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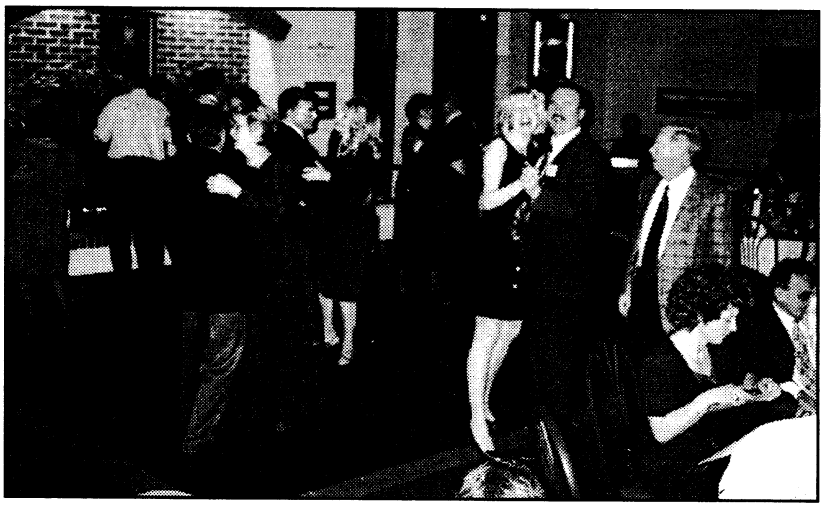

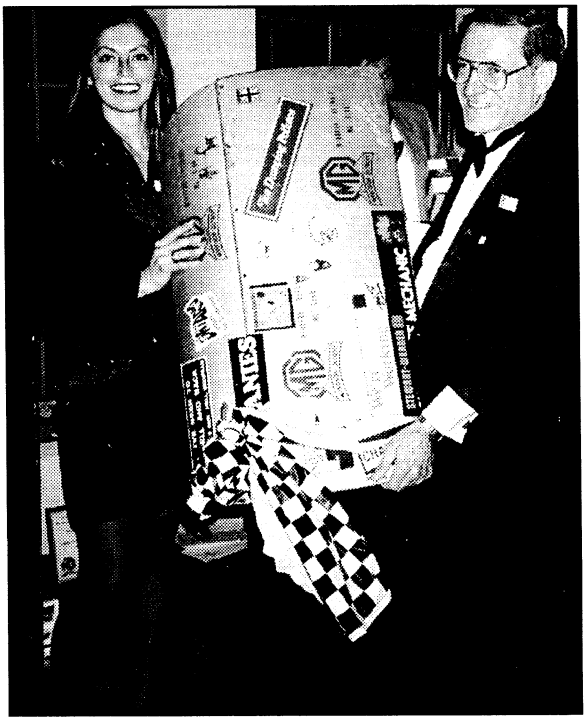

Photos: Above: The gang having fun.. **Right:** Tulin Dogan of the Hoser A's with the "Door Prize".

So Who's Hibernating This Year?

With temperatures in the 60's and 70's (low 20's C.) in January and February it seemed a little inappropriate to have a Hibernation Party, but this club won't let reason stand in the way of a good time.

Two years ago we had such a great time at the Dearborn Golf Club that we decided to do it again this year and sure enough, we had a great time again. We had the usual gifts, good food, prizes and even several guests just like two years ago.

For starters, we had many great gifts and prizes supplied by many of our newsletter advertisers. **Import Auto** in Farmington, **Don Ensley's English Motors** in Macomb and **Michigan Imports and Castrol** in Westland all contributed nice door prizes. In addition, members **Ray and Fran Lewis, Jeff Zorn and Marcia Greiner & Ed Fleming (MG-TF Ceramics)** all donated prizes. All this in addition to the unusual quarts of Castrol, carb cleaner etc.

We also had several members from the Hoser A's from London Ontario in attendance. Like the members of the Chicagoland MG Club two years ago the Hoser Eh people added a different flavor to the proceedings and Tim Coyne filled us in on the Regional GT they are putting on in Grand Bend, Ontario this summer.

Various awards where presented for outstanding achievements and in some cases outstandingly bad luck.

