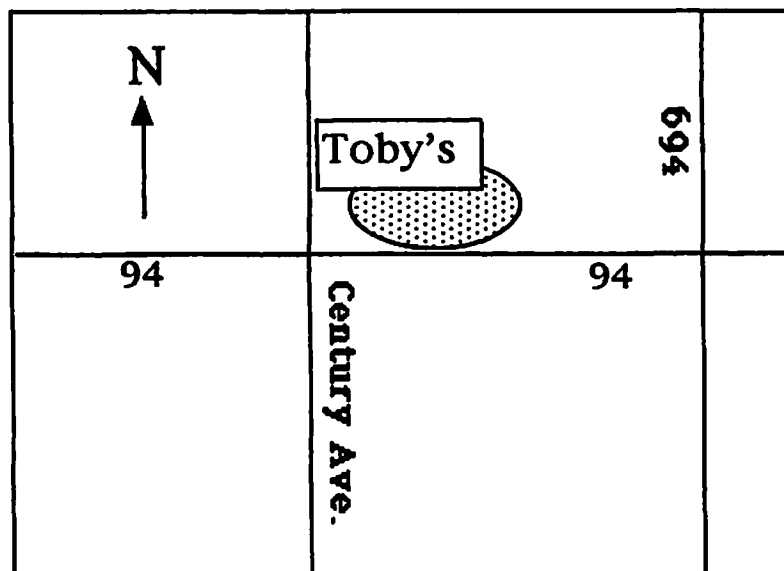


IS IT SPRING YET?

THE 1996 MMGG KICK-OFF BRUNCH

SUNDAY MARCH 24TH 11:00 AM

The Annual Minnesota MG Group Spring Kick Off Brunch is scheduled for Sunday March 24th at 11:00 AM at TOBY'S ON THE LAKE. We had over 75 MG enthusiasts and their families attend the 1995 MMGG Kick-Off Brunch. I believe this was an all time attendance record for an MMGG event. It was exciting to see over 15 new members who heard about the club from current members or from our advertisements in the newspapers. If you know of fellow MG enthusiasts who are not currently members of the MMGG, I encourage you to invite them to the Annual Kick-Off Brunch. If you have any questions, please call Roger or Pat Karnopp. The Kick-Off Brunch officially begins the 1996 MMGG season so let's start those MG engines.





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Membership dues are \$20 per member/family per year.
Includes 1 year subscription to the MMGG Gazette.

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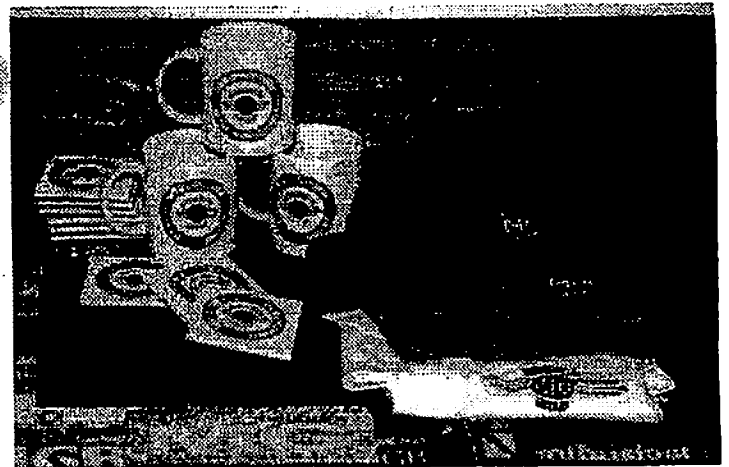
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MMGG Grille Badges - Let others know you belong to the BEST car club around. Badges may be purchased at club events for \$9, or by mail from Roger Karnopp for \$11. Send check to Roger at 1295 Deerwood Dr., Eagan, MN 55122

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Shirts, Caps, Cups & Coasters - Golf Shirts in a choice of red, white or blue are \$13. Blue baseball style caps are \$6. Both have embroidered MMGG logo. Coffee cups with the MMGG logo are \$5. Coasters with logo are \$2.50. All are available at club events. Help support your club by purchasing official MMGG regalia



"News of the Weird"

"A single engine plane crashed yesterday in a graveyard in rural Georgia, so far authorities have recovered 47 bodies..."

