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**Above: Who brought the championship picnic display to the Summer Picnic? Find out inside!**

**Also inside: More from the Summer Picnic! Battle of the Brits! Reports from Sports Cars in the Park in Plymouth and the Franklin Labor Day Round-Up! Why is this club going to Hell? (And why you'll want to join us!) Plus *On the Borderline*, monthly reports and classified ads!**

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# *The Windsor-Detroit MG Club*
## *The International Local Club*

## On the Road Again! Woo-Hoo!

*Can-Am Editor, John Magee*

**Below:** The FUN MG ready to depart Guy St. John's spa and massage parlor … er, Guy's Garage.

Thanks to the magic mechanical fingers of Guy St. John, my broken fuel pump and worn-out front shocks have been replaced. The FUN MG is back on the road while we still have time to drive!

I've been reminded this year on many fronts that there's when it comes to spending your time and money, sometimes there's no substitute for an experienced professional.

Our little list of local MG services has been a very popular feature so far. If you know a good mechanic or other automotive service that knows our little cars, please send them along so that I can add them to the list.

See you on the road!

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

**New Members**

- We lost 2 members and gained 1 new member in August
- Lonnie and Joann Franklin of Howell, MI. They have a Red 1959 MGA

**Anniversaries**

- 20 Yrs Mick and Lori Gedeon of Wixom, MI.

**Membership count:** 152 (38 Canada, 114 United States)

**Membership note:** Please be sure Mick Gedeon has your current email address for distribution of announcements and the newsletter.

# Presidentially speaking

Hello Everyone,

*Vicki Bade - Club President*

Very sad to see that summer is winding down-as usual it has flown by. I know the retail industry is all about Fall/Halloween/ Christmas now in what they advertise and are selling, but I am not giving up summer without a fight. I hope everyone has enjoyed theirs so far!

We had a hot steamy day for our summer picnic/party last month, but the weather stayed dry (even if we didn't LOL) and the tent we put up helped. It was a wonderful day with plenty of food and lots of good conversation. Thank you to Dave and Anne for sharing their beautiful home & property with us and thank you to everyone that was able to come out. Plenty of food was available and we even got a few games of corn hole in after lunch. Matt and I were able to win the first game, but he went down to Kurt in a singles match. Fun was had by all and we had a good turnout.

Just went to Battle of the Brits-what a perfect day!! It started out very chilly, but the sun prevailed and shined brightly most of the day. Lots of interesting cars, with a few of our club members mixed in and a lot of people walking around enjoying it all. The Triumph motorcycle judged show had a very large turnout and we appreciate the space they gave us to park the cars. Fortunately, it is a large area and so no one was crowded. There was even a food tent and taco truck serving some tasty food-thank you to all those that set it up. We had a really nice time!

Our monthly US meeting will be at Craft Breww City as usual and it sounds like a nice day weather wise, so I hope to see a lot of you parked in that back part of the lot near Orchard Lake Rd. Our cars do get a lot of attention when we can park them together and you know we love to show off our babies! I believe the Natter & Noggin will also be at the same location in Canada the following week-so join them also if you can.

Matt and I are going to be heading to Bronte Creek in Canada for the car show they host every year and of course we will be enjoying the wineries in and around Niagra-on-the-Lake. We hope to see some of you there. It is a great show!

Get those cars out and about to enjoy the end of summer and we will see you on the road. Be safe!

—Vicki

**Above:** Bades in B bid bye-bye to Battle of Brits.

Safety MG Fast!

*Vicki*

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

# Club Business

## Treasurer's Report for August

From Vince Lacroix, Treasurer WDMGC

Vince reports $2,387.72 on hand in checking. The summer picnic cut into our fund as expected with $918 in expenses ($622 food, $296 tent.) We deposited $308 in August to put us in fine shape for the rest of the year.

