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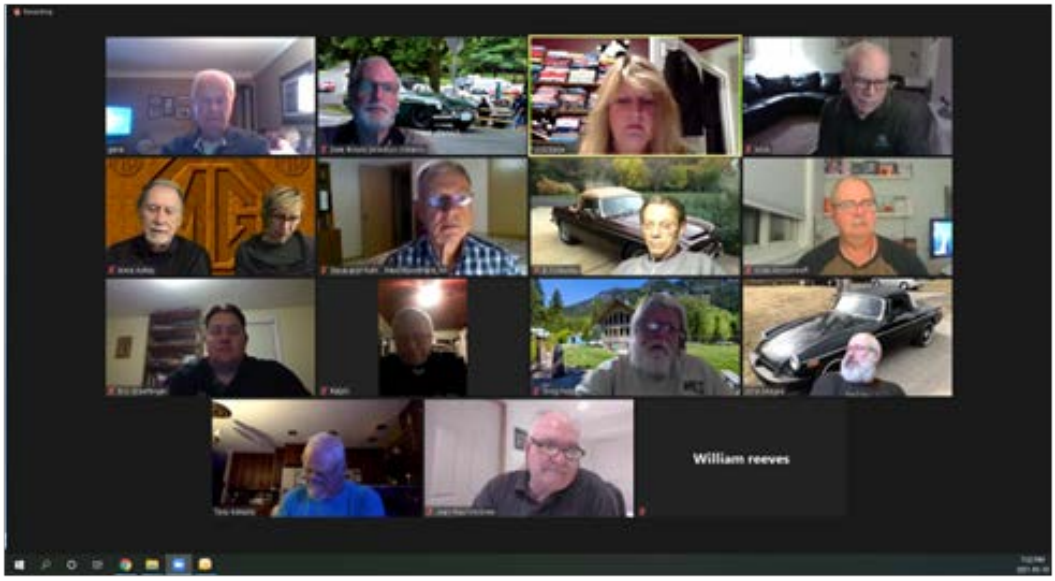

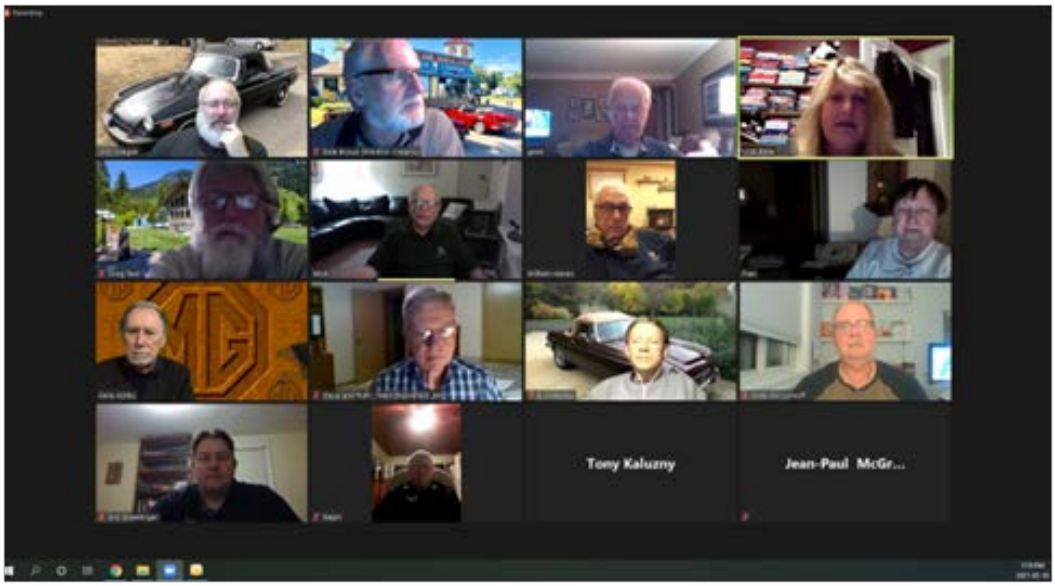

Our third Zoom Club meeting, second Wednesday of March 2021
Be ready for the next one on April 14!

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

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

This month, I've added the **calendar page** back in since there are a couple of things on the horizon. Also **see my note** below for call for photos!

Also, it's time to clean up the member classifieds. Have a look, if you have an ad that's 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. Can-Am@WDMGC.com

Can Am Newsletter Editor,

Call for photos!

Since the weather has been good and many members are out with their cars, this might be a good time to send in pictures of your outings since we still can't be together as a group. Send me pictures of your car and of course with your smiling faces! I'll include some in the next issue. Can-Am@WDMGC.com

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Welcome!

To our Newest Members

Mark and Dawn Erickson of White Lake, MI. They have a 1979 Russet Brown MGB

Stefan Feustel of Royal Oak, MI. He has a 1975 French Blue Triumph TR6.

