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Club Members Run Away To The Carnival! Pictures At Eleven

Once again the Windsor-Detroit MG Club had a bunch of members at the annual Carnival of Cars show. More than any other British car club, almost more than all the other British clubs put together

We've often had more cars than any other club, but, probably because it was a beautiful day and the location was back at the old Packard Proving Grounds, a couple of the Classic Car Clubs (Packard, and Cadillac LaSalle) had a couple more cars than we did.

Still with thirteen MGs our presence was felt. Those attending were ;**Matt and Judy Oles, Fran and Ray Lewis, David Torby, Brian Bremer, Gary Howe, Bill Larson, Malcom and Debbie Collum, Collin Stafford, Eric Dolin, John Northrup, and Dan Kreuchea.**

And of course with any car show there has to be judging and prizes. This year (as in past years) Suzanne Snyder took First place with her 1980 LE, Fran Lewis received a second place trophy for her 1974 B-GT and Gary Howe took third (and helped those fragile male egos) with his 1969 B-GT.

5th Annual Stratford Trip June 14th and 15th 1997

by Philip Wiltshire

Weather - "atmospheric conditions prevailing with respect to heat, cold, rain, sunshine etc. ....hurtful or destructive agents....."

I thought it would be good just to reflect upon the literal translation of "weather"; that vital element that makes or breaks any MG trip. You may recall that last year's trip to Stratford and Niagara on the Lake was plagued by heavy rain and fog. Not this year; we were blessed with perfect driving weather for the whole two days. Sorry folks, we used up the whole Michigan Summer on this trip!

This years trip had two basic differences to previous years. One, we did not all get accommodated at our regular overnight stop at the Westover Inn in St. Mary's, and two, we added the new "behind the scenes" theater tour to the trip for the Sunday morning.

I thought I would start the 5th annual report by highlighting some of the comments heard during the course of the trip:

" We'll see you there....."

(The rest of the cars left a note after waiting 1 ½ hours for us at the Bluewater Bridge)

" Our ignition light is flickering....."

Upcoming Events

July 9 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
July 13 Mad dogs-Kalamazoo
Aug 1-2-3 Meadowbrook Concours, Vintage Racing etc.
Aug 13 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

(The Zajac's comment when going home early)

" The Gersh's TD died....."

(A cell phone call to us on I94 - problem soon remedied)

" No, I didn't make it home OK....."

(Ted and Susan Hight Broken TD half shaft & Jeff and Jan Zorn failed MGA fuel pump)

" Don't mess with the Queen of England....."

(the message from our musical "Camelot")

" They have more shoes than I do.....!)

(Tomai Gersh reviewing the theater's behind the scenes shoe collection)

" What great weather, what could possibly go wrong on a day like today....?)

(said just before we realized that our first rendezvous exit ramp was closed....)

" No problem, our people travel the Bluewater Bridge every day, the traffic is light....."

(said to Adam Gocfa, who said that we might have problems with traffic (we did))

" We'll never drink 15 liters of wine before dinner....."

(said at our cocktail party before dinner on Saturday evening)

" Hey Barry, your right hand rear wheel wobbles....."

(said to Barry Jones who replied "it's always done that")

" Our lunch stop in Stratford is on Wellington Street... Trust me....."

(It wasn't)

" All cars must be gassed up before we set out....."

(Our car wasn't)

" Your bed & breakfast is within walking distance of our dinner reservations...."

(only if you are an Olympic runner)

I hope the above comments give you a taste of things we experienced.

The musical Camelot was up to usual Stratford standards; we had nearly front row seats in the newly restored Festival Theater.

As mentioned, there was a couple of differences from previous year's trips. First, our traditional accommodation was,

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Safety Fast!

It's summertime again, the weather's been hot and sunny and there are events coming up to fill the summer with lots of MG fun.

There is the NAMGBR Convention in Buffalo, NY, Mad Dogs and Englishmen in Kalamazoo, MI and our Club picnic, all in July. In August we have a very full weekend of activities with the Meadow Brook Concours de Elegance and related festivities, The Roadster Factory Summer party in Pennsylvania and the University Motors Summer Party in Grand Rapids.

