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Above: Rows and rows of MGs at the Bronte Creek show! Inset: Did JP McGraw collect more hardware for his award-winning 1973 Harvest Gold MGB? Find out inside!

Also inside: A request for help for a club member in Windsor. Plus, our upcoming trip to Hell, *On the Borderline*, monthly reports, and those sweeeeet classified ads!

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Where did the 2024 Driving Season Go?

Can-Am Editor, John Magee

And just like that we're down to our final driving event of the year, The Road to Hell on Saturday.

Obviously, you should've RSVPed by now, but if you reach out to George I'll bet he finds a way to squeeze you in for the fun.

Mechanical woes and a lack of time to tend them got in the way of my MG adventures this year. These things happen. I'm glad to say that despite the bumps along the road for my little fleet I still enjoyed this year's rides and gatherings.

Below: The Plan B roadster to the rescue yet again!

(Also, I had an excellent Plan B Roadster: Monique's 1980 Mercedes 450SL. When you own little British cars it's good to have a Plan B handy!)

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

New Members
- We shrank by one member in September. No new members

Anniversaries
- 30 Yrs Adam and Susan Gucfa of Rochester, MI

Membership count: 151 (38 Canada, 113 United States)

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

Presidentially speaking

Hi All,

Vicki Bade - Club President

The summer season is at an end-although we are getting some lovely weather still I know the driving sessions will be few and far between. As the flowers are giving up their last blooms in my garden and around the house I concede to fall, which is fine as it happens to be one of my favorite times of the year!

Matt and I had a wonderful trip to Canada with Vince/Kelly LaCroix and Gary Decker/Shelley MacMillan to enjoy the scenery and the car show at Bronte Creek. It was beautiful weather (as almost always seems to be the case for that weekend) and the driving was excellent!! We ran into quite a few of our Canadian members also enjoying the weekend-so glad to see them as it has been a while. Lots of good food, some good wine, great company and a fabulous car show-congrats to JP McGraw and Gordon Wallace for their winning prizes! Great time all the way around.

We have the Road to Hell ride and lunch coming up on Saturday October 12th-hope to see you there. Early reports are of a beautiful weekend for a drive and we have a nice amount of cars joining us so far.

We are having our October meeting on the 9th on the US side at Craft Breww City, but we will be joining the Jaguar Club this month as they host a presentation on the history of Rosie the Riveter for a shared evening after dinner. Thank you to them for letting us enjoy something different and what is sure to be a very interesting time. We are hoping to get some donations for the Michigan Flight Museum (formally the Yankee Air Museum) as Claire Dahl our presenter does this on a volunteer basis.

Our Membership Coordinator Mick Gedeon is looking to retire from his position this coming year-he has been filling this role in an excellent manner for a long time but needs a break and it is time to have someone else fill the job. It is a very important part of our duties and although it isn't an all -consuming job it is one that we need to fill, so I am reaching out for help and someone to volunteer to take on the task. Mick will be happy to work with the next person on the details of what the job is all about. Please contact Mick or myself if you are interested.

Let's get those cars out and enjoy this last part of the driving season-stay safe!!

—Vicki

Above: Vicki's new rule: if her name's on the license plate, she can take the car!

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 that he blew the club treasury on his fancy new sun-protection gear to protect his ears.

(Okay, maybe not. The real report is that we have $2,603.39 on hand in checking and no expected debts to be paid, which puts is in good shape for all of our upcoming activities.)

Right: Lawrence of Arabia had nothing on Vince of Harbor Springs. Kelly Lacroix plays his glamorous love interest in the forthcoming feature film.

Breaking News from Windsor! The September Natter and Noggin Report

Dale Brown reports a nice turnout and a special guest visit from David Larsen and his '72 MGB.

