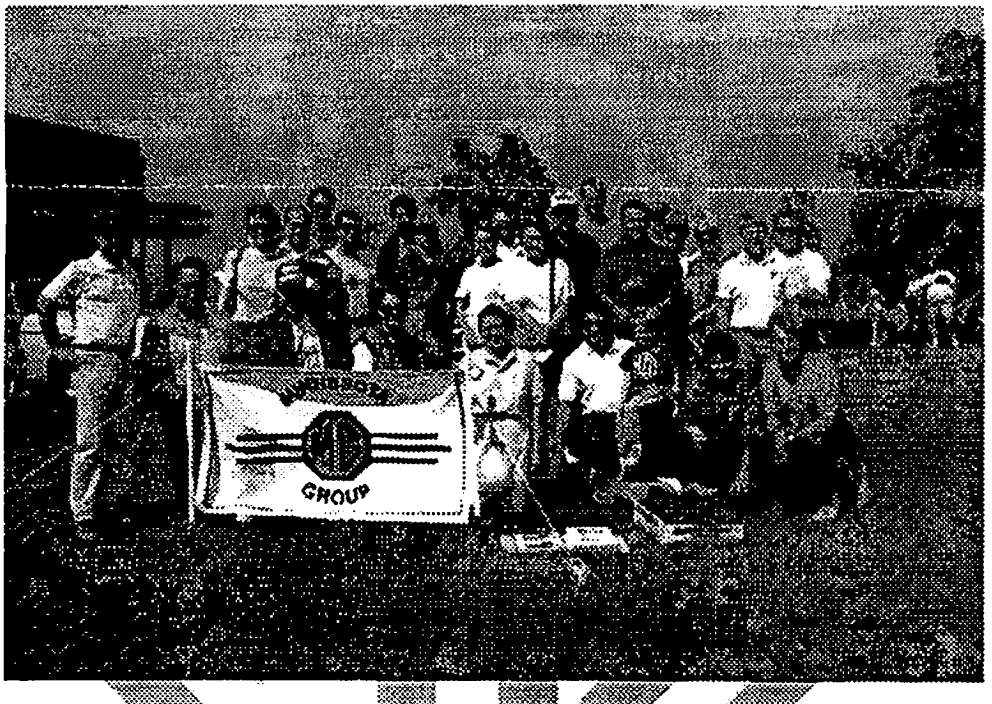
MINNESOTA MG GROUP

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

A special thanks to all the members of the MMGG in attendance at this years Wheels & Wings celebration in Osceola. The club topped our car count from last years 26, to an all time high of 32! There were some MG's not parked with our group that would have raised the count by 4 or 5.



This event has always been very popular because of all the many different activities. I saw several of my fellow club members with bags of books who took advantage of the great savings at the Motorbooks Warehouse Sale. Members also took advantage of the bus rides to the Air Show and the Craft and Arts Fair in town. Along with these events of course is a great car show. You can see a wide variety of foreign and domestic cars of all vintages.

A navigator survey was handed out to the members before our caravan of 27 MG's headed north to Osceola. Some of the questions were how many snowballs make up the snowman statue in No. St. Paul, and the populations of the towns we drove through. Members with the most correct answers were awarded prizes after lunch. The club supplied pop and brownies for all who had a sweet tooth.

A group picture was taken along side our banner and in front of our cars. We will have pictures available at this years Christmas party. Happy Motoring.

Safety fast,
Jim Lymburn & Hans Koenig

ILLEGAL KNOCKOFFS!

