



GAZETTE

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Intermarque Banquet and Car Show Scheduled for May 19th

Turn to page 8 of this newsletter to read the details of this event. Members from many different British car clubs will be in attendance. You should be to.

Weekend Road Trip Planned for June 22nd and 23rd

Turn to page 3 of this newsletter to read the details of this event. This event is open to members of other British car clubs.

Brit Day Mankato Picnic June 1st

Turn to page 5 for more information on this activity.

Rendezvous 2002 Scheduled for June 6th - 8th

Turn to page 9 and 10. We have given this event a lot of press. Rooms are sold out at the lodge but accommodations are still available elsewhere in the Grand Rapids area.

The Gazette is the official publication of the Minnesota MG Group. It is published monthly except for December. Deadline for contributions is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Submissions should be sent to the editor.

Comments From The President

A few sure signs our driving season is here – a full house at the spring kickoff, Quality Coaches sidewalk lined with MG's (and one Triumph), last Sunday's kickoff at Sherlock's Home, and Doug & Mary Madson's return from Florida. Spring is great.

Our MG Gazette continues as cornerstone of the Club. Jon Masley and his crew, along with contributions from Club members, assure us of numerous accounts of past activities, coming events and general items of in-

terest. Their efforts are invaluable and we all owe them a huge thank you. Oh, if I may borrow a comments from Andy Lindberg (editor of a competing club newsletter), I need articles and pictures – send them (email also works fine) to Jon Masley.

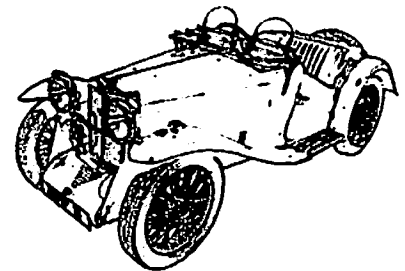
Behind the scenes Ken Malm takes the handoff from Jon and completes the printing process. Then Wayne Soderbeck and Ray Mars take over and do a yeoman's function of sorting, folding, labeling, affixing postage and mailing 200+ copies for each edition. Wayne and Rae

even deliver a few locals to save postage costs – that's true dedication – a very hearty thank you.

Back to the driving - check out the events schedule and enjoy the season.

See you next month.

Dan



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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Road Trip Planned for June 22nd and 23rd

Coordinated by Ken and Diane Merrill, and Wayne Soderbeck and Rae Mars, a weekend road trip is scheduled for June 22nd and 23rd to Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The plan is to meet for breakfast Saturday morning and then drive to Chippewa Falls. A tour of the Leinenkugel Brewery will be available at noon for the first 20 people that sign up for this trip. After this stop, the trip continues to Eau Claire with overnight accommodations in the Eau Claire area. A barbeque is planned for Saturday night. Sunday's schedule will offer more driving on the very scenic roads of central Wisconsin.

For further information, call Ken or Diane Merrill at 651-455-5681 or email them at alirora31@aol.com.

GOF Activities

Submitted by MMGG Member Bob Figenskau

There are two GOFs this year (Gathering Of the Faithful).

One that is going to be a hard drive and one that will be easy. Both will be fun and worthwhile to go to, so here is the preliminary plan (subject to revision from those who will be traveling with us).

G O F WEST-- This is going to be held in Durango CO from June 24 through 27 and is a 1400-mile trip. My suggestion is to start out early on the 21st of June (5:am) from Figenskau's house and drive about 500 miles. We can stop in Lincoln NE for the first night with enough time to get into the swimming pool, have a nice dinner and get to bed early enough to be able to do the whole thing over again the next day. Another 500 miles to Denver where we set up camp for another evening of swimming and indulging. Except we get to sleep in in the morning because we don't have to pick up our fellow adventurers from the airport until after 9:am. We will then take a leisurely trip through scenic Colorado stopping somewhere between Denver and Durango for the night. This will provide us with some time to enjoy the drive through the Rockies and get us into on Durango on Monday in plenty of time to check in at the GOF headquarters, get settled and to see the First Timers Show that evening.

