The Can Am CONNECTION

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Photos: Above: The gang having lunch, **Above Right:** How many MG Club members does it take to change a tire? Apparently six. **Right:** It's always so hard to get everyone's attention. Notice the new air brake/spoiler on Dave's luggage rack.

Blue Roads & Chocolate Cake

The weatherman said "Chance of rain, cool temperatures and a brisk wind out of the northwest." But, that didn't stop a dozen Windsor-Detroit MG Club members from heading out on our traditional first driving event of the year to Lansing.

We were off to celebrate Cecil Kimber's birthday with members of the Michigan Rowdies, the Lansing Area MG Association, and the Old Speckled Hens from Grand Rapids.

OK so the mercury in the thermometer was a little challenged in the morning. Still four of us, the **Greiners, Dave Doolin** and myself rode with the hoods stowed, in Dave's case, he doesn't even have a top for the B yet, so that was a real case of trust in the sun gods.

We met at the usual starting point at the Meijer's in Northville, then proceeded out over the twisty two lanes of Washtenaw, Livingston and Ingham counties. The same route we've taken in years past. Nice roads, little traffic making it easier to stay together, lots of wide open turns for driving your sporty cars in a sporty manner. It's always neat to see a bunch of MGs ahead of you and in your mirrors, as you tool down the road.

Dave Doolin's luck was continuing as he turned into the parking lot of the Delhi Restaurant. Not only did it not rain, but, his right rear tire held out until the parking lot before blowing out. Could have been more serious if it had happened in one of those fast sweepers on the way up.

His luck continued. Because there was no room for the "Door Prize" and the spare in his trunk, Dave drove without the spare. However, Tom Greiner had a wire wheel spare that he had just added air to that morning.

After a slightly off key rendition of "Happy Birthday" some members headed over to Dave Smith's nearby house for more "MGing", a few took to I-96 to beat the weather home, and the three open cars headed back down the blue roads to the Novi/Northville area, almost making it to the garage before the rain got serious.

This was a medium speed event, next up is our "Autocross", a high speed event and then "Carnival of Cars", a no speed event. Something for everyone.

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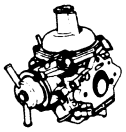

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MGing

By Dave Doolin, President

Our March meeting at the Nisbet was standing room only. If you plan on attending the May meeting there please get there early so that you can order dinners before the rush. The food is excellent and I have a feeling that MGs will take over the whole parking lot. Hope the weather is nice so that we can have our meeting on the deck. Great place to enjoy the springtime. If you haven't been there you are missing a great time.

I had the opportunity of introducing our new members Marty and Sue Hunt. The Hunt's own a deck lid for an MGA, so they are looking for the rest of the car. Welcome and I hope you will be able to hook up with a real nice MGA soon. The Hunts are not newcomers to sports cars and have enjoyed many different models. It's no coincidence that they now are in the hunt for an MG. Welcome Sue and Marty. Hope we enjoy many MG miles with you. I don't think you'll be able to register that deck lid in the mileage contest though.

Talking about the mileage contest. Dale and Sean Brown arrived to collect their 1998 mileage trophy from our own personal trophy builders Ed Fleming and Marcia Greiner. We finally were able to get them out of their MG long enough to pick up their trophy. Dale, give it a rest will you? Congratulations. You know who was second? Yes, Dale's brother steve!~

Talk to any of the club members who have been on the Stratford trip. Chances are there isn't anyone who has been there once as once they go they look forward to going every year. Just an over night, but one of the most popular trips of the year. The prices in Canada have never been better. The U. S. dollar goes a long way on the other side of the river. Call Phil Wiltshire to reserve dinner at the Westover Inn.

Roli Sylvestre ran a raffle at our March meeting. He sold tickets for an original Windsor-Detroit grill badge and some other prizes and was able to raise approximately $70 for the club. Also Dave Torby is back in action, and donated a nice sports car hard cover book that was raffled off at our April meeting. Mike Derderian also had a great collection of MG books that sold out very quickly at our March meeting. The profits from these went into the club coffer. Thanks Roli, Dave and Mike!

We've decided to have all of our summer meetings at the Nisbet again this year, so revise your calendars for the June and August meetings.

