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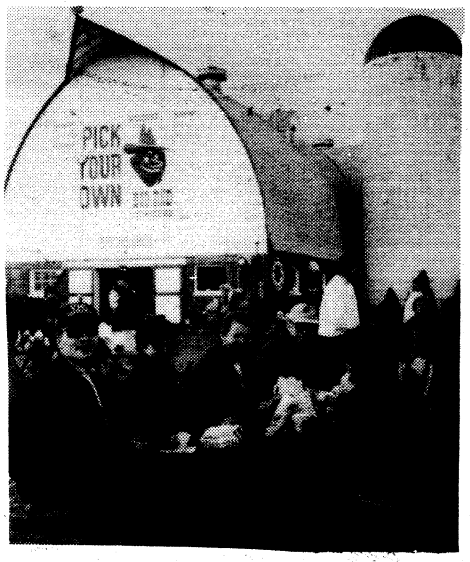

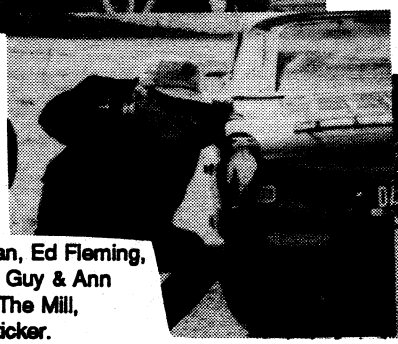

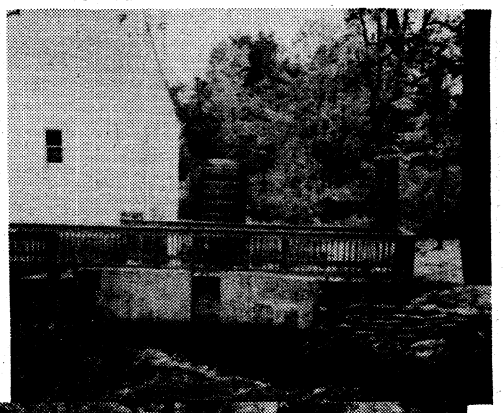

Clockwise from above: Dan & Beth Kirby, Brett Altman, Ed Fleming, Harriet West and Edna Fleming at Big Red Cider Mill. Guy & Ann St. John and Gary & Diane Howe at the Wolcott Mill. The Mill, The machinery. Candidate Ed Fleming with bumper sticker.

Another Action Packed, Little Bit of Everything Drive in the Country

Gary & Diane Howe organized our Fall Colour Tour and managed to throw in a bunch of activities for us to enjoy in one afternoon.

We met at Hershel's Deli at I-75 and Big Beaver where some of us had breakfast, but most just hung out in the parking lot or ordered our picnic lunch from the Deli.

Meanwhile, presidential candidate **Ed Fleming** was busy handing out information on the latest scandal to hit the campaign (seems candidate **Dan Zebarah** has been sleeping with the Club Treasurer) and offering bumper stickers for members to display on their cars.

From Hershel's we headed out over the roads of northern Oakland County. The scenery was just starting to get interesting, as in hills and trees, when it started to rain. Not a hard downpour, but enough to entice a few caravaners to stop and put their tops up. Of course as soon as the tops were up the sun came back out. It was going to tease us all day.

Our first stop was at the Big Red Apple Orchard near Romeo. Here members had the opportunity to stretch and indulge in some cider and donuts, pick apples, or go on a hay ride.

We then motored through Romeo and on to the Wolcott Mill Metropark and our picnic lunch.

Wolcott Mill was first operated in 1845 as a saw mill and grist mill. It continued operation for 120 years, until 1967. The Mill is open for tours which many members took advantage of. In addition to the Mill, we were also "entertained" by a display of antique engines and farm machinery.

Thirty five members took part in our tour, which was also the British Sports Car Council's Fall Colour Tour. In addition to the W-DMGC members a Triumph 10 Sedan and an Austin-Healey 3000 showed up from the other clubs.

Club members attending were: **Dan & Beth Kirby, Tom & Marcia Greiner, Guy & Ann St. John, Matt & Judy Oles, Marshall & Fran Coulter, Tim & Mary O'Brien, Bob & Grace Hammers, Tom Hoagland, Norm & Doris Macika, Matt Houser & Inee Nagy, Mike & Kathy Derderian with kids Dave and Becky, Harriet West & Keith Nelson, Gary Kirrkamm & Terrie Mazilah, Dave Reed and friend Marti, Ed & Edna Fleming** in their MGs and **Brett Altman** in his VW Convertible, and **Gary & Diane Howe** in their pick-up. In addition, **Phil Wiltshire** made it to the start point but couldn't take part in the tour as he was trying to finish the roof on his house before the rains came back. You'll notice that all but two vehicles were MGs. We seem to have many more members driving their MGs to events now.

Again thanks to **Gary and Diane Howe** for single handedly organizing this event. Another entertaining day, with varied activities, and atypical fall weather.

