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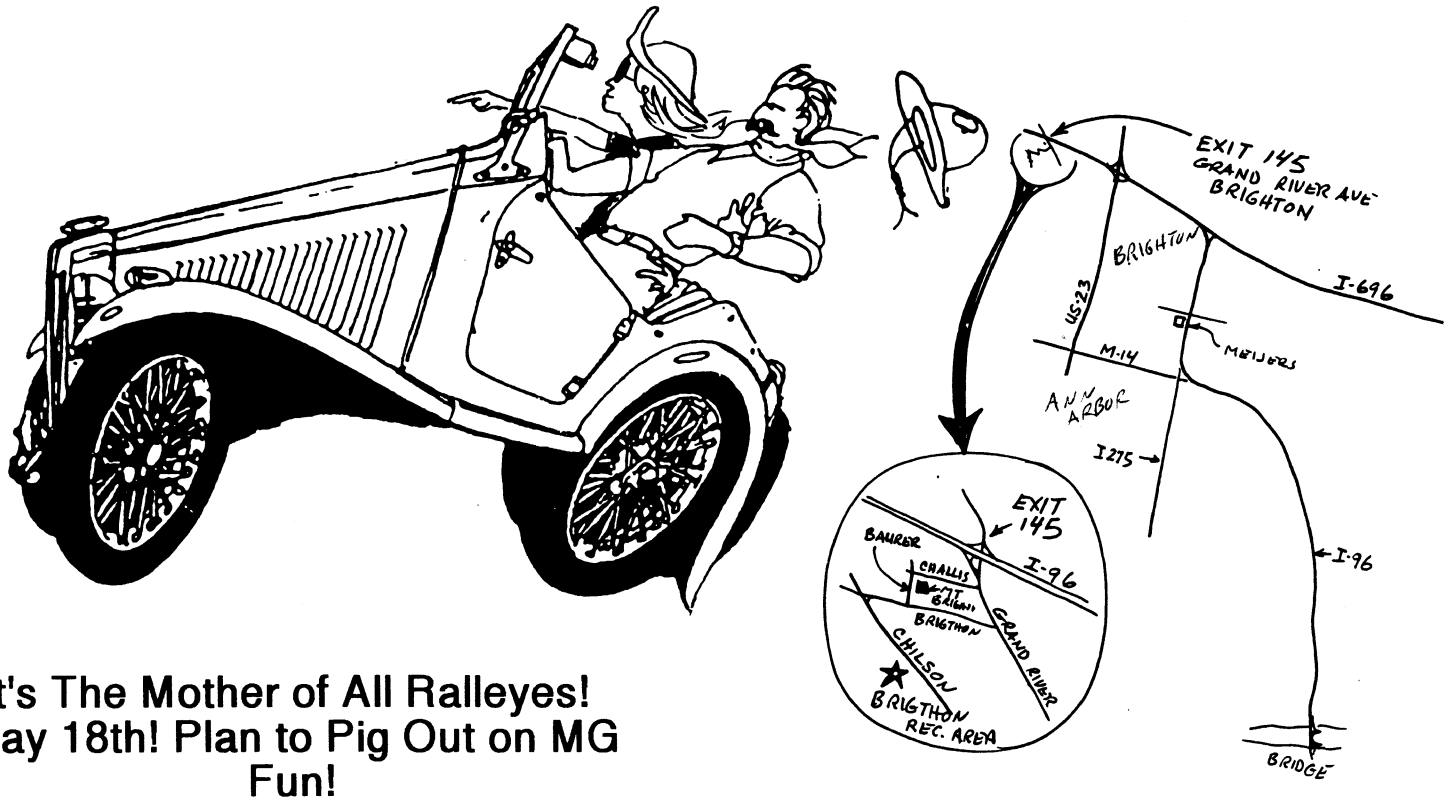

It's The Mother of All Ralleyes! May 18th! Plan to Pig Out on MG Fun!

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 event!

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.

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 12 & under free). Make checks out to "Windsor-Detroit MG Club".

We'll start off with a few silly contests along the lines of our past funkanas. Then we'll send you off on a rally of your choice. You can just motor through the countryside, or test your skill at finding clues (for prizes). The ralleye will wind its way along some of the best sportscar roads in southeast Michigan.

