



The Law-Abiding MG

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Happy St. Patrick's Day..."Pat, do you know where that pub is?" "No Mike, not sure. It's around somewhere."

It's March. A month for planning outdoor activities for Spring. As a kid I remember our schoolbooks highlighting March. Picture the kids flying kites. The farmers were turning the soil, and people were driving with their car tops down. It does seem kind of early, but perhaps the books were made for California kids!

This month you're planning to get that 1250cc back on the road. You're going to finish the car's interior, do the points, plugs and condenser, lube and oil, etc. Whoa! We almost forgot the club meeting, the awards dinner, the Autojumble. Lots to do.

In planning for repairs and activities, did you include a companion? That person could be just as important as fuel in your Midget. When new to the VMGCC, I wanted to do as much as possible on my own. The CMGC was holding a Halloween Costume Event which included a "challenge tour". I really didn't know what I was getting into, a complete novice among a field of veteran drivers. Fortunately, at the Driver's Meeting, I met up with "The Man with No Name". He offered to be my navigator. How could I refuse. He sat to my right as I negotiated the twists and turns of county roads. There were many tests of skill including a meandering drive around cones and ditches blindfolded. Eventually we made it to a pub, our final destination. Points of the participants were tabulated. "The Man with No Name" and I were the contest winners. The "Man", navigator, was Doug Clark, who made one of my first driving adventures a success.

What I'm getting at is this. With car plans and activities, be open to the addition of a navigator. Perhaps a friend, relative or fellow club member, who is able to assist at a future event. It could possibly make your driving experience much more enjoyable.

Pat and Mike sure sound like they need a navigator to get to that pub on St. Paddy's Day.

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