If you are going and have not registered, contact GOF West by calling Bill Bollendonk at 303/794-0688 or better yet contact their website, vintagemg.com/gof_west_2002. Make your hotel reservations at the Durango Doubletree at 970/259-6580 and if you are going on the Silverton narrow gage railroad trip, call 970/247-2733 and get your tickets from Carol or Pam. Sheila and I are going on the 8:15 train on the 26th in an open gondola. On Friday we depart for home and a long three-day trip.

G O F CENTRAL-- This central United States GOF will be held in the Quad Cities and the headquarters is in the John Deere Radisson Hotel in Moline IL. It is a three-day event starting on July 10. My suggestion for this trip is to start out at 9:am from Hastings on the 9th of July. We can take the scenic route along the river, do a little antiquing along the way and stay in Prairie du Chien overnight. Sleep in the next morning and drive into Moline in plenty of time to get registered, settled in and see the First Timers Show that evening. After a fun three and a half days, we will travel home on Sunday. To sign up for GOF Central contact Dean Jensen at P O Box 160 in Port Byron, IL 61275. For hotel reservations, the number is 309/764-1000 or 800/333-3333 and be sure to tell them you are a part of the MG group.



Member Profile

Submitted by MMGG Member Glenn Fisher

MMGG Member Profile Lew and Darlene Palmer

Many of us enjoy beachcombing for interesting flotsam and jetsam. But even with magnetic metal detectors, few could hope to find the kind of treasure on a beach that changed Lew Palmer's life.

He was "just a young buck," living in Charleston when he was introduced to his first MG. There, he met a woman who had heard that Lew worked on old cars. She had an abandoned red 1950 right-hand drive MG TD that she had rescued from the beach.

Lew's ability to keep "junkers" on the road had developed out of necessity. When Lew wanted to drive during his high school years he had to earn his keep by helping repair the family cars.

So, Lew went to work on the TD. The car's rotted frame timbers, brakes and seats were replaced. Electrical work and minor engine work got the car back on the road. As his reward for helping revive the TD Lew got to drive the MG TD during the two more years that he lived in Charleston. His love for MGs - especially the older ones - was kindled.

Eventually Lew moved to the Twin Cities area, met and married Darlene. She, too, devel-

oped a passion for MGs. In 1981 Darlene and Lew went to a car show where they saw another red 1950 right hand drive MG TD - just like the one in Charleston. Darlene's "that would be kind of fun" led to a yearlong search for a car.

They joined the local T-Register and tracked down a number of prospective TDs. Finally they were referred to a TD in good condition. Amazingly, this car was yet another red 1950 TD. The Palmers decided that "it was meant to be!" and brought home "Charlie" who has been a treasured friend for these past 20 years.

Why "Charlie" and not "Sandy" in honor of the "beached" TD? Charlie's previous owner had license plates that said "Chas L". After Lew and Darlene had bought the car, the friend who had made the initial referral asked "how's Charlie?" and the name stuck. Charlie was destined to be joined by a sibling named "Judder".

In 1983, Lew accepted a position with NCR Corporation to work in their London operations. Unfortunately NCR wouldn't pay to ship "Charlie" so it spent the intervening years with Darlene's parents.

In England, a 1932 MG J.2 came into their lives - well, at least the parts that would eventually be-

come a J.2. The car was literally "bits" in baskets. This was going to be a major project.

The Palmers spent time at a nearby "natter and noggin" (a pub meeting) frequented by enthusiasts of pre-war MGs. There, they met a former owner of the J. He gave them pictures of himself with the car during his student days in the 1960s. The British license plate at the time had been JD3067 from which its owner had derived "Judder" as its nickname.

Over the next 22 months, Judder was put back together. The British road license came just in time - one week before Lew and Darlene were to move from London to Copenhagen for a new work assignment. On a sunny but cold October weekend, they stuffed luggage into Judder. With no heater in the car, the Palmers drove and ferried themselves from island to island in the cold North Sea with only one repair - a flat tire.

