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Mecca for MG owners

It's Party Time!

If you haven't overdosed on MGs yet this year (do any of us overdose on MGs?), then the event to push you over the edge is coming up! The 19th annual University Motors Summer Party will take place Thursday, August 17 through Sunday, August 20 at Douglas Walker Park in Grand Rapids.

For those who have never attended, this is THE event of the year for MG enthusiasts, with 600 MGs on the field, vendors, contests, and friendly people (have you ever met an unfriendly MG person?) as far as the eye can see. This year's featured model is the MGA coupe. About 10,000 of these were built, and you will probably see more of these beauties at the show than you will ever see in one place again. The show is being held in conjunction with the North American MGA Registry's GT-20, being held in Lansing August 15-17, and the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association's Grand Prix au Grattan, held August 20 at Grattan Race Course.

The club will have a hospitality area with a deli tray and soft drinks for club members to sit and relax during the show. Look for the club banner. We will also have a club table for registering new members and handing out club materials. If you can help with this, call **Marla Zebarah** at (313) 382-6715 to sign up for a half-hour block.

The Summer Party features more than a mere car show. There are parts and trivia contests, a valve cover race, model, diarama, photo and craft contests, events for children, and even babysitting service for the evening of the awards banquet.

Guy St. John has graciously consented to coordinating the various caravans heading out. If you would like to travel with another club member for companionship, tech support, or to help replace all the parts that fall off your car en route, contact Guy at (810) 349-3649, or call the club's hotline number at (810) 305-WDMG (9364).

We usually have a tremendous turnout, a wonderful time, and quite a few award winners. Maybe YOU'LL take home a prize! See you there!

It was HOT!

Weather Holds Out For Picnic

The storms which pestered the Detroit area took the day off July 16 as 35 members and their families broiled in the sun, took a dip in the pool, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the annual Family Picnic, held at the home of **Suzanne & Dave Snyder**.

Although the 90+ degree temperatures (not to mention the prediction of thunderstorms) may have kept some people away, those that did attend had a good time. The Snyder's large built-in pool kept all the children occupied, and the 10 MGs (and a Triumph) kept the adults occupied.

In attendance were: **Ed & Edna Fleming, Dave & Sheryl Fraidenburg, Jay, Mary Kay, Amy, Jennie, & Marcy Kollin, Ray & Fran Lewis, Dennis Mefferd, Darrel & Jeanine Maurer, Dave Reed & Marti Reinhard, Bill & Matthew Reeves, Bill, Pam & Caitlin Savage, Tom Shipley, David, Joyce, Alyssa, & Michelle Torby, Dan, Marla, Lisa, & David Zebarah, and Jim & Diane Zielinski.**

In the spark plug changing competition, (head donated by **Chuck Wiley**), the winners received (what else?) a set of spark plugs. The men's winner was **Dan Zebarah** with a time of 52.75 seconds, and the women's winner was **Mary Kay Kollin** with a time of 1 minute, 31.8 seconds. Just for laughs, the full results are on page 11.

As the picnic was breaking up, the storm clouds started to move in. We would like to thank them for waiting until we were through, and we would like to thank Suzanne and Dave for their hospitality.

Battle of the Brits Set for September 10

The thirteenth annual Battle of the Brits English Car and Motorcycle Show is scheduled for Sunday, September 10, at Freedom Hill Park in Sterling Heights. The show is sponsored by the Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club and the Metro Triumph Riders Motorcycle Club.

This event started out as a challenge between our club and the DTSC and has evolved into a "display your car" event with no judging or people's choice awards. There will, however, be a "President's Choice" award, which will be given to the car from each marque which participating club presidents deem the car that they would like to own.

There will be door prizes, and vendors. There will be food offered for sale on the grounds, or you can bring a picnic lunch. The park also has a playground for children.

Registration is $10 before September 1, and $15 afterwards. Registrants will receive a commemorative cap, dash plaque, and door prize ticket. Non-participants must pay $5 at the gate park admission.

