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Whirly Ball Challenge III

Could It Be a Three-peat?

Bumper cars! Lacrosse! Bumper cars! Lacrosse! Tastes great! Less filling! *(oops, I got carried away)*. What am I talking about? What *am* I talking about? Whirly ball!

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club will attempt a third straight victory over the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club in the third annual WDMGC vs. DTSC whirly ball challenge on Sunday, January 22 at Whirly Ball West from 5-7 p.m.

In case you're wondering, whirly ball consists of contestants driving around in bumper cars trying to throw a ball into a goal using what appears to be a cross between lacrosse sticks and jai-alai scoops. It's a tremendous amount of fun.

If you want to play, you MUST be there at 4:45. The game starts promptly at 5. The cost is $8 per person, and we will have two hours of court time.

Whirly Ball West is located at 5700 Drake Road, between Maple and Walnut Lake Roads *(See map on page 6)*. If you get lost, call at (810) 788-8900. Hope to see you there!

Hibernation Party '94

At Least There Was No Lebanese Wedding Next Door . . .

We ate, we danced, we drank, and were merry. Of course, I'm talking about the Hibernation Party, our annual send-off of the driving season.

Over 70 club members descended upon the Knights of Columbus hall in Lincoln Park for an evening of camaraderie, awards, auctions, and door prizes. If you weren't there, you missed out on a great party! You also missed out on our annual awards. This year's winners were (drum roll, please):

The Founder's Award for the most valuable members went to **Tom and Marcia Greiner**. This commemorative plate, depicting the Abingdon Works MG Factory, was awarded by last year's winners, **Phil Wiltshire and Jan Tucker**, who at least remembered to wash the spaghetti sauce off.

The Rookie Members of the year went to **Dan and Beth Kirby**.

The Navigator of the Year (for most valuable travelling companion) was given to **Diane Howe** and **Betty Sylvestre**.

The Hard Luck Award (for MG problems which defy description) was inflicted upon **Otto Pope**.

The Lucky Lucas Award was given to **Brian Collacott** after he suffered a battery of electrical problems.

In the raffle, **Frances Coulter** won an Autographics jacket, **Jay Kollin** won a lap robe, and **Jim Zielinski** won the "door prize" (lucky him).

The election results were also announced. The elected officials for 1995 are: Secretary-**Ann St. John**; Treasurer-**Maria Zebarah**; Vice President-**Frank Lucente**; and President-**Ed Fleming** (who convinced the electorate that I would make a better editor).

In the Go Get A Member Contest, Ed Fleming and **Frog Foreign Auto** were the winners. Ed wins one year's membership and Frog wins a free advertisement.

Congratulations to all!

It's Luau Time Again!

Loud Shirts and Grass Skirts

The weather has GOT to be better this year. *(editor's note: I think I've said that EVERY year)* But anyway, our sixth annual Luau will be held on Saturday, February 18, at 7 p.m. at the home of **Frank & Linda Lucente** *(See map on page 6)*.

Of course, this is our opportunity to thumb our nose at Mother Nature, who usually thumbs it back. Let's recap:

1994: Ice storm
1993: Frigid cold
1992: Ice storm
1991: Snow storm
1990: Ice storm

But regardless of the weather, a warm and tropical atmosphere prevails inside. There will be Hawaiian decor, folks in Hawaiian shirts (batteries not included), and lots of stuff to eat.

The club will provide a honey-baked ham, (not to mention a few half-baked hams), soft drinks and mixers. All attending are asked to bring a dish to pass, preferably with food in it.

Last year's luau featured a hula contest, featuring **Dave Clarke** (with an assist from **Lou Tortola**) performing a dance that can only be described as "indescribable".

Call Frank or Linda at (519) 966-9146 to find out what you can bring or just for more information.

Be there, Aloha!

On tap . . .

Jan. 11: General Meeting, Roseland Golf and Curling Club

Jan 22: Whirly Ball at Whirly Ball West

Feb. 8: General Meeting, La Trattoria

Feb 18: Annual Luau at Frank & Linda Lucente's house

Safety Fast!

by Ed Fleming, President

When I replaced **Dan Zebarah** as newsletter editor 2 years ago, I said I felt a little like Jay Leno following Johnny Carson on the Tonight Show. Dan had set a very high standard to uphold. Now, following **Guy St. John** as president I have that same feeling. Guy has overseen our club's phenomenal growth over the last 3 years, both in number of members and events.

Once again I hope to continue the good work of my predecessor. And once again, perhaps an introduction is in order, since we have so many new members. (Oh sure you say, now that the election is over, we're going to find out what this guy is really like.)

Hello, my name is Eddy F. and I'm a car addict. Like the drug addict that likes everything from beer to heroin, I like nearly everything about cars, old cars, race cars, shows, rallies, races, etc. I can never quite get enough. The closest I've come to overdosing on cars was when one of my friendly "pushers", fellow member **Otto Pope** introduced me to the Kruse Auction in Indiana, (kind of like the local drug dealer introducing super pure crack cocaine to a kid). 5,000 interesting cars, the classic Cord-Auburn-Duesenberg Museum and 200 miles of caravaning down twisty two-lane roads with fellow MG Club members, all in one day!

