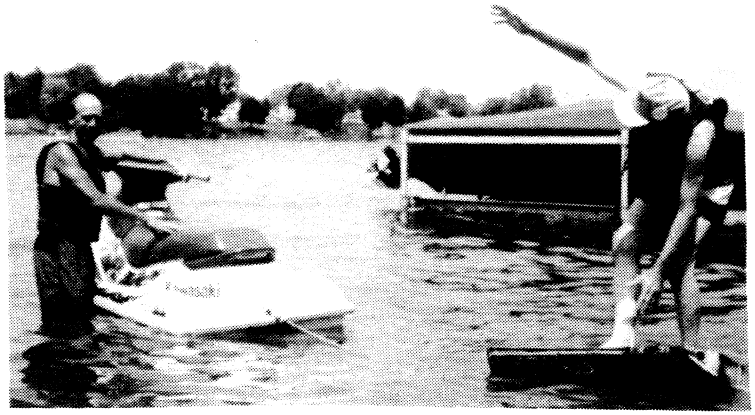
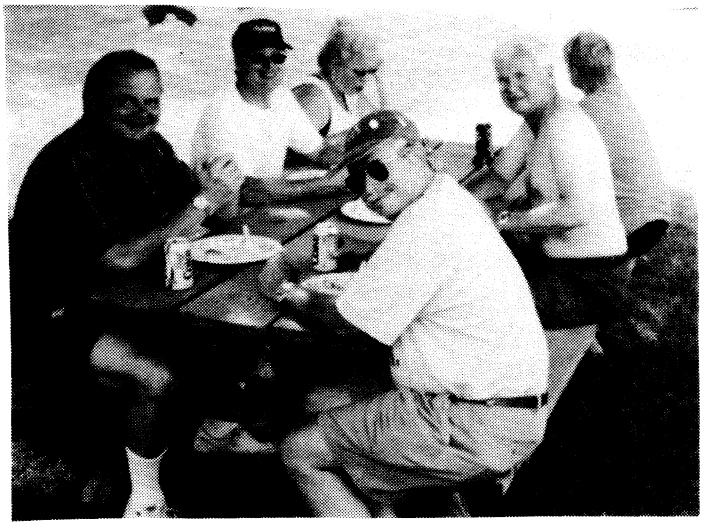
The Can Am CONNECTION

WINDSOR-DETROIT

Vol. 17, No. 8 - Newsletter of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club - August, 1997





Photos, Clockwise from upper left: Your President looking for that big wave. Same president giving up on wave and getting a tow from Tom Shipley (note "Door Prize" door used as surf board). Members "pigging out" on left over pig, hot dogs and assorted other goodies, Members checking out the delicious goodies.

The Temperature Was Hot, The Water Was Cool, The Food Was Great, The Fellowship Was Fun. Just A Typical Club Picnic.

Despite Otto Pope's prediction about weather at club events being the same as the weather at our first driving event (this year cool with rain threatening), It was Hot, with a Capital H for our club picnic. As in 90 % F (33%C).

Hot and humid. I even thought about taking the air-conditioned Made for a minute or two.

However, this year the picnic was back at the Shipley's house on Oakland Lake and the water was just right. Cool, not cold and the 20 or so members who attended all walked down to the lake for a refreshing cool afternoon playing in the water.

As winner of the "Door Prize" I brought the door along and made sure it was included in the festivities. Funny thing, doors sink, and leak. Still it was fun for a few seconds.

Tom had his jet skis out for our enjoyment. And when you weren't in the water, there was plenty of shade and a refreshing breeze coming off the water.

We finished off the left over pig from the spring ralleye, had a couple of hot dogs, ice cold pop, and the usual assortment of goodies brought by members.

Upcoming Events

August 13 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
August 14 1,000 Mile Rally-Grand Rapids
Aug. 15-16 UML's Summer Party-Grand Rapids

The Can-Am Connection is published 12 times a year by the Windsor-Detroit MG Club, Inc., 8905 Napier Rd, Northville, MI 48167, U.S.A.
Contributions are welcome in either written or IBM Wordperfect form.

