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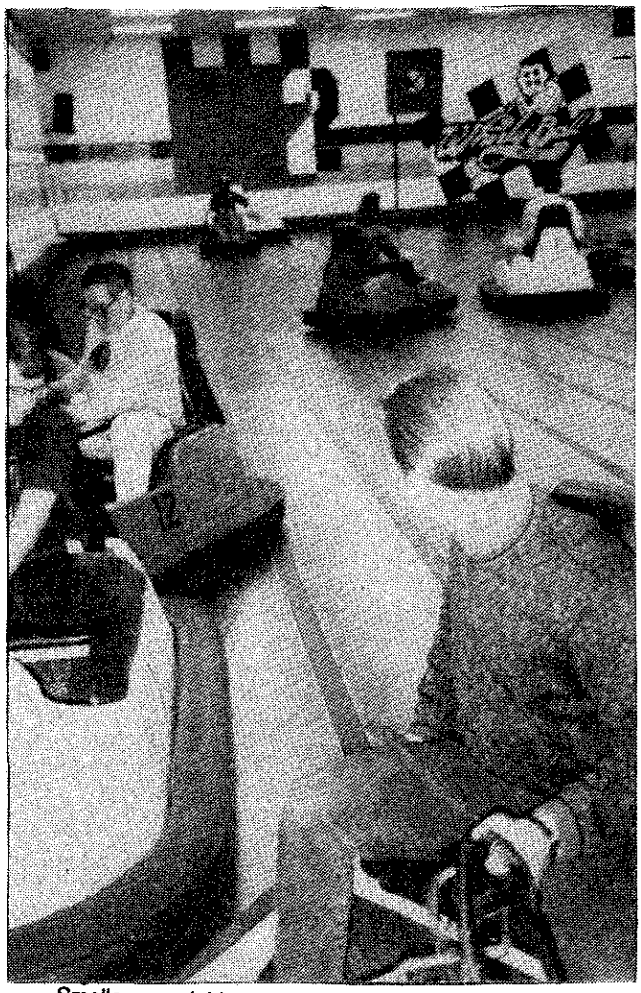
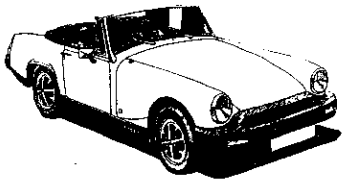
Big crowd, big fun with motorized vehicles.



Smaller crowd, bigger action at Whirly Ball



MG Club Triumphs!

Fifteen WDMGC members met an equal number of Detroit Triumph Sportsc
ar Club members at Whirly Ball West for the first of what may become an annual event.

The nondescript dodgem cars, five to a side, were festooned with large MG and Triumph badges. We played for four 13 minute periods. Thirteen fast, furious and fun filled periods. The final score... WDMGC 18, Triumph Club 4!!!!

Participants on the winning team were **Jay and Mary Kay Kollin, Guy and Ann St. John, Tom and Marcia Greiner, Gary Howe, Dave Clark, Otto Pope, Tom Bondy, Ed Fleming, Dominick Principe, Greg Newton, John Peralta and Holly Orlowski.**

Outstanding players of the game had to be **Jay and Mary Kay Kollin**, both of whom looked like they had done this before. It took a while for the rest of us to figure out the steering, or rather reversing. Turn the tiller 360 degrees to back up, another 360 to go forward again. If you made too many turns the car was likely to go off in a direction you hadn't intended (Lucas Steering?).

Afterward many competitors met at Mr. B's pub to brag or make excuses. Until next year, bragging rights belong to us.

Important Dates

Today -Renew Your Membership
March 27-Curling
April 14-Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
April 25-Kimber Birthday Bash
April 25-British Day,Gallery Automania
May 2-Tech Session
May 12-Monthly Meeting-Windsor

Don't Miss Out, Renew Now!

In the last newsletter you should have received your membership renewal form along with a questionnaire about service and parts organizations. If you haven't sent them in yet do it NOW. You don't want to miss out on any of the great events and information available with your club membership. Send your check (made payable to "Windsor-Detroit MG Club") for $20.00 U.S. to **Marla Zebarah**, 1327 Austin, Lincoln Park, MI 48146-2002.

Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming EDITOR:

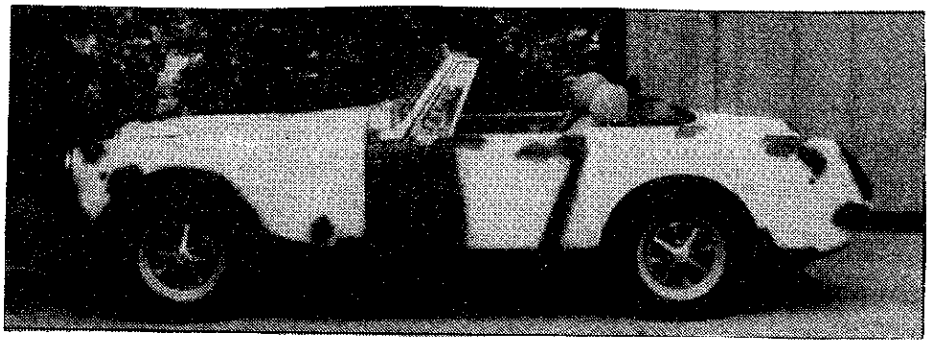
I'm writing this in February and outside it's great top down weather. "What!?", you say. "It's sunny and dry", say I. I seem to have developed a reputation in the club for driving with the top down in what you cold blooded types call questionable weather. People assume I must be miserable driving a car sans top in 25 degree weather (that's minus 4 Canadian).

This is not something I've only recently been caught doing. In the late 60s I bought a Midget in April. I hadn't had a convertible in several years so I was anxious to put the top down, which I did immediately and drove home in a snowstorm. Perhaps that fateful day I caught a virus, an "if it's a convertible the top should be down" virus.

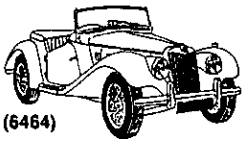
Top down winter driving isn't as bad as it sounds. As in most things, if you just follow your mother's instructions everything will be just fine. My mother said to put the top up when it rains and I do. She didn't say anything about putting it up when it snows. Or when it's cold. Actually, I personally put the top up when the temperature drops to 15 degrees (-9 C). Being a warm blooded endotherming mammal only goes so far. I'm not crazy. People ski and snowmobile in colder weather, without a heater! Are **they** crazy or what?

The rules are simple, dress as if you're going to be outside (except for your toes you will be) and pay attention to the wind chill. At 25 degrees & 60 mph the wind chill is probably close to minus 426 degrees Fahrenheit, so dress accordingly. I have a down jacket with an insulated hood, insulated gloves and a scarf. Wearing a baseball cap under the hood helps protect your face from the wind and the sun. When the temp drops below 25 I add a sweatshirt under the jacket and a lap rob (you might have wondered why the Brits invented those blankets).

Mark Twain once said that the coldest winter he ever spent was a summer in San Fransico. So if this coming summer is a Friscolike duplicate of last year you'll know what to do.



Editor Ed Fleming's '73 Midget in its "beater" phase, before the purple paint went on. A hint to all you beater owners out there. Your cars are still welcome. In fact John Twist has established a Beater Class at his Summer Party.



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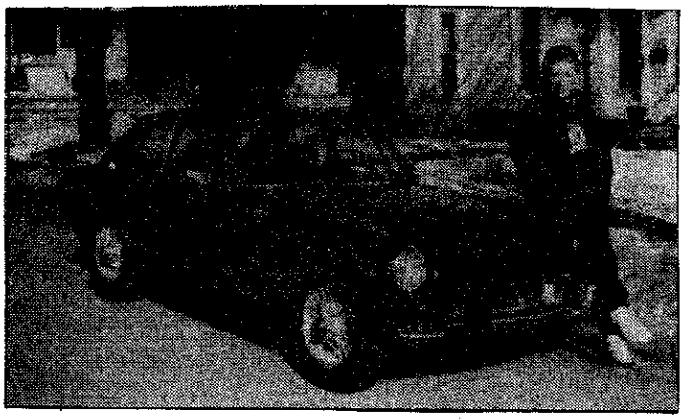


President Guy St. John & his '72 BGT with the trick everything

Behind The Wheel

Well, as I write this column I'm looking out on 6 inches of new snowfall and looking forward even more eagerly to all of the driving events we have planed for the coming year. But until we can get those tops down there are still several opportunities to get together with your fellow club members. Our monthly meetings in Dearborn and Windsor, the March Curling Adventure in Windsor and the Cecil Kimber Birthday Party in April. Please remember the business portion of the monthly meeting starts promptly at 8PM. If you're hungry or thirsty come at 7:00 to mingle and smooze, then stay after to watch a video, get that tech question answered or even buy some regalia.

This year started out with a real whirl with the first annual"Frostbite Battle of the Brits", a friendly little challenge of Whirly Ball with the Detroit Triumph Club. See Ed's review. It just goes to show ya... give 30 sports car nuts a little competition in anything that resembles a car and you have a formula for instant fun. Our thanks go to **Jay Kollin** and **Keith Nelson** for organizing this event.

The picture page you find in this issue is a new feature called "Your Cars". To get it going we are featuring the cars of the club officers and board members. So if you didn't send a picture with your renewal and would like to see your pride and joy on these pages, drop your picture in the mail to Marla (with your renewal form) or Ed (if you've already renewed).

Speaking of the Can Am Connection, this is the last one you will receive if you haven't sent in your renewal check. Don't miss one exciting issue! Send that check today!

