The Can Am CONNECTION

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Photo: Straight roads, curvy trees.

Color Us Cold

It felt like fall as about 15 MGs headed out of the parking lot at Meijers. All but three of us had the hoods stowed in the UP position.

The sunshine played with us and so did the threat of rain. Still the trees were at near prime for viewing the fall colours so off we went to Jenny's Farm Market west of Ann Arbor.

Jenny had her usual assortment of cider, pies, pumpkins etc. and wagon rides with 2 horsepower - about what my Midget has. The weather became more threatening and a few more travelers put the tops up.

From Jenny's we headed into Dexter, pasted the clock that now sits to your left as you drive by. This required a verbal adjustment to the ralleye instruction, since it has moved since the instructions were printed. We were still rather bunched up so this really wasn't a problem.

Then over those same twisty roads with the "speed tables" we used on the Fire and Ice Ralleye. I didn't hear of anyone getting air this time.

We ended the trip at still another cider mill near Northville. Everyone had plenty to eat this trip.

All in all a good hibernation kind of ride with plenty of cider and donuts to go around. A pleasant ride for the end of the driving season.

The Mystery Was Murder To Figure Out

Ralph Poupard has this great idea. "How about the club taking part in a Murder- Mystery Night?" he asked at one of the monthly meetings. "OK" we all said, "You find out the details, and we'll do it."

So he did and we did and it was a blast.

About 20 carloads of members met at the Kildare House in Windsor for dinner, October 21st.

We then proceeded in caravan to Heritage Village in Harrow, Ontario. Heritage Village is an antique village with a general store, train station, doctor office, church etc. not unlike Greenfield Village on the U. S. side.

There we were given a sheet of paper with a general description of the murder and quick biographies of the various characters. We then had to go around town to the various buildings and question the 16 suspects and come up with our guess of "who done it."

It seemed like everyone had a very good reason to murder the doctor and everyone seemed to have plenty of opportunity to do it also. For awhile I thought it could be a case of EVERYONE did it, (as in the case of the Murder On The Orient Express).

After we all spent a couple of hours doing our best impression of Sherlock Holmes or Lt. Colombo, we all met in the pavilion to find out who the culprit was. One by one they each paraded up onto the hay wagon and the murderer was pointed out (it was the barber! Of course he was the first one I crossed off my list!).

Only one couple in our group got it right, Rich and Anne Astly! They won a prize. The rest of us just had a great time exercising out brains.

This was something a little different for the club. We spent most of our time **out** of our cars. That made for more conversation between members. We seemed to bump into other members at each building, discuss various ideas and move on to the next location once again totally confused about who the new prime suspect could be.

Next time you see Ralph and Kathy Poupard, say "Thanks".

Oh and it was really cold that night. How cold was it? So cold even I put the top up!

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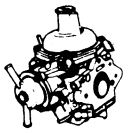

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Presidentially Speaking

By Dale Brown, President

A Year In Retrospect

Well, the year is fast approaching an end and maybe this would be a good time to reflect on the past year and a glimpse of the future.

Lise and I took in many, many events over the course of the year locally and nationally and we were very pleased at the number of our members who actively participated as well. What a great feeling when you attend an event in Cleveland, Indianapolis, Essex, Oakville etc., and realize there is a strong contingent from the Windsor-Detroit MG Club. We displayed our banner proudly.

Also, reflecting, I remember that many, if not all, of our monthly meetings were well attended and enjoyed by all of the members. We tried to include stories of our adventures, time to enjoy each other's cars, some technical information and of course lots of good friendship, good food and drink. What a success!

And how about that new web site for our members and members of other clubs? Hats off to Rick Astely and all the numerous contributors for making it one of the best sources of information and entertainment for our members. I might add that it's also one of the best in the country.

And another first. We have now produced a car magnet for each of us to obtain, to further promote involvement in activities of our club. I will have them available at all our meetings, or see Jeff Zorn or myself personally to obtain your own. (A great Christmas gift!).

