

Musicians are car buffs too

Continued from Page 1

pressed a desire to drive the Opels by GM of course) that they had admired in the showroom. Mind you, these cars bear no resemblance to the car once marketed under that name in the states. These babies hit 120 mph with ease and are quite comfortable at such high speeds on the Autobahn.

Alard Gerstel, violinist of Windsor, Kevin Good, trumpeter of Franklin, Craig Rife, bassist of Huntington Woods and Bryan Kennedy, hornist of Bloomfield Hills, were four of a number of motorists who attended this "Musician's Rally."

Fast cars are no secret to Kevin. So far, his secret surfaced a year or two ago after he suffered some injuries in an accident. The group traveled in a caravan of six cars, lights on. As one musician put it, "We were the fastest moving funeral procession those villagers will ever see."

They all agreed the cars were great. Gordon Staples, violinist (former concertmaster) of Bloomfield Hills, was on hand to photograph the event. He is an ardent and excellent photographer.

DAY 9, SUNDAY JAN. 29 — Concert in Vienna. The evening's acoustical rehearsal for our concert in Vienna has been moved back to accommodate a recording session in progress. We are all anxious to play and many arrive early to practice. Many members are ill, and some

can't play the concert. I sense a serious attitude toward the evening's concert. It is our first really big city on the tour.

The hall is very, very live. The sound seems to leap out of the instruments. Playing here will require a lot of attention to balance. We are disappointed to learn that the live radio broadcast has been canceled. Later we learn that our soloist, Gordon Kremer, was afraid to broadcast the Shostakovich concerto without more rehearsal. As fate would have it, the entire concert went very well and should have been aired. We are scheduled for three encores, but play all four for the responsive audience.

DAY 10, MONDAY JAN. 30 — We leave Vienna by train for the industrial city of Linz. Susan and I walk to the center of the city with Jeff Zook, flutist of Detroit, and enjoy authentic wiener schnitzel in a busy little hot. Jeff and I both are coughing a lot so I recommend ginger ale, a heated, spiced wine indigenous to Austria. After lunch it's back to the hotel and a long nap, something which I have learned to do on concert days.

Sick list grows

Several people are unable to play the concert. Don Baker, principal oboist of Detroit, is practicing on stage when I arrive. He will have to play a part his assistant, Brian Ventura of Southfield, normally plays. Brian is sick. The list is growing and

now everyone has encountered some illness — but the show must go on.

DAY 11, TUESDAY JAN. 31 — Today we go through customs. The large instruments have to go separately in their specially designed trucks. Our stage crew has been fantastic. They work very hard every day, moving our heavy wardrobe trunks and expensive instruments. Truly, they are experts. Some of our violinists still worry when packing their \$100,000-plus violins in the specially designed trucks. This is the way tours are done; there is no alternative.

This hall is a modern beautiful structure. The acoustics are strange, however. There are many articles on the board in the musicians' lounge about the controversial sound here. Apparently a great deal of experimentation has already been done to improve the acoustics. The problems don't seem to affect us in any way. The orchestra plays what may be our best concert of the tour. Following the concert many musicians meet friends from the Bavarian Radio Orchestra in a reception room at the hall.

After much beer drinking the bartender brings out a mysterious unmarked bottle and begins pouring rounds of this homemade brew (some kind of schnapps). It tasted great but definitely was dangerous. Fortunately the next day was free.

DAY 12, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1 — Every town has surprises for someone. Barbara Hassan, cellist of Livonia, has long been involved in harness racing and trains horses at Hazel Park. After looking through the Munich newspapers, she called the local track and was referred to the track owner. He spoke excellent English and invited her to visit the



Taking time out in Zurich Tonhalle before the first DSO Eurotour: Emmanuelle Belavert (left), executive director; and Robert J. Eaton, president of General Motors Europe.

track on our day off. "It was a great tour of a German race track, although the employees didn't know much English," she said. "They even offered to suit me and let me take a horse around the track."

"Why didn't you?" I asked. "Well, I started to accept the offer, but I suddenly realized it could be dangerous," she said. "After all, these horses don't speak English!"

Tomorrow — Hanover, Germany.



Evan Price concert soloist



Mary Sue Ewing leads singalong

Trick fiddler to show classical side

The Livonia Symphony chamber orchestra spotlights the talent of the current Canadian national trick fiddling champion Evan Price in the second of its miniconcert series at the Livonia Civic Center Library at 8 p.m. Friday. The concert will have a Viennese music theme.

Violinist Price will show off his classical talents performing "Zigeunerweisen" by Sarasate. The young Price is a junior at Rochester High School. Currently the concert-

master of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony, he was also the concertmaster of the Interlochen All-State High School Orchestra last summer. He is also first violinist of the Garden Quartet, which is part of the Fairlane Youth Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Richard Piippo. He is a student of Emily Austin, concertmistress of the Livonia Symphony and Michael Blatitsky.

THE ALL-VIENNESE concert will honor the late Antal Dorati with

the performance of his composition, "La Vie Parisienne." Also on the program is Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" and the Strauss "Die Fledermaus."

The program will close with a singalong featuring soprano Mary Sue Ewing of Farmington Hills.

Ewing is recognized for the clear, poignant quality of her voice. Her opera credits include the role of the mother in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at Marygrove College. A

member of the Michigan Opera Theater board of directors, she appeared most recently in Handel's "Messiah" for both the Nardin Park Music Series and the Christian Community Chorus.