Freedom Hill is located at 16 Mile Road between Schoenherr and Utica Road, and the show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Coming up . . .August

5 (Sat)	Vintage Racing at Waterford
6 (Sun)	*Concours d'elegance* at Meadowbrook. Featured sportscar:Morgan.
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For the latest information on club meetings and events, call the Club Hotline at (810) 305-9364

Safety Fast!

by Ed Fleming, President

For all of us sports car junkies and MG owners, August is going to be a busy month. Be prepared, mark your calendars ahead of time.

It starts August 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th with the Meadowbrook Concours D'Elegance and Vintage Races at Waterford. Morgan is the featured sportscar this year and the Morgan Owners Group - Great Lakes will kick things off with a dinner for Charles Morgan himself on Thursday.

The dinner will be held at Richard Kuhn's private car and train museum in Detroit with dinner catered by the Whitney Restaurant. The price is $75 per person. If you're interested call Larry Moss at the Morgan club to see if there are still tickets available (810) 540-3733.

Friday evening there is an ice cream social and sports car show in Clarkston. Saturday and Sunday is the racing at Waterford. And Sunday is the Concours at Meadowbrook Hall in Rochester, one of the top three Concours events in the world.

Take a break the following week, because the next week is the GT-20 in Lansing followed by the University Motors Summer Party in Grand Rapids.

The GT-20 is a national show for MGAs. Festivities begin on Tuesday August 15th and continue through Thursday. For more information call Dave Smith at (517) 782-9749. If MGAs are your thing, this is your event.

Thursday is also the start of the Summer Party, the ultimate MG weekend. 500 to 700 MGs of every variety on display and loads of other things to do. It starts on Thursday the 17th with the 1000 Mile Rallye. Friday, there's lots of cars to look at and vendors to check out in the parking lot of the hotel. Saturday is the big show with all the cars and vendors. Sunday, venture out to Grattan raceway for Vintage Racing.

We will have our club tent at the show

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The Litter Bag

by Dan Zebarah, Editor

When I found out I would be laid off for four months in April, the first thing that crossed my mind was, "What are we going to do for money?" The second thing was, "WOW! I'm going to have FOUR WHOLE MONTHS off to work on our MGs!" I was actually looking forward to this: Marla could keep the kids out of what little hair I have left and I could get some serious work done on the GT (I figured that the only way to get some garage time was to promise her I'd work on her car).

So, starting mid-April (after the weather broke), I shovelled my way through the bikes, wagons, scooters (half of which I think belong to the neighbor's kids; I've never seen any of this stuff), and discovered the GT, still up on jacks. I had figured that those elves that helped the shoemaker might have completed the work, but they never showed up.

Then it happened: Marla found employment. Although I was happy we would be getting that extra paycheck, I wasn't so sure about the prospect of being "Mr. Mom". Yeah, I'm a good cook. I can do laundry. I can even watch the children for minutes on end without threatening them with lifetime grounding. But would I be able to do all of them at once, as well as getting a car road ready? Hey, I'd give it a try (like I had a choice).

Marla spent my first unemployment check on new clothes (she's been a stay-at-home mom for eight years and needed something other than jeans and Summer Party T-shirts to wear to work). As she was leaving for her first day on the job, she looked at me and said, "By the way, Lisa's First Communion is in ten days, so YOU'LL have to clean the house for the 65 or so people we've invited."

"WHAT?!?!?!", I said, looking around the living room and trying to figure how to get a bulldozer inside, "ARE YOU KIDDING?? ARE YOU CRAZY?? Are we Catholic?"

After the Communion party, there was Kindergarten graduation, honors assembly, Brownie outings, birthday parties, and all those other commitments that made it impossible for me to commit to ANYTHING. At last, I found enough time that I could block and get started on the cars. Then the dishwasher broke. Then the garbage disposal broke. Then WE were broke (So much for parts).

So, here's my August progress report on the GT. I removed a wheel . . .

The major question is, "Will I get the GT to Summer Party?" The way I figure, if I don't, I'll have all sorts of time to work on it because I'll be sleeping in the garage!

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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:

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Alyssa Torby	**Sept. 13**
Jennifer Kollin	**Sept. 14**

Those of us responsible for the newsletter sincerely apologize to **Michelle Torby** for the unforgivable omission of her first birthday last month (July 19).

