



# RUMBLINGS

## On The Road Again

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**November 8, 2017  
Meeting at Maple Leaf  
Restaurant,  
McFarland  
6:30 pm.**



**From the Prez:**

Prez Ray has a bad cold and so no note from him this month. Hope you feel better soon!!

**Holiday Party  
Gene and Judy Davis  
House  
January 6, 2018  
6:00-???**

**No January meeting**

**February meeting  
change  
Meeting on first  
Wednesday  
February 8, 2018**

## Notes from the Meeting

by Shirley Smith

Minutes of the meeting on October 11, 2017.

Meeting started at 6:35. There were 19 people in attendance. There was three guests: Barney and son, Elliot Gaylord and a guest of Jay Olson, Mark Durkee. Check out the web site for the Gaylord's at [mgaguru.com](http://mgaguru.com). They are traveling the U.S.A. to see British shops. We were mentioned in his web site with some pictures of the meeting.

Secretary Shirley read the minutes to the last meeting. Treasurer Dave said we still have money in the bank. Vice President Dave didn't have anything to report. Web Master position is still open.

Old Business: Dawn Farris, Rich Bogen Tom and Shirley Smith gave reports on the Fall Tour to Tomah area. (More on this later in the newsletter.) Talk was that the MG3 Club from Milwaukee will be planning to go to Galena, IL. next year. More will be coming on this early next year.

Reminder that there is no January meeting because of the Holiday party. February meeting will be the first week, Wednesday, February 7th. The reason for the change is that it is Valentine's Day and the Maple Tree has a big crowd that night.

Shirley brought in a magazine (The Xplore) that had an article on the Madison British Car Group. Prez Ray was interviewed for it and it had some pictures of British cars that were at the Kids Curing Cancer at Willow Island.

New business: Discussion on when and where to have the Holiday party. Gene and Judy Davis have offered their house again this year. If you would like to have it at your house or offer another place, please contact the president. We decided to have it January 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00. More detail coming later.

No other new business. Meeting was closed at 7:15

After the meeting, Dave Griffith showed some pictures and talked about a car museum in Pennsylvania. Randy Otto showed pictures and talked about his "Clemy". Should be on the road soon.

Shirley

## Notes from Shirley

Fall Tour: We started from Tom and Shirley Smith's house about 10:30 on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We had a slight delay as Fred and Meg Fleishmann from Racine had a flat tire on the way, about 4 miles from our house. There were 8 cars in our lawn, all red except 2!! (Rich Bogan/Dawn Farris, Gene & Judy Davis, Fred & Meg Fleischmann, Dave & Anne-Marie Hanson, Dave Jefferson, Don & Carol Schuh, Charlie & Anita Wojciechoeski and Tom and myself. We toured to the ferry at Merrimac and were greeted on the other side by Bob & Deb Jozowski. From there we drove the south shore of Devils Lake to Baraboo and on to Ironton on back roads. We ate at River Mill in LaValle. Dave and Nancy Spearing joined us for lunch. After lunch on to Hillsboro for a slight break. On to Wildcat Mountain then on to Wilton and taking back roads to Tomah. Tom and I had driven these road about 2 week before and didn't have any problem. After we left Wilton, there was a sign that said there was a bridge out so had to "re-calculate" our route. We used to live in the area so knew kind of where we were and where we were going.

Saturday morning we were joined by Vic and Joy Soderstrom. We learned that they had car trouble Friday night on their way to join us. They brought a different car to be with us Saturday morning. About 10:00 we gathered to head to Warrens to visit the Cranberry Discovery Center and we learned a lot about cranberries. We saw some bogs and saw a tractor "shaking" the berries off the vines. After lunch we toured hilly and curvy roads to Amish country between Ontario and Cashton. We visited a wood shop that made beautiful bedroom furniture, grandfather clocks and other little odd and ends. They let us ask questions and showed off their shop. We then went to a candy shop and bought all kinds of "sweet" things. We almost made it back to the hotel when Rich and Dawn's car decided it needed a break and quit. After several hands and heads, the situation was solved. It was the points and it just happened that Gene Davis had one. It was put in and we were on our way. We then went for supper at a pizza place and back to the hotel for socializing. Sunday morning was a time to say good byes and wishing everyone a safe trip home. The weekend went so fast and I hope everyone had a good time. I know that Tom and I did!!! We heard that next year we might be going to Galena, IL. It will be the Milwaukee MG3 club that will be planning this. Shirley

Prez Ray was sent a couple of notes. If you can help, please contact these people.

