The Can-Am Connection

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Return to Rover's Return October 21

It looks like **Dave Clarke** has started another tradition. First, it was the A&W Cruise Night. Then it was his night rally. These were combined to form the Lucas Rally. Now he has come up with another event which may become part of our regular schedule.

Last year, we wound up our season with a tour along the waterfront from the Ambassador Bridge to the mouth of the Thames River on Lake St. Clair. Everyone had such a great time that we're doing it again!

Set your calendar for Saturday, October 21. From the bridge, proceed south on Huron Church approximately (in the event they put another one up) 5 lights to Malden Road just before the Tim Horton's coffee shop. Turn right on Malden and then left into the Holiday Inn/Market Place to join us inside for a pint at the Picadilly Pub. Please note there is a Tim Horton's on the left before you reach Malden, so don't get lost!

From there we will follow the leader and stop at different spots of interest through Essex County, such as: Antiques, wineries, vegetable stands, etc. Bring flashlights because from last stop to destination there will be clues to answer. We will finish around 8 p.m. at Rover's Return for English Fish and Chips and 15 different English beers on tap! A great band starts at 9 that plays Beatles, Eagles, country, you name it!

The way the weather has been behaving, the colours should be phenominal. This may be your last chance to enjoy your MG this year!

If you have any questions, call Dave at (519) 735-0735.

Hibernation Party Scheduled for November 4

Is Your Car Sleepy? It Sure Looks Tire-d!

Well, another year is drawing to a close (so soon?), and it's time to start thinking about putting your car away for its long winter nap. Speaking of long winter naps (I love a good segue), November 4 is the date for our annual Hibernation Party, which will be held at the Roseland Curling Club in Windsor.

The Hibernation Party is our last big club event of the year, and generally the best-attended. We announce election results, hand out awards, eat, drink, dance, and generally whoop it up for most of the evening.

As usual, we will have a table of door prizes and a raffle for a swell prize (we haven't chosen it yet, but I just know it will be swell). There will also be regalia for sale by the always effervescent **Roli Sylvestre**, who incidentally, is organizing this event. You can show your appreciation by at least stopping by his table to pick up a Christmas present for that hard-to-shop-for person on your list.

Now, you're probably thinking, "That sounds really good, but how much does it cost?" I'm glad you asked! The cost for all this fun is $23 Canadian, $18 U.S. per person, which includes dinner, dancing, and well, everything except drinks. There will be a cash bar in case anyone wants to buy me (or themselves) a drink.

If you're still wondering if you should go, ponder this: This is the only dressy event we put on during the year, so if you want to see what everybody looks like all cleaned up, this will be your opportunity. This should be worth the price itself! Of course, please wear your name tag so other members will recognize YOU all cleaned up.

We need an accurate head count for the caterer, so if you are planning on going, fill out the form on page 7 and return it to the address on the form. We hope to see you there!

BSCC Fall Colour Tour & Apple Picking Coming up October 15

This year's British Sports Car Council Fall Colour Tour, sponsored by none other than us, will take place Sunday, October 15, starting at our usual starting spot, the Meijer's parking lot at 8 Mile and Haggerty at 1 p.m.

We will tour around the area, which should show us some of the most beautiful colours that nature has to offer, and if we happen to hit Indian Summer, it may even be nice enough to put your hood down one last time before the snow flies.

The tour will end up at Spicer's Orchard for cider, donuts, socializing, and of course, looking at and talking about cars.

We're still looking for nominations!

Anybody who is interested in running for a club office (President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer) has until October 15 to throw their hat in the ring so we can get their name on the ballots!

If you're interested, contact Ed Fleming (810) 349-3799 or Dan Zebarah (313) 382-6715.

If you feel you would like to run for office, but are unsure, feel free to contact the officer currently holding the office. They will be glad to explain their job to you.

Remember, this is your club—we need your input and leadership!

Coming up . . .October

11 (Wed)	General Meeting, 7 p.m., La Trattoria, Dearborn
15 (Sun)	BSCC Fall Colour Tour, hosted by WDMGC. Details on this page.
21 (Sat)	Return to Rover's Return. Details on this page.

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

Safety Fast!

by Ed Fleming, President

We're Looking For a Few Good Men - And Women!

There are a few people who make this club work. Who organize events, publish this newsletter, keep track of our members and money, have the regalia you want, coordinate events with other clubs, maintain our video library and generally make this club run smoothly.

You can be one of those people. You can just volunteer to help out at an event or you can become an officer of the club. Now is the perfect time to step up and say "I'd like to do more for this great club".

