The Can-Am Connection

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You Can-a Have-a Fun-a at Our Funkana— September 16th

by Ed Fleming

What's a Funkana? It's an event where you have fun with your car. At our club picnic you had fun with your family, at University Motors Summer Party you were half serious with your car.

At this event we'll have fun driving our cars in light hearted competition. Driving events where horsepower means nothing and skill and cunning mean everything. Like driving though pylons while spearing balloons.

We'll have a pavilion with six or seven picnic tables in case it rains and our own private grassy area for the games.

Time: Noon, Sat. Sept 16th

Place: Mayberry State Park, Beck Rd. between 7 Mile and 8 Mile in Northville. (see map)

What to bring: Picnic lunch, your MG and a sense of humor.

Look What I Found! (part 2)

As you recall, in our last episode, Ray Lewis had discovered a barn full of MGs and parts somewhere in the wilderness of Romeo. Many people have contacted him regarding a full frontal assault on the owner of said parts, waving legal tender in his general direction.

The owner of this barn wants to know what everyone's specific needs are (apparently, "the whole car" isn't specific enough). Ray is looking to meet with him at the end of September.

If anyone is interested, call Ray at (810) 681-8420 after September 11 to set up a date and time. This sure sounds interesting. It also sounds like he has many hard to find parts. Stay tuned!

It's not the heat, it's the—yeah, it's the heat, too!

UML Summer Party: 80% Humidity, 100% Fun!

Not even Mother Nature could dampen the wonderful time had by all at this year's Summer Party *(Editor's note: I think that was the only thing that wasn't damp by the end of the day)*. Over 550 MGs came out on a hot, HUMID August 19 to Douglas Walker Park to celebrate the marque. And celebrate we did!

The club was well represented by 67 members and travelling companions, 7 children, 24 cars, and a toad (I'll explain later). It started Friday afternoon in the parking lot at the Hilton with the usual tire-kicking beer-drinking, bull-shooting session.

On Saturday, the day began with the rally, followed by the caravan to the park. After that, the party began! It was an MG owner's Nirvana (no, not the band). Row upon row of Abingdon's finest as far as the eye could see. There were parts, model, diarama, photo, and craft contests. There were activities for children. There was a valve cover race (an event that must be seen to be appreciated). And of course, there was the club tent with refreshments, a shady place to sit and talk, and food.

Members attending with cars were: **Dick & Dorothy Bremer, Mike & Kathy Derderian, Ed & Edna Fleming, Tom & Marcia Greiner, Adam & Susan Gucfa, Jim & Elizabeth Hine, Tom Hoagland, Matt Houser & Ines Nagy, Herb & Tina Jensen, Dan & Beth Kirby, Bill & Hilda Larson, Frank & Linda Lucente, Harry Mueller, Tom & Sandie Newton, Otto & Judy Pope, Bill, Pam & Caitlin Savage, Suzanne & Dave Snyder, Guy & Ann St.John, Dean & Flora Wheeler, Philip Wiltshire, Dan, Marla, Lisa, & David Zebarah, Will Zehring,** and **Jim & Diane Zielinski.** In addition, former president **Hayden Heath** and son **Brad** came in from their Illinois exile to join us.

Members attending without their cars were: **Logan Aschom & Myriam VanSteenlandt, David Burstyn & Emily Meleg, Marshall Coulter, Reggie & Debbie DiRezze, Larry Hammond, Jay Kollin, Jeanine, Darrell, and Carrie Maurer, Dennis Mefferd and his dad, Mr. Mefferd, Mo & Brad Mellor, Roger Melton, Darren, Teresa, Alexandra, Lauren & Brenden Murphy, Jack Renaud, Brett Shelly & friend Lisa, Roli & Betty Sylvestre, Chuck & Erin Wiley, and Rich Wroblewski.**

Of course, with this many people at the event, we took home quite a few awards:

MGA 1500
1st: Dean Wheeler

MGA 1600
4th: Jim Hine

MGB 63-67
1st: Harry Mueller
2nd: Will Zehring

MGB 68-69
5th: Ann & Guy St. John

MGB 70-72
4th: Mike & Kathy Derderian

MGB 77-78
3rd: Dan & Marla Zebarah

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Coming up . . .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
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17 (Sun)	English Day at The Races, Waterford

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

Safety Fast!

by Ed Fleming, President

I'm writing this just before University Motor's annual Summer Party and already there has been a lot going on this August.