It is with great pleasure that I announce that **Greg Newton** has agreed to be the club Video Librarian. Greg will copy and make available to club members, for a nominal fee, an extensive list of MG related videos. Look for a complete list in upcoming issues. Also, **Dan Zebarah** will be the Club Historian and with help from **Roli Sylvestre's** nearly complete collection of newsletters will develop and publish a history of the club's first 15 years. Roli will also have a column from time to time featuring highlights from past activities.

We are also looking for members who would be willing to share their knowledge of specific MG models with other members as a model consultant. If you know your way around such models as MGA, MGC, Ts, Midgets, Chrome or Rubber Bumper Bs, give Ed a call.

In the meantime, if you have a tech question give me a call and I will do my best to get you an answer.

Satefy Fast..Guy St. John

BSCC Day at Gallery Automania

On April 25, the good folks at Gallery Automania in Rochester have invited the clubs of the British Sportscar Council to their store. Times will be from noon to 3PM. Tea and scones will be served. If you're looking for a rare auto related book, model, photo, poster or piece of artwork this is the place to find it. For this event they will have even more English books and artwork. They also supplied some of the nice gifts at our Hibernation Party. Since this is the same day as our Kimber Birthday Bash we may organize a caravan start point from Gallery Automania. Call me for details at (313) 349-3799. To get to Gallery Automania see their ad in this issue.

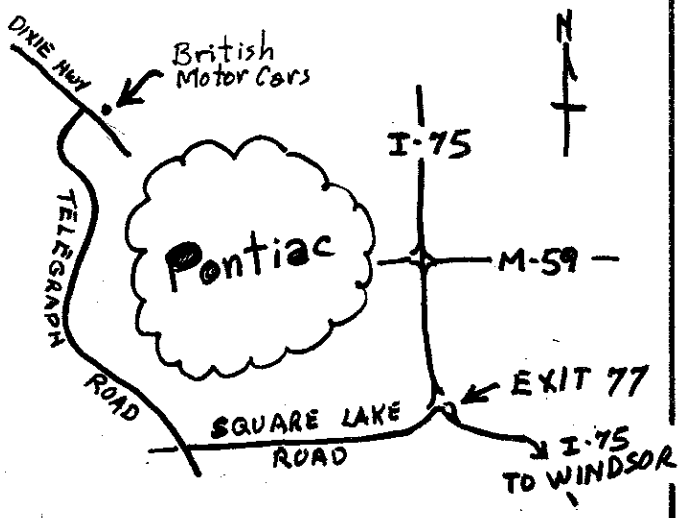
Tech Session at British Motor Cars

Rick Case at British Motor Cars will once again host a tech session for BSCC members. This year it's on Sunday, May 2nd From 11AM to 4PM. Hot dogs, potato chips and pop will be served.

Both bodywork and mechanical repairs will be covered. If you are restoring or repairing your MG (aren't we all) this is the event to learn how to do it.

If you have a car or parts to swap or sell, bring them along. There will be an area for a swapping and swindling and lots of customers.

British Motor Cars has moved about 200 feet down the road from last years location. They're now at 922 Oakland in Pontiac, see map.



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Hide Your Glass MGs, We're Going To Throw Some Stones

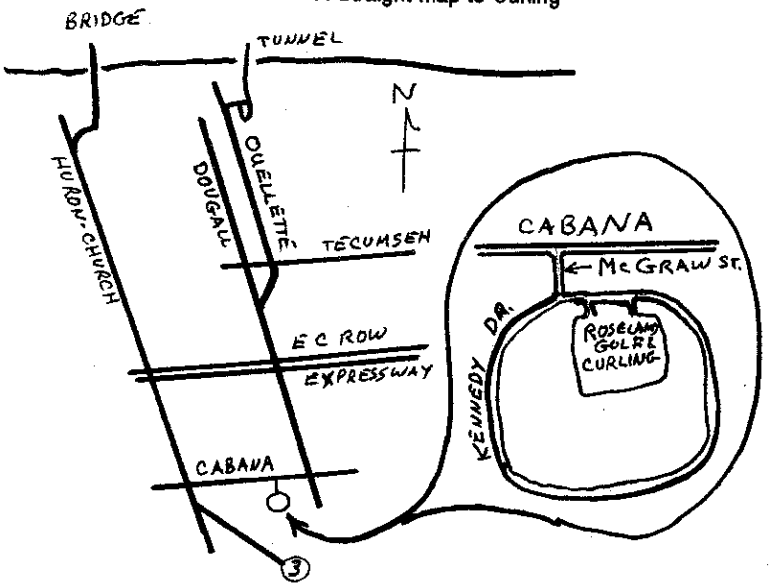
The club will hold our first curling event on Sat. March 27th. We'll meet at the Roseland Golf and Curling Club in Windsor at 7PM (See map).

