

The
Minnesota  **Group**
Gazette

Wheels and Wings

Saturday , September 9 - Osceola, WI 8AM-4PM

This is one of our "Big Events" for the year. This is Classic Motorbooks' annual open house, tent sale and car show. There are usually close to 1000 cars of all types there and even with all that attendance, the "club participation" trophy always seems to come down to that old rivalry – the MGs vs. the Triumphs. Don't let our side down this year. There are bargains to be had at the tent sale and there is plenty to do besides look at the cars (or so I've been told – I never get past the cars). There are steam train rides and crafts downtown, a fly-in and air display at the airfield, an open house at the Polaris plant and snacks and sociability at the MG tent. This is the car show for people whose spouses don't like car shows.

As usual we will meet at the Perkins on Snelling Ave. in Roseville for the drive to Osceola. It's on the East side of Snelling just south of Hwy 36. We're meeting at 8:00 AM and we'll caravan to Osceola soon after.

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BRIC 2000 - Elkart, Wisconsin

by Kevin Healy

Part One

The Brian Redman International Challenge at Elkart, Wisconsin is held every year in latter part of July. Formerly known as the Chicago Historics, this event brings racing of years gone by back to the track to race once again. Here you can see Can Am racing machines as well as old FIA F1's, Championship racers, Formula's, European production, GT classes, Trans Am, Sport racers, NASCAR and others. The list is long and the ex-

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Presidents Corner

Doug Madson

Exodus to Cleveland via The Bay of Thunder and other observations:
 Part II

As the Henles and I headed east on US Hwy 2 out of Superior the road was straight, the weather clear and the traffic light. I was expecting more Sunday afternoon traffic, but oncoming cars were few and far between. The traffic will no doubt increase when Upper Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan explode in the vibrant reds and yellows of fall. For now it's clear sailing. Always on the lookout for that bounding MOOSE or Bambi's MOM, I see something on the road about a quarter of a mile ahead. It looks like a small deer or even a small person, but as we get closer I see it's a big bald eagle dining on some roadkill. It's in the oncoming lane near the shoulder and looks up momentarily as we go by. Only then do I see it's mate in the short grass just off the shoulder waiting to take it's turn at Mother Nature's table. What a magnificent sight! These two were no doubt mature adults and when they looked at us with head high were about four feet tall. Observation #4. Rumor has it Ben Franklin wanted our national symbol to be the Wild Turkey. While not

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a bad looking fowl, I'm glad wiser minds prevailed and we chose the Bald Eagle. The wisecrack " It's tough to fly with turkeys when you work with eagles" doesn't sound right.

By the time we reached Marquette, we had had enough driving for one day and found an inexpensive motel for the night. It was nice and clean, had a hot tub that I was too tired to use and a continental breakfast for less than \$40. It was one of the first times I used my advancing age to get a good rate. When you run with Larry Henle, you learn how to get the best deal using your "oldness" to best advantage.



Observation #5: Why do the people that control most of the wealth in America (over 65) get the lowest prices and discounts. It would have been nice to get good deals when our son Michael was in college. Could have really used it then. Go figure. As we left Marquette in the morning, we passed a hotel that brought back some memories. Several years ago Mary & I were going to Twist's in late August and stayed at a place called the Tyrolerhof. It's a neat place with lots of Austrian atmosphere and little insulation in the floors between the two levels. Mary and I had a great meal in the evening at the hotel restaurant and as we retired to our room, noticed some newlyweds, their car emblazoned with soft core graffiti, entering the room above ours. Needless to say, with not much going on in our room, we fell asleep to the sounds of young love. When we entered Canada at Sault St. Marie, I had the roadster's plate number committed to memory but wasn't even asked. I was quizzed on the usual (firearms, drugs, fireworks, etc) and almost mentioned the possible pyrotechnic nature of the MG electrical system as something they might be concerned about. I thought better of it and drove on through. Our destination for the night was to get as close to Espanola, Ontario as possible and take the ferry from South Baymouth to Tobermory the next morning. As we cruised Canada 1, I thought about how strange it was we hadn't encountered the usual curse for the summer traveler-ROAD CONSTRUCTION. It didn't take long for it to raise its ugly head. Before I knew it the Henle's and I had been separated by an aggressive truck driver and I was bouncing over a gravel section and flagged to a stop to wait for an enormous piece