On the first weekend we had the Meadowbrook Concours d'Elegance. Marcia Greiner and I made a ceramic sculpture of a Morgan that the local Morgan Club gave to Charles Morgan who came in for the festivities.(Morgan was the featured sports car this year.) Charles has invited us to England for a personal tour of the factory, which means we're going to have to sell an awful lot of ceramic cars to pay for the trip. So if you've ever thought of buying one, now's the time. I saw many club members at the race track and at the Concours. Next year MG will be the featured marque, so get ready for even more fun and games next August.

Next up was the MGA show in Lansing. I hope all the MGA owners had a chance to meet and socialize with MGA owners from around the country.

And of course August wouldn't be complete without John Twist's Summer Party. As I write this the weather forecast is for rain for the party, but knowing John's luck the weatherman is going to be wrong. Check out Dan's article on the party elsewhere in this issue.

Coming up in September we have Battle of the Brits, English Day at the Races and our Funkana. Hope to see you at one or two or three of these events.

The Litter Bag

by Dan Zebarah, Editor

Hey there, everybody! It's time to

ASK DR. WHIZZBANG!

(I know everything)

Dear Dr. Whizzbang:

I've been reading in all the magazines about the information superhighway. Where does it go, and is it safe to drive my MG on it?

Cyberspace Cadet

Dear C.C.: The information superhighway goes everywhere: Across the street, around the world, and even into that cute blonde's cubicle next to yours (See? I told you I know everything!). However, it is not a REAL highway, but actually a network of computer users linked up via modems and phone lines providing a service of worldwide access and instantaneous information exchange.

Back in the old days (B.C. -- before computers), you would have to physically get up, walk 10 or 12 feet to the next cube, and ask that cute blonde if she were busy for lunch and, if not, if she would join you. She would then have to think for a second and tell you that she wouldn't be caught dead being seen with you because you're such a geek.

However, in this age of modern technology, you can do this without leaving your desk! It's really simple: Just set your modem to the proper protocol for your particular node, dial your access number, log on, give your password, and then open your electronic mailbox.

Once you have done this, select "send a message", type in her internet address *(tgif//cuteblonde@mycorp/cube1723/desk26/lunch.u&i)*, type your message, and then select "send". In 15 or 20 seconds, your message will be placed in her mailbox.

The next time she logs on, her "mail" icon will appear, telling her she has mail. After she reads it, she can answer by using the "reply" feature of her particular software. The beauty of this is the fact that she has time to think over her answer and give you an excuse that won't hurt your feelings (after all, you DID help her on the Carmichel account), such as, "Sorry, but I have a big presentation. Maybe another time."

This whole process can take only 25 or 30 minutes, depending on how creative she is. Now, isn't that a lot easier?

Dear Dr. Whizzbang:

That was very droll. Now how about a REAL answer!

Me Again

Dear Me: All right. Of course you can't drive your MG on the info superhighway, but you can sure talk about them! All you need is access to the World Wide Web (WWW). You can do this through many online services such as Prodigy, America Online, GEnie, and others. Topics on the web are categorized in "Home Pages"; sort of an index of various bulletin boards, information, news releases, etc., all listed at one address on the web.

To access the MG home page, log on to the web and address to *http://*

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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:

Laurie Worthington	**Sept. 15**
Bob Lendt	**Sept. 17**
Darrell Maurer	**Sept. 18**
John Pere	**Sept. 18**
Stacy Fischer	**Sept. 18**
Lynn Kainz	**Sept. 19**
Tom Shipley	**Sept. 19**
Tiffany Tortola	**Sept. 21**
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Dave Hornby	**Oct. 10**
Kevin Kosbab	**Oct. 10**
Lorraine Botsford	**Oct. 11**
Judy Pope	**Oct. 11**
Carol Hacker	**Oct. 12**
Jennifer Larwa	**Oct. 13**
Jacqui Wooten	**Oct. 13**
Monique Hammond	**Oct. 14**

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**

SEPTEMBER

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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!

1996

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. More details on page 8, registration form is on page 9.

Welcome New Members!

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

Brian and **Pat Bremner** live in Birmingham. They have a 1950 Maroon and Black Singer 4A Roadster. Brian is in Advertising. They found out about the club from **Ed Fleming**.

