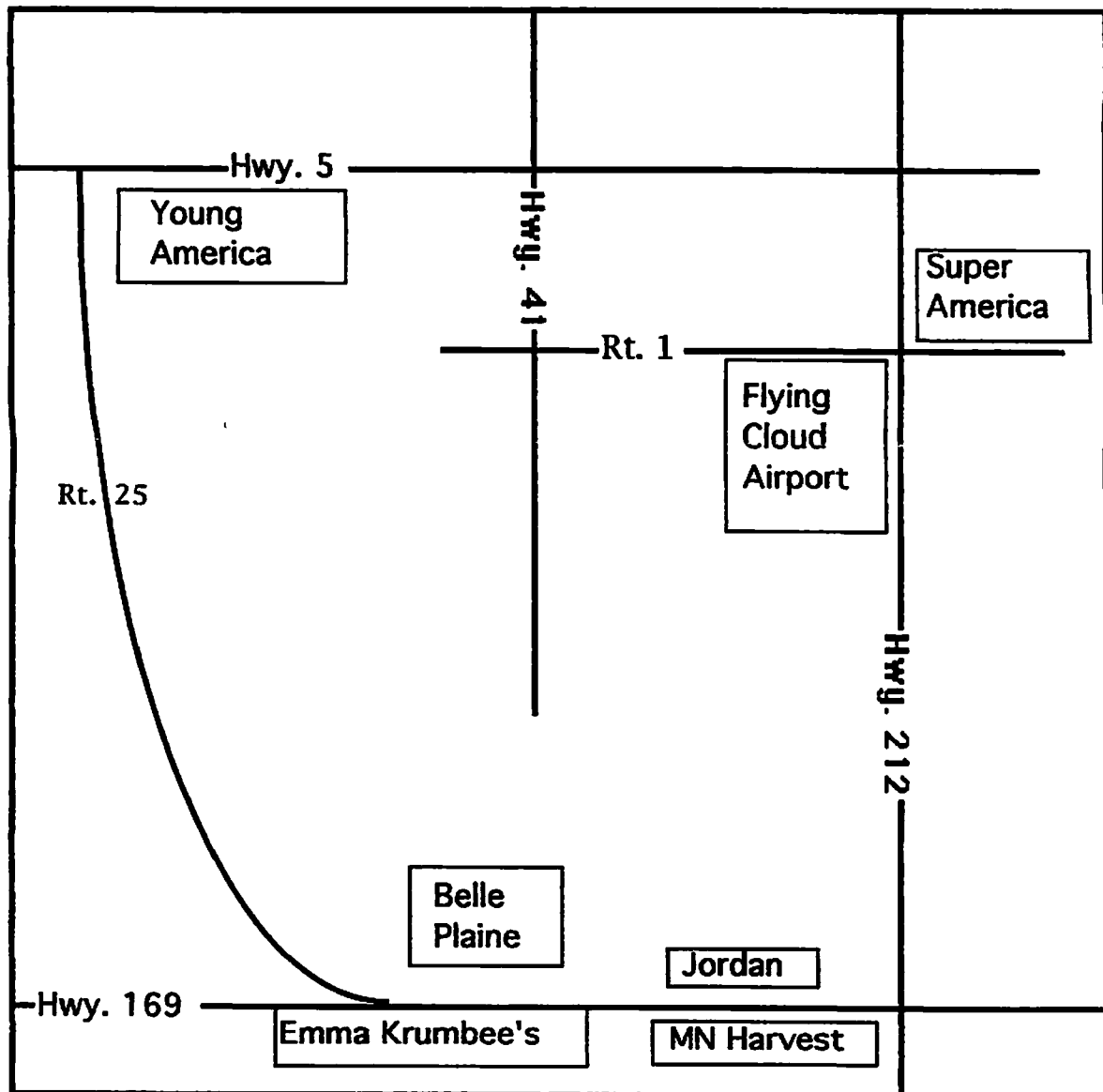


## MINGG SPRING TOUR MAY 21, 1995



We will meet at the Super America at the junction of 212 and Rt.1 at NOON. Then we'll follow Rt. 1 past Bear Path to Rt. 41. Follow Rt 41 north to Rt. 5. Take 5 past Waconia to Young America. Then pick up Rt. 25 to Belle Plaine. At Belle Plaine, we will stop for lunch at Emma Krumbie's. If the restaurant is busy, the bakery has a deli for sandwiches. When we leave Krumbie's we'll follow 169 to the twin Cities. Anyone with enough time might like to stop at Minnesota Harvest in Jordan.

