CAN-AM CONNECTION

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This Month's Meeting:

But Will Don Ho Be There?

OK, so its 10 degrees outside, there's a foot of snow on the ground, your Chevy won't start, and you're out of beer. The only island you can afford to visit is Zug Island, and even then, they won't let you have a picnic. Is that what's troubling you, bunky?

Have we got an event for you!

The first event for the 1990 season will be a Hawaiian Luau to be held at the home of Reggie and Deb DiRezze. (Boy, are they brave - hosting an MG Club event at their home!) It will be held on Saturday, February 3, 1990 at 8:00 p.m. They live in Warren. This will be a potluck affair. The club will be buying the ham and everyone who attends must bring your own beverages and a dish to pass (grass skirts optional). In order to attend, you must call Deb DiRezze (313)264-3691 or Ann Heath (313)291-5637 for directions by January 25 (or ASAP if you didn't get the newsletter by January 25).

P.S. You don't need to know how to do the hula to attend!!

Be there....Aloha!

It's That Time Again!

Well, another year has started, and that means it's time to renew your membership! Although we are not in the serious cash crunch we were in last year, we would like each member to send in their dues as early as possible. Therefore, if you renew your membership by February 15, 1990, you only have to send us $20 (U.S. or Canadian). After that the dues will be $25.

This year, we will be getting out membership packets to all members, which will eventually include: A membership directory, membership certificate, dash plaque, and nine issues of perhaps the finest newsletter published by an international British sports car club based in the Detroit area for MG owners (hey, we deserve a LITTLE pat on the back!).

So, send your cheque to:
Windsor-Detroit MG Club
1327 Austin
Lincoln Park, MI 48146,U.S.A.

Hibernation Party: Farewell to the Season; or Another Year Down the Hopper

The Hibernation Party, held on November 10 at the Rendezvous Tavern in Windsor, was a tremendous success! There were a lot of new faces, as well as the usual bunch of weirdos in attendance. In all, about 60 members and companions had a wonderful time, making this the best-attended event of the year (as it usually is). We hope to see you all at other meetings and events.

Special awards were presented as follows:

MOST VALUABLE MEMBERS:
Frank and Linda Lucente
ROOKIES OF THE YEAR:
Reggie and Deb DiRezze
NAVIGATOR OF THE YEAR:
Marla Zebarah
HARD LUCK AWARD:
Hayden Heath
CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:
Gary and Diane Howe
Dave and Gayle Clarke
Guy and Ann St. John

The raffle prize of a miniature television set was won by Art Stoyshin. It must have worked, because after he won it we didn't hear a peep from his side of the room.

The "Door Prize" was won by Drew Hastings. He was really pleased with it, everyone could tell. Everyone present received a door prize. We had a large choice of regalia, car items, kitchen items, etc.

We also held a short meeting. Hayden Heath was unanimously re-elected President. All the other officers agreed to stay in their current positions for another year. (I think it was because nobody else volunteered their services.)

Speaking of volunteering services, the club does need volunteers to help with various functions for this coming year. We need volunteers for the Homecoming Picnic, and the Hibernation Party, to mention just two. If you would be interested, please call either Hayden Heath or Dan Zebarah.

The Club then voted to hold the next event at the home of Reggie and Deb DiRezze. (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.) A good time was had by all (especially since the club bought one of the rounds!)

Behind the Wheel

by Hayden Heath, President

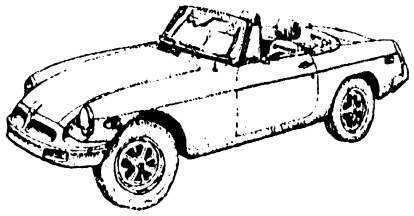
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

As we enter into this new decade of the 1990's, we will be kinking off our MG season with a "HAWAIIAN LUAU"! This WDMGC party will be held on February 3, at 8 p.m. at the home of Reggie and Deb DiRezze. See the story on page 1 of this month's newsletter.

While most of us continue to hibernate, the Executive Committee is planning our yearly calendar of events and meetings for the new season. To those of you who are new members, or soon-to-be members, our events may include: rallies, shows, picnics, swap meets, touring, and much much more! There is also going to be a new membership packet for each member of the club.

In addition, the Executive Committee will be meeting in either late January or early February to summarize and complete this year's calendar.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our first "Hawaiian Luau"!



Hey, You!

