



GAZETTE

April 1, 2001 Kickoff Brunch!!!!

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The following was printed last month in the MMGG Gazette. It is being reprinted again, so you can make your plans to attend.

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!**

April 21, 2001 Tech Session

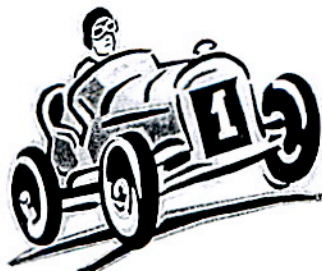
Submitted by MMGG Member Chris Sorenson

Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines (if you winterized correctly) and head to the biggest garage for little cars. This month's tech session, held at the *Park Bus Company/ Columbia Transit Corporation (Dick Wallrich's place), 896 Hersey Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, 651/644-1000*, highlights performance topics in the morning and informal old-fashioned

brain-picking after lunch. Plan to arrive early for coffee and donuts. The session starts at 9:30 a.m.

We will be blessed by Dan Iberg's thoughts on suspension topics and a walk-through of Todd and Cindy Wyatt's lovely (and rocket fast) '80 Limited V8. I rode as Todd's naviga-

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Comments From Your Presidents

MMGG President Dan Shidla and MNMGR President Bob Figenskau

We are now approximately 100 days from MG2001 with activities and enthusiasm continuing to multiply as the event draws closer. As word of planned attendance of individuals and classic cars around the country increases daily, numerous Club members are developing facilities (Abingdon Village), activities, entertainment, etc. to assure MG2001 will top any previous MG event.

John and Matt Wold have taken layouts, signage and maps to a new professional level. The Palmers, in addition to continual

updates of the excellent MG2001 website, have provided bumper stickers, posters and other promotional artwork; Jerry Strand has assured us of a wide variety of tech sessions from well-recognized professionals. And Old Speckled Hen on tap in Abingdon Village and at local restaurants and hotels is being heavily pursued. You will be seeing and hearing of efforts from numerous other club members as we move closer to July 2.

By now everyone should have received their complimentary copy of the new MG North

American Classic magazine and observed it's super content and excellent coverage for MG2001. Many thanks to Executive Editor Dick Lunney for the magazine and convention highlights. We certainly encourage all of you to seriously consider a subscription to this fine new publication. For only \$20 a year you can't go wrong.

During the past month a number of convention realities have also set in - MG2001 is significantly more complex

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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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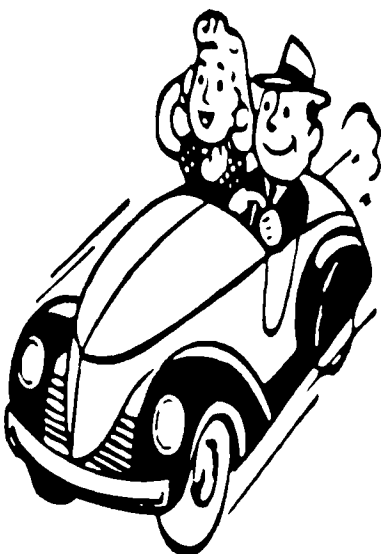
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than anticipated and a heavy burden of overall management is falling on the shoulders of our two local MG Clubs (MMGG and MNMGTR). Someone even commented on Dick Wallrich losing more hair from the many hats he was attempting to wear. Dick even mentioned forgetting a day this week.

Accordingly we've taken an initial step of engaging the current and immediate past Presidents of MMGG and MNMGTR (Dan Shidla, Doug Madson, Bob Figenskau and Jerry Thorson) along with Tim Crain and Dick Wallrich to assist in the overall convention management. During the coming weeks assistance from more club members will be needed to bring it all together.

In the meantime, send in your registrations, follow the progress and get involved.

Dan Shidla and Bob Figenskau



COMMENTS FROM YOUR EDITOR

As I prepare this month's newsletter, a few things come to mind.

First, NOW is the time to send in your registration form and fee for MG2001 at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds this July. Please, do it now. A form is inserted with this issue of the MG Gazette. With probably 2000 British cars in town, you know you will be attending some of the events. The organizers (your fellow club members), will have an easier job knowing how many people will be attending. Take some time and do this NOW. Being your editor means I am sent copies of other club newsletters. The Emerald Necklace M.G. Register, Inc. of Ohio is planning to have a MG2001-Tag Along. Currently they have 17 cars that plan to follow each other to St. Paul. I also noticed that one of the 3 MGB hotels is sold out. MG2001 is shaping up to be a heck of a good time.