Minnesota MG Group 1996 Application/Renewal

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS JUST \$20

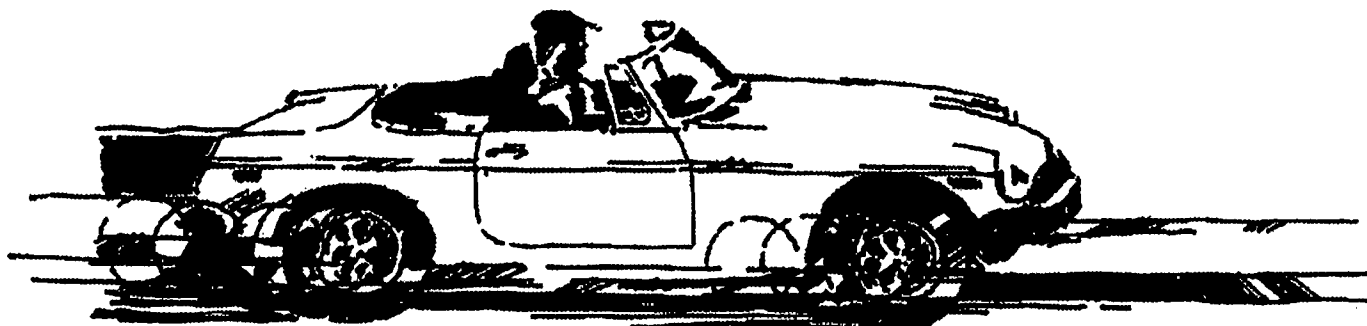
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DUES ARE DUE!
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HAVE YOU HEARD? IT'S 1996, IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR TO MAKE SURE YOU PAY UNCLE SAM AND UNCLE MMGG. IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 1996 DUES YET, WHY NOT START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT AND PAY THEM TODAY. YOU WON'T MISS A SINGLE ISSUE OF THIS FINE NEWSLETTER THAT WAY EITHER. YOU CAN EVEN USE THIS COOL FORM ABOVE TO MAIL IN YOUR DUES, TODAY. AND SOON YOU'LL BE CRUISING THE ROADS LIKE THE PICTURE BELOW.



"NOW, HERE'S THE OFFER"



DRIVING FOR DOLLARS

Jim & Joleen Lymburn

The upcoming driving season will soon be upon us, and we look forward to having good events, good attendance and good weather.

We are hosting the MMGG Holiday party in January 1997, and would like to introduce a new program for the year...MG BUCKS

For every scheduled MMGG event any club member attends, the member will receive five MG BUCKS. Your MG BUCKS will be given to you by the host of each event. After you've collected your MG BUCKS throughout the year by attending events, you will be able to use them to bid on some great MG regalia items which we'll auction off at the Holiday Party on January 11, 1997 at Al Baker's in Eagan.

So, start collecting your MG BUCKS by attending the Kick-Off Brunch and all the events during the 1996 driving season.

The MMGG Run

Al Kelsey

For a couple of years I have been thinking about designing a board game based on the Minnesota MG Group. Why not share the idea with the group I thought, knowing that procrastination was getting the better of me anyway.

Think of a standard size playing board with a curved path similar to "Life". Unlike the usual Milton Bradley games, in the "MMGG Run," the players move in a counter-clockwise direction from the top center of the board. Along the route, some of the spaces are marked "MOSS" or "LUCAS." As in "Monopoly," there are two stacks of cards, placed face down that are the "Moss" and "Lucas" cards.