And speaking of the Summer Party, This year we'll again have the "Rally Around The Lake" and Phil Smith is planning to have a team award as well as individual prizes. Sure would be nice if one of the closest clubs could field a team. Two years ago Dan Kirby and I won this ralleye and we're going to do it again, so any fellow team members will have a winning car/driver/navigator combination on hand for guidance.

What could be more British than to drive your car non-stop for about 22 hours, going around in one big (make that very big) circle? Especially doing it in a small British sports car!

So if you're even remotely interested in doing something like that, call me at (248) 349-3799. I'll let you in on all the details. For starters you have to be in Grand Rapids Thursday, and plan on driving about 1,000 miles by Friday afternoon. Think about saving money on motel bills Thursday night (you'll be sleeping in your car). And if you plan your food intake correctly, you could even lose some weight (I lost 5 pounds the first time I did this).

Anyone can do it. I'm a fifty-something diabetic and I've done this sort of thing three times now. If I can do it anyone can. And if you're worried about your car, you'll have several other experienced MG people with you to fix just about anything that could go wrong.

Think of it as an adventure. Years from now you'll be sorry if you missed it. I've said it before; you regret the things you didn't do more than the things you did. So don't regret never having taken this adventure.

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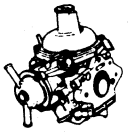

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Tour d'Elegance

Description of Events

The following are meant to be general descriptions of the outlined events. Detailed information may be obtained by contacting your ***Tour d'Elegance*** committee member. If your club does not have a committee member, you may call Rose Lieberman on (810)350-3500 or Paul Jenkins on (313)266-4289 for further information.

Special Limited Edition Tour d'Elegance Golf Shirt: Purchases limited to the first 250 Pre-Registered Entrants.

Cruise Night - The Cruise will begin at 5:00 PM on Friday, August 1. Staging will begin at 4:30 PM, at Canterbury Village parking lot on Joslyn Rd. 3 miles North of I-75. We will cruise to the ***Concours in the Park*** at Clarkston's beautiful Depot Park. There is no charge for this event.

Concours in the Park - Depot Park Clarkston: The concours will be held from 6:00 - 9:00 PM on Friday, August 1. Spectators are admitted free of charge. The event includes an ice cream social, a silent auction of motorsports memorabilia and a juried art show. If you wish to enter your car in this event, please contact Mike Brady at (810)358-7126 or Mike Nowicki at (810)791-3036. All proceeds are donated to SCAMP.

Meadow Brook Historic Races - Waterford Hills Raceway: The action begins at 10:00 AM and lasts until 6:00 PM on Saturday, August 2, 1997. Practice runs begin at 11:00 AM. Qualifying runs will take place between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Racing will be from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM. The cost of this event is indicated below. For further information contact Waterford Hills at (810)623-0070.

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance: Clubs Members must arrive between 7:00 and 8:15 AM, Sunday, August 3, 1997. No admittance to the Car Club Preferred Parking will be allowed after 8:15 AM. Any club members who arrive after 8:15 AM will be required to park in general spectator parking areas. The cost of this event is indicated below.

Please cooperate with each events traffic control people. They will assist you with all your parking concerns. No Car Club Preferred Parking or discounts are available without pre-registration. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please make all checks to Oakland University

Your pre-registration form must be postmarked not later than July 10, 1997.

This area to be completed by Applicant

Pre-Registered	**Unit Price**	**Qty.**	**Final Cost**	**Day of Event**	
Tour d'Elegance LTD. Ed. Golf Shirt	$15.00 ea.	_____	= $ ____	Not available for purchase at the Exhibition	
No. of Shirt(s) by Size - M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL($20) ___					
Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance (Car Club Preferred Parking & Program included)	$15.00 ea.	_____	= $ ____	***Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance*** (Program included)	$20.00ea.
Children 12-18 (Under 12 free)	$ 8.00 ea.	_____	= $ ____	Children 12-18 (Under 12 free)	$10.00 ea.
Cruise Night & Concours-in-the-Park	$ Free			Cruise Night & Concours-in-the-Park	$ Free
Historic Races	$ 8.00 ea.	_____	= $ ____	Historic Races	$10.00 ea.
	Total		$ ____		