For those not familiar with Curling, it's a combination of bowling (throwing a heavy object) and shuffle board (you try to get the heavy object to stop on a target and score points). This is all played on ice so dress warmly (not that warmly, it is indoors) and **wear running shoes or sneakers** (the rink requests it). Instructions will be given beforehand so don't be bashful. If it's half as much fun as last month's "combination sport" (Whirly Ball) it'll be a blast.

Cost will be about $7.00 Canadian.

Questions? Call Roli Sylvestre at (519) 977-5346 or the club at (519) 969-3810.

A Straight Map to Curling



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ALOHA

The atmosphere was friendly and warm at **Jane** and **Mark Osowski's** house.....Good thing, because we weren't dressed for February. It was the club's annual luau and **Tom Greiner** was wearing matching Hawaiian shorts and shirt. Under his open shirt front, emblazoned across the chest of his tee shirt were the words "I survived Hurricane Inikki". Tom, looking none the worse for wear, seemed to be having a great time and luckily, for him the "anti-freeze" was plentiful. The table was set with amounts of bodacious high BTU (as in high in calories) foods to build up our **natural** insulation.

Many happy feet were clad in sandals, albeit with one or two pairs of socks. **Betty Sylvestre** started the evening off in a bare shouldered traditional costume made of a beautiful blue Hawaiian print. She ended the evening wearing several pairs of socks, two turtleneck shirts and a pair of jeans. I guess there's more than one way to carry goods across the border.

Two euchre games broke out with **Holly Orlowski** and **Marcia Greiner** beating husband Tom and his partner **Harriet West** in one game. In another , **Matt** and **Judy Oles** dueled to a tie with **Jeff and Judy Monroe.**

John Peralta, Guy & Ann St. John, Ed & Edna Fleming, Dan & Marla Zebarah, Frank & Linda Lucente, Roli Sylvestre, Otto & Judy Pope, Keith Nelson, Vince & Chris Mc Queen, Jack & Issy Renaud, Art & Lynn Kainz and David and Susan Ruch were also in attendance. A *GREAT* time was had by all socializing and discussing up coming events.

A raffle was held to give away an enormous MGB showroom poster circa 1963. (It's authentic) The poster depicts a sketch of a SUPERLATIVE blue chrome bumper B with an 1800 cc engine. There was no requirement that the winner be present to accept the raffle prize and of course **Jay Kollin** won. **Mary Kay** and Jay were sorry they were not able to attend to collect the prize but moving to their new home in Canton was on the top of their priority list. Jay did however, send along some regalia for the "Goody Table" .

We wish to thank Jane and Mark for providing the warm weather (indoors) and graciously opening their home to us for this event one more time. THANK YOU !!!!!!.

Windsor-Detroit MG Club Regalia

Item:	Price: U.S.	Canadian
Club Logo Sweatshirts (Limited sizes & colours)	$15.00	$17.00
Club Logo Baseball Cap (Assorted Colours)	$5.00	$6.00
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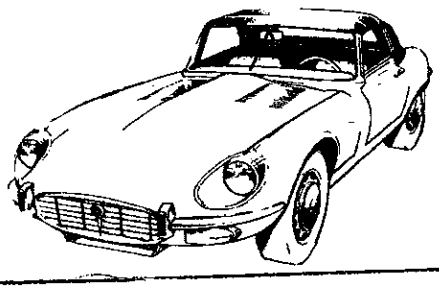

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

Mar.27 Curling in Windsor

APRIL

April 12 Cecil Kimber's Birthday
April 14 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
April 25 Six Club Kimber Birthday Bash-Lansing
April 25 British Council Day at Gallery Automania

MAY

May 2 Tech Session at British Motor Cars-Pontiac
May 12 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
May 16 BSCC Spring Rally
May 23 Spring Rally "Brighton Run"

JUNE

June 6 University Motors Early Summer Picnic
June 9 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
June 13 Carnival of Cars-GM Tech Center
June 20 Summerfast Autocross
June 24-27 NAMGBR Convention-St. Louis

JULY

July 14 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
July 15-18 New England T Registry Meet-Ann Arbor
July ?? Club Picnic-U S Side
July ?? Trip to London/Stratford Ont.

AUGUST

Aug 1 British Day on the Green-Greenfield Village?
Aug 7-8 Vintage Racing at Waterford Hills
Aug 11 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Aug 20-22 University Motors Summer Party

SEPTEMBER

Sept 4-6 Trip to Auburn Indiana?
Sept 8 Monthly Meeting- Windsor
Sept ?? Battle of the Brits
Sept ?? Lucas Night Rally
Sept 26 English Day at the Races-Waterford Hills

OCTOBER

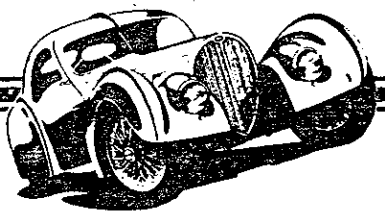
Oct 13 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Oct ?? WDMGC Fall Colour Tour
Oct ?? British Council Colour Tour