1997 OFFICERS
President / Editor
Ed Fleming (248) 349-3799
Vice President & Video Rep.
Chuck Wiley (313) 586-2500
Secretary
Marcia Greiner (248) 348-1473
Treasurer
Phil Wiltshire (248) 932-0072
Membership
Mike Derderian (810) 731-4434
Regalia-Canada
Roli Sylvestre (519) 969-2739
Regalia-U.S.
Jay Kollin (313) 455-6949
British Council Rep.
Gary Howe (810) 939-6851
Spares & Parts
Frank Lucente (519) 966-9146

ADVERTISING RATES
Classified ads: Free to members, $5.00 for 3 issues for non-members.
Display Ads:
Business card..$6/issue, $60/year
Quarter Page..$12/issue, $120/year
Half Page..$18/issue, $180/year
Full Page..$30/issue, $300/year
Fine Print
All contents, except where noted otherwise, are copyrighted by the Windsor-Detroit MG Club Inc. Any reproduction requires express permission, except for our sister clubs who participate in our newsletter exchange.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE ON THE MAILING LABEL ON THIS NEWSLETTER. THAT IS THE DATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES. IF IT IS GETTING CLOSE, BE SURE TO RENEW AT LEAST A MONTH BEFORE TO ENSURE THAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT LAPSE!

SEND YOUR CHECK FOR $25 (U. S.) OR $30 (CANADIAN) (Made out to "Windsor-Detroit MG Club") TO: MIKE DERDERIAN, 2698 BALSAM WAY, STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48314

Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor, President

Last year about this time I wrote about the polite Indiana drivers that moved out of your way as you came up behind them on the expressway.

This year Edna and I went to the Canary Islands, southwest of Spain for our vacation. Well let me tell you those Indiana drivers can't hold a candle to the Spanish, British and German drivers we met on Tenerife.

The only diver to cause me to let up on the gas had slowed to look at a police car and a rolled over truck on the other side of the expressway. And when I flashed my lights (once) he almost jumped into the right lane. Another time I was cruising along with two other cars, going about 140 KPH (about 87MPH) (speed limit 120 or 75MPH) when we came upon a Citroen who pulled over to let us by. As the second car blew by the Citroen, the driver stuck his hand out the window and motioned him to hurry up and get by. As I went by the Citroen I noticed that it was a police car, and the officer just wanted the driver in front of me to get out of my way! Is that a great country or what?

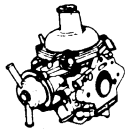
Even drivers going up the two lane twisty mountain roads would pull off unto the shoulder to let you by!

So if you're looking for a great place to vacation and especialy drive while on vacation, I highly recommend the Canaries.

And speaking of great driving experiences, the Marathon Rally at John Twist's Summer Party is coming up Thursday, August 14th and we'll have a Windsor-Detroit Team running. Here's your chance to drive some great roads, test your driving and navigating skills just a little, and have a great adventure all in 24 hours. See the details on pager 3.

1945 - 1980

SU/STROMBERG CARBURETTER RESTORATION



Another UML Bench Service

TC-TD-TF-MGA (H4)	$350/pr
MGB - MIDGET (HS)	$325/pr
MGB (HIF)	$350/pr
REBUSH ONLY	$ 75/pr
AUTOMATIC STROMBERGS	$250/ea

RESTORATION INCLUDES: Aluminium parts glass beaded, threads chased, mating flanges surfaced, bodies rebushed, suction chambers highly polished, air pistons matched, brass linkages buffed, steel parts replated. New: Shafts / Jets / Needles / Grose Jet / Gaskets.

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS: Drain gasoline, wrap, pack securely and double box. Include letter with name, address, shipping address, home phone, work phone, special instructions or requirements and MasterCard/VISA number. Call, write, fax or Email for further info on all our services.

