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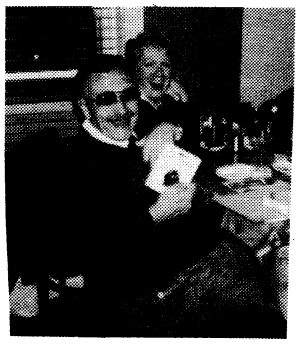

Above, left to right: Beth & Dan Kirby with Guy & First Place Trophy. Edna & Ed Fleming-2nd Place. Kevin Kurth & Jermey Sturgeon-3rd Place.
Far left: Otto & Judy Pope with Compass prize.
Left: The gang gets final instructions in the light of the Meijer's parking lot.

J. Lucas Was Working Overtime For Our Rally, And We Are Not Amused

J. Lucas was working his special magic again for our Lucas Night Rally. I knew it was going to be "one of those nights". Earlier in the day I drove the Midget up to the Jaguar Show in Novi. I was going to adjust the carbs and wanted to warm the engine up.

Before adjusting the carbs I figured I'd install new points since the old ones had been in the car for about three years. However, after installing the new Lucas points the car wouldn't start. No spark, so I double check the gap, cleaned the points, and replaced the coil wire. Still wouldn't start. I put everything back in that was there when the car was running, still no spark. So instead of taking the MG Midget, Edna and I took her "MG" Miata.

Despite the threats that a Lucas Night Rally conjures up this is one of our more popular rallies and 15 cars showed up. Participants included **Marshall & Fran Coulter, Mike & Kathy Derderian, Otto & Judy Pope, Tom & Marcia Greiner, Al & Karen Burnham, Harry & Dorothy MacLean, Dave Campbell & Sharley Rose, and Eric & Susan Dolin** in their Lucas equipped MGs. And **Bruce & Karen Kurth, Ed & Edna Fleming, Rose Lieberman & Tom Driscoll and Kevin Kurth & Jermey Sturgeon** in assorted other cars.

I'm not sure if **Guy and Ann St. John** planned it, but a bright full moon helped add illumination to the scene, just in case (or is that when?) the Lucas illumination failed.

Guy & Ann had us leave the Meijer parking lot in two different directions. Some of us heading south, others going west. The two routes were supposed to join up in Northville and follow a twisted path to Plymouth and Ernesto's Restaurant, about a 12 mile drive. However, a small "cliche" (no doubt Lucas induced) in the instructions had the southbound ralliests trying to follow impossible instructions. As a result, the Greiners set a record for returning to the start point to try again (four times). The Popes drove 62 miles, gave up and stopped at a local tavern before heading to Ernesto's.

For awhile it looked like we might have to provide Guy with police protection. Order finally was restored (this is the Lucas Rally after all and things are supposed to go wrong) and prizes were handed out to those of us who actually found the clues and made it to the restaurant.

First Place went to **Dan & Beth Kirby** in their Midget. Second Place was won by **Ed & Edna Fleming** in the Miata. Third Place was won by **Kevin Kurth & Jermey Sturgeon** driving a Chevy Corvair! You'll notice that two of the top three were non-Lucas equipped cars.

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Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor

"Glorious, stirring sight," murmured Toad, "the poetry of motion!...O bliss, O poop-poop! O my, O my!...I might never have heard that enticing sound, or smelt that bewitching smell." Mr. Toad decribing his first encounter with a motorcar, "The Wind In The Willows"

What is it with cars? Why do they hold so much interest for so many people? I think I have found the reason. Cars have all the bases covered when it comes to stimulating your senses. They grab **all** our senses.

What brought this to my attention was the smell of gear lube that wafted up from the Midget as I changed the fluid in the differential. Gear lube is the only substance that smells like gear lube, and it's a car smell. The smell of metal parts doing heavy duty car work. Kind of a sweaty car smell.

Everyone's familiar with the "new car smell", but there is also the musty smell of an old 1940's or 30's car. The smell of something wrong with the electrics, or hot brakes.

Then there is the sound a car makes. I'm convinced the real reason Indy car officials banned the gas turbine cars was because they didn't make racing noises. Cars were meant to make noise. From the throaty purr of a 12 cylinder Ferrari to the whistle of a VW Beetle, the character of a car is determined in part by the way it sounds.

The sound a starter motor makes when you crank it up and the whine of reverse gear. The hiss of the intake and the wail of the tires in a corner all add to the pleasures of driving a car. As Vic Elford, winner of Le Mans, once told me at a driver's school, "A singing tire is a happy tire" and I get a certain pleasure form getting the tires to sing the right notes.

In the feely - touchy area cars provide many pleasures. The snick-snick of the gear shift lever, the smoothness of a polished fender as you caress the compound curves.

A 911 Porsche I owned had (and still do) beautiful lines. One night Edna came out to the garage to find me caressing the hind quarter-panel of the 911. She could tell I really enjoyed that car and this led to her statement that "Ann Landers will advise you on what to do if your husband is in love with another woman, but not if he's in love with his car".

The looks of a car can please the eye (the flowing curves of a Ferrari 250 GTO or Alfa Romeo B.A.T) or make your stomach want to make its presence known (AMC Pacer or '61 Plymouth).

That leaves taste as the last sense that a car stimulates. For many it's the only one of the senses that automobiles ignore. For some of us there's the surprise taste of gasoline after you've sucked on the siphoning tube for awhile. Or the taste of rusty metal you get when lying under your car fixing the muffler. Or the taste of oily electrical insulation when you have to use your teeth as wire strippers to expose the end of the hot lead to the fuel pump in the middle of the night on the side of the road when you forgot to pack the tool kit. Did I mention that cars taste terrible?