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

15 years	Steve and Donna Finch of Myrtle Beach, SC .
5 years	Cheryl Sauer, of Wixom, MI.

Presidentially speaking

Hi All,

Vicki Bade - Club President

Spring is here & with the warm weather we are getting lately things are starting to bloom nicely. Waiting to see some more green in our yard, but it is coming!

Matt and I feel very lucky that we have both received our vaccine doses and no side effects for either of us. Glad to see the number of people with their shots going up, but it is still kind of a crazy process and the increase in the dreaded Covid 19 infections is not great-we are all tough and will get through it.

We are hoping that we can perhaps try resuming in person meetings on the US side in a few months-depending on the case numbers and if the restaurants are still open for some indoor dining of course. We will just have to wait and see how it goes-we will not be rushing anything. Everyone's health and safety will always be our main concern.

For those hoping to venture out and about we do have a few things hitting the calendar these coming months:

The Driven to Win-Racing in America tour with lunch is coming up Saturday April 17th, where we will be joining with the JAGM club for the day.

The Kimber Run is on this year and being organized by the British Motoring Club of Mid-Michigan. They are inviting members to the 133rd birthday of Cecil Kimber with lunch at the Delhi Café Saturday April 24th at 11:30am. From what I am told the group would be the only patrons at the restaurant for lunch.

Our Spring Gathering at Camp Dearborn Saturday May 22nd.

MG 2021 Atlantic City-June 14th thru the 17th.

Mad Dogs & Englishmen-30th British Auto Faire-Sunday July 11th, with a 30th Anniversary Rally Saturday July 10th.

Bakers of Milford appears to be hosting their British Car Corrals for the summer-select Sundays from 2-7pm. They have listed May 23rd, June 13th, July 18th, August 15th& September 19th so far. I have received the flyer from Phil Crutchfield of the JAGM club-he is putting it on their calendar.

The flyers for all of these are or will be on our website and in the NL's for your information.

It is nice to know things are at least being planned and we can only hope none of these have to get cancelled. Take care everyone-stay healthy and continue to stay safe!

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

Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Hello Club Members,

Hello Club Members,
Due to the continued Pandemic situation the Board has agreed to continue the waiver of our membership dues in 2021:

If you paid dues in 2020 (73 members) then on your 2022 membership renewal date, you will start your 2nd free year.
So, you will need to start paying annual dues on your 2023 renewal date.

If you did not pay dues in 2020, then on your 2021 membership renewal date, you will start your 2nd free year.
So, you will need to start paying annual dues on your 2022 renewal date.

Any new members joining the club in 2021 will get their membership free this year, so you will need to start paying dues on your 2022 renewal date.

Dues reminders are sent out by our Membership Co-Ordinater Mick Gedeon and any questions can be sent to him at mick@wdmgc.com or membership@wdmgc.com.

Thank you all again for your support of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club and we look forward to a time when we can get back to enjoying the benefits this excellent club has to offer.

Treasurer's Report - April 2021

by John Magee

Bank Balance at 2/28/21 of $5,533.28
February 2021:
Total income was $0.00 Total expenses were $343.77 for a Net Income of -$343.77

Leaving a Bank Balance at 3/31/21 of $5,189.51
Canadian Petty Cash balance at 3/31/21 of $145.00
U.S. Petty Cash balance at 3/31/21 of $167.00
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We deposited:
$0.00 - Membership Dues Income

(Coming attractions:$50 that arrived via PayPal in March has now been transferred to checking and will be booked against April.)

Out of checking, we paid:
$25.00 - MonthlyQuickbooks fee
$235.62 – Printing of membership directories
$83.15 – Shipping of membership directories

(Coming attractions: Vicki signed us up for Zoom at the start of April, so look for that $158.89 to be booked in April.)

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Driven to Win - Racing in America

When: Saturday, April 17, 2021

Where: 11:30 AM Ford Garage, 21367 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI

Where: 1:30 PM The Henry Ford Museum,

Join JAGM and WDMGC for lunch at the auto themed Ford Garage Restaurant, or if you want to pass on lunch, join us later at The Henry Ford Museum at 1:30 PM.

At the Henry Ford, we will start with the massive collection of historic racing vehicles and memorabilia that tells the story of American motor-sports in a one-of-a-kind exhibit.

In addition to 26 vehicles from many types of racing, the exhibition includes an interactive film, information on the lives of famous racing figures and simulators to show what it's like driving on some of the world's most famous tracks.

The exhibit includes vehicles from many brands, including the 1988 Indy 500-winning Chevy -Penske, a 1956 Chrysler 300-B of the type that dominated NASCAR for years and the 1967 Ford Mark IV that Americans Dan Gurney and AJ Foyt drove to win Le Mans.

