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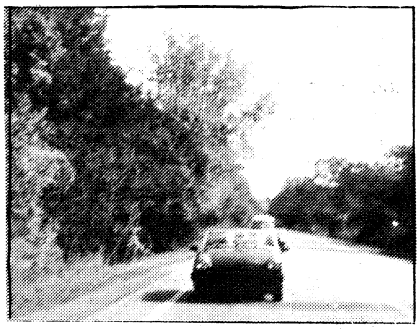


Above: Spicer's Cider Mill's Special British Car Parking Lot
Above right: Touring through the colours
Right: The crowd gathers for last minute instructions from Guy St. John at the Western start point.

Color Us Cold But Happy Or the last driving event of the year leaves a warm feeling.

This year our club volunteered to host the British Council's Fall Colour Tour, combining it with our own colour tour. About 40 cars (24 from the WDMGC) started at two separate locations heading for the same location, Guy St. John's cousin's cider mill and orchard in Hartland. Both routes covered approximately the same distance and arrived at about the same time.

Mike & Kathy Derderian planned the eastern route that started at Oakland University in Rochester. They led **Jim & Elizabeth Hine, Garey Knop, Scott & Melanie Verbrugge, Jim Haverland, Mike Chachich, John Downes, Doug Spencer, and Harry & Dorothy MacLean** and a dozen or so other British car owners through Lake Orion and Holly to the gathering point at Spicer's Orchards in Hartland.

Meanwhile, **Guy & Ann St. John** who planned the "western" route, led **Phil Whiltshire, David Rosevear** (Phil's navigator who is visiting from Australia), **Ed Fleming, Jay & Mary Kay Kollin, Otto & Judy Pope, Tom & Marcia Greiner, Matt Houser & Ines Nagy, Harriet West, Keith Nelson, Doris & Norm Macika, Ray & Fran Lewis, Dan Kosuth & Colleen Cavanagh, Lou & Linda Tortola, Dan & Beth Kirby** and a half dozen other British cars from the west side starting point in Northville. We toured through Whitmore Lake, Brighton and Milford on the way to Hartland using sections of roads used in past club rallys (the Rally to Hell & Back and the Brighton Run).

The weather was sunny and brisk, perfect Fall weather. Top down conditions for many, (including your "warm blooded" editor) but top up or GT weather for others. The Thursday and Friday before the Colour Tour saw the temperature in the 80's (27-28 C), so the cooler weather on Sunday might have felt colder than it really was.

At Spicer's Orchard we had our own private parking area where we could check out the other cars. These included an Arkley (a fiberglass kit that fits on a Sprite or Midget chassis), a MGB-GT with a Camaro V-6 engine, and several Morgans. Most of us headed straight for the hot cider and donuts. Others checked out the gift shop, the petting zoo, hay rides and other attractions.

The driving events this year began in the rain (the Brighton Run and June's Autocross) so the bright sunshine for the Colour Tour was a welcome and fitting end to this year's events.

Important Dates

TODAY: Send a check ($21 US or $25 Canadian) to Frank Lucente or Marla Zebarah for you admittance to the Hibernation Party

Nov 10 Monthly Meeting-Windsor (last chance to sign up for Hibernation Party)

Nov 20 Hibernation Party-details inside

Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor

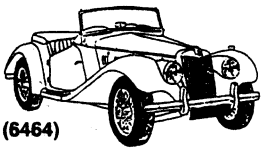
This is the last Can-Am Connection of 1993 and what a year the club has had. We've had several new events (Whirly Ball, Curling, The Cecil Kimber Birthday Bash,the Brighton Run, Phil Whiltshire's trip to Stratford, Ontario, a guest speaker, Ron Gammons, at one of our monthly meetings,) as well as the old faithful events (Luau, Autocross, Club Picnic, Lucas Rally, Rooftop Rally, Colour Tour, etc.). The people who put these events on outdid themselves this year providing entertaining times for the rest of the members. When you see these **"doers"** at club gatherings be sure to thank them for helping make this one of the finest car clubs around.

On pages 6 and 7 you will find a list of the changes the Board of Directors has proposed for our club bylaws. As our club has grown, we've had to formalize some of the duties of officers, and the way the club does business. A small club (like the local Miata club) doesn't need to establish specific duties. The Miata club has two officers, a president (who is also the membership chairman and treasurer, and an activities chairman who helps the president put on the three or four events they hold each year. With over 160 members and 30 to 40 events, we need to be more organized, and formalized. To our membership's credit we have maintained the friendly, small club flavor as we have grown. Look over the new Bylaw changes ("old" bylaws are in your club Membership Directory and Information Guide).

As far as the Board of Directors goes, most of the volunteer positions remain the same. I'm going to continue as your faithful newsletter editor (did someone say I should continue until I get it right?). **Roli**, and **Jay** will be Regalia Chairmen, **Marla** has agreed to keep the membership details, using her sophisticated computer. **Gary** and **Frank** will be our representatives at the British Car Councils in Detroit and Ontario, **Greg** will maintain our Video Library and **Dan** and **Roli** will maintain our club history. **Otto Pope** is stepping down and **Chuck Wiley** is taking his place as Spares & Parts Chairman. Otto took what had been a more or less ceremonial position and made it a valued part of the club, instituting and tabulating our parts and service survey, taking care of the want ads and parts and technical articles in the newsletter and organizing the plans for a club swap meet.

