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Take one 40 year old Jaguar, add one 40 year old tire and you've got the ingredients for a flat tire. Naturally the spare was flat also.

Fire & Ice Rally A Hit With Everyone.

First the FIRE. About 40 members met at the Bonfire Restaurant in Northville where we dined on food cook over an open flame. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food.

Next up was the DRIVE. We headed out over the twisty roads of Washtenaw County toward Ann Arbor. "Awesome" is how a couple of the members described the trip.

We traveled through the subdivision we've used on a few Colour Tours. They've installed several "Speed Tables" in the sub. since our last trip. These are elongated speed bumps (a 6-7 inch rise in the pavement for about 7 or 8 feet). Several members got air when traversing them, lots of air.

By the way, Kim Wilkenson passed on the information that in Britain, "Speed Bumps" are called "Sleeping Policemen". Interesting.

The ICE part was eaten at The Diary Bar, an old fashioned ice cream parlor west of Ann Arbor. Members were able to fill up on ice cream and also browse through the great collection of automotive books, models, old gas pumps etc. in the Yesterday's Collection part of the store.

If It's October, We Must Have A New Place For Our Monthly Meeting!

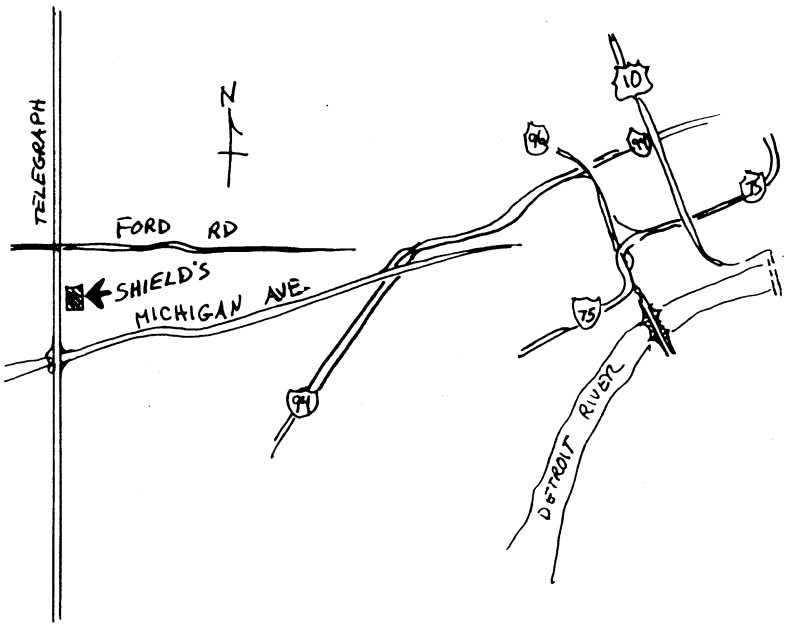
We've found a new location for our U.S. side monthly meeting. It's Shield's Restaurant, in Dearborn. Shield's is famous for their pizza, but they also have other items on the menu.

There is plenty of parking and we will have our own room for the meeting.

Shield's is located on the east side of Telegraph Rd. a few blocks south of Ford Rd. (1620 North Telegraph).

This month's meeting will be Wed. October 11th. The meeting starts at 7:30. Come earlier and have dinner.

See map for details:



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Safety Fast!

Ed Fleming, Editor

Denise McCluggage is a writer for AutoWeek magazine. She has also been a team driver for Ferrari. Basically she's a knowledgeable and interesting car nut like the rest of us.

Awhile ago she wrote and article about how to get that "left lane Bandit" to move over when you come up behind them. Her technique sounded a little strange and Far Eastern. I wasn't so sure it would really work.

But I've been using it and sure enough it does work, more time than not. So I thought I'd share it with you.

You've probably used the flash your lights or tailgating techniques with little success. So you might be a little suspicious of this technique, but give it a try and see what happens.

First you come up behind the person holding traffic up. Get a little closer than your normal distance behind the car. About a one second interval seems about right. Next move to the left so that you can see down the left side of the offending car. Then throw a thought beam at the left rear fender of the slow driver's car. Aim it for the area between the tail light and the rear wheel opening. Send a message like, "Sped up and move over." Keep repeating this as you concentrate on the left quarterpanel of the car.

Pretty soon the driver will put his turn signal on and move to the right. It sounds very Zen like and I will admit I wasn't sure it would work. But I've tried it and sure enough it does work about 70% of the time. Much more than the old flash your lights routine. Try it, you'll be amazed. Pretty soon you'll just pull up behind someone and wait for the turn signal to go on.

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Presidentially Speaking

By Dale Brown, President

Well, it's October and I bet that some of you are thinking about getting your cars ready for winter storage....but hold on! There's still lots of driving events coming up. In fact as I'm writing this article, Lise is upstairs putting the final touches to our travelling bags for an early Friday morning departure to Indianapolis for Indy British Motor Days.

