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Photos: Above, Vince McQueen takes aim at the dart board. **Top right:** The gang pigging out on ham and other good stuff. **Right:** Dan Zebarah lining up a near miss at the pool table.

Hot Time in Lincoln Park for Club Luau

There was a dusting of snow that made the roads just a little slippery. My kind of slippery, just enough traction to allow you to brake and steer and accelerate, but slippery enough to get the car sideways every now and then. Typical club Luau weather.

Fifteen hardy souls showed up at **Vince & Chris McQueen's** house in our annual effort to make believe it's summer. Those attending were **Dan and Marla Zebarah, Adrienne** (spelled correctly this time) **and Rich Wagner, Ed and Edna Fleming, Dennis and Erika Ferguson, Dan and Mimi Sokolowski and Dave and Joyce Torby** who made a detour on the way, visiting their brother-in-law in the hospital, and Chris McQueen's friend **Bonnie Faynola.**

The McQueens had recently remodeled their basement into a game room. A well stocked game room, complete with pool table, dart board, and 1950's pin ball machine, and of course the obligatory well stocked bar.

Members availed themselves of all of these toys. Dan Zebarah, Chris McQueen, Dan Sokolowski and I played pool, practicing for the club's Billiards outing in March. I remarked to Dan as I started to play that the last time I played pool was 25 years ago in the army, and then proceeded to sink 6 or 7 balls in a row. I then sank the 8 ball and the que ball at the same time,losing the game.

Next game Dan sank about 6 or 7 balls in a row to start with. We then got down to our "normal" skill level and missed shots regularly.

Meanwhile Adrienne Wagner was showing everyone how to play the pin ball machine, scoring 24,000 points on one turn (or something like that). For reference, I scored 200 points on my first try (the little metal ball became stuck right away and when Rich Wagner and I tried to shake it lose, the machine gave us the "tilt, game over" sign).

At the dart board, Vince McQueen, Dan and Mimi Sokolowski and Edna Fleming were trying to figure out how to score points-just the right amount of points to win. Apparently, in darts, it's not how many points you score, but scoring **exactly** 300 points without going over. Scoring was electrically controlled eliminating much confusion (could it have been Lucas electrics?).

The usual good food was served featuring pineapples, coconuts and hams. Another fun time for Windsor-Detroit Club members.

------Upcoming Events------

March 13th Monthly Meeting-Windsor
March 26th (Tues.) Billiards
Details inside
April 10th Pinewood Derby Races at Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Details inside (order your race cars NOW!)
For the latest club information...call the WDMGC Hotline-(810) 305-WDMG

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Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor, President

What happened? Is it just the normal ebb and flow of attendance at club functions or are we getting board with the same old events. At the first curling event we had 26 members, last year 10 and seven in 1994. The '95 Luau saw 33 members in attendance, this year 14. Whirly Ball had 21 members this year, 22 last year (apparently we still like winning).

Ok maybe once you've done curling that's enough, but a tropical party in the middle of the winter? Seems like more members should have shown up. And fifteen members out of 180 is about normal for sports car clubs (usually about 10% of the members show up for any given event). It wasn't the weather; it's been worse for the Luau, and we didn't have a single Canadian member show up, even though the party was only 5 miles from the bridge.

We have had members say they planned to go to an event but forgot. So the board decided to publish a newsletter every month so you would have a more timely reminder of upcoming events. I've taken you by the hand and explained how to mark the club events on your calendar so you won't forget them.

But maybe what we need is a few new,"I've never done that before" kind of activities. This month **Roli Sylvestre** has arranged for us to play billiards at Q-Stirs Billiards in Windsor. Something I haven't done since I was in the army 30 years ago (until the Luau that is). So, here's something new for you to try, mark your calendars now before you forget. And be sure to get your pinewood derby cars for the races in April. It's your chance to build your own car from the ground up all by yourself or with some help from your kids. Mark that on your calendar too.

We have many new members. I'd like to know if you have any ideas for events, rallies, parties, and fun things to do while driving your MG. Let me know, call or write me. You won't even have to put the event on (unless you want to).

