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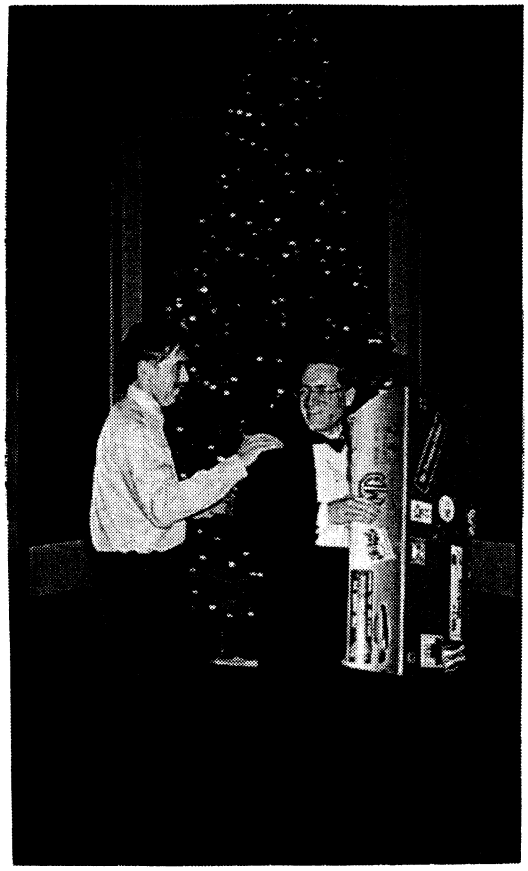

Photos: Left: John & Joyce Cherwak, Lynne Hornby, Karen Bangert and Edna Fleming in front of the fireplace. Right: New club president **Dave Doolin** cuts in on old president **Ed Fleming** and the Door.

A Festive Way To Start The Holiday Season And End The Driving Season

Last year at our Hibernation Party at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course, **John Cherwak** suggested that a golf club was a great place to hold this party and suggested that his club, the Essex Golf and Country Club in LaSalle would be a good place to hold the next one.

We took John up on his offer and he was right. The Essex Country Club proved to be a fabulous place for our annual party. The place oozed old English charm. A 20 foot tall Christmas tree lit up one end of the great hall and a large fire place the other. A delicious dinner of roasted half chicken was served even including an "MG" dessert which was "piped" in by a bag piper which **Dave and Lynne Hornby** arranged, along with the D.J.

Members tend to get dressed up for this event, but this year it was mandatory. The club has a strict dress policy and gentlemen were required to wear jackets and ties. And absolutely no denim was allowed. Something was mentioned about a member's wife being turned away in a $2,000 Christian Dior denim evening gown. Of course that was $2,000 Canadian which is about $150 U.S. so maybe it was a Jacqueline Smith dress from K-mart.

At any rate, it being very British to bend the rules, many members immediately went out looking for ways to wear denim anyway. **Dan Zebarah** looked everywhere for a denim tie and I actually found a pair of denim boxer shorts to wear under my tuxedo (my pink bra wasn't band, but it stayed home).

The atmosphere was very cozy and friendly, a lot like the monthly meetings at the Nisbet Inn. You just wanted to schmoze and enjoy the company.

This being the Hibernation Party, we had many prizes for the members, including hat pins of the club logo for everyone.

Edna Fleming, Marcia Greiner and Ann St. John sold raffle tickets for some great prizes (a large metal BMC Genuine Dealer

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Upcoming Events

December 10 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn (Gift Exchange Night)

January Monthly Meeting-Windsor

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Ed Fleming, Editor, President

My term as President ends with this newsletter. It's been an eventful three years. And as always, I've had a lot of help in running this club. **Tom and Marcia Greiner** have been a great help, putting on several rallleyes and the Hibernation Party last year. **Phil Wiltshire**, in addition to being Treasurer has continued to put on the Stratford trips every June, **Chuck Wiley** has organized the Video Library and taken over when I couldn't be present at club meetings, **Jay Kollin and Roli Sylvestre** have provided the club with revenue from the regalia, and Roli has organized many Canadian events over the years. **Tom and Pam Shipley, Sue and Dave Snyder, Frank and Linda Lucente Chris and Vince McQueen** all opened their houses up for club events. **Dan and Marla Zebarah**, no longer officers of the club still provided much help to the officers in running the club and putting on events. So I want to thank all of those people and the others who called to offer help in putting on events or just picking up something the club needed or offering suggestions. Thanks, it really has been a team effort.

