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Below: Picnicking in the shade of the superb foliage at Hidden Lake. **Right:** The gang arriving at the picnic area. **Below right: Keith Nelson** watches as **Harriet West** gets first dibbs on the prizes in the goodie box for winning the ralleye.

It Was A Great Day for a Rally, It Was a Great Day For a Picnic, So We Did Both!

The weather was terrific with a cloudless sky and record temperature of 90 degrees (that's 32 degrees Canadian) as 31 Windsor-Detroit members headed out on our annual spring rally / picnic.

Chuck Wiley with help from **Tom Greiner** worked out a truly MG route over hill and dale and around corners to Hidden Lake Botanical Gardens in the Irish Hills southeast of Jackson, Michigan.

The route had a little bit of everything. We cruised through Ann Arbor, passed the U of M football stadium (capacity; 102,501) where U of M fans pointed a finger in the air declaring we're number one, while Michigan State and Ohio State fans we're pointing a different finger in the air and declaring... well, this is a family newsletter. Then we were off through the horse country southwest of Ann Arbor where the roads curved and the horses and cows smelled (is this a new trend in our road trips?) Chuck asked us to find just about the right amount of clues along the way, some more difficult than others, earning "Bonus Points".

Then we entered the Hidden Lake Gardens where we picnicked. Hidden Lake Gardens is a "landscape arboretum exhibiting the beauty of plants, nature and the landscape". I personally was impressed with the variety of plants from dwarf conifers to the lowland hardwoods, maples, birches, magnolias, lilacs, daffodils, evergreens, mountain ashes, and rhododendrons. And I relished seeing all of them. *(don't believe a word-the only plant Ed can recognize without a nametag, is an oak tree, if he's standing under it and an acorn hits him in the head, Ed's wife.)* Oh yeah! How about a black tulip? *(only if you park the Midget next to it).*

OK, but I was impressed with the road leading to the picnic area, full of curves and hills, a great autocross course. Seriously though, the place is scenic and if you enjoy plants and flowers you should plan a drive out there.

Enough of this plant stuff, this was a rally with prizes to be won.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8th Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
June 12th Carnival of Cars-Waterford Hills
June 18-19 Trip to Stratford
June 19th Summerfast Autocross
June 25th Trip to Mid-Ohio Race Track
July 9-10 Mad Dogs & Englishmen-Kalamazoo
July 13th Monthly Meeting Windsor (New Location)

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Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor

It's that time of the year again. Time to recognize the other people who help me get this fine publication in the mail each month.

Marla Zebarah is the person who always knows who attended an event, who's having a birthday, keeps tracked of the new and old members and lets me know so you can read about it on these pages. She writes the new member column on page 4 each issue and the birthdays. She also makes up the mailing labels for each issue and pays the bills. If we had an actual publications department she would be the Assistant Editor.

Marcia Greiner seems to be at every event the club puts on and often provides information on the activities that I sometimes miss. She also seems to always have her camera with her and most of the pictures you see on these pages were taken by her. She would be our Chief Photographer.

Dan Zebarah, Otto Pope, Phil Whiltshire, Gary Howe, Chris McQueen and Mike Derderian have all sent me articles. Phil and **Roli Sylvestre** have provided me with background information for other articles. These would be our Contributing Editors.

Frank Lucente and Roli Sylvestre have provided me with valuable information on happenings in Canada for the newsletter. They would be our Foreign Correspondents.

Guy & Ann St. John and Tom & Marcia Greiner are always available to help fold, staple, stuff inserts in and lick stamps (around 150-200 each issue). These dependable folks would be our Production Department.

There are invariably other people out there who have been a help with various newsletters which I've missed, Thank you too.

Like almost everything the club does, there are a few people who help make this newsletter happen each month. Hopefully, the only thing you will notice is that you receive each issue in a timely fashion with all the articles, events, lists, photos and inserts where they should be.

Speaking of where things should be, here's what I try to do each month to make finding things easier: Reports on last month's events are on the front page, my Safety Fast Column and list of officers is always on page 2, Guy's Presidents Column is on page 3, Marla's new member list and birthday list and videos and regalia are on page 4. The Unclassified ads and Calendar of Events are on the second to last page. Tech articles, News Briefs, Ads for upcoming events and other articles are on the pages in between.

As I said in my first newsletter I knew this would be a lot of work and I'd be asking for help from my friends. **Thanks friends!**

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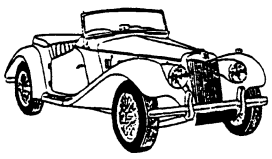

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Warmed up and Wheelin' (or Ready, Wheeling and Able) (or How I Learned to Love Winter and Quit Complaining)

Take heart driving fans, all of that shivering and bitching we did this supercold winter must have been the prices for all the great weather we have had for all our outdoor events thus far this spring, lets hope it holds for June as there is something MG related each and every weekend of the month (see calendar).