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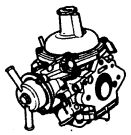

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1000 Mile Rally in St Louis March 16 & 17

Here's your chance to practice for the Endurance Rally at John Twist's Summer Party. The St Louis MG Club will put on the same type of rally, covering about a 1000 miles around Missouri (shortest distance between checkpoints wins).

It starts at 12:30PM Saturday March 16 from Arrow Rock Park near Columbia, MO. That's just about in the middle of the state, about 650 miles from Detroit.

Entry fee is $20. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places and dash plaques for all.

For more information call Robin Weatherall at (314) 725-2892.

Speaking of Endurance Trials...Plan To Do The Original

Last year Windsor-Detroit MG Club member **Dan Kirby** and I won the Summer Party Endurance Rally which means we get to put it on this year and we'd like to see a strong team of Windsor-Detroit members participate.

This is a great adventure, one of those things you'll regret **NOT** doing three years from now.

It starts on Thursday August 15th. You'll travel about 1000 mile in 24 hours, have fun and do something to tell the grand-kids about.

See **Dan Kirby** (810) 442-8862 or **Ed Fleming** (810) 349-3799 for details.

Stratford & Niagara on the Lake Trip June 1-2-3

by Dick Bremer & Phil Wiltshire

Here are the provisional details of our 3 day trip to Stratford and Niagara on the Lake. We have planned the trip so that you may choose to participate in just the Stratford portion or go "all the way" finishing back home on the Monday evening. Here is our provisional itinerary...

Leave bright and early, Saturday June 1st from our meeting place at the K-Mart parking lot on I-94 (exit 232) and head towards Stratford with the intention of seeing a matinee performance of The Music Man by Meredith Wilson (there is no Gilbert and Sullivan being performed this season).

Afterwards, stay overnight at the Westover Inn in nearby St. Mary's where we will enjoy a gourmet 3 course meal in our very own private restaurant, excellent overnight accommodations and full breakfast to get us started on Sunday. Dick has already provisionally booked the whole Inn for Saturday night (we completely filled the Inn the last 2 years), and can get other accommodations in the town if we have extra travelers to.

At this juncture, you may decide to head back west across Ontario, as we have done in past years, or join the rest of us who will proceed on to Niagara on the Lake via an interesting cross country route with interesting stops along the way.

Sunday evening, we will stay at the Oban Inn, a landmark in Niagara on the Lake for 170 years. The Inn originally was the home of Capt. Duncan Milloy from Oban, Scotland. The Inn is surrounded by beautiful English style gardens overlooking Lake Ontario. And Niagara on the Lake itself is one of the most beautiful Victorian towns you will find in the world. Lots of shops and gardens and the famous Shaw Festival (there are 2 matinees and 1 evening show on June 2).

On the Monday morning, we plan an early start so we can visit the Falls without getting into parking hassles and then proceed along a coastal route homeward crossing back into the US over the Ambassador Bridge in the early evening.

Cost for the trip are estimated as follows:

Westover Inn (519) 284-2977: (Canadian Dollars)

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Oban Inn (905) 468-2165 (Canadian Dollars)

$160 average, per room plus meals. The Inn has several room options ranging from $265 to $140 for double and $110 for single occupancy.

5 rooms have been blacked out for the club. You must call by mid March to assure a place. They get full very early in the season.

I have 40 seats reserved for The Music Man in Stratford $46(Canadian).

At Niagara on the Lake call the Shaw Hotline at 1-800-511-7429 for ticket and price availability. The plays are "The Devil's Disciple" or "The Ideal Husband" (matinees) and "Mr. Cinders" (evening).

Let Dick or me know if you are interested in joining the group and what pasts of the trip you plan to participate in. Most importantly, make your reservation at the Inns as soon as possible, mentioning the MG T-Register.

For more information call Philip Wiltshire at (810) 932-0072.

Cheap Rooms Still Available For Indy '96

Rich Wagner has discovered that a Motel 6 only 1 mile from the Speedway still has rooms available ($32.00 Single or $38.00 Double). The motel has been undergoing remodeling but will be open in the spring. Office hours are 9-5 monday thru Friday. It's located at 6330 Debonair Ln. off Speedway Ave. at exit 16A off I-465.

