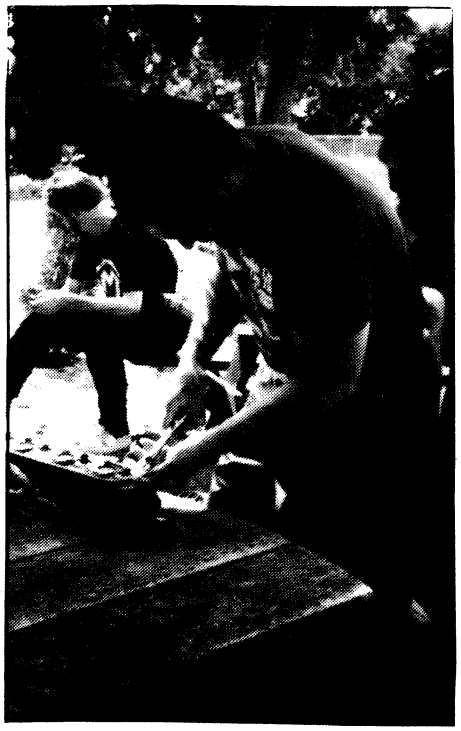
THE CAN-AM CONNECTION

vol. 13 no. 6 | Newsletter of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club | August 1993



Above: Most of the gang that attended the Summer Picnic on the beach at Tom and Marie Bondy's
Right: Frank Lucente puts a little less weight into the Sparkplug Contest.

Great Weather, Great Location, Great People, It's the Club Picnic!

Mark this down; we had an event this year without rain! And **Otto Pope** was present (he had remarked that every event, including non WDMGC events he'd attended this year had rain). The rain threatened, enough so that everyone put the top up or the tonneau on, but the heavens never opened up on our picnic. The curse has been lifted, plan on sunshine for all remaining events!

Tom and Marie Bondy opened up their house on Lake St. Clair for this event, along with their sailboat, motorboat, jet ski,and neighbor's volley ball court. This is one club event that you don't have to bring your MG to, since there's no diving once you get there and there's something for the whole family. Yes, there was talk about wire wheels and exhaust manifolds but the tone of the picnic was "let's have fun".

The younger kids engaged in a lively (send that video to "America's Funniest Videos") game of baseball while the older kids (in a few cases much older) played several rounds of volley ball. Meanwhile **Guy and Ann St John** were out on the sailboat and several adventurers took the jet ski out for a spin.

Guy St John was talking about all the neat car games we've seen at other events lately and how it would be entertaining to do that at our picnic. **Tom Bondy** (after several beers and without consulting **Marie**) was overheard to say he'd like to host an event like this again next year. Hey, if John Twist can host an early summer picnic **and** a late one maybe we should consider two picnics each year, especially since 59 members showed up despite the threatening weather.

So, let me put that on the calendar for next year. Another great family picnic at Bondy's and a second one where we invite the MGs (put on by Guy). Don't mark your calendars yet, spouses and the board of directors have to be consulted first, but it sounds like a good idea to me.

Roli Sylvestre brought out the "Change the Spark Plugs" game and 20 people competed. Guy ran away with the fastest time, changing 4 plugs in 47 seconds with **Dave Hornby** right behind at 48 seconds and **Roli** at 55 seconds. The rest of us were in the 1 to 2 minute range, **Frank Lucente** for example was at 1:16. Oh, did I mention that **LINDA Lucente's** time was 1:14? Frank, if you're in a hurry, let Linda work on the car.

Now, aren't all you members who didn't go because you thought it would rain sad you missed our picnic? Even if it rained, we would have had a great time as we proved at the wet Brighton Run and Summerfast Autocross. So right now, go mark your calendar for the next event, the Rooftop-Costume Rally August 15th, right now so you don't forget. Ask anyone who participated in this rally last year. It too, will be a great event!

Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor

July, August and September seem to be the busiest months of the year for an MG enthusiast. The "active" members of the club certainly have a lot to chose from each weekend, and the officers of the club (who are all active members) also have a lot of demands on their time.

As newsletter editor and active member, I spend a lot of my time on club activities.. Luckily for me I get a lot of help from other members with the newsletter. This month I would like to thank those members who help get this periodical out each month.

Dan Zebarah, "computer genius", has made me computer literate in the last six months and when I couldn't figure out how to get this or that to happen he has always been available to explain how to do it. And he donated the computer and hardware I'm using to type this column. He also has written articles for the newsletter. Pretty soon he is going to write a few articles on the history or the club, right Dan? Look for a few of Dan's articles in upcoming issues of Moss Motors Newsletter as well as ours.

Marla Zebarah, writes the new member and birthday columns each month and runs off the mailing labels. She also is in charge of all the club gossip, lets me know who attended each event and gives me ideas on fillers each month, and she pays the printing bills.

Otto Pope takes care of the Classified ads and has written dozens of articles for the newsletter. That's one or two less pages that I have to worry about.

Guy and Ann St. John. Guy has his president's article each month and has found other articles for the newsletter. Ann has helped with special pages, headlines, and printed special inserts. Both have helped me stuff, stamp and label the newsletters.

Phil Whiltshire has written numerous articles for the Can-Am Connection, and has helped me with historical information. Talk about being pressed for time, I asked Phil to write an article on the Stratford trip for the July newsletter. No problem, except Phil got back from the trip late Sunday and I needed to get the newsletter to the printer Monday or Tuesday. Phil stayed up late Sunday working on it then got up at 4am Monday to fly to Kansas, got back around 11 that night and had the article for me at 8am Tuesday! Now that is an **active** member! Thanks Phil.

Tom and Marcia Greiner are always available to help me insert inserts, fold and staple and address the newsletters. And Marcia takes a lot of the pictures you see in these pages.

In my first newsletter I said that I knew this would be a lot of work and that I would be asking for help from my friends. **Thanks friends!**

We have a new advertiser this month, **Import Auto Supply** located on 10 Mile Road just east of Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Bob Leggieri started Import Auto 8 years ago in the old Bill Herman Renault dealership. The place looks like a BMC dealer from the 70's with a used car lot full of MGs, Jags and Triumphs and service bays and parts inside. If you're in the area, check them out.

The Can-Am Connection is published 9 times a year by the Windsor-Detroit MG Club, Inc., 8905 Napier Rd., Northville, MI 48167, USA. Contributions are welcome in either written or typed form.