Our final monthly meeting at the Coach and Horses Pub in Windsor was outstanding, with nearly 40 members in attendance, including, founding members Dave Hornby and Mark Deacon. As usual, lively discussions were held on many subjects including whether to establish a club hot line (voted and approved) and it was decided to go ahead and purchase a king pin reamer as member Doug Spencer (proprietor at Frog Automotive Supply) has agreed to handle storage and rental for us (details nest newsletter).

Although we have a new location picked for the July (Canada) meeting, we will probably try several locations (any suggestions are welcome) before settling down to a permanent location.

Our spring ralleye to Hidden Lake Botanical Gardens in the Irish Hills was blessed with the best weather in recent memory. Our thanks go to Chuck Wiley and Tom Greiner for a beautiful route and interesting clues and Michigan Imported Cars Inc. for donating the awards. For those who could not attend (no Canadians! What happened?) we will be showing Rich Wagner's car mounted video of the ralleye at this months meeting at the La Tratorria Restaurant in Dearborn. Please feel free to bring any video (personal or commercial) you would like to share to any Dearborn meeting. And don't forget Ed is always looking for pictures and articles for the Can-Am Connection.

If you haven't finalized your plans for June please check the newsletter calendar.

On Sunday, June 5th you might want to travel to Grand Rapids for University Motors Early Summer Picnic. The caravan to Ada Park Starts form John's "New" Shop (616-682-0800) at noon sharp (over 100 MGs last year). June 12 Carnival of Cars Waterford (see May newsletter). Father's Day weekend, if your not going to Stratford, join other club members for a little friendly autocross competition with the Lansing Area mg Association and the Michigan Rowdies (MGA's) at the Novi Expo Center Sunday June 19 at 11:00. And for those of you who take your racing more as a spectator, join us for a caravan to the Mid Ohio Race Course for a SVRA Vintage Race (featuring MGs) on Saturday June 25.

See you on the road
Safety Fast - Guy
P.S. Go get a new member!
P.P.S. We really need a good used answering machine for the new hotline (it's tax deductible?)

Washing a car is a simple task, but like everything else there is a right and wrong way. Here are some tips to a perfectionist's car wash.

1. Always wash a cool car. No this doesn't mean only a '45 TC or a 250 GTO Ferrari. Only wash your car after the surface has cooled off. Never wash in direct sunlight. The water tends to dry and leave mineral deposits on the surface while you are busy washing another part.

2. Let the car soak for awhile. Flood the surface of the car with cold water. Don't use a high pressure nozzle. Repeat the soaking cycle after about 5 minutes, then the dirt will float off the surface and less abrasive action will be necessary. High pressure nozzles will force the dirt and grit across the surface and could put fine scratches in the paint.

3. Don't use detergent, or use only a detergent made for washing cars. Never use dish detergent or a powder detergent. Soaps will strip the oils from the paint and over the years cause it to become brittle and crack.

4. Wash from top to bottom. After the car has been soaked, wash the roof first (if you have one), using a soft sponge or horses hair brush. Wash in the direction of the normal airflow over the car. After the roof, continue down to the major flat surfaces, the hood (bonnet) and trunk (boot) and fenders (wings) and doors. Continue to flood the surface as you wash.

5. Don't forget the wheels and tires. Wheels and tires are the pots and pans of your dishwasher. Always do them last because os the dirt and heavy road grit that can easily be transferred to the surface if done our of sequence. Disc brake dust is highly corrosive and will rust steel wheels and pit alloys. Make sure you clean them well and don't forget to wax the wheels and hubcaps when you do the rest of the car.

6. Occasionally wash the bottom of the car and engine compartment. When you do this, it should be done first. On this step, a high pressure nozzle **is** recommended. Look for places where dirt and water tend to get trapped on the underside of the car. This is where the rust will start first. If you clean it out often, you'll decrease the chance of a rusted-out car after a few years. When you wash the engine compartment, be sure to cover the ignition parts and air cleaner, and on really dirty engines use one of the spray degreasers in a spray can. A clean engine not only looks better but also runs cooler.and it's much easier to spot an oil leak on a clean engine.

7. Always dry off the car after washing. Water will leave mineral deposits on the painted surface that can damage the paint and leave stains or permanent scars on the surface. Dry the car with a chamois a dry terry cloth can scratch the surface). Dry the areas that tend to trap and hold water. This will help decrease the rust potential and will prevent all that trapped water form sneaking out when you move the car.

8. Don't allow dead bugs or bird droppings to remain on the surface. After you've spent all this time cleaning your car, it always seems that some bird is the first to "spot" your handyword. Bird droppings are high in acid and can literally eat your paint, and dead bugs are almost as bad. Clean the bugs and bird droppings off as soon as possible, even if you don't have time to do the entire car.

