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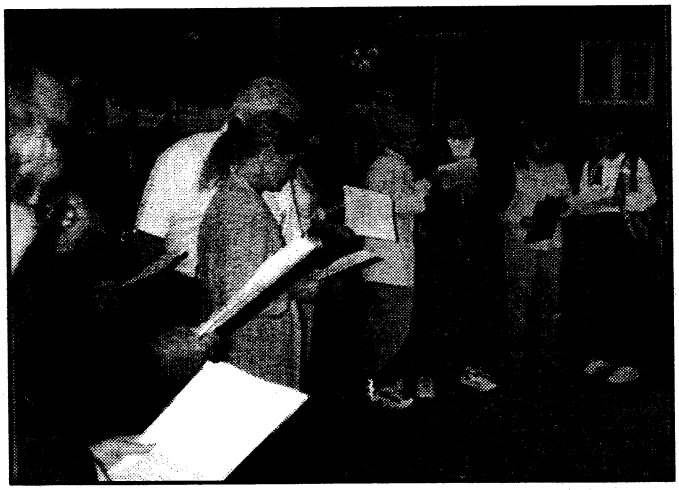

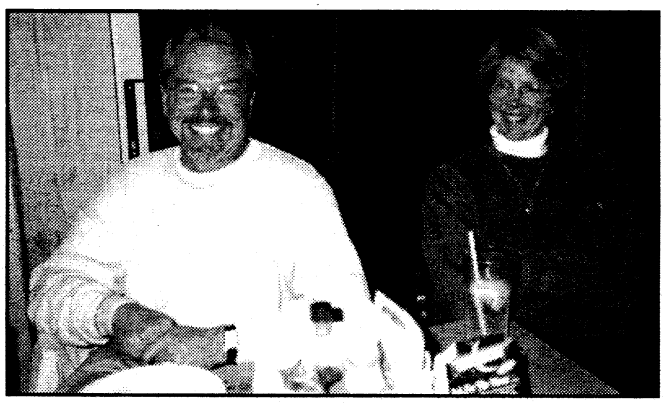

Photos: Above Drivers and navigators check their instructions before starting out. **Above Right**: Winners **Guy and Ann St. John** are all smiles.

A Relaxing Night Drive.

If you can call a night drive with Lucas electronics relaxing.

Dave Doolin called me, "We need someone to put on the Lucas Night Ralleye. This year it's supposed to be in Canada, and last year's winners **Jeff and Jan Zorn** were going to be out of town that weekend. What to do?" Call **Dale Brown**, that's what. Turns out that was a great decision.

Dale and new wife Lise, organized a great Lucas Night Ralleye. For one thing the directions were very clear and easy to follow. so no one got lost. (that might be a first for a Lucas Ralleye). Secondly, Dale found all three twisty roads in Essex County, giving all of us a chance to drive like we had sports cars.

Thirdly, they put enough questions in the mix to separate the winners from the losers. (as Michael Andretti said, second place is First Loser!).

They even took us by the Essex Country Club, where our Hibernation Party will be held next February, with a question: "What event will be held here next February?" The answer was answered wrong by at least one contestant. You can bet they now know when and where the Hibernation Party will be held.

Those attending and the order of finish are as follows, (points are correct answers out of 50)

1st	**Guy & Ann St. John**	**48**
2nd	**Ralph & Kathi Poupard**	**45**
3rd	**Gordon Wallace & Susan St. Pierre**	**44**
4th	**Jim & Ricci George**	**43**
5th	**Marshall & Fran Coulter**	**42**
6th	**Tom & Marcia Greiner**	**40**
6th	**Ed Fleming**	**40**
8th	**Stephen & Lynne Brown**	**38**
8th	**Dave & Lynne Hornby**	**38**
10th	**Vish & Tuni Chatterji**	**36**
11th	**Doug & Bob Spencer**	**34**
12th	**Rodger Outland & Ian Carmichael**	**33**

Doug and Bob Spencer drove an Austin-Healey Sprite and Rodger Outland and Ian Carmichael drove a Triumph Spitfire. This was the first Lucas Ralleye for all four, and although they finished in the bottom two spots, they seemed to make up for it in enthusiasm. These four were also on the Mystery Ride a few weeks ago and enlivened those proceedings too. It sure is great to see such enthusiastic new blood in the club. You guys are going to fit right in.