I'm still going to be the newsletter editor, so it's not like I'm disappearing or retiring from the club.

Dave Doolin will make a great new president if his enthusiasm at the Hibernation Party is any indication, and Dale Brown, our new Vice President has been very active in our club and has attended other MG functions, so he'll bring many new ideas to the club. likewise Marshall Coulter, our new Secretary and Kathy Derderian. This club will continue to enjoy one of the most active calendars of any British Club in the area. When you see one of these new officers, Thank them for keeping your favorite club running smoothly.

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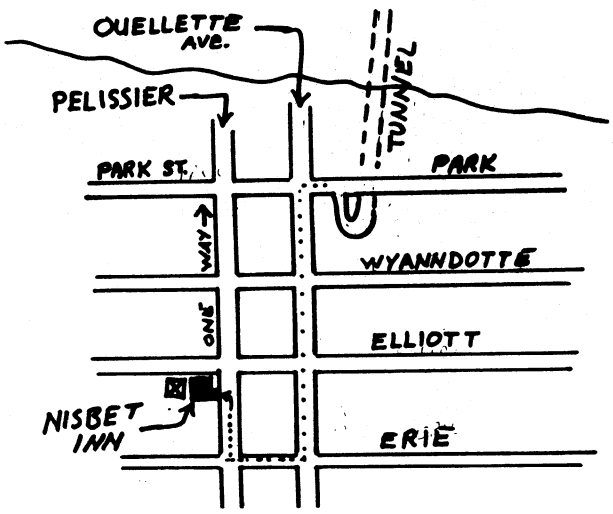
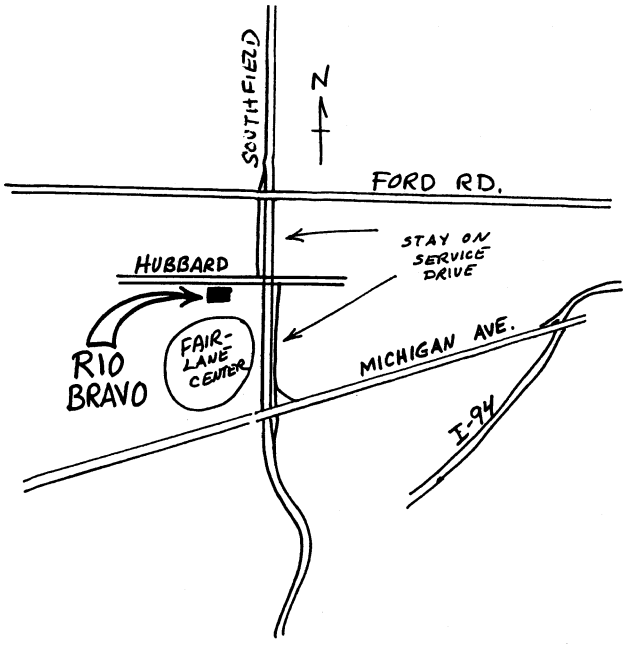
'Tis The Season For Our Gift Exchange Night At Our December Meeting Wed. Dec. 10th

It's that time of year again, so plan to attend our regular monthly meeting at the Rio Bravo Restaurant in Dearborn and bring a gift. You don't have to participate, but if you'd like to receive a gift, just bring one to exchange.

The gifts should be about $5.00 in value, nothing extravagant here. Note; club regalia makes great gifts, so check out the items on page 6.

Remember, we have a new meeting place in Dearborn, at the Rio Bravo Restaurant - see map below.





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.

Hibernation Party (continued from page 1)

sign from Import Auto in Farmington, and several Castrol jackets and a radio controlled car from Michigan Imported Cars in Westland and Castrol.