Alan Darr and **Mollie Fletcher** live in Detroit, with their children **Owen** and **Alexander**. They have a 1977 Candy Apple Red MGB. Alan is the Curator of European Art at the Detroit Institute of Arts. They found out about the club from **Gary Howe**.

Bob Kogelschatz lives in St. Clair Shores. He has a 1977 Bright Red MGB. He found out about the club at Mad Dogs and Englishmen.

Gene and **Emilie Leithauser** live in Bloomfield Hills. They own a 1960 Red MGA 1600. They found out about the club in the **Detroit Free Press** (must have been before the strike!). Gene is retired.

Darren (Murf) and **Teresa Murphy** live in Westland with their children, **Alexandra, Lauren and Brenden**. They own a 1974 Brown Midget. Murf is an Auto Parts Salesman, who heard about the club from **Chuck Wiley**. Murf was actually a member of the club before. His sister joined our club a few years ago, but was forced to get rid of the MG. Murf was her travelling companion. It's the same car, though; he bought it from his folks.

Jay and **Lee Pyper** live in Rochester Hills with their daughter **Holly**. They own a 1962 Black MGA. Jay is a General Manager. They found out about the club from a friend in the **Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club**.

Ed Rugg lives in Redford. His travelling companion is his girlfriend, **Bonnie**. Ed owns a 1969 Primrose MGB-GT. He found out about the club from **Ed Fleming**, and was able to come to our last meeting, where he joined.

Thomas and **Lynda Zahm** live in Canton with their children, **Emily** and **Sarah**. They own a 1979 Brooklands MGB. Thomas is an Engineer. They found out about the club from **Tom Newton** and joined at **University Motors Summer Party.**

Hope you enjoy being a part of the club!

As of the day I'm writing this (August 22), we have 185 member families in the club.

I would like to offer congratulations to club members **Ed Fleming** and **Marcia Greiner**. They have been making very impressive ceramic models of cars for the past two years. The Morgan Club asked them to make a ceramic Morgan for them to present to Charles Morgan at Meadowbrook this past summer. He was so impressed with it when it was presented to him that he would not let them have it back so they could ship it to him in England. He carried it home on the plane.

The Litter Bag

(from page 2)

www.mgcars.org.uk. From there, link to *http://www.ipl.co.uk/MG/MG2/mg4.html.* I'll bet you thought I was exaggerating the address in my previous answer!

Once you see the home page, you can access the remaining pages. There are such topics as: A bulletin board, events diary, classifieds, MGF dealers in the UK, and others. There are also information pages which trace some history and give background to MGs from pre-war models to the MGF.

There are many other pages to choose from. If you're interested, just log on and start cruising the net. Just think: You can hook up with MG owners all over the world without leaving your house. You also don't have to worry about taking along an extra fuel pump.

Do you have a question for Dr. Whizzbang? Contact him in care of this newsletter. We can't guarantee an answer, but at least I'll get some mail other than bills.

Summer Party

(from page 1)

MGB Limited Edition
4th: Otto & Judy Pope
5th: Suzanne & Dave Snyder

MGB-GT 65-71
3rd: Dan & Beth Kirby
4th: Philip Wiltshire

Masquerade Class
3rd: Matt Houser & Ines Nagy

Beater Class
3rd: Tom & Marcia Greiner

Non-MG British
3rd: Suzanne & Dave Snyder

Craft Contest
2nd: Tom Newton
3rd: Ed Fleming

Model Contest
4th: Dan Zebarah

In the tour around the lake, **Ed Fleming & Dan Kirby** finished first. This means that they get to set up next year's run. Knowing Ed, some of next year's participants may be a little late for Summer Party. In fact, they may be late for Labor Day! Congratulations to all the winners!

Special thanks go out to: Everyone who volunteered to sit at the club table and hand out applications; **Jay Kollin**, who sold a ton of regalia; **John Twist, Caroline Robinson** and the rest of the crew at University Motors, and last (but not least) **"Baby Toady"**, a stray toad who wandered into our club area and kept the kids occupied for most of the day by sitting contentedly in a styrofoam cup and allowing the children to give him Evian water.

(Special note to all animal rights activists: Baby Toady was released unharmed in the woods later that afternoon none the worse for wear. If we're overrun by yuppie amphibians next year, you know who to blame.)

