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The British Return to Fort Meigs, June 3

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CHAPTER DUES \$18 annually
NICKNAME *Rowdies*
MOTTO *People First!*

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1976-1980 *Bruce Nichols*
1981-1982 *Tom Latta*
1983-1984 *Dick Feight*
1985-1988 *Dave Smith*
1989-1990 *Dave Quinn*
1991-1994 *Mark Barnhart*
1995-1995 *Herb Maier*
1996-1996 *Tom Knoy*
1997-1998 *Neil Griffin*
1999-2002 *Bruce Nichols*
2003-2004 *Bob Sutton*
2005-2007 *Gordie Bird*



Rowdies Calendar of Up Coming Events



May 12, 2007

Brewery Tour, Webberville, MI
Dick Gruz hosts at the Michigan Brewing Co.

Rowdies Funkahna, Postponed

June 16-17, 2007

Stratford Festival Trip, Stratford, Ontario
Windsor-Detroit MG Club hosts
www.mgcars.org.uk/wdmgccc

July 8, 2007

Mad Dogs & Englishmen XVII British Car Show
Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
maddogsandenglishmen.org

July 23-27, 2007

NAMGAR GT-32: Whistler, BC, Canada
gt32@shaw.ca

August 10-12, 2007

University Motors Summer Party, Grand Rapids, MI
John Twist hosts

August 25, 2007

Rowdies Birthday Party, Oakland, MI
Steve & Cathy Holliday host
Rowdies Calendar cont:

September 9, 2007

Battle of the Brits, Sterling Heights, MI
Detroit Triumph Sports Car Club hosts

October 20, 2007

Covered Bridge Tour, MI
Herb & Carlene Maier host

Rowdies Calendar cont.

December 2, 2007

Rowdies Christmas Party, Livonia, MI

Dave & Phyllis Goeddeke host

February 10, 2008

Rowdies Business meeting

TBD

Overheard on the internet

[MG's U.S. backer: We're not dead, and we're looking for dealers](#)
[Key investor says talks with Nanjing continue](#)

The joint venture planning to build MG cars in the United States will begin searching this month for up to 40 dealers, the lead investor says. Oklahoma Global Motors expects to have a licensing proposal by April 16, Marc Nuttle says. Nuttle returned last week from negotiations with Nanjing Automobile Group to build the MG TF coupe from knockdown kits in Ardmore, Okla., in 2008.

Jackson, MI

April 2, 2007

Time for the true believers to get out their wallets! :)

Dave Quinn

Grand Rapids, MI

April 3, 2007

Let me get this straight-you want to work for a dealer in Michigan who's selling an English car, packaged in China, and assembled by a group of Okies in Oklahoma after a bunch of New York bankers decide how to finance it? Oh yeah, that sounds like a great opportunity. Try selling one of those to a UAW member here!

Ken Nelson

P.S. I tried to get into the full article in Automotive News and was told I'd have to

buy a subscription first. Is Dave Q. working on a commission for them in his retirement?

Jackson, MI

April 3, 2007

They just don't trust people who would drive a Rover. An English car that clearly was badged with the idea of skipping out without paying.

Dave Quinn

Vancouver, BC

April 9, 2007

Please remind your Club members that the cost of registration for GT32 goes up after May 1st. The host hotel still has a few rooms available, and we have arranged overflow rooms in the hotel across the street, The Pinnacle, if required. The host hotel will take care of your booking in the hotel should it be required. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us through the web site www.GT32.com. Passports are required for US Citizens who are flying into Canada, but not required if you are driving to Whistler.

Peter Tilbury , Chairman

Cover Photo: Bob Sutton with his wife Sherry. Bob died on April 15, 2007 in a tragic boating accident while fishing with two of his sons on Lake Erie. He was President of the Rowdies during 2003 and 2004, and was a real MG enthusiast, owning several MGAs. Please keep Sherry and their family in your thoughts and prayers as they endure this difficult time without their beloved Bob.

Deadline for submitting material for the next issue is: June 10th



Chairman's Chatter

by Gordie
Bird

It is with deep sadness that I begin this issues' Chatter. We've just learned of the passing of Rowdie Past-President Bob Sutton in a boating accident. Our condolences go out to Sherry and the family. Bob will be missed by all of us.