OTHER BENCH SERVICES: Engines / Short Blocks / Heads / Carburetters / Distributors / Gearboxes / Overdrives / Driveshafts / Differential Gear Conversions / Brake Cylinders and Calipers / Rack & Pinions / Kingpins / Shocks / Emission Controls / Air Pumps / Starters / Dynamos / Alternators / Control Boxes

offering exceptional sportscar service since 1975
LINE - BENCH - RESTORATION SERVICES

UNIVERSITY MOTORS LTD
6490 East Fulton Street
Ada, Michigan 49301-9006
Phone (616) 682-0800
Fax (616) 682-0801
EMAIL VRHS43A@Prodigy.Com

Our August Driving Event Is A Dusey!

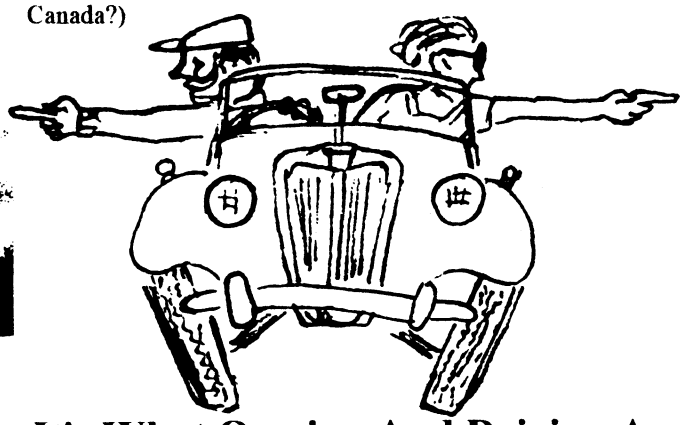
OK, you probably won't be driving a Dusenberg SJ, but "MGy" sounded silly)

The Great MG Adventure...
Coming To A City Near You!

(Never has high adventure been so close)

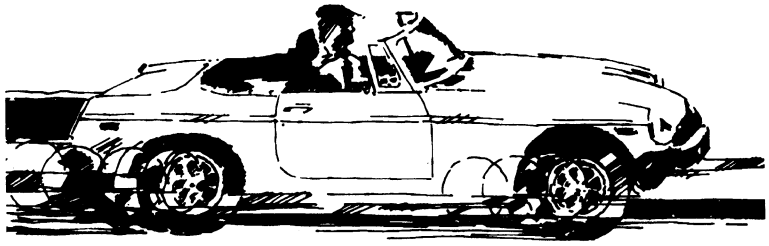
How Very British!

(Remember "Eddie the Eagle" at the Winter Olympics in Canada?)



A Trip To Tell Your Grandchildren About!

(As in "Back in '97 your Grandpa and Grandma drove our MG clear 'round Lake Michigan, in 22 hours,, down some of the best sports car roads around")



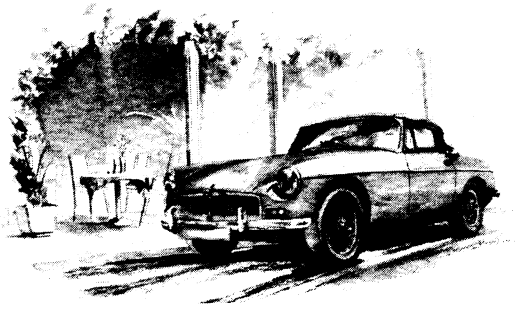
Here's you chance to really experience the great MG adventure. Here's your chance to do the University Motors Marathon Ralleye without being out in the middle of nowhere by yourself.

Join the Windsor-Detroit MG Club Team and run this great ralleye with several other members, including past winners Dan Kirby and Ed Fleming.

You'll have to take a couple of vacation days, but you were planning to that anyway, right? Meet us at the Hilton parking lot abut 10:30 Thursday morning, August 14th

It's What Owning And Driving An MG Is All About!

(This is why you bought that British sports car in the first place, isn't it?)



What: University Motors Marathon Ralleye- roughly 1,000 miles around Lake Michigan and back to Grand Rapids in 24 hours.