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Tour d'Elegance

Registration Form

Name _____ **Address** _____

City _____ **Zip** _____ **Club Affiliation** _____

Daytime Phone (___)_____ **Evening Phone** (___)_____ **Fax No:** (___)_____

Car Mfg. _____ **Body Style** _____ **Color** _____

Which events will you be attending:

Cruise Night __ Concours in the Park ___ Historic Races ___ Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance __

Please review the cost structure on the reverse side of this form. **Indicate amount enclosed: $**_____

This form will not be accepted unless the Release and Waiver of Liability is signed by the above named registrant and postmarke not later than July 10, 1997. Mail to: Rose Lieberman, 24901 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 413 B, Southfield, MI 48075.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The above named individual, hereafter known as the "entrant" understands that the 1997 Meadow Brook Hall Concour d'Elegance is an international classic car show which is sponsored by Oakland University. There are separate events leading up t the Concours d'Elegance which are not sponsored by and not the responsibility of Oakland University. These separate even include: Cruise Night, Concours in the Park, Historic Races and Classic Car Show. The "entrant", agrees to participate in th ***Tour d'Elegance*** event(s) as outlined on the reverse side of this form and agrees that, if the registration is accepted, the entra will participate under the following terms and conditions:

1. I accept and assume full liability for any injury or loss to me or my property, agents or employees at any time and from a cause while participating in any and/or all of the events of the ***Tour d'Elegance***. I expressly release the ***Meadow Brook Ha Concours d'Elegance*** staff, the sponsors, any officer, director or shareholder thereof, and Oakland University trustees, officer employees, successors, assigns, agents or representatives from any liability for such loss or injury whether caused by the negligence or otherwise and agree to provide, pay and show current proof of insurance for the vehicle or vehicles that I will driving.
2. The ***Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance*** staff shall have the final authority to determine the location of Car Cl Preferred Parking within the authorized parking areas of each event and the entrant's compliance with the aforesaid rul regulations and policies.
3. No commercial advertising is allowed. No signs, plaques, boards may be used to identify major modifications. No busine card distribution, large ads or handbills are allowed. No "For Sale" signs are allowed.
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_____ _____

PRINT NAME HERE SIGN NAME HERE

(If the entrant is under 18 years of age, the entrant's parent or guardian must sign for the entrant)

In Keeping With Our New Policy Of Food And Cars:

Two Great Summertime Pleasures, Eating Outside and Driving Your MG. Or, It's Time For Our Club Picnic - Sunday July 27th

One of our club's most popular events doesn't even involve MGs. It's our annual club picnic.

Or sure, some members will stand around and discuss carburetor tuning and transmission rebuilds, but mostly this event is about having fun.

This year it will take place at Tom and Pam Shipley's house in Waterford. The Shipleys have access to a lake and promise to have jet skis and other water toys available for us.

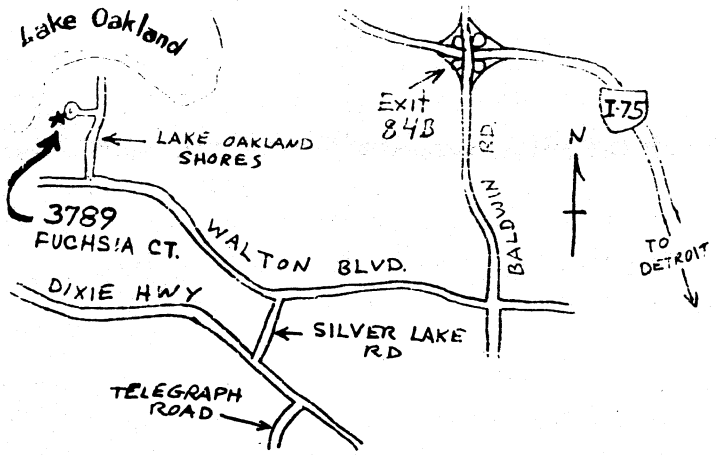
The club will supply hot dogs and pop and the remains of the roasted pig, frozen after our spring rally. Participants are asked to bring a dish to pass. The club will also supply paper plates and plastic forks and spoons.

