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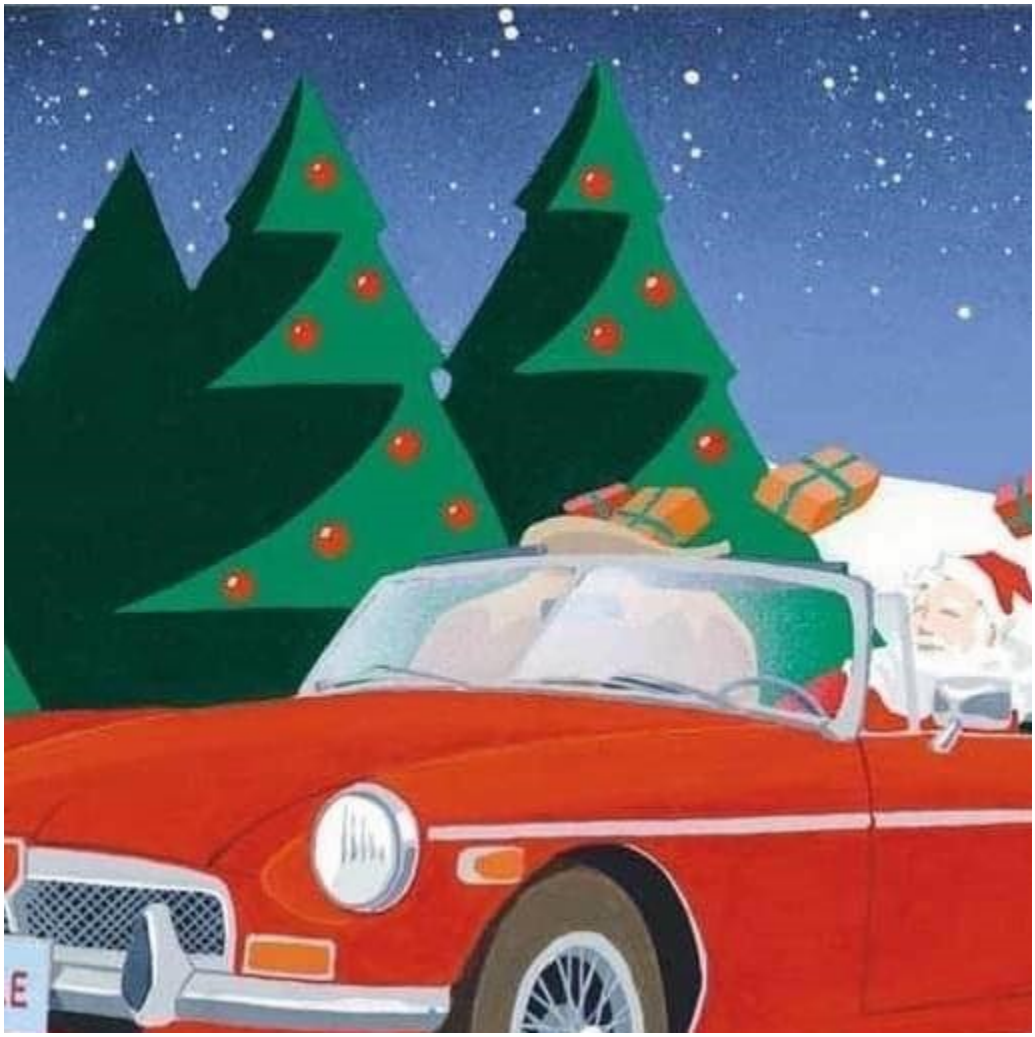

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The International Local Club

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

Thanks to Rick Astley for his MGs in the News article.

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,

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Presidentially speaking

Hello All,

Vicki Bade - Club President

Hard to believe it is the start of December already and that Christmas is around the corner. It will be an interesting end to a strange year that once again saw things being affected by the very stubborn Covid 19 virus.

It has obviously been very frustrating that we were not able to all join together as an international club for the few events and gatherings that were attended throughout the year. We had some nice outings on both sides and did try to make the best of a scary situation and the relentless virus.

There was a nice number of members at our November meeting at the Brass Pointe and we were very happy to see some of the Canadian members able to join us through Zoom. It was so nice to catch up with everyone, but John and I will be working on the microphone portion of the meeting as some people were not able to hear everything. We will be including Zoom for the December meeting and as mentioned we will be having a Toys for Tots collection instead of our normal gift exchange. I am excited to see how many toys we can get for this wonderful charitable organization-I'm sure we will have a great turnout!

