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Above: The Kimber Run welcomed MGs from across Michigan to the 2025 driving season! Wheeeeeeeee!!!

Right: I promised to put Ken Klemmer's MG-themed burger from the Kimber lunch on the cover. Promises made. Promises kept!

Also inside: Kimber Run photos, *more* Kimber Run photos, monthly reports, upcoming events, *On the Borderline* … and those sweeeeet classified ads!

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club
The International Local Club

And just like that it's time to drive those MGs!

Can-Am Editor, John Magee

In fairness to many of us, we had quite a few rainy weekends this spring, enough to discourage early uncovering and prep for our MGs. (At least, that's my excuse.)

And so it was that with my MGB getting some much needed love at Guy's Garage, my MG TD sleeping peacefully in the garage stuck behind my pontoon boat, and with even my old Jag saloon at its own spa getting a new crank position sensor, I had plum run out of British cars. I was forced to fall back on a German car — Monique's 1980 Mercedes 450SL — for this year's Kimber Run. Oh, the shame.

Below: The row of shame. For one reason or another several of us didn't quite have our MGs ready to roll. We opted for our own (lesser) parking area.

My shame was great, but my suffering was minimal. And the automatic transmission gave me a free hand to take many of the photos in this issue. Silver lining!

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

New Members
- None in May

Anniversaries
- None in May

Membership count: 133 (36 Canada, 97 United States)

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

Presidentially speaking

Hi Everyone,

Vicki Bade - Club President

Driving season is definitely upon us-thank goodness! I'm sure we are all ready for getting out and about, taking the top down (when possible) and enjoying driving our vehicles, or just being a passenger!!

The Kimber Run/Lunch was a wonderful day and had a great turnout-second year in a row the weather was perfect for driving, so I would say that moving it forward in April has been very lucky. I do remember those previous years of awful weather and very much appreciate the nicer days we have had.

The Spring Gathering is coming up and I can only hope we have a good day as I just found out at the last minute the structure we have used as cover for the picnic tables of food in the past was blown over in one of the windier storms we had. We will have to make due this year, but I believe we may have to rethink our destination next year for a few reasons. Please bring yourselves, chairs and a dish to pass and let's enjoy a day of cars and relaxing with friends.

The calendar is already filling up, so keep an eye out for the upcoming trips and events & come out to join the fun this summer/fall will bring. Lots of good stuff to check out-hope to see you all, so get those cars running and out there for all to see!

Drive Safely and take care.

—Vicki

Right: Nobody would talk to Vicki because she drove her Fiata to an MG event. Sad.

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

Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Treasurer's Report for May 2025

Submitted by Vince Lacroix, Treasurer WDMGC

There were no large expenses for this period.

The expenses in the period were the Ford Racing presenter donation ($50) and the Quickbooks subscription ($35).

Revenue came from membership dues.

Current balance in the club Chase account is $2,325.17

It's been a great month of driving. With advice from club members, our B got a new set of tires, and is driving smoother than–something really smooth.

–Vince Lacroix

Right: Once again our club's treasurer has proven to be hipper than our secretary. Note the cool beret and leather jacket vs. the old baseball cap and rugby sweatshirt.

Below: Mick Gedeon's MGB GT V6 stretches its legs in the midst of Michigan farmland

Windsor-Detroit MG Club Kicks off the Spring Driving Season with the Kimber Run!

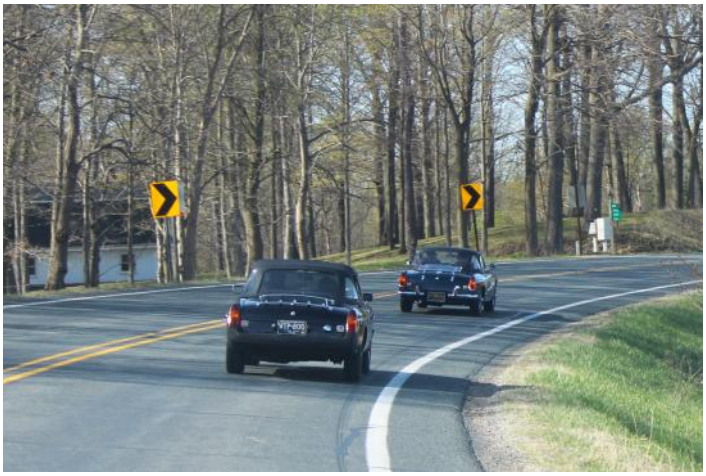
Story by Vicki Bade
Photos by Vicki Bade, Mary Ellen Weakley, John Magee, and Dave Smith