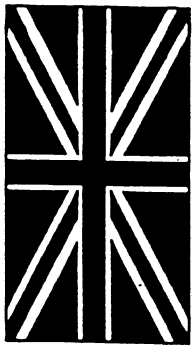

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Photo: Ed Fleming (left) presenting **Dale Brown** the Mileage Trophy for 1998, a model of Dale's MGB ascending a mountain with a clock made from an MGB speedometer.

It's Not Too Late To Enter Our '99 Mileage Contest

Results of '98 Contest Below

Well, our first annual driving contest has come to a close and everyone that participated was a winner as you got to drive your pride and joy, just maybe a little more than you normally would have.

I know I had a great time, I hope you all did also. This year (1999), hopefully more of you will participate. Just remember it is all in fun and can really show us how much our club drives as a whole. The pleasant surprise was how many of us really enjoy driving our L.B.C.s. Our first place driver was none other than Dale Brown in his green '69 MGB with 12,923 miles. Second was Steve Brown in his '74 MGB. Jeff Zorn was third and fourth in his red '59 MGA with 8,396 miles and in his '71 BRG MGB with 6588 miles. Fifth was Dave Holbrook who added 5,693 miles to his '72 MGB's odometer last year.

The following is a list of everyone who entered. Total miles driven by these members was 74,103.

Name	Miles
Dale Brown	12923
Steve Brown	9636
Jeff Zorn	8396 (MGA)
Jeff Zorn	6588 (MGB)
Dave Holbrook	5693
Dave DeCook	3951
Marshall Coulter	3932
Terry Frisch	3500
Dan Kirby	3110 (MGB-GT)
Fran Lewis	3000
Ed Benko	2207
Dan Kirby	2131 (Midget)
Guy St. John	2000
Ed Fleming	1956
Dennis Ferguson	1600
Tom Greiner	1180
John Barton	1012 (MG-TF!)
Dave Torby	538
Linda Mrouk	500
Tom Newton	250

To enter the 1999 Mileage Contest register your mileage with Jeff Zorn at (248) 489-1855 or Email him at MGAJeff@aol.com.

Another Great Place To Stay In Stratford

For those who want to go to Stratford, but who missed out on a room at the Westover Inn, there is a quaint B&B just 5 miles from St. Mary's called Schools Inn. A 1910 old converted Schoolhouse with 4 bedrooms. One has it's own bath. The other three share 2 bathrooms. The location is out in the country and there is a hottub on the deck...In the morning there is a wonderful full breakfast with fresh baked bread and great coffee.

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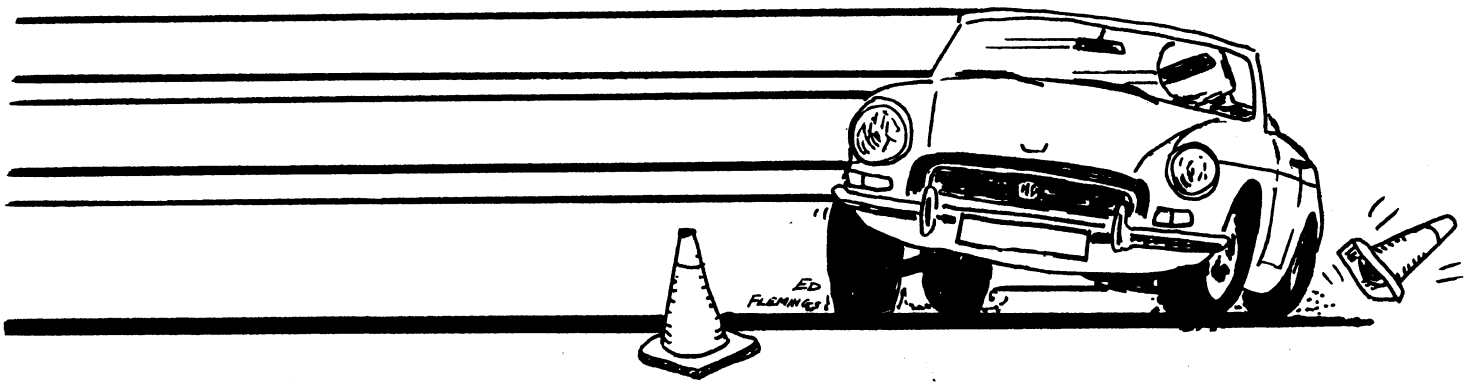


