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This month's meeting:

Cruisin' 1989!

"Get your motor running, head out on the highway!
Lookin' for adventure, or whatever comes our way!"

Well, it's fall. This means we don't have to worry about spring showers, summer heat, and snow. Okay, those of us in Michigan do, but that's why we are doing this in Windsor.

What am I talking about? Of course, it's Cruise Night! To our new members: Cruise Night is when we all gather at an A&W, drink all sorts of root beer, and take a short cruise around Windsor until we stop at a bar and drink some REAL beer!

This is always one of our best attended events, and let's hope the bridge moves a bit faster than last month.

We are going to meet at the A&W on Huron Road, about one mile from the bridge at about 7:30. We will leave at 8:00, barring major catastrophe.

So put the hood down, slip that Steppenwolf tape into your 8-track player, and cruise!

All together now, **"BORN TO BE WI-I-I-I-LD!"**

Calendar of Events--1989

SEPTEMBER

4 (Mon.) Labour Day (U.S. holiday, Canadian spelling)
6 (Wed.) Meeting: Cruise Night! Starting at A&W in Windsor, at the foot of the bridge. See above article for details.
17 (Sun.) Battle of the Brits, Historic Fort Wayne.
24 (Sun.) English Day at the Races, Waterford.

OCTOBER

1 (Sun.) Apple Picking, Location TBA.
4 (Wed.) Meeting: U.S. side, location TBA.

NOVEMBER

2 (Thurs.) Detroit BSCC Stroh Nite at the Stroh haus, $6.50 per person.
? (???) Hibernation Party. Details TBA.

August Rally is Worth the Wait

As it turned out, the August meeting certainly had the right title! The meeting/rally, entitled "Hot August Night, Cold Canadian Beer", lived up to expectations.

First, at least to the U.S. contingent, was the massive traffic snarl on the bridge. Most of us sat there in first gear for 45 minutes, while our navigators tried to figure out which would boil over first....the car or the driver.

After meeting at the McDonalds, which was extremely popular, being the first public restroom on the Canadian side, we started 30 minutes late. It was quite the caravan; 9 MGBs, hoods down, meandering the streets of Windsor. We drew a lot of stares and comments (jealous?) from passers by, including one young lady who asked if we all worked for the same company.

We ended up at Studebaker's, a night spot which Dave Clarke arranged to have us park our cars out front, on display. Perhaps Dave didn't really want to conduct a business meeting because the music, albeit good, was really LOUD! Of course, it was difficult for him to present the awards, but he's a new dad and is used to yelling.

Due to mechanical problems, the Heaths arrived late. You had better watch out, Hayden! We have located the old "Hard Luck Award", and it looks like you're a prime candidate for that old grill. The winners were:

First Place--Canadian (tie):
Paul and Jeanette Nevin
Mike and Sue Stoyshin

First Place--U.S.:
Dan and Marla Zebarah

Last Place--Canadian (tie):
Art and Sofie Stoyshin
Roli and Betty Sylvestre

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Behind the Wheel

by Hayden Heath, President

As many of you know, August and September are two of the busiest months for MG activities and events. It is also a time for vacations, families and planning to return to school this fall. Bearing this in mind, I have been very happy with the enthusiasm, friendly atmosphere and attendance at club functions this year! Your enthusiastic approach has created a fantastic "word of mouth" communication link to help recruit and inform prospective new members. Keeping with this trend, I look forward to even more members attending John Twist's 13th annual summer party, our annual A&W drive-in meeting, and the eighth annual Battle of the Brits at Historic Fort Wayne in the month of September.

Our two most recent club participation events the Road Rallye (with no extra charge for the 45 minute wait at the bridge), and English Day on the Green (Debate while you wait out the weather) at Crossroads Village, were a great deal of fun.

In addition, congratulations are in order for each of the following: 1960 MGA Roadster, Rick Case; MG Midget, Tom Shipley; and 1957 MGA Roadster, Mo Mellor.