1993 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
Guy St. John (313) 349-3649

VICE PRESIDENT
Frank Lucente (519) 977-5346

REGALIA - CANADA
Roli Sylvestre (519) 969-2739

REGALIA - U.S.
Jay Kollin (313) 455-6949

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP
Marla Zebarah (313) 382-6715

NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Ed Fleming (313) 349-3799

BRITISH COUNCIL REP.
Gary Howe (313) 939-6851

SPARES & PARTS
Otto Pope (313) 271-3225

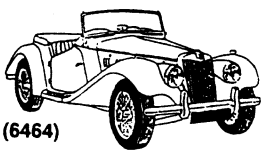
VIDEO LIBRARIAN
Greg Newton (313) 562-2377

CLUB HISTORIAN
Dan Zebarah (313) 382-6715

ADVERTISING RATES:
Classified ads:
FREE to members!
$5 for 3 issues for non-members
Business Card Size:
$5/issue, $36/year
Quarter Page:
$10/issue, $72/year
Half Page:
$15/issue, $108/year
Full Page:
$25/issue, $180/year

FINE PRINT
All contents, except where noted otherwise, are ©1993, The Windsor-Detroit MG Club, Inc. Any reproduction requires expreas permission, except for our sister clubs who participate in our newsletter exhange.

614- Eastern Avenue, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
Phone **(616) 245-2141**
24 Hour FAX **(616) 245-MGMG (6464)**



THOUSANDS OF NEW AND USED PARTS

COMPLETE SERVICE ON:
TC • TD • TF
MGA • MGB • MGC
MIDGET • MAGNETTE • 11/1300

EXCLUSIVE MG SERVICE SINCE 1975

LINE
Complete Lubrication • Complete Tune • Complete Test Drive • Brakes
Exhaust • Clutch • Engines • O/D Conversions • Shocks • Wheels • Electrical

BENCH
Short Blocks • Cylinder Heads • Engines • Rocker Assemblies • Gearboxes • Overdrives • Differentials
Remote Control Housings • SU & Stromberg Carburetters • Exhaust Manifolds • Distributors • Starters
Dynamos • Control Boxes • Wiper Motors • Brake Cylinders and Calipers • Kingpin Assemblies

RESTORATION SERVICES
Repair • Bench • Restoration Services • Soft Tops • Interiors • Carpeting • Rust Repair • Paint • Detailing

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS?
CALL JOHN TWIST • TECHNICAL HOUR 1:00 - 2:00 PM EST
PHONE **616-245-2141**

MGB DRIVER

Acknowledged as the leading source of information for all MGB and Midget owners, *MGB DRIVER*, a 60 page bi-monthly publication, comes packed with technical and historical information about your car. Subscriptions are $25 per year. For a sample copy, send $4 to P.O. Box MGB, Akin, IL 62805, or call 1-800-NAMGBR-1.

Behind the Wheel

by Guy St. John, President

It seems July has turned out to be everything this spring and, for that matter, last summer wasn't-warm and dry! From all of us who have tops that come down, thank you, thank you, thank you!

July's major club event was the annual summer picnic in Tecumseh, Ontario at **Tom and Marie Bondy's** home on Lake St. Clair. Over 50 members, their families and guests enjoyed a warm afternoon of volleyball, sailing and jet-skiing. The impromptu car show in the front (or is that back) yard had a steady stream of Riverside Drive gawkers, some even stopping to walk among the dozen or so MGs present. The club would like to thank Tom and Marie for the use of their home and toys. Also, a big thanks to **Marla, Frank, Roli** and everyone who pitched in to make it another well run event.

Popular topics of conversation overheard at the picnic were how much fun last month's trip to Stratford was and how many people came to the very lively monthly meeting at the Coach and Horses Pub in Windsor. **Phil Whiltshire** was seen polling everyone on where we should go for next year's overnight outing. If you have a suggestion give Phil a call.

Please make a special effort to make the August 18th monthly meeting at La Trattoria in Dearborn. Ron Gammons, Chairman of England's MG Car Club and winner of the 1993 Monte Carlo Ralleye will be our special guest speaker. We will also have the videos from this year's Father's Day (monsoon) autocross-hope to see you there.

I hope you've all chosen your costume (don't forget the car) for **Lou Tortola's** Roof-top Rally in Windsor. We know Lou has been working hard to bring us another of his very inventive and entertaining events.

For those attending the University Motor's Summer Party in Grand Rapids, please stop by the club tent for lunch and instructions for the group picture (we will have some neat T-shirts). If you need an application call Ed or Marla.

Jim Bolinger and Otto Pope are going to work together for a moro expanded tech tip, product review, classified ad section for the newsletter. Jim is also going to set up and co-ordinate "Garage Days" where members can observe specific repairs or restoration projects first hand. **Phil Whiltshire** has already volunteered to show us how to re-skin a door. Watch the newsletter for more details.

When you are looking for parts this summer, please remember to call our local advertisers first. They can save you time and money as they will all give discounts if you show your membership card.

As I write this column, **Ann** and I are preparing to leave, in her '68 roadster, for a 2,000 mile camping vacation down the Blue Ridge Parkway through the Smokey Mountains. We will take lots of pictures and I encourage you to take lots of photos of your MG adventures this summer and get them to Ed so we can put them in later editions of the Can-Am Connection. See you on the road.

Safety Fast.

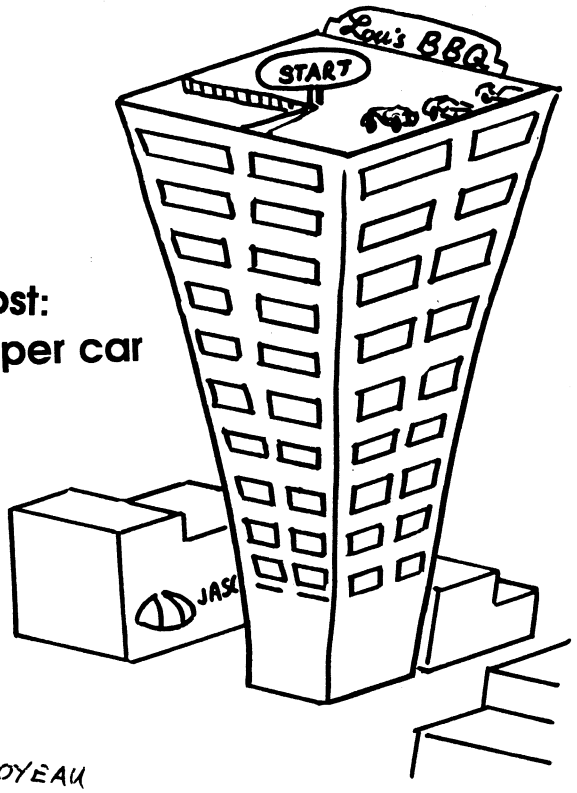
It's the Return of the Rooftop-Costume Ralleye!
Sunday August 15th

