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CHAPTER DUES \$25 annually
NICKNAME *Rowdies*
MOTTO *People First!*

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Rowdies Calendar of Up Coming Events



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

December 2, 2007

Rowdies Christmas Party, Livonia, MI
Dave & Phyllis Goeddeke host

February 10, 2008

Rowdies Business meeting
TBD



Cover Photo: Brian Beery, Curt & Stephanie Smith, Lloyd Herring, Rich Pollion, Mark Barnhart and Bruce Nichols stop for a chat at the University Motors Summer Party on August 11.
Photo by Dave Quinn.

Deadline for submitting material for the next issue is: October 20th

Overheard on the Internet

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

The DeLorean is back.

Twenty-five years after the stainless steel car-maker went belly up, the vehicle that starred in all three "Back to the Future" movies will get a new lease on life, according to executives of the new DeLorean company, formed in 1995.

James Espey, vice president of DeLorean Motor Co., said the company will begin building new DeLoreans next year. The cars will sell for \$57,500 and retain the squared-off looks and gull-wing doors that made them unique. Instead of mass producing the cars, DeLorean will assemble them by hand in Humble, Texas. Espey said the company will build one or two cars a month.

"Job 1 will begin in the third quarter of next year," said Espey of a possible start time. Standing with several DeLorean owners along Woodward Avenue during Saturday's Dream Cruise, Espey described the cottage business that emerged from the wreckage of the bankrupt original DeLorean company.

"When DeLorean closed in 1982, there were thousands of parts left untouched," he said. "Everything was shipped to a warehouse in Texas. We took those parts and have been helping people restore and repair their DeLoreans for the past 12 years."

Dave Swingle, president of the company's Midwest office, said his 4,000-square-foot shop in Chicago remains busy strictly with DeLorean work.

"There's currently about a one-month wait at the shop to get work done on a car," Swingle said. Espey said the idea to build new cars came because of the continued success of restoring the vehicles, which have grown in popularity. Out of the 9,000 DeLoreans originally sold, about 6,500 remain on the road.

Even as the supply of spare parts diminished,

the demand remained, Espey said. So the company decided to start producing new parts, which led to the decision to combine the old parts with the new.

Roughly 80 percent of the new cars will be made from parts produced in the early 1980s. However, the company will update the interior, provide stronger engines and address any shortcomings in the original vehicles. The cars will be sold at five U.S. locations and one in Europe.

Kevin Smith, editorial director for the automotive Web site Edmunds.com, told the Associated Press he's interested to see if the effort fares better than the first attempt. He said quality control is often an issue with limited production, "but I'm always optimistic for people who want to make new and interesting cars." The newest version of the DeLorean will certainly be interesting and exclusive, Smith said, "and for some people with means, that's enough."

Originally the creation of renowned automotive engineer John DeLorean, DMC folded in 1983. DeLorean was arrested the year before in a drug-trafficking sting. He was accused of conspiring to sell \$24 million worth of cocaine to salvage his company.

Although DeLorean used an entrapment defense to win acquittal, legal entanglements plagued him for years. He died in 2005 at age 80.

Submitted by Dave Smith





Chairman's Chatter

by Gordie Bird

Once again I'm asking myself where the summer has gone? Where ever it went, I think I missed a good portion of it this year. This years Rowdie Birthday Party sure wasn't one to miss. Although on the east side of the state it actually favored those on the west side as they chased the rain as they traveled across the state. Those of us on the east side of the state had a cloudy rainy morning and early afternoon which caused me to drive the BGT and leave the A in the garage with top down. The MG brought by Atlanta based Rowdie, Brad Dryden was his 1500 coupe body/frame just completed by Carl Heideman of Eclectic Motor Works in Holland. The auction was successful with nearly \$400.00 raised for the club and there was plenty of action on the Grand Prix vintage pinball machine provided by Rob Cote. Another treat was the Collier Cup for Vintage MGs trophy currently held by Dave Smith. The Rowdie raffle gift certificate for \$50.00, sponsored by Little British Car Company, was won by Steve Holliday and the annual hosts drawing for \$100.00 was won by the Cotes. Thanks Rob for the entertainment, Dave and Brad for the art, and everyone for the great auction items and spirited bidding.