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(blatently ripped off from the BVA/Detroit's press release)

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Club Stickers (same as grille badge)	2/$3	2/$4
Sweater with embroidered club logo	$40	$52
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T-Shirts	$10	$12
Baseball Caps	$5	$6
Sweatshirt	$15	$18
MG Christmas Tree Ornaments	$5	$6
Grill Badges	$20	$28

For purchase, contact either of our regalia chairmen at the phone number listed on page 2.

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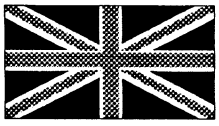

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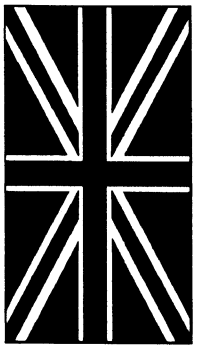

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Technical Stuff

Spax / Monroe Front Suspension Kit Danger

Reprinted from The MGB Driver, newsletter of the North American MGB Register.

A word of warning from Robin Weatherall of the MG Centre in St. Louis, Missouri. The Spax/Monroe front suspension conversions have been a popular item amongst MGB owners for some years, however, there is an inherent design fault that could cause a serious accident.

I fitted the conversion to my own MGB-GT in 1990. This car is my daily driver and so has covered some 40,000 miles since the conversion. Several months ago, a "knocking" sound started and it took some time to discover the source as it was not loud at firs but gradually became louder, until it was obvious it was somewhere in the front suspension. We took a good look but nothing was immediately obvious so I decided to wait until I had time to put the car up on our lift and removed the wheels for a really thorough inspection. It became urgent a couple of days later when I got into the GT at home and discovered I had absolutely no brakes! Once we took the passenger side wheel off, the problem was obvious and I was thankful not to have been involved in a major accident!

The kit is comprised of three major parts. A bracket which straddles the original lever shock, a plate which bolts to the rear of the "A" arm and the shock which mounts between them. The lever shock serves only as the top locator for the kingpin once the valve has been removed. The bracket that straddles the lever is held in position by replacing the original bolts with substitutes 5 1/2 inches long. These locate both the top of the shock absorber and the brake line/brake hose union. We discovered the 5 1/2" bolts had apparently worked loose allowing movement in both the shock absorber and the brake line union resulting in a complete loss of brakes.

Upon closer inspection we discovered the bolts had, in fact, sheared and nothing was holding the shock/kingpin assembly to the crossmember! After much discussion we concluded that the entire setup was of suspect design and I placed a call to the supplier to inform them of our conclusions. I was very surprised to discover that they no longer stocked the kit, "because of the large number of complaints about the bolt shearing"!

I am concerned that there has not been a recall of the kit and that it is still being sold by several suppliers. I'm even more thankful no one has been killed due to the failure of the bolt — yet! If you have this conversion fitted, please inspect it now or have a shop look at it, or even better still, replace it with new or rebuilt lever shock absorbers. The original system operates very well when serviced regularly, problems only develop if you operate the MGB with the shocks dry. Replacement units are easily available, no more expensive than the conversion kits and are easy to change.

Robin Weatherall

MGB Wishbone Bushing Replacement

by Otto Pope

Restore your MGB ride and handling by replacing the stock inboard wishbone arm bushing with a MGB GT V8 type bushing. The V8 style steel and rubber bushing will positively and permanently locate your front suspension wishbone arms and not need frequent replacement like the standard rubber bushings. **THIS IS NOT A DIFFICULT JOB.**

To determine if your MGB needs new bushings simply walk around to the front of your car, look underneath and locate the inner wishbone arms. If the nut that holds the wishbone to the pivot is off center or if the old rubber bushing is torn or missing, it is time for a replacement. I suggest ordering GT V8 replacement bushings for the inboard attachment and new distance tubes and seals for the outboard attachments to the king pins. This is also a good time to check the condition of your king pins and sway bar (anti-roll bar) mounting if you have one. If not, you may consider installing one.

Start by jacking up the front of your MG and supporting it on jack stands. Check king pins by grabbing the wheel top and bottom, then side to side, and check for free play. If your king pins are OK, continue. If not, you will have some expensive choices to make.

