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Be There, Aloha!

This year, maybe Mother Nature will cooperate.

The second annual Windsor-Detroit MG Club Hawaiian Luau will take place on Saturday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. Once again, Reggie and Debbie DiRezze will be our hosts. Those who braved the rather un-Hawaiian ice storm to make it to last year's party had a great time, with the emotional climax being a taped message from none other than John Twist (which sounded suspiciously like the lyrics from an old Kingston Trio song).

This year's event will be a pot luck dinner, with the club furnishing meat and mixers. Alcohol will not be provided, so bring your own.

For customized directions on how to get to the DiRezze home and what you can bring, call Reggie or Debbie at (313) 264-3691.

We hope to see everyone there!

Calendar of Events—1991

	JANUARY
1 (Tue)	Happy New Year!
21 (Mon)	Millard Fillmore's birthday.
28 (Mon)	Business Meeting at Model D, Dearborn, MI. . .Bring your calendar!
	FEBRUARY
16 (Sat)	Second Annual Hawaiian Luau, Reg & Deb DiRezze's house. Details on this page.
8-10 (Fri-Sun)	T-Series Technical Seminar, University Motors, Grand Rapids.
17 (Sun)	Wolverine State Region Antique Automobile Club of America Swap Meet, U-M Dearborn Campus Fieldhouse, Dearborn, MI, 9-4, $2.50 adults, children under 12 are free.
15-17 (Fri-Sun)	MGA & Early MGB Technical Seminar, University Motors, Grand Rapids.
22-24 (Fri-Sun)	Late MGB (1968-on) Technical Seminar, University Motors, Grand Rapids.
	MAY
24-26 (Fri-Sun)	Can Am Challenge, Kincarden, Ontario
25-26 (Sat-Sun)	Mad Dogs and Englishmen, Gillmore Museum, Richland, MI. For details, contact Mark Osowski, (313) 822-2686
	JUNE
1 (Sat)	University Motors Early Summer Picnic, Grand Rapids.
	JULY
18-21 (Thur-Sun)	AMGBA National Convention, Drake Hotel, Oakbrook, IL. For details, contact the Chicagoland MGB club, P.O. Box 445, Addison, IL 60101.
19-21 (Fri-Sun)	GT-16, NAMGAR, Huntsville, AL. For details, contact Joyce Hart, (805) 566-1467.
27 (Sat)	3rd annual WDMGC Homecoming! Details to follow.
	AUGUST
16-17 (Fri-Sat)	American MGC Register National Convention, Park City, Utah. For details, contact Tom Boscarino, (516) 751-8107.
23-24 (Sat-Sun)	University Motor's 15th annual Summer Party, Grand Rapids.

Tie-ups Expected at Border

As I was laying out this newsletter, word came down about the war with Iraq. I would like to blame this for the tardiness of this newsletter, but it wouldn't be the whole truth.

However, because of the unique nature of this club, anyone crossing the border to go to an event should be prepared to prove your citizenship at the customs station.

A driver's license will not do! You need a birth certificate, passport, or voter registration to prove citizenship to customs officials.

Behind the Wheel

by Hayden Heath, President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hopefully, everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Looking back at the 1990 season, I feel the Windsor-Detroit MG Club's volunteer participation has increased 100% over the previous two years—AND IS GROWING! We had a great deal of volunteerism contributing to MG events all season, such as: Homecoming, University Motors' Summer Party, Fall colour tour, and the 1990 Hibernation Party & Recognition Dinner (to name a few). In addition, we have been developing our by-laws, expanding Executive Board positions and responsibilities, organizing new driving events, and maintaining the recruitment of new members.

The 1991 season begins with our 2nd annual Hawaiian Luau, to be hosted at the home of Reggie & Debbie DiRezze, on February 16. For further information, look elsewhere in this issue of the Can-Am Connection. Prior to this "warm weather" event, however, I have scheduled an Executive Board meeting at the Model D Restaurant in Dearborn on January 28 at 7 p.m. Our topics will include: By-laws, Committee structure, Calendar of events, and the newly-formed North American MGB Register.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Windsor-Detroit MG Club as your president for another year.

It's that time again!

Death, Taxes, and Dues

It's a brand new year, and that can only mean one thing: It's time to pay your 1991 Windsor-Detroit MG Club Dues!