**WOW...THIS IS GREAT...  
HAVING A BLAST...  
THIS IS REALLY FUN...**

Dave Stovall

These were just some of the comments from the members who volunteered to help at the MMGG display booth at last weekends Auto Restoration Show at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The club had four cars on display, Wolf Schroeder's MGA, Doug Madsen's MGB/GT, Randy Byboth's MGB, and my Midget, (Which by the way is still for sale). We signed up many new members, some renewing their membership and some with the words "Wow, I didn't know there was a MG club in Minnesota, where do I sign up?" Obviously members, we have our work cut out getting the word out about the MMGG to the rest of the MG population. We didn't have too many of our members stop by during the 3 day event, sorry more of you couldn't make it, you missed some VERY interesting people and some OUTSTANDING automobiles and even some boats, from all over the world. A one of a kind 1927 Bugatti Dual Cowl Phaeton was the highlight of the featured automobiles of the show.

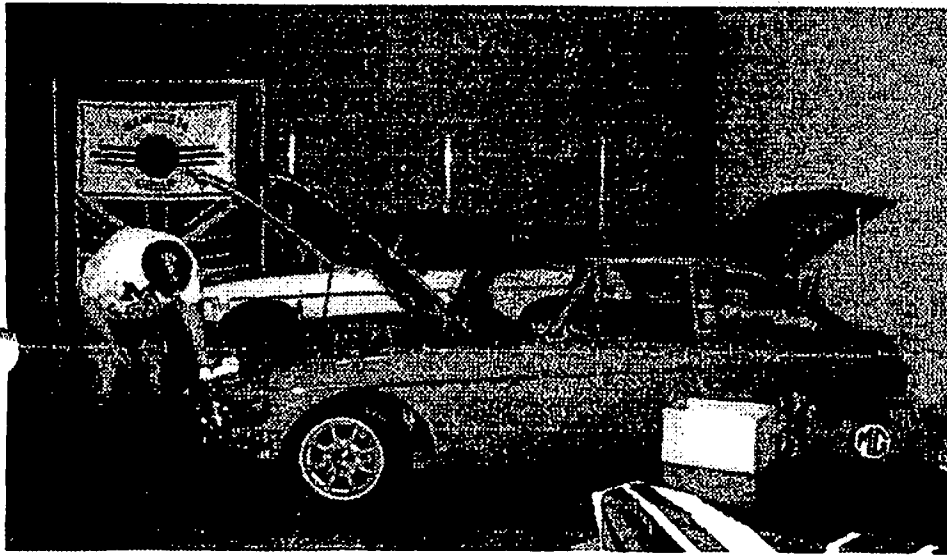
For me, the highlight of the entire weekend was just talking to people about MG's. There were so many folks who came up to one of us and started the conversation with, "I used to have one of those. . ." or my dad used to have one or my brother had one of those. We met one guy who has 3 MGA's and his dad has 5! They are both interested in joining the club.

One couple we spoke with walked up to us and the woman asked, "How much is a 52' MGTD worth? The man immediately asked her, "You don't want to sell her do you?" She replied, "Yes, we could use the money." Wolf Schroeder chimed in , "Don't sell it, you'll regret it for the rest of your life. You'll never be able to forget the great times you had in that car. Her argument was they have had the car for over 20 years and only drive it once or twice a year. We told them to get out and drive it, hell, take it to work a few days a week. ENJOY IT! Remember, these are cars, not works of art. By the time the 4 of us got done talking with the couple, she was convinced to keep the car, and even buy a new top for it! And he was going home to try and get it started.