As for the elected officers we have three uncontested positions at this time. **Frank Lucente** is running for Vice President, **Marla Zebarah** for Treasurer, and **Ann St. John** is running for Club Secretary. If you would like to run for one of these offices, you must attend or have someone attending the Hibernation Party nominate you before the votes are cast.

We have two candidates for Club President, **Guy St. John** and **Phil Whiltshire.** Both are well known to club members. Guy has been President for the last two years and Phil has been very active in the club,writing articles for the newsletter, putting on the Brighton Run Rally and the clubs trip to Stratford. For more on these candidates see page 7.



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UNDER the Wheels (again)

Between the Wheels

By Guy St. John, President

Well, here I sit struggling with yet another newsletter deadline. Thankfully is's the last for this year. I think the problem this time is I've been having trouble suppressing the urge to go on and on about the wonderful, though sometimes soggy, year this has been for our club. Suffice to say, that each month last year brought its own interesting and creative way of celebrating these wonderful little cars and a growing affection and friendship among our uniquely diversified membership.

This year's colour tour, and final driving event, couldn't have gone better. The colours were near peak and the sunny but cool day nearly ideal (more tops down than up). The only real catch was the two route format didn't allow us to get a good group club photo (ala 1990). Maybe next year on the Canadian side, eh?

As usual the turnout for the October meeting at La Tratorria was great (30plus). Otto Pope won $27 in the 50-50 raffle and Jay Kollin finally brought his videos of a very rainy Father's Day Autocross. Rich Wagner also brought a tape of the Colour Tour cars assembled and departing the Meijer parking lot.

Speaking of videos, what letter way to "Hibernate" this winter than with one of the many instructional (S.U. carb & Engine Rebuild) videos from our library. Greg has promised an up to date list with short reviews on each title for a future newsletter. If you have a video that you think other members might enjoy and would let us copy, please contact Greg Newton.

Our final event of the year, The Hibernation Party, Annual Elections and Dinner Dance, returns to Canada this year. Its a fun way to wrap up the year. As usual, we'll have a table full of door prize goodies, a raffle with neat prizes (jacket & golf shirt with our new embroidered club logos) and all the traditional awards and thank yous. Hope to see you there (and don't forget to bring you pictures).

Looking ahead, even if you can't drive your MG please plan in making the remaining monthly meetings. November in Canada and December at La Tratoria for a little Christmas Party and small gift exchange (Something British, MG or auto related under $5.00)

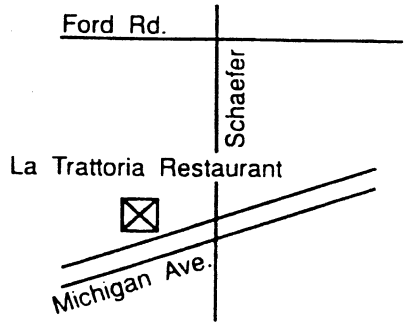
Last but not least I want to say thank you to all the members and officers who cheerfully gave so much time and effort to the smooth running of your club this year.

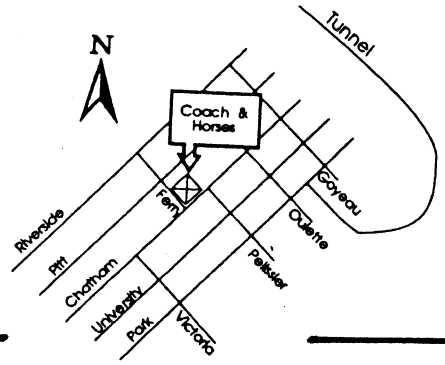
Looking forward to seeing you on the road next year.

Safety Fast

Guy

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM. Even months at the La Trattoria Restaurant, 13736 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn, west or Schaefer Rd. Odd months at the Coach & Horses Pub in the basement of The Old Fish Market Restaurant, 156 Chatham St. in Windsor, not far from the tunnel entrance.





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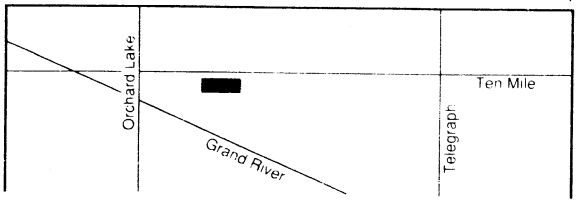

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Newbies, More Midgets

By Marla Zebarah

We would like to welcome the following new members to our club - this brings our membership count up to 166 families!

Bob and Robin Nunnally live in Toledo with their three children **Katie, Cristin and Eryn**. They own a 1971 Red MGB. Bob is a Nuclear Medical Technician. They found out about our club through **Brett Altman and Chuck Wiley**.

John and Marja Pere live in St. Clair Beach with their children, **Liisa and David**. They own a 1973 Red Midget. John is an Optician. They found out about the club from **Roli Sylvestre** and **English Only**.

