



# GAZETTE

## Kickoff Brunch Set For April 1

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The Minnesota MG Group proudly presents the annual "Kick-off" Brunch and Meeting on **Sunday, April 1, 2001** at *Dangerfield's* in Shakopee, Minnesota. Plan on attending now.

Convening at 12:00 Noon in *Dangerfield's* lower level dining room, we will soon be enjoying their famous Sunday Brunch. There will be a cash bar set up for your use. Cost is \$14.00 per person, which includes tax and tip. Please pay at the restaurant when you arrive.

There will be a roped-off area for MG parking. Please make special note of the following: **DOUBLE**



**MG BUCKS** if you drive your car!

*Dangerfield's* is located on highway 101, 1583 East First Avenue in Shakopee (at the east edge of Shakopee just West of Murphy's Landing). Telephone number is 952/445-2245. If you have any questions, please contact hosts Tim or Nancy Crain at 952/920-2489. **See You There!**

## MG2001 Is Coming!

*Submitted By MMGG Member Chris Sorenson*

**Y**es, we have no bananas, but MGs, now that's a different story. Make plans today, right now in fact, to attend MG2001 in St. Paul July 2-6. Go get your calendar. I'll wait for

your return. Go ahead and pencil out any one or all days. You and your club will love it. That's enough bossing for now. How about some sizzle! There are many reasons to attend this fun event. I

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## Comments From Your President

MMGG President Dan Shidla

**M**any non-MG enthusiasts see winter months as a time when thoughts of our favorite cars are put to rest. However, quite the opposite occurs, this is when members find their way to warmer climates, rebuild engines, redo upholstery, complete other delayed repairs or just dream of future projects.

For example, Doug and Mary Madson are in Florida (we expect multiple car stories upon their return) - the Henle's recently returned from Arizona

and the Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction - Randy Byboth gets home late evenings, reportedly getting his B restoration ready for MG2001 - and our B is in many pieces. Some 50 members attended the recent Quality Coaches tech session and chili feed hosted by Cindy and Randy. Still another contingent will journey to the ChicagoLand MG Club swap meet later this month in Wheaton IL to gather more good stuff.

Finally, Dick Wallrich and Valerie Brazerol's wedding in February was clearly the result of a

friendship spawned from their love of MG's.

In addition, this year we have activities surrounding the MG 2001 convention. There are new challenges as Club members work closely to overcome hurdles of putting on the biggest MG gathering in 5 five years. The list seems endless - promotion, advertising, volunteers, special cars from historic racers to trying to have an MGF on display.

Please get your registration for

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The Minnesota MG Group was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the MG Marque. Correspondence can be addressed to: **Minnesota MG Group, 10305 Morris Road, Bloomington, Minnesota 55437.** Visit us on the web at **WWW.MMGG.ORG.**

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MG 2001 in the mail. Early registration facilitates our over-all planning.

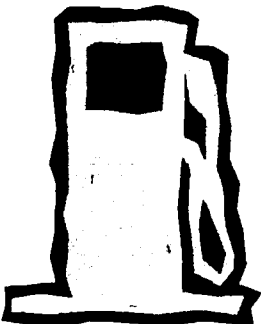
Jim Pennoyer continues to add features to our website [www.mmgg.org](http://www.mmgg.org). Regalia inventory has recently been added - check it out and buy.

The newsletter crew has moved into high gear. We do have a need for someone to write a short member profile article for each edition. Materials are available, composition is needed. Give Jon Masley a call or send him an e-mail. Don't forget to send in your articles for publication in our newsletter.

At our November business meeting we discussed incorporating our MG club. Costs are minimal and liability exposure is reduced for members. The Officer Group has decided to move forward and Joe Olson is doing the paperwork.

See you next month.

Dan



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am most looking forward to the driving/touring events. There are self-guided tours Monday through Thursday plus I expect impromptu tours to the DQ, Café Latte, etc. There were 1300 MGs at the last meeting 5 years ago. We could have 2000 British Cars this year. Miatas beware.

The Location is idyllic. Leave it to our MG2001 committee to choose the State Fair Grounds as the site for our great MG get together. With our very own "Abingdon village", camaraderie, networking, hood raising and security, this event will be outstanding. The racetrack will even be used! How cool is that?