When: Starts Thursday August 14th at the Hilton Hotel parking lot- be there about 10:30 A.M.

What to Bring: Good maps of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, flashlight, clipboard, and a since of adventure.

Questions: Call Ed Fleming at (248) 349-3799

Classes of the MGs

K	Pre-War MG	1925 - 1939
TC	MG TC	1945 - 1949
TD	MG TD	1950 - 1953
TD/c	MG TD/competition or MG TD Mark II	
TF	MG TF & TF 1500	1954 - 1955
15A	MGA 1500 Roadster	1956 - 1959
16A	MGA 1600 Roadster	1959 - 1961
IIA	MGA 1600 Mark II Roadster	1962
A2C	MGA Twin Cam or MGA Deluxe	1959 - 1962
AP	MGA Coupé	1956 - 1962
1B	MGB Mark I	1963 - 1967
2BC	MGB Mark II - Chrome Grille	1968 - 1969
2BR	MGB Mark II - Recessed Grille	1970 - 1972
2BH	MGB Mark II - Honeycomb Grille	1973 - 1974
3B	MGB Mark III	1974/2 - 1976
4B	MGB Mark IV - Early	1977 - 1978
5B	MGB Mark IV - Late	1979 - 1980
LE	MGB Limited Edition	1979 - 1980
1BGT	MGB/GT	1965 - 1971
2BGT	MGB/GT	1972-1974-1/2
C	MGC & MGC/GT	1968 - 1969
1M	Early Midget - Chrome Bumpers	1961 - 1974
2M	Late Midget - Rubber Bumpers	1975 - 1979
S	Sedans Y-Z-Farina-1100-1300	1945 - 1980
P	Prepared (widened, lengthened, V8, & c)	All Years
F	Premier (1st in 2 of last years)	All Classes
N	Non-MG, British Cars	All Years

AWARDS ALSO PRESENTED FOR

Club Participation • Longest Distance • Parts Contest
Model Contest • Rallye • Trivia Contest • Photo Contest
Craft Contest • Painting Contest • Diarama Contest
Valve Cover Racers & MOST FAVORITE!

"THE RIGHT PARTS AT THE RIGHT PRICES"

The Roadster Factory stocks OEM components for your MGB and MGB-GT from Lucas, Girling, Lockheed, Austin Rover (British Leyland), Unipart, etc., at reasonable prices. Call for our FREE 209-page MGB parts catalogue. We want to be your parts source!

• CALL TOLL FREE (800) 678-8764 •

The Roadster Factory

POST OFFICE BOX 332, ARMAGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15920
CANADIAN AGENT: Brits & Pieces Sportscar Supply Ltd., (416) 332-2085

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY • AUGUST 14, 1997

1:00 - 3:00pm	**MG CLUB COUNCIL MEETING** In the Presidential Suite
Noon	**MG GRAND LAKE TOUR MARK V** Leaves from the Hilton Parking Lot
7:00pm - Late!	**PRE-IGNITION PARTY & TD/c ROUNDUP** In the Hotel Parking Lot

FRIDAY • AUGUST 15, 1997

10:00am - 8:00pm	**REGISTRATION & REGALIA SALES** Lobby of the Hilton Hotel
10:00am - 8:00pm	**VENDOR SALES** Hotel Parking Lot
10:00am - 4:00pm	**PARKING LOT FUNKHANA** at the Michigan National Ice Center, just north of the Hotel. Sponsored by the Old Speckled Hens.
1:00pm - 3:00pm	**TALKING TOUR OF THE TD/c** by Gerry Brown
3:00pm - 6:00pm	**TOUR of the CITY by Art Lewis** Leaves from the Hilton Parking Lot Ends at Wes Myrick's Private Museum
7:00pm - 8:00pm	**RECEPTION FOR TD/c OWNERS** In the Wolverine Room
8:00pm - 11:00pm	**MG MOVIES / SLIDES / VIDEO** With Ken Smith. In the Hotel Ballroom

