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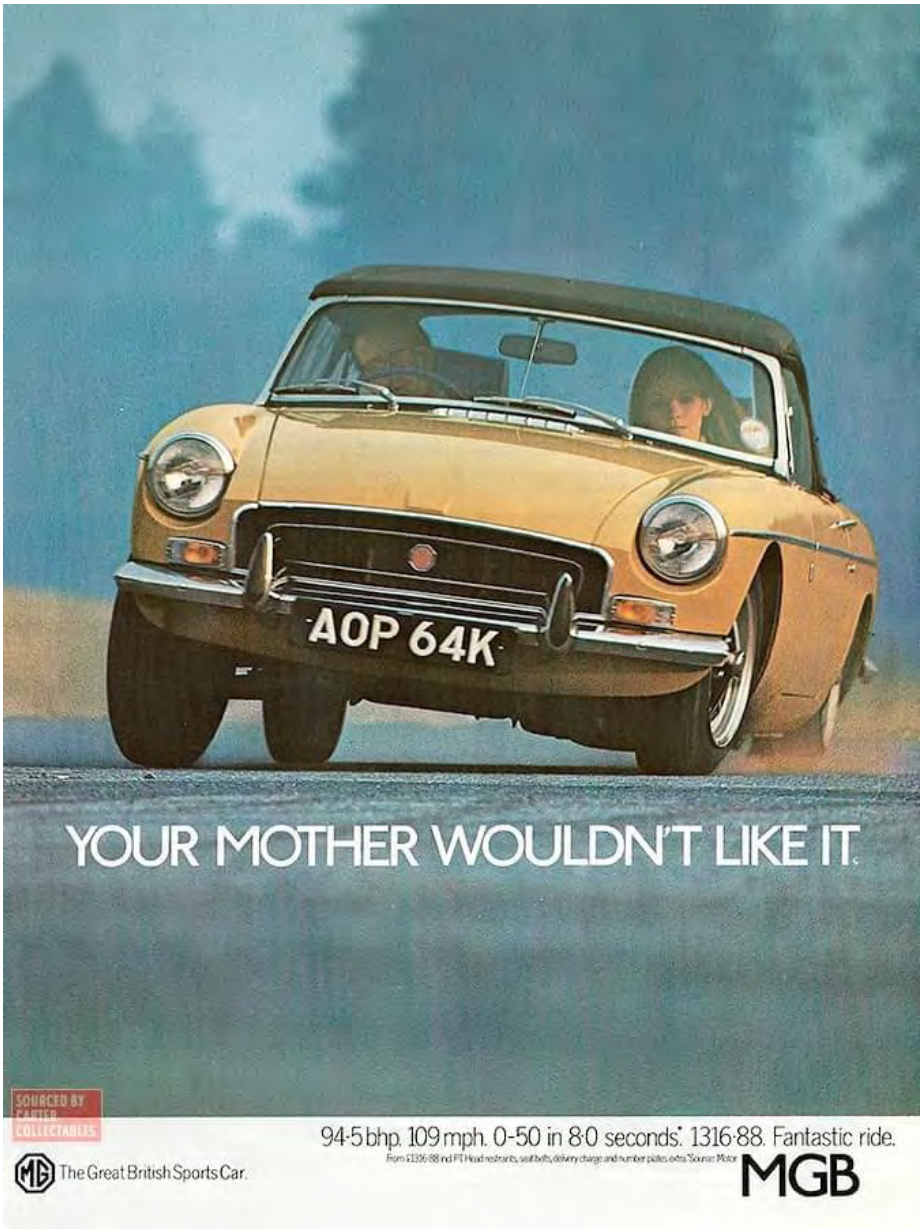

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

I hope you enjoy this edition of The Can Am Connection.

Unfortunately, it will be short since meetings and events have been cancelled.

It's time to do an annual clean up of the member classified ads pages. Please have a look and if you have an ad that is no longer needed, send me a note.