The Walleve Rally is on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Minnesota Night-Ya Betcha is on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have a British Invasion and a huge Car Show and Contests on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The winning cars from the 4<sup>th</sup> are displayed on the 5<sup>th</sup>, as are the MG racecars. The 6<sup>th</sup> has its banquet and closing ceremonies along with the fun of watching hundreds of MGs try to start and run simultaneously as participants head out on their respective journeys. The exit could be more fun than the Valve Cover Races, top assembly competitions or even getting lost in one of the shops on Grand Avenue while on a driving tour. If you have a few extra "pound's to lose, you will likely find a great place for them at the 4 day Auto Jumble and Flee Market located on the grounds as well. You just might find that magnesium

brake pedal about which you told your mate that you can't live without. Or is it the brake pedal that you can't live without?

Those who can only take 7 or 8 hours of continuous MG exposure will be happy to know that the Fairgrounds are only minutes from what I think is the best park in the world, Como. The zoo and conservatory are peaceful, quiet and energizing. Shoppers are only minutes from the Mega Mall, Grand Avenue, and the St. Paul and Minneapolis downtown areas. I'm sure you can catch a ride both ways. With over 1500 MGs in the area, just flag one down for a friendly ride. Most of us are looking for an excuse to drive anyways.

Please help your Minnesota MG Club by participating and by volunteering to help our local MG2001 committee. Please look up the link to MG2001 from our website, [WWW.MMGG.ORG](http://WWW.MMGG.ORG) to print or download a registration form. You can also go directly to the MG2001 web site at [WWW.MG2001.COM](http://WWW.MG2001.COM). Your help and enjoyable involvement is critical to a great event.

See you there!

Chris



## Intermarque Banquet and some insight from Bill Burdick

Submitted by MMGG Member Keith Galberth

The Intermarque Banquet, a yearly gathering of British Car enthusiasts, hosted this year by the Minnesota Triumphs Club, will be held at Sherlock's Home on Sunday, May 20th. Sherlock's Home is located just northeast of the intersection of Crosstown Hwy. (Henn.Co. 62) and Shady Oak Road, in Minnetonka. It's the only building in the area flying the Union Jack, something that has sprouted since the end of the last driving season. The event will run from 4:00 until about 7:00 pm. A three-course meal of traditional British fare will be served. A Bagpiper in full regalia will serenaded (?) diners. A brewery tour and other entertainment are also in the works. No driving event has yet been planned in conjunction with the Banquet. However, it has been suggested that everyone should arrive a couple of hours early in order to participate in some auto ogling and enthusiast intermingling. Particulars on the Banquet and registration will be forthcoming.

Dan Shidla, Minnesota Triumphs Intermarque Liaison and President of the Minnesota MG Group, and me, recently met with Bill Burdick, proprietor of Sherlock's Home. Bill had lots to say about British cars and enthusiasts. He loves them. He thinks that the informal Sunday afternoon get-togethers that started last July have been won-

derful. He wants to restart them in April. Many of his customers have offered very favorable comments about the cars, the friendliness of their owners, and the willingness of the owners to show their cars, sometimes in great detail. He has also has noticed a change in some of the British car enthusiasts since Sherlock's Home opened in 1988. There is much less antagonism and more camaraderie among drivers and among marques. He would like to see more joint activities among the eleven Twin Cities British car clubs. Of course he wouldn't mind having Sherlock's with its 300 parking spaces involved.

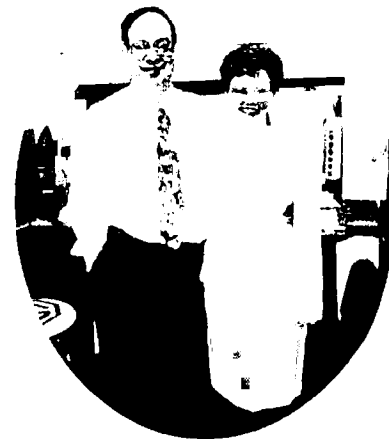
Bill also mentioned that 30% of his customers are British; not surprising given the menu and the fact that Sherlock's brewery is the only one in the U.S. that uses all British ingredients. Shortly after telling us that, he was called away for a few minutes to pay for a load of hops that had just arrived from England. He said that the hops were actually grown on a farm in Ireland; the only place in the isles that grows hops.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun event.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Dick Wallrich and Valerie Brazerol who were married February 10, 2001 in a small, intimate family ceremony. Next stop is Florida. Dick and Val met through the MMGG and we wish them the very best as they drive through life together.



The Happy Couple

## MMGG Technical Advisors

The following people have expressed a willingness to answer questions and offer advice about these cars. Take them up on their offer.

