The Can Am CONNECTION

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Hey! Who Sang "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow"?

Despite over a foot of snow, 20 members made it to Shield's Restaurant for our annual Christmas Party. George Hameline even made it down from Fenton, maybe 70 miles, although not in his B-GT.

We also had a large contingent of Canadians, who all piled in Steve Brown's van for the hour long trip trough the snow.

Dale Brown had the club's new magnetic signs. We raffled off one and several were purchased. A good night for our Regalia Sales. Dale promised to raffle one sign off at each monthly meeting, so now you have another reason to meet with the rest of the gang each month. A chance to get one of these signs for a $2.00 (U.S.) raffle ticket.

Speaking of Christmas presents, I was a lucky winner of what I thought was a $100 gift certificate at the Nisbet. Then after examining it a little closer, there were THREE zeros, a thousand dollars. I was overwhelmed. Then I realized those were Canadian dollars, which meant about 300 U.S. That's about the time I realized there was a decimal point to the left of 2 zeros and to the right of the other. that left me enough for a beer. Oh wait, that's Canadian. Rats. Oh well, I'll get my usual Diet Coke.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Send in your Hibernation Party orders right away! We need your order in our hands by January 18th so we can let the Dearborn Golf Club how many dishes to prepare for. Order form is on page three.

The Roads Are Alive With The Sound Of MGs!

The Roads To Stratford, That Is.

OK, I know that it's six months away, but we now know which musical will be showing on June 16, 2001!

It is the "Sound of Music". Everyone knows the story, as it is just about the most popular musical of all time, but here are a few words about it to wet everyone's appetite....

It is set on the eve of the Second World War, full of changes that were being forced on everyone at the time. The story revolves around the Trapp Family Singers.

Maria is a spirited young Austrian woman studying to take her religious vows. Suspecting that Maria's true calling may lie outside the convent, the Mother Superior arranges for her to leave the convent and become governess to the children of the autocratic widower, Baron Von Trapp. Bringing warmth and music to the strict household of the former naval captain, Maria soon wins over the children, and finally the Baron as well. in a classic romance.

Rodger's and Hammerstein's lyrics and songs are memorable - we all know most of them!

Our trip format will be similar to the previous 8: staying at the Westover Inn in St. Mary's on the Saturday evening. There are 50 theater tickets ordered and 22 rooms at the Westover Inn. Already, 8 rooms have been booked by our group. I suggest that if you are interested in the trip, then please make a reservation at the Westover Inn, mentioning "MG Tours" and also call me.

The Westover's number is 519-284-2977.

My number is 248-676-0986.

Philip Wiltshire, Event Chairman.

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Remembering An MG Friend

On October 14th I lost one of my best friends. Gary Fischer, husband of Stacy Fischer, and father of four beautiful children. Gary has been a member of the Windsor-Detroit MG Club for many years. Gary wasn't a very active member, with 4 children and the commitments that come with that in addition to being active in his church, continuing his education at night, working on the Northville Swim Club board, keeping up many cars and playing the banjo. But I can tell you he loved sportscars and thoroughly enjoyed his '75 MGB.

Gary was the park manager at Mayberry State Park in Northville for many years. Gary would reserve a special shelter in a remote section of the park for our Spring Funkana and Picnic. Gary had worked for the DNR for the last 29 years. He and Stacy loved camping, skiing, canoeing, golf, swimming and the beloved MGB. They loved the outdoors. I don't ever remember seeing Gary drive his car with the top up.

Gary did much of the work on his MG and always kept it in great running condition, not a show car but a good solid driver. Before his interest in MGs, Gary and Stacy had a motorcycle which they loved to ride. I think this may be a common theme for some of us, being right out there in the elements, but as we get a little older realizing a better way of experiencing it might be a 4 wheel open roadster.

Gary was a handy guy, a can do person. I think that came from the constant upkeep that a person running a state park must do with a limited budget. He didn't run the park by having someone come out and fix it for him, he would just do it himself. Gary could weld, do body work, paint, work with wood and run power equipment...you name it. He didn't have the fanciest set of tools or the most modern workshop. He had that old time farm work ethic that allowed him to fix anything that was broke.

Gary wasn't a fancy guy. He was just good, solid and simple. Just like an MG.

