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Above: Arayan Lias closed out the year by taking his B for a midwinter spin on December 28. Did he tempt the weather gods of Michigan a second time? Find out inside!!!

Also inside: Monthly reports, upcoming events … and those sweeeeet classified ads!

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

Wintertime Rides with Arsen

Can-Am Editor, John Magee

The British cars are slumbering for the winter, but it's still a lovely season for a drive. My father-in-law Arsen and I take my pickup truck out regularly to see the sights, especially Kensington Metropark in Michigan, our favorite driving destination.

Our drives have let us monitor the shifting seasons. Fall slides into winter and I tuck my fun cars away in favor of the pickup. Arsen appreciates the chance to see nature's progress through the year. I appreciate the fine companionship and the excuse to take a drive. We both appreciate the splendid wildlife of the park, the sparse beauty of winter, and the inevitable arrival of spring.

Below: My father-in-law Arsen watching sandhill cranes at Kensington Metropark.

Time marches on! Soon it will be spring and time for the fun cars to return!

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

New Members
- None in January

Anniversaries
- **January**
- Greg Kuhun and Jill Sequin of Holly MI, 40 yrs
- Al Hassinger of Oxford, MI, 5 yrs
- **February**
- Richard Eisele of Ann Arbor, Michigan, 15 yrs
- William McCaffery of Livonia, Michigan, 15 yrs

Membership count: 141 (37 Canada, 10 United States)

Presidentially speaking

Hi All,

Vicki Bade - Club President

We are over a month into and I can't believe we are half-way thru the winter season-I was just telling everyone to have a nice holiday/new year and now we are past Valentine's Day. Usually the winter drags on, but we seem to be moving quickly this time-not that I mind as it has been a cold one so far and I am definitely not a fan of the ice.

I do have to say that no matter what is going on around us, I have and always will be very grateful to be part of this Windsor-Detroit International club and I think we have such a wonderful combination of people, places and things between our countries to enjoy and be thankful for!! I look forward to the upcoming driving season and all that we may get to do.

I hope everyone took advantage of the voting email that went out to get our 2025 Board set up. Thanks to those that voted.

We do have the Hibernation party coming up on Sunday March 23rd at Wixom Station and we need you to start signing up with your RSVP and payment. The deadline to RSVP is March 14th, but please start as soon as you can so we can get an idea of how many people may be coming. Looking forward to a nice afternoon-great food and fun times!! We will be sending out some reminder emails.

We do have word that the Kimber Birthday Lunch will be on Sunday April 27th from 12:00-3:00pm the weekend after Easter-so see you there. We will look into perhaps doing a caravan over.

Our February meeting 2/12/25 at Craft Breww City was to have been our Annual General Meeting where we will finalize the voting for our Board members. However, it was canceled due to snow so our March 12 meeting will serve as our AGM. Please join us.

I hope everyone is staying safe & warm this winter-looking forward to more sunshine soon!!

—Vicki

Above: Vicki hobnobbing in t-shirt weather at the Battle of the Brits

Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

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

Treasurer's Report for February 2025

Submitted by Vince Lacroix, Treasurer WDMGC**

Vince reports that we currently have $2,773.52 on deposit in our bank account. $2,773.52 on deposit. This excludes petty cash and Hibernation Party pre-payments.

As far as we know he didn't run off to the Cayman Islands for the winter with our checkbook.

As far as we know.

Now if I could only explain this dark blue MGB parked in front of a bunch of palm trees.

**Arbitrarily enhanced by the editor, who mostly just has palm trees on his mind after the recent cold snap.

Windsor-Detroit MG Club Annual Elections 2025

Our current board of officers all stood for re-election this year, without formal opposition.

In the online phase of our Windsor-Detroit MG Club annual election we had 27 ballots cast:

- President: Vicki Bade, 26 votes; J.Gary Trepanier, 1 write-in vote.
- Vice-President: Dale Brown, 26 votes; J.Gary Trepanier, 1 write-in vote.
- Treasurer: Vice Lacroix, 26 votes; J.Gary Trepanier, 1 write-in vote.
- Secretary: John Magee, 25 votes; J.Gary Trepanier, 1 write-in vote; Matt Bade, 1 write-in vote.

The results of online balloting will be taken to our March 12, U.S.-side meeting and put before the membership in person for confirmation and adoption by the membership. We were originally planning to have that confirmation at our February 12 meeting, but that meeting — which was to serve as our annual general meeting — was cancelled due to snow.

Right: MGs at our 2024 Spring Gathering. Wondering what our officers do? Some of it is organizing things like the Spring Gathering!

Our Wintertime Heroes!

Pictures by Arayan Lias

Arayan and Mary Beth Lias took their ‘74 B out for two wintertime expeditions, once on Dec. 28 and again on January 30! Thank you for giving me some pictures for the January/February edition!

Meeting Photos

Report and pictures by John Magee

Why do I only have a couple of inside photos from our January meeting at Craft Breww City in this report? Because Ontario and Michigan have looked like this picture of blowing snow in Walled Lake, Michigan, for the last two months! All of you members who departed for warmer destinations this winter made an excellent decision!

UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS!

Here are some 2025 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.

2025 MG and British Car Events

- **Wednesday, March 12 —** Member confirmation of annual club election results at the monthly U.S. side meeting. Rescheduled from February. Craft Breww City, Farmington Hills, Michigan.
- **Sunday, March 23 — Hibernation Luncheon** at Wixom Station, 49115 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, Michigan.
- **Sunday, April 27, Noon to 3 pm** — **Kimber Birthday Lunch,** Delhi Café in Holt, Michigan.
- **May 2025** — Windsor-Detroit MG Club's **Spring Gathering**. Camp Dearborn, Milford, Michigan.
- **Mon.-Fri., June 2-6** — **GT-50 NAMGAR Annual Convention**, 70th MGA Anniversary, Traverse City, Michigan
- **Sat.-Sun., June 15-16** — **Motor Muster.** Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan.
- **Mon.-Fri., June 16-20** — **MG GOF Central**, Downers Grove, IL.
- **Sat., June 21—Michiana Brits Annual British Car Show**, Trinity Lutheran Church Elkhart, Indiana. More information at michianabrits.com.
- **Sunday, July 13, Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Car Faire.** Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corner, Michigan.
- **July 28-31, 2025** — **MG2025** annual convention of NAMGBR. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn - Crystal Lake, IL, 800 S Illinois Rte 31, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. See MG2025 for details.
- **August Alden Sports Car Show**, sponsored by the Twin Bay British Car Club in Alden, Michigan.
- **August 22-24, 2025** — in Huntsville, Ontario. **MG102 Fest**. Organized by the MG clubs from Ottawa and Toronto.
- **Sat.-Sun., Sept. 7-8, 2025** — **Old Car Festival**. Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI.
- **Sunday, Sept. 8, 2025** — **Battle of the Brits**, Camp Dearborn, Milford, Michigan.
- **October 2025 — Cider Run / Fall Colour Tour,** WDMGC (Details TBA)

Coming in 2026

- **Monday-Thursday, August 24-27, 2026** — MG INTERNATIONAL - SANDUSKY 2026. Returning to the Midwest, the once-every-five-years event will be held at the Kalahari Resort in scenic Sandusky, Ohio on August 24-27.

The 2025 WDMGC Hibernation Party

Our annual hibernation party will once again be at Wixom Station

Please join the club Sunday March 23rd at 11:30am for a celebration of great food and wonderful friends as we get closer to spring and out of hibernation, getting ready for a new and fabulous driving season.

The room we will be using can be set up for 40-50 people. The latest we will be able to accept an RSVP and payment will be Friday March 14th as we will need a final count to the restaurant.

Menu

11:30pm	Arrival-Cash Bar
11:45am-12:00pm	Appetizers
12:30pm	Lunch served:
	Salad
	Breadsticks
	2 Pasta Choices
	2 Entrée Choices
	Mini Sweet Assortment
	Tea, Coffee & Soft Drinks

Cost

$35.00US or $40.00CA per person for members
$40.00US or $45.00CA per person for non-members
Please be sure to include the name(s) of your guest(s) with your RSVP and payment.

Payment may be made online at the club website using PayPal, in person at a club meeting or by mailing a check made payable to WDMGC to:

Vicki Bade
7631 Vamoco Dr.
Waterford, MI
48327-3699

DON'T HIBERNATE AWAY YOUR WINTER IN YOUR MGB!

COME TO THE HIBERNATION LUNCHEON!

U.S. Side Meetings

March

We're at Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills.

The March meeting will serve as our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which the membership will be able to confirm the election of officers.

Wednesday, March 12
Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm

Location
27843 Orchard Lake Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

April

We will be at Craft Breww City again on Wednesday, April 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!

Coming this week: The February N&N!

Next: **February 19, 2025, 6 pm**
10835 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, ON N8P 1A5
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Richard Eisele is cleaning cleaning out things in his garage. Here's what he has so far:

- New EBC Greenstuff brake pads - $40
- Used Front Hood Finisher for MG Midget Austin Healey Sprite 1961-1974 Metal - $20
- Used rear cockpit surround Sprite MkII-MkIII, Midget MkI-MkII - $50
- Used front cockpit surround Bugeye, MkII, MkI Midget bare metal - $40
- Used Heater Box early MG Midget, AH Sprite - $100
- Used Bugeye, MkII, MkI Midget right side windshield post - $30
- 2 NOS rear wheel cylinders, 62-62 Sprite & Midget, Moss #180-446 - $20
- NOS TRW 0.030 under rod bearings Sprite - $20
- 2 new 7" Headlight buckets Moss #144-807 - $25
- New rear wiring harness Sprite HAN9-70268 and later - $25
- 2 new KYB tube shocks, front axle for a Mini or rear tube shock conversion for Spridgets - $40
- 2 Spridget rear deck lid hinges, cleaned and painted silver(I don't know why I did that) - $20
- Oversize pistons and rings to make a 1360cc engine. These are slightly smaller then the pistons to make a 1380cc motor, but you don't have to offset the bores in the block. - $200
- A new Kent 266 cam for an A-series engine. This is the cam I used when I had the Bugeye with a 1275. It pulls from about 1500 rpm to 6000 rpm. Idles good. I just have the cam, no lifters or valve springs. - $150.
- 4 row brass crossflow radiator for square body Spridgets. Will need some modifications to fit. - $100

All prices negotiable. All for pick up at my house in Ann Arbor. Email for more information or photos.
See next listing for contact information. (February 2025)

Send along your 2025 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: A picture of John Magee's 1975 MGB to remind us all that green grass will be here soon!