**Below:** A few bonus Battle of the Brits photos.

# Photos from the Summer Picnic

Report by John Magee. Photos from Vicki Bade and John Magee

Warm sunshine, cool beverages, and delicious food were all on hand for the return of the Windsor -Detroit MG Club's Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 25, hosted by Dave and Anne Rudzienski at their home in Howell, Michigan. Mick and Lori Gedeon claimed the prize for best picnic presentation. After lunch the competition on the cornhole pitch was fierce and furious. Meanwhile, Dave gave the membership tours of the projects in his Hot Rod Garage.

All in all, it was a great return for the Summer Picnic. We're already looking forward to next year!

# More Summer Picnic Photos!

**Summer Picnic 2024 is in the books!**

# Report from Battle of the Brits

Report and photos from John Magee, Vicki Bade, and Mary Weakley

The report is short and sweet for this year's Battle of the Brits on Sunday, September 8, at Camp Dearborn in Milford Michigan. The weather was perfect. The cars were lovely and varied. And the day was spent in good camaraderie. It was a delight!

# More Battle of the Brits Photos

Photos from John Magee and Vicki Bade.

# Sports Cars in the Park

Photos and story from Ken Klemmer

The first Sports Cars in the Park event occurred on Friday August 16th in downtown Plymouth. An invitation only show, held in “The Gathering”(a covered pavilion adjacent to the the Penn Theatre) the show was developed by David Lau. David and his wife Jo are avid car enthusiasts and see this event as the perfect accompaniment to “Music in the Park”, a regularly held event in Plymouth. That afternoon, the weather unexpectedly cleared to sunny skies so cars and drivers got into position at 4:00 PM. Kellogg Park was already filling up with music lovers claiming their spots in anticipation of the act, Larry Lee & the Back In The Day Band.

There was space for about 40 cars in the pavilion and the variety was considerable. A large number of people walked through the exhibit. Most owners stayed with their cars and were happy to answer questions and help kids (young and old) into seats. British cars were well represented with MG, Lola, Triumph, Jaguar, TVR and Austin Healey. While Edwin the MG D wasn’t the oldest car there, he was close, beaten out by a Ford Model T special racer. Vehicles from Ford, Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Porsche, Volvo and Datsun were also present. The concert was great and we enjoyed dinner at a sidewalk restaurant. Hopefully the show will be an annual event!

# Franklin Round-Up Car Show

Report and photos by John Magee

The Franklin Labor Day Round-Up Car Show again brought a nice selection of classics to Franklin, Michigan. In addition to the cars, the Round-Up features  an art show, kids rides, vendors, food, a dunk tank, and a noontime parade complete with marching bands! It's a great way to celebrate the holiday.

**Above** (Clockwise from upper right):  MG D-Type, 1964 Jensen C-V8 2 Door Saloon, Chevy Bel-Air Convertible, MG TD and an MGB,  1959 Cadillac Convertible, Triumph TR3A

# FALL EVENTS!

We're not quite done yet with the driving season! 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. Also still left in September: the Put-In-Bay Vintage Races are coming up Tuesday-Thursday, September 17-19.

Coming up in October, The Road to Hell and Back Fall Cruise! Please be sure to RSVP to George Popa by October 1, (734)277-0715 or JR9534@SBCGlobal.net. We are also hoping to do a cider run in October and are looking for a volunteer to be the rallymaster of that event.

**Some upcoming 2024 MG Events this Fall**

- Tue-Thu, Sept. 17-19, **Put-In-Bay Vintage Car Racing Reunion**, Put-In-Bay, Ohio.
- Saturday, October 12, **The Road to Hell and Back Fall Cruise.** Meet at the Brighton Meijer at 12:30 pm. Depart at 1 pm. Finish at Block Brewing Company in Howell. Please RSVP to George Popa by October 1, (734)277-0715 or JR9534@SBCGlobal.net

**Below:** MGs lined up at the 2024 Battle of the Brits!

WINDSOR-DETROIT
MG CLUB PRESENTS

# THE ROAD TO HELL & BACK

OCTOBER 12TH, RSVP BY OCTOBER 1ST

MEET AT THE CARPOOL LOT AT THE BRIGHTON MEIJER AT 12:30PM

8650 W GRAND RIVER AVE, BRIGHTON, MI 48116

DRIVE BEGINS AT 1PM, STOP IN HELL FOR A REST STOP

CONTINUE ON TO BLOCK BREWING CO

1140 S MICHIGAN AVE, HOWELL, MI 48843

RSVP TO GEORGE POPA: (734)-277-0715 OR JR9534@SBCGLOBAL.NET WITH NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY

# U.S. Side Meetings

## September

We're at Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills.