9. Park in the shade. The ultraviolet rays of the sun will break down the pigments in the paint, especially if your car is red, blue, BRG or any dark colour. Avoid parking under trees, since the sap drops on the car and makes a sticky surface that attracts dirt and is very hard to clean off.

10. Avoid automatic carwashes. The spinning brushes cut fine scratches into the paint.

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Spring Ralleye - continued from page one

Here are the "official" winners and (as Michael Andretti says) "first through 20th losers":
1st Place (46 out of 50 correct answers). **Harriet West & Keith Nelson.**
2nd Place (42 points). **Dave Campbell & Sharley Rose.**
3rd Place (tie, 40 points). **Ed & Edna Fleming, Dan & Beth Kirby, Dan & Marla & Lisa & David Zebarah.**
4th Place (tie, 38 points). **Guy & Ann St. John, Erin Wiley** (Hey! Didn't her dad put this ralleye together?) **& Jason Alston.**
5th Place (33 points). **Marcia Greiner & Karen Bangert.** Karen is from Stourtort On Severn (you can't get more British than that) and this was her first ralleye. It's too bad **Phil Whiltshire** couldn't make the ralleye so that Karen could have had someone who spoke her language.

Also participating were; **Rich & Adrienne Wagner, Otto Pope, Bill & Jeanette Reeves** (along with son **Matthew** who has recovered form Cecil Kimber's birthday party and Bill's mother and Jeanette's mother), **Donn Rajaniemi** (driving solo), **Jerry Bennett** (also solo) and **Dave Reed & ———.**

This was the first ralleye that Chuck has ever put on. Turned out to be a darn good ralleye. Thanks Chuck! See it's not that hard. The rest of you members should give it a try, we'll help you.

Newbies, Tees and Midgets

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

Jim and **Ginni Clifford** live in Bloomfield Hills with their children, **Lisa** and **Jim**. They own a 1948 Green TC. Jim is a sales manager. They have heard about our club at various events.

Marty and **Rita Coyne** live in Detroit with their daughter **Angela.** Marty is a Plant Manager. They own a 1977 Pearl Yellow Midget. **Brett Altman** told them about our club.

Robert and **Krystyna Fionda** live in Roseville with their two children. They own a 1972 Red/Black MGB. Robert is an Educator and a Graphic Artist. They heard about us through **John Twist** and **NAMGBR**.

Frank and **Barbara Gaydos** live in Farmington Hills. They own a 1952 Yellow MGTD. Frank is a designer. **Jack Renaud** told them about our club.

Hope you enjoy being a part of our club!

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

Katie Zajac	June 17	Larry Enders	June 30
Will Zehring	June 17	Isabelle Renaud	July 1
Doug Balsis	June 19	Amy Sokolowski	July 3
Drew Hine	June 19	Mark Stratton	July 4
Manuel Ramirez	June 19	Flora Wheeler	July 4
Betty Sylvestre	June 19	Pat Harton	July 6
Tony Werderitsch	June 19	David Ruch	July 6
Gayle Pillon	June 20	Don Kobeck	July 7
Jaimie Snyder	June 20	Tom Greiner	July 10
Mark Thomas	June 20	Chris McQueen	July 10
Norm Werner	June 20	Connie Trofin	July 10
Nicole Owens	June 22	Nancy Zajac	July 10
Robin Nunnally	June 24	Rosemary Beaudoin	July 12
Robin Owens	June 24	Suzanne Snyder	July 12
Erin Nunnally	June 26	Bill Larson	July 13
Pam Shipley	June 26	Danna Lustig	July 13
Anne Sinasac	June 26	Bud Miller	July 14
Sheryl Fraidenburg	June 27		
Frank Baker	June 29		
Harry Mueller	June 29		

Video Library

The following Videos are available to club members. Contact Greg Newton (313) 562-2377.

* **La Carrera Panamerica**, 1987. Open road race across Mexico with music by Pink Floyd and **Silverstate Classic**-The fastest open road race in the world, across Nevada.
* **The Italian Job**. Michael Cain stars with several Minis in a big bank robbery.
* **Winning**, with Paul Newman. Fictional story of Indycar racing. The movie that got Newman interested in racing.
* **Drive to Win** with Mario Andretti.
* **Battle of the Bs.** Club racing MGBs in England.
* **LeMans**. Steve McQueen actually entered and raced a 917 Porsche while filming this movie. One of Car and Driver's 10 best car films. Also LeMans '87 and '88 races on same tape.
* **SU Carb rebuild.**
* **"66 and '69 Lemans Races**
* **Formula One 1979, 1980, 1982**
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* **Gran Turismo Jaguar.**
* **The MGB Video**. Short but good.
* **MGB Film Library.**
* **MGB Experience.**
* **The Roadster Factory Summer Party 1993.**
* **Behind the Wheel With Jackie Stewart.** Stewart shows you how to drive with finesse.
* **Rendezvous**. A ride through the streets of Paris at 100 plus MPH. Short but great. One of Car & Driver's top 5 car movies.

