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One of my favorite singers of all time, Linda Ronsdtat She owned and drove an early 70's MGB GT.

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Enjoy this Edition of The Can Am connection.

We're beginning to firm up events for the next several months. Some of these will include a caravan (convoy). I've resurrected an article that was published several years ago as reminder of the rules of a caravan. Please take time to read so the experience, especially for first timers, is a pleasant one.

Also, take note with some changes of the Board, I have updated the contact information on this page just to the left.

Can Am Newsletter Editor,

Special Editor's Note: **Please take note of the usual member's classified section. Every year or two we purge all the ads and request that you send a note if you still want your ad in the Newsletter. I will then reinsert it the next month.**

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Welcome!

To our Newest Members

Lori Bowen, Marco Island, FL

Congratulations!

On Recent Membership Anniversaries

5 Years	Mark Arsenault and Michelle Carvalho of Belle River, ON

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Presidentially speaking

Howdie Folks,

Vicki Bade - Club President

This is turning out to be a very interesting winter-we survived the worst ice storm we have seen since I was a kid and just when that was finishing up with people still without power on the US side some of us got up to 8 or more inches of snow. Mother Nature is in a strange mood-right after the snow it was bright, sunny and warm so most of it has melted within a few days. The lakes aren't frozen and it feels like we should be taking our cars out already as some of the days have been so nice. (I am guessing some of you already have). Since it is March-it won't be long anyway, thank goodness!

Congrats to the current Board and a warm welcome to Vince Lacroix for taking up the mantle of Treasurer for the club! John Magee will be working with Dale in the next month or so to take over the NL Editor position. Thank you to John, who is also doing the Secretary duties, with Dale continuing as Vice President. Thank you all for letting me continue to occupy the President spot-it is my pleasure to represent our wonderful club!

We are getting some nice events on the calendar for this year and hope to add more-first up is the Kimber Birthday Luncheon at the Delhi Café (as usual) on Saturday April 22nd. We will be going back to running our caravan again, so we would love to have you join us- see the flyer for details.
We are also running a joint event with the Jaguar Club on the following Saturday April 29th that will include a tour of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores along with a luncheon afterwards at The Continental lakeshore restaurant on site. That flyer is in the NL and on our website and Phil Crutchfield is asking for an RSVP by April 15th to get an accurate count of those attending. The event is $48.75 per person, which includes the tour and lunch. Please come out and enjoy the day with us.

Our March meeting on the US side is at the Brass Pointe 3/8/23 and the Natter & Noggin on the Canadian side is the following Wednesday 3/15/23 at the Factory House. We would love to see you!

As always drive safe and stay safe-we look forward to getting out & about!

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

Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Club Business

January, 2023 Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Vince Lacroix, Treasurer, WDMGC

First, an introduction to your new treasurer:
I was raised in Lapeer, Michigan and spent summers at a cottage in the Harbor Springs, Michigan area.
I attended college in Detroit and married a girl from Dearborn.
I taught for and retired from the Dearborn Public Schools. My wife Kelly and I raised a family of three children in Dearborn and Grosse Pointe.
We are recently empty nesters but take comfort in the fun we have in our 1970, blue royale MGB. Thank you for the trust in electing me to be treasurer. I promise that every dollar of club money will be leveraged for maximum fun.

Financial Summary: January was a quiet month. The club had revenues from six membership renewals and expenses from electronic subscriptions (Quickbooks) and fees (Paypal). The month ended with an increase of $115.54 on the balance sheet.

Total Balance on 1/1/23 of $2,476.00
- January 2023:
  - Total income: $150.00
  - Total expenses: $34.46
  - Net Income: +$115.54
- Checking account balance up $115.54 to $2,591.54
- Canadian Petty Cash unchanged at $145.00
- U.S. Petty Cash unchanged at $232.45
- Total Balance on 1/31/23 of $2,591.54

Detail

Checking
- Deposited: $150.00 (Membership Dues)
- Paid: $34.46
  - $34.46 – Quickbooks and PayPal

Canadian Petty Cash
- Nothing in/out of Petty Cash for January, 2023

U.S. Petty Cash
- Nothing in/out of Petty Cash for January, 2023

Jack Renaud

by Rick Astley

It's our very sad duty to have to report that longtime club member, and personal friend of many in our club – Jack Renaud – passed away February 6th after a short illness when a cold turned into pneumonia.