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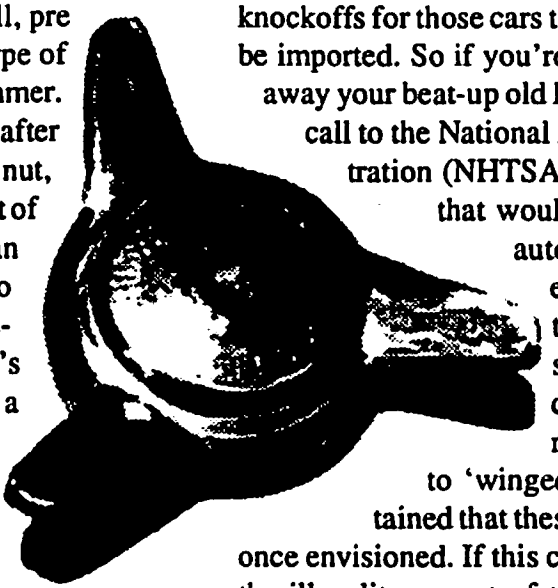
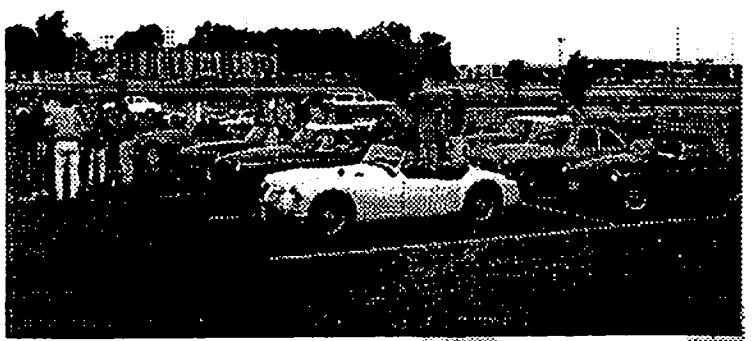
Goleta, CA - A recent conversation with Moss Motors Ltd. revealed the seizure of a shipment from England of eared knockoffs by US Customs officials, citing a long neglected law (Regulation #211) regarding the importation, manufacture, or distribution of eared knockoffs on cars to be used on American roads. As you will recall, pre 1968 cars with wire wheels utilized this type of wing nut, held fast by blows from a hammer. Most were two-eared, some three-eared; after 1967, the 'ears' gave way to a large hex nut, requiring a special wrench. The Department of Transportation's concern was for pedestrian and cyclist safety, citing the danger posed to ankles by the spinning appendages (someone watching 'Goldfinger' took James Bond's Aston DB5 too seriously!). Obviously, a ridiculous decision was made by a completely uninformed individual, without any research at all. Anyone hit by a spinning knockoff still attached to the car would first have been smashed by the bumper and fender - why weren't those parts outlawed?



In fact, those parts would have deflected the person, pointing out the remoteness of possibilities of sustaining knockoff-related injuries! In any case, in '68, the eared knockoff disappeared from new cars sold in the U.S., along with rigid hood ornaments (no more leaping Jags), glass-cover headlights, and any other 'dangerous' appendages. Although it's been illegal to fit new cars with these, many after-market suppliers have readily done so. But now, even knockoffs for those cars that were built prior to 1968 cannot be imported. So if you're doing a restoration, don't throw away your beat-up old knockoffs! Repair them instead. A call to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) revealed a pending rule change that would allow 'winged appendages' on auto wheels providing they did not extend beyond the outer plane of the wheel rim. Apparently some study done in recent years on 2000 car vs. pedestrian accident cases revealed no injuries sustained due to 'winged appendages', and it was ascertained that these did not pose the threat to society once envisioned. If this change goes through, it may affect the illegality aspect of the importation of the knockoffs. We'll let you know.



HERE ARE MORE PHOTOS OF WHEELS & WINGS '92 WHAT A GREAT EVENT!

Minnesota MG Group *1992 Membership Application/Renewal*

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☐ Annual Membership: $20.00

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HEY MEMBERS, CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL ON THIS NEWSLETTER. WE NEED YOUR DUES. IF THEY'RE NOT PAID, THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!!!