John and Kathy Sillanpaa live in Dearborn. They own a 1979 Yellow Midget. John is an Engineer at Ford. They found out about our club from **Otto Pope**.

John and Nancy Zajac live in Ann Arbor with their daughter, **Katie**. They own a 1973 Blaze MGB-GT. John is a Product Planner. They found out about our club at English Day on the Green.

Hope you enjoy being a part of our club!

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

Ann Berger	Nov 16	Suzanne Folz	Dec 21
Guy St. John	Nov 17	Aaron Pillon	Dec 21
Dean Beaudoin	Nov 18	Stephanie Connor	Dec 22
Jeff Newton	Nov 19	Erik Fleming	Dec 22
Laura Mann	Nov 21	Paul Thomas III	Dec 23
Lance Rutherford	Nov 22	Mike Whitney	Dec 23
Mark Uhlig	Nov 23	Tom Combs	Dec 24
Dan Kosuth	Nov 24	Vince McQueen	Dec 24
Dottie Ridley	Nov 24	Dawn Folz	Dec 25
Norm Macika	Nov 24	Francesca DiLorenzo	Dec 26
John Zajac	Nov 25	Beth Kaufmann	Dec 27
Laurie Wroblewski	Nov 28	Mark Binkley, Jr.	Dec 29
Ryan McKinnon	Dec 1	Marshall Stern	Dec 29
Matt Oles	Dec 1	Lauren Hunt	Dec 30
Sally Wroblewski	Dec 2	Holly Orlowski	Dec 30
Bruce Lustig	Dec 5	Erica Rogers	Dec 30
Jane Boot-Osowski	Dec 6	Kathy Sill	Dec 31
Barb Binkley	Dec 8	Dan Zebarah	Dec 31
Sherry Burley	Dec 8		
Judy Monroe	Dec 8	Adam Burley	Jan 1
Irene Kish	Dec 10	Pat Clancy	Jan 1
Jack Renaud	Dec 10	Mo Mellor	Jan 1
Erin Rogers	Dec 10	Troy Thompson	Jan 1
Jim Oberliesen	Dec 11	Karen Enders	Jan 3
Kim Rutherford	Dec 11	Dante Costanze	Jan 4
Lorrie Campbell	Dec 12	Tina Jensen	Jan 4
Nathan Mitchell	Dec 13	Gayle Clarke	Jan 8
Adrienne Wagner	Dec 13	Beverly Thomas	Jan 8
David Ruch	Dec 14	Laura Rutherford	Jan 9
Kristi Lahners	Dec 14	Beth Combs	Jan 10
David Torby	Dec 14	Pat Werderitsch	Jan 10
Dave Fraidenburg	Dec 15	Debbie McDonald	Jan 12
Sandy Stoyshin	Dec 16	Emily Meleg	Jan 12
Larry Berger	Dec 17	David Connor	Jan 13
Mandy Dibbs-Kovacic	Dec 17	Beth Kirby	Jan 13
Carole Allen	Dec 18	Melanie Verbrugge	Jan 13
Jim Hine	Dec 20		
Meghan O'Brien	Dec 20		

Unclassifieds

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

'75 Midget Runs & drives excellent, rusty rockers, $1000. Doug Spencer, Home; (313) 563-0146, Work: (313) 271-3160.

"78 MGB, Brooklands Green, no rust, exc. interior, tyres, engine and trans. New paint & top. Performance cam. **New lower price $4900 OBO.** Ken Allen, W. Bloomfield (313) 737-4842.

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

'75 Midget, orange, very good condition, $3800 or best offer. Plus miscellaneous Midget parts for sale. Vince McQueen (313) 383-4036.

'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

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

'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.

Automatic transmission for rear wheel drive American car or light truck, installed. Won in contest at Livonia Hot Rod and Custom Car Show, a $500 value. Best offer around $100, Dave Fraldenburg, (313) 427-5909.

'79 MGB Overdrive changeover unit-lower your cruising RPM, $250. Chuck Wiley (313) 536-2500

