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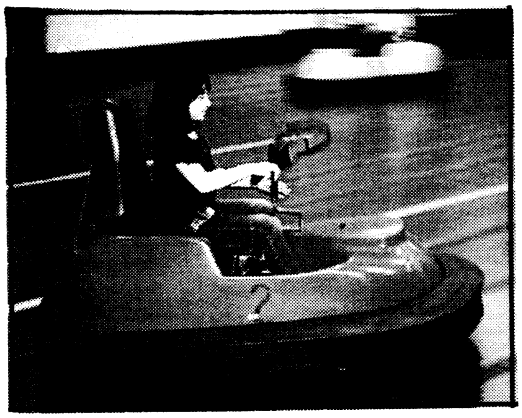

Photos: Above Left to Right: Team A mixes it up with Team B. **Alyssa Torby**, age 11 figures since she's mastered Whirly Ball cars, she must be ready to drive dad's MGA. Frame off restoration: Broken down yellow car's body installed on former red car. **Right: Matt Houser** leans waaaay back to score a point.

Everyone Took the Fifth

This was the fifth year we've played Whirly Ball with the Triumph Club and we made a change in the competition this time. Rather than pitting MG members against Triumph members, we mixed things up. This way neither club lost. Both clubs could claim victory.

This also provided more socializing with members of the other club. After all we were all team mates. When each game ended, the new competitors simply climbed into whatever car was available and became a member of that team. Yellow or Red. Or Yellow this time Red next time.

The result was that we just had fun. Although sometimes the competitive spirit took control. The most often heard cry was "Ramming Speed"!

The games had to be suspended for a while when one of the cars refused to continue running. Some electrical problem that couldn't be easily fixed. (How very nice of Joseph Lucas to make an appearance and add a little reminder that both clubs revolve around **British** sportscars and we were playing with electric cars here).

Those attending included **Dave Torby** and daughter **Alyssa, Marshall Coulter, Matt Houser, Sue and Dave Synder and Ed Fleming.**

Not as many members as we've had in the past. This meant more "floor time", especially since we didn't have teams. One game you could play on the Yellow team, the next on the Red team.

And in keeping with the "Nobody Loses" theme three of the six games ended in ties:

Game	Red Team	Yellow Team
1st	7	4
2nd	4	4
3rd	2	2
4th	2	4
5th	2	2
6th	2	0

Now that we have all this practice, having done this for five years now maybe the Triumph Club and the Windsor-Detroit Club should challenge the local Porsche Club or Healey Club or Model T Club.

Upcoming Events

March 12 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
March 29 Tech Session (details inside)
April 9 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn New Location (Pinewood Derby)
April 27 Kimber Birthday Bash

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Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor, President

We had a Board of Directors meeting the other night to plan out the clubs events for the next several months.

We've had extreme variations in attendance at events the last year or so. Only four cars showed up for our Spring Ralleye but forty turned out for the Fall Colour Tour.

The Board decided that what we need are fewer but bigger events with better promotion. We took a hint from our successful Hibernation Parties. We'll let you know about the events sooner, and we're developing a phone fan out system to contact all members by phone before each event, just like the Hibernation Parties.

Along those lines, we've eliminated the club's Hotline phone number, not that any of you called it anyway. Now if you need any last minute answers to your club questions just call Roli Sylvestre, Chuck Wiley or myself.

We've got a few "small" events coming up in the next few months. A "Tech Session" on March 29th where you will be able to learn how to make your car look its best for those car shows. Then our "Pinewood Derby" which is a great opportunity to get your kids (or grandchildren) involved in MG club events.

The Lansing MG Club has been approached by the Michigan Association of Parents of the Visually Impaired to put on a "Braille Ralleye". I attended one of these events 20 some years ago with the Porsche Club and they are really nice do to if you enjoy helping blind children have a great time. Basically the ralleye is a tour where the instructions are written in Braille so you are dependant on the children to tell you which way to go.

