THE CAN-AM CONNECTION

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And they're off!

DTSC Spring Rally Kicks Off Driving Season May 7

The Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club has graciously invited us to participate in their Spring Gimmick Rally on Sunday, May 7, starting at the St. Clair Shores Public Library on the southeast corner of 11 Mile Road and Jefferson Ave.

Registration begins at noon with the first car departing at 1:01. The rally will finish at Henry's Restaurant in Algonac, so the rally course should be scenic. It will cost $10 per car to register.

This is the first driving event of the season, (unless you count the whirly ball or the pinewood derby) and proves to be a lot of fun. Let's show those Triumph folks that we appreciate their invitation by turning out in force! See you there!

One Man's Junk is Another Man's Treasure

Garage Sale Slated for May 20 at Michigan Imports

Do you have so many parts in your garage that you can't park your car in it? Are your kids using that old transmission as a pinata? Is your spouse threatening to leave you if you don't get that short block out of the kitchen cabinet? Is that what's making your oil overheat, bunky? Well bring them down to the annual WDMGC Garage Sale Saturday, May 20 at Michigan Imports and turn those extra parts into extra money!

Of course, this works both ways. If you're looking for parts at a low price, this is where you just might find them.

Michigan Imports is located at 350 S. Newburgh in Westland. For full details, contact Chuck Wiley at (313) 586-2500 or (313) 729-1010.

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TRF Offers WDMGC Rebate on Members' Purchases

How much money do you spend on parts each year? REALLY? yeah, me too. Well, if you purchase your parts from The Roadster Factory, our club will benefit, too!

TRF is offering our club a 2% rebate on all purchases by club members. All you need to do is send a photocopy of your invoice (no originals, please!) to our vivacious and ruthlessly efficient club treasurer (a.k.a. Marla) each month. At the end of each quarter, she will submit them to TRF and they will send us a check for 2% of the total, not including tax and shipping. These invoices must be from the last quarter (which means you can't send in those 1992 invoices).

Hypothetically, we stand to benefit greatly from this plan. Say each of our 170 members spends $200 annually on the average. The club could make $680. This is not gift certificates; this is hard, cold, CASH!

Start saving your receipts and get them to Marla as soon as possible. Perhaps we can take this money and lower our dues (if that's not an incentive, then I don't know what is!).

Luau '95

And I Had The Dogsled All Warmed Up and Everything . . .

What happened???? No ice, no snow, no fog, no plague of locusts, nothing! In fact, the weather was downright balmy! We must have scheduled the Luau for the wrong night! Whatever will I write about?

At any rate, the annual club Luau, held February 18, had a marvelous turnout. 33 people braved the warm temperatures (that doesn't sound right) for an evening of mingling, noshing, and revelling in the tropical atmosphere of the Lucente's basement.

The highlight(?) of the party was the hula contest, where our club president, past president, and vice president did foolish things all in the name of getting a few laughs *(editor's note: That's why I prefer writing Litter Bag columns)*. By the way, Ed, some day I wish you would tell us about the pink bra.

In attendance were: **Ed & Edna Fleming, Tom & Marcia Greiner, Adam & Susan Gucfa, Dave & Lynne Hornby, Vince & Chris McQueen, Tom & Sandie Newton, Otto & Judy Pope, Ralph & Kathi Poupard, Guy & Ann St.John, Roli & Betty Sylvestre, Chuck Wiley** & daughters **Erin** and **Shannon**, complete with dates (who were probably wondering how they got caught up in this insanity), **Philip Wiltshire & Jan Tucker, Dan & Marla Zebarah, and Jim & Diane Zielinski.**

Special thanks go out to **Frank & Linda Lucente** for opening their house to us for the second straight year.

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Coming up . . .

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For the latest information on club meetings and events this month, call the Club Hotline at (810) 305-9364.

Safety Fast!

by Ed Fleming, President

Another couple of months have gone by and your club has had several fun filled events. The Luau, Curling, and Pinewood Derby and our first driving event of the year, Cecil Kimber's Birthday Bash in Lansing.

By the time you read this the driving season should be well underway, which means it's really time to have fun with your car; you did join this club to have fun didn't you? The three inches of snow we had in mid-April was my fault. I took the snow tires off the Miata Saturday night and woke up to the white stuff Sunday morning. Off with the alloys and back on with the snow tires and we haven't had any snow since.

Speaking of having fun, if you need some technical advice on repairing or repainting you pride and joy, be sure to attend the tech session at Rick Case's on May 7th. Want to spend an enjoyable day motoring along great roads? Attend one of our rallys or caravans. Have a competitive spirit? Be sure to be at our June autocross. Look over the club's calendar of events and mark your favorite events on your calendars now.

