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Above: A small British car among the tall timber. Right: Just be glad we didn't use the *smaller* British car for the photo op! (Photos of John Magee's MGB and Steve Swarin's hybrid Midget/Bug-Eye Sprite at the Benstein Market Cars & Coffee in Commerce, MI.)

Inside: A rare MG at Eyes on Design! Photos from the monthly US and Canada meetings! Adventures in Hamburg! New 2024 Events! Plus *On the Borderline*, the new logic puzzle, and all the usual monthly reports and classified ads!

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The Most Convenient Place to Break Down

Can-Am Editor, John Magee

When you own a little British car that's a half-century old and you insist on driving it, you learn to expect a few unplanned adventures. You also learn to embrace them.

And so it was a couple of Saturdays ago when my beloved MGB failed to proceed as I drove through Hamburg, Michigan. There in front of me was the Hamburg Pub. This was an omen. In a moment of clarity I realized two things:

1. I was not going to make it to my planned brunch outing.
2. I would instead be lunching at the Hamburg Pub.

I took the hint, submitted a tow request to AAA, and enjoyed a delicious Fireworks Burger while I waited for a flatbed. AAA proved to be even less reliable than my MGB, so I spent my Saturday wandering around Hamburg. Eventually I found a terrible-but-entertaining Clive Cussler novel in a Little Free Library then settling in for a read.

As I ordered dinner at the Hamburg Pub — the Knockout Nachos. Yum! — and AAA canceled out another tow time, I realized it was time to find real help. John Deikis came to keep me company at the pub. Then Ken & Melody Klemmer proved much more reliable than AAA, rescuing me with their trailer!

It was a very pleasant day. Not at all the day I had planned, but when you drive an elderly MG you had better be prepared to enjoy the unplanned adventure when it arrives. Because it ***will*** arrive.

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

New Members
- We had no new members join in June.

Anniversaries
- 30 Yrs Ralph and Kathi Poupard, Essex. ON
- 15 Yrs Nick Cipparrone, Tecumseh, ON
- 5 Yrs Ken and Melody Klemmer, Farmington Hills, MI
- 5 Yrs Bev MacKenzie, Maidstone, ON

Membership count: 155 (39 Canada, 116 United States)

Presidentially speaking

Happy Summer Everyone!

Vicki Bade - Club President

The garden is in-of course much later than it should be, but it turned out good. We will see if I get to harvest anything from the few veggies I planted.

It is a quiet month so far-except for the fireworks of course, but fortunately those were surprisingly tame this time. Gracie is very happy-no calming chews needed this year!

Matt went to Eyes on Design-they had great weather and an excellent selection of cars as usual-he even remembered to take some pictures to share.

Looking forward to Mad Dogs this weekend-hope to see some of you there.

Our US meetings will continue at Craft Breww City on Orchard Lake Rd and 12 Mile Rd. We had a nice turnout last month-although my quiz was tougher than I thought, sorry guys. The Natter & Noggin the following week also had a good turnout, so come out for more relaxing with food & friends this month!

The calendar shows some good events coming up next month, so check it out and get those cars out and about.

We will be having a summer bash on Sunday August 25th. Dave Rudziensky and his wife Anne are generously lending us the use of their spacious property for the afternoon. We hope to see you there.

Enjoy your summer driving and as always be safe!

—Vicki

Above: A swoopy Buick at Eyes on Design! Photo by Matt Bade.

Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

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

Club Business

Treasurer's Report for July

Treasurer's Report for the period of June 2024
Submitted by Vince Lacroix, Treasurer,

Vince reports that we still have some money. Also, he and his 1970 B enjoyed an excellent Fourth of July parade in Cross Village, Michigan, as he charioted George Smolak (the owner of Legs Inn) and George's granddaughter Vivian, generation five of the Legs Inn Smolaks.

Vince will be back with numbers in August.

Right: If you find yourself in Cross Village, be sure to enjoy the "Taste of Poland" combination platter at the historic Legs Inn. It's delicious!

Above: What's that you say? You want more pictures of your humble editor's day spent broken down in Hamburg? You got 'em! Thanks again to Ken & Melody Klemmer and John Deikis for coming to my rescue! I'd still be there if I'd had to wait for AAA.