Jack and his Canadian wife and very accomplished artist Isabelle, joined the club in 2002 as owners of a 1979 MGB-LE. However, it was Jack's enthusiasm for V8 conversions, with which he infected several others, that made him well known to a lot of members, his yellow 1980 V8 conversion being a common site at Windsor-Detroit MG Club events and meetings on both sides of the border.

In 2018, Jack and Isabelle decided to sell their home in Dearborn and move closer to their daughter 200 miles north on the Lake Huron shoreline; a place where Jack could continue his hobby of kayaking. He sold everything MG, including his beloved yellow V8, another V8 in construction and the rotating spit that Jack had built himself on which to construct it. He bought a 5 liter V8 Mustang but it seems that he never really lost the MG bug. Last year, while out driving near his home, he saw a 1979 MGB and couldn't resist buying it.

In paying our tributes to Jack, we can't do better than provide the obituary written by his family, part of which was published in the Detroit Free Press.

Obituary for John P. Renaud (aka MGB Jack)

December 10, 1936 – February 6, 2023

Beloved husband and father, John “Jack” Renaud passed peacefully at the age of 86. Jack was the devoted and loving husband of Isabelle for 63 years. He was the kind and supportive father of Jacqueline (James) Boettger and Jeffrey (Diane) Renaud, grandfather (Pepe) of Jennifer (David) Bokor, and Danielle (Nick) Steffey and great grandfather of two.

Jack was known for many things. He was a student of life. He had so many passionate interests and hobbies — from being a brown-belt in Judo, to having a deep appreciation for art, to enjoying music, scuba diving, kayaking, family genealogy, and the wondrous outdoors. He was always learning something new and took great joy in exploring subjects and discussing them with others. Jack served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was an employee of Ford for more than 45 years. He was the original chassis Engineer for the F150 Crew Cab Truck and spent his entire life as a car enthusiast. He found great joy in driving his Mustang and had a special fondness of MGs. In fact, his latest MG has the license plate of H T R J (Hit the Road Jack).

But more importantly, Jack was known to all of his family and friends for his unconditional love and support for those around him. A sweet, gentle man, he never complained. He saw only the best in everyone around him and was never without a smile. He was extraordinarily proud of his family, providing unconditional support, love, and encouragement for their accomplishments and talents.

He will be greatly missed. But his legacy will live on and he will be remembered every day by those that had the honor of knowing him.

The family will hold a private service. They have requested that in honor of Jack’s life-long support of education and helping others achieve their goals that tributes may be made in his name to St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center. Donations may be made online at www.svsfcenter.org or sent to 14061 Lappin, Detroit,

Canadian Side WDMGC Club Natter and Noggin Returns to "The Factory House" (Formerly The Leaf)

When: **Wednesday March 15 , 2023**
6 pm

5240 Tecumseh Rd East
Windsor ON,

Click Here for Restaurant Website

Celebrate Cecil Kimber's Birthday!

The BMC Club of Lansing will host the Kimber Birthday Party on Saturday April 22, 2023. This is the 135th Birthday bash for Cecil Kimber.

Once again we are planning a convoy on a scenic drive towards the Delhi Café in Holt Michigan where we will toast Cecil, enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts, and treat ourselves to a bit of lunch and birthday cake. Matt and Vicki Bade have lined up our journey which is expected to take about 2 hours. Those who wish to participate, but cannot join the convoy, can meet us at the Delhi Café about 11:30am. Meeting place: Meijer's parking lot at 8 Mile and Haggerty. Drivers' Meeting at 9:15 AM.

Vicki's cell for the trip is 248-909-0874

First car out at 9:30 AM sharp! Allow yourself ample time for gassing up, etc.

We have added a **2nd meeting spot** for those on the west side. We will be stopping at the Sunoco station on the SE corner of North Territorial and US 23 in the back of the lot at 10:00am and leaving shortly afterwards to continue the run.

We should be arriving at the Café around 11:30 am which will give us time to kick tires in the parking lot before lunch at noon.

For those who intend to meet us there (or get lost on the way) the address is below along with maps.

