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Above: Our Spring Gathering in May featured a British car salute to rainy British weather!

Right: Another rainy MG badge!

Also inside: NAMGAR GT-50 is in the books! Plus, 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

Well that was fun. Now where's my umbrella?

Can-Am Editor, John Magee

There's no denying it. Somehow over the years I have become a fair-weather car guy.

It's not just that rust is the mortal enemy of British steel, though that's a handy rationale. Nope, I have become soft and decadent. I blame the heated seats in my Jaguar.

Below: Heck, I didn't even put the top up after I parked. Tonneau cover, do your work!

So nobody was more surprised than me when I decided to ignore the strengthening drizzle as I drove to our Spring Gathering. But darn it, sometimes you have to test the theory that if you drive fast enough, the rain drops will just fly over the top.

They did. Mostly.

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

New Members

- Amy and Jeremy Brown, of Troy, MI. They have a 1951 MGTD (color to be determined) and a Mirage 1974 MGB.

Anniversaries

- 35yrs Phillip Wiltshire and Jan Tucker of Middlebury, IN
- 10yrs Bruce and Karen Kurth of Commerce Twp, MI

Membership count: 134 (36 Canada, 98 United States)

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

Presidentially speaking

Happy Spring/Summer All,

Vicki Bade - Club President

My garden is just waiting for the fence to be put up around it and I have almost all my flowers in-I am ready for the season! My birdbaths have been a huge hit-boy do those robins like to take very thorough baths-so fun to watch LOL.

Despite some cold weather we had a wonderful turnout for the Spring Gathering. Huge thanks to Russ/Marlis for not only picking up and bringing our club canopy but adding 2 of their own when we found out the pavilion at the site we normally use had blown away in a prior storm. They saved the day and all went well. Thank you to all those that were able to join us and thanks to everyone that brought food and helped with packing up and taking the leftovers!

I confess I was reminded that this year marks the 45th anniversary for our wonderful club and I apologize for being remiss in mentioning it prior to now.

4 insightful men organized this club after their return from the National AMGBA Convention in New York in 1980. Many thanks to Jim Trofin, Mark Deacon, Dave Hornby and Ron Harmon for joining together and getting this International club up and running!!! It is a fabulous club and we have outstanding members!!! I am very grateful that Matt's friend Mike introduced us to this wonderful group of people in 1998. If anyone has any memories or pictures from bygone days that they would like to share we would love it!! Please send your comments and/or pictures to John at Can-Am@WDMGC.com. Happy Anniversary Everyone!!

There are plenty of events in June-I don't know who besides Chuck Wiley attended Fort Meigs 26th Annual Car Show, but I hope it was a great show. Namgar GT-50 celebrated 70 years of the MGA in Traverse City last week-congrats! Motor Muster at Greenfield Village is this weekend 6/14-6/15 and MG GOF Central is in Downers Grove, IL 6/16-6/20 to name just a few.

Our June meeting is at our usual stomping grounds-Craft Breww City 6/11 with Natter & Noggin the following week on 6/18 at the Sportsmen Club.

Get those engines started and enjoy your rides as much as possible!

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

—Vicki

Safety MG Fast!

Vicki

Treasurer's Report for June 2025

Submitted by Vince Lacroix, Treasurer WDMGC

Treasurer Vince Lacroix reported a balance of $2,325.17 in our Chase account in May. We expect an updated report at the June 11 U.S.-side monthly meeting.

Below: MG lovers huddled together for warmth, since their electric space heaters were built by Lucas.

Right: Many people don't know that our annual audit process involves strapping Vince down then shining an enormous headlight at him until he cracks.

Former Club President Ed Fleming passes away.

Former Windsor-Detroit MG Club President and Lifetime member Ed Fleming of Farmington, Michigan, passed away last week. Ed was a member of the club for nearly 35 years.

He is remembered fondly as the Rallymaster of many a drive, including his leadership of our annual Fall Colour Tour, filled with cheerful determination to get the convoy to our destination intact and ready to swill cider. His leadership and friendship will be missed.

Please send your memories of Ed to editor@wdmgc.com. We'd like to gather information for a more complete article in the July edition.

Thank you to club member Tom Greiner for letting us know about the sad news.

Right: MGBs on Hines Drive in 2013, one of Ed's favorite tour routes.