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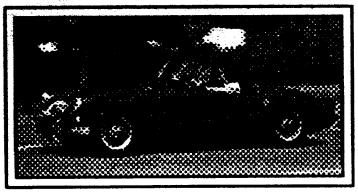

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Mike Derderian Apr 13

Welcome New Members

by Fran Coulter

We want to extend a big welcome to the following new members.

Tony and Karry Adamowitz live in Northville (another member for the Northville contingent) with their two sons, **Anthony and Nickolas**. Tony has a "75 blue MGB and a '77 Triumph Bonneville (sounds like a sure entrant for Battle of the Brits car and motorcycle show, Ed.) They found out about the club from **Brett Altman.**

Tom and Peggy Curtis live in Flint with their son **Brian**. Tom is a financial Consultant. They own a '76 Damask Red MGB roadster. They found out about the club from **Pam and Bill Savage**.

We hope you enjoy being members of this club and look forward to seeing you at the next club events.

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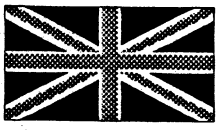

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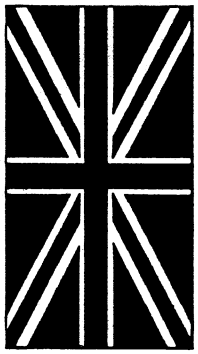

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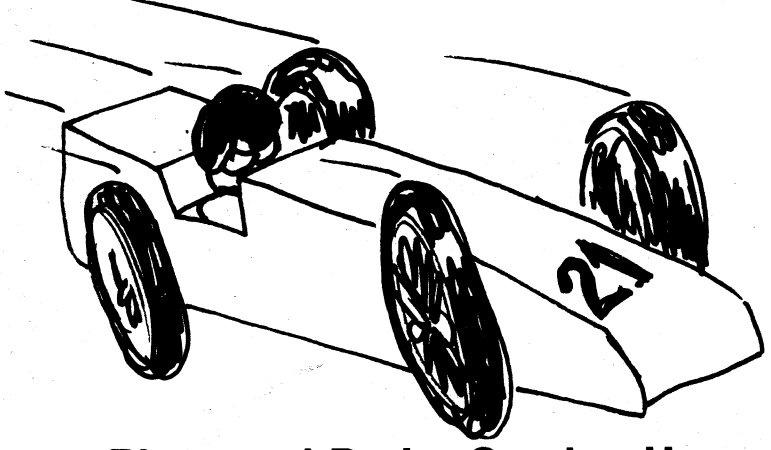


Pinewood Derby Coming Up April 10th. Get Your Race Cars Now!

The Indy Racing League and CART (Indycars) can't agree on where to race on Memorial Day, but there's no conflict with the Windsor-Detroit MG club's Pinewood Derby.

We'll have our race after our regular Monthly Meeting at La Trattoria restaurant on April 10th.

This year the club is providing a discount on your first car. So "gentlemen, start your band saws". See one of the club officers to get your cars and mark your calendar.

Pinewood Derby cars are small (about 6 inch long) wooden cars, made from a block of pine. You do the carving to make it look something like a car, mount the wheels and weight it down (maximum weight is 5 ounces).

The finished cars are run down a track using gravity as a power source, like the Soap Box Derby, but on a smaller scale.

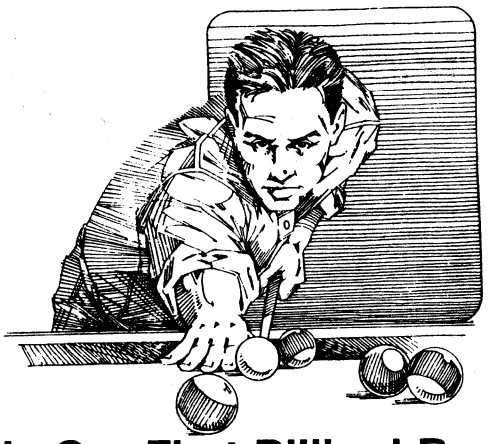
You must use one of the **"Official Pinewood Derby Kits"** to build your car. These are the kits the Cub Scouts use (Product code #7-30176-17006). Other pinewood kits are not eligible (they might be faster or slower). The kits are available from our Regalia Chairmen and at the March Monthly meeting. Your first car cost only $1.25, additional kits are $2.50.