NOVEMBER

Nov 10 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Nov ?? Hibernation Party-Canadian Side

DECEMBER

DEC 8 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn



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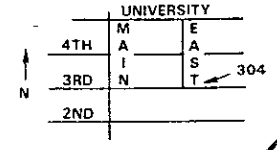

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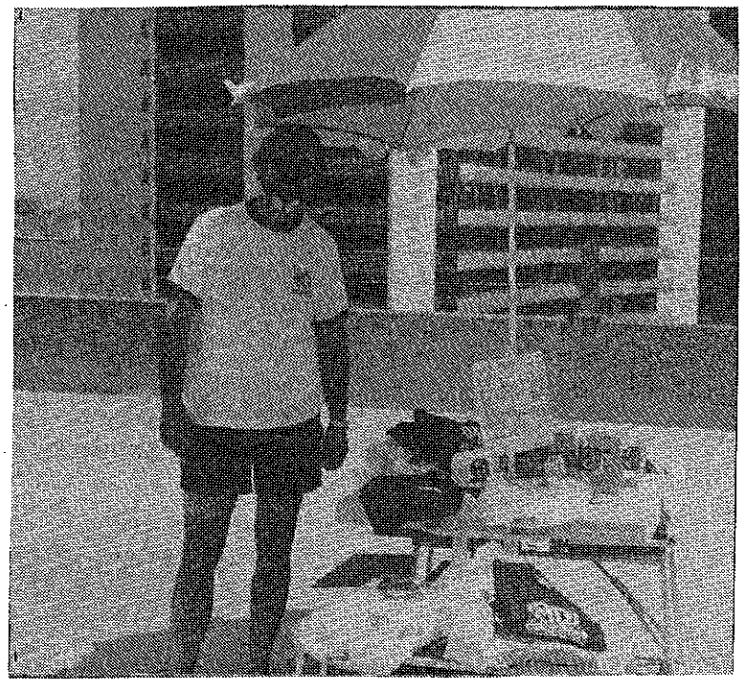
Get Your Newsletter, Read All About It... Earlier

Ok, here's my plan: I'll have the newsletter printed and available at the monthly meetings. If you show up at the meeting you will get your copy that night. You will also get any last minute (not in the newsletter) information and you'll have a great time.

The rest will be mailed the next day and you should receive your copy within a week after the meeting. If not call me at (313) 349-3799.



Canadian Regalia Chairman Roli Sylvestre with his 3 MGs (all named Harvey).Actually the officers met at Roli's house and can verify their existence, although noboby else in the club has seen them in years.

Happy Birthday To These Members

Otto Pope Mar 1
Erin Wiley Mar 1
Katie Clarke Mar 2
Marc Ligocki Mar 3
Keith Ferguson Mar 4
Linda Tortola Mar 6
David Campbell Mar 7
Pat Green Mar 7
Andrea Plevek Mar 7
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Patrick Webb Mar 15
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Gary Gamble Mar 19
Rose Lieberman Mar 19
Marge Arning Mar 20
Marc Pillon Mar 20
Laura Schultz Mar 20
Philip Fischer Mar 21
Dennelle Gora Mar 21
Rob Hastings Mar 21
Renee Hunt Mar 21
Linda Goza Mar 22
Rich Wroblewski Mar 22
Patrick Hacker Mar 23
Jay Kollin Mar 23
Brian Schultz Mar 23
Duane VanConant Mar 23
Michael Hunt Mar 24
Gene Goza Mar 25
Tina Tortola Mar 25
Greg Kuhun Mar 26
Janice Mellor Mar 26
Rich Nader Mar 26
George Arning Mar 30
Dave Howe Mar 30
Darren Murphy Mar 31

Douglas Clarke Apr 1
Lisa Zebarah Apr 3
Jenny Harmon Apr 4
Lynne Hornby Apr 4
Kathy Derderian Apr 5
Mike Murphy Apr 5
Nicole Blair Apr 6
Mike Chachich Apr 6
Bonita Kuhn Apr 7
Sue Stoyshin Apr 7
Jim Trofin Apr 7
Brian Gamble Apr 8
Chris St. John Apr 8
Jeanette Nevin Apr 11
Mike Derderian Apr 13
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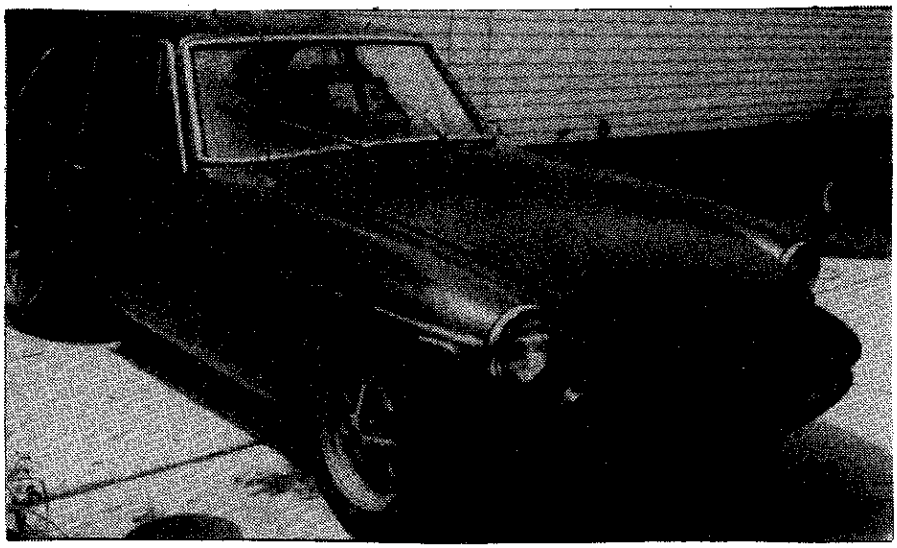