Upcoming Events

Now! (1) Send your check to Frank Lucente or Maria Zebarah for Hibernation Party. (2) Vote!
Nov. 9 Monthly Meeting-Roseland Curling Club, Windsor
Nov. 19 Hibernation Party-Lincoln Park
Dec. 14 Special "Christmas" Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

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Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor

By now you should have received your ballot for the voting on the By-Law changes and election of the various elected officials of the club. Be sure to vote and either mail the ballot to the election committee or bring it to the Hibernation Party. If you forget to bring it you'll be out of luck since no ballots will be available at the party.

I thought our election would be a little more exciting, or at least more interesting. Dan had promised a scandal about me, and I had one for him.

For those of you who didn't make it to one of the last club outings, the only scandal so far had Dan sleeping with not only our club treasurer, but also our club membership chairlady. And his wife Marla even encouraged this. I don't know about you, but I think putting that much power in one bed would be bad for the club. Of course there was Pierre and Margaret Trudeau and Mick Jagger, And Bill and Hillary Clinton and Gennifer Flowers so the precedent has been set.

For those who did make it to one of the last club events, did anyone see Dan there? No? Did anyone see Dan at the Lucas Rally, the Battle of the Brits, the Canadian Wine Tour, the Autocross, or the Strattford Trip? Hummm, maybe he plans on governing en abstencia.

I, on the other hand, am committed to this club (some might say I should **be** committed **by** the club). I helped put on the autocross and was at all those other events. So while I still have the power of the press in my hands, I want to ask for your vote. I promise to put as much dedicated effort into the office of president as I have into this newsletter. Remember - **Ed Fleming For President!**

On another topic, a very active member of this club was reading the Unclassifieds and noticed the letters BRG used to describe a car for sale and asked me what BRG meant. If that member didn't know, I thought many more also might not. BRG stands for "British Racing Green", a dark green.

Back in the 20's Grand Prix racing was very nationalistic. It was very important to have a French driver in your French car for instance. To make the nationalities even more clear to spectators, the governing body of Grand Prix racing established national colors. French cars were to be painted blue, Italians red, Germans white, Belgium yellow and British cars green. The French blue was a light blue (Richard Petty Blue) the Italian red was fire-engine red and British Racing Green was the dark green we all know and love.

In 1934 the rules for Formula One stated that the cars could weigh a **maximum** of 1653 pounds. Mercedes showed up at the first race with cars that weighed 2 pounds to heavy. Alfred Neubauer, Mercedes' brilliant team manager, had the paint stripped off, the cars made the weigh in and won the race in their natural polished aluminum and silver became Germany's "unofficial" racing color.

In modern times, it was Lotus who broke with tradition. Colin Chapman, owner, constructor, chief engineer etc. of Lotus had a sponsor (John Player Cigarettes) who's colours where black with gold pin stripes. Chapman painted his Lotus black and gold, made a ton of money from and for his sponsor and ended national racing colors. Now racing cars are painted the colours of the main advertisers on the side of the car.

It's funny though that you never hear people refer to their Ferrari as being IRR (Italian Racing Red) or their Renault as being FRB or their Corvette as USRWWBS (United States Racing White with Blue Stripe). But us British car owners still have BRG.

And speaking of initials, remember to vote for EF-FP (Ed Fleming For President), or vote alphabetically, or vote from the top down, but vote.

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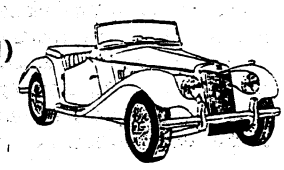

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Board Minutes-Not as fast as Stroked Seconds, but more usefull.

Windsor-Detroit MG Club Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 1994, Northville, Michigan,

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. The roll was taken and all board members were present except Gary Howe and Frank Lucente.

Membership report: 180 members, 347 voting members

Treasurers report: $1,800 currently in the checking account not counting the expense for the tool Jim Bolinger is selling to the club.

Guy mentioned that Jim has proposed that instead of paying cash to him for the tool that the club grant him three years free membership. A three year membership would cost the club $75 which is less than the approximate value of the item Jim is selling the club.

Roli moved that Jim's proposal to receive three years free membership in the Club as payment in full for the tool be accepted. The motion was seconded by Chuck Wiley and unanimously approved.

Regalia Reports: Jay Kollin reports that he found an attractive enamel hat pin that the club could obtain and sell for about $3.00 each. He reported that he could buy 150 pins for $200 and by selling them for $1.50 the club could pay for the cost of the pins and make a profit.

Jay has enough clothing items for now in his regalia supply. Roli says he needs tee shirts and there are not a lot of sweatshirt on either side of the border. Both reps felt, however, that there was no need to purchase additional items at this time.

The proposed decal was discussed. The decals are to be the same colors and size as the new grill badges. Marla questioned whether or not the colors should be the same as the grill badge since the official club colors were different. She was concerned that the board was changing something. Most members didn't feel that there was any concern that the club was changing the official colors. The colors that were proposed were only an attempt to coordinate with the grill badge for cosmetic purposes as some members may want matching items on their cars. Since the decal colors had already been voted on by the membership at one of the monthly meetings Roli moved that the board accept the proposed colors and his motion was seconded by Chuck Wiley. Board members voted in favor of the motion to approve the colors with one opposed vote from Marla Zebarah.