The Danish are more stringent than the British in their car safety requirements because Judder didn't pass. Lew had to truck it home to try to bring it up to specifications. After adding extra side marker lights and mirrors, he tried to pass inspection again.

Editor Note: Next Month we conclude the Palmer profile.



5th Annual BRIT DAY at NEW LIFE TO CLASSICS



Come spend a fun filled day in a 10,000-sq. ft. "Dream Factory" exclusively devoted to the restoration and servicing of classic British sports cars. Dave Wintz and the Minnesota Minis, Pizza Eating, and Psychiatric Self-Help Association invite all British Car lovers to attend.

FESTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ❖ As a new alternative to the past years tradition of door prizes being given attendees from New Life To Classics, this will be your opportunity to give and share with other British car enthusiasts and Clubs. Each car registered should bring one item of memorabilia (something you honestly believe another participant would appreciate and might like to own). All participant names will be drawn, and you can pick out your choice of "relic" to take home and admire.
- ❖ Bring your own Picnic Lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided by your hosts.
- ❖ Entertainment during lunch.
- ❖ \$50.00 Savings Bond given to the British Car Club with the largest percentage of total members present.

Place: New Life to Classics

1101 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato, MN (507) 387-CARS

Date: Saturday June 1st, 2002

Alternative Sunday June 2nd, 2002

Time: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (may run later)



**NEW LIFE
TO CLASSICS**

Plan to come, and use this event as a "working" Social Get-Together and Test run for the Minnesota Austin-Healy Club Rendezvous 2002, June 6th-9th, NAMGBR National Convention July 3rd-6th, and the Minnesota Triumph Club's Hosting of the National VTR 2002 July 16th-19th. Dave and Linda expect many Mankato area British car owners to show up, so bring along your club's membership applications and sign-em-up. (This helps your Club to guarantee its future in Keeping The Breed Alive)

"God take care, travel safely, and we'll all look forward to sharing good times at our Annual Reunion of the Marques in Mankato, MN"

MMPA/PSIA

Dave Wintz
Owner, New Life To Classics

Jim Baumann
President, MN MINIS

Just Ask

*The follow are questions asked of Mr. John Twist, owner of University Motors, Ltd.
We hope you find this information useful as well as interesting.*

To John

Over the last few weeks I have been trying to re-search into the history of the MG Sports Car, but have not been successful in answering these strange questions?

I was wondering if you could spare a few minutes to help me answer some these questions:

- 1) What was MG's famous slogan?*
- 2) What was the first turbocharged MG?*
- 3) Which town was home to MG from 1929-80?*
- 4) Who were George Eyston Dancing Daughters?*
- 5) Which company planned to buy MG after the 1980 Abingdon factory closure?*
- 6) What was the MGSSV?*

Thank you for reading my E-mail and any help would be very appreciated.

Could you please E-mail answers?

Wickso

Dear Robert:

You ask some very unusual questions for one searching for a history of the quintessential British sports car.

You must know that Cecil Kimber, with his first wife, developed the slogan "Safety Fast!" This was used in all advertising until the introduction of the MGF, at which time the slogan was modernized to the now familiar "Fast Forward." The prize, however, should be awarded to the MG Car Club (whose monthly publication is "Safety Fast") for its recent slogan, "The Marque of Friendship."

While any number of MGs were supercharged (that is, the air compressor was driven by belts or from the crankshaft directly), I believe that the Metro

(the fastest MG built (0-60mph)) was the first turbocharged production car. But, please remember that I am writing from the west side of the Atlantic -- and trying to understand vehicles I have rarely seen and have never serviced.

Abingdon (formerly Berks, now Oxon) was the home of the MG assembly plant for all those years. In fact, the main plant was just wrecked to make way for a police headquarters. Yet, Abingdon has re-discovered tourism, and many MG related sites are available to the traveler from the MGCC offices to the MaGic Midget Pub.