There will also be fun and games for the kids

Time: Noon to about 5:00pm, Sunday July 27th.

Place Tom & Pam Shipley's, 3789 Fuchsia Ct. Waterford. (248) 673-7271 (see map).

What to bring: A dish to pass, swim wear, silly attitude and kids or grandchldren if you have them.



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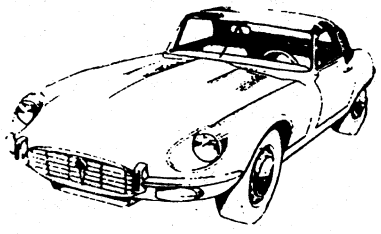

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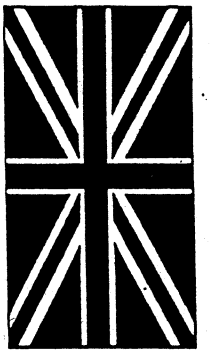

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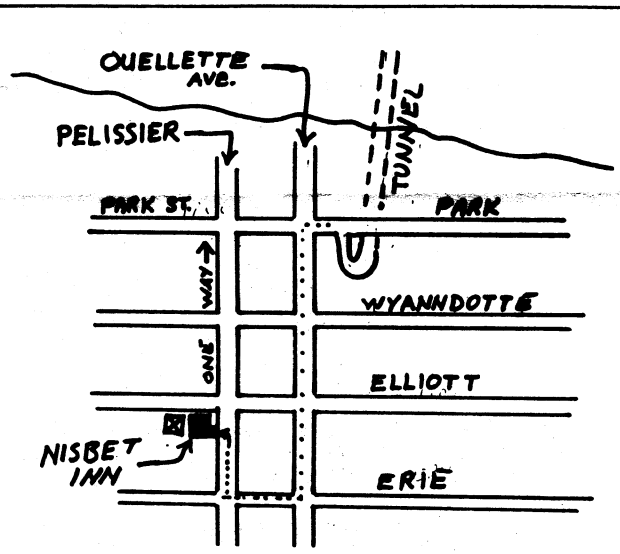

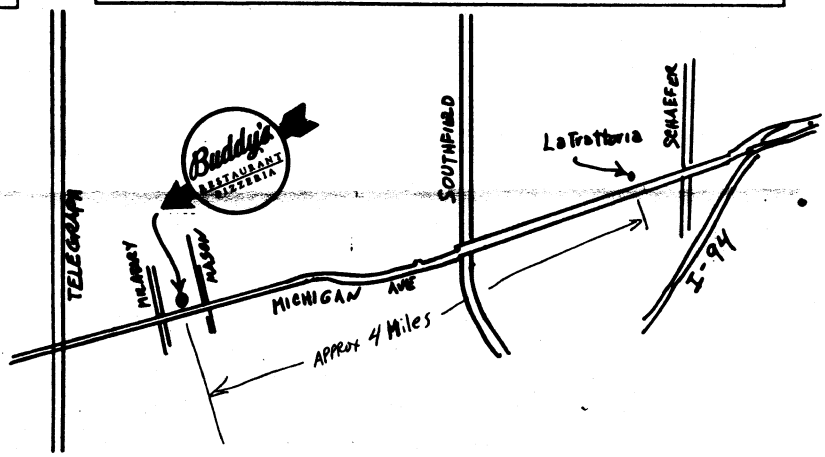

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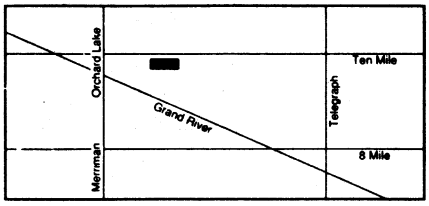