There is also the sense of joy and pain that cars can bring. The pain when your knuckle hits the sharp edge of the carburetor when the rusty manifold bolt suddenly snaps. The jolt when your brother turns the engine over while you're holding the coil wire. The pleasure when the car starts up immediately and purrs smoothly after you've finished your carb rebuild. or the satisfaction you get from matching the revs perfectly when down shifting.

Hope you can get out there and enjoy those sensations while the weather lets us drive our cars for a few more weeks.

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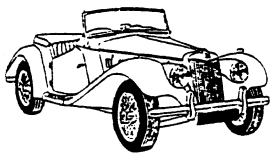

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WHEEL NICE by Guy St. John

Put a lid on it! Well, more like put it in a bottle. This summer I mean. That way we can let it out in precious dribbs and drabs over the coming dark winter days. This was the nicest summer I can ever remember. I can't think of one MG event that was spoiled by bad weather this year. Let's hope it continues.

We had a great monthly meeting in Windsor last month. It turns out that the Embers Restaurant was closed because of a family illness so we met at the Roseland Golf and Curling Club instead. Good food with lots of room. We will look into the feasibility of using it for a permanent location.

Battle of the Brits had its' largest turnout ever. Actually more cars than bikes. Even heard some roomers about going back to the early format of Marque vs Marque. That would get my vote, here's hoping.

In spite Ed's nice review of the Lucas night rallye, I really must apologize for the errors both in design and execution. I guess different isn't always better. Thanks to Holt and Henry Caroselli.(Union Jack clue). Keith Nelson and Harriet West, my very frustrated Guinea pigs, and of course Ann for putting up with my craziness.

We are fortunate in having two candidates for President this year. Ed and Dan both have wit and humor and a great enthusiasm for MGs. The club would be well served by either candidate.

Look for your ballot in the mail, get it back to us before the deadline, or better yet bring it in person to the hibernation party in November. Hope to see you there or .....

See you on the road.

SAFELY FAST!

Guy

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

By Marla Zebarah

Erika Ferguson	Oct	15	Connie Barron	Nov	3
Carol Cowling	Oct	16	Tony Chaivre	Nov	4
Leslie Cowling	Oct	16	Bill Lustig	Nov	4
Harry MacLean	Oct	18	Patrick Werner	Nov	4
Enid Collacott	Oct	19	Christopher DiLorenzo	Nov	5
William Rori	Oct	20	Edna Fleming	Nov	6
Dennis Mefferd	Oct	21	Tom Hoagland	Nov	7
Mary Kay Kollin	Oct	24	Ben Kosbab	Nov	7
Kristin Owens	Oct	26	Terri Trest	Nov	7
Ralph Sirlin	Oct	26	Beth Fischer	Nov	10
Dan Leighton	Oct	27	Michael Hacker	Nov	1
Edna Elfont	Oct	28	Greg Keating	Nov	10
Nichole Hunter	Oct	28	Keith Nelson	Nov	10
Ozzie Pillon	Oct	28	Robert Ruppe	Nov	11
Paul Sandie	Oct	31	Lee Riddell	Nov	12
Tony Werderitsch	Oct	31			

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

By Marla Zebarah

Bill and **Connie Barron** live in Monroe. They own a 1979 Reddish-Orange Midget. Bill is in Mainteance for Detroit Edison. They found out about the club from **Chuck Wiley**.

Tony Chaivre lives in Berkley. He owns a 1978 Green MGB. Tony is a Service Manager. He found out about us from **Ed Fleming**.

Robert and **Grace Hammers** live in White Lake. They own a 1971 Yellow MGB. Robert is retired. They found out about the club at **University Motors Summer Party**.

T.C. Hoagland lives in Blissfield TWP. He owns a 1974 Teal Blue MGB-GT V8 and a 1977 BRG MGB V8. (Now Philip Wiltshire's V8 won't be so lonely!) T.C. is a student. He found out about our club from **Tom Newton** at **University Motors Summer Party**.

Mark and **Marci Lazzara** live in Warren. They own a 1970 Red MGB. Mark is in Marketing. They found out about the club from **Guy St. John** at **University Motors Summer Party**.

Brian and **Krista Meister** live in Novi. They own a 1969 BRG MGB. Brian is a Law Clerk. They found out about our club from **Chuck Wiley**.

John and **Christine Millis** live in Clarkston. They own a 1969 Brown MGC. John is an Insurance Agent; Christine does Medical Billing. They found out about the club at **T & W Auto Body**.

Jim and **Terri Trest** live in Northville. They own a 1976 Maroon MGB. Jim is a Financial Analyst at Ford. They found out about the club from **Guy St. John**.

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"Never Complain, Never Explain" Henry Ford II, OK, One Complaint, Make That Two

Letter to the Editor:

Where to begin? The thing that I would like to talk or write about is consumer rip-offs, particularly auto parts.

Recently my alternator decided to go visit Joe at the grave site. The Prince was kinda working overtime and gave my alternator the big zap!!! So I got on my hot little phone and made a few calls. Finally settling on S&G Auto Parts. Upon calling, I found out that there are two current alternators for my car, a 1978 MGB. One was priced at $104 and the other at $108. But the one alternator could not be picked up and in the store until after 2:00. Fine, I said, and would be in with mine to match it up.

