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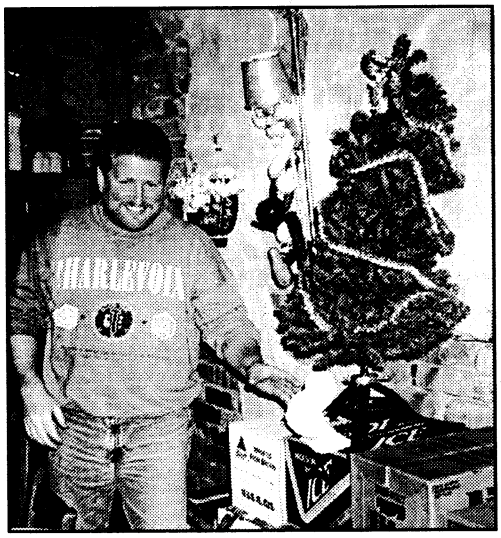

Photos: Left: Brett Altman selects the last gift under the tree (for the fourth year in a row - some people have all the luck). **Right top:** The gang with their eyes all aglow (from the margaritas?) and their gifts. **Right bottom:** As **Tom Newton** was telling us about his upcoming Micro-Brewery Tour our Christmas tree collapsed (too many margaritas perhaps?).

Club Members Have A Merry Old Christmas Or Is That Feliz Anticuado Navidad?

It's hard to imagine a traditional Olde English Christmas while sitting in a restaurant that looks like an old Mexican Cantina. Still, 15 or 20 members showed up on a snowy night for our December monthly meeting and gift exchange.

The gifts are exchanged on a "if you brought one - you get one " basis. Seems like a lot of Castrol 20W-50 gets traded back and forth at this time of the year. We passed out raffle tickets to those who brought presents and drew numbers from a hat. Brett Altman didn't even look at his number until we were down to almost the last gift. Seems his number is always the last one drawn. And this year we continued the tradition.

With the snow that night and all the Christmas decorations out it really did feel very Christmasy. More so than later in the month when we had more spring like weather than Christmas like.

Tom Newton gave us a report on his Micro-Brewery Tour planned for Feb. 21st. See details on page 5.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 14 Monthly Meeting-Windsor
Feb. 11 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn
Feb. 21 Micro-Brewery Tour
Mar. ?? Curling verses the Triumph Club

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Ed Fleming, Editor

Being President of this club was relatively serious business and being Newsletter Editor is a lot less serious. So life feels a little lighter without that extra job title before my name in the box at the left and I was hoping to get this newsletter out early this month

However, the photos for this issue have been locked up in my boss's house for the last two weeks while he went to the Rose Bowl. At least that's my story and I'm sticking to it. So I have to apologize for the tardiness of this newsletter. Luckily the next club event, our Micro-Brewery Tour isn't until February 21st, so timeliness isn't critical this time.

In March it looks like we'll challenge the Triumph Club to a match or two of curling. Seems they're getting a little tired of losing at Whirley Ball every year. They thought curling would be new and interesting, and I didn't discourage them. Little do they know we've done this before, heh, heh. So all of you who were at the last few WDMGC Curling Events, especially those of you who were really good at throwing those stones, come out for these games.

Speaking of new events, now that we have all that "new blood" in the box at the left, it's a good time to step up and tell us about that club event you've been thinking about. Just call one of us, we'll take care of the rest.

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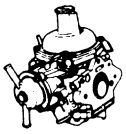

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Presidentially Speaking

Dave Doolin, President

Happy New Year!

My name is David Doolin. My wife Nancy and our 3 children, Alison, Ross and Mark moved to Novi from up-state New York in 1988. If you haven't seen me at any driving events in '96 or '97 it is because my '57 MGA is located in various parts of our home. Recently, I purchased a '64 MGB with hopes that I will have it running by April to attend driving events in 1998.

I have had a life long interest in the automobile and have owned various two and four wheel vehicles in the past 35 years. Too many to remember them all. My dream is that I will complete my MGA before the cataracts set in.