New London to New Brighton MMGG Event

A good time was had by the twenty some members who attended this event. We met at the pavilion behind city hall where John and Sherril Carlson took us on a leisurely drive around the lakes and through the country side. The weather looked threatening but it didn't dampen our spirits. Al Kelsey fired up the barbecue for the bratwurst and hamburgers. Everyone brought a dish to pass around and it turned out to be a terrific picnic. We were able to watch the pre- 1915 cars go by from the New London to New Brighton Run as we ate and shared good company. Many of us drove down to the finish line where we were able view up close the magnificent and beautiful cars which finished the run. The event was organized and hosted by Dave and Vicki Stovall and Roger and Patricia Karnopp.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL

Membership dues are $20 per membership/family per year. Includes 1 year subscription to the MMGG newsletter.

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Quality Coaches Celebrates 20 Years

Dave Stovall

Turn the corner at 38th & Nicollet, and if you admire cars, especially British sports cars like I do, you can't help but smile. For there parked on both sides of the street are MG's, Triumphs, Austin Healys and an occasional Jaguar, patiently waiting to be seen in the newly remodeled repair shop known as Quality Coaches owned by brothers Mark & Greg Brandow. Walk in past the restoration showroom and ask Mark Brandow where it all began, a smile comes to his face as he recalls this story. In 1967 Mark dropped out of the University of Minnesota and traveled to South East Asia to volunteer for the Peace Corps. "When I went to Malaysia," Brandow recalls, "Being a youthful motorhead from Minnesota, I was admiring the British cars that were cruising around under the auspices of the British Army and vowed I would look for one for myself while I was there. "Ten months later Brandow bought a decaying 1947 MG TC for $150.00 from a Chinese service station owners whose customer left it there being unable to pay the bill. The car was taken to Malaysia Junior High School where Brandow was an industrial arts instructor. His students soon had the car dismantled down to the frame. "At the time, I wasn't sure what the net results of my efforts would be, but I was determined to show the kids what could be done with simple mechanical, electrical, metal and woodworking skills. "After about a year, the TC was reconstructed, and they managed to get it road worthy. Brandow signed on for a third year in Malaysia, but was unable to drive the car under Peace Corps guidelines. Brandow eventually shipped the MG to California and upon returning to Minnesota in 1970, took a trip to Los Angeles with his younger brother Greg and drove it back cross-country to Minneapolis. The Brandows grew up in Minneapolis. Quality Coaches has been at several locations - 45th & France, 26th & Lyndale, and now at 38th & Nicollet.

Mark & Greg Brandow of Quality Coaches

After Malaysia, Brandow enrolled at the University of Minnesota to study International Relations, but soon became bored with scholarly pursuits and decided to try his hand at fixing British cars owned by his friends. "I felt, I'd done one, I could do almost anything." Says Brandow. "So it was with that sort of naivete' that I undertook opening a repair shop of my own to try to be of service to others who had similar British vehicles." Brandow feels his present location serves his customers well with it's proximity to the freeway and bus routes. "It's an old dealer ship building with a lot of character. We draw people from all over the metro area. Some come from as far as Wisconsin." "After twenty years, I'm still trying to do the same thing I undertook initially. Quality Coaches business mission is to follow the three R's: "To be a reasonable repair facility, to be reliable when people needed us, and to be kind of a regular guy, so I don't only deal with people that had affluent cars. Reasonable, reliable, regular." Since few customer dare take their vintage cars out into a Minnesota winter, there are few sports cars in for repairs during the winter months. "We have basically diversified, so we can fix anything broken." Including a wide variety of American, Japanese, and German cars. Yet Quality Coaches still has a great affection for British sports cars. "Our particular niche is the more moderately priced British cars. Brandow explains. "We don't do too many Jaguars or Bentleys." As time goes by, Brandow has found British sports cars more repairable than other foreign cars due to the large number of parts manufacturers who produce new parts for British cars that are over 40 years old. "During the weekend, or leisure time, I participate in a variety of clubs; some of which go on Sunday drives, and some of which vintage race their older cars. As a matter of fact, the MG I bought in Malaysia has been reincarnated as a vintage racer. People as me if I buy and sell cars; I tell them no, I buy them and keep them."