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### *MGA*

Roger Karnopp 651/454-1379

### *MGB*

Randy Byboth 952/936-9335

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Brian McCollough 651/462-0145

### *Bodywork*

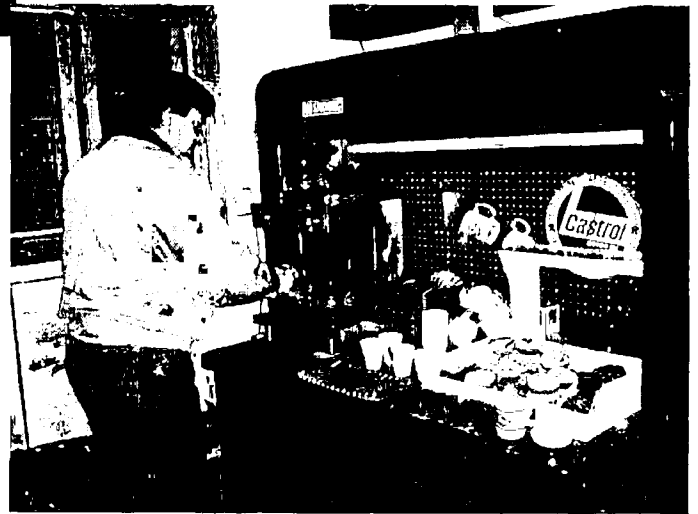
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## February 3rd Tech Session at Quality Coaches

Saturday, February 3, 2001 was the day of our first tech session this year. Randy Byboth served as a good coach and teacher to those in attendance. This WAS the session to attend if you wanted to learn about MG carburetors. And if you were hungry, who could resist Cindy Byboth's chili. All in all, a good time.

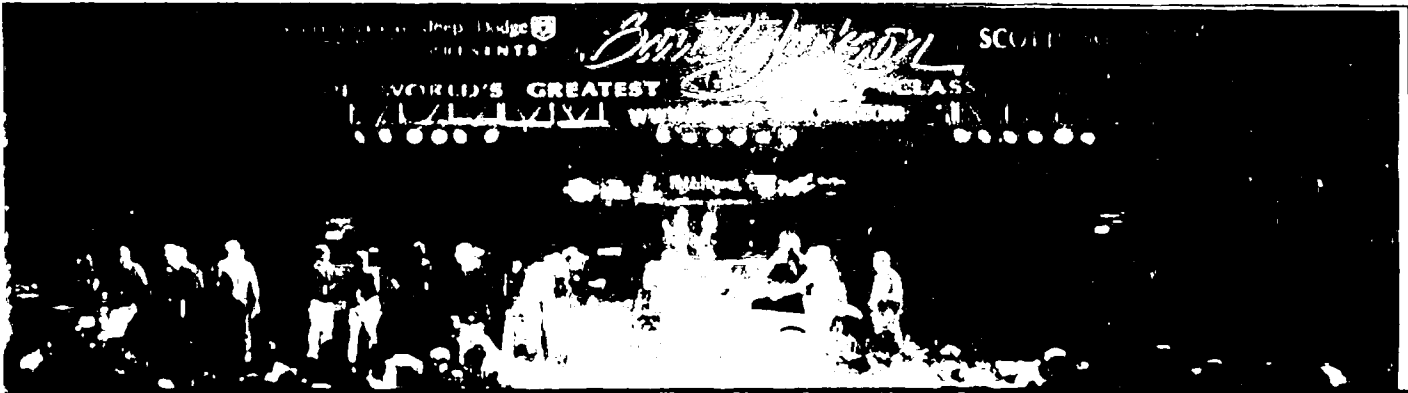


The recipe will be in next months newsletter.



# Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale, Arizona

Submitted by MMGG Member Larry Henle



Larry and Barb Henle recently attended the 30th Anniversary of the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale, Arizona.

For about the last four years we have been able to "kill" two birds with one stone. That is, visiting our son and family who live in Tempe, Arizona and attending the Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction and Exposition. This was the best ever as they were celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the event.

The annual event, regarded as the Super Bowl of automotive events, attracts over 140,000 avid collectors and enthusiasts from all over the world. With over 800 pre-screened automobiles and more than 2000 prequalified bidders, the auction boasted one of the highest percentages of sales of any auction in the nation. This year, 87% of the cars that crossed the block were sold.

At \$20.00 adult admission fee, this has to be one of the best entertainment values around. You have a chance to browse these beautiful cars at your leisure. Most of the owners are by their cars, giving them the final touch, before the auction. Most are very friendly and happy to share with you special things they did in the restoration, including their special detailing. In addition to the wonderful cars there is literally hundreds of vendors selling everything from clothing to parts for gas pump restorations. Tons of places to eat. Everything from pork sandwiches to frozen chocolate bananas covered with crushed nuts.