Tickets for the concert are \$8.50 for general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the library, Hammell Music Store on Middlebelt Road in Livonia and Madonna College in Livonia.

Observer & Eccentric CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

844-1070 Oakland County
591-0900 Wayne County
852-3222 Rochester/Rochester Hills

Select Properties from Real Estate One.

Michigan's Largest Real Estate Company



Real Estate One, Inc. 1969



NEAT THREE BEDROOM RANCH. Newer corner ranch in convenient Farmington Hills location. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, basement, 2 car attached garage. This one won't last! \$215,000 851-1900



WYNSET CONDO WITH THREE BEDROOMS AND THREE BATHS. Interior location, private courtyard, deck, fireplace, dining room, central air, recreation room with wet bar, study. \$149,900. 477-1111



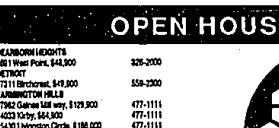
THREE BEDROOM RANCH with full basement, two baths, lots of cupboard and storage space, fully carpeted, large 2th car garage. Immediate occupancy. \$122,000. 477-1111



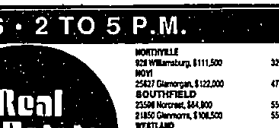
MUST SEE! Beautiful 3 bedroom ranch. Formal dining room, lovely kitchen, fireplace in living room, also, vented BQ pit, fireplace and wet bar in basement. \$83,500 559-2300



QUALITY BRICK RANCH. Spacious landscaped yard, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, delightful new kitchen, big family room with fireplace, fireplace. Living room has fireplace too. Deep 2 car attached garage. Don't wait! \$118,500 851-1900 (BTA)



COUNTRY LIVING CITY Convenience. Relax in front of cozy family room fireplace or gaze out living room at oaks on your estate size lot. Country kitchen. \$129,900 851-1900 (ALAL)



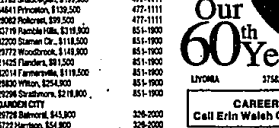
THREE BEDROOM BRICK RANCH Underground sprinkler system. Master bath, huge kitchen, 2 car garage detached, den, central air, attic fan, pass hall, South of Ten Mile. \$84,900. 559-2300



3 BEDROOM RANCH. Walking distance to schools and town. Ceramic tile in bath, attic fan, ceiling fan, Florida room, new built-in oven, rec. room with lavatory and roughed in shower and new carpet \$109,900 548-6430



SPECTACULAR NEW CONTEMPORARY - 2 story OH with studio ceiling - 30+ recessed lights - unique staircase - master bedroom jacuzzi and shower - ceramic T/O - ceramic wetbar - side entry garage. \$339,500 681-6700 (RPT)



TUDOR WITH CLASS. Transfer makes this meticulously maintained home available for quick occupancy. At the entrance, den, central air, stylish deck, and full basement. Farmington Hills. \$238,900. 477-1111



LOVE CONTEMPORARY? Then here it is! Four bedroom with den and great room. Large wrap-around deck. Vaulted ceilings. Hard-to-find main floor master suite. \$199,900 477-1111



WELL MAINTAINED RANCH Very clean 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, large family room, 2 car garage and DO 5 years old. Sellers motivated. \$58,000 559-2300

OPEN HOUSES • 2 TO 5 P.M.



DEARBORN/ROCKFORD	326-2000
4001 West Park, \$43,900	
DETROIT	558-2300
11111 Riverchase, \$49,900	
FARMINGTON HILLS	
2782 Grosse Pointe, \$129,900	477-1111
5033 Kipling, \$44,900	477-1111
2530 Livingston Circle, \$188,000	477-1111
12178 Parkland, \$189,900	477-1111
21347 Tawnee, \$119,900	477-1111
3047 Salisbury, \$109,000	477-1111
22783 Shadowcreek, \$199,900	477-1111
5441 Princeton, \$138,200	477-1111
2002 Palomar, \$99,500	477-1111
32176 Randle Hill, \$219,900	851-1900
3200 Sunset Dr., \$118,500	851-1900
20772 Woodbrook, \$148,900	851-1900
21425 Flanders, \$11,500	851-1900
32014 Tamarack, \$118,500	851-1900
28830 Wilton, \$234,900	851-1900
62296 Stratford, \$218,900	851-1900
QUINCY CITY	
28728 Belmont, \$43,900	326-2000
5722 Harmon, \$54,900	326-2000

MONTVILLE	326-2000
929 Wilmaburg, \$111,500	
ROY	
2627 Glenora, \$122,000	477-1111
SOUTHFIELD	
23348 Norwood, \$44,900	558-2300
21852 Glenora, \$148,500	558-2300
WESTLAND	
1034 Carbon, \$43,900	326-2000
54231 Sardinia, \$88,900	326-2000
CONCORDVILLE	
FARMINGTON	
22188 Tawnee, \$148,900	477-1111
FARMINGTON HILLS	
30461 Randlewood Dr., \$179,900	477-1111
MONTVILLE	
21158 E. Glen Haven Cr., \$45,900	477-1111
SOUTHFIELD	
30244 Southfield, \$147,900	558-2300
WEST BLOOMFIELD	
6224 Poplar Hill, \$187,500	851-1900
WYOMING	
PORTAGE	
64 Redwood, \$54,000	558-2300

CAREER SEMINAR FEB. 16th
Call Erin Walsh Career Coordinator 356-7111