Michelle's mom, **Joyce**, has informed me that because of this heinous oversight, Michelle has vowed not to eat solid food or become potty trained and has already contacted the producers of the "Oprah" television show to be a guest on a future show entitled, "One person's trivia is another person's trauma".

In addition, the person responsible *(Editor's note: It wasn't me!)* has been taken out and given 25 lashes with a stuffed animal.

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**

AUGUST

5 (Sat) Vintage Racing at Waterford
6 (Sun) *Concours d'Elegance* at Meadowbrook. Featured sportscar:Morgan.
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SEPTEMBER

1-4 (Fri-Mon) Auburn '95. Auburn, Indiana. The NEMGTR is planning a weekend stayover. For more info, contact Rose Leiberman, (810) 350-3500.
10 (Sun) Battle of the Brits, Freedom Hill
13 (Wed) **General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
17 (Sun) English Day at The Races, Waterford
23 (Sat) **Funkhana, Maybury State Recreation Area.**

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**
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!

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JUNE

27-30(Thur-Sun) Indy '96, All MG Meet, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, Indiana. The official hotel is the Holiday Inn South. Call (317) 872-9790 to make your reservation. There is another event which will gobble up 10,000 rooms in Indy the same weekend, so if you plan on going, reserve your room today!

Welcome New Members!

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

Bill and **Linda Bastien** live in Northville with their daughter, **Elizabeth**. They own a 1959 MGA; right now the color is listed as being "Primer". They heard about the club from member **Brett Altman**. Bill is a Manager.

Dennis and **Cathy DeGiorgio** live in Canton with their son, **Kirk**. They own a 1970 Red Midget and a 1973 Black MGB. They also are dreaming of someday owning a MGTD (aren't most of us?). Dennis is a paint automation tender for Ford. He heard about the club from member **Bruce Ridley** at work and from member **Tom Shipley's T & W Auto Body**.

I'd like to apologize to **Steve** and **Sharon Pembleton**, who joined the club last October. They never got welcomed to the club in this column. So, here goes:

Steve and **Sharon Pembleton** live in Rochester. They own a 1977 Yellow MGB. Steve is an Organzation Consultant. I'm really sorry it took so long!

Hope you enjoy being a part of the club!

As of the day I'm writing this (July 15), we have 160 member families in the club.

Tales From the Driver's Seat

Safety Fast!—It's a Blast!

by Suzanne Snyder

Anyone looking for a really exciting and enjoyable driving experience should consider participating in a competitive racing school. In April, I did just that and found racing classes to be informative and beneficial.

The class I took was the "Three Day Competition Course" offered by Skip Barber Racing School. This class is one of many from the Barber school and is held throughout the year at several raceways around the U.S., including Grattan, Mid-Ohio and Road America. During the three days, students get plenty of track time and classroom instruction. The only prerequisites for this class are a valid driver's license and the ability to operate a non-synchro manual transmission (which is a piece of cake for British car owners!).

Because of my teaching schedule, I elected to take the race class during spring break and escape Michigan's weather at the same time; signing up to participate at Moroso Raceway in West Palm Beach, Florida. The weather was hot and so were the race cars! Racers for this class are Formula Fords with top rev limits of 6000 rpm and top speeds around 100 mph. For people who like speed, these cars are ideal with no speedometer. Drivers have only three gauges to watch: Tach, oil pressure, and engine temperature. Each car weighs 1000 pounds and the Formula Ford engine produces 100 BHP. The car I drove during the class (No. 5) was a winner in a Barber Series race the previous week. The powerplant will be changed over the next few months until all Barber cars are using the new Dodge 2.0 liter 4. One of our three instructors was Barry Waddel, who drives in the Barber Pro series and had just won at Sebring.

Over the next three days of class, we were flooded with information and driving practice. Each student learns to heel & toe shift, trail brake, threshold brake, drive the line and (most important) turn. There's a lot more involved in turning than meets the eye and it is the most important part of successful racing. Each turn on a race course involves the brake point, turn-in point, apex, track out and exit speed. Drivers need to identify ant utilize each of these as well as being able to heel and tow shift, trail brake, and exit at the best possible speed. There are three types of turns which also influence how a driver can maneuver on the track. This is probably the most difficult part of racing, but it's also extremely satisfying to achieve.