Meanwhile, back at the park, we'll have games for the kids (young and old).

Something for everyone! Really! Plan to participate.

What: The Mother of all Ralleyes

Where: Brighton State Park (see map)

When: NOW (to call Marcia Greiner to let her know you're coming and send in your registration!

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:

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State/Province_____ZIP/Postal Code_____

Phone Number(_____)_____

Number of people attending_____

Send order form along with check for $5.00 per person (over 12 years old) to: **Marcia Greiner, 516 Novi Street, Northville, MI 48167, U.S.A.** Make check out to "Windsor-Detroit MG Club".

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Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor, President

We had a great turn out for the Kimber Birthday Bash, despite the threatening weather. Hopefully this is a sign of things to come (the great turn out not the weather).

Our May events both take place on the same weekend. The 17th and 18th of May. First is the Braille Rally in Lansing on Saturday May 17th beginning about 9:30 A.M. This will be a simple rally/tour where the instructions are written in braille. You will have a blind child as navigator to read the directions and a panic envelope in written form for you to use just in case. You'll have a chance to be a big brother to some grateful blind kids who probably have never been in a convertible sportscar. They'll get to experience top down motoring, being needed by an adult, and all the fun that goes with British roadsters (and GTs).

To sign up call Wayne Buletza at (517) 543-6770 and let him know you want to help.

Our second event on Sunday May 18th is "The Super-Duper, All In One, Rally, Funkana, Picnic, Pig Roast and General Good Time, Mother of All Ralleyes". See page one for all the details. The important thing is that you must pre-register for this event. We have to let the pig-roaster know what size pig to bring.

So call Marcia Greiner at (248) 348-1473 to let her know you're coming **and** send in the order form with $5.00 per person (over 12).

You may also have noticed that the newsletters lately have been arriving a little late. We've had some technical glitches in the production process. First all the Kinko print shops that had computers and printers for rent switched to a new format that was not compatible with the club's equipment. Luckily I finally found one in Livonia that still had one computer we could use. Until I went in to print the April newsletter. It was broken and Kinkos fixed it by converting it to Windows which is the incompatible equipment.

So the Board of Directors decided to buy a printer, to make doing the newsletter easier and eliminate relying on other people's equipment. Sounded like a good idea, but it's been a real struggle finding a printer that will work with our equipment. Hopefully this will be solved by the time the June newsletter is ready for printing.

In the meantime, if you have a question about our events call one of the officers listed at the left.

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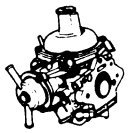

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Just The Details

by Joe Friday

The day before Easter, about 10 members wandered up to Farmington Hills to Sam's Detail Shop. We were greeted by none other than Sam himself and a giant grocery bag full of bagels, cream cheeses and fresh brewed coffee. We settled in for the better part of an afternoon in nothing other than the details of how to wash, rub, polish, buff, wax, seal, and scrub "our little toys" as Sam would say.

Sam's business is to inject new life into sometimes very tired specimens. No miracle, but he gets the best out of the hunks that have been dropped off at his door. Positioned under banks of fluorescent lights, Sam descends upon his prey armed with power tools and an endless supply of chemicals, abrasives, waxes and sealers.

"Throw away those chamois", Sam advises, as he begins his assault on his 40 year collection of mis-truths. Sam believes in using the least amount of abrasives to get the job done, using natural, environmentally friendly products.

Here's how he does it:

1. **Wash**. Spray the tires with a tire cleaner first. Get the car all wet and then wash using Meguiars #00 and water. (Ed. Note: Meguiars makes just about everything you could possibly need to make your car look good, from soap to plastic window dressing, and they all have a number and Sam knows them all by heart). Rinse with fresh water. This step is most important as this allows you a good clean surface to start the process. Dry using terry towels.
2. **Remove tar**. Use very little kerosene or environmentally friendly products, that can be purchased at Murray's.
3. **Rubbing.** Use compound sparingly. Rubbing compound is most abrasive and will remove paint in heavy layers. If your paint is in pretty good shape, skip this process. Scratches require rubbing to round off the sharp edges of the scratch. Use the least abrasive compound that you can find. Use a power wheel that is capable of 1400 to 3200 RPM. Sam recommends using the wheel at the lowest possible speed to create the least amount of heating until you become familiar with the process. You can **burn** the paint. Use a foam wheel pad for this kind of work. Stay away from the wool pads.
4. **Polishing.** Sam recommends Meguiars #3. This is also applied using a power wheel with a foam pad. This gives you that great shine we're all looking for. But you then must...
5. **Wax** (or seal). Sam uses Meguiars #26. Apply with a cloth and let dry to a haze and wheel it off. Do a small section at a time. You don't want the wax to get too hard. One coat is enough. You need to apply polish and wax every 20 car washes or 3-4 times a year.