Speaking of competitive spirits, our first pinewood derby was a great success. We'll have to do that again next year. All of the miniature MGs looked like a lot of enjoyable work went into them. Ozzie Pillon made a beautiful replica of an MG land speed record car (unfortunately it was "all show and no go" as the hot rodders say) and Jay Kollin made a model of his '74 Midget that looked like as much time went into the paint job on it as went into the paint on the real thing. Tom and Marcia Greiner and Edna and I took the Roger Penske approach and entered a 4 car team. Tom and I have many years experience with Indian Guide and Cub Scout cars and we borrowed a track from the local school and did a lot of winter testing (just like Penske). Had a lot of fun even before the race. The results were a First and a Third place for the MG-TF Ceramics Racing Team.

As Roger Penske says "Effort in equals results out." We could change that to "Effort in equals Fun out". You will get as much enjoyment out of this club as the effort you put in. Actually more since not very much effort is involved to show up at one of our events and the fun of sharing the activities with other members adds to the enjoyment.

I'll see you enjoying yourself at the next event.

The Litter Bag

by Dan Zebarah, Editor

Over the years, many people have asked me how I come up with humorous articles month after month. It seems that I have the perfect recipe:

Take one MG owner with a few more loose screws than the average MG owner (quite a few), add one accountant wife who hails from a long line of engineers and two children with typical childish imaginations. Put together in a household, stir until slap happy, and cook until half-baked. This is my world and welcome to it.

The great part about this (if you're a writer) is that even the most mundane household projects become the quest for Mt. Everest. I owe it all to the cast of characters involved, something that Steven Spielberg would be proud of:

Marla: You already know her, so why should I get into even more trouble describing her? (Never stopped me before . . .) Situation: She's sitting in recliner and reading, oblivious to the world around her. I'm on the couch, channel surfing. Typical dialogue:

TV: "Here's the shot . . . *-click!-* . . . Oh Marsha! Oh John! . . . *-click!-* . . . Now, how much would you pay? . . . *-click!-*, etc.

Marla: HEY! I was watching that!

Me: Watching what? You were reading!

Marla: That old movie. It caught my attention.

Me: The movie caught your attention? How come the phone (located at her elbow) didn't?

Marla: Did the phone ring? (Gets up and pries remote from my hands)

Me: (Heading downstairs) Oh, well. I've got a column to write.

Lisa: Typical 7-year-old. Wants to be a ballerina, but will wind up either a lawyer or worse: President of the U.S. Typical dialogue:

Me: "STOP JUMPING ON THE COUCH!"

Lisa: "What about the recliner?"

Me: "That, too."

Lisa: "What if I was walking through the living room and tripped into the couch

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In the Headlights

by Maria Zebarah,
Treasurer and Gossip Columnist

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

Angela Coyne	**May 18**
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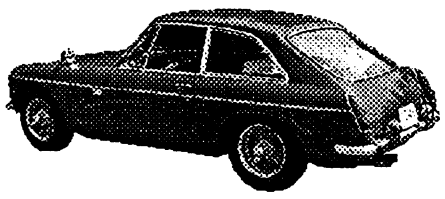

Calendar of Events—1995

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**

MAY

6 (Sat)	British Swap Meet & Car Show, Richfield, Ohio. For info, call Jay Kollin (313) 455-6949.
7 (Sun)	**BSCC Tech session at British Motor Cars, 922 Oakland Ave. Pontiac 11 a.m., Food will be provided.**
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10 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
12-13 (Fri-Sat)	Octagasm '95 Car show, rallye, etc., Strongsville, Ohio (near Cleveland), sponsored by the Emerald Necklace MG Register. For info, call Bob Zimmerman, (216) 678-9394.
14 (Sun)	Mother's Day! Wouldn't Mom look good in a club t-shirt?
20 (Sat)	**Club Garage Sale at Michigan Imports. For info, call Chuck Wiley (313) 586-2500.**
27 (Sat)	International Sports Car Show, Gilmore Car Museum, Kalamazoo. For info, call (616) 671-5089.
27-28 (Sat-Sun)	Capitol City Old Car Club Show & Swap Meet, Mason, MI (near Lansing). For details, contact Kaye West at (517) 663-8071

JUNE

3-4 (Sat-Sun)	**WDMGC Trip to Stratford, Ontario, to see "The Gondoliers". For details, contact Philip Wiltshire, (810) 932-0072.**
11 (Sun)	4th Annual Five Club Picnic, Brock Memorial Park, Queenston, Ontario (Near Niagara on the Lake), 11 a.m. For info, call Bob Zimmerman at (216) 678-9394.
11 (Sun)	Carnival of Cars, Waterford Hills
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

6-9 (Thu-Sun)	MG Car Club of Toronto 40th Anniversary Party, Stratford, Ontario. For info, call Ron Spraggett, (905) 457-0295.
9 (Sun)	Mad Dogs and Englishmen Car Show, Gilmore Car Museum, Kalamazoo. For details, call (616) 671-5089.
12 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
16 (Sun)	**Family Picnic at Suzanne & Dave Snyder's house, Sterling Heights**
30 (Sun)	**Funkhana, details TBA**

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**
29 (Sun)	British Autojumble, sponsored by MGCC of Toronto, International Centre, Toronto. For info, call (416) 533-MGMG.

