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Top: *MGs passing in review at the 2023 Motor Muster at Greenfield Village, which celebrated MGs as the featured marque in honor of the 100th Anniversary of MG. Story and photos on pages 8-9.*

Right: *Did any of our club members win First in Class at this year's Mad Dogs & Englishmen All-English car show? Did any of our club members need a jump-start to get home? Check out pages 10-12 for all the breaking news and photos.*

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The Triumph of Big Smokey

With my B still struggling I planned to bring my MG TD to Mad Dogs this year. But Sunday morning I let my aching back change my mind. My longtime backup British car "Big Smokey" was going to the show with the world's comfiest driver seat for my back. As Big Smokey — our 1999 Jaguar XJ Vanden Plas Supercharged — approaches 25 years and antique automobile status I've begun collecting a few pieces for a light refurbishment, a project not yet begun, alas. Big Smokey was going to the show with its honest layer of patina for all the world to see.

We did at least run through a car wash when we hit the road. After I parked the Sun came out and lit up Big Smokey's emerald metallic paint, I thought, "Dang, that car is still beautiful." Then I wandered off to see the rest of the show. But when the results were announced…

WE WON THIRD IN CLASS! I couldn't be prouder of my old Jag if we took home Best in Show at Pebble Beach!

John Magee, Editor
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Welcome to our Newest Members and Anniversaries!

- Don Bourne and Rebecca Campbell of Windsor. They have a 1970 Silver MGB-GT and a 1972 Yellow MGB roadster.
- James and Kathleen Lisowski of West Bloomfield, MI. They have a 1975 White MGB.
- Don Adams of Windsor.

Anniversaries

- 20yrs – Joyce Murphy of Rochester Hills, MI
- 15yrs – Russ and Marlis LaFevre of Commerce Twp, MI
- 5yrs – Allan and Mary Ann Rae of Tecumseh, ON

Membership note: If you or somebody you know isn't currently receiving the Newsletter, please check your spam folder and make sure that Mick Gedeon has your updated email address. We are using a new distribution system that pulls the addresses from Mick's official list.

Presidentially speaking

Hello Everyone,

Vicki Bade - Club President

Hard to believe it is July already-boy that time flies. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far and has been able to get those cars out and about a lot-wouldn't want our babies feeling neglected.

When this newsletter gets sent out the Mad Dogs & Englishmen event will have already happened on Sunday. Looks like it will be a super nice day with no rain and a nice 80 degrees-unlike in years past when it has been super hot! I hope we can get some pictures to post.

Reminder that the US meeting for July 12th is a combination meeting and a send off to Rick & Anne Astley. For the occasion we picked a different type of setting using Buca di Beppo in Livonia, which is a family style Italian eatery with plenty of seating, a large parking lot for us and they are open later, so we will not be rushed. Please join us rain or shine for this special meeting and bring your Rick & Anne stories-we would love to hear from you as we know how much they have done for our club through the years and how many lives they have touched. Hope to see you-please check the flyer for more details.

Good things coming up on the calendar-so keep an eye out. Matt and I are looking forward to heading up our day trip to Grand Rapids Sunday Sept. 24th for a nice tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright House with a trip to the downtown market for lunch and maybe some shopping (they have lots of goodies)! We are limited in the number of people, so please let Matt know if you are joining us-the detailed flyer is in the NL and it is on the website calendar. We still need to make our test run, so we don't have a start time yet-but will get that out there soon.

Enjoy your summer, stay safe and drive those cars as often as you can!! Let everyone see how much fun they are.

Vicki

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Vicki

Club Business

May 1 to July 10, 2023, Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Vince Lacroix, Treasurer, WDMGC

The period ended with a balance decrease of $437.65.
The decrease was due to an event deposit paid to Buca di Beppo for the July meeting.
This amount should be recouped by member payment for participation in the July meeting.
Excluding the event deposit would make an increase for the period of $407.59

Total Balance (excluding petty cash) on 5/1/23 of $2,152.27
o Total income: $1,049.76
o Total expenses: $1,487.41
o Net loss: $437.65
• Canadian Petty Cash unchanged at $145.00
• U.S. Petty Cash unchanged at $191.52
Total Balance (excluding petty cash) on 7/10/23 of $1,714.62

Checking
Deposited: $1,049.76
• Membership Dues $884.76
• regalia sale $25.00
• Can-Am Connection advertising $100.00
• July meeting donation $40.00
Paid: $1,487.41
• Quickbooks $60 (for May and June)
• Chase fee $12.00
• PayPal $40.55
• Engraving Connection $37.44
• Food for Spring Gathering $445.78
• Postage for membership mailings $46.40
• Deposit for July meeting at Buca di Beppo $845.24

Canadian Petty Cash
• Nothing in/out of Petty Cash for the period.

