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Above and right: Rain greeted the start of our Spring Gathering. Did the weather improve? Who won a big award? Check inside to find out!

Also inside: 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

R.I.P., Jim Magee, 1944-2026

Can-Am Editor, John Magee

My father passed away last month. He had been ill and in declining health for quite some time, so it wasn't a surprise. And yet, it's one thing to know it's coming and another for the event to arrive.

As coincidence would have it, Monique and I were already in his hometown in the Adirondacks, Pottersville, New York, cleaning out his garage on behalf of his wife, since we all knew he wouldn't be returning from the nursing home. That felt more like goodbye than my actual goodbye to him the day before he died. His presence was heavy with his remaining stuff, an eclectic assortment of the remnants of a life spent buying and selling things, logging, fishing, hunting, and keeping things that might prove useful.

Among the things we cleaned out were loads of tools and his large toolbox. They came home to Michigan with me, here to putter away at old British cars instead of logging equipment. Thanks for the tools, Dad! I'll try to put them to good use.

In a future issue I'll tell the tale of the transmission in the bathtub. Suffice it to say that I've tried to learn from that paternal misstep.

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

Anniversaries (June)

- 10 Years Roxanne and Mike Fontana of Wixom, MI
- 20 Years Mike and Mick Abrosimoff of Woodslee, ON

New Members:

- Cameron Williams of Huntington Woods, MI. Red 1962 MGA Mark II.
- Kathleen Sparks of Plymouth, MI. Harvest Gold 1974 MGB-GT
- Austin Bradshaw of Plymouth, MI. No car registered with the Club.
- Alan Evans of Canton, MI rejoined the Club after 2 years away.

Membership count: 128 (34 Canada, 94 United States)

Presidentially speaking

Hi,

Vicki Bade - Club President

Weather is getting better (sometimes) and driving season is in full swing! I hope you are getting out and enjoying it as much as you can.

The Spring Gathering with our new best friends-the Tin Can RV group and the Flea Market was fun! Steve from Camp Dearborn gave us a *primo* spot overlooking the water and despite the morning rain we had a nice collection of cars. Thank you to those that braved the rain and joined us-we will look forward to doing that in the future for our gatherings!

The Riddle House tour and lunch Matt put together turned out Great! What was originally predicted as a rainy day turned out to be nothing but blue sky and a beautiful day for a drive. The Riddle House was absolutely amazing-cannot believe all that Kent and Susan have collected and the whole property made me feel like I was in Hogwarts, except for the dinosaurs they have in the back of the property. Can't believe they shipped those bones to the house-pretty cool!. So sorry that Perry (in the great MG tradition) had some issues with his car running, but we made the whole journey and he made it home so all is good. Thanks to those that came out and those that helped him out-our members really are the best. John has a big job weeding thru all those pics we took, so they will end up in the July NL.

Good joint meeting with the Jag club-hope there is a nice turnout for next week's Natter & Noggin.

The British Car Corral has started and the area for our British cars should be marked in the following months-next one up is June 21st. I'm sure there are some fathers out there that would like to check out all the cars & kick some tires.

As we have said-lots going on this year, so keep an eye out on the calendar and come out for as many events as you can-get those cars out there!!!

As always-drive safe & enjoy the ride!

—Vicki

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Treasurer's Report for June 2026

Submitted by Vince Lacroix, Treasurer WDMGC

[Editor's Note: Vince claims we still have some money. But did he give me numbers? No. However, he did give me a nice feature on the Baker's cruise-in, so I won't criticize.]

British Car Corral at Baker's Cruise-In a Hit!

Report and photos by Vince Lacroix

Sunday, May 31 was a perfect day for classic cars to drive and gather. Baker's of Milford presented a great spot to back-in, pull out a chair and enjoy a car-loving crowd.

Baker's billed the day as a British car day. Matt and Vicki Bade locked in some parking spaces among the Austin-Healeys and Jaguars. The premier marque of the British line was well represented. MGs were there in sonora red, blue royale and birch grey. Vince Lacroix drove in with his B and Ed Davis and Kathy Kalman sat and shared their 1955 TF.

Car events at Baker's are Sunday afternoons through September 28.

2026 Vintage Fest and Spring Gathering

Story by John Magee. Photos by John Magee and Vicki Bade

After a slow start thanks to a morning rain, Mother Nature relented and the Windsor-Detroit MG Club was treated to a splendid day of classic cars, vintage trailers, and a pleasant day with friends at our 2026 Spring Gathering at Camp Dearborn in Milford.

For this year's event we joined with Camp Dearborn's Vintage Fest, a gathering of vintage cars and campers. The combination turned out splendidly with a lovely gathering of MGs on the field, the opportunity to view the other cars and the amazing variety of vintage campers, and prizes and awards for the cars in a variety of categories.

