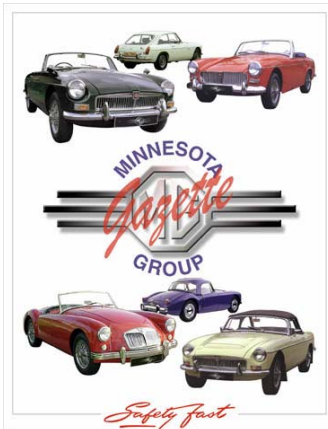




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## Minnesota MG Group Annual Holiday Party! January 15, 2005

**Where:** 3M's Tartan Park  
Lake Elmo, MN.

**Time:** 6:00 pm Social Hour  
7:00 pm Dinner

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person

**Deadline for Reservations No  
Later Than January 5, 2005**

**And that Fabulous Auction!!!!!!  
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## The Oil on the Dipstick

By MMGG President Alan Kelsey

### Unfinished Business

Sometimes there just doesn't seem any way to finish the job at hand. Whether we're running short on time or money or patience, it just isn't going to get done. Now, this isn't all bad. There are many examples of wonderful things that aren't quite done. For example, Schubert's Unfinished Symphony is a classic.

Can you just imagine the conversation with his publisher? Perhaps he dropped it off so as not to actually have this conversation, but the publisher calls him on the phone anyway. "Yeah Franz, baby, so where's the rest of this symphony? We're on a deadline, you know." "What do you mean, 'that's it?' It's a *what?* – an **unfinished symphony?**" "Listen, we paid you a nice advance on a completed work." "Yes, I know things haven't been so great at home." "I don't care how many times your wife compares you to Amadeus." "The kids aren't interested in taking piano lessons? Bummer."

"So, what do we call this thing, a 'Symphonette' or a 'Symphony Lite?'" "I suppose we could go with that last one. The boys in advertising could probably do something with, 'Same great sound with a third less



yawns.””

Anyway, you get the idea. Then there's the cathedral in St. Paul. Architecturally, it isn't finished. Cathedrals like that are supposed to have one long "arm." If you look at it from above, it's supposed to be in the shape of the familiar cross. The one in St. Paul doesn't look like that. For some reason, just a few of the citizens who already had their "cottages" up on Summit and Grand weren't too interested in abandoning them. It's still a great cathedral.

Naturally, since we're at the first of another New Year, many of us are acutely aware of past resolutions that haven't been finished yet. About a year ago, my doctor showed me one of those height – weight charts and informed me that, for a man my size, I was a bit overweight. He wasn't amused when I told him that I was in great shape, for the shape I'm in. Well, trying as hard as could all year, I just can't seem to grow another inch. I guess that will just have to be one that I carry over into 2007.

One final point on the positive side of not quite finishing, just consider how many jobs are created for people to finish what we've begun. I mean, if we'd actually finish those household projects ourselves, we'd be putting countless people out of work. These are people with families, mother-in-laws who depend on them. They deserve to have jobs too, right?

Okay. We still have the side where it's rather important to finish. One man who had brought his car in to get four new tires had a sneaking suspicion that the mechanic didn't quite finish the job. Whether it was the grinding of all four wheel hubs on the asphalt or seeing his brand new tires bouncing down the street ahead of him, it became apparent that none of the lug nuts had been used to hold the wheels on the car.

The family who remembered in Hawaii that they had forgotten to shut off the water to the garage before leaving (this was a winter vacation) came home to find the pipes had burst and the BMW and the Vette were now both encased in massive blocks of ice.

So here are four very important tips on when it is really important to finish the job:

1. When changing the oil, don't just remove the old filter, remember to get the new filter installed.
2. If you are planning a longer trip to an MG event this next year, make sure you check to see if Ken Merrill is going. If he isn't, seriously consider staying home.

So, that's it for this time. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the holiday party!

Alan Kelsey

<p>Haynes: Get an assistant...</p> <p>Translation: Prepare to humiliate yourself in front of someone you know.</p>
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## Notes from the Editor

### Big Shoes!

I just found out what big shoes I have to step into in the following months. Please bear with me during this time of transition as I try and step into Jon Masley's past role as editor of the Minnesota MG Group newsletter. **No pun intended Jon or inference that you have large feet!** With Jon's continued help and support I will try and maintain the high level of content that he has proved over the past several years as your editor.

If you have articles, classifieds, or pictures you wish to get into the up and coming issues, please get them to me as soon as you possibly can. E Mailing them is the best method to allow me to get the best possible resolutions for publication.

