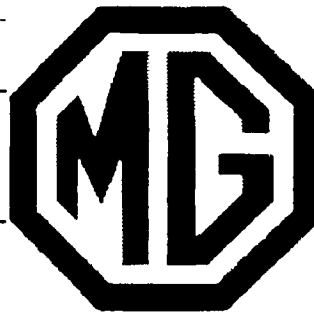


The

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Gazette

## Things You Will Never Hear an MGA Owner Say

by Bill Eastman

10. Well, the A failed emissions again.
9. Roll up the window, dear, I am getting a draft
8. Don't worry, it won't leak on your new drive way
7. My first gear syncro is weak
6. Do you think the backfire could be caused by a bad gulp valve?
5. The defroster should melt that ice in a minute or two
4. First one to the next stop light gets the pink slip
3. So what if it's raining- we'll stay dry
2. No problem, just throw it in the trunk
1. We'll take the freeway. I just hate those twisty back roads

## Presidents Corner

Doug Madson



Exodus to Cleveland via The Bay of Thunder and Other Observations.Part I

The day dawned with sunshine and warm temperatures. We were caravanning to Thunder Bay with three "B"s ( one with eight holes vs four under the bonnet) an XK-120 and a Subaru GT wagon support vehicle. We had "wheels in the well" at about 9:15 and the trip was pretty uneventful until a large truck passed us on I-35 just south of the Norwegian Riviera. I was leading the pack and all of a sudden

Observation #1- Why is it that no matter what speed I travel lately, I'm always being passed by a truck. Where are they going in such a hurry? Maybe the price of fuel will get high enough so that they slow down. I know they get much better mileage at slower speeds. as the truck hit a bit of a dip, five large rocks came falling from the edge of the box. It was one of those "slow motion" moments we have every now and then. All five were bouncing toward my "B" and all I could

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## NORTH AMERICAN MBG REGISTER 9th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Cleveland, Ohio  
June 15,16,17 & 18

MG 2000 was very well organized and a tremendous success. The organizing group clearly satisfied their objectives of putting on an excellent MG convention and of show-casing Cleveland.

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**Presidents Corner**

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think of was a shattered windshield. One bounced over my right fender, one hit the grill of a passing Taurus and sounded like a rifle shot as it hit and the others went underneath. Dan Iburg indicated at our next rest stop that one had hit the bottom of XK with no apparent damage. A close call for the caravan! As we neared the Canadian border clouds started to appear and the temperature was dropping. I saw a MOOSE sign and imagined one laying on the bonnet with his rack by my left ear. We entered the border crossing and the nice young lady asked the usual questions. But then came the big one! What was my license plate number? I told her I wasn't sure. I thought for sure I was headed for the slammer but she asked me if 750 514 was the number, I said it sounded good and she let me through. As soon as we all got across the border, I saw another MOOSE

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*...one hit the grill of a passing Taurus and sounded like a rifle shot.*

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Observation #2- Why can't I remember license plate numbers? I can tell you my original service number from the Navy, but I'll be damned if I can remember a plate number. Every time I fill out the motel check-in paperwork, I have to walk outside to get it. Go figure.

Another sign. This one was a little different. It showed a bounding MOOSE and also said NIGHT DANGER. Presumably those cagey Canadians have trained all their MOOSE to only go out after dark. A great idea and one I'll suggest to the DNR one of these days. Jesse will probably go for it too. The temp continued to drop as we got closer to Thunder Bay and was downright raw by the time we pulled into the parking lot at the Norwester Hotel on the south side of the city. MMGG was well represented with ten cars and two motorcycles (the Merrills). Even though it rained most of the time and there was a short spell of some sort of solid precipitation, the weekend was great fun. Our hosts were so hospitable and the food was great. We even got to see a wedding performed in the lobby when the weather precluded having the ceremony on the deck outside the hotel. I just about walked into the middle of the service trying to get to the pool. Hope I didn't get into any of the pictures.