Club can order 500 decals at a cost of $.69 per decal. The club could sell the decals for $1.50 each or $2.00 each and 2 decals for $3.00 or $4.00. Jay doesn't want to deal with change.

Jay has still been unable to connect with the person who produced our embroidery items. The vendor still owes the club some corrected items. Matt's jacket needs to be replaced. Guy will try calling the embroidery vendor to try to get a response.

Newsletter: Guy raised the question, should the club restrict newsletter advertisements to members who provide services or parts for cars?

Jay said we should leave it to any member who pays for the advertisement.

Roli said that in the last 14 years there hasn't been an overwhelming request for non car service oriented advertisements.

Ed said we probably won't get a flood of requests.

Chuck said if the member offers discounts why not let them advertise.

Ed moved that the discussion be tabled for another meeting.

Spares and Parts Report: Chuck said that he has contacted some vendors verbally to obtain door prizes and has had some favorable responses from companies such as Castrol, Lock Tight and Beck Arnley. Jay suggested that the club check with the Bosch company for possible door prizes since they are big in the area.

Chuck asked if he should write letters to other vendors we have dealt with in the past. Guy said he had already asked Otto to repeat the mailing he did last year since he had the list of vendors and the sample letter. That mailing has been completed. Chuck will get with Otto regarding the solicitation of Moss Motors.

Chuck Wiley suggested that we raffle or auction an MG part at the Hibernation Party this year. He has a fuel pump that he can donate to the club for that purpose. Guy has a book that he obtained from a vendor at the University Motors summer party this year which could also be auctioned or raffled. A copy of the Last Open Road autographed by the author. It was suggest that we include one mystery item in an auction. Also, in consideration of the time it takes to hold an auction as well as get through all of the other activities during the evening of the party it was suggested that a silent auction could be held.

Roli moved that the club hold a silent auction and that three items should be auctioned. Chuck Wiley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Canada Meeting Place: Everyone seemed to like the curling club where the last meeting was held due to the temporary closing of the Embers. Roli will check with the curling club to see if there will be any conflicts with other activities and what the traffic is like in the room during the winter months. He will let Ed know by October 28th so that it can be published in the newsletter.

Color Tours: Ran through the color tours coming up this month. Gary's tour, Dave Clark's pub crawl and color tour. Gary was not present to give details of the his planned tour.

Hibernation Party: Raffle/Auction items were already discussed. A D.J. has not yet been hired. Ed knows some one who he can talk to about being the D.J. for the party. The hall and menu are settled.

Nominations for the various annual awards were discussed. No member seems to have had enough bad luck with his or her car to win the Hard Luck Award. Club members will be asked to submit names for the various awards. (If you have a nomination, contact one of the board members by the November 9th Monthly Meeting, Ed.)

Christmas Party: It was suggested that the club have another Christmas Party at la Trattoria again. Everyone who attended seemed to enjoy it.

By Laws: The by laws revisions were read and corrected. Roli moved that the bylaw revisions be approved as read and corrected. Chuck Wiley seconded his motion and it was unanimously approved.

Guy passed thank you gifts to all members of the Board of Directors who were present and personally thanked everyone for their time and efforts over the last year.

Ann moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Chuck Wiley.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

These proposed minutes were prepared and respectfully submitted for approval by Ann St. John, Secretary, Windsor-Detroit MG Club.

Change in By-Law Wording !

Since the Ballots were printed, the Board has changed the wording on one change to make it clearer:

By-Law # 8 changes from copy included with your ballot:

First Paragraph stays the same.

Second Paragraph should read: "Membership cards are issued to paid up members, their travelling companions and any child living in the home of a paid up member who is licensed by the state or provence to operate a motor vehicle and requests a membership card."

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Video Library

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***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.

***Winning** with Paul Newman. Fictional story of Indycar racing. The movie that got Newman interested in racing.

***The Italian Job** Michael Cain stars with several Minis in a big bank robbery.

***Drive to Win** with Mario Andretti

***Battle of the Bs.** Club racing MGBs in England.

***Le Mans.** Steve McQueen actually entered and raced a 917 Porsche while filming this classic. One of Car & Driver's 10 Best car films. Also includes Le Mans '87 and '88 races on same tape.

***SU Carb Rebuild**

***'66 and '69 Le Mans Races**

***Formula One 1979, 1980, 1982**

***Gran Turismo Jaguar.**

***The MGB Film Library**

***The MGB Video.** "Short but good"

***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 MPH plus. Short but great! A cult classic and one of Car & Driver's top 5 car films.