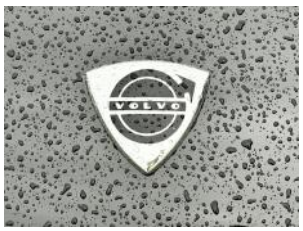
(continued)

Photos from the Spring Gathering (Cont.)

The star of the show was Fran Lewis, whose primrose MGC GT won “Best Woodstock Era Car.” (Photos at top right and just below.)

Surprisingly enough, none of our MGs won the award for “Most Likely to Leave a Puddle of Oil,” which just goes to show that the judges and non-MG attendees of Vintage Fest just don’t know our little British cars!

Photos from the Spring Gathering and Vintage Fest



Camper Photos from Vintage Fest at Camp Dearborn

May U.S.-side Meeting

Photos by John Magee

Threatening skies kept us to four MGs in the parking lot But what an assortment: an MG TF, an MGA, a chrome-bumper MGB, and a rubber bumper MGB. A grand slam!

May Natter and Noggin at the Riverside Sportsman Club

Photos and report from Dale Brown

Dale reports a splendid evening and a good turnout for the May 20 Natter and Noggin. With the return of warm weather, the crowd is growing. The next N&N will be on Wednesday, June 17, at 6 pm at the Riverside Sportsmen Club, 10835 Riverside Dr E, Windsor, Ontario. Join us!

UPCOMING 2026 EVENTS!

2026 MG and British Car Events (March to July)

- **Wednesday, June 17, 6 pm — Monthly Natter and Noggin.** Windsor, Ontario.
- **Sat.-Sun., June 20-21 — Motor Muster.** Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan.
- **Sunday, June 21 — Eyes on Design**. Ford House. 1100 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Point Shores, Michigan.
- **Sunday, June 21, 1-4 pm — British Car Corral at Baker's Cruise-In**. 2025 S. Milford Rd., Milford, Michigan. Sponsored by Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan.
- **Sat., June 27 — Michiana Brits Annual British Car Show,** Trinity Lutheran Church Elkhart, Indiana. More information at michianabrits.com.
- **July 10-12 – Northville Concours.** Mill Race Historical Village, 215 Griswold St, Northville, Michigan.
- **Sunday, July 12 — Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Car Faire.** Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corner, Michigan. **This year's featured marque is the MGB/C & GT, spotlighting the timeless chrome-bumper classics.**
- **July 24–26 — Waterford Hills Vintage Races.** Waterford Hills, 4770 Waterford Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.
- **Sunday, July 26, 1-4 pm — British Car Corral at Baker's Cruise-In**. 2025 S. Milford Rd., Milford, Michigan. Sponsored by Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan.

Above: An MGA at our May US-side meeting.

2026 EVENTS CONTINUED

2026 MG and British Car Events (August to October)

- **Saturday, August 1 –British Car Day.** Eastwood MetroPark 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, Ohio. 9 am to 4 pm.
- **Sat.-Sun., August 8-9, 2026** (probable) — **Alden Sports Car Show**, sponsored by the Twin Bay British Car Club in Alden, Michigan.
- **Fri.-Sun, Aug. 14-16, 2026 — MG103 Fest** in Gananoque, Ontario. Organized by the MG Toronto Chapter of the MG Car Club.
- **Saturday, August 15, 2026 – Woodward Dream Cruise,** Woodward Avenue, MI.
- **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. Registration is open.
- **Sunday, August 30, 1-4 pm** — **British Car Corral at Baker's Cruise-In**. 2025 S. Milford Rd., Milford, Michigan. Sponsored by Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan.
- **Monday, Sept. 7. Franklin Roundup Show,** Franklin, Michigan.
- **Sat.-Sun., Sept. 12-13, 2026** (probable) — **Old Car Festival.** Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI
- **Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026** — **Battle of the Brits**, Camp Dearborn, Milford, Michigan.
- **Tue.-Thur., Sept. 15-17, 2026**. **Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion** — Put-In-Bay, Ohio.
- **October 17, 2026 — Twisty Bits Tour**. Joint event hosted by the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan (JAGM). Details TBD.

Coming in 2027

- **Sept. 20-24, 2027 — MG Gathering of the Faithful Central (GoF Central).** Sheraton Novi, Novi, Michigan. This will be an all-make MG gathering featuring cars from across the Midwest and Ontario. Stay tuned for details!

Photo: Mary Weakley sent us this photo of an MG Mother's Day drive. It turns out that MG stands for "Mothers are Great!"

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High-Performance Rover 3.5L V8

I bought the engine in Dec. 2011 from former club member Dave Reed. It's a 197x Rover Engine model v8. It weighs about 45 pounds less than the factory 1800 cc 4 cylinder (in my 1978 MGB) and doubles the hp. It has about 32,000 miles on it.

Dave found it through the Autorama. The engine was in a car at the time he purchased it. The seller said he'd had work done on the heads to improve performance.