Follow the rules that come with the kit. Additionally, we would like these racers to look like an MG, past, present or future. Last year saw accurate renditions of 4 1930's Magic Midget race cars, Jay Kollin's Midget, a few MGTDs, MGBs etc. and a beautiful model of the EX181 land speed record car.

There will be two classes, one for kids 12 years old and under and another for kids 13 and over.

A new rule for this year is that last year's winning car is not eligible to run this year. This means you all have a chance to win, or that I'll have to build an even faster one this year. See you at the races-bring your pink slips. I'll bring my pink bra.

Time: After Monthly Meeting, About 8:30 PM Wed. April 10th
Where: La Trattoria Restaurant



It's Our First Billiard Bash, Coming Up Tuesday March 26th

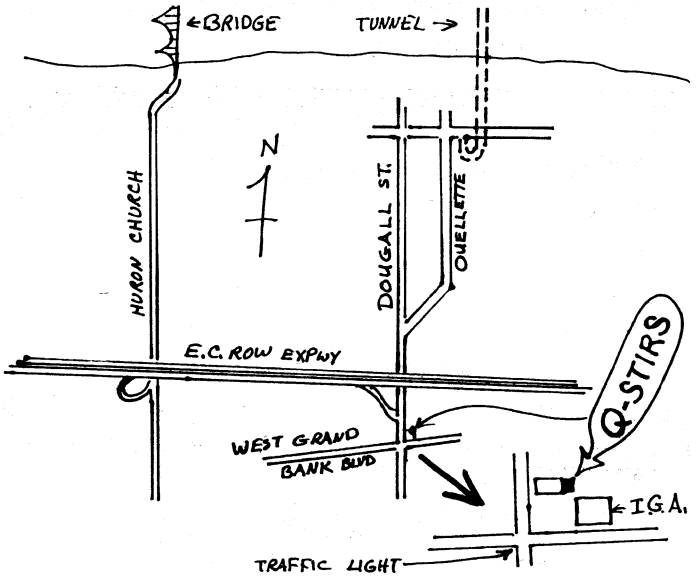
Didn't get enough pool at the club Luau? Didn't go to the club Luau but still would like to try your hand at billiards? You're in luck.

In the past we've gone bowling and curling in March. This year we're trying something new again. Tuesday, March 26th we're planning our first Billiard Bash at Q-Stirs Bistro and Billiards in Windsor.

Even if you're not sure you'll like pool, come out anyway and have a fun evening watching others make fools of themselves and have some good old (actually fresh) pub food.

You hustlers out their can bring your own trick cues or use one supplied by Q-Stirs.

What: Billiard Bash
Where: Q-Stirs Bistro & Billiards, Windsor-see map
When: Tuesday March 26th starting at 7:30 PM til ??
Cost: $7.95 for first person at table, $1.00 each for second, third, & fourth. (Q-Stirs figures 25% on U.S. dollars.)



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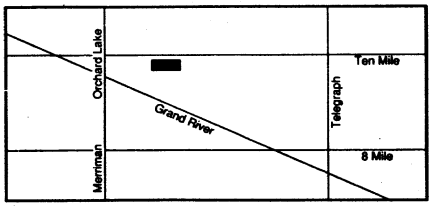