We have four elected officers. President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. You can run for one of these offices, and unlike real elections it won't cost you a cent.

Marla Zebarah, who has been our Membership Chair and Treasurer for longer than most of us have been members, is finally taking a much deserved break from being the club's den mother. This will open up two job opportunities for members looking for something to add to their resumes.

Marla's husband **Dan** has been offered the opportunity to become assistant editor of the "MGB DRIVER", the national publication of NAMGBR, which means the editorship of the Can-Am Connection is also available (in a weak moment I said I'd be editor again if someone else runs for president, opening up another job opportunity for aspiring office holders).

Don't be intimidated by any of these jobs. You'll get loads of help from other board members (sometimes almost too much help).

Any of these positions could be yours. It's as simple as 1-2-3. One, call me (810) 349-3799 or Dan Zebarah (313) 382-6715 and let us know you want one of these jobs. Two, come to the Hibernation Party for the election results. Three, celebrate your election.

But hurry, we need to know your intentions by October 15th.

It's Fall, but that doesn't mean you have to stop driving your pride and joy (of course that statement is coming from a guy who used to drive his Midget year round with the top down). Bring it out to one of our remaining events (see the Calendar). Yeah, that's it let someone else do all the work, just come out to the events and have fun. Feel guilty?

I'll see you there.

The Litter Bag

by Dan Zebarah, Editor

(Editor's note: I've often been told I should write children's stories. So, here goes . . .)

Once upon a time there was a girl who lived on the edge of the forest with her mother. This girl had a black MGB with a red top which she put up only when it rained. She so loved to ride around in this car that the villagers called her Little Red Riding Hood (I hope you saw that one coming).

Anyway, one fine morning, Red Riding Hood's mother handed her a large box from Moss and told her to take it over to her grandmother's house, which was just over the river and through the woods. It seems that grandma had a slight mishap with her Mini and backed over her mailbox. Not only did it mess up her car, but the postal service would not deliver any mail until she put up a new mailbox which she couldn't do until she fixed her car.

"I want you to be very careful," her mother said, "There are many wolves in the forest."

"Get real, Mom," said Little Red. "Who's afraid of the big bad wolf?" With that, she left.

Once on the road, Little Red turned on the radio just in time to hear a commercial saying that Hardware Conglomerate was having a sale on mailboxes. "Hey!" She thought to herself, "Why don't I just buy grandma a mailbox and take it to her, too. That would be very nice."

She drove until she found a convenient Hardware Conglomerate store, pulled into the lot, and went in. She saw a mailbox that was decorated with beautiful flowers. "Yuck!" she said, and found one that was shaped like a Harley Davidson gas tank. "This is more Grandma's speed," she said to herself. You see, Grandma was a little eccentric.

As she walked to her car, she heard a voice. "Hey, little girl! That's quite a nice car you have there." She turned to look and saw a wolf next to her car. He was leaning on a rather beat-up TR7. He motioned to the seat of the MG. "What's in the box?"

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In the Headlights

by Marla Zebarah,
Treasurer and Gossip Columnist

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

Erika Ferguson	**Oct. 15**
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Keith Nelson	**Nov. 10**
Robert Ruppe	**Nov. 11**
Lee Riddell	**Nov. 12**

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**

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. Details on page 1**
21 (Sat)	**Return to Rover's Return, Details on page 1**
29 (Sun)	British Autojumble, sponsored by MGCC of Toronto, International Centre, Toronto. For info, call (416) 533-MGMG.

NOVEMBER

4 (Sat)	**Hibernation Party, 7 p.m. Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
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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JANUARY

10 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
?? (???)	University Motors Birthday Party, Grand Rapids.

FEBRUARY

14 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., La Trattoria, Dearborn**

MARCH

13 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**

APRIL

10 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., La Trattoria, Dearborn**

MAY

8 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**
?? (???)	University Motors Early Summer Picnic, Grand Rapids.

JUNE

12 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., La Trattoria, Dearborn**
27-30(Thur-Sun)	Indy '96, All MG National Meet, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, Indiana. The official hotel, The Holiday Inn South, is booked up. See September's newsletter for a list of hotels in the area.

JULY

10 (Wed)	**General Meeting, 7 p.m., Roseland Golf & Curling Club, Windsor**

AUGUST

?? (???)	*Concours d'Elegance* at Meadowbrook. Featured sportscar: **MG!**

Welcome New Members!

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

Matt Fisher lives in Commerce. He owns a 1974 1/2 Blue MGB. Matt is a Computer Network Installer. He heard about the club from **Chuck Wiley**.