Second, enclosed in this issue is the registration form for this year's Intermarque Banquet, hosted by the Minnesota Triumphs. Last year we hosted this event. If you are new to the club, this is an event that brings all British car owners together. If you are like me, you will probably enjoy a beer or Pepsi and check out the cars. Socializing with other British car owners

truly is fun., and I always walk away learning something, including Lucas jokes. For example, why do the British drink warm beer? Because their refrigerators are made by Lucas. Ok, ok, nuf already.

Third, don't forget this year's Kick Off brunch. See page 1 for details.

Fourth, plan to attend the April 21 Tech Session at the Park Bus Company/Columbia Transit Corp. Dick Wallrich graciously lets us use his bus garage for this. Plenty of room to drive your MG in, out of the elements, while we talk MG's and get our hands dirty. You shouldn't miss this event. Always a good time.

Fifth, I have been receiving articles from club members and I appreciate them. Please, keep sending them in. If you are going to send them to me electronically, do so as a Word for Windows attachment. It makes my editing much easier. However, I will take anything you want to give, in any format.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to all the good club members who help on this newsletter. Folks, I really appreciate your help and it makes this job fun.

Jon

Volunteers Needed

Submitted by MMGG Member Keith Galbreth

MG2001 planners have now been able to identify specific tasks, dates and times, for which volunteer help is needed. Main entrance Registration, Public Access Gate control, Inside traffic control, Information tent, and parking control are some of the activities requiring more volunteers.

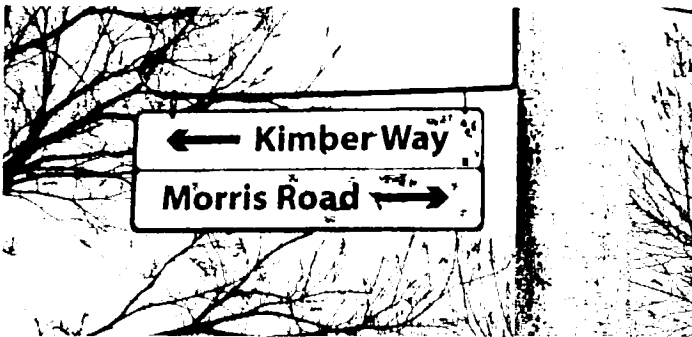


Surveying the street

The north gate of Morris Ave. (Cooper St) will be the main entrance to MG2001, and the only vehicle entrance. People will be needed to man that entrance, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., from Monday July 2, until Friday afternoon, July 6. Monday will be the busiest day with at least 8 workers

at a time in three-hour shifts. Subsequent days will require far fewer people.

The main State Fair entrance, on Snelling Ave. at

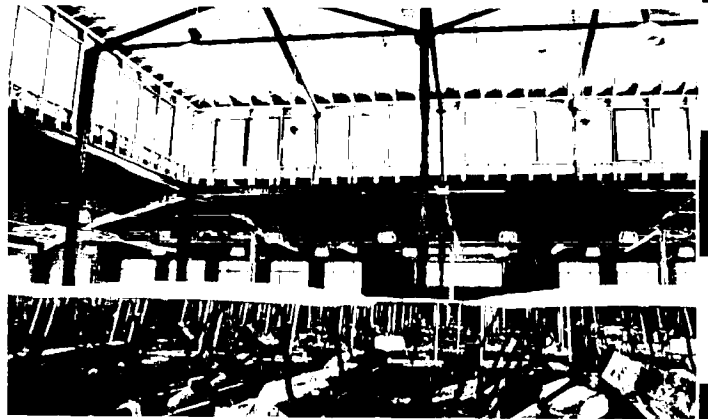


Upcoming street signs during MG2001

Dan Patch, will be a small public entrance requiring entrance fee collectors throughout the convention.

90 workers will be needed on July 4, from 7:00 a.m. until about 9:30 a.m. to direct MG's into the proper parking areas for each Register and class for the

Concours/show. This includes pairs of workers with measuring poles to assist drivers in parking with correct spacing between vehicles. Because July 4 is All British Day, all marques have been invited and will participate in a car show. Their cars will be in a lot next to Registration. Some workers will be needed to direct cars into that lot. If anyone asks, "Why British?", on Independence Day, tell him or her that the cars are war prizes!