WANTED

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

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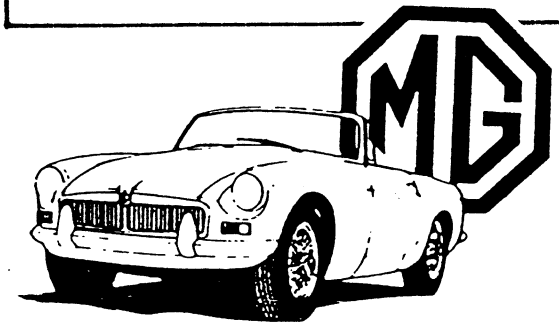
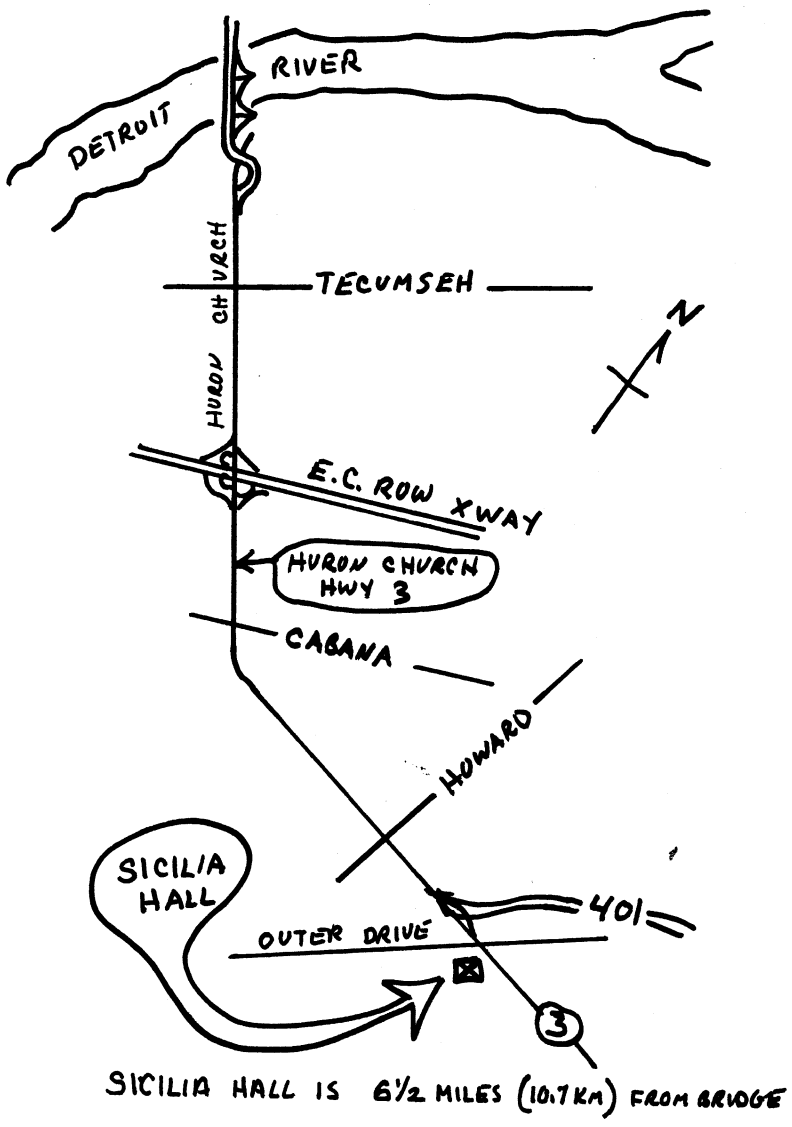


It's Time For Our Annual Hibernation Party and Elections

This is the last big event of the year and one of the best attended. Don't miss it. There will be lots of prizes to win, awards to be given, good food to be eaten, dancing to be done, and elections to be held. Get yourmoney in now.

Place: Sicilia Hall, Windsor. Same place as 2 years ago. See map.
Times: Cocktails..... 6:00PM
Dinner..... 7:00PM
Awards..... 8:00PM
Dancing.....10:00PM
Price: $21 (US), $25 (Canadian) each.
Make US checks out to Marla Zebarah and send them to her at 1327 Austin Ave. Lincoln Park, MI 48146-2002.
Make Canadian checks out to Frank Lucente and send them to him at 3514 Byng Rd.,Windsor, ON N8W 3H8

Special Note: Because we have to notify the Sicilia Hall of the number of people attending we will need yourmoney for this event by Nov. 10th!



WINDSOR-DETROIT MG CLUB BYLAWS
Proposed Changes

NOTE: ALL BYLAWS WILL NOW BE NUMBERED! The proposed changes are italicized and bold type! The order of the bylaws has been changed in order to provide better continuity.

I. CLUB NAME

Change to: The name of this organization shall be the Windsor Detroit MG Club, herein after called "the club".

II. CLUB PURPOSE

III. CLUB PHILOSOPHY

IV. CLUB SLOGANS

Change to: "The International Local Club."

V. CLUB HISTORY

VI. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

VII. CLUB DUES

Change to: Annual dues are $25.00. All memberships that began before February 1, 1994 shall be due for renewal each January. All memberships that started on or after February 1, 1994 shall be due for renewal each year in the month that the member joined the club. (i.e., if a membership started in June of 1994, that membership shall be due for renewal in June of each year. All members, including officers, pay dues, with the exception of the honorary members. Any change will be a decision of the Board of Directors.

VIII. HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

NEW!! IX. MEETINGS

General Membership meetings shall be held the second Wednesday of each month, except in the case of a holiday or special event. The Executive Board shall meet a minimum of three times a year. All members have the right to attend Board Meetings, but shall not have the right to vote. All meeting dates shall be published in the newsletter. Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall be used at all meetings. The President shall have the right to appoint a Parliamentarian, if it is felt necessary. Per Robert's Rules of Order, the person chairing the meeting shall not vote, except to break a tie.

X. ELECTIONS

Change to: Annual elections shall be held at a General Meeting or event. The time of this meeting shall be set by the Board of Directors and publicized in the club newsletter. A quorum need not be present to elect officers.

