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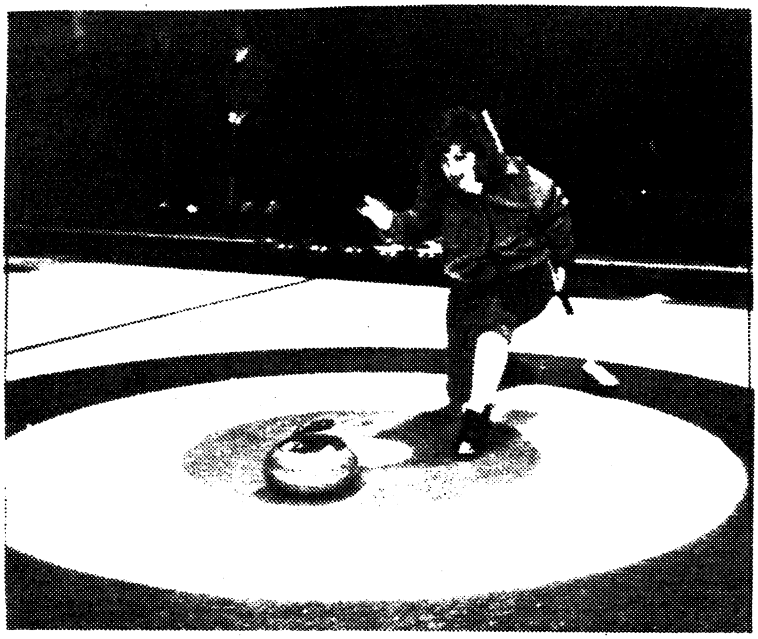

Betty Sylvestre in Action

Five Clubs Celebrate Cecil's Birthday

Eight WDMGC members braved heavy rains to travel to Lansing for the six club Cecil Kimber birthday party. Naturally those of us who decided to leave our MGs in the garage because of the rain in Detroit saw the sun come out when we got to Lansing.

Guy and **Ann St. John, Marcia Greiner, Jay Kollin, Otto Pope, Dominick Principe, Roberta Sand** and **Ed Fleming** joined about 25 other MG enthusiasts for some good socializing.

Jay handled a 50-50 raffle that netted the club $41.50 and also sold $14.00 worth of regalia to the other clubs. Another "Jay", Jai Deagan from LAMGA presented a slide presentation on the MGC club's adventures in England. **Marcia Greiner** put her gourmet cooking skills to work and baked a delicious cake.

We met members of the new Union Jack British Car Club for the first time. This small club from the Hillsdale County area is for all British cars, but they're mainly an MG club. There are 23 MG's, one Jaguar and two Rolls Royces in the club.

A great day of MG fellowship, Cecil would have enjoyed himself.

WDMGC Spring Ralleye "THE BRIGHTON RUN" Sunday May 23rd!

DETAILS ON PAGE 13 !!

Curl to the Left Curl to the Right Stand up, Fall Down Sweep, Sweep, Sweep

It looked easy enough on television, watching the Canadian Curling Championships, before the WDMGC met for our own night of curling. But getting a 40 pound rock to slide down 125 feet of ice and stop (and go) where you want is definitely harder than it looks. First there is standing up on the ice. Most, if not all, of us ended up with our feet in the air and our rear (or head) on the ice at one time or another. It didn't help that we all put duct tape on the sole of one foot to slide easier. Some (**Marla Zebarah**) landed harder than others, some more comically (yours truly).

Getting the rock all the way down the ice wasn't hard, getting it to stop before it slid all the way out the back of the "house" or scoring circle was. Just ask **Tom "Freight Train" Greiner** who's rocks only stopped in the house if they hit another one already there. Otherwise they went roaring right on through.

Instructions were given beforehand so we could learn and practice the fine art of propelling the stones and sweeping. Mark, our instructor did an outstanding job. It took us an hour to learn what other groups require five or six hours to master. Then someone yelled "Enough of this practice, let the games begin". And they did. We divided up into four teams.

On one team (we'll call them TEAM A) we had **Marcia Greiner, Harriet West, Keith Nelson, Tom and Marie Bondy.** They played TEAM B consisting of **Tom Greiner, Roli and Betty Sylvestre, Dominick Principe and Roberta Sand.** After about an hour of "precise" rock throwing and mad sweeping the game ended in a 3 to 3 tie.

In the other game, TEAM C, made up of **Guy and Ann St. John, Otto and Judy Pope,** and **Dan Zebarah** played TEAM TC (you didn't think I'd name it D did you?) consisting of **Brett Altman, Vince McQueen, Ed Fleming, Dave Campbell and Diane Clingen** to a 2 to 2 tie.

In addition to the team members above, **Marla Zebarah, Chris McQueen and Marla's mom and dad** were spectators, providing the laugh track for the videos. Everyone had a great time, nobody lost, everyone won. We got some good exercise and learned something new. It was just serious enough to bring out the competitive juices and keep score but comical enough to keep a smile on everyone's face and not worry about the score. **Roli Sylvestre**, who organized this event did a stand up job (he did a stand up job in the games too, I never saw him fall down on the ice).

The conversations that followed ran toward the "Let's do this again" variety. Watch this space for the next games.

Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor

In January we had Whirly Ball, inside, then the Luau, inside. Next we had curling, then the Kimber birthday party, British Day at Gallery Automania and a Tech Session, all inside. Thank God its May and the beginning of outside events, top down driving;car shows, and rallies. Real car stuff.

I'm always ready to do something that involves cars. As I said in my first column I'm a automobile addict, I can never get too much of cars. Well, maybe last year when I went to the Cord-Auburn-Duesenberg Show in Indiana and spent the day drinking in the sight of **600 acres** of interesting cars. It felt like a religious experience, but then I went with two **St. Johns (Ann and Guy)** and two **Popes (Judy and Otto).**

This year might do me in. There are about 200 days left in the year and we have 30 events on the calendar already. That's something to do every 6.6 days, and that's just MG stuff. Check the club calendar now so you don't miss your favorite events.

In addition to all the great events form past years, we've got more new events planned. We already went Whirly Balling and Curling and spent a day celebrating Cecil Kimber's birthday. Still to come are the trips to Stratford ON and Auburn IN. Some of us are planning to attend the NAMGBR Convention in St. Louis in June and there is talk of caravaning there using the roads that made up old Route 66. So you should have plenty of opportunities to enjoy your MG this year. You did join this club to have fun with your sportscar didn't you?