George Eyeston's "Dancing Daughters" an all girls team entry (Skinner, Evans, Simpson, Richmond, Eaton, & Allan) driving P types in the 1935 Le Mans 24-hour race (JB 6156, JB 6157, & JB 6158) lost to the team of Singers. Thank you for not asking why they are named "Dancing."

Following a weeklong celebration in October, 1979, to which many American MG dealers were invited to Abingdon (and for which the "Old Speckled Hen" was first brewed by Morland), was "Black Monday" when Margaret Thatcher's hatchet-man, Michael Edwardes, announced the end of MG. Despite great scrambling by individuals and companies, most notably, Aston-Martin / Lagonda, the company was not revived but was reduced to "badge-engineered" vehicles for the next 15 years.

Whether to show the insanity of the USA's Federal safety specifications, or whether to show that, no matter what, MG could compete, the MG "Safety Systems Vehicle" was created in 1972. It was a far cry from a "real" MG, yet, as Paris designers realize in the world of high fashion, it was a harbinger of some of the safety systems eventually incorporated into many cars.

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While this answers your very specific questions, I believe you would have a more interesting history if you worked with the economic impact on the city of Abingdon, or if you used MG as an example of the decline of the British motor industry. You know, in 1950 the British had about 99% of the import market in the USA. Last year they had 0%. They never knew why they sold vehicles in the USA -- and they have yet to figure out why they lost the market. Here we are, flush with cash, just waiting for a new MG model after 20 years, but England has nothing to offer. It's a sad, sad story.

Hope this helps.

John

Hi John!

I don't know if you can shed any light on the problem I have but if I don't ask I'll never know. I've got a 1974 MGB Roadster with Overdrive.

About a year ago after speeding down the motorway I found my overdrive would not disengage and this gave the obvious problem of not being able to engage reverse. After the car was switched off for about 20 minutes or so and cooled down, the overdrive disengaged and the car was fine (for about 5 minutes). Since that time its always been the same, the car is fine for between 5-10 minutes, the overdrive clicks in and out nicely. But once everything's warmed up it doesn't turn off, and I have to switch off the engine and let it cool down.

The car is my only car and is used daily so I need to get it fixed as the performance is affected when this happens and parking is a bloody nightmare. For no apparent reason everything seemed to work fine for a few weeks during the summer and I hoped the car had chosen to do its own repair but after a couple of weeks the problem returned and its still there today. My local garage say they can replace the unit but this requires taking the engine out and the total cost will be about £500 (about 750 dollars)

If you have any information on trying to repair this or what the fault might be I would be eternally grateful.

Thanks

Troy (from the UK).

Troy!

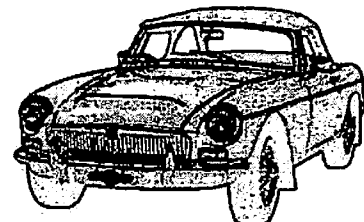
I've attached an article I wrote about OD's -- perhaps that will be of some assistance. Nearly 99% of all OD problems can be cured by removing the solenoid/filter/oil pressure relief valve from the underside of the unit and cleaning everything thoroughly.

Your problem lies in the oil pressure relief valve (or, maybe the solenoid). Order up ALL the O-rings and the filter. Drain the main box and then drop the filter assembly (the rectangular plate with the eight 2BA screws) and allow the unit to drain for several hours. This will keep your face and hair free from oil as you work on the unit. Remove the solenoid -- PAY ATTENTION to the 3/16" ball!! Clean everything with aerosol carb cleaner, fit the new O-rings, lightly oil everything, and refit the unit with a fresh gasket. Just as you cleaned the solenoid, clean the OP relief valve (3/4 AF spanner or socket). The valve rarely drops out -- it needs a little pull with a hooked scribe (be careful not to totally damage the filter screen). Again, clean, fit the new O rings, and replace.