NOVEMBER

4 (Sat)	**Hibernation Party, details TBA**

The Litter Bag

(from page 2)
and accidently jumped on it because I didn't want to fall on David because he was lying down in front of it?"

Me: "I suppose that would be excusable."

Lisa: "HEY, DAVID! Lay down in front of the couch and we can take turns jumping on it! Dad said so!"

David: 5-year-old with proportionate attention span. Can "remember" conversations that occurred when he was in the womb, but cannot remember where he put his shoes 5 minutes ago. Typical dialogue:

Me: (Walking in door after exceptionally grueling day at work) I'm home!

David: Daddy, do you know where my Red Power Ranger is?

Me: What Red Power Ranger?

David: The one Mom bought me today.

Me: If you got it today, how would I know what it looks like? Maybe it's where it belongs (fat chance).

David: I keep it with my other rangers next to the case for my Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles that Aunt Cheryl and Uncle Mark got me for my second birthday in the basket with the Mighty Max that Santa got me two years ago.

Me: And where's that?

David: I don't know, but I just had it.

(editor's note: The Red Ranger was found two weeks later in the cabinet under the bathroom sink, where he was "hiding from the bad guys.")

With this kind of inspiration, it's always easy to take a situation from everyday life and turn it into something humorous. People ask me, "Does it REALLY happen the way you write it, or do you embellish it?" I must confess, I usually take some literary license to my "true to life" stories. If I didn't tone them down some, these tales would be so outlandish that nobody would believe them.

Working For Scale

by Dan Zebarah

The MGB is back! In scale, that is. By now, I'm sure some of you have seen the Aoshima 1/24 scale 1963 MGB offered for sale by Triple C and other suppliers. This kit will be reviewed as soon as I finish building it. Aoshima has also come out with a 1975 rubber-bumpered roadster and a racing MGB hardtop complete with Minilite wheels. All of these are right-hand drive with early dash and steering wheel.

A company called American Satco in Iowa is expected to modify these kits for left-hand drive. These are expected to be available at finer hobby shops late March or Early April. It will be priced in the $20 range and will be a 2-in-1 kit with both chrome and rubber bumpers.

In July, Corgi will be releasing 1/18 scale model MGBs and MGFs. According to Reeves International, Corgi's US distributor, these cars, "will be faithfully replicated in true Corgi tradition, and reflect the excellent craftsmanship for which Corgi is known."

If you're looking for an RV8, you can find one at your local department store's toy department. A diecast model, marketed by Maisto should be able to be found at Meijer's, Toys R Us, etc., for less than $5. It's about 4 1/2 inches long and comes in BRG. It's not too bad looking, and for under 5 bucks, it certainly belongs on your shelf.

Speaking of toys, you can also get yourself a TF for under 5 bucks. Micro Machines set entitled "European Sports" features a MG-TF, Triumph TR-3, Jaguar E-Type, Porsche 356, and a Ferarri GTO 250. These are incredibly small (what do you expect from Micro Machines?) but the detail is quite good for a toy. The entire set runs about $4-5 and is available in most toy departments.

T & W Moves Into Larger Digs

T & W Auto Body announces the opening of its new and larger facility located at 5240 Williams Lake Road in Waterford.

T & W owner and WDMGC member **Tom Shipley** said the 8,000 square foot building will allow them to expand their services to mechanical repair in addition to their high-quality body work. "I want everybody to know that we do much more than bodywork," Tom said, "We also offer a full range of mechanical services."

Tom has also added a brand-new paint booth, and has offered, "the best prices in town on all work for club members."

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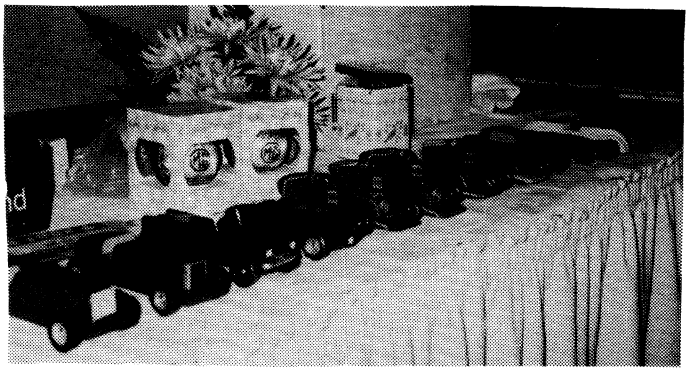
Pinewood Derby attracts 14 cars

I Knew It Wood Be a Lot of Fun!

I guess Roger Penske has the right approach: Take a good car design, make as many of them as you can, and you'll probably win. That's what happened at the Pinewood Derby, held at April's general meeting. Ed Fleming had four virtually identical designs in the field of 14 cars and took first and third places, with second going to Matt Houser.



The field of entrants are lined up in the "pit area" on the regalia table. We are still trying to get the oil stains off of the tablecloth.