I told Wayne Buletza that the Windsor-Detroit club would help out by supplying cars. Preferably cars with neat exhaust systems and cars that you wouldn't mind having several kids touch. The Ralleye will take place Saturday May 17th in Lansing. A picnic will follow. Call Wayne at (517) 543-6770 to tell him you'll attend.

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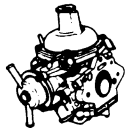

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How To Detail Your Motorcar

The last few months I've had a few articles on "how to clean your paint". Now is you chance to see first hand how to make your pride and joy look like you think it should.

Come out to our Tech Session on Sat. March 29th and learn all there is to know about making your haggard old British car look its best. Might even earn you a few more points at Carnival of Cars or Twist's Summer Party!

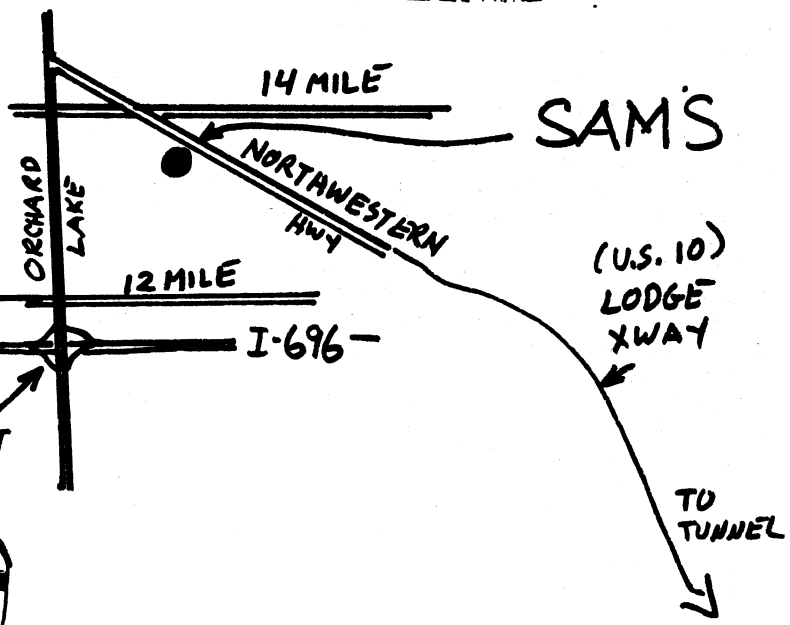
Besides a clean car always runs better.

Sam at Sam's Detail Shop will show us all those little "details" that make one car just a little bit better looking than the one next to it.

What: Tech Session-How to Detail Your Car

Where: Sam's Detail Shop, 32671 Northwestern Hwy. near 14 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI (810) 855-5600 (see map)

When: Saturday, March 29th Noon to 2 or 3:00



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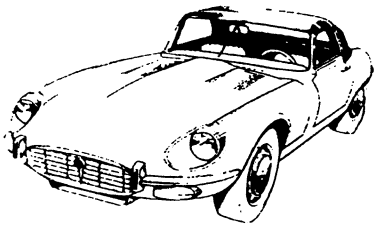

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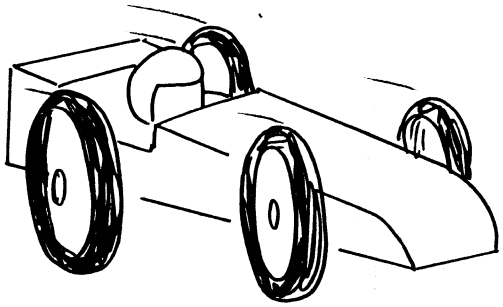

Pinewood Derby Coming Up April 9th. Get Your Race Cars Now!

It's all down hill from here. Here's a great way to get your children and grandchildren involved with your MG (in spirit at least).

Build a real race car and race it.

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). Your first car cost only $1.25, additional kits are $2.50 from the club.

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 EX135 land speed record car.

We'll have our race after our regular Monthly Meeting at its new location at Buddy's Pizza on April 9th.