This year's dues are $25. We are not able to give our "early-bird" discount because we will be issuing name tags to all members, and these things cost money (no kidding).

We are also looking to update our files for the 1991 club directory, so if you noticed that sheet of paper that fell out of your newsletter when

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The Litter Bag

by Dan Zebarah, Editor

The holidays are over (hallelujah!). It's not that I have anything against Christmas, but there is something that I dread each year at this time. No, it's not the bills. No, it's not having a house full of screaming children (I have that all the time). It's not visits from relatives bringing THEIR screaming children. What is this wretched thing that sends shivers down my back every time I think of it? FRUITCAKE!

For those of you who don't know, the fruitcake was invented by King Henry IV of England in 1435 as a combination torture device and means of execution. The poor victim would be forced to lie on his back while the king's men would stack fruitcake upon fruitcake on his chest until he pleaded for mercy. Then he would be forced to eat all the fruitcake. Few ever survived, and those that did were reduced to blithering idiots and elected to public office.

This instrument of torture was used until the late 16th century when it was replaced with a new form of capital punishment considered more humane: Drawing and quartering.

The tradition of fruitcake at Christmas was started in 1588 by Cyril Weathervane, a baker in Lyons, France. Cyril's father was a renowned torturer during the Inquisition, and was elected to the Hall of Fame upon retirement. When he died, the recipe was bequeathed to Cyril, who found a new use for it as a millstone for grinding flour.

One Christmas Eve, a wagon broke down in front of Cyril's bakery. The driver was an elderly gentleman named Barrington who couldn't find a wheel for his wagon; all the garages were closed for the holiday. He headed for the first building he saw: The bakery.

He asked Cyril if he and his family could come in. Cyril opened his door to the stranger and Stephanie, his recently widowed daughter, nine months pregnant.

After dinner and a few drinks, Stephanie went into labor. Since midwives didn't make house calls on holidays, they had to get her to the nearest one. Barrington suggested they use Weathervane's wagon, but it was in the shop. Something had to be done.

At that moment, Cyril's oven timer went off. He was making a fruitcake for the local miller. As he pulled the cake from the oven, he had an idea.

Taking the fruitcake, he ran out to the wagon and put it on the axle—a perfect fit! Moments later, Stephanie was on her way to the midwife. At the stroke of midnight on Christmas Day, the baby was born; the first time a fruitcake had actually been responsible for SAVING a life. The story was picked up by the local media and soon everybody was praising the fruitcake as the food of life. There was even a religion formed to worship the fruitcake. Today, you can see many fruitcakes around: On the highways, in shopping centers, on television, and even in public office.

Stephanie soon became Cyril's bride and they lived happily ever after.

So what does this have to do with cars?

Look at that fruitcake. You can't eat it. It destroys your garbage disposal. It bends the wire shelves in your refrigerator. You need to file an environmental impact statememt to

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In the Headlights

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

JANUARY

Mo Mellor	Jan 1
Linda Thorton	Jan 4
Gayle Clarke	Jan 8
Beverly Thomas	Jan 8
Laura Rutherford	Jan 9
Dan Hosler	Jan 14
Ann St. John	Jan 15
Greg Bondy	Jan 17
Jill Kuhun	Jan 18
Susan Ruch	Jan 18
Eric Ozar	Jan 20
Marcia Greiner	Jan 23
Ruth Lendt	Jan 23
Paul Thomas III	Jan 23
Eileen Ozar	Jan 27
Paul Thomas, Jr.	Jan 27
Garey Knop	Jan 28
Doreen Kuhn	Jan 30

FEBRUARY

Ann Heath	Feb 6
Frank Lucente	Feb 6
Harriet West	Feb 9
Terry Schultz	Feb 11
Karey Trofin	Feb 13
Sonny Graat	Feb 15
Kim Shipley	Feb 16
Laura Bondy	Feb 19
Dora Kaija	Feb 19
Ian Pagen-Naylor	Feb 19
Bruce Harton	Feb 20
Kevin Thorton	Feb 20
Amy Kollin	Feb 25
Debbie DiRezze	Feb 26

Congratulations goes out from this columnist to Dan Zebarah, Newsletter Editor of our club (and my husband)! First of all, his September, 1990 article on testing seatbelts for 1977-1980 MGBs and Midgets was reprinted in the MG Car Club of England's December 1990 issue of *Safety Fast.*

Second of all, he was just appointed Electronic Bulletin Board Manager for NAMGBR (North American MGB Register, the new club just formed by John Twist, Ken Smith and Jerome Rosenberger - you will hear more details about that club as soon as we do).

