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WINDSOR-DETROIT

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Photo: Club members at the December monthly meeting showing off their new found gifts.

Guy and Ann St. John brought their "Midget" Christmas tree which we decorated on the spot and most members brought an inexpensive (it's the thought that counts) gift to exchange.

One member brought his very own early Christmas present to the meeting. Marshall Coulter showed up in his new "Winter Beater" car. A new Cobra with a 5.0 Mustang engine developing enough horsepower to break the wheels loose in third gear!

Oh...Guy St. John, are we going to have our autocross again this year?

This news caused many members to turn BRG with envy (how very MG of them).

A Couple of Very Special Regular Monthly Meetings

First we moved our Windsor meeting place to new digs, the Nisbet Inn in downtown Windsor.

Discovered by Dave Hornby, this quaint bed and breakfast seemed to embrace the club with a real cozy atmosphere. We had darts, we had schmoozing, we had good food, we had a record turnout for a regular monthly meeting in Canada. We had a great time.

Plan to make the next meeting at the Nisbet Inn on January 8th. Although if too 7many more members find out about this place it will get real crowded real fast, so come early.

In December it was the regular location at La Trattoria.

Once it was just another monthly meeting. Then someone suggested, since it's Christmas we should exchange gifts and another club/holiday tradition was born.

I just had a thought, maybe next year we should all go caroling after the December meeting. Bring your MG scarfs and wear your driving gloves and we'll start a new club (and very British) tradition.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 8 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Jan 25 Hibernation Party
Feb 9 Whirly Ball - Triumph Club
Feb 12 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

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Ed Fleming, Editor, President

As we start the 17th year of this club we're in very good shape. We've grown to about 200 members from only 60 or so a few years ago. We're financially solvent with a strong bank balance to start the new year and your Board of Directors have many interesting events planned to help you enjoy that quirky British sportscar of yours.

As you read this the presidents of the various MG clubs in Michigan will be getting together to plan a more compatible calendar. We realize that many members belong to two or more MG clubs and often two clubs will have events on the same date, forcing members to choose between two events.

We plan to arrange event dates to eliminate these conflicts and will also try to develop a few joint events, such as the Stratford trips put on by Phil Wiltshire for the Windsor-Detroit and T Registry clubs and the Kimber Birthday Bash sponsored by all the Michigan MG clubs.

Also, as you're reading this I will be enjoying the cars and weather in California. Remember the first prize at our Funkana that Marcia Greiner and I won? She and Tom took their trip to California in October and Edna and I are taking ours in December.

Because I'm on vacation, Marcia and Tom have agreed to get the newsletter from the printer and label and stamp them so members will get them in a timely manner. So for this month they are officially "Assistant Editors" of the Can-Am Connection. Thanks.

Marcia has also been working hard on making this year's Hibernation Party a grand event. We'll have live music, many door prizes, a sit-down dinner, souvenir commemorative mugs, etc., etc., etc. If you haven't already sent in your registration for this terrific event do it now.

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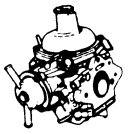

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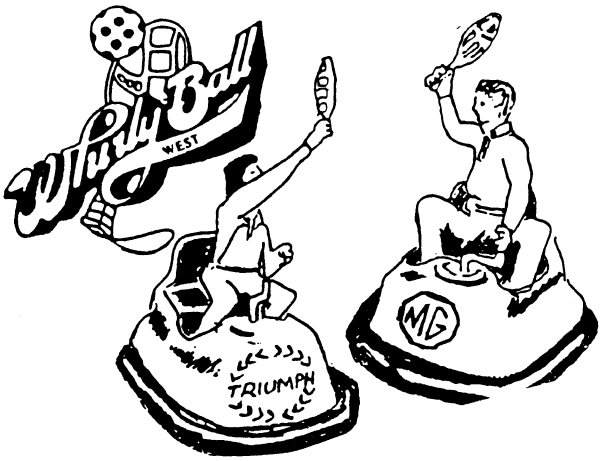


Going Stir Crazy? Want To Drive An Open Top Roadster And It's Winter? Join The Club At Whirly Ball!