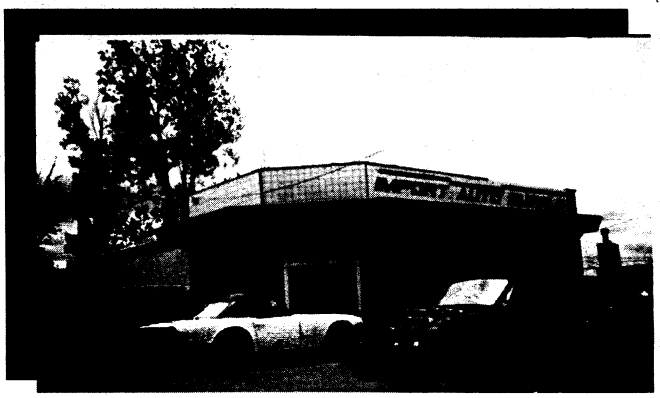

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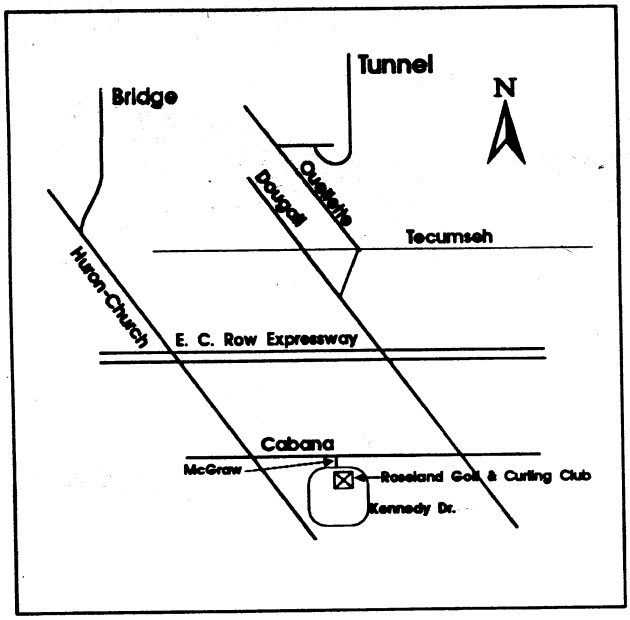

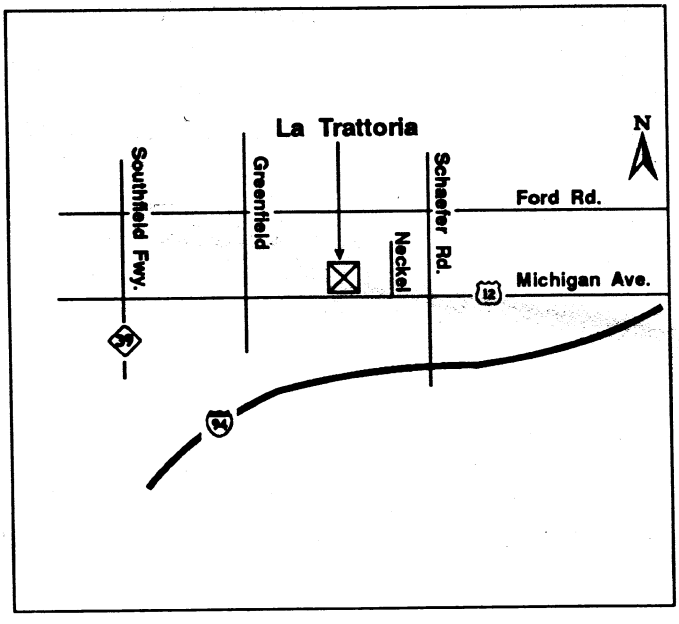

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'74 MGB-GT Needs restoration, 40K miles. $750 OBO Brian Eritano (313) 782-0126

'77 MGB V8. 3.5 Rover engine, SDI gearbox, leather interior, factory hardtop. 49K miles, excellent condition. $12,000 Tom Hoagland, (517) 486-2268 (1)

'71 MIDGET, immaculate condition, completely restored, dual carbs, viper red paint, new interior, brakes & front end. 34K miles, $4500. Jeff Leonard (810) 332-0028 (1)

Parts:'77 B rebuilt head $225,'72 Midget 1275 rebuilt head $150, '70 B rebuilt head $150, '72B short block, runs $150, wire wheel changeover $300. Chuck Wiley (313) 586-2500 (1)

'78 MGB 8,000 miles on rebuilt motor, extra parts included. Harry MacLean (810) 689-0851 (1)

MGB, Midget Body Panels, made in England, Britannia Enterprises, James Savage, (810) 689-7259 (1)

Garage Door Opener with all hardware. Older model but works, $25. Rich Wagner (810) 624-9573 (2)

Teddy Bear Crib Ensemble-Includes bumper pads, comforter, sheet set and wall hanging of bear on rocking horse. Great shape-in plastic, from JC Penny $80 Mary O'Brien (313)271-7123 (2)

