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

PAST CHAPTER CHAIRMEN
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



February 9, 2008

Rowdies Business meeting, Clarkston, MI
Rob & Denise Cote' host

Start Planning!

March 2008

Day(s) in the Garage

April 2008

Kimber Party, Garage Day

May 2009

Funkahna, Brewery Tour

June 2008

Fort Meigs. Stratford Festival,

July 2008

GT-33, Mad Dogs, Wine Tour

August 2008

UM Summer Party, Rowdies Birthday

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 PAID-UP

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

Overheard on the Internet

December 7, 2007
???, USA

Several years ago, when I was a member of NAMGAR I seem to recall a parody on the Night Before Christmas that I think your group contributed to NAMGAR for publication. It started, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas and out on the street, my MG was sitting all covered with sleet....." I can't get it out of my head. Help! Does it ring a bell?

Larry Brough

Ed. Note: If anyone out there remembers this, please contact the Editor.

December 26, 2007
Horton, MI

I have no longer the time to enjoy my MGA, which I have owned since 1987. It has a complete rebuilt engine with 500 miles on it.. I am preparing to run an ad in Hemmings but wondered if there was local interest. I am asking \$17,000. Can e-mail photos to serious enquirers.

Thanks, Greg Patten
patten51@yahoo.com



AMAZINGLY SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES

1. If you are choking on an ice cube simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat. Presto! The blockage will instantly remove itself.
2. Avoid cutting yourself slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold while you chop.
3. Avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.
4. For high blood pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure in your veins.
Remember to use a timer.
5. A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.
7. You only need two tools in life - WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
8. Remember: Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

Daily Thought: Some people are like Slinkies. Not really good for anything, but they bring a smile to your face when pushed down the stairs.

Ed. Note: I won't even say who submitted this.



Chairman's Chatter

by Gordie Bird

The final event of the

calendar year was the Holiday Party, hosted by Dave & Phyllis Goeddeke in Livonia and brought Rowdies from all over the state. We all caught up with our latest car projects/plans and ate a bit too much. Due to the weather some had to leave early. Bruce Nichols set out leaving instructions to auction off his gift, whatever it turns out to be, to benefit the club. Well, I'll tell you, the last gift turned out to be a handmade (by the hosts brother, Mike Goeddeke) key hanger featuring the MG logo and turned out to be quite popular with some spirited bidding that earned the club \$25! With weather conditions worsening, others had to leave before the Rowdie Raffle which was won by Jayne Pollian, who received a \$50.00 gift certificate to Lbcarco.com compliments of the Rowdies & Little British Car Company. The Goeddekes' will be entered in our hosts drawing for \$100.00.

But now, although it's cold and snowy outside, the days are getting longer which means we've turned the corner and Spring is in sight. It will soon be time for the Rowdies annual Business Meeting and planning the 2008 season. Please plan to attend the business meeting on Feb 9; we would love to implement your ideas.

NAMETAGS: After losing our source, our blanks, and our list of recipients, we will soon be back in production. If you have never received a nametag, please email Jeff Zorn at Jzorn@mgcars.org.uk with how you would like your (and your significant other) nametags to

read. We will get them done and in your hands before the 2008 season is over.

CLUB CALENDAR: The board has decided to once again provide 1 club calendar to each member family. Please upload your photos at our printers' website, www.vidataprint.com.

Click on '[contact](#)', then on 'ftp - [client file transfer](#)'. The user name and the password are both the same as last year. The User-name is 'rowdie', no quotes, lower case.

The Password is 'mga', no quotes, lower case. We will again let the printer decide on which pictures to use from all that are submitted, with the business meeting as the deadline.

We are asking for your suggestions as to the calendar format. We can do it like last year (only with a hole pre-drilled for hanging) or we can do a single page with the year (March '08 through Feb '09) on the bottom and a collage of pictures on top. The single page would be 18"x 24". We'll have time to discuss the format at our business meeting in February, but please submit your pictures now. We will order some extra calendars and will be available to the membership on a first come basis for whatever our cost is.

EVENTS: We would like to get a jump on planning the events for 2008. **If you would like to host an event (and be entered into the hosts drawing), please email Steve Holliday, Events Chairman mgaste-veh@aol.com with the date and event info prior to the business meeting on Feb 9.**

This way we will be able to pre-plan and make our business meeting shorter.

This year should be a good event year with the GT in nearby PA, and a longer driving season thanks to global warming. I'm making my plans now and hope some of your plans include some Rowdies Events.

See you soon.

Safety Fast!

Gordie

Rowdies Christmas Party

Over 30 Rowdies celebrated Christmas early at Dave & Phyllis Goeddeke's on December 1st.