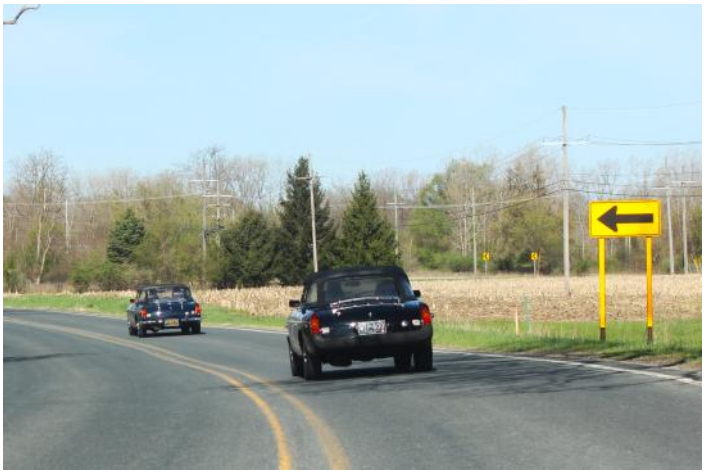
The day started out on the rather chilly side and only 2 MGs among the vehicles at the Meijer parking lot to start the morning, but it was a beautiful blue sky shining down on our caravan. Ken Klemmer and I in our Miata/Fiat vehicles did put our tops down, but as we had heat, I would say it wasn't a huge sacrifice.

We did pick up a nice group at our other stop and ended up with a very interesting variety of vehicles-4 MG's, a Mini, a Volvo, a Mercedes, a Miata, a Fiat and a Chevy. Our ragtag group had a wonderful drive with Mother Nature warming things up nicely and making it a perfect driving day. That really is a great route and I have to thank Vince & Kelly Lacroix for starting us out when they had not actually driven the route before-great job!! Guy took over at the North Territorial leg, which seemed fitting since the instructions/directions for the route were written by him and Ed Fleming many years ago.

The lunch had a great turnout-61 people according to Dave Smith and a big thank you to the café for letting us takeover their restaurant for the event. What a nice day for everyone!!

Kimber Run Photos





This page: Our first leg took us from the Meijer to the Sunoco rally point where we met up with the rest of our convoy.

More Kimber Run

Yes, it's Even More Kimber Run Photos!!!

Kimber Lunch Photos

Soon we arrived at the Delhi Café in Holt, where we gathered with our fellow MG fans from across Michigan to celebrate Cecil Kimber's cars.

UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS!

Here are some 2025 events you might wish to put on your personal MG calendar.

2025 MG and British Car Events

- **Wednesday, May 14, 6 pm — U.S.-side monthly meeting**.
- **Saturday, May 17, 2025** — Windsor-Detroit MG Club's **Spring Gathering**. Camp Dearborn, Milford, Michigan.
- **Wednesday, May 21, 6 pm — Natter and Noggin.** Windsor, Ontario.
- Sunday, June 1, 2025—**The British Return to Fort Meigs** 26th Annual Car Show. Sponsored by Lake Erie British Car Club, Perrysburg, Ohio, 10 am to 3 pm.
- **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.
- **Sat.-Sun., June 15-16** — **MMM Registry National Meet** prior to GOF Central.
- **Sunday, June 15** — **Eyes on Design**. Ford House. 1100 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Point Shores, 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 Corners, 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.
- **Sat.-Sun., August 9-10, 2025 — 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.
- **Monday, Sept. 1.** Franklin Roundup Show, Franklin, MI.
- **Sat.-Sun., Sept. 7-8, 2025** — **Old Car Festival**. Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI.
- Tue.-Thur., Sept. 16-18, 2025. **Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion**.
- **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.

Saturday, May 17, 2025, 11am – 4pm

Camp Dearborn
1700 General Motors Road, Milford, MI 48380

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club is proud to sponsor the 13th Annual Spring British Car Gathering & Picnic at Camp Dearborn in Milford, MI.