After arriving at the store, I was handled with the utmost courtesy. Then I got my huge eye bulger. I asked if they gave discounts to our world famous Windsor-Detroit MG Club. I must have said the magic word, because I thought I saw dollar signs rotating in the man's eyeballs for a second. Anyhow, he answered with why yes, 25% discount. As I awaited for the bill, I pondered of even maybe spending a little more money, but then I stopped. When I was handed the bill, the price had gone from $108 quoted on the phone, to $127.50 and then a 25% discount was applied, bringing the number down to $102 and then tax added, brought the bill up to $109 and change.

If you figure it out I did save a little over the original figure and I got a decent warranty which I'm thankful. But please don't tell me I am getting something and then jack the price up and then shave it to make like I got something. I would rather not get a discount or less of a discount than to see what I did on the bill. And no, I really don't think that I was taken, just kinda not told the whole truth. Just about everyone realizes that people must make a living.

'Nuff said.

Harry MacLean

Any other members have a problem like this? I wanted to buy a case of Techron gas additive at S&G and was told that our 25% discount doesn't apply to lubricants. Ed.

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And speaking of complaints...

Triumph Club Battles Participants at Battle of the Brits...What a Pain.

Marcia Greiner and I have been making ceramic models of MGs and have taken them to a few British Car Shows to sell. Jay Kollin takes his British car brochures and our club regalia to these same shows too. So we're gotten together and shared the cost of renting vender space. Sounds like a logical idea. And since we were going to a British car show it also sounded like a nice idea to take our British cars.

For some reason I still don't quite understand, the Triumph club thought these were both bad ideas, (or ideas that they wanted to make some extra money from).

Vendors were charged $15 for a space. No problem, since Jay and I were sharing a space, I would just pay Jay $7.50 for my half. Not so says the Triumph guys. You both have to pay $15.00 even though you're using half the space the guy next door is for both of your displays. And since you drove your MG to the show, you have to pay and extra $15.00 each for parking your cars near your space.

Let's see, if Jay brought his Corsica, with more brochures and advertisements, using more space if would cost $15, but because he drove his MG (bringing fewer boxes, the Triumph club wanted to charge him $30.00.

The "friendly" Triumph club members that informed us of these bureaucratic like extra charges acted like a couple of bouncers at a bar. Rather than explaining what the costs were and that (non TR?) British cars were charged extra, they just said "Get your car out of here or pay $15. And if you're going to put your stuff here we want $15 more now"

Seemed like there were a lot less vendors at the show this year, I think I know why now. The couple next to us wondered if they'd have to pay more for driving their Ford next year, if they come back.

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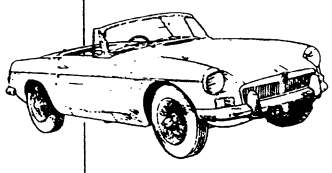
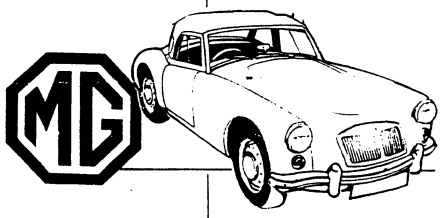

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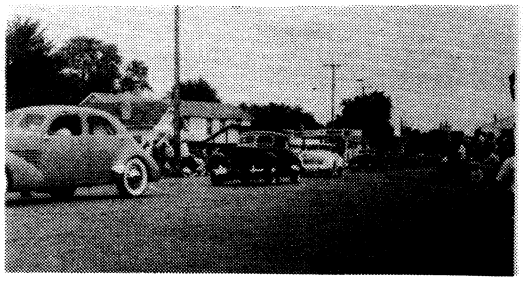


Above: About $3,000,000 worth of coffin nose Cords rolls by during the Parade of the Classics.

If Too Much of a Good Thing is Bad, The Cord-Auburn-Duesenberg Festival is Very, Very Bad!

Four true blue car enthusiasts headed to Auburn, Indiana for the Auburn-Cord Duesenberg Festival. **Guy St. John, Ed Fleming and** new members **Marshall and Fran Coulter** met at the McDonald's restaurant on Michigan Avenue and I-275 early for the "blue road" trip to car junkie heaven.

The trip took us past more than a dozen antique shops along U.S. 12 and past a few Amish horse & buggies on the back road way to E. L. Cord's house in Auburn. The house wasn't open for its usual tours when we arrived so it was on to the Art Deco Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg headquarters showroom to view the home of these great classic cars. Along with several dozen classic and interesting cars on display, we checked out the offices where Gordon Buehrig and company designed these classics and a display of memorabilia from the Chicago Worlds Fair.

Next up was the "Parade of Classics" so we took a break and sat down to watch as perhaps 75 million dollars (103 Canadian) worth of cars drove by.

If that wasn't enough to satisfy a car enthusiast, we then motored to the Kruse Auction Grounds where 5,000 interesting cars awaited us. Guy and Marshall were like kids in a candy store, almost running from one tempting car to another. Order was finally restored and we proceeded to examine the temptations in a more logical order.

Naturally, this orderly viewing of the cars meant that we arrived at a really nice '76 Jaguar XJ12 Coupe too late for Guy to buy (did I just hear Ann breathe a sigh of relief?).

When we finally decided to call it a day and find a place to have some supper, we hadn't covered everything. You really need two or three days to absorb this whole event. Maybe next year.

The Elections Are Coming, The Elections Are Coming! Hide the Kids & Get Ready to Vote!