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1974 Chrome-Bumper MGB for sale

For sale, 1974 MGB, chrome bumper. I have owned for 25 years, 2nd owner, 39000 miles believed to be original. Extremely original, one re-spray previous owner. Under my ownership , always garaged, sitting on plastic, never driven in the rain. Drives and runs out extremely good. Asking $7500. Call or text for more information. Northville.

Mike Grimm,
mwg1950@aol.com,
734.502.0811

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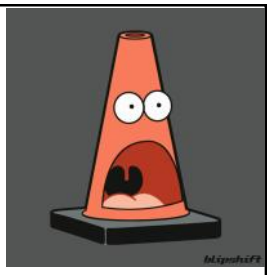
MGB-GT FOR SALE

1974 MGB-GT, very good condition. Many upgrades and repairs done, all documented. Still needs some upgrades and has some wiring issues. 86,424 miles. The body, interior and chrome in great shape.

Car was purchased 5/27/25 and stored for the winter on a trickle charge. Runs good. Asking $18,000. Happy to provide any information. Located in Plymouth, contact Kathie Sparks 734-210-5598.

We Still Need a New Home for our 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 2026)

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. (Feb 2026)

1952 MGTD FOR SALE

Purchased in 1973

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- Fuel hoses
- Battery
- Seat belts
- Tune-ups

$11,500

Gary Dillon
313-492-1436
gwdillon65@gmail.com

Member Classified Ads (Continued)

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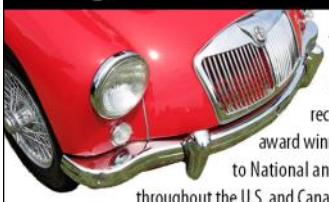

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Birmingham, MI. 248-645-6300
autoeuropeservicesales.com
(from Bob Gibbs)

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)

Caruso Automotive Ltd.
809 Ottawa St, Windsor, ON
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Dave's Hot Rod Garage
3851 Argentine Rd, Howell, MI
(734) 692-7151
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(from multiple)

Detroit Hot Rod (ask for Ben)
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Plymouth, MI
248-722-1696
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1520 Scio Church Road
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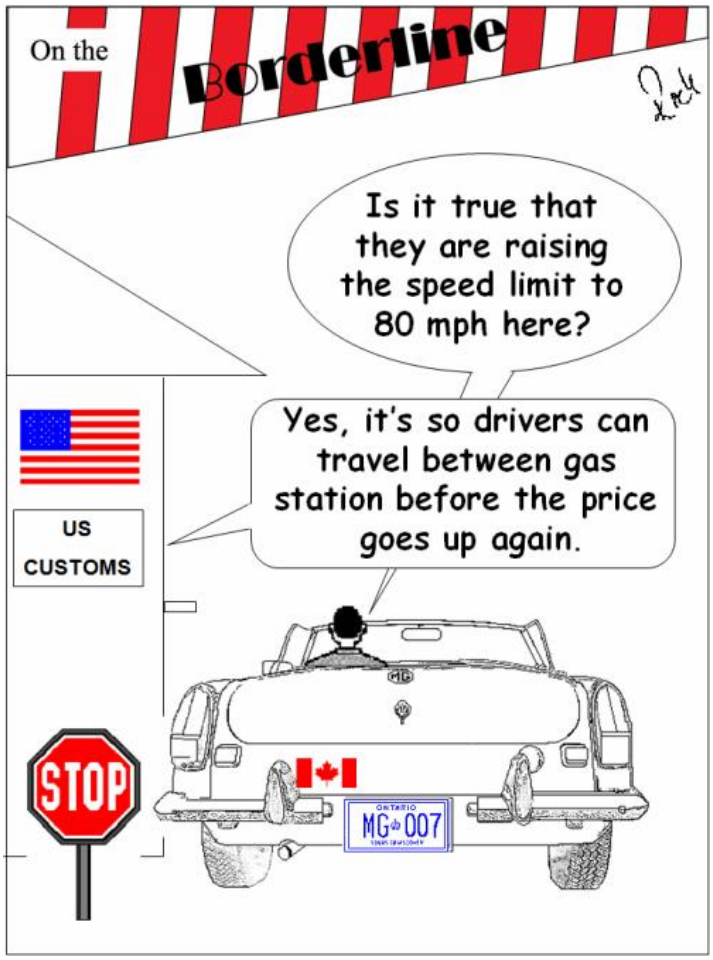

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Club Calendar

■ - WDMGC event.

June 2026

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We're still looking for a new events coordinator. Please contact Vicki Bade.

US Side June 10, July 8 Meetings at Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills. Dinner at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm.

Our 2026, U.S.-side meetings will continue to be the 2nd Wednesday of the month 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.

Canadian Side Natter & Noggin at The Riverside Sportsmen Club

Wednesday, June 17, July 15, 6 pm.

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

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