And the "door prize". Two years ago **Fran and Marshall Coulter,** rookies at the time, were the unsuspecting winners of the prize (a '69 MGB door in "restorable" condition). and were more than happy to give it to me last year. Well, they were the "lucky" winners again this year. New club president **Dave Doolin** won the BMC sign. But when he saw the door prize, he said "That door is in better shape than the one on the "B" I just bought" So they traded, Dave got a better door and Marshall and Fran didn't. Both were very happy.

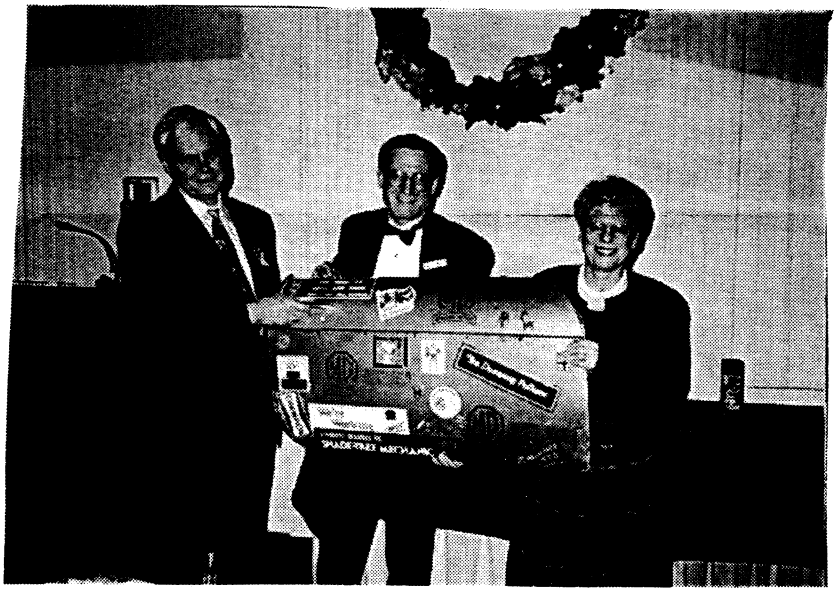
Speaking of "the door", Dave later suggested that the door makes a good dance partner, So several members took up the suggestion and danced with the metal member of the club. I can see already, by Dave's attitude that this club will be in good hands under his presidency

Other officers elected at the meeting were **Dale Brown** as Vice President, **Marshall Coulter** as Secretary, and **Kathy Derderian** as Treasurer.

We also award members at the Hibernation Party and the following members received the following awards (cue the piper). Navigator of the year went to **Sean Brown,** Dale's son and the next generation of MG enthusiast. The Hard Luck award went to **Jeff Zorn** for the many problems he had on the Stratford trip and all summer. The Lucky Lucas award went to **Gordon Wallace,** not because he had some horrendous electrical problem, but because nobody could think of anyone who had any electrical problems this year, which we attributed to the great Lucas Ralleye Gordon put on, thus appeasing the Lucas electrical gods. And the Board decided to honor me with the Founder's Award for being president and newsletter editor and putting on a bunch of events.

The "Loose Nut" award goes to the person who drove their car in some unusual manner over the course of the year. This year Bill Larson and I decided to give it to **Rich Wroblewski** for entering the 1,000 mile endurance trial at University Motors Summer Party with his 16 year old son.

A wonderful, relaxing, festive time was had by all. Be sure to attend this great club event next year.



Photos: This Page, top to bottom: Jeff Zorn, center, receives his Hard Luck Award to applause and the piper. **Marshall and Fran Coulter** fake joy at winning Door Prize again. Bottom, **Dave Doolin,** left, happy to get a better door, Marshall thankful and Fran really happy with BMC sign.

Opposite Page: Top: President **Ed Fleming** with Founder's Award. New Officers l-r Vice President **Dale Brown**, Secretary **Marshall Coulter,** President **Dave Doolin**. Bottom: The MG Dessert, **Sean Brown** with Navigator Award.