If you have some news, and it really doesn't matter what kind of news it is, let us know about it! "In the Headlights" is YOUR column! Announce a birth, graduation, or even if you remodeled your kitchen, we want to know! Call or write the newsletter editor for details.

The Litter Bag

by Dan Zebarah, Editor

While straightening up the garage, I discovered a great many odd parts which I have replaced over the last few years. These parts were, of course, no good, but I always thought I could find some use for them.

After much prodding from my wife (actually it was an ultimatum), I developed a number of uses for these parts which normally would have been thrown away. As a public service, I present them to you.

Old dented trim rings can become an enjoyable outdoor game of ring toss. You can always use old camshafts as stakes.

Center an old brake disc over your tomato plants. You can drive a stake through a lug hole to brace your plant, and the disc keeps the weeds down.

If your car has wire wheels, save those old inner tubes so the little kids can go swimming. Or, cut the tubes up and use them for slingshots, rubber bands, or even muffler hangers.

Using door cappings as sticks, old convertible tops as nets, and a gearshift knob as a puck, you can be the hit of the neighborhood with your own hockey rink.

Use that old transmission tunnel as a splash block at the bottom of your downspouts to keep the rain away from your house.

Give old pistons to your smoking friends as unique ashtrays.

With the bottom sealed, an old brake drum makes a water dish that even the rowdiest dog can't knock over.

Use the hatch from a MGB-GT to make a novel glass-bottomed sled for the kids to enjoy.

Unwanted armrests can become novel drawer pulls that are not only stylish, but safe.

Take a windshield washer bottle, tape a ruler to the side, and you have a rain gauge for outside your window.

An old wire wheel makes a handy colander for those large spaghetti dinners.

Make yourself a rowing machine using two shock absorbers, a sway bar, an old seat bottom, and your imagination.

Support the open end of a hard top with some old tires and you have an interesting coffee table.

I hope I have given you some ideas which will convert your old parts to new and interesting treasures.

(Editor's wife's note: If anybody thinks he is actually going to do any of this, you are crazier than HE is. Anyway, I'll just throw it out while he's at work.)

Summer Party Slated for August 24-26

Okay, okay, we know it's the middle of winter, but it's not too early to start thinking about the 1990 University Motors 14th annual Summer Party.

This year's event is scheduled for August 24-26, and if you act now, you can save some cash! Before February 28, you can pre-register at last year's rates, a savings of about 10%. After that date, 1990 prices take effect. There is a registration form in this newsletter.

The Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association will again hold their three-day meet in conjunction with the summer party, with a driver's school slated for Friday, time trials on Saturday, and races on Sunday. The VSCDA applications are not ready yet, but if you want to be included in their mailings, contact Phil Cull, 3160 Thornapple River Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, (616) 949-3160.

This year's featured car will be the 1974 1/2 MGB, and if anyone feels capable of drawing a poster, contact John Twist for details. The winner will receive a $200 gift certificate for labor at University Motors.

The Hilton will be party headquarters, and with only 225 rooms available, you should book your rooms now! Rates will be $63.22 for all rooms. Contact: Grand Rapids Airport Hilton Inn, 4747 28th Street, Southeast, Grand Rapids, MI 49508, (616) 957-0100.

This year's event should be bigger than ever and we look forward to seeing a strong turnout from the club.

In the Headlights

We want to wish a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following people:

Maurice Mellor	Jan 1	Ann Heath	Feb 6
Nancy Allen	Jan 3	Frank Lucente	Feb 6
Linda Thorton	Jan 4	Margo Boyd	Feb 9
Gayle Clarke	Jan 8	Harold Brough	Feb 11
Laura Rutherford	Jan 9	Terry Schultz	Feb 11
Ann St. John	Jan 15	Sonny Graat	Feb 15
Dave Begin	Jan 16	Kim Shipley	Feb 16
Greg Bondy	Jan 17	Laura Bondy	Feb 19
Jill Kuhun	Jan 18	Dora Kaija	Feb 19
Eric Ozar	Jan 20	Ian Pagen-Naylor	Feb 19
Ruth Lendt	Jan 23	Bruce Harton	Feb 20
Joy Gora	Jan 25	Kevin Thorton	Feb 20
Eileen Ozar	Jan 27	Amy Kollin	Feb 25
Doreen Kuhn	Jan 30	Debbie DiRezze	Feb 26
Anne Snoke	Jan 30		

-Marla Zebarah

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$25.00/month, $175.00/year

Club Regalia

	U.S.	Can.
Men's T-Shirts, Club Logo S/M/L	$ 6.50	$ 8.00
Gray with red logo		
Gray with black logo		
Tan with black logo		
White, blue ribbing, red logo		
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LIMITED NUMBER & SIZES		
Gray with red logo		
Gray with black logo		
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FOR SALE: MG floor mats, black, $30. Hayden Heath, 291-5637.