U.S. Petty Cash
• Nothing in/out of Petty Cash for the period.

Below: Vince working diligently to prepare his treasurer's report. (Artist's rendition.)

U.S. Side Meetings

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 every-one and will include the following:

- Bread
- 2 types of Salad-Mixed Green & Ceasar
- 2 types of Pasta-Spaghetti with Meat Sauce & Fettuccine Alfredo
- 1 Entrée-Chicken Parmigiana
- Dessert-Mini Chocolate Chip Cannoli's
- Unlimited Soft Drinks, Coffee & Tea
- 18% Gratuity

Cash bar for alcoholic beverages

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!

August

The Brass Pointe is still closed after its fire. The location for August is will be Little Daddy's, Southfield, on the SE corner of Northwestern Hwy and Inkster Road, which is where we met in May and June.

Wednesday, August 9th
Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm

Location
Little Daddy's
Applegate Square,
29649 Northwestern Hwy
Southfield, MI 48034

Photos from the US Side June Meeting

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

When: **Wednesday July 19 , 2023, 6 pm**

10835 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON N8P 1A5

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Below: *Photos from the June Natter & Noggin*

The Greenfield Village Motor Muster Celebrates 100 Years of MGs!

On the weekend of June 17 and 18, MGs took a leading role as the annual Motor Muster at Greenfield Village featured MGs in honor of the 100th anniversary of the marque. MG cars were grouped together on the Village Green and given a special pass in review before the judging station. The central display proved a great opportunity to talk to passersby to discuss the history of MGs and how they are currently supported through local clubs, including Windsor-Detroit.

The Motor Muster isn't formally judged, but there is a vote among the participants for favorite car by decade. So how'd the MGs do? Club member Lee Jacobsen's green 1938 MG SA Tickford drophead coupe finished 2nd in the 1930s. Dirk van den Muijsenberg's red 1948 MG TC finished 2nd in the 1940s. And though it wasn't their 1945 MG TC, club members Roger and Beverley Melton's dark green and wood 1948 Chrysler Town & Country convertible picked up 3rd place in the 1940s.

More Motor Muster!

Award winners: Lee Jacobsen's green 1938 MG SA Tickford drophead coupe (1930s, 2nd); Dirk van den Muijsenberg's red 1948 MG TC (1940s, 2nd) and Roger & Beverley Melton's 1948 Chrysler Town & Country woody (1940s, 2nd.)

Right: Andrew Ganem proves that his MGA is a three-seat roadster … as long as all the passengers are close friends. Very close friends.

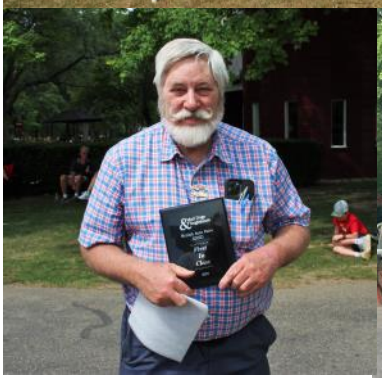
Below: It's not an MG, but I loooooved this sparkly 1977 Dodge Tradesman van. Shiny!

Mad Dogs, Englishmen, and MGs!

On Sunday, July 9, quite a few members of the WDMGC drove out to Hickory Corners, Michigan, to attend the annual Mad Dogs & Englishmen All-British cars show at the Gilmore Car Museum. The event drew an especially large crowd of more than 400 participants due to the splendid sunny day, making it a great opportunity to browse British cars from nearly every marque imaginable, including this year's featured class: Austin-Healey Sprites and MG Midgets.

Windsor-Detroit members scored two First in Class placings and a Third in Class. New club member Perry Zakucia earned First in Class in Class F (MGB/C 1962-72) with his finely detailed red 1971 MGB. This was Perry's first car show! Lee Jacobsen followed up his strong showing at the previous week's Motor Muster with a First in Class Q (Other British Cars to 1964) with his green 1938 MG SA Tickford drophead coupe. In non-MG competition, John Magee's emerald metallic 1999 Jaguar XJ Vanden Plas Supercharged took home a Third in Class in Class O (Jaguar 4-door 1998 to present.)