You begin play at the "Spring Kick-Off Brunch" square. Rolling a two, you move your little car to the first "Lucas" space. The top "Lucas" card read "Oil spot on the garage floor, lose one turn to clean it up." You figure there must be a LOT of these cars, and place the card on the bottom of the pile. On your next turn, you land on a "Moss" space. The card reads "Gasket Card -

Use to cancel an oil leak card." Landing on another "Lucas" space you read, "Carbs out of tune. Take 1 off every roll from now on." There will be more cards that will slow you down.

Soon you're at the top left corner square, the "Larry Henle Magic Square." Here you have Larry touch your car and you can turn in all your "Delay Cards" because your car has been blessed by the man with more luck at getting out of bad situations than anyone else in history.

Moving down the left side, you land on another "Moss" space. The card reads "Moss Sale - spend \$1000." This takes almost half the money you got when you started the game. Quickly you look around to try and figure if you ever get to pass "GO" or if there is any other way to get more money. There isn't. "AH, this is a true to life game." You think quietly.

The bottom left square is the "Doug and Mary Madsen Event." Here you can either get rid of the "delay cards" you've acquired or add 15 "spruce up" points to your car. These would be helpful at the "Classic Motorbooks" square in the next corner. As you proceed, you can acquire "spruce up" cards from the "Moss" pile or get the dreaded "electrical system failure," "fuel pump quits," or "It just won't go" cards from the "Lucas" stack, which all cause the loss of one turn. Finally you get to the "Classic Motorbooks" square. You roll the dice to see how you place in the judging. You roll a three. Looking in the rule book, you read next to all the numbers from 1 to 6, the following instructions appear:

"Roger came to the event, you don't even place." Next to the number six it reads "Hey, this is the event in Osceola! They don't really know that much about MG's anyway. The TR6 parked next to you won "Best MG of Show." You roll a five and move on.

Landing on a "Lucas" space you read "You were changing oil in your garage when John Eaton stopped by. He looked at what you were doing and said "Well, since you've gone this far, we could just as easily pull the engine." You lose three turns.

So far you've missed all the cards that read "This just wasn't the year for your MG. Finish the game in your family car." You get to the last square which reads "Fall Color Tour." On your final roll of the dice, you get a six. The rule book reads "You made it! The colors are beautiful, the weather is 69 degrees and sunny. The car runs perfectly! Your spouse/significant other is THRILLED to be riding in your car with the top down. (Read -VERY THRILLED!!! They show you how VERY THRILLED they are later!) You can drive your car for another three weeks in warm weather, and store it for free in a dry garage. After all, this is only a game. Isn't it?"

1996 MINNESOTA MG GROUP EVENTS

March 24, Sunday, Kick-Off Brunch at Toby's
hosted by Roger & Pat Karnopp.

April 6, Saturday, Welding Tech Session at GT
Cars hosted by Jeff Ingebrigtson.

April 20, Saturday, Tech Session on MG Transmissions
hosted by Doug & Mary Madsen.

May 3-5, Friday-Sunday, Auto Restoration Show & Auction
at the Mpls. Convention Center hosted by Randy Byboth.

May 18, Saturday, "The May Maneuvers"
Road Rally hosted by Sam & Peg Mearns.

June 16, Sunday, Nicollet Mall Car Show
hosted by Wolf and Mary Schroeder.

June 26-30, Wednesday-Saturday, "INDY 96"
hosted by Al & Sharon Kelsey.

July 6 & 7, Saturday & Sunday, Minnesota Grand Prix
with the MG "T" Club, hosted by Bob Hinshaw.

August 4, Sunday, Red Wing Days
hosted by Dan & Jeanette Shidla.

September 7, Saturday, Wheels and Wings
hosted by Al & Sharon Kelsey.

October 6, Sunday, Fall Color Tour to Fanny Hill
hosted by Al & Helen Schultz.

January 11, Saturday, MMGG Holiday Party
hosted by Jim & Joleen Lymburn.