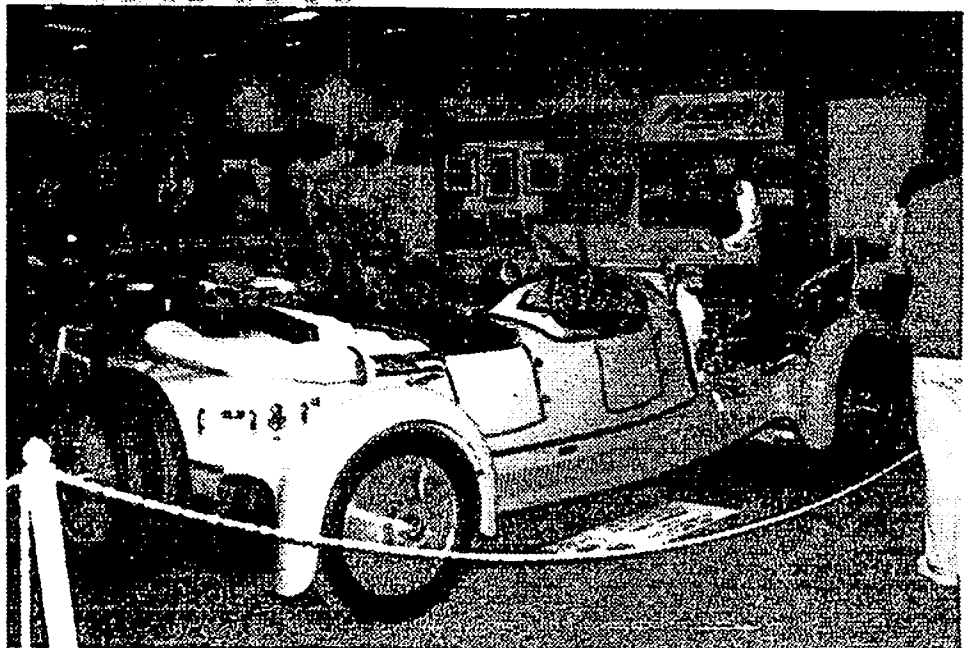
All in all it was a GREAT weekend! Thanks to all these members who made it a fun first time event for the Minnesota MG Group.

Doug and Mike Madsen  
Randy Byboth  
Wolf Schroeder  
Jon Carlson  
Jim Lymburn  
John Eaton  
Sharon & Al Kelsey  
Gordy Matson  
Ron Spargo  
Larry & Barb Henle  
Larry Magasano  
Kevin & Carol Mahoney



Doug Madsen preparing his 1967 MGB/GT prior to the start of the show.

Here's a shot of the 1927 Bugatti Dual Cowl Phaeton built by L'Cars Corporation. You might remember the purple Rolls Royce at Wheels and Wings a couple years ago, L'Cars also built that car.





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## Thank You from the professional patient

I received the flowers the MMGG sent me on the 34th day of my hospitalization. I have to say they were the most beautiful bouquet of flowers I've ever gotten before. I got to watch three of the flowers bloom over three days. The name of these particular flowers is "Star Gazer Lilies." If you ever want to get someone something truly unique and beautiful, order a bouquet of these flowers. I guarantee they will enjoy them as much as I did. Thank you so very much for thinking of me during my latest health crisis. They also brought me luck, I went home on the day I got them. Vicki Stovall  
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## 1995 MMGG Events

May 21st (Sun.) Drive & Dinner at Emma Krumbree's in Belle Plaine. Hosted by Larry & Beth Ann Magasano.

June 17th (Sat.) River boat cruise on the St. Croix river. Hosted by Al & Helen Schultz (Schmidt).

June 26-30 North American MGB Register National Convention in Lake Tahoe.

\*\*July 30th (Sun.) Picnic and fun at Mary & Doug Madsen's home in Sauk Rapids. Co-hosts Jim & Joleen Lymburn.

August 5th or 6th Red Wing Days, hosted by the Shidla's. Not sure of the exact date yet.

Sept. 9 (Sat.) Wheels and Wings. Hosted by Randy Byboth.

Sept. 30th (Sat.) Fall Color Tour North. Hosted by Richard Huset of the MN Triumphs, we have been invited again this year.

Oct. 8th (Sun.) Fall Color Tour South. Hosted by the Stovall's. I've invited the Minnesota Triumphs to join us on a drive to New Ulm, picnic, and a tour of Schell's Brewery and more.

Jan. 13th (Sat.) Holiday Party. Host to be announced.

### **\*\*NOTICE\*\***

DOUG & MARY MADSEN HAD TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THEIR SUMMER EVENT TO JULY 30TH. THEIR SON, MIKE MADSON IS GETTING MARRIED!

CONGRATULATIONS  
 MIKE & KATIE! FROM THE  
 MMGG!

## Rambling On

John Eaton

I think I've finally figured it out. The attraction we have for old British sports cars. Some might say our fondness for old MG's is because they're fun to drive and cheap. Yea, they are a hoot to drive on the odd day that it happens to be running just right. But seriously how often is your MG driving experience really more than yet another test drive to measure the success or failure of your most recent attempted fix on ( fill in the blank). As for being cheap, i.e. inexpensive, well I see in the latest Moss flyer that a new set of SU (stands for Skinners Union) carbs only cost like a thousand dollars or so. Order yours today.