British Car Day in Bronte Creek Provincial Park

Report and photos by Vicki Bade

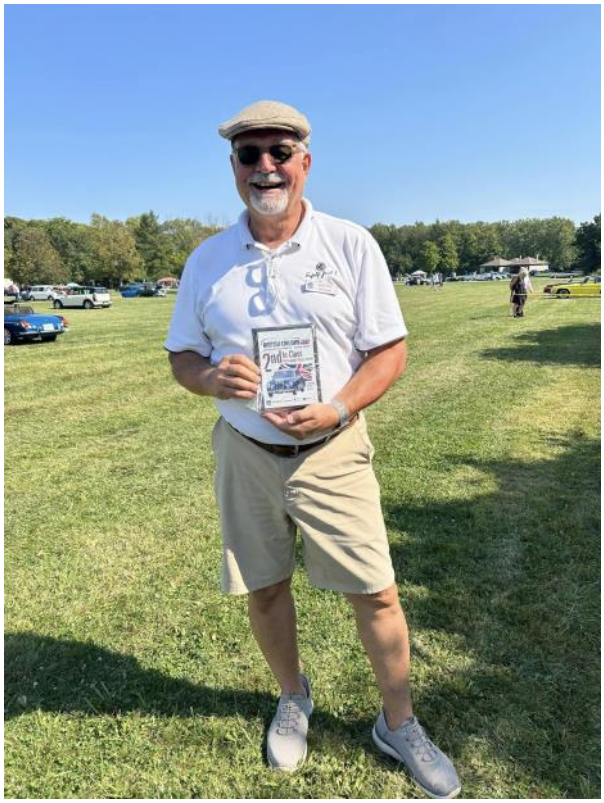
Our trio of Vince and Kelly LaCroix, Gary Decker and Shelley MacMillan, and myself and Matt Bade started the adventure to Canada last Friday for the weekend to culminate in the British Car Day at Bronte Creek on Sunday.

As it always seems to happen for this weekend the weather was picture perfect and after the tops came down they stayed that way. It was a great drive over, although it took a little longer than expected due to some detours we had to make around an unknown road closure (Google Maps was not my friend for this trip□). The countryside was beautiful as always and our caravan mates enjoyed their first time outing on the way to our hotel. The car show on Sunday blew our first timers' minds!

Congrats to JP McGraw on his 2nd in class prize-he proudly showed off his baby and as usual worked the crowd like no one else. It was wonderful to see so many of our Canadian members and we enjoyed getting to chat with some of them during the weekend.

We did the smart thing again and left Monday morning instead of after the show, so we were able to relax and enjoy the wonderful day and the trip home was a good one. I'm happy to report no major car issues, which is why you see my Fiat instead of the MG. So no breakdown stories to be had, though Vince had a brake light issue with Beatrix that was solved quickly thanks to a part and some help at the show. Our club truly is the best & our members are so generous with helping out a fellow owner in need

Great to see everyone and another super Bronte Creek weekend in the memory books!



Above: JP McGraw knows the rules. Win a prize and you just might find your picture in the newsletter!

Below: The caravan from the U.S.

More Photos from Bronte Creek!

Club Member in Windsor Needs Help with His Late Son's MGB

Report and photos from John Magee

Club Member Don Adams of Windsor is hoping for some help to finish his late son's MGB project, a 1970 MGB. His son started the restoration of this car, but was unable to finish it because he was taken by cancer. Though he is now 84 years old, Don has been working to finish the car. But had a fall that badly injured his upper arm and rotator cuff. He no longer has the strength he once had, nor can he get on the ground or back up as he once did.

Don needs somebody to install the transmission and rebuilt engine, as well as to help finish off some other work on the car so that it can be driven again. The interior of the car is new, but still needs to be installed. There are also many other new parts ready to install, including new carburetors. Don can still do a few things to help, or watch and direct, but he needs help if he's going to see his late son's MGB project to completion. He is willing to pay for help and is open to options.

If some of our members can help Don or steer him to help, it would be a good deed and an excellent example of the sort of mutual aid our club aspires to.

Please contact Don at donevadams@sympatico.ca or 519-984-6395 to find out more.

Below and right: The parts are there. They just need a little help to get to the right places.

U.S. Side Sept. Meeting Photos

Photos from John Magee

Splendid Fall weather brought out the fun cars for our September meeting at Craft Breww Works. Check ‘em out!