This year the club is providing a discount on your first car. So "gentlemen, start your band saws". See Ed Fleming or Roli Sylvestre or go to your local Cub Scout supply store to get your cars and mark your calendar. There will be two classes, one for kids 12 years old and under and another for kids 13 and over.

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 9th
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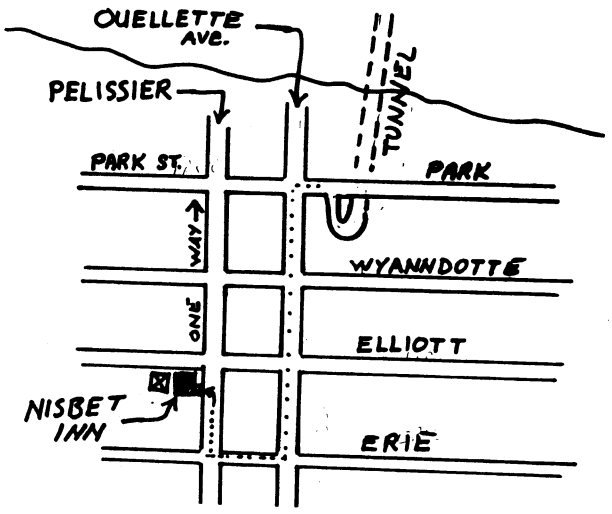
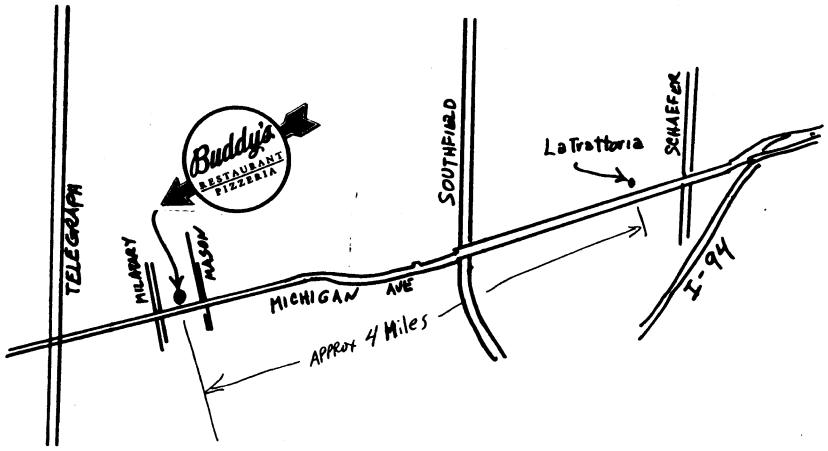
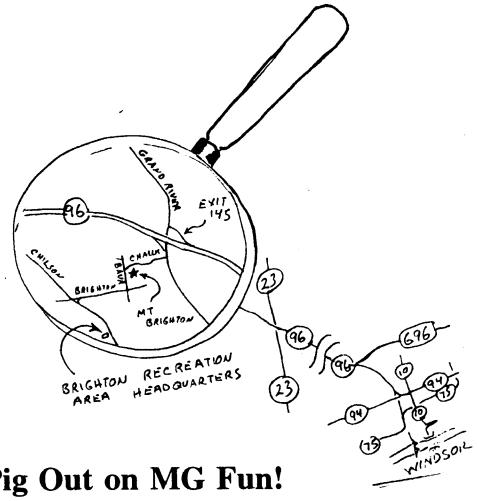




The Windsor-Detroit MG Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Even numbered months at the Buddy's Pizza 22148 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, and odd numbered months at the Nisbet Inn, 131 Elliott, West, just west of Ouellette, south of the tunnel. See Maps



It's The Mother of All Ralleyes! May 18th! Plan to Pig Out on MG Fun!

Oh sure, we'll start our driving season again with the Kimber Birthday Bash but this will be the REALLY BIG KICK OFF to the Summer Driving Time.

We're going to have our Funkana, a Ralleye, a picnic, and a Pig Roast all in one.

This will be a really super day and reservations will be required, so sign up early!