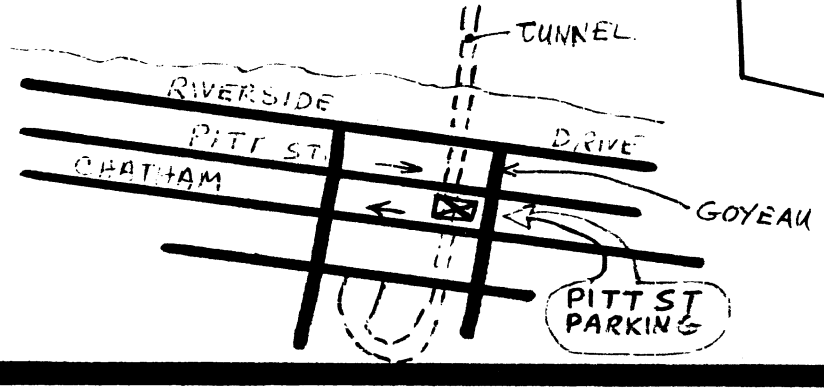
Make your costumes now, decorate your car. It's time for Lou Tortola's Rooftop Costume Ralleye. And being a Lou Tortola event you know it's going to be different. It starts with a rooftop Barbeque (hot dogs & pop provided by the club) at 12:30 followed by the Rally at 1:30.

Trophies For:
- *Best Costumes
- *Best Car Costumes
- *Ralleye

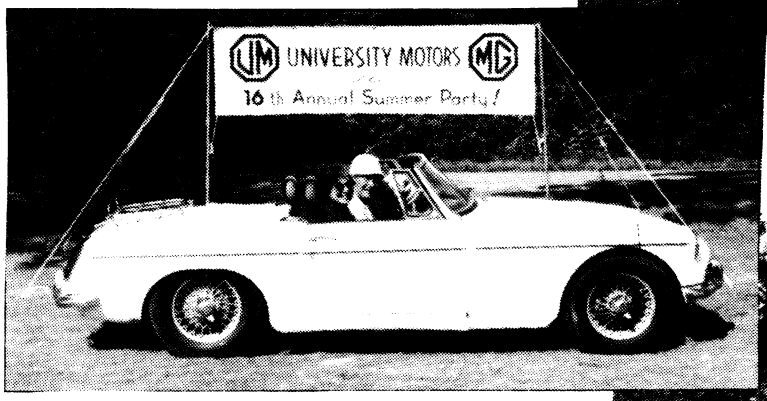
Cost:
$5.00 per car

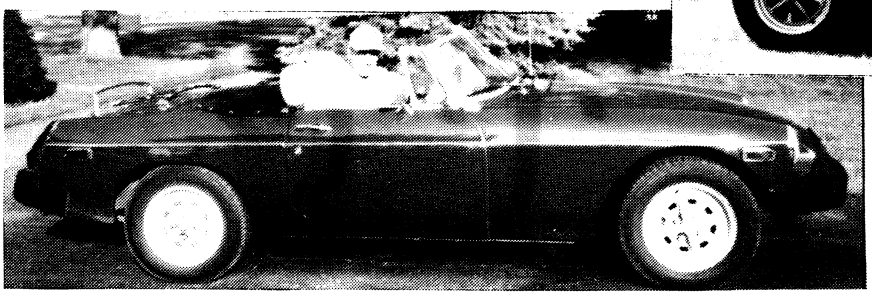
The Ralleye starts on the roof of the Pitts Street Parking Garage-across the street from Jason's (men: pretend you don't know where that is) see map.





Member Picture Page





Right side, top to bottom: Video Librarian Grg Newton's '66 B. Greg, do we have a bodywork video? Ray Lewis' '6 C-GT (the only MG-C in the club). Wife Fran's '74 BGT Left side; Jeff & Judy Monroe at Waterford Hills with their '72 B. Tom & Marcia Greiner on their way to a 4th place in the beater class with their '67 B. Ron Sill's '59 A and Paul Thomas' '76 B.

THE MG Event of the Summer; University Motors 17th Summer Party! Aug. 19-22. Don't Miss It!

In 1975 John Twist started University Motors in Grand Rapids, MI to service MGs. Seventeen years ago he held a small picnic and invited a few of his customers. About 7 cars showed up that first year. Since then John's Summer Party has grown into the largest gathering of MGs in the Western Hemisphere with over 500 MGs attending!

In addition to the car show you'll find 40-50 vendors with just about everything you could imagine for your MG. And at extremely good prices.

Also on Saturday is a rally, a photo contest, a model contest, a valve cover derby and an awards banquet.

On Sunday you can caravan out to Gratton Raceway. After driving a few laps around this challenging track with a hundred or so other MGs you can watch the Vintage Racing, featuring Porsche this year.

If you can only make one MG event this summer, this is the one to make. The yellow application forms were in last month's newsletter. If you can't find yours call me at (313) 349-3799 or John at (616) 245-2141.

The club will have a canopy (so you can get out of the sun), food and pop. Sort of a picnic within a picnic. Look for the club banner at Douglas Walker Park.

Some of us will leave for Grand Rapids on Thursday, some on Friday and some on Saturday. The fun way to get there is to caravan over with several other members via the 2 lane "blue" highways. **Guy St. John** is coordinating the various caravans. If you'd like to travel with a couple of other members, give him a call at (313) 349-3649.

Mad Dogs and Almost Wet Cats

Nine club members ventured to Hickory Corners for the 3rd Annual Mad Dogs and Englishmen car show at the Gilmore Classic Car Museum. Several of us took the scenic route mapped out by **Rich Wagner**. On Saturday **Guy St. John, Mike Derderian and Ed Fleming** attended, and we came away with three "trophies". Mike won a Sponsors Choice Award, Guy and I won a T shirt (I guess we have to share it) for driving around in a circle the fastest, and I won a can of peanuts (first place) in the walking rally.