On Saturday April 14th, tax weekend 2007, the weather was overcast and cool. Truth is that the Hollidays showed up for the trip to the Kimber Party with their top down, and mine was already up. While the Hollidays put their top up and side curtains in, I eschewed the side curtains for a stocking cap and gloves and off we went. It was a dry day, but really cold. The Delhi was crowded with MG enthusiasts from around the state. It was a good turnout with many fine examples of the marque in the parking lot. As is usual for this event, something unusual showed up. This year it was an AC coupe. Not sure of the model or year, but it was clearly an original saloon made by AC. There was also a nice vintage Alfa Romeo amongst the group. As much as we like kicking tires in the parking lot, I was glad to be able to be inside and hear Dave Smith's stories of Sebring and rubbing elbows with the someone named Andretti and Penske. As has been tradition, the Windsor Detroit MG Club provided the cake for Cecils' 119th birthday. Not having a thick enough coat (to go along with the stocking cap), I erected the side curtains and the trip home was quite comfortable.

In the "I hope everyone got the word" cate-

gory, sorry about the cancellation of the Funkhana on May 19, we're looking forward to a reschedule in the fall and also about the incorrect date listed in the last A-Antics for the Kimber Party.

The first ever Rowdies Family Calendar should be in your hands by now, or very soon. I hope you were able to upload some pictures. If the club decides to continue with the calendar then there would be a nominal charge, around \$10 each I think. Whether we do or not is up to the membership. Please let your board know what you like or don't like about this calendar so appropriate changes can be made in future editions. We didn't quite get the variety of pictures we wanted. If anyone has any complaints about what pictures were used where, the solution is to submit more of your own pictures as the printer ultimately decided on what pictures to use where.

The first hosted Rowdies event that is eligible for the gift certificate was at the Michigan Brewery on May 12, hosted by Dick & Diana Grucz. One lucky attendee received a \$50 gift certificate to Little British Car Company and the Gruczs' have an entry for the hosts drawing at the annual Rowdies Birthday Party in August.

Lastly, I asked everyone for an email vote for a venue for a fall club event. After careful tabulation the winner, by only 2 votes, is Battle of the Brits. This does not mean that we are definitely hosting this event, but if we do, it will be the weekend of Sept 9.

See you at the next event.

Safety Fast!

Gordie

Bob Sutton, President Michigan Rowdies 2003-2004

Following is the obituary for Bob from the Lansing Journal.

Robert H. Sutton, of Mason, age 59, went to be with The Lord on April 15, 2007. Robert was born August 8, 1947, in Lansing, Michigan, the son of Hugh and Genevieve (Smith) Sutton.

Bob was very proud of his service to his country. He was active Army for three years, Viet Nam Veteran and served in the National Guard for 27 years. Bob retired from General Motors after 30 years of service. He was a car enthusiast, MGs specifically. His pride and joy was his 1958 MG that had for 35 years before it was completely finished. Bob also enjoyed riding his motorcycle, running and fishing. He was past president of the Michigan Rowdies, member of the Loyal Order of moose Lodge #288, All British Car Club and Gold Wing Riders Association. A loving and thoughtful husband, father, Brother, grandfather, uncle and friend will be dearly missed by all.

Robert was preceded in death by his daughter, Gabrielle Sutton, and his parents Hugh and Genevieve Sutton.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sherry; children, Brian (Heidi Hiner) Sutton, Jason Sutton, Jared (Jenny) Sutton, Kerry (Steve) McGarry, Kimberly (John Adams) Richardson and Kelly (Matt) Pekrul; sisters, Gayle McClelland and Barbara (Raymond) Franks; grandchildren, Skyler Sutton, Kelsey, Sean, and Alex McGarry, Kylee and Kasidy Coats, Kendi and Kaydence Richardson, Lewis and Vadis Pekrul. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and many friends. Funeral Services were held April 19, 2007, 1 p.m. at the Palmer, Bush & Jensen Family Funeral Home, Holt/Delhi Chapel, 5035 W. Holt Rd., with Rev. Fr. David Pike officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Pediatrics Intensive Care Unit at Sparrow Hospital in memory of Bob. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.palmerbush.com



Above: Bob with Sherry at a Rowdie meet during his presidential reign.
Left: Bob, Sherry and Thelma Griffin wait for the right deal at the Rowdies Birthday Party Auction at Dick & Diana Grucz' in 2004.