Race drivers have lots of thing to keep track of besides operating the car. In addition to driving the line (optimum position on the course for speed and control), each driver must be aware of other cars on the raceway, the condition of their own car, and slick spots or other faults and FLAGS! There are several flag stations around each track where flagmen relay information to drivers. there are nine flags which carry different information: Five command flags and four information flags. Finally, the weather can influence every aspect of a race. Many changes must be made to adjust for rainy or dry tracks! The more seat time a driver experiences, the less confusing all this seems.

By the final session of the class, we were driving the cars at their maximums and learning to pass. Successfully completing this race class has earned me a competition license allowing entry on many tracks to drive practice laps or to compete in the Barber Amateur Race Series. I'm sure I am not ready for that level of driving, but practice can't hurt any! It certainly won't hurt my performance in autocrossing. All in all, I think this racing school was worth the time, effort and cost. I had a great time and learned a lot about racing. I have a whole new perspective when watching a race and much more insight into all that is involved. Probably the biggest thrill was turning at 50 or 60 mph with control and actually understanding how to do so. As I learned, "A chirping tire is a happy tire!"

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Humor

You Know You're a Car Girl When . . .

by Joanne MacLean
Chicagoland MG Club

. . .You wear nail polish only to hide the grease underneath your fingernails.

. . .At parties, when your friends show you pictures of their children, you show them pictures of your cars.

. . .Going topless means driving around with the convertible top down.

. . .You would rather spend Saturday afternoon at the junkyard than at the mall.

. . .When looking to buy a house, you look at the garage first.

. . .Your house is a mess while your car is spotless.

. . .You sympathize with the guy whose wife will not let him buy another project car.

. . .When people talk about the classics, you think they are talking about Vintage MGs.

. . .The man at the auto parts store knows you by name.

. . .The man at the auto parts store admires you because you know what you are talking about.

. . .You want tools for Christmas.

. . .You wonder why Victoria British, Moss and the Roadster Factory do not have bridal registries.

. . .A cross-country trip in a leaky, drafty, temperamental British sports car is your idea of a perfect vacation.

. . .All the tables and mirrors in your house are octagonal.

. . .When someone mentions buying you a ring, you immediately ask for a new set of piston rings.

. . .Your wardrobe is mainly black in order to hide the grease stains.

. . .Your friends ask if you frosted your hair when you forgot to wash out the Bondo dust.

. . .You laugh out loud when the priest mentions the Prince of Darkness at church.

. . .The centerpiece on your kitchen table consists of dismantled SU carburetors.

. . .You would rather get a package from Victoria British than Victoria's Secret.

Safety Fast!

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on Saturday. Be sure to record your class and car number at the tent so other members will know who to vote for. Also be sure to sign up for duty at the "Club Row" table—help your club out, meet new members and feel important.

If you *really* want to feel important, you will also want to help John Twist out with the various functions necessary to put on this gigantic show.

Don't complain that there's nothing to do. If you're looking for fun and adventure I'd suggest you run the 1000 mile Marathon Rallye. This is a real experience and any member with an ounce of adventure in his blood should try it. I've often said we regret the things we *didn't* do more than the things we did. So if your life hasn't had a good adventure in a while try this rally. I'd like to see three or four cars from our club participate. I'll even make up some special stickers to display on our cars. If you're interested call me at (810) 349-3799.

Last is the Cord-Auburn-Duesenberg Festival in Auburn, Indiana. If you'd like to attend this classic car event give me a call at (810) 349-3799. It starts Thursday August 31st and runs through September 5th.

August, plan on enjoying your car and club this month!

What's happening this month? Call the club hotline at (810) 305-WDMG!

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Pick of the Litter

If I get any *more* help, I'll *never* finish!

Daddy's Little Helper

by Dan Zebarah

(Editor's note: I have received many requests to run some of my older "Litter Bag" columns. As space permits, I will be happy to oblige. This one first ran in September, 1990, and was published in "Moss Motoring" last summer.)