Delhi Café
4625 E. Willoughby Rd
Holt, MI 48842

Location of Delhi Cafe in Holt Michigan.

Gatherings d'Elégance

The Ford House
1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

Join JAGM and W-DMGC for this spring 2023 event. We will tour The Ford House and enjoy a buffet lunch at The Continental, and display our cars at this unique venue.

Saturday, April 29, 2023

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Arrive and park at Visitor Center (marked off section)
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	Walk to Main Residence
12:20 PM - 1:30 PM	Guided tour of the main residence
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Walk back to the Visitor Center
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Buffet at The Continental
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Visit Exhibits/Store at the Visitor Center and then return to our cars. Hopefully, we will have substantial visitor foot traffic by our cars that day.
5:00 PM	Depart for home.

The cost is $48.75 per person for the guided tour, and buffet lunch including both sales tax and gratuity.

Reservations and payment must be made by April 15 at https://www.jagm.org/events/gathering-delegance-hosted-at-the-ford-house .

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The Car

Club Convoying (Caravanning)

Rules and etiquette

by Lise Brown

In 2002, 2009, 2016 and 2019 we published a list of convoying rules to be used at club driving events. The list seemed adequate at the time but with a larger club, new technology and more convoying experience, some updates are now in order. With the 2023 driving season just underway, this is an opportune time to remind members, including those running events, of their responsibilities toward making a club tour a safe and enjoyable occasion for everyone involved. In developing these guidelines I consulted with Rick Astley and Dale Brown, and researched other car clubs' convoying practices adapting a few of their ideas, notably those of The Corvette Club of Western Australia. Of course there is one all-important rule that underlies any club outing and that is: Have fun! Because when all is said and done, there is nothing more enjoyable than time spent with friends enjoying our LBCs doing what they were designed for … driving!

Prior to departure

1. Arrive well before departure time so that the organizers can hold the drivers' meeting at the designated time and not have to repeat instructions to latecomers.

2. The event organizers should provide participants with basic information about the route, any scheduled stops and the destination (including address and telephone numbers.) Additional information such as a map and mobile numbers can also be helpful.

3. The event organizers should stress safety first at all times, reminding participants to drive safely and to obey the rules of the road as well as all traffic signs and signals.

4. Make sure you've fueled up prior to departure time so that you're ready to leave on time.

5. If you have a mobile telephone, bring it along and get the number of your group's leader and perhaps those of some of the other drivers too. Unless invited to do otherwise, only call in emergencies; remember that some people have to pay per-call and may incur roaming charges.

6. Generally, non-LBC cars participating in the tour will line up at the end of the convoy after the LBCs but ahead of the Last Car (see Convoy Structure)

During the run

1. When driving in a convoy, your responsibility is to the car behind you; the Lead Car driver is responsible for navigation as well as keeping an eye on the car behind him/her; the Last Car driver is responsible for any car that drops out of line and is not seen by the driver in front of him/her (see Convoy Structure below.)

2. The ideal size for a trouble free convoy is 4 to 6 cars. Any group larger than 10 cars should split into smaller groups during the run.

3. If you know your car's electrical system can sustain it, drive with your low-beam headlamps on.

4. One or more meeting places with facilities should be prearranged along the route. This is also a catch-up place for any cars, which despite everything, still become separated.

5. While driving, be mindful of safety at all times. For instance, do not get caught up with trying to stay with the convoy by rolling through stop signs or burning red lights.

6. If the Lead Car takes a wrong turn, and you know it is not the correct route, keep following so the entire convoy stays together.

7. If for any reason the car behind you slows down or stops at the side of the road, it is your responsibility to slow down and keep it in sight. If everyone obeys this rule, then all the cars in front of you should also slow down, thus keeping the group together.

8. If part of a convoy needs to stop and regroup, move off the road safely and onto the shoulder as quickly as possible. When ready to get back on the road, the Last Car in the group moves out first to allow the Member Cars in front to pull out quickly and safely, and keep the group together. This should be done as quickly as possible so as not to frustrate any traffic behind the group's Last Car.

9. As often happens, general traffic sometimes joins in or holds up a convoy. If and when this occurs, members should keep an eye on the LBCs behind them, adjusting their pace as necessary.

10. If separated from the group in traffic, do not attempt to pass or overtake non-convoy vehicles unless it is absolutely safe to do so.