As they say in the Nike commercials, "Just do it!"

In the late sixties or early 70s there was a TV program called "The Avengers" which featured two 007 type characters, John Stead and Mrs. Emma Peel. Stead drove an old 1930s Blower Bentley and Mrs. Peel a white Lotus Elan. Mrs. Peel was a favorite of Mrs. Fleming's. Mrs. Fleming wanted a Lotus Elan.

Diana Rigg who played Emma Peel actually owned the car on the program. She sold it and the car ended up in the U.S. Flash forward to the early 80s to an ad in AutoWeek. Mrs Peel's Elan is for sale. I was sure Mrs. Fleming would approve of me buying this collector car, but when I called, I found it had already been sold.

Flash forward again to 1993. Mrs. Fleming gets her Lotus Elan, sort of. Edna's '93 Mazda Miata recently arrived. It's white (just like Mrs. Peel's Lotus) it's got pop-up headlights, a small low oval grill, power windows, a dual overhead cam four cylinder engine, 4 wheel independent suspension, 4 wheel disc brakes, and it was made in an island nation where they drive on the left side of the road. (all just as Mrs. Peel's Lotus did). It also has a steel body, ABS brakes, a hard top, a 5 speed,left hand drive, and air conditioning which the Lotus didn't. It also cost about what a restored Lotus Elan would cost today. Its also a lot more reliable.

Speaking of reliability, I wonder what a 1993 MG would be like? Would it be like the Miata? **Phil Whilshire** has a video of an experimental MGB-GT from 1976 that has dual air bags, ABS brakes, side impact protection and a host of 1990 technology. It seems that British Leyland had the know-how to build modern automobiles. Why didn't they? Would a 1993 MG have cup holders? How about fuel injection, Lucas makes a high quality injection system that BMW uses. Would the styling be like the RV8 or more modern? Sadly, we'll never know.

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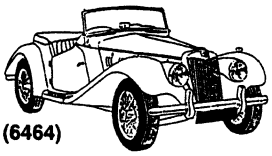

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Behind the Wheel

by Guy St.John, President

As we go to press Spring is trying very hard to get sprung and typical of a Michigan-Ontario April, meeting with limited success. This is very frustrating for me as I was fortunate enough to spend most of March visiting (and painting) my parents home in Corpus Christy, Texas. "The weather," you ask? Sort of like June-July around here. Oh yeah I did this trip in my '72 B-GT. 3300 trouble free miles, 90% on secondary roads but more on the trip another time.

The events for the first four months were very successful (25-35 participants) and varied (a whirled ball, a flavored pig, a frozen rock and a birthday cake). A;; great fun with wonderful friends but now it's time to get out your pride and joy and go **DRIVING!** Don't be afraid to get your car wet, they don't melt but they all leak (carry towels) and anyway it gives you another excuse to rub on another coat of wax. These cars are meant to be driven. If you're looking for a great investment, call a stock broker.

As you can see from Ed's column and our bulging calendar, this will be a very busy summer, with something to suit every driving style. For those of you who will be vacationing or taking weekend trips in your MGs this summer, be sure to take lots of pictures of you and your car in all those exotic locations. Send some pictures along with a story to Ed for inclusion in a later newsletter. Also if you know a good tech tip, have discovered a great new product or service for your car, please pass it along to Ed so we can share it with all the members.

The new club Membership Directory and Handbook is almost complete and will be in your hands very soon. Don't forget this month's meeting in Windsor, see you there.

Safety Fast

Guy

From the **April 1987** issue of the Can Am Connection comes this news. "We may also finally see Roli Sylvestre's British Racing Green GT on the road this Summer. The paint MUST BE CURED BY NOW SO ALL THOSE SHINY BITS CAN GO BACK ON AGAIN ROLI." Hey Roli, it's 1993, do you have those shiny bits on the GT yet? For those of you who can't find the humor in this look at page 6 of the March-April '93 newsletter.

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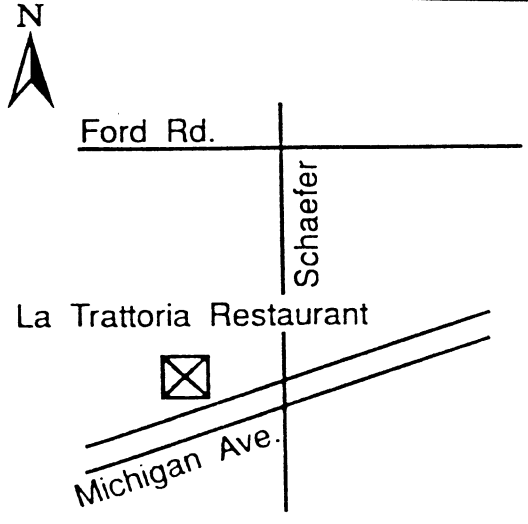
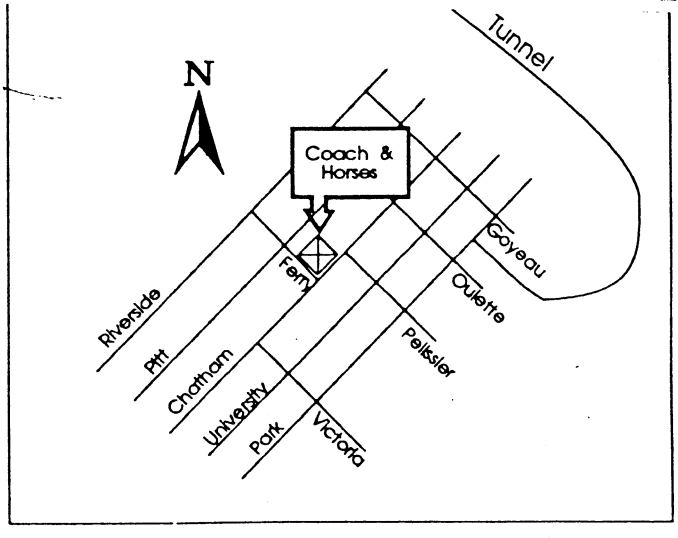




Tales from the Far Side, The Governor's B-GT

By Phil Whiltshire

As you know, I tend to wax lyrical about motoring history; in particular MG history. So a few weeks back I was thinking about the historic motoring areas not recently covered and concluded that we ought to make things a lot more personal. We can do that by searching our memories and writing about our first MG experiences. How or why did you first get involved with the marque and what MG cars have you loved, lost or own?

