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*Dave G's Day in the Garage Photos*

*Dave Smith's Day in the Garage, May*

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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*

2005-2008 *Gordie Bird*



## Rowdies Calendar of Upcoming Events



May 17, 2008

Day In the Garage, Holt, MI  
Dave & Chari Smith host

June 1, 2008

British Return to Fort Meigs, Perrysburg, OH  
[www.lakeeriebritishnews.home.att.net](http://www.lakeeriebritishnews.home.att.net)

June 1, 2008

Orphan Car Show, Ypsilanti, MI

June 13-15 2008

Stratford Festival, Stratford, Ontario CA  
Windsor-Detroit MG Club hosts  
[www.mgcars.org.uk/wdmgcc](http://www.mgcars.org.uk/wdmgcc)

July 13, 2008

Mad Dogs & Englishmen XVIII, Hickory Corners, MI  
[www.maddogsandenglishmen.org](http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org)

July 14-18, 2008

NAMGAR GT-33, Seven Springs, PA  
[www.gt-33.com](http://www.gt-33.com)

August 2, 2008

Rowdies Birthday Party, Jackson, MI  
Dave & Donna Quinn host

August 8, 2008

Octagon Party, Ada, MI 8:08 a.m. on 8-8-08  
University Motors event

August 16, 2008

Brewery Tour, Webberville, MI  
Dick & Diana Grucz host

Calendar of Events, cont.

September 6, 2008

Canoe Trip, Somewhere, MI

Details TBD

September 14, 2008

Battle of the Brits, Sterling Heights, MI

October 11, 2008

Color Tour, Somewhere else, MI

Herb & Carlene Maier host

December 6, 2008

Christmas Party, Somewhere Central, MI

Details TBD (cont.)

February 2, 2009

Rowdies Business Meeting, Clarkston, MI

Matt & Lisa Wigent host

## Overheard on the internet

April 28, 2008

Flint, MI

Well its official!!!! We close on our new house at Prudenville Michigan sometime in the next week or two. Its an almost new ranch with an oversized attached two car garage and comes with an extra lot for the shop I have to get built pronto. I really can't sell this place till I have somewhere for my garage stuff. This makes my May 3rd day in the garage a moving sale. If there's anything you think you might want to pick up here, be sure to come over and take a look. I will not save or move anything I don't need myself. Marji is baking chocolate chip cookies, Neill! Also the portable wood barn that I park my MGA in is for sale. It was built to fit on a lowboy trailer and not be over height for the highway. The 15' round X 4' deep above ground pool is for sale too. I bought a new pump and sand filter for it last year.

Mark Barnhart

*Ed. Note: since you won't read this until after May 3rd, give Mark a call to schedule a visit.*

Cover Photo: Neil Griffin and Diana Grucz enjoy the sights during the tire kicking session at the Kimber Party. That's Dick & Diana's red 1500 in the foreground and one of the two MG T registers that drove to the meet.

## Members Page

Rowdies Website

Steve Mazurek, Webmaster

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

Mac McDonnells Database Report

No new members since January 1, 2008.

70 Active and paid-up members.

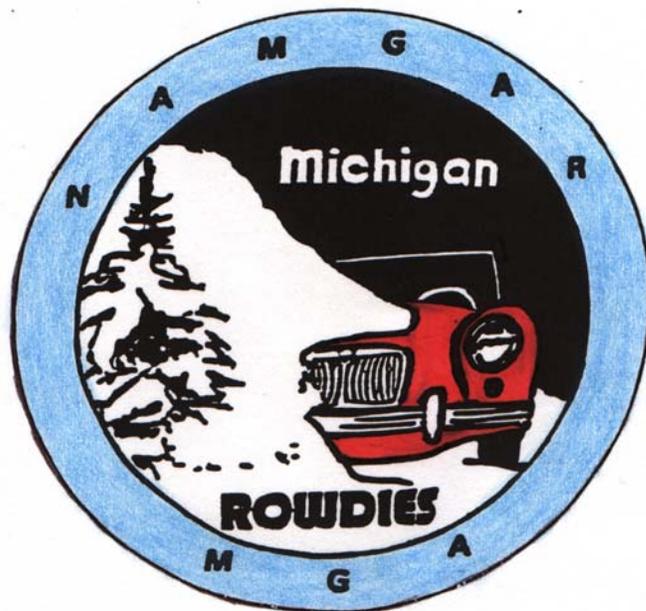
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**Deadline for submitting material for the next issue is: June 20th**



## Chairman's Chatter

by Gordie  
Bird

Ahhhh, the weather is warm, the grass is getting green, and winter is just another bad memory. One drive in my MGA made me forget all the slush, snow, and salt from the winter. Our event season is also well under way with a Day in the Garage and the Kimber Birthday Party already behind us. If you made either of the events, you'll want to attend more, and if not, don't despair, there are more events coming.