FOR SALE: Aftermarket hard top with hardware, good condition, $275 or best offer. Factory hard top, good condition, with hardware, $325. Dan Zebarah, 382-6715.

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

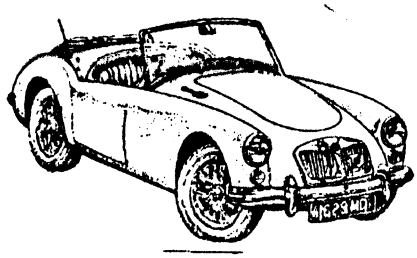
FORSALE: MGB body parts. 2 fenders, bonnet, boot lid. Mike Derdarian, 588-2717.

FOR SALE: 1960 MGA roadster, outstanding condition. Red, wire wheels, 26,000 actual miles. Needs absolutely nothing. $10,900. Mike Cohen, 399-1979.

FOR SALE: 1970 MGB-GT, Tartan Red, wire wheels, black interior, immaculate body, all new chrome moldings and bumpers. Rebuilt engine. Kim Rutherford, (519) 337-8586.

WANTED: Inner fenders for 1975-on MGB. MGC rear axle, 3:31 gear ratio. Jim Bolinger, (313) 782-9685.

Looking for something? Selling something? Don't forget, these classified ads are FREE to members! Call or write the newsletter editor.



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

1989 UNIVERSITY MOTORS LTD
14th ANNUAL MG SUMMER PARTY

This pre-registration uses 1989 prices -- but you MUST have this in our hands by Feb 28,1990!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ HOME _____ WORK

Please tell us about about the MG you will be driving!

YEAR _____ MODEL _____ COLOUR _____
ROADSTER -- GT -- COUPE ??

Volunteer to assist us with the Party!
Park Setup - Caravan/Rallye - Traffic - Technical Demonstrations - Voting - Flagging&Communications - Regalia Sales
(Circle One!)

REGISTRATION COSTS

PARTY REGISTRATION (per MG)
Includes Dash Plaque, Registration Packet, Photo,
Your MG's entry on the field on Saturday _____ X $12 = $12

SATURDAY BREAKFAST (per person)(You MUST be pre-registered!)
Breakfast Buffet at the Hilton -- eggs, sausages,
bacon, sweet rolls, hash browns, juice, coffee _____ X $11 = _____

SATURDAY AWARDS DINNER (per person)(You MUST be pre-registered!)
In the Hilton Banquet Room, Barbequed Chicken, Corn Dogs,
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, Fresh
Fruit, Corn on the Cob, Rolls, Cake, Soda and Beer. _____ X $15 = _____

SUNDAY BREAKFAST (per person)(You MUST be pre-registered!)
Breakfast Buffet at Grattan Racetrack --eggs,
sausages, juice, coffee, sweet rolls, AND
Entry to the Racetrack ALL DAY SUNDAY _____ X $8 = _____

REGISTRATION TOTAL _____

*** These prices valid until FEB 28, 1990 ** Check your figures! One person, one MG = $46
*** After that date prices will rise about 10%** Two people, one MG = $80

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T SHIRTS

How many of each? _____ XX-Large _____ X-Large _____ Large _____ Medium _____ Small _____ Youth Large _____ Youth Small _____ Baby

Total T Shirts from Above _____ X $8 = _____

MUGS

12oz PLASTIC MUGS _____ X $4 = _____

14oz GLASS MUGS _____ X $6 = _____

POSTER

17 x 22 Black & White 13th Annual Summer Party
Poster in mailing tube -- See poster contest rules! _____ X $5 = _____

Your greatest savings in this pre-registration will be the regalia items -- order NOW at 1989 prices

TOTAL REGALIA _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION AND REGALIA _____

Charge my MASTERCARD / VISA (Circle One) OR My Check is enclosed

CARD NUMBER _____ EXP _____

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