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of road equipment to cross. As I sat there fuming, I saw a big tanker truck coming toward me spewing what turned out to be oil/water slurry. As he passed, the goo just missed the side of the roadster and fell harmlessly in the other lane. It was a close call and except for the jerks coming from the opposite direction at high speed throwing up rocks, the ordeal was soon over. By late afternoon we were in Espanola.

The Henle's GT had developed an annoying rattle in the exhaust system, so before looking for a motel for the night, we stopped at Canadian Tire for possible repairs. I knew right where it was in Espanola. Mary and I had experienced battery problems with one of the 6 volt batteries in the GT on the Canadian Tire had come to the rescue with the right size 12 volt to fit in the battery bin. The staff had been very helpful then and when Larry and Barb pulled in with the pretty GT, they looked at it right away. The exhaust pipe was hitting the lower mount for the telescoping shock conversion and they couldn't fix it but knew exactly where we needed to go to get the job done. It was close to 5:00 in the afternoon, so one of the staff took off a little early, jumped in his pickup and led the way to the local do-it-all auto repair was done at a very reasonable price and the search for a motel began.

Observation #6: When in Canada and in need of help with things automotive, remember Canadian Tire. They are almost as numerous as Tim Horton's

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Classifieds

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

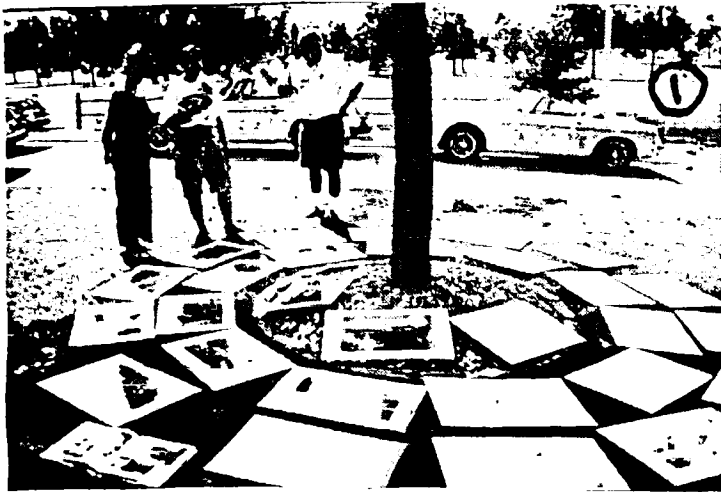
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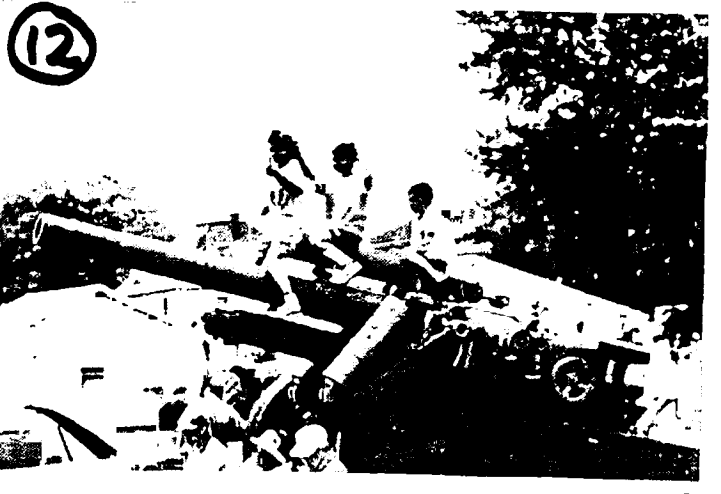
perience a sensory overload. CanAm is the feature at this event and seeing and hearing these racers pounds your head beyond belief. The description can never be truly put into words and a must for any enthusiast to witness in person. Without sounding like a sound bite for the event this is a personal account of my experience and the 6 days I spent this year at BRIC. This will be presented in episodes on a monthly basis through the MMGG newsletter to give Phil V. some relief on filling space.

