CAN-AM CONNECTION

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This Month's Meeting:

Season Kicks Off at Model D

Well, another season has come upon us. Spring is here in Michigan, and you know what that means: One week of good weather followed by snow followed by summer! It also means that the Windsor-Detroit MG Club will kick off its tenth year of existence (at least I think it's the tenth year...there aren't too many records dating back that far).

The first meeting of the 1990 season will be at The Model D in Dearborn on Wednesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. We will discuss this year's calendar of events over good food, good pizza, and good beer.

We've got a big year ahead of us, and we need all the participation and spirit we can get. Remember, this meeting will shape the club for the coming year. We need your input. We have at least one club rally planned, the July Homecoming picnic, not to mention the usual shows and meetings. We need people to work on these and other projects...In other words...WE NEED YOU!

Model D is located at 17621 Oakwood Blvd., just west of the Southfield Freeway. In case you get lost, the phone number is 336-4100. See you there!

Calendar of Events--1990

APRIL

18 (Wed) Meeting at Model D's, Dearborn, MI. Look for details in this newsletter.
29 (Sun) BSCC Swap Meet

MAY

6 (Sun) BSCC Spring Rallye
16 (Wed) Meeting at Coach & Horses, Windsor.

JUNE

3 (Sun) Swap Meet at British Motorcars, 900 Oakland Ave., Pontiac (up the street from T&W) 11a.m.-4p.m.
10 (Sun) Carnival of Cars, Utica, MI
T.B.A. Rally to meeting on U.S. side. More details later.
21-24 (Fri-Sun) AMGBA Convention, Atlanta, Georgia.

JULY

12-14 (Thur-Sat) MG Fest '90, Niagara Falls, NY. Call Joe Gioffre of the Buffalo Octagon Association for details (716) 683- 9380.
28 (Sat) 2nd Annual Homecoming! MicMac Park, Windsor.

AUGUST

12 (Sun) English Day on the Green, Dominos Farms, Ann Arbor, MI
24-26 (Fri-Sun) University Motors Summer Party, Grand Rapids, MI

SEPTEMBER

5 (Wed) Cruise Night. Meet at the A&W in Windsor.
9 (Sun) British Car Festival, Chicago, IL. Call Mahlon Hiliard for details (312) 469-7031.
19 (Sun) Battle of the Brits, Historic Fort Wayne.

OCTOBER

14 (Sun) Apple Picking/Fall Colour Tour.

DECEMBER

1 (Sat) Hibernation Party, Details TBA.

Dues, Dues, Dues...

We would like to thank all of you that have sent in your dues, and remind those of you who have not. Dues are now up to $25.00. We would appreciate it if you could get them in as soon as possible, because we are working on a membership directory. Only the people who are paid will be included. We are also working on a membership packet this year which will include a membership card. There is a possibility that we will be able to arrange some discounts at local parts stores for card-carrying members. We will, of course, keep you updated on all developments.

Behind the Wheel

by Hayden Heath, President

Once again it is time to uncover, de-block, or unveil your favorite toy! IT'S MG TIME AGAIN! As you prepare your precious MG for another fun and exciting season of spring and summer motoring, take a brief time out and read your new Can-Am Connection.

The 1990 season should prove to be very enjoyable for not only the show enthusiasts, but for the everyday drivers, rallyers, and family fun seekers, too! Your elected officers of the WDMGC have just met to discuss the many activities we will be involved with this year. For example: The BSCC Swap Meet and Rallye, 27th annual Carnival of Cars, a Saturday family picnic/barbecue, English Day on the Green at Domino's Farms, the 14th annual summer party in Grand Rapids, Battle of the Brits, and much, much more!

Our full season calendar is on the front page of this month's Can-Am Connection. In addition, this year, each active (paid in full) member will receive a membership packet. It will contain a membership certificate and card, a club directory and a dash plaque....WHAT A GREAT IDEA!!!

By the way, just for your information, we did have a fantastic Hawaiian Luau at Reggie and Debbie DiRezze's home on February 3. Everyone had such a great time it was too bad we had to leave. At this time, however, I would like to express, on behalf of the club, our appreciation to Reg and Deb for being such fine hosts and friends to the club. THANK YOU!

See you at the meeting!

The Litter Bag

by Dan Zebarah, Editor

Editor's note: Due to a severe case of writer's block, this month's column (not to mention most of this month's newsletter) was written by my wife, Marla.

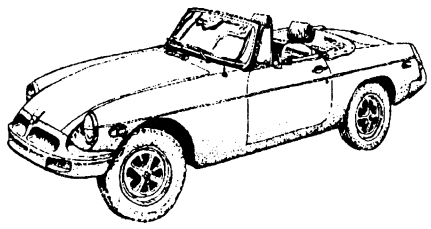
To: All Traveling Companions or Navigators
From: Someone in the same boat (or Car)

I was talking to the wife of one of our new members right before the Hibernation Party. She and I discovered we had quite a bit in common, and had a long chat. A couple of days later her husband called Dan and asked him, "What did your wife say to my wife? She was not at all happy about me joining this club and now she's eager to go to the Hibernation Party and join right in!" That started me thinking.