The **Navigator Award** usually goes to the member's spouse who had to put up with the most distressing situations during the year and this year we have two winners, **Marcia Greiner and Jan Zorn.** Jan for putting up with Jeff's overflowing enthusiasm for all things MG, driving all over the countryside to a dozen or so events and organizing the Wed. Night Rides. Marcia on the other hand had to put up with not only husband Tom, but had to deal with me, her ceramic partner and deadlines for various trophies, not only for the MG club but other clubs as well.

The **Hard Luck Award** went to **Alice Ginter.** Seems she's been restoring her MGB and left the engine at a repair facility for a rebuild and the building burned down, leaving her with a nicely restored chassis with no engine. Kind of puts a crimp in having fun with your MG if it won't move. Since word leaked out about her situation, she's received 6 or 7 engines, so maybe we should call it the good luck award this year.

The **Rookie Award** goes to the new member who shows the most enthusiasm. **George Hameline** jumped into this club with both feet. He's been to just about all the monthly meetings, despite having to drive down from Fenton, an hour north of Detroit. And you may remember his sign announcing his membership in Wimps Anonymous in his GT on the Stupid Ride, after I said we would expect participants to drive with their tops down or be labeled Wimps.

The **Founder's Award** is presented to the couple who have contributed to most to the club over the past year. This year **Jeff and Jan Zorn** seemed to be at every event, Jeff came up with the idea of the Wednesday Night Fun Runs and planned most of them. He also was the force behind the Mileage Award this year and he has volunteered to be club treasurer. He has definitely put in more than his share of time to promote this club. Congratulations

Speaking of the **Mileage Award**, that went to **Dale Brown** who put over 10,000 miles on his MGB

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Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor

Many club members brought Get Well cards to the Hibernation Party for Dave Torby who recently had some plumbing problems involving kidney stones, blood transfusions, infections etc.

A much skinnier Dave attended the February meeting and explained his medical problems in automotive terms so we could all understand:

First, his oil filter became clogged with some stones, causing an overheating condition, which sent him to the repair shop. Once there the doctors, er, mechanics, ran a tube up through the oil pan to the filter in an attempt to clear out the stones, but that tube caused an abrasion in the oil pan spreading an infection of rust spread throughout the engine. Then he developed internal leaks requiring a couple of oil changes.

Everything seems to be back to normal now and a new Dave with a better power to weight ratio is back to work. He wants to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers and all the cards.

Hibernation Party Continued from page one.

The **Loose Nut Award** is given to the member who best exemplifies the British character trait of outlandish behavior, such as driving in a snow storm i February with the top down, or driving around Lake Michigan non-stop. How about a guy who flys all over the country looking for that perfect MG and finally buys an Austin-Healey in Boston? Sounds like a loose nut to me. Sounds like **Barry Rutheiser.**

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MGing

By Dave Doolin, President

January 13th at the Nesbit, the snow was piled six feet higher on all sides of the parking lot. There were no MGs in sight, although someone claimed there was one hidden under one of those snow drifts. Dale, Sean and Steve Brown hadn't arrived yet so I still had hope that they might show up with their MGs. The temperature outside was 4 degrees F, minus 35 F with the wind chill. (minus 37 Celsius). We had a nice crowd of fellow Mgers huddled inside near the fireplace, we filled the main dinning room.

At our last meeting at the Nesbit our newest member Alice Ginter introduced herself and told us she was in need of an engine for her B. Since then she has had 6 or 7 engines offered, so if you are in need of an engine, call Alice, she may be going into the engine business. Another way to find that much needed part or parts is to put an ad in our classifieds. Free to members. I need to do just that to locate parts. What better way than to use the resources of our own club, which are very extensive.

Our annual Hibernation party was held January 23rd at the Dearborn Hills Golf Club. After we waded through a small pond in the parking lot that would have drowned any normal MG, we shared an enjoyable evening with fellow MG friends. We were visited by a small group of members from the Hoser A's, from London, Ontario. We almost lost our "door" prize to the Hosers, but, we were able to convince them to give it back by trading an MG T-shirt and a couple of MG beer mugs.

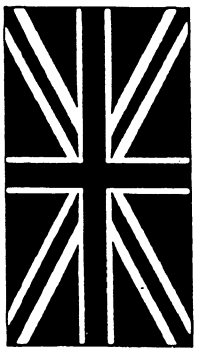
I like having the Hibernation Party in January as it makes for a very short hibernation. In fact if it wasn't for a leaking water pump we would have been out driving ours yesterday as the weather was mild, clear and the roads were dry.