Last, but definitely not least, the poor man has survived two hard disk crashes (not fatal - but the reason your last newsletter was late), a hard disk controller crash, and a hard disk crash and burn (fatal to one of our two hard disks—and the reason this newsletter is late) in less than two months!

—Editor's note: I didn't realize I had bought a Lucas computer!

-Marla Zebarah

Peace.

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Dues

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you opened it, pick it up before your child scribbles all over it (You say you don't have kids? You can rent one of mine!).

On that paper is all the information that we have on you. Please correct it and send it with your dues check so our files are up-to-date. You will also see a spot for your nametags (see previous paragraphs). Fill in what you would like to be put on your nametags, i.e. what you would like to be called—keeping good taste in mind, of course.

Please pay your dues promptly, so we have enough cash in the treasury to cover our event costs this season!

As Bartles & James say: Thank you for your support!

Hibernation Party 1990—No Snoozer!

The Hibernation party, held December 1 at Bobby's Country House in Livonia, was a big success! With 58 people attending, this was the largest event of the year.

The food was plentiful and good. Thanks go out to Guy & Ann St.John, who coordinated this entire event.

After everyone was stuffed, we held our elections (election?) and an upset victory was staged by Hayden Heath to lead us for the coming year. *(editor's note: Okay, it wasn't an upset).*

The "door prize", a cordless telephone was won by Jay Kollin. The "door" prize was won by Dave Clarke. Our Most Valuable Members were (drum roll):

Guy & Ann St. John!!

Other awards were:

Rookies of the Year:
Jay & Mary Kay Kollin

Hard Luck Award (tie):
Frank Lucente
Lou Tortola

Navigators of the Year (tie):
Linda Lucente
Ann Heath

Certificates of Appreciation:
Dave Naylor &
Kathleen Pegan,
Roli & Betty Sylvestre,
Jon Motschall (who prints the newsletter)

A special award went out to Reggie & Debbie DiRezze, who were missing from so many events that their photos were found on a milk carton!

All in all, it was a great ending to a great year. Let's make 1991 even better!

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FOR SALE: Showroom brochures: MGB-67-80; MGB-GT-66-73; Midget-63-79; Also MG Princess, Sport Sedan, Spitfire, GT-6 and other misc. brochures. Jay Kollin (313) 464-4381, after 6.

FOR SALE: 1974 Midget: "Cherry" condition (second only to Tom Shipley's). Red with black interior; new top, tonneau and solo covers; Blaupunkt AM/FM cassette; new Michelin tires and DieHard battery; additional parts. Low mileage. Must see to appreciate. Jim Carr, (313) 547-9050. (5/90)

FOR SALE: 1979 Midget, white with black interior & top. Low mileage, stored winters, $4500. Walt Jenkins, (313) 476-1310 work, or (313) 349-8469 (12/90)

FOR SALE: 1967 MGB. Green, Runs good, good shape. Wire wheels, hard top, overdrive. Price:$1200. Includes extras: engine, trans, hood, trunk lid, windshield and more! Gene Skupinski (313) 562-2232. (12/90)

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WANTED: Emission control components; Air pumps, Zenith carbs, Air manifolds, gulp valves, etc. Contact Dan Zebarah, (313) 382-6715.

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

Welcome New Members!

We would like to welcome to following new members to our club.

David and Carmie Connor live in Windsor. They have two daughters, Julia and Stephanie. They own a 1968 white MGB-GT. David is a lawyer.

Dave and Elaine Howard live in Dearborn. They have two sons, Andrew and Matthew. Dave works for Ford as a model analyst and is interested in resoring cars. They are the proud owners of a 1972 Blue B and a 1973 Teal Blue GT. They met some of us at Battle of the Brits, but did not join until the Downtown Motors Sale (I guess he figured it would also be a good deal to join our club!)

Garey Knop lives in Drayton Plains. He has a 1951 MG Red TD, a 1956 Signal Red MGA, a 1967 Old English White MGB, and a 1978 Carmine MGB. He works as a pipefitter.