There was quite a variety of MG designs, ranging from the past (Ed's 1930s "Magic Midget" collection and Goldie Gardner's EX 135 Bonneville by Ozzie Pillon) to the present (Mike Derderian's MGA and Jay Kollin's Midget, both accurate representations of their own personal cars, right down to the puddles of lubricant (graphite) underneath.

The future was well represented also by future MG owners Dave Derderian and Patrick Lucente, who entered their prototype MGs in the 12 and under division.

This was a fun-filled time and perhaps next year we will have an even larger turnout. Start working on those cars now!

THE PARTICIPANTS:

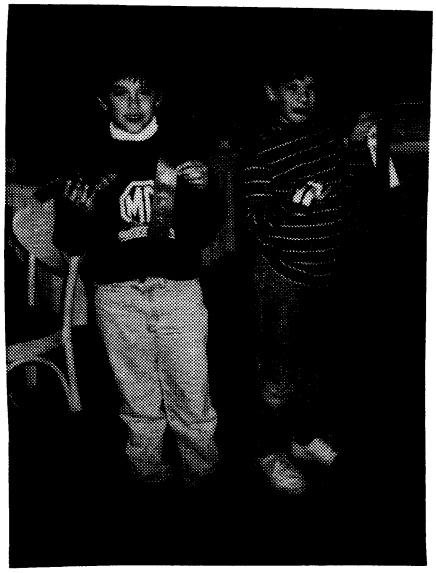
Brett Altman, Dave Derderian, Mike Derderian, Ed Fleming, Edna Fleming, Marcia Greiner, Tom Greiner, Inez Houser, Matt Houser, Jay Kollin, Patrick Lucente, Ozzie Pillon, Guy St.John, and Phil Thompson.

THE WINNERS:

Popular vote:
- **1st:** Matt Houser, Ozzie Pillon
- **2nd:** Patrick Lucente, Jay Kollin
- **3rd:** Dave Derderian

Race (12 & under):
- **1st:** Patrick Lucente
- **2nd:** Dave Derderian

Race (over 12)
- **1st:** Ed Fleming
- **2nd:** Matt Houser
- **3rd:** Tom Greiner



12 and under class champs Patrick Lucente and Dave Derderian show off their cars and awards.

Club Regalia

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Baseball Caps	$5	$6
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Curling '95

The Ice-Man Cometh

by Ed Fleming

In February it was Whirly Ball, a mix of Lacrosse and Dodge'em Cars. In March it was Curling, a mix of Shuffle Board and Bowling on ice and about a dozen members showed up for this demented form of fun.

As in years past, Mark, our curling instructor gave us a quick run down on the basics of the game. The old hands looking just as uncoordinated as the members new at this activity. There's something about trying the propel a 42 pound block of granite down 80 feet of ice that plays havoc with trying to look graceful and athletic. But everyone's in the same predicament so it's all a lot of fun.

WDMGC "Curling Dervishes": They probably drank Ice Beer, too! Front row: Ed Fleming, Susan Gucfa, Roli Sylvestre. Back Row: Brett Altman, Adam Gucfa, Marshall Coulter, Ann St. John , Guy St. John, Fran Coulter, Betty Sysilvestre.

We all practiced what Mark told and showed us, with varying results and then divided up into two teams for the games. One team made up of members who have done this before and the other made up of three newbies and (oldie) Ed Fleming.

As a sixty something Paul Newman said after beating a young Scott Pruit at a race at Elkhart Lake, "Old age and treachery will beat youth and inexperience every time". So it was with our curling contest. Old timers **Guy St. John, & Roli Sylvestre and not so old Ann St. John and Brett Altman** beat new curlers **Sue and Adam Gucfa, Marshall Coulter and oldie Ed Fleming.**

Actually, the newbies scored the first point, taking a 1 to 0 lead after the first "end". However, youthful enthusiasm only goes so far and the final score was 8 to 2 in favor of the grey-haired group. This ended a string of ties that had become what I hoped would be a long standing tradition the last two years.

A tradition that was continued was the slip and fall first perfected by **Marla Zebarah** two years ago. This year it was Sue Gucfa's turn to do the head on the ice routine. Husband Adam also ended up horizontal while trying to avoid ricocheting "stones". Neither spouse was seriously injured and the fun continued.

Now if we could add a little modern car stuff to the games, like traction control and ABS brakes it would be even more fun. Hey how about whirly ball on ice?

A very enjoyable time was had by all, and for a few the enjoyment apparently continued on beyond the curling.

Video Library

The following videos are available to club members. Contact our Video Librarian, **Brett Altman** at (313) 326-0764.

***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 Indy car 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**

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***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.

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The 1995 Luau; What, no snow?!?!