Also for sale from Richard Eisele: Modified 1275 engine and Datsun 5 speed transmission.

I used this engine and trans in my Bugeye Sprite and had no problems with either the engine or trans. I removed them before I sold the Bugeye several years ago. I intended to put these in a square body Spridget I had, but have now sold that project as well.

The engine is a 1275 that has been bored 0.030 over and has had the head ported. The engine comes with a 45 DCOE Weber carb and manifold, header wrapped with insulation, an Aldun distributor w/o vacuum advance, tubular push rods and Kent 266 camshaft. I will include the 1 3/4 exhaust pipe and bullet type muffler that will fit Sprites and Midgets. The head was removed for doing some machine work several years ago, but I never had any work done to it. I will also include gaskets and other parts I bought to, at least, partially rebuild the engine.

The Datsun 5 speed comes with a backing plate for a 1275 engine, modified clutch and pressure plate, driveshaft to attach it to a Spridget rear axle, shift lever, transmission mount to install in a Spridget body and speedometer adapter that has been set up to use with a 3.9 differential and 175/70r-13 tires.

I am asking $5,000 for everything. I do not wish to split the engine and trans at this time. I will NOT sell any individual parts for either the engine or transmission unless the buyer does not want a certain part. If so I will list those parts separately after the engine/trans sells.

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1497 Rosewood
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
phone - land - 734-761-1877
phone - cell - 734-646-5708 please no texts
email: HAN5L778@comcast.net - not case sensitive

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. (February 2025)

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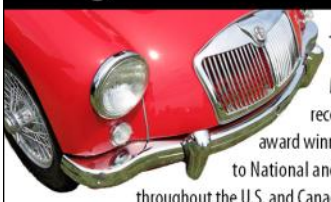

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Auto Europe (Repairs)
677 S Eton Street
Birmingham, MI. 248-645-6300
autoeuropeservicesales.com
(from Bob Gibbs)

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
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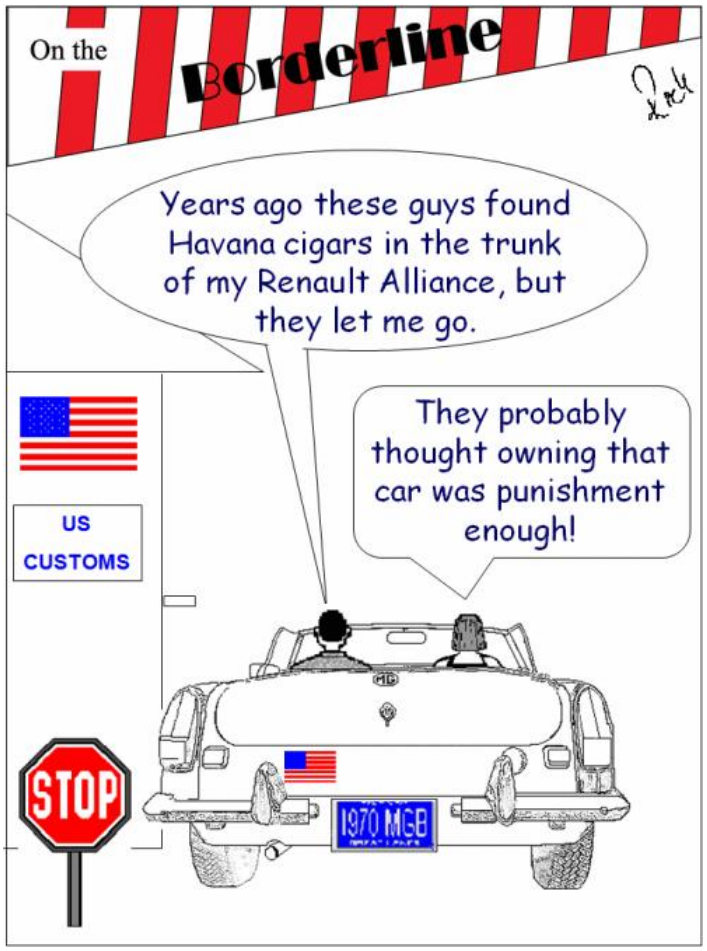

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Let us have a picture of your car and some anecdotal information so that we can feature it in *Can-Am Connection* and the club web-site gallery.

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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

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April 2025

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Sun., Apr. 27	**Noon to 3 pm, Kimber Birthday Lunch,** Delhi Café in Holt, Michigan.

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 2025.

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Canadian Side Natter & Noggin at The Riverside Sportsmen Club

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