Remove both front wheels and place a small hydraulic jack under the spring pan directly below the coil spring. Jack the spring pan up 2 to 3 inches in order to compress the coil spring. Remove the bolt holding the sway bar link if your car is equipped with one. Remove the bolts holding the spring pan to the front and rear wishbone arms. Lower the hydraulic jack to take the tension off of the coil spring. Remove the spring pan, coil spring and dissemble the wishbone arms from the pivot, inboard, and the king pin, outboard.

Repeat the disassembly on the other side of the MG. A fellow club member suggested that I switch the right and left coil springs to make up for any sag that may have developed on the drivers side spring. An excellent idea.

Clean the grease and dirt off the parts you have removed. Use silicone spray, brake fluid, or a mixture of soap and water to allow the new bushings to slip easily into the wishbone arms. The new bushings are wider than the wishbone arms. Center the arms on the bushings. They are not difficult to press in. Use a vise or a c-clamp.

Reassemble the wishbone arms, inboard and distance tube and seals, outboard. A parts catalogue will show you reassembly. Re-use the large washers between the nut and the wishbone on the inboard pivot. Lubricate the inside and outside of the distance tube before installing. Do not fully tighten the mounting nuts. Leave room for the spring pan to fit between the wishbone arms.

Place the coil spring between the wishbone arms with the spring pan under it. Use a hydraulic jack under the center of the spring pan to compress the coil spring while aligning the holes between the spring pan and the wishbone arms. Slip the outboard bolts in first and assemble with lock washers, then snug up the nuts. Swing the inboard end of the spring pan into position, slip the bolts through the aligned holes, install lock washers and nuts. Tighten the front and rear nuts to the pivot arm and the nut and bolt to the king pin. Install new split pins. Lube the front end, remount the wheels, remove the jack stands, and lower the MG.

The total time to do the mechanical work is 3 to 3 1/2 hours. If you encounter some rusty bolts or want to thoroughly clean and repaint your suspension parts you will need to add more time.

Hey you! Wouldn't you like to be an officer?

We're Looking For a Few Good Members

by Marla Zebarah, Treasurer

The Hibernation party is just two months away and once again, we're looking for some people who would like to help lead the club for 1996.

Next year should be a exciting one for us: MG is the featured sports car at Meadowbrook, MG '96 will take place in Indianapolis, and University Motors Summer Party is featuring MG V8 models. What we need are people to steer us in between these events with events of our own.

The elected positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer/ Membership. Since the elections will take place in Novermber at the Hiberation Party, we need nominations NOW!

Any member or travelling companion may run for an office, all it takes is an official nomination, either by yourself or someone else. The bylaws state that an elected officer may serve no more than three consecutive years; this means that all of the current board members are eligible for re-election. However, I know of one incumbent who will not seek re-election.

I have been doing the treasurer's job for the past seven years. Unfortunately, my free time has been slowly eroding away as the kids have gotten older and more involved with school: I, too have been getting more involved with the kids' school.

I have also re-entered the workforce after an eight-year hiatus. This has (obviously) really cut my free time drastically.

If you think you would like to be treasurer, give me a call and I'll be happy to fill you in on what the position is all about. It's a lot of work, but probably the most rewarding job in the club.

It's been a fun seven years, and I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. But it's time to move on. Thanks to everyone for all the help!

If you are interested in this or any other board position, contact any of the club officers, either by phone or at a meeting. We'll be happy to throw your hat in the ring.

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.