XI. EXECUTIVE BOARD ***change to BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

Change to: The leadership of the club shall be comprised by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will be composed of the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Two (2) British Car Council Representatives, Spares and Parts Officer and Two (2) Regalia Sales Officers.

A. VOLUNTEER OFFICES ***Change to: OFFICES***

Change to: The elected offices are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The volunteer offices are Newsletter Editor, two (2) Club Regalia Officers, two (2) British Car Council Representatives, and Spares and Parts Officer. The Term of Office for an elected office is one (1) year, effective the January 1 following the election. Individuals may run for reelection for an unlimited number of years. Other offices may be created; the Board of Directors shall decide, subject to approval of the General Membership, whether or not they should be on the Board.

B. SUCCESSION

change: all references to Executive Board shall become Board of Directors

change: ... serve as President for the remainder of the term of office.

add: The Board of Directors shall appoint someone to fill the office of any officer unable to finish their term of office.

C. OFFICERS DUTIES DEFINED

1. PRESIDENT

Change: A column will be published in each issue of the Can-Am Connection.

add: The President prepares the agenda and chairs all meetings of the General Membership and the Board of Directors.

2. VICE PRESIDENT

Change: chair club meetings in the absence of the President.

Delete: provide leadership as Chairman of WDMGC events.

New!!3. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall record and keep minutes of all General Membership and Board meetings. He/She shall be responsible for the club's correspondence. He/She shall keep an official copy of the bylaws at all meetings. He/She shall give an outline of the minutes to the Newsletter Editor for publication. He/She shall take attendance at all meetings.

4. TREASURER

delete: The Treasurer can either be appointed by the President or volunteer for the job.

change: A record must be maintained of all monies received, etc.

change: The Treasurer must provide the Newsletter Editor, etc.

add: Any member shall have the right to look at the club books.

5. NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Add: The Newsletter Editor is responsible for distributing the newsletter to all members, advertisors and other clubs.

6. BRITISH SPORTS CAR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE (BSCC Rep.)

Delete: Sports Add: Two (2)

Change to: The Michigan BCC Rep will attend all meetings of the British Car Council of Michigan as representative for our club. The Ontario BCC Rep should try to attend meetings of the British Car Council of Ontario. These people are responsible for providing the Newsletter Editor with reports of all BCC News and Events and any changes. They must make sure that all information regarding BCC events is passed onto our members in a timely fashion.

7. REGALIA SALES

change: Regalia may be ordered...club President and Treasurer.

8. SPARES AND PARTS OFFICER

change: The Spares and Parts Officer shall be in charge of coordinating any Garage Sales or Auctions.

XII. CLUB NEWSLETTER

XIII. CLUB LOGO

XIV. MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

XV. CLUB AWARDS

change to: Each year the club recognizes certain members at the annual Hibernation Party with the following awards. Any member may nominate someone for these or any other award. The Board of Directors shall make the decision as to who shall receive the awards.

Founders Award - Given to the member(s) who have contributed the most to the club over the past year. This person or persons are the most valuable members of the club. They have

contributed above and beyond anyone else in the club.

Rookie Member(s) of the Year - Given to the new member(s) who have contributed the most to the club over the past year. New member shall be defined as having joined the club since September 1 of the previous year.

Navigator of the Year - Given to the "Travelling Companion" or "Navigator" that has contributed the most to the club over the past year.

Hard Luck Award (the infamous MGB grille) - Given to the person that has had the most problems with their MG during the past year.

Lucky Lucas Award - Given to the person that has had the most electrical problems with their MG during the past year.

Other awards will be given out as determined by the Board of Directors.

Here are a few words from the two candidates for Club President

Philip Wiltshire:

I have known Philip for most of his life, so it seemed fitting that I offer to say a few words about him and his thoughts on the future of our club.

Switched at birth with some guy named Charles, he had to make his way in life without the benefit of royal status.

The careers of the two men paralleled quite well in their formative years; one was groomed to be monarch of England, the other an automotive designer. When Charles was driving around in his Aston Martin, the other one had his eye on an old MGB GT. They were both stopped by Police for speeding, but one of them got away with it when his personal detective intervened.

Philip contributed to the MG Car Club V8 Register in England as their Regalia person. He is still wearing the original V8 Register shirt; he won't take if off!

At this point, the two men parted company. Philip's passion with cars has always kept him focussed on the automotive industry. His design work has allowed him to work in such hallowed companies as Jaguar, Aston Martin, Rover, Mercedes and Rangerover.

New, existing, concept and antique vehicles are a source on constant interest and this is reflected in the choice of home. When Jan and he emigrated to the United States, they specified a three-car garage with a bedroom attached!

So, encouraged by the success of our club Stratford overnight trip earlier this year, he intends to offer at least two overnight trips for the next year; a drive around Lake Erie, Stratford again, Niagara on the Lake, and a lighthouse trip. Also, the T Register would like to travel with us and Philip would like to see this joint type of event encouraged next year.

His final comments to me are: "If elected President, I am not predicting a tax hike per the other one, Bill C!"

