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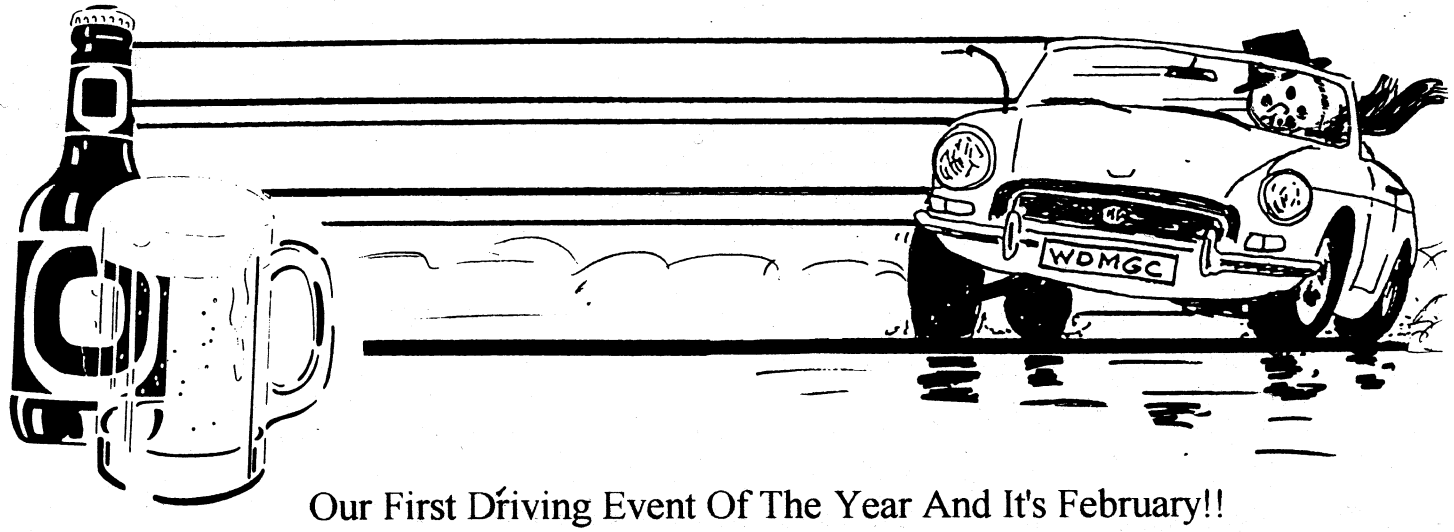


Our First Driving Event Of The Year And It's February!!

Micro-Brewery Tour Saturday, February 21st!

When you hear the old rock & roll hit "At The **Hop"** do you think of dancing or an ingredient in beer? And when someone mentions **malt,** do you think of a milk shake drink or another ingredient in beer?

If you answered "Beer" to both questions, we've got a trip for you.. The club's first Micro-Brewery Tour.

We'll meet at the northwest corner of the Crowley parking lot in Dearborn at 11 AM, hop on a bus (with a toilet) and cruise over to Ann Arbor for lunch and a couple of brewery tours.

Then we'll take the bus to Pontiac and a couple of more brewery tours. Then to a fifth tour and dinner in Auburn Hills.

We'll then take you back to your cars in Dearborn.

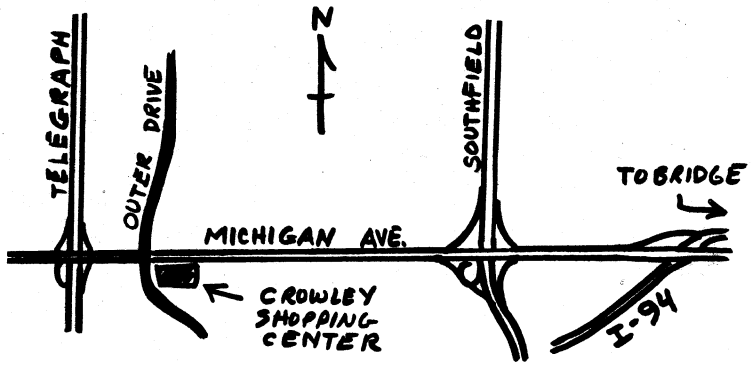
Because we have to reserve the correct size bus, we have to know how many people are going to go. So, just like our Hibernation Party we have to have you sign up in advance for this trip.