It will take place at the Brighton State Park, where we had our "Brighton Run Ralleye" a few years ago. We'll have the pavilion with protection from the weather and real restrooms with running water. We'll have silly games to play as in past Funkanas, and a pig roast.

The club will supply pop, the pig and the roasting. We're asking members to bring a dish to pass.

Because we'll have to know how many are coming you'll have to register, just like our Hibernation Party. Fill out the form, and mail it to Marcia Greiner, 516 Novi St., Northville, MI 48167. Cost will be $5.00 per person, (kids under 12 free). Make checks out to "Windsor-Detroit MG Club".

What: The Mother of all Ralleyes

Where: Brighton State Park (see map)

When: Sunday May 18th, Noon, (pig will be done after the ralleye - about 4;00 pm. Stay tuned-times may change slightly)

What to bring: A dish to pass, a silly attitude, and sunglasses.

Mother of all Ralleyes Order Form

Yes, sign me (us) up for the Mother of All Ralleyes on May 18th:

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Phone Number(_____)_____

Number of people attending_____

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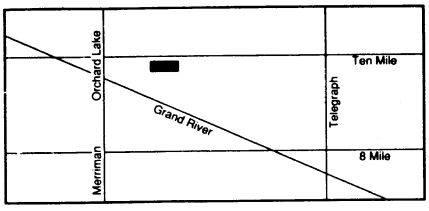

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----Calendar of Events---

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March 1997

Mar 12 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Mar 22-23 Missouri Endurance Ralleye (810) 349-3799
Mar 29 Tech Session-Sam's Detail Shop, Farmington

April 1997

Apr 9 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn (Pinewood Derby)
Apr 27 Cecil Kimber Birthday Bash-Lansing

May 1997

May 2-3-4 T-Register Blue Grass Bash, Lexington KY
May 14 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
May 17 Braille Rally, Lansing-Wayne Bulteza (517) 543-6770
May 18 Mother of all Spring Ralleyes

June 1997

Jun 7-8 Vintage Racing at Mosport Park-near Toronto, MG featured car.
Jun 8 Carnival of Cars/English Day on the Green-(810)851-0510
Jun 11 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Jun 14-15 Stratford Trip

July 1997

Jul 9 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Jul 13 Mad Dogs & Englishmen-Hickory Corners Featured Car is Healey. Also is 5 Club MG meet.
Jul 27 Club Picnic?

August 1997

Aug 1-2-3 Meadowbrook Concours
Aug 13 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Aug 14-15-16-17 University Motors Summer Party & Tour Around the Lake Ralleye

September 1997

Sep 10 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Sep 14 Battle of the Brits-Sue Snyder (810) 979-4875
Sep ?? Lucas Night Ralleye?
Sep ?? Autocross??

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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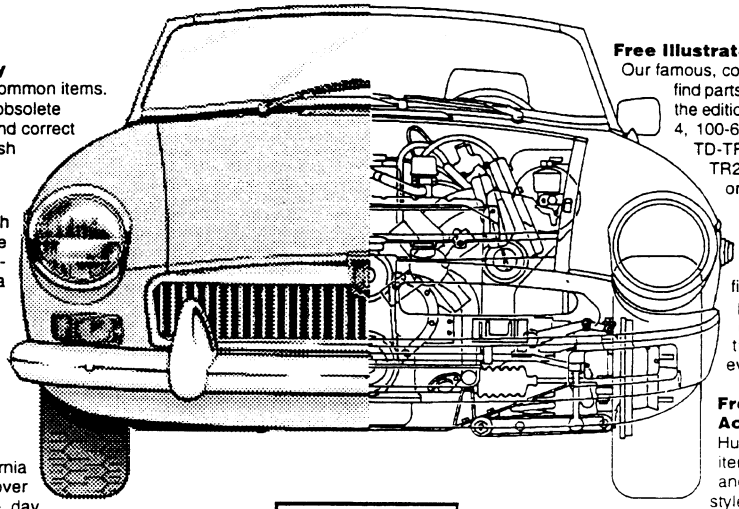

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