David and **Diana Jolly** live in Livonia with their daughters, **Heather** and **Amy**. They own a 1970 Red MGB. David is a Manager. They found out about the club from **Brett Altman**.

Jeff Leonard lives in Pontiac. His travelling companion is **Haley**. He is a Business Owner. He found out about the club from other members.

Hope you enjoy being a part of the club!

As of the day I'm writing this (September 15), we have 166 member families in the club.

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The Litter Bag

(from page 2)

"It's a new fuel pump for my grandma's Mini," she said. "Anyway, it won't fit a Triumph." She climbed into the car and took off.

The wolf got into his car. "Well, I can't use a fuel pump, but I CAN use a meal," he said. "And, since I only know of one Mini in this area, I bet I know where she's going." Off he went in a cloud of smoke.

The wolf took side streets and got to grandma's house first and parked around the corner. When he arrived at the house, he saw Grandma leaning over the trunk of the Mini. Very quickly, he pushed her into the trunk, locked it, and went into the house.

He went into grandma's closet, found a nightgown and put it on. He just had enough time to climb into bed when her heard the distinctive roar of Little Red's car as it screeched to a halt out in front.

Little Red knocked on the front door. The wolf, disguising his voice, said, "Come in, Red Riding Hood."

Little Red entered the room and immediately recognized the wolf in cheap clothing (after all, a wolf looks no more like your grandmother than Melanie Griffith does), but decided to play along to figure out if her grandmother was all right. If not, she could always take the mailbox back for a refund.

"Grandma, what big eyes you have!"

"The better to see out the windscreen of my Mini."

"Grandma, what big ears you have!"

"The better to hear if my valves are adjusted properly."

"Grandma, what big teeth you have!"

"THE BETTER TO EAT YOU WITH!" With that, the wolf jumped out of the bed and started chasing Little Red around the room.

"Wait a minute," Little Red said, "what does that have to do with cars?"

The wolf thought for a moment and asked, "Lunch to go?"

"All right," replied Red Riding Hood, and she started running again with the wolf in hot pursuit.

The story would have been finished right here (without a happy ending) if a mechanic hadn't been wandering through the forest just then. He heard Red's cries for help and burst through the door, ball joint separator in hand. "Hey, you! Get away from her!"

The wolf stopped in his tracks. "Mind your own business, will you? Do I bother you while you're at lunch?"

The mechanic waved the tool. "This bonking stick says it's my business." The wolf looked at the mechanic.

"So, that's a bonking stick. Why do they call it that?"

The mechanic said, "Let me show you," and whacked the wolf on the head.

"BONK!"

After disposing of the wolf, the mechanic freed grandma from the trunk and then put the mailbox up while Red went to McDonald's and bought lunch in appreciation for saving her life. While they were eating, the mechanic looked at Red and said, "Thanks for lunch, I'm glad I came in time. By the way, that's a real nice Fiat you have there."

Little Red replied, "May I see your bonking stick?"

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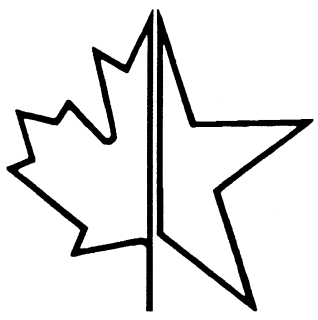

What's happening this month? Call the club hotline at (810) 305-WDMG!

Club Regalia

Item	U.S.	Canadian
New! 15th Anniversary Regalia:		
Watch (Mens or Ladies)	**$20**	**$24**
Embroidered Golf Shirts	**$25**	**$30**
Key Rings	**$5**	**$6**
Wall Clocks	**$22**	**$26**
Club Logo Hat Pins	$3	$3.50
Other Hat Pins	$3	$3.50
Club Stickers (same as grille badge)	2/$3	2/$4
Sweater with embroidered club logo	$40	$52
Golf Shirt with embroidered club logo	$30	$39
Lap Robe with embroidered club logo	$45	$58
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Baseball Caps	$5	$6
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Silliness is Good For the Soul, or you should have been at our first annual (?) Funkana

by Ed Fleming

First of all the weather was absolutely perfect for MGs. A few wisps of clouds in an otherwise blue sky and a temperature around 80 (25 C.). The site was a clearing in the woods at Maybury State Park, complete with a pavilion, restrooms with running water, shade trees, picnic tables, and bar-b-que grills.

