

# *Minnesota MG Group*

## *April Newsletter*

### **Tech Session** **Sunday, April 26**

Co-Hosts: Al & Sharon Kelsey  
and Cindy O'Brien

Where: 15942 Harmony Way  
Court. Apple Valley, MN

Topic: Emission controls on late  
model MGBs. The tech session  
will be conducted by Randy  
Byboth and Scott Notebaart.

In addition to the tech session  
on emission controls, we will  
have an opportunity to discuss  
Minnesota MG Group involve-  
ment in the Aquatennial Con-  
course.

Lunch: We'll plan on lunch  
around 12:30. A giant sub sand-  
wich and beverages will be  
provided. Please bring a salad  
or dessert to share.

Time: 10:30 am.

RSVP: Al & Sharon Kelsey at  
891-3452. An approximate  
count will help us to order the  
right size sub. If you forget to  
RSVP, just come on over any-  
way — the more the merrier!



### **Aquatennial** **Concours**

The Minnesota MG Group has  
been invited to participate in the  
1992 Minneapolis Aquatennial  
Concours. The program is or-  
ganized by the Milestone Car  
Society. This organization is  
dedicated to unique post war  
automobiles.

MG and Buick will be the fea-  
tured makes. Both the MMGG  
and the Minnesota T Register  
will be participating. About 15  
total MGs will be in the show as  
featured cars. Others may enter  
if desired. A total of about 100  
or so cars will be displayed.

Schedule:

Start: 8:00 am  
Judging: 11:00 am  
Judging completed: 3:30 pm.

Gate Fee: \$3.00 This fee is  
donated to charity. A brunch is  
optional for a \$20 fee.

Location: Lake Nokomis. This  
is also the same day and loca-  
tion as the Milk Carton Boat  
Race.

We are just getting started with  
a planning committee for the  
event. So far, members of this  
group include John Eaton, Roger  
Karnopp, Al Kelsey and Doug  
Madson. We plan to have some  
discussion on the topic during  
the upcoming tech session.

Further details of the event and  
participation by the Minnesota  
MG Group will be published in  
upcoming newsletters.

