The Can Am CONNECTION

WINDSOR-DETROIT

Vol. 17, No. 11- Newsletter of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club - November, 1997

Photos: Above Three MGs and a corner. What MG driving is all about. Yup, that's your club President, eastbound in the westbound lane, getting the correct line into the righthander. **Above Right:** Milling around at the Meijer's parking lot before the tour.

Beautiful Sky, Beautiful Trees, Beautiful Cars, Beautiful People, Beautiful Day!

It was a gorgeous day for a drive in your MG. Temperatures in the mid 70s (low to mid 20s C.), perfect blue sky, leaves turning many shades of orange and red, and the company of 25 or so other MGs to enjoy it all.

The weather was so perfect I even lathered on some sun block (although the # 50 I used might have been overkill, many members were seen looking in their trunks, sorry boots, for their lotion too).

It being Columbus Day (October 12th) we followed a route that looked very much like Columbus route to the new world on his first voyage. A jog south (to the Canaries for Columbus - to North Territorial Rd. for us) Then basically due west for several miles. Then a little wondering around, stopping at Jenny's Farm Market for provisions. Then the return voyage, heading at an angle to the northeast to catch the westerly trade winds. And, like Columbus we ended our trip a little west of where we started (in our case at Obstbaum's Cider Mill (for Columbus it was Portugal). (Obstbaum's means "pig out on cider and donuts until you get sick" in German).

It was also Luciano Pavarotti's birthday, so I hope everyone played opera on their radios while driving.

We also picked up 3 new members on this trip. Two showed up at the Meijer's parking lot and another saw us at Jenny's Farm Market and stopped to see what was happening with all the MGs.

All in all a profitable and enjoyable day for our last official driving event of the year.

Upcoming Events

Nov 12 Monthly Meeting-Windsor

Nov 22 Hibernation Party-Windsor!

Make Your Reservations Now!!

Dec. 10 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

(Gift Exchange Night)

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!

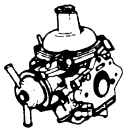
Ed Fleming, Editor, President

No Safety Fast Column this month, the club has no president. Or it might not have, if no one steps forward. Elections are coming with our Hibernation Party in November and we need four people to lead this club. Without officers, this club will not exist.

All you have to do is call one of the officers listed in the box at the left. Call Now. That's it. It's up to you. That's all I'm going to say.

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

It's Our Get Down, Be Up, Pig Out, Be In, Super Event Of The Year!
And You Don't Even Have To Drive Your MG!
Club Hibernation Party Planned For Saturday November 22nd!

Hurry, mark your calendars now. Our Hibernation Party is coming up fast. It'll take place on Saturday November 22nd. And you must let us know you're attending by November 14th

This year it will take place at the beautiful Essex Golf and Country Club in LaSalle, Ontario.

We'll have a delicious sit down dinner of roast chicken, potato, vegetable, soup, salad, and dessert.

You'll also receive a club logo hat pin gift along with many, many prizes from our advertisers.

And once again the club will subsidize this dinner, so the cost will be very economical. Only $16.00 U. S. and $21.00 Canadian per person.

So send your check, (made out to the Windsor-Detroit MG Club) right now.
Mail your entry to Marcia Greiner, 516 Novi St., Northville, MI 48167 or John Cherwak, 1765 Chilver Rd., Windsor, ON N8W 2T7.

Fashion Note: The Golf Club has a strict dress policy (men must wear dresses). No, no, (although that is very British) their dress code is that men must wear a jacket and tie (they didn't say anything about pants). Also no Denim, which means Edna won't be able to wear that new $2,000 Christian Dior Denim dress she just bought.

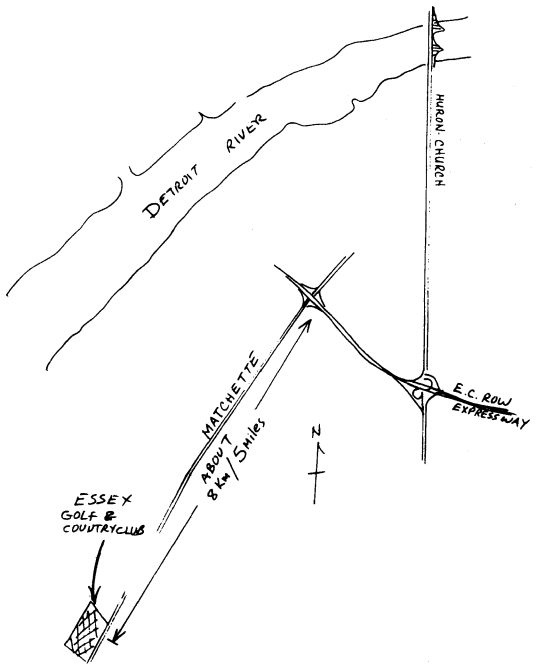
What: Club Hibernation Party, Awards, Elections Etc.