OK, so maybe it's not the mechanical perfection. The acceleration? The term glacial pace pops into my to mind. The ride? In a word, seismic, about a 7 on the Richter scale. The comfort? No comment. So what is the attraction? Which of our senses is most piqued by MGA's, B's, C's, and Midgets? By simple process of elimination, I've determined that it must be the olfactory. Yep, our sense of smell. What other car emits such a pungent blend of all your basic automotive odors and all at the same time? MG's and other old British sports cars assail the nostrils with large doses of carbon monoxide, steaming antifreeze, burning oil, and an occasional whiff of raw gasoline from that sometimes sticky needle and seat valve. I've heard it said that odors often trigger some of our fondest memories. You know like Mom baking homemade bread. Well, maybe that's not such a good analogy. Nonetheless, maybe we somehow get addicted to this noxious cocktail.

# MINNESOTA MG GROUP 1995 MEMBER APPLICATION / RENEWAL

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My personal favorite is the aroma of the real leather interiors. It's one of those fragrances that you know you've sniffed before, but can't remember where. I'll tell you where, it's the same smell you notice when you walk into a wet basement. It's equal parts mold, mildew, and rot. And after a wet day of driving your MG, you will take on the odor of a damp dog. This is, of course, because all MG's leak. I'd even be willing to bet that GT's leak some. As Peter Egan once surmised, the rain in England must be of considerably higher viscosity and less apt to leak through small and not so small cracks and gaps than the rain here in the US.

## MMGG Marketplace

Member ads are free and run for three issues unless otherwise notified. Non-member ads are \$5.00 per month. All area codes are 612 unless stated otherwise.

FOR SALE - 1975 Midget. Untouched since 1990. Engine possibly seized. Good interior and

top. Tahiti blue with LE striping, autumn leaf interior. \$1000/OBO. Judd Nelson 440-5537.am

WANTED - Looking for a 73 or 74 B grille, windshield, autumn leaf drivers seat. Ken Merrill 455-5681.am

FOR SALE - 1980 MGB. 54,000 miles. No rust, interior perfect. Has sat not started in 3 years. New carb & header. Top good. No catalytic converter or battery. Rostyle wheels. \$4000 OBO.

G. Engfer 423-1501.amj

FOR SALE - 1973 Midget. 59,000 miles. Less than 2000 miles on complete engine and transmission rebuild. Front end rebuilt. New brakes. AM/FM Cassette. BRG with autumn leaf int. Have new panel kit in box. Lots of extra parts. \$4500. Dave Stovall 894-4203.

FOR SALE - Two 1974-1/2 MGB/GT's. One show quality, one good cond. PARTS, PARTS, PARTS.

MGB engine, 2 steer. col. rebuilt head w/steel seats, complete inst, dash, all ext. lights and chrome, oil cooler, wire wheel (painted) set up incl. susp. &

diff., trans. new 1600 pistons, rubber bumpers, midget doors, new MGA side curtain pouch. Much more! Jim McCormick 429-2571.lmj

FOR SALE - 1977 MGB Roadster. From Kansas. \$2000 OBO. Randy Kissodath 721-1147.mjj

WANTED - 67-69 MGB's. Jerry Straud. 1092 Golden Oaks Rd. Hudson, WI (715) 386-5930.

FOR SALE - MGB/GT Parts. Too many to list here, give me a call for what's available. Ken Roy 770-2757(H) 733-4024(W).

WANTED - Any and all parts for a 56 MGA. Need seats, wire wheels, adapter hubs, etc.etc. Jan 829-7796.

FOR SALE - 1966 MG 1100 2 door. All there but only good for parts. Delbert Fankhauser 12805 40th St.No. Stillwater 439-7966 after 7pm.

WANTED - MGA engine, radiator, gauges, grille, etc. Jon Stoewer 535-1784.

