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Just got my '74 back from the Rusty Moose Garage in Grand Haven, MI. It's running like a top! If you are on the west side of the state, or are looking for a place for great work, Mike, Forrest and their crew are a great choice. 5 stars!

Editor's note: This is from our Facebook page as submitted by ***Stephen Behmlander***

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The International Local Club

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

Can Am Newsletter Editor,

Calling for Volunteer(s): After many years of being your newsletter editor, it's time for me to hand off the duties to someone else. Doing it together with a small team is also a possibility. If you have some interest in taking over, please send me an email at the address in the next paragraph and I will begin the training for the take over. The requirements include being proficient in the suite of Microsoft Office, photo editing skills and a decent command of the English language.

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

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Welcome!

To our Newest Members

Gary Decker and Shelley MacMillan of Ann Arbor. They have a Black 1980 MGB LE.

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

5 years	Ian and Joi Kempf of Imlay City MI.
10 years	Heide Otto of Ypsilanti, MI.

Presidentially speaking

Vicki Bade - Club President

Hi All,

I cannot believe it is August already-time is really flying by!

With the Delta Variant looming its ugly head in every country I am not sure if our progress will be halted with regards to opening the US/Canadian border, but we are certainly hoping we will be able to see our neighbors soon. It looks like the gathering in Canada for July was a success judging by the pictures I saw-that is great!

We will be holding the US meeting Wednesday August 11th in person at the Brass Pointe and hope to be able to hook up something that will link a zoom meeting in the room. We will send out the link for the Zoom meeting soon-please join us.

I know the rain has made it hit or miss for events-but there were some things people were able to attend in July & August. Mad Dogs did suffer some due to the prediction of rain, but we were actually very lucky because it did not end up being an issue other than a few sprinkles here and there later in the day. I know everyone is hoping for a more normal crowd next year, but it was great to be back there. The collections they have are always truly amazing to experience and they are once again adding more, so who knows what will be there next year.

The British Car Corral still has 2 Sundays left to attend-August 15th /September 19th and Kevin Walker posted on Facebook he will be parked in or near the National Shrine of the Little Flower grades school at 12 & Woodward for the Dream Cruise if anyone wants to join him. There are some events we are putting on the calendar for September-Battle of the Brits will be Sunday September 12th at Camp Dearborn and the Jag club have invited our club and others to join their Concours d' Elegance event on the final day-Monday September 6th on the grounds of Canterbury Village in Lake Orion.

Phil Crutchfield of the Jag club is putting together a nice fall trip for Saturday October 2nd that will include Stahl's/the White Horse Inn restaurant/Yates Cider Mill, so mark your calendar and we will get you the details when he gets them nailed down. It sounds like a really nice day trip!

Stay safe everyone and keep driving!!

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 - August 2021

by John Magee

Treasurer's report for August 2021

The report is that we have $4,565.19 in our checking account with Chase, down $25.34 from July. Alas, a technical issue with the Chase online service is preventing me viewing transactions directly to complete the treasurer's report for August in time for this month's newsletter. It will hopefully be ready for the Wednesday meeting and will be distributed via separate email.

British Car Corral

Where: Bakers of Milford
When: Select Sundays from 2 - 7 PM (DJ at 3 PM)

- May 23rd
- June 13th
- July 18th
- August 15th
- September 19th

All British marques are invited to park together on the dates above. Join us to celebrate the cars we love and meet other enthusiasts.

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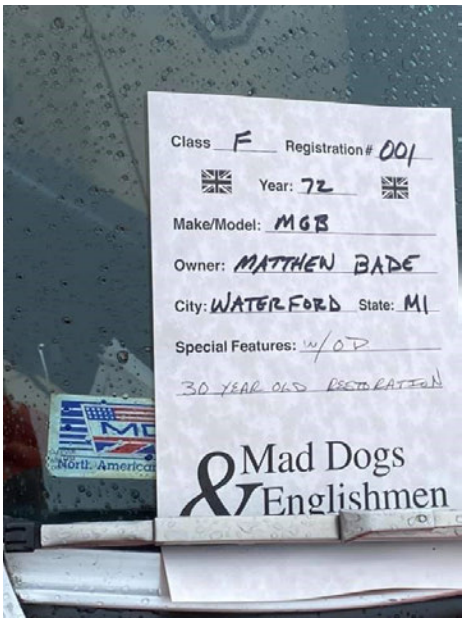
Recent Events

Mad Dogs and Englishmen July 10

by Vicki Bade

We had a nice time at Mad Dogs! We got lucky and it wasn't a wash out with most of the rain staying to the East. A few drops here and there, but mostly dry. We were told they had as many pre-registered as in years past, but due to the iffy weather they didn't all make it.

Only a few from the club made it-unfortunately Kurt & Guy had only 1 car join them.
We went early & did some highway driving since it was not pouring-you can see how much Matt looks forward to this show since he registered early enough that he snagged #001
Just glad to have it back again & I'm sure next year will be more like normal numbers.
I must say despite the drizzle I appreciated that it wasn't 90 degrees and full sun as in years past!