I'd like to help our club meet the needs of each of our members. If you have any idea(s) as to what you think you would like the club to do to better serve your needs, please call me or drop me a note and I will try to do whatever will make our club the best that it can be. I ask all of you to step forward and organize an event, or help to organize one, whatever it might be. If that isn't possible, please just come out and visit with us or invite us over to your garage. Most of us love the garage and find it quite interesting to stand around and kick the tires and drink a coffee on a Saturday morning or whenever. My home phone number is (248) 347-3466. Please call me again if I don't get back to you the same day as we own a Service Merchandise $12 message recorder that is somewhat suspect (great buy for the money as we have owned it for the last four years).

Please stop by our house if you are ever in Novi. We're just 10 minutes from 12 Oaks Mall as I'd love to show you my rusty '57. We are located at 8 1/2 Mile, east of Beck Rd at 12994 York Mills. No need to call first, just stop by. Most people say I hope you didn't pay much for that (the A not the house)! It was love at first sight and I didn't know a thing about an MGA aside from the fact that I had driven one back in '69 and haven't been able to forget it. Who can resist a car without door handles or locks but with a starter crank.

To those who haven't been to the Nisbet Inn, you are really missing a quaint little place. Once through the tunnel, it is only 5 minutes in a very safe area. Give it a try, the food is great and inexpensive at $1.45 Canadian to $1.00 U.S. Great place to start off the MG year, Wednesday, January 14. If not stop by the Rio Bravo in Dearborn in February and tell us about your MG.

*Outgoing President **Ed Fleming** (left) hands Presidential Gavel to new President **Dave Doolin** (right)*

I'd like to take this time now to thank Ed Fleming, Chuck Wiley, Marcia Greiner, Phil Wiltshire, Mike Derderian, Roli Sylvestre, Jay Kollin, Gary Howe and Frank Lucente for running the club for us the last several years. Also I know there are many, many others who make our club run by organizing events and volunteering their time and their constant interest in our club. Thank you. Fantastic job! I know the club wouldn't be here without you and won't continue without your interest, guidance and friendship. I hope the new officers, Marshall Coulter, Dale Brown, Kathy Derderian and I can represent you, the membership, as well as the past officers all have. Thanks for all your work and I remember your promise that I don't need to know a thing. That you will help us!

Looking forward to making your acquaintance in 1998 for those I don't know. Hope we can all get out and drive our MGs together real soon. A little salt shouldn't hurt the bondo on my '64.

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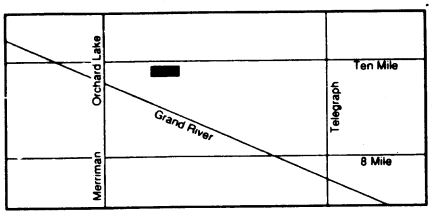

