahead.
- Do not pass other member cars unless an emergency situation makes it necessary.
- Make sure that they maintain visual contact with the car behind.
- If a large convoy is broken down into sub groups, each group should designate a Lead Car and Last Car to assume those responsibilities within the group, and both should be equipped with a mobile phone.

C - The Last Car:

- Keeps in contact (mobile phone) with the Lead Car.
- When the Lead Car indicates to pass, moves into the passing lane first (when safe to do so) to prevent non-convoy vehicles from interfering with the convoy; this also applies when the group is ready to get back on the road after having pulled over to regroup.
- Contacts the Lead Car to report any problems or difficulties such as having trouble keeping up with the convoy (e.g., pace too fast, too much interfering traffic, convoy being held back by traffic light) or if there are any other incidents affecting the convoy (e.g., vehicle breakdowns.)

In case of emergency

- If you experience any problems requiring you to pull over and stop, stay with your vehicle and contact the Trip Leader if possible.
- No more than 2 Member Cars should stop to assist.
- Make sure that you and your car are visible and located at a safe distance from any oncoming traffic.
- Maintain contact with the Trip Leader or other designated convoy member.

Happy motoring and Safety Fast!

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

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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

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Club Calendar

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

June 2019	
Wed. June 12	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI.
Sun. June 23-Wed. June 26	NAMGBR MG 2019
July 2019	
Sun. July 7	Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Auto Faire, Gilmore Car Museum 2019 9:30am-3:30 pm
Wed. July 10	**WDMGC Club Meeting** Parks and Rec Gastropub. Windsor, Ontario 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Sun. July 14	2019 All British Car Show, Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage 9 am—4 pm
Fri. July 26 - Sun. July 28	Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's 2019
Sat. July 27-Sun. July 28	Waterford Hills Vintage Race 2019

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.

July Meeting at Parks & Rec Gastropub

The July Club meeting will be Wednesday July 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).