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Top: *MGs as far as the eye can see at our 2023 Spring Gathering at Camp Dearborn. Story on Page 7.*

Right: *Did the British Return to Fort Meigs this year? Fran Lewis and her MGC know*

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The Curse of the Kimber Run

Can-Am Editor, John Magee

A true confession: the FUN MG, my black 1976 MGB, has never successfully completed the Kimber Run.

The first failure came in my first attempt when a broken throttle cable left Monique and I standing by a scenic farm field about 20 miles short of our destination. That was the only breakdown *en route*, but since then a series of mechanical issues, bad weather, travel, and a global pandemic have conspired to keep the FUN MG from making the run. I was determined to break the curse this year. And the FUN MG was running well at the start of April.

Those of you who saw me arrive in Holt without my beloved MGB already know the curse triumphed again. The FUN MG started up that morning with a skip that quickly worsened after a few blocks. I sadly turned around and parked the B back in the garage. Alas, my old 1999 Jaguar sedan was off at the mechanic with its own woes. My even older 1950 TD was still slumbering peacefully in hibernation blissfully unaware of the hubbub.

Sigh. The shame had arrived. My Honda Civic Hybrid made the Kimber Run. So it goes.

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Welcome to our Newest Members!

- Alison Postma and Harry Bunker of Leamington, ON. They have a Cream 1970 Triumph GT6+ and a White 1979 TVR 3000M.
- Timothy Hartley, name and vehicle yet unknown. A man of mystery.

Anniversaries

May:
- 25 Years – Don Capoferi, West Bloomfield, MI
- 20 Years – John Marsh, Birmingham, MI

June
- 15yrs – Brian and Wilma Hannon of Windsor, ON
- 5yrs – Alan Lockwood of East Lansing, MI
- 5yrs – Bob and Carole Solano of Rochester Hills, MI

Correction: New member Patrick McElheron's name was misspelled in the previous edition. We apologize for the error.

Presidentially speaking

Hello All,

Vicki Bade - Club President

Mother Nature still seems to be messing with us- never thought I would wish for rain and heaven knows we are all enjoying the beautiful dry days, but after weeks of it and the wild-fires our poor neighbors are facing in Canada I can honestly say I am praying for some nice steady rain soon.

As you noticed and/or read in last month's newsletter our faithful editor Dale Brown has passed the torch to John Magee. We cannot thank Dale enough for the wonderful job he has done for many years cranking out our monthly newsletter. I know it got somewhat easier when we went to an electronic only version, but it is still a tough job and we are grateful for your hard work. Thank you to Dale for everything and if last month was any indication, John will continue in fine fashion and do you proud. Enjoy your time out and about, Dale -no longer having to worry if you have enough wi-fi to get the pages together, LOL.

The Spring Gathering saw the best weather I think we have ever had and it was a great turnout as you will see by the pictures. So glad to see Steve & Donna Finch come join us while they were in town! Lots of MG's this time and plenty of tires to kick. Thanks to everyone that came out and enjoyed the day with us.

You may have seen the Facebook post-Fran Lewis and I headed down to Ft. Meigs and had a really nice day at their annual car show! It was fun riding in her MGC GT. We did see a few other members and congrats to Gary Decker & Shelley MacMillan for winning the Award of Excellence with their 1980 MGB-Way to go!

We will be having our June U.S. meeting at Little Daddy's again on Northwestern Hwy June 14th. Keep an eye out as we will have a change of venue for July's meeting. I am still on the hunt for a good spot that is open past 8:00pm and will keep everyone posted as we go. I believe the Natter & Noggin will be trying a different spot for the Canadian side on June 21st-so check it out. It is unbelievably easy to get across the border right now-give it a try.

As always-stay safe & healthy and get those cars on the road as much as you can!

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Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Club Business

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

Vince assures us that we still have money. But he has been traveling the wilds of northern Michigan without sufficient connectivity to submit the May Treasurer's Report.

So, in the place of his treasurer's report I give you a few bonus photos from the Spring Gathering.

U.S. Side Meetings

June

The Brass Pointe is still closed after its fire. The June meeting will be held at Little Daddy's, Southfield, on the SE corner of Northwestern Hwy and Inkster Road

Wednesday, June 14th
Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm
Little Daddy's
Applegate Square,
29649 Northwestern Hwy
Southfield, MI 48034

July

The club is going Italian for July as we combine the meeting on the U.S. side with an "Arrivederci" to Rick & Anne Astley.

We will be using Buca di Beppo at 38888 Six Mile Rd in Livonia for July 12th-which gives us some extra room and time to enjoy our meals and the evening as they are open until 9:30pm.

Buca di Beppo only does a family style meal and we will have plenty of food, but due to that type of dining they are unable to do individual orders off the menu. The meal will be a flat $40.00 per person for everyone and will include the following:

- Bread
- 2 types of Salad-Mixed Green & Ceasar
- 2 types of Pasta-Spagetti with Meat Sauce & Fettuccine Alfredo
- 1 Entrée-Chicken Parmigiana
- Dessert-Mini Chocolate Chip Cannoli's
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We are asking that you bring $40.00 cash or pay it to the club thru Paypal.

Dinner is at 6:00pm

Please join us for dinner & the meeting and help us wish Rick & Anne all the best!