JOIN THE KELSEY'S!

I know it's not an MG, but it's all I had.(ed.)

Ok, ok, so I know you just put your MG away and you're looking forward to that fun Minnesota sport...Show Shoveling. But summer will come again and taking a vacation in an MG can be a lot of fun.

Sharon and I would like to invite you to join us on a caravan to Grand Rapids, MI for University Motors Annual Summer Party. The dates are August 20-22, 1993. This is an opportunity to see several hundred MGs in one place. Those who have gone other years have said they had a wonderful time.

We are tentatively planning to go by way of northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan. Leaving sometime the weekend before the party, we will be driving about 4-5 hours per day. The party usually ends on Saturday night or Sunday morning so it is possible to be home by Sunday night if you can only be gone one week.

By now you are probably wondering how you are going to be able to carry all the clothes you want and spare parts you need for a week's MG vacation. We plan to take along a support vehicle that can carry one suitcase per car, a few spare parts, and a cooler full of beverages. This car will NOT be towing an MG.

Even though August is several months away, some people need to put their request in at work for vacation very, very early and the hotels near Grand Rapids fill up early for that weekend. So if you have any interest in this at all, please contact Al or Sharon Kelsey (891-3452) for more specific information.

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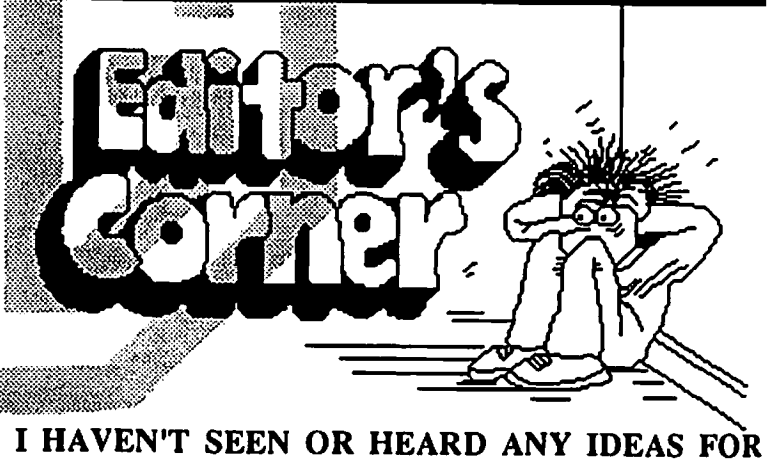


I HAVEN'T SEEN OR HEARD ANY IDEAS FOR NAMING OUR NEWSLETTER YET. I NEED YOUR INPUT! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR IDEAS ! (Dave)

MINNESOTA MG GROUP (MMGG)

Business Meeting September 17, 1992 at the home of - Roger and Pat Karnopp. Meeting called to order at 7:20 P.M.

Attendees: Roger and Pat Karnopp, John and Cindy Eaton, Alan and Sharon Kelsey, Mike Funck, Dave Stovall and Dan Shidla

BUSINESS ITEMS:

MMGG - Policies and Guidelines - During a general discussion among all present the following initial policies and guidelines were unanimously adopted.

-business meetings will be held monthly and on an optional basis at club events.

-club board members and other members in good standing are eligible to participate at all business meetings.

-the club board will consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Newsletter Publisher, Events Coordinator and Advertising Coordinator.

-initial officers, to serve through the calendar year 1993 and subject to confirmation at the Christmas party, are:

-President	Roger Karnopp
-Vice President	Mike Funck
-Treasurer	Alan Kelsey
-Secretary	Dan & Jeanette Shidla
-Newsletter Editor	Dave Stovall
-Newsletter Publisher	John & Cindy Eaton
-Events Coordinators	Roger & Pat Karnopp
-Advertising Coordinator	To Be Named

-club charter statement (purpose of club) - a number of good ideas were discussed. Mike Funck has taken them and is putting a draft together. Come to the next meeting and give your thoughts.