- 1) Mike Goeddeke describes his carburetor tuning technique to Rich and Jayne Pollion . Jayne was the winner of the participation raffle and received a \$50 gift certificate from LBC Co.
- 2) Cathy Holiday and hostess Phyllis Goeddeke enjoy a break before the meal.
- 3) Cathy was the proud recipient of this fine MGA tray, until it was 're-gifted' by another Rowdie.
- 4) Denise Cote' chats with Neil Griffen and Mike & Debbie Tyler after dinner.



Christmas Party cont.

1) Rich Pollion happily shows off part of his Christmas exchange gift. 2) Traci Bird watches as Jan Zorn checks out her imported beer and pilsner glasses. The Rowdies got an early start to a Merry Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year.



Michigan Rowdies
Trial Balance
As of December 31, 2007

	<u>Dec 31, 07</u>	
	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Peoples	\$6,671.54	
Operating Balance Equity		\$3,390.54
Retained Earnings		3,802.26
Auction		359.00
Membership Dues		1,349.00
Tech Manual—A-Antics		192.00
A-Antics Newsletter -Postage	510.52	
A-Antics Newsletter—Printing	575.94	
Calendar	974.80	
Door Prize 50/50	75.00	
Gifts Given	100.00	
Hosting Event	100.00	
Membership Directory Printing	86.92	
Membership Supplies	8.10	
Miscellaneous		10.00
Total	\$9,102.82	\$9,102.82

Rowdies Business Meeting

Saturday, February 9, 2008 1 P.M.