Be sure to send me any stories, pictures or tech articles so that I can put them in a future newsletter. We have changed the contact to Can-Am@WDMGC.com

Can Am Newsletter Editor, Dale Brown

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Congratulations! On Recent Membership Anniversaries

5 years	Chuck Rohrborn of Plymouth, MI
10 years	Lee and Nancy Farrell of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
30 years	Paul and Beverly Thomas of Beverly Hills, MI

President Vicki Bade's work at home co-worker Gracie watching guard!

Presidentially speaking

Hello fellow club members

Vicki Bade - Club President

This is a very different President's letter than I have ever done-sadly we are in new and very scary territory. The COVID 19 Pandemic is fully upon us and I can only pray that this letter finds all of our members and their loved ones in good health.

We are all trying to adjust to the new temporary normal and live our lives as safe as we can. I have, like many of you set up a makeshift office in my home and I am making the best of it sitting in front of my laptop with my new co-worker/shadow Gracie laying guard under the dining room table while I work. I feel very blessed to still have a job I can do even remotely and so does Matt, who is still spending some time actually going to work.

Unfortunately Matt had just taken his "B" in to finally have the carburetors checked out before we left for vacation last month and at the time he would have gotten it back to take a test drive the virus and stay at home order hit Michigan, so it is resting comfortably at the garage waiting to be let out. It is just as well, since we have been told not to go joy riding until further notice.

As you probably know by now if you received the email blast that went out recently we our cancelling all of our club events and meetings until further notice. Since the May meeting is scheduled for the 20th in Canada I will wait on that one to see what is happening in late April or the beginning of May on both sides to see if it can be held, although I doubt it.

The Kimber Event, Stahl's and our Spring Gathering have all been cancelled for the moment, but the hope is we can move them to dates later in the year. The Jag club and I are already looking at a possible date in August for Stahl's, so we will update everyone as we go. I have to assume that those events planned on the Canadian side are being cancelled or postponed as well, but I do not know how much information we have received yet.

I have seen some fun stories and pictures by fellow club members on their Facebook pages as well as our club site-keep them coming. We need a little levity in this scary time.

Since some or all of you may be unable to do any driving with the current situation, if you would like to send out some pictures of your new normal or any projects you are doing for the next NL that would be fun. The new contact for any photos or articles is Can-Am@WDMGC.com. I will try and include one of my furry coworker in this edition.

Please stay safe & healthy-we will get through this and get out driving again!

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Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Treasurer's Report

by Cathy Gurney

March 2020 Treasurer Report

SUMMARY

- Bank Balance at 2/29/20 of $4,531.46

March's:
Total income was $425.00
Total expenses were $34.35
for a Net Income of $390.65
(City of Dearborn check, written for $125 in Feb, cleared our Chase account in March)
- Leaving a Bank Balance at 3/31/20 of $4,797.11

Canadian Petty Cash balance at 3/31/20 of $145.00
U.S. Petty Cash balance at 3/31/20 of $167.00

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DETAIL

- Bank Balance at 2/29/20 of $4,531.46

- We deposited:
$425.00 - Membership Dues Income

- Out of checking, we paid:
$25.00 - Monthly Quickbooks fee
$9.35 - Paypal fees
$125.00 - City of Dearborn - Spring Gathering (Feb check, cleared March)

- Leaving a Bank Balance at 3/31/20 of $4,797.11

- Canadian Petty Cash balance on 2/29/20 of $145.00

- We received cash from:

- We paid cash out for:

- Leaving a Canadian Petty Cash balance at 3/31/20 of $145.00

- U.S. Petty Cash balance on 2/29/20 of $167.00

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- We paid cash out for:

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Windsor-Detroit MG Club

BALANCE SHEET

As of March 31, 2020

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Petty Cash - CA	0.00
Petty Cash - CA - Cathy Gurnee	80.00
Petty Cash - CA - Vicki Bade	65.00
Total Petty Cash - CA	**145.00**
Petty Cash - U.S.	0.00
Petty Cash - U.S. - Cathy Gurnee	77.00
Petty Cash - U.S. - Vicki Bade	90.00
Total Petty Cash - U.S.	**167.00**
TOTAL BUS CHK (9216)	4,797.11
Total Bank Accounts	**$5,109.11**
Total Current Assets	**$5,109.11**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$5,109.11**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	6,611.21
Retained Earnings	-1,852.30
Net Income	350.20
Total Equity	**$5,109.11**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$5,109.11**

Windsor-Detroit MG Club

PROFIT AND LOSS

March 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
Membership Dues	425.00
Total Income	**$425.00**
GROSS PROFIT	**$425.00**
Expenses	
Bank Charges & Fees	9.35
Office Supplies & Software	25.00
Total Expenses	**$34.35**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**$390.65**
NET INCOME	**$390.65**

Story submitted by member Sue Snyder

RIVAL RACE CARS RE-UNITE 80 YEARS LATER

The Morgan team photo taken after the Light Car Club Relay Race, July 21, 1934

As you stroll through the pits, take a good look at the Pre-War group. You may find two old rival cars now turned friends. They first met eighty years ago on the famous Brooklands race track outside of London. The first would be the red 1930 Morgan Aero three wheeler of Larry Ayres, while the second is the 1934 MG NE of Pete Thelander, also red. Incidentally, both owners have written books about their cars.

Larry and Pete had been vintage racing together nearly fifteen years before Pete noticed a photo on Larry's display board that looked rather similar to one he had of the MG. After a bit of discussion, it was discovered that both cars had been in the Light Car Club Relay race in 1934!! Photos of the teams taken after the race appear above and below.

The Ayres Morgan had four years of racing under its bonnet by the time it was entered into the Light Car Club's Relay race on July 21, 1934, as part of the factory sponsored team. The race required teams of three cars, each car to run thirty laps with drivers passing a baton to the next driver at the end of their allotted laps.

The MG, on the other hand, was a brand new design created to comply with the supercharger ban that had been imposed by the RAC for the up-coming Ulster Tourist Trophy race outside Belfast on September 1st. This relatively minor LCC event was to be a trial outing for the new cars, and hopefully little notice would be made of their debut. To further down-play their importance as TT entries, MG entered them with lady drivers, hoping to capture the award for the highest place ladies team. No one was fooled and everyone knew these were the cars with which MG would try to win their third TT in four years.

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The MG team photo taken after the Light Car Club Relay Race, July 21, 1934

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The photo (right) gives a glimpse of the MG (#3C) on the far left and the Morgan (#4B) in the center, probably in the holding area for the "B" and "C" relay cars. The Ayers' Morgan was driven by brothers Henry and Richard Laird while Thelander's MG was driven by Doreen Evans, of the well known Evans family trio which included her brothers Kenneth and Denis.

The Morgan team finished second at an average speed of 90.91 mph and the MGs third at 87.85 mph in a race lasting three and a half hours. Heavy rain in the last half hour slowed down most cars allowing Miss Evans to gain rapidly to finish in third place. Contemporary reporting cited Miss Evans, and Clive Lones of the Morgan team, as being the two fastest cars in the rain.

The telltale photos of the Morgan and MG teams after the race show both teams on a very wet tarmac area. The Laird brothers are in the center car in the photo of the Morgan team with H.F.S. Morgan himself behind the car in the dark suit. The photo of the MG team has Miss Evans on the right accepting the congratulatory handshake from well known MG enthusiast and driver, Capt George Eyston.

Fast forward six decades to 1993….Pete had restored the MG and launched a long postponed urge to do a bit of racing. He has appeared at Monterey nearly every year since. And in 1995, Larry showed up with the Morgan. They have raced together quite regularly at Laguna Seca, Buttonwillow, Sonoma (formerly Sears Point) and Coronado. But it was only a couple of years ago that the Relay Race connection was made.. Jay Miller's photo shows them still battling it out.