When: Sat. November 22nd 6:00 P.M. til Midnight?

Where Essex Golf and Country Club, 7555 Matchette Road, La Salle, ON, (519) 734-1251

Cost: $16.00 U.S. or $21.00 Canadian.

What to Wear: Men: jacket and tie, No Denim



W-DMGC Regalia

Great Gifts and Great Ways to Show Your Affiliation.

Item	U.S.	Canada
Glass Mugs, coffee cups, glasses....	**$ 8**	**$10**
Crystal Christmas Tree Ornaments.....	**$10**	**$13**
15th Anniversary Regalia:		
Watch (Men's or Ladies styles).....	$20	$24
Embroidered Golf Shirts.....	$25	$30
Key Rings.....	$ 5	$ 6
Wall Clocks.....	$22	$26
Club Logo Hat Pins	$ 3	$3.50
Other Hat Pins.....	$ 3	$3.50
Sweater with embroidered club logo....	$40	$52
Golf Shirt " " " ".....	$30	$39
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

To Purchase Any Of These Items Contact Your Regalia Chairman

Video Library

The following videos are available to club members. Contact our Video Librarian, Chuck Wiley at (313) 586-2500

***La Carrera Panamerica.** (1987) Open road race across Mexico with music by Pink Floyd and **Silverstate Classic** - the fastest open road race in the world across Nevada.

***Winning** with Paul Newman. Fictional story of Indycar racing. The movie that got Newman interested in racing.

***The Italian Job** Michael Cain stars with several Minis in a big bank robbery.

***Drive to Win** with Mario Andretti

***Battle of the Bs.** Club racing MGBs in England.

***SU Carb Rebuild**

***'66 and '69 Le Mans Races**

***Formula One 1979, 1980, 1982**

***Gran Turismo Jaguar.**

***The MGB Film Library**

***The MGB Video.** "Short but good"

***MGB Experience.**

***The Roadster Factory Summer Party 1993**

***Behind the Wheel with Jackie Stewart.** Stewart shows you how tc drive with finesse.

***Rendezvous.** A ride through the streets of Paris at 100 MPH plus. Short but great! A cult classic and one of Car & Driver's top 5 car films.

(313) 586-2500
CHUCK WILEY

MG

NEWPORT BRITISH AUTO PARTS & RESTORATIONS

Bumping • Painting • Welding

USED MG PARTS
BUY • SELL • TRADE
STORAGE

6130 LEROUX RD.
NEWPORT, MI 48166

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 Warehouse / Distributor
WORLDPARTS

Phone 271-3160

GUY'S GARAGE

BRITISH LEYLAND
MG
BMC

Service and Repair for MG Motor Cars

Hours by Appointment

Northville, MI
(810) 349-3649

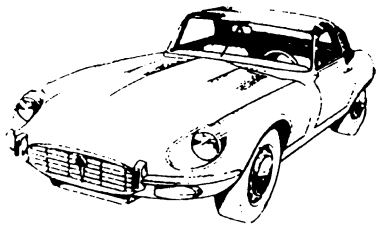
T&W auto body

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

Night Night. It's Time To Tuck The Baby Away Again. Here's How

I know it seems like it was just last week when you took the MG out for that first drive of Spring. Now the leaves are turning and the temperature is getting close to freezing and it is time to put the sports car away for another long winter's nap. Here is a list of things to do to make that nap, and the condition of your car next spring much better.

1. Change the oil and filter. If you can find some 20W20 Break In Oil, use that. Break in oil sticks to the metal surfaces more tenaciously than regular oil so it protects bare metal longer.

2. Clean the car, top to bottom, inside and out, as if you were heading to a car show. After washing the car, drive it briskly for several miles to shake and blow all the water off the car.