Interior of "The Works" Building

An Information Tent will operate throughout the convention and will need someone to answer questions, also in 3 hour shifts.

Many other activities will need volunteers, from Tech Session hosts at MG University (4H Building), to Banquet decorators at "The Works" (Progress Center), and aides at Brooklands (race track), on Friday July 6. If you would like to volunteer, contact Keith Galberth at 612/823-5441. Better yet, E-Mail me at galberth@qwest.net with your available times.

Volunteer—"What is the city but the people".

William Shakespeare.



MG2001 - AN MG ODYSSEY REGISTRATION FORM

Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____ E-mail _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City/ St-Prov _____ National Register _____ Member or Car # _____
 Zip-Post _____ Affiliation? _____
 Country _____ Local Club Affiliation? _____
 Participant Name 1 _____ Participant Name 2 _____
 Other Names _____

Vehicle You Are Registering: (Please Use One Form Per Vehicle) **(OTHER BRITISH VEHICLES WELCOME!!)**
 YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL/TYPE _____ COLOR _____

REGISTRATION COSTS:	AMOUNT
Registration for MG2001 (One Car, Driver & Navigator) (Postmarked before June 1 st)	\$60 _____
Registration for MG2001 (One Car, Driver & Navigator) (Postmarked on or after June 1 st).....	\$75 _____

Canadian Residents: VISA/MasterCard Will Be Charged at PAR for Registration Fee.

NOTE: Some Registers may be hosting individual events in conjunction with MG2001.
 Information and fees (if any) regarding these activities may be found in that Register's publication.

FRIDAY NIGHT AWARD BANQUET* *All fees below are in US \$*
 (please enter qty of each): ___ BEEF ___ CHICKEN ___ VEGI..... X \$30 _____

MG2001 - 900 MILE ENDURANCE RALLY* (SUNDAY morning to MONDAY Morning)..... X \$25 _____

MALL of AMERICA BUS* ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday (Number of Round Trip Tickets @ \$10/RT) X \$10 _____

MG2001 REGALIA* (specify number of each)
 4 Color ADULT T-SHIRT ___ SM ___ MD ___ LG ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X X \$15 _____
 4 Color YOUTH T-SHIRT ___ SM ___ MD ___ LG X \$15 _____
 EMBROIDERED POLO SHIRT ___ SM ___ MD ___ LG ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X Color _____ X \$30 _____
 Polo Shirt Colors: Snowberry White, Clipper Blue, British Racing Green, Pale Primrose Yellow, LE Black, Autumn Red, or Grampian Grey **NOTE: Polo Shirt colours are not intended to exactly match MG colors**
 EMBROIDERED SWEATSHIRT ___ SM ___ MD ___ LG ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X X \$25 _____
 EMBROIDERED BASEBALL CAP X \$15 _____
 LAPEL/HAT PIN X \$5 _____

CAMPGROUND* ___ SUN ___ MON ___ TUE ___ WED ___ THR ___ FRI (\$25/per NIGHT)..... X \$25 _____

WALLEYE RALLYE* Please Tick Here If You Are Planning To Participate (Free)

* Must pre-register/order before 6/1/2001 TOTAL REGISTRATION \$ _____

PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO: MG2001, BOX 255, BENTON, IL 62812

WEBSITE: WWW.MG2001.COM
REGISTRATION QUESTIONS: 614-899-2394

I/we would like to register for MG2001/AN MG ODYSSEY.
 Check payable in US Funds to MG2001.

Check or Money Order Enclosed - Number _____
 VISA MASTERCARD (please tick)

CARD NUMBER _____
 CARD EXPIRATION DATE: (MM/YY) _____ / _____
 NAME ON CARD _____
 SIGNATURE _____

CANCELLATIONS postmarked before June 15th will be subject to a \$15 cancellation fee. No refunds will be made on or after postmarks dated June 15, 2001.

WAIVER: I am aware of the hazards with motor vehicle events and specifically release and indemnify All Organizers, National Registers, and Local Clubs, collectively and separately, from any and all liability from person injury or property damage incurred by me or by my guest(s) while participating in this event. I have read, understand and agree to this release.