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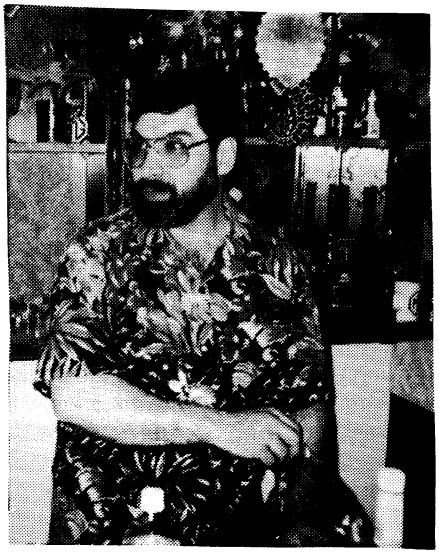
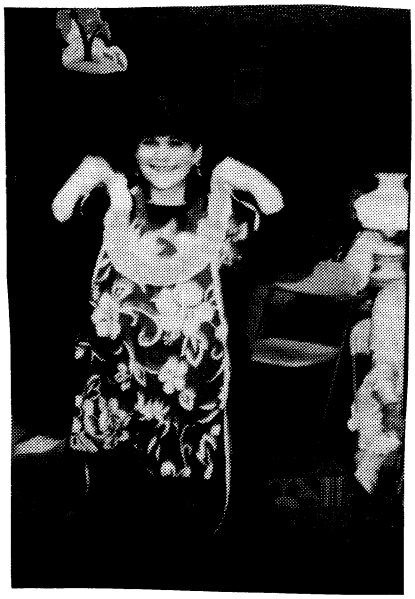
If life gives you lemons, make lemonade. If there's no surf in the house, use an ironing board. Adam Gucfa gives lessons on the fine art of "air surfing".

The hula contest: Participating are Past President Guy St. John, Vice President Frank Lucente, and President Ed Fleming who are showing off what it *really* takes to run this club: a well-stuffed shirt and snappy dressing.



Co-host Frank Lucente tending bar and wondering if he should have hidden the good silverware.



***Can-Am Connection* photographer catches co-hostess Linda Lucente trying on various party decorations to see if *anything* will go with the apron she's wearing.**

Welcome New Members!

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

Tony and **Karry Adamowicz** live in Northville with their sons **Anothony** and **Nickolas**. They own a 1975 Blue MGB and a 1977 Blue Triumph Bonneville. Tony is a PC Specialist. They found out about the club from **Brett Altman**.

Dennis and **Bernadette Delap** live in White Lake. They own a 1964 Red MGB. Dennis is a Plastic Engineer. They found out about the club from **Dave Naylor** and *Auto Restorer*.

Greg and **Lydia Specht** live in Dearborn with their son **Andy**. They own a 1980 Red MGB. They found out about the club through the article on Michigan Imported Cars that was in the GM Tech Center newsletter, *USAuto Scene*. Greg is a Proving Ground Manager.

Hope you enjoy being a part of our club!

As of the day I'm writing this (April 15), we have 167 member families in the club. We ended up 1994 with 186 member families for a grand total of 358 members in this club!

There's only a few rooms left!!

Stratford Trip Filling Up; Make Your Reservations Now!

by Philip Wiltshire

Time's running out! If you wish to join us in Stratford to see "The Gondoliers", you better hurry! There are only a few rooms left. Call Philip Wiltshire at (810) 932-0072 and make your reservation now.

In the past two years, we have enjoyed great matinee performances of Gilbert and Sullivan; "The Pirates of Penzance" and "The Mikado". An interesting fact is that Stratford is a small town, but during last years' season, over 50,000 theater goers were part of groups like ours, apart from the many thousands of other visitors.

This coming season, the Stratford Festival is staging the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, The Gondoliers. As usual, let me give you the plot and don't forget that their stories are light-hearted farces with happy endings.....eventually!!

"The Gondoliers"

"Marco & Guiseppe, the handsomest gondoliers in Venice, are celebrating their impending weddings when they learn that one of them—unfortunately, no one knows which—is really the long-lost heir to the now-vacant throne of Barataria. Moreover, whichever gondolier turns out to be the new king also becomes an unintentional bigamist, having been married already, in infancy, to the beautiful Casilda. The happiness of more than one couple hangs in the balance—until an unexpected revelation brings the sparkling operetta to its happy conclusion."

I hope this description whets your appetite. The date of our two-day trip is Saturday & Sunday the 3rd and 4th of June. I am working with **Dick Bremer** of the both the T-Register and our club, to facilitate a joint trip per last year. The accommodations are the same; the Westover Inn at St Mary's, Ontario.

The estimated costs are as follows:

Best seats-in-the-house tickets, **$31.00** (US) each; and accomodations are **$215.00** (Canadian) for deluxe, or **$190.00** (Canadian) standard per room, inclusive of hors-d'oeurves, gourmet dinner and breakfast for two.

Please come and see me for any more information; I'll bring my Stratford trip photographs to our meetings if you need inspiration.

Your earliest indication of interest is desirable. Please leave me a message on (810) 932-0072.

Gilmore Museum To Hold International Car Show May 27

The First car show of the Gilmore Calssic Car Club Museum's 1995 season will be their International Sports Car Show, held Saturday, May 27 at the museum in Hickory Corners, near Kalamazoo.