A special note of thanks to the many people who helped to organize this year's party. Especially Fran Coulter and Ed Fleming and the rest of our board members for all the planning and preparation. Nice work! Also thanks to Jeff Zorn for volunteering to take over as club Treasurer. Thank you Kathy Derderian, for such a fine job of taking care of the finances for the last year. Also thanks to Mike Derderian, Ed Fleming, Marshall Coulter, Roli Sylvestre, Jay Kollin, and Dale Brown for all their help in taking care of the day to day affairs of the club. I really appreciate all that you do.

Soon we'll be heading for Cecil's Birthday Bash in April in Lansing. If you don't know Cecil, we'll be introducing you to him soon.

Once again thanks to all who donated gifts for the party. I forgot to thank Ray and Fran Lewis for the gift that they brought. I hope I didn't miss anyone else but let me know if I did.

Did you know that the Nesbit is stocking "Old Speckled Hen Beer"? This was stocked especially for our club. Ask for a bottle next time you're there!



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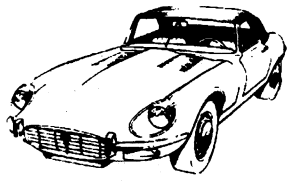

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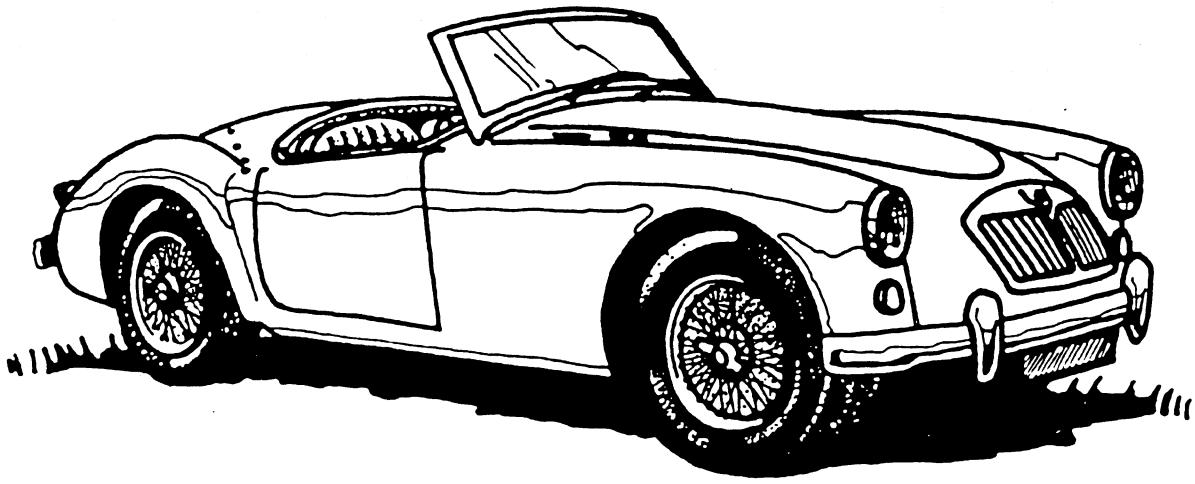


Regional GT For All MG's Just Across The Lake July 21-23!

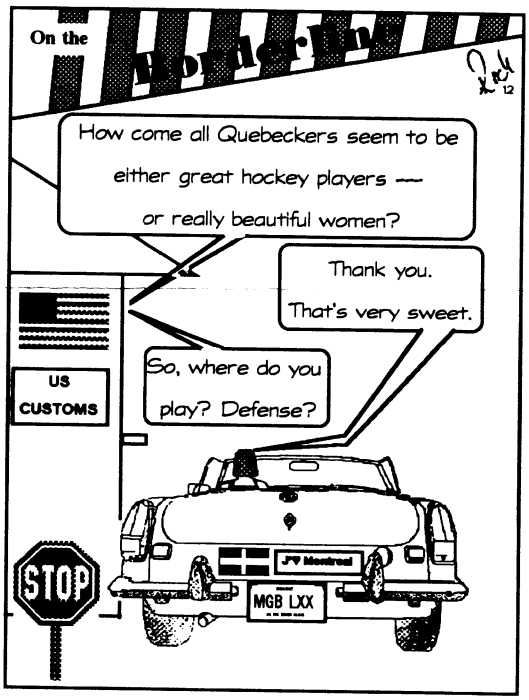
The Hoser Eh's, the MGA Club in Ontario will be hosting an All MG Regional GT in Grand Bend Ontario July 21-23. Grand Bend is on the Eastern shore of Lake Huron and bosts one of the 10 best sunsets in the world.