Vinyl Convertible Tops. Light detergent and water and spray with silicon.

Rag Tops. Water, water! Use a plastic bristle brush, dry, to remove dirt and scotchguard if it hasn't been sealed in awhile. No soaps.

Tires. Use a white wall tire cleaner, even on blackwall tires. Then spray on some silicon.

To remove brake dust from wheels use "Wheel Brite". Put it on and take it off fast. To remove grease from wheels, use engine degreaser and rinse.

Engine compartment. Sam says you're on your own here. He doesn't like to do them as he can't afford to have those British products tying up his floor space for days, while he tries to get them running again. The secret here is fix the leak and if you have to, use Engine Degreaser and rinse with water. I always cover my distributor, especially if it has a vent. No Guarantees here!

Interior. Rugs - vacuum often. Don't let dirt build up. If it does, then use a stiff brush to loosen and vacuum. If you need detergent, then use a foaming agent with a mild detergent and water. Dry the rugs using a terry towel and vacuum. Protect your rugs from salt and grease.

Rubber weather stripping - Silicon Spray.

Vinyl dash - Murphy Oil Soap.

Leather seats - use Murphy Oil Soap also.

Sam's is a great place to take your baby. He definitely knows what he is doing. He charges by the hour. Sam's price is about $120 per visit at the low end. He is located just below 14 Mile at 32671 Northwestern Highway. (248) 855-5600.

Sam says if you have a question or need advice, give him a call. He knows the "details".

Photo: Sam, in black shirt at left, about to demonstrate the finer points of cleaning your car.

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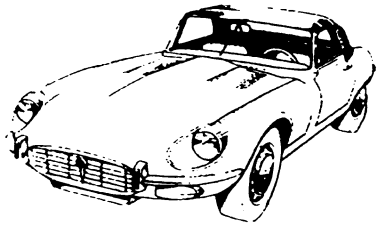

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The Kids Just Want To Have Fun

"Here comes Jeff Gordon diving under Rusty Wallace in the last corner to win the race!" Oh sorry, I got carried away with the excitement of short track racing.

This year's Pine wood Derby featured a short track, necessitated by our new location at Buddy's Pizza. Maybe 20 feet instead of 30 feet. It made for some very close racing. Luckily **Dan Zebarah** had built some timing lights for determining winners, although this being a British car club we had the normal electrical glitches before the start.

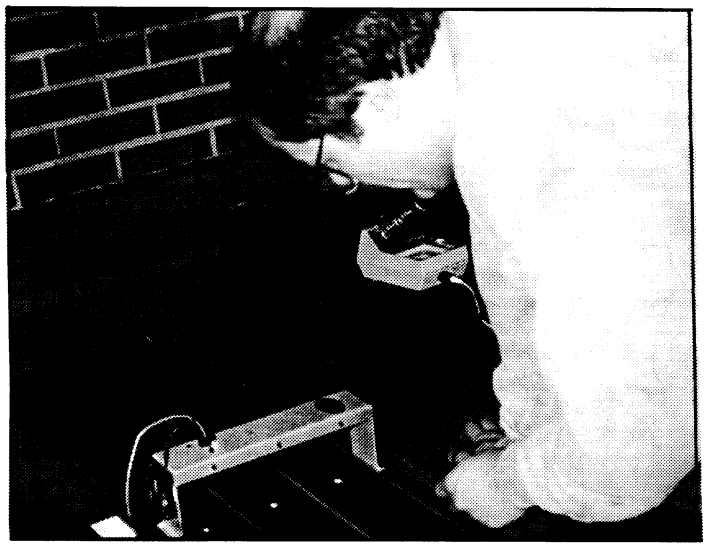
Once again we had classes dividing the racing into those kids under 12 and those over 12. In the "under" class we had **Matthew Greiner, David Derderian, Becky Derderian, David Zebarah and Liza Zebarah.** In the "over" class we had **Marcia and Tom Greiner, Ed and Edna Fleming, Marla Zebarah, Mike Derderian and Dennis Ferguson.** Seems like this is a family event (Hum, just like NASCAR).