Canadian Side WDMGC Club Natter and Noggin Moves to Riverside Sportsmen Club for June

When: **Wednesday June 21 , 2023**
6 pm

10835 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON N8P 1A5

Click Here for Restaurant Menu

Above: A few of us tested the place on a recent Wednesday night and found it to be just fine.

Below: Some of our cars at the May gathering at Factory House

A Splendid Spring Gathering!

On Sunday, May 21, the Windsor-Detroit MG Club hosted a gathering of British cars and friends at Camp Dearborn in Milford, Michigan. The weather was splendid — probably the best ever for the event. The picnic lunch was even better. And the opportunity to gather in friendship after a long winter was best of all!

Afterwards several members continued the fun by stopping at the monthly British Car Corral arranged by our friends with the Michigan Jaguar club at Baker's Sunday cruise-in at Baker's Restaurant in Milford. The British Car Corral happens each 3rd Sunday of the month.

More from the Spring Gathering!

Below: Ken Klemmer's newly restored 1930 8/33 Midget drew a steady crowd all day. Last driven 63 years ago!

The British (and the WDMGC) Return to Fort Meigs

Several members of WDMGC crossed into Ohio for the annual British Return to Fort Meigs car show on Sunday, June 4. Congratulations to Gary Decker & Shelley MacMillan for getting the “Award of Excellence” in their class with their 1980 MGB!

Our fearless President Vicki Bale reports that she had a splendid ride down in Fran Lewis’s MGC. In addition to our club members they also saw several of our friends from the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan. The weather was lovely, the cars were lovely and a good time was had by all!

Above: Win a big prize, get a big picture in the newsletter! Congratulations to Gary Decker and Shelley MacMillan on the “Award of Excellence!”

Right: Chuck Wiley’s 1969 MGB GT is also a very nice car. But he only gets a little picture because that’s all the room I had. Sorry, Chuck.

More photos from Fort Meigs

Matt & Vicki's Grand Rapids Road Trip

Date: Sunday September 24th
Time: To be determined
Destinations:

- The Frank Lloyd Wright House- Grand Rapids
- The Downtown Market

This trip is limited to the 1st 18 folks who RSVP to Matt's email at mattbade51@gmail.com or call him at 586-291-8043.

We are planning a road trip that will start out at the Target parking lot at the NW corner of M-59 and Old US 23, then take 2 lane roads to the Meyer May (Frank Lloyd Wright) house in downtown Grand Rapids for a tour of the house beginning at noon.

We will have the house to ourselves for the tour and after a 30 minute movie on the history of the house they will take us in 2 groups of 10 people each on the tour.

At 1:30pm, we will drive about 5-6 blocks west to the downtown market for lunch-they have multiple restaurants in the market, so you will have plenty of places to choose from and there are a number of small markets to choose from for shopping.

When everyone is ready to head back home, we will go back the way we came or you can get on eastbound I-96 and take the faster route, if you prefer.

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New Ad MGB Hardtop for Sale, $375

MGB hardtop with quarter windows by Custom Hardtops in Long Beach California aka Snug Top. In very good condition. $375. Text Anthony Sopuch at 248-789-6058. (June 2023)

New Ad 1952 TD Midget, $15,000 OBO

My Dad is about to retire down to Texas and isn't taking his 1952 MG TD with him. He's asking $15,000 OBO. All original except paint. Please contact Larry directly up in Roscommon at (810) 287-6140. He's an old retired GM guy who just put his house on the market today and would rather sell the MG than see it waste away in storage. (810) 287-6140. (June 2023)

Cleaning out old parts? Looking for something unusual? Just trying to make a buck? Help us to help you! Send along those classified ads!

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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)

Left: Spotted in the wild. John Deikis passed along these photos of a new 2023 MGEV4 electric car that he saw on the streets of Dublin, Ireland, during his tour in May.

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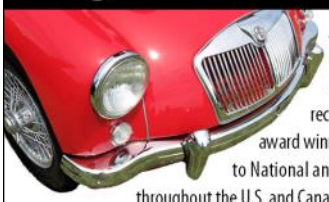

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You will be Well Rewarded

Club Calendar

■ - WDMGC event.
To be sure you are up-to-date with all events, times and meeting places, visit www.WDMGC.com

June 2023

■ Wed. June 14	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Little Daddy's, 29649 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI. 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**, 6 pm. **NEW LOCATION!** Riverside Sportsmen Club. Windsor, Ontario.

July 2023

Sun. July 9	**Mad Dogs & Englishmen**, 9 am to 4 pm, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan. See gilmorecarmuseum.org for more info.
■ Wed. July 12	**WDMGC Club Meeting and "Arrivederci" to Rick & Anne Astley** . Buca di Beppo, 38888 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI. Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm. See the flyer on page 5 for more info
Sun. July 16	**British Car Corral at Bakers of Milford** , Noon to 5 pm. Milford, Michigan
Mon-Thu, July 17-20	**NAMGBR 2023.** Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Visit namgbr.org for details.
■ Wed. July 19	**WDMGC Natter & Noggin,** 6 pm Location TBA.
Sat. July 22	**The Lost Railway Museum (Grass Lake) w/Jag Club.** Caravan departing 9-Mile and US-23 at 9:30 am. See JAGM.org for details.

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Canadian Side Natter & Noggin at The Riverside Sportsmen Club

Wednesday June 21, 6 pm. NEW LOCATION

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