This addiction to cars started when I was 11. My father gave me a Briggs & Stratton engine for my birthday. Within hours I had built my first go kart. In high school when most boys memorized batting averages, I memorized the qualifying times of the Indy 500 racers. Where other kids knew how many home runs Babe Ruth hit in 1937, I knew that Wilbur Shaw won the Indy 500 at an average speed of 113.58 MPH that year. *(editor's note: Babe Ruth didn't hit ANY homers in 1937; he quit playing in 1935)*

On our honeymoon, Edna & I went to

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The Litter Bag

by Dan Zebarah, Editor

I'M BA-A-A-A-A-A-A-CK!!!

First of all, I'd like to thank the members of the club for electing me newsletter editor (that WAS what we were running for, weren't we, Ed?). I'm Dan Zebarah, commonly known as "Marla's husband" and you're stuck with me for the next year.

For those of you who are not familiar with me or this column, this is my space to write about just about anything that I want to, whether or not it is even remotely automotive related. For those of you who ARE familiar with this column and who haven't already thrown away your newsletter and canceled your membership, you know what you're in for.

It's been two years since I wrote a column and I thought I'd catch everyone up on what has been happening:

MARLA'S CAR: Her MGB-GT is still residing in the garage, having been moved a grand total of 6 or 7 feet. I'm looking forward to getting it on the road this year, but I've been saying that for three years now.

MY CAR: It's still there, it's still brown, and it still has mud all over it from the election.

THE KIDS: Lisa's in second grade, David's in kindergarten, and they're both smarter than I am (they don't own ANY British cars). Like all kids, they enjoy watching "The Mighty Teenage Morphin' X-men Mutant Power Turtle Biker Rangers From Mars" (or something like that).

MY JOB: Like Jackson Browne once sang: "I'm gonna be a happy idiot and struggle for the legal tender."

MY COLUMN: Since I've spent half my allotted space reintroducing myself, it's a quickie:

ZEBARAH'S TOP TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD OWN AN MG:

10. On most days, it's quicker than walking.
9. It's easy to spell.
8. You just have *too* damn much money.
7. You enjoy cleaning oil spots off your driveway.
6. You want to own a car with Marcia Greiner's initials.
5. You occasionally want to go somewhere without your kids.
4. You find troubleshooting the space shuttle boring and want a challenge.
3. Your spouse would only spend all that money remodeling the kitchen anyway.
2. Your spouse already spent all that money remodeling the kitchen and now won't let you anywhere near it.

AND THE NUMBER ONE REASON WHY YOU SHOULD OWN AN MG . . .

Figuring out the service manual is easier than figuring out what's happening with all the TV stations in town.

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Safety Fast!

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Watkins Glen, New York, home of the U. S. Grand Prix for the Can-Am races.

I even have that recessive gene that attracts people to British cars. My first car was an Austin Mini, my second a Frog Eye Sprite and I'm now on my third Midget. (it runs in the family, my brother had a TR2, TR3, and a TR4, my father raced a Berkley and my sister is looking for a Metropolitan)

Edna, my spousal unit, likes cars too, although (as the double X chromosome sex is prone to do) she has matured and is more into classic car shows now.

I like working on cars (goes with owning British cars), but I like driving them even more. When I was a kid I wanted to be a race car driver when I grew up. *(Note from Ed's wife - There's still time, he hasn't grown up yet.)*

This being a car club, you should know a little about my car.

When I bought my current Midget, it was 2 shades of yellow, the driver's door had a major dent and the rockers were full of rusty holes. **Tom Shipley** (support our advertiser) fixed the rockers and door and I was going to paint it, but what colour? I got a '73 Midget brochure from **Jay Kollin** (see the classifieds) and discovered that cars with the Ochre interior (like mine) came in 3 exterior colours, Green Mallard (BRG), Teal Blue and Black Tulip, a dark, dark purple! Since my other Midgets were both BRG, I thought I'd paint this one dark green too.

My friend, Mark Baker (owner of the aircraft carrier class Buick, and a Pepto Bismol pink '57 Oldsmobile convertible) advised me that I "should return the car to it's original colour. Besides, purple will really date it to the early 70's", he said.

I did and that's the story behind the Purple Midget, the "pink hat story" will have to wait.

As a candidate I promised to get more members to attend events. At our recent Board of Directors meeting we planned our first events of the year. A week later, **Gary Howe** and I attended the British Council meeting and helped firm up dates for council events. Check the Calendar of Events in this issue and mark them on your calendar now. We had members last year who missed events simply because they forgot about them. It's especially important to put the dates on your calendar this time of the year when newsletters come every other month.

See you at the next event (the one marked on your calendar)!