Special recognition to Frank Lucente for his modified harvest gold MGB and all the MG owner-participants for having the largest contingent at the village. Oh, I almost forgot...Thank you Dan for the ride to the event!!!

Hopefully, we'll have plenty of pictures from both the English Day and Summer Party events at our next meeting.

See you soon!!

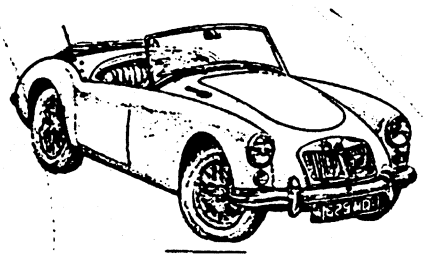
Rally (Continued from page 1)

Last Place--U.S.:

Ray Filter, operating without a navigator

The rally was well attended, with the St.Johns, Clarkes, Sylvestres, Lendts, Newtons, Heaths, Zebarahs, Ray Filter, and two sets each of Nevins (Bob and Paul & Jeanette) and Stoyshins (Art & Sophie and Mike & Sue) in attendance.

We all had a great time, and are hoping we get even more for cruise night on September 6!



The Litter Bag

by Dan Zebarah, Editor

Miscellaneous thoughts from an editor who cannot think up a decent column this month:

Item number one: Just when you thought it was safe to get back into your car....

Our illustrious president, Hayden Heath, has been snakebit all season. A blown fuse spoiled his chances at Carnival of Cars, a bad relay caused him to overheat at the August meeting, but all hell broke loose on the weekend of English Day on the Green.

While playing hockey on Friday, he fractured his left ankle. Undaunted, he started to get his car ready on Saturday, cast and all. After detailing his engine, he found out his engine would not start. After trying various cures, none of which worked, he gave it up and rode to Flint with Dan Zebarah.

"I think I'll call that car 'Christine'," said Ann Heath, "it has a mind of its own!"

"#@**!!##%*!!!!,"said a disgruntled Hayden.

Look on the bright side. The "Hard Luck Award" is almost all yours.

Item number two: Why didn't I think of that?...

While browsing through my Haynes manual, I discovered the OFFICIAL technique for testing a Lucas electric cooling fan motor (And I quote): "High current consumption after dismantling may be caused by a misaligned end cover bearing. Light blows with a soft mallet on the side of the end cover may correct the problem..."

And my wife wonders why I carry a hammer in my toobox for electrical emergencies....

Item number three: Speaking of electrical emergencies...

Q: How many Lucas executives does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Two. One to reassure us that everything is being taken care of in a calm and competent manner, and one to calmly and competently screw the bulb into the water faucet.

Item number four: Please don't send flowers...

September is "Be nice to editors and writers month". No, I'm not making this up!

Item number five: Hello?.....

Does anybody actually read this newsletter? Last month, I ran a nomination form for member of the year. I also printed an open letter and invited you to respond. In July, we ran a contest. How come my mailbox is empty? As of date, I have not received a single nomination, letter, or contest answer. This is YOUR club, too! Participation is a key factor to the survival of the club. We get good turnouts at meetings, but it's always the same people. Despite many invitations, it seems that nobody wants to write for the newsletter. One of the first things I did was to create a column for spouses, dubbed "The Passenger Seat". It ran twice. So be nice to your editor: Write an article. Who knows? Your article could be the 15 seconds of fame Andy Warhol was talking about!