Dave Smith is hosting a Day in the Garage on May 17th where you'll have the opportunity to bleed your brakes and/or perform other spring maintenance items under the watchful eye of the Rowdie Racing team. It may be a good time to work on your tune-up. With the price of gas this year I'll be working on my cars' state of tune, making it run as lean and mean as possible. Stretching each gallon of gas as far as I can is a goal of mine for this year. Make sure and check off the date on your Rowdie calendar. You may even win a \$50.00 gift certificate to Little British Car Company in our Rowdie Raffle.

I've discovered a new event on this side of the state. The Rochester Lions Club sponsors a Festival of Cars in the Rochester Municipal Park on Memorial Day Weekend in Rochester. The show day is Sunday the 25th and the proceeds benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind. This is an interesting show as they only accept "pre-registered original type factory offering vehicles", no hot rods, street rods or modified vehicles. As the dealership where I am working is a sponsor and will be displaying a car, I've entered the event and would welcome anyone else who will be in town on the holiday weekend to join me. Having grown up in and around the Rochester Park, Tracey mentioned that it was probably the first time I had ever driven a car in the park...legally. For more information or to enter go to [www.rochesterlionsclub.org](http://www.rochesterlionsclub.org) or [www.rochesterheritagefest.org](http://www.rochesterheritagefest.org).

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electronic version.

Please check our event calendar today and make plans to attend some Rowdie events this year.

*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*

*Congratulations to Steve  
Holliday (Surprise!), who  
won the raffle at Dave G's  
Day in the Garage.*

# Goeddeke's Day in the Garage

Thank You to all the Rowdies and friends who came out to help me get the rocker panels, inner sills and body repair plates welded onto the A on March 29th. It was a little cool outside, but the extreme activity level inside heated-up the garage pretty well. We even had a couple of MGs make the pre-Spring drive to Livonia. Special THANKS goes to Robe Cote' and Neil Griffin who did the majority of the work and showed us the finer points of welding and body restoration, and Phyllis Goeddeke, who prepared a great lunch of BBQ beef sandwiches and side dishes for all the workers. What a great group of Rowdies! *Dave Goeddeke*



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1. Rob Cote' sizes-up the job prior to cutting and welding on the passenger side while Tom Koch and Tom Newton observe. 2. Neil Griffin cuts out some badly rusted metal from the drivers side so the inner body patch panels can be fitted and welded. 3. Wood blocking is placed under the frame to mark the lowest extremity of the patch panels and inner sill. 4. John Alexander watches as Rob fits the inner body patch panels to the passenger side. 5. Jon Burchwell, Curt Smith, Ken Nelson and Neil discuss the next step after removing all bad metal. Start welding, Neil.



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Day in the Garage cont.



1. Ken Nelson, back to camera, talks to Curt Smith, Jon Burchwell, & Dan Goeddeke while Neil Griffin trims the panels. 2. Neil points out a problem to Jon. Curt & Ken. 3. Rob Cote' prepares to use his plasma cutter while Mike Goeddeke, Tom Koch, John Alexander, and Ken observe. 4. Chris Waclawski, Tom Newton & Steve Holliday discuss progress on their car projects. 5. John Alexander assists Neil with cutting new body patch panels. 6. Lisa Wigent, Matt's dad Al & Dan Goeddeke step back from the action for a little break. 7. Dave Goeddeke inspects Rob's welding handiwork on the inner sill.



# Cecil Kimber 120th Birthday Party



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Almost sixty MG enthusiasts attended the Kimber party at the Delho Café on April 19 and enjoyed a good lunch with friends and kicked-off the driving season. Beside all the nice people there were a lot of fine MGAs and MGBs, plus some MGCs, T types, and an Austin Healy 3000. After a few pronouncements by Dave Smith and some birthday cake, compliments of Windsor-Detroit MG Club, everyone made the rounds in the parking lot to enjoy the sights and sounds.