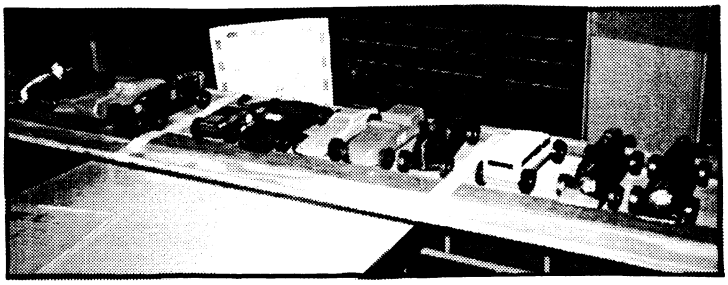
Like NASCAR Short Track racing the action was fast and furious. and like drag racing it was over in a few seconds (Editors note from wife deleted here).

Once again the MG-TF Ceramics Racing Team, using our Roger Penske approach took first (Edna), second (Ed), and third (Marcia). Next year I think we better withdraw to let someone else win.

Meanwhile in the "under" kids division, Matthew Greiner was cleaning up. I taught him just about everything I know about Pine Wood Derby Racing and he seems to be a quick learner. He learned that just like real racing, there are many days or weeks of testing and practice all for a few minutes of actual racing. In fact his car also beat the "over" winner for the overall championship. A case of the student beating the teacher?

Liza Zebarah was second and brother David Zebarah third. Revenge for Liza since last year David beat her.





Photos: Left, the "under 12" kids, Top: Dan Zebarah fine tunes the timing equipment. Middle: MG-TF Ceramics team members with ribbons. Bottom: Race cars lined up in "Paddock".

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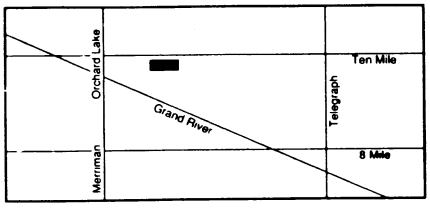

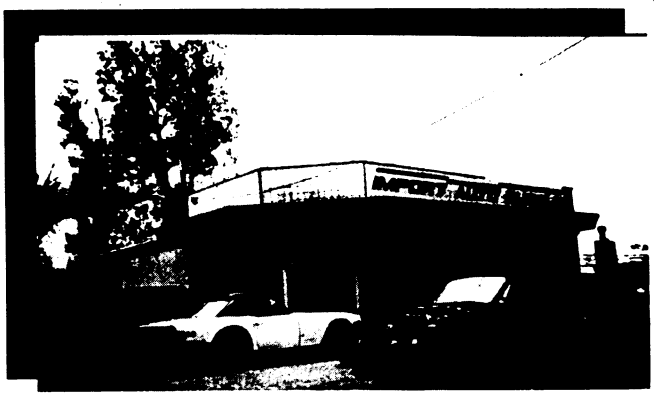

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Cecil Would Have Enjoyed The Festivities

Saturday it was a perfect MG day. Temperatures near 70 (21 Canadian) and a sunny sky. Sunday, the day of our fifth (!) Cecil Kimber Birthday Bash, the forecast was for cooler temperatures and rain. An 80% chance of rain according to the local Weather Channel.

I ran 15 copies of the route instructions and figured maybe 5 or 6 cars would show up. I was pleasantly surprised when 12 cars arrived in the Meijer Parking lot at the scheduled rendezvous time of 10:30.

Soon we were off on our first driving event of the year, heading out over the two lane country roads between Northville and Lansing. The clouds were thick, but there was no rain. The air wasn't so cold you'd freese your pudendum, just brisk, so a few of us put the "hoods" down and enjoyed the crisp spring air (I finally warmed up about 7P.M. that night).

We followed the route of past years, past the pig and cattle farms. This year though, the cattle didn't seem to be in a methane producing mood (or the wind was from a friendly direction). The buffalo were still there, this time up along the road rather than hiding in the trees, as if they knew we were coming.