You are all more than welcome! If you have any questions, feel free to call any of the officers or members. We hope you like us!

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The Tool Box

As if we didn't already know . . .

Murphy's Law Does Apply to British Sportscars

Reprinted from the British Motorcar Gazette, December 1990

If you are contemplating the restoration and/or rebuilding of an English sports car, here are a few things you should know, in no particular order, which are never mentioned in the manuals, articles, etc. on the subject of restoration. (With apologies to Peter Egan).

If you spray paint a car in a closed garage with no ventilation and don't wear a spray mask, the effect is exactly the same as six peyote buttons eaten on an empty stomach and washed down with a quart of lacquer thinner: you feel vaguely ill for about a week, but your dreams are vivid and glorious affairs involving frisky circus clowns, chorus lines of white mice and the ukulele music of Arthur Godfrey.

If you rebuild a 948cc Spridget engine on the kitchen table of your second floor apartment, then carry it down both flights of stairs and out to the garage by yourself because nobody's around to help, you will later become a Demorol addict in the orthopedic wing of a major hospital, awaiting your back to heal. Massive doses of pain killer will encourage you to regale your ward-mates with rambling, senseless stories about Stirling Moss, the 1957 Mille Miglia and the high cost of cylinder head work. Later, you will enjoy the summer sitting quietly on your back porch and looking down upon the engine (exactly where you dropped it) and the engineless car in the garage, wondering if you will be able to drive it again when they remove the back brace.

If while assembling a transmission late at night, you suspect that a detent ball has fallen out of the mechanism and rolled into the garage drain, but are too lazy to hunt for it, you will later find yourself trying to convince a prospective buyer that all 1959 TR-3s jump out of 2nd gear with enough force to fling the shift knob into the back seat.

If you sell a restored sports car to a sorority person named Cindy, her mom and dad will call to inform you that the convertible top leaked during a heavy rainstorm and ruined Cindy's beautiful white cashmere sweater.

If you sandblast the aluminum hood and trunk panels on an MGA, they will become warped and distorted and will no longer fit into their respective body recesses. They will have more hills and valleys than western North Carolina and will look exactly like some fool who didn't know better went out and paid good money to have them sandblasted. Approximately 100 lb of body filler and a week of sanding will make them look flat again, but you'll need a hydraulic jack to open the hood or trunk, thus negating the theoretical advantages of aluminum body panels.

If you store enough engine parts on a very old piece of plywood in the rafters of your garage, they will eventually fall through and land on the just completed body shell underneath.

If you sell a sports car to a sorority person named Cindy, and she leaves the lights on, her mom and dad will call up and demand a brand new Sears Die Hard battery.

If you step on the brake pedal after the front brake rotors have been removed, the brake caliper pistons will shoot out onto the garage floor in a shower of break fluid. If you pick up the pistons, then open the car door, you will have to repaint the door.

If you crawl under a car and poke your forehead on a sharp object, you will instinctively jerk away from the sharp object, slamming the back of your head on the garage floor. The pain will cause you to jerk instinctively away from the garage floor and slam your forehead back into the sharp object on the underside of the car. And so on. This destructive cycle will continue indefinitely until you either pass out or have the presence of mind to crawl out from under the car.

If you are ever in need of any of the following items, they can always be found by ripping the carpet out of a hopelessly shot British sports car: a short crayon, some paper clips, a pink comb, a ball point pen full of rusty water, all six bolts that are supposed to be holding your motor mounts in place, a green penny with dog hair stuck to it, some broken tonneau snaps, an empty Buss fuse tin, and the remains of an unpaid parking ticket.

If you don't pay your phone bill, Ma Bell will send around her minions to disconnect your phone and Cindy's lawyers won't be able to call you up anymore.

If you fill a fender dent with body filler in the middle of February when the temperature is flirting with zero, the filler will eventually cure to a consistency resembling chilled Velveeta cheese. Months later, when you park the car in the hot sun, the filler will expand slightly creating a crack in the paint that looks something like a map of Australia.

If you cut yourself while sanding a Healey bonnet and go to the hospital for a stitch in your thumb, the emergency room fee will be $110 meaning you have worked the previous month more or less for nothing. You will stare at your thumb and find it hard to equate 15 minutes of a intern's time with three or four weeks of bodywork in the garage.