On Sunday, **Rich and Adrienne Wagner, Bill and Anita Swetland, Otto Pope and Donn Rajaniemi** motored over. They didn't collect any trophies, but they all did get door prizes, which are probably better than Saturday's trophies.

The museum is unusual because all the cars are in restored barns, with a paved road connecting them. It's worth a trip all by itself. In fact Guy is thinking about using it as a destination for a one day club trip sometime in the future.

In keeping with this year's "Otto Curse" (see the Picnic article) it rained on the Sunday travelers on the way home.

News Briefs

New England Ts in Old Ann Arbor

Seven club members entered cars at the GOF in Ann Arbor July 17th. **Dan and Marla Zebarah, Phil Whiltshire, Rose Lieberman, Ed Fleming and Dick Bremer** all pre-registered cars for this event (in fact Dick was the event Chairman). **Jay Kollin** had a table set up in the vending area and at the last minute decided to enter his Midget. Good thing he did, because he was the only one who won a trophy - First Place in the Midget Class. Jay also sold over $70 worth of club regalia at this event; a profitable day for the club as well as Jay.

In addition to a dozen or so MGBs, a few MGAs and two Midgets, there were a hundred or so T Series MGs on hand. A real MG history lesson in the flesh, that is metal. Here a C-Type, there a big (by MG standards) 6 cylinder saloon (entered by Chrysler Vice President Bob Lutz along with his TC), an N Special, Dick Bremer's J2 and a TC from Australia owned by Harry Pyle who has **driven it over 17,000 miles since April!**

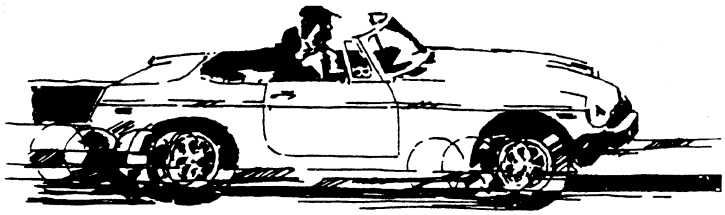
Dues and Don'ts For New Member Contest

Our "Grab a New Member Contest" is still in progress, so **do keep passing out the membership applications.** Dues drop to $15.00 after July 1st, so **don't forget to change the dues amount on the application, and don't forget to put your name in the "where did you hear about the club" space.**

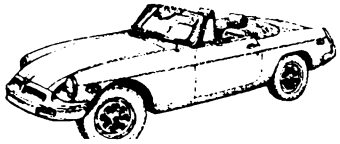
Day Trip to Auburn, Indiana for the A-C-D Meet

I, your faithful editor, am planning another trip to Auburn, in the northeast corner of Indiana on Saturday September 4th for the annual Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Meet. I wrote about this event two years ago. It's like two University Motors Summer Parties combined, where the whole town gets involved in the event. We'll meet at the McDonald's restaurant at Michigan Ave. and I-275 at 8:30 Saturday morning for a leisurely trip out U.S. 12, cut across the northwest corner of Ohio and into Auburn via two lane roads. This won't be quite the event the trip to Stratford was, but if you like classic 1930's American cars, you shouldn't miss this event.

Be prepared to overdose on classic cars and just plain interesting cars (several thousand of them). If you're interested, give me a call at (313) 349-3799.



T&W auto body
2301 Dixie Highway
Waterford, Michigan, 48328
(313) 334-3119
ENGLISH CAR SPECIALISTS • RESTORATION • BUMP • PAINTING
Expert Craftsmen Offer You —
•Complete Refinishing
•Collision Repairs
•Skilled Painting & Color Matching
•Free Estimates
•Prompt & Reliable Service
•Insurance Work
•Rust Repairs
•Polishing & Waxing
•Restorations
Thomas Shipley



Unclassifieds

British Car Brochures and ads. Jay Kollin, (313) 455-6949

'73 MGB-GT Wire wheels, new tires, in storage $1400 Gary Howe (313) 939-6851.

Brand New Mikuni SK Carburetor conversion kit with manifold and air filter for MGB $175 **Spax Shock Absorber** Conversion Kit for 74 1/2 -80 MGB. Complete front & rear, brand new $200. **Ansa Exhaust Header** for MGB. Factory "Special Tuning" competition design, brand new $50. Terry Schultz (313) 650-9507

'77 MGB Brooklands Green, completely restored 3 years ago. Wire wheels, 60,000 actual miles. For details & pictures call Dan Leighton H (313) 629-0303, W (313) 278-5300.

Chrome wire wheels, four 5 1/2x14 bolt on for MGB, good condition $500 OBO Rich Wroblewski. Home: (313) 669-9507, Work: (313) 948-4927.

'67 MIDGET White, VGC, new brake system, hardtop & many spares.40,000 miles $4500. Greg Pukay (519) 974-8826

Various MGA bits; Top frame, generator, starter, voltage regulator, etc. Also back issues of "MGA!" Vol 14 #2 up to Vol 18 #3. My price:Cheep Will Zehring (313) 885-4180

'77 MGB Roadster, tonneau cover, red/black 74,000 miles, runs good, s.s. exhaust $2,000 OBO. Alan Dlogoss (313) 937-4464 after 4:30

MGB Rostyle wheels (4) & paint mask, $75. MGB Tonneau & bars, $60. **MGA parts**; 4 wire wheels,$150, 1 steel wheel,$30, 1 front hub (wire wheel) $50, rebuilt rear axle $200. Mike Derderian (313) 979-4234

MGB Wire Wheels $25 each, Harry Mueller (313) 344-9949

'72-'76-'77 MGB's Tons of parts, rebuilt heads, interior & exterior parts. Must sell, too many parts, too little room, any reasonable offer. Chuck Wiley (313) 586-2500

WANTED

Ear Knock Offs. Frank Lucente (519) 977-5346

Back issues of Can-Am Connection to complete my collection: Jan/Feb '87, Nov '87, Dec '87, Sept '86, June '85. Issues prior to Oct '81. Roli Sylvestre (519) 969-2739

CAR HAULING

Local & Long Distance. Reasonable rates. USA and Canada. Frank Lucente (519) 977-5346.

Stratford - Part Two, The Return Trip

by Phil Wiltshire

You will recall that last month, in episode one, the "MG Culture Club" had made it as far north as planned, to Goderich. The day before, our convoy had sampled a mixture of sunshine, English food, technical sessions at the roadside, lectures on how to re-build a 1935 N-type(take a patience pill every morning for 11 years!) and the best in English theater - wow! what a day!!!