Apparently being related to the Ralleye Master doesn't help as Steve finished tied for 8th in brother Dale's Ralleye. But then again it is the Lucas Night Ralleye so is anyone surprised?

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Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor

A few years ago, Brett Altman and Chuck Wiley presented me with the "Loose Nut Award after I had driven to Michigan Imports in February. In the MG. With the top down. And it started to snow as I left.. OK, that might have been a little extreme, but I'm still driving the Midget to work a few times a week. With the top down

It's been a little nippy on the morning commute, with temperatures in the mid 40s (that's 8 or 9 degrees Canadian). But the drives home after work have been very comfortable and by dressing appropriately the drive in hasn't been too bad.

Nowadays I'm not doing as much driving around to customers during the day, so driving the MG to work isn't as bad for it as it might otherwise be. So, I think I'll drive it whenever I can, maybe right up until January 1st, and the Stupid Ride> In my old age, driving the Midget through the winter seems unusual. When I was younger I drove my MGs year round and didn't think twice about it. But, what's wrong with driving your MG through the winter? Except for when there is 4-5 inches of snow to plow through or tons of salt on the pavement, why not? The roads don't get really bad until the spring ;thaw, so I think this year I'll keep driving the sports car whenever I can.

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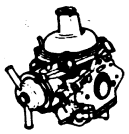

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By Dave Doolin, President

Our September monthly meeting was at Paynes on Woodward which is just north of I-696. I introduced new members John and Innes Cole and Steve and Ruth Swarin. The Coles are the owners of a 1946 TC which is under restoration and the Swarins are the owners of a 1972 MGB. Welcome! John and Innes who are in the process of restoring their TC must have received a shot of adrenaline after looking over Roger Melton's, John Barton's and Dave and Kris Wolff's T Series cars in the parking lot.

The food at Paynes' proved very good and reasonably priced. We had approximately 40 members attend with a good mix of Canadian and U.S. members. My meal was $11 with a beverage and tax. Paynes has a large parking lot just north of the building where we parked our MGs

We had many events to talk about both past and upcoming. This season has been a wonderful summer for driving these little cars. I wish my car could have cooperated a little more. But unfortunately, my MGB has still been suffering from old age. I had to rebuild just about the entire braking system, one piece at a time. Just as I fixed one thing, another thing broke. Oh well, what do you want from a 35 year old car?

What I have been noticing the last few years is there are more and more car events to attend. To owners like us it is just non-stop car events. It's kind of distracting that one has to work for a living on the side. Each year the shows get larger and the cars get better and the events more interesting. John Twist 's last Summer Party was proof of that. It seems that for any true MG enthusiast, this party was a must. If you didn't get your fill of MGs there then chances are you won't be able to.

I also loved the setting for the regional MGA meet up in Grand Bend this past August. What a thrill it must have been for those who attended the National MGA GT in Lake Tahoe. Jeff Zorn and Dave Jonker just returned from a big MG meet up at Stowe Vermont. This must have been a sight to see with MGs parked all around the base lodge at Stowe. Also a group of Windsor-Detroit members headed out to Watkins' Glen again this year for the Vintage Races. Last year was the 50th anniversary at the Glen and they all came back and pledged to attend the 51st event.

I'm starting to have quite a collection of name tags. If you have asked me for one, I have them. Please see me at our October meeting. Also, for those who have name tags, please wear them to our meetings and all MG events. Remember this makes it much easier for new members to get to associate your name with your face. It is a welcoming sign to new members that we want to make new friends and get to know them.

We now have membership listings that we distributed at our last meeting. If you didn't get one, please pick one up at our next meeting.

Coming up right after our monthly meeting is the Fall Colour Tour. Please block your calendar so that you can enjoy this great drive with us. Details are in this newsletter. See you all soon.