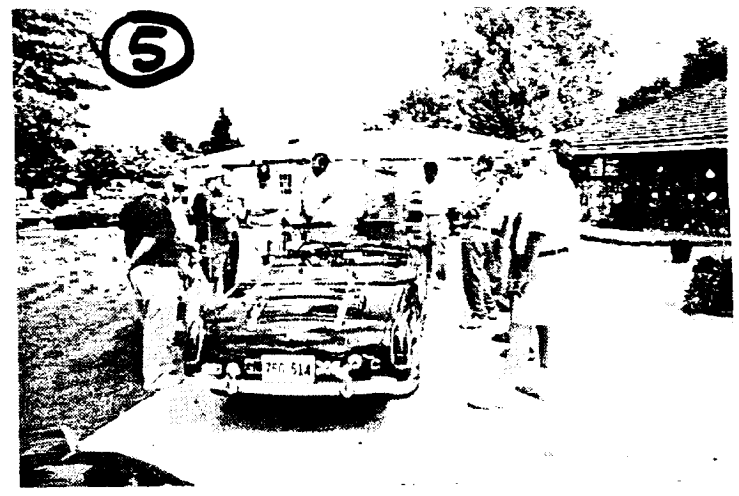
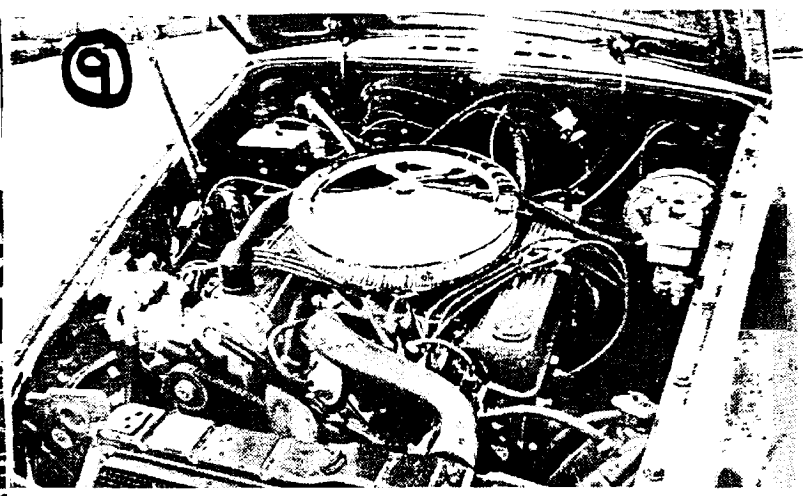
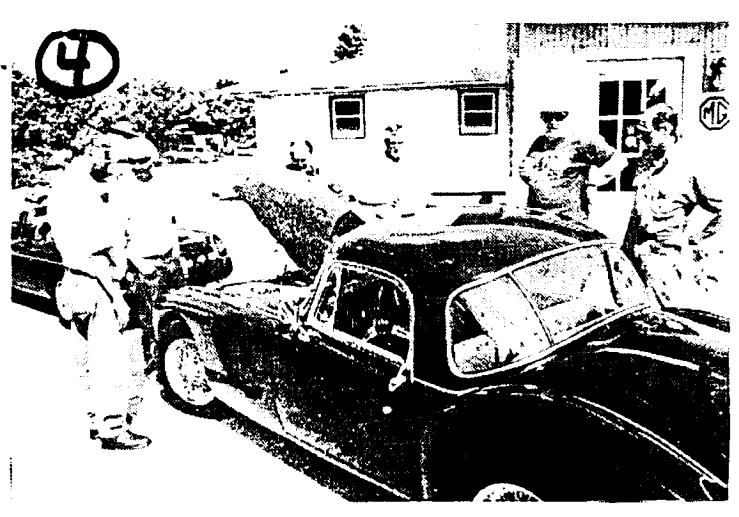
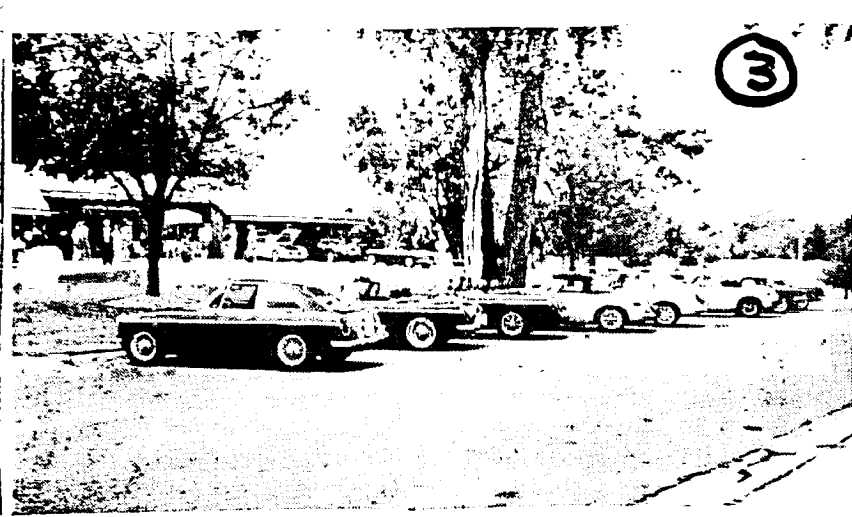
Planning for this event begins in January since lodging generally sells quickly. Last year I was lucky to hook up with two other MMGG members, Jim Lymburn and Dave Stovall, and along with a friend of mine landed lodging at a resort in Elkhart Lake. Jim and Dave have been going to this event for several years and to them has become like a religious pilgrimage, that's another story. Jim calls me in January to inform me that the same resort has decided to sell off some of the rental space as condos and the remaining rooms are already booked for that week but they are making a list in case of last minute cancellations. Bad news. Being on the wrong side of the free enterprise system is a bummer. Jim and Dave have booked reservations in near by Sheboygan to insure their stay this year. I decide to wait being an unrealistic optimist for a resort room cancellation. I'm wanting to repeat the experience from last year and feeling anything short of that would not be the same. After all it was being involved in the historic area were it all started was a big part of the event for me. Last year I was privy to actually meet up close and personal with the likes of author/driver Burt Levy (shameless name drop) and legendary driver/ television commentator David Hobbs (more shameless name drop, but if you can why not) at the historic Siebkens Bar and Restaurant on the last night of the event. Having read both novels of Levy's only