Guest speaker at the Thursday night banquet will be Ed Leavens, one of the drivers at Sebring as part of the MGA Twin Cam BMC team. In addition, 3 of the 5 MGA Sebring Twin Cams will be present as part of the "1960 Sebring Reunion".

There will be a barbeque on Wednesday evening, with games like "The Lucas Generator Shot Putt"

Thursday will be the car show and Sebring car display in front of the Oakwood Inn. Later in the day will be the Ralleye to Bayfield. and a Funkana.

See the enclosed flyer and schedule of events for more details.



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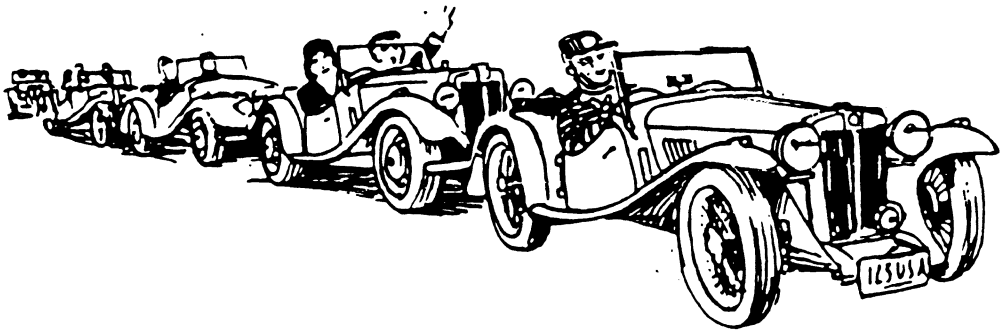
First Driving Event Of The Year Is Coming Saturday, April 17th!



Get ready, it's time to have fun driving your MG again.

Once again we'll be joining the other Michigan MG clubs for a birthday party. We'll be celebrating Cecil Kimber's 111th birthday.

So plan on driving your MG again. Seeing what other MG owners have been up to over the winter. Drive your MG again. Have lunch with fellow MG enthusiasts. Drive your MG again. Eat birthday cake. Drive your MG again. Visit with the buffalo. And drive your MG again.

Kimber, for those of you new to MGs was the founding father of MG sports cars. Born April 12, 1888 (notice all those 8's?).

We'll celebrate his birthday on the 17th, what with the 12th being on a Monday and too close to Easter.

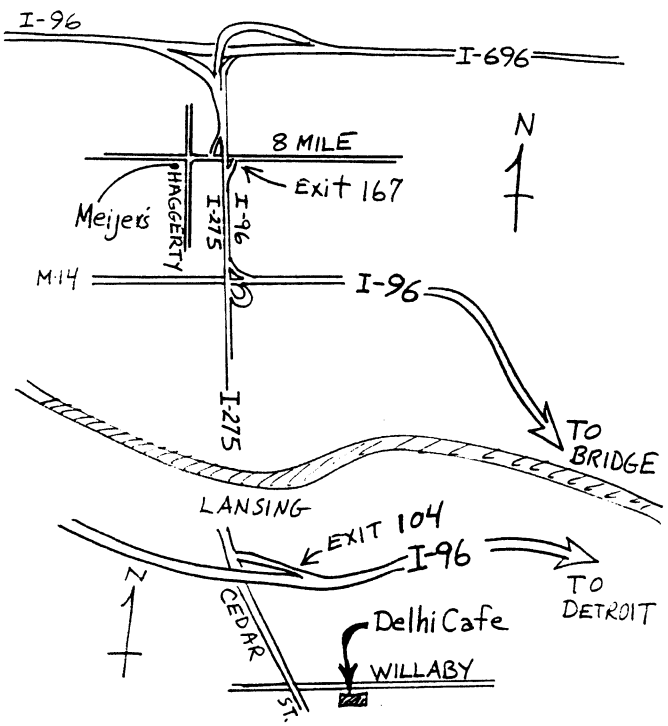
Once again Marcia Greiner will bake a delicious birthday cake (ask anyone who's attended past birthday parties).