### **Membership** **Update**

**Elmo & Darlene Amundson**  
Minnetonka, MN  
1977 MGB

**Sheldon Aubut**  
Duluth, MN  
1971 MGB

**Barb & Ron Benton**  
Edina, MN  
1975 Midget

**Peter & Becky Boosalis**  
St. Louis Park, MN  
1973 Midget

**John & Linda Brandberg**  
Eagan, MN  
1963 MGB

**Michael & Eileen Burns**  
Lakeville, MN  
1956 MGA

**Dick Carland**  
Apple Valley, MN  
1973 MGB

**Garry & Wendy Carlberg**  
Proctor, MN  
1975 MGB

**Jon & Sherrill Carlson**  
Rosemount, MN  
1957 MGA

**Mike & Mary Carpenter**  
Eagan, MN  
1976 MGB

**Mark & Colleen Christ**  
Prior Lake, MN  
1975 MGB

**Mark & Kathy Enderlein**  
Mendota Heights, MN  
1979 Midget

**Ronald & Belva Fish**  
Shafer, MN  
1961 MGA  
1969 Midget

**John & Joanne Gedker**  
Austin, MN  
1975 Midget

**Doreen Heinl**  
Mahtomedi, MN  
1979 MGB

**Rick & Judy Israel**  
Fall Creek, WI  
1958 MGA

**Mike Addy & Nancy Johnson**  
Minneapolis, MN  
1960 MGA

**Alan & Sharon Kelsey**  
Apple Valley, MN  
1980 MGB  
1970 MGB

**Ira Kipp**  
St. Paul, MN

**Max & Marlene Koschmeder**  
Rochester, MN  
1965 MGB

**Kathleen LaForest**  
Robbinsdale, MN  
1979 MGB

**Rob Larson**  
Willmar, MN  
1974 MGB

**Carlyle & Carolyn Mitchell**  
Apple Valley, MN  
1977 MGB

**Michael & Jacki Mitchell**  
Big Lake, MN  
1962 MGA

**Greg & Norma Mondry**  
St. Paul, MN  
1967 MGB  
1973 MGB

**Thomas & Mary Olson**  
Minneapolis, MN

**Penny Parrish**  
Bloomington, MN  
Black 1962 MGB

**Jean Quinlan**  
Apple Valley, MN

**Bill & Sue Rod**  
White Bear Lake, MN  
1961 MGA

**George & Lynne Snyder**  
Oakdale, MN  
1968 Midget

**Dave & Vicki Stovall**  
Burnsville, MN  
1974 Midget

**Linda & Jerry Strom**  
Eden Prairie, MN  
1980 MGB

**Mark & Ellen Tessmer**  
New Hope, MN  
1965 MGB

## 1992 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship

by Ed Solstad

Welcome to the Twin Cities area 1992 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. We had such a great time and received so much positive feedback from last summers Coulee Classic Rally that we have decided to expand it into a series.

The idea of vintage rallying has gained great popularity in Europe with such noteworthy events as the Mille Miglia Storica and the Pirelli Marathon plus a great number of shorter events. They are even getting into events with special forest stages as are run in the world rally championships of both today and 40 years ago.

We're taking our inspiration from these events. Taming them a bit but keeping the time speed distance format and catering to as wide a variety of vehicles as possible. The Coulee included everything from a three cylinder, two stroke DKW to a Maserati Ghibli. We're throwing in two concourse events and two autocrosses (with our own classes) just to keep things interesting and fun. (How can one be serious when autocrossing a Renault Dauphine?)

The roads will all be paved and will include the best sports car roads that the Midwest has to offer. We promise you that you won't get bored. Some events may be restricted to vintage cars only (1975 and older) while

others will be open to all years. Vintage cars will always be run in their own class. Series trophies will be awarded at the yearend gathering. 1992 classes will be novice and unequipped.

The first event will start off with a rally school to bring you up to speed in the shortest possible time. We'll teach you how to stay on course (easy - these rallies will be tour types with no traps) and how to stay on time (a bit more difficult but still not hard enough to dampen the fun). We'll even have extra people at the first few checkpoints to answer questions. The objective is to show you a really enjoyable time and get you interested in rallying as an excuse to get out and enjoy driving your vintage car. After all, that's what they were designed for! This event will be co-sponsored by the Minnesota Triumph Club and the Stella del Nord Chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club.

## Calendar of Events

### A P R I L

18 Owatonna Solo II. SCCA Land O Lakes. Steve Hess 722-1642.

18 Coachman Rally. Corvettes of Minnesota. J. B. Niday 866-1834.

19 SRRRR '92. Simulated Road Race and Replica Review. Alfa Romeo Club. Manos Protonotarios 566-5354.

25 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. Triumphs of Minnesota & Stella del Nord Rally School. Pat Stanley 822-0569 or Steve Boller 474-5022.

25 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. Spring

Triumph Rally. Wayne Morris 464-1987.

**26 MMGG Tech Session. Conducted by Randy Byboth. Hosted by Alan & Sharon Kelsey.**

### M A Y

2 New Glarus Hill Climb. Wisconsin Alfa Romeo Club. Tom Caulfield 608-754-8580.

3 Goodtimes Autocross. Dakota County Vo-Tech. Corvettes of Minnesota. Bill Kempe 457-0567.

9 Swap Meet. GT Cars in Bloomington.

9 Silver Cup Rally. Corvettes of Minnesota. Jim Bourdeau 771-5533.

**16 MMGG joins the Jaguar Club for the Annual British Car Spring Tour and Picnic. Club participation coordinated by John Eaton & Doug Madson.**

17 MOWOG III Autocross. Canterbury Downs. MAC sponsored. Randy Williams 448-2655.

17 SOLO II Autocross. Kurt Ristow 608-787-5779. SCCA LaCrosse.

23 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. Street of Aniwa Autocross. Alfa Romeo Club. Bruce Bengston 452-9443.

24 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. Melee Miglia Rally. Alfa Romeo Club. Ed Solstad 822-0569.

25 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. Dells of the Eau Claire Concourse and Champagne Brunch. Alfa Romeo Club. Ed Solstad 822-0569.

31 University Motors Early Summer Picnic. This low-key

Sunday afternoon event draws nearly 60 local MG owners in addition to hearty enthusiasts who drive hundreds of miles! It is the first local event of the season. It's a wonderful time to inspect and admire the MGs whose owners have slaved to complete body and mechanical restorations. This year we hope to incorporate an "MG for Sale" Bazaar. The MGs leave UML at noon, regroup in a local parking lot, then caravan about 30 miles to a local park. There is neither voting nor awards, but dash plaques for all. Expect 80 MGs. A wonderful meet for the whole family.