At Gary's funeral, his four wonderful children sang a song as his son Mike played acoustic guitar in their dad's honor. They told of their love for their dad. One of the Directors of the DNR got up and told Gary's family and friends about what Gary was like as an employee, friend and manager for the park system. One of Gary's nephews talked about what it was like to have an uncle like Gary. He told us about times spent at family gatherings at Uncle Gary and Aunt Stacy's and the many pleasant childhood memories Gary provided. Then Gary's son Mike told us about what it was like to have Gary as his father, vigilant parent and provider of the special secrets of life.

I went on my last drive with Gary that afternoon. Gary's daughter Jodie drove the MG to the cemetery. It was a warm sunny MG day. We knew Gary would like to have the MG there with him when we had to let him go.

I'm sure Gary has his own MG where he is now. I bet the roads are perfect for MGing. Someday, I hope I'll be able to chase Gary down one of those winding roads with the sun at our back and the sweet smell of spring around us.

I hope you will have a chance to make an MG friend like I have.

This sentimental note was written anonymously by one of our members and I agree with it completely. Gary was a good friend of our MG club.

Presidentially Speaking

By Dale Brown, President

Another New Millennium

I hope everyone is handling all this snow in stride. It sure makes me long for April weather when it will be time to take out the MGs again. (Hopefully, we'll have our red one done by then.)

Lise and I are looking forward to the Hibernation Party this year. We have never been to the Dearborn Golf Club, but from what I hear, it is a wonderful location for our annual banquet. So make sure you order your tickets early and be prepared for a wonderful evening. If we can get enough donations for door prizes, maybe we'll have something extra special for any of you who are brave enough to drive your MG that evening. Please contact Ed or any other member of the board if you have a contact that could donate some prizes.

Well, sales of our new club car magnates are coming in and everyone seems pleased with them. We'll have several available at the Hibernation Party. (Note: the picture in last month's newsletter was incorrect, come to the party to see the new design. Visit the club website as well for a picture and more information.

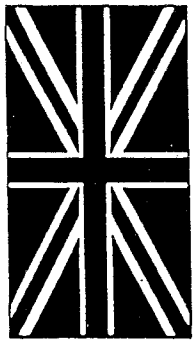
Also, we as a club have been invited to take part in a picnic event in Niagara in September with several other clubs. We have responded favorably to that one.

Also, you might want to give Phil Wiltshire a ring and let him know if you have intentions of attending this year's Stratford Event (Sound of Music). Lise and I have marked it on our calendar and are looking forward to it.

Well, I'll be brief today. Looking forward to seeing you at the Hibernation Party.

So until next time, remember... Safety Fast!

Dale.



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Phone Number (_____) _____

Number Attending_____

Dinner Selections for each person:

1._____

2._____

3._____

Make check payable to the Windsor-Detroit MG Club and mail it to: Ed Fleming, 8905 Napier Rd., Northville, MI 48167 or Roli Sylvestre, 3493 Church Street, Windsor, ON N9Y 1V6. Cost is $15.00 (U.S.) or $22.00 (Canadian) per person.

Dinner Selections

A. Carved Roast Sirlion of Beef, Au Jus
B. Broiled Orange Roughy, with Caper Dill Sauce
C. Marinated Herb Chicken

All dinners come with Michigan Theme Salad, Oven Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, and Raspberry Sorbet for dessert. You choose the meat.

Treasurer's Report
Profit & Loss
January through December, 2000

Income:		
Advertising		115.00
Foreign Exchange-Hibernation		-367.17
Foreign Exchange-Membership		-176.74
Foreign Exchange - Other		-0.50
Hibernation Party Receipts		1,991.00
Membership Fees		
4,305.00		
Other Business Income		55.00
Regalia Sales		58.00
Total Income		**5979.59**
Expenses:		
Bank Charges		26.75
Can-Am Connection		
Misc.	97.50	
Postage	547.70	
Printing	1016.00	
Total Can-Am connection		1,661.20
Dues and Subscription Expenses		77.17
Groceries		3.05
Hibernation Party		
Dining-Food	2,295.00	
Entertainment	250.00	
Misc.	56.74	
Prizes	122.05	
Other	93.25	
Total Hibernation Party		2817.04
License and permits		1.00
Misc. Business Expense		300.00
Name Tags		261.50
Office Expenses		55.12
Printing & Pepro. Expense		2.65
Regalia Expenses		110.00
Total Expenses		**5,095.48**
Net Income		**884.11**

Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2000

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	3,275.49
Total Current Assets	3,275.49
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal. Equity	2,030.60
Retained Earnings	360.78
Net Income	884.11
Total Equity	3,275.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**3,275.49**

"EuroEnglish"

by John Kinnear and stolen from one of the Canadian newsletters I get.