SATURDAY • AUGUST 16, 1997

8:00am - 9:00am	**BREAKFAST BUFFET in the Ballroom** (You MUST be pre-registered)
9:00am	**RALLYE by Donna Hathaway** Leaves from the Hilton Parking Lot
10:00am - 12 Noon	**REGISTRATION at KENT COUNTY AIRPORT**
12 Noon	**"WELCOME to the PARTY" ADDRESSES**
12 Noon - 4:00pm	**VOTING, PARTS CONTESTS, VENDORS DEMONSTRATIONS, MG CONTESTS, LUNCH**
4:00pm	**VOTE COUNTING at the HOTEL**
7:00pm	**AWARDS DINNER BUFFET** at Calvin College (You MUST be pre-registered)
8:00pm - 10:00pm	**AWARDS PRESENTATION and KEYNOTE ADDRESS** by Gerry Brown

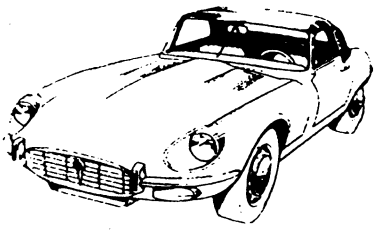
T & W auto body

5240 Williams Lk Rd*Waterford*MI*48329 Phone (810)-673-3677 fax (810)-673-2867 E-Mail twauto@aol.com

WORK ON ALL MAKES AND MODELS OF CARS • ALL WORK IS DONE BY CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS

*English Car Specialists * Servicing All Of Your Automotive Needs*

- **MECHANICAL WORK**
- **WELDING**
- **SANDBLASTING**
- **RESTORATION**
- **APPRAISALS**
- **INSURANCE WORK**
- **POLISHING / WAXING**
- **INTERIOR REPLACEMENTS**
- **PAINTING**
- **FIBERGLASS REPAIR**
- **RUST REPAIRS**
- **ELECTRICAL REPAIRS**



Best prices In Town For All WDMGC Members

University Motors Ltd
21st Annual MG Summer Party Registration

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ _____
Home Work

Please tell us about the MG you will drive to Grand Rapids!

Year _____ Model _____ Type _____ Colour _____
EG: MG TC/MGA/MGC Roadster/GT/Coupé? Factory Name?

In which class do you believe you belong? _____
Select one of 27 Classes from the next page

Please volunteer to assist us with the Party!

Field Setup • Rallye • Traffic • Technical Demonstrations • Voting • Regalia Sales • Photo/Model Contests • Child Care (Circle One!)

Registration Costs

PARTY REGISTRATION per MG (Two MGs? – Use an extra form!) Includes Dash Plaque, Registration Packet, Photo, your MG's entry onto the field on Saturday	1	x $25=	$25
SATURDAY BREAKFAST per person (You MUST be pre-registered!) Breakfast Buffet at the Hilton: Eggs, Sausages, Bacon, Sweet Rolls, Hash Browns, Juice, Coffee	_____	x $13=	_____
SATURDAY AWARDS DINNER per person (You MUST be pre-registered!) at the Cascade Center: Several Entrees available, Coffee & Soft Drinks. Buffet Style.	_____	x $20=	_____
SUNDAY BREAKFAST & TRACK ENTRY per person (You MUST be pre-registered!) Breakfast Buffet at Grattan Racetrack – Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Coffee, Sweet Rolls, AND Entry to Grattan Race Track ALL DAY SUNDAY!	_____	x $16=	_____
CHILD CARE (per child) Saturday Evening during the awards Banquet - organized by the Old Speckled Hens	_____	x $10=	_____

PLEASE DO NOT TEAR THIS PAGE IN HALF.