SIGNATURE: _____
 DATE: _____ *Proof of insurance is required to participate.*

THE CLASSES

NORTH AMERICAN MMM REGISTER

MMM - 4
MMM - 6
Best Overall

NEW ENGLAND MGT REGISTER

VINTAGE/PRE-WAR (*Incl. TA & TB*)
TC (1945-1949)
TD (1950-1953)
TF (1954-1955)
POST WAR VARIANT (Y-Types, Amolt, Specials)

NORTH AMERICAN MGA REGISTER

1500
1600
1600 MK II
1600 DELUXE
COUPE
TWIN CAM
VARIANTS
ALTERED A's
PREMIER

NAMGAR NOTE:

Please contact NAMGAR Registrar George Merryweather at 972-758-1651 to determine proper classification for your MGA or Variant - e.g. Magnette, Elva or TVR.

NORTH AMERICAN MGB REGISTER

MGB MARK I (63-67)
MGB MARK II CHROME (68-69)
MGB MARK II RECESSED (70-72)
MGB MARK II HONEYCOMB (73-74)
MGB MARK III (74-1/2 - 76)
MGB MARK IV EARLY (77-78)
MGB MARK IV LATE (79-80)
MGB LE (79-80)
MGB-GT CHROME (65-74)
MGB-GT RUBBER (74-75)
MGB V8 (63-80)
MIDGET CHROME (61-74)
MIDGET RUBBER (75-79)
MG 1100-1300 SEDAN
CONCOURS

AMERICAN MGC REGISTER

C-ROADSTER
C-GT

GENERAL AWARDS:

OTHER BRITISH
LONGEST DISTANCE (BY REGISTER)
BEST OF SHOW
RACE CAR
ROCKER COVER - RACE
ROCKER COVER - CONCOURS
WALLEYE RALLYE
THORNLEY AWARD
MAC SPEARS AWARD

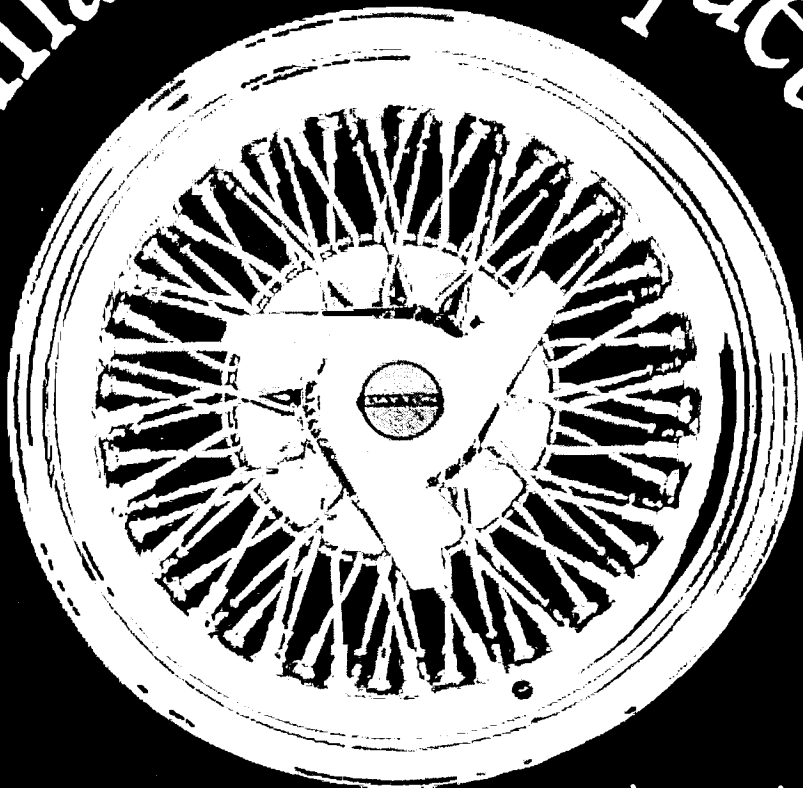
NOTE: ALL CLASSES AND AWARDS ARE
TENTATIVE BASED UPON REGISTRATION.