The European Union commissioners have announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5 year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish. In the first year, "s" will be used instead of the soft 'c'. Sertainly, sivil servants will resieve this news with joy. Also, the hard 'c' will be replaced with 'k'. Not only will this klear up konfusion, but typewriters kan have one less letter. There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year, when the troublesome 'ph' will be replaced by 'f'. This will make words like fotograf 20 per sent shorter. In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated chages are possible. Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterent to adurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horible mes of silent 'e's in the languag is disgrasful and they would go. By the fourth year, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing 'th' by 'z' and 'w' by 'v'. During ze fifz year, ze unesesary 'o' kan be dropd from vords kontaining 'ou' and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters. After zis fifz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil b no mor trubls or difikultis and evrevun vil fend it eze tu understand ech ozer. Ze drem vil finali kum tru.

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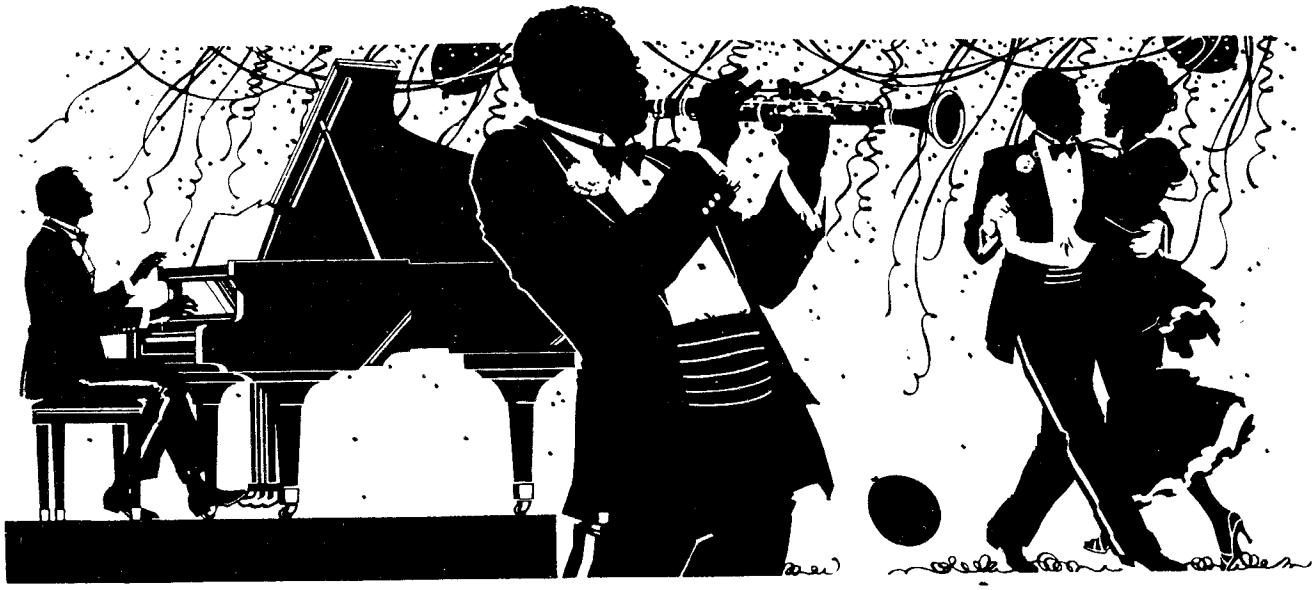

It's Time To Dress Up And Get On Down To Our Annual Hibernation Party, Saturday January 27th!