At Rob & Denise Cote's

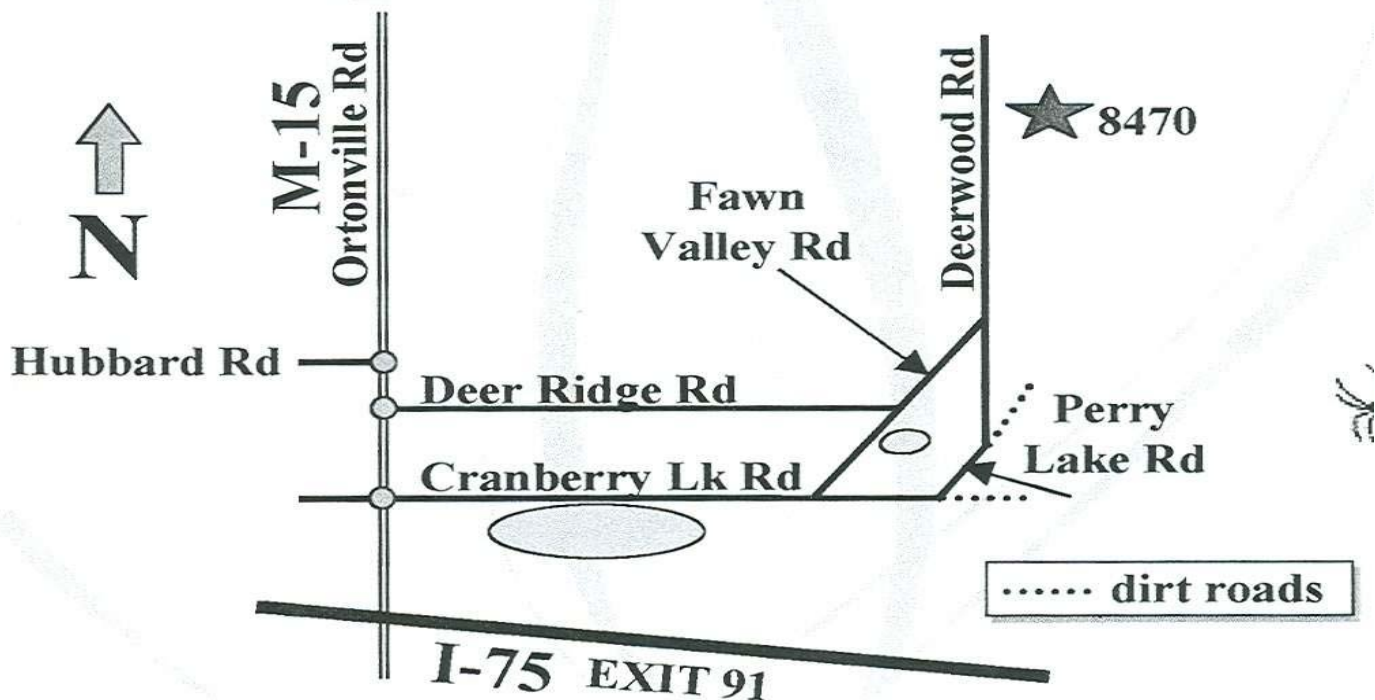
8470 Deerwood, Clarkston, MI

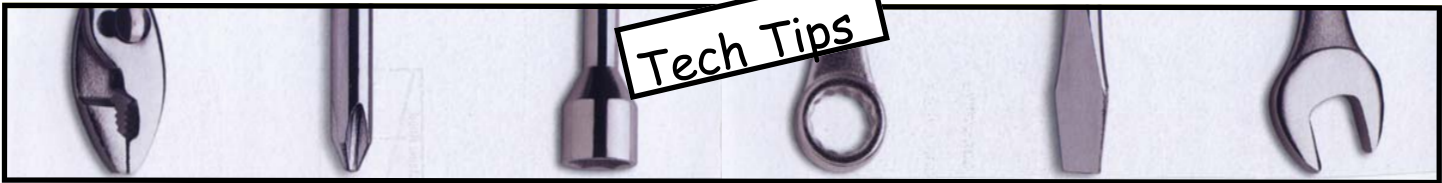
Ph. 248-922-9565

Bring your ideas for club events for 2008 along with a dish to share with your Rowdie friends after the business is done. Let's have lot's of days in the garage, brewery tours, picnics and chili meets to go along with all the car shows we can easily drive to in a day. Host a meet, and get in the prize raffle.

We also need some fresh ideas and more submissions from our members in this newsletter, including photos, articles and especially tech tips, for which the Rowdies are famous.

C'mon out and beat the Winter blahs by making plans with us for you and your MGA!





ROWDIE TOOLCHEST

Rowdie tools and other property are available for members use. If you would like to use any of the items listed below, please contact the person believed to be in possession (as of the most current newsletter) of the item. Once possession changes, that change will be reflected in the next A-Antics. If you give an item to another club member, please contact the club Librarian (Dave Goeddeke, 734-425-5254, xenon2000@earthlink.net) and provide the name of the member who now has the item.

If any of the below information is not correct, if you know of a tool not listed, please contact the acting club Librarian (Dave Goeddeke, 734-425-5254, xenon2000@earthlink.net)

TOOL

BELIEVED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF:

Front End Alignment Tool, electronic

Mark Barnhart (810) 635-7425
rowdie92@fastermac.net

Special Extractor Tool for removing the rear
bushing in early (slide in driveshaft) transmissions
Reamer for Front End Distance tubes

Mark Barnhart (810) 635-7425
rowdie92@fastermac.net

pylons

Mark Barnhart (810) 635-7425
rowdie92@fastermac.net

Curt Smith (734) 697-4363
Smith32670@aol.com

John Burchwell (734) 487-5366
jburchwell@hotmail.com

Lift-a-dot-fastener/punch

Neil Griffin (734) 697-7419
ntg@earthlink.net ntg@earthlink.net

Rear Axle Nut Wrench

Curt Smith (734) 697-4363
Smith32670@aol.com

Steering Rack Shim Wrenches

Dave Smith (517) 694-4856
mgarace@michcom.net

Club Banners, Royal Blue/White Lettering

Brian Berry (810) 364-7949
Dave Quinn (517) 782-9749
dlqs2000@comcast.net

Canopy

Bruce Nichols (269) 273-3118
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Car Show Signs silhouette, by model

Steve Holliday (248) 693-1382
mgastevch@aol.com

Large octagon made by Herb Hesenclever

Bruce Nichols (269) 273-3118
nicholsbm@aol.com

Club Video "50 Years of Racing"

Neil Griffin (734) 697-7419
ntg@earthlink.net

Video (VHS) Indy '96

Dave Smith (517) 694-4856
mgarace@michcom.net

Curt Smith (734) 697-4363
Smith32670@aol.com

Michigan Chapter NAMGAR By-Laws

Article 1. Name and Purpose

- Section A. Club Name: Officially we are “The Michigan Chapter of NAMGAR”. However our more common name is “The Michigan Rowdies”. This depicts our large turnouts at events and sometimes our general behavior.
- Section B. Club Purpose: The preservation and enjoyment of our MGA’S. We strive to maintain a low key relaxed group for the whole family and everything should be done in the spirit of Fun.

Article 2. Membership

- Section A. Joining Requirements: The only requirement for Michigan Chapter membership is an interest in or love of preserving, restoring, driving, showing, or admiring the MGA and its variants. The chapter will also strongly encourage all chapter members to also join the NORTH AMERICAN MGA REGISTER.
- Section B. Member Privileges: All membership privileges shall automatically cease if a members dues are unpaid. The board of the chapter may expel any member for conduct witch threatens the purpose or goals of the club.