Other events that day will include activities for children, car games, a cars for sale corral, a swap meet, door prizes, food concessions, and a picnic area. Parking is free and all museum exhibits will be open at no additional charge with approximately 140 antique, classic and special interest cars from all eras on display.

Event Fees:

Advance registration for show car and driver	**$10**
Registration on day of event	**$12**
Others in the show car	**$3**
Swap meet / car corral	**$15**
Public general admission	
Adults (16 & over)	**$5**
Seniors (65 & over)	**$4**
Children 7-15	**$2**

For more information, contact
Tom Kayser
Executive Director
Gilmore-CCCA Museum
6865 Hickory Road
Hickory Corners, MI 40060
(616) 671-5089
Fax: (616) 671-5843

The Long Way Home

Scenic Tour Planned on Way Home From Stratford

by P.K. Pleitner, Michigan NEMGTR

The Bruce Peninsula divides Lake Huron from the Georgian Bay with some of the most spectacular lake shores south of Lake Superior. It is only four easy hours north (155 mi.) by MG from Stratford on the Thames. The Niagaran escarpment forms its east shore. Standing high upon this limestone cliff looking east you'll see the many islands that makes this bay a sailor's paradise and think about the distant falls that take their name from this dramatic geologic feature. At the top of the peninsula is the small and picturesque village of Tobermory with twin harbors visited by many pleasure and working boats and the 600 passenger and car ferry M.S. Chi-Cheemaun.

We will spend Sunday night in Tobermory, which leaves plenty of time for a short hike along the Bruce Trail and a leisurely stroll through tobormory looking for that special place to dine. In the morning, we'll drive aboard the ferry with our MGs (the fare is $25) for a brisk two hour cruise among some islands, destination Manitoulin Island, then we'll tour along the North Channel to Sault Ste. Marie, covering about 170 miles. En route, we'll see a very foreign but beautiful landscape, with low granite hills which are very characteristic of the Canadian Shield. It's a great place to collect rocks for the garden, but MGs are not designed to haul collections.

We'll spend Monday night in Sault Ste. Marie after we find the best place in town to eat. In the morning we'll visit the famous locks and then head south an hour to cross one of the longest suspension bridges in the world, the original Big Mac. Assuming none of us gets blown off the bridge, we'll turn west to tour another spectacular shoreline on the way to Petoskey, Charlevoix, and finally Traverse City. Driving time is about four hours, not including stops to admire the view. The distance form Sault Ste. Marie to Traverse City is about 180 miles.

We'll spend Tuesday night in the Traverse City area, hopefully at a place with a warm pool. Lake Michigan is not yet ready for the casual bathers this time of year. The following morning, we'll be all rested and fortified to make a serious dash home covering 250 miles in hopefully less than eight hours.

If this sounds like your kind of MG trip, call me at (313)-662-3487 or 668-0087 to sign up and get more information of offer advice on where to eat and spend the nights. I'm planning on no more than six MGs and whatever people that tag along.

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Model ———— Body style ————

Name ————

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Registration gate opens at 7:00 a.m. EDT	Registration at the gate ------ $12.00	$————
	Others in show car —— X $ 3.00 each	$————
	Total enclosed	$————

Note: no refunds of advance registration fees will be made after May 12, 1995. This form may be copied.

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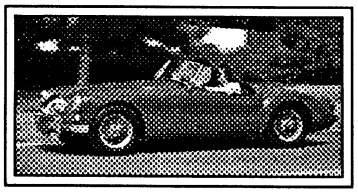

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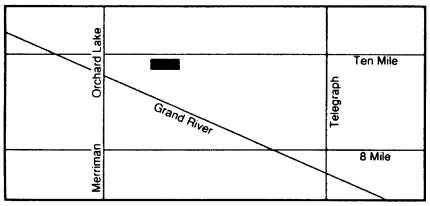

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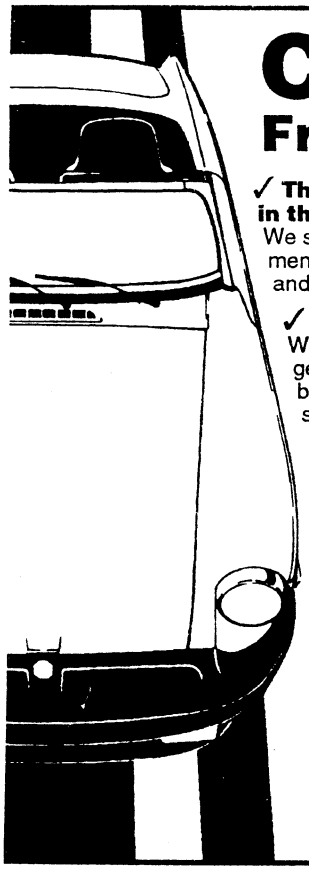

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Out of State Events Planned for Summer

Robert Frost wrote a poem where he said, "You come, too!" This also is the motto of British car clubs. There are many events happening that are within driving distance and the organizers have invited us to participate.