The problem is this: you buy a rusted out British car with its engine in a box for $150, then spend 5 or 6 months rebuilding the engine, fixing brakes, repairing rusted panels, filling, sanding and painting for a material cost of $700 to $1500, plus another $1000 to $1200 for machine work and parts that never were in the various baskets the car was brought home in. You'll drive it for a couple of months (a year at the outside), then you'll run up on another rusted out hulk and the glazed look will come in your eyes; the "other half" will tell you before you bring another car home, one of them will have to go, so on the market it goes, where it brings in the

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Logic Puzzle #2

by Marla Zebarah

I hope everyone enjoyed the logic puzzle in the last issue, because you will need the answers from that one to solve this one!

The BSCWC (British Sports Car Widows Club) is off to a flying start. They just held their first meeting and elected officers. The offices are: President, Vice President, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairperson, Regalia Chairperson, and BSCC Rep. Each husband also holds an office in his car club. The offices are the same in all of the clubs. With this information and the following clues, can you find out who holds which office?

1) No husband and wife hold the same offices.

2) The six women are: The regalia chair, the woman whose husband is President of the MG club, Elaine, the Newsletter Editor, Betty, and the wife of the Mini owner.

3) Ann is glad she and her husband are not newsletter editors, because neither one can spell, although the Editor for the Triumph Club has a computer to do theirs and says the spell check works real well.

4) The two BSCC reps take turns driving to meetings. One month they ride in a Jaguar, the next in a MGB.

5) The husband who is Membership Chairman for the MGA Club has helped the membership chairperson for BSCWC a lot.

6) The membership chairwoman envies the Vice President (who is not Elaine) and her much bigger car. She is also glad they don't have to carry all that Regalia around.

Logic Puzzle #1 Answer

By clue 1, Ann cannot own the MGA, Betty cannot own the MGB or MGB-GT, Greta cannot own the MGA, MGB or MGB-GT, John cannot own the Jaguar, Mark cannot own the MGA, MGB, MGB-GT or the Mini, and Tom cannot own the Triumph.

By clues 2 and 3, Elaine, Ann and Faye have the 3 MGs, John, Nathan and Kevin are their husbands (in some order.) Elaine must be Kevin's wife because he is not in clue 2 and she is not in clue 3. Also by clues 2 and 3, Betty, Diane and Greta (in some order) must own the Jaguar, Mini and Triumph (the other three own the MGs). Their husbands must be Larry, Mark and Tom (in some order).

By clue 3, Larry owns Mini. Since Tom does not own the Mini (clue 3) or the Triumph (clue 1), he owns the Jaguar and is married to Betty (owns shirt with feline on it- clue 3). Therefore, Mark owns the Triumph.

By Clue 4, Ann owns the MGB and Nathan MGB-GT, so Ann is married to John and Nathan is married to Faye. Therefore, Kevin owns the MGA.

By clue 5, Diane owns the Triumph, therefore is married to Mark and Greta owns the Mini and is married to Larry.

Therefore, Ann & John own the MGB, Betty & Tom own the Jaguar, Diane & Mark own the Triumph, Elaine & Kevin own the MGA, Faye & Nathan own the MGB-GT, Greta & Larry own the Mini.

Litter Bag

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throw it away. You have two options: Either give it to someone else next Christmas, or do something constructive with it. What can you do with a fruitcake?

Cut into wedges, it makes good wheel chocks.

If it's the right size, you can use it as a spare tire.

Two or three fruitcakes in your trunk will give you excellent traction in the wintertime. And if you get stuck in the middle of nowhere, you can place them around your car soit won't get damaged by large trucks who may not see you.

For our Canadian members, weld a handle on it and you can use it as a stone for curling.

If you get enough of them, pave your driveway or build a patio.

If you are handy with a hammer and chisel, carve a bas relief of Mt. Rushmore and sell it at a flea market.

Of course, you could always eat it.