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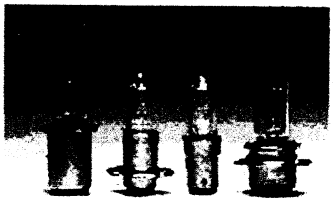

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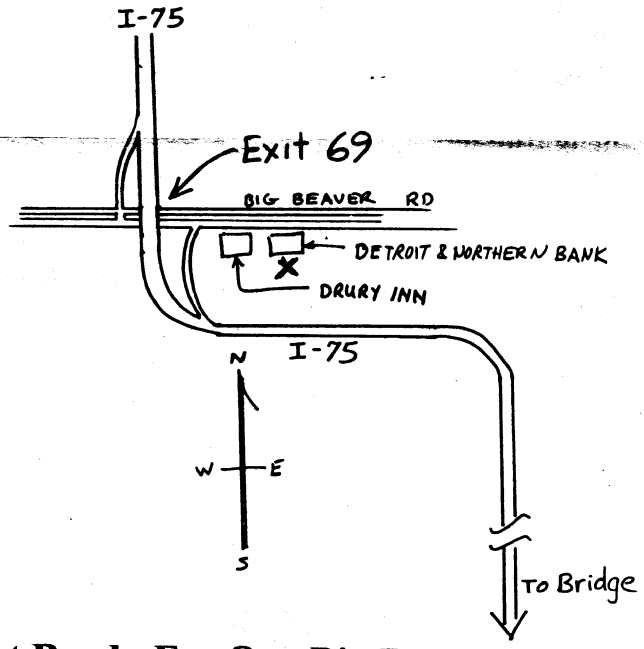
Maybe it was just me, but did ;you ever wonder why the MG Club and the Chrysler Club were next to each other at Carnival of Cars? After all the clubs were supposed to be lined up alphabetically.

Well it was because we're the Windsor-Detroit MG Club, which is just after the Walter P. Chrysler Club, alphabetically speaking.

DiamlerChrysler Corp. just opened up their museum near their headquarters in Auburn Hills, and we're going to see what they have to offer.

What: Trip to the Chrysler Museum.
When: Sat. Nov 13th, at 1:00 pm.
Where: Meet in the parking lot east of the Drury Inn on Big Beaver Road, just east of I-75 (see map)
What to bring: $6.00 admission fee, open mind toward Chrysler products. They did make the only Gas Turbine car ever sold (leased) in the U.S.