Treasure and Membership Chairwoman Marla Zebarah's soon to be mint '74 1/2 BGT

Newbies (As In Members, Bs & Midgets)

We would like to welcome the following new members to our club:

Todd and **Toni Brandon** live in Livonia with their two children, **Chase** and **Bailey**. They own a 1967 MGB. They don't know yet what color the car will be. Todd is an Engine Development Technician, Toni is a Party and special function Organizer.

Jim and **Mary Jo Haverland** live in Rochester Hills with their three sons, **Dave**, **Jon** and **Ryan**. They are the proud owners of a 1977 Blue Midget. Jim s a Manager for General Motors.

Greg and **Iris Keating** live in Blenheim with their three children, **Jason, Ryan** and **Daniel**. Greg is the Director of Social Services. They own a 1975 Red MGB.

Larry Kovacic and **Mandy Dibbs-Kovacic** live in Windsor. They own a 1971 Blue MGB. Larry is a painting contractor.

Brad Rogers lives in Bloomfield. He has four children, Erin, Erica, Bradley and Raymond. Brad owns a 1977 Red MGB. He is an Electrical Engineer.

Hope you enjoy being a part of our club!

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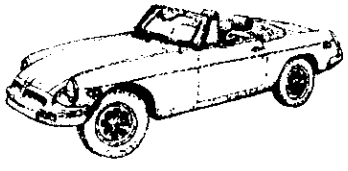

UNCLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

British Car Brochures and sales ads. Jay Kollin, (313)464-4381

'68 MGC, dark blue, body and interior need work, drive train is very good. New clutch and cloth top. $5000. Mike Conley (313) 933-6315

MGA Parts: Fenders, doors, trunk lid, disc wheels, hub caps, dress rings, side curtains,heater, tail lamp housing for 1600, steel dash, steering racks. Good prices, Tom Newton (313)562-2377

"77 MGB, Blaze red, rust free and in excellent shape.Driven summers only. New top, exhaust &brakes. 51,000 miles. $3200. Joe Watamen (313) 274-4453

'73 MGB-GT Teal blue, interior excellent, mechanically sound, Weber & header. Needs body work. $1700 OBO. Dave Howard (313) 656-6134

'75 MGB Tahiti blue, dual carbs, new windshield, battery, gas tank plus $700 worth of new parts. Coming out off storage 4-1-93, $6500. Rich Wagner (313) 624-9573.

Mikuni Sidedraft Carbs and manifold for 1800 engine. $200. Will Zehring (313) 577-4199 or (313) 885-4180

Luggage Rack, Amco,MGB or Midget, good cond $30. Ed Fleming (313) 349-3799.

WANTED

A-H Bugeye Sprite or '69 or earlier MGB. Will Zehring (313) 577-4199 or (313) 885-4180.

PARTING OUT

'65 MGB Engine & trans missing, good suspension, wire wheels. All or part best offer. Tom Newton (313) 562-2377

'72 MGB Parts, Bonnet and mechanical parts Call with your needs, Mike Derderian (313) 979-4234

MORE ON OIL FILTERS

Last issue I suggested using Motocraft oil filters on MGs. The Motocraft number for filters that fit the MGB was not correct. The chart below lists the correct numbers for Motocraft and other brands of filters.

I recently read an article in an automotive design trade publication by Mr. Fritz Mayhew, Chief Design Executive, Ford Motor Co. The main part of the text dealt with future automotive design. He talked about great designs and products coming in the future. As a sidelight Fritz talked about his collection of old Jaguars. When comparing the 50's and 60's Jags to cars of the 90s he says "The least expensive car Ford makes today is a better car than the E-Type Jag. I wonder how he feels about the lack of new technology on the 1993 MGB-RV8?

Otto Pope.