***History of the Indy 500** The story of the 500 from 1911 to 1989. Great footage of earlier races.

*****More videos being added all the time*****

We Want To Wish A Happy Birthday to the Following Members

Bruce Ridley	Nov 15	Nathan Mitchell	Dec 13
Ann Berger	Nov 16	Adrienne Wagner	Dec 13
Guy St. John	Nov 17	David Ruch	Dec 14
Dean Beaudoin	Nov 18	Kristin Lahners	Dec 14
Gail Dehul	Nov 18	David Torby	Dec 14
Jeff Newton	Nov 19	Dave Fraidenburg	Dec 15
Marja Pere	Nov 20	Mandy Dibbs-Kovacic	Dec 17
Don Cowling	Nov 21	Mark Truman	Dec 18
Lance Rutherford	Nov 22	Jim Hine	Dec 20
Mark Uhlig	Nov 23	Meghan O'Brien	Dec 20
Rex Richardson	Nov 23	Suzanne Folz	Dec 21
Dan Kosuth	Nov 24	Ed Haslock	Dec 21
Norm Macika	Nov 24	Krista Meister	Dec 21
Dottie Ridley	Nov 24	Aaron Pillon	Dec 21
John Zajac	Nov 25	Erik Fleming	Dec 22
Laurie Wroblewski	Nov 28	Paul Thomas III	Dec 23
Charlotte Raymond	Nov 29	Vince McQueen	Dec 24
Bill Savage	Nov 29	Dawn Folz	Dec 25
Ryan McKinnon	Dec 1	Francesca DiLorenzo	Dec 26
Matt Oles	Dec 1	Marshall Stern	Dec 29
Nicole Poupard	Dec 1	Lauren Hunt	Dec 29
Sally Wroblewski	Dec 2	Holly Orlowski	Dec 30
Bruce Lusting	Dec 5	Erica Rogers	Dec 30
Jane Boot-Osowski	Dec 6	Dan Zebarah	Dec 31
Chris Stockbridge	Dec 6	Adam Burley	Jan 1
Sherry Burley	Dec 8	Mo Mellor	Jan 1
Judy Monroe	Dec 8	Troy Thompson	Jan 1
Jack Renaud	Dec 10	Karen Enders	Jan 3
Terry Frisch	Dec 10	Tina Jensen	Jan 4
Irene Kish	Dec 10	Gayle Clarke	Jan 8
Cathy Mandas	Dec 10	Beverly Thomas	Jan 8
Erin Rogers	Dec 10	Laura Rutherford	Jan 9
Jina Oberliesen	Dec 11	Pat Werderitsch	Jan 10
Kim Rutherford	Dec 11	Beth Kirby	Jan 13
Jim Zielinski	Dec 11	Melanie Verbrugge	Jan 13
Lorrie Campbell	Dec 11		

Newbies & New Midget Go A Long Way To Find Out About Our Club.

By Maria Zebarah

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

Jeanine and **Darrell Maurer** live in Clinton Township with their children **Darrell** and **Carrie**. They own a 1973 BRG MGB. Jeanine is a Surgical Tech. They found out about the club from **Marshall Coulter**. (Actually, they drove to Auburn Indiana, to the Kruse Auction to look for an MGB, didn't find one and left a note on Marshall's windshield just as we returned to our cars. Turns out they only live a few miles apart, but met 150 miles from home, Ed.)

Paul and **Kathleen Wilson** live in Commerce Township with their son, **Ian**. They own a 1978 Mustard Yellow Midget. Paul is a Design Engineer. They found out about the club from a book, **"Total Tuning for the Classic MG Midget"!**

Hope you enjoy being a part of our club!

As of the day I'm writing this (October 12), we have 180 member families in the club.

We would like to offer Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Joyce Collacott** and **John Cherwak** on the occasion of their marriage, July 30th, 1994. The new **Mr. & Mrs. Cherwak** will stay at their Windsor address. Hope you two are very, very happy!

W-DMGC Regalia

Great Gifts and Great Ways to Show Your Affiliation.

New item available at the Hibernation Party, maybe sooner: New WDMGC logo hat pins (look just like the grill badge only smaller).

Item	U.S.	Canada
Club Logo Hat Pins (**new item**).....	$2	$2.75
Other Hat Pins.....	$3	$3.50
Sweater with embroidered club logo....	$40	$52
Golf Shirt " " " ".....	$30	$39
Lap Robe " " " ".....	$45	$58
T-Shirts.....	$10	$12
Baseball Caps.....	$5	$6
Sweatshirt.....	$15	$18
MG Christmas Tree Ornaments.....	$5	$6
Grill Badges (new design).....	$20	$28

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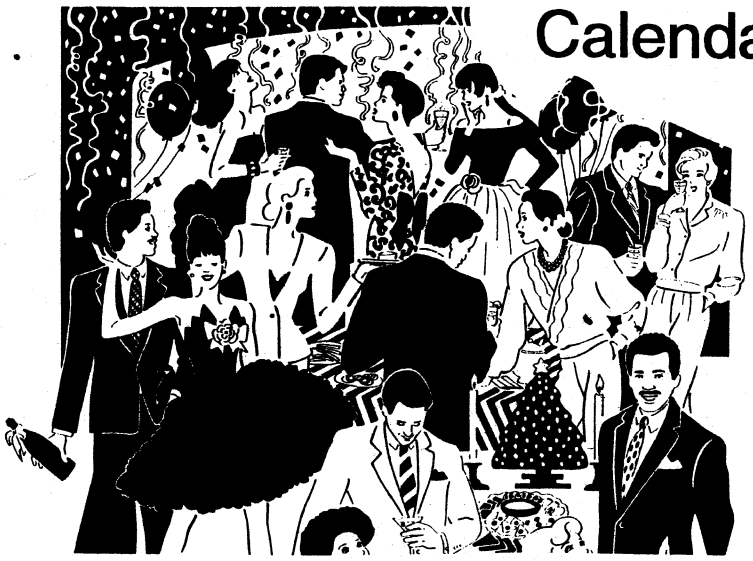


Our Biggest Event of the Year is Coming Saturday, November 19th! It's The Windsor-Detroit MG Club's Hibernation Party, Awards Banquet and Elections!