It's election time again and this year you don't have to attend the Hibernation Party to vote (although you'll still want to attend for the good times, food and prizes). Ballots will be mailed to all members The first week of October. If you don't receive yours by Oct. 21st call Marla Zebarah at (313) 382-6715.

Vote for the officers of your choice and the By-Law changes, and mail the ballots to: (Canadians) **Roli Sylvestre, 3493 Church Street, Windsor, ON N9E 1V6** or (U.S.) **Jay Kollin, 44534 Forest Trails, Canton, MI 48187.** Or bring the ballots to the Hibernation Party on November 19th. Ballots will not be available at the party.

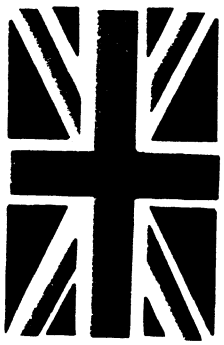
Mail your ballot right away. They must be received by Roli or Jay by November 12th to be counted.

This year's election again features two combatants, er, candidates for President, former newsletter editor **Dan Zebarah** and current newsletter editor **Ed Fleming.** That just shows you that MG owners must be masochists. Most clubs have a problem coercing any member to run for president. We have two who actually volunteered to run!

The election will probably have the usual mud slinging and press leaks (leaks being inherent in MG ownership). Maybe a scandal or two (Antifreeze-gate?), admissions that the candidate once lusted "in their hearts" after a BMW, etc.

For more information on the candidates see the articles by the candidates themselves under their mug shots on page 8.

As they says in Chicago, vote early and vote often.



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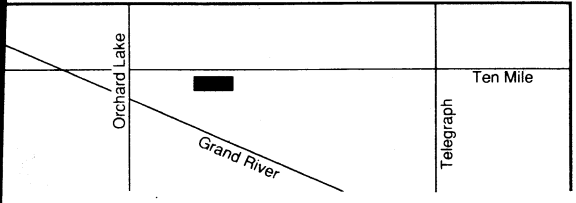

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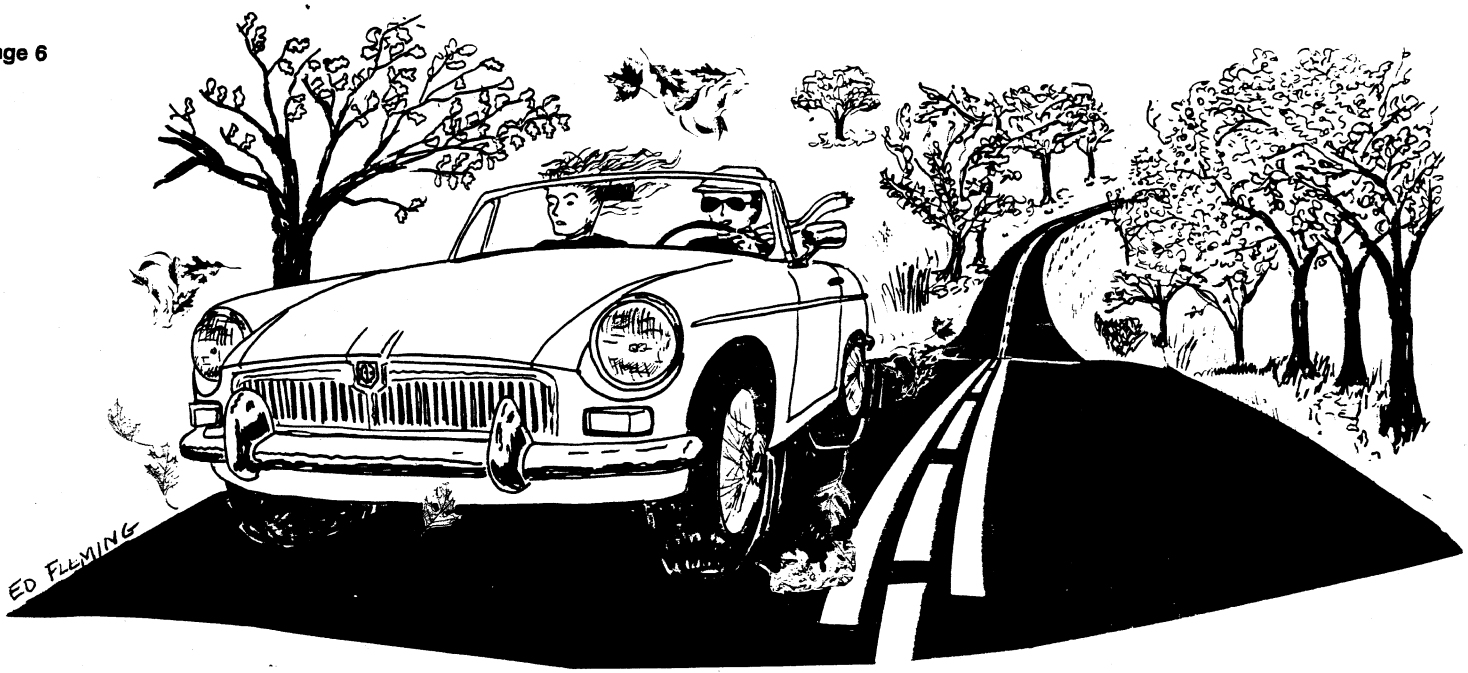


The Leaves Are Turning Damask Red, Harvest Gold, Russet Brown, Bracken, and Blaze Red. They must know the MGs are coming!

We've Got 3, (count'em) 3 Colourful Tours on the Calendar for October!