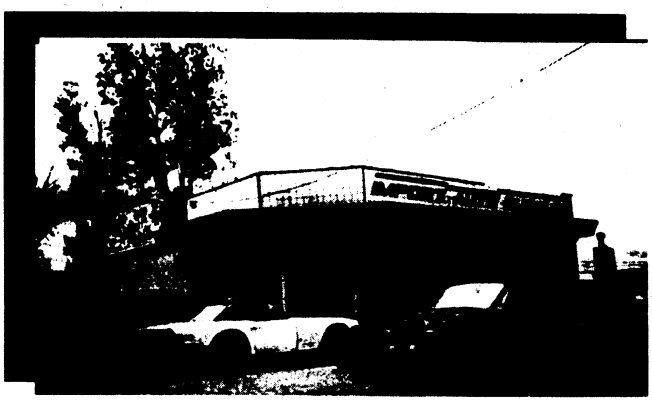

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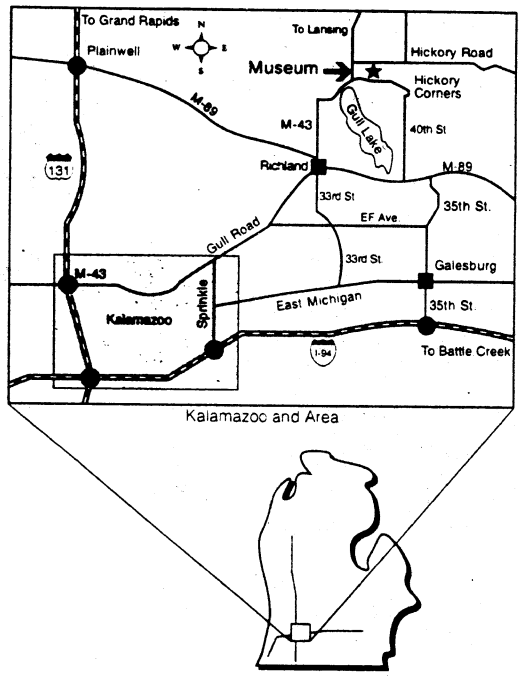

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Sunday, July 13, 1997

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4 PM AWARDS PRESENTATION
Finale and farewell

5 PM EVENT CLOSES TO THE PUBLIC
We hope you enjoyed yourself; in an effort to improve this event, we welcome any suggestions

Notes – Schedule and events subject to change; not responsible for damage, loss, or accidents

Regulations permit **no alcoholic beverages** on museum premises

For Further Information – please call Mad Dogs & Englishmen steering committeeman T.W. Lane (616) 344-5555, or the Gilmore Classic Car Club Museum office (616) 671-5089

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP or Postal Code _____

Telephone ( ) _____ Signature _____

Year, Make and Model of Participating Car(s) _____

❑ Exhibitor Registration ..... $10 per car
All registrations include entry to exhibit and museum for two persons; children welcome.

❑ Seller Registration .... $20 per vehicle includes admission
$15 each additional vehicle

❑ Yes, we will join the Saturday afternoon poker run ..... Free

❑ Vendor Registration .. $10 (15' X 30' Lot)
$10 additional lot

Please Return Registration Form With Remittance

Tour d'Elegance

August 1st 2nd & 3rd

See the Pre-registration form for additional information or call (810)350-3500

Cruise Night

Canterbury Village - Friday, August 1, 1997, leaves at 5:00 PM (Staging at 4:30 PM)
We will Cruise to the Concours in the Park at Clarkston's beautiful Depot Park.

Concours in the Park

Depot Park Clarkston - Friday, August 1 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM
The event includes an Ice Cream Social, Silent Auction of Motorsports Memorabilia and an Art Show.
Spectators admitted free of charge

Meadow Brook Historic Races

Waterford Hills Raceway - Saturday, August 2, 1997 @ 10:00 AM
The action begins at 10:00 AM and lasts until 6:00 PM. Practice runs begin at 11:00 AM.
Qualifying runs are held between 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM. Racing will be from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM.
For further racing information contact Waterford Hills/TMG at (810)650-5566.

Classic Car Show

Waterford Hills Raceway - Saturday, August 2, 1997, Registration from 8:30 - 10:30 AM
This Classic Car Show is held in conjunction with the Meadow Brook Historic Races
at the fantastic Waterford Hills Race Course. Pre-Registration is $10 by July 10, 1997.
Registration Day of Show is $15. For information contact Paul Jenkins at (313)266-4289.