While we waited for members to arrive, there being a major tie up on I-696, we had our picnic lunches. While eating lunch I took a vote to see how many club members actually like the taste of brussels sprouts. As president of the club it's my duty to find these things out, it's in the By-Laws, look it up. Turns out about a third of those sitting in the sun actually said they liked the taste of those pungent little cabbages. Of course that means that two thirds didn't (I voted with the kids and you **know** how they voted). Just thought you might like to know.

Our liquids being topped up and fuel stored, we began the games.

First up was the Tennis Ball Criss-cross, the object of which was to drive between two pylons, one having a tennis ball sitting on it, take the ball from that one and put it on the other, then drive to the next set and do the same. Everyone pretty much got the hang of this, and except for a dropped ball or two, it was fun for all.

Next was a contest where the navigator had to dip a flat dish into a barrel of water, hold it steady while the driver drove through a couple of pylons to a bucket, empty it into the bucket and return to the barrel to do it all over again, with the object being to put as much water in the bucket as you could in two minutes. Many cars received a rinsing on the right side, a few navigators cooled off with a spray of water, and the grass got watered and some water actually made it to the bucket.

Next up was a contest where the "navigator" stood in a small circle holding one end of a rope. The driver held the other end while driving circles around the navigator all the while not letting the rope touch the ground or pulling the navigator out of the circle. This was our high speed event with much wheel spinning and one spin out. We were living life on the edge.

The last event was the "Buckethead Autocross" which you probably guessed is an autocross where the driver wears a bucket on his head and the navigator tells him where to go.

This event saw the most unusual situations. For instance **Gail Diehl** kept pointing the way to go even though husband **George** couldn't see her. **Marla Zebarah** navigated for two drivers and had both of them switched on their windscreen wipers, I think by accident, but then again, it could have been some aerodynamic advantage since she and **Dennis Mefferd** finished third in the event. **Ann St. John** and I won this event despite hitting 4 pylons, proving that keeping your foot on the floor sometimes does make up for hitting a cone or two (or four). This was also the roughest event for our pylons, many being dragged under the cars for half the course.

Those attending and having a great time included **Marcia Greiner, Al Burnham, Brett Altman** (who helped me put this show on despite having an infected inner ear which gave him vertigo), **Marla Zebarah, Pam & Bill Savage** and their kids **David and Lisa Zebarah, and Caitlin Savage,** (Who had a great time playing on the gym sets while the grownups had fun with their cars), **Otto & Judy Pope** arrived too late to participate but had a chance to watch the last couple of runs. **Guy & Ann St. John, Roli Sylvestre & son Scott, Vince and Chris McQueen, Dave Reed and Marti Reinhart, Dennis Mefferd, George & Gail Diehl, Ed Fleming and Gary Fischer.**

A special note of thanks goes to club member **Gary Fischer**, who is the Park Ranger at Maybury and arranged for us to use the great Day Camp Center site for this event. It's a terrific setting for an event like this (or even our club picnic next year?).

Everyone who participated had barrels of fun and all thought we should do this again next year. I even got caught up in the excitement of winning a few ribbons and said I'd put it on again (by next summer the grass should have recovered). If you missed it this year, don't forget next year.

RESULTS

Tennis Ball Criss-Cross (score in seconds)

1st	Roli & Scott Sylvestre	49.50
2nd	Ann St John & Ed Fleming	49.57
3rd	Chris & Vince McQueen	51.60
4th	Al Burnham & Marcia Greiner	55.72
5th	Guy & Ann St. John	56.12
6th	Gary Fischer & Guy St John	56.50
7th	Marcia Greiner & Al Burnham	60.10
8th	Dennis Mefferd & Marla Zebarah	62.06
9th	Dave Reed & Marti Reinhart	62.53
10th	Bill & Pam Savage	68.28
11th	George & Gail Diehl	73.41

Spilt Anti-Freeze Run (score in cans)

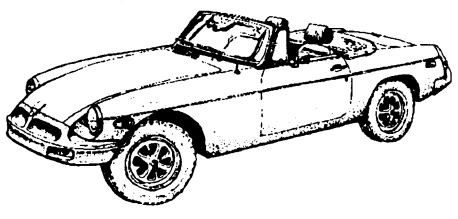
1st	Ann St John & Ed Fleming	3.00
2nd	Roli & Scott Sylvestre	2.55
3rd	Guy & Ann St. John	2.10
4th	Vince & Chris McQueen	2.05
5th	Al Burnham & Marcia Greiner	2.00
6th	Dennis Mefferd & Marla Zebarah	1.90
7th	Dave Reed & Marti Reinhart	1.80
8th	Bill & Pam Savage	1.30
9th	George & Gail Diehl	0.11