The 2016 Ford GT that also won Le Mans is also on display, along with a clay model from its development and a specially built car that shows how similar the racing and production versions were.

The massive exhibition covers about a third of the museum's 24,000 square feet of automotive display space.

Due to the pandemic, masks are required, and capacity is limited to 1,500 people a day.

After the Driven to Win exhibit, your $24 day-pass allows you to explore the balance of the museum, which remains open until 5:00 PM.

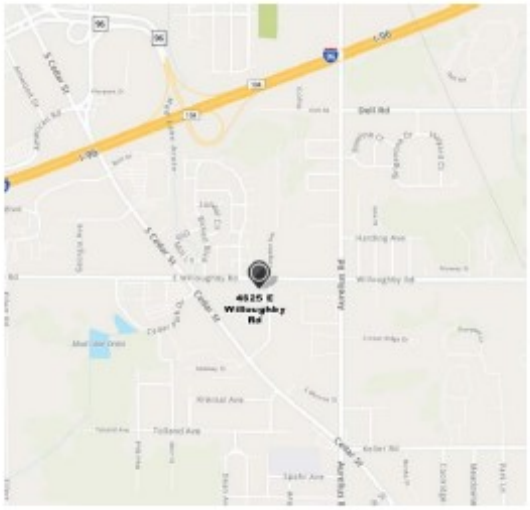
Please RSVP by April 9, 2021 to vicki.wdmgc.com or call 248-909-0874 if you want to join us at the restaurant for lunch. You do not need to RSVP for the tour.

A Celebration of Cecil And Morris Garage

(formerly Cecil Kimber Birthday Party)

This year, 2021, the British Motoring Club of Mid-Michigan is inviting all members of the local Michigan MG and British car clubs to join us in a celebration of Cecil Kimber and the British marque, MG. This year marks Cecil's 133rd birthday. The venue is at the Delhi Cafe Family Restaurant at 4624 Willoughby Road, Holt Michigan. We will enjoy a lunch with our MG and British car enthusiasts on April 24th starting at 11:30am. Following lunch, we will raise our glasses and share a toast to Cecil Kimber, the driving force behind the MG Car Company. Cake will be provided afterwards. Plenty of parking is available. For Planning purposes and to support the restaurant in these CoVid19 times please RSVP to thomas.borden@comcast.net to reserve your seat.

Delhi Café Family Restaurant
4624 Willoughby Road
Holt, Michigan 48842
517-694-8655



WDMGC SPRING GATHERING

Welcome car lovers to a celebration of spring, the beginning of the driving season and a chance to get together and showoff your British cars!

Join us-Saturday May 22, 2020
10:00-4:00pm
Camp Dearborn
1700 General Motors Rd
Milford, MI 48380
Site-Evergreen Daily Admission-$9.00 per vehicles.

Please bring your own chairs along with any food and beverages you want. Water bottles will be available.

Interesting Canada – USA Facts

Compiled by Rick Astley

Geography

Canada has the longest coastline in the world with 125,567 miles (202,080 km).

California is the closest state to Hawaii, but Hawaii is the furthest state from California.

Palm trees grow in parts of northern England at 55° N, but at the same latitude in parts of Canada, there are polar bears.

Detroit is farther east (83° W) than Atlanta (84.4° W).

More than half of all the lakes in the world are located in Canada, where are more than 3 million.

Canadians in St. John's Newfoundland live closer to Brits in London, England (2,365 miles, 3806 km) than they do to their fellow countrymen in Vancouver, BC (2,744 miles, 4,416 km) away.

Border

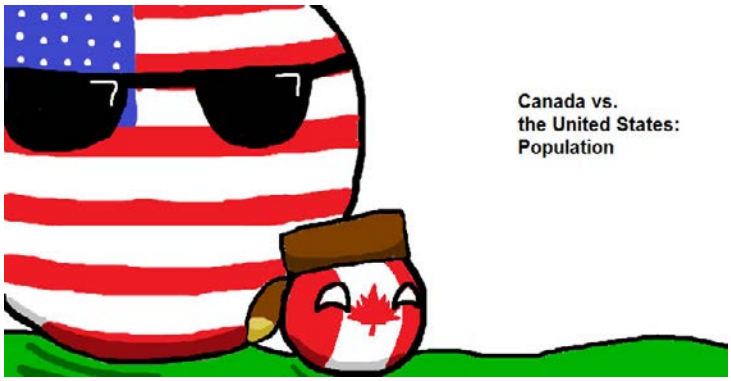
The USA/Canada border is the longest undefended border in the world.

Most of the length of the border passes between forested areas. In order to aid border monitoring, there is a vacant 20' (6 m) gap cut in the forest along the border. The gap is 5,500 miles (8,850 km) long and is considered the longest deforested straight line in the world according to the Guinness World Records.