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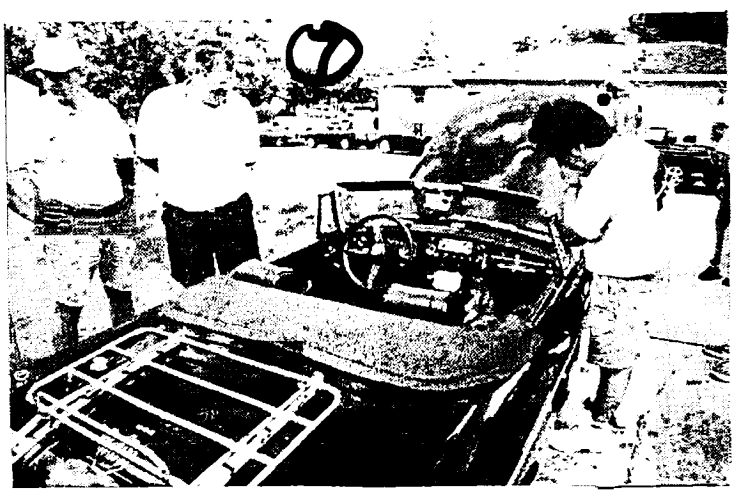
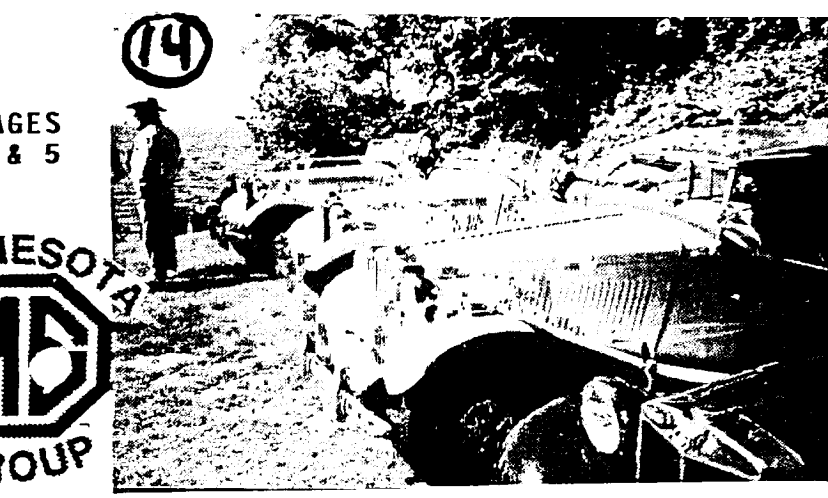
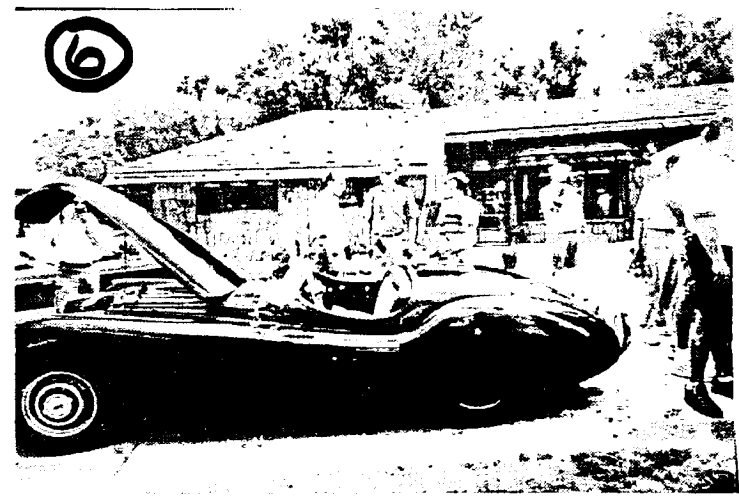