Like most men, I have been an automobile freak since I was a small child. Now that I'm a big child, I own a sports car that I am in the process of restoring. Last summer, I tackled an engine rebuild with the assistance of my daughter Lisa, who was three at the time.

I'm sure most of you have struggled with a major task of this scope, but how many have tried to do so while accompanied by a three-year-old? Like most children her age, she wants to help so-o-o-o badly that the only way you are going to get ANYTHING done is to let her help you. This creates a situation which I can only compare to being interrogated by Mr. Rogers.

I tried to let her help by holding tools or bolts. This didn't work. Since her attention span was that of a three-year-old (no kidding), she got very quickly bored with the holding part and moved on to another activity. Not only did I have to hunt HER down, but then I had to hunt down whatever it was that she was holding, because Lisa and the tool were never in the same place. For instance, she would be on her swing and the screwdriver would be in the dog's water dish behind the garage.

Other times she would just want to watch, grilling me like a KGB agent. A typical conversation sounded like this:

"Whatcha doing, Daddy?"

"Fixing the car."

"Why are you fixing the car?"

"Because it doesn't work."

"Why doesn't it work?"

"Because it's broken."

"Why is it broken?"

"I DON'T KNOW!"

"Why don't you know?"

"Because I haven't figured it out yet!"

"Why haven't you figured it out yet?"

"BECAUSE I'M ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS!!"

"Why are you answering my questions?"

"AAAAAAAAAAARGH!!!!!!!!!!"

"Why are you saying 'aaaaaaaaaaargh'?"

The one thing I tried to avoid was telling Lisa to "Go help Mommy". Marla, my wife, would just give me that glazed look that she always gets whenever I'm out in the garage, and tell me that I should enjoy this "quality time" with my little girl. However, there were times that I just had to get her out of my hair, while I still had some left.

She wanted to bring my tools to me and I let her. This turned into a game. I would lie underneath the car and she would line up the tools behind my back so that when I moved, a screwdriver, wrench, or whatever jabbed me in the ribs. This game was called "Listen to Daddy make funny noises".

Sometimes she would rearrange the tools scattered around me on the garage floor. This turned into a game called "Watch Daddy twist himself into a pretzel while reaching for a tool". That wasn't too bad until I had to drop whatever I was doing and roll out from under the car to discover she had put the tool that I wanted back in my toolbox because it didn't match all the others.

There was the time she hit my toe with a six-pound wrench, causing me to sit up, hitting my forehead against the underside of the car. The resulting pain caused me to jerk my head back and slam it into the garage floor, then up into the car again, then back to the floor, and so on until I decided to get out from under the car.

"LISA!!!!!!!"

"But Daddy," she said, giving me that wounded puppy look, "there was an ant on your foot."

Sheepishly (I just can't yell at a crying female) I explained to her not to do that anymore and walked into the house for an aspirin.

Being a glutton for punishment, I decided that she couldn't do much damage with an old rawhide mallet (the previous episode muddled my reasoning), so I let her hold that and crawled back under the car. After a few minutes, I heard a loud clanging noise and saw the car start to shake. I looked over and saw Lisa lying next to me pounding on the jackstand with the mallet! I haven't moved that fast in years.

It wasn't a totally bad experience. Lisa made a great runner whenever I needed a drink. However, because of her enthusiasm, I wound up wearing more than one glass of iced tea during the course of this project.

Also, since I didn't yell at her too much, she learned the names of all my tools, and if I asked her for a wrench with "one-two" on it, she would bring me a 12 millimeter wrench. Of course, I wanted a 1/2-inch wrench, but that MY fault for not teaching her fractions.

This year, Lisa, now four, is a tremendous help with my car. Since all the mechanical work is finished, she helps me with the washing and waxing. I learned to pick a hot day, because a hose-wielding four-year-old is the surest way to get drenched!

She is extremely thorough, taking half an hour with a sponge to wash one section of fender while I wash the rest of the car, apply a coat of wax, and eat lunch. David, her two-year-old brother takes care of the wheels because that's about as high as he can reach.