End of my Rope Circle (score in seconds)

1st	Pam & Bill Savage	14.91
2nd	Dave Reed & Marti Reinhart	15.60
3rd	Marla Zebarah & Dennis Mefferd	15.68
4th	Guy & Ann St John	16.31
5th	Al Burnham & Marcia Greiner	16.95
6th	Vince & Chris McQueen	17.90
7th	Gary Fischer & Marcia Greiner	18.60
8th	Roli & Scott Sylvestre	19.12
9th	George & Gail Diehl	27.64
10th	Ed Fleming & Ann St John	(Disqualified)

Buckethead Autocross

1st	Ann St John & Ed Fleming	1:01.44
2nd	Guy & Ann St. John	1:33.97
3rd	Marla Zebarah & Dennis Mefferd	2:00.84
4th	Bill & Pam Savage	2:06.25
5th	Al Burnham & Marla Zebarah	2:21.47
6th	Dave Reed & Marti Reinhart	2:38.47
7th	George & Gail Diehl	(Off Course)
	Vince & Chris McQueen	(Off Course)
	Roli & Scott Sylvestre	(Way off Course)



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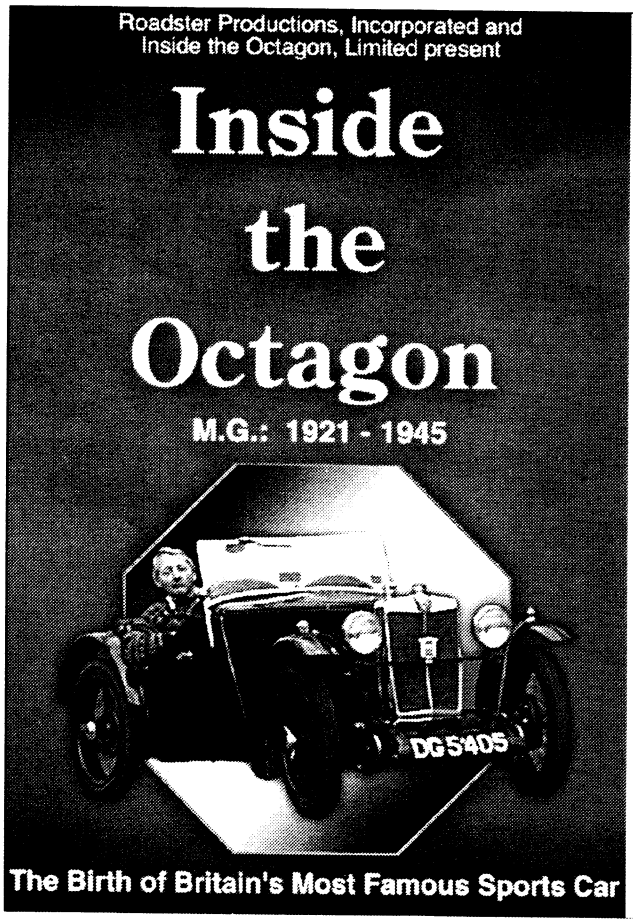

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Live from London: It's the MGF!

It's a Dirty Job . . . But Somebody Has To Do It!

by Tony Burgess
Emerald Necklace MG Register

Having served as an officer of the ENMGR for several years, one of the ongoing tasks of an officer is to solicit volunteers to do the fun (and not-so-fun) tasks required to keep this group of MG nuts occupied and happy. It's not always an easy task.

In keeping with the tradition of going to all the ends of the earth to collect all the news that's fit to print, this humble reporter arose very early one Saturday morning a few weeks ago and headed off on an extended journey to a small community about 30 miles northeast of London to report on the subject of this report: The all-new, totally redesigned pride of the Rover fleet: The MGF.

This car, not scheduled to ever see North America, was unveiled to a small group of MG enthusiasts and was done under somewhat mixed security. Officially, the car was not supposed to be there and we were to vow that we never saw it!

The car was brought to the restaurant where we were assembled in a small, unassuming red trailer. After we finished our meal, we headed outside to a "typically British Spring day": Overcast, chilly and misting off and on.

The Rover Representative told us that his instructions were to allow NO photographs. But, he said, with a wink in his eye, that he had no control over us when he went to the washroom. Which he did.

After many ogles and much drooling, everyone had the opportunity to photograph the bright red car and even sit in it. Since the car was not officially there, the battery had been disconnected and there was no petrol in the tank. Hence, no test drives. Bummer!