The Emerald Necklace MG Registry is holding its annual Octagasm car show the weekend of May 12 & 13 at the Chalet, Valley Parkway, Mill Stream Run Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks in Strongsville, Ohio.

In addition, there will be valve cover races, skills contests, MG Olympics, a Rallye, games, and of course the Octagasm, a funkhana event.

For more details, contact Bob Zimmerman at (216) 678-9394.

If by some chance you are unable to come to our Stratford trip (or just want to go again), you should check out the Toronto MGCC's 40th anniversary party, being held July 6-9 in Stratford. This event includes a trip to the theatre, car show, funkhana, tour, keynote address by John Twist, and lots of other events. For more information, contact Ron Spraggett at (905) 457-0295.

Last (and certainly not least) WDMGC members are invited to participate with four other clubs from Toronto, Buffalo, Rochester, and Cleveland in the Five Club Picnic on Sunday, June 11 at Brock Memorial Park in Queenston, Ontario (near Niagara on the Lake). This is an informal picnic with no organized happenings, just a sit around and talk cars kind of event.

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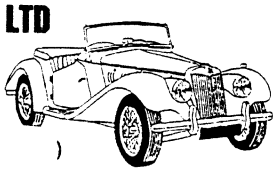

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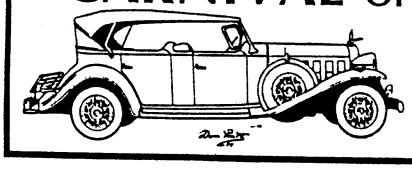

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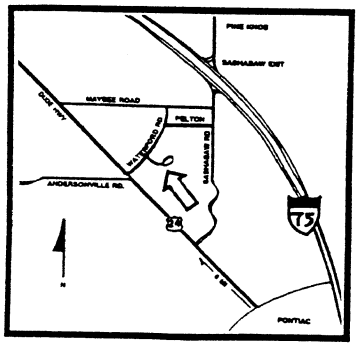

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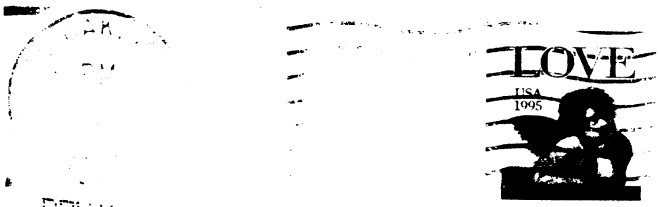

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REGISTRATION BY NON-CLUB MEMBERS — If you are not a member of any of the participating clubs listed, you may register for exhibition or judging. Your non-club member car will be parked in the exhibition field. Only PREREGISTERED non-club member cars can be judged. Fill out the registration form and indicate either YES or NO, your preference regarding judging. If you do not indicate your preference your car will not be judged. Trophies for this class are at the discretion of the Executive Committee using the system outlined under Judging and Awards. Non-club member cars do not qualify for the multiple entry award outlined under Special Award. Unregistered cars will not be permitted inside the gate. **(Space available basis on Meet Day.)**

JUDGING — Judging starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. Cars must be on the field at that time in order to be judged. A judging time will be assigned to each club. Eligible vehicles must be original, or restored to original condition. The entrant will drive his or her registered vehicle with their club in one lane past various judging teams. Each team will examine its assigned areas of each car. Competing cars will be judged on a 100 point system: first place requires 90 points or more; second place 80 points or more; and third place 70 points or more. Judging forms will be returned upon request, but please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope when sending in your registration form.
Persons interested in judging should contact Jim McDonald at (810) 646-7773.

AWARDS — All preregistered entrants will receive a dash placque. First, second and third place trophies go to the members of each club represented with nine (9) or more entries. Clubs with six (6) to eight (8) entries will receive two (2) trophies. Clubs represented with three (3) to five (5) entries will receive one trophy. The individual scores must meet the point requirements described under "Judging." Awards are made at 3:00 p.m. or when the tabulation of scores is completed. **Please remain for the award presentations, or plan to have someone accept for you. We will not be responsible for delivery of trophies.**

SPECIAL AWARD — An award will go to the registrant whose multiple entry of vehicles accumulates the greatest point total in the judging. The more cars you enter, the better your chance of winning.

NOTE: NO EXITING OF THE GROUNDS WITH A CAR OR TRUCK BEFORE 3:00 P.M.

REQUIREMENTS — The conditions under which we are permitted to use the grounds at the Waterford Hills Race Track facility require that every vehicle carry Public Liability and Property Damage insurance, and that you accept and assume full liability for any injury or loss to yourself, property, family, agent or employee at any time and from any cause on the premises. The name of your insurance company, policy number and registration date must be entered on the registration form in the appropriate space before your registration can be accepted. Be sure to sign the registration form. The registered club's rules apply concerning the installation and use of safety glass in your vehicle. Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on the grounds. Food and beverages will be available, or you may bring a picnic lunch. No barbecues, tents, or canopies. Bicycles and pets are not allowed. Trash barrels will be available for your use. Please keep the area around your vehicle neat and clean at all times. We ask the cooperation of all participants and guests in adhering to these regulations.