And there are more videos being added every month.

Hot New Items in Club Regalia Catalog

Ok we don't have a Catalog (yet), but we do have a lot of great new items for you this year. The top four are the new embroidered items first seen at the Hibernation Party.

Item	U.S.	Canada
Sweater with embroidered club logo	$40*	$52*
Jacket " " " "	$70*	$91*
Golf Shirt " " " "	$30*	$39*
Lap Robe " " " "	$45	$58
T-Shirts	$10	$12
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MG Christmas Ornaments	$5	$6
Magnetic "Please Don't Touch" Signs	$9pr.	$11pr.
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Farewell Coach & Horses Pub

Last Club Meeting Held at Historic Site.

On May 11, 1994 the club held its final meeting at the Coach & Horses Pub in downtown Windsor. About 40 club members turned out for the farewell. Two of the original founding members were also present. **Mark Deacon and Dave Hornby** explained to the current members how they got together at this very pub in 1980 to form the Windsor-Detroit MG Club. We voted to thank them by buying Mark and Dave each a beer. **Thanks guys.**

Above: The sign at the Coach & Horses. **Right: Mark Deacon and Dave Hornby** sit in the exact spot were this club was formed.

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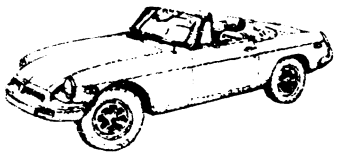

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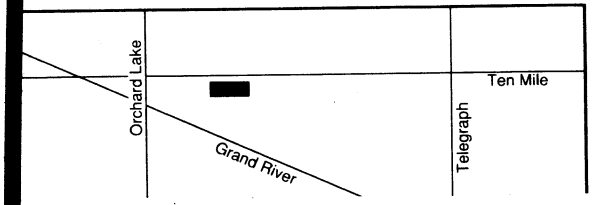

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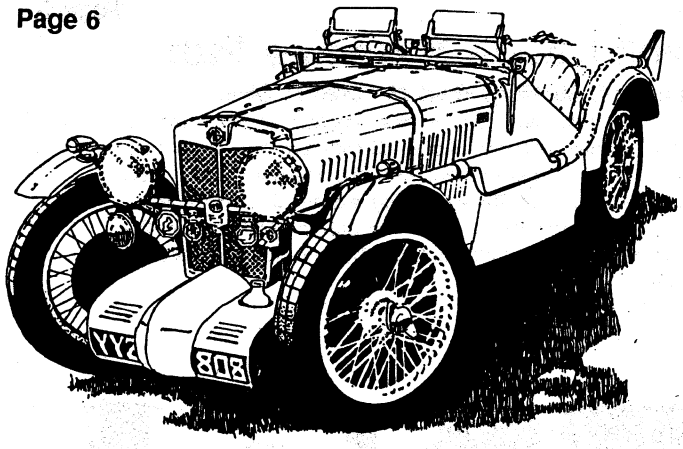


University Motors Has a New Home

John Twist has moved University Motors out of the location on Eastern Ave. where its been at for almost 20 years. The new location is in Ada, just east of Grand Rapids. The new address and phone numbers are in his ad on page 2.

Summer Party Stays at Old Home

The annual University Motors Summer Party will be held at the Hilton Inn and Douglas Walker Park, just like last year. Registration forms for this "don't miss" event are in this newsletter. Mail your form in now while its in your hand.

Mad Dogs and Englishmen Go Out

(To Kalamazoo)

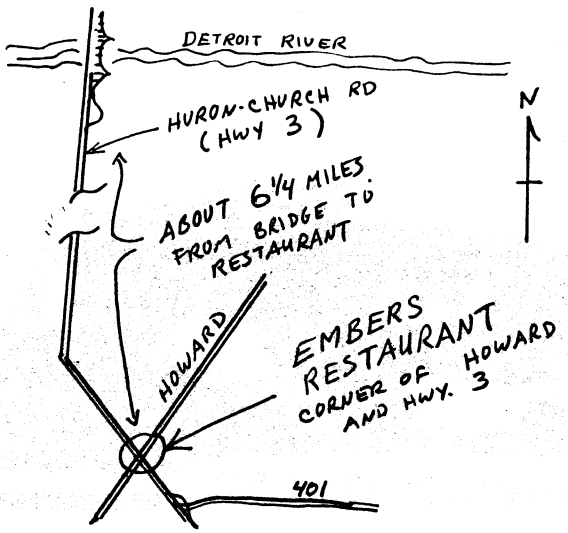
In The Noonday Sun

Also included in this newsletter is an application for the Mad Dogs and Englishmen Car Show in Hickory Corners near Kalamazoo, Michigan. This event takes place at the Gilmore Car Museum located on the grounds of a onetime dairy farm. The cars are housed in several restored barns, connected by paved roads. A truly unique setting for classic cars and a British Car Show.