We have many pictures for this month's page. The crudest it is the best way to explain them. Marshall Plan at the Henle Home. Ten thru Abingdon, Illinois. and Thirteen and Four beautiful set of MG prints. #2 Socializing 29 cars at the Marshall Plan, special per #4 Mike Hirschman's great BRG-MGA recently with air conditioning. #5 Doug Madson's MGB convertible. #6 Dan Iburg's "BEST OF SHOW" 1952 Jaguar super MGB, plenty to drool over here. #8 Dan did a nice job of telling of his recent trip to Abingdon #11 Minnesota's Gene Cooper from Abingdon, this is one wild event held on for kids at Abingdon, they had a ball #13&14 the Duluth GOF.





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 een at the GOF Duluth. #1 Dave Wintz's
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 mpleted restoration project, none finer.
 XK120. #7 Another shot of Madson's
 Engine of Iburg's Jag. #9 Wayne Reed
 GB V-8 conversion #10 Flea Market
 inished 2nd in the Gymkahana at
 main street. #12 Gene & Betty Cooper's
 Glenshien Mansion site of car show at



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donut shops and are kind of cross between Checkers and Target. As with most Canadians I have known, the staffs are very friendly and helpful. A few kilometers south of Espanola and just over the causeway to Manitolan Island, we stopped for gas and advice in Little Current. There were two motels of similar vintage across the street and Barb walked over to check out the closest one. It was "ok" but had a dusty gravel parking lot. I asked a local who recommended the other one, but cautioned us to ask for rooms in the "new" section. It looked a little like the one Vera Miles checked into before she took a "hot" shower in "Psycho". We did get rooms in the "new" section and retired to a roadside stand next door for fish and chips. I ordered my chips "pouline" style. That's a diabolical artery clogging combination of fresh cut french fries smothered in mozzarella cheese and brown gravy. Our former adversaries during the cold war could have saved a lot of effort building nuclear weapons and somehow introduced "pouline" chips into America. We would have all died of heart failure without a single shot. After a good nights sleep, we drove thru the cool early morning mist to South Baymouth and the seaborne portion of our exodus.