1995 MMGG Holiday Party

Roger Karnopp

The MMGG Holiday party on January 20th at Al Baker's in Eagan was a great time for MMGG members and their families. There was a lot of holiday cheer and MG spirit at this year's party. As usual, Al Baker and his crew had outstanding service and food for our annual get-together.

Doug and Mary Madsen's MG events over the years have always been extra special with fond memories. They were each given an MMGG sweatshirt. Also all members who hosted events during the 1995 season were recognized for their efforts.

The business meeting prior to the Holiday Party went extremely well. I can only hope the enthusiasm displayed at the meeting continues throughout the year. This year, not only did we have some great new ideas for events, but the large number of members wanting to help in the planning of the events was wonderful. As you read on the previous page, we have 12 great events planned for 1996 and I am personally looking forward to attending them. If you have an idea for a MMGG event, or would like to help host one of the 1996 events, please contact Roger Karnopp. Get more out of YOUR CLUB by getting involved.

The Trip to L'Car

John Eaton

One of the more interesting aspects of humanity in general and our car club in particular is diversity. Everyone has his or her own special way at looking at life. I think also that even though MG's are our common bond, and the reason for the MMGG's existence; The MG experience is unique for each of us. In other words, both the pleasure and the pain we derive from these small cars from England come in different forms for different people. For me, and no doubt some others in the club, I can honestly say that I enjoy working on and understanding my MG at least as much as I enjoy driving it. And, if it isn't running just so, and I don't know why, well I guess that would be the pain portion of it. Some may view MG's more romantically, a moonlit summer's drive to the lake or just taking in the sights on a warm spring day. Still others view MG's as a tool for spirited driving, a device created solely for sliding around corners a bit faster than you thought possible. Any reason for liking MG's is a good one. Even if you just like the smell of musty carpet, that's good enough for us. While I and a few others who apparently think somewhat like I do, have a hard time believing that everybody in the world isn't just plain fascinated by the mechanical workings

of MG's, it's apparent that many of our members don't share this desire to know what makes our MG's tick. (Which reminds me of one of my favorite Peter Egan quotes. "Typically owners of MG's are mechanics...or soon will be.") I guess it must be that diversity thing. Anyway, what this is all leading up to is to try to describe to anyone who has ever enjoyed grease embedded fingernails and the pungent smell of paint solvent, or for those who prefer to simply drive and enjoy their MG, what a fine event you missed.

On October 28th, the MMGG which consisted of Jerry, Ken, Doug Roger and I, took a trip to Conover Wisconsin to view a restoration shop called L'Car. OK, so the newsletter was typically late and the weather was cold and damp, but we were hoping for a little better turnout. When the event was over and it was time to go home, we all shared the overwhelming sentiment that the group had missed something very special; one of those enchanting kind of days that you'll never forget. Words to describe this event will be totally inadequate, but nonetheless let me give you a brief rundown of the day's activities.

We left at 8:30 and after a 2 hour drive that was only slightly extended by Roger's lack of ability to distinguish between 35 and SS or something like that, we arrived at L'Car. Once there, the proprietor and most gracious host, Bob Lorkowski, provided us with juice, coffee and a variety of sweet breads. After snacking, we couldn't wait to get to the shop to confirm the rumors of Bugatti's, Mercedes, and Rolls Royces of a bygone era restored to a level of perfection that qualify, for lack of a better term, to the Pebble Beach Concours standard. Mr. Lorkowski had other plans for us. Bob told us to follow him to the home of Mark Johnson, an avid collector who houses (literally, his custom built garage looks from the outside like a beautiful home) a 12 cylinder Rolls Royce Phantom 3 with custom coachwork by who I don't recall, but suffice it to say it was just phenomenal, and merely a recent winner of the famed Pebble Beach Concours in the early 90's. Mark's stable also included two MG's. A TF and a supercharged overhead cam J2. The J2 was just cool. The S.U. carburetor and the supercharger sit in front of the radiator just above the front axle. Let's see, what else. Oh yea, there was an Austin Healey 3000, an Alvis from the 30's I believe, a V-12 Lincoln, a Cord (pre coffin nose vintage), a late 50's or early 60's Corvette and if I remember right, a very old Studebaker. I might be missing something, but keep in mind this "garage" was just beautiful. All decked out with wains coating, wall paper, a wood ceiling and art work on the walls. The cars were all either pristine or such nice original examples that it would be almost a shame to restore them. For us this was a glimpse of how the other half lives, and to dispel the myth of the wealthy being aristocratic

snobs as Mark was as nice and friendly as anyone you would ever hope to meet.