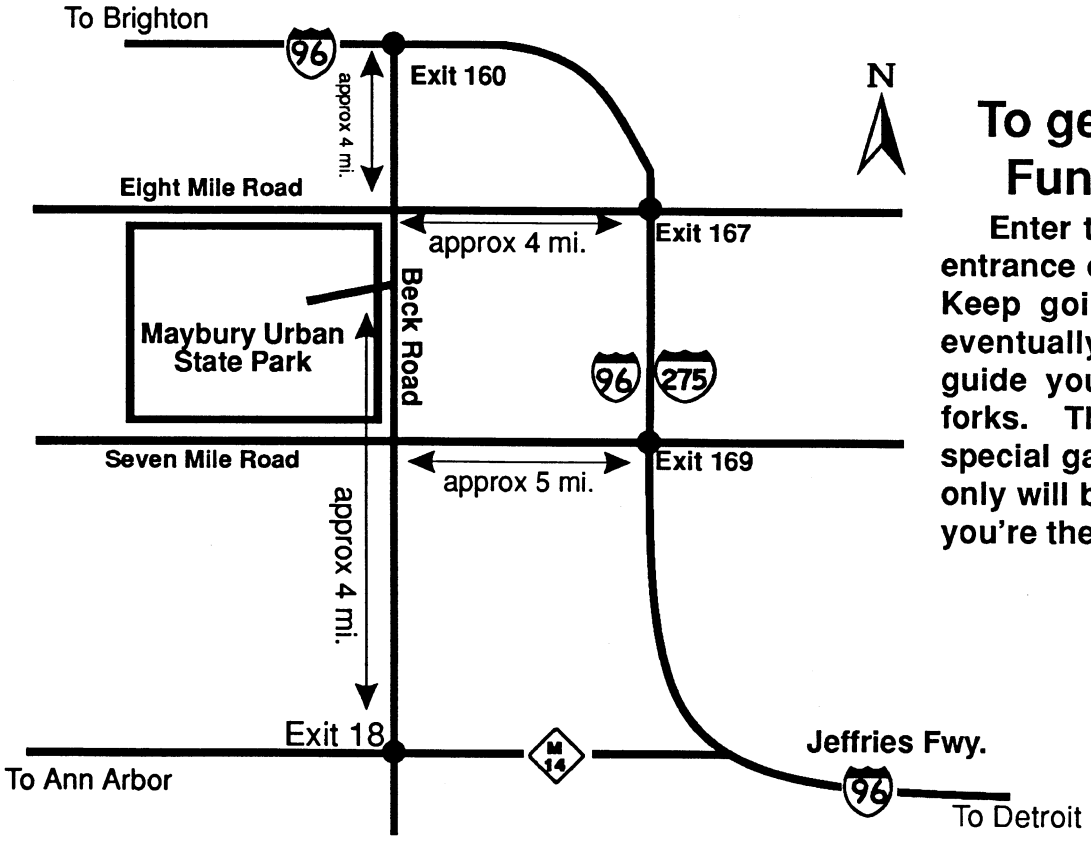
This event started out as a challenge between our club and the DTSC and has evolved into a "display your car" event with no judging or people's choice awards. There will, however, be a "President's Choice" award, which will be given to the car from each marque which participating club presidents doing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

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

Registration is $15 after Sept 1. 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.

How Do You Get There?



To get to the Funkhana:

Enter the park at the entrance on Beck Road. Keep going; there will eventually be signs to guide you as the road forks. There will be a special gate where MGs only will be let in. Once you're there, have fun!

Hotels available for Indy '96

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3880 West 92nd Street
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3912 Vincennes Road
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317-872-7700
Price: $130

Fairfield Inn Northwest
9251 Wesleyan Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268
317-879-9100
Price: $52

Holiday Inn North
3850 DePauw Blvd
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Super Eight Motel
9090 Wesleyan Road
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Price: $46

Update

If you are planning to attend the MG event to end all MG events, then you had better start making plans soon! The host hotel is already booked solid with eleven months to go!

In a communique to all MG clubs, the organizers have announced a tentative schedule of events for June 26 - 30, 1996:

Wed., June 26: Registration opens, Self-guided Driving Event/Tours, Movies in hotel or parking lot, Parking lot party.

Thurs., June 27: Breakfast and tour of Conner Prairie, a turn of the century village (you must be pre-registered), Self-guided Driving Event/Tours, Movies, Tech Sessions, Vendors, Kids' Camp, Natter and Noggins, Trip to Indianapolis Raceway Park for Thursday Night Thunder as seen on ESPN.

Fri., June 28: Tech Sessions, Safety Fast Inspection by the New England MGT Registry, MG Book signing session, Ropke Armor Museum (morning) for optional car shows and photos, Movies, Optional Register Hospitality Suites, Vendors, Kids's Camp.

Sat., June 29: Free continental breakfast for Holiday Inn registrants, Travel to Infield of Indy 500 track, Track tour of Indianapolis 500 track for first 1000 MGs (if not preempted by track owners), Crabtree Photo, Meal at the Indy Zoo.

Sun., June 30: Dawn Patrol . . . an early morning tour of the area, Farewell with coffee and donuts.