Cost for the bus is US $12. Cost for the beers and lunch and dinner is up to you. Call Tom Newton at (313) 562-2377 to let him know you're coming and send him a check (made out to Tom Newton) for $12.00 for each person attending. Mail to Tom Newton, 243 North Military St., Dearborn, MI 48124-1034.

Times: Starts at 11 AM ends about 9:00 PM Sat. Feb. 21st.

Where: Northwest corner of Crowley's parking lot at Michigan Ave. and Outer Drive, Dearborn (see map).

Important Note: Call Tom Newton and send him check to reserve your spot.



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Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor

All Hail El Nino! It has been one of those "Lite" winters. A little snow and a few freezing nights, but overall much warmer than normal, much warmer. So much so that I'm feeling remorseful that I put the Midget in it's Omni Bag last November and took the collision coverage off.

There have been several good driving days this season, even **top down** (for me anyway) days.

That's good, because our first driving event is a little bit earlier than normal this year. The annual Kimber Birthday Bash will be held on April 19th, only 7 days after Cecil Kimber's actual birthday. Normally we save this season opening event for the last weekend in April to give us a better chance of good (as in warm) driving weather.

That still leaves us with March for an "indoor" event. We were going to challenge the Triumph Club to a round of curling, but they can't do it on two month's notice, so we won't be getting together with them until September at Battle of the Brits.

So if you've been suffering from a little "garage fever" and just want to do something, anything MG before you go crazy, now is the time to let the Board of Directors know what you'd like to do. We're going to have another board meeting at Jay Kollin's house on Feb 22. Members are welcome to attend, but please call Jay to let him know you're coming and to get directions.

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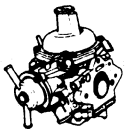

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Presidentially Speaking

Dave Doolin, President

We had a good turn out for our January monthly meeting at the Nisbet Inn. While driving over, I was wondering who might be interested in swapping MG stories in the middle of January in Windsor. I was pleasantly surprised to see that our club occupied just about the whole place. I met a couple of new MG people at the meeting. Nothing like dreaming about getting our cars back on the road to the backdrop of a parking lot outside the window with no MGs in it. We've got to correct that!

Tom Newton gave an update on the Micro-brewery tour, Saturday February 21st. Don't miss out on our first official event of 1998. **Philip Wiltshire** also gave us a short summary of how things are going with our annual Stratford Weekend, June 6th and 7th. This also sounds like a great event to take in. Hope my B is ready!!!

We also had a very busy Board of Directors Meeting the following weekend over at Rio Bravo trying to put together other events for our calendar. One event that was recommended by Jeff Zorn that all seemed very interested in was an annual mileage contest. Stay turned for more information on this, while we work out the incidentals. We're still taking suggestions from anyone out there who would like to put together anything that gives us an excuse to drive our cars and get together. The best kinds are when someone steps forward and says that they would like to organize it also. It can be as simple as meeting for a hamburger somewhere on a Wednesday night. We don't need much of an excuse to crank it over and head out.

We also will be looking for some technical coordinators for some of the MG Series, Ts, As, Bs, and Midgets. What we are thinking of is a person you could call if you have any technical problems that you would like to get some information or suggestions on. You could call this person who would coordinate getting you some help with your problem or concern. This may be a person that you might want to just bounced your problem off or direct you to a source to get it answered or fixed. Let any of us know if you might be interested

Hope to see you at Rio Bravo, Wednesday February 11th. The food is great over there! We meet in a separate room called "The Garage". Sounds like our kind of place.