11. When approaching a red light in city traffic, take up as many lanes as legally and safely possible so that convoy vehicles are clustered together. This will help the group get through the intersection together when the light turns green. Once through, reform into a single lane behind the Lead Car.

Convoy structure

Any convoy, big or small, is comprised of a Lead Car/ Trip Leader, Member Cars and a Last Car. The following is a suggested list of additional responsibilities for each.

A- The Lead Car/Trip Leader:

- Sets the pace and must obey speed limits at all time, remembering that the rear of the convoy may be some distance back.
- Gives plenty of notice, via turn signals, when a change of direction is coming up.
- Ensures that the convoy is not spacing out too much and adjusts pace accordingly.
- Pulls over to allow for a regroup if necessary.
- Keeps in contact (two-way radio or mobile phone) with the Last Car.

B - The Member Cars:

- Maintain a safe distance from the car ahead.
- Do not pass other member cars unless an emergency situation makes it necessary.
- Make sure that they maintain visual contact with the car behind.
- If a large convoy is broken down into sub groups, each group should designate a Lead Car and Last Car to assume those responsibilities within the group, and both should be equipped with a mobile phone.

C - The Last Car:

- Keeps in contact (mobile phone) with the Lead Car.
- When the Lead Car indicates to pass, moves into the passing lane first (when safe to do so) to prevent non-convoy vehicles from interfering with the convoy; this also applies when the group is ready to get back on the road after having pulled over to regroup.
- Contacts the Lead Car to report any problems or difficulties such as having trouble keeping up with the convoy (e.g., pace too fast, too much interfering traffic, convoy being held back by traffic light) or if there are any other incidents affecting the convoy (e.g., vehicle breakdowns.)

In case of emergency

- If you experience any problems requiring you to pull over and stop, stay with your vehicle and contact the Trip Leader if possible.
- No more than 2 Member Cars should stop to assist.
- Make sure that you and your car are visible and located at a safe distance from any oncoming traffic.
- Maintain contact with the Trip Leader or other designated convoy member.

Happy motoring and Safety Fast!

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New Ad

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Editor's Note:

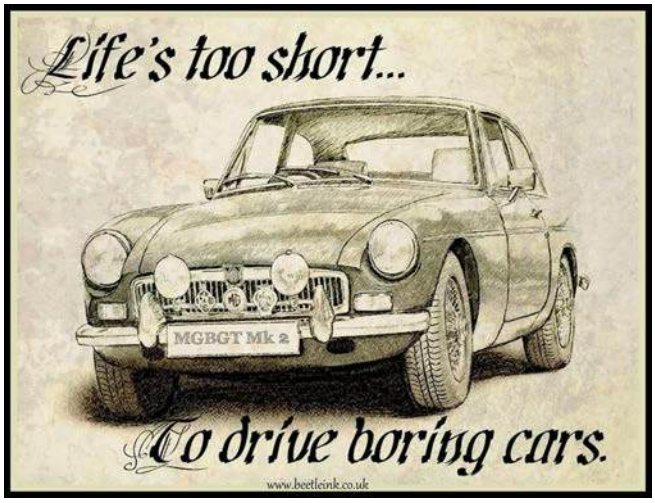
Sometimes we have so many ads that members don't always read them every month. Also we have members who have sold the item they listed and forget to let the editor know.

So periodically we delete them all and start from scratch.

If your ad is still active, please send a short email to editor and briefly indicate which ad you have that you wish to be continued. (I have them all).

Any reinstated ads will reappear next month with any new ones.

Thanks for your understanding.



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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

March 2023

Wed. Mar. 8	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI
Wed. Mar. 15	**WDMGC** Natter & Noggin at Factory House 6 pm.

April 2023

Wed. April 12	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills, MI.
Wed. April 19	**WDMGC** Natter & Noggin at Factory House 6 pm.
Sat. Apr. 22	Kimber Run. (See details on Page 8)
Sat. Apr. 29	Gatherings d'Elegance (See details on pages 9 & 10)

March Meeting at The Brass Pointe!

Wednesday, March 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.

For the location of the Brass Pointe, see our Map Page

Canadian Side Natter & Noggin at The Factory House

Wednesday March 15, 6 pm.