Guy St. John

Age: 49
Married to Ann 26 years
Children: Chris 25 years
Resident of Northville MI 26 years
MG Owner 27 years
Saw first MG 1959, white MGA
Rode in first MG I964, MGA coupe
Drove first MG I965 BRG MGB Roadtser
Bought first MG 1967, 1963 MGB Roadster
Bought 2nd MG 1990, 1968 MGB Roadster
Bought 3rd MG, 1992, 1972 MGB-GT
MGs presently owned: see above
WDMGC member since 1989
WDMGC officers held: Regalia, U.S. 1990, President 1992-1993

As you can see my love affair with MGs goes back a long way and each year my affection for these wonderful cars gets stronger and stronger.

Serving as your club president these last two years has certainly been the highlight of my relationship with this marque.

We've grown a lot in the past two years, both in membership , nearly doubling and more than double the number of activities (24 club events and meetings in 1993 alone). This level of activity has really challenged the leadership of your club. The Board of Directors now meets quarterly to deal with these new demands and I feel there is a bit more work to do in refining our planning and budgeting systems. I really look forward to serving as your president for another year.

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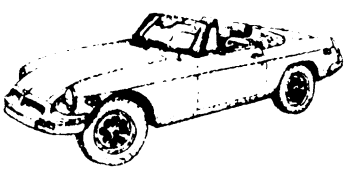
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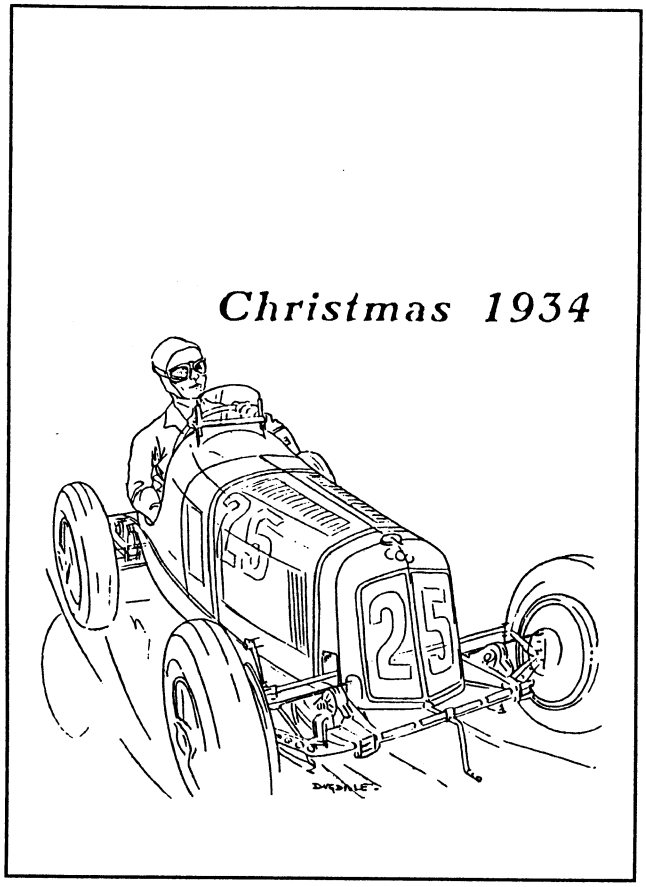

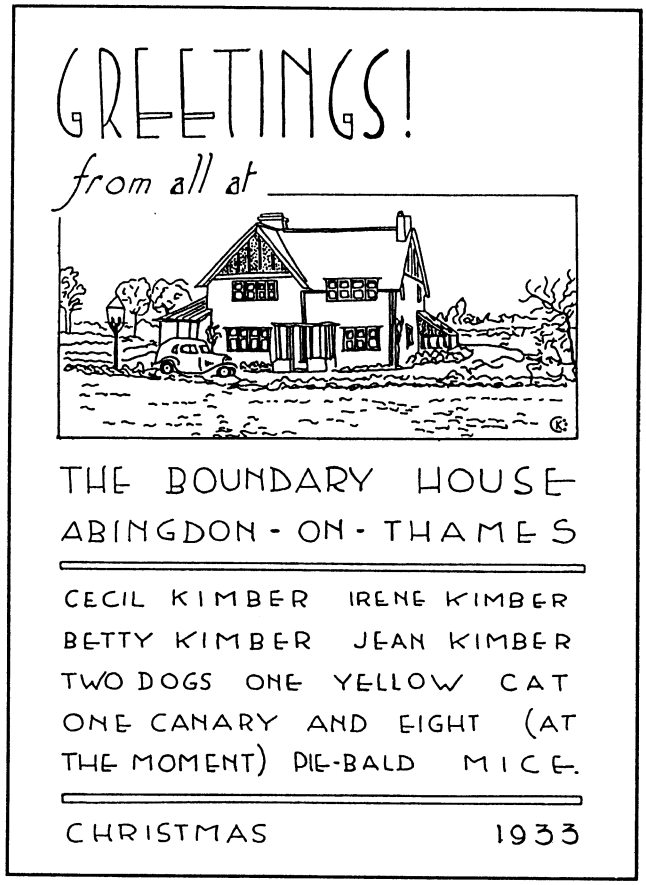

John Dugdale and Cecil Kimber exchanged Christmas cards: John's is on the left, while Kimber's is on the right.