My story is a very simple one, definitely not as dramatic as some I hope to read. Here it is.

I had a passing interest in sportscars, but had not thought of getting one, being a practical kind of person I stayed with sedans. Back in '78 I became a toolshop manager and after a while I found myself regularly parking next to a green sportscar and soon learned that one of our Toolmakers, Paul Hooper was the owner.

Some months later Paul decided to emigrate to the U.S.! He decided that his sportscar would have to be sold.

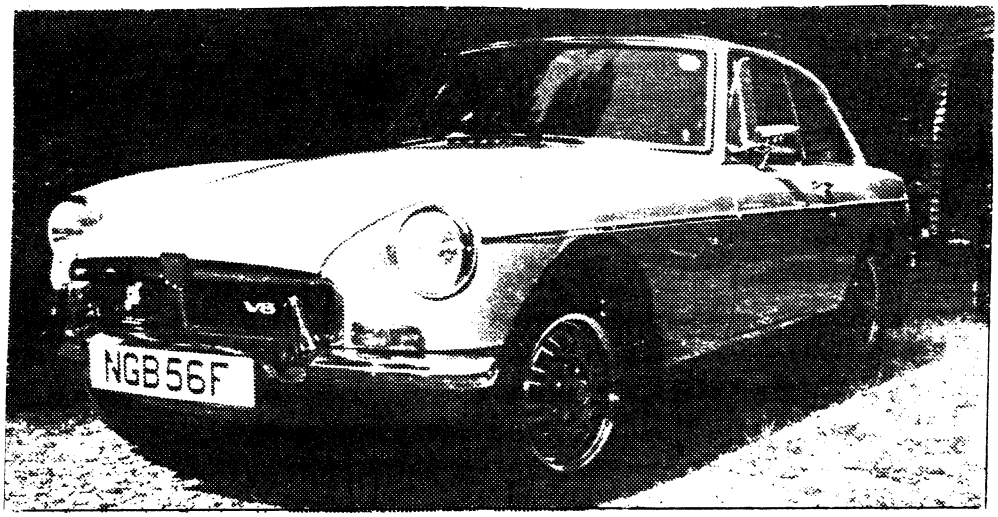
I made the classic, fatal mistake of going for a test drive and the now familiar feeling washed over me. Just sitting in that low, straight position with the smell of old leather in the cabin forced the maniac wide smile onto me that pervades the lips of all MG drivers. One ride around the block confirmed my addiction for life and "POO" became ours.

The "GT" was much older than its Log Book describes, so going back through some old dealer receipts I found that the car had been used in Germany for many years by a wine importer. He had driven the right hand drive car in a left hand drive country for a long time.

The car was then used in the Channel Islands by the Governor General of the Islands. In the early eighties I went to the Islands on vacation and tried to photograph the Governor's Residence. It was so large that my photograph only shows a portion of the Hall and grounds. I could imagine my car being driven up the very long driveway and being met by servants to pamper both car and driver!!!

We have had traumatic times with the car. It was my everyday car for several years and one year I put 42,000 miles on her. After that year I did my first rebuild, only to trash the car by skidding off the Motorway. The fresh paint was nine days old and only one fender and one door were spared.

I was very relieved to get the GT to the US in one piece and wonder if Paul Hooper will ever see a British Racing Green MGB-GT on a trip through Michigan and think "I had one just like that in England, 15 years ago!".



There may still be "seats" available for the club trip to Stratford. This two day event (June 26-27) promises to be an very British weekend, Stratford, the play (The Mikado), the caravan to Lake Huron etc. You should have received a flyer on it last month. If you would like to go call **Phil Whilshire** at (313) 932-0072 or **Guy St John** at (313) 349-3649.

Another New MG Coming from Rover

From the May 3,'93 issue of AutoWeek comes news of another new MG. "Rover is also studying a less expensive, higher-volume roadster, intended for both the home market as well as exports. The exports **may include the U.S.**, but so far all cost studies have been based only on European sales.

Codenamed PR3, the car is a small mid-engine roadster, loosely based on the Rover 200. It has actually been undergoing development for a couple years but never got the go-ahead.

This time around, Rover is going with a partner, Mayflower, a U.K. based holing company which of late has been buying up specialty engineering firms. Mayflower will assemble the bodies for Rover. Perhaps just as important, Mayflower will share in the car's costs.

PR3 could thus go to market as early as late '95 as a '96 model. Engines will include 1.6 and 1.8 liter variants, and maybe a 1.8 liter supercharged K engine as well. Rover will use as many off-the-shelf parts as possible to keep the car in the Miata price range."

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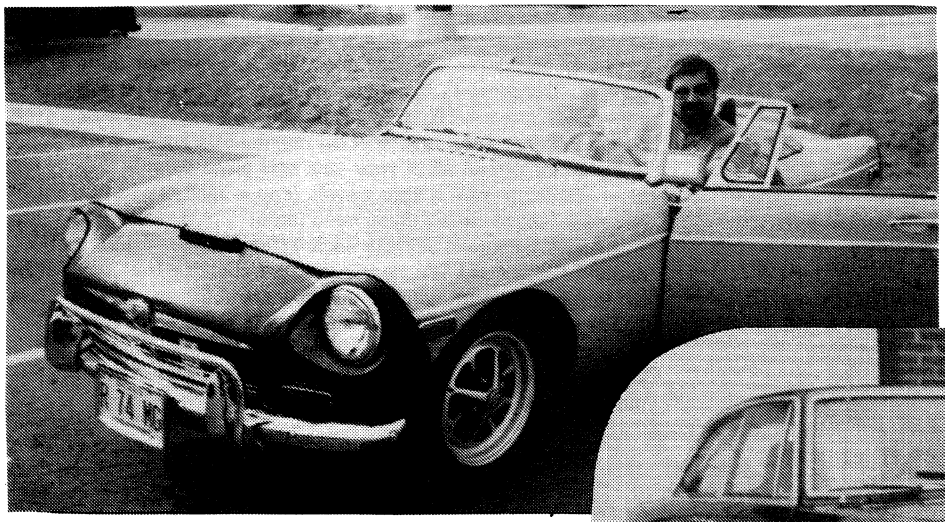