Hello,

I am Len Fortin [ my wife, Deb, and I are members of the Ottawa MG Club, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada ] ( <http://www.omgc.info/wordpress/> ) I am looking for a couple of folks who, I understand, belong to (or used to belong to) The Madison Group. My memory is so very poor that I do not recall their names at all, and I have absolutely no photographs to share with you to help identify them. Quite a few years ago, when we lived in Greely, Ontario (just a bit south of Ottawa), we met 2 couples traveling around the Great Lakes in their MGs as they passed through Ottawa. We joined them for some social time in downtown Ottawa on the day we met. Circumstances happened that caused one couple to have to fly back home due to a death in the family. We offered to have them leave their MGTD in our garage in Greely, while they returned home to make arrangements and then return and get their car. When they returned, to get their car and drive back home, they were kind enough to give us a couple of sweatshirts with the Madison Group logo. We wore them proudly for years..... at our own club meetings..... around the house..... and all kinds of other places. Through time, the sweatshirts began to show their age ( and, of course, both Deb and I followed suit ), so I cut out the Madison Group logos and mounted them on backing plates to create a good way to display these treasures. Perhaps you, or some of your club members, might remember who these fine folks were. We would just like to say hello to them, and to show them we continue to think highly of the Madison Group treasures they gifted us with. All the best to your club in their MGish things!!

Len & Deb Fortin  
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Ottawa MG Club  
now in Kilmarnock Ontario

Hi Ray,

I unfortunately just found out about you guys a summer to late.

I'm going to be selling my 1962 MGA 1600 mk II and I was wondering if you might know anyone who might be interested.

It has been single family owned since '77 and has always been garage kept. It has all the original side skirts and the top is in good shape. A few of the gages dont work, but the temp and the oil do. I could tell you how many miles are on it because the tac does not work. I cleaned her up this and she has been a blast to drive.

It was given an over haul this last Febuary so it could be a daily driver for my wife. However she never fell in love with it, nor does she care to drive a stick. So we are selling it.

We are looking to get \$20k for it. I live on the west side of Madison so I'm happy to bring the car over if need be.

Please let me know if anyone comes to mind.

Best,

Sean Powell  
815-243-0069

## About us. The Madison British Car Group

Our club was founded in 1991 in order to bring people with an interest in British cars together. It began as the "Madison MG Group" with "madisonmggroup.org" for the web address. This led to a diversity of Marques so in January 2005 the name was changed to "Madison British Car Group" or "MBCG" for short. By June 2005 the now familiar MBCG logo was in use. July 2006 saw the new and current web address "madbrits.org" was online. The common thread among our members' remains which is everyone likes to talk about British cars.... driving, maintaining, and restoring.



Back on the road again.

Some finishing touches to finish (steering wheel for one) but is so much fun to drive again that we have gotten carried away a few times, actually now more than 2,000 miles after it has been back on the road. Have had much interest in our new "power assisted" clutch. And some very surprised looks like the faces of those that tried it.

Group members are very knowledgeable about their cars and can provide great technical support to someone who's looking for help or just another opinion. And there's a wealth of experience among our members when it comes to looking at a potential purchase; we've all done it at least once! Some of our members have a good stash of spare parts and special tools, too, or can at least point someone in the right direction.

Currently our membership consists of about 50 households. The bulk of our members live around Madison and Milwaukee, but we also have club members as far north as Menasha and some in other states.

Madison British Car Group publishes a monthly newsletter, called the, "Rumblings", and holds monthly meetings during the winter storage season.

In addition, some of us like to get into our cars and drive them around to different places! Several of us have gone to University Motors Summer Parties in Grand Rapids, area car shows, and to GOF events. These events are also posted in our "Rumblings" newsletter with a contact name if you're interested in finding more info.

For more information about our Group, some function dates, and how to join please visit our web page at Madison British Car Group.

<http://www.madbrits.org/>