3. While you're out on you "blow dry" drive, fill the gas tank. Before gassing up you might also want to add a gasoline stabilizer such as Sta-Bil, sold at auto parts stores.

4. Repair any nicks, stone chips or rust spots and apply touch up paint to keep moisture off the bare metal.

5. Apply a coat of wax to the body and a coat of petroleum jelly to the chrome. Armoral all the rubber pieces.

6. Inflate the tyres to 55-60 PSI (4 BAR Canadian). If you store the car on its tyres (as opposed to on jack stands) rotate the tyres every month to keep from flat spotting them.

7. Lubricate all suspension and steering components to remove dirt and water from the bare metal area.

8. Check the anti-freeze. Even if you store the car in a heated garage, anti-freeze is needed for its anti corrosion qualities.

9. Remove the sparking plugs and squirt about 2 tablespoons of engine oil into each cylinder. Crank the engine with the starter motor for 5 to 8 seconds to spread the oil around. Do not operate the gas pedal while doing this. Reinstall the sparking plugs. Another way to lubricate the upper cylinder is to use Fogging Oil in a spray can, also available at auto supply stores.

10. Remove the battery and store it in a cool dry place (about 65 degrees Fahrenheit - 18 Centigrade is ideal). Everything I've read on storing batteries says not to store them on a cement floor but nobody has been able to tell me why. Recharge the battery every month or put it in a car you're going to drive during the winter.

11. Remove the fan belts and store them in a sealed plastic bag in a cool place. This will keep them from drying out in an oval shape.

12. Disengage the clutch so that the clutch lining doesn't stick to the clutch plate.

13. Make all engine openings air tight. This includes all vents, PVC hoses, exhaust pipe, carbs, etc. Use plastic wrap and duct tape. On cars with vented oil filler caps, it is best to remove the cap and seal the opening.

14. Spray the engine compartment and engine with a wax preservative or light oil, again to repel moisture.

15. Jack up the car and support it with jackstands under the suspension.

16. Do no apply the handbrake!

17. Open any heating or ventilation flaps to promote air circulation.

18. Store the car with the windows and top up.

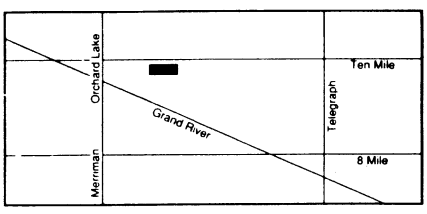
19. Store the car under a roof, preferably in a room with minimal temperature changes and away from dripping water. (In other words in the bedroom rather than the bathroom).

20. The ultimate storage tool is a large plastic bag produced right here in Bath, Michigan, near Lansing, by Pine Ridge Enterprises (517) 641-6444. The bag keeps moisture, dirt, ultra-violet rays and insects and rodents out and with the desiccant packs provided, eliminates moisture inside the bag as well. The car comes out in the spring exactly like you put it in, back in the fall. I've used one for 5 or 6 years and can testify to their effectiveness.

21. Next spring you'll want to put everything back the way it was, so leave a list or a copy of this article in the car as a reminder for returning the car to running condition.

IMPORT AUTO SUPPLY

• Quality Service
• Imported Parts



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

The Colourful World of Lucas

Stolen from the Emerald Necklace MG Register Inc.,who stole it from the MG Club of Central Florida.

The colours of the electrical wires on MGs tell us a story. If you are looking at a group of wires that are going to various places on the car there will be a rainbow of colours.

Plain solid colours like red, white, brown, black, purple, green and blue tell you which circuit they belong to:

Black (B)	Ground (Earth)
Brown (N)	Always HOT, not fused
Purple (P)	Always HOT, fused
White (W)	HOT with ignition ON, not fused
Green (G)	HOT with ignition ON, fused
Blue (U)	Head light main feed, not fused
Red (R)	Parking/Tail lights, not fused (one should be used)

The above wire colours may also have a thin line of colour running through them, known as a tracer. For example, **blue** with a **white** tracer (UW) is saying that the main colour blue is part of the headlight circuit and the tracer color says "I am for the high beam circuit".