Above Frank Lucente's
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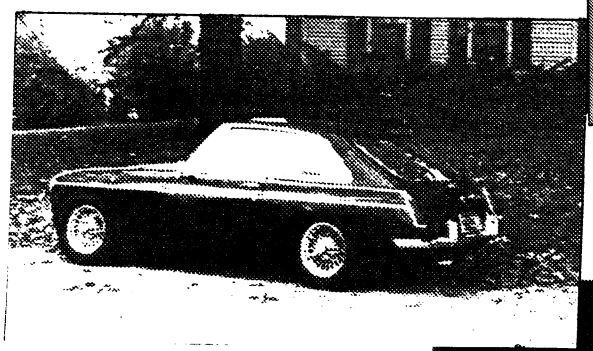
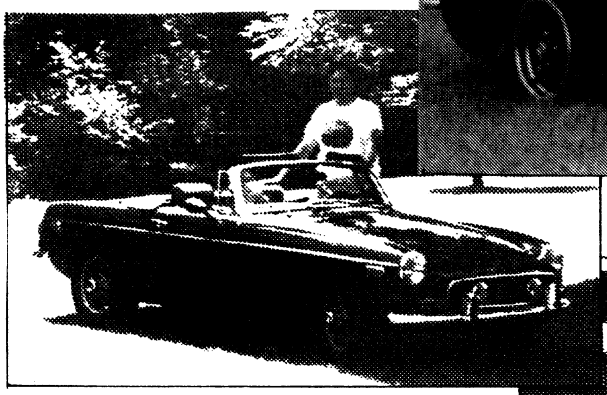
Gary Howe's 70 BGT



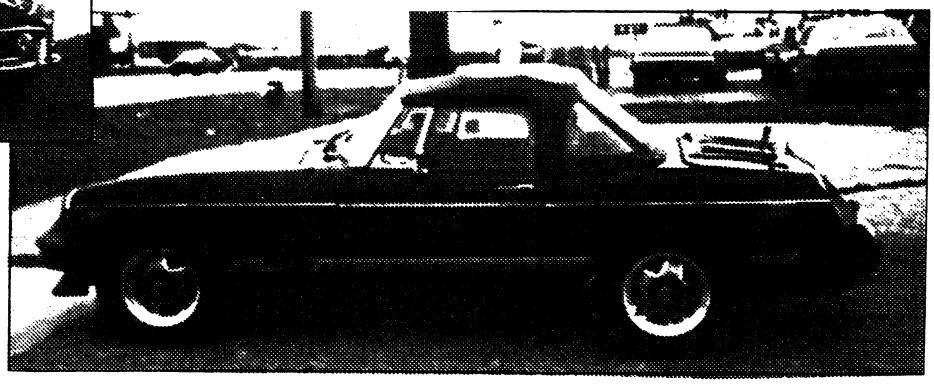
Mark Uhlig's 66 BGT
It's for sale, see classified

U.S. Regalia Chairman Jay Kollin's '74 Midget after years of Jay's bodywork



Above, Dave Campbell's 72 B

Right, Suzanne Snyder's 80 LE



Newbies (As In Members, Bs & Midgets)

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

Ken and Carole Allen live in West Bloomfield. They own a 1978 Green MGB. Ken is a Scrap Metal Recycler.

Jim and Cherie Baggot live in Canton with their two children, **Derek and Chelsey**. They own a 1968 Red Midget. Jim is a D. C. Department Manager.

Marshall and Jill Stern live in Farmington Hills with their three children, **Seth, Edward and Scott**. They own a 1973 Red MGB. Marshall is a Photographer.

Hope you enjoy being a part of our club!

New Member Contest Has Started

With this newsletter we start our 1993 new member drive contest. The contest will last from now until October 31st and here is how it works; First, scour the countryside for possible new members. Keep several of the membership applications in the glove box of all of your cars and place them in any MGs you might see in your travels (one is included in this newsletter-make copies if you need more).

Second, be sure to put your name in the space on the form marked "Where did you hear about the club?". That way Marla will know who recruited that new member.

For each new member you sign up your name will go into the proverbial hat (the more new members, the more entries you get). Then at our Hibernation party a name will be drawn out of the hat to win a free membership.

Happy Birthday To These Members

Some people don't like birthdays, but studies have shown that people who have the most birthdays live the longest.

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

Bridget Murphy May 1
Dan Sokolowski May 1
Chase Brandon May 2
Rick Green May 2
Reggie DiRezze May 4
Brad Heath May 4
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Jeremey VanConant May 6
Brenda Mann May 7
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Additions to Cash in Bank		
Dues-U.S.(104+3)	$2010.90	
Dues-Can (29+2)	472.55	
Prepaid Dues-1993	105.00	
BSCC Rallye	30.83	
Advertising	287.00	
Interest	39.99	
Raffle Revenue	210.00	
Regalia Sales	1229.80	
TOTAL ADDITIONS TO CASH IN BANK		$4386.07
Subtractions from Cash in Bank		
Stamps	946.51	
Luau	101.83	
Office Supplies	91.36	
Telephone	585.52	
Taxes & Licensing	31.00	
Homecoming	250.51	
Hiber Party	331.12	
Dues - BSCC	25.00	
Dues - MGCC England	42.20	
Whirleyball Deposit	60.00	
Meetings	639.74	
Membership Kit	857.97	
Petty Cash Account	53.25	
A/R Membership	11.00	
Regalia Purchases	987.97	
TOTAL SUBTRACTIONS TO CASH IN BANK		$5014.98
Cash in Bank, December 31, 1992		$ 245.95

Respectfully Submitted,
Marla J. Zebarah, Treasurer

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members are always willing to help with any MG problems. This is the club's greatest benefit: The MG Spirit.

WHAT WE DO:

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club sponsors events during the year for its members. These have included: Driving events (rallys and autocrosses), a family picnic, a hibernation party in November, and a Hawaiian Luau held in February to help chase away those winter blues.

In addition, the club is a member of the British Sports Car Council of Michigan and participates in sponsored events.