Windsor-Detroit MG Club Honors Their British Cars with a Springtime Celebration of British Drizzle

Story by John Magee
Photos by Vicki Bade and John Magee

We have been fortunate to have glorious springtime weather for so many Springtime Gatherings that it shouldn't have been a surprise. But despite a weather forecast that called for dry skies after the previous day's rains, nobody notified the rain clouds.

Undeterred by the fair soft love falling from the sky, more than 20 British car enthusiasts with more than a dozen classic British cars gathered to share companionship, lunch, and an appreciation for the finer points of convertible tops and tonneau covers.

Special thanks go to Russ and Marlis Lafevre for leaving their B at home and instead bringing their pickup truck so that they could haul the club canopy and two additional tent covers to provide cover for us all, since the usual pavilion structure had been destroyed in a previous — and much fiercer! — storm.

Despite the occasional spritzing from above, a good time was had by all as we shared sandwiches, salads, desserts and each others company. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the fun and thank you all for showing up!

Left and Below: The two stars of the day were Bruce Mann's newly restored MGA Coupe, and Ken and Melody Klemmer's new dog Cocoa Puff. Can you tell which is which?

Spring Gathering Photos (Continued)

This page: Good weather for ducks … er, sandhill cranes. And good weather for little British cars. (Or Swedish car, in the case of Guy St. John's Volvo P1800. Thank you all for the fun day!

More Spring Gathering

Even More Spring Gathering!

Michigan Rowdies Play Host to GT-50 in Traverse City in Honor of the 70th Anniversary of the MGA!

Story by John Magee
Photos shamelessly cribbed off the NAMGAR Facebook Group Page. Check it out for lots more on GT-50.

The Michigan Rowdies hosted GT-50 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, Michigan.

By all accounts an excellent time was had. Alas, your faithful correspondent is a workin' man who spent his week with invoices, contracts, purchase orders, and a particularly exciting Excel spreadsheet. So all I know is that a lots of pretty cars gathered up North. If anybody has more photos or a list of show winners send them along and we'll pop 'em in the July edition.

Photo credits (clockwise from upper left): Terry Looft, Terry Looft, Grant Howlett, and Terry Loft.

More GT-50 Photos Shameless Cribbed from NAMGAR's Facebook Page

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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, June 11, 6 pm — U.S.-side monthly meeting**. Farmington Hills, MI.
- **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.
- **Wednesday, June 18, 6 pm — Natter and Noggin.** Windsor, Ontario.
- **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 — August Alden Sports Car Show**, sponsored by the Twin Bay British Car Club in Alden, Michigan.
- **August 22-24** — in Huntsville, Ontario. **MG102 Fest**. Organized by the MG clubs from Ottawa and Toronto.
- **Sunday, August 24, 9 am - 4 pm—Cruisin' Hines.** Annual classic car cruise on Hines Drive. Details at CruisinHines.com.
- **Monday, Sept. 1.** Franklin Roundup Show, Franklin, MI.
- **Sat.-Sun., Sept. 7-8, 2025** — **Old Car Festival**. Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI.
- **Sunday, Sept. 14** — **Battle of the Brits**, Camp Dearborn, Milford, Michigan.
- **Tue.-Thur., Sept. 16-18, 2025**. **Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion**.
- **Sunday, Sept. 21 — British Car Day**, Bronte Creek Park, Oakville, Ontario. Hosted by the Toronto Triumph Club. See British Car Day for details.
- **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.

Member Classified Ads

Classified Advertising

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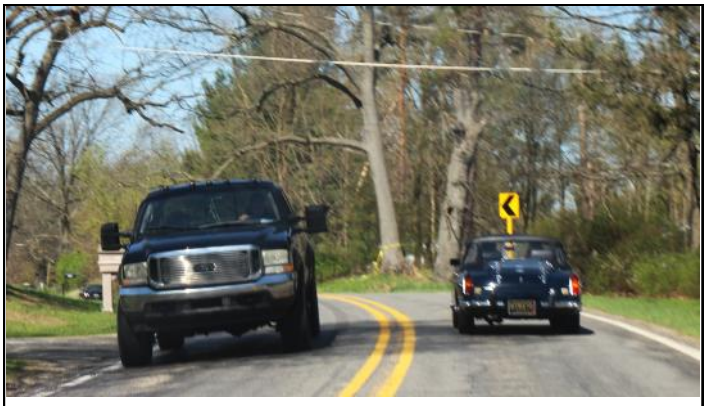
Richard Eisele is cleaning cleaning out things in his garage. Here's what he has so far:

- 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: 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)

1975 Morgan +8 Right-Hand Drive, $28,000

1975 Morgan +8 RHD3.5 litre V8. British racing green w/tan interior. 29,692 original documented miles. Car located in Naples, Florida. Contact Jim MacArthur for details: 239 348 2439, macarthurjimla@yahoo.com (June 2025)

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

(June 2025)

1980 MGB, only 43,265 miles, excellent condition, needs transmission repair

We have a 1980 MGB that's been in our family since new that we would like to sell. It has 43,265 miles, excellent condition, unrestored with no rust, new tires and a hard top. Bill Case has maintained it for years. Currently it needs a $1000 transmission rebuild. We are willing to have Bill make repair before selling or deduct repair cost if buyer wants to do repair.

Please contact Chuck Ghawi 734-665-7559. (June 2025)

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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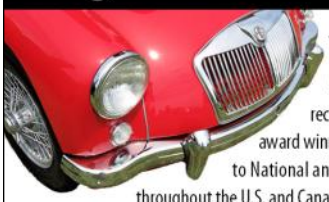

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Auto Europe (Repairs)
677 S Eton Street
Birmingham, MI. 248-645-6300
autoeuropeservicesales.com
(from Bob Gibbs)

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)

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1520 Scio Church Road
Ann Arbor, MI
248-349-3649
guystjohn@comcast.net
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Lenawee Radiator Service
1399 S. Cooper St.
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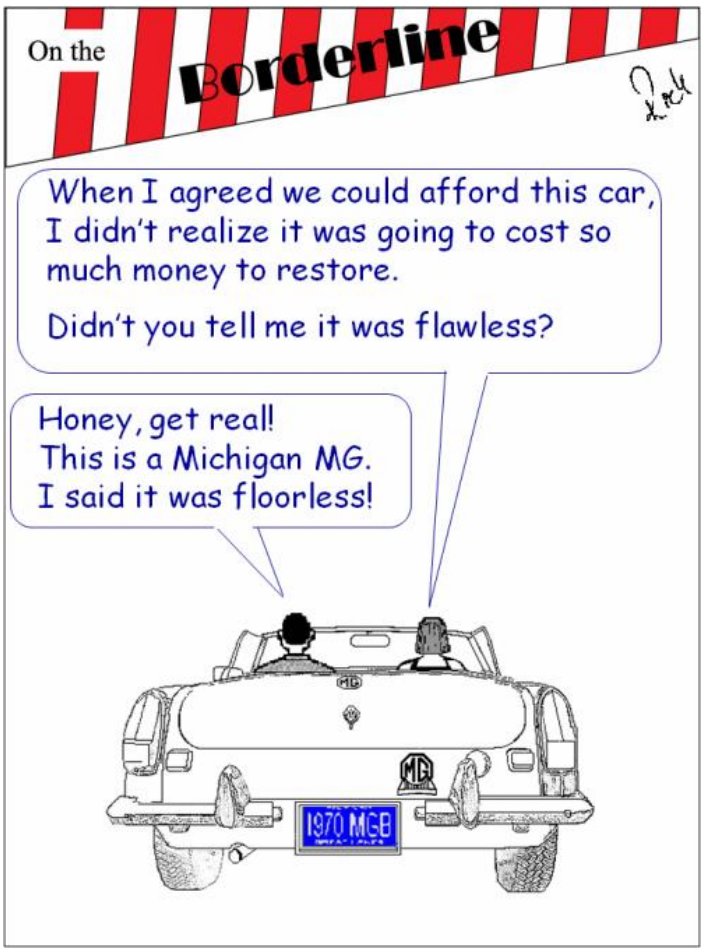

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Your Car Picture

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

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

June 2025

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July 2025

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Mon-Fri, July 28-31	**MG2025 Annual NAMGBRconvention.** Holiday Inn of Crystal Lake, Illinois. MG2025 for details**.**

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

US Side June 11 Meeting: Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills

Our Wednesday, June 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.

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

June 18, 6 pm.

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

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