Red/White (RW). The red wire is Parking/tail lights, the white tracer is for Panel Lights. **Blue/Red** (UR); The blue wire is Headlights, the red tracer is for low beams. **White/Black (WB);** The white wire is Ignition, not fused, the black tracer goes from the coil to distributor. **Green/Yellow (GY);** The green wire is HOT with ignition on and fused, the yellow tracer is for the right directional indicator., **Green/Blue (GU):** The green wire is HOT with ignition on and fused, the blue tracer is for left directional indicator. **Purple/Black (PB);** The purple wire is always HOT and fused, the black tracer is for the horn button (late cars). **Green/Black (GB);** The green wire is HOT with ignition on and fused, the black tracer is for the fuel gauge from the gas tank.

With this information and a little detective work on your part, you can now identify and track down all the wires on your car.

"THE RIGHT PARTS AT THE RIGHT PRICES"

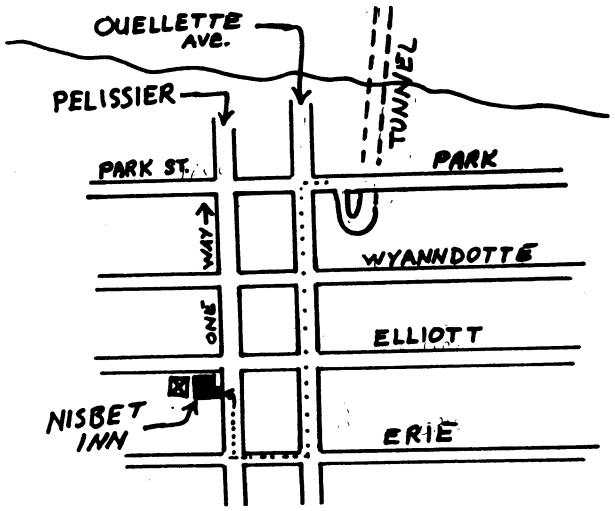
The Roadster Factory stocks OEM components for your MGB and MGB-GT from Lucas, Girling, Lockheed, Austin Rover (British Leyland), Unipart, etc., at reasonable prices. Call for our FREE 209-page MGB parts catalogue. We want to be your parts source!

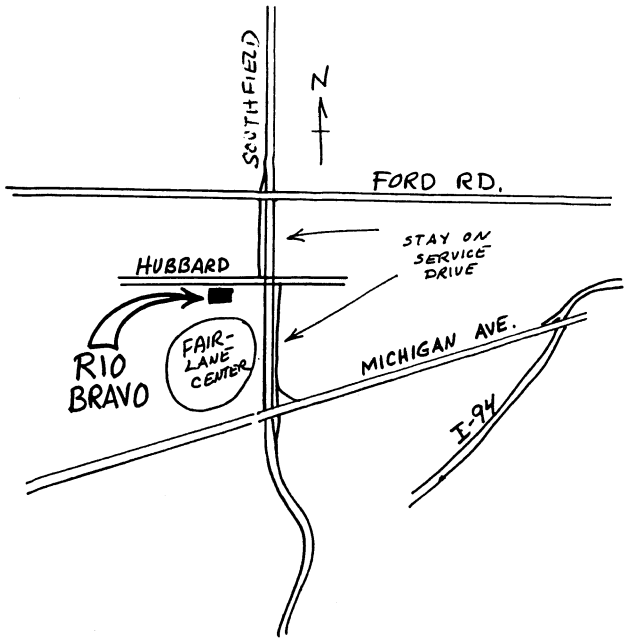
• CALL TOLL FREE (800) 678-8764 •

The Roadster Factory

POST OFFICE BOX 332, ARMAGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15920

CANADIAN AGENT: Brits & Pieces Sportscar Supply Ltd., (416) 332-2085





The Windsor-Detroit MG Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Even numbered months at Rio Bravo Restaurant on Hubbard Drive just west of the Southfield Expressway, and odd numbered months at the Nisbet Inn, 131 Elliott, West, just west of Ouellette, south of the tunnel. See maps.