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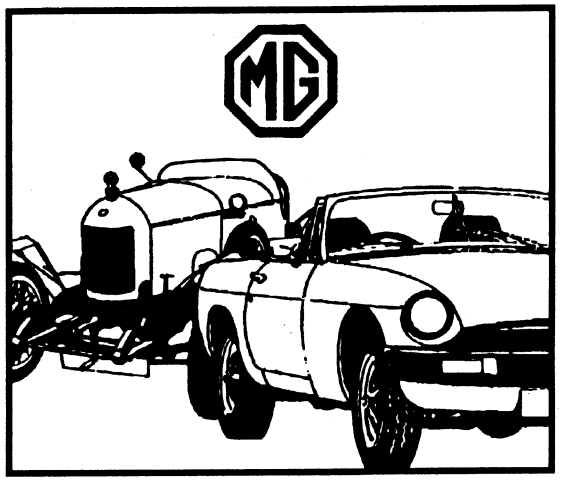

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The International Local Club

WHO WE ARE:

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This international camaraderie is what gives the Windsor-Detroit MG Club its unique character: It is probably the first and possibly the only local club in North America to enjoy membership and events in two countries on a regular basis.

Membership is open to anybody with an interest in MG cars. Represented models include: MG T-Series, MGA, MGB, and Midget. Ownership is not required, and in the true enthusiast spirit, a car's condition is not important.

WHO WE AREN'T:

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club isn't a bunch of men standing around in greasy coveralls drinking beer (at least not ALL the time). It is an organization for the whole family and many events are not necessarily automotive-oriented.

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU:

Membership in the Windsor-Detroit MG Club gives you the ability to talk to other MG owners, locate hard-to-find parts, and trouble-shoot problems. Club

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Children living at home (please include birthdays) _____

Please list British cars only:

Car #1: yr._____ model_____ body style _____ colour _____

Car #2: yr. _____ model _____ body style _____ colour _____

Car #3: yr._____ model_____ body style _____ colour _____

Additional cars? Please list on separate sheet of paper.

Your membership includes two name tags. List these names as you wish them to appear on your name tags. Additional tags are available at an additional cost of $5 each (U.S.)

Name # 1: _____ Name # 2: _____

Additional names: _____

Where did you hear about the club? _____

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All registrations include entry to exhibit and museum for two persons; children welcome.

	Per Car	
❑ Early Registration (before May 30)	$9/day	$16/two days
❑ On-Site Registration	$12/day	$20/two days

As an Exhibitor, I wish to participate in

❑ Lake District Rally (Saturday Only) $10 per car

Seller Registration

❑ A Car Seller $20 per vehicle includes admission; $10 each additional vehicle

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Vendor Registration - Auto Jumble

❑ A Vendor (15 x 30' lot, please set up Saturday 8 to 11 a.m.) $20 two days; additional lot, $10

Please Make Checks Payable to:

Southwestern Michigan Motoring Association
630 E. Cork Street
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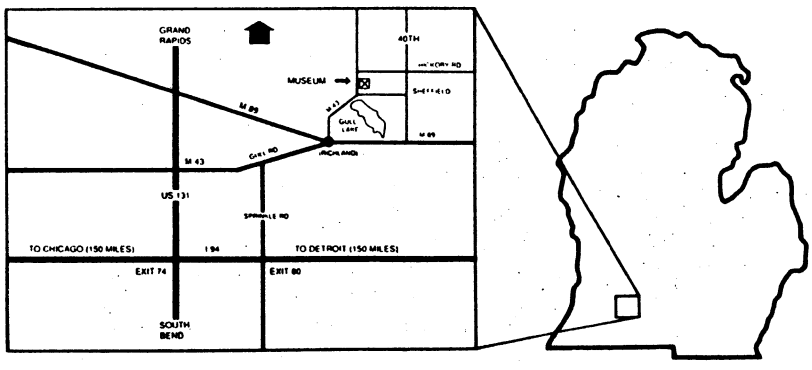
Mad Dogs & Englishmen III

A British Car Show

Saturday, July 10, 1993
Sunday, July 11, 1993

Featured MG *Marque*



This will be the third year for this British car show, and for the first time they will have a "Featured Car" and it is MG. There will be plenty of things to do. There is the usual car show and Auto Jumble swap meet. There are also two ralleyes, one a walking Rally where you seek clues amid indoor displays of classic vehicles, the other a normal car ralleye that starts at 10AM. There are children's activities and surprises, a movie set to get photographed in, a video theater, and "Auto Games" to test your driving skills. And that's just Saturday, Sunday repeats those events except for the ralleyes. Also on display in the museums are cars from the Bortz "Dream Car Collection." For more information call T. W. Lane at (616) 344-6118

Gilmore Classic Car Club Museum
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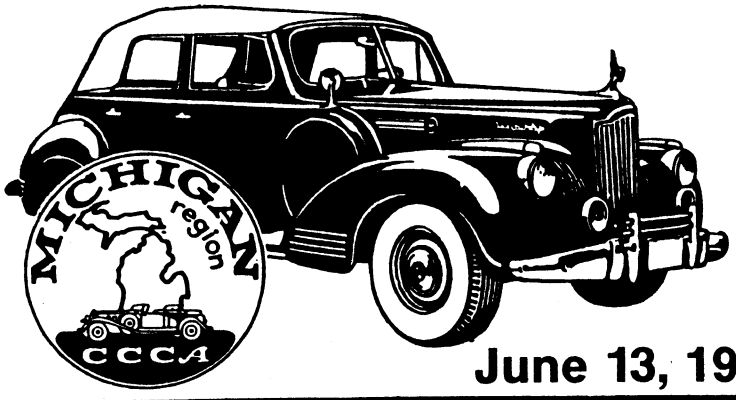
CARNIVAL OF CARS



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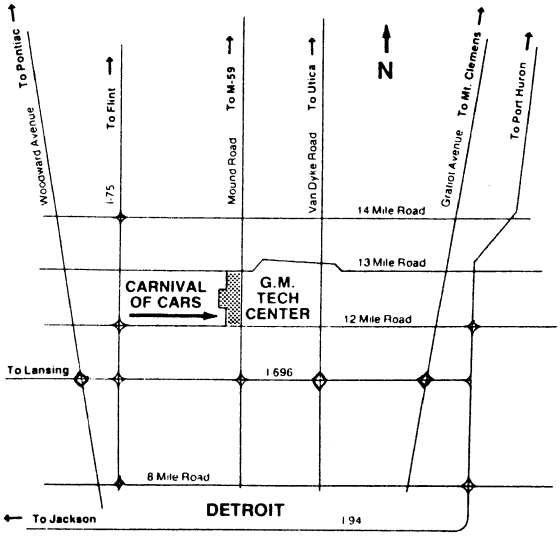

CAR PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

Under "club entered" indicate initials of club you wish to enter (see list above), including a second choice. You may enter any club *if you are a member of that club and your car qualifies in that club.* If these two qualifications are not met, you will be disqualified without refund.