Calendar of Events—1995

Note: Events in **boldface** type are WDMGC or BSCC events! Events, dates and times subject to change without notice! For the latest information, call the club hotline, **(810) 305-WDMG**

	JANUARY
11 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
22 (Sat)	**Whirly Ball vs. the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club, 5-7 p.m., Whirly Ball West, 5700 Drake Rd., between Maple and Walnut Lake Roads. Details on page 1, map on page 6.**
22 (Sat)	University Motors' 20th Birthday Party, Grand Rapids
	FEBRUARY
8 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., La Trattoria, Dearborn.**
18 (Sat)	**6th Annual Club Luau at Frank & Linda Lucente's house. Article on page 1, map on page 6.**
	MARCH
8 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
	APRIL
1 (Sat)	Joseph Lucas' Birthday; Get home before dark!
1 (Sat)	**WDMGC Pinewood Derby, Details TBA.**
12 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., La Trattoria, Dearborn.**
15 (Sat)	Cecil Kimber's Birthday
23 (Sun)	Ancaster Flea Market, Ancaster, Ont. For info, call (416) 957-2429.
29 (Sat)	**Kimber Birthday Bash, Lansing**
	MAY
6 (Sat)	**(Tentative) Tech session at British Motor Cars, Pontiac.**
7 (Sun)	**BSCC Spring Rallye, hosted by DTSC**
10 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
14 (Sun)	Mother's Day! Wouldn't Mom look good in a club t-shirt?
	JUNE
11 (Sun)	Carnival of Cars
14 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., La Trattoria, Dearborn.**
18 (Sun)	Father's Day! Hope you didn't give him another tie.
18 (Sun)	**SummerFast! Autocross, details TBA**
18 (Sun)	Wheels of Freedom Car Show, details TBA.
26-30 (Mon-Fri)	MG '95, NAMGBR convention, Lake Tahoe, CA. For info, call (800) NAMGBR-1.
	JULY
12 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
	AUGUST
5 (Sat)	Vintage Racing at Waterford
6 (Sun)	*Concours d'elegance* at Meadowbrook. Featured sportscar:Morgan.
9 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., La Trattoria, Dearborn.**
15-17(Tue-Thur)	NAMGAR GT-20, Lansing, Hosted by the Michigan Rowdies. For more info, call (517) 782-9749 or (517) 694-4856.
17-20(Thur-Sun)	University Motors' 19th Annual Summer Party, Grand Rapids.
	SEPTEMBER
10 (Sun)	Battle of the Brits, Freedom Hill
13 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
	OCTOBER
9 (Mon)	Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
11 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., La Trattoria, Dearborn**
15 (Sun)	**BSCC Fall Colour Tour, hosted by WDMGC**
	NOVEMBER
8 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
23 (Thur)	Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)
	DECEMBER
13 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., La Trattoria, Dearborn**
25 (Mon)	Merry Christmas! Regalia makes a wonderful gift!
26 (Tue)	Boxing Day (Canada)
31 (Sun)	New Year's Eve! Please don't drink and drive!

In the Headlights

by Maria Zebarah,
Treasurer and Gossip Columnist

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

Dave Haverland	**Jan 15**	**Sonny Graat**	**Feb 15**
Ann St. John	**Jan 15**	**Phillip Kull**	**Feb 16**
Mary Jo Haverland	**Jan 16**	**Kim Shipley**	**Feb 16**
Ines Nagy	**Jan 16**	**Dick Bremer**	**Feb 17**
Greg Bondy	**Jan 17**	**Joe Ciaramitaro**	**Feb 18**
Jill Seguin	**Jan 18**	**Laura Bondy**	**Feb 19**
Susan Ruch	**Jan 18**	**Dora Kaija**	**Feb 19**
Eric Ozar	**Jan 20**	**Robert Owens**	**Feb 19**
Deborah Stockbridge	**Jan 21**	**Ian Pegan-Naylor**	**Feb 19**
Brian Cowling	**Jan 22**	**Bruce Harton**	**Feb 20**
Matt Huff	**Jan 22**	**Brett Altman**	**Feb 21**
Marcia Greiner	**Jan 23**	**Ryan Reed**	**Feb 22**
Ruth Lendt	**Jan 23**	**Amy Savage**	**Feb 22**
Phil Thompson	**Jan 24**	**Amy Kollin**	**Feb 25**
Katie Nunnally	**Jan 25**	**John Millis**	**Feb 25**
Norm Wroblewski	**Jan 26**	**Debbie DiRezze**	**Feb 26**
Jeffrey MacLean	**Jan 27**	**Doris Macika**	**Feb 27**
Mike Owens	**Jan 27**	**Tina Carone**	**Feb 28**
Eileen Ozar	**Jan 27**	**Otto Pope**	**Mar 1**
Paul Thomas, Jr.	**Jan 27**	**Dennis Russell**	**Mar 1**
Garey Knop	**Jan 29**	**Erin Wiley**	**Mar 1**
Cassie Mandas	**Jan 29**	**Katie Clarke**	**Mar 2**
Ross DiLorenzo	**Jan 30**	**Brian MacLean**	**Mar 4**
Bruce Kosbab	**Jan 31**	**John Northup**	**Mar 4**
Matthew Reeves	**Jan 31**	**Anthony Chiaravalli**	**Mar 5**
Joyce Kiebler	**Feb 1**	**Linda Tortola**	**Mar 6**
Dorothy MacLean	**Feb 1**	**David Campbell**	**Mar 7**
Christine Millis	**Feb 1**	**David Kurth**	**Mar 7**
Dorry Thompson	**Feb 2**	**Peggy Ramirez**	**Mar 7**
Brad Folz	**Feb 4**	**Brett Shelley**	**Mar 7**
Gladys Weiss-Abell	**Feb 4**	**Ryan Haverland**	**Mar 8**
Rita Coyne	**Feb 5**	**Elise Poupard**	**Mar 8**
Frank Lucente	**Feb 6**	**Pam Savage**	**Mar 8**
Jeanette Reeves	**Feb 6**	**Diane Zielinski**	**Mar 8**
Anna Richardson	**Feb 6**	**Rylee O'Brien**	**Mar 9**
Al Burnham	**Feb 7**	**Ralph Poupard**	**Mar 9**
Kelly Hintz	**Feb 7**	**Jill Stern**	**Mar 9**
Carmie Connor	**Feb 8**	**Natalie Lucente**	**Mar 10**
Chris Mandas	**Feb 8**	**Karen Fischer**	**Mar 11**
Harriet West	**Feb 9**	**Jon Haverland**	**Mar 11**
Timothy Berger	**Feb 12**	**Brad Rogers**	**Mar 11**
Jodi Fischer	**Feb 13**	**Edward Stern**	**Mar 11**
Karey Trofin	**Feb 13**	**Brian Collacott**	**Mar 14**
Lauria DiLorenzo	**Feb 14**	**James Hacker**	**Mar 14**
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Welcome New Members!