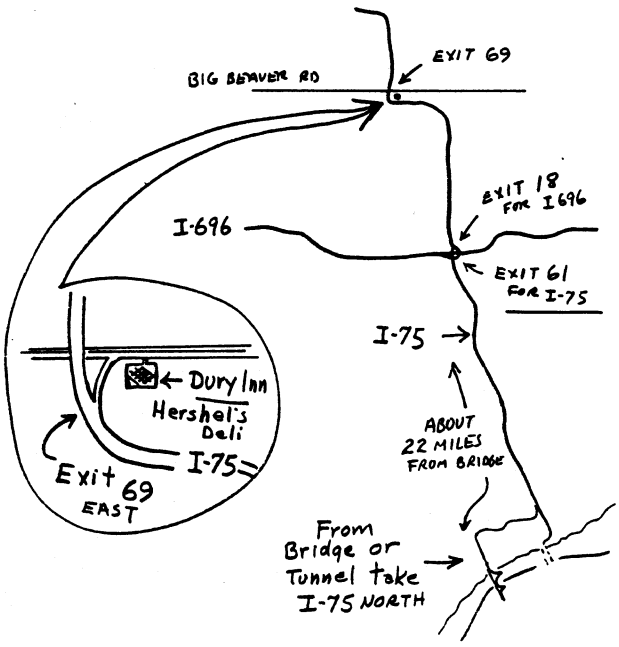
Tour Number One: Sunday, October 9th

A full day of colourful activities is planned. Apple picking, cider & donuts, a drive amongst the colourful fall foliage, and a picnic at a state park with lots of colourful trees.

It all starts at Hershel's Deli/Dury Inn in Troy. Arrive early and have breakfast with fellow club members. For more information, call Gary Howe at (810) 939-6851.

Start: Meet at Hershel's Deli at I-75 and Big Beaver Rd (Exit 69), see map. We'll leave there around 11 AM.

What to Bring: Camera, Picnic lunch, money for park entrance ($5.00?)



Tour Number Two: Sunday October 30th

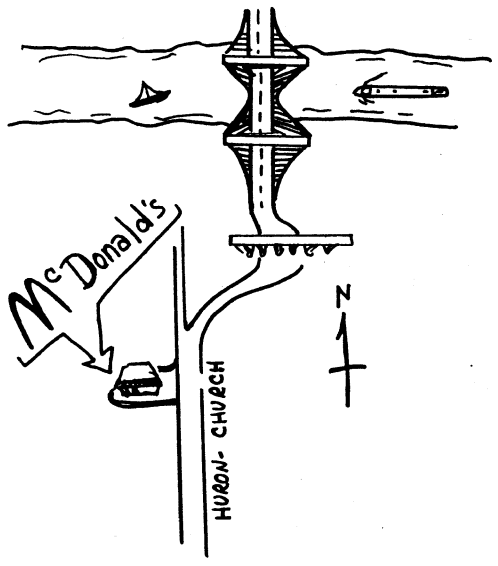
A scenic drive along the waterfront from the bridge to Lighthouse Cove on Lake St. Clair at the mouth of the Thames river. We'll catch the last of the fall colours, stop at a pub or two and end up at a very English Pub called "Rover's Return" (sounds like a good place for an MG club, if Rover Cars is returning to the colonies with a new MG model).

Sounds a lot like our recent Pelee Island Winery Caravan Tour which was a very enjoyable drive. This is our last driving event of the year. Don't miss it!

Start: Meet at the McDonald's Restaurant on Huron Church Rd. just as you leave the bridge at 1PM.

What to bring: An appetite for things British (cars, rivers, food, pubs, beer etc.)

Other times: We'll have dinner at Rover's Return around 4 or 5 PM.



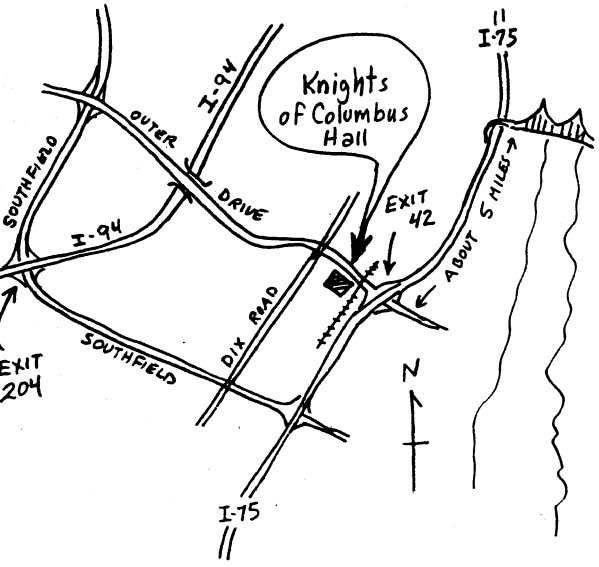
Colour Tour Three: October 7, 8, & 9

The New England MGT Registry's Almost Up-A-North
Fall Colour Tour.

The T Registry has invited us to join them on a three day trip to Houghton Lake's Riviera Resort. The drive will be less than 200 miles.

If you want to get the most out of the beautiful fall colours and weather, this sounds like a great trip.

Make your reservations directly to the Riviera Resort (517) 366-5122. Room rates run $35 to $125 per night. For more information on the tour, caravans and starting points call Pat McHugh at (313) 671-9013.



It's not too early to start thinking about our November event...

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club Hibernation Party, Awards & Elections, Saturday, November 19th!!