In the coming year, we look forward to having many interesting driving events, tech sessions and social activities. We also plan to promote more of our club regalia. Please, if any of you are interested in helping out in some capacity on or with the Board of Directors, please see me or another member. We can use your help.

Last, but not least, plan on attending our gift exchange night at Shields Restaurant on December 13th and also our Hibernation Party in Dearborn on January 27th.

As far as Lise and I are concerned, we will continue driving the MG (with the hard top on) until First Salt. Then we'll be working together on our red '72 throughout the winter months. We plan on taking two cars to many of the events so that we can have our kids along too. Just ask the Zebarahs. MG family outings are the greatest. So, until next time, remember....

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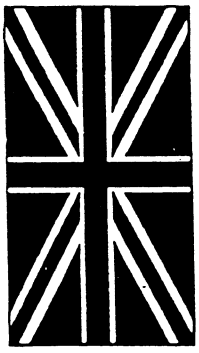

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Gift Exchange Night Is December 13th At Our Monthly Meeting At Shields.

Bring a friend, bring a gift, have fun.

Our annual Gift Exchange Night will take place after our regular monthly meeting at Shields Restaurant in Dearborn.

If you want to participate, bring a gift, suitably wrapped and place it under the tree. After the meeting we'll draw numbers and select gifts.

Nothing extravagant, something in the $5 to $10 range. Something in the automotive range, this is after all a car club. If your gift is something that would suit a man or a woman more than the other, please mark the package so. Check the club regalia, call Jeff Zorn, or stop by the local Murrays for ideas.

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Get your mileage to him by December 31, 2000

It's Time To Dress Up And Get On Down To Our Annual Hibernation Party, Saturday January 27th!

We had such a great time at the Dearborn Hills Golf Club two years ago that we're going back again. And once again you have no excuses, no conflicts with hunting season or office parties or family Christmas parties, because once again it's in January!

This is our dress up event of the year. Time to leave that "T" shirt with the MG logo at home, put on your Sunday, go to meeting best, and have fun.

We'll have a delicious sit down dinner with your choice of beef, fish or chicken, prizes, awards and our elections.

It'll take place at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course at Telegraph and Michigan Ave., See map.

We have to let the Country Club know how many are attending and what dinners you want by Jan 17, 2000, so mail in your order from soon.

Fill out the order form (on Page 3), indicate which dinners you want and mail it, with your check (made out to the ***Windsor-Detroit MG Club***) to Ed Fleming, 8905 Napier Rd., Northville, MI 48167 or Roli Sylvestre, 3493 Church St. Windsor, ON N9E 1V6. Cost is only $15.00 (U.S.) or $22.00 (Canadian).

Reservation form on page 3

<u>What:</u> W-DMGC Hibernation Party, Awards, Elections etc.

<u>Where:</u> Dearborn Hills Golf Course, 1300 Telegraph, just north of Michigan Ave. (313) 563-4653.

<u>When:</u> Saturday January 27, 2000. Starts at 7:00 PM, lasts 'til about midnight.

<u>Cost:</u> $15.00 (U.S.), or $22.00 (Canadian).

<u>What to Bring:</u> Party attitude.

<u>What to Wear:</u> Dress up, most people wear suits and ties (very business like for the ladies) or evening gowns (so very British for the gentlemen). But if you come in T shirt and jeans, we won't kick you out.