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

Wentworth Tools, A1 cond 9 open end wrenches, 7/16-1BA $25. 4 ring wrenches 7/16-1/8 $12. 8 sockets 1/2" drive 3/4-3/16" $30. Or all for $60 U.S., Brian Collacott (519) 969-7187 (11)

Air Conditioner, taken from an '80 LE Complete with installation instructions. May be interested in a Weber carb./distributor/exhaust package trade. Dave Munday - Troy (248) 524-1598 after 5 pm (11)

MGA wire wheels and tires. Tires in good cond. Make offer. Mike Derderian (810) 731-4434 (11)

'65 MGB Rdster, red, new black top, good shape, $4,000 Frank (517) 435-9514 (11)

'70 MG Midget Good cond., factory knock off wire wheels, must see (248) 347-1899 after 7 pm (11)

Have original Mk II MGA grill (excellent cond.), **will trade** for original 1500 MGA grill, Dave Doolin (248) 347-3466 (11)

'60 MGA Roadster, wire wheels, good cond., as is $4000. Running & driving $5,500, Chuck Wiley (313) 586-2500 (10)

'77 Midget, Special Edition, original paint (yelllow), 2 tops, good interior and good running cond. $4200 (Canadian). Doris Perron, (519) 966-2015 (10)

PARTS, PARTS, PARTS, Dash for 68-71 MGB, excellant cond. $125. **Leather Seat Kit** with center console kit for MGA, tan with tan piping, over $600 new, $400 firm. **'72 MGB exhaust manifold** with first pipe $50, Chuck Wiley (313) 586-2500 (10)

'59 MGA, was a decent driver, wire wheels, engine now apart, $5700 as is or $7500 with rebuilt engine, Wyatt (517) 645-2637 (10)

'80 MGB Roadster 30K miles, excellent cond, luggage rack, $6,500 OBO (313) 913-5822 days, (313) 538-7909 eves. Al Burnham (10)

'60 MGA Roadster, only a couple of fixes from a driver, $8,000 firm, Tom Duty (248) 584-3209 (10)

'74 MGB-GT, Red. For details call Ray Lewis (248) 681-8420 (9)

'73 MGB Roadster. engine runs, good interior, new top and misc parts. Could be a driver with some work. Been garaged for many moons. Greg Jacobs, Dearborn (313) 278-6496 (9)

'77 Midget, blue, 37K miles, rebuilt engine by Pontiac Motors $3500. Jim Haverland (248) 652-3161 (eve) (810) 947-1629 (days) (9)

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

WANTED

Used Car Hauler, 16 foot, double axle, with trailer brakes, call Jack Fuller (248) 426-0626 (11)

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

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.

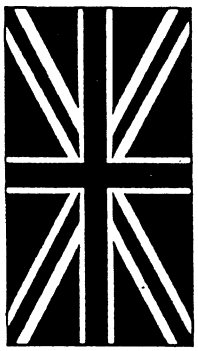
November 1997

Nov 12 Monthly Meeting-Windsor

Nov 22 Hibernation Party - Canada

December 1997

Dec 10 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn (Gift Exchange Night)



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

NEW & USED AUTO PARTS

MICHIGAN IMPORTED CARS, INC.

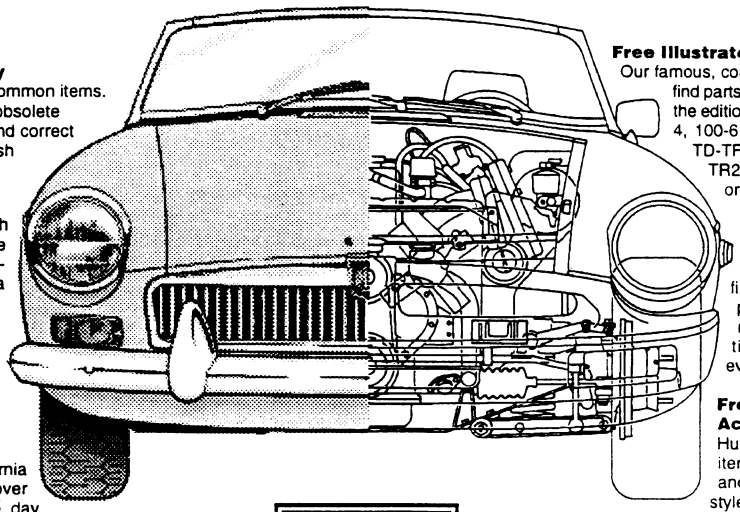
FOREIGN CAR PARTS

REPAIRABLE WRECKS

313 - 729-1010

350 S. NEWBURGH ROAD
WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48185

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