-dues - see below

-other - policy statements are to be --general in nature-developed over time-given to new members-published annually.

Treasurers report - Alan Kelsey - the club has approximately $1,000 in the bank. However, recent changes have substantially increased publishing costs for the club newsletter. With this increased cost and assuming current revenues remain constant and other program costs continue, the club would run a deficit. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to work toward a program of raising supplemental revenues and reducing costs. It was further agreed to leave 1993 annual member dues unchanged at $20.

Dues - Alan Kelsey stated that members pay their dues through out the year and approximately 75% of the payments are made in person at club events. He noted that a number of payments are received late in the year thereby making it difficult to anticipate monies available for club activities etc. Also, the Club has no established policy for communicating due dates to members. After discussion the following guidelines were adopted:

-dues will be accounted for on a calendar year basis. -they are due during the first quarter of the year.

-if a member's payment is not received the newsletter will be discontinued after the month of March.

new members joining after September 1 - the initial payment covers the balance of the current year and the following calendar year. the dues policy will be published in each newsletter.

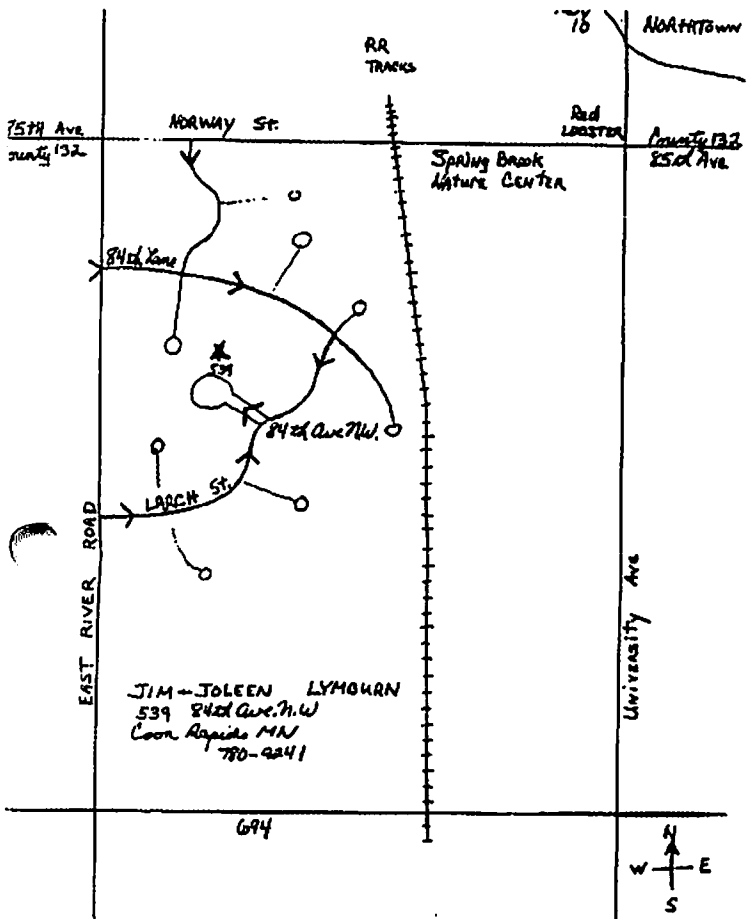
Associate membership status - there are currently 17 associate memberships, annual dues are $6. The category was originally established to accommodate out state members who generally were unable to attend club events but wanted to be members and receive monthly newsletters. However, with recent publishing changes for the newsletter, the current annual cost per member is approximately $10. After discussion it was agreed to eliminate the associate membership category.

Next meeting -Thursday, October 22 at Jim & Joleen Lymburn's home, 539 84th Ave. NW Coon Rapids 780-9241at 7PM. All MMGG Members are invited and encouraged to attend. The following is a tentative adgenda. If you have concerns or ideas that need to be addressed at the meeting, please contact Roger Karnopp.