REGISTRATION TOTAL $_____

Check your figures! One person, one MG = $74
Two people, one MG = $123

Regalia Sales

_____XXX-Large _____XX-Large _____X-Large _____Large _____Medium _____Small _____Y-Large _____Y-Small _____Baby

T-SHIRTS – Yellow shirts with Black Lettering	_____	x $10=	_____
MUGS – 14 oz. Glass Mugs (Black Lettering on a yellow panel)	_____	x $10=	_____
POSTER – 17" x 22" Colour Poster – (supplied in a mailing tube)	_____	x $5 =	_____

TOTAL REGALIA $_____

_____My cheque is enclosed, or_____Charge my (Circle One)

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION & REGALIA $_____

Registrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless University Motors Ltd, its owners, agents and employees from any liability, loss cost, damage or expense, including attorney's fees that arise out of the performance, use or operation of registrant's vehicle during the course of this event.

_____
SIGNATURE (We MUST have your signature!!)

REMIT FORMS & CHEQUES TO:
MG SUMMER PARTY UNIVERSITY MOTORS LTD
6490 East Fulton
Ada, Michigan 49301-9006
DAY (616) 682-0800 • FAX (616) 682-0801

English Motors, Inc.
ENGLISH CAR REPAIR

Don Ensley
(810) 786-1187
51200 Milano Dr.
Suite D
Macomb Twp, MI 48042

OTHER FOREIGN CARS WELCOME

HOURS
MON - FRI
8 - 5:30

GUY'S GARAGE

Service and Repair for MG Motor Cars

Hours by Appointment

Northville, MI
(810) 349-3649

NEW & USED AUTO PARTS

MICHIGAN IMPORTED CARS, INC.

FOREIGN CAR PARTS

REPAIRABLE WRECKS

313 - 729-1010

350 S. NEWBURGH ROAD
WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48185

FROG

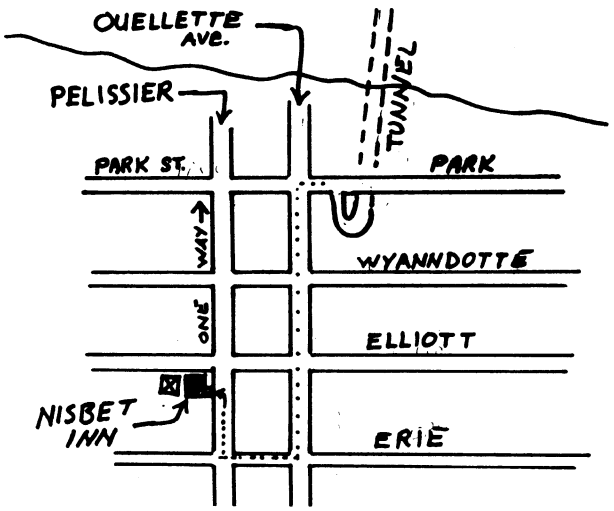
Hours
Mon - Fri 8:30-6:00
Sat 8:30-5:00
Sun 10:00-3:00

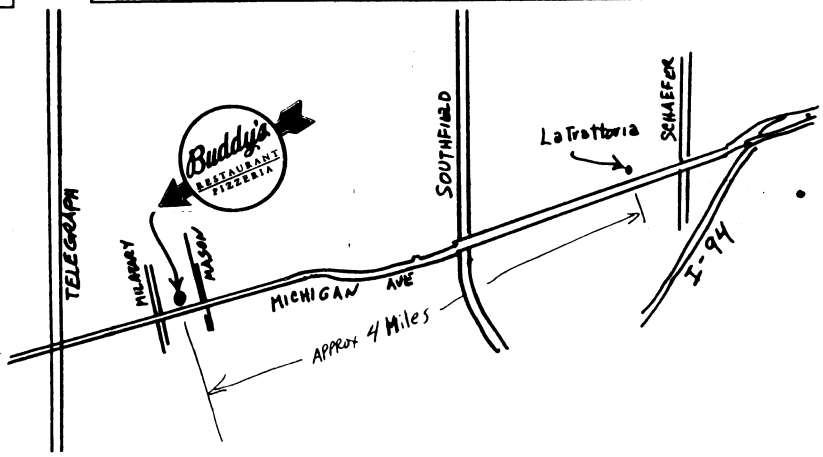
FROG FOREIGN AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY

19050 W. Warren • Detroit, MI 48228
FOREIGN CAR PARTS ARE OUR ONLY BUSINESS

BECK/ARNLEY WORLDPARTS
Warehouse / Distributor

Phone 271-3160

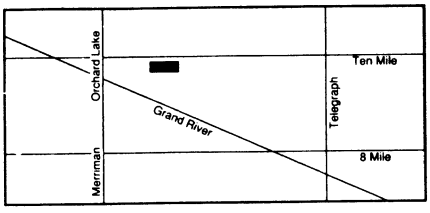




The Windsor-Detroit MG Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Even numbered months at the Buddy's Pizza 22148 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, and odd numbered months at the Nisbet Inn, 131 Elliott, West, just west of Ouellette, south of the tunnel. See Maps

IMPORT AUTO SUPPLY

- *Quality Service*
- *Imported Parts*



31151 Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336•(810) 474-7744

Unclassified Ads

Unclassified ads run for three issues or for however long I feel like running them. They are free for members and $5.00 for non-members. Call Ed Fleming at (248) 349-3799 to place your ad.

FOR SALE

Ceramic Car Models, business card holders, mugs, bowls etc. Individually hand made and personalized. We've actually won prizes for these things and our stuff is on display at the Morgan Factory, Royal Doulton Dealers and Pewabic Pottery. Marcia Greiner (248) 348-1473

British Car Brochures & Ads. Jay Kollin (313) 455-6949

'73 MGB Rdstr. BRG very good to excel't cond. rebuilt trans (overdrive soesn't work) new radio, lot's of new renovation, $5,500, OBO, Jerry Rosen (313) 234-5135 days, (248)932-3434 eves. (8)

'70 MGB Rdstr, wire wheels, nice clean driver, electronic ignition, new top, new rebuilt front end and brakes, new fuel tank. $4200, Dennis Ferguson (313) 459-1309 (7)

'76 MG Midget (no engine) good cond. several new parts, AZ car, $500. Don Morrison (810) 887-6547 (7)

MGB & Midget Body Panels made in England, Britiania Enterprizes, James Savage (248) 689-7259 (7)

4 Wire Wheels , (painted) with mounted and balanced, almost new 165 x 15 Kelly Metric tires, $250. Jeff Zorn (248) 489-1855 (7)

'77 MG Midget 1500, Just had a major tune-up (runs strong), low miles, needs brake overhaul, $4,250 CDN, Gordon Wallace, (519) 253-6129 (7)

'72 MGB Rdster, Parts car or restore, extra set of wire wheels, engine free, radio etc. towable $450 John Barton (248) 626-1351 (7)

'68 MGB Roadster, has good '74 engine and box, wire wheels, new tires and exhaust, body rough, restore or part out $650 OBO.

'79 Midget body only, Georgia car, 31k on odometer, last registered in '84, exc interior, no drive train, suspension or bonnet, $500 OBO. Various other parts, call with needs. Matt Houser (517) 596-7009 (6)

'77 MG Midget, Excellent Cond., approx 60K miles. $3500 O.B.O. Eddie Blue (810) 753-4674 (work), (313) 865-1208 (home). (6)

MGB Garage Sale: Engines, transmissions, alternator, radiator, everything to convert to wire wheels including the wheels, etc. Gary Howe (810) 939-6851 (leave message) (5)

"69 MGC Rdster & '69 MGC-GT parts car. Call for details. John Millis (248) 674-3571 eves., (248) 363-7171 days (5)

'73 MGB Complete, original, unrestored, no rust ever, tonneau cover, new top, original paperwork, shop manual, 60K miles, $5,500 OBO. Darrell Maurer (810) 263-3134 (5)

'76 MGB Motor & Trans., $425, Radiator-$65, 2 Alternators-$75 each, plus misc. parts. Donald Belan (810) 772-3815 (5)

'69 MGB Roadster with overdrive, recently restored, lots of new parts, $7,500 Gyula Kish (313) 383-0281 (5)

'76 MGB Roadster, original paint, recent engine rebuild, new top $4200, O.B.O. Charles Briggs (248) 549-0362 (5)

WANTED

14 Inch steering wheel for '70 MGB Dennis Ferguson (313) 459-1309 (7)

Wanted to Buy: MGB and Midget parts cars. Chuck Wiley (313) 586-2500 (3)

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

----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 Chuck Wiley at (313) 586-2500, Ed Fleming at (248) 349-3799 or Roli Sylvestre at (519) 969-2739.