Most of the time, I have to wash the car again, but watching them help me is worth all the extra work. I certainly admire their enthusiasm and meticulousness. Of course, there's the pride that they show because they helped Daddy with his car.

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Auburn '95 Trip Planned

The Michigan New England MGT Registry has reserved a block of rooms at Don Hall's Guest House in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. They will be caravaning to Auburn on Friday, September 1. The hotel cost is $199 for two nights for two double beds, a bottle of champagne, and a $20 gift certificate for use in their restaurants. If you wish to stay over Sunday night, the cost is only $50. There is an entire Antique/Flea Market, and Craft show in Ft. Wayne which is 18 miles from Auburn. The parade is on Saturday.

For room reservations, call (800) 348-1999 and tell them you are with the MG Car Club. Reservations must be made by July 31. If you have any questions, call Rose Leiberman at (810) 350-3500.

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.

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***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**

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***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 titles being added all the time!

Here's a Kodak Moment

The Bridges of Kent County

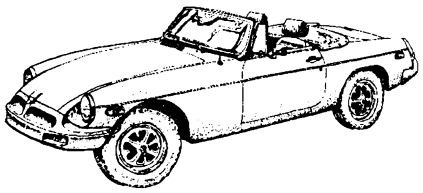
By Gary Howe

Two excellent photo opportunities present themselves to MG enthusiasts while driving to or from the University Motors Summer Party this year.

Opportunity number one is about 5-7 miles off I-96 at the Lowell Exit (number 52). Turn north and drive through Lowell, crossing M-21 and proceeding about three miles until you come to a county park on the right. The park contains White's Bridge, which is the oldest covered bridge in Michigan, built in 1867 and crossing the Flat River. You can still drive over this bridge, but parking next to it presents you with an excellent Kodak moment for your MG.

The second covered bridge is in Ada, the new home of University Motors. This bridge is the Ada Bridge and is available only for pedestrian traffic only. It crosses the Thornapple River near the Grand River.

So maybe you won't meet a handsome National Geographic photographer or some suppressed immigrant housewife that will change your life forever, but the slight detour is worth it. So bring your camera!



In Memoriam

Phil Richer, former Overseas Coordinator of the MG Car Club, died on Wednesday, June 28. His funeral was July 7.

In my correspondance with Phil, mainly during the formation of the North American MGB Register, he always had a keen interest of what was happening in the MG community here in the U.S. and Canada, and was not too busy to help out a club, even though they were an ocean away. He will be missed.

Should anybody wish to contact his widow, **Gladys**, please write to her at:

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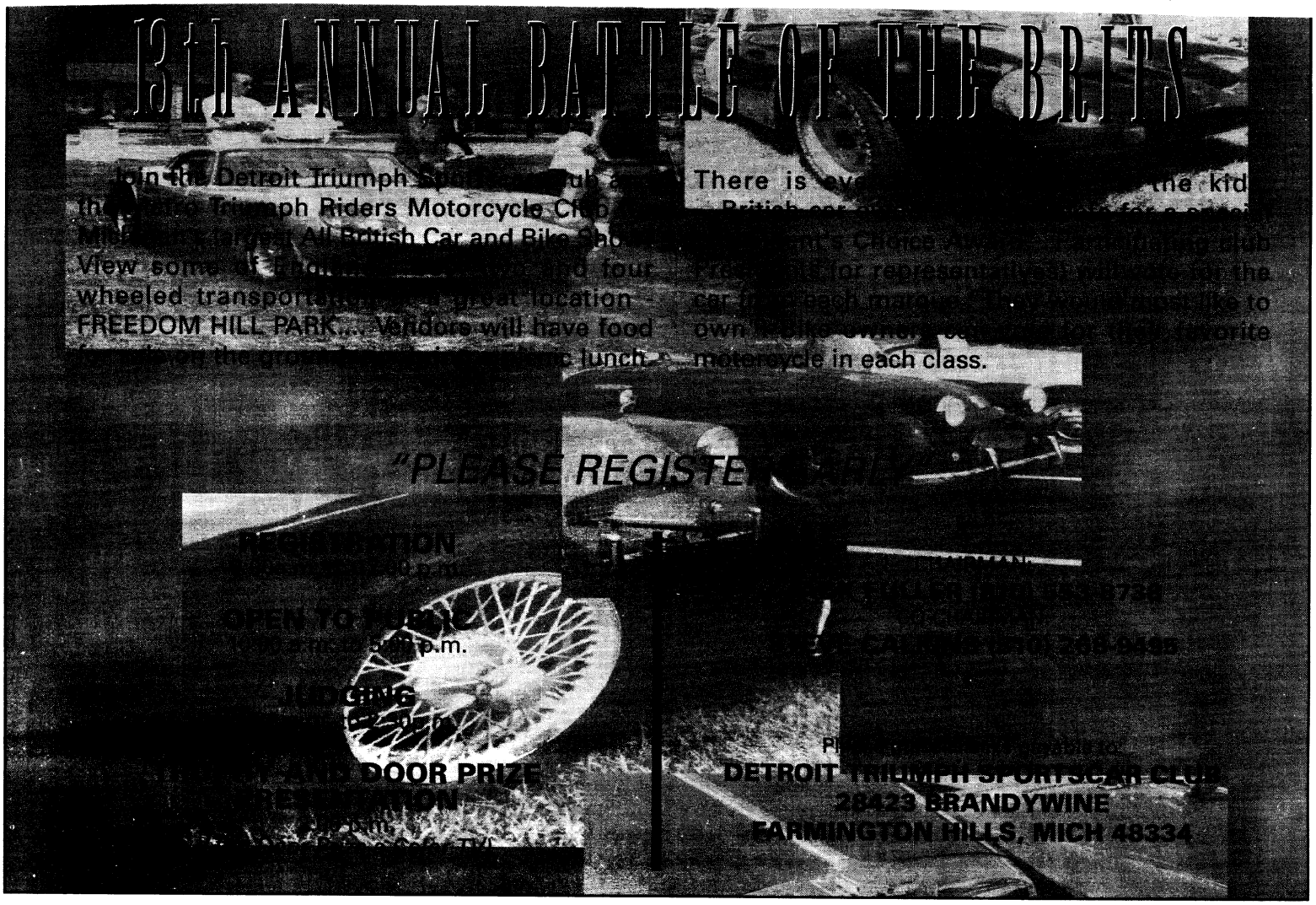

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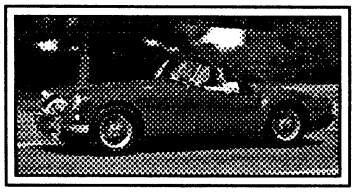

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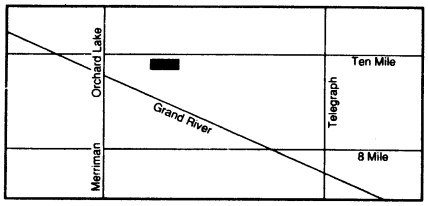

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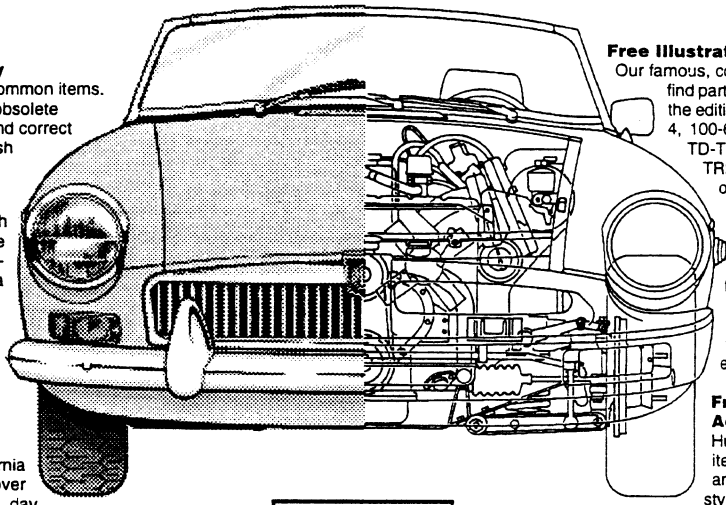

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He's Just an Average Guy

by Marla Zebarah

Are you average? Are any of us? *(Editor's note: We might be average, but we're definitely NOT normal!)* We do own MGs (at least most of us do). Right now I'd like to introduce the average member, whom we shall call Cecil.