Michigan Brewery Tour

Saturday May 12, 2007

LUNCH & TASTING AT NOON FOLLOWED BY BREWERY TOUR.

A 10% DISCOUNT IS OFFERED AT THINGS BEER FOR BEER & WINE MAKING SUPPLIES AS WELL AS T-SHIRTS AND BREWERYANA. (PINT GLASSES, SIGNS, MIRRORS ETC.)

BEER TO GO AT SPECIAL MONDAY ONLY PRICES FOR THE GROUP. 6-PACK \$6.00 12-PACK \$11.00

24-CASE \$20.00 A CASE IS REGULARLY \$28.00

THERE WILL BE A COUPON FOR ROWDIES TO GET THE DISCOUNTS.



DIRECTIONS ARE: I-96 EAST OR WEST BOUND TO EXIT 122 (M52) AT WEBBERVILLE. NORTH TO HIGHVIEW DR. (AT McDONALDS) TURN RT AND FOLLOW AROUND TO THE GREEN ROOFED BUILDING. SIGN IN FRONT (MICHIGAN BREWING / THINGS BEER.)

<http://www.michiganbrewing.com/mbc.asp>





Win \$50

The Rowdies will have a drawing at each meet for a gift certificate worth \$50 in merchandise from Jeff Zorn's Little British Car Co.

July 23-27, 2007



We hope to see some new faces at our meets and encourage you to bring a friend to join. All paid-up

www.GT32.com

www.whistlerblackcomb.com

Signs of the time



Lake Erie British Car Club Presents:
**The British Return To
 Fort Meigs**

Sunday, June 3, 2007
 9th Annual Event

British Car Show

Fort Meigs Historical Site
 Route 65, Perrysburg, Ohio

10am to 3pm
 (Registration 10am till noon)

Pre-registration \$12 Day of show \$15
 Pre-registration deadline 5/26/07

For more info, visit our website at: <http://lakeeriebritishnews.home.att.net>, email to lakeeriebritishnews@att.net or call Lake Erie British Car Club at 419-855-8567.

-----Cut and return bottom portion with your payment for shirts and entry fees-----

Event T-shirts available with pre-registration – quantities will be limited day of show

Size	Quantity	Price	Size	Quantity	Price
Small		\$ 8.00	X-Large		\$ 8.00
Medium		\$ 8.00	XX Large		\$ 9.00
Large		\$ 8.00	XXX Large		\$ 9.00

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
 Street City State Zip

Car Club _____ Email _____

Entry _____
 Year Make Model

I hereby release Lake Erie British Car Club and its affiliates from any loss, liability, or damage that may occur to me or my property. My cancelled check is my receipt; no confirmation will be sent.

Signature _____

Make checks payable to LEBCC and mail to:
 Laura Shippey, 1045 Hugo St., Maumee, OH 43537.
Pre-registration deadline May 26, 2007.

Oil Part II

By Bruce Nichols

The additives that we will be looking at in this article are those added by the manufacturer, these are not the after market variety.

VISCOSITY IMPROVERS - See Oil Part I in A-ANTICS.

ANTI-FOAM

Oil is subject to a great deal of violent agitation especially at high RPMs and this can cause foaming, air bubbles in the oil.

When extreme foaming occurs oil loss at the oil pump suction occurs (air in the oil). This is detrimental to engines. The antifoam additives lower the surface tension of the oil which reduces the foaming.

ANTI-SCUFF AND ANTIWEAR ADDITIVES

These may also be referred to as film strength or oiliness agents. Most of these are compounds of phosphorus, sulfur and Zinc. These have a strong attraction to metal, supplementing the lube qualities of oil. (See Oil Part I).

OXIDATION INHIBITORS

Air is always being drawn through the engine and with oil temps of 200 - 260 degrees F, excellent conditions are created for oxidation to take place.

Oils without oxidation inhibitors will oxidize forming organic acids and ox hydrocarbons causing sludge and varnishes. The inhibitors reduce this.

CORROSION AND RUST INHIBITORS

Engine corrosion and rusting is caused by combustion blow by products. These products contain water vapor, organic and inorganic acids. When this contaminated vapor condenses on metal parts, corrosion and rust will occur.

These additives neutralize acids in the crankcase. They also have an affinity for metal surfaces forming a protective film.