In Lansing, we met members from the other four Michigan MG clubs. A great chance to meet fellow MG owners we only seem to see at this event and University Motor's Summer Party. Must have been 60 enthusiasts all together. We filled the room we reserved and overflowed into another.

Members from each club told the group about their individual clubs and promoted some of the special events all 5 clubs are working on as joint events (The Kimber Birthday Bash being the first).

Next up is the Braille Rally Sponsored by the Lansing Club. May 17th. Call Wayne Buletza at (517) 543-6770 to let him know you'd like to participate. Noisy cars that blind children will appreciate are welcome as well as the more quite variety.

Once again **Marcia Greiner** baked a delicious cake, even appreciated by diabetics Ed Fleming and Jeff Zorn.

After some parking lot ogling the travelers headed home and the rain held off until later that evening.

Several years ago, **Otto Pope** observed that the weather at our first driving event set the pattern for the rest of the year. So plan on cooler than normal temperatures but NO RAIN for the rest of the driving season.

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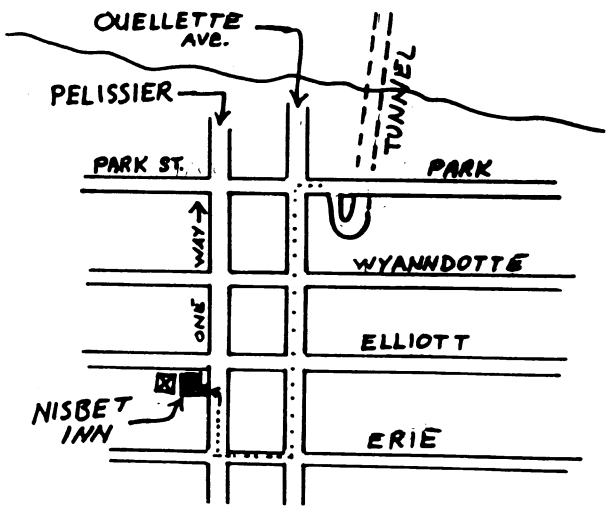

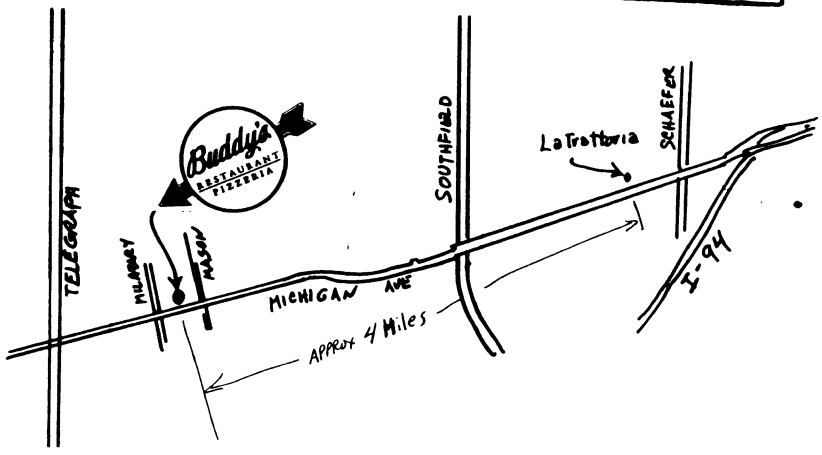

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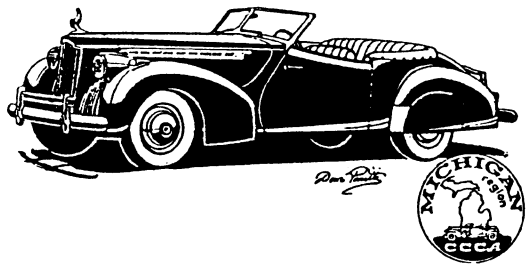

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JUDGING — Judging starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. Cars must be on the field at that time in order to be judged. A judging time will be assigned to each club. Eligible vehicles must be original, or restored to original condition. The entrant will drive his or her registered vehicle with their club in one lane past various judging teams. Each team will examine its assigned areas of each car. Competing cars will be judged on a 100 point system: first place requires 90 points or more, second place 80 points or more, and third place 70 points or more. Judging forms will be returned upon request, but please enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope when sending in your registration form.
Persons interested in judging should contact Dan Sommer (810) 435-6115 (days) or Dave Donoghue (313) 459-8276 (evenings).

