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Was it Vince & Kelly Lacroix's Happy Birthday cake? Or the surprsing summery evening in April? Either way, a big crowd of MGs showed up for our April meeting at the Brass Pointe.

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Newbie Can-Am Connection editor John Magee here.

Newbie Can Am Newsletter Editor, John Magee

First off, many thanks to longtime editor Dale Brown for all his work and his efforts to train me up on this task.

For this first edition I'm just trying to get the hang of layout — it's all new to me! — and to provide you all with a few news items. For future editions, members have volunteered helpful items like logic puzzles, retro technical articles, and even a few news articles.

Look for incremental change, not a newsletter revolution. Forgive me my errors, and look for slow but steady improvement. And with that … Welcome to the May 2023 Can-Am Connection, now under new management.

John Magee, Rookie Editor
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Welcome!

To our Newest Members

Welcome to two new members:

- Patrick Elheron of Rochester Hills, MI. He currently does not have a British car.
- Tim and Brenda Dillon of Macomb, MI. They have a British Racing Green 1972 MGB.

Presidentially speaking

Hi Everyone,

Vicki Bade - Club President

The car has been out and about a few times now and is running great, thank goodness! Haven't done too much top down driving due to the crazy up and down weather, but that will happen.

Our events for April went well-small caravan for the Kimber Run due to threat of rain, although the day did get much better as we were driving. We had 2 MG's, 2 Mini's, 1 Fiat, 1 Volvo and John Magee's everyday driver, so quite the group! There may not have been a large amount of MG's in the lot-but we sure had a packed room for lunch. Thanks to everyone who organized it and made the event happen-it was a really nice day.

The Ford House tour and luncheon had a nice turnout of MG and Jag members-that is a wonderful house and the tour was excellent!! Matt and I want to go back again. Thanks to Phil Crutchfield of the Jag club for organizing an excellent event and to those that came out.

Our Spring Gathering will be coming up in a few weeks on May 21st, so come join us for the day and if you want to continue the car fest head over to Baker's of Milford afterwards for their British Car Corral.

If you haven't yet seen the story, the Brass Pointe (our usual meeting place for the US side) had a kitchen fire last week. The damage was contained to the kitchen and some attic space and no one was hurt as they were able to get everyone out, but they will be closed until further notice. We do have a new venue for our May meeting and the details are in the NL here, on the website and were on the email meeting reminder sent out the other day. Sounds like great weather-so come out and join us as we try this other place out. See you there!

As Always-stay safe and get those cars out and about!

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

Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Club Business

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

Financial Summary: The club had revenues from twelve membership dues payments. Expenses were for: electronic subscriptions (Quickbooks) fees (Paypal) postage and event rental (Camp Dearborn). Three member badges were printed by Engraving Connection ($27.08).The period ended with a balance increase of $54.22.

Total Balance (excluding petty cash) on 4/4/23 of $2,098.05
o Total income: $293.46
o Total expenses: $239.24
o Net Income: +$54.22
• Canadian Petty Cash unchanged at $145.00
• U.S. Petty Cash unchanged at $191.52
• Total Balance (excluding petty cash) on 4/28/23 of $2,152.27

Detail

Checking
• Deposited: $293.46 (Membership Dues)
• Paid: $239.24
• Quickbooks $60 (for March and April)
• PayPal $7.56
• Engraving Connection $27.08
• Camp Dearborn for Spring Gathering $132.00
• Postage for membership mailings $12.60

Canadian Petty Cash
• Nothing in/out of Petty Cash for April, 2023

U.S. Petty Cash
• Nothing in/out of Petty Cash for April, 2023

Below: Vince's 1970 MGB Roadster looking good at our April valve -cover racing event. (See page 10.)