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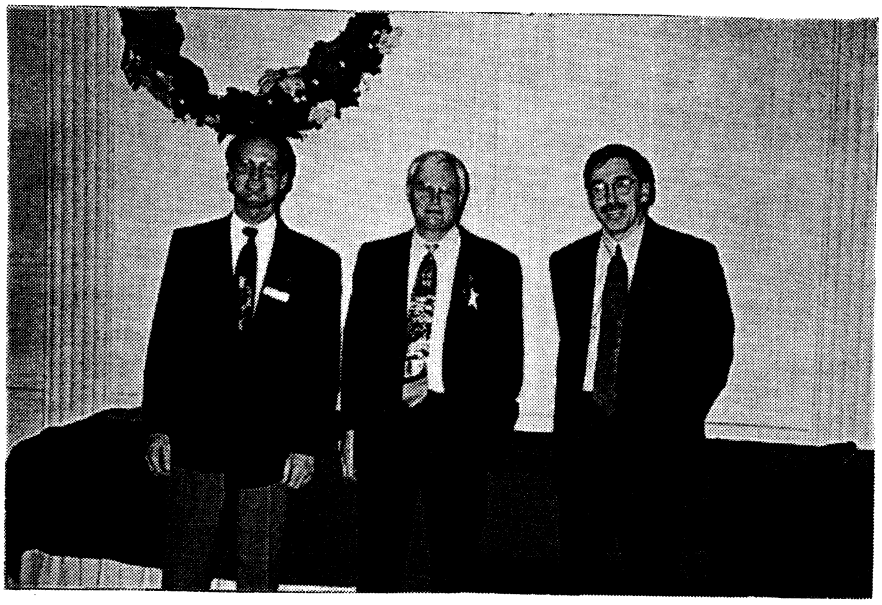

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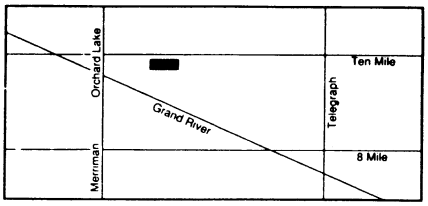

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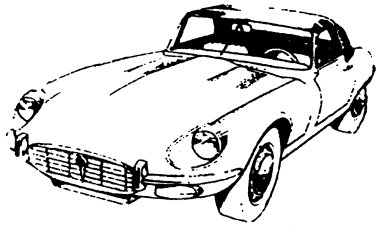

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March 11 1998

Mar 11 Monlthly Meeting-Windsor

April 1998

Apr 8 Monthly Meeting Dearborn

Apr ?? Kimber Birthday Bash

May 1998

May 13 Monthly Meeting-Windsor

May ?? Spring Ralleye

June 1998

Jun 10 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

July 1998

Jul 8 Monthly Meeting-Windsor

August 1998

Aug 1-2 Meadowbrook Concourse d'Elegance

Aug 12 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

Aug 13-16 University Motors Summer Party-Grand Rapides

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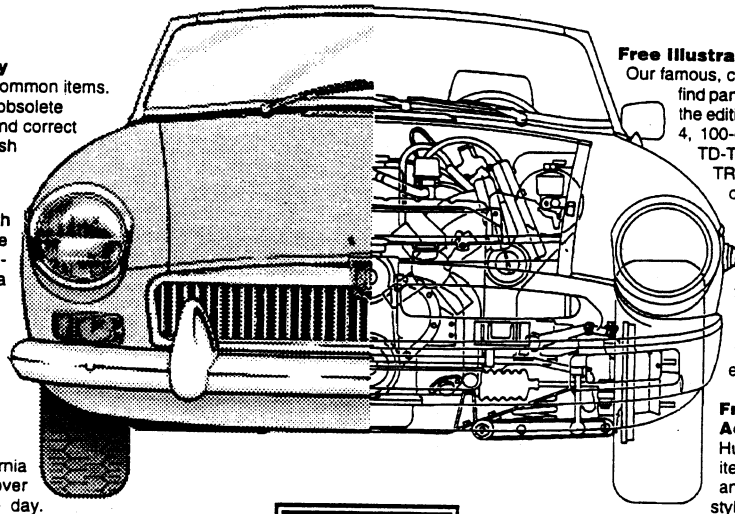

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