It seems the Microsoft bug has bit me. After a bit of a strained, incomplete boot of my computer I found all my email, email settings, Outlook contacts, and bookmarks were gone. Just gone. Of course, I had a backup, from 2004! I'm putting my Rowdies email list

back together and hope to have it finished soon. If you're email address has changed since your last renewal, drop me an email at mg_garage@comcast.net and I'll update my new list.

Coming up is Battle of the Brits on September 9 and a covered bridge color tour sponsored by Herb & Carlene Maier on October 20.

Hope to see you there.

Safety Fast!

Gordie

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.

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

The Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club presents:



**The 25th Annual Battle of the Brits
Sunday September 9th, 2007 9:00 a.m.
Freedom Hill Park, Sterling Heights, MI
<http://www.detroittriumph.org/>**

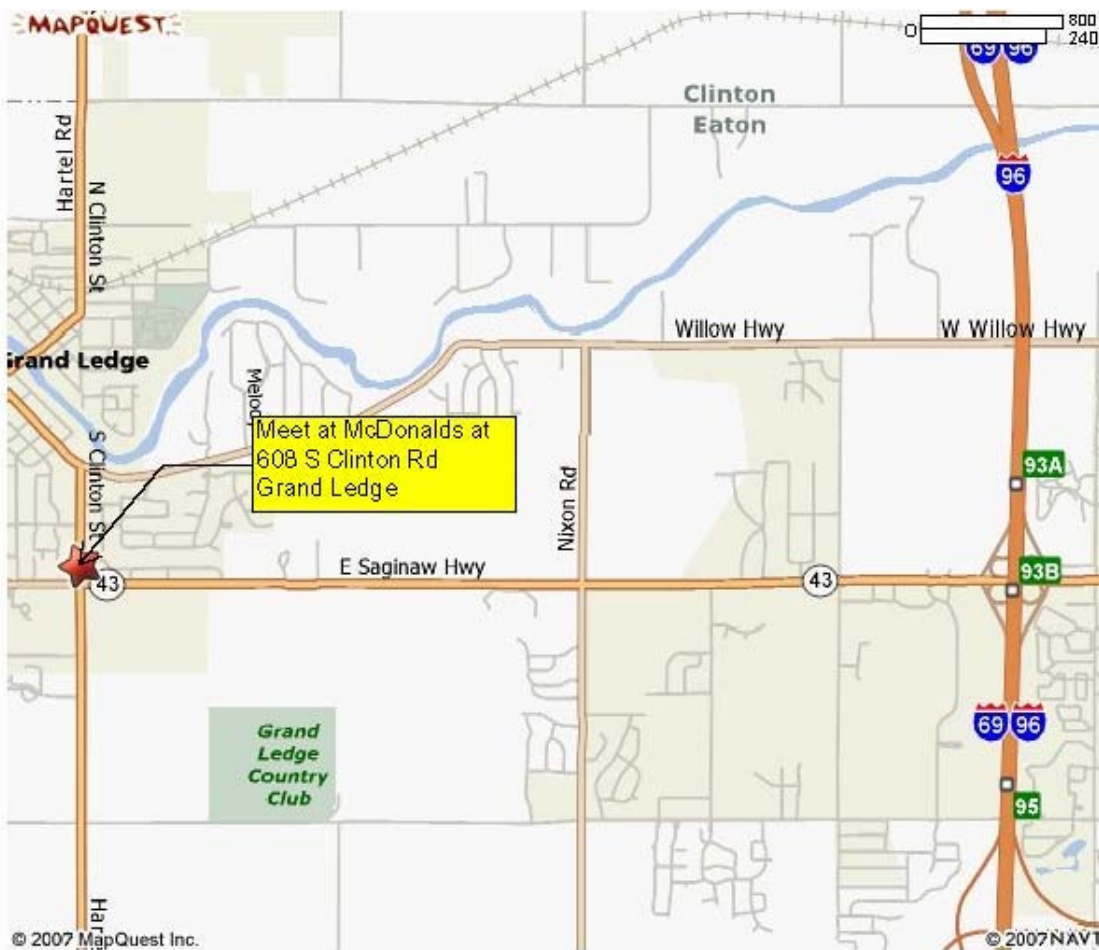
COVERED BRIDGE COLOR TOUR

Saturday October 20, 2007

We'll meet at the McDonalds restaurant in Grand Ledge at Clinton Rd and Saginaw Hwy, just a few miles from I-96/69 at 11:00 a.m. for departure at 11:30 a.m. sharp.