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall, 25061 West Outer Drive, Lincoln Park, See Map

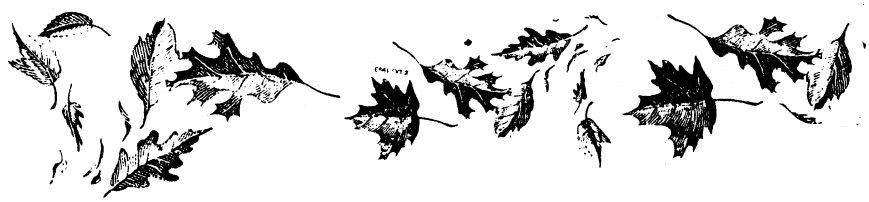
Times: Cocktails..... 6:00 PM
Dinner..... 7:00 PM
Awards..... 8:00 PM
Dancing..... 10:00 PM

Price: $24.00 (U.S.), $33.00 (Canadian) each. Make U.S. checks out to Marla Zebarah and send them to her at 1327 Austin Ave., Lincoln Park, MI 48146-2002.

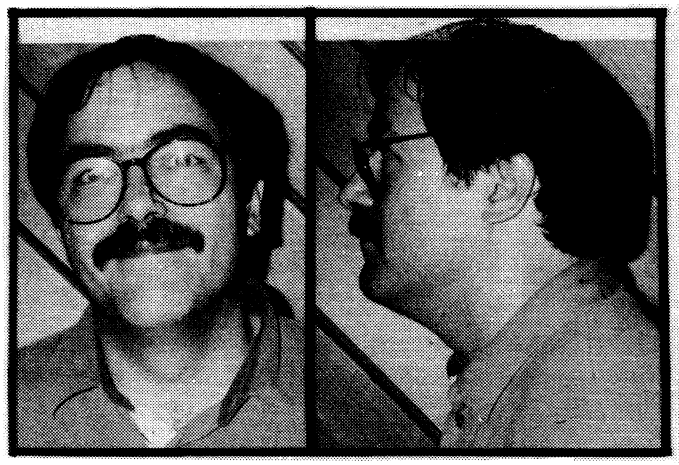
Make Canadian checks out to Frank Lucente and send them to him at 3514 Byng Rd., Windsor, ON N8W 3H8.

Special Notes: Because we have to notify the Hall of the number attending, **we will need your money for this event by November 9th,** the day of our regular November Monthly Meeting.

If you didn't mail your election ballots to the election committee, be sure to bring them to the party. Ballots will not be avaliable at the Hibernation Party!



******* Wanted: Your Vote For President *******



DAN ZEBARAH

Name: Dan Zebarah

Age: 18 (with 18 years experience)

Occupations: 2 MGs occupy my garage; 2 kids occupy my house; and my wife occupies my bank account.

Why I own an MG: It's quicker than walking.

Felony convictions: 0

Last book read: "Are You My Mother?" by P.D. Eastman

Last non-animated movie seen: I don't remember, but Jimmy Carter was president.

Club member since 1981.

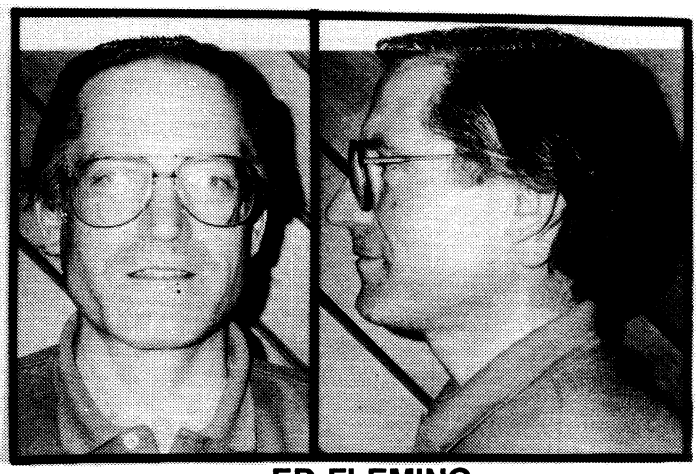
WDMGC offices held: Newsletter editor, 1989-1992; Historian, 1993.

Other MG offices held: Electronic Bulletin Board Chairman, NAMGBR, 1990-1993.

Other club memberships: MG Car Club, MG Owner's Club, NAMGBR, Emerald Necklace MG Registry.

Why I want to be president: When I was a small child, my mom used to tell me that even I could become President of the United States. After seeing what the press does to presidential candidates, and not wanting my past dredged up (especially the Gennifer Flowers thing), I decided to set my sights a little lower.

Why I want to be president (really): I feel I can provide the leadership, commitment, and enthusiasm that being president requires. I look forward to serving the membership in whatever way I can, working with the board of directors, and keeping the club running as smoothly as possible.



ED FLEMING

I'll get all the political rigmarole out of the way first. If elected your president I promise **not** to raise club dues, I won't send our members into battle (well, maybe Battle of the Brits), and I promise a good time will be had by all members. For those pre '75 MG owners I promise two dash pots under every bonnet. And Tippecanoe and Tyler too! That's Tippecanoe Place, the home of Clem Studebaker and now a fancy restaurant in South Bend IN. Do I hear a road trip calling here?

I was going to sling some mud at my worthy opponent, but somebody has already thrown mud all over his car. Russet Brown mud. Would you vote for a guy who drives a **brown** car?

Let's see, I probably have the Midget contingent locked up, (and I won't forget the tall members either) and the members with purple cars (is there another one in the club?). Humm, what other special interest group can I woo?

