

# Minnesota MG Group Gazette

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the Minnesota MG Group March 1998

## **APRIL TECH SESSION** **Saturday April 18th**

If your MG has the go but no show or maybe needs just a little touch up here or there then come and attend a tech session on Saturday, April 18 th from 9:00 to 3:00 at Central Avenue Auto Body located at 2628 Central Avenue N.E. in Minneapolis.

We will start the morning with a quick tour of the shop and take a look at the various tools and equipment used in the repair and refinishing of autos today. Following the tour we will cover five (5) areas:

- 1) Materials (plastics, sandpaper, etc.)
- 2) Body repair (rust, dents, panel replacement)
- 3) Refinishing (stripping, priming, paints)
- 4) Detailing (wet sanding, compounds, buffing)
- 5) Saving an old finish, new finish, costs involved)

## **GUEST SPEAKER** **BILL POWERS**

From 1:30 - 2:00, Bill who is District Manager for Wirth Products will be on hand. Wirth has a full line of products used in the repair and restoration of autos and I have found them to be about the best there is.

Yes, I know, what about something to eat? Tea and Crumpets (lunch) will be served from 12:00 to 1:00. Hopefully, I will be able to answer any and all questions you may have and everyone will leave knowing what the terms scuff & buff, mud, reverse tape, orange peel and idiot stick mean. It should be a fun day for all.

Please R.S.V.P. (612) 424-3286 after 6 pm. or leave a message, as I will need a head count. Thank you and let's keep them on the road. Cheerio and Pip Pip for now !!!

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# 1998 MMGG Events

**May 5th thru 9th**  
 Swap meet, Carlisle, PA  
 hosted by Doug Madson

**May 17th, Sunday**  
 Inter - Marque Rally  
 hosted by Sam & Peg Mearns

**May 18-24**

**Second Annual British Car Week**

The object of the Annual British Car Week is for all British car owners to get their car(s) out of the garage, drive them, and help promote them. Last year, national participation was very strong. Some clubs got together and planned outings. (Could this be an "Intermarque" event (?) Other folks used their cars for errands or drove them to and from work. Gary Anderson, publisher of British Car Magazine, said the event didn't create any traffic jams, but it did attract some attention which is exactly what was intended.

**May 24**

**Intermarque Picnic**

Hosted by the Minnesota Jaguar Club. Tour and family picnic. Details are still sketchy.  
 Contact: Bob Reed 612-929-7487

**May 29**

**Great River Parc Expose**

St. Paul. 6:00 to 10:00 pm. To celebrate the fifth running of the GRRR, the City of St. Paul is opening Kellogg Boulevard to the Twin Cities' newest car show, The Great River Parc Expose. The event is open to sports cars, rally cars, sports sedans, and other interesting vehicles, the more unusual the better. (Bring out those Amphicars, TVRs, and LaDawris.)

Special award for the marque club with the greatest participation as a percentage of membership. No charge to enter. Food vendors will be available. Great River Road Rally cars will be on display in Kellogg Park.

Contact: Ed Solstad at 612-822-0569 or esolstad@presenter.com

**June 6th, Saturday**  
 Brit day at New Life to Classics  
 hosted by Dave Wintz

# Minnesota MG Group Membership Application

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## 1998 Events

**June 12th thru 14th**  
 8th Annual Lake Superior Vintage  
 Sports Car Rendezvous hosted by the  
 MN Austin-Healey Club

**July 12th**  
 Funkhana or Gymkhana  
 at St. Croix Meadows  
 hosted by Kevin and LuGean Healy

**July 8th thru 12th**  
 NAMGBR National Convention  
 Hagerstown, MD

**July 17th thru 19th**  
 Brian Redman Challenge  
 f.k.a. "The Chicago Historics"  
 Elkhart Lake, Wi

**August 13th thru 16th**  
 University Motors Summer Party  
 Hosted by John Twist, Ada MI.

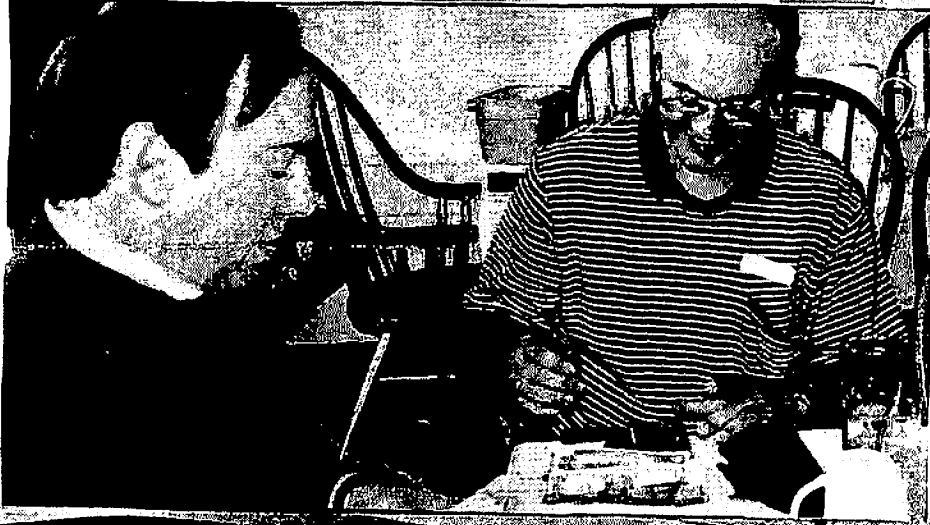
**August 22nd, Saturday**  
 Ellingson's Car Museum Inter-Marque Car  
 Show and Swap Meet  
 hosted by Phil Vanner