End of Part II

A special thanks to the latest event sponsors: Simon and Laura Bosworth for the July picnic, Barb and Larry Henle for the great "Marshall Plan" weekend and Phil, Darcie and Lillie (that's Lily) Vanner and Brian and Jennifer McCullough for the multi-marque car show and swap meet at Ellingson's.

See you all at Osceola. Safety Fast, Doug

Weekly Natter

I keep getting grief about the fact that the MG Group always has such a poor showing at the weekly get-together at Sherlock's Home. So I'll say it again, every Sunday evening after 5 PM there is a gathering of British cars and British Car owners at Sherlock's Home Restaurant and Brew Pub in Minnetonka. Very low-key, it is just a chance to socialize, talk cars, and see some British cars where they belong, out side of the garage. Sherlock's is just north of Hwy 62 off of the Shady Oak Road exit in Minnetonka. Even if you can't bring your car, come out and join us.

New Members

In addition to a fine car show and swap meet at Ellingson's our club signed up the following new members:

Patrick Donnay

122 29th Ave

Bemidji, MN 218-444-9260

Pat is looking for a restorable late 60's - early roadster - with little or no rust

Joanne and Dale Robinson

10714 175th Ave.

Elk River, MN

Joanne and Dale came with an just recently restored award winning beautiful 1959 Morris Minor

Dale and Sharon Bernier

13831 Berkshire Lane

Dayton, MN 763-323-4985

They own a 75 Midget

Jeff Schlemmer

13174 Wentworth Ave

Burnsville, MN 952-808-8977

Just bought a '71B and is "looking for a little experienced input"

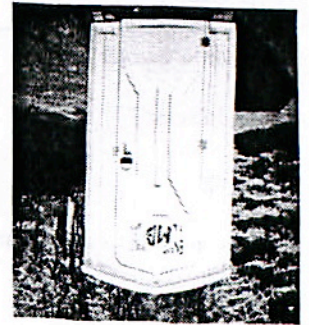
Also -

Bob Bankers of Woodbury is looking for a clean rubber bumper Roadster - 657-735-9503

The Marshall Plan

Did this event have a name? I have been calling it the Marshall Plan but I wonder what Larry called it. At any rate we had 29 cars and about 60 people who made the trip down to Marshall for the cookout at Larry's place. Groups assembled at the Twin Cities, Mankato and St. Cloud for the trip. If you think it's a long drive, remember that every time you see Larry at a club event, he's at the other end of that drive. And he makes it to more events than I do. By all accounts it was a great success; it was an opportunity to drive the cars, visit with MG friends and see another of those great garages that Doug was talking about in his column last year. I am told that the Henle's house and garage are shrine to all things MG and I even have a photograph of an outhouse decorated with an MG logo on an (octagonal) picnic plate. We certainly got noticed by the locals, there was almost a half-page article in the Marshall Independent about the event and the club. It's great to see another successful event outside the Metro Area. We are after all, the Minnesota MG Group not the Twin Cities MG Group.

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MG Regalia

Our Club has restocked the regalia inventory. Jim Lymburn now has an ample supply of the very attractive MG 2001 shirts plus our regular assortment of MN MG shirts, cup holders and other regalia. In addition, the club has attractive grill badges on order for delivery in October.

See Jim at Wheels and Wings and or call him direct to place an order - 612-780-9241.

Shirts sizes include medium, large, extra large and XX-large. Prices remain the same as earlier this year. All sizes will be at Wheels and Wings.

Grill badges include our Club name and logo and are made from an attractive porcelain - an easy way to clearly identify our Club at upcoming events this year and next. These badges will look the same as ones you've seen on other club member cars.