AWARDS — All preregistered entrants will receive a dash placque. First, second and third place trophies go to the members of each club represented with nine (9) or more entries. Clubs with six (6) to eight (8) entries will receive two (2) trophies. Clubs represented with three (3) to five (5) entries will receive one trophy. The individual scores must meet the point requirements described under "Judging." Awards are made at 3:00 p.m. or when the tabulation of scores is completed. **Please remain for the award presentations, or plan to have someone accept for you. We will not be responsible for delivery of trophies.**

SPECIAL AWARD — An award will go to the registrant whose multiple entry of vehicles accumulates the greatest point total in the judging. The more cars you enter, the better your chance of winning.

NOTE: NO EXITING OF THE GROUNDS WITH A CAR OR TRUCK BEFORE 3:00 P.M.

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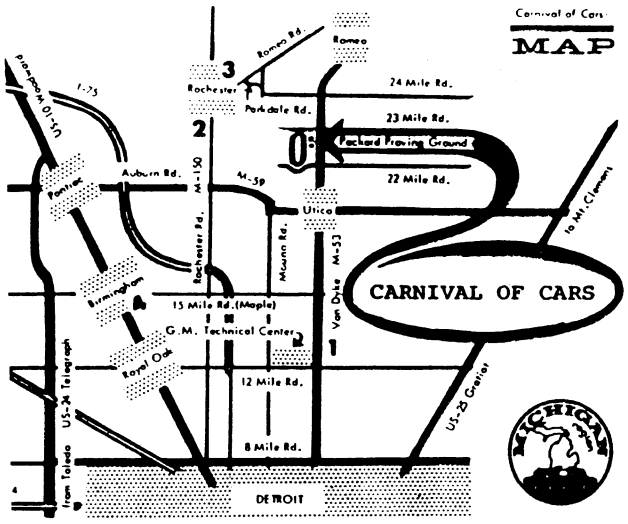

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----Calendar of Events---

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May 1997

May 14 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
May 17 Braille Rally, Lansing-Wayne Buletza (517) 543-6770
May 18 Mother of all Spring Ralleyes

June 1997

Jun 1 University Motors Early Summer Picnic-Grand Rapids
Jun 7-8 Vintage Racing at Mosport Park-near Toronto, MG featured car.
Jun 8 Carnival of Cars/English Day on the Green-(248)851-0510
Jun 11 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Jun 14-15 Stratford Trip
Jun 15 Eyes on the Classics-Edsel Ford House

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, Concours in the Park-Clarkston, Vintage Racing at Waterford
Aug 8-10 Roadster Factory Summer Party-Pennsylvania
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 21 British Car Day-Toronto
Sep ?? Lucas Night Ralleye?

October 1997

Oct ?? Autocross??
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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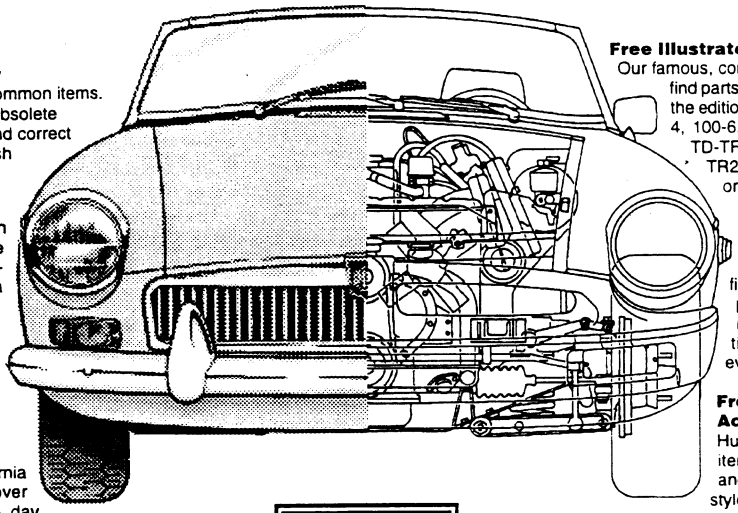

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