The pictures Dale posted of the November get together they had at the Dominion House looked great-they had a nice group and 4 MGs in the lot braving the cooler weather (which was more than we did). They will probably be having their get together on December 15th at the same place-check the calendar for details.

We received the flyer for the MG2022 event that will be held in Peterborough, Ontario June 19-23 next year. They are celebrating the 30th anniversary of the event and the registration is open as of Dec. 1st. I know Matt and I are planning on going and we hope to be able to get some type of caravan together to head to the event, so we will keep everyone posted. If you want to check out what it is all about you can go to www.MG2022.org and we will include the flyer on our newsletters and our website for everyone.

Just a reminder that December will be the last month that the annual dues will be waived and that Mick will be getting us back on track in January for dues owed. We are happy we were able to do this for our membership.

I hope that you and your families enjoy a safe and Happy Holiday season-stay healthy!

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 - December 2021

by John Magee

December 2021 Treasurer's Report
Submitted by John Magee, Treasurer, WDMGC

Summary: A quiet month, though I discovered I had lagged in collecting our online dues collections from PayPal. Despite the suspension of dues for the pandemic, four members (Gary Decker, Lawrence Speck, Patrick Echlin, and George Popa) kindly sent in their $25 online over the past few months. Thank you, gentlemen. We'll be sure to advance your next due date accordingly. And you all can look forward to the recognition of their $94.89 (4 x $25 minus PayPal's cut) in next month's report.

In non-treasury November news I took one last cruise around my neighborhood, stopped for a look at Walled Lake, then put my B away for the winter just before we got our first snowfall and its salt. Both of my MGs are now slumbering for the winter. Hopefully I can take care of a few little fixes before Spring comes and be ready for that first lovely day of 2022. It's just around the corner, right? Right?

Total Balance on 10/31/21 of $4,657.57
- November2021:
  - Total income: $0.00
  - Total expenses: $43.99
  - Net Income: -$0.00
- Checking account balance down $43.99 to $4,301.58
- Canadian Petty Cash unchanged at $145.00
- U.S. Petty Cash unchanged at $167.00

Total Balance on 11/30/21 of $4,613.58

Detail

Checking
- Deposited: $0.00
- Paid: $43.99
  - $25.00 - Monthly Quickbooks fees for October
  - $18.99 – Website registration dues with Just Host

Canadian Petty Cash
- Nothing in/out of Petty Cash for November 2021

U.S. Petty Cash
- Nothing in/out of Petty Cash for November2021

December Meeting

Let's Make It Even More Special

Our December meeting is always a little different in that it's usually our Gift Exchange night. However, with our meeting attendance down and the Brass Pointe restaurant closing time currently much earlier, it isn't really practical to follow our usual format. As a result, at the last meeting and by popular agreement, this year we're asking members to bring a gift for Toys for Tots instead.

Please bring your toy donation(s) to the December 8th meeting at the Brass Pointe. Toys should be new, of any value, unwrapped and suitable for children between the ages of 1 and 12. If you cannot get a toy in time, there will be a collection jar to which you can add a monetary gift should you wish.

To make the meeting even more fun, please wear your seasonal hat and any red or special sweater you may have.

We don't want even a single child to feel forgotten, so we're looking forward to a stellar response from Windsor-Detroit MG Club members!

Sadly, crossing the border remains problematic and so we know our Canadian members will find it hard to participate this year. Let's hope things improve that we all can share in events in 2022., wherever they are.

We ask that those attending the Brass Pointe should be fully vaccinated. Most people who wish to dine begin to arrive around 6:00 pm.

For those attending by Zoom, the meeting will start at 7:00 pm and the log-in is as follows:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86189686612?pwd=dGJCYy9zYUxVditvRjRxVGlJZlcyZz09

Canadian Side WDMGC Club Natter and Noggin at The DH
December 15th. 5:30 pm

The Dominion House is THE oldest pub in the border region and has been proudly serving Windsor since 1878. A stone's throw from the U of W and Ambassador Bridge, "The DH" has been helping Windsor's brightest and travelers alike unwind for generations!

With restrictions lifting further, we invite you to join us for another Covid Safe outing. This will not be a formal meeting, but more of a Natter and Noggin get together. Since we will be inside, all members attending will be required to be fully vaccinated. Also, all Windsor Essex Health Unit requirements will be in place. Proof of vaccination and photo ID is necessary.