The organizers have also released the following details:

Indy track: The show on Saturday on the Indy track infield will include a group photo and the "MG Display"—one example of every model (each register will select examples from their membership). The first 1000 registrants will be allowed on the track. Remember, the owners of the Indy track may (but rarely have) cancelled at the last minute. A backup site is being worked on.

Ropke Armor Museum: A register may host a concours or car show with awards on Friday, June 28. These will be organized by the Registers if they wish.

Sunday Morning: We plan to invite a group of gospel singers to provide an uplifting exit for our participants.

Etc.: Certain driving events, schools, tours, and the Safety Fast inspection may cost extra. Profits (if any) from this event will be donated to the Noble Center in Indianapolis.

Address all correspondance regarding the event to: John Twist, 6490 East Fulton, Ada, MI 49301 — or e-mail at VRHS43A@prodigy.com

Last Name _____

Registration Number _____

First Name:_____

Street:_____

City:_____ **State/Province/Country** _____

ZIP:_____ **Phone:**_____ **Fax:**_____

Please Indicate which M.G. you are bringing to Indianapolis (only one car per form; if you are not bringing a car, you must use this form to register for the event):

Year: _____ **Model:** _____ **Type:** _____ **Color:** _____ **License Plate Number:** _____

Registration Fees:

$25.00 per car or registration (Before June 1 Cutoff) **$**_____

Indicate How Many

_____ **Conner Prairie on Thursday Morning is $10.00 each. Reserve and pay now: $**_____

_____ **Saturday Dinner at the Zoo $20.00 each. Reserve and pay now: $**_____

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Registrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless all of the associations and registers, their officers and members from any liability, loss, cost, damage, or expense, including attorney's fees that arise out of the performance, use, or operation of the registrant's vehicle during the course of this event.

Signature: _____

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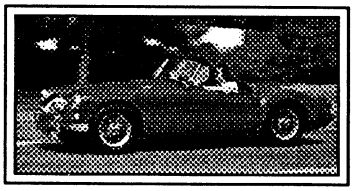

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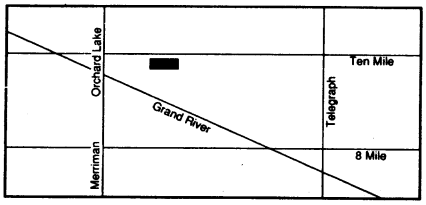

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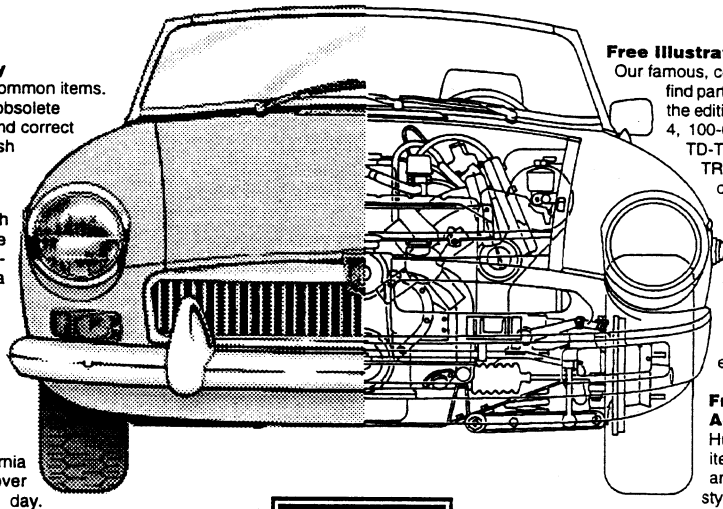

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FOR SALE: British Car Brochures and Ads. Jay Kollin (313) 455-6949 (ufn)

FOR SALE: 1974 1/2 MGB engine, runs, would consider parting out but prefer to sell complete. $650 obo. David Burley, (810) 685-2591 (2/3)

FOR SALE: MGB engine. All componentry intact. Turns. removed from vehicle with approx. 28,000 miles. Now's the time to beef up your snow blower! $325 obo. Mark Uhlig, (810) 651-6338. (1/3)

FOR SALE: 1978 MGB, 8000 miles on rebuilt motor. Extra parts included. Harry MacLean, (810) 689-0851. (1/3)