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

Adam and **Susan Gucfa** live in Metamora. They own a 1979 Brown MGB and a 1957 Red Austin Healey BN4. They found out about our club at the Fall Colour Tours. Adam is an Engineering Manager.

Larry Hammond lives in Ypsilanti. He has four children, **Monique, Lori, Deanna** and **Amanda**. He owns a 1972 Red MGB-GT. Larry is a Mechanic. He found out about our club from **Chuck Wiley**.

Matt and **Karen Huff** live in West Bloomfield with their children, **Laura** and **Ian**. They own a 1958 Green MGA. Matt is a Proposal Writer. They found out about the club at **T & W Auto Body**.

Matt and **Susan Prosoli** live in Novi. They own a Black 1977 Midget. Matt is a Sales Rep. They found out about the club from **Guy St. John**.

Hope you enjoy being a part of our club!

Many Thanks!

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Tech Talk

Updating an MGB Sound System

by Dave Reed
WDMGC member

Like many vintage sports cars, my 1978 MGB roadster came with a minimal sound system—a 15 year old radio/cassette player and a pair of four inch speakers in the doors. I always told myself, "so what if it doesn't make great sound, with the top down and my free flow exhaust I can barely hear it anyway." Well, this summer I got to thinking my "vintage radio" looked kind of cheap and tired in the middle of my dash, and I was amazed at the low prices on some pretty hot looking stuff in the stores these days. So I splurged a bit, thinking I would just dress up the dash. But what I got was surprisingly good sound and clean compact installation with loads of high-tech features.

One concern that gave me nightmares from the start was some of the hacked up, tacky, add on radio installations I have seen over the years. I wanted this to look like a factory job. Everything had to be tidy and fit under the dash and behind the trim panels without a lot of cutting and banging on my precious little jewel which, as we all know has precious little space to spare. However, once again, the MGB has become even more appreciated for being so easy to work on; the flat, screw-on hardboard trim panels, the snap-down carpet pieces, the easy access underdash and the removable splash panel in the fender cavity were especially helpful.

These days a wide variety of car stereos are available in a wide price range with lots of performance per dollar. I chose a lower price model am/fm stereo/cassette from Radio Shack -saw it, heard it, liked it, bought it. Optimus model 12-1994, on sale for $99.95, seemed to have most everything I wanted: 28 watts of total power, digital push button tuning and display with 30 preset channels, auto-scan, left/right and front/rear balance controls, and dynamite high-tech looks. The push button controls even snap out of the face for theft protection. I could wish the tape player had auto reverse, program search and Dolby noise reduction, but all in all it was much more for my money than I expected. In fact, I felt the price was so reasonable I threw in a power antenna, realistic model 12-1330A, for $41.99 on the spur of the moment—I can't tell you how many time I've been out driving and couldn't play the radio because the antenna was down. Luckily, this model radio had the extra switched power lead wire needed to control the antenna with the radio on/off switch just like a factory job.

For speakers, I got two pairs of flush mount Pioneer model TSG 1330 dual cone 5 1/4 inch diameter jobs for $29.95 per pair from Target (50 watts maximum and 40 - 20,000 Hz range). They are compact and pump out a lot of sound. I really like the quality matte black look and smooth fidelity for listening. Maybe speakers up to 6 inches might have fit, but this system is plenty loud and clear at speed and can produce pain if desired. The speakers, antenna and radio come with all the wires, fuses and hardware right in the boxes, only some connectors were needed. All the instructions and diagrams were clear and readable.

While I was at the store, I was careful to check that the face dimensions on the new radio matched the old radio exactly ant 2 1/4 x 7 1/4 inches and the box for the radio said - fits most newer cars, DIN "E" size -whatever that is. But I really started to sweat when I took the old radio out of the car and noticed it was half the size of the new one . . . double take and double gulp! Not to worry, the new radio fit like a glove and could have been even longer, I think. It took just two minutes to file the opening in the dash about 1/16 inch wider to allow for the slick metal surround slide-in bracket which made for a clean, solid installation. The radio front trim covers the metal surround as the radio slides in and snaps into place in the bracket.

The wiring was scary at first but straightforward once I got into it. On the back of the radio all the wires are color-coded, labeled and grouped into a single connector that unplugs from the radio so things aren't all cramped and dangling while you're trying to hook it up. The lovable MG design is nice here too because you're not all upside down under the dash cutting your fingers on mysterious things in the dark. The wires and antenna lead just pull through the radio hole in the trim panel. Disconnect the battery first (of course). Then just follow the color codes and keep smiling—Lucas wasn't such a bad guy, he just had a funny sense of humor.

