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November Meeting at Parks & Rec Gastropub

Dave Hornby is shown leading the "Guess the Parts" quiz .
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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Well we sure had a warmer than usual early winter and I know many of you had a chance to take an afternoon drive. Maybe we'll have an early spring too.

You may have noticed that I have added a 40th year anniversary logo to our mast head on the front page, thanks to Rick Astley.

I'll keep that on for the entire year and I'm sure that we will have some special 40th Club Anniversary Events during the year. Also this year, I'll republish an article from an earlier year anniversary that explains the formation of the club 40 years ago.

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

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Welcome!

To our Newest Members

Richard and Maureen Thalmann of Oakland, MI. They have a Black 1959 Triumph TR3A and a Blue 1962 MGB.

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

5 years	Rob and Sue Moroz of Tecumseh, Ontario (January)
10 years	Jim Demerath and Theresa Henise of Detroit (November) Richard Eisle of Ann Arbor (February) William and Bridget McCafery of Livonia (February)
35 years	Greg Kuhun and Jill Seguin of Holly Michigan (January)

Presidentially speaking

Vicki Bade - Club President

Happy New Year Everyone!

It's hard to believe it is 2020-WOW! Unlike November, December decided to spare us the snow. I certainly hope that doesn't mean that Mother Nature will be making up for it in the first part of the new year.

Matt has his baby tucked away in a nice garage, close enough that he can visit once in a while, although with some of the nice days we had last month he was very tempted to put the battery back in it and take it for a spin.

2019 was a wonderful year for the club with lots of great events and some truly wonderful weather in which to enjoy them. We had some new ones that worked out very nicely and an excellent joint venture with the Jaguar Club. I hope we can do some of that this coming year. I am looking forward to a great driving season and hope that everyone is starting their New Year out with health and happiness.

We had a lot of fun at our December Gift Exchange/Meeting at The Brass Pointe-plenty of stealing was done (although unfortunately 2 of our ladies seemed to get the brunt of it). Lots of wonderful gifts to go around and as seems to be the theme lately more than a few adult beverage bottles were unwrapped. I know I stole a nice peach Moscato at the end of the evening.

A reminder that we will be having our Annual General Meeting in February on the 12th at Brass Pointe on the US side and we are looking for someone to take over the Treasurer position from Cathy Gurnee. She is willing to train and has done a great job of streamlining it to make it easier to do. If you would like to put in a nomination please let Louise Beck our current Secretary know. All positions are open although we do not have nominations for the other 3 positions so far.

We also ask that if you have any members you would like to nominate for any of the awards we have given in the past to let someone on the Board know. Details will again be listed in the Newsletter.

I am waiting on confirmation, but there may be some changes in the works for the Kimber Run this year. One possible change could be moving it to a later date in the month. As I have the details passed on to me I will get the word out to everyone as soon as possible.

Please join us for the January meeting in Canada on Wednesday the 8th at the Parks & Rec Gastropub and the AGM on Wednesday Feb 12th at The Brass Pointe- have a safe and happy winter!

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Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Club Business

2020 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 2020, the election will take place at the February 12th 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) - Kurt Ill
- Secretary (incumbent) - Louise Beck

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.

Louise Beck

2020 Awards

It's time once again to ask for your to help in determining the 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 will be announced at a later date.

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.

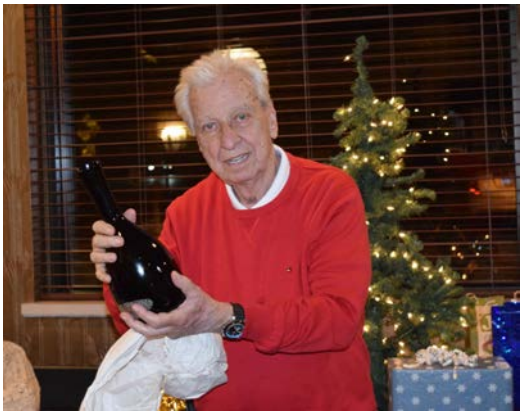
Hard Luck Award: Given to the member who has had the most problems with his/her British car during the past year (or suffered a notable loss or hardship in that regard.)