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall

Concours d'Elegance

Car Club Preferred Parking

Meadow Brook Hall - Sunday, August 3, 1997 from 7:00 -8:15 AM
This prime parking privilege is open to all Car Club members that own Classic, Custom or Modified
Sports Cars/Passenger Cars and wish to drive their cars to the Concours d'Elegance.
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Is This an MG?

In April, my wife Jan and I had the opportunity to travel to England and while there we decided to rent an MGF. I figured it would be a piece of cake to rent one, but boy was I mistaken. The car is pretty popular in England. I was told that at one time there was a three - month waiting list. To find one to rent, while I was still in the States, I faxed a couple of MG dealers in England. One of them contacted another dealer and they in turn called me and informed me that they were going to start renting the MGF shortly. This, thank goodness, would coincide with our trip. The cost was 75 British pounds a day (we had it for two days) which is about $120 a day. This was more than my wife wanted to spend, but hey, you only live once, right?

Once we got to England, we took a train from London to Winchester to pick up the car. It was a standard 1796cc 120Ps K-Series engined MGF I.8i. The color was metallic BRG and when I first saw it, the top was down, it was beautiful. Fortunately the normally wet British weather held off for us and we were able to drive most of both days with the top down. YES!!

I hopped in the car and started the engine, expecting to find it quite loud since it was right behind my head, but no, it was very quiet, very unlike my "A" and "B". Off we went, right out of the dealer's driveway and right into our first roundabout. Yikes, which way do I turn, right, left, what side do I want to be oh, oh yes, concentrate now, you want to drive on the left side of the road. OK, got it!

We kept finding these roundabout, similar to the circles that we have in the eastern part of the U.S., but much more exciting! You tend to have about 50 cars coming from at least four or more directions at the same time. All this with only two lanes in the circle (except mini roundabout of course where you have a painted circle in the intersection and no second lane.) I pulled into the roundabout and immediately had other cars start honking at me. Now keep in mind that in the English countryside there are only a few stop signs (it appears the English population has an aversion to stopping.) In 350 miles - they use miles like we do - we saw about three of them. We saw a few more yields signs, and only about four or five traffic signals. Now go figure how could I have been wrong, right, no left, er, well you get the drift! However, this car I was driving had the power to avoid a problem. Is this really an MG?

We found out that many of the traffic signs are located as painted marks on the road surface. I did not drive at night so at least I was able to see them. God forbid had I been out there at night. We got to a set of strange looking painted lines and Jan opened the book (a nice policeman suggested we pick up this 100+ page UK rules of the road book) to read it to me and it said under the picture of the squiggles "See rule 86." (I am not kidding here.) Yikes, Rule 86! I could not even find Rule #1 that said watch out for dumb Americans driving.

Well we kept driving, concentrating on keeping to the left of the road. Boy, is that hard - trying to shift with the left hand while at the same time looking for the shift with my right hand and instead opening the door, good thing I had my seat belt on. Of course, all this was after first trying to get into the car on the wrong side. <grin>

One of he first things I noticed about the car was that the temperature gauge stayed well below the middle. Hmmmmm, it must be broken, how unusual! It stayed there and never rose any higher. I then remembered that I did not see a puddle of oil under it either. I began to wonder, is this really an MG? Then I stepped on the gas, whoa, it does 0-60 in 8.5 seconds, folks. Is this really a stock MG?

As I hit the M3 highway, cars were really flying past me. I was driving an MG, so I was used to that. My foot started to press harder on the petrol pedal and, before I knew it (and before Jan saw it on the speedo), we were at 107 mph and climbing, but it felt like 50 mph. Is this really an MG? (It was very quiet, too.) Jan started to yell at me, so I had to back off, but they claim it will do 120 mph.

We stopped at Stonehenge and found the sights to be very interesting. We then headed out to the Cotswolds for two days in the English countryside. As we drove along these near perfect MG-type roads, I found the car to be as responsive as my "A" and "B". It was quite fun to drive. It took the turns, stopped on a dime, and was very economical to drive. I kept glancing at the dashboard because in the center of it was the new style MG logo. I was beginning to think it really was an MG by this time. It also said MG on the steering wheel, on the boot, and on the bonnet, so it must really be an MG. Besides, there was not much room in the boot for our suitcases, so we had to leave most of them behind. A telltale sign it was an MG.