We'll be meeting up with many other members of our club for a four-day excursion. (I think Lise will be the one driving when we do laps on the new Formula 1 track. The last time she drove in the caravan to Concourse at the Park, even the Police in the escort vehicles were wondering if she was a former Cart or Formula driver!).

We also just returned from a nice trip to Bronte Creek Provincial Park up near Oakville Ontario where we met several other members of our club. In all there were more than 1200 British cars. I never have seen as many Rolls Royces all together in two long, long rows. Next year we'll make more of a trip out of that one.

Ralph Poupard and his wife went for the whole weekend and made a camping trip out of it in their MG just like it was several years ago on their honeymoon after he had just bought the car brand new from the dealer...Let's see, I think Ralph's car is a 74...Anyway, I hope all of you have had lots of opportunity to take in the long and short trips. We still have several interesting and fun things coming up in which I hope you will be able to partake.

First, the U.S. side meeting at Sheild's, then the Fall Colo(u)r Tour and then a new event this year, The Murder Mystery Tour. Later we may even be able to squeeze in a Lucas Night Rallye.

Make sure those of you who have the opportunity, that you view the web site for the latest pictures and more details of the events. So keep driving, stall the storage and remember...

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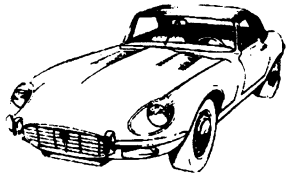

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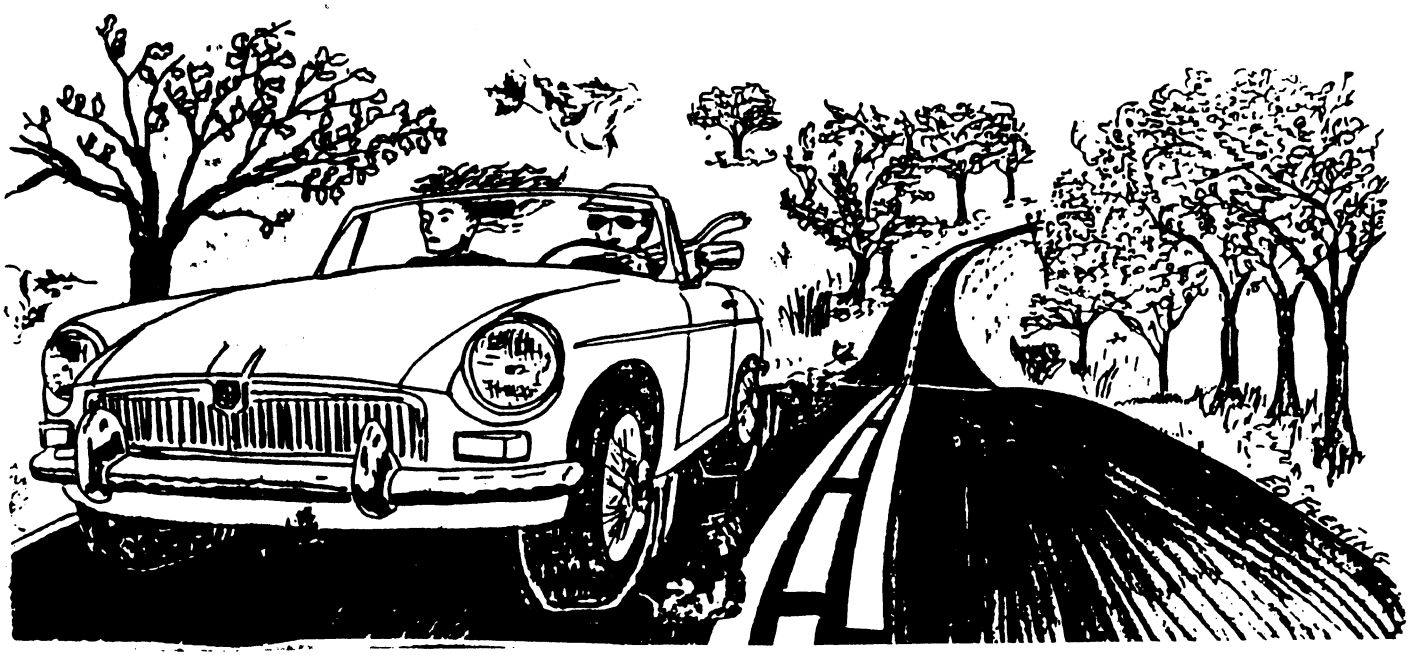