New Meeting Place For Our Canadian Meetings

The June monthly meeting will be at our regular place at the La Trattoria Restaurant in Dearborn. Our next meeting in Windsor will take place at a new location, the Embers Restaurant at the corner of Howard & Highway 3 (see map).

The Embers will provide us with more room for both the meeting and parking.



We Have a Tool,(almost)

At the last (both chronologically and actually) club meeting at the Coach and Horses Pub, we voted to purchase a Front End Reamer for members to use. Details on who will be in charge of "renting" it out etc still have to be worked out. Watch this space for details.

What, you didn't want us to do that? Should have attended the meeting. At least we didn't put you in charge of the club picnic and hibernation party while you weren't looking. And, you missed the last Monthly Meeting at this historic (to the Windsor -Detroit MG Club) fine establishment.

Necessity is the Mother of Invention, Or a New Use For Your Trunk Rack

You may remember the trials and tribulations of young **Matthew Reeves** as he traveled to Lansing with father Bill for the Cecil Kimber birthday bash. In the aftermath of Matthew's incident, his blue jeans were hosed down thoroughly. The cockpit of the B was no place to store those jeans until we made Lansing. Consequently they were strapped to the rack on the trunk. When father and son arrived in Lansing the jeans were dry and ready to wear. And you thought those racks were only good for wicker baskets.

If you have a trunk rack you also have the worlds fastest clothes drier.

The Morris Garages when Cecil Kimber became General Manager in 1922

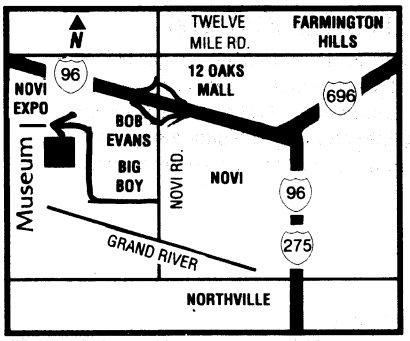
Summer Fast Autocross Sunday June 19, 1994

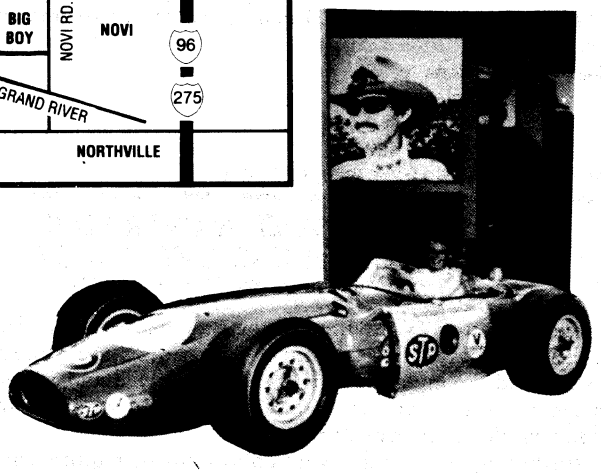
We've found a new home for our club autocross. The parking lot at the Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum in Novi. Michigan.

The price is the same as last year ($5.00) but it also includes admission to the Hall of Fame. You can view some really fast cars (as in 200 to 300 MPH) before you try your skill in the parking lot.

Time: First car out at 11:00 AM - We'll run until about 3:00 PM.

Place: Motorsports Hall of Fame, parking lot located at the northwest corner of the Novi Expo Center (drive to the base of the Expo Center water tower). See map.



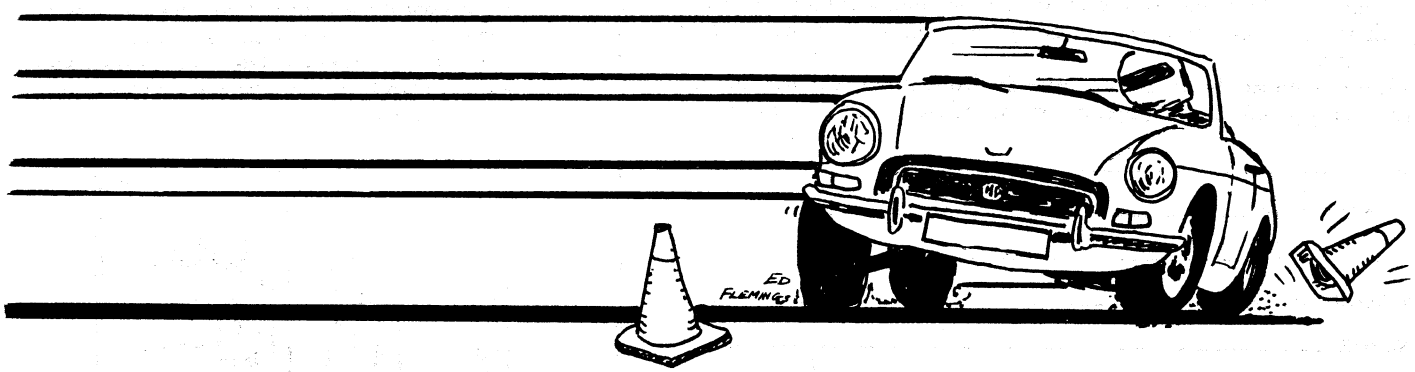


Cost; $5.00 (U.S.)