The next day we drove out into the country over some dirt roads and real cow paths. This car felt very smooth. My wife even started to like it and she hates my little "babie" with a passion. There were no rattles or air leaks, and the power windows even worked. I wonder if they were Lucas? In fact, I found not one flaw with the car except the seats were a little tight around my sides until I got used to them.

The petrol gauge never seemed to drop as we put miles on the car, and when I checked the oil it was still at the top mark as we started our return to Winchester to drop the car off. Before heading back we first made a visit to the British Motor Heritage Trust museum. I was able to see old Number 1, as well as all the other famous MGs. We then headed to Abingdon to visit the MG Car Club and pass by the old plant where most of our MGs came from. I joined the club and bought some of the MG goodies. Oh what fun!

Then we were off to the Boundry House for lunch and the Mighty Midget Pub for an Old Speckled Hen draft! The Boundry house was neat, but basically it was just a modern restaurant/bar with only a plaque to indicate that it had something to do with MGs. But the Mighty Midget Pub was quite a different story. It was MG land. There were plaques, trophies, and pictures all over the place. As we were about to leave, some patrons asked me about my "machine" and so we all went out to have a look. They were very impressed
with it.

Well, finally it was time to be off to the dealer to return the MGF. We had driven about 350 miles and the car had just under 1500 miles on the odometer when we returned it to the dealer.

Would I buy one if it were available in the USA? Probably, if my wife would allow it. It was a very comfortable driver, fast and responsive, and basically British, just like our MGAs. Of course, it did not have the nostalgia that ours have nor the classic sports car look and sound, but it still has the heritage. All this at a cost of about 20,000 British Pounds for the top model with the VVC

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----Calendar of Events---

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For up to date information on club events call Chuck Wiley at (313) 586-2500, Ed Fleming at (248) 349-3799 or Roli Sylvestre at (519) 969-2739.

July 1997

Jul 9 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Jul 10-12 NAMGBR Convention-Buffalo, NY (716) 683-9380
Jul 13 Mad Dogs & Englishmen-Hickory Corners Featured Car is Healey. Also is 5 Club MG meet.
Jul 27 Club Picnic- Shipley's house

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 5 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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Stratford

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unfortunately, partially booked by a wedding party. Although 20 our of our 36 travelers were able to stay there, the rest of us were scattered about the town of St. Mary's and Stratford in Bed and Breakfast accommodation. Please note that Dick Bremer has already booked the whole hotel for June 13th next year. Lets hope we can match this date with a good play; we heard rumors that Gilbert and Sullivan will be playing in 1998! (a favorite of our MG travelers). Please mark your calendars.

Marshall and Fran Coulter made sure that we couldn't get lost finding the Westover Inn in St. Mary's as they handed out detailed maps for us all.

5 of us stayed in the Victorian Eagleview Manor B & B perched on a hill top overlooking the town of St. Marys. A nice place to stay.

The other main difference was the addition of the "behind the scenes" tour on the Sunday morning. We divided up into two parties and thoroughly enjoyed the guided tour that lasted over 1 ¼ hours. The tour covered every aspect of theater life. My memories are of both the Engineering (Artisan) Department where they use all manner of materials and skills to produce stage props and scenery and the Tailoring Department. This department takes their clothes designers' sketches and makes clothes, including dyeing of cloth and the making of accessories.

After the tour we drove across to the coastal town of Bayfield. By then, we had about half the original group (the others heading in their own directions) where Jan, Ted, Susan and I lunched at the Little Inn of Bayfield, which has been serving food since the 1830's.

Our thanks to Dennis and Erica Ferguson for bringing up the rear on Saturday, and Rose and Kathy for protecting our rear on Sunday.