I definitely wanted a four-speaker, front/rear stereo layout. The fronts go in the lower door trim panel (next to your knees) , but where would the rears go? I had seen an MGB with big 8 inch speaker holes cut in the trunk panel behind the seats—no way! "Safety Fast" meant keeping the steel trunk wall between me and the fuel filler hose in the trunk! And what about gas fumes, etc., not to mention lost trunk space and easily damaged speakers? I checked behind the trim panels on the left and right sides of the package shelf behind the seats. Success! There is just enough room for a 5 1/4 inch speaker in each panel. This location gives close proximity for direct sound-to-ear transmission in most driving conditions and balances nicely with the distance from the door speaker to ear.

The steel body panel behind the rear quarter trim panel already has a 4 x 3 inch clearance hole which I opened up to 4 x 4 with a power jig saw with a metal cutting blade (tin snips would have done). The added inch goes on the bottom of the hole. The box that the speakers came in included a template for the speaker holes which I used to trace the hole locations on the trim panels. I measured twice, cut once, held my breath, and everything fit fine. Tin snips work nicely on the cardboard trim panel and I drilled the holes for the four attaching screws. The speed nuts that came with the speakers slide onto the trim panel and make attachment simple and solid. The wires hide nicely behind the trim panel and under the carpets.

Installing the antenna was also a straightforward job, due again to the MGB's design. This power antenna seemed made for the MGB; the fender grommet and wiring grommet fit the existing holes, the power unit fits the cavity, and the wires and cable reach were no sweat. I used the old driver's side fender antenna hole which allowed mounting in the cavity at the rear of the fender inside the wheel opening. For access, just unscrew the splash panel bolts at the rear of the wheel house and it's a piece of cake.

All in all, it was fun to install this system in an MGB, but I hate to think what it would have been like with any other car. I spent only about $200, and I am really enjoying the looks and performance much more that I thought possible in an MGB roadster.

Can You Get There From Here?

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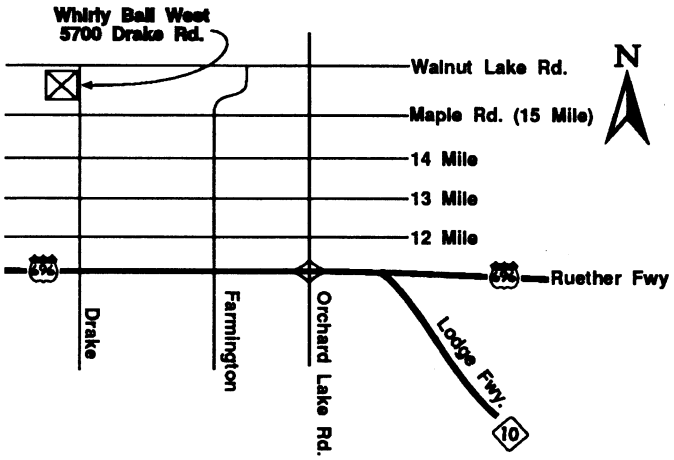

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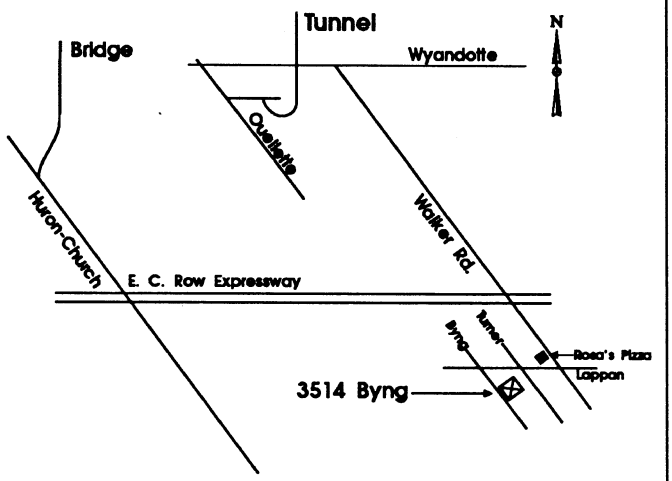

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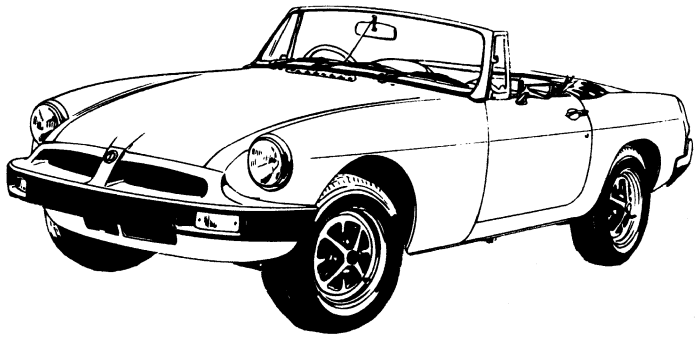


There and Back Again

Rubbing Shoulders With Royalty

by Philip Wiltshire

Imagine my luck, having to speak at a seminar in England at the newest and most prestigious motoring museum.