We'll meet at the usual Meijer's parking lot at Haggerty and 8 Mile just off I-275 and meander over some great twisting sports cars roads to Lansing.

So, put a charge in those batteries, change the oil, check the pressure in the tires, make sure you have a half tank of gas, and a pack of cigarettes, wear your sun glasses, and hit the road to Lansing (to paraphrase the Blues Brothers).

What: Kimber Birthday Bash
When: Saturday, April 17th, 9:30 A.M.
Where: Caravan leaves the Meijer's parking lot at 9:45 A.M. (See Map)
What to Bring: Sunglasses, <u>full</u> tank of gas, pack of cigarettes (optional), driving gloves, party attitude.

For those late risers, or those wanting to travel on their own, meet at the Delhi Restaurant in Lansing at noon. See other map.



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MG Christmas Tree Ornaments.....	$ 5	$ 6
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***SU Carb Rebuild**

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

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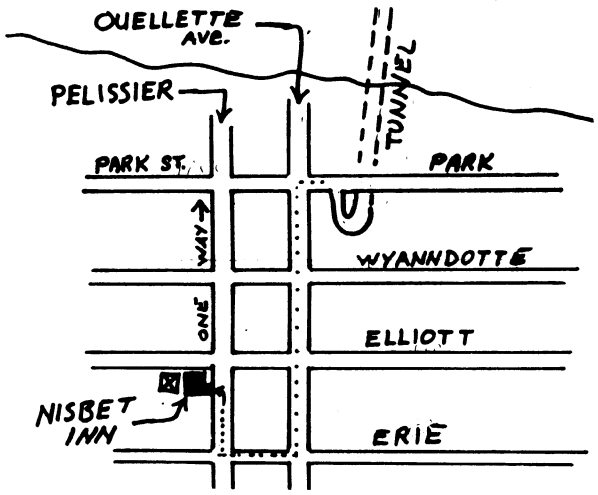

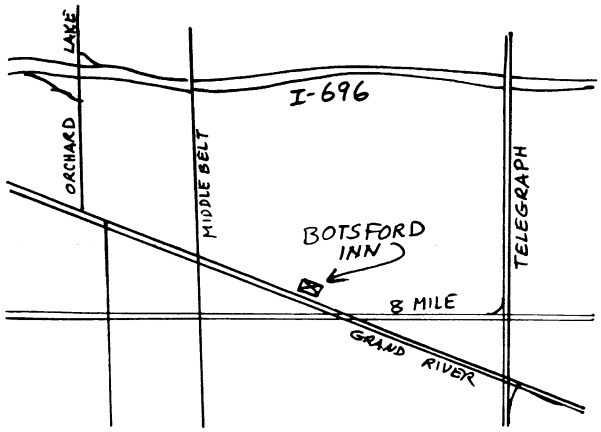

The Windsor-Detroit MG Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Even numbered months at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave. just north of Eight Mile Rd, in Farmington Hills and odd numbered months at the Nisbet Inn, 131 Elliott, West, just west of Ouellette, south of the tunnel. See maps.

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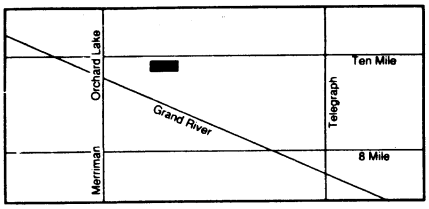

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All MG Regional GT "At The Bend"
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 21