If I did this work in my shop, I'd probably charge two hours, or \$US120 plus the parts (another \$US20). Good luck!

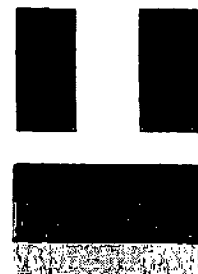
FAST FORWARD!

John H Twist



Inter-Marque Council Spring Car Show & Banquet

May 19, 2002



Join us for
the annual

When: May 19,
2002.

Inter-Marque Spring Banquet. This year's event is hosted by the Inter-Marque Council (a coalition of local vintage sports car clubs). It is also combined with a multi-make, multi-national, informal car show.

Car Show: 9:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. To have your car judged in the informal show please arrive by 2:30 or so.

Banquet: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Drinks: At the banquet.

Entertainment: At the banquet.

Cost: Pay for your own dinner at Sherlock's (order from the menu).

Reservations:

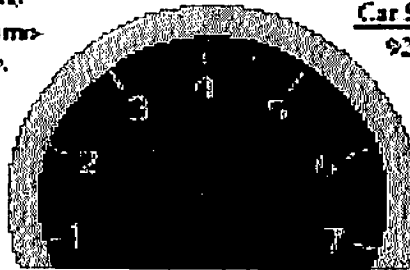
Who: Open to all owners/drivers/ admirers of European automobiles of the era 1900 - 1990.

If you have such a vehicle, bring it to the car show and perhaps win an award (regardless of the car's condition).

Car Show: Contact Bob Reed (952-929-7487 or reedbob@earthlink.net) as we know how many awards to prepare.

Banquet: Contact Sherlock's Home (952-931-0203) to insure you have a seat for dinner. Tell the staff that you will be attending the Inter-Marque Banquet.

Where: Sherlock's Home,
Highway 62 and Shady
Oak Road, Minnetonka



Get Your Motor
Running

Editors Note: Rooms at the Lodge have sold out. Call the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and find a room elsewhere. Other MMGG Club members are doing this and the event should be wonderful. See YOU there!

Rendezvous 2002

“A Celebration of Vintage British Sports Cars”

Rendezvous 2002 promises to be one of the great vintage sports car events of the year. This is an annual event that rotates from Thunder Bay, Ontario, to Winnipeg, Manitoba, and to a site in Minnesota. This year the host is the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. The dates for the festivities will be from June 6th to June 9th at the Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids, MN.

Events will include a walleye rally, speed runs, car show, awards banquet, evening hospitality, and entertainment.

The quiet rural lakeside setting at Sugar Lake Lodge is a wonderful location for a sports car event. The country roads are beautiful for driving our vintage cars. Rendezvous events are renowned for friendliness and hospitality. We invite you to register early and to join your sports car friends for an exciting weekend of fun!!

RENDEZVOUS 2002

"A CELEBRATION OF VINTAGE SPORTS CARS"

JUNE 6, 7, 8, & 9
SUGAR LAKE LODGE, GRAND RAPIDS, MN

THURSDAY - REGISTRATION & EVENING HOSPITALITY

FRIDAY - WALLEYE RALLY, TECH SESSION, ITALIAN BUFFET AT LODGE, CARNIVAL GAMES, AND ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY - DRIVING EVENT, AFTERNOON CAR SHOW, FUNKHANA, BANQUET, AUCTION AND AWARDS

SUNDAY - BREAKFAST, TOURS AND GOOD BYES

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HEALEYMOG@YAHOO.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION OR 218-367-2168 (EVE)**

Name (as on name tag) _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____ Car _____

Registration fee _____ \$30 (Includes two people + one T-shirt) Shirt Size _____

\$40 (after 4/15/2002)

Second T-shirt _____ \$10 each - S M L XL \$12 Each - XXL Shirt Size _____

Friday eve meal _____ \$20 per person (Italian buffet) \$10 - kids (4-12) _____

Awards Banquet _____ \$26 per person \$14 - kids (4-12) _____

Breakfast buffet _____ \$22.50 per person-package-(Fri., Sat., & Sun) \$15-kids (4-12) _____

Total: _____ Checks payable to MN Austin Healey Club (US Funds)

Mail to: Fran Stein, 6483 Bowman Circle, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

All cancellations received by mail prior to May 23, 2002 will be subject to a \$10.00 cancellation fee. No refunds on or after May 23rd, 2002. Those who paid their registration fee but are unable to attend will receive their registration package.