No registration, no formal car show or class parking, and no awards; just an opportunity to share our passion with fellow British car owners and clubs, and to get to know one another.

We have reserved a large, well shaded area that is to the right just inside the entrance, behind and down the hill from the office-the area called Evergreen. **There is an entrance fee to the park of $12.00** Cars will be parked on pavement so not to worry about wet or soft ground. We have use of a picnic shelter and nearby restrooms.

WDMGC will supply Sub Sandwiches/Snacks/Cookies & water bottles-please bring a dish or dessert to pass and your own chair(s). You may also bring your own food/drink.

BOOT SALE

Have some spare parts, tools, etc. that are cluttering your garage? Bring them along and offer them for sale from the boot of your car. We are not looking to host a full-blown swap meet, so please no trailers full of stuff. Whatever you can get in your car or bring pictures of larger items that you want to sell.

For more information contact us at Board@WDMGC.com or
contact Vicki Bade at (248) 909-0874
The Camp Dearborn Web Site is www.campdearborn.com

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

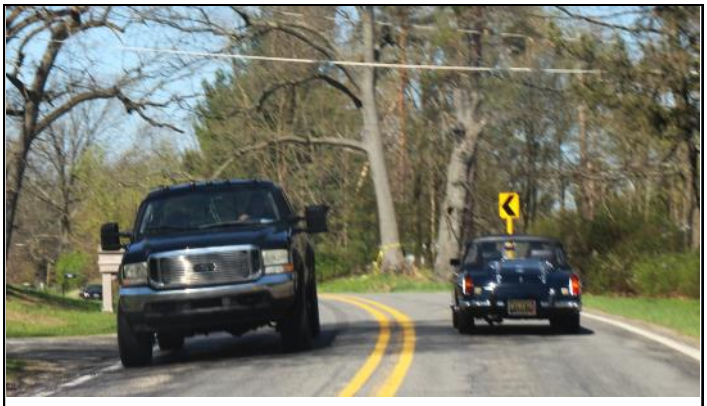
Richard Eisele is cleaning cleaning out things in his garage. Here's what he has so far:

- 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: What? You still want *more* Kimber Run photos?! How about another classic for my collection of Little British Cars next to big pickup trucks!

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.

Richard Eisele
1497 Rosewood
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
phone - land - 734-761-1877
phone - cell - 734-646-5708 please no texts

MGB Parts For Sale

- Left front fender 1974-1/2 to 1980. New Heritage never been on a car. Primed to keep from rusting, Moss price $1,199.00 Asking Price $700.00
- Right front fender 1974-1/2 to 1980. A replacement fender was taken from a 1976 Florida car. No rust, no dents, no scratches, and no holes. The fender is sanded and primed. Asking Price $500.00
- Left door skin 1968 to 1980. Moss price $209.99 Asking Price $75.00
- Complete right door including hinges. Late 1965 to 1967 (57986 to 110292) Very good condition. The seams are tight and complete with only some surface rust. Asking price $500.00
- Aluminum Hood Good condition off a 1971 GT. Asking Price $75.00
- A full length crossmember. Moss Price $229.99 Asking price $50.00
- A set of four 14" wheel trim rings. Moss Price $149.66 Asking price $50..00
- Door bottoms one right and one left. Moss price $52.99 each Asking price $10.00 each
- Dog leg Panel lower 10" one right and one left. Moss price $74.99 each Asking price $10.00 each. Right front fender repair panel from the chrome strip down. Moss price $139.99 Asking price $40.00
- Left door skin for push button handles. Moss price $219.99 Asking price $50.00
- Floor panel Left. Moss price $ 289.99 Asking price $100.00
- Front apron no vent holes 1962 to early 1973. Moss price $319.99 Asking price $50.00
- Rostyle Wheels 14" 2 sets. Asking price $20.00 each you pick

Contact George Diehl
Cell Phone 586-764-7977
email George.diehl@gmail.com
Location 164 Becker Drive
Brighton, MI 48116

1952 MG TD and 1956 MGA for sale

Lansing area 1952 MG TD and 1956 MGA for sale by a friend of mine. Cars can be viewed after the Kimber Party on 4-27-25. More Pictures Available. MGA is the top three Pics. T cars are the bottom three. Priced very reasonably.