It's that time of the year again. Time to play Whirly Ball with the gang at the Triumph Club.

This time though, we're going to split the teams up with MG Club and Triumph Club members on each team. We'll have an MG-3 team and a TR-B team.

This will encourage members of each club to meet and socialize with members of the other club. It's always nice to become better acquainted with other British cars owners, and the Triumph Club has some really nice people.

And they are getting tired of losing to us.

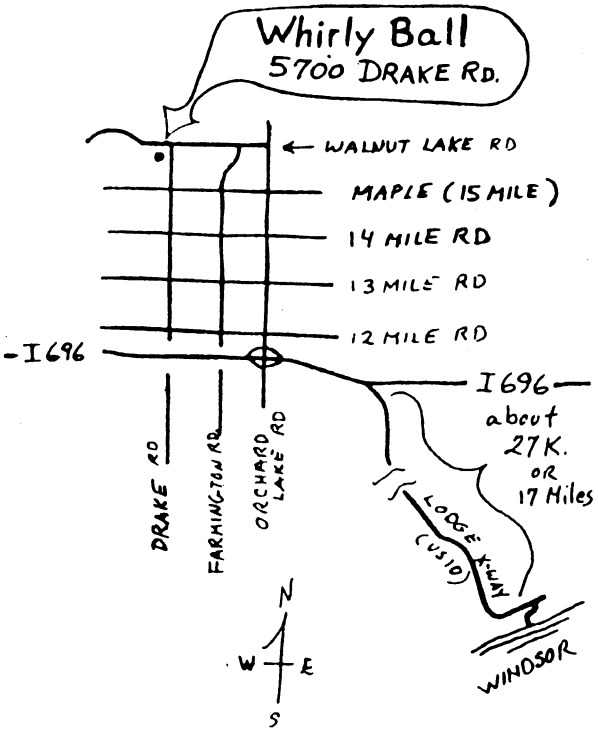
Afterward we'll head over to Roosevelts Billiards, Bar And Grill at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads, for more socializing and story telling.

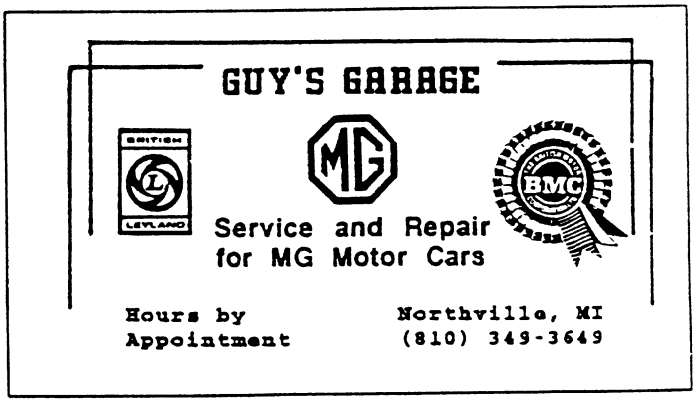
What: Whirly Ball

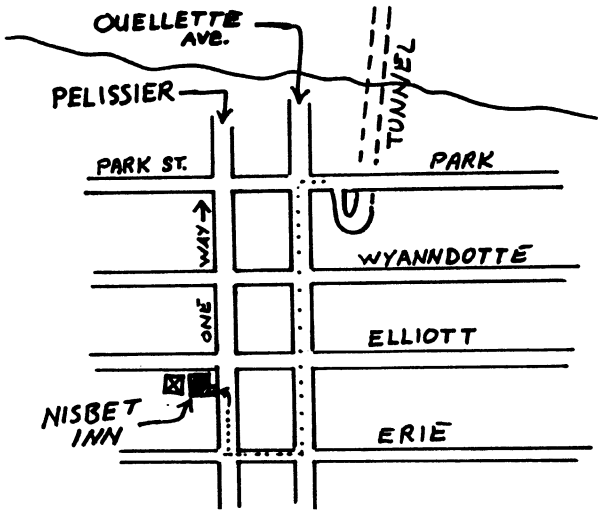
Where: Whirly Ball West, 5700 Drake Rd., south of Walnut Lake Rd. (see map) (810) 788-8900