•Cecil is 47 years old and married. His wife (shall we call her Cecilia?) is 46.

•They live in Oakland County (since 32.6% of our members live in Oakland County and 30.8% live in Wayne County, I figure they must live near Eight Mile Road somewhere).

•They have a daughter, age 10.

•They own 1.6 cars (I guess the .6 is either a parts car or a restoration project, and that does not include all the spare parts lying around, either!).

•Their car is a 1969 MGB, color red (Gee, what a surprise!).

•He's been a club member since 1991.

•Cecil and Cecilia attended three events in the past twelve months other than a meeting.

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Spark Plug Competition Results:

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Dan Zebarah	**0:52.75**
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Dennis Mefferd	**1:37.67**
Ed Fleming	**1:56.05**

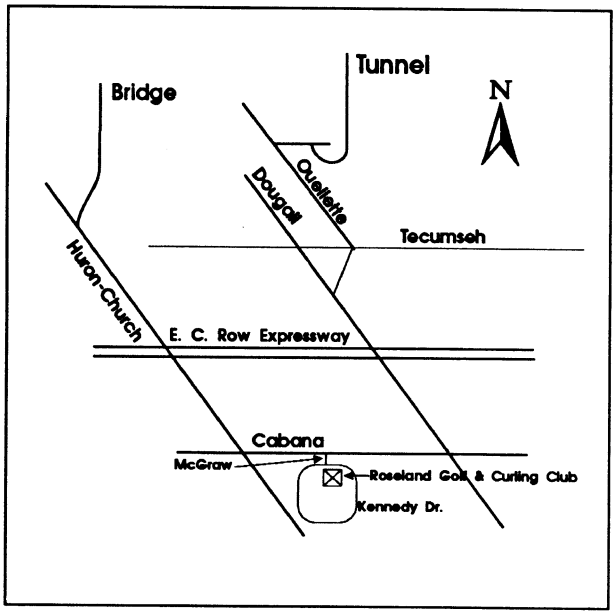
(Editor's note: Ed was so embarassed by his time that he re-did the event, improving his time to 1:09.64. Sorry Ed, it didn't count!)

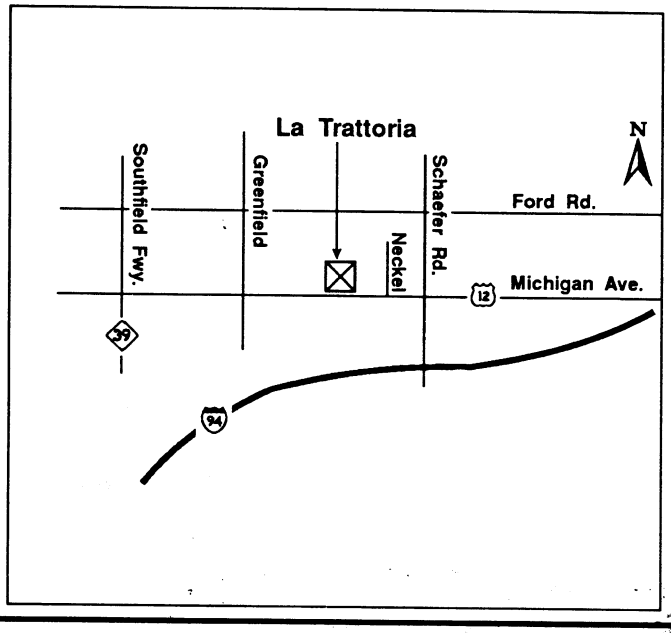
Women:

Mary Kay Kollin	**1:31.80**
Marla Zebarah	**1:42.30**

(Another editor's note: Neither of these times were bad if you consider that the contestants never used a socket wrench before!)

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.





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