Will quizmaster Vince Lacroix have another devilish test of knowledge and wisdom for us?

Come join us to find out!

**Wednesday, September 11**
**Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm**

**Location**
**27843 Orchard Lake Rd.**
**Farmington Hills, MI 48334**

## October

We will be at Craft Breww City again on Wednesday, October 9.

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 September 18, 2024, 6 pm**

10835 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON N8P 1A5

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# Member Classified Ads

## Classified Advertising

Please contact the editor if you no longer want your ad to run. Ads will run in the newsletter for three months and then may be removed to make room for newer entries. Ads will run for six months on our website. The date following the ad is date of placement. See the Classified page at our website for more ads. www.wdmgc.com

### MG Parts MGB Canadian Side Windsor

GT passenger door and side window glass for MGB roadster. Make an offer. Contact Dale Brown. dbrownmg@mnsi.net (July 2024)

### MG Parts Free to Good Home (Detroit area)

I replaced carb and distributor on my76 mg and I have belts and filters an inner grill manifolds and some exhaust pipes. I don't want to junk them. I also have a VW shortblock. It's all looking for a home. Contact Launey Pike. lapyke3@gmail.com (July 2024)

Look at all this beautiful blank space just waiting to make you money!

Send along your 2024 Classified Ads to: editor@wdmgc.com

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

### Looking for a Kingpin Reaming Tool for a Midget

Does the club or any member have a king pin reaming tool for Mg Midget (73) I could borrow, rent, ect? Please email me at bandt@live.com. 586-295-5045 Thank you, Matthew Dunn (August 2024)

### Needed: Somebody to Haul MGB on Trailer

My 1974 MGB was with me at my cottage up north for 20+ years. We sold the cottage a year ago and I put the MGB in storage in Cheboygan Mi. I'm looking to get it back down here in Northville but I'm not crazy about driving it's back or personally towing it.

I would like to hire someone to haul it back to Northville. Is this the type of thing that I could advertise in the club newsletter?

Thanks! I miss my little "B". Mike Grimm.

mwg1950@aol.com or 734.502.0811
(August 2024)

### Rostyle Wheels for MG Midget For Sale

FOR SALE; 4 each 13" rostyle wheels, tires, and beauty rings (fit MG Midget). The tires are Kumho radials 155/80 R13 but date-coded 4907 (December, 2007), They have been stored inside, but use at your own risk. The rostyle wheels and beauty rings are in excellent condition with no road rash. $150 Local pickup only. Contact Steve Swarin. srswarin@gmail.com (August 2024)

# Member Classified Ads (Continued)

## New Home Needed for the Club's Autocross Cones

The club has 24 traffic cones each measuring 28 inches tall with bases of 15in x 15in. Used in the past for setting up small driving courses. Running out of room and need to find a new home for them, preferably in out of the weather. Can deliver. Contact Kurt III for details. 5075kurt@gmail.com. (August 2024)

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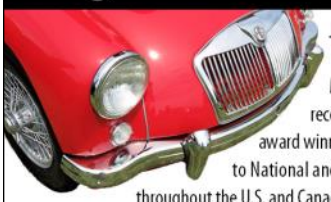

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*email:* guystjohn@comcast.net

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Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48103

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## Local MG Services

Here are some local garages, mechanics, and services are familiar with MGs, Know any local specialists who are good with MGs? Send 'em to editor@wdmgc.com.