Tom Belongia

## Tech Tip: Laws of Physics

*Submitted by Ernie & Rhea West  
Proprietors of Dead Lake Motors*

What prompted my choice of this subject was the soft sounding thud of my knuckles trying to move the frame alongside of the drive shaft. I knew it was probably going to happen as I pulled harder and harder on the wrench when loosening the u-joint bolts. But being I was in a hurry, I thought that just maybe I could beat one of the basic laws of physics: kinetic energy. Maybe at this point I should try to explain what some of these laws of physics are. Sometime back, some smart guy with more time on his hands than you and I came up with these ideas. I can't remember who it was, maybe Paul Harvey, Isaac Newton, or Henry the Eighth. But at any rate I suspect he was taking off u-joint bolts. These rules, more or less, state that things in motion tend to stay in motion, and things at rest tend to stay at rest. Then he threw in a couple more ideas that energy can be stored, like with a spring. Also that the speed of an object has a direct effect too.

But now back to the u-joint bolts. First off I was pulling on the wrench maybe 70 pounds of pull. This means I had 70 pounds of pull that was stretching and bending bones, muscles, and tendons (I.E. the spring or stored energy) and at the exact moment the bolt cracked free, in spite of my intentions to stop pulling, the wrench and my knuckles were accelerating at a terrific rate. Enter now, the frame. Well, you know the rest of the story, and as you might suspect I really regretted my decision to try to cheat the laws of physics. By now you should be getting the drift that this tech tip is about safety. Your right. Working on automobiles is a hobby or profession that is full of dangers. One thing to consider also is time. If you are working alone, think of how long it might be before your wife or girlfriend (who's probably mad at you anyway) comes to check on you and try to unwrap your fingers from under the fan belt or your arm from under the suspension a-frame. Maybe she's like my wife who can faint at the sight of a nosebleed. In which case she won't even get 911 di-

aled. Or the next scenario: too much help. Don't laugh, it's happened, that some over zealous help has decided to check to see if the cars in gear by just bumping the starter button (of course with the key on). Resulting in a new garage opening with a distinctive man silhouette. Or they decide to slam the trunk, hood, or car door without noticing where your hand is. If anything, more care needs to be exercised if two or more people are working.

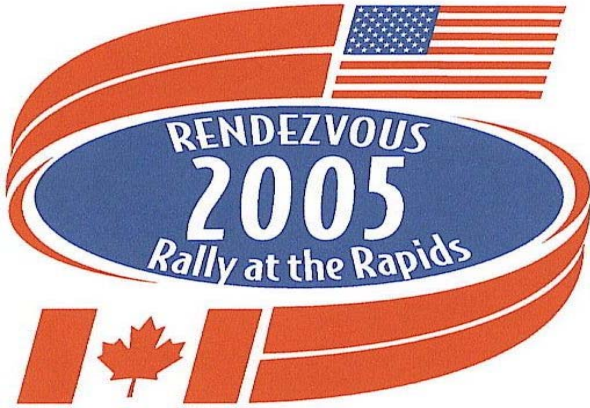
But again let's revisit physics. It's not hard to visualize what damage a 400 to 700 pound motor can do if that motor is supported by your finger, but that same damage can be done by a much smaller object if it's propelled at high speed. The worst thing to come to my mind is the danger of belt driven radiator fans. Don't be tempted to use the handy area on top of the radiator to lay your tools or nuts and bolts. Even at lower engine RPMs a bolt or toll can be ejected at bullet speeds. That gives you two examples: big and slow dangers and small and fast dangers. Next some examples of stored energies: suspension springs are prime examples. It stands to reason if a spring can support its corner of a 2000 to 5000 pound car; it also has the potential to severe comparative soft flesh and bone. My greatest caution is exercised when working in these areas. Make sure all spring tension is controlled or relaxed before unhooking or driving out that last bolt.

No warning about a mechanics safety would be complete without mentioning two gasses. Ignoring the potential that exploding fuel presents can actually turn you into a projectile. And not heading the warnings about carbon monoxide can find you assuming room temperature when your wife finally does decide to check on you.

P.S. The gender roles can be reversed in all these scenarios.

*Doctor Ernie*

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# RENEZVOUS 2005

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SPORTSCARS

## JUNE 16-19

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MINNESOTA

Thursday – 3 p.m. Registration begins & 7 p.m. Hospitality  
Friday - Driving events & Charity Car show in Grand Rapids  
Saturday - Driving events, Popularity Car Show, Tea, & Awards Dinner  
Sunday - Breakfast, Tours, & Goodbyes

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print first and last name/names as they should appear on badges)

Children Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include names & ages of each child)

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you want a confirmation of registration, include e-mail address – none will be sent otherwise.)