Classes: This year we'll have 3 Classes; 1. Performance, 2. Stock, 3. Ladies.

Bring whatever car you want to race, but remember the only cars eligible for trophies will be British Cars.

As of the writing of the newsletter everything was go for this location except for the ok of the owner of the property who is on vacation. Before heading out call (810) 349-3649 for last minute details.



More Fast Stuff;
We're Planning a Caravan to Mid-Ohio Race Track!

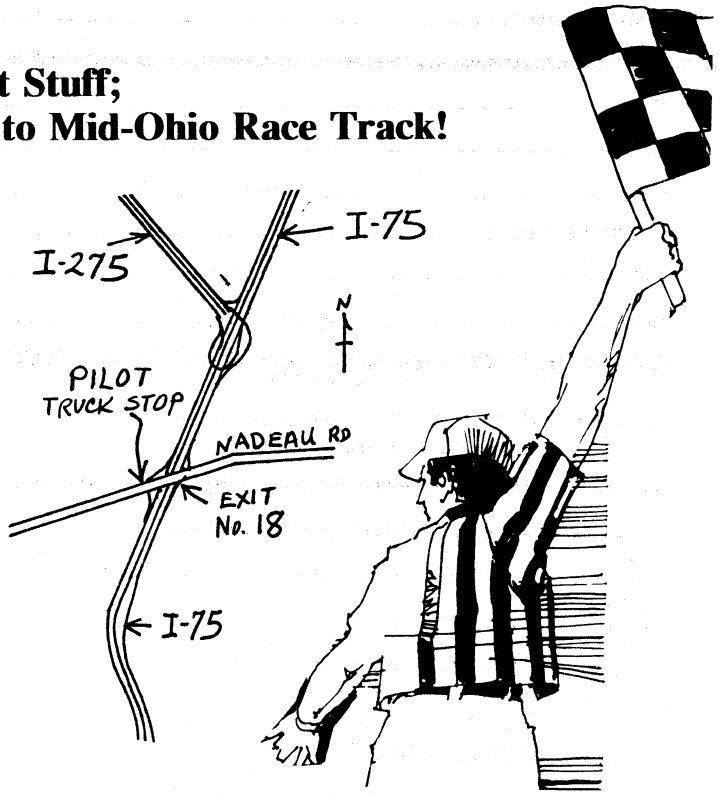
The Event: The Mid-Ohio Race Track has a full day of activities planned for MG enthusiasts on June 25th. Some of the things on the agenda are a car show, special parking for MG owners and clubs, a catered lunch ($16.00) and touring laps around the track for MGs. Of course there's the vintage racing to watch too. Featured car this year is MG.

Mid-Ohio is one of the top three or four road racing tracks in the country. If you've never been there this would be a perfect time to experience a race there.

The Meetings Place: We'll meet at the Pilot Truck Stop at Exit 18 off I-75. This is the first exit off I-75, south of the interchange with I-275. Park in the front lot by the Arby's restaurant.

Time: Meet at the truck stop at 6:30 AM.

Cost: Admission to the track is $16.00 on Saturday. The catered lunch, (chicken sandwich, salad, pop) is also $16.00 (there are several refreshment stands around the track serving hot dogs, hamburgers etc. for considerably less).



English Car Day at Greenfield Village Again

The Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club is again holding "English Car Day" at Greenfield Village. There will be a people's choice award for each marque. Cost is $6.00 per car before June 21st and $16.00 from June 22 to July 1st. There is also a $9.00 charge per visitor the get into the village. Event Tee shirts are planned if enough people order them for $10.00.

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Decisions, Decisions, What's an MG Lover to do?

This is the month of decisions. Take, for instance, the weekend of June 18th & 19th. You have to decide amongst six different car events on that same weekend.

First there is Phil Wiltshire's trip to Stratford, Ontario to see the Pirates of Penzance. Not interested in an overnight trip to the theater? How about an overnight trip to Niagara on the Lake, Ontario for the Five Club Picnic, sponsored by the MG Car Club of Toronto? Not interested in an overnighter? Then you can try the Classics and Keepsakes car show in Mt Clemens where the city has invited all the British Clubs to show their cars in Macomb Place. Looking for an internationally prominent car show? There's the "Eyes on Classic Design" show at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford house in Grosse Pointe Shores on the 19th.

Not interested in traveling or car shows? How about the Club's Summerfast Autocross planned for that same weekend? A chance to actually drive your MG in competition.