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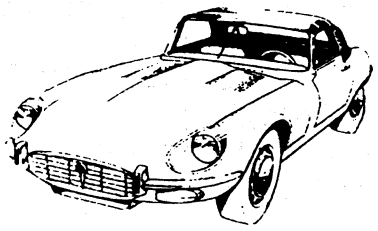

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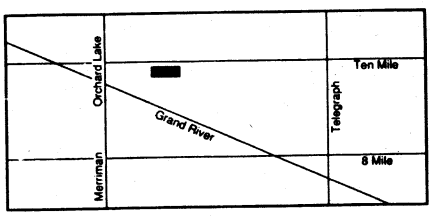

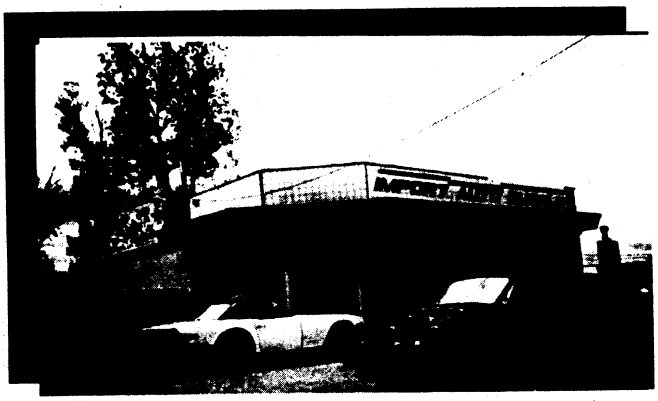

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MG Christmas Tree Ornaments.....	$ 5	$ 6
Grill Badges (new design).....	$20	$28

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***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**

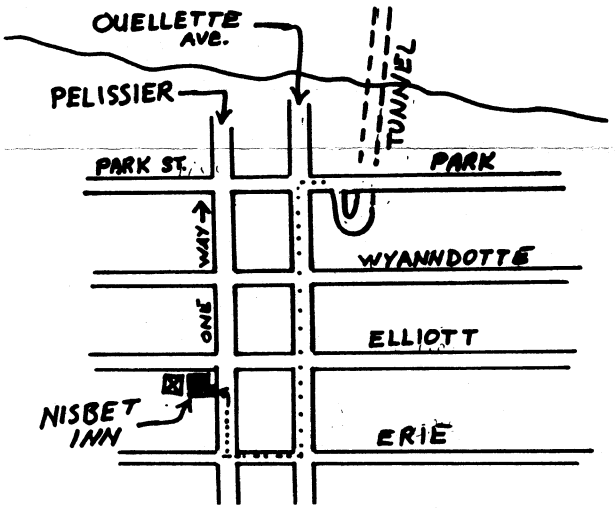
***The MGB Video.** "Short but good"

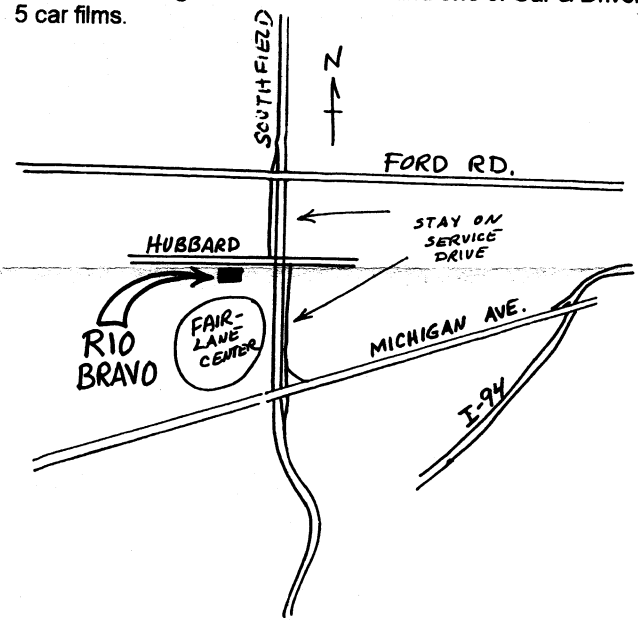
***MGB Experience.**

***The Roadster Factory Summer Party 1993**

***Behind the Wheel with Jackie Stewart.** Stewart shows you how to 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.