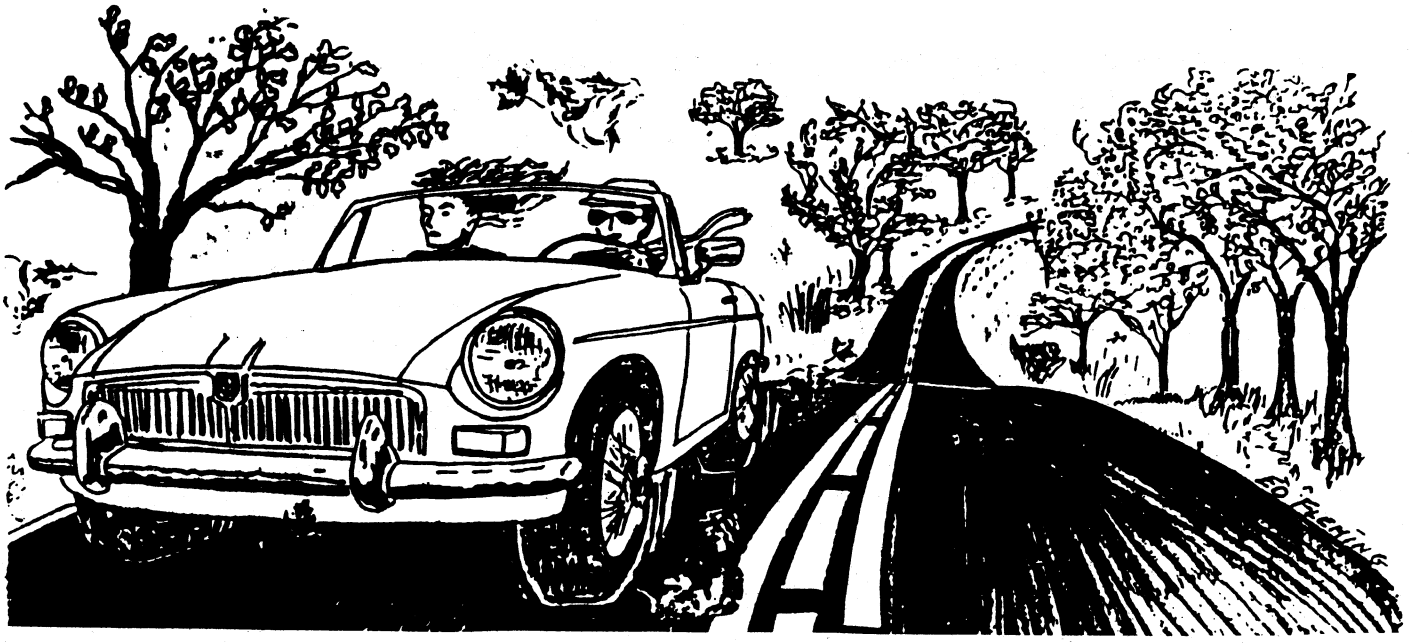


Get Ready For Our Big Event Of The Year. The Hibernation Party Returns To The Essex County Golf Club!!

We're making plans for our annual Hibernation Party as we "speak".

We plan to make a few changes to the proceedings this time. We'll have some gifts for the ladies (not your usual car stuff) and we plan to have a piano player for background music (it'll be easier than a D.J. to talk over).

Stay tuned for more details.



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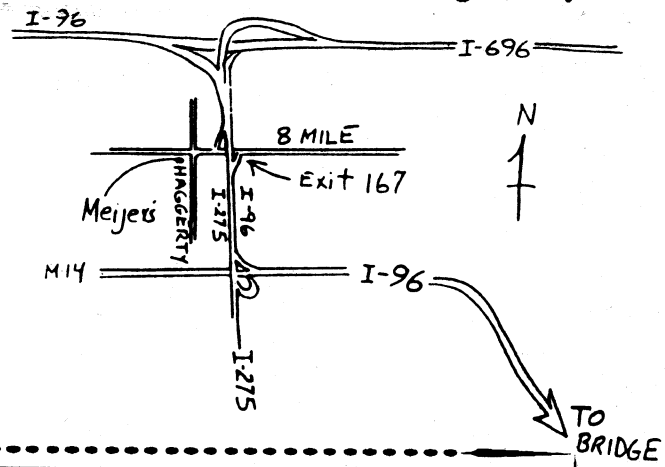
What: Fall Colour Tour
When: Sunday, Oct. 18th, 1:00 PM
Where: Starts at the usual Meijer's parking lot at 8 Mile and Haggerty (see map)



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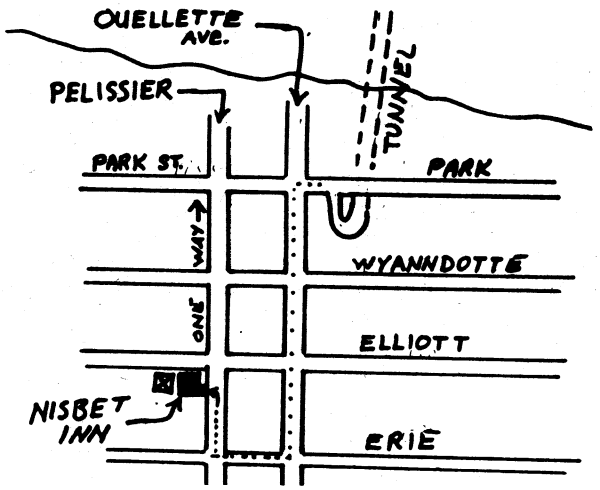