POUR POINT DEPRESSANTS

Motor oils made from paraffin base crudes have pour points from around 10 to 25 degrees F. Temps lower than this will cause crystallization of wax in the paraffin base which restricts oil flow. Pour point depressants reduce the temps to 30 degrees or lower, restricting the formation of crystals.

DETERGENT AND DISPERSANT ADDITIVES

Detergent and dispersants in motor oils are similar in their actions to household detergents. Detergents remove dirt, harmful sludge and varnishes. The dispersants keep the sludge etc. suspended in the oil so they can be removed by the filter or when the oil is changed.

Of course these are consumed with use therefore change your oil at recommended intervals.

FRICTION MODIFIERS

Friction is the resistance to motion of one surface against another. Friction modifiers provide a friction reducing shield on engine components so they slide more easily.

Remember, oil doesn't wear out, additives do. Change your oil.

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Ford-trucks.com/snake_oil!

Noria.com/dictionary, This is a lubrication dictionary.

Thegsresources.com/gargages_oil

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Advanceautoparts.com/English/youcan/html/ccr/ccr20010101ov.

info@Lnengineering.com. Referred by Steve Mazurek, contains links to other oil related sites. Excellent.

Sebring MG Reunion Photos



1) Rowdie Racing Team mates Mark Barnhart, Dave Smith & Sherry Smith, pose with #49 on Race Day. 2) The famous MGA coupes on display at the Sebring reunion. 3) Rowdie Team member Brian Beery checks out a prototype MGA coupe slated for production in 2008. 4) Vintage Racer Dick Prather chats with Rowdies Brian and Mark while they make final race preparations.

Kimber Party Photos



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1) A good crowd of MG enthusiasts from all around the state fills the Delhi Café on a cold spring day to celebrate Cecil Kimber's 119th Birthday. 2) Sherry Smith, Dave Smith & Cathy Holliday hang around inside after lunch for a while to stay warm. 3) A classic pre-war AC sedan made by the MG Motor Car Co. stands out in parking lot outside the Delhi café.



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Cote's Day in the Garage

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4) Steve Holliday supervises while wife Cathy Holliday does the work. Way to go Steve! 5) Rob Cote' instructs Mike Moder, Steve, Cathy and Neil Griffin on the fine points of paint chip repair and polishing. 6) Mike Goeddeke's 1500 coupe and Mike Moders 1600 roadster are looking good!



Cote's Day in the Garage cont. 1



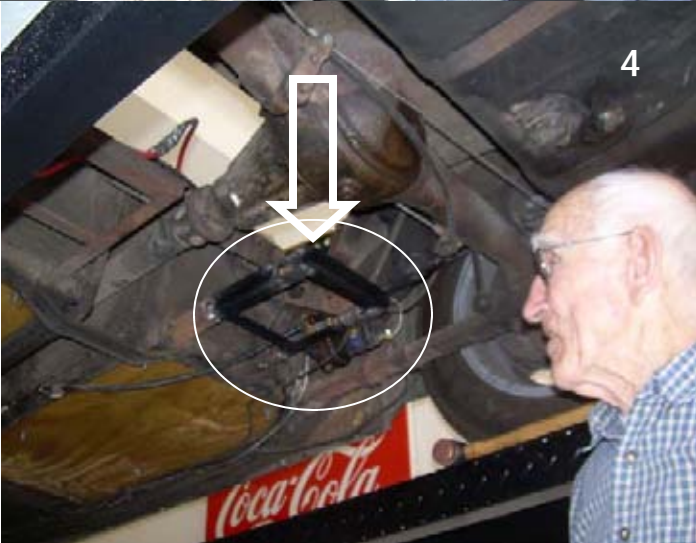
1) Steve puts with finishing touches on his paint repair with the foam polishing wheel while Cathy & Neil watch from a distance. 2) Cathy & Mike Goeddeke work together to install a new rear window gasket on Mikes coupe while Brian Beery and Mike Moder provide installation tips. 3) While Mike cleans the window frame, Mike Moder, Steve & Brian enjoy the beautiful sunny spring day. 4) Mike is amazed that the Rowdies can make a difficult job so easy. Cathy's resourcefulness & Rob's excellent tool chest helped immensely. 5) Gordie Bird tries out the drivers seat in Rob's latest project car, a 1937 Ford coupe with a chop top and fitted with a nearly new corvette engine, as Rob points out the finer details of his handiwork.