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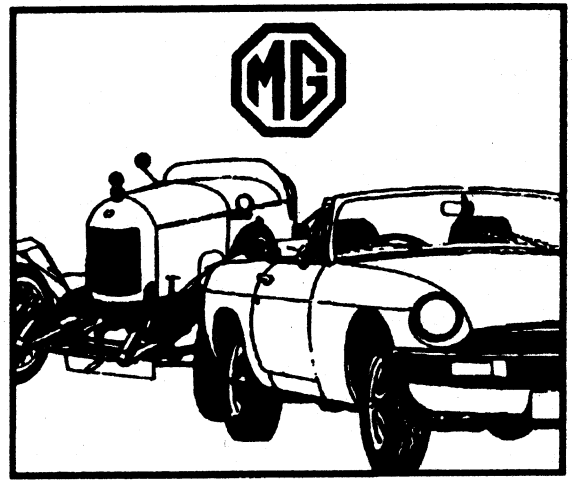
The Windsor-Detroit MG Club sponsors events during the year for its members. These have included: Driving events (rallys and autocrosses), a family picnic, a hibernation party in November, and a Hawaiian Luau held in February to help chase away those winter blues.

In addition, the club is a member of the British Sports Car Council of Michigan and participates in sponsored events.

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club is affiliated with:

- The North American MGB Register
- The American MGB Association
- The MG Car Club (U.K.)
- The MG Owners Club (U.K.)



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Mike Derderian, Membership Chairman
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An Invitation To Join

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The Windsor-Detroit MG Club

The International Local Club

WHO WE ARE:

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club was founded in 1980 by four men, two Canadian, two American. They saw the international border not as a barrier, but as a link for MG enthusiasts in southeast Michigan and southwest Ontario to understand and enjoy their cars.

This international camaraderie is what gives the Windsor-Detroit MG Club its unique character: It is probably the first and possibly the only local club in North America to enjoy membership and events in two countries on a regular basis.

Membership is open to anybody with an interest in MG cars. Represented models include: MG T-Series, MGA, MGB, and Midget. Ownership is not required, and in the true enthusiast spirit, a car's condition is not important.

WHO WE AREN'T:

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club isn't a bunch of men standing around in greasy coveralls drinking beer (at least not ALL the time). It is an organization for the whole family and many events are not necessarily automotive-oriented.

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU:

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Name # 1: _____ Name # 2: _____

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Calendar of Events

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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 Monthly Meeting-Windsor

April 1998
Apr 8 Monthly Meeting Dearborn
Apr 19 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

December 1998
Dec 9 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn (Gift Exchange Night)

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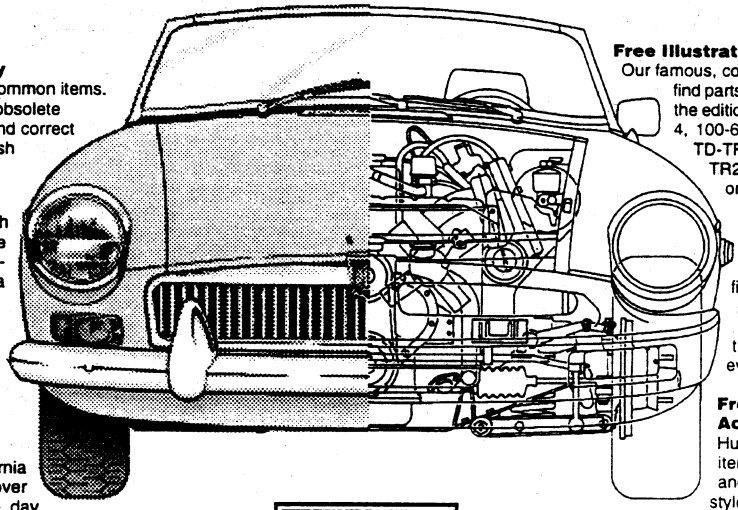

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