The Ambassador Bridge between Detroit and Windsor is the busiest international border crossing in North America based on trade volume. The amount of trade that passes across it daily is almost $500 million.

There are 119 legal land border crossings between the United States and Canada. Of those, there are two that are one-way crossings only. Churubusco, NY provides a port of entry only from Canada to the USA. Conversely, there is a one direction crossing into Canada from Fort Fairfield, ME to Four Falls, NB.

Population



Despite Canada being known as the USA's "neighbor to the north," the majority of Canadians live south of Seattle.

90% of Canadians live within 100 miles (160 km) of the US border, but only 12% of US residents live within 100 miles (160 km) of the Canadian border.

The population of California is greater than that of Canada.

Language

The United States has no official language.
Although there are no laws stating that English is the official language at the federal level, 31 states have their own laws proclaiming it as the official language on the state level.
Hawaii recognized Hawaiian Pidgin English as an official language in 2015. Since then, South Dakota made Sioux an official language and Alaska added more than 20 indigenous languages.

Canada two official languages, English and French.
French is the sole official language of the province of Quebec.
In the Northwest Territories of Canada, along with the two official languages, there are nine other official languages.

It's a common stereotype that Canadians can be polite to a fault, embodied by overuse of the term "sorry," often regarded as a national catchphrase on par with "eh." But this caricature has such a strong basis in truth that several provinces have passed laws to accommodate Canadians' indiscriminate apologizing. These "apology acts" stipulate that expressions of regret and condolences are not self-incriminating, meaning Canadians can say "sorry" without it being viewed in court as an admission of guilt. However, don't try that in the USA after being pulled over for speeding or involved in a fender-bender, where "sorry" means, "It was my fault".

The United States has more Spanish speakers than Spain.

Food

The first soda — or "pop" — made in the USA was Michigan's Vernor's Ginger Ale in 1866.

Hawaii isn't the home of Hawaiian pizza. This pizza, topped with ham and pineapple, reportedly originated in 1962 at the Satellite Restaurant, in Chatham, Ontario (within the WDMGC membership area). It is now the most popular pizza in Australia.

Over 10 billion donuts are consumed in the USA every year, but per capita Canada consumes the most at 1 billion per year, and has the most doughnut shops per capita of any country in the world.

Blame it on wings and beer? More people call in sick after the Super Bowl than any other day of the year.

Canada produces 71% of the world's maple syrup with 91% produced in Quebec and the price per barrel is many times higher than that for oil.

In the USA, 20% of all meals are eaten in the car and at least 1 in 4 people eat some type of fast food every day.

Quebecers love wet fries, well at least they love poutine, a meal of squeaky cheese curds, french fries and gravy.

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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
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

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

1979 MGB
Good restoration project. Original owner with 130,000 miles. Was a daily driver for 11 years then garaged all year with no winter driving. Rust on lower rocker panels, otherwise pretty solid. Fairly new top, gas tank and hood (tree branch came down on original). $1500. Photos in the WDMGC web page classified ads. Contact Bob (Ypsilanti area) at 734-218-3307 or wolverbob@gmail.com.

Many used MGB parts for sale by Dale Brown. Please check the Windsor Detroit Facebook page for several posts listing and showing the parts. Pick up in Windsor only, so interest right now from Canadian members with the border currently closed. Contact through Facebook messenger or email.

1980 MGB and Trailer

This one-of-a kind red convertible, coupled with matching trailer, is sure to be a crowd pleaser and win awards. With less than 90K miles, the car has stunned judges at the last 10 annual conventions and many local British car shows. Well-maintained; meticulous custom interior; Fiero seats with built-in speakers; luggage rack; LED headlamps, Bimini top, built-in Garmin and many other features. The trailer is equipped with an automatic electronic braking system which can also be controlled from the driver's seat. Priced to sell at $14,000 for both the car and trailer. Janet Anderson-Davis; jandersondavis@att.net or 313-347-5813.

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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

April 2021	
Wed April. 14	**WDMGC Club Zoom Meeting** Watch for the link to join in. 7 pm start but join in even if you're late. Meeting usually lasts one hour.
Sat. April 17	**Driven to Win!** See details in the flyer on page 6
Sat. April 24	**A Celebration of Cecil and Morris Garage** 11:30 am at the Delhi Cafe. See flyer on Page 7
May 2021	
Wed. May 12	**WDMGC Club Zoom Meeting** Watch for the link to join in. 7 pm start but join in even if you're late. Meeting usually lasts one hour.
Sat. May 22	**WDMGC Spring Gathering.** See details in the flyer on page 7

April Meeting on Zoom!

Watch for the Zoom link in your email! April 14

May Meeting Probably on Zoom!

Keep watching for updates! May 12