When Dan and I first met each other, he told me he was a member of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club (You can't say he didn't warn me!). The first thing that popped into my mind was a bunch of guys, in greasy overalls, standing around drinking beer and talking about, or working on, their cars.

At that time, and for a short time after we were married, he worked retail sales (Oh, those long hours and weekends!), so we were unable to attend many meetings or events. Then he got his job at the University of Detroit. Now, for the most part, he works 9-5. We started getting more involved in the club (boy, are we involved!-try putting together this newsletter with a baby that has colic and a 2 1/2 year old running around!-but back to my article). I discovered that the club is not at all what I thought it was. Oh, yes, there is a lot of talking about carburetors and emission systems and clutches, etc. but there is also a lot of other people to talk to and things to do.

What I discovered is what I think a lot of the "Traveling Companions" or "Navigators" or whatever you want to call us have discovered. Even if your husband/boyfriend or wife/girlfriend is nuts enough to want to own a British Sports Car (notice the capitalization), there are a lot of other people out there just as nutty. And all of these nuts are married to (or hang around with) some really nice people. And we have a lot of the same interests that you do. So come on out and join us. Let them complain about and work on their cars and we can party and talk or complain about them complaining and working on their cars. You will probably develop some really good friendships from those funny little cars!



Luau Turns Out to be a "Snow Ball"

Well, Don Ho didn't show up at the Luau, but quite a few other people did. The weather outside was AWFUL, but inside was a lot of summery apparel, leis, and a pig turning on the spit. There were 24 members in attendance at the home of Reggie and Deb DiRezze, and everyone had a grand time.

There was a drawing for door prizes which were donated by John Twist of University Motors (he also gave an inspirational(?) message by tape). We also held a short meeting (more of an open discussion) about what we would try to do this coming driving season. Several people volunteered to try to organize a rally, have the club over to their homes, do shopping for events, serve on committees, but more help is still needed.

We would like to give a big round of applause and many thanks to Reggie and Deb for having us all over. It was really wonderful of you to do it. And thanks also go to Ann Heath for being co-chair of the event and all the work she put in. You all did a wonderful job. Thanks!!

In the Headlights

Happy Birthday to the following people!!!

Katie Clarke March 2
David Campbell March 7
Chris Mann March 8
Al Kuhn March 9
Bonnie Nickels March 9
Natila Lucente March 10
Dave Gora March 15
Mike Stoyshin March 15
Frances Lewis March 17
JoAnn Begin March 18
Marc Pillon March 20
Laura Schultz March 20
Dennelle Gora March 21
Robert Hastings March 21
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Greg Kuhun March 26
Janice Mellor March 26
Robert Moore March 26
Rich Nader March 26
Michael Cohen March 27
David Howe March 30

Douglas Clarke April 1
Lisa Zebarah April 3
Lynne Hornby April 4
Kathy Derderian April 5
Bonita Kuhn April 7
Sue Stoyshin April 7
Christopher St. John April 8
Ted Crljenica April 11
Jeanette Nevin April 11
Ruth Stewart April 11
Mike Derderian April 13
Sean Sylvestre April 14
Aileen Mueller April 16
Betty Morris April 20
Barrie Barber April 21
Clark Hunter April 21
Millie Graat April 23
Brian Thorton April 25
Mary Anne Askin April 27

-Marla Zebarah

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

We are currently putting together a membership directory to be sent to all members. (This will ONLY be going to members, it will not be sent out to anyone else.) Anyone who has had any changes since filling out your membership application last year (cars bought or sold, traveling companion's name, etc.) please let us know as soon as possible.

We are going to be putting phone numbers in the directory, so if you do not want your number published, please let us know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!!! Once again, this information will only be given to club members.

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Where your cash went...

BALANCE STATEMENT 12/31/89

ASSETS	
Cash in Bank	**443.69**
Postage Stamps - Canadian	**1.48**
TOTAL ASSETS	**445.17**
EQUITY	
Club Equity	**445.17**

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

REVENUE	
Dues Received - American	**665.00**
Dues Received - Canadian	**642.00**
LESS:Canadian Exchange	**131.02**
Advertising Revenue	**35.00**
Interest Income	**27.96**
Raffle Revenue	**279.57**
TOTAL REVENUE	**1518.51**
EXPENSES	
Bank Charges Expense	**7.00**
Postage Stamps Expense	**52.37**
Printing Expense	**91.23**
Telephone Expense	**26.97**
Homecoming Expense	**197.34**
Regalia-Beverage Holders	**141.46**
Hibernation Party Expense	**494.80**
Dues-British Sports Car Council	**25.00**
Dues-MG Car Club (England)	**37.17**
TOTAL EXPENSES	**1073.34**
TOTAL REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	**445.17**