Vehicle/s to be registered \_\_\_\_\_  

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Registration Fee: \$45.00 After 5/15/05: \$50.00 (All fees in U.S. \$) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Basic registration fee includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 18 & one free T-shirt.)

Each additional person: \$5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Each additional vehicle: \$5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Free shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> shirt \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> shirt \_\_\_\_\_ Added shirts: \_\_\_ x \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(T-Shirt Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL) (For XXL– Cost is x \$12.00)

Saturday Awards Banquet: \$28.00/adult x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$15.00/child under 13 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending Saturday's Complimentary Ladies Tea \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks to MN Austin Healey Club (U.S. funds) and send with completed form to:

Fran Stein, 6483 Bowman Circle, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

Registration questions to: [frannie.s@comcast.net](mailto:frannie.s@comcast.net) Other questions to: [glauser@presenter.com](mailto:glauser@presenter.com)

Cancellations before May 15, 2005, are subject to a \$10.00 fee. No refunds on or after May 15. After May 15, registration packages will be sent to those who paid but were unable to attend.

**Call Sugar Lake Lodge directly for room reservations @ 1-800-450-4555.**

This event is being hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club



## A car named Abigail

I first met Abigail at the Inter-Marquee Banquet two years ago. It was a nice spring day with lots of sun, beautiful cars and great people. I was attracted to Abigail because she was so much like my car. A 1979 Russet Brown, California specs. MGB. Upon a closer look it was clear that Abigail was in need of some TLC. The tattered top caused me to take notice. You see the top on Abigail had been folded incorrectly for some time now and was in dire need of replacement. After making small talk with Wendy Scott, Abigail's owner, she informed me that she was going to have the soft top replaced. At this point I introduced myself and explained that I have a car just like hers. Wendy said, "Where is it?" as she gazed across the lot full of classic cars. I explained that we in fact had driven one of our other cars to the event and that our little brown MGB was at home making sure the garage floor wasn't rusting away!

So as not to damage her new top, when she does get it replaced I felt it was my duty to explain the proper procedure for folding the soft top. Wendy was unaware of there being a "proper procedure" for folding the top. I instructed Wendy to follow my lead

and do as I do and we can get this done straight away! NOT! The old top was so brittle that making it contort to a new shape was nearly impossible. It was at this time I noticed Larry Henle strolling by. I called out to Larry "Say Larry could you help me fold this top?" You see Larry and I have been to a few events together and he's familiar with my brown MGB. So he walked over and helped demonstrate the proper procedure. Upon completing the task Larry said, "This isn't your car!" I said, "Your right, it belongs to this young lady!" As Larry walked away he murmured under his breath "For a minute I thought boy, he sure let that thing go to hell!"

Wendy was somewhat hurt by Larry's comments. But she knew deep down inside that Abigail did in fact need a little TLC. It was that winter Wendy did spend some quality time with Abigail. She, with the help of one of her girlfriends managed to install a beautiful new Prestige Autotrim interior. WOW! Most club members got a first hand look at Abigail's new look at Tom and June Moerke's summer picnic. Wendy and her friend had truly out done themselves. For a time life was good. Then came the Chetek Car Show. An event that my wife Diane and I host each year. Several members of the MMGG had made the trek from the Twin Cities to the little town of Chetek, Wisconsin. Wendy and Abigail were one of the latter cars to show up and I greeted her upon her arrival. Wendy got out of her car and stated "Abigail is not running right, there's something wrong!" Ken Welty and I decided to try and diagnose the problem. After a quick look under the hood with the engine running, it appeared to have an extreme amount of vapor emitting from the oil filler cap. Bad Thing! We checked for water in the oil and it was clean. Good Thing! At this point Wendy was worried. I told her without the proper tools to diagnose the problem we real couldn't say what was wrong, but that it probable was going to be good news. Lucky for Wendy her parents had planned to meet her there at the car show. So at least she wouldn't be stranded in Chetek. I told Wendy that if she wanted to, she could have Abigail towed to my shop in Eau Claire, 40 miles away. I could then make a proper diagnose of Abigail's malady. Wendy thought it over and eventually decided to have Abigail towed to my shop. I informed Wendy the following Monday that I believed Abigail in fact had succumb to broken piston rings.