Yes, I had the great fortune to be working at the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust Motor Centre at Gaydon in the Midlands, close to Stratford-upon-Avon. I remembered the site from the mid-eighties when I worked there with British Leyland Technology Limited on some Austin/Morris vehicle developments and drove around the Gaydon Proving Ground.

This museum is on the same site, but on one side of the area, leaving space for other outside attractions such as the 4 X 4 Landrover demonstration circuit that puts these great off-roaders through a tough terrain circuit that thrills the vehicle occupants.

So, to the museum interior, I was greeted in the reception area by the vision of a BGT fully sectioned in two halves and on castors; an ex-demonstration unit. This was a foretaste of things to come, as walking into the shop I saw the last BGT off of the production line in 1980, containing books and stuff to buy.

As my company had the conference facilities booked for several days, I was able to get into the actual main hall early, without any of the "general public" - a real treat! So, rubbing shoulders with Royalty, I wandered amongst some motoring history and had the time of my life!

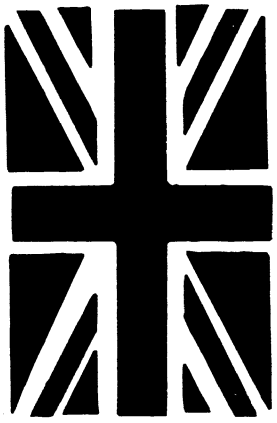
The 300+ cars are from all eras of British Motoring from the turn of the Century to now, including the MG RV8. All of the cars are accessible, although no touching. Each car has a special history; for example (being a Mini rally fan) they have all three of the famous Mini Cooper works cars that won the Monte Carlo rallies in the Sixties. Many first, and last of line cars such as Triumph TR's, Spitfires, Stags and Dolomites.

The MG stable is very impressive with the following landmark vehicles on show -

- •Old Number One (1925)
- •18/80 Mark 1 Speed (1931)
- •PA Midget - sectioned (1934)
- •NB Magnette (1936)
- •EX135 record car (1938)
- •EX179 record car (1954)
- •TF Midget (1954)
- •EX181 record car (1957)
- •Magnette Saloon (1958)
- •ADO34 prototype (1964)
- •BGT SSV1 safety vehicle (1972)
- •Midget 1500 (1979)-last
- •B Roadster LE (1980)-last
- •BGT LE (1980)-last
- •MG Metro prototype (1983)
- •MG Metro racing car (1984)
- •MG Metro 6R4 rally pro/type(1984)
- •MG Metro 6R4 rally car (1985)
- •MG Metro saloon (1990)
- •RV8 - first
- •MG EXE mid-engine protoype (1990)

There is also a number of galleries that display other vehicle components. Many engines are on display; they are most of the types of engine used in the British Motor Industry and are on stands for easy viewing. The display includes a sectioned MGA twin-cam unit and a "working" sectioned V8 engine as found in the production BGT V8.

The museum is worth a day from your vacation if you can get to England. It is also very easy to find. If you cannot get to England, then it is a little harder to find!



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(from the Absa-Quards files)
(censored from publication July 15, 1974)

Crapaud, France - Tempers flared today at the confirmation of a long suspect scandal surround France's greatest monument, the "Arc de Triumphe".

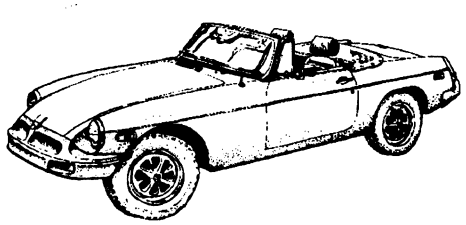
Speaking from the headquarters of the Gallic Motoring Club, Jean-Paul L'Fromage-Grande revealed that recent findings proved that the monument had been deliberately misnamed.

"School children throughout the world have been mislead for years into believing that this monument was erected as a result of the Great War. Nothing could be further from the truth," said L'Fromage-Grande. "The monument was built and paid for by millions of members of the Gallic Motoring Club who had voted on their favorite sports car and wished to commemorate it publicly.

"We have found the original ballots and discovered that Triumph was not the winner and was, in fact, the least recommended of all entries. The winning vote was for MG motor cars but was suppressed by the Duc d'Erl who hoped to lead Triumph's racing team. This means that the monument should in fact be known as the "Arc de MG."

World reaction to this stunning news varied: Italian sources claimed the name should be the "Arc de Fiat", while in Bonn, spokesmen issued a terse "No comment."

In America, congressional committees were convened to determine if the so-called Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson monuments were named correctly and also if the Brooklyn Bridge really goes to Brooklyn. Meanwhile, in Tokyo, plans were announced for a new French monument to be built with French workers, French resources, French capital and Japanese managers; the new monument will be called the "Arc de Kwai."



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Announcing: *The MGB Driver's Yearbook*

by Ken Smith

Attention, all interested MG clubs, organizations, advertisers and individuals... MG Publications is proud to announce its intention to publish in late 1994 or early 1995 *The MGB Driver's Yearbook.*

It is envisaged that the yearbook will be approximately 200 pages, printed on high-quality glossy stock, the same size as the award-winning *MGB Driver* magazine with a full color cover.