1. Thelma Griffin, Stephanie & Curt Smith, and Neil Griffin enjoy the stimulating conversation at their table. 2. Dave Smith shows Bruce Nichols and someone whose name I should know how to make an origami MGA. 3. Brian Beery and Steve & Cathy Holliday were among more than a dozen Rowdies in attendance this year. 4. Chari & Dave Smith and Bruce Nichols listen as representatives of each of the car clubs present make their announcements. 5. A few MGAs, an MGC, and a T line up in the parking lot. 6. Steve Holliday and Mike Moder chat with one of the many Windsor-Detroit MG club members at the event.

Kimber Party cont.



1) Diana & Dick Grucz share their table with some of the Windsor-Detroit gang. 2) Two fine examples of British styling and craftsmanship: the MG TD, and the Austin Healey 3000. 3) Bruce Nichols helps Dave Smith display the "Hard Luck" trophy he received for losing 3rd gear early in the races at Laguna Seca. 4. Dave Quinn points out Bruce's classic fashion look in honor of Kimber styling. 5. can you identify the oil spot from the MG. Is it the little one? The big one? Or maybe the triple one? You guessed it, they're all MGs! 6. Dick & Diana ready to roll back to Casacovalla Ranch after after opening the driving season in style.



# ROWDIE DAY IN THE GARAGE

May 17, 2008, Saturday 10:30 AM and until the last car leaves.

A Day in the garage for your MGA.

Focus will be on Power Bleeding your brake and clutch system.

DOT 3 & 4 will be provided. Bring your own Silicon to ensure compatibility. Gordy has a MG compatible power bleeder, so this should be as easy as possible.

Remember to put a high quality penetrant on your nipples as soon as possible. Give them at least one more shot before the event. Remember that British nipples are very small and can be damaged when we apply Big American torque. If you do not know where your nipples are located, please look in your Rowdie Tech Manual under Body Parts.

Other tasks, such as new points, SU tuning etc will be considered. Please bring whatever parts you want to install.

Where:

Rowdie Racing Garage  
2401 Pine Tree Rd  
Holt MI 48842

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



**Sunday, June 1, 2008**  
 10th 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 5/24/08

For more info, visit our website at: <http://lakeeriebritishnews.home.att.net>, email to [lakeeriebritishnews@att.net](mailto: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
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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 24, 2008.**

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**Dinner includes:**

- Spaghetti with meatballs
    - Garlic Bread
  - Soup, Salad or Cole Slaw
- All for just \$5.99**

**Feel free to dress in your coolest 1950's style.**

**Sweet Adelines of the WWC will perform at various times  
throughout the day.**

**Date: Monday, June 16, 2008**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.**

**Location: A&W Restaurant**

**628 N. Cedar**

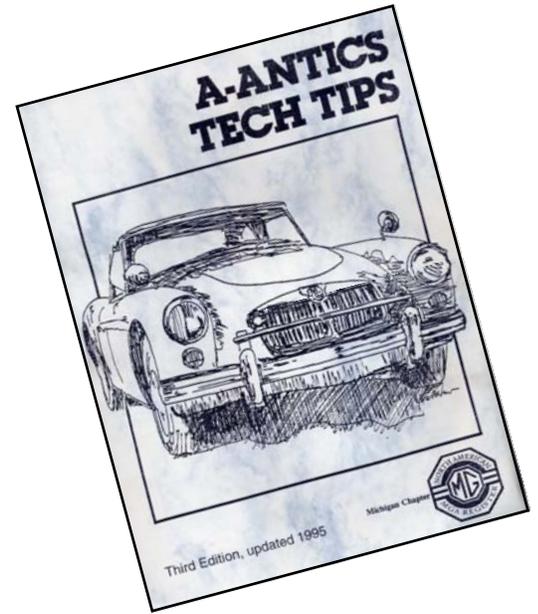
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## Rowdie Racing at Laguna Seca.

Left— Brian Beery's MGA on the track (don't pay any attention to the wind-up key). Below— Dave Smith hitting the stretch hard in #49 before his transmission mishap.