Murphy's Law

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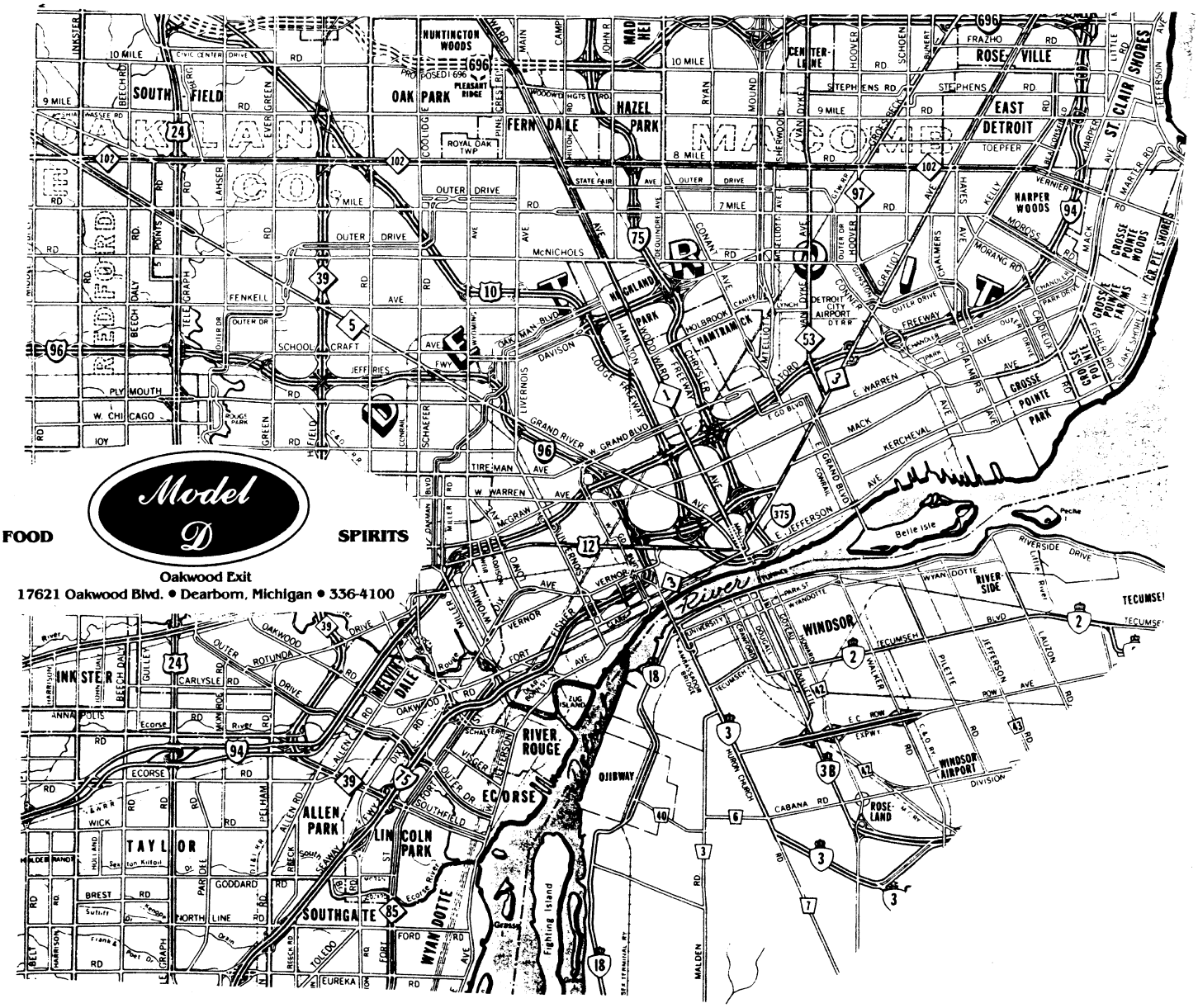
handsome price of $2500 (assuming you caught the right guy at the right time).

Anyway you figure it, you've managed to work for the last several months at the astronomical rate of about 71 cents an hour. Now I don't know about you, but I figure that given my frivolous and flamboyant lifestyle, with the constant rounds of Thunderbird parties, Budget Gourmet meals, second-hand tea bags and Spam power lunches, I need at least 85 or 90 cents per hour just to break even. And that doesn't event begin to cover the heady fines at the local library on overdue Hayes Manuals.

Possibly the profit margin could be increased if I leave off the fuzzy dice for the mirror and the neon green double windshield wipers on the next project.



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