From Mark's house, we headed back to L'Car for a tour of their facilities, and what a facility it is! Modern, spacious, clean, well lit, and equipped to carry out virtually all aspects of automobile restoration. L'Car can provide sheet metal fabrication, paint, mechanical, engine work, and upholstery all under one roof. We bombarded Bob with questions that were all answered patiently and thoroughly. Toward the end of the tour we entered the showroom where we leisurely inspected not one, but two Bugatti's, an old Mercedes, and Rex, the L'Car masterpiece. The Rex, a custom bodied 12 cylinder Rolls Royce Phantom 3. This car is a long wheel base Rolls Royce chassis and drive train, I believe from the 30's, with L'Car's custom designed and hand built aero body. It is truly magnificent, and, another Pebble Beach Concours winner. The same car you may have seen at Wheels and Wings a couple of years ago. (The purple Rolls Royce -ed.)

After touring their showroom, it was time for lunch, so Bob shuttled us

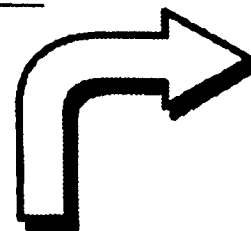
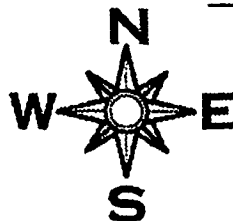
over to a local restaurant for a prearranged luncheon. (This guy thinks of everything). Following a delicious meal of steak and chicken, I thought that was it, and we'd hop in our cars and head back to the cities, but, wrong again, Bob had even more in store for us. From the restaurant we drove to the workshop of Bob Anderson. Mr. Anderson describes himself as retired but I think he may be a little confused about what the definition of retirement really means. Bob and some other of his allegedly retired buddies build popcorn vendors on Ford Model A truck frames. They're beautiful with oak, stained glass and colored lights, really quite something to see. As interesting as this was, it got even better. From Bob Anderson's shop we wandered into his display room that houses a wonderful collection of old pedal cars from the 30's through the 60's. Included in his collection were numerous Tonka toys and other memorabilia from years gone by. Then, if that wasn't enough, in his garage we saw an incredible array of antiques ranging from horse drawn hearse's to children's tricycles and everything in between. Mr. Anderson's garage really qualifies as a museum. An hour or so just isn't enough time to even begin to scratch the surface of Bob's collection.

See, I told you words would be inadequate. What I should have written was; "The trip to L'Car, you really had to be there."

WHAT IS A ROAD RALLY?



A RALLY IS *NOT* A RACE



IT IS A TEST OF THE DRIVING AND NAVIGATIONAL SKILLS OF THE TEAM

Instructions may indicate the speed at which the car should be driven **(ALWAYS BELOW THE LEGAL LIMIT).**

The challenge is to stay on course and stay on time, in order to arrive at the check points at **EXACTLY** the correct time. Cars arriving early and cars arriving late are penalized .

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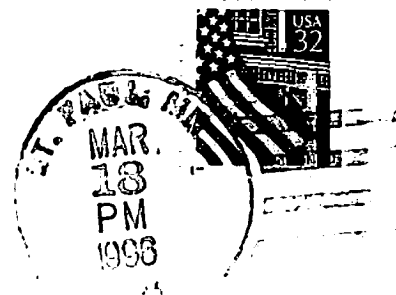
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