This is our **dress up** and party event of the year. There is no dress code, but most members wear dresses (presidential candidates take note) or suits & ties. You'll get a dinner, **an open bar**, and dancing. There will also be lots of prizes for participants, awards for deeds well done, and of course the annual elections.

This year we also plan to have an auction. Several items, including an autographed book and a fuel pump will be sold. Details are still being finalized, but we may have a "silent" auction and a "bid like crazy" regular auction. Come to the party and play.

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

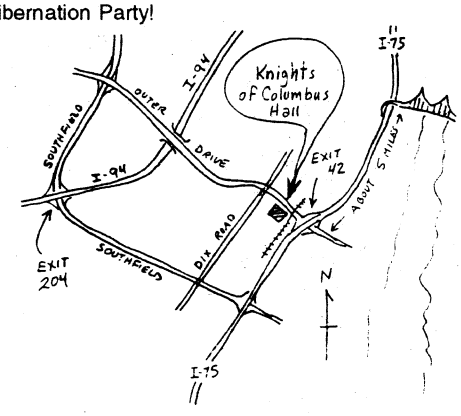
Times: Cocktails.....6:00 PM
Dinner.....7:00 PM
Awards.....8:00 PM
Dancing.....10:00 PM

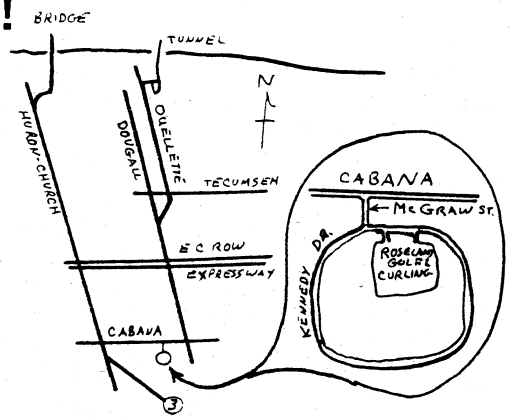
Price: $24.00 (U.S.), $33.00 (Canadian) each. (this is about $3.00 more than last year, but it includes an open bar). Make U.S. checks out to Marla Zebarah and send them to her at 1327 Austin Ave., Lincoln Park, MI 48146-2002.

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.

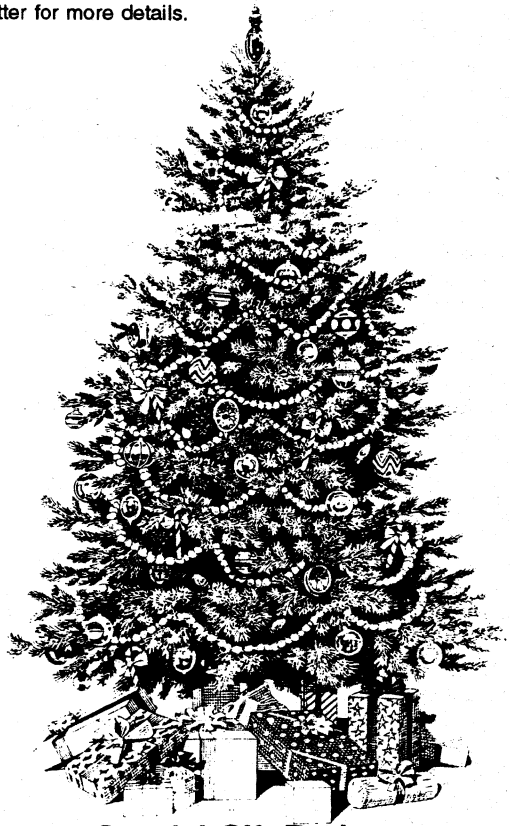
If you didn't mail your election ballots to the election committee, be sure to bring them to the party. Ballots will not be available at the Hibernation Party!





Special Meeting Place for Our Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, November 9th At New Location: Roseland Golf & Curling Club

We will again hold our "Windsor" Monthly Meeting at the Roseland Golf and Curling Club - See map. We held our September meeting there and everyone seemed to enjoy the atmosphere and food. There was plenty of room for all the members, and plenty of parking. We hope to make this our permanent Canadian meeting place. Watch your newsletter for more details.



Special Gift Exchange at December Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, December 14th

At our regular Monthly Meeting in December, 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?) and should be something MG or car related. Note: there are many club Regalia items that fit these requirements, see **Roli or Jay.**

Time-Speed-Distance-Twilight Zone

By Dan Kirby

Arguably the most mentally strenuous motorsport known to mankind is the Time-Speed-Distance Rally. I really wanted to enter last Fall's "Miami Valley Classic", but couldn't find a navigator or driver to agree to subject themselves to my wit for the weekend. This year I found my sucker-er-navigator in my brother Bob and we entered the Rally of the Small Pines in southern Ontario, Sept 23 to 25.