Photos from the June US-side meeting

Report by John Magee

Cheerful MG owners showed up to our June meeting in good spirits under sunny skies. Inside we chatted, ate, and had our souls destroyed by club President Vicki Bade's crushing MG quiz. Afterwards we went back outside and chit-chatted among our cars to recover, so it was all good.

Photos from the June US-side meeting, continued

Report by John Magee

Eyes on Design, an MG Design

Photos by Matt Bade

Above and Right: Spotted by Matt Bade at the Eyes on Design show at the Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, this 1953 Arnolt-MG, part of a Lifetime Design Achievement Award display for famed Italian designer Nuccio Bertone.

Bertone designed the Arnolt-MG in the early 1950s to help rebuild his coachbuilding company's business. They combined MG TD frames and drivetrains with a new streamlined Italian body. American industrialist Stanley "Wacky" Arnolt commissioned 100 coupes and 100 convertibles, though in the end only 67 coupes and 36 convertibles were built.

June Natter & Noggin Pictures

Report by Dale Brown

The most successful Natter & Noggin yet saw 24 people show up to share food, conversation, and fun cars in Canada. The belle of the ball was a hand-built Super 7 using all MGB running gear!

More June Natter & Noggin Pictures

By Dale Brown

There was nattering.

There was noggining.

WDMGC PICNIC 2024!

JOIN US FOR SOME SUMMER FUN

WHEN: SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH 11-4PM
WHERE: DAVE RUDZIENSKY'S HOME
3851 ARGENTINE DR HOWELL, MI 48855

There will be a BBQ main course and some sides provided.
Please bring a dish or dessert to pass. BYOB.

FOOD WILL BE SERVED 12:00-2:00PM

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Photo blatantly swiped from a June 10, 2019, post by haasepm (Penny H) on the MG Experience web site.

SUMMERTIME EVENTS!

Here are some events you might wish to put on your personal MG calendar if you haven't done so already. Our regular Windsor-Detroit MG Club monthly meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month on the US side and the 3rd Wednesday of the month for the Canadian Natter and Noggin.

Coming up in July, check out the Rolling Sculpture Car Show in downtown Ann Arbor on Friday, July 12. Also that weekend, we'll have one of the highlights of the British car calendar with Mad Dogs & Englishmen on Sunday, July 14, at the Gilmore Car Museum. And this month's edition of the British Car Corral hosted by JAGM at Baker's of Milford is on Sunday, July 21.

August and September events include the Alden Sports Car show, the University Motors Reunion, the Franklin Roundup on Labor Day, the Battle of the Brits, and the Put-In-Bay Vintage Car Racing Reunion. Keep watching this space for even more!

Some upcoming 2024 MG Events this Summer

- Sundays monthly, 2-5 pm, July 21, August 25, Sept. 22 - The **British Car Corral** hosted by JAGM (Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan) Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Rd., Milford, Michigan.
- Friday, July 12, 2 pm to 10 pm – **Rolling Sculpture Car Show.** Main Street, Ann Arbor. Registration closed June 17.
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- 9 am to 4 pm, **Cruisin' Hines**. Hines Drive, Wayne County, Michigan.
- Friday-Sunday, August 30 – Sept. 1, **Vintage Races, Waterford Hills** Clarkston, Michigan.
- Labor Day, September 2, **Franklin Roundup Show**, Franklin, Michigan.
- Saturday-Sunday, September 7-8, **Old Car Festival,** Dearborn, Michigan.
- Sunday, September 8, **Battle of the Brits,** Milford, Michigan.
- Sunday, September 15, **Milford Car Show**, Milford, Michigan. Online Pre-Registration.
- Tue-Thu, Sept. 17-19, **Put-In-Bay Vintage Car Racing Reunion**, Put-In-Bay, Ohio.
- October Date TBD, **Fall Colour Tour**

Right: Drive an MG! Enjoy scenic Hamburg, Michigan, while waiting for AAA to show up!

U.S. Side Meetings

July

We've moved to Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills, where we should have a bit more elbow room inside and will certainly have more room outside for our cars.

For our June meeting the MG Trivia Cup will again be on the line as quizmaster Vince Lacroix has prepared another devilish test of knowledge and wisdom.

Come join us in our new location!

Wednesday, July 10
Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm

Location
27843 Orchard Lake Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

August

We should be at Craft Breww City again on Wednesday, August 14.

It's located in the strip mall on the northwest corner of Orchard Lake Rd. and 12 Mile Rd., just north of the Orchard Lake Rd. exit of I-696.