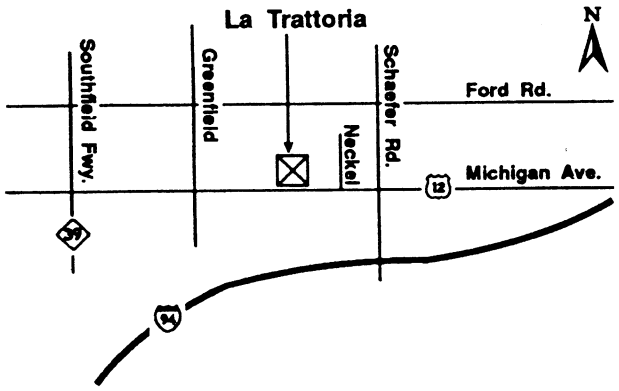
When: Feb. 9, 1997. Starts at 3 pm, get there about 20 minutes before. Whirly ball will last until 5 pm. Socializing at the restaurant until??

Cost: $5.00 per person.









The Windsor-Detroit MG Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Even numbered months at the La Trattoria Restaurant at 13736 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, just west of Schaefer Rd., and odd numbered months at the Nisbet Inn, 131 Elliott, West, just west of Ouellette, south of the tunnel.

REMINDER - REMINDER - REMINDER - REMINDER

It's One Of Our Biggest Events Of The Year
It's Our Hibernation Party... Saturday January 25th!

This is our dress up event of the year. Time to leave that "T"-shirt with the MG logo at home, put on a tie and coat or evening dress (your choice) and have fun.

We'll have a delicious sit down dinner with your choice of four different entrees (see order form) dancing, prizes, awards and our elections. **Each attendee will also receive a commemorative mug with our club logo and date etched in!**

It all takes place at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course at Telegraph and Michigan Ave., about 5 miles west of our regular La Trattoria monthly meeting place (see map).

That's the good part, the better part is that the club is subsidizing this event so plan on a cheap date: only $15.00 U.S. and $18.00 Canadian per person!

You'll have your choice of four different dinners. Salmon, Chicken, Pork or Beef.

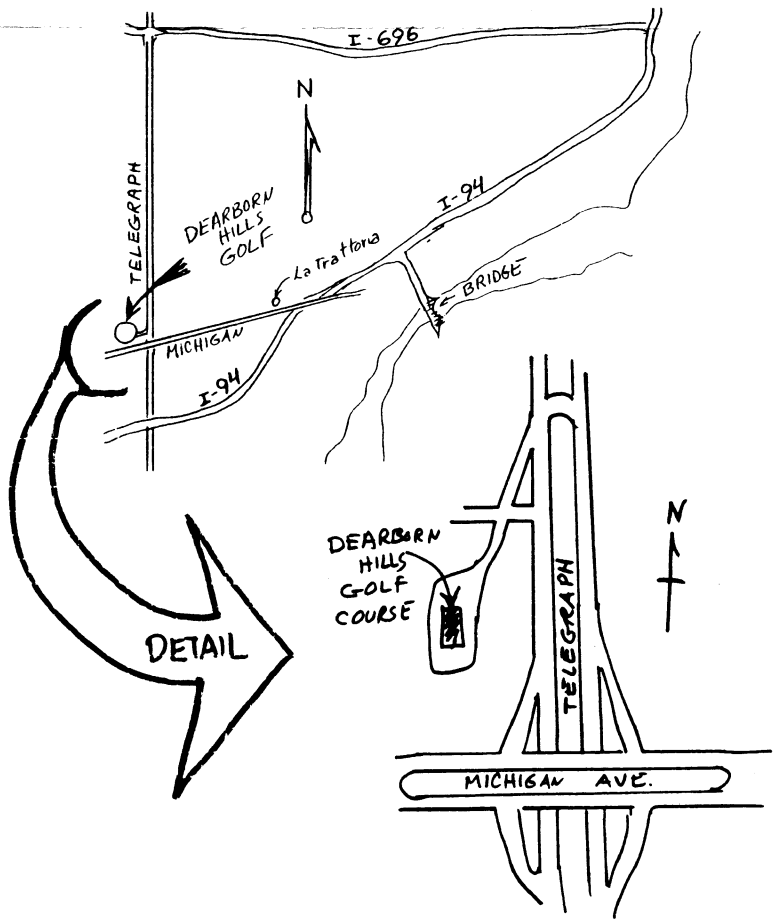
We have to let the Country Club know how many people and what variety of dinners by January 12th, so get your order in now.