We hope to include within its contents worldwide results of concours/car shows at every major meeting featuring MGBs, Midgets, and 1100s held in 1994; individual club/organization activity reports summarizing activities and achievements in 1994; feature articles on the history and development of the MGB; biographies of the people involved in the creation and maintenance of the MGB, showing their contribution to this remarkable car; a review of MGBs in competition; rare factory information, with exclusive photographs, diagrams, plans, etc..; a selection of the latest technical hints and tips; details and addressed of all responding MGB clubs and organizations; and a comprehensive bibliography and videography of material pertaining to the MGB.

What can you do to help?

All clubs and enthusiasts are invited to send material for possible inclusion in *The MGB Driver's Yearbook*, including reports, text, articles, photographs and results of any concours events, rallyes, etc. The cover photograph of this first exciting edition of *The MGB Driver's Yearbook* will be chosen from a photo competition, the theme of which is to depict the spirit of the MGB -Britain's most popular sports car.

It is expected that if enough advertisers support the venture-and we will be soliciting advertisements worldwide-then the retail cost is likely to be extremely modest. We are soliciting your reaction to *The MGB Driver's Yearbook* and inquiring whether you can assist in any way to help bring this project to fruition. This annual will be a "first", and with over 512,000 MGBs produced from 1962 to 1980, the successful Heritage MGB bodyshell programme, and the launch of the MG RV8, *The MGB Driver's Yearbook* is sure to find a receptive audience in all countries where the MGB is to be found.

The MGB Driver's Yearbook will be published by MG Publications, with the cooperation of the North American MGB Register, an non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and expanding interest in the MGB, and with the support of the MGB Register of the MG Car Club of England, the original factory-supported MG organization established in 1930.

Please send your inquiries, submissions and comments to: The MGB Driver's Yearbook, P.O. Box 2645, Goleta, CA 93117.

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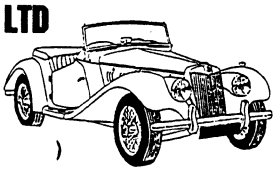

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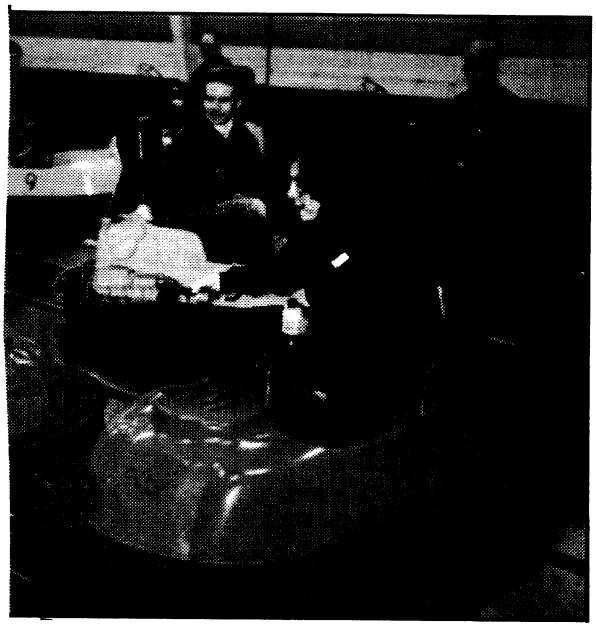
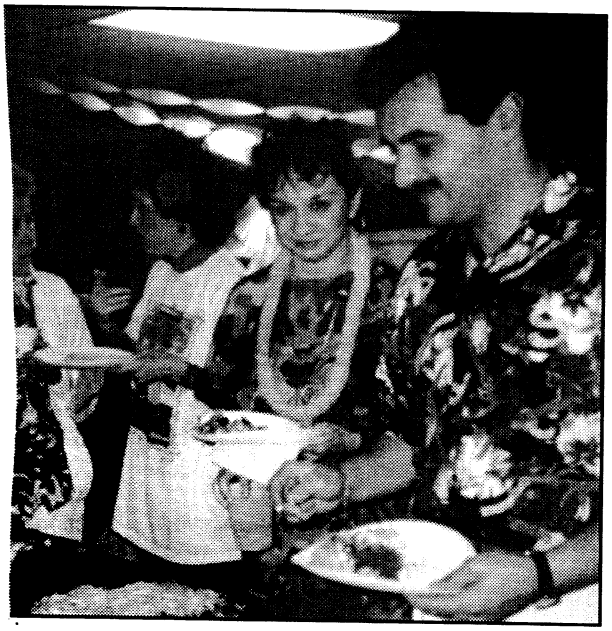
More titles being added all the time!

1994 in Pictures

1994 was a busy, fun, and extremely eventful year for the Windsor-Detroit MG Club. With almost 5 events each month during the driving season, there was something for almost everyone. Many members came out to enjoy these and other functions. Won't you join us this year?



Marcia Greiner shows off her Detroit driving ability by ramming into an opponent at January's Whirly Ball. Look like fun? We're doing it again January 22. See the article on page 1.



Lou and Linda Tortola investigate the dessert table at February's Luau while showing off their authentic Hawaiian shirts, which enable them to blend right into the scenery at the local florist's. Hope to see you at this year's version on February 18.

Tom Shipley and Dave Fraidenberg discuss the fine points of the preparation of the *haute cuisine* at July's Family Picnic.