CAR PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION — Under "Club Entered" indicate initials of club you wish to enter (see list), including a second choice. You may enter any club *if you are a member of that club and your car qualifies in that club.* If these two qualifications are not met, you will be disqualified without refund. Your signature and complete insurance information must be entered on the registration form below in order that your registration be accepted. **NOTE: You will NOT receive a confirmation of registration. You canceled check is your receipt. A registration packet will be given to you on arrival at the gate.**

CAR PARTICIPATION FEES — Car Clubs (Judging & Exhibition)

	$12	(U.S. Funds) for each car and all passengers thru May 29th. No refunds.
	$16	(U.S. Funds) for each car and all passengers May 30 thru June 5th. No refunds.
Non-Club	$12	(U.S. Funds) for each car and all passengers thru May 29th. No refunds.
	$16	(U.S. Funds) for each car and all passengers May 30 thru June 5th and on meet day (as space permits). No refunds.

NEW CLUBS OR CLUBS NOT LISTED ARE WELCOME

CAR REGISTRATION FORM — 32nd Annual "CARNIVAL OF CARS" — Sunday, June 11, 1995 — Rain or Shine!
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE IN U.S. FUNDS TO "MICHIGAN REGION CCCA" AND MAIL TO:
June Pacitti, P.O. Box 794, 26200 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127

Name _____ **Insurance Company** _____

Street Address _____ **Policy No.** _____

City, State, Zip Code _____ **Expiration Date** _____

Phone at Home _____ **At Office** _____

☐ I belong to a participating car club (see list) and will be parked with my club — **TO BE JUDGED?** ☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ I do not belong to a participating club. ☐ YES ☐ NO

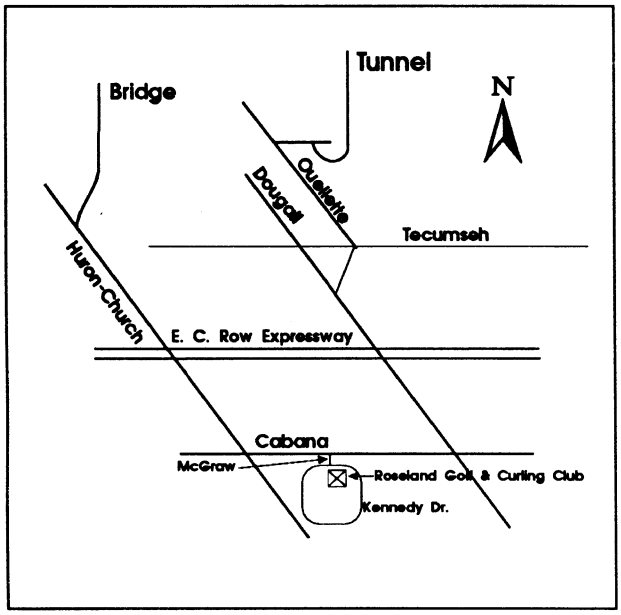
Year and Make	Model and Body Style	No Club Affiliation	Club Affiliation	DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE Registration No.
			WDMGC	

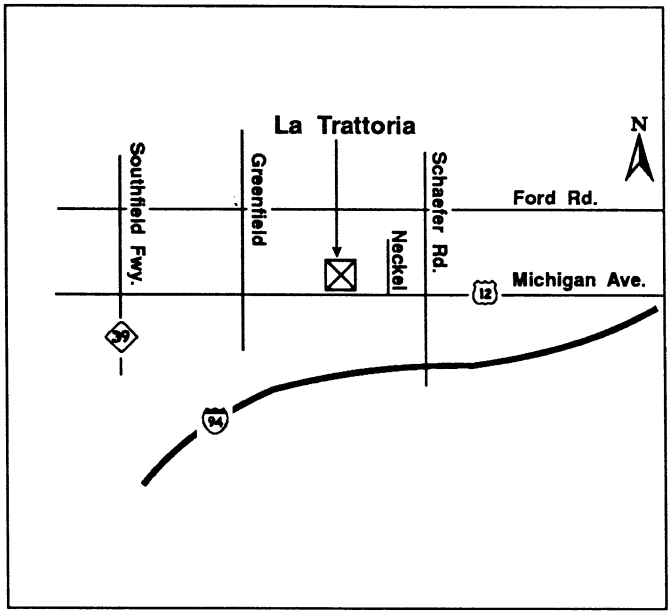
I accept and assume full liability for any injury or loss to me or my property, agents or employees at anytime and from any cause on the premises of the show. I expressly release the management from any liability for such loss or injury, and agree to provide and pay for my own insurance.

Signature _____

Date Received	
Amount Received	

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.: Even months at the La Trattoria Restaurant, 13736 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn, west of Schaefer, and in odd months at the Roseland Golf and Curling Club in Windsor.





Find out the latest information on club meetings and events this month! Call the Windsor-Detroit MG Club Hotline at (810) 305-9364.

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