The cockpit in this right-hand drive car is extremely spacious with controls very well laid out. The round analog gauges are black on white with the traditional "MG" logo on most. This car felt dangerously comfortable to sit in and to look at. Something you would buy and then have to go home and tell your spouse what you had done. That's dangerous. Oh well, you only go around once, eh?

The mid-engine car has a small boot in the back and a small boot in the front. The spare tyre consumes most of the front compartment, though. Due to the split layout, it is hard to determine if total storage is comparable to the MGB or not. A four-by-eight sheet of plywood is definitely out of the question.

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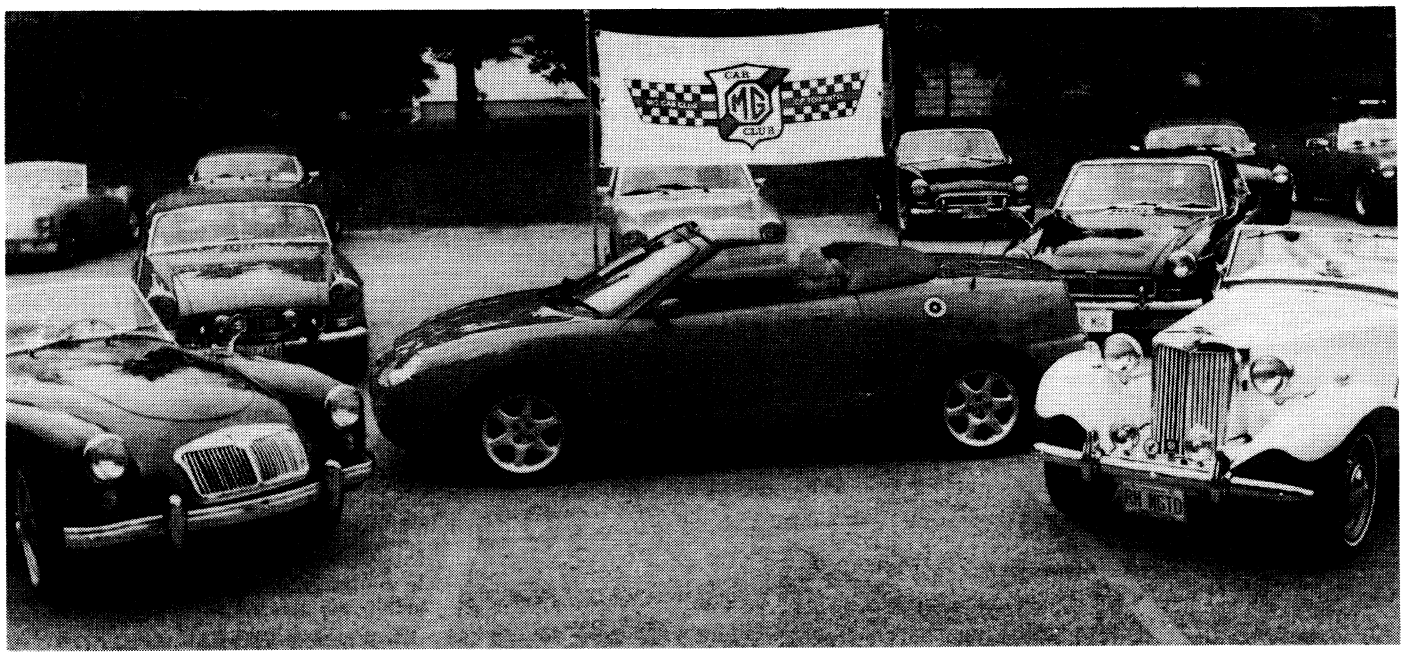


Photos by the author.

Battle of the Brits

Battle? Not Even a Skirmish!

by Ed Fleming

You may remember last year's Battle of the Brits show where there seemed to actually be a battle going on. Jay Kollin and I had a vendor table that we shared (total cost $15.00, we each paid $7.50). However the Triumph guys wanted to charge us **each** $15.00 and another $15.00 each because we drove our MGs to the event. And there were several complaints about the organization of the parking (there wasn't any).

This year, new Triumph Club president Steve Calkins has been working hard to mend fences and it showed.

Trophies were again handed out. This year they were called the President's Cups (although they were actually wood plaques). The presidents of the various British car clubs voted for the cars they would most like to own in each marque except the club they belonged to. I voted for all the classes except the MGs. Steve for all the marques except Triumphs etc. Nice touch. It was different. The winning MG was the 1960 Red MGA of new club members **Gene and Emilie Leithauser.** Congratulations.