### J U N E

14 MOWOG IV Autocross. Canterbury Downs. Randy Williams 448-2655.

19 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. Prize Performance Concourse. Alfa Romeo Club. Rick Vaicius 824-4516.

20 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. The Coulee Classic Rally. Alfa Romeo Club. Ed Solstad 822-0569.

21 TENTATIVE. MMGG joins the Fathers Day Concours event on the Nicollet Mall. Mike Funck 934-4950.

### J U L Y

8 - 12 MG Canada in Peterborough, Ontario. Contact Al Kelsey at 891-3452 regarding plans for MMGG participation in this event.

11 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. GRRR! Rally & Picnic Italiano. Alfa Romeo Club. Tom Schram 522-0824.

19 MMGG Aquatennial Concours. MG and Buick will be the featured make for this prestigious event. MG participation will be by both the Minnesota MG Group and the Minnesota T Register.

25 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. Chipewya Trail Rally. SCCA Land O' Lakes Region. Dave Fuss 424-4219.

National Convention. MMGG members Alan & Sharon Kelsey, Randy Byboth, Scott Notebaart and Doug Madson are planning to attend. Call Alan Kelsey if you are interested in joining the group.

## AUGUST

8 The MMGG plans to visit the informal auto gathering that take place every Saturday night at Montgomery Wards to check out the action.

21 - 23 University Motors 16th Annual MG Summer Party. The UML MG Summer Party is the largest MG meet outside England. Last year's field included 518 MGs from scores of States and Provinces; about 2,000 enthusiasts, owners and participants; nearly 40 vendors; and featured the Chrome Bumper Midget. The 16th Annual features the MG TF. The party is headquartered at the Grand Rapids Hilton Inn and today is not too early to make your reservation. Call them today at 616-957-0100.

30 MMGG participates in New London to New Brighton run.

## SEPTEMBER

12 MMGG Annual Wheels & Wings Trip. Help us defend our title for best participation by any car club!

## OCTOBER

3 Indian Summer Rendezvous. Our Annual Fall Color Tour will visit the Schell Brewery in New Ulm, Minnesota.

*Unless otherwise noted, phone numbers provided are Area Code 612. Official MMGG events are listed in bold type. Please, check before you go. The MMGG can't take responsibility for program/schedule changes of other clubs.*

## MG Canada

The MG Car Club of Toronto and the North American MGB Register are hosting MG Canada '92 July 8 through 12 in Peterborough, Ontario.

This is reported to be a major event with over 400 cars. Activities will include road trips and tech sessions led by John Twist. Events are also planned for children and "Navigators".

Accommodations at local hotels/motels are filling up fast. The Holiday Inn, which is providing the meeting space, is already booked up and has a waiting list.

Several MMGG members are planning to attend. For more information, contact Al Kelsey at 891-3452.

## On the Market

**FOR SALE:** Black 1980 Limited Edition MGB. 38,000 miles. All original very clean car. Best Offer. Gayle Litz 612-644-2012 between 7:00 and 9:30 am. ma

**MGA PARTS FOR SALE:** One pair of roadster seats complete with rails. One new grill for 1500 or 1600. Also some tools and other small parts. Verl Wilkins 612-935-1608. ma

## Regalia

**MMGG GRILL BADGES.** May be purchased at club events for \$9 or mail order from Roger Karnopp for \$11. Send check to Roger at 1295 Deerwood Dr., Eagan, MN 55122.

## SHIRTS & CAPS:

Attractive blue caps are \$6 each. Golf shirts in a choice of blue, red or white are \$13. Both have the MMGG logo embroidered on them. Contact Ken Merrill, 851 21st Ave. N. South St. Paul, MN 55075.

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# GREAT NORTHERN 1992 HISTORIC RALLYE CHAMPIONSHIP



## Spring Triumph Rally and Rally School Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

The first rally of the 1992 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship Series.

A brisk Tulip Rally over 150 miles of paved Pierce County sports car roads. NO TRAPS. Easy enough for beginners, interesting enough for old hands - 15 legs.