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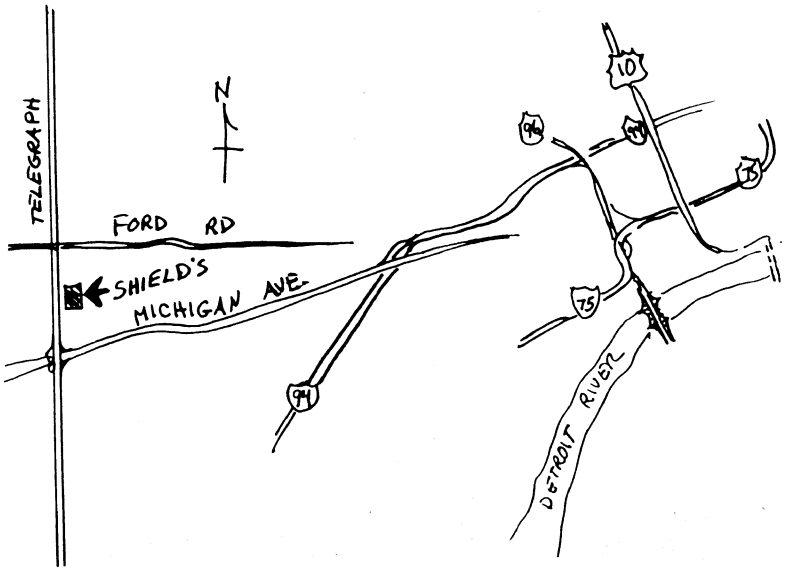

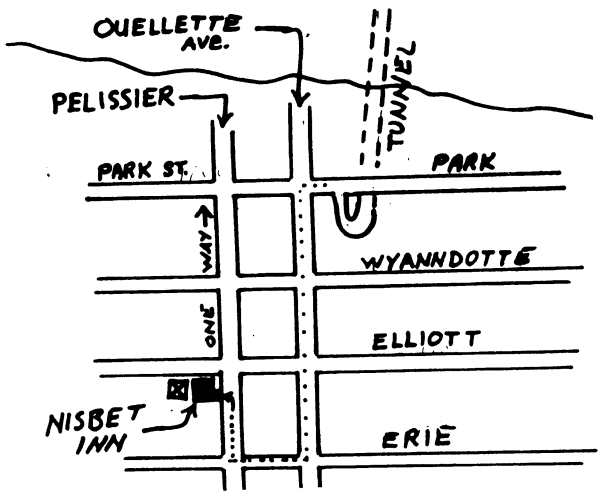

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***Drive to Win** with Mario Andretti
***Battle of the Bs.** Club racing MGBs in England.
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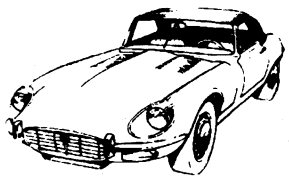

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December, 2000

Dec 13 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn, Gift Exchange Night

January 2001

Jan 10 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

Jan 27 Hibernation Party-Dearborn Hills Golf Club

February 2001

Feb 14 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

March 2001

Mar 14 Monlthly Meeting-Dearborn

April 2001

Apr 11 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

May 2001

May 9 Monthly Meeting-Dearborn

June 2001

Jun 13 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

July 2001

Jul 2-6 MG2001-St. Paul, Minnesota

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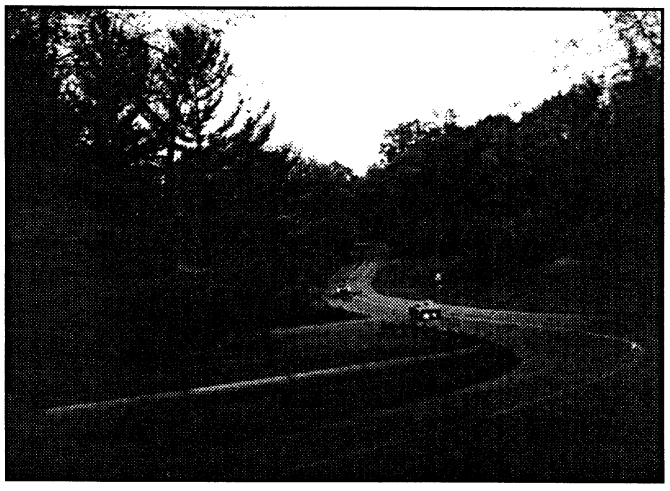

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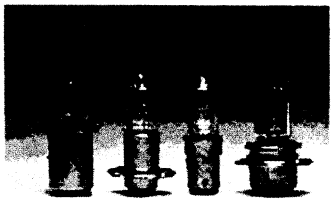

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