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Above: Win a prize and make the cover! Clockwise from top left at Mad Dogs & Englishmen: Ken Klemmer, Steve Finch (and Bentley!) and Arayan Lias all grabbed hardware, while club members sat in the shade as chrome-bumper MGBs took a star turn as the featured marque!

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

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Too Much Fun. Too Many Photos.

Can-Am Editor, John Magee

Another summertime month, another tardy newsletter. This is entirely because I've been out having too much fun in my British cars instead of writing, editing, and typesetting about British cars.

No regrets here.

One of the problems I hit in trying to get this edition ready was that I just had too darn many photos. Honestly, I could do an entire large-size coffee table book with all the pictures from the last month's MG events.

In an attempt to reign in the madness, I'm limiting myself to a couple of pages per event in this edition. There are tons and tons more photos in our club's Facebook group, and that's your best bet if you want to see it all.

I'm also including Mad Dogs & Englishmen coverage in this issue instead of August. Aside from being timely, I'm also hoping to finally explore other newsletter formats next month due to the impending demise of Microsoft Publisher. Next month's newsletter may be an adventure. We shall see.

In the meantime, why are you reading this? It's summertime! Get out there and have fun in those little British cars!

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

Anniversaries (July)
- 45 Years Ozzie and Terry Pillon of LaSalle, ON
- 5 Years Gary Decker and Shelley MacMillan of Ann Arbor, MI

New Members (June):
- None in June.

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

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

Presidentially speaking

Vicki Bade - Club President

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone's summer is going well, although I'm sure that just like Matt and me you are all trying to stay cool with this heatwave we have been having. Not exactly the best conditions for driving the old British cars that like to overheat-oh well.

Happy 250 Anniversary on this July 4th and Happy Canada Day July 1st!!! I am sure fun was had by all for both.

Matt made it to Eyes on Design this year and said it was a good show. He really wants to make it down to the Motor Muster event next year. Hopefully some of you made it out for that one.

Waterford Hills has their Vintage Races at the end of the month 7/24-7/26-we haven't been there in a while, so we may check that out.

I had forgotten to post this last month-but Matt and I were the last in our group to leave the Spring Gathering in May and there were 2 canvas chairs left in the area near our canopy that nobody claimed. We took them home, so if you are missing your chairs from that event-give me a call at 248-909-0874 so I can get them back to you.

We have our meeting coming up at our usual spot Wednesday, August 12th, on the US side-Craft Breww City, so please join us and don't forget the Natter & Noggin in Canada the following Wednesday.

Enjoy your summer-get those cars out there and have fun!!

—Vicki

Right: Bonus Matt Bade photo, courtesy of Vicki!

Safety MG Fast!

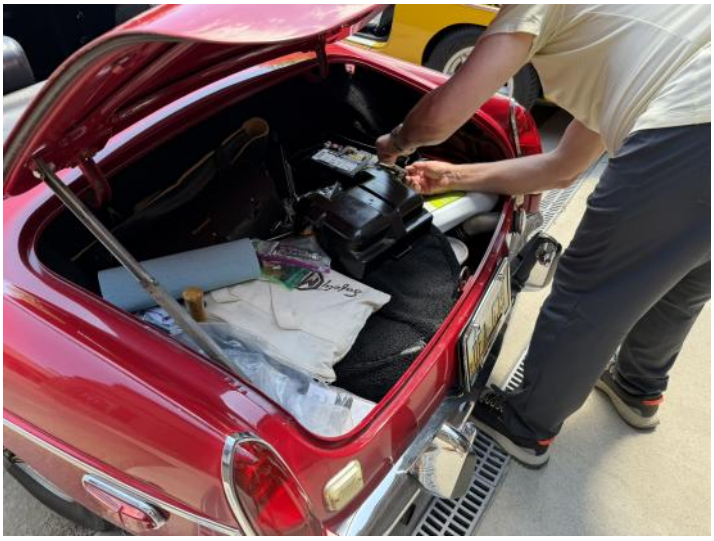
Treasurer's Report for July 2026

Submitted by Vince Lacroix, Treasurer WDMGC

Vince's summer sojourn continues in northern Michigan. He tells us we have $2,392.18 in checking, sufficient for our upcoming needs. Who are we to question a man on a sailboat?

Would it even be an MG club drive without a failure to proceed?

Perry Zakucia was victimized by electrical gremlins during our drive to the Riddle House in Lowell. Though he was able to get the car restarted there, it soon failed to proceed again. Fortunately, Ken Klemmer returned to the rescue! He drove Perry to buy a new battery, they installed it, and Perry then limped home successfully. Whew!



We Visit the Riddle House in Lowell.

Photos and story by John Magee

I just want to say that Matt Bade knocked it out of the park with this drive on Saturday, June 6, while also vastly underselling what we were about to see. His description to me was along the lines of, “We’re going to drive out to Lowell to see this cool house with a car collection. Then lunch.”

It turns out that the home of Kent and Susan Riddle is a truly amazing architectural achievement. The car collection inside may be even more amazing. The couple has lived in the home for more than 30 years as Kent has built out both the house and the collection. They enjoy inviting clubs for a tour We were happy to visit.