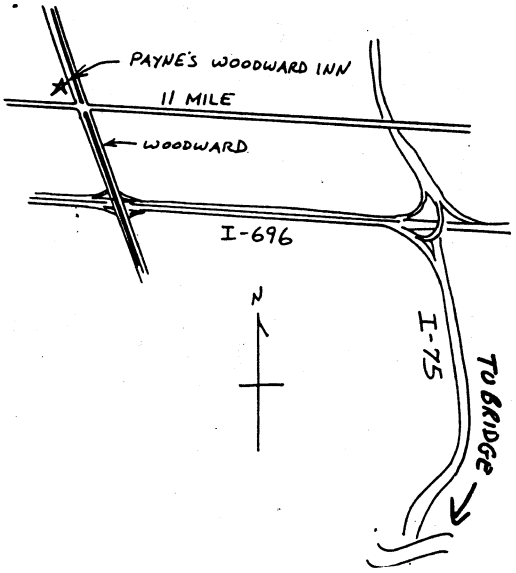

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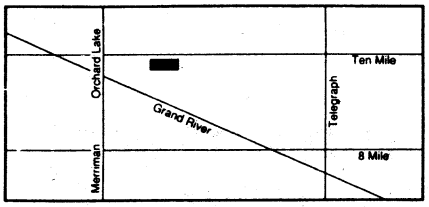

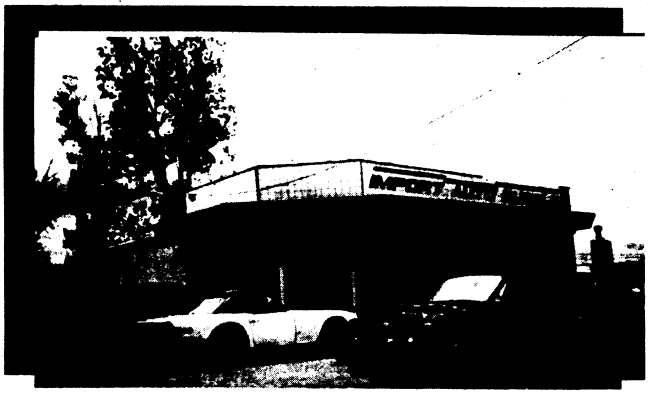

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Calendar of Events

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October 1999

Oct 13 Monthly Meeting-Nisbt Inn
Oct 17 Colour Tour

November 1999

Nov 7 Board Meeting Coulters house 4pm
Nov 10 Monthly Meeting-Payne's Woodward Inn
Nov 13 Tour to Chrysler Museum

December 1999

Dec 8 Monthly Meeting-Nisbt Inn-Gift Exchange Night

January 2000

Jan 1 Stupid Ride to Hell and back
Jan 12 Monthly Meeting-Payne's Woodward Inn

February 2000

Feb 3 Hibernation Party-Essex Golf Club-Windsor
Feb 9 Monthly Meeting

March 2000

Mar 8 Monthly Meeting

April, 2000

Apr 12 Monthly Meeting

May, 2000

May19 Monthly Meeting

June, 2000

Jun 14 Monthly Meeting

July, 2000

Jul 12 Monthly Meeting
Jul 17-22 MGA GT25 Morgantown W.Va.

August, 2000

Aug 9 Monthly Meeting
Aug 12 Fire and Ice Rally
Aug 16-20 Abingdon '00 Summer Party, Abingdon, IL.

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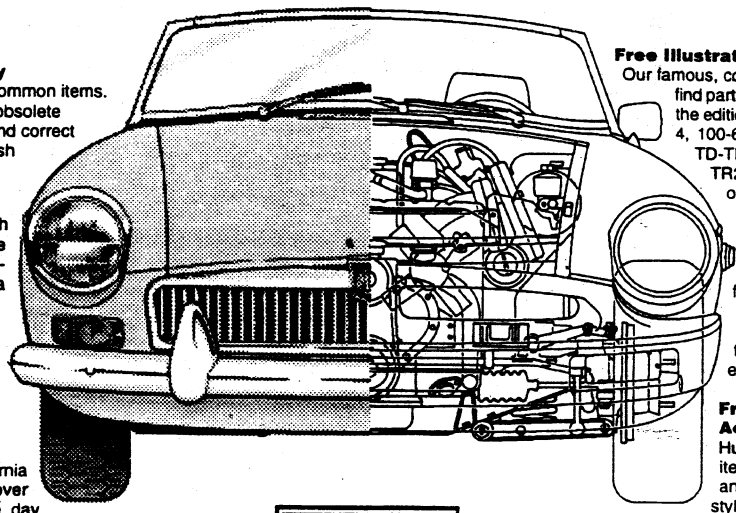

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