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HASTINGS		134
MOTOCRAFT	FL1A	FL400A, FL400, FL13A
NAPA	1515, 1771	1364, 1516
PUROLATOR	PER1A	PER-195
WIX	51515	51516

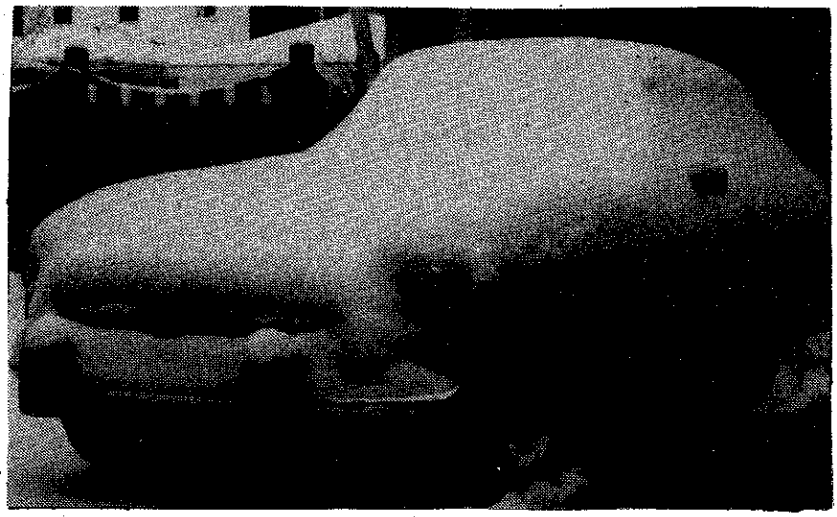
Spares & Parts Chairman Otto Pope's beautiful '80 B LE

Video Library Established

With one mighty stroke of a pen, (one phone call actually) the Windsor-Detroit MG Video Library was created. The plan isto provide one more incredible resource to our members. The library will feature a grand selection of classics about our absessive hobby.

Greg Newton has agreed to be our club Video Librarian. He will have various video cassettes available (covering racing, nostalgia, rallies, D.I.Y. restoration and general interest items) at the monthly meetings. You will be able to rent them for one month for $5.00.

We have a few videos in stock right now and want to add more. If you have a video that you think other members might like to see call Greg at (313) 562-2377.



Video Chairman Greg Newton's '66 B can be seen on video but here is his dad Tom's BGT. If you can think of a good caption for this picture call me at (313) 349-3799 and we'll run the best in a future issue.

It's Cecil's Birthday! Cecil Who?

by Dan Zebarah

If you ask any MG enthusiast, "Who was Cecil Kimber?", most of them would be able to tell you that he built the first MG. However, very few would be able to tell you much more.

Cecil Kimber was born April 12, 1888 in London, the son of Henry and Fanny Kimber. His father and uncle ran a rather successful printing business. His mother was an accomplished artist.

As a boy, he learned to love sailing, learning how from an uncle who did yachting in the Thames estuary. This passion for the sea and boats became his favorite pastime.

At age 15, he went into his father's business, taking classes at the Manchester Technical School. At that time, he would bicycle for miles, in the hope of seeing a car or motorcycle. Remember, this was 1903, and both machines were rather scarce.

He eventually learned to drive a car, a 10 hp Wolseley. Being in North Wales, a hilly area, hills were climbed in reverse; this was done out of practicality and necessity. The carburetor was gravity-fed from the fuel tank in the rear of the car. Otherwise, the car would stall.

After two years of working for his father in the printing business, he saved up 18 Pounds -- enough to buy a motorcycle; a 1906 Rex. He discovered that he could save money by performing repairs himself, eventually acquiring a 1907 Twin Rex. He started racing, winning a race against a 1909 Triumph. The race was held at dawn because of the 20 mph speed limit.

One day, while on an errand for his mother (which got him out of cutting the lawn), he was hit by a car, smashing his thigh and kneecap. After three years of unsuccessful operations, the injury healed by itself, leaving him with one leg shorter than the other. He walked with a limp since then, and was unable to ride a motorcycle.

Kimber married in 1915, while he was working at Sheffield-Simplex as assistant to the chief engineer. He worked at A.C. cars, and eventually moved on to E. G. Wrigley, when disaster struck. Kimber had invested his life savings in Wrigley when they went bankrupt in 1921.

He moved to Oxford where he started working for William Morris. It was there where the MG was born. He started modifying Morris cars, making them fast enough to win gold medals in races. These cars, called MG Super Sports, were just the beginning.

In 1924, he convinced Morris, now Lord Nuffield, to allow him to start building special cars with the MG name, cars which were designed to be MGs, not just souped-up Morrises which were being built up to that point. Nuffield consented, and on March 27, 1925, FC 7900 was registered. This car was built especially for the Land's End Trial, and earned Kimber and his passenger, Wilf Matthews, gold medals for its performance. This car was found in a scrapyard in 1932 and restored by the Abingdon Works, being called, "The first MG, built in 1923." This was obviously an error, but the car has been called "Old Number One" ever since.