SHELL

Baker's July 18

by John Magee

I stopped by Baker's on Sunday. There weren't a ton of British cars in this month's "British Car Corral" but it was still nice to see it back to its pre-pandemic self. Perhaps in August we can organize ourselves a bit more for that month's British Car Corral and have a genuine presence.

Canadian Side Drive & Get Together at Heritage Village July 22

by Dale Brown

Parks & Rec

British Invasion July 31

by John Magee

We had a few MGBs at last Saturday night's "British Invasion" event on the eve of the Concours of America. As you can see, it was sparsely attended, undoubtedly because of the giant severe thunderstorms rolling in from the north. Also as you can see, I became increasingly more interested in the approaching storms. (Fortunately, the FUN MG and I zipped home safely before the big storm hit Wolverine Lake and knocked out our power for the next three days. Whew.)
I do hope the light turnout doesn't dissuade them from repeating this event in 2022. It was a great event in 2019 when there was more advance notice and better weather.)

Clutches

by Harry MacLean

This article is about clutches. Since mine has failed I took some pics for people to see what can go wrong. Although mine is kind of an odd ball failure never the less it failed. Clutches on an MGB have two systems mechanical meaning the actual parts that engage and disengage or to make it do that as well as hydraulic. When a clutch fails there are a few things you can do to see what has happened. First you check the master cylinder for fluid to see if it's full . If it is then you need a helper so you can crawl by the car on the ground and watch to see if your slave is working and how far it's moving. It should be close to one half inch. If that is doing ok then go inside your car and with engine off see if you can shift to all gears. If you can then you might have diagnosed your own problem. If you can shift gears with engine off and the hydraulics work ok then you can pretty much assure yourself that your clutch has failed. Especially if it won't go in to gear while driving. The first picture that is going to be shown is what the pressure plate is supposed to look like.

It is hard to tell in this pic but there is heat checking on the metal piece but this clutch has been in the car driving for 17 years. When I got it apart this is what it actually looked like. Don't pay attention to dates as pictures were taken on 7/14/21 .

A piece is missing. What has happened is the metal piece broke the weld and I found it between the pressure plate and clutch disc.

The disc was worn but it would have been useable for a while longer. If this were an American car this would not have happened as they don't use the metal piece to push the spring in to disengage the clutch.

Also with MGB 's they use a piece of carbon to ride on the metal piece. I did not take a pic of that but mine wasn't too bad. The carbon can wear down and shatter and will give you the same result. Throw out bearings are available as well as the carbon piece does not like you holding the clutch in at long red lights or anything similar. Woodward Dream Cruise is another place you don't want to take an MGB.

One other item to check is the release arm which the carbon piece connects. It has a bushing that can wear an sometimes bend I had that happened on the 78 I had not only bushing bad but was bent as well. The rod going from slave to release arm can wear down as well as oblong at the release bearing. But as all things age mechanical things wear out.

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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

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Contact: Jim Carr @ 248-547-9050.

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Lane Rupright
248.660.2134
lanerup@aol.com

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Jessie Darmon
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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.

1967 MGB Red/Black very well maintained; garage kept; electronic ignition; new battery; all front seals replaced; approximately 35k miles on the odometer. Call for more information and pictures. Rick Ceresa (586) 291-0772

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.

New Ad

Complete MGB rear axle. Taken out of a 1973 GT.
$150 or best offer. Located in Windsor Ontario.
This is for bolt on wheels, not wire wheels.
Send email response to the editor as listed on page 2.

1977 MG MGB Roadster. A Great Fun Driver, the color is Sandglow.

Repaint and Body Work was done in 2014 by Oakland County Tech, Engine replaced with 1977 low mileage unit in 2013. Interior upgrade with faux dash panels and wood steering wheel. Mazda bucket seats. New top 2019. Oil change, tune up and transmission fluid recently completed. New rear shocks, fuel tank replaced, new SU Fuel Pump, emergency brake cable, horns replaced. Kenwood Stereo with multiple interior speakers and power amplifier. Limited Edition Wheels. Tires in good condition.

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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

August 2021	
■ Wed. August 11	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI. and via Zoom 7 pm. Watch for the link in your email.
Sunday August 15	British Car Corral—Milford See flyer on page 6
September 2021 (Tentative)	
Monday Sept.6	Jag Club Concours d'Elegance Canterbury Village
■ Wed. Sept. 8	Potential Canadian Side Meeting TBD.
Sunday Sept. 12	Battle of the Brits Camp Dearborn
■ Wed. Sept.15	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI. and via Zoom 7 pm. Watch for the link in your email.
Sunday Sept. 19	British Car Corral—Milford See flyer on page 6

August Meeting at The Brass Pointe!

August Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, August 11
The Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, Michigan

The restaurant hours are still not back to normal and it will close at 8:00 pm. Because of that, we'll start the brief formal part of the evening a little earlier at around 7:00 pm. As usual, we expect most people to begin to arrive around 6:00 pm.
We don't anticipate restaurant limits to restrict our numbers because the main restaurant is still not functioning at the allowed capacity and the room we use is considered part of the whole building.
We're sorry that, for the time being, border restrictions will prevent our Canadian friends from joining us, but hope that it won't be too long before we will all be able to get together on one side of the border or the other.
For the location of the Brass Pointe, see our Map Page

More from Mad Dogs