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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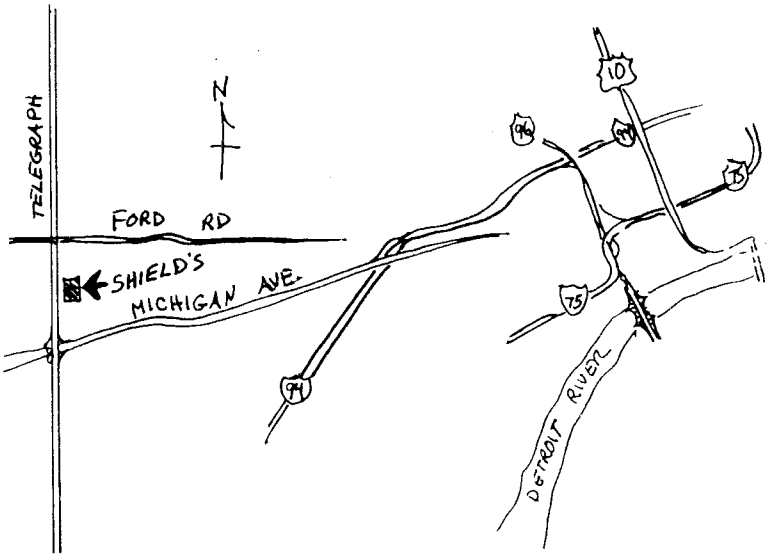

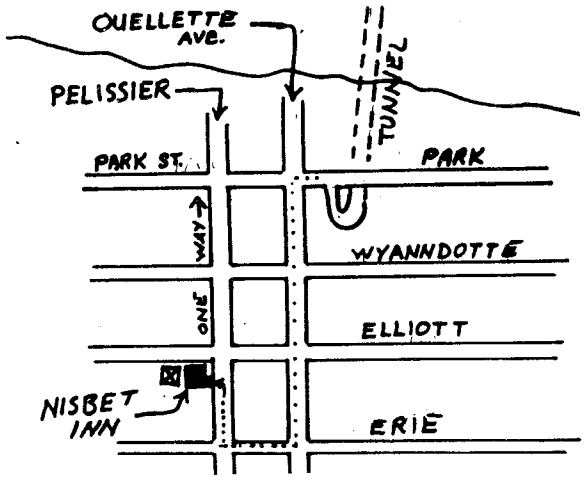

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***La Carrera Panamerica.** (1987) Open road race across Mexico with music by Pink Floyd and **Silverstate Classic** - the fastest open road race in the world across Nevada.

***Winning** with Paul Newman. Fictional story of Indycar racing. The movie that got Newman interested in racing.

***The Italian Job** Michael Cain stars with several Minis in a big bank robbery.

***Drive to Win** with Mario Andretti

***Battle of the Bs.** Club racing MGBs in England.

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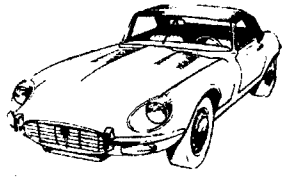

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Calendar of Events

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January 2001

Jan 10 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

Jan 27 Hibernation Party-Dearborn Hills Golf Club

February 2001

Feb 14 Monthly Meeting-Shield's

Feb 25 Chicagoland Swap Meet 630-858-8192

March 2001

Mar 14 Monlthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

April 2001

Apr 11 Monthly Meeting-Shield's

May 2001

May 9 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

June 2001

Jun 2 Marques on the Green, Louisville, KY

Jun 13 Monthly Meeting-Shield's

Jun 16 Strattford Trip, "Sound of Music"

July 2001

Jul 2-6 MG2001-St. Paul, Minnesota

Jul 11 Monthly Meeting-Nisbet Inn

August 2001

Aug 8 Monthly Meeting, Shield's

September 2001

Sep 12 Monthly Meeting, Nisbet Inn

October 2001

Oct 10 Monthly Meeting, Shield's

Oct 14 Fall Colour Tour

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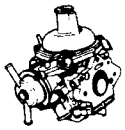

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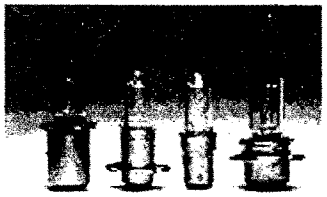

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