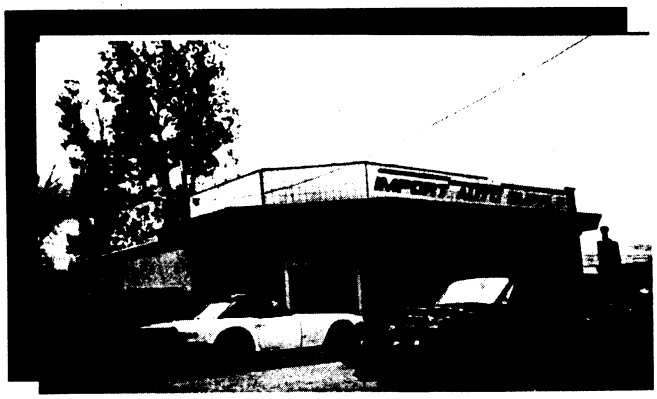

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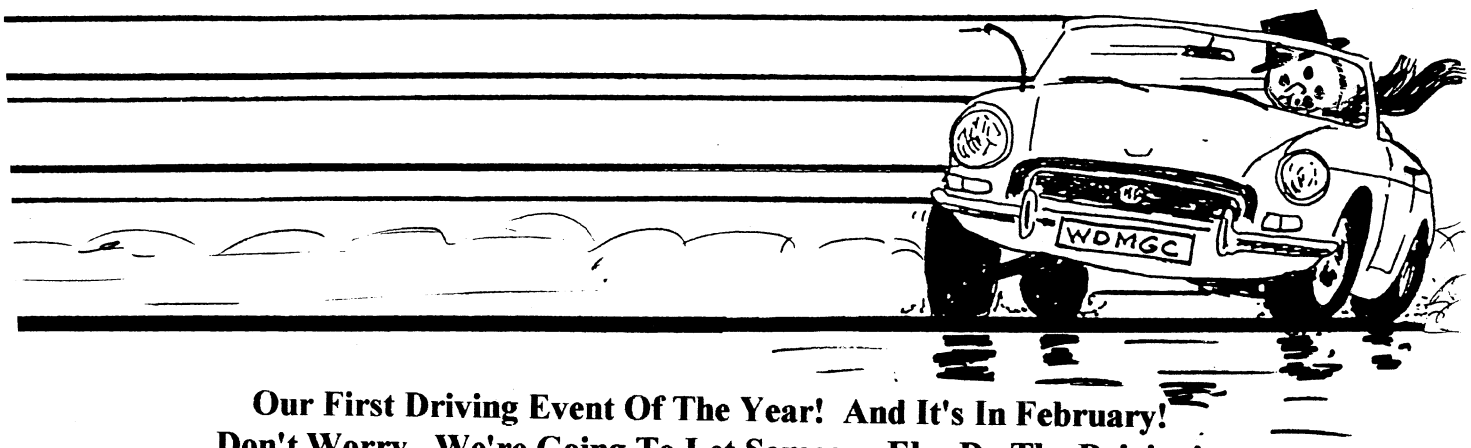
We will convoy to Stratford on Saturday morning, spend time in the town and convoy back to our overnight stopover at nearby St. Mary's for an early dinner at the Westover Inn. We have booked the entire hotel for our stay.

Following dinner, we will convoy back into Stratford for the 8.00 p.m. evening performance of "Man of La Mancha" After the show, we intend to head back to our hotel for a late dessert to complete the evening.

On Sunday morning, after a hearty breakfast, we will tour the local area and then head out towards the Ontario coast for a leisurely drive back home.

We have already booked the hotel accommodation and dining package and bought the theatre tickets. Budget costs for the theatre & overnight package is approximately $300 Canadian
- don't forget the .60 cent US exchange rate!!

Please mark this important date on your calendar and then call me, Philip Wiltshire, on (248) 932 0072 to confirm your interest.



Our First Driving Event Of The Year! And It's In February!
Don't Worry. We're Going To Let Someone Else Do The Driving!

The Windsor-Detroit Micro-Brewery Tour
Saturday, February 21st

Tom Newton is designing a Micro-Brewery Tour for the Windsor-Detroit MG Club and details are still being worked out. See our February Newsletter for all the last minute details.

Right now we're planning to have a bus (with a toilet!). We'll start at Grizzly Pete's in Ann Arbor around noon. That means lunch.

Then we'll head out to 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 other breweries, possibly ending at Big Buck's Brewery and Steak House in Auburn Hills for dinner.

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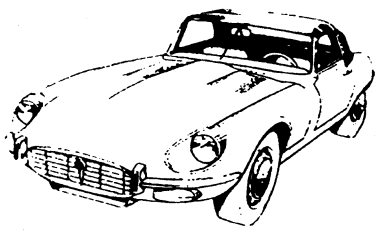

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Lap Robe " " " ".....	$45	$58
T-Shirts.....	$10	$12
Baseball Caps.....	$ 5	$ 6
Sweatshirt.....	$15	$18
MG Christmas Tree Ornaments.....	$ 5	$ 6
Grill Badges (new design).....	$20	$28