Bob lives in Virginia Beach, Va., and he and I seldom spend time together these days. We figured that we could catch up on things this weekend: where else can you use two years worth of expletives on your brother in under 3 days?? Kind of gives a new meaning to "catching up" doesn't it?

A Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) Rally is basically a rally in which you are given route and speed instructions. Your job is to very accurately follow these instructions, so that you arrive at any point along the route **exactly** "on time". Checkpoints are located at various locations, where rally officials record your official time. This time is compared to the "ideal" time and you are assigned penalties for being late or early. Simple enough?

If you think about it you'll agree that the most critical part of this type of rally is to stay on course. If you go off course, the clock continues to tick and it is very easy to be miserably late at the next checkpoint, what with first determining that you really are lost, then retracing your steps and finding the real route. The instructions are continuously confusing and you both need to keep your wits about you!

We arrived at the hotel just east of Toronto, late Friday night for a rally school on the finer points of TSD rallying. Since the MG Car Club of Toronto had forwarded their rally handbook for our reference some two weeks earlier and my brother and I had studied the book carefully, we didn't get that much out of the class. In addition, we had studied a few rally books not to mention the hours Bob spent assembling odometer correction tables and TSD charts on his PC.

Saturday morning we checked out the competition. We recognized a couple of entrants from Ohio, including the organizers of both of the recent University Motors Endurance trials. Lucky for us there were 4 classes; Prepared, Unprepared, Seat of the Pants, and Novice. Since we had never run a TSD before, we entered in the Novice class. Some 30 vintage cars were entered including a TD, 6 TFs, 2 MGAs, many Bs a TR6, an A-H 3000 and most importantly a **really cool** Vermilion Red MG Midget! Time for a brief commercial to encourage you Midget owners to get out there and run them!

In TSD rallies there are many individual tasks which must be completed in order to achieve a decent score. A successful team divides these tasks between the driver and the navigator. Originally I was to drive the car and keep us on course and Bob was to figure out the speed issues and keep us on time. Since we'd never run a TSD rally before, we soon realized that it isn't that simple. Our strategy changed after we finished leg number one...

No later than three commands into the rally it happened! I zigged when I should have zagged and missed a turn. We happily moved on to the next direction, ignorant of the fatal error, but something deep in my subconscious didn't drop the subject. I panicked, pulled over, grabbed the instructions, then pulled a U turn. The funniest thing is that I never opened my mouth! Bob had no idea what I was thinking...he was busy keeping track of time. I sped up a little to account for the extra half mile we had traveled and then we resumed our little tasks in the game. We ended up 6 seconds late to the first checkpoint (awesome for rookies like us), but we'd later realize that our average speed was way too fast since our distance covered was greater than it should have been (we were very lucky!!!!!!!!).

After getting lost the first time, we remembered some of the advice we had learned from our rally studies: stay on course first, worry about time second. Our strategy evolved into Bob working out the directions and me worrying about time and speed.

On the next leg we were 2 minutes early so I slowed down a bit. Then we were 1 minute late, so I sped up a little, you get the idea. By the end of the rally, I had determined how fast to go to get to the checkpoint within about 10 seconds of "on-time". Good enough for novices.

Our strategy really paid off! We were able to avoid a "trap" that caught approximately 80% of the teams sleeping. Really a devious trap, but again we were lucky. Probably our best technique was to avoid conflict at all cost. Bickering causes a lack of concentration, which leads to mistakes. The key is to think cool thoughts and remember that you're supposed to be having fun.

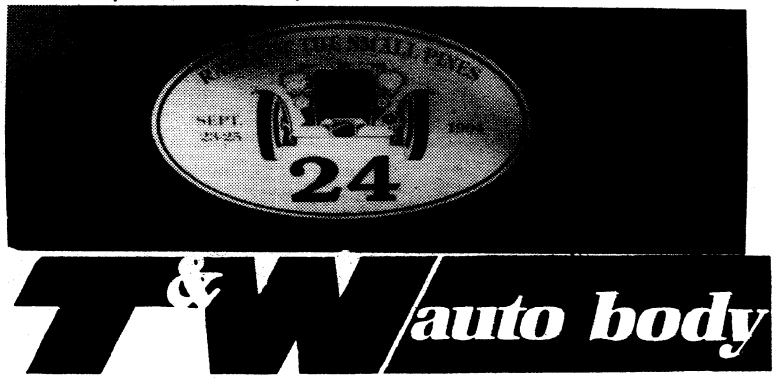
We finished up Saturday afternoon at 4:30 and attended a catered dinner that evening. Sunday morning brought another 70 miles of rallying and an awards brunch back at the hotel.

A note to complement the MG Car Club of Toronto on their attention to detail and the "class" nature of this event. They really did an outstanding job! It was run on some of the most beautiful land during the peak of Toronto's color change. Really beautiful for the driver, too bad for the navigator!

Bob and I really enjoyed the weekend and plan to make this an annual event. Next year's rally will take place either in Northern Michigan or in the New England area. I would recommend this rally to any of you who enjoy driving and don't mind thinking. It is a lot of fun if you don't take it too seriously.