Fill out the order form, include a check for $15 (U.S.) or $18 (Canadian) for each person attending and mail to:

Marcia Greiner, 516 Novi Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 or

Roli Sylvestre, 3493 Church Street, Windsor, ON N9E 1V6

What: WDMGC Hibernation Party, Awards Etc., Etc.
Where: Dearborn Hills Golf Course, 1300 South Telegraph, just north of Michigan Ave. (313) 563-4653 (see map)
When: Saturday Jan. 25, 1997, Starts at 7:00 PM, lasts 'til about Midnight.
Cost: $15 (U.S.) $18 (Canadian)
What to Bring: Party Attitude
What to Wear: Jeans and T-shirts to tuxedos, most people wear suits and ties or evening dresses.
Confused? Problems? Questions? Call the Club Hotline (810) 305-9364 or Marcia Greiner (810) 348-1473



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Yes, sign me (us) up for the great Windsor-Detroit MG Club Hibernation Party, January 25, 1997 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course.

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Number of People Attending_____

Dinner Selection for each person attending:

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Cost is $15.00 (U.S.) or $18.00 (Canadian) for each person attending.

Dinner Selections

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Roast Sirloin. Served with salad, vegetable and baked potato.

Grilled Salmon Filet with lemon butter. Served with salad, vegetable and rice.

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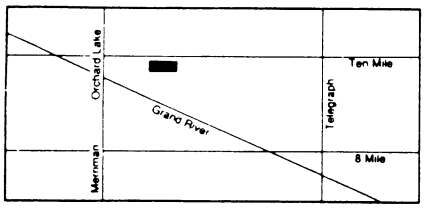

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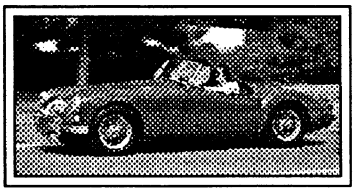

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Lap Robe " " " ".....	$45	$58
T-Shirts.....	$10	$12
Baseball Caps.....	$ 5	$ 6
Sweatshirt.....	$15	$18
MG Christmas Tree Ornaments.....	$ 5	$ 6
Grill Badges (new design).....	$20	$28

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Nick Ehinger lives in Ann Arbor. He owns a "mixed-up-approximate" 1961 White Midget. Nick is a Systems Analyst, who found out about the club from Dan Zebarah on the Internet.

Gerald and Linda Heumann live in Sterling Heights. They own a 1973 Midget. Gerry is a Manager. They also found out about the club on the Web.

Dave and Nancy Matthews live in Maidstone. They own a 1970 MGB.

John and Gloria Mitchell live in Chelsea. They own a 1964 Tartan Red MGB. John is a Funeral Director. They found out about the club from John Twist at University Motors.