**Auto Europe (Repairs)**
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)

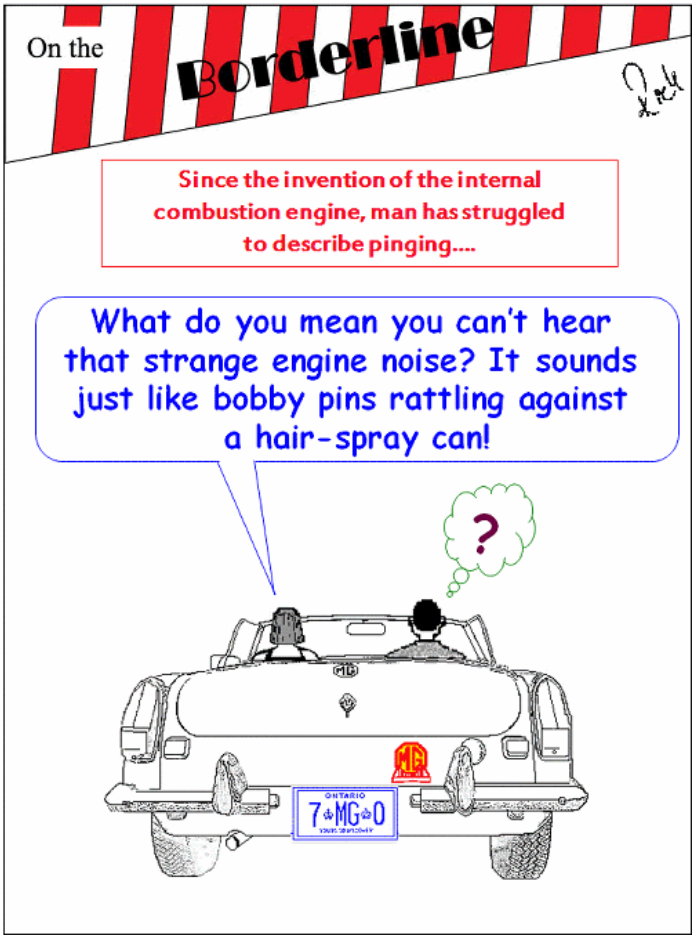
**Guy's Garage (Repairs)**
1520 Scio Church Road
Ann Arbor, MI
248-349-3649
guystjohn@comcast.net
(from multiple)

**Lenawee Radiator Service**
1399 S. Cooper St.
Jackson, Michigan
lenaweeradiator.com
(from Bob Eisele)

**Little British Car Co. (Parts)**
29311 Aranel
Farmington Hills, MI
LBCarCo.com
LBCarCo@LBCarCo.com
248-489-0022 (from multiple)

**Muffler Man of Michigan (Exhaust)**
14335 Telegraph
Taylor MI
Ask for Joe or AJ
734-287-8200
mufflermanofmichigan.com
(from Dan Urson)

**Stuart Rigler (mobile mechanic)**
7897 33 Mile
Romeo, MI
586-381-6317
(from Fran Lewis)




# 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,.

**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

## September 2024

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| Wed., Sept. 11 | **WDMGC Club Meeting**. Craft Breww City, 27843 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington Hills, MI. Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm. |
| Sun. Sept. 15 | **Milford Car Show**, Milford, Michigan. Online Pre-Registration. |
| Tue-Thu, Sep 17-19 | **Put-In-Bay Vintage Car Racing Reunion**, Put-In-Bay, Ohio |
| Wed., Sept. 18 | **WDMGC Natter & Noggin,** 6 pm Riverside Sportsmen Club 10835 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON N8P 1A5 |

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| Wed., Oct. 16 | **WDMGC Natter & Noggin,** 6 pm Riverside Sportsmen Club 10835 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON N8P 1A5 |

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.

## US Side Sept. 11 Meeting: Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills

Our Wednesday, Sept. 11, U.S.-side meeting will be at:

Craft Breww City
27843 Orchard Lake Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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 exit of I-696.

The MG Trivia Cup will again be on the line. Only the wisest will survive.

We hope to see you there!

## Canadian Side Natter & Noggin at The Riverside Sportsmen Club

**Wednesday September 18, 6 pm.**

**Riverside Sportsmen Club**
10835 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON N8P 1A5

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