Then there's the weekend of June 25 & 26. Ah, this weekend there are only two events to vacillate over. There's the NAMGBR Convention in Washington DC or the vintage racing, featuring MGs, at the Mid-Ohio race track.

This summer especially, you have to plan your MG activities in advance. Check the Calendar of Events on the second to last page in each newsletter and **mark the dates of the events you want to attend on your calendar!** Don't be left out of your favorite.

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The Ten Best Tools of All Time

Or, there are only ten things in this world you need to fix any car, any place, anytime.

This article was pilfered from the Michigan Sports Car Club's newsletter,"Gudgeon Pin" who stole it from the December '93 MG Messenger, the official publication of the Lake Erie Centre, MGCC, who probably plagiarized it from someone else. But information this valuable needs to be spread to as many people as possible, so here without remorse is the list.

Forget the Snap-On Tools truck. It's never there when you need it. Besides, there are only ten things in the world you need to fix any car, any place, any time.

1). **Duct Tape**: Not just a tool, a veritable Swiss Army knife in stickum and plastic. It's safety wire, body material, radiator hose, upholstery, insulation, tow rope, and more in one easy-to-carry package. Sure, there's a prejudice surrounding duct tape in concours competitions, but in the real world everything from Le Mans winning Porsches to Atlas rackets uses it by the yard. The only things that can get you out of more scrapes are two dimes and a phone booth.

2). **Vise-Grips:** Equally adept as a wrench, hammer, pliers, baling wire twister, breaker of frozen bolts, and wiggle-it-'til-it-falls-off tool. The heavy artillery of your tool box, Vice-Grips are the only tool designed expressly to fix things screwed up beyond repair.

3). **Spray Lubricants:** A considerably cheaper alternative to new doors, alternators, and other squeaky items. Slicker than pig phlegm. Repeated soakings of WD-40 will allow the main hull bolts of the Andrea Doria to be removed by hand.

Strangely enough, an integral part of these sprays is the infamous little red tube that flies out of the nozzle if you look at it cross-eyed. (One of the ten worst tools of all time).

4). **Margarine Tubs with Clear Lids:** If you spend all your time under the hood looking for a frendle pin that caromed off the peedle valve when you knocked both off the air cleaner, it's because you eat butter. Real mechanics consume pounds of tasteless vegetable oil replicas, just so they can use the empty tubs for parts containers afterward. (Some, of course, chuck the butter colored goo altogether or use it to repack wheel bearings).

Unlike air cleaners and radiator clips, margarine tubs aren't connected by a time-space worm-hole to the Parallel Universe of Lost Frendle Pins.

5). **Big Rock at the Side of the Road:** Block up a tire. Smack corroded battery terminals. Pound out a dent. Bop nosy know-it-all types on the noodle. Scientists have yet to develop a hammer that packs the raw bonking power of granite or limestone. This is the only tool with which a "made in India" emblem is not synonymous with the user's maiming.

6). **Plastic Zip Ties:** After twenty years of lashing down stray hoses and wires with old bread ties, some genius brought a slightly slicked-up version to the auto parts market. Fifteen zip ties can transform a hulking mass of amateur quality rewiring from a working model of the Brazilian rain forest into something remotely resembling a wiring harness. Of course, it works both ways: When buying used cars, subtract $100 for each zip tie under the hood.

7). **Ridiculously Large Standard Screwdriver with Lifetime Guarantee:** Let's admit it. There is nothing better for prying, chiseling, lifting, breaking, splitting, or mutilating than a huge flat-bladed screwdriver, particularly when wielded with gusto and a big hammer. This is also the tool of choice for oil filters so insanely located they can only be removed by driving a stake in one side and out the other. If you break the screwdriver (and you will, just like Dad or your shop teacher said) who cares? It's guaranteed!

8). **Baling wire:** (or old wire coat hanger, Ed.) Commonly known as MG muffler brackets, baling wire holds anything that's too hot for duct tape or ties. Like duct tape, it's not recommended for concours contenders since it works so well you'll never replace it with the right thing again. Baling wire is a sentimental favorite in some circles, particularly with the MG, Triumph, and flathead Ford set.

9). **Bonking Stick:** This monstrous tuning fork with devilishly pointy ends is technically known as a tie-rod-end separator, but how often do you separate tie-rod-ends? Once every decade, if you're lucky. Other than medieval combat, its real use is the all-purpose application of undue force, not unlike that of the huge flat-bladed screwdriver. Nature doesn't know the bent metal panel or frozen pipe that can stand up to a good bonking stick. (Can also be used to separate tie-rod-ends in a pinch, but does a lousy job of it).

10). **Two Dimes and a Phone Booth:** See #1 above.