Canadian Side WDMGC Club Natter and Noggin

Club VP Dale Brown reports growing attendance for the Natter and Noggin. Looking for all the action in Windsor? Or just a bit of nattering? Either way, come join us this month!

Next: **Wednesday July 17, 2024, 6 pm**

10835 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON N8P 1A5

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This month's MG Logic Problem by Jim MacArthur

LOGIC PROBLEM – SEMINARS

Remember Hard Luck Henry and his long-suffering MGB? Well, Henry has decided to learn how to do his own repairs because he is fiscally prudent (cheap!) and he's getting embarrassed asking all the other WDMGC members for help whenever his car breaks down. Even though Henry is somewhat mechanically challenged, he says that he's willing to learn. Fortunately, this past Saturday the Club had a Natter & Noggin where five members each gave a lecture on a different repair topic. Each lecture started on the hour from 9 AM to 1 PM and Henry listened intently while partaking of the free coffee and doughnuts. Hopefully he absorbed as much information as he did calories. From the information and clues below, can you determine each speaker's full name, topic and time?

(1) Henry attended Rosie's lecture at least two hours before Klein's, and immediately after the talk on engine rebuilding.
(2) He enjoyed Mr. Taylor's lecture the most.
(3) Lyall spoke one hour before the lecture on carburetors and one hour after Kay (who didn't speak about brakes).
(4) Henry attended the talk by Monique (who isn't Harrison) sometime before the lecture on gearboxes, and exactly one hour after Robinson's talk.

This chart will help you record information from the clues as well as the facts that you deduce by combining information from different clues. I suggest using an "X" for a "no" and a dot for a "yes". Remember, once you place a definite "yes" (dot), place a "no" (X) in all the rest of the boxes in each row and column that contains a dot.

		Last Name					Topic					Time				
		Durocher	Harrison	Klein	Robinson	Taylor	Brakes	Carburetors	Engine	Gearbox	Suspension	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
First Name	Ernie															
	Kay															
	Lyall															
	Monique															
	Rosie															
Time	9:00 AM															
	10:00 AM															
	11:00 AM															
	12:00 PM															
	1:00 PM															
Topic	Brakes															
	Carburetors															
	Engine															
	Gearbox															
	Suspension															

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You never know what's going to show up on our club's group page on Facebook: Windsor-Detroit MG Club. For example, this 1996 MG F that showed up for sale at Pete's Auto Sales in Lansing, Michigan. Marlene Hammond alerted us, then club member Ken Klemmer drove out to take a look. His review? It had a solid body and a nice interior, but it needed a lot of love.

Apparently somebody's going to give it that love, since it's no longer visible in inventory on Pete's web site.

Below: More pictures of John Magee's MGB among the tall trucks at the Benstein Market Cars & Coffee in Commerce, Michigan.

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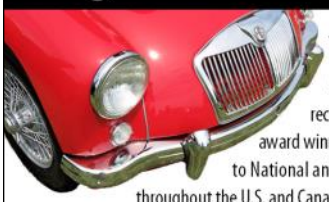

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677 S Eton Street
Birmingham, MI
248-645-6300
autoeuropeservicesales.com
(from Bob Gibbs)

Bill Case (Mobile mechanic)
313-554-5105
Billcase222@yahoo.Com
(from Jeff Zorn)

Bob's Speedometer (Speedos/ Smiths gauges)
Howell, MI
Phone: 810-632-0400
bobsspeedometer.com
(from Dan Urson)

Dave's Hot Rod Garage
3851 Argentine Rd, Howell, MI
(734) 692-7151
(formerly on Grosse Ile)
(from multiple)

Detroit Hot Rod (ask for Ben)
730 Junction St.
Plymouth, MI
248-722-1696
(from David Marquis)

Guy's Garage (Repairs)
1520 Scio Church Road
Ann Arbor, MI
248-349-3649
guystjohn@comcast.net
(from multiple)