So, in episode two, our convoy is enjoying the quaint atmosphere of one of the old lake ports.....

After a brief stop on the "Octagon town square" for oil additions and re-capturing Dick and Dorothy, Greg and Iris Keating took the lead and guided the convoy in a southerly direction to the tiny lakeside town of Bayfield. Greg found some great parking protected by an obsolete Post Office sign. We enjoyed an hour's visit to the various craft shops in the town. A shopkeeper gave us the bad news that our next stop, Grand Bend was suffering storms; so far for us, no rain!

Although, if it did rain, for Jan and I this simply meant pulling the sunroof closed, but we did not experience the true al-fresco drive that the rest of the convoy did.

We also met a gentlemen who had noticed our convoy and chased us to Bayfield in his orange MGB. Dave Gower knows of several MG's in this area and Tom Greiner gave him our information pack; Dave hopes to join our club!!

We proceeded south again with Dick and Dorothy in the lead as they knew of an English-owned pub that we decided (convoy consensus decision!) to stop at for Lunch (3pm). The clouds came and went and we miraculously dodged all rain and arrived at the "Thirsty Fox" pub.

This was our final stop and we confirmed once more tha. more overnight trips were demanded by the convoyers. As I said earlier, details of possible trips to come soon. We will do a photo/map board of them to elicit interest. We will try to arrange this for the Hibernation party.

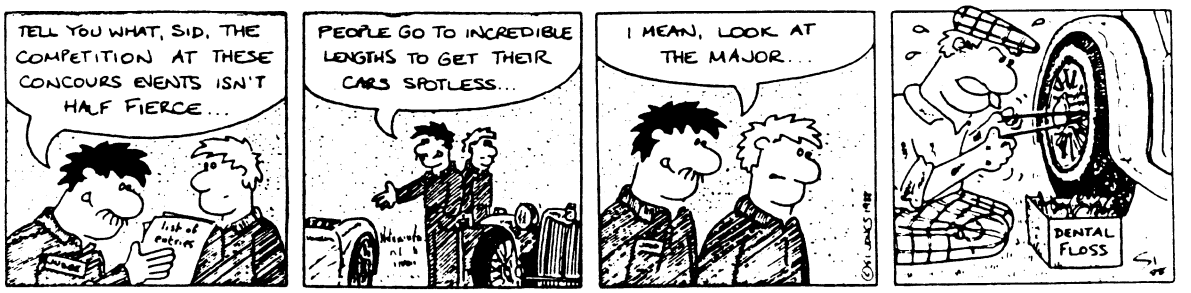
We then continued south where we lost the Pope and St. John cars. Not a drop of rain!!!!! This will be a record difficult to live up to on our next trip.

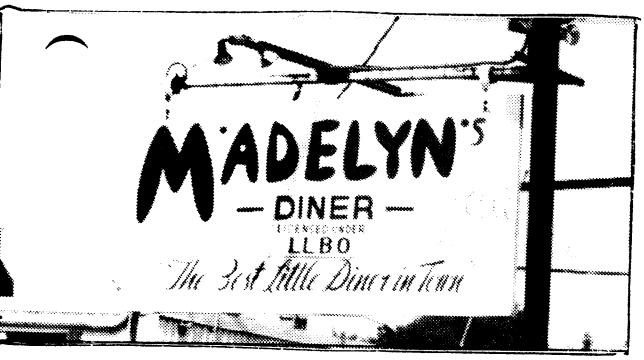
My thanks to all of the trippers; they made the event very smooth to run; Otto mentioned that it made a change for somebody else to feel the stress and let Guy relax!! It was not too stressful with such a nice bunch of WDMG'ers

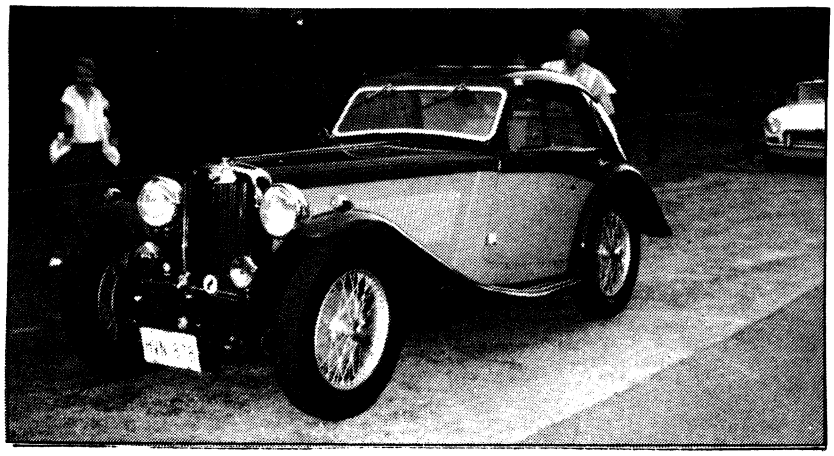
P.S. My sincere apologies to antique car enthusiast Bill Faulhaufer who set up a supervised parking lot for the cars for the duration of our stay in Stratford City Center; I parked the convoy next door in the "Old English Parlor" in blissful ignorance. Once again, sorry Bill.

P.P.S. My thanks to the nameless fellow passenger on the Monday Minneapolis flight who after reading over my shoulder about restrooms in Canada, held my notes for me whilst I typed this!

P.P.P.S. Stop Press - from Greg and Iris Keating who just wanted to thank their boys for not trashing the house in their absence. Apparently, this was their first time "home alone"!!!!!!







Clockwise from the upper right: The beautiful and rare two one green '35 MG NB Magnette. Dick Bremer (in the trunk) and Rich Wagner (under car) replacing the fuel pump. The convoy parked around the Octagon Town Square in Goderich. The ladies pose by their cars during a stop. Outside Madelyn's Diner for breakfast, Sunday morning. The sign outside Madelyn's

MG
Safety fast!

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.