MEET AT: Freedom Park, Prescott, WI (3/4 miles south of St. Croix Bridge on Highway 35).

REGISTRATION: 9:30 - 11:15 A.M. Rally School: 10:00 - 10:45 A.M. First Car Out: 11:31 A.M.

COST: \$15.00 / Car. Pre-registration recommended to avoid the pre-rally rush!!!!

SPONSORS: MINNESOTA TRIUMPHS and Stella Del Nord Chapter, Alfa Romeo Owners Club

RALLYMASTERS: Steve Boller (612) 474-5022, Ed Solstad (612) 822-0569.

RALLY SCHOOL: Pat Stanley (612) 822-0569.

- CLASSES:
- A: : No restrictions on equipment
  - B: : No time - speed - distance computers
  - C/HC: : No TSD Computers or remote odometers
  - D/HD: : Driver and navigator have not run more than 3 TSD rallies in the last 5 years
- Historic (H) classes limited to 1974 and older cars.

Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship magnetic car numbers. Sign up for your permanent number plates now. Delivery at the spring rally. Cost is only \$15/set of 2. 50 sets available on first come/first served basis. To reserve your number, mail a check today to Alfa Romeo Owners Club, Bruce Bengtson, Treasurer, 1848 Rolling Green Curve, Mendota Heights, MN 55118. State your 1st and 2nd choices. If not available, next available number will be issued. You may call Bruce at (612) 452-9443 regarding number info.

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# A BRITISH RENAISSANCE

*England is reviving its sports cars. One is based on an old car while the other is a contemporary interpretation of a classic*

By Daniel Ward



MGB (left) is restored using new bodyshell from Heritage Trust. Healey 3500 (right) is Healey Motor's version of classic Austin-Healey 3000

*Editor's Note: The British, Napoleon said, are a nation of shopkeepers. They are also inveterate restorers of any unworthy automotive wreck. And if they have to break some knuckles and learn welding in the process, so be it.*

*But now there is a simpler way. Two of the most famous postwar British sports cars are going into production once more—complete with the tacit approval of the people who originally produced them.*

*Heritage Trust has already opened a new facility to produce faithful copies of the 1967 MGB, and has plans to follow up with other notable BMC products of the same era.*

*Healey Motor Co., meanwhile, has produced a 1980s version of the old Healey 3000—complete with plastic body and V8 power—which will perform as well as many modern Porsches.*

*We asked our correspondent in England, Daniel Ward, to investigate the newcomers. A former owner of an MGA 1600 Mk II, a couple of MGBs, a TR6, Triumph Spitfire, two MG Midgets, a TVR, a Morgan Plus 8 and others, Ward's British sports car credentials are first class.*

**N**ow a brand new 1967 MGB bodyshell, complete with doors, hood and trunk, can be bought for \$3,995. For that price, the U.S. agents will deliver the body to your door.

It is now a familiar sight at British classic car shows to see a team of mechanics set to and build a "new" MGB from one of these bodyshells in just two days. The red MGB in the photographs was built by MG specialist Brown & Gammon using a new bodyshell. The transplant work costs the equivalent of between \$12,000 and \$18,000 in Britain—but the gleaming result is likely to be better than new.

In March 1988, a small "production line" in Swindon, Wiltshire, was established using the original MGB tooling discarded from the former MG factory at Abingdon. The new factory is run by a band of enthusiasts working for the Heritage Trust, a subsidiary of the Rover Group, charged with doing everything it can to keep as many of Britain's old cars on the road as possible. MG Midgets, rubber-fendered MGBs and perhaps Austin-Healey 3000 bodies will follow the 1967 Bs back into

limited production. Production of early Mini bodies is also being considered.

Heritage is now building up to 18 MGBs a week. The first batch of 100 bodies for the United States is just being built. Over two-thirds of all MGBs were originally shipped to the States before the weak dollar and cheap Japanese competition from cars like the Mazda RX-7 and Datsun Z killed the last MG sports car.

The Heritage Trust's own "new" MGB is a stunning-looking roadster with chrome wire wheels. From the driver's seat the view is pure '60s. There is a wood-rim steering wheel with polished aluminum spokes, and a line of chrome-rimmed instruments set in a black, crackle-paint metal fascia. The knobs to work the mediocre heater date back to the days before there were symbols for noting the direction of air flow.

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