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.)

Club Events , Photos and Meetings

November Club Meeting at the Parks and Rec Gastropub

December Club Meeting at The Brass Pointe



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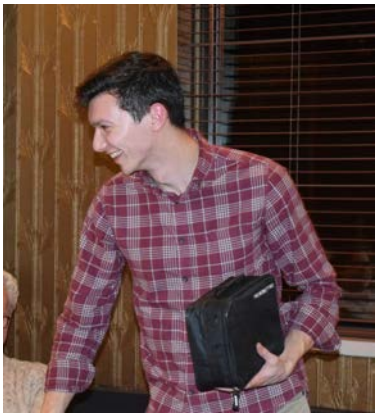


Andrew Ganem

Anne Astley

Barbara Jones

Cathy Gurnee

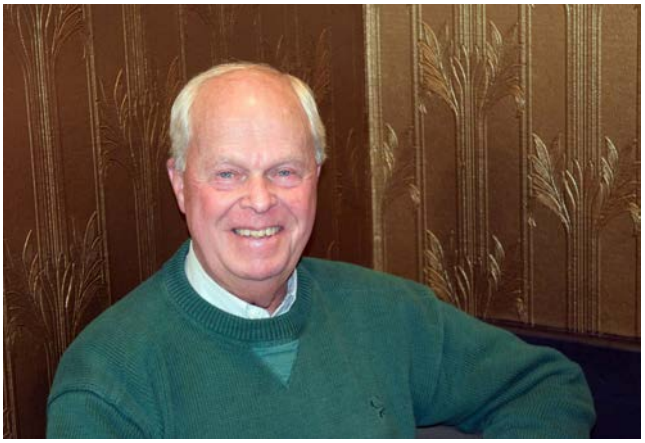
Chris Gurnee

Chuck Wiley

Dan Sokolowski

David Cook

Elvin Davis Jr.



Gene Johnson

Juanita Fast

Greg Fast

Guy St. John

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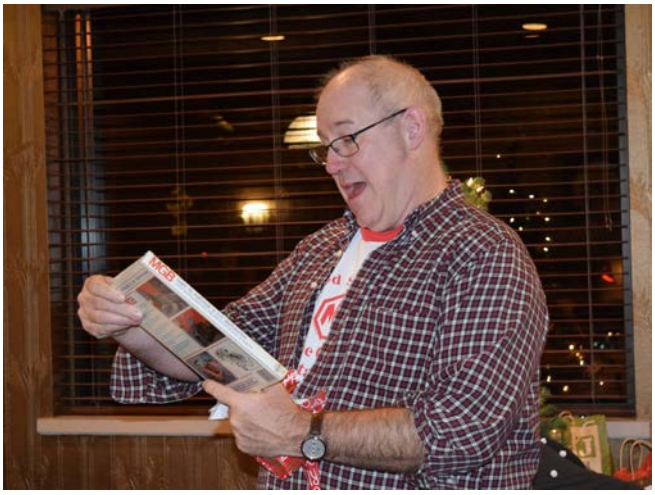
Harry Mueller III

Heide Otto

Janet Anderson-Davis



John Magee

Louise Beck

Lori and Mick Gideon

Marc Weitzman

Matt Bade

Vicki Bade

Marlis LaFevre

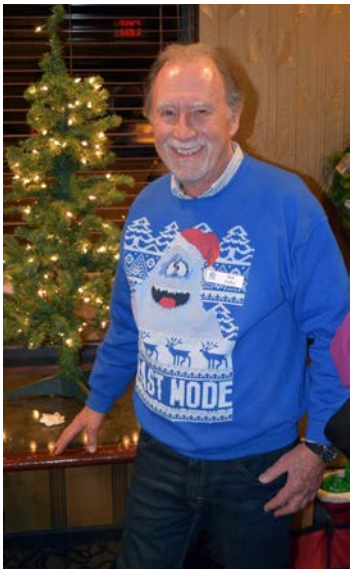
Russ LaFevre

Ozzie Pillon

Monique Magee

Ruth Swarin

Steve Swarin



Rick Astley

Tom and Sandie Newton

Susan Gucfa and Barbara Jones

Ugly Sweater Contest

left: The Judges (John, Ozzie and Steve)

Left: The contestants (Vicki, Anne and Elvin)

And the winner is?