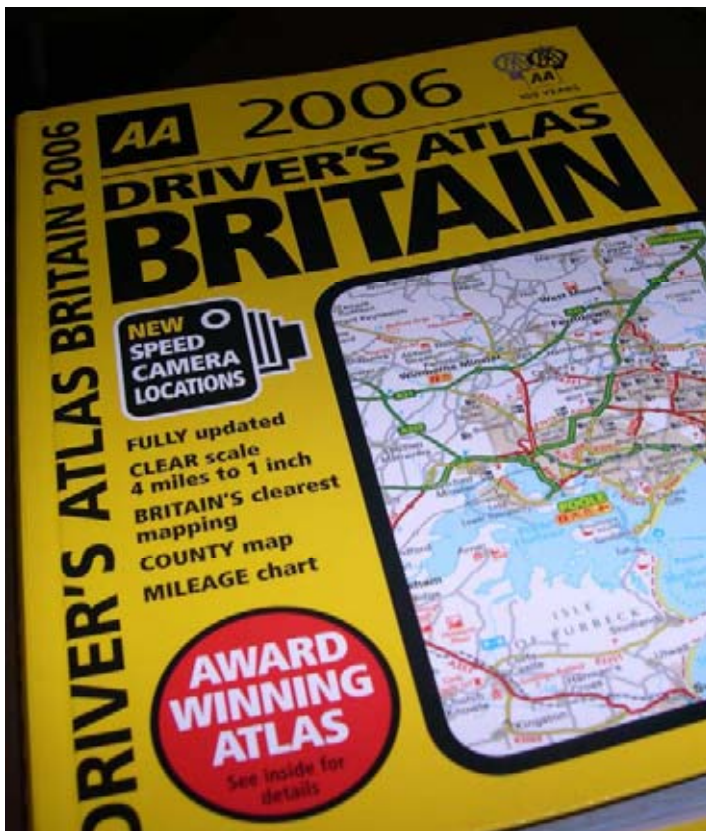
Cote's Day in the Garage cont.



1) Rob and Neil discuss the best approach to attach a new battery support bracket in Matt Wigent's MGA with Rob's new MIG welder. 2) Sparks fly as Matt cuts out the old rusted battery frame. 3) Rob, Mike, Brian & Matt watch as Neil finishes the installation. 4) Neil makes one last check to inspect his work before handing it over to Matt. 5) Gordie, Mike, Steve & Cathy enjoy hanging out in the sunshine for a change. 6) The full view of Rob's '37 Ford chopper. This one ought to keep him busy for a while.



Question: Why do cars high speeding along the motorways in Britain suddenly slow down at precise places??



Answer: Because they have this road atlas that shows all the of the speed camera locations!! The atlas is very accurate; I looked for and found the cameras every time. Watch the motorists slowing for new locations not in the book!

Philip Wiltshire

Members Page

Rowdies Website

Steve Mazurek, Webmaster

URL: <http://www.mgcars.org.uk/michiganrowdies/>

Mac McDonnells Database Report

1 new members since January 1, 2007.

70 Active and paid-up members.

New Member Information

Please welcome our newest member:

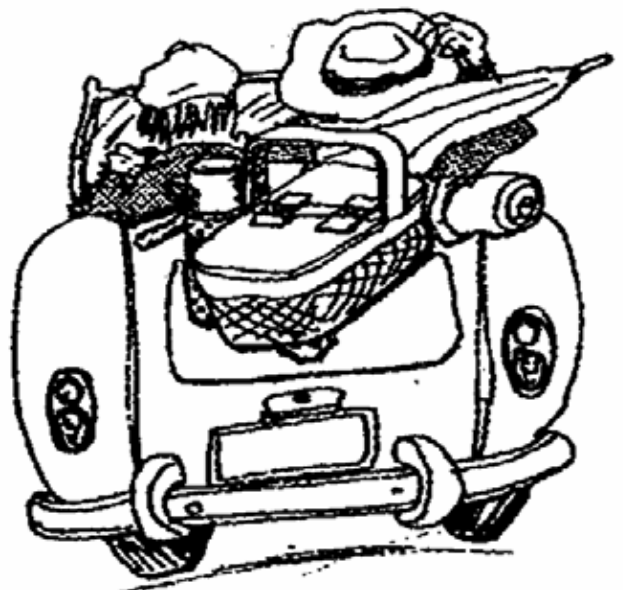
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