Mickey and Cathy Trombley live in Sterling Heights with their daughters **Allison and Andrea.** They own a 1963 Red MGB. Mickey is an Engineer.

We hope you all enjoy being a part of this club!

Now some very belated congratulations and a big welcome to some more Midgets!

Congratulations to **Logan and Myriam Aschom**, who were married on May 25, 1996. We hope you will be very happy.

Congratulations also to **John Peralta and Holly Orlowski**! They were married on September 7, 1996. The new Mr. and Mrs. Peralta are still living in St. Clair Shores. (Ed. note: I understand they spent their honeymoon at Battle of the Brits).

Welcome to **Jacob James Green**, new son of **Rick and Julie Green.** Jacob was born on Feb. 19, 1996

Welcome to **Curtis Kirby**, new son of **Dan and Beth Kirby.** Curtis was born on Feb. 16, 1996.

Welcome to **Jonathan Boyd Millis,** new son of **John and Christine Millis.** Jonathan was born May 25, 1996.

Welcome to **Colin Murphy**, new son of **Darren and Teresa Murphy** and new brother to **Alexandra, Lauren and Brenden.** Colin was born May 24, 1996.

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January 1997
Jan 8 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Jan 25 Hibernation Party

February 1997
Feb 9 Whirley Ball with Triumph Club
Feb 12 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Feb ?? Luau? Slot Car Racing?

March 1997
Mar 2 Ice Run??
Mar 12 Monthly Meeting-Windsor

April 1997
Apr 9 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Apr ?? Cecil Kimber Birthday Bash?

May 1997
May 14 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
May ?? Spring Ralleye?

June 1997
Jun 8 Carnival of Cars/English Day on the Green
Jun 11 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Jun ?? Autocross?

July 1997
Jul 9 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Jul ?? Club Picnic?

August 1997
Aug 1-2-3 Meadowbrook Concours
Aug 13 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Aug 14-15-16-17 University Motors Summer Party

September 1997
Sep 10 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Sep ?? Lucas Night Ralleye?
Sep ?? Funkana?

October 1997
Oct 8 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Oct 12 Fall Colour Tour

November 1997
Nov 12 Monthly Meeting-Windsor

December 1997
Dec 10 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn (Gift Exchange Night)

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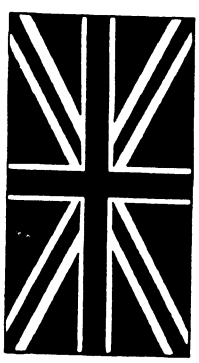

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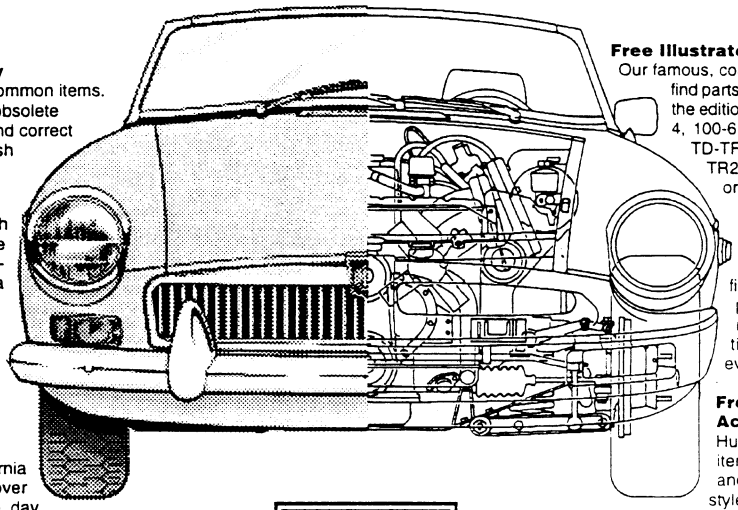

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