My father-in-law was born in Canada, and Edna and I have lots of relatives in Toronto, Sudbury, and Nova Scotia. (that takes care of the Canadians).

My first car was a Mini (I've owned two). Hope that gets the Mini owners vote.

And don't forget about my "Beer for a Vote" policy at the Hibernation Party. That'll get the drinkers (and that covers just about everyone).

I think a club president should be someone who is active in the club, and I certainly have been. I've only missed 4 of the 34 events our club has put on, or participated in over the last year, 3 of which I helped organize. And that doesn't count putting out this newsletter nine times a year or board meetings.

I've been a member of nine different sports car clubs, on the board of directors of five of them, so I know the ins and outs of operating a sports car club.

I enjoy all aspects of automobiles, rallies, shows, autocrosses, tech sessions, etc, so don't worry that your favorite event will be slighted. I like them all.

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Time to tuck the baby away for the winter. Here's how.

I know it seems like it was just last week when you took the MG out for that first drive of spring. Now the leaves are turning and the temperature is getting close to freezing and it is time to put the sports car away for another long winter's nap. Here is a list of things to do to make that nap, and the condition of your car next spring, much better.

1.. Change the oil and filter. If you can find some 20w20 Break In Oil use that. Break in oil sticks to the metal surfaces more tenaciously than regular oil so it protects bare metal longer.

2. Clean the car, top to bottom, inside and out, as if you're heading to a car show. After washing the car, drive it briskly for several miles to shake and blow all the water off the car.

3. While you're out on your "blow dry" drive, fill the gas tank. Before gassing up you might also want to add a gasoline stabilizer such as Sta-Bil, sold at auto parts stores.

4. Repair any nicks, stone chips or rust spots and apply touch up paint to keep moisture off the bare metal.

5. Apply a coat of wax to the body and a coat of petroleum jelly to the chrome. Armorall all the rubber pieces.

6. Inflate the tyres to 55-60 PSI (4 BAR Canadian). If you store the car on its tyres (as opposed to on jack stands) rotate the tyres every month to keep from flat spotting them.

7. Lubricate all suspension and steering components to remove dirt and water from the bare metal areas.

8. Check the anti-freeze. Even if you store the car in a heated garage, anti-freeze is needed for its anti corrosion qualities.

9. Remove the sparking plugs and squirt about 2 tablespoons of engine oil into each combustion chamber. Crank the engine with the starter motor for 5 to 8 seconds to spread the oil around. Do not operate the gas pedal while doing this. Reinstall the sparking plugs. Another way to lubricate the upper cylinder is to use a Fogging Oil in a spray can, available at auto supply stores.

10. Remove the battery and store it in a cool dry place (65 degrees Fahrenheit-18 Centigrade is ideal). Everything I've read on storing batteries says not to store them on a cement floor but nobody has been able to tell me why. Recharge the battery every month or put it in a car you're going to drive during the winter.

11. Remove the fan belts and store them in a sealed plastic bag in a cool place. This will keep them from drying out in an oval shape.

12. Disengage the clutch so that the clutch lining doesn't stick to the clutch plate.

13. Make all engine openings air tight. This includes all vents, PCV hoses, exhaust pipe, carbs etc. Use plastic wrap and duct tape. On cars with vented oil filler caps it is best to remove the cap and seal the opening.

14. Spray the engine compartment and engine with a wax preservative or light oil, again to repel moisture.

15. Jack up the car and support it with jackstands under the suspension.

16. **Do not** apply the handbrake.

17. Open any heating or ventilation flaps to promote air circulation.

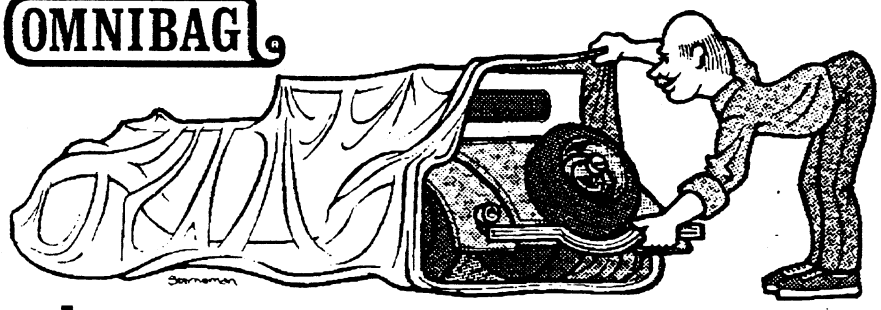
18. Store the car with the windows and top up.

19. Store the car under a roof, preferably in a room with minimal temperature changes and away from dripping water. (In other words in the bedroom rather than the bathroom.)

20. The ultimate storage tool is a large plastic bag produced right here in Bath, Michigan (near Lansing) by Pine Ridge Enterprises (517) 641-6444 The bag keeps moisture, dirt, ultra-violet rays and insects and rodents out and with the desiccant packs provided, eliminates moisture inside the bag as well. The car comes out in the spring exactly like you put it in, back in the fall. I've used one for 3 or 4 years and can testify to their effectiveness. See the ad below.

21. Next spring you'll want to put back all those things you did above, so leave a list or copy of this article in the car as a reminder for returning the car to running condition.