Editors note. Dan must have taken this rally a little seriously since he and brother Bob won the novice class and finished second overall against some nationally known and very serious ralliests! Congratulations Dan.

Anyone else in the club interested in participating in or organizing a Time-Speed Distance Rally? If so contact Dan Kirby or Ed Fleming.



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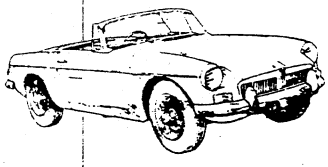

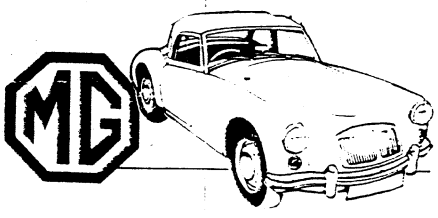

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NOVEMBER

Nov 9 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Nov 19 Hibernation Party-Knights of Columbus Hall-Lincoln Park

DECEMBER

Dec 14 Special "Christmas" Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

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JANUARY

Jan 11 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Jan ?? Whirly Ball???

FEBRUARY

Feb 8 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Feb ?? Club Luau??

MARCH

Mar 8 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Mar ?? Curling??

APRIL

Apr 1 J. Lucas' Birthday
Apr 12 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Apr 12 Cecil Kimber's Birthday, 1888
Apr ?? Kimber Birthday Bash?

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club meets the second Wednesday of each month. Even numbered months, at the La Trattoria Restaurant, 13736 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, west of Schaefer. Odd numbered months (for the time being) at the Roseland Curling & Golf Club, in Windsor (see map and information on page 7).

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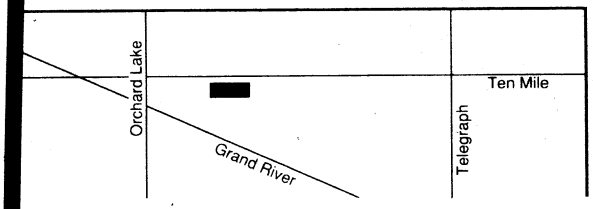

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By Guy St. John, President

Once again, Mother Nature was in a reasonably cooperative mood for our final driving events of the year (Canada and U.S. Colour Tours) and we are truly grateful. We are equally grateful to Gary and Diane Howe and Dave and Gayle Clarke for organizing the tours.

My tenure as club President well come to an end this December. It has been a busy, challenging and very rewarding three years and the club has come a long way. We have more than doubled in size (180+) members, adopted and revised formal by-laws, re-established monthly meetings at permanent locations on both sides of the border, and expanded to a full 12 month calendar of events.

The club dues and renewal procedure now give us a more consistent cash flow, which allows us to provide you with a larger newsletter, with more pictures, 24 hour information Hot line, club tools, a video library and our ever expanding line of club regalia including our new grill badge, window decals, dash plaques and embroidered apparel. But none of these things would have been possible without what I feel is a dedicated Board of Directors. These elected and volunteer officers have really come together in the last two years to provide strong direction and leadership.

At the risk of leaving someone out, I feel compelled to try and thank all those members who really came through with their support of your club in the last three years. If it is true that in most clubs 10% of the membership does 90% of the work, then the following have done their share and more. Your Board of Directors, **Frank Lucente, Marla Zebarah, Ed Fleming, Chuck Wiley, Gary Howe, Ann St. John, Jay Kollin, Roli Sylvestre and Otto Pope.**

The people who have taken the time to plan and run special events for the club: **Tom and Marcia Greiner, Frank and Linda Lucente, Roli and Betty Sylvestre, Jay and Mary Kay Kollin, Chuck and Mary Wiley, Philip Wiltshire and Jan Tucker, Dan and Marla Zebarah, Harriet West and Keith Nelson, Lou and Linda Tortola, John Peralta and Holly Orlowski, Gary and Diane Howe, Ed and Edna Fleming, Mike and Kathy Derderian, Dave and Gayle Clarke and Dick and Dorothy Bremer.**

Those brave souls who have been kind enough to open their lovely homes for events: **Tom and Marie Bondy, Mark and Jane Osowski, Tom and Pam Shipley, and Frank and Linda Lucente.**

My Special thanks to those members who are always there to help in any way they can whenever asked: **Tom and Greg Newton, Otto Pope, Harry Mueller, Rich Wagner, Marcia Greiner, Brett Altman, Jim Bollinger, and Bruce Harton.** And finally my most grateful thanks to my wife **Ann St. John**, without who's support and help I would have never been able to make it.

I know all of you will continue to give your support to whomever is elected your new club President so that we can become the largest and best MG Club in North America. Hope to see you all at the Hibernation Party and See you on the Road.

Safety Fast!!

Guy

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Photos: This Page: MGs in front of Antique Store. MGs between Rovers Return and Harbor. **Fran Coulter & Edna Fleming** singing along with Bruce.

Page 6, Top to Bottom: Guy St John, Dan Kirby & Marshall Coulter looking for the source of the green liquid. **Beth Kirby's** parents & their '65 Fiberglass "MG". **Dave Clarke & Marshall Coulter** looking happy at T-B-Qs Pub. **Roli Sylvestre & Ray Lewis** check out Dunlop Tire sign at Antique store. Bruce Johnston entertains us with piano & songs at Rovers Return. Part of the gang at Rovers.