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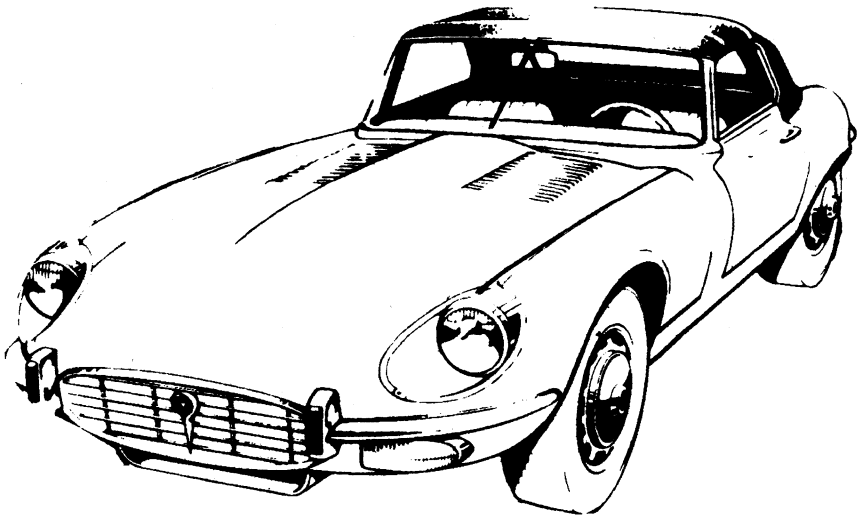

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British Car Brochures and Ads. Jay Kollin, (313) 455-6949

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JUNE

Jun 5 University Motors early Picnic-Grand Rapids
Jun 8 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Jun 12 Carnival of Cars at Waterford Hills Race Track
Jun 18-19 Phil Whiltshire's trip to Stratford
Jun 19 Summer Fast Autocross
Jun 19 Five Club Picnic-Niagara on the Lake ONT
Jun 18-19 Classics & Keepsakes Car Show-Mt Clemens, MI
Jun 19 Freedom Festival Car Show-Willistead Park, Windsor
Jun 19 Emerald Necklace MG Club Car Show & Picnic, Akron, Ohio
Jun 23-26 NAMGBR Convention Washington D.C.
Jun 25 Club trip to Vintage Racing at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Mansfield, Ohio, MG is featured car.

JULY

Jul 9-10 Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Car Show- Kalamazoo
Jul 13 Monthly Meeting-Windsor (new location-see article in this newsletter)
Jul 17 English Day on the Green-Greenfield Village. You must pre-register by July 3rd. Call Stuart Rigler, Triumph Club, at (810) 589-9028
Jul 24 Club Picnic at Shipley's house
Jul 24 BSCC Picnic?

AUGUST

Aug 7 BSCC Meadowbrook Fun Run
Aug 10 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Aug 12-14 MGC Convention, Burlington ONT
Aug 13-15 Roadster Factory Summer Party-Armagh, Penn.
Aug 19-21 University Motors Summer Party-Grand Rapids
Aug 27-28 Willistead Classic & Antique Car Show-Windsor

SEPTEMBER

Sep 3 Trip to Auburn, IN for the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Meet
Sep 8-11 40th Anniversary Collier Cup MG Races, Watkins Glen, NY
Sep 11 Battle of the Brits Freedom Hill Park, Sterling Heights
Sep 14 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Sep 18 British Car Day-Burlington ONT
Sep ?? Lucas Night Rally?
Sep 25 English Day at the Races-Waterford Hills Race Track
Sep 23-25 Rally of the Small Pines-Southern Ontario

OCTOBER

Oct 2 BSCC Independence Oaks Car Show or Colour Tour
Oct 12 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Oct 13-16 SCCA National "Runoffs" Mid-Ohio Raceway.
Oct ?? Fall Colour Tour?
Oct 23 British Autojumble-Toronto ONT

NOVEMBER

Nov 9 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Nov 19 Hibernation Party-US Side

DECEMBER

Dec 14 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

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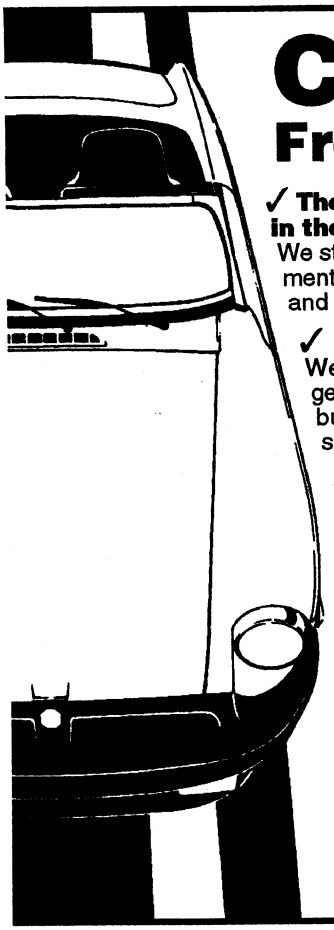

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