Little British Car Co. (Parts)
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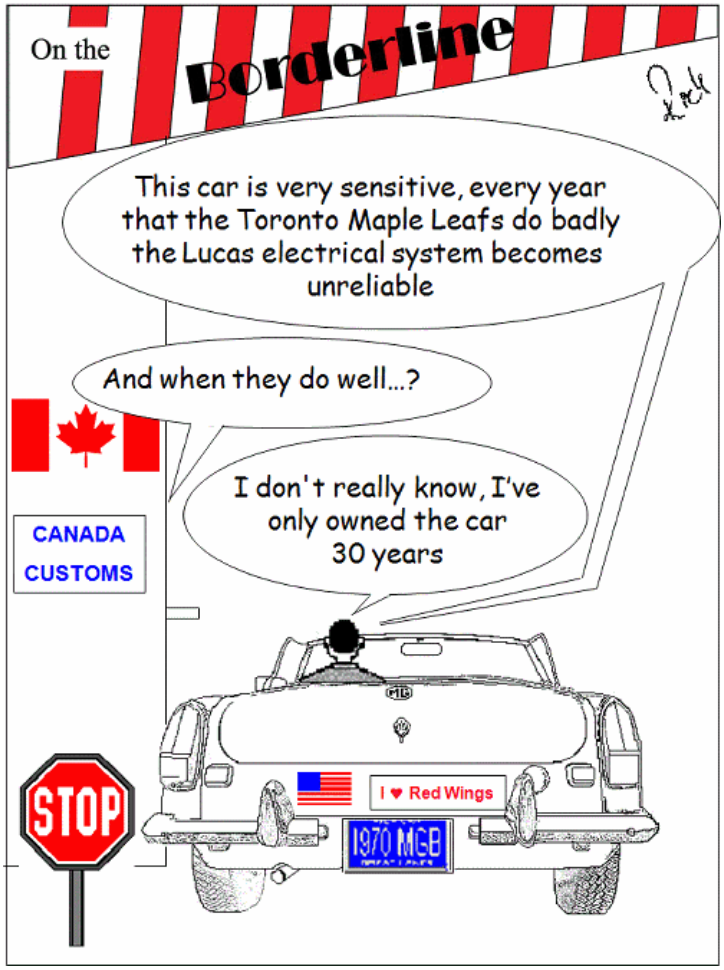

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Your Car Picture

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

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You will be Well Rewarded

Solution to this month's MG Logic Problem by Jim MacArthur

LOGIC PROBLEM SOLUTION – SEMINARS

Since the 1 PM seminar wasn't given by Rosie (clue 1), Kay or Lyall (clue 3), or Monique (clue 4), it was given by Ernie. The 9 AM lecture wasn't given by Rosie (clue 1), Lyall (clue 3), or Monique (clue 4), so it was given by Kay. By clue 3, Lyall gave the 10 AM lecture, and the one at 11 AM was about carburetors. By clue 1 then, engine rebuilding was the 10 AM lecture, Rosie's was at 11 AM, and Ernie is Klein. Lyall, then, is Mr. Taylor (clue 2). By clue 4, Rosie is Robinson, the 12 PM lecture is by Monique, and Ernie lectured on gearboxes. Since Kay didn't speak about brakes (clue 3), her lecture was on suspension, and the 12 PM lecture was on brakes. Since Monique isn't Harrison (clue 4), Kay is. Monique is Durocher.

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First Name	Ernie	X	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	.
	Kay	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	.	.	X	X	X	X
	Lyall	X	X	X	X	.	X	X	.	X	X	X	.	X	X	X
	Monique	.	X	X	X	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	.	X
	Rosie	X	X	X	.	X	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	.	X	X
Time	9:00 AM	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	.					
	10:00 AM	X	X	X	X	.	X	X	.	X	X					
	11:00 AM	X	X	X	.	X	X	.	X	X	X					
	12:00 PM	.	X	X	X	X	.	X	X	X	X					
	1:00 PM	X	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	.	X					
Topic	Brakes	.	X	X	X	X										
	Carburetors	X	X	X	.	X										
	Engine	X	X	X	X	.										
	Gearbox	X	X	.	X	X										
	Suspension	X	.	X	X	X										

First Name	Last Name	Topic	Time
Ernie	Klein	Gearbox	1:00 PM
Kay	Harrison	Suspension	9:00 AM
Lyall	Taylor	Engine	10:00 AM
Monique	Durocher	Brakes	12:00 PM
Rosie	Robinson	Carburetors	11:00 AM

Club Calendar

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

July 2024

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Enjoying our events? Not enjoying our events and want to see better events? Either way, the WDMGC is looking for an events coordinator! Please contact Vicki Bade if you'd like to help us have even more fun in 2024.

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