Top: Ready to hit the road.
Middle: Kent Riddle and Ken Klemmer.
Below: The hobbit hole, which naturally leads to the Green Dragon pub!

The home itself includes a full assortment of whimsy including a hobbit hole and pub, windmills, a Viking longhouse, large bells, full-size dinosaur skeletons, and dozens of other things. The car collection is just as diverse, a pre-World War II collection with some of the world’s earliest cars, steam cars, and dozens of early internal-combustion engines, And a post-war collection every bit as diverse including an Amphicar, a Pierce-Arrow travel trailer, a Cord roadster, and more than a dozen other amazing cars.

Then we drove on for lunch.

An amazing day!

Riddle House Photos

Counter-clockwise from upper left:

MGs arriving!

MGs parked!

MGs departing!

Over the covered bridge and away!

The post-war collection.

The pre-war collection.

MGs Spotted on the Field at the 2026 Motor Muster!

Photos and story by John Magee

MGs of all sorts could be seen around Greenfield Village at the 2026 Motor Muster the weekend of June 20-21, including Lee Jacobsen's 1937 green MG SA Tickford, Bill Reeve's cream 1948 MG TC, and Amy Brown's Mirage 1974 MGB. It couldn't have been a nicer day for a smattering of British cars around the Village!

Mad Dogs and Englishmen Auto Faire 2026

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

Chrome-bumper MGBs and MGCs were the featured marque at the 35th Annual Mad Dogs & Englishmen Auto Faire on Sunday, July 12, while other MGs of all types were plentiful on the field. Club members whose cars were recognized included Ken Klemmer, 3rd Place among pre-1956 MGs; Steve Finch, 2nd Place among the featured chrome-bumper MGBs; and Arayan Lias, 3rd Place among chrome-bumper Bs.

The convoy out provided fun and scenic driving across Michigan for a dozen or so members, and at least one notable incident. (See Page 10.) On the field a typical sunny and hot July show provided lots for members to see and do, from the autocross course to touring the collection at the host Gilmore Car Museum.

A good time was had by all!

More Mad Dogs Photos

The Luckiest and Dumbest Man in the State of Michigan

Photos, story, and editing by John Magee

The dumbest and luckiest MG owner in the entire state of Michigan drove more than 30 miles in our convoy to Mad Dogs while his iPhone teetered on the trunk before Chris Kleindorfer saw it and stopped him. Unfortunately, there's no way to identify this hapless and fortunate man. Nope. No possible way at all. So says your editor.

June British Car Corral at Baker's of Milford

Photos and story by John Magee

The British Car Corral at Bakers of Milford, Michigan, sponsored by the Jaguar club attracted several beauties on Sunday, June 21. The next one will be July 26.

June and July US-Side Meetings

Photos from John Magee and Vicki Bade

Thunderstorms kept the parking lot to one brave MG TD for our June US-side monthly meeting (Top right.) But a sunny day brought out the MGs for July!

People below. July cars on the next page!

Parking Lot Photos from the July US-side Meeting

Photos from John Magee and Vicki Bade

July Natter and Noggin at the Riverside Sportsman Club

Photos and report from Dale Brown

Despite the extreme heat, we had a decent turnout and lots of fun at The July Natter and Noggin. Some of us came earlier to watch the England/ Argentina World Cup game. The wildfire smoke rolled in while we were there.

2026 EVENTS CONTINUED

2026 MG and British Car Events (July to October)

- **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.
- **Saturday, August 1 –British Car Day.** Eastwood MetroPark 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, Ohio. 9 am to 4 pm.
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- **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.
- **Wednesday, August 19, 6 pm — Monthly Natter and Noggin.** Windsor, Ontario.
- **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.
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- **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: The blackboard-paint MGB was a hit at this year's Mad Dogs & Englishmen show.

Honk if you like honking! Wheeeeee!

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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.

Serious calls only please. Heide Otto 734-657-2022. We can talk about price when you come to see it.

MGB Hardtop for Sale

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Mike Grimm,
mwg1950@aol.com,
734.502.0811

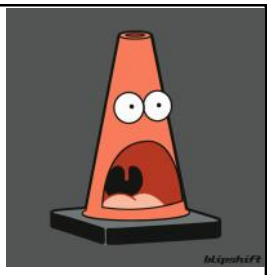
Member Classified Ads

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

$11,500

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Member Classified Ads (Continued)

New Home Needed for the Club's Autocross Cones

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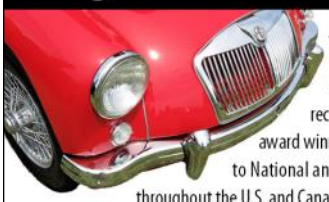

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677 S Eton Street
Birmingham, MI. 248-645-6300
autoeuropeservicesales.com
(from Bob Gibbs)

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

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
(from Tim Burston)

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
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248-349-3649
guystjohn@comcast.net
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1399 S. Cooper St.
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7897 33 Mile, Romeo, MI
586-381-6317
(from Fran Lewis)

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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.

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US Side Aug. 12, Sept. 9 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, Aug. 9, Sept. 16, 6 pm.

Riverside Sportsmen Club
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