NOTE!!! Change of Venue for The Windsor-Detroit MG Club May 2023 US Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, May, 10th
Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm
Little Daddy's
Applegate Square,
29649 Northwestern Hwy
Southfield, MI 48034

As a result of a recent fire at our usual meeting place, the Brass Pointe is closed and The Windsor-Detroit MG Club's May meeting will be held at Little Daddy's, Southfield, which is located on the SE corner of Northwestern Hwy and Inkster Road. If approaching on Northwestern Hwy, the entrance to Applegate Square is immediately after passing Inkster. If you miss it, there is a second a few yards further on. There is also an entrance on Inkster Road. The restaurant is on the NE corner of the square. First arrivers in classic cars: Please try to park in a relatively empty part of the lot where other members can join you.

Little Daddy's management has reserved a separate section of the restaurant for our exclusive use.

Those members who wish to dine usually begin to arrive around 6:00 pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Like our usual restaurant, Little Daddy's is currently closing at 8:00 pm.

There will be no Zoom feed this month.

Left: Nobody was injured in the fire at Brass Pointe on April 29, which began in the kitchen. But it may be some time until the restaurant re-opens. In the meantime this we have an opportunity to try some new venues.

If you know of a good candidate for a meeting, please let us know. The ideal location will have a separate room we can reserve without separate payment, and will also let us order individually. Those places are getting scarce, alas.

Canadian Side WDMGC Club Natter and Noggin Continues at “The Factory House”

When: **Wednesday May 17 , 2023**
6 pm

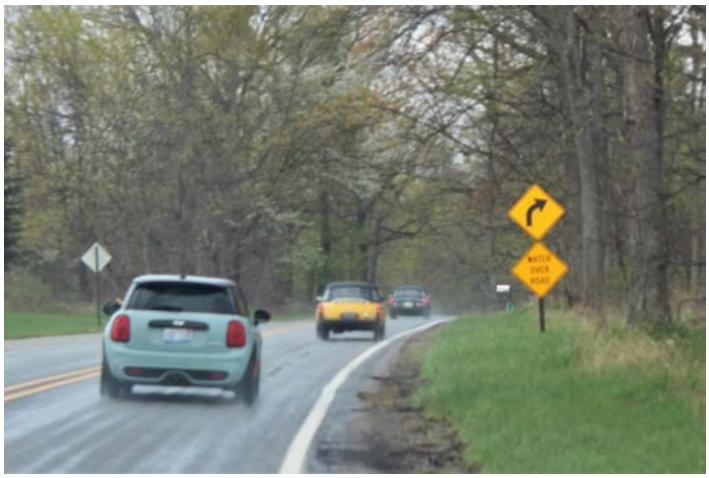
5240 Tecumseh Rd East
Windsor ON,

Click Here for Restaurant Website

We Celebrated Cecil Kimber's Birthday!

On Saturday April 22, a club caravan led by Matt & Vicki Bade headed to the Delhi Café in Holt, Michigan, to kick off the driving season in Michigan and Ontario by celebrating Cecil Kimber's 135th birthday.

A good time was had by all despite a rainy start, a couple of club MGBs made the journey, and several other MGs from around the state were spotted at the Delhi Café. Happy Birthday, Cecil!



Water over road? Oh, sure. **Now** you tell us!

Our caravan to Holt and some of the cars in the parking lot of the Delhi Café, including a white TVR and a maroon 1950 Riley, as well as our Kimber-appropriate MGs.

More from the Kimber Run!

We didn't just drive to Holt. We had a birthday party!

Left: Shelley MacMillan and our fearless leader Vicki Bade.
Right: The Hall-of-Fame Rowdy Racing Team!

Mysteries of Physics: Ken Klemmer's 1948 MG TC next to a 2016 Ford F-150.

R.I.P., Harry Mac Lean

Those who attended last November's Brass Pointe meeting will remember that we reported that our friend and WDMGC member Harry Mac Lean was gravely ill with liver and kidney disease. Further attempts to learn of his condition were unsuccessful and it was only last month that we became aware that he passed away last November 30th.