Your signature and complete insurance information must be entered on the registration form below in order that your registration be accepted.

NOTE: You will *NOT* receive a confirmation of registration. Your cancelled check is your receipt. A registration packet will be given to you on arrival at the gate.

CAR PARTICIPATION FEES

Car Clubs (Judging & Exhibition)	• $10.	(U.S. Funds) for each car and all passengers thru May 29th. No refunds.
	• 15.	(U.S. Funds) for each car and all passengers May 30th thru June 10th. No refunds. (NO REGISTRATION AFTER JUNE 10th).
Non-Club (Exhibition)	• $10.	(U.S. Funds) for each car and all passengers thru May 29th. No refunds.
	• 15.	(U.S. Funds) for each car and all passengers May 30th thru June 10th and on meet day (as space permits). No refunds.

Mail Form To: June Pacitti, P.O. Box 507, 26200 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127

CAR REGISTRATION FORM — 30th Annual "CARNIVAL OF CARS" — Sunday, June 13, 1993 — Rain or Shine!

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TO BE JUDGED?

☐ I belong to a participating car club (see list above) and will be parked with my club..... ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

☐ I do not belong to a participating club. My car will be parked on the non-club exhibition field (no judging).

Year and Make	Model and Body Style	Club entered 1st & 2nd Choice	DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE Registration No.
		WDMGC or	
		or	
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Signature: _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Items in **Bold type** are WDMGC events. If you want to know more about any of these events call Ed Fleming at (313) 349-3799.

MAY

May 12 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
May 23 Spring Rally "Brighton Run"
May 20-23 Vintage Racing Elkhart Lake WI Featured car-Healeys

JUNE

June 6 University Motors Early Summer Picnic
June 9 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
June 13 Carnival of Cars-GM Sports Complex-Warren
June 13 Detroit Grand Prix
June 20 Summerfest Autocross
June 20 Wheels of Freedom Parade-Belle Isle to Windsor
June 24-27 NAMGBR Convention-St. Louis
June 26-27 Overnight Trip to Stratford ON

JULY

July 14 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
July 10-11 Mad Dogs & Englishmen-Kalamazoo MI
July 15-18 New England T Registry Meet-Ann Arbor
July 18 Club Picnic at Tom & Marie Bondy's

AUGUST

Aug 1 English Day on the Green-Greenfield Village
Aug 5-8 AMGBA National Convention-Westminster VT
Aug 7-8 Vintage Racing at Waterford Hills
Aug 11 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Aug 13-14 Roadster Factory Summer Party Armagh, PA
Aug 20-22 University Motors Summer Party-Grand Rapids

SEPTEMBER

Sept 4-6 Trip to Auburn Indiana?
Sept 8 Monthly Meeting- Windsor
Sept 12 Battle of the Brits
Sept ?? Lucas Night Rally
Sept 26 English Day at the Races-Waterford Hills

OCTOBER

Oct 3 Deacon Brodie British Car Show
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

Photo Caption Contest Continues

Members Miss out on Great Prize

The response to **Tom Newton's** contest requesting captions for the picture of his B-GT covered with snow wasn't exactly overwhelming. The responses we did receive came in after the deadline so I've sent First Prize (a 1993 MGB-RV8 in British Racing Green) back to England.

Now aren't you sorry you didn't send in that witty caption? You are? OK, we'll give you another chance (to send in your ideas, not to win the RV8).

Just mail your captions to Ed Fleming, 8905 Napier Rd, Northville, MI 48167, or call me at (313) 349-3799.

The winners of our second through seventy fifth prizes will win their named printed in the Can Am Connection!

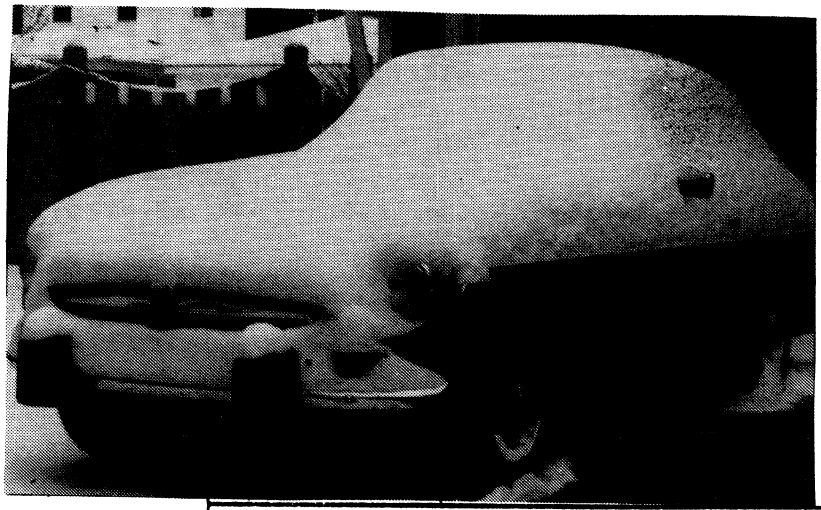
So far here's second and third place:

From **Jerry VanHoutan**; "Yes, I know its a blanket, but I'm still cold!"

From **Mark Uhlig**: British Leyland briefly experimented with a "spray on" car cover. Another nifty idea that just needed a bit more development time.

Also from Mark; Greg said to himself "I just put my wife's project on hold! Get this MG, work on it and she'll never notice the difference".

And another "Yes dear, I've got the MG already to take you to the hospital the minute you go into labor. It's all gassed up and ready to go..."



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MG Logo Leather Belts	$9.00	$11.00
Club Logo Jackets	$20.00	$26.50
Club Logo Golf Shirts	$16.00	$21.00
MG Logo Beer Mug	$3.00	$3.75

Items are available from either club regalia chairman (check your newsletter for details) All items may not be available from each chairman.

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The unused letters will spell out a phrase dedicated to the MG marque.

Did you know . . .

MG at War

At the beginning of 1940, Abingdon starved of work by the Nuffield organisation began to put out feelers for independent war work: Cecil Kimber and George 'Pop' Propet obtained a number of contracts with the War Department to produce a varied collection of items ranging from mess tins, frying pans to artillery shell racks.