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## President's Corner

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Sunday morning's plan was to head for Sault Ste. Marie with the Henles by going north around Superior, but the front and the accompanying rain had gone that way and we had seen enough of that. We decided to return with the rest of the group as far as Duluth and then head east across the UP of Michigan. As we headed south the weather started to clear and by the time we motored into Duluth the skies were clear with bright sunshine. Maybe the rest of our trip would be blessed with great weather.

Observation #3. The North Shore Drive needs a lot of repair. Makes one wonder where all gas tax money goes. The biggest mystery for me though is who decides which bumps get special recognition. First you see the warning sign, then the bump sign and accompanying arrow. Most of the time that bump wasn't anything like the mini canyon that loosened several fillings about a mile back without warning. Go figure.

End of Part One

I missed my column last month and want to extend a belated thanks to Jon Masey and Dan and Jeanette Shidla for the great job on the Intermarque Banquet. Thanks as well to Phil Vanner and his crew for the Mearns Manuvers. Have heard that the Mankato event was a great time as well.  
Safety Fast, Doug

## Classifieds

1980 MGB LE 31,000 miles  
One Owner, Over Drive, Clean  
(H) 218-624-4374  
(W) 218-722-5581

For Sale MG Midget 1969 Yellow excellent condition new top etc. minimal miles since overhaul minimal rust Original owner \$3700  
320-393-2624

For Sale MG Midget 1977 Parts or Restoration California car, no visible rust newer top. red. not running (apart) \$1000/bo  
(612) 937-5208 Abe

Looking for parts? selling parts? go to the swap meet!  
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There were approximately 450 cars in attendance – the majority were MG's with a few Triumph's giving recognition to a growing intermarque movement and support for MG 2000 by the local Ohio British car clubs.

In addition to the show cars, some 225 individuals either worked at the convention or in preparation for it. Tony Burgress – the overall convention co-coordinator, and his staff did an excellent job and established a "standard of performance" for our 2001 convention. It was also very clear Cleveland has been transformed from the polluted city of the 70's.

Five MG's / owners from our club were at Cleveland – Doug Madson, Barb and Larry Henle, Mike and Donna Hirschman, Jeanette and Dan Shidla and Becky and Gene Cooper. Doug's and Donna and Mike's cars won first place in their respective classes; Doug's MG Roadster and Mike's MGA Coupe, both newly restored, were examples of the best cars at the show. Gene Cooper also won an award with his 1980 LE.

The convention offered activities to satisfy everyone - the hospitality room, a 40 mile tour through a local park, scenic bus and boat rides, car shows and good old parking lot socializing, all served to make an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone.

Despite a bit of rain all of our cars made the trip to and from Cleveland without any significant mechanical problems.

### AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

Earlier this month we had an opportunity for a brief glimpse of a unique event in Duluth. Some 2 months + ago a rally of 100+ cars began in London for a trip around the world. The trip extends across, Europe, Asia, to Alaska, through Canada across the US, to

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MADSON & HIRSCHMAN WON FIRST PLACES IN THEIR CLASS AT MG 2000



MINNESOTA CARS AT MG 2000 IN CLEVELAND+HENLE+MADSON+SHIDLA+HIRSCHMAN



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DAVE WINTZ'S BRIT DAY AT MANKATO WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH NEARLY 140 BRIT CARS



Members of the Minnesota MG Group walked away with all the top honors at Thunderbay. (L to R) Doug Madson, Best of Show, 2nd: Todd Wyatt "The Car You'd Most Like to Drive Home and Dan Iburg won Best of Show.

WINNERS



FUN & GAMES AT THUNDERBAY

**MMGG MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS** - This mailing includes a current roster of all MMGG members and those receiving complementary newsletters (rosters are being sent to MMGG members only). The rosters are for your personal use – names, cars, phone #'s and email (when available) are all included – and are not to be used for any commercial purpose.

**CORRECTION OF METRO AREA MEETING PLACE FOR HENLE'S AUGUST 5 MARSHALL PLAN**

The earlier flyer identified the meeting place as Perkins in Minnetonka – Perkins is not there – it has been torn down - Meet in parking lot in front of the Cub Store – same location – Highways 7 & 101 in Minnetonka.