AUGUST

Aug 7-8 Vintage Racing at Waterford Hills
Aug 13-14 Roadster Factory Summer Party Armagh, PA
Aug 15 Rooftop-Costume Rally-Windsor (new date)
Aug 18 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn (new date)
Aug 20-22 University Motors Summer Party-Grand Rapids

SEPTEMBER

Sept 4 Day Trip to Auburn Indiana
Sept 8 Monthly Meeting- Windsor
Sept 12 Battle of the Brits
Sept 18 Lucas Night Rally (Saturday Night)
Sept 26 English Day at the Races-Waterford Hills

OCTOBER

Oct 3 Deacon Brodie British Car Show
Oct 3 Auto Jumbo, International Center, Toronto
Oct 13 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Oct 17 WDMGC Fall Colour Tour
Oct ?? British Council Colour Tour?

NOVEMBER

Nov 10 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Nov 20 Hibernation Party-Canadian Side

DECEMBER

Dec 8 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

Video Library

The following videos are available to club members. You can rent these videos for **one month** for $5.00. Contact **Greg Newton** at (313) 562-2377.

Behind the Wheel with Jackie Stewart
SU Carb Rebuild and Tune
MG Engine Rebuild
Battle of the "B"s (MGB Racing)
MGB Experience
Rendezvous (A ride though Paris at 125MPH)
Gran Turismo Jaguar with Paul Newman
Jaguars at Le Manns
Drive to Win with Mario Andretti
La Carrera Pan America with Pink Floyd
The Italian Job (Michael Caine uses Minis in bank robbery)
Mig Welding
Plus more videos being added each month

Special Date for Aug. Meeting: Wed. Aug. 18th Special Guest Speaker: Ron Gammons

Our August monthly meeting will be the **third** Wednesday, August 18th so that we can bring you **Ron Gammons.** Ron is tho Chairman of the MG Car Club of England. He has also won the Historic Monte Carlo Ralleye twice in the last 4 years (he finished 2nd and 4th the other two), driving his MGA. Ron is also the Gammons part of Brown & Gammons Ltd., a well known British parts and service company. This promises to be one of our more interesting meetings. Plan to be there. It's at the La Trattoria Restaurant 13736 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, a few blocks west of Schaefer. Start time is 7pm for dinner if you desire and 8pm for the meeting proper.

The September monthly meeting will be at the Coach & Horses Pub in the basement of The Old Fish Market Restaurant at 156 Chatham St. in Windsor. It will be on the regular 2nd Wednesday date (Sept. 8th).

FROG
Hours
Mon - Fri 8:30-6:00
Sat 8:30-5:00
Sun 10:00-3:00
FROG FOREIGN AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY
19050 W. Warren • Detroit, MI 48228
FOREIGN CAR PARTS ARE OUR ONLY BUSINESS
BECK/ARNLEY WORLDPARTS
Warehouse / Distributor
Phone 271-3160

English Motors, Inc.
ENGLISH CAR REPAIR
Don Ensley
(313) 786-1187
51200 Milano Dr.
Suite D
Macomb Twp., MI 48042
OTHER FOREIGN CARS WELCOME
HOURS
MON. - FRI.
8 - 5:30

S-G IMPORTED CAR PARTS, INC.
Ken Gold
HEADQUARTERS
32214 W. 8 Mile Rd., Farmington, Mi 48024 (313) 477-0410
Ann Arbor 769-4900
Berkley 546-6010
Bloomfield Hills 334-6700
Warren 759 0800
Alien Park 383 2500
20% Discount for all WDMGC Members! Just show your membership card.

MG
British Motor Cars
922 Oakland—Pontiac, Michigan 48055
Phone (313) 338-6966
Rick Case
Body & Paint • Mechanical

Welcome Newbies Bs, Midgets, and TDs

from Marla Zebarah, Membership Chairperson

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

Dean and Rosemary Beaudoin live in Garden City. They own a 1978 Amber Midget. Dean is an Electrician. They heard about our club at the Livonia Barn Car Show.

Al and Karen Burnham live in Redford. They own a 1980 Brown MGB. Al is a court reporter. **Tom Newton** told them about our club.

Josie DiLorenzo and Bill Rudberg live in Windsor. Josie owns a 1980 Sky Blue Triumph Spitfire. She is a Registered Nurse. **Lou Tortola** told them about our club.

Mike and Robin Owens live in Warren with their children **Nicole, Robert and Kristin**. They own a 1970 BRG MG. Mike is Self Employed.

Jerry and Pamela Stawowy live in Wyandotte with their sons, **Jon and Nick**. Jerry & Pamela own a 1974 1/2 Maroon MGB. Nick owns a 1974 Maroon MGB. Jerry is an Architect. Nick is a student. **Brett Altman** told them about our club.

Dean and Flora Wheeler live in Redford. They own a 1959 Red MGA and a 1971 Bronze Yellow MGB. Dean is retired. They found out about us at University Motors Birthday Party.

Tim and Mary Obrien live in Dearborn Heights with their 3 children, **Colin, Meghan and Rylee**. Thy are neighbors of **Otto Pope** and are looking for a British car.

Dan Stanley is also one of Otto's neighbors and has a '72 Orange B. Dan is an engineer.

Paul Sandie lives in Northville and owns a '73 Harvest Gold B. **Guy St John** recruited him.

Nurse **Kim Birney** is from Mt. Clemens and owns a '73 Teal Blue B. Her traveling companion is hr dad, Lowell Davis (who owns a '53 TD). They joined at the G.O.F. event in Ann Arbor.

Gary and Stacy Fischer live in Northville with their 3 daughters, **Jodi, Karen and Beth**. They have a red '73 B. Gary is a ranger. **Guy St. John** also recruited them.

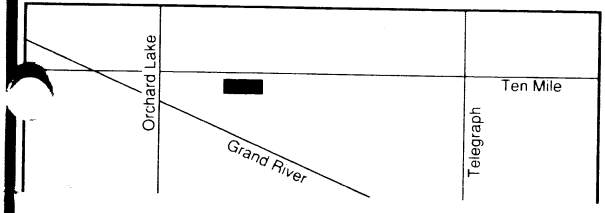
Bill and Debbie McDonald live in Bloomfield with their 4 children **Molly, Andrew, Matthew and Patrick.** They own a rd '76 B. Bill is a planning manager and got a membership application from Pontiac Sports Cars.

Our Dearborn and Northville contingents seem to be growing fast. Hope you enjoy being a part of our club!