Harry was a 21 year veteran of the club and having been a true auto mechanic most of his working life, he soon took on the role of being the club's go-to person when help was needed with mechanical issues that were proving elusive to diagnose. He often shared his considerable knowledge by contributing articles to our newsletter, The Can-Am Connection, and supporting students learning skilled trades. His generosity also extended to standing in the cold each December "ringing the bell" for The Salvation Army. He owned a 1980 vermilion red MGB and was also a Harley-Davidson enthusiast.

Harry was an Army veteran and, prior to his retirement, worked for 35 years at General Motors where he would build prototype engines.

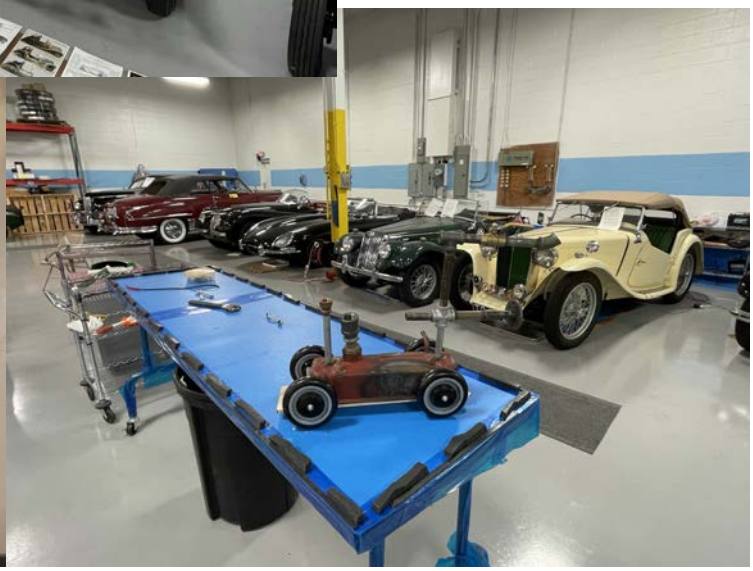
Harry had been married to his wife Dorothy for 47 years and we send our condolences, albeit belated, to her and their sons Jeff, Brian and Greg, who has taken ownership of Harry's MGB.

Left: Harry's vermillion red 1980 MGB roadster, featured in a 2017 issue of *British Sports Car Life*.

Valve-Cover Racing Clinic at Lee Jacobsen's Belden Garage!

Members of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club (WDMGC), the Michigan MGT-Series club, and the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan gathered at Lee Jacobsen's garage on Thursday, April 27, to learn how to build and race valve-cover racers. We also enjoyed the hospitality and Lee's fine collection of MGs, Jaguars, Packards, and other classics. Thanks, Lee! (Photos from Lee Jacobsen, Vince Lacroix, and John Magee)

Clockwise from top left: The assembly gang; “People just come to watch valve-covers crash”; the tuning bench; “Lane 1 by a nose!”; and center, “This MG SA is okay, but it’s no valve-cover racer!”



JAGM hosts WDMGC for the Gathering d'Elegance 2023!

Members of WDMGC joined the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan recently for a day visit to the Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. The Gathering d'Elegance was organized by JAGM and included a luncheon and a guided tour. A good (and elegant!) time was had by all! (Photos by Vicki Bade and Perry Zakucia)

Sunday, May 21, 2023, 11am – 4pm

Camp Dearborn
1700 General Motors Road, Milford, MI 48380

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club is proud to sponsor the 11th Annual Spring British Car Gathering & Picnic at Camp Dearborn in Milford, MI.

No registration, no formal car show or class parking, and no awards; just an opportunity to share our passion with fellow British car owners and clubs, and to get to know one another.

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WDMGC will supply Sub Sandwiches & water bottles-please bring a dish to pass and your own chair(s). You may also bring your own food/drink-no alcohol is allowed in the park.