Of the 194 cars on display, about 75 were MGs. Many of our club members were present either showing their cars or viewing.

The Land Rover Club had seven or eight rovers on display, a marque not seen at "car shows" that often. Also on display was a double decker London bus. If it sounded funny it was because the night before the show the owner changed the engine from a petro burning engine to one that burned Dr. Diesel's favorite fossil fuel and it was spinning the wrong way (anti-clockwise?) which meant he had four speeds in reverse and one very low forward gear. Interesting.

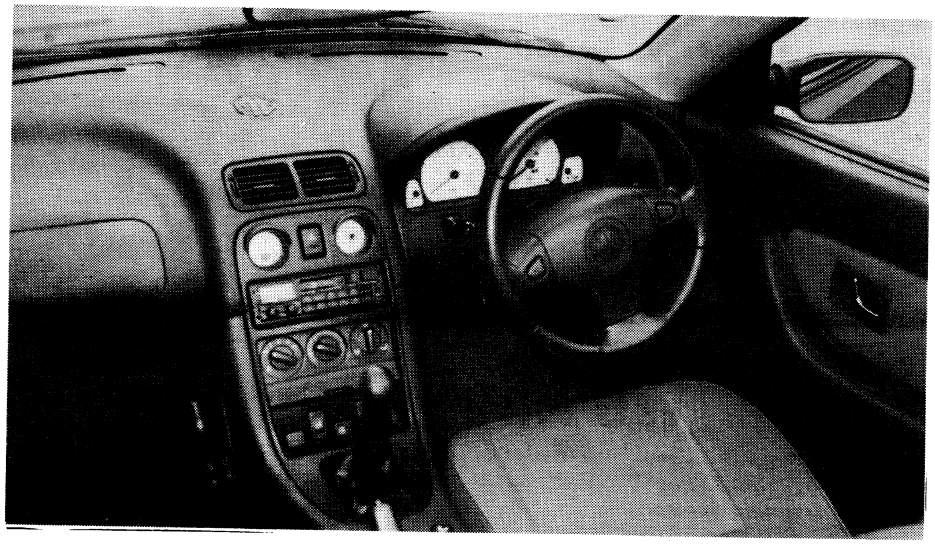
It's a Dirty Job

(from page 8)

Seeing the car in person gives me great hope that the MG marque will once again be on these shores.

I must confess the London I visited was in Ontario and the car was flown here to "secret" North American environmental testing at a lab in Toronto. Through "secret" arrangements, the car was snuck to just east of London for the MG Car Club of Toronto's 40th anniversary party. Again, someone has to take these "dirty" assignments for the good of the club.

(Editor's note: Special thanks go out to D Zimmerman of the ENMGR for providing this article and the accompanying photos. I owe you one!)



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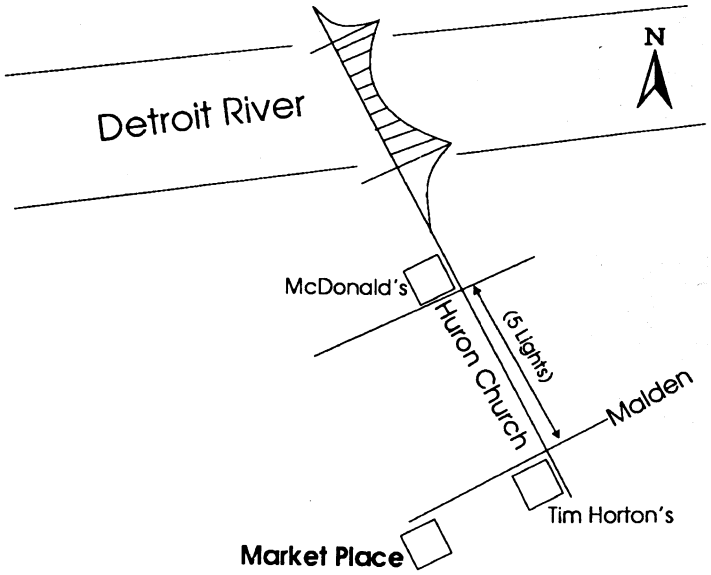

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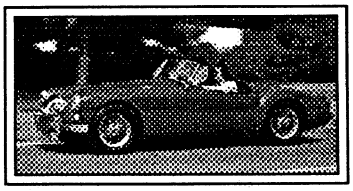