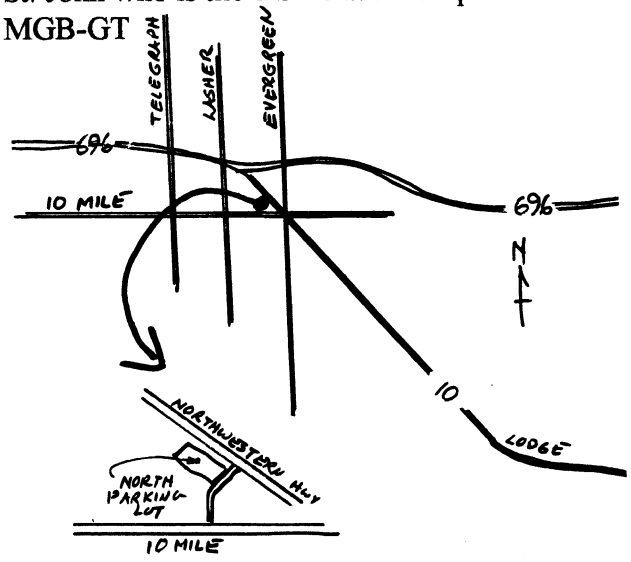
Memorial Day Autocross and Picnic, Monday May 31!

An Autocross is a fast event. It's also a relatively safe event. Sounds like an MG event, as in "Safety Fast". You try to go as fast as you can around a course in a parking lot defined by those orange traffic cones.

Here's your chance to go as fast as you like with your MG without looking over your shoulder for the police.

This year we're piggy-backing our autocross with the Detroit Region S.C.C.A. at their Memorial Day Autocross at Lawrence Tech University in Southfield. They're serious about autocrossing and have all the split second timing gear and a loud speaker system and giant timing display on top of their van.

At the Lawrence Tech's parking lot there is a grassy area we'll use for an impromptu picnic. If you don't want to race, bring a picnic lunch and watch fellow club members go fast, including our own past President Guy St. John who is the DSP class champ with his MGB-GT



What: SCCA/MG Club Autocross.

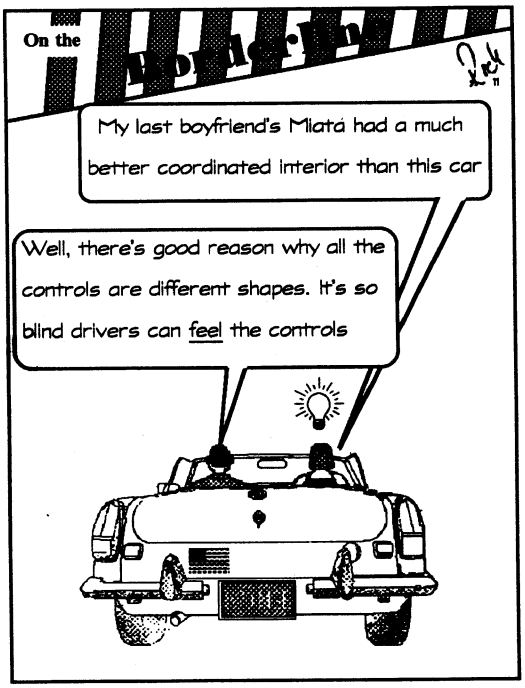
Where: Lawrence Tech University North Parking lot, off Northwestern Highway near Lodge Freeway and Evergreen, (see map).

When: Monday May 31. Drivers need to be there for tech inspection (8:30 to 10:30) and driver's meeting (10:30). First car will be on track about 11 a.m. and cars will run until about 3 or 4 p.m.

What to Bring: Tire pressure gauge and air tank (or put extra air in tires at gas station before you get there). Crash helmet (helmets are available at the track too).

Cost is $15.00 to run, free to watch.

Bring a picnic lunch and an umbrella.