Elvin Davis Jr!

MGB Dash Removal and Install

by Harry MacLean

I have an 1980 MGB that I recently removed the dash I did this to install a new dash pad but this article is just for dash removal/install if you need to get behind it for some reason.

1. Remove glove box/striker and door.
2. Remove speedometer – push in and twist ccw*
3. Remove tachometer- push in and twist cw*
4. Remove shroud around steering column and disconnect light switch wiring.
5. There are 6 nuts holding dash in remove 4 of them through glove box hole you will have to feel around for them
6. Remove one nut through speedo/tach hole depending on which is easiest
7. Remove last nut above hood release you will need along extension for this.
8. Remove two bolts on bottom of dash one on each side
9. Wiggle dash up and outwards toward steering wheel
10. Disconnect all wires making sure to mark them with masking tape as to where they go.
11. Disconnect oil line going to pressure gauge.
12. Remove dash from passenger side as it's much easier.
13. Tools needed:

¼" drive rachet
¼" 7/16 socket
¼"3/8 socket

¼" short extension about 1" long
¼" long extension about a 12" long
#2 phillips screwdriver
Pliers if needed.

This will pretty much cover things for a 1977-1980 as they are all the same. Earlier models may require different tools. Install is reverse of removal. Anything that is out of order under dash with it out is a good time to repair/fix what is wrong.

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1970 MGBGT I have owned this car since about 1977. No rust, rockers have been replaced. Needs paint, Tires. Engine has totally been rebuilt, touring cam, 10 over pistons, New fuel tank, needs some work to complete. Extra engine, Transmission, overdrive unit, Heated back-light. $4000.00 art.krygowski@gmail.com

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

1953 MG TD with a Volvo B18D Engine and 4 Speed Trans w/MGA Rear Axle. Comes with New Moss Motors seat reupholstery kit and panel kit in Biscuit. Needs Carb work, ran when parked. Not a show car but a solid car. Asking $8200 obo
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1976 MGB Peacock Blue with the tan interior and black top. Approximately 76, 000 miles. Good condition. Paperwork for most repairs. 7,000.00. Give a call, we'll talk, you'll look, we'll see. I'm also thinking of selling my '72 'westie'. Launey at 1.313.345.6435 or lapyke3@ gmail .com

1972 MGB Roadster. Runs, But Needs Work, $1,500
Runs and drives, but will need substantial rust repair. This will be a project car before it's a good driver again and the low price of $1,500 firm reflects that.
One owner since 1995. Mileage unknown, but only 5,000 miles since engine rebuild in 1997. Four-speed transmission. Needs wiring work and rust replacement of rockers, frame rails, plus some repair in fenders and floor panels. Improvements in last 20 years include new front bumper, distributor, starter, radiator rebuild, Delco alternator, ignition switch, new gas tank, convertible top. (See website for photos) john_a_magee@yahoo.com
248-234-3789

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

MGB. 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

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

1976 MGB
Car is located in Harrison Township Michigan.Asking **$3,500** or best offer.

Contact: Kathy Pierce
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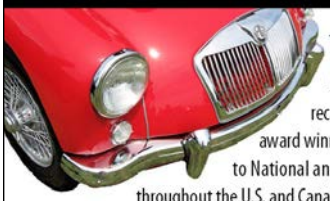

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Also Wanted

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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

January 2020	
Wed. Jan. 8	**WDMGC Club Meeting** Parks and Rec Gastropub. Windsor, Ontario 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
February 2020	
Wed. Feb. 12	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI.

January Meeting at Parks & Rec Gastropub

The January Club meeting will be Wednesday January 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).

February Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The February Club meeting will be Wednesday February 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. **AGM will take place.**