OMNIBAG



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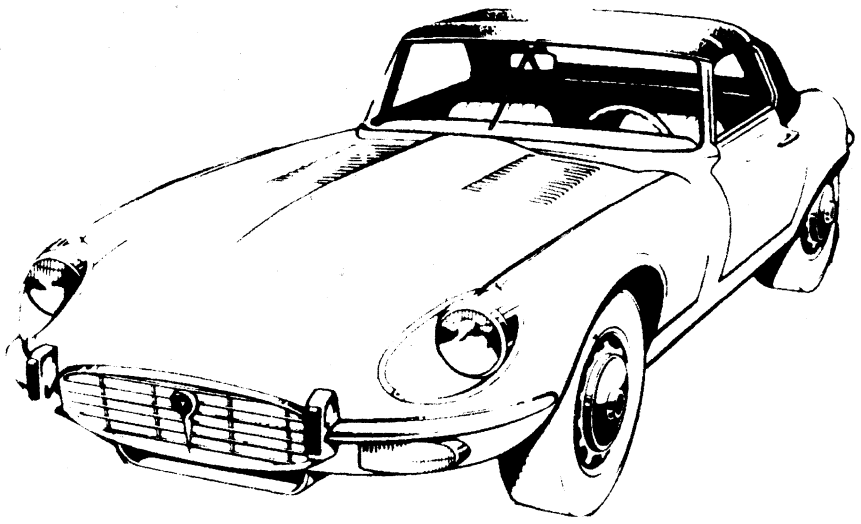

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OCTOBER

Oct 1 Board of Directors Meeting. Members are welcome-call Guy St. John for time and place (810) 349-3649

Oct 7, 8, 9 NEMGT Registry Fall Color Tour to Houghton Lake-They've invited WDMGC members to join them.

Oct 9 WDMGC Colour Tour/Apple Picking/Picnic-starts in Troy

Oct 12 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

Oct 13-16 SCCA National "Runoffs"-Mid Ohio Raceway

Oct 23 British Autojumble-Toronto ONT Ca;; Keith Holdsworth for details: (905) 889-4028

Oct 30 "Maple Leaf" Colour Tour-Windsor

NOVEMBER

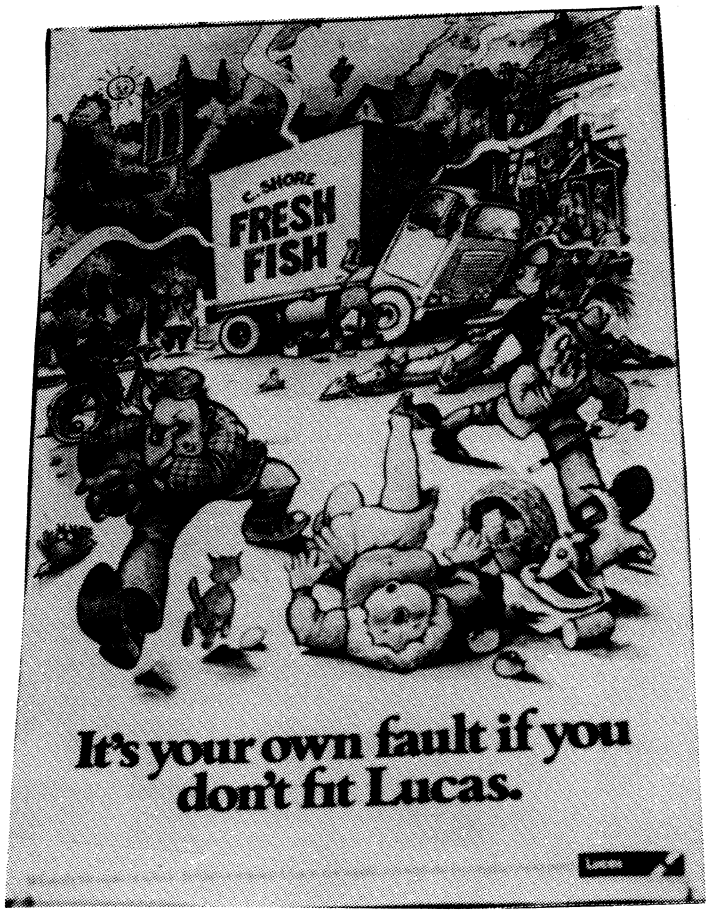
Nov 9 Monthly Meeting-Windsor

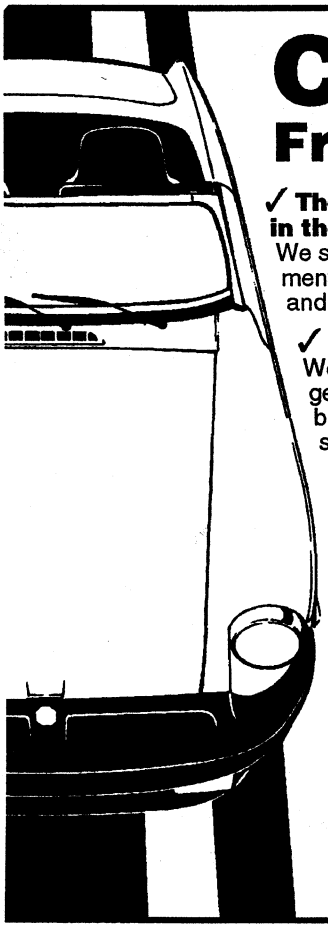
Nov 19 Hibernation Party-Knights of Columbus Hall-Lincoln Park

DECEMBER

Dec 14 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM. Even months at the La Trattoria Restaurant at 13736 Michigan Ave, west of Schaefer in Dearborn. Odd months at the Embers Restaurant at the corner of Howard and Highway 3 in Windsor.





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