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

Patrick Lucente	Aug 15	Allison Ruch	Aug 31
Mimi Sokolowski	Aug 15	Chelsey Baggot	Sep 1
Jon Stawowy	Aug 15	Allyson Hornby	Sep 1
Lia Bondy	Aug 16	Linda Lucente	Sep 1
Kristin Kainz	Aug 17	David Zebarah	Sep 1
Bill Reeves	Aug 17	Jaimie Bondy	Sep 2
Dave Naylor	Aug 19	Diane Howe	Sep 2
Nick Principe	Aug 19	Larry Kovacic	Sep 2
Seth Stern	Aug 19	Danielle Webb	Sep 4
Shannon Wiley	Aug 19	Mark Binkley, Sr.	Sep 5
Diane Leighton	Aug 20	Dan Harton	Sep 5
Nick Naylor	Aug 20	Bill Rudberg	Sep 5
Jeff Harton	Aug 22	Paolo Costanza	Sep 6
Brian Hacker	Aug 23	Shannon Russell	Sep 7
Anthony Nader	Aug 23	David Snyder	Sep 9
Christopher Combs	Aug 24	Felicia Tortola	Sep 9
Chuck Wiley	Aug 25	John Peralta	Sep 10
Tony Frassetto	Aug 28	Alyssa Torby	Sep 13
Larry Delmore	Aug 30	Jennifer Kollin	Sep 14
David Derderian	Aug 30		
Donn Raganiemi	Aug 30		

"THE RIGHT PARTS AT THE RIGHT PRICES"
The Roadster Factory stocks OEM components for your MGB and MGB GT from Lucas, Girling, Lockheed, Austin Rover (British Leyland), Unipart, etc., at reasonable prices. Call for our FREE 209 page MGB parts catalogue. We want to be your parts source!
• CALL TOLL FREE (800) 678-8764 •
The Roadster Factory
POST OFFICE BOX 332, ARMAGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15920
CANADIAN AGENT: Brits & Pieces Sportscar Supply Ltd., (416) 332 2085

IMPORT AUTO SUPPLY
• Quality Service
• Imported Parts


10 Mile, East of Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills (313) 474-7744

The Care and Feeding of Wire Wheels

From the LAMGA NEWS, (Lansing Area MG Association)

One feature of the MG frequently criticized is the wire wheel. It is interesting that the fathers of the MGB, Syd Enever and John Thornley, viewed the wire wheel option as "anachronistic". Despite the view of Thornley and Enever, wire wheels are an attractive and popular option, although they are maintenance intensive to assure satisfaction and safety.

Twice a year wire wheels should be removed, inspected, cleaned and lubricated. The purpose of this service is to check the wheels for trueness, gauge spline wear, and make sure the wheels are tight on their hubs. This inspection will make sure your wheels aren't jeopardizing your safety, and equally important, the wheels can easily be removed in the event of a flat tire.

Two tests are conducted for confirming the trueness of your wheels. First, with the car securely raised on jackstands, spin each wheel slowly on its hub. Using a pencil held at the rim, watch to see that the edge of the rim does not rise and fall or move in and out relative to the pencil. Second, with the rubber handle of a hammer, individually strike each spoke firmly, starting at the valve as a reference point. You will hear a "ping" for spokes with proper tension. Loose spokes will lack the characteristic note of a solid spoke, and may even rattle. *(a friend of mine uses a tuning fork for this test,Ed.)* The importance of equal tension is that the rim relies on even pressure around the entire circumference. Loose spokes cause weak spots in the tension, creating the potential for the wheel to collapse. If you have loose spokes or a wheel out of true, most motorcycle garages have the expertise to re-tune your wheels.

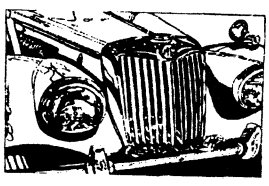
Next, remove the wheels from their hubs. If you have a wheel that refuses to budge, loosely replace the knock-off and drive the car very slowly in a circle to loosen the wheel. Using a toothbrush and solvent, thoroughly clean the inside of your wheels and the hubs to remove all old grease and grit. Keeping these parts of your wheels scrupulously clean is vitally important to reducing wear.

The next step is inspection of the splines. Spline edges should be crisp and well-defined. Wear is best gauged by comparing the center of the splines to the inner-most edge. The inner edges are not load-bearing and therefore don't wear. By sliding your finger along the splines you should easily detect any wear.

Proper regreasing is the last step before replacing the wheels. Using a lithium-based grease, **lightly** coat the areas just cleaned. Too much grease will run out the spoke nipples and consequently dirty your entire wheel.

Finally, with the car still on the jackstands, replace the wheels on the hubs and hand-tighten the knock-offs. This is important to ensure level seating of the wheels on the hubs. If the car is sitting on the ground, the wheels can't be properly tightened. Lower the car and tighten the knock-offs using a 4-5 pound hammer. Use a soft lead hammer on the eared knock-offs to prevent damage. You cannot over-tighten your knock-offs. Tight wheels reduce the potential for wear on the hubs because of shifts in the wheels during acceleration and braking.

Using these tips will increase your happiness with your car and extend the life of your wheels.



MGB Soft Brakes

by Norman Nock (MGB Driver)

Slowing down usually only requires slight pressure to the brake pedal. It is frequently noticed that the brake pedal will slowly drift downward, if pressure is increased, the MGB will slow in the usual way.

This is diagnosed as "Hydraulic Bleed-by" caused by faulty seals inside the brake master cylinder. Many times the master cylinder has been rebuilt or replaced only to find that you still have this softish brake pedal. Before rebuilding the brake cylinder, pull on the handbrake while stationary and see if it makes a difference to the soft pedal. If it improves the soft pedal, adjust the rear brakes by means of the square peg on the rear backing plate (see diagram).

Rear Brake Adjustment; Jack up the rear of the car and release the handbrake. Turn the square adjuster clockwise on the backing plate until the wheel is locked. Then turn it back one "click" at a time until the wheel rotates free. Adjust the other rear brake in the same manner.

Remember, **faulty brakes can kill you!** Major repairs to brake systems should only be done by a qualified mechanic, and make sure you use only Girling, Lockheed or Castrol brake fluid. I advise against using silicon brake fluid.

TIP FROM THE ROADSIDE

(or how to get home under your own steam!)..

Larry and Karen Enders, **Jan** and I were convoying around Farmington Hills last weekend when Larry lost the accelerator cable at some traffic lights.

Close inspection of the cable showed that we had not got enough inner cable to re-thread through the throttle spindle and tie without gaining about 4,500 revs!