They also obtained a contract to overhaul a number of tanks, totally stripping and overhauling existing components or replacing them with new parts. All it needed was for three or four of these tanks to be disassembled for a major portion of the factory floor to be covered. Luckily a ministry inspector decided that all these tanks needed was a 'wash and brush up' to make them serviceable, so that problem was alleviated, in all 1908 Mk4 Vickers light tanks were given this treatment.

Having negotiated the final contract, MG was then called upon to take on bigger tanks. This needed the installation of large, travelling cranes with a 20 ton lift capacity, another aspect of the contract was that these tanks had to be road tested by the factory employees, very adept at car road tests, but not tanks. However, they soon learnt the techniques for this but not without the occasional 'incident'. By December 1940 MG had reconditioned 143 Matilda Mk2 tanks.

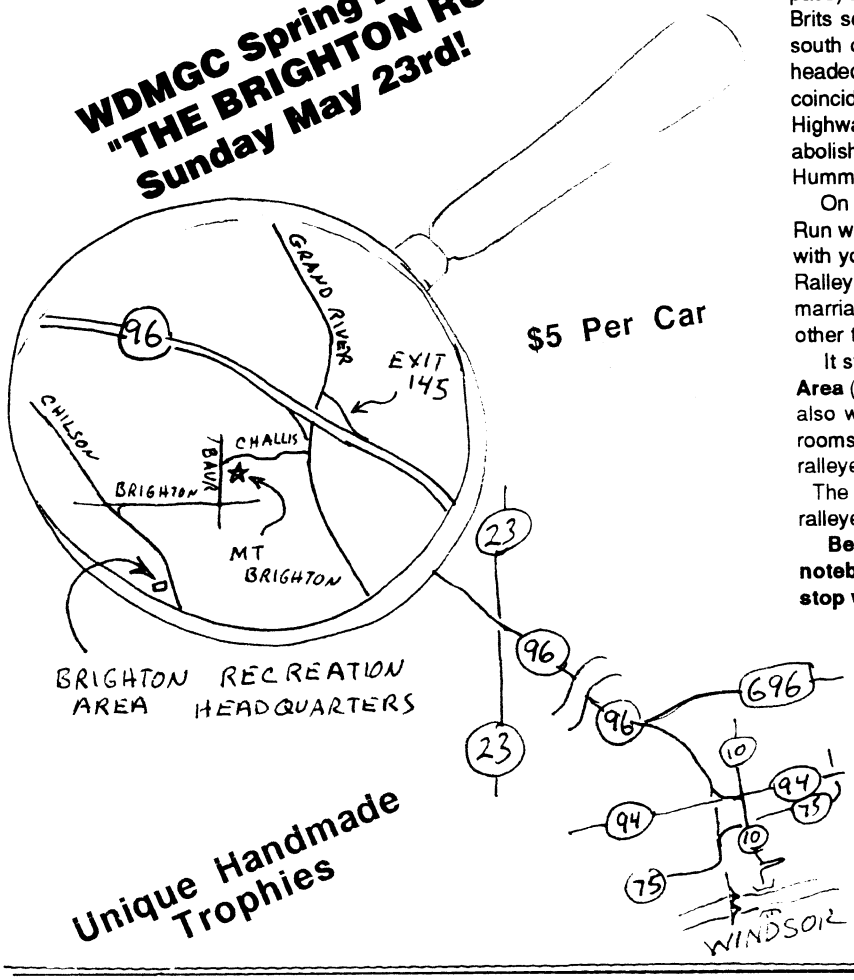
Other tasks included repairs of armoured cars that were battle damaged, and the assembly of American trucks that were delivered in kit form. The competence of the factory in handling the above projects gained themselves the task of building complete Crusader tanks, which caused problems due to its 'hot riveted' construction, necessitating large numbers of rivet heaters and pneumatic hammers to be installed in the factory. Alas none of these Crusader tanks are known to have survived in England.

In 1942 the Ministry decided that MG should also undertake production of the famous Rolls Royce Merlin series of aero engines, from 1942/45 around 8750 of these Merlin engines were produced.

In the middle of 1942, MG started the production of the Albermarle Aircraft Nose sections after three other contractors had failed to produce one single unit. This part of the aircraft was undoubtedly the most complexed, MG designed jigs and formers to fabricate the tubular structure, even designing a radio/electric test rig to test the nose sections in actual operational conditions, the only one being operated in the aircraft industry. By 1943 many people at the factory doubted the existence of the Albermarle as a complete aircraft so the air ministry arranged a fly by of Abingdon, putting on an excellent display, they believed it then!

The above is a brief history of Abingdon in the war years, a better knowledge of the history can be gained by readers if they obtain a book called 'Nuffield through the War Years' which was published in 1948, happy hunting.

WDMGC Spring Ralleye "THE BRIGHTON RUN" Sunday May 23rd!



$5 Per Car

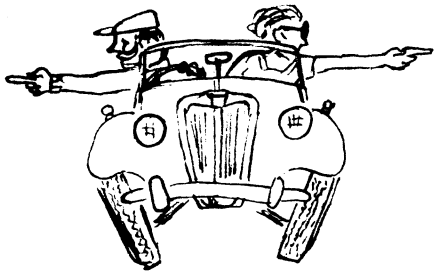
In 1904 Britain abolished the four mile an hour (walking pace) speed limit for motorcars set in 1896. To celebrate, the Brits set out from London on a run down to Brighton on the south coast. Naturally they drove faster than 4mph as they headed down the A23 Motorway to Brighton. Just coincidently we happen to have a town named Brighton on Highway 23 right here in southeast Michigan and we recently abolished our own ridiculous 55mph speed limit. Hummmmmm.

On **May 23**, just a week after the annual British Brighton Run we will have ours. Not just a ralleye but a full day of fun with your MG. We'll have a test for your driving expertise, a Ralleye to tax both Driver and Navigator not to mention marriages and a picnic area with swings, monkey bars and other things for the kids.

It starts at the Headquarters for the **Brighton Recreation Area** (see map). There we'll have the driver skill events. We also will have a covered pavilion (in case it rains) with rest rooms and BBQ grills. Bring a picnic lunch if you want (the ralleye will pass several fast food restaurants if you don't).

The Skill Tests will start at noon and the first car out on the ralleye will be at 1PM.

Be prepared! Bring a pen or pencil and a clipboard or notebook to record things and make computations. A stop watch would also be helpful, though not necessary.