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Sweatshirt.....	$15	$18
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Grill Badges (new design).....	$20	$28

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

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***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**

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***The MGB Film Library**

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

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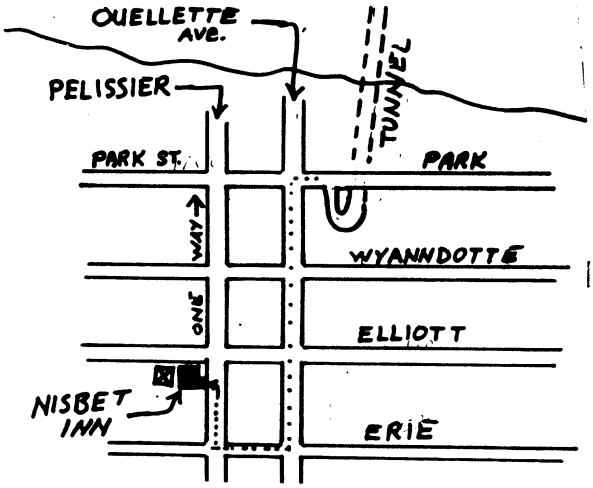

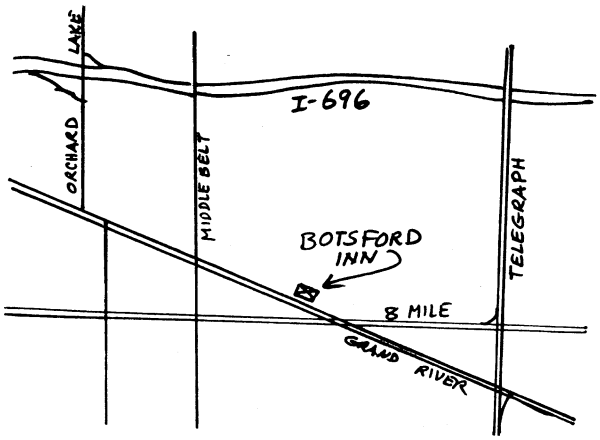

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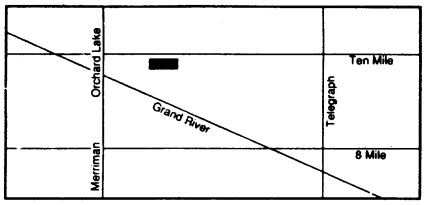

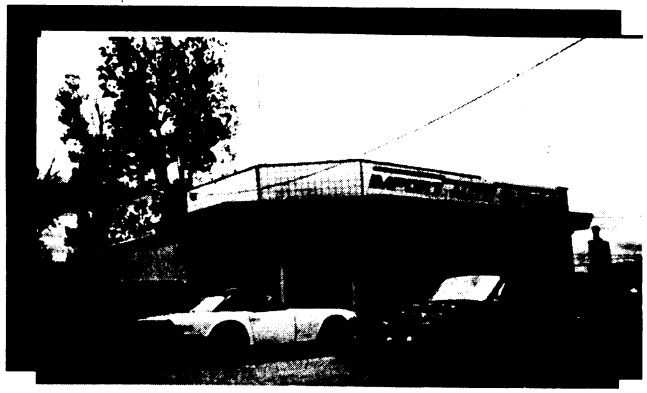

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For up to date information on club events call Chuck Wiley at (734) 586-2500, Ed Fleming at (248) 349-3799 or Roli Sylvestre at (519) 969-2739.

May 1999

May 2 British Car Show & Swap Meet, Richfield OH, Jack Akers 800-334-6566
May 12 Monthly Meeting Nisbet Inn
May 16 British Car Day, Columbus OH
May 26 Wed. Night Fun Run
May 31 Autocross-Lawrence Tech University

June 1999

Jun 5-6 Annual Stratford Trip (West Side Story)
Jun 6 University Motors Early Summer Picnic
Jun 9 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn
Jun 13 Carnival of Cars-Packard Proving Grounds-Utica
Jun 18 Gratiot Curise
Jun 23 Wed. Night Fun Run

July 1999

Jul 7-10 NAMGBR Convention-Vancouver
Jul 11 Mad Dogs & Englishmen-Kalamazoo
Jul 14 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn
Jul 21-23 Regional GT Grand Bend ON.
Jul 28 Wed Night Fun Run

August 1999

Aug 1 Meadowbrook Concours
Aug 8 WDMGC Board Meeting
Aug 11 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn
Aug 19-22 University Motors Summer Party
Aug 21 Woodward Dream Cruise
Aug 25 Wed. Night Fun Run