This year we saw two MGB's cross the block. The first was a 1967 Roadster, fully and professionally restored. It looked nice, but we have many cars in Minnesota that compared very favorably to it. The auctioneer declared "SOLD" at \$11,750 which I thought a darn high price. But this will top that.

A beautiful 1968 MGB/GT was offered for sale and was not sold because the owner had a reserve price of \$25,000 and did not budge from it. I thought the owner must be nuts with the high reserve. Sure was nice, but I wouldn't trade four of these for the one that our former President Doug Madson has done.



1967 MGB Roadster Primrose Yellow Sold For \$11,750

Is this sale for the guys only???? Heck no! My faithful navigator, Barb, enjoys it as much as I do. As a matter of fact we spent two days and not the normal one day as in past years.

We are looking forward to planning our next winter vacation, to be the same dates as the Barrett-Jackson spectacular. You should all go some

day - we highly recommend it.



1968 MGB/GT did not sell at asking price of \$25,000

## Classified

**For Sale:** 1972 MGB parts, including RF fender (NOS), used boot lid, new body trim, bonnet, exhaust and intake manifolds, pair of HFI4 carbs, seats, 2 tops (1 folding and 1 snap together), front and rear axel, both gone through with new brakes, etc. Make offer on all or part. Call Lew Palmer 651/436-7401 evenings

**For Sale:** 1974 MGB-GT V8 Right Hand Drive conversion. Rover 5 speed, Rover V8, nice leather interior, composite rear springs, ventilated disc brakes, traction bars, sunroof, Painless Wiring, extras. \$12,000 or best offer. Call Jon at 651/779-8605 evenings before 9 P.M.

**Wanted:** MGB Roadster in good condition for co-worker. Call Jon at 651-736-1264 and leave a message.

**For Sale:** 1974 MGB GT, Damask Red, same owner for 20 years. Regular maintenance performed to keep her on the road. Call Marcia at 763/509-9497.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Please check your mailing label on this newsletter. If the label does not say Pd01, it is time to pay your dues for the year 2001. Send your check to Jerry Strand NOW. Thank you.

## Calendar of Events

- March 3, 2001** GT Cars Open House, 950 West 94th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota
- March 24, 2001** The Jaguar Club has extended a go-cart challenge to the MMGG club. Details at the bottom of the page.
- April 1, 2001** Kickoff Brunch hosted by Tim and Nancy Crain. Event will be held at Dangerfield's in Shakopee, Minnesota. More detail is included in this newsletter.
- April 21, 2001** Tech Session at Columbia Transit Bus Company. Hosted by Chris Sorenson, Todd Wyatt, and Dick Wallrich.
- May 20, 2001** Intermarque Banquet and Rally, hosted by the Minnesota Triumphs.
- June 9, 2001** MG picnic hosted by Chris and Mary Sorenson. Gathering at their home in Sartell, Minnesota (next to St. Cloud).
- June 21 - 24, 2001** SCCA Chicago Region's June Sprints at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.
- July 2-6, 2001** MG2001 at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds. This event is hosted by the MMGG. Plan to attend and help out.
- July 19-22, 2001** Brian Redman International Challenge, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.
- August, 2001** Swap Meet and Show at Ellingson's Museum in Rogers, Minnesota. Hosted by Phil Vanner.
- September, 2001** Annual Wheels and Wings gathering in Osceola, Wisconsin. Hosted by Jerry Strand.
- October, 2001** Annual Fall Color Tour. Need a host for this please.
- November, 2001** Annual Meeting hosted by Dan and Jeanette Shidla.
- December, 2001** No activity scheduled.
- January 12, 2002** Annual Holiday Party and MG Bucks Auction. Hosted by Elena Pierce and Peggy and Brian Walsh, and held at 3M's Tartan Park Clubhouse in Lake Elmo, Minnesota.

**Go Kart Details:** Go-cart racing at ProKart Indoors, 12500 Chowen Ave., S., Burnsville, Mn. Telephone 952/808-RACE. March 24. Go-cart racing including a 5 minute practice session, team competition between the MG, Triumph, and Jaguar Clubs. As a finale, a LeMans style endurance race with pit stops and driver changes. From 9 to 11 a.m. Limited to the first 15 drivers from each club (max of 45 racers). To drive send a non-refundable check for \$25.00 to David Meek, c/o Minn. Jaguars, 6813 Woodland Drive, Eden Prairie, Mn. 55346. Make check out to Jaguar Club of Minnesota. For questions call David Meek at 612/340-3106 day or 952/949-0101 evenings. Sounds like fun. Let's kick some you know what. Just Do It!

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# Minnesota MG Group Application Form

Name(s):		Telephone:	
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Tell us about yourself and the car(s) you own or want to own:			
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