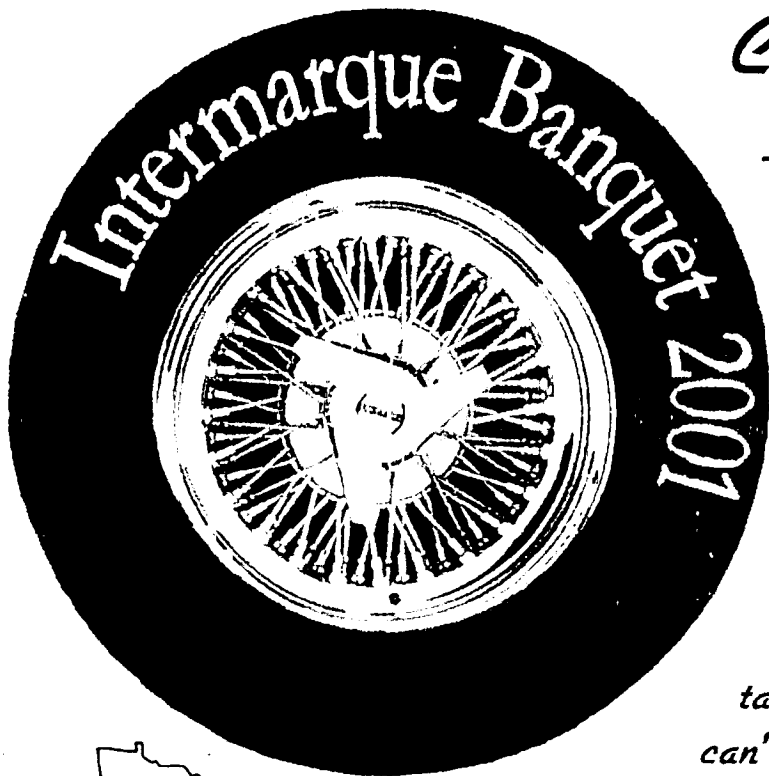


May 20

*Sherlock's
Home*

Intermarque Banquet 2001





Come one, come all!

Sign up now for the event honoring the spring opening of year 2001 driving season. Your car doesn't have to be running to attend, but if it is we'd sure like to see it there. The event is sponsored this year by the Minnesota Triumphs club.

We'll have a low key car show at 2:00 p.m. followed by a fantastic British dinner at 4:00. You can't ask for more. Get your reservations in now. (We cannot accept money at the door on May 20.) See you there!

5,000 HP MGB Engine?

Submitted by MMGG Member Ken Merrill

That was what the thinking was on the evening of February 24th in Wheaton, Illinois. A small contingent of MMGG members, including Dan and Jeanette Shidla, Mike Hirschman, Randy "O" Byboth, Gary and Perri Hite, Gene Cooper, and myself, had arrived in Wheaton for the Chicagoland British Swap meet in the Wheaton, Illinois fairgrounds. We were meeting at the home of Dennis and Pam Durak (sister and brother-in-law of Dan Shidla).

Most of us had arrived at the Durak home to rest up, eat some Chicago style pizza and drink Guinness before starting the task of finding that special part one cannot live without. Dennis, works for General Motors as a diesel locomotive engineer and was telling us how to get 5,000 horsepower from a diesel engine. Sorry to say, not for MG engines.

Gary and Perri stayed at the famous Palmer House with their special equipped winter survival car (ask them about the gear). Doug and Mary Madson drove up from Florida in search of parts. Doug, have you had any fires lately?

Doug and others from the MMGG group handed out information about MG2001 being held here in St. Paul this July.

We also met Bill Cooper from the Chicagoland club, as well as friend Rick Ingram.

Our thanks to Dennis and Pam's hospitality.

See you at MG2001.

Safety fast!

Ken



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.

T-types

Lew Palmer 651/436-7401

MGA

Roger Karnopp 651/454-1379

MGB

Randy Byboth 952/936-9335

Midgets

Dewey Frier 763/424-3286

Brian McCollough 651/462-0145

Bodywork

Dewey Frier 763/424-3286

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tor to last fall's annual meeting and I think everyone should see this car. It is a testament to the versatility and roadworthiness of our little cars. Dan has been a race official for years, adding a real driver's perspective to the discussion of repair, service and restoration.

Next, MMGG club member Brian McCullough will present his idea of performance enhancement, namely the concept of installing a GM V6 into a B or A. I have studied this alternative myself as a possible upgrade for my '77 B if (heaven forbid) I should ever need a new power plant. I look forward to seeing his kit concept.

Finally our now retired (does that mean full time MG guy) past club president Doug Madsen will present on the subtleties of our often too subtle MG transmissions. Doug is putting the finishing touches on an overdrive tranny for my '70 B roadster as I type this article. Doug is known throughout MG circles (or is that octagons) as a transmission guru.