**September 12th, Saturday**  
 Wheels and Wings  
 hosted by Curt & Bev Robinson

**October 3rd, Sunday**  
 Fall Color Tour  
 MMGG, Triumph, & Austin-Healey clubs  
 will join for this event  
 hosted by Ken & Diane Merrill &  
 Phil Vanner

**November 7th, Saturday**  
 MMGG Annual Meeting  
 hosted by Randy O'Brien &  
 Cindy Byboth or vice-versa...

**January 16th, Saturday**  
 MMGG Holiday Party  
 Hosted by Al & Sharon Kelsey



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**Success...Success...Success. No better word describes the Spring Kickoff Brunch held on Sunday, March 22nd. The royal British Treat was held at Lord Fletcher's Restaurant on beautiful Lake Minnetonka. Reports are that the food, service and the sociability were all the best and the more than 70 in attendance had a super time. Hopefully this indicates a great summer of Minnesota MG Group Events!**



# Race open for Rolls as Vickers eyes offers

By Neal Boudette

FRANKFURT, April 4 (Reuters) - The race for British luxury car maker Rolls Royce Motor Cars apparently has at least a few more laps to go.

Now that Volkswagen AG <VOWG.F> has sweetened its offer for the company, major shareholders of Rolls parent Vickers Plc <VICK.L> are pushing the group to look for the highest potential sale price, German media reported on Saturday.

Vickers last week accepted a preliminary bid of 340 million pounds (\$569.8 million) from Germany's Bayerische Motoren Werke AG <BMWG.F>, and entered into a 30-day period of exclusive talks with BMW, although Vickers shareholders still have to vote on a final decision.



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BMW took the lead in the race for Rolls largely because it has a jet engine venture with Rolls Royce Plc <RR.L> and supplies engines and about 30 percent of the parts for the Rolls and Bentley automobiles made by Rolls Royce Motor Cars.

But on Friday VW upped its offer, which sources said was 360 million to 380 million pounds. And now investment funds and other institutions holding large blocks of Vickers shares want the parent group to put the bottom line at the top of the list of deciding criteria.

The British subsidiary of Schroder Investment Management Ltd wants to review the VW bid itself before deciding on a buyer, German newsweekly Der Spiegel said in a pre-publication release of an article due to appear on Monday.

Schroder, which owns a 19.37 percent stake in Vickers, "no longer unconditionally supports a sale to BMW," a Schroder manager told Spiegel.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung also said that a fund manager at one of the largest Vickers shareholders "left no doubt that the first criterion should be the highest price."

The paper said the fund manager said securing the future of Rolls Royce Motor Cars plays a role, but neither BMW nor VW would endanger the tradition-rich British car maker.

Vickers holds its annual meeting on April 29, but shareholders may not have a chance to vote on a deal then because the period for exclusive talks with BMW ends April 30.

On Friday, a Vickers spokesman said that after May 1 the group would be in a position to negotiate bids that have come in during the exclusive negotiating period.

BMW declined to comment on the sweetened bid from Volkswagen, but earlier in the week it said it would not raise its offer for Rolls.

The Munich company has threatened to halt deliveries of engines, brakes, air conditioners, axles and electronics to Rolls if Vickers sells to a rival car maker, although its supply contract requires a year's notice before stopping shipments, Spiegel said.

Yet BMW has still another trump card in its hand: Rolls Royce Plc favours its German jet engine partner, and Rolls Royce owns the rights to the Rolls name, one of the most hallowed in any industry.

If VW wins the race for Rolls-Royce the car maker, Rolls-Royce the jet engine company could demand a sum in the three-digit millions of pounds for the Rolls name, Spiegel said.

Still, VW is not going away quietly. Spiegel reported it had enlisted the help of Gerhard Schroeder, the Social Democrat candidate challenging Chancellor Helmut Kohl in this year's national elections.

Schroeder, who is also premier of the state of Lower Saxony, which is a VW's largest shareholder, voiced support for VW in a recent meeting with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Spiegel said.

"The race is still open," VW Chief Executive Ferdinand Piech told Spiegel. "We are not giving up."



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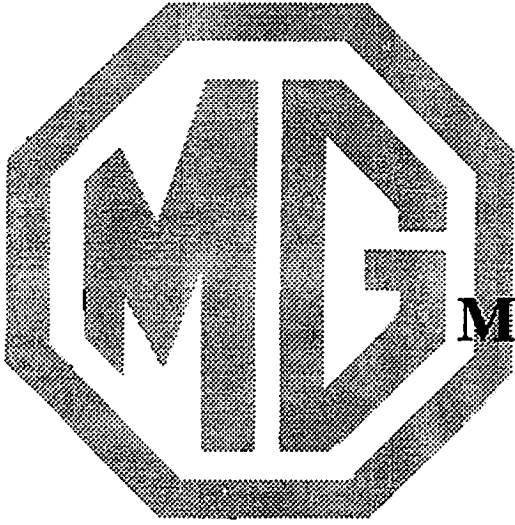
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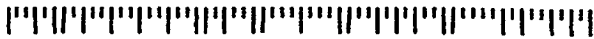
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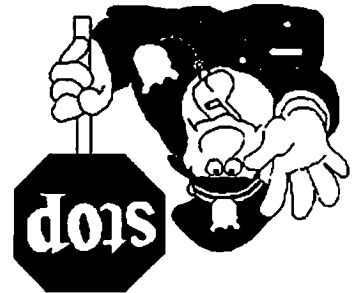
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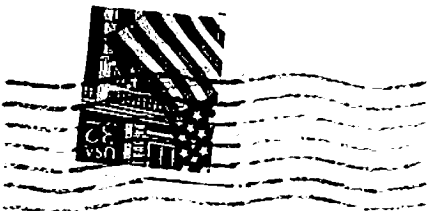
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