This years travelers were:

Otto and Judy Pope	MGB
Dick Bremer	TC
Bill and Hilda Larson	MGB
Rose Lieberman and Friend Kathy	Infinity
Ted and Susan Hight	TD
George and Rita Patrick	MGB
Pat and Marcy McHugh	Mercedes convertible
Jeff and Jan Zorn	MGA
Ray and Fran Lewis	MGB GT
John and Nancy Zajac	MGB GT
Marshall and Fran Coulter	MGB
Adam and Susan Gocfa	MGB
Barry and Barbara Jones	MGB
Dennis and Erica Ferguson	Contour
Mark and Louise Zimmerman	TD
Joy Matousek and friend Norma	MGB
Jan and Philip Wiltshire	MGB GT V8

My thanks to Dick Bremer who, as usual, did at least 50% of the organizing.

It was a beautiful, sunny day. So what were we doing inside?

It was the great car movie "The Italian Job, that's why. About 15 members spent part of Saturday June 28th inside the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor watching the movie "The Italian Job", staring Michael Caine, Benny Hill and a bunch of special cars, most of which are destroyed in the film.

Of course there was the caravan from the Meijer's in Northville to Ann Arbor which provided a great road trip to get things started. I lead the procession in my purple Midget (top speed about 65 mph) followed by Marshall Coulture in his Cobra (top speed about 165 mph). I took the tight turns in a wide arch, swooping toward the inside aprex and drifting out to maintain momentum while Marshall just took a more conventional line and used horsepower to maintain speed. Needless to say, my rearview mirrors were full of bright yellow Cobra (not a bad sight actually)

Once again, Larry Crane from Automobile Magazine, showed us the movie Rendezvous before the main event and gave us some more inside information of the making of this cult film.

I was told I twitched when the Lamborgini Muira crashed into a front end loader, then started looking pale when the same front-end loader crunched not one, but two E-type Jags, then jumped again when it tossed an Aston Martin DB5 over a cliff.

By the time the third Mini fell down the mountain side, I had to check my blood sugar.

Something I hadn't noticed the last few times I watched this movie was how good (or should I say appropriate?) the music was, especially when the Minis were making their get-away.

These "Car Movie" events are always a blast, be sure to join us next time.

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engine, (around $32,000).

Let me know if you have any specific questions and I will be happy to try to answer them as long as they are not technical. You can e-mail me at <fcjeff@aol.com>

For information about renting an MGF in England, you can contact:

Martins of Winchester,
Easton Lane, Winnall, Winchester SO23 7SL, England
Phone 011-044-1962-942842 from the USA, or
Fax 011-044-1962-877537.

They have an MG Direct Line at 011-044-1962-855202. If you call, ask for Malcolm Steven, the resident MG sales guru. Martins was very pleasurable to deal with and I would not hesitate to rent another car from them in the future (they also rent other brands at much lower prices.) I was able to locate one other dealer that would rent an MGF via the MG Car Club, but they were much further up north and also a little more costly.

Cheers,
Jeff & Jan Zorn

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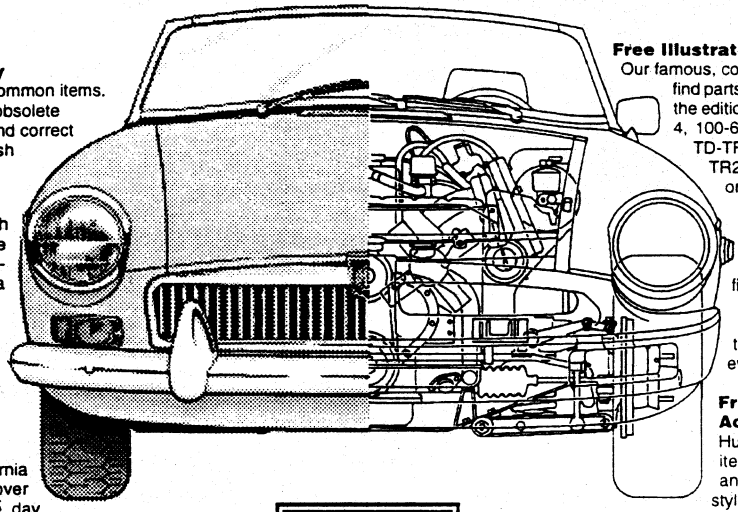

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