Our Club held our Canadian side meetings at The Dominion House years ago. Since that time, new owners have improved all things about the restaurant and it is quite nice.

The dinner is available at anytime , so you can arrive and eat at whatever time you choose.

The parking lot is paved near the front end on the south side of the restaurant so feel free to drive your MGs.

When: **Wednesday December 15th, 2021**

5:30 pm

3140 Sandwich St., Windsor, ON N9C 1A6

Before

After

Recent Events

November Canadian Side Club Meeting

Her Classic British Roadster Stands Out on Rocky Mountain Roads

Kelsey Weatherford wanted a car that's all about 'the joy of driving.' She found it in a 1980 MG MGB

By A.J. Baime | Photographs by Theo Stroomer for The Wall Street Journal Nov. 27, 2021 10:00 am ET

Kelsey Weatherford, 23, of Woodland Park, Colo., a customer-care associate at BombBomb, on her 1980 MG MGB, as told to A.J. Baime.

When I was born, my father owned a racetrack in Aspen, Colorado. My brother is involved with operations at the Pikes Peak International Raceway, close to where we live. So the love of cars has always been in my family. When I was growing up, I was never verbal about it. So when I found a vintage car that I really loved, my father and brother were surprised.

The story starts with my brother's old Saab. When I got my driver's license, he let me drive it, and this was the first time I got to experience the freedom that your license gives you. I could drive and see my friends, or around the neighborhood. That Saab crapped out at one point and it sat by our barn for some time. One day I walked by it and thought, "It would be so fun to have an old car like that." I was driving a Jeep at the time, which got me where I needed to go. But I wanted something that was more about the joy of driving.

I started poking around online. I googled "inexpensive convertible." I remember finding this MGB and thinking it was unique and fancy enough, but moderately affordable. One day I mentioned it to my dad and he was, like, "Wait a minute. Really? You're thinking about what?"

We went to see the car. An older couple in a Denver suburb was selling it for $5,500. This was February of 2021. I had graduated college the previous spring, but this being mid-pandemic, I was having trouble finding a job. I told my dad, "You know I don't have that full amount." He said, "This car is in too good condition to pass up." So we went halfsies.. The 1980 MGB is an affordable classic British roadster, which is a specific kind of car with a big following. I saw other British roadsters while I was searching—Triumphs, for example. But this MGB really spoke to me, and the year 1980 was the last year this roadster was built. When I got mine home, it was still winter so it sat in storage for a while. Then, spring came.

I had driven a manual before, but I spent some time during the pandemic getting used to the manual transmission. Where we live, there are places where it's just you and the road. I found in this car exactly what I had hoped for—the joy of driving.

There's not a lot of convertible motoring to be done in winter in Colorado. So soon I will be putting this car away for the season. For me, the wire rims are a bit old-fashioned. So with the help of my grandfather in Phoenix, we bought used wheels that we found on Craigslist. These were the kind used on a limited edition of the MGB in 1980. That is this winter's project—refinishing them and getting them on there. Then, spring will come and it will be driving season again.

Ms. Weatherford, who first learned how to shift gears while riding a dirt bike, has mastered her car's manual transmission.

Kelsey Weatherford at the Pikes Peak International Raceway with her 1980 MG MGB.

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Midget Mk I parts for sale from '64 donor car. Seats (for refurb), dash, 1098 engine w/trans (working condition unknown), radiator, wire wheels (for refurb), suspension, windshield, bumpers, steering column and more!. Call/text Scott 513-240-3221 or scottolman@gmail.com"

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

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

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

Price added **1979 MGB.** Red with tan interior. Looks good, runs good, has detailed Union Jack painted fuel tank and under bonnet. Car does have over drive which is not working. I have the parts to repair the over drive. Call for more information . Tony Kaluzny (734) 751-4952. **$5000.**

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.

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.

It runs and starts great, all electrics work. Has a slight deacceleration growl in 4th gear... Floor pan, rocker panels, fenders, trunk floor all good.

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Dan Sokolowski (248) 214 7131 mgman1980b@aol.com

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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

December 2021	
Wed. Dec. 8	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI. and via Zoom 7 pm. Zoom information adjacent.
Wed. Dec. 15	Canadian Side Natter and Noggin at The DH 5:30 pm

December Meeting at The Brass Pointe!

December Meeting
Wednesday, December 8
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

For those of you that cannot attend, the business meeting will be broadcast on Zoom. Here's the information to log on.

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