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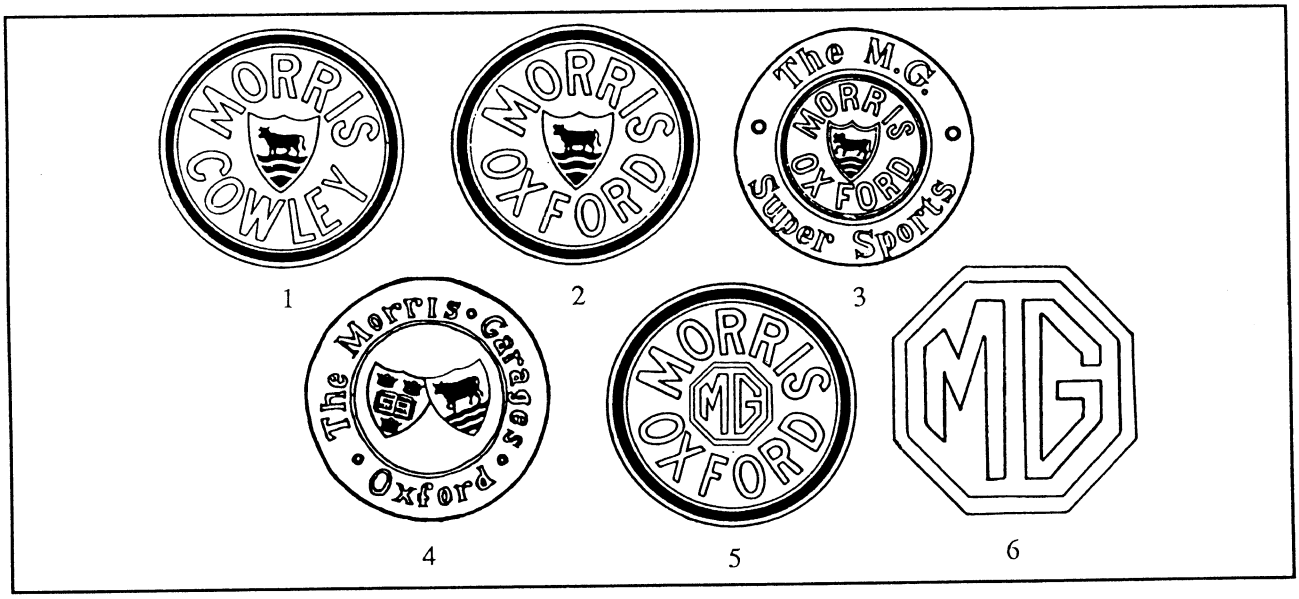
As far as the early M.G.s go, the presence of an octagon wasn't always the tip off. We're used to seeing that famous logo right up front saying "Sports Car" to the world. That wasn't always the case. As far as the radiator badge goes, we know it evolved this way:



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93 Supplier Survey Results Are In

The 1993 Windsor-Detroit MG Club Membership Supplier Surveys have been returned and tabulated. Sixty seven members responded to the survey. The full results will be published soon. The following is a list of the suppliers that most members recommended in each category.

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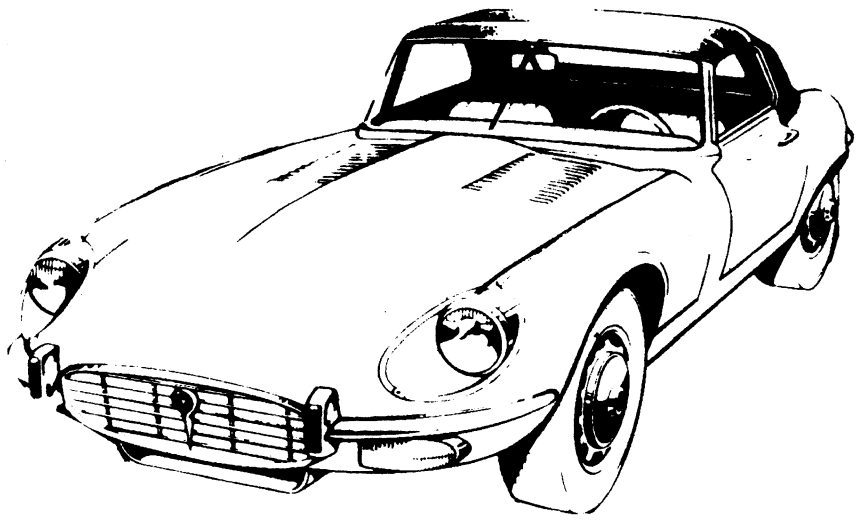

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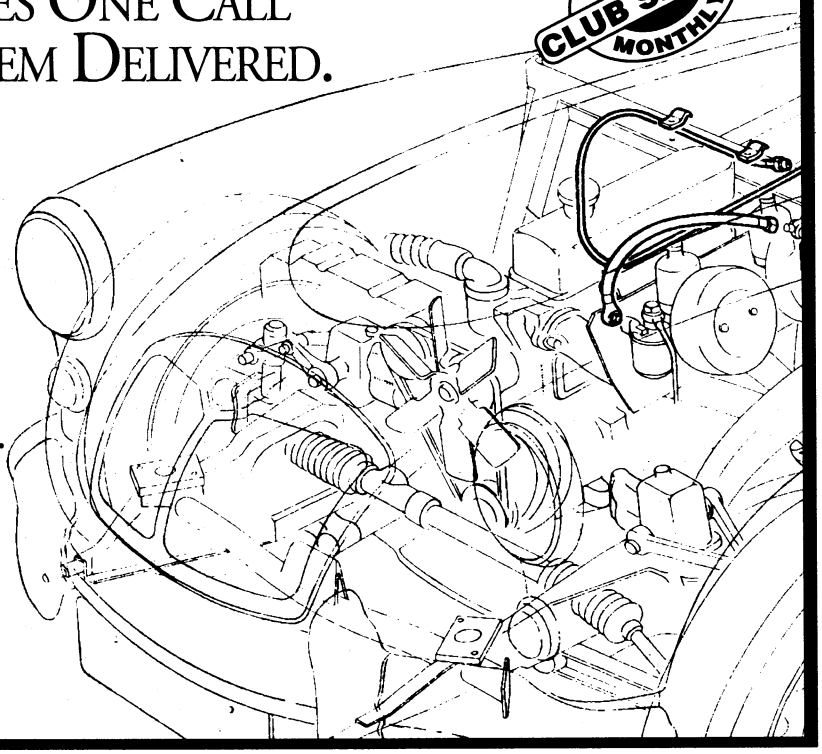

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