Call Sugar lake Lodge @1-800-450-4555 for room reservations.

Lodging at Sugar Lake Lodge @ \$73.00 + tax per bedroom (based on studio and 2 or 3 bedroom townhouses). Our allotment of rooms will be held until April 15th. Reserve early!!!

CLUB REGALIA

The following items are available for sale by contacting Rich Leslie at 763-754-2965 or via email at richdebathome@aol.com. Do you have new ideas for club regalia? Let Rich know your thoughts.

Item	Quantity.	Description	Size	Cost
T-Shirts	Adult 1	Green w/maroon MG	XL	\$10.00
	1	Light blue	XXL	\$10.00
	Kids various	Call Rich		\$7.00
Polo Shirts	Adult 2	Cream	Med	\$15.00
	1	White	L	\$15.00
	1	White	XL	\$15.00
	4	Grey 2001	Med	\$15.00
Denim Shirts	Adult 1	Long Sleeve	Med	\$29.00
	4	Long Sleeve	XL	\$29.00
	1	Long Sleeve	XXL	\$29.00
Bumper Stickers	137	2001 Odyssey		\$0.25
Can Coolers	235	Grey w/red MG letters		\$1.50
Grill Badges	53			\$22.00
Other				

MG 2001 Dash Plaques See Dan Shidla
 MG 2001 Convention Pins See Dan Shidla

REGALIA UPDATE

We have talked about a new logo resembling the MG 2001 logo that was used this past summer at the MG 2001 event. After talking with the people that have made our clothing in the past, we are going to offer a new logo along with the original one. They are going to remove the "2001" from the trees and change the "St. Paul" to "Group". We will also have the option of putting your name on the shirt. **I am ready to take orders now** and would like to turn them in by May 15th. It will take about 2 weeks to get them after I turn the order in. Here are our options and costs.

Blue Denim shirt, long or short sleeve, Safety Fast on sleeve	
With original MG logo on shirt above pocket	\$24.00
With new MG 2001 logo on shirt above pocket	\$27.00
Name embroidered on front of shirt, other side	\$4.00
For XXL and XXXL sizes add	\$5.00
Shipping (would rather hand out at meetings)	\$3.00

Any questions please call me.
 Rich Leslie 763-754-2965

Calendar of Events

Editors comments: This calendar will be continually modified and updated. The MMGG club is working closely with other British car clubs on a variety of activities. You are encouraged to attend any car club event.