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 Ralleye Around the Lake
Aug 14-17 University Motors' Summer Party

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)

(313) 586-2500
CHUCK WILEY

NEWPORT BRITISH AUTO PARTS
& RESTORATIONS

Bumping • Painting • Welding

USED MG PARTS
BUY • SELL • TRADE
STORAGE

6130 LEROUX RD.
NEWPORT, MI 48166

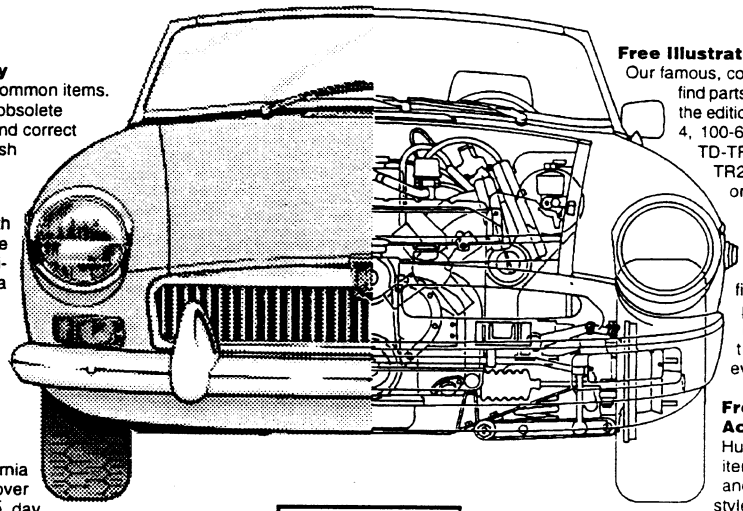
We Know MGs Inside & Out

World's Largest, Most Extensive Inventory
We stock obscure as well as common items. Our commitment to re-tooling obsolete spares insures the complete and correct restoration of your classic British sports car.

No Risk Shopping!
We want you to be happy with your purchases. We have the best returns policy in the business, and always go the extra mile to keep you satisfied.

Open 7 Days A Week!
Phone us Monday through Friday from 6 am to 7 pm Pacific Time and 7 am to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Fastest Service!
We have warehouses in California and New Jersey, and ship over 90% of our orders the same day. Order by 2 pm, your local time, for same day shipping.



Free Illustrated Catalogs!
Our famous, comprehensive catalogs help you find parts quickly and easily. Just specify the edition you need: Austin-Healey 100-4, 100-6, 3000, Sprite/Midget, MG TC-TD-TF, MGA, MGB Triumph TR2-3-4, TR250-6, TR7, Spitfire MkIV-1500, or Jaguar XK120-140-150.

Free Quarterly Newspaper!
Each issue of *Moss Motoring* is filled with hundreds of specially priced sale items, new product releases, tech tips, feature articles, British car news and events.

Free British Sports Car Accessories Catalog
Hundreds of great items for your car and on-the-go life style.

Toll-Free USA and Canada
1-800-MOSS-USA

moss

Moss Motors, Ltd.
7200 Hollister Avenue
P.O. Box 847 • Goleta, CA 93116
805-968-1041 • 24 Hr. Fax 805-968-6910

MG • AUSTIN-HEALEY • TRIUMPH • JAGUAR

MG
WINDSOR-DETROIT

Windsor-Detroit MG Club
8905 Napier Road
Northville, MI 48167
U.S.A.

FIRST CLASS MAIL