In the Headlights

Big Happy Birthday Wishes to the following people:

Allyson Hornby September 1
Linda Lucente Sept. 1
Jaimie Bondy Sept. 2
Diane Howe Sept. 2
Mark Binkley Sept. 5
David Snoke Sept. 5
Marie Bondy Sept. 6
John Pinkerman Sept. 13
Ramon Filter Sept. 14
Timothy Crljenica Sept. 16
Mark Osowski Sept. 16
Bob Lendt Sept. 17
Scott Sylvestre Sept. 17
Tom Shipley Sept. 19
C. J. Nickels Sept. 26
Delphine Moore Sept. 27
Ryan David Begin Sept. 28
John Stewart Sept. 28
Paul Nevin Sept. 29
Andrew Hastings Sept. 30

And belated birthday wishes to:

Jeffrey Osowski May 21
Christine Osowski June 1
Greg Newton June 3
Tom Newton July 25

-Marla Zebarah

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: MG floor mats, black, $30. 1 Dunlop tire mounted on Rostyle wheel, $60. Tonneau cover, $110. Rostyle wheel caps, $3.00 each. Hayden Heath, 291-5637.

FOR SALE: MGB wire wheels, rough, $15.00 each. Octagonal wrench for wire wheels, $5.00. Aftermarket hard top with hardware, good condition, $275 or best offer. Dan Zebarah, 382-6715.

FOR SALE: MGB Hard top, black enamel, just refinished, outstanding condition, $300. Dave Campbell, 681-3852.

WANTED: Air pump air cleaner for late MGB. Dan Zebarah, 382-6715.

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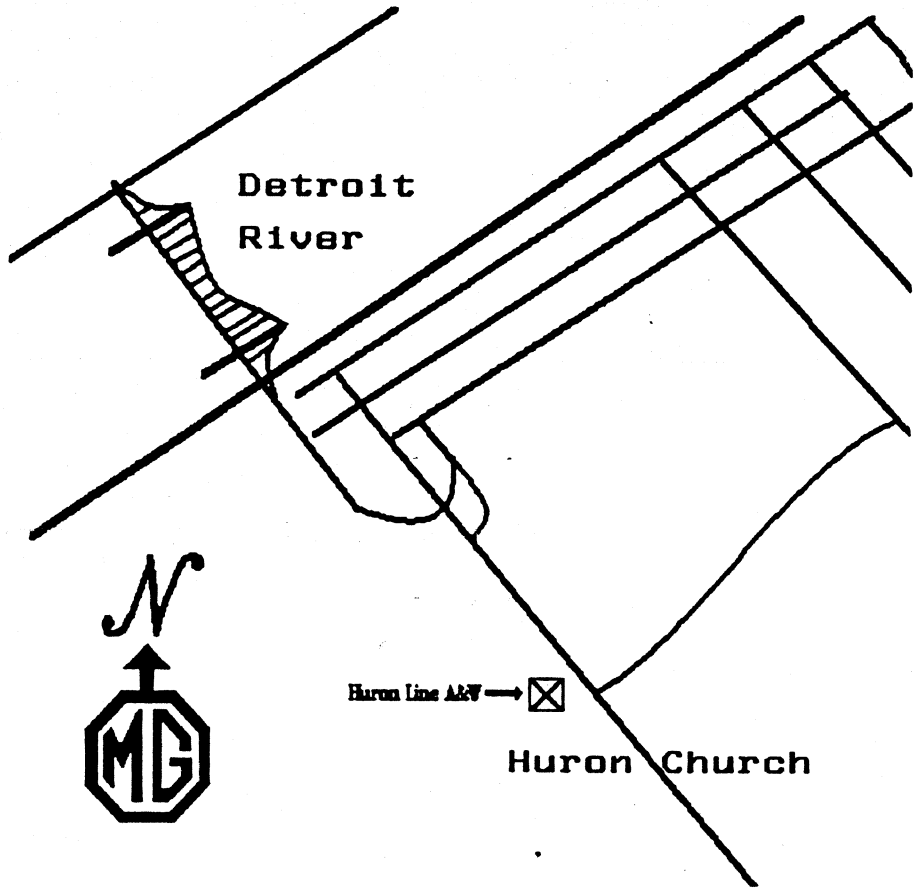

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