- Ongoing Event** **British Built Cars.** Informal car show every **Sunday through October.** 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sherlock's Home, Highway 62 and Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka, Mn. Contact Sherlock's 952-931-0203.
- May 19, 2002** **Annual Intermarque Banquet and Car Show.** Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. This event is open to anyone with a British Car, wishes they owned a British car, or own something they wish was British. Held at Sherlock's Home, Highway 62 and Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka. Car show 1:30 PM to 4 PM, dinner 4 PM to 6 PM. Order off the menu. See page 8 for more information.
- May 17, 18, 19, 2002** **Carlisle Swap Meet** in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. This is the largest swap meet of British car parts in the nation and a yearly event. Some members of the MMGG always attend. For more information contact Doug Madson, 320-251-0317.
- May 25 - June 2, 2002** **British Car Week.** Also known as Drive Your British Car to Work Week. Time to show off your car the entire week. Drive it!
- June 1, 2002** **Summer Picnic in Mankato** hosted by Dave and Linda Wintz. Meet at Dave and Linda's shop, *New Life to Classics* starting at 10 A.M. Beverages and dessert provided. Bring your own picnic lunch. For more information contact Dave at 507-387-2277.
- June 6 to 9, 2002** **Rendezvous 2002.** "A celebration of Vintage British Sports Cars" at Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. This is a yearly event that rotates from Thunder Bay, Ontario; to Winnipeg, Manitoba; and to a site in Minnesota. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin Healey Club. For further information contact Gary Ronning at 612-722-8397, e-mail gtronning@aol.com or Tom Politiski at 218-367-2168, e-mail healey@yahoo.com.
- June 8, 2002** **German Car Fest.** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Schaar's Bluff Picnic Area, Spring Park Reserve, Hastings, Minnesota.
- June 29, 2002** **Mille Miglia Tour.** Prescott to LaCrosse, WI. Hosted by Alfa Romero. No check points, no timing. An exceptional tour on some of the region's most exceptional roads. Contact Ed Solstad 612-822-0569 or email at esolstad@pressenter.com.
- July 3 to 6, 2002** **11th Annual International Convention of The North American MGB Register** in Grapevine, Texas. Gathering for MGB owners only. Other MG models have their own gathering. All models meet every 5 years (like MG2001 this past summer). More information at www.MG2002.com or e-mail wkube@augustmail.com.

- July 16 - 19, 2002 **Vintage Triumph Register National Convention 2002**, held at Treasure Island Resort, Red Wing, Minnesota. The Triumph National Convention returns to Minnesota. Featured model at this convention will be the TR4, which is celebrating the fortieth anniversary of its appearance in America. For further information triumph@presenter.com or Bob Lee at 715-425-2580. Go ahead and visit. MG's are welcome.
- August 10, 2002 **Ellingson's Swap Meet and Car Show**. Ellingson's Auto Museum, I-94 and Highway 101 in Rogers, Minnesota. Hosted by MMGG members Jim and Cindy Pennoyer; Phil and Darcie Vanner; and Brian and Jennifer McCullough. Check our website for more information - www.mmgg.org.
- August 15 - 18, 2002 **Abingdon Summer Party** in Abingdon, Ill. Hosted by the Chicagoland MG Car Club. Small American town Abingdon becomes English town Abingdon for a few days. Main street is closed off for our cars so you can drive in the Abingdon Gymkhana, enjoy Natter 'n' Noggin, and listen to Mr. John Twist. For further information contact the Chicagoland Club at www.chicagolandmgclub.com.
- September 7, 2002 **Wheels and Wings**. Osceola, Wisconsin Hosted by Jerry and Nancy Strand. Always a good time. Plan to attend. Call Jerry at 715-386-5930 for more information.
- September 8, 2002 **British Car Festival (Field Day)**. Palos Hills, IL. Hosted by the British Car Union. The 2001 event had over 780 British cars present on a rainy day. There are also some events on September 7. Contact www.qth.com/bcu/.
- September 21, 2002 **Gourmet/Scenic Tour**. Stockholm and Alma, WI. Hosted by Alfa Romeo. If you don't enjoy the food and the roads in this area, you may well need some serious help. Contact Ed Solstad 612-822-0569 or esolstad@presenter.com.
- September 20 - 22, 2002 **Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival** presented by VSCDA (Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association). Featured marque not available. See the VSCDA web site for more information (www.vscda.org).
- October 5, 2002 **Fall Colour Tour** hosted by Doug and Mary Madson and Dan and Dianne Iberg. Route through the woods and dales of central Minnesota. Details to follow.
- November 9, 2002 **Annual Meeting of the MMGG**. Hosted by Dan and Jeanette Shidla. Details to follow.
- January 4, 2003 **Annual Holiday Party and MG Bucks Auction**. Hosted by Simon and Lorna Bosworth and Al and Sharon Kelsey. Location will be 3M's Tartan Park Club House. Time to get crazy with our MG Bucks.