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.

Coming up in October, The Road to Hell and Back Fall Cruise! Please RSVP to George Popa if you haven't done so already, (734)277-0715 or JR9534@SBCGlobal.net.

We are also hoping to do a cider run in late October and are looking for a volunteer to be the rallymaster of that event.

Our final 2024 MG Event this Fall

- 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 (734)277-0715 or JR9534@SBCGlobal.net

Below: MGs lined up at the Big Red Cider Mill in Romeo during the Michigan MG T-Series club's cider-mill run on Saturday, Oct. 5.

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

October

Wednesday, October 9
Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm

We're at Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills.

For October we will have a special joint meeting with the Jaguar Associates Group of Michigan (JAGM) and a presentation on Rosie the Riveter.

Location
27843 Orchard Lake Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

November

We will be at Craft Breww City again on Wednesday, November 13.

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 October 16, 2024, 6 pm**

10835 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON N8P 1A5

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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!

Above: Where were Arayan and Mary Beth Lias enjoying some splendid autumn roadster weather last Saturday? If you guessed Ostbaum Orchards, you guessed right!

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

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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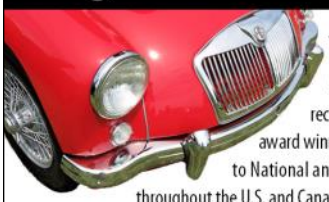

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677 S Eton Street
Birmingham, MI. 248-645-6300
autoeuropeservicesales.com
(from Bob Gibbs)

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

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Phone: 810-632-0400
bobsspeedometer.com
(from Dan Urson)

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(formerly on Grosse Ile)
(from multiple)

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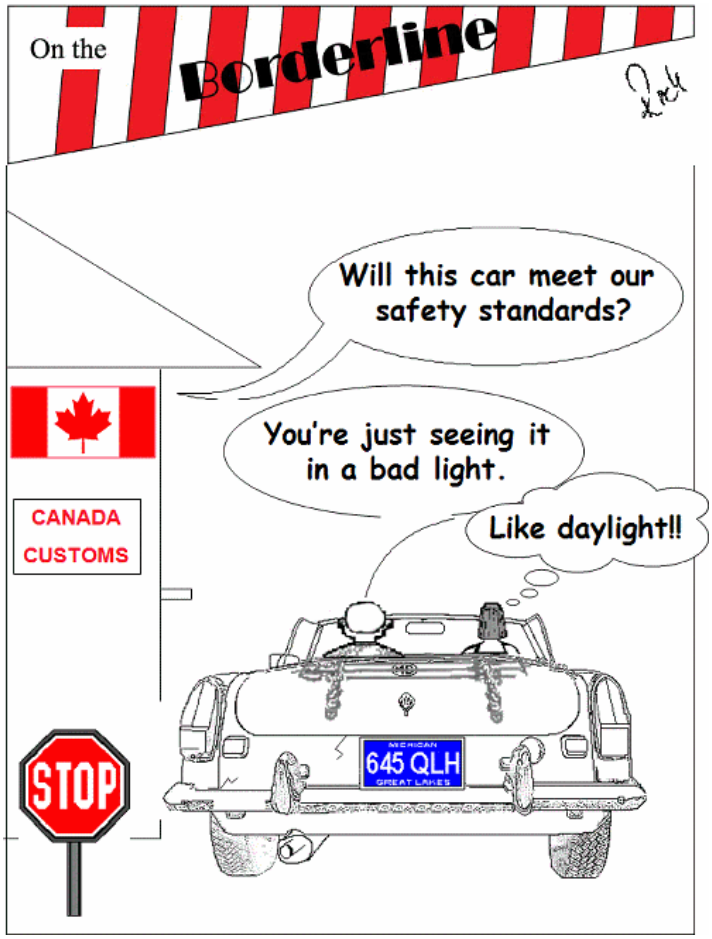

WANTED

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

October 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! Also, we are looking for a new membership coordinator.

Please contact Vicki Bade if you'd like to help us have even more fun in 2025.

US Side October 9 Meeting: Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills

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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

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