So Larry described a small device that I had not seen before. It is common in the US, rare in the UK. It is a sleeve that you can crimp(squash)over cables to join then together.

So we drove to the nearest hardware store, invested $1.25 in one foot of identical cable and several "sleeves"(we only needed one, but the thought of losing one at the curbside??). The repair consisted of looping the new cable around the spindle in a stronger fashion than the previous failure. The ends of the loop and the old cable where then all fed through the "sleeve" and crimped together. We crimped an extra sleeve on for good measure. Then the excess tails of cable were cut off to minimize any obstructions with the working of the cable.

So, keep a few of these sleeves and a small length of cable in your trunk toolkit and get home with dignity!!!!!!!

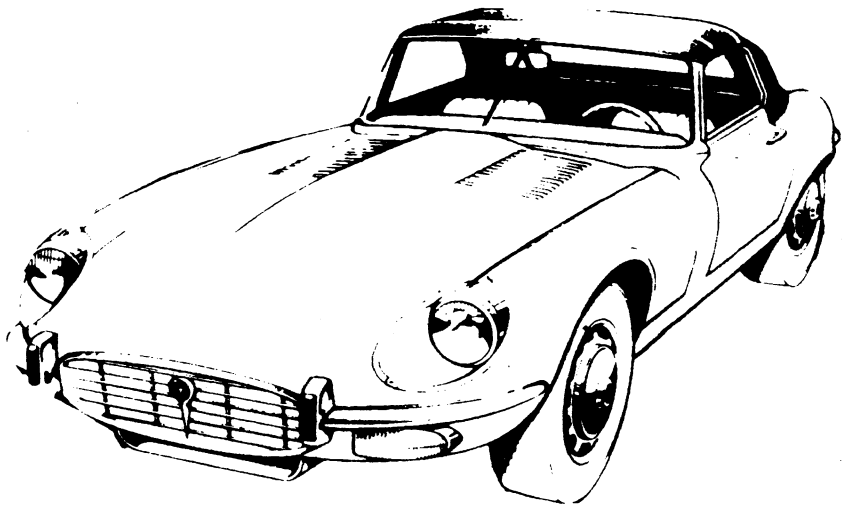
Larry Enders
Philip Wiltshire.

NEW & USED AUTO PARTS
MICHIGAN IMPORTED CARS, INC.
FOREIGN CAR PARTS
REPAIRABLE WRECKS
313 - 729-1010
350 S. NEWBURGH ROAD
WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48185

T & W auto body

2301 DIXIE HWY. WATERFORD, MI. 48328
PHONE (313)-334-3119

T & W AUTO NOW OFFERS A NEW SERVICE. IF YOU HAVE A CAR YOU WANT TO SELL WE WILL PUT THIS CAR IN FRONT OF OUR BUILDING AND TAKE THE TIME TO TALK TO PEOPLE AND USE OUR EXPERIENCE TO SELL IT FOR YOU . WE STARTED THIS LAST YEAR AND HAD VERY GOOD SUCCESS. IF YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE TO YOU AND YOU HATE THE TROUBLE OF DEALING WITH THIS , GIVE US A TRY. WE TAKE A 5% COMMISSION ON THE TOTAL SELLING PRICE OF THE CAR. WE BRING ALL CARS INSIDE AT NIGHT TIME.



PLEASE CONTACT TOM SHIPLEY IF INTERESTED AT T & W AUTO BODY, INC. BETWEEN 8:00 TO 5:00 MONDAY TO FRIDAY

313-334-3119

Trust Moss Motors for all of your classic MG motoring needs. As a charter member of British Motor Heritage, with two locations in the USA and six in the UK, we combine personal service with the widest range of quality spares.

- The Largest, Most Extensive Inventory
- Fast Service
- Open 7 Days A Week With Convenient Hours
- Free Illustrated Parts Catalogs
- Free Quarterly Newsletter With Loads of Sale Items
- Quality Parts. First Class Service

Moss Motors, Ltd.
P.O. Box 847
7200 Hollister Avenue
Goleta, CA 93117
800-235-6954
Toll-Free USA & Canada
805-968-6910
24 Hour Fax Order Line

IT TAKES THOUSANDS OF PARTS TO MAKE AN MG.

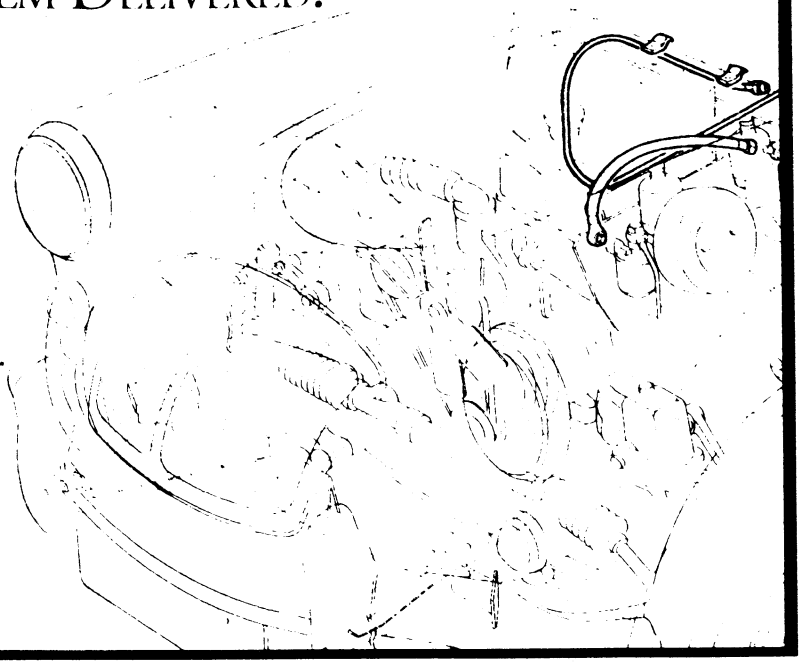
IT ONLY TAKES ONE CALL TO HAVE THEM DELIVERED.

FAST.

CALL FOR CLUB SPECIAL MONTHLY

moss

MOSS MOTORS, LTD.
SINCE 1948,
THE WORLD'S
OLDEST & LARGEST
SUPPLIER OF
BRITISH SPORTS
CAR SPARES



MG
WINDSOR-DETROIT

Windsor-Detroit MG Club
8905 Napier Rd.
Northville, MI 48167
U.S.A.

FIRST CLASS MAIL