No mad dogs were spotted on the field.



Top left and right, bottom right: MGB 1962 -72 winner Perry Zakucia (white shirt) with Matt Bade, who talked him into coming out to the show. Good advice, Matt!
Left center: Lee Jacobsen. See pages 8-9 for photos of his beautiful SA Tickford Coupe.
Center: John Magee, rather cheekily showing up in an MG shirt to collect a Third in Class for his Jaguar.

More photos from Mad Dogs

Above: The featured Spridget class. **Below:** MGBs as far as the eye can see.

Above, clockwise from top left: 1950 MG YA Saloon, 1954 MG TF, 1957 MGA, 1932 MG M-Type.
Below: Is it even a British car show if somebody doesn't need a jump start afterwards? Dan Urson didn't think so. Fortunately, Lisa Zebarah-Shears was on the spot with their chase vehicle for the rescue! She's the real show MVP!

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 1980 MGB, $9,500

Purchased the car April 2021 from 2nd owner for $7,700. I have spent approximately $5 k in seals, gaskets, brakes, muffler, starter, water pump, thermostat, etc. About the only area that i have not addressed is the convertible top, it has a couple of small tears, but very functional and looks great. Car is currently in Charlevoix at our summer place, as I only drove it up here, & kept it in a heated garage during winter months. If we find someone willing to buy, I will trailer it down to the Detroit area. Asking for no less than $9500. Contact Bob Wiedmaier, cell: 734-355-5356 or at wiedmaierrobert@gmail.com (July 2023)

New Ad 1980 MG LE, $6,500

1980 MG LE (Limited Edition), current Mileage, ~40,000. As-Is Price: $6500. Purchased car from private owner in 2009. One Mechanic. Maintenance overhaul every April. Additional details: 2010 - Rebuilt clutch, engine overhaul, brakes; 2012/2015 - New paint job; 2014 - New tires. Also, GPS, updated radio, kill switch installed

Contact: Maxcine Jackson, 248-318-4482 (July 2023)

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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)

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)

1970 MG Midget, $4,000

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)

MGB Wire Wheels for Sale, $100 each

5 MGB wire wheels. Painted, balanced perfectly. All spokes there and tight. Dirty, need to be painted to be perfect, acceptable with a good cleaning. Were on my car; I converted to chrome. $100 each. Roger Melton 586 980 0850. mgrog5@yahoo.com. (April 2023)

Left: Eric Richardson's 1933 MG J2 drew a steady crowd all weekend at the Motor Muster.

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Above: As seen in our Facebook group: Perry Zakucia's hood looking shiny as can be. Soon it would be First in Class at Mad Dogs.

Whether you're looking for rising star cars or just a quick MG fix between issues of the *Can-Am Connection*, come join the conversation in our Facebook group!

WANTED

Dead or Driveable

Your Car Picture

Let us have a picture of your car and some anecdotal information so that we can feature it in *Can-Am Connection* and the club web-site gallery.

Also Wanted

Your contributuion's for this newsletter,.

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Club Calendar

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

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 MG 2023 convention**, Calgary, Alberta. (See namgbr.com for details.)
Wed. July 19	**WDMGC Natter & Noggin**, 6 pm. Riverside Sportsmen Club. Windsor, Ontario.
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.

August 2023

Wed., Aug. 9	**WDMGC Club Meeting**. Little Daddy's, 29649 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI. Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm
Wed. Aug. 16	**WDMGC Natter & Noggin,** 6 pm Location TBA.
Fri-Sat, Aug. 18-19	**University Motors Summer Party Reunion.** Saturday display at Reunion,Douglas Walker Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Sat., Aug 19	**Woodward Dream Cruise**. Woodward Ave., Michigan.
Sun., Aug 20	**British Car Corral at Bakers of Milford** , Noon to 5 pm. Milford, Michigan
Sun., Aug 27	**Cruisin' Hines.** Hines Drive will be open only to classic vehicles. $5 donation. See cruisinhines.com for details.

REMINDER: July Meeting is the Italian "Arrivederci" to Rick & Anne Astley

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August Meeting: Due to the fire at the Brass Pointe, our August meeting will be at Little Daddy's at 29649 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, Michigan. Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm

Canadian Side Natter & Noggin at The Riverside Sportsmen Club

Wednesday July 19, 6 pm.

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