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# HOT TIME AT TECH SESSION

Dave Stovall

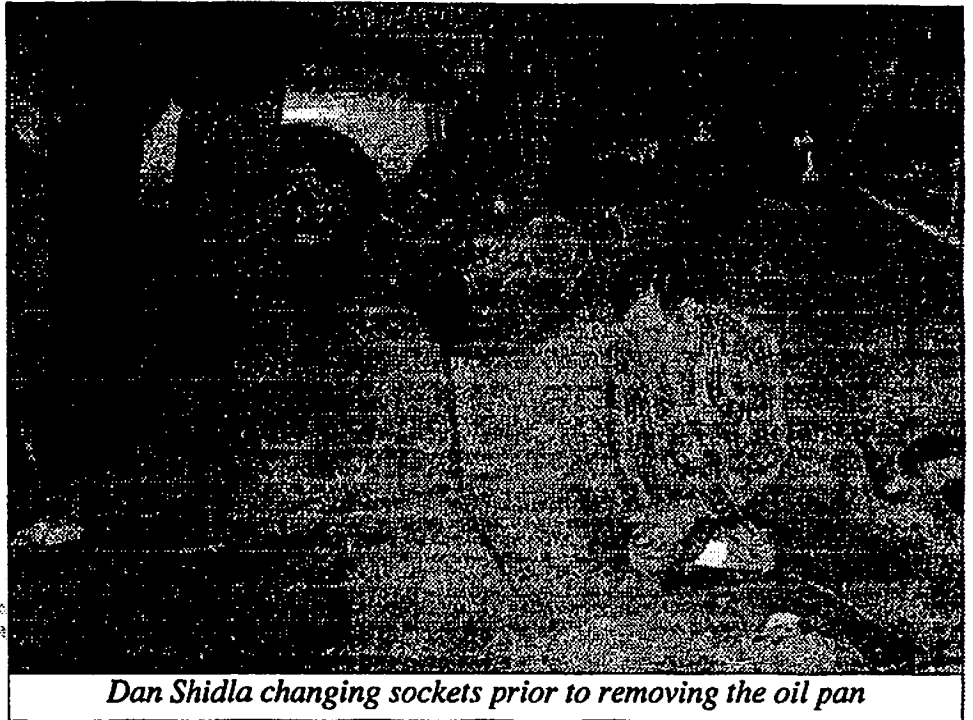
The Tech session held at Gene & Becky Cooper's place was informative, educational and enjoyable.

Although the day was cold and damp, the wood burning stove in Gene's workshop behind the house, where the tech session was held, provided a warm atmosphere for all in attendance.

The 30 or so members began the day by dismantling an extremely grungy, rusted MGA engine that Randy Byboth had brought. The group was walked through the disassembly at every step by Gene. His knowledge about MG's and engine operation was shared with the entire group.

As the head was removed from the engine, the question was raised as the two center pistons were full of rust and crud, "Why won't this engine turn over?" It was thought that the head gasket between the #2 and #3 cylinders had blown out, causing antifreeze to leak into each of them. Time and neglect did the rest. We attempted to move the pistons but to no avail. The rest of the engine was disassembled as each component and removal procedure was explained by Gene.

We broke for lunch and some liquid refreshments provided by the club. Thanks again Gene and Becky for a fun and informative day in Prior Lake.






*Dan Shidla changing sockets prior to removing the oil pan*



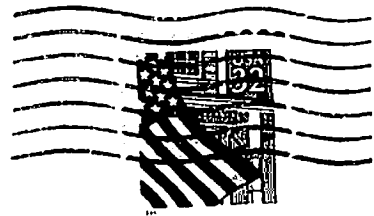
"See Dave, right here is where the squirrels go to power the water pump!"

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## MINNESOTA MG GROUP CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 MMGG Monthly Meeting - Al Baker's 7PM	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Valley Fair Opens
7 May Day Parade & Festival Powderhorn Park	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19 MG Car Club Int. Gathering - Silverstone England May 19-21	20 **  MMGG Gazette Submission Deadline
21 Drive & Dinner Erma Krumbee's Belle Plaine	22	23	24	25	26	27 Minnesota Bass Fishing Season Opens
28	29  Memorial Day (Observed)	30	31			

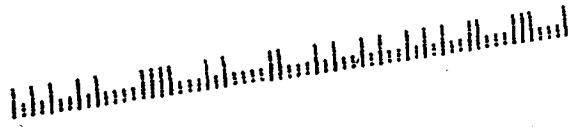
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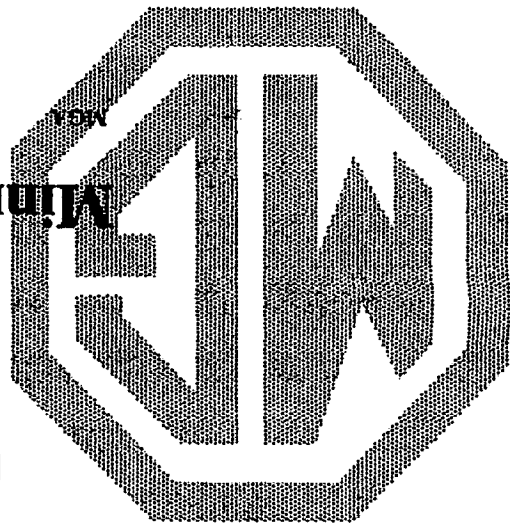
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