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Steering Wheel for '66 MGB, Basil Palombo (519) 735-7547 (1)

Wire Wheels (2) for MGB, Jim Zielinski, (810) 689-8567 (1)

Midget Parts, Darren Murphy (313) 522-5622 (1)

Back Issues of the 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

Emission Control Equipment, gulp valves, air pumps, Strombergs etc. Dan Zebarah (313) 382-6715

MISCELLANEOUS

Indy 96. Leaving Fri morning (6-28) for All MG meet in Indy. Anyone interested in traveling the backroads together to "Indy 96" call Rich Wagner (810) 624-9573 (2)

Local Car Hauling reasonable rates, USA & Canada, Frank Lucente (519) 966-9146

Inside storage space in Carlton, MI $30/month Chuck Wiley (313) 586-2500 (1)

----Calendar of Events---

Note: Items listed in **Bold Type are Windsor-Detroit MG Club Events.** Those listed in *Italic Type are British Sports Car Council Events.* For up to date information on club events call the **Windsor-Detroit MG Club Hot Line at (810) 305-WDMG (305-9364).**

MARCH

Mar 13 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Mar 26 (Tuesday) Billiards at Q-Stirs in Windsor

APRIL

Apr 10 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn (Pinewood Derby)
Apr 20 Cecil Kimber Birthday Bash with other Mich MG Clubs
Apr 21 Ancaster British Sportscar Flea Market & Show (905) 957-2429
Apr 28 BSCC Tech Session at Don Ensley's English Motors-Utica

MAY

May 8 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
May ?? Spring Rally Details coming
May ?? Club Garage Sales??

JUNE

Jun 2 University Motor's Summer Picnic-Grand Rapids
Jun 2-4 Strattford / Niagara Trip
Jun 9 Carnival of Cars-Old Packard Proving Grounds
Jun 12 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Jun 16 Funkana Details coming
Jun 27-30 Indy '96 All MG Meet in Indianapolis, IN

JULY

Jul 10 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Jul 21 Club Picnic at Suzanne & Dave Snyder's

AUGUST

Aug 2-4 Meadowbrook Concours d'Elegance-Featured Sports Car-MG
Aug 14 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Aug 15-18 University Motors Summer Party-Grand Rapids

SEPTEMBER

Sep 8 Battle of the Brits-Jeff Myer (810) 528-2975
SEP 11 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Sep ?? Lucas Night Rally Details coming
Sep 22 English Day at the Races-Waterford Race Track

OCTOBER

Oct 9 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Oct 5? Autocross
Oct 13 Fall Colour Tour (Also BSCC Event)

NOVEMBER

Nov 13 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Nov ?? Hibernation Party-U.S. side

DECEMBER

Dec 11 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn (Gift Exchange Night)

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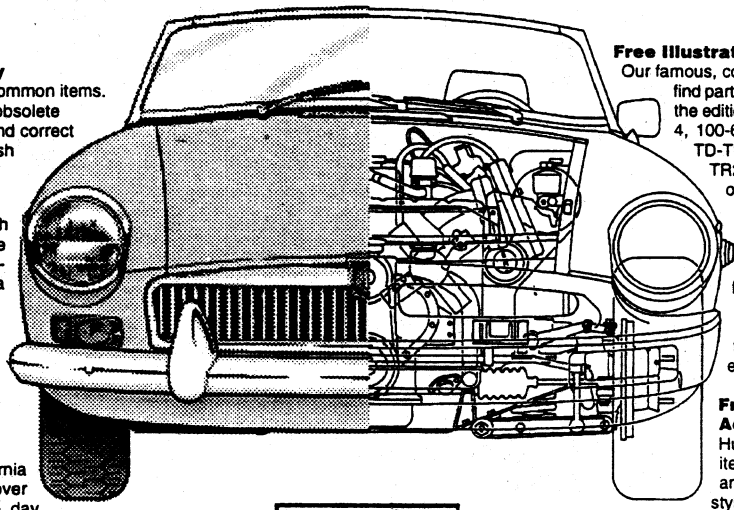

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