Dave Smith
517-694-4856

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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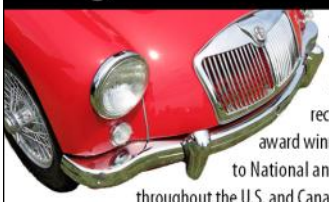

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Local MG Services

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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
(from multiple)

Lenawee Radiator Service
1399 S. Cooper St.
Jackson, Michigan
lenaweeradiator.com
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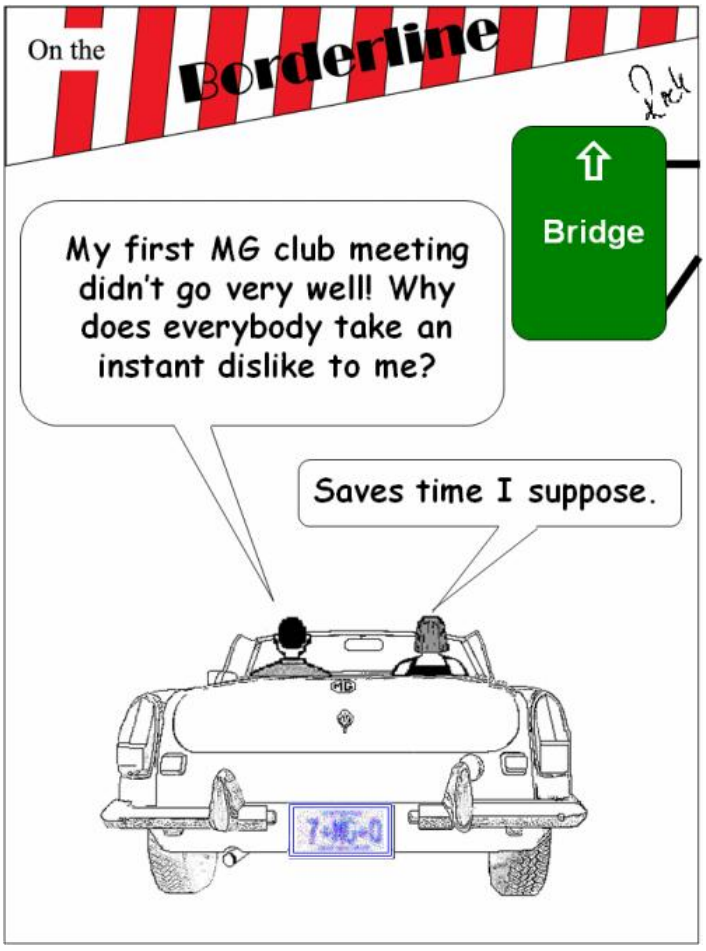

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Dead or Driveable

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

May 2025

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June 2025

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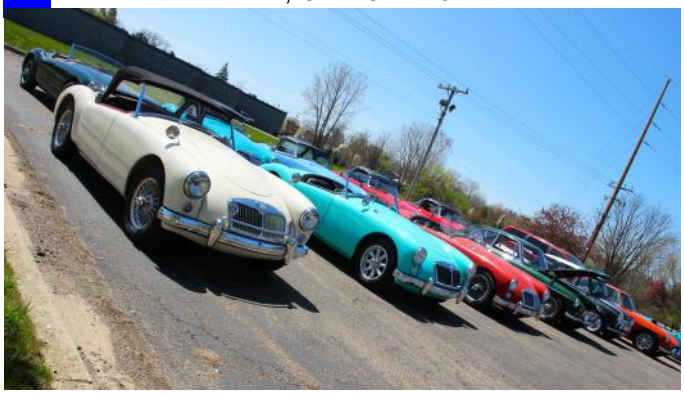

The WDMGC still needs a new events coordinator. Please contact Vicki Bade to find out how you can help us out!

US Side May 14 Meeting: Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills

Our Wednesday, May 14, 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.

Driving season is here, so let's see your MGs!

We hope to see you there!.

Canadian Side Natter & Noggin at The Riverside Sportsmen Club

May 21, 6 pm.

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

Click Here for Restaurant Menu