10:00 - 6:00	GT Registration and Information at the Oakwood Inn
Noon	Lunch on your own.
Noon	Car wash station open at Oakwood Inn
2:00 - 4:00	Tour of Grand Bend, Pinery Provincial Park & Lambton Heritage Museum (on your own)
2:00 - 4:00	Huron Country Playhouse performance of "Odd Couple" - Female Version (on your own)
4:00 - 5:00	Tech Session: Robin Barker - "MG's at Sebring, 1956-1962"
5:30 - 6:30	Hospitality Suite Open - Happy Hour
6:00 - 8:00	Introductions and BBQ
6:30 - 8:00	Hoser "Can-Am Games" at BBQ
8:00 - ???	Tire Kicking Get Together in Parking Lot

Thursday, July 22

7:00	Car wash station open at Oakwood Inn
8:30 - 12:00	Registration and Information located at Car Show
8:30 - 9:30	Staging of cars for show
9:30 - 12:00	Car Show and Sebring Car Display
Noon	Lunch on your own
12:00 - 3:00	Car Rallye to Bayfield
3:00 - 4:30	Funkhana at the Legion parking lot.
5:30 - 6:30	Cocktail Hour preceding the Awards Banquet at the Legion Cashbar.
6:30 - 7:30	Dinner at Legion
7:30 - 9:00	Guest Speaker - Ed Leavens, (inductee in The Canadian Motor Sport Hall of Fame), and Awards Presentations
9:00 - 12:00	DJ, dance and door prize draws at Legion
12:00 - ???	Tire Kicking Get Together in Parking Lot

Friday, July 23

7:00 - 12:00	Farewells, complimentary coffee and donuts in Hospitality Suite
2:00 - 4:00	Huron Country Playhouse performance of "Odd Couple" - Female Version (on your own)

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 (7234) 586-2500, Ed Fleming at (248) 349-3799 or Roli Sylvestre at (519) 969-2739.

March 1999

Mar 10 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

April 1999

Apr 14 Monthly Meeting-Botsford Inn

Apr 17 (Saturday) Kimber Birthday Bash

May 1999

May 12 Monthly Meeting Nisbet Inn

May ?? Spring Ralleye

June 1999

Jun 5-6 Annual Stratford Trip (West Side Story)

Jun 9 Monthly Meeting-Botsford Inn

Jun 13 Carnival of Cars-Packard Proving Grounds-Utica

July 1999

Jul 7-10 NAMGBR Convention-Vancouver

Jul 14 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

Jul 21-23 Regional GT Grand Bend ON.

August 1999

Aug 1 Meadowbrook Concours

Aug 11 Monthly Meeting-Botsford Inn

Aug 19-22 University Motors Summer Party?

September 1999

Sep 8 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

Sep 9-12 Watkins Glen Vintage Racing/Camping Trip

Sep ?? Lucas Night Ralleye

October 1999

Oct 13 Monthly Meeting-Botsford Inn

Oct 17 Colour Tour

November 1999

Nov 10 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

December 1999

Dec 8 Monthly Meeting-Botsford Inn-Gift Exchange Night

January 2000

Jan 1 Stupid Ride to Hell and back

Jan 12 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

Jan?? Hibernation Party-Canadian Side

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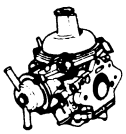

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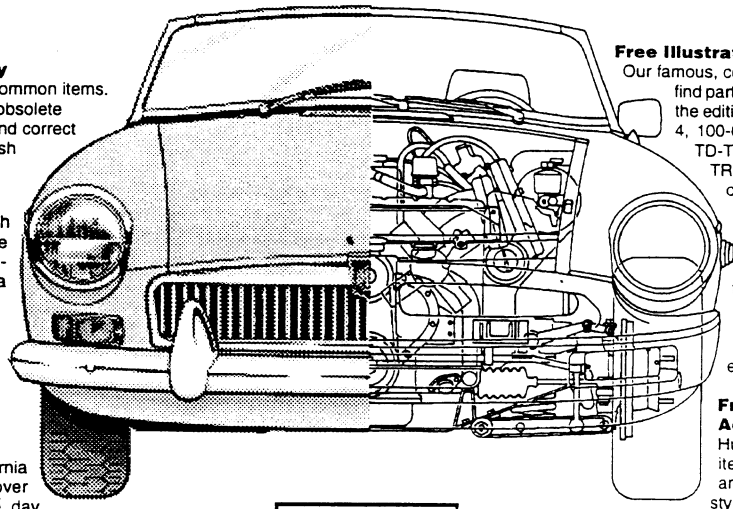

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