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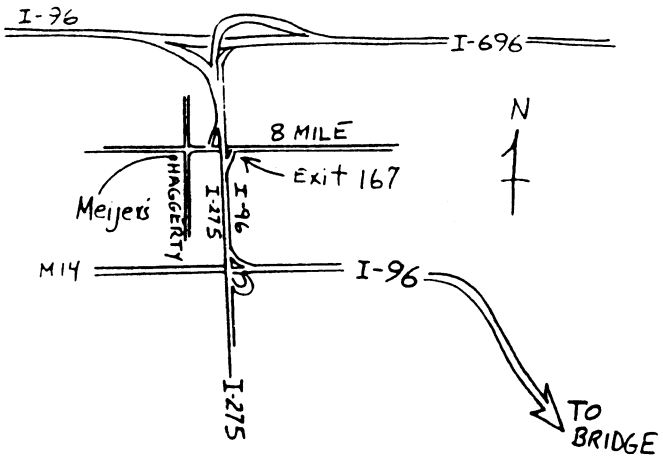
Fall Colour Tour Sunday October 15th, Color It Fun!!

The leaves are turning Russet Brown, and Damask Red which means it's time for our annual cruise though the countryside. This year we'll again travel down those great roads north and west of Detroit. Some of the best MG roads around. We'll stop at not one, but two cider mills and generally have a delightful day.

What: Fall Colour Tour
When: Sunday, Oct. 15th, 1:00 PM
Where: Starts at the usual Meijer's parking lot at 8 Mile and Haggerty (see map)



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WHAT: First Fall Murder, Mystery & Mayhem Ralleye.

WHERE: Meet at the Kildare House (see map) for dinner. "Ralleye" takes place at Heritage Village.

WHEN: Saturday, October 21st. We'll leave the Kildare House about 5:45 p.m. Get there earlier if you want to have dinner.

WHAT TO BRING: Flashlight, clipboard, pencil & paper. Dress for the weather, we'll be outside.

Here's your chance to use those brain cells normally used for ralleye clues to solve a mystery. We're going on a murder mystery ralleye of sorts.

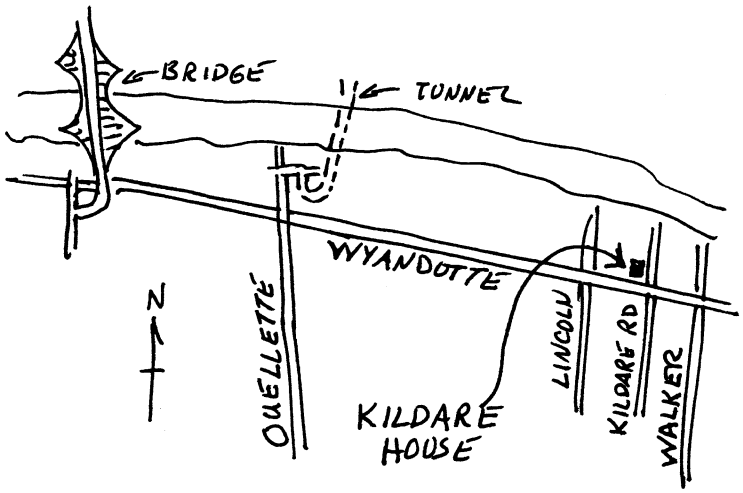
First we'll meet at Kildare House in Windsor. Then we'll caravan to Heritage Village for the mystery.

Heritage Village is a small town owned by the Historic Society of Ontario, comprised of many historic homes and businesses from Essex County.

We'll go through the village and interview various characters (schoolteacher, town drunk, barber etc.) to determine who the murderer is.

At 10 p. m. you'll cast your vote on who you think did it. Then the characters will come out on stage and reveal who the guilty party is. Those with the correct votes will receive gifts.

The village has a refreshment area for hot chocolate, coffee etc. Be sure to dress for the weather since most of the activity will be outdoors.



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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.

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Additional names: _____

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Calendar of Events

Note: Items listed in **Bold Type are Windsor-Detroit MG Club Events.**

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 or see our Website at:

www.mgcars.org.uk/wdmgcc/

October 2000

Oct 11 Monthly Meeting- Shield's Restaurant, Dearborn
Oct 15 Colour Tour
Oct 21 Murder Mystery-Caravan/Ralleye

November 2000

Nov 8 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

December, 2000

Dec 13 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn, Gift Exchange Night

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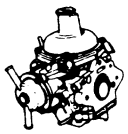

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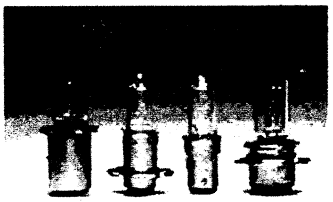

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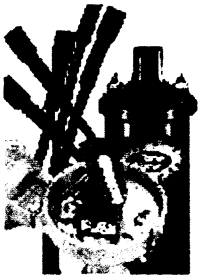

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