Lunch will be provided, followed by some serious problem solving. If you are wondering why you have an extra wire or clamp or rattle in your car, someone will probably be able to help you figure it out. Whether you drive a T series, A B C or any other little Britain car (yes that's Br, not sh) you will have a

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Club Tools Available

The Minnesota MG Group has a number of tools and tents which can be used by club members (mostly free). They are stored at Park Bus Company/Columbia Transit Corporation (Dick Wallrich's place), which is located at 896 Hersey Street, St. Paul, MN. Telephone number is 651/644-1000.

The cost for using the wire feed welder will be \$5.00 per week which will be used to help pay for the gas and wire. All other items can be used for two weeks free, after which you will be charged \$5.00 per week.

What we have is as follows:

- One engine hoist
- One engine leveler
- One high pressure washer
- One spot welder
- One wire feed welder

We also have:

- Two 10' x 10' tents in which any or all of the 4 sides can be removed. (To be used for club events only).

To use any of these items first call Columbia Transit Corporation to make sure someone will be available at the time you want to pick up the equipment. When you arrive, identify yourself as a MMGG member. You will be shown where the equipment is stored. **It is very important to sign out each time you pick up any tents or tools. Do NOT remove anything without first signing for it!** Write your name, telephone number, date, and what you are borrowing on a piece of paper. **Put the paper in Dick Wallrich's office!**

When you are ready to return the equipment, again call Columbia Transit Corporation to make sure someone will be available at the time you plan to return the tools. **Place the returned items in the same spot you took them from.** On a slip of paper write your name, telephone number, date and what you returned. If you owe money, attach it with your paper and **put it in Dick Wallrich's office.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Tech Session Chili Recipe

Enjoyed the White Chicken Chile at the February 3rd, Tech Session? Well, thanks to Cindy Byboth, here is the recipe. Enjoy!

White Chicken Chili

- 1 1/2 lbs boneless skinless chicken breast cut into small cubes.
- 1 tablespoon olive oil.
- 1 medium onion, chopped (approximately 1 cup).
- 3 cups chicken broth.
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup.
- 1 can mild chopped green chilies undrained (4 oz.).
- 2-5 cans white beans drained (cannellini, garbanzo, butter beans, navy beans).
- 2-4 teaspoons of Olde Westport Border Bandito's Salsa Spice Blend or 1tsp garlic powder, 1/8 tsp ground red pepper, 1 tsp ground cumin and 1/2 tsp cilantro.

Heat Oil in a pan over medium high heat. Add chicken and onions. Cook 4 to 6 minutes. Stir in broth, soup, chilies, and spices. Simmer 15 minutes. Stir in beans. Simmer 5 to 10 minutes. Enjoy!
Serves 6.

Can't find the Olde Westport Spice Blend? The address is as follows:

Olde Westport Spice & Trading Company
P.O. Box 12525
Overland Park, Kansas, 66282
1-800-537-6470



Calendar of Events

- 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. More detail included in this newsletter.
- 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.

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For Sale: 1974 MGB Roadster. BRG, 86,000 miles and in great condition but needing a good home. I decided to keep just one. \$3400 Ken Merrill 651-455-5681.

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.

For Sale: 1972 MGB parts, including RF fender (NOS), used boot lid, new body trim, bonnet, exhaust and intake manifolds, pair of HF14 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: 1967 MGB Roadster that needs TLC. Complete car with solid body. \$1500. Call Jeff Engebretson weekdays at 763/241-2408 and weekends as 612/730-3129.

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great time at this spring's tech session. **Drive your MG for Double MG Bucks!**

Call Chris Sorenson if you have questions at 320/259-1919 or E-mail me at csore73377@aol.com.

Minnesota MG Group Membership Application

The Minnesota MG Group was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, maintenance and enjoyment of all MG cars. MG car ownership is not necessary to be a member of the Minnesota MG Group. Initial membership is \$30.00 and \$25.00 for renewals. The membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. New members joining after August 31st of any given year shall be granted membership for the remainder of that year and the next year as well. Use this form to join or renew your membership.

Please complete this form, write out a check for \$30.00 or \$25.00 and mail to:

Minnesota MG Group
1092 Golden Oaks Drive
Hudson, Wisconsin 54016

Name: _____

Name of spouse/partner/significant other: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, & Zip Code: _____

Telephone w/area code: (____) (____) (____)

Email address: _____

MG(s) Owned: _____

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