**NATTER & NOGGINS** –

**Every Sunday from 5:00 to 7:00**

**Sherlock's Home at Hwy 62 & Shady Oak Rd.  
in Minnetonka.**

No meeting, No agenda. Just come and meet your fellow Brit car enthusiasts – and, if you like, have an authentic British brew.

Last Sunday was the Kick-Off, radio and other advertising had preceded the event. There were lots of Triumphs, Jags, Healeys (even a Rolls) but MG's ? ( T's, A's, B's, C's) – close to a no-show (we apparently screwed up on communications).

Hope to see you next week – last week was great – we even found a prospective new MG Club member who is getting ready to bring out a restored A. Also, say hi to Sherlock's Home owner – Bill; let see MGs.

**NEXT 2001 PLANING MEETING**

Dick and Val's new place  
651-644-1100 (days)  
651-644-0154 (evenings)

**Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.**

1860 West Roselawn  
Falcon Heights  
(on Roselawn just  
west of Fairview)

# All British Car Show and Swap Meet

**Saturday, August 12th 2000 - 8:30 AM**  
**Rain date 8/13/00**

Ellingson's Auto Museum  
20905 Rogers Drive  
Rogers, MN

- AC
- Allard
- MG
- Bond
- DeLorean
- Humber
- Jensen
- Lagonda
- Marcos
- Morris
- Rolls-Royce
- Singer
- Sunbeam
- Vanden Plas
- Aston-Martin
- Bentley
- Elva
- Hillman
- Jowett
- Lotus
- Morgan
- Standard
- Vauxhall
- McLaren
- Berkeley
- Fairthorpe
- Gordon-Keeble
- Panther
- Tornado
- Austin
- Daimler
- Jensen-Healey
- Mini
- Sterling
- Bristol
- Davrian
- HRG
- Rochdale
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- Jaguar
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- Ginetta
- Reliant
- Jomar
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- Land Rover
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- TVR

Sponsored by the Minnesota MG Group, for all British and British-derived marques. All vendors are encouraged whether you have a few or a few hundred parts for sale. Sell off those last remnants of your parts car and help an enthusiast get another car on the road. Commercial vendors welcome.

To avoid conflict with Ellingson's auto sales business, it is required that any whole cars for sale are those in need of restoration, no finished cars please.

The show will be voted, spectators choice, and there will be several classes. If you're shopping for, or selling, few enough parts that you don't need a truck, bring your British car, entry in the show is \$2

Pre-registered vendors receive a \$5 discount on vendor space. A space is approximately the size of a parking space.

One or two spaces	\$5
Three spaces	\$15
Four or more spaces	\$20
Set-up starts at 8:00 AM	

To pre register, call or e-mail to:  
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bmcmmc@hotmail.com

Swap Meet, etc etc

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CINDY YOU'RE MISSING!  
A GOOD PARTY!  
Jenny

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## 2000 Schedule

Date	Event	Host	Place
Aug 5-6	The Marshall Plan	Larry and Barb Henle	Marshall, MN
10	2001 Meeting	Dick Wallrich	
11	Drive-in	Steve Byboth	North St Paul
12	Swap Meet Show	Vanners/McCulloughs	Ellingson's, Rogers, MN
Sept. 9	Wheels and Wings	Jerry and Nancy Strand	Osceola, WI
22-24	Midwest Fest	Dan and Jeanette Shidla	LaCrosse, WI
Oct 6 or 7	Fall Colour Tour	?	Owatonna?
Nov 4	Annual Meeting	Doug and Mary Madson?	
January '01	Holiday Party	Jon Masley	

More on Midwest Fest inside

Join the MMGG for the North St. Paul History Cruise on Friday Aug. 11 5:30 PM on 7th Ave. Just off Hwy 36 in North St Paul. You already have your car ready for Ellingson's on Saturday so why not come out?  
8 Call ~~Randy~~ Steve 763 783 1959