Club Equipment Available

Our MG club has some excellent equipment for club member use. Dick Wallrich at Park Bus/Columbia Transit Company in St. Paul keeps our welders, engine hoist, pressure washer and tent. His telephone number is 651/644-1100. Our bullhorns, overhead projector and microphones/amps are available through Jerry Strand at 715/386-5930. For specifics, please refer to previous newsletters, our website or call for details.

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.

Triple-M - Lew Palmer 651/436-7401

T-types - Bob Figenskau 952/935-7909

MGA - Mike Hirschman 763/391-5769

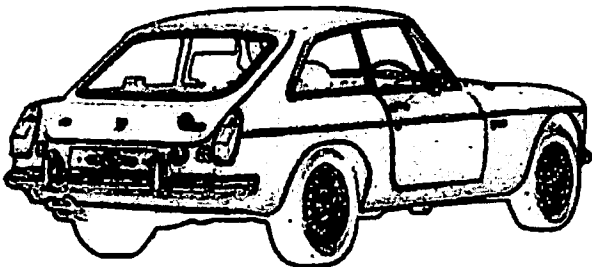
MGB - Randy Byboth 952/936-9335

Midgets—Dewey Frier 763/424-3286 or Brian McCullough 651/462-0145

Bodywork - Dewey Frier 763/424-3286

Intermarque Rally School May 5, June 16, July 14, August 4

All schools are at 1:30 p.m. at *Sherlock's Home*, Hwy. 62 & Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka. Rallying is a great way to get your classic out on the best sports car roads in the area. The Rally Masters have spent a lifetime learning where all the twisty-turnies are, and you can enjoy them too. You can be competitive if you want (timing your appearance at a check points by hundredths of a second) or you can just run the course as a tour (smelling the roses along the way). A few lessons on how to read rally instructions, however, probably wouldn't hurt. And might help you have a better time. Come to class and learn how rallyists decide which breath-taking road to select. The schools are being conducted by some of the premier rallyists in the Twin Cities Area. Contacts: Ed Solstad 612-822-0569 esolstad@pressenter.com; Sean Connolly 651-228-9368; Tom Hazen 612-871-6111 tom_hazen@adp.com; Steve Rixen 715-386-2880 steve@rixen.com.



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For Sale.....Wanted.....Misc.

Kind of classified rules: Minnesota MG Group members ads will run for three months, unless you tell the editor to drop them earlier or run them longer. The month/year the ad was placed is in italics below the ad.

For Sale: 1972 MGB Center Console \$10.00. Set of 5 Rostyle wheels, with tires, recently painted with new MG emblems - \$25.00 each.
Call Jeff at 651-735-0780
May 2002

For Sale: 1977 MG Midget. Excellent condition, beautiful candy apple red with chrome disc wheels and new tires. Expensive stereo system with CD player and multiple speakers. \$5500 or best offer.
Call Raul at 651-225-4152 during the day.
April 2002

For Sale: Set of 4 MGB wire wheels that are in pretty good shape, repainted silver. Asking \$250 or best offer.
Contact Dave Meek at 612-799-5555.

For Sale: 1974 MGB convertible, all original, runs good, good condition, dark blue color, tan interior, 89,xxx miles.
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For Sale: 4 wire wheels, excellent-\$100 for all. Radiator for MGB, tested & no leaks-BO. Parts for chrome bumpers (over riders, etc).
Jay at 507-532-3528
May 2002

For Sale: 1974 MGB-GT with usual rust, a good interior, not run for 8 years and burned oil then. A parts car or for restoring. \$600.
Call Dale Paterson 715-549-6067
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Please complete this form, write out a check for \$25.00 and mail to:

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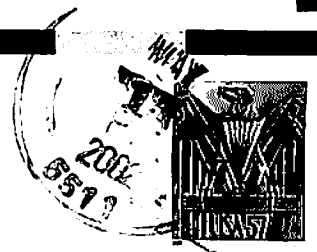
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