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

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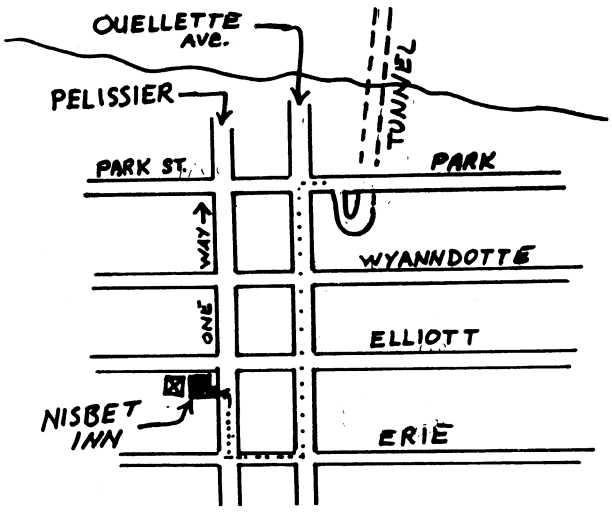

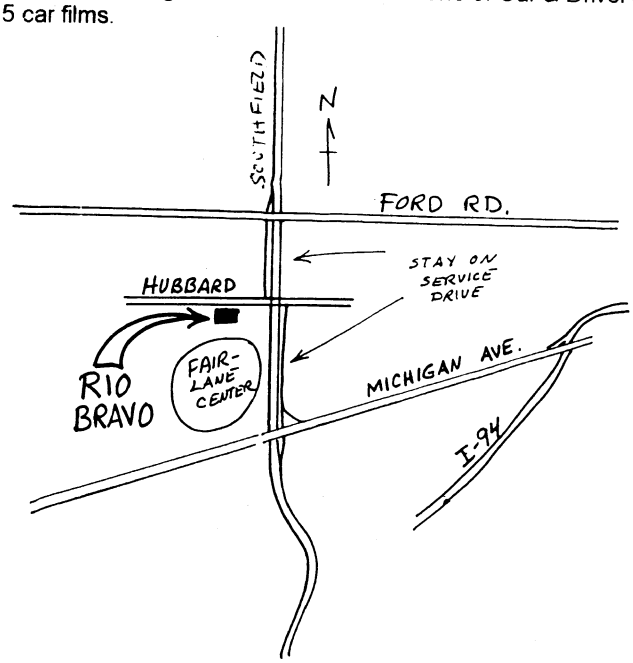

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February 1998

Feb 11 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

Feb 21 Micro-Brewery Tour

Feb 22 Chicagoland MG Club Swap Meet & Autojumble

March 1998

Mar 11 Monlthly Meeting-Windsor

Mar ?? Curling with the Triumph Club

April 1998

Apr 8 Monthly Meeting Dearborn

Apr ?? Kimber Birthday Bash

May 1998

May 13 Monthly Meeting-Windsor

May ?? Spring Ralleye

June 1998

Jun 6 & 7 Stratford MG Weekend

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

September 1998

Sep 9 Monthly Meeting-Windsor

October 1998

Oct 14 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

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Nov 11 Monthly Meeting-Windsor

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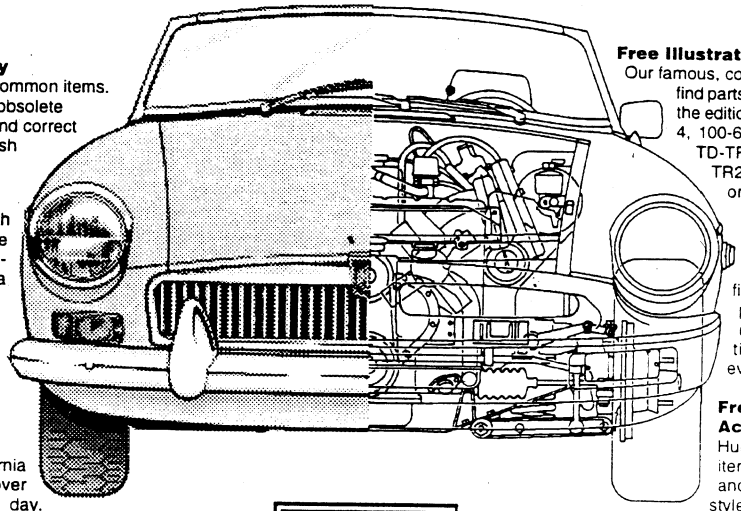

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