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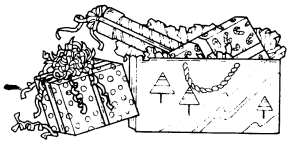

Special December Monthly Meeting

For our December Monthly Meeting we will have a gift exchange. Everyone who wishes to participate should bring a wrapped gift to give. It should have a maximum value of $5.00 (is that $7.00 Canadian?). It should be something MG or car related. Note: there are many club Regalia items that fit these requirements, see Jay or Roli.

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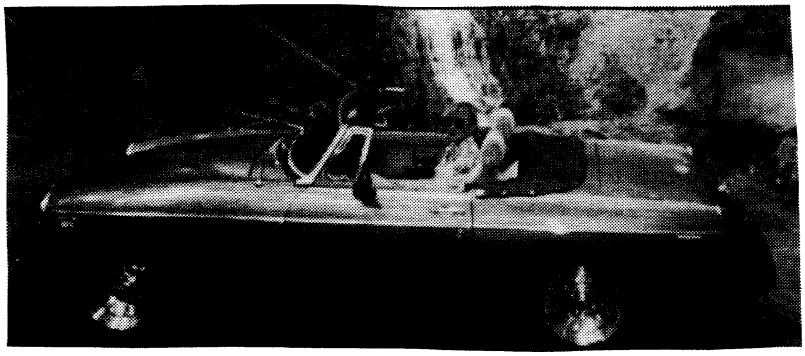
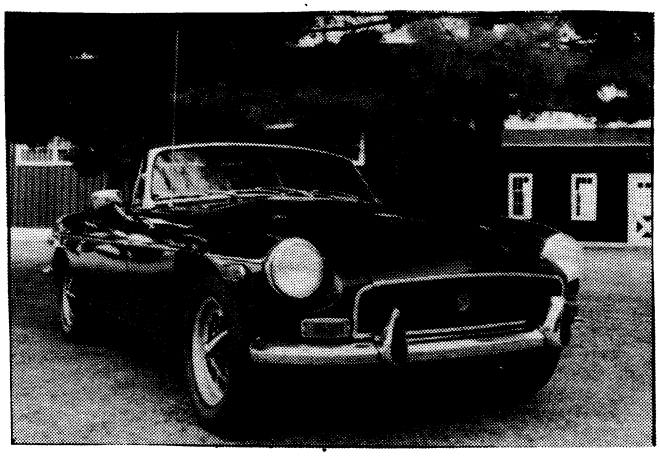
MEMBER PICTURE PAGE

Above: The Newton household's cars. **Middle left;** Donn Rajaniemi's '79 B with a Former significant other on board. **Middle right:** Mike Derderian's '72 B. **Bottom:** An unidentified club member's car.





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Engine Start Up

By Matt Joseph, Skinned Knuckles

Because the start up for a restored engine is the most critical period in its normal life, you should ask, "Am I doing anything that will damage this engine?" Remember, when you first turn that engine over with fuel and spark, and it begins to run, many of its working surfaces will be fitting rather poorly. Rings, for example, will not seat completely for several thousand miles. There is the potential in initial engine start up to do damage that will equal tens of thousands of miles of normal driving, or worse.

The first rules of proper engine start up have to do with a proper environment. The main elements are to have a good fire extinguisher (preferably the Halon type) handy and very good ventilation. The great law giver, Murphy, makes a point of attending all engine start ups — with a vengeance. He delights in things like dripping fuel line connections and leaking manifold gaskets. Be ready for him.

The most critical aspect of a start up is lubrication. It must be immediate and of adquate pressure. To insure this, a reliable oil pressure gauge should be plumbed into the pressure system, in addition to the dashboard gauge. Engine bearings, cam lobes, timing chains or gears, lifters, etc. should have been coated with assembly lubricant at the times of their installations. The whole oiling

system should have been pressurized externally with an oil leak detector. Finally, the engine should be free spun with the starter or crank until oil pressure registers on the gauges, and only then should the plugs be installed and start up attempted. The oil used for start up should be the same as will be run in regular use, or one grade thinner (say 10-30 when 10-40 will be used). In no case should it ever be thicker than the intended running oil.

It is imperative that the initial start up be accomplished quickly and not preceded by misadventures such as flooding or running the battery down by "grinding" the starter. Extended periods of attempted starting will tend to wash the cylinder walls clean of lubricant with unburned gasoline. Scraping damage from unseated rings can then easily occur. To the end of insuring a quick initial start, use a good battery in top condition of charge. This is no time to drag a ten year old battery out of some dark corner of the garage "just to get the thing started."