September 1999

Sep 8 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn
Sep 9-12 Watkins Glen Vintage Racing/Camping Trip
Sep 12 Battle of the Brits-Freedom Hill Park
Sep 18 Lucas Night Ralleye

October 1999

Oct 13 Monthly Meeting-U.S. side
Oct 17 Colour Tour / Lighthouse Tour

November 1999

Nov 10 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

December 1999

Dec 8 Monthly Meeting-U.S. side-Gift Exchange Night

January 2000

Jan 1 Stupid Ride to Hell and back
Jan 12 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn
Jan 15 Hibernation Party-Canadian Side

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'58 MGA, complete car with all new sills, rebuilt carbs, solid frame, wire wheels, 1500 metro engine, not seized, good project car. $3900. Dave Doolin (248) 347-3466. (5)

'71 MGB engine, complete, with head ready for rebuild, also have transmission and pair of HS4 carbs. Make reasonable offer on all or part. Jeff Zorn, eves (248) 489-1855 or Email MGAJeff@aol.com. (5)

MGB Parts: '62-'67 generator, generator fan & pulley '62-'67 starter, 3 blade fan & pulley, distributor #40897D 15V583, headlight rim with inner & seating rim, '67-8 drive shaft, '67-8 radiator surround diaphram, '67 radiator, pair GT left & right rear side window assy.,, '68 4 syncro. transmission, '67-8 chrome grille assy., complete tail lamp assy. to '69. Plus various other bits. Brian Collacott (519) 969-7187 (5)

'64 MGB Rdstr.. Arizonna car, body off restortation, Tartan Red, new interior, black leather, new top, restored wires, 5 new tires, new fuel tank, new windshield, new S. U. carbs, new distributer, new clutch, new brakes, new exhaust, cover, 59K original miles. $9200, OBO, Dennis Delap (248) 620-9005 (5)

Parts: Seven 14" wire wheels, one 13" wire wheel, $20 each, one '67 steel wheel $15. Two complete front suspensions, inclubing steering rack and splines $40 each. '74 MGB-GT for parts, has 4 lug suspension, trans, no motor, $100 for all or will sell any parts.. Plus more stuff. Brain (734) 782-0126 (5)

'65 MGB-GT parts car or awaiting your restoration, new fuel tank, wire wheels, overdrive,, wood steering wheel. $600. Gordon Wallace (519) 253-6129 after 6:30PM (1)

Two '75 MGBs, one black w/light grey interior, one Tahiti blue w/back interior. Both feature stainless exhaust, S.U. Carbs, new gas tanks, new windscreens, front and rear sway bars, good brakes, good bodies, good front ends, good stereo systems, a remote start switch under the hood and even cruise control. $7,000 each. A detailed 45 minute video is available. Video is $5 for a copy and $5 for mailing to you. Send it back and I'll refund $5. Rich Wagner (248) 624-9573 (1)

'76 MGB Rdstr, new top, excellent mechanically, wire wheels, newer exhaust, original Vermillion Red paint, 70K $4200. Bill Reeves (810) 294-9147 (11)

WANTED

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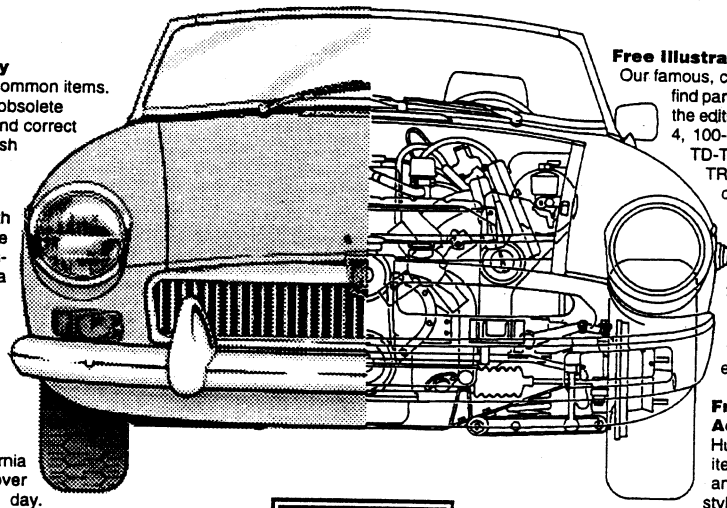

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