Dan & Beth Kirby, Brett Altman and Ed Fleming enjoy cider and donuts at October's Fall Colour Tour. *(editor's note: I just couldn't come up with a funny caption for this one!)*

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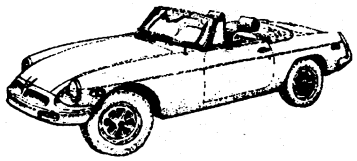

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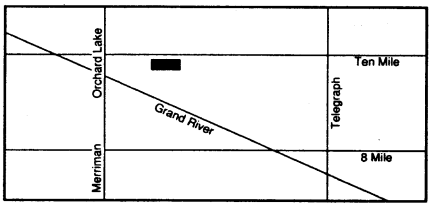

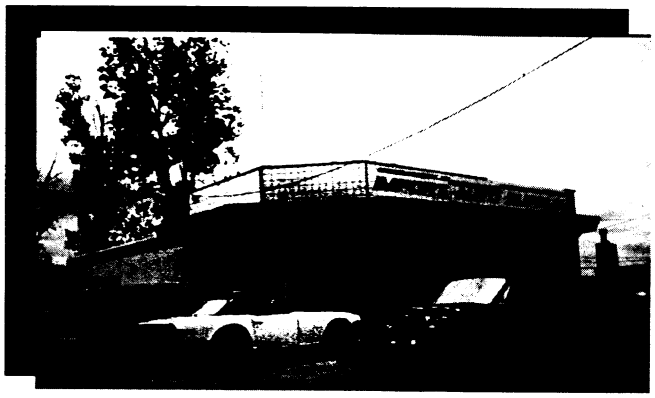

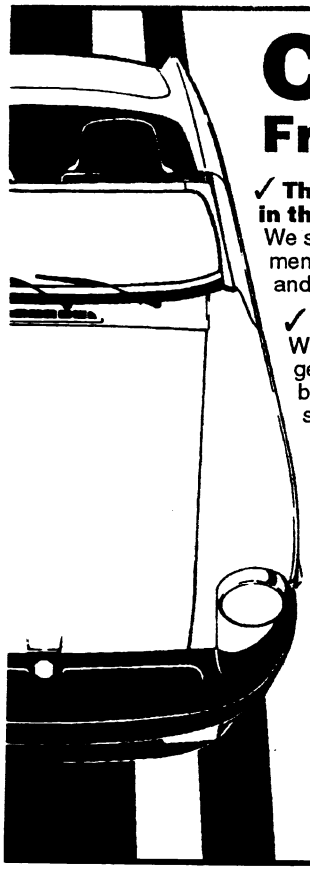

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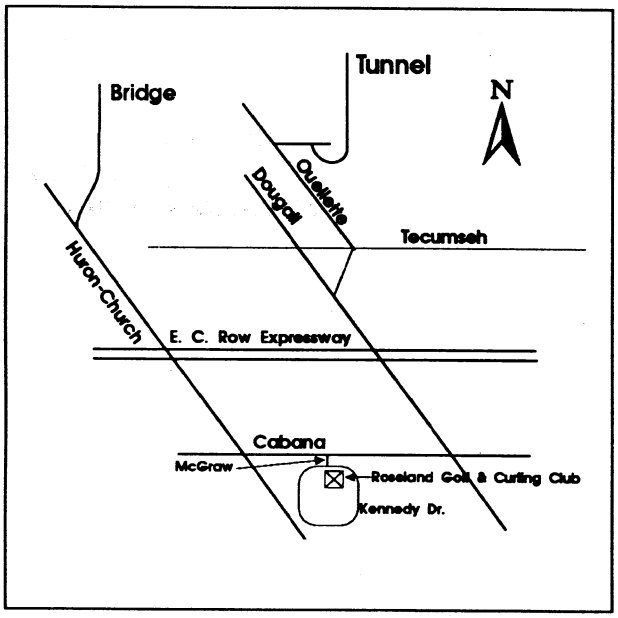

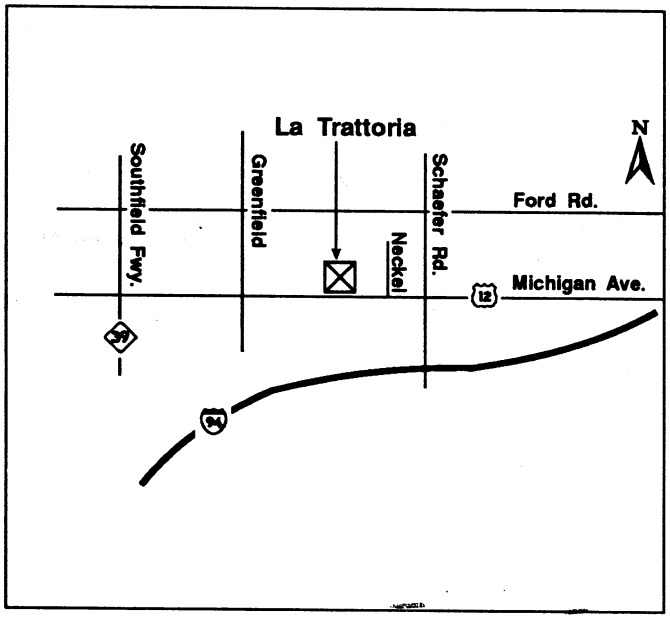

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