Another trick for getting a quick initial start up is to prime the fuel system in whatever way its construction will respond to. In the case of an air pressure system, this is automatic. Vacuum tank systems should be filled manually. On gravity systems, all that you can do is make sure the car is right side up. On fuel pump systems, I always suck a little gas past the pump and out of the carburetor feed pipe. In the cases of all these systems, it is a good idea to fill the carburetor float bowl by running a little gas into it with a gravity tank and a rubber hose. I always add half a smidgeon of top oil to this gas used to prime the carburetor, just to get some ring lubrication into action immediately.

The practice of priming an engine by pouring a bit of gas down the carburetor throat is to be discouraged, unless you know what you are doing and have strong nerves. It is usually safer and more effective to prime the carburetor internally. Once, many years ago, a friend and I were starting an engine after a lengthy rebuild. Since we were young, ignorant, and enthusiastic, we broke every one of the above rules and defied common sense in several other ways. Our final insult to safety and common sense was to have my friend stand poised over the carburetor with a Campbell soup can full of gasoline and pour it down as I turned the engine over. Murphy was there. He must have been. First we succeeded in flooding the engine so that it wouldn't start. Then, when it did, it backfired violently and the remains of the can of gasoline, which were by now burning explosively, left my friend's hand headed for the ceiling of the garage. Very luckily he wasn't injured and we got the resulting conflagration out by beating it down with coats and rags — no sissy fire extinguishers for us guys. If there hadn't been quite a few people around to help us with damage control, Standard Oil would have been out one service station. Unfortunately, one of those helpers was the station manager, and my friend and I were required to relocate our automotive activities abruptly that night. From that point on, I began to take safety considerations very personally.

If the engine doesn't start within ten or so rotations, take the plugs out and go back and check the spark quality, timing, and the availability of gas in the carburetor. This last check can be made either by pumping the throttle and listening, or watching for output from the accelerator pump, or on engines without accelerator pumps, watching the carburetor jets for flow while the engine is turned over with the plugs in. Note: if you watch the jets, do so from a distance with safety glasses on if the ignition is operative at this point.

Well, after all of this is sorted out, the engine should start and, if everything is roughly right, it should run passably. It isn't going to run wonderfully at this point because too many things like valve settings, ignition timing, and carburetor settings are wrong, and there is too much engine friction for really smooth running. At this point, don't try to attend to all these details.

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.

NOVEMBER
Nov 10 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Nov 20 Hibernation Party-Sicilia Club, Windsor
DECEMBER
Dec 8 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

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JANUARY
Jan 12 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Jan ?? Whirly Ball MGs verses Triumphs
FEBRUARY
Feb 9 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Feb ?? Club Luau at Lucente's?
MARCH
Mar 9 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
APRIL
Apr 13 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
MAY
May 11 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
May ?? Spring Rally- Brighton Run?
JUNE
June 8 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
June ?? Carnival of Cars
June 23-26 NAMGBR Convention, Washington D.C.
June 24-26 Vintage Racing at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course, Mansfield, Ohio. MG is Featured Car
JULY
July 13 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
July?? Club Picnic at Shipley"s?
AUGUST
Aug 10 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Aug ?? English Day on the Green?
Aug 19-21 University Motors Summer Party-Grand Rapids
SEPTEMBER
Sep 14 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Sep ?? Lucas Night Rally
Sep 25 English Day at the Races-Waterford Hills
OCTOBER
Oct 12 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Oct ?? Colour Tour-Canadian Side
NOVEMBER
Nov 9 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Nov ?? Hibernation Party
DECEMBER
Dec 14 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

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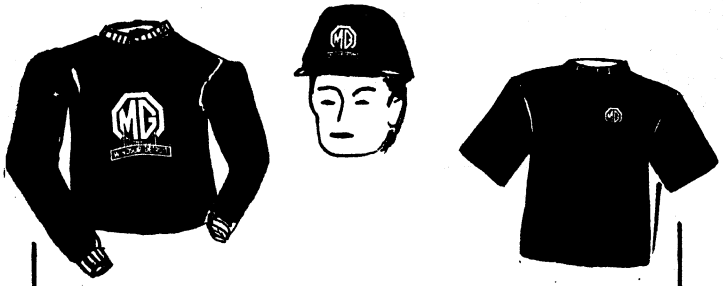

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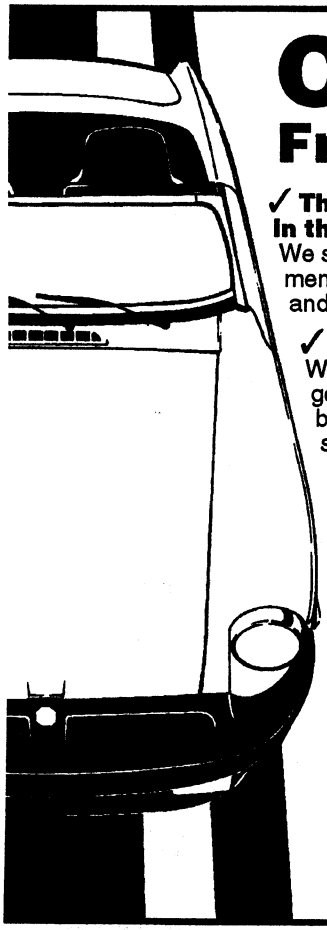

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