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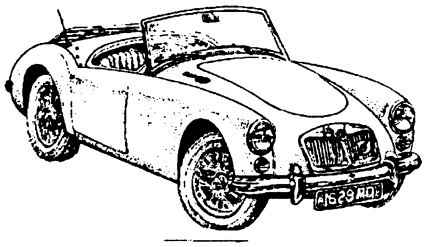

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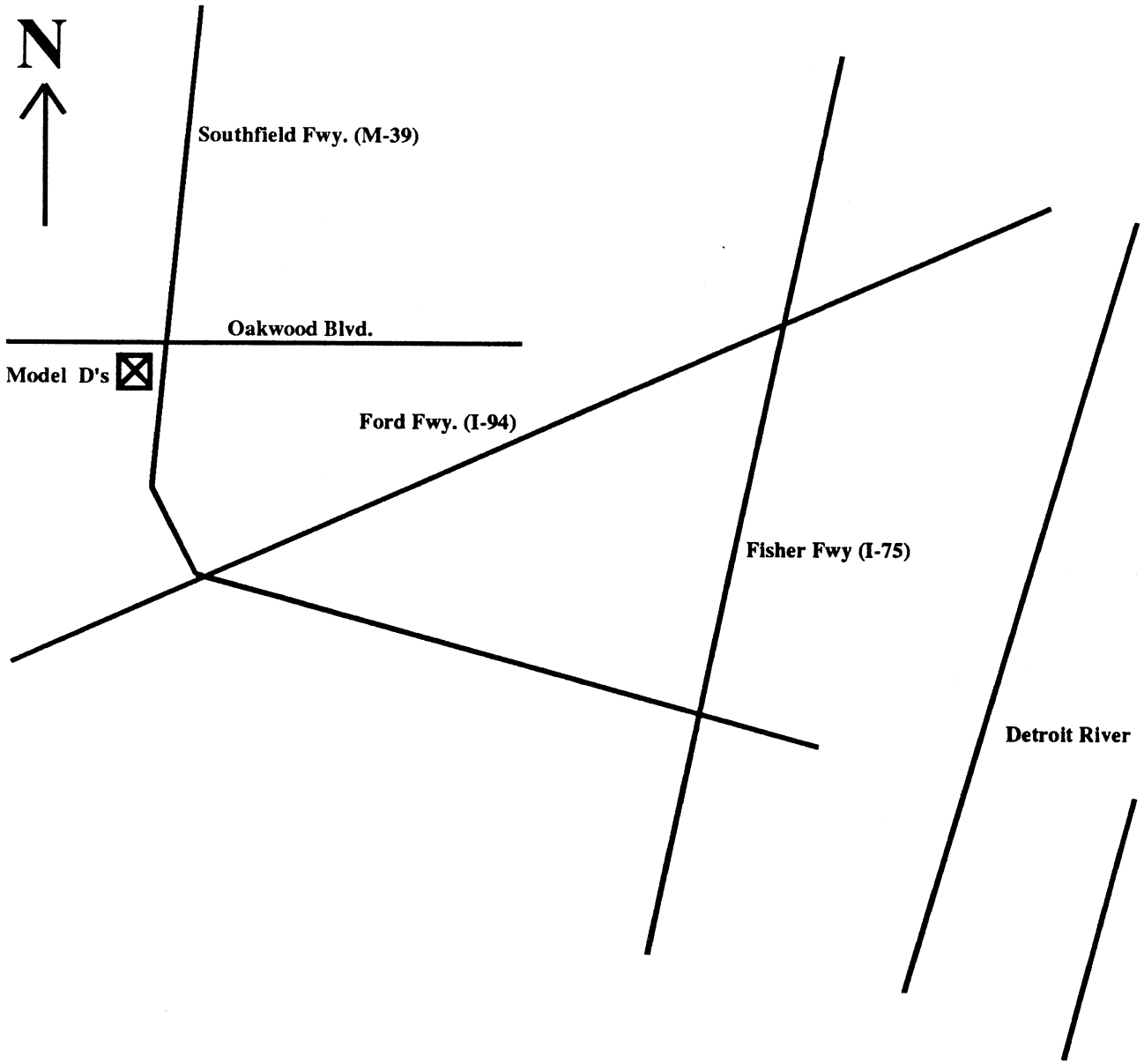

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CLUB AGENDA

DATE: April 18, 1990
LOCATION: Model " D " Restaurant, Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, MI
TIME: 7:00PM

I. FINANCIAL/MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT
   * Membership packets
   * Membership cards

II. CALENDAR FOR 1990 SEASON
   * Event locations
   * Chair persons
   * WDMGC events

III. NEWSLETTER: " CAN/AM CONNECTION "
   * News Articles
   * British Sports Car Council Information

IV. WDMGC BYLAWS & STRUCTURE
   * Committee selection, (volunteers)
   * Bylaws from the MGA Club Register

V. OLD BUSINESS
   * WDMGC Logo/patch - R. Sylvestre

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   * Open....??