BOOT SALE

Have some spare parts, tools, etc. that are cluttering your garage? Bring them along and offer them for sale from the boot of your car. We are not looking to host a full blown swap meet, so please no trailers full of stuff. Whatever you can get in your car or bring pictures of larger items that you want to sell.

For more information contact us at Board@WDMGC.com or contact Vicki Bade at (248) 909-0874
The Camp Dearborn Web Site is www.campdearborn.com

British Return to Ft Meigs Annual Car Show

Sunday 04 June 2023, 09:00am - 03:00pm

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29100 West River Road, Perrysburg, Ohio

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A	BIKES	L	MGA / MAGNETTE
B	OTHER BRITISH TO '67	M	MGB & GT '62 TO '69
B	BENTLEY/DELOREAN/LAND ROV-ER/	N	MGB & GT '70 TO '74
B	1100/MINI/MORGAN/	O	MGB & GT '74.5 TO '77
B	ROLLS-ROYCE	P	MGB & GT '78 TO '80
C	OTHER BRITISH '68 TO '78	Q	MG MIDGET & AH SPRITE
D	OTHER BRITISH '79 AND UP	R	MGC
E	LOTUS	S	TRIUMPH SPITFIRE
F	COBRA	T	TRIUMPH TR2 & TR3
G	JAGUAR TO '84	U	TRIUMPH TR4 & TR250
H	JAGUAR '85 AND UP	V	TRIUMPH TR6 TO '74
I	AUSTIN HEALEY	W	TRIUMPH TR6 '75 & '76
J	ROOTES GROUP	X	TRIUMPH OTHER TR7/ TR8/GT6/STAG
K	MGs TO '55	Y	ENGINE CONVERSIONS

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Editor's Note:

We cleaned out the dusty old ads to make room for bright, shiny new ads. I know you've all got things that need selling, so send 'em along.

Thanks, your pal in capitalism, John M.

P.S. Since we don't have more ads, have a picture of my view driving home from our April meeting, instead.

New Ad **1970 MG Midget**

Nice original chrome bumper MG Midget for sale. Shows 50,000 on the odometer which I believe to be correct. 1970 is the only year for the split rear bumper. Solid car for a great restoration. I have a B that I am working on so the Midget has to go. Starts but needs clutch and brake bleeding (and probably a few other things) to put it back on the road. Good solid original car to make into a restored beauty. Clean title in hand. Top, not shown, is off the car and stored in my pole barn with the car in Oxford in Oxford. $4,000 or best reasonable offer. Call Al Hassinger at 908-399-5079. (May 2023)

Before and after? Nope, On the left it's Ryan Oke's 1965 MGB roadster, which he inherited from his father and is restoring. On the right it's Perry Zakucia's 1971 MGB roadster.

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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

May 2023

Wed. May 10	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Little Daddy's, 29649 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI. Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm
Wed. May 17	**WDMGC** Natter & Noggin at Factory House 6 pm.
Sun. May 21	**Spring Gathering at Camp Dearborn**, 11 am to 4 pm (See flyer on page 12)
Sun. May 21	**British Car Corral at Bakers of Milford** , Noon to 5 pm. Milford, Michigan
Sat-Sun, May 27—June 4	**British Car Week.** Drive your British car with pride. It's good for going to work and fetching groceries, too!

June 2023

Sun. June 4	**British Return to Ft Meigs Annual Car Show**, 9 am to 3 pm, Perrysburg, OH (See info on page 13.)
Wed. June 14	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Location TBA. Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm
Sat.-Sun, June 17-18	**Motor Muster**, Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan.
Sun. June 18	**British Car Corral at Bakers of Milford** , Noon to 5 pm. Milford, Michigan
Tue-Fri, June 20-23	**Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) Central**, South Bend, Indiana. (See gof2023.com for more details.)
Wed. June 21	**WDMGC** Natter & Noggin at Factory House 6 pm.

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Canadian Side Natter & Noggin at The Factory House

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