Wendy then said, "What would that cost to get repaired?" I said "A lot!" We discussed alternative fixes and eventually Wendy decided (with the help of her friend Ed) that they would do what is commonly referred to as a poor man's or in this case a poor woman's rebuild. That simply means drop the oil pan, remove the cylinder head, clean up the bores and replace the broken pieces. Sounds easy enough! Right! Wrong! Those three bolts along the front of the oil pan can be a real joy to get at even WITH small fingers. Not to mention crawling around on the ground for countless hours trying work upside down with dirt, crude and oil dripping on your face!

Wendy did arrived that following Saturday with her truck and trusty tow dolly. Abigail was on her way back home for the repairs. Well I'm happy to report that all went well with the operation and believe it or not Wendy and Ed are still friends! Abigail runs like a top and life is good once again. Time to crack open a "Newcastle" and ponder that age-old question "**Is this really worth it?**"

The moral of the story is that there are two kinds of British car owners. There are those with deep pockets and those with determination, tenacity and will-power. Which one are you?

Drive On!  
Steve Rindt



The Minnesota MG Group held its annual business meeting on November 13, 2004 at the Apple Valley Community Center.

#### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

\_\_\_ Annual Reports to the Membership \_\_\_  
Secretary's Report  
Phyllis Galberth  
Minutes of the 2003 business meeting

Treasurer's Report  
Dan Shidla  
2004 Revenue and Expenses

Regalia Report  
Rich Leslie  
2004 sales recap and update on new 2005 catalog

Intermarque Report  
Keith Galberth  
Recap of 2004 Intermarque Activities Possible activities for 2005

MG National Report  
Dan Shidla  
Dick Wallrich  
MG 2006 MGA and MGB gatherings planned for 2005

\_\_\_ Election of Officers \_\_\_  
2005 officers elected:

President	Alan Kelsey
Vice President	Elena Pierce
Treasurer	Jon Masley
Secretary	Phyllis Galberth
Newsletter	Tom Belongia
Webmaster	Diane Rindt
Regalia Coordinator	Rich Leslie

Other club officials for 2005 include Keith Galberth, Intermarque Rep; Brian Walsh, New Member Coordinator.

\_\_\_ Events \_\_\_

Elena Pierce led a lively discussion of scheduling events for the upcoming year. Events scheduled: Annual Holiday Party, Valentine Tea, Kickoff Brunch, Ellingson's Car Show, Rally In the Valley, wine tasting, several tech sessions and picnics. A new event this year will be a gourmet dinner at Cordon Bleu hosted by Jon Masley in April. Club members who would like to host an event, should contact Elena Pierce with details.

\_\_\_ Newsletter distribution \_\_\_

Distribution of the newsletter was a major topic for discussion at the meeting. E-mail vs. postal mail had both pros and cons. After much discussion a motion was made to continue the distribution of the newsletter both in print and electronic form. Motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to distribute the newsletter electronically on the website with a unique link to access. Motion was seconded and passed.

### Announcements

The Holiday party is January 15th. Please send reservations and checks to Glenn and Annette Fisher no later than January 5th.

Dick Wallrich will continue Sunday Tech sessions at the bus barn. The club will be working on a project car over the winter.

Larry Henley has a new position with the Minnesota MG Group...First Under Secretary of the Office of the Directory of Strategic Affairs.  
Congrats Larry!!!

Philip Galberth celebrated his 24th Birthday on November 13th. A big THANK YOU, to Jon Masley for the Birthday Cake. It was a terrific sweet treat after the meeting.

Phyllis Galberth



## Why Men Are Just Happier People

What do you expect from such simple creatures?  
The garage is all yours.  
Wedding plans take care of themselves.  
Chocolate is just another snack.  
You can never be pregnant.  
Car mechanics tell you the truth.  
You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.  
You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.  
Wrinkles add character.  
Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental -- \$100.  
People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.  
The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected.  
One mood -- all the time.  
Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.  
You can open all your own jars.  
You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.  
If someone forgets to invite you, they can still be your friend.  
Your underwear is \$8.95 for three-pack.  
Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.  
You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.  
Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck.  
You can play with toys all your life.  
Your belly usually hides your big hips.  
One wallet and one pair of shoes one color for all seasons.

Courtesy : The Tattler

Haynes: Rotate anticlockwise.

Translation:  
Clamp with molegrips and beat repeatedly with hammer in either direction.

# Chicago's 9th Annual all British Car



*Morgan*



# Swap Meet & Auto Jumble



**Sunday, February 27, 2005 8:00am -- 3:00pm**

**at the DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL**

(1/2 Mile north of RT38 on County Farm Road)

[www.britishcarswap.info](http://www.britishcarswap.info)

General admission: \$5.00 Free Parking Vendor Setup starts at 6am

Return to: Chicagoland MG Club, PO Box 455, Addison IL 60101

For Info: Jim Evans 630/858-8192 or Dave Mullis 630/916-7358.