AGENDA - **SEE AGENDA ON NEXT PAGE UNDER THE MAP TO LYMBURN'S.**

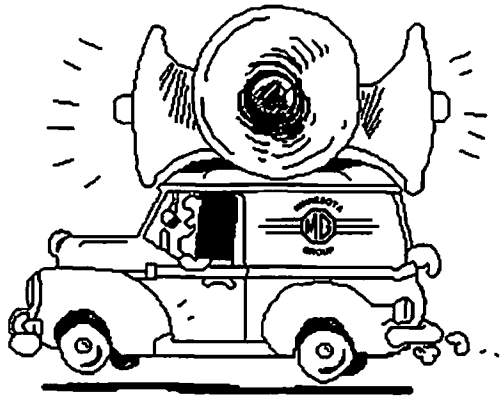
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

DIRECTIONS TO THE NEXT BUSINESS MEETING OF THE MMGG THURSDAY OCT.22 at 7PM. Take University Ave. North to County 132(85th. Ave.) There's a Red Lobster on the NW corner of the intersection. Go (West) on County 132 (85th.) past the Railroad tracks to Norway. Go Left (South) on Norway to 84th Lane. Go Left (East) on 84th Lane to Larch St. Go Right (South) on Larch St. to 84th Ave NW. Take a right on 84th Ave. NW to the third house on the right. JIM & JOLEEN LYMBURN 539 84th Ave. NW Coon Rapids, 780-9241



The following is a tentative agenda for the Oct. Meeting.

1. **MMGG Charter Statement** Mike Funck is assembling member comments & ideas from the last meeting and will present a charter statement. Discussion & adoption.
2. **Christmas Party** We need a volunteer to host this event.
3. **Financial Report** Establish a policy in reporting finances.
4. **New Member Info Packet** provide new & potential members with an information packet about MMGG functions & activities. Discussion & assign action items.
5. **MMGG Name Tags** Update current members.
6. **1993 Calendar of Events** Discuss what has & hasn't worked in the past and plan 1993 accordingly



ON THE MARKET

FOR SALE: 1980 MGB. Brown with tan interior 16,000 orig. miles. Immaculate condition. Asking $6000.00 Tom Good (H) 455-0998 (W)778-7583

FOR SALE: 1972 MGB-GT. Orange with dark blue interior. Wire Wheels. approx. 60,000 miles. some minor rust. $1600. OBO. Wayne Detmer (612) 779-6309

FOR SALE: MGB tires & wire wheels. In good shape. Ira "Kip" Kipp. (612) 698-6006.

FOR SALE: 74 MGB-GT. Wire wheel chrome bumper car. 74-1/2 MGB-GT Limited Edition wheels, overdrive & more. 74 MGB Roadster. Wire wheels low mileage car. 60 MGA. Good solid basket case. Make offer on all or one. Must sell one or two, need room. Verl Wilkins (612) 935-1608.

FOR SALE: Hardtop. Fits 62-80 MGB. Fiberglas, reinforced plastic. Quick installation. $300. Al Kelsey 891-3452.

FOR SALE: 1952 MG-TD 59,000 Miles. No rust. New Brakes, top, & Battery. Needs carpet kit & partial dash restoration. Will sacrifice for $9,000. Rose Mary McGlone (319) 659-5443 (Iowa) Mike Mitchell (612) 388-2571

WANTED: Right side headlight assembly for 1958 MGA 1500. Brian Knippel. Faribault (507) 334-3294

WANTED: MGB Roadster. Wire wheels, chrome bumpers. Something in "decent" shape. Don Schlais (612) 473-2028.

DON'T FORGET THIS MONTH'S BUSINESS MEETING!
OCTOBER 22
AT 7 PM
JIM & JOLEEN LYMBURNS
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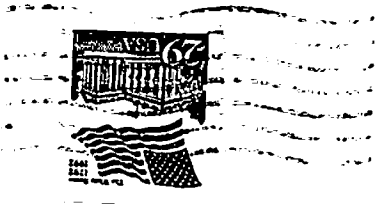

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