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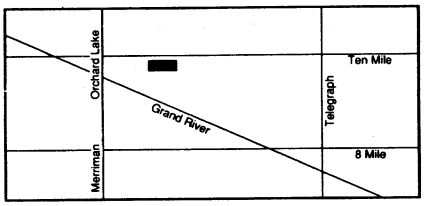

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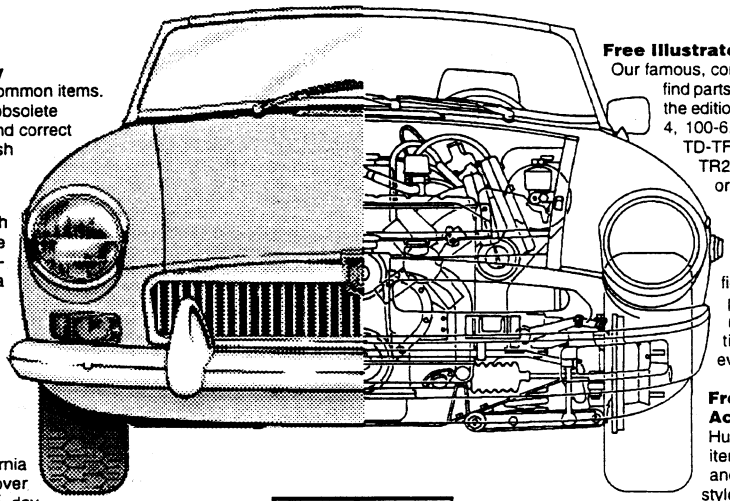

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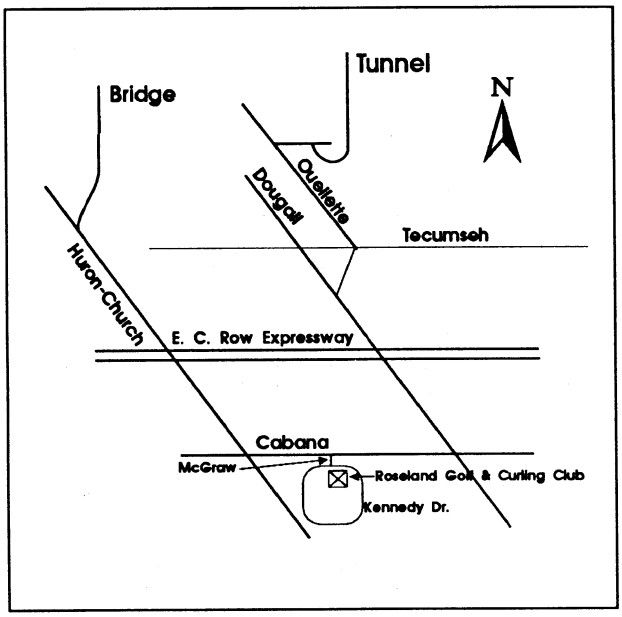

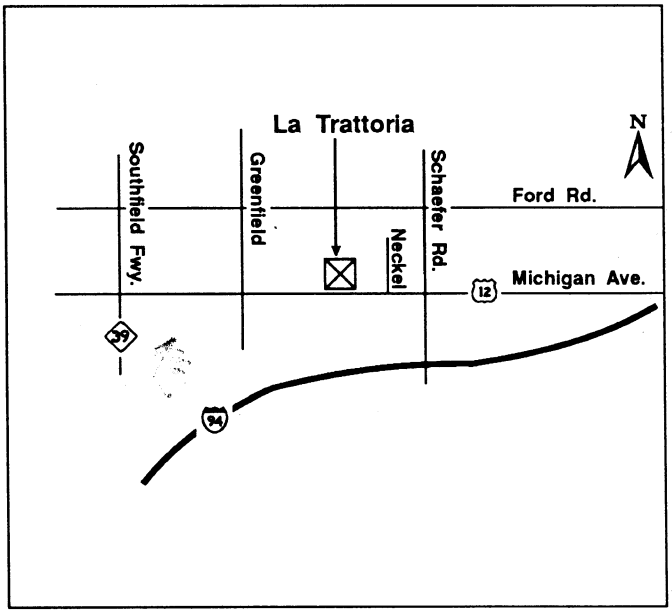

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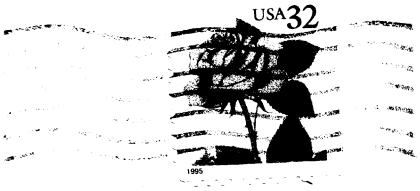

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