FOR SALE: Engine stand, (4) 5.5 x 14 chrome bolt-on wire wheels. Best/first offer. Rich Wroblewski, (810) 669-9507. (2/3)

FOR SALE: 1968 MGB, completely stripped down undergoing restoration. Body sandblasted, primed with new rear fenders, sills, radiator panel. Front suspension blasted and painted with new bushings. Many extra parts including door skins, front fender, valance, seals, headlight rims and more. $1200 obo, may consider selling some parts. David Burley, (810) 685-2591 (2/3)

FOR SALE: 1958 MGA Roadster, Drivable. Needs restoration. 64,000 miles. Body fair, fiberglass doors and fender. New wiring harness, batteries, and Allison ignition. $7500 obo. Mark Hoddinott (810) 625-0957. (2/1)

WANTED: 1976 MGB parts. Undamaged trunk lid at a reasonable price, 165SR14 tire, and RH mirror. Jim Trest (810) 471-1298 (2/3)

WANTED: Back issues of Can-Am Connection to complete my collection. Jan/Feb '87, Nov. '87 Dec. '87, Sept. '86, June '85 and issues prior to Oct '81. Roli Sylvestre (519) 969-2739 (ufn)

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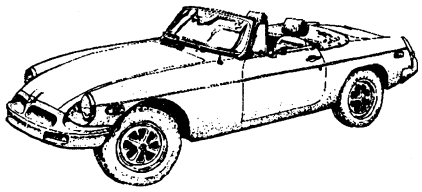

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The following videos are available to club members. Contact our Video Librarian, Brett Altman at (313) 326-0764.

***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.

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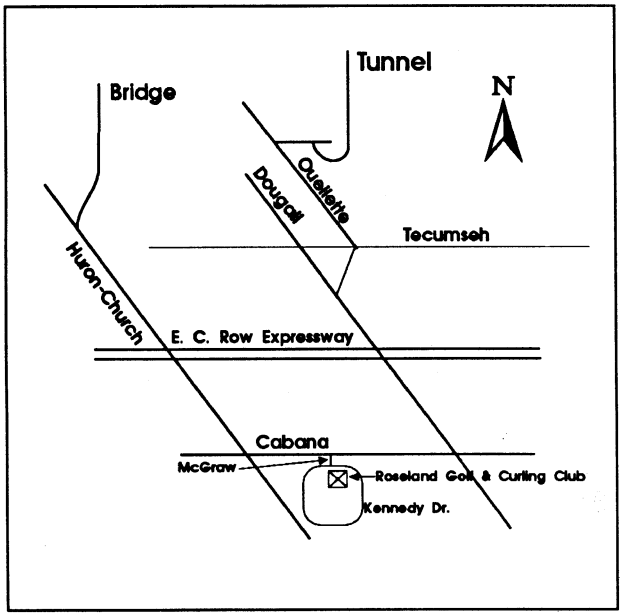

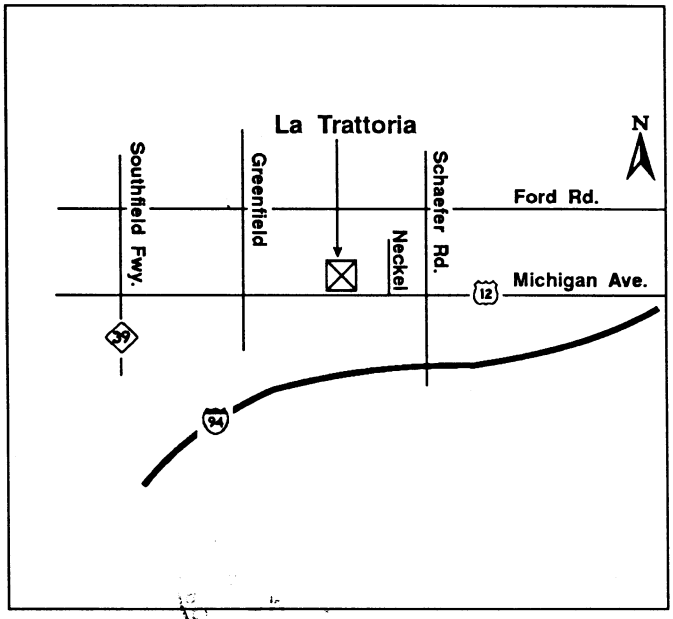

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