The tour will be about 2 hours of country roads and covered bridges ending in Lowell for lunch and shopping.

Please join us for what may be the last drive of the season, rain or shine
hosted by Herb & Carlene Maier
(517-349-2141).



Rowdies Birthday Party



Above: All eyes are on Gordie as the Rowdies assemble for the auction. Is that an open can of beer he's put up for bid. Below: Looking like a couple of proper British Gents are Ken Nelson & Steve Finch. They might fool some.



2007 Fall Color Tour

September 22nd

Join fellow members of the Detroit Triumph Sports Car Club, SE Michigan Austin Healey Car club, Windsor Detroit MG Car Club, MG-T Club, Border City Mini Club & the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan members on an approximately 100 mile tour of the best roads in Oakland & Livingston Counties. The tour will begin at the home of fellow DTSC & SE Michigan Austin Healey club member Roger Cotting.

**56050 Eight Mile Road
Northville, MI 48167**

A drivers meeting will be held at 12:30 pm. Route instructions will be distributed at this time & we will depart at 1:00 pm sharp. The caravan of cars will drive paved scenic roads. In addition to the drive a poker run will take place during the tour with prizes going to the best & worst poker hands. Tally sheets will be available at the start of the tour for \$5. Proceeds from the poker run will go to charity.

The program will conclude at Baker's of Milford in historic Milford Michigan. Our estimated arrival time is 5:15 pm. All arriving participants of the fall tour will be invited into a banquet room at Baker's for cocktails. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet representatives of the other British car clubs. Winners of the Poker Run will be announced & prizes awarded at the conclusion of the cocktail hour. Following cocktails the DTSC will have their annual Year End Party. All other participants are invited to dine in the adjacent restaurant at Bakers.

**Baker's Of Milford
2025 S. Milford Road
Milford, MI 48381**

Early registration is recommended.

Please register for this program by contacting:

Mark Rollinson 313-618-7423 or Doug Cook at 248-379-1949

Rowdies Making the Scene



1) Herb Maier at University Motors Summer Party. 2) Dave Smith getting ready to race as Mosport Park in Canada. 3) Jon & Theresa Burchwell with Patsy Van Conant at U.M. Summer Party. 4) Rowdie Racing's #49 with Mark Barnhart & Tommy Hoan in Background. 4) Mark & Cindy Michalak apparently can't decide what to wear to the GT-32 Hospitality Party to visit with Diane Mazurek & friends.



Mad Dogs & Englishmen, July 8th



1) Mike Moder cruises past some of the MGAs at the "Mad Dogs" show. 2) Bruce Read finds a little shade on a blazing hot day. 3) Pam & Jim Neil pause to get their picture took before driving off to a cooler spot. 4) Curt & Stephanie Smith brave the elements to check out the cars on the sun drenched Hickory Corners field. 5) Bill Weakley came prepared with his stylish wide brimmed hat to provide his own portable shade area. Dave Quinn photos



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Total ads may not exceed 12-1/2% (2 pgs of 16); ads accepted on first come, first served bases.

For Sale:

1966 MGB-GT, red, in wonderful southwest condition. Got photos. \$8,517.

Questions? mgardon@aol.com or 505-281-7460. Don Holle



Dave Smith visualizes the course while preparing for the race at Mosport.

Members Page

Rowdies Website

Steve Mazurek, Webmaster

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

Mac McDonnells Database Report

3 new members since January 1, 2007.
58 Active and paid-up members.

New Member Information

Please welcome our newest members:

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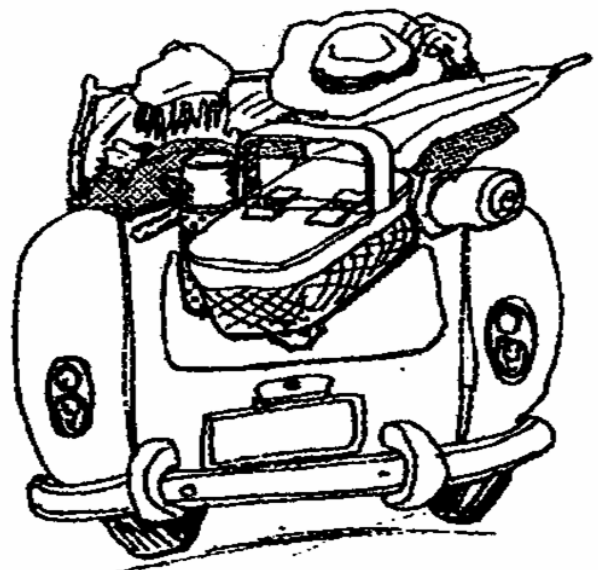
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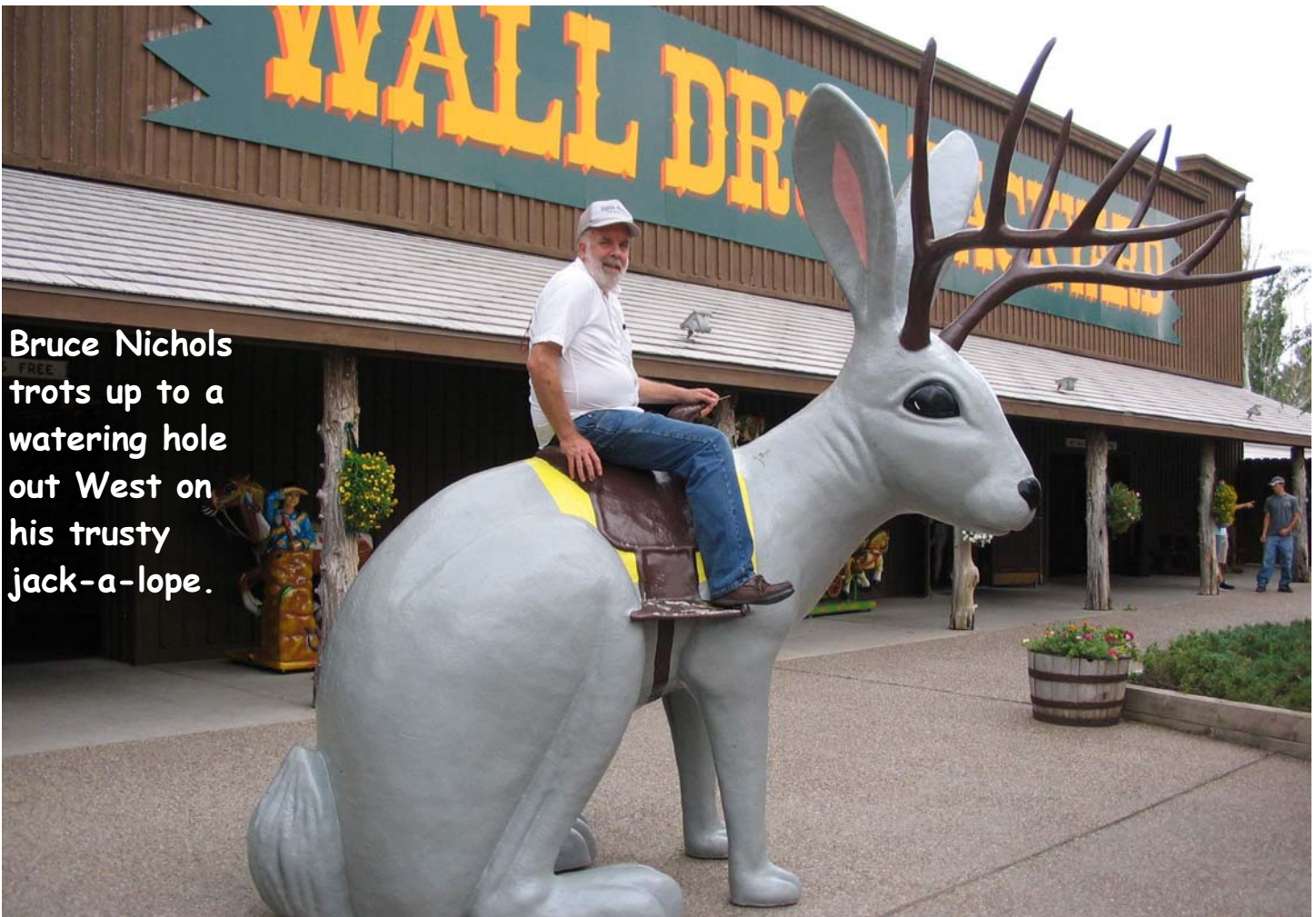
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Bruce Nichols trots up to a watering hole out West on his trusty jack-a-lope.