In 1927 Kimber again went to Nuffield, requesting that a separate factory be constructed to build MGs. The factory was ready soon, and in September started cranking out the 18/80 model. In 1928 two new MGs debuted, the 18/80 six and the M-type Midget. These bore a departure from Morrises of past; Kimber had designed a new radiator, whose basic form remained virtually unchanged until the 1950s.

The factory moved again, to Abingdon, two years later, and the MG Car Company was registered with Kimber being appointed managing director.

After the outbreak of the war in 1939, MG (along with the other automotive manufacturers) turned to defense. His organizational abilities transformed the Abingdon works into an armory in a short time. However, his ideas for wartime production did not fit in with the Nuffield organization.

He got a contract to manufacture the nose of the Albemarle bomber, but the management at Nuffield were not pleased; Kimber was accused of being an non-conformist. He was fired by Miles Thomas in 1941.

He joined Specialloid Pistons, a position to last for the duration of the war. He was also approached by John Black, chairman of Standard, who had acquired Triumph. Perhaps he wanted Kimber to head a post-war Triumph company. Nobody knows.

On February 5, 1945, while travelling on Specialloid business, the train he was on suddenly backed up, flipping the last car over into a bridge. Kimber was killed instantly.

It's ironic how a man whose motto became, "Safety Fast!" was killed in a train moving at walking speed.

Cecil Kimber

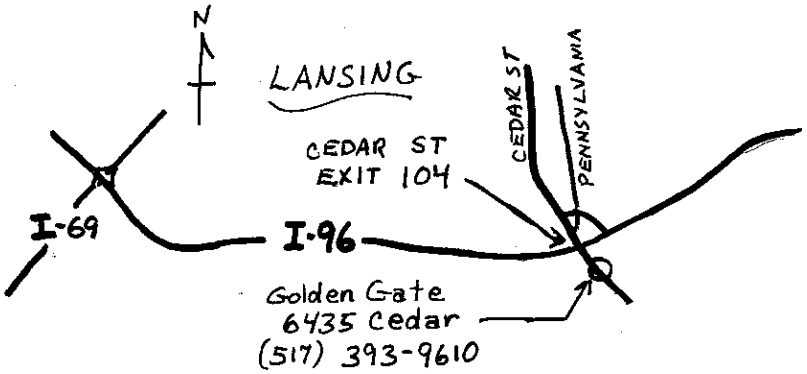
Kimber Birthday Bash Planned With MG Clubs From All Over the State

On Sunday, April 25th the six Michigan MG car clubs will celebrate Cecil Kimber's birthday. I know, I know, April 12th is really his birthday, but it takes a lot of coordinating to get six clubs to agree on a date-at least it's in April.

The clubs are:

Lansing Area MG Association
Michigan Rowdies (MGAs)
New England MG "T" Registry,Michigan Chapter
Union Jack British Car Club
West Michigan "Old Speckled Hen" MG Car Club
Windsor-Detroit MG Club

We'll all meet at the Golden Gate Restaurant in Lansing (see map) at 1PM for lunch, birthday cake, a guest speaker, and MG fellowship.



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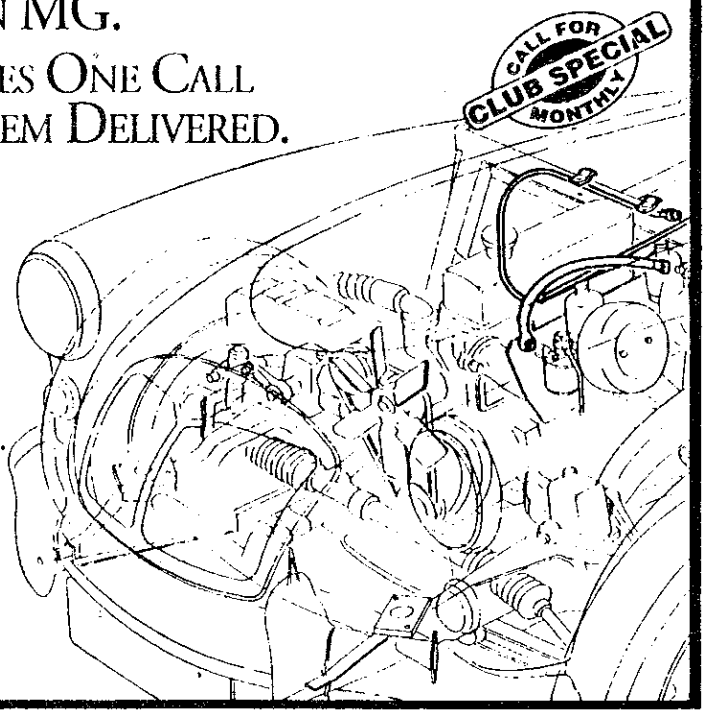

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