Dave's Crawl, Fran & Linda's Antiques, Marilyn's Big Buns and Rovers Return

As the Indians might say, it has been the year of the good weather. Our first driving event of '94, the Spring Rally, had hot sunny weather, and we didn't have any rain to speak of at any of our events all year. And our last driving event of the year came through with warm, sunny, to partly cloudy weather.

Thirty some members took advantage of the fine day to get in one last drive. **Tom & Marcia Greiner, Ed & Edna Fleming, Guy & Ann St. John, Roli & Betty Sylvestre, Dave & Gayle Clarke, Brian & Enid Collacott, Marshall & Fran Coulter, Ralph & Kathi Poupard, Robert & Grace Hammers, Ray & Fran Lewis, Joyce Collacott & John Cherwak, Adam Gucfa, Dan & Beth Kirby and Beth's parents Dan & Eleanor Wingard (in their '65? Corvette with a large MG logo on the nose), and G. T. & Irene Kish (in their large MG Saloon with a Rover engine or was that a large GM car with a Buick engine?).** You'll notice that all but one member drove their MG (this is getting to be the norm).

We all met at the McDonald's restaurant just off the bridge. We may have appeased the weather Gods this year and we seemed to have satisfied the reliability Gods for most of the year. But, while I was passing out newsletters to members, several other members were investigating an obvious coolant leak leaving a puddle on the pavement under my Midget. Not to worry, I had two gallons of coolant and water in the trunk, and it only seemed to leak when the car was stopped. I wasn't worried, but I can't speak for Edna or other members of the caravan. Also having problems (of the electrical sort) was Brian Collacott. His battery was dead and he needed a push start at each stop. Again no problem since most members have been in that same situation and were more than happy to get some exercise by pushing Brain's car a few feet so he could pop the clutch and get going.

Our first stop was the Tunnel Bar-B-Q & Market Place Pub, a very English Pub just a block or two from the McDonald's. If this were a Pub Crawl we could have crawled there (being Politically Correct or liability correct the Club never endorses drinking and driving so this Pub Crawl wasn't really a Pub Crawl). A few souls downed a pint or two of British Ale here and we motored off to our next stop, Fern and Linda's Antiques.

At Fern & Linda's many members wished they had driven their vans, while spousal units no doubt were glad they arrived in their small 2 seater with the tiny trunk. The money saved on that giant grandfather clock could go for an engine rebuild or new battery or water pump.

Next up was our main destination, Rovers Return, a very British Pub at Lighthouse Cove, along the Thames River for (as the menu says) "Nosh and Slosh". Items of interest on the menu were good old British grub like Steak & Kidney Pie, Shepherds Pie, Mushy Peas (eat them with honey, it keeps them on your knife), and six different Fish & Chips entrees.

Proprietors Neil & Marilyn Malcolm arrived in Canada from Yorkshire only four years ago, and brought the British Pub atmosphere with them. **Tom Greiner** was checking out "Marilyn's Big Buns" (an item on the menu, not the owner) but opted for a Chicken burger instead. Everyone seemed pleased with their dinners and the drinks (lots of British beers on tap here).

Entertainment was supplied by one Bruce Johnston who played any one of two hundred plus songs on the piano while the diners sang along.

Dave Clarke put on a very entertaining, very British event. Thanks Dave. These recent "caravan trips" (Roli Sylvestre's Wine Tour, Gary Howe's Colour Tour, and Dave Clarke's 'Pub Crawl') have been a big hit. Caravaners have a chance to stop along the way to stretch and socialize. Sounds like more should be planned.

The ghost of J. Lucas must have been at our last Board Meeting (see page 3) and heard that nobody had any electrical problems worth winning the "Lucky Lucas Award" this year. On the way home from Rovers Return, Brian Collacott's battery refused to give up enough electrons for both the fuel pump and the lights. Luckily, G. T. Kish and the Buick were there to provide the Collacotts with transportation home. A fitting end to the 1994 driving season.

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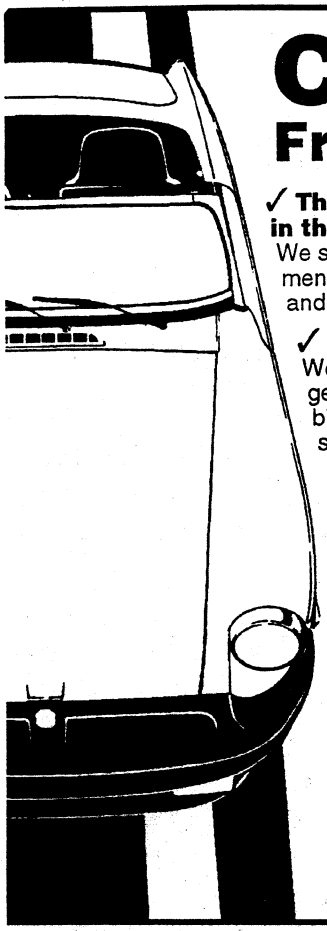

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