You may notice the Morgan has special bronze air cooled cylinder heads. Since a radiator was not required, it was removed by the factory in 1936 to make room for a blower and gives the car its unique snub-nosed appearance.

The Laird brothers' Morgan, ready to take over for the "B" shift, is staged next to Thelander's MG "C" shift car.

Decades later, Pete and Larry revive the rivalry…..

….and share the camaraderie afterwards.

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Contact: Bruce Kurth @ 248-685-1236 or brkklk@comcast.net

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

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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
jtcorriveau43@gmail.com
586-791-2058 or 586-489-9249

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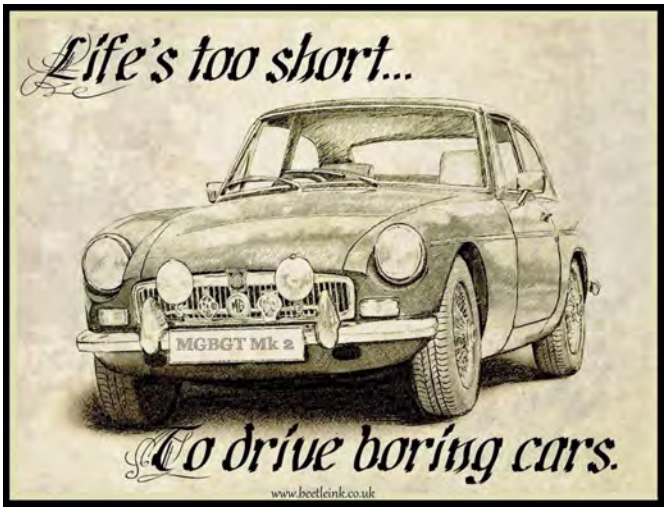

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Also Wanted

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

April 2020	
Wed. April 8	**WDMGC Club Meeting** Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
Wed. **April 15**	**WDMGC Additional Gathering (Natter and Noggin)** Factory House. Windsor, Ontario 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Sat. April 18	Kimberly Run & Bash 2020 See flyer for details in this Newsletter 9:30 am - 3 pm
Sun. April 19	Ancaster Swap Meet and Car Show 9:00 am — 2:30 pm **We have no information at the current time regarding this event. Please stay tuned.**
May 2020	
Sat. May 2	Stahl's Automotive Collection. Postponed. New potential date is
Wed. **May 20**	**WDMGC Club Meeting** Parks and Rec Gastropub. Windsor, Ontario 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm **Stay tuned in case of cancellation**

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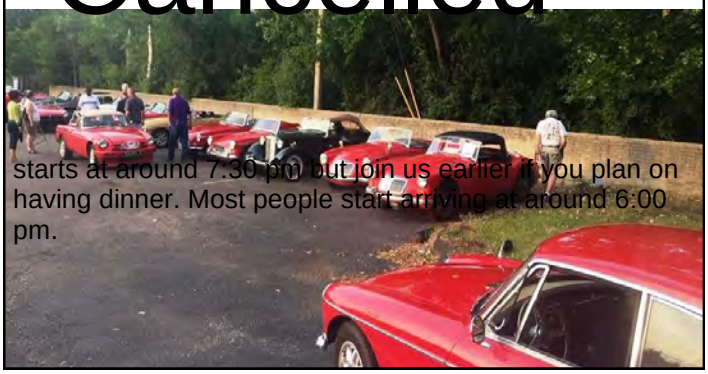
April Meeting at The Brass Pointe

The April Club meeting will be Wednesday April 8 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.

Cancelled



May Meeting at Parks & Rec Gastropub Note the New Date!

The May Club meeting will be Wednesday May 20 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. **Note**: The Canadian side meetings are now the **third** Wednesday of **every other** month. (Click on hyperlink in the Calendar for website). But there will be a Natter and Noggin on the other months. Watch the calendar for details.