Article 3. Dues

- Section A. Chapter Dues: Annual dues of \$18.00 are due and payable on your individual anniversary date. All members including officers pay dues.
- Section B. Lifetime Memberships (No Dues): Lifetime memberships have been given to NAMGAR’s first chairman Mac Spears, Michigan’s first chairman Bruce Nichols, and Michigan’s second chairman Tom Latta. No additional lifetime memberships will be awarded.

Article 4. Officers

- Section A. Elective Officers: There are three elective offices; the chapter chairman, the meets chairman, and the treasurer. This group is the CHAPTER BOARD.
- Section B. Volunteer officers: The volunteer offices are the “A-Antics” editor, regalia chairman, membership chairman, and the British Sports Car Council Representative.

Article 5. Duties of the Officers

- Section A. Chapter Chairman: The key is to maintain a spirit of fun. The Chairman may lead, follow, or get out of the way, usually there is a time and place for each. The Chairman oversees club activities as deemed necessary. A column, “Chairman’s Chatter” will be submitted to the A-Antics editor for each issue.

- Section B. Meets Chairman: Gets specific meet details “nailed down” and sent to the A-Antics editor in sufficient time for a detailed flyer to be included in the issue prior to the meet. The Meets Chairman serves as the Chapter Chairman in his absence.
- Section C. Treasurer: The Treasurer is the only member authorized to collect chapter dues. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping an accurate and up to date record of club finances. A treasury report will be made at each annual business meeting. A club checking account will be maintained. The Chairman must be notified in advance of any anticipated or intended liability of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more. The only exception to this rule is the cost of editing, printing, and postage for the A-Antics. All records are subject to chapter audit as deemed appropriate.
- Section D. A-Antics Editor: Members should enjoy receiving specific meet details with enough lead time to allow planning, tech tips to aid in restorations and maintenance, and stories and articles concerning the enjoyment of our club and cars. An assistant editor may be recruited to help as the editor deems necessary. All printing, Collating stapling, and postage costs will be paid by the treasurer through an advance. The chapter bylaws and a membership list will be published annually.
- Section E. Regalia Chairman: The Regalia Chairman is responsible for overseeing all regalia sales. Club regalia may be ordered after consultation with the chapter board. Regalia sales records will be kept and a report made at each annual business meeting.
- Section F. Membership Chairman: The Membership Chairman, through consultation with the Treasurer, insures that the membership list is up to date at all times. The Membership Chairman will provide the A-Antics editor with the specifics on new members. The Membership Chairman sends all new members a welcome letter and membership packet.

Article 6. Chapter News Letter

- Section A. The name of the chapter news letter will be “A-Antics”. A-Antics will be produced every other month in the odd numbered months. Advertising (for sale or wanted) is free to members. Commercial advertising, no matter if a member or someone outside the club will be at prevailing rates published in A-Antics. The editor maintains final editorial rights on all material submitted.

Article 7. Bylaws

- Section A. The bylaws may be amended or changed only by the Chapter Board by unanimous vote, with all three Chapter Board members in attendance.



ROWDIE CLUB CALENDAR

EVER SEE A CAR CALENDAR AND PICTURE YOUR CAR IN IT? NEITHER HAVE I, BUT A CLUB CALENDAR IS STILL PRETTY COOL.

IF YOU HELP US PUT THIS CALENDAR TOGETHER, WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE. WE'LL GIVE YOU ONE EVEN IF YOU DON'T HELP, BUT SINCE IT IS A CLUB CALENDAR, WE NEED PICTURES FROM *ALL* OF THE CLUB MEMBERS.

It's really easy, simply upload several of your favorite, 'calendar quality' digital pictures to the website of VIData Printing.

That's it! Once we get a hundred or so quality pictures, VIData Printing will put together our calendar.

This year it will run from March '08 until February '09, and the club is going to send all members in good standing (are your dues up to date?) a club calendar. No obligation, no charge.

HERE'S HOW:

Go to VIData's website, <http://www.vidataprint.com>.

On the upper right, click on 'client area'.

The Username is 'rowdie', no quotes, lower case.

The Password is 'mga', no quotes, lower case.

'Browse' to the location of your picture(s) on your computer.

Click on 'Upload File'. Repeat for additional pictures.

PICTURES WILL NEED TO BE UPLOADED BY FEB 17. REMEMBER, IT'S NOT A CLUB CALENDAR WITHOUT YOUR CONTRIBUTION

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Jeff Zorn, Steve Holiday, Gordie Bird and Dick Grucz relax at the Christmas party before the gift exchange