(Includes 2 free admissions)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 10X10 Space @ 25 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_ Tables @ 5.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chairs @ 1.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reminder: Minnesota MG Group Annual Holiday Party  
January 15, 2005-Plan to Attend Now!**

The party will be held at 3M's Tartan Park clubhouse in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. Directions will be provided in a future announcement. We will be having a buffet dinner with dessert and choice of beverage. The evening starts at 6 PM with a social hour (cash bar). Dinner starts at 7 PM.

The cost will be the same as last year, \$25 per person. Please send your checks, **no later than January 5, 2005**, made out to **MMGG**, to:

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Fisher  
6223 Lynnway  
Woodbury, Minnesota 55129



Don't forget to bring your MG Bucks to bid on fabulous, (and some not so fabulous), merchandise.

**Note Auction Items:** If you have something to donate to the auction/door prizes, please call Jack and Kathryn Schneider at 651-552-1780.

Name:

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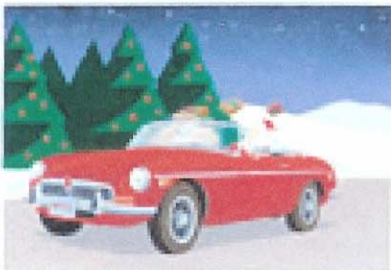
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# Calendar of Events

Let's have some fun!

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- On Going**  
**Saturday Mornings until further notice.**
- Saturday** morning British Breakfast at the Square Peg Diner, 2021 East Hennepin Avenue, from 8:30 am to 11 am (most people get there early). Open to all lovers of British cars. Proprietor Phil Vanner, a British car owner, welcomes you. As the weather warms up, hang out in the parking lot.
- January 15, 2005** **Holiday Party.** Hosted by Jack and Kathryn Schneider and Glenn and Annette Fisher, we will again party at 3M's wonderful facility, Tartan Park in Lake Elmo, Mn. FFI: Schneiders at 651-552-1780 or Fishers at 651-458-3878
- January 16, 2005** **MBG Restoration** Dick Wallrich and Jim Pennoyer, Sunday the 16th, High Noon, at the Bus Garage, 896 Hersey St. Suite 108.
- February 12, 2005** **MG Valentine's Tea Party** MG Valentine's Tea Party will be held from 2:00 - 5:00 at the party room at the Point of France condos (62nd St and France Avenue in Edina "kitty corner" from Marshal Fields / Southdale). Tea Committee members are Val and Dick Wallrich, Lorna and Simon Bosworth, Cindy O'Brien Byboth and Dawn Williams.
- February 26, 2005** **Tech Session Engine Conversion**
- March 19, 2005** **MMGG Kick Off Brunch** 2005 MG Kickoff at Santorini's Taverna and Grill, St Louis Park. Once Again, Elena is planning the kickoff event and she's directing the troops to the Santorini's where we are assured of both a terrific meal and great atmosphere. Things are still in the planning stages, so let Elena know if you'd rather be served a "Manly" steak and shrimp salad or if you'd prefer to continue with a brunch for the kickoff event. "I'm open to suggestions - my goal is to serve a good meal in a nice room (and keep the total cost of the meal including beverage, tax and tip to \$20.00/person)". Express your preference to Elena (empierce1@mmm.com or 651-733-1277) and she'll plan according to the popular opinion.
- March ? 2005** **MMGG Tech Session**  
Dan Iberg
- March ? 2005** **MMGG Tech Session**  
Keith Galberth
- April 7, 2005** **Gourmet Dinning Adventure Le Cordon Bleu** Hosted by Jon Masley at Brown College, Mendota Heights MN. 6:30 pm.
- More to follow in the February issue. **This is a reservations required event.**
- May 14, 2005** **MMGG Picnic In The Park**  
Jim & Cindy Pennoyer
- June 16 - 18, 2005** **Rendezvous 2005** at Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Another must attend event. See Attached form'

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- June 17 & 18, 2005**      **Brits on the Bricks.** The MG Car Club of Toronto invites you to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their club. Guest speaker is Mr. John Twist. There will be an evening soiree on Friday and on Saturday there will be a British car show on the brick walkways of *The Historic Distillery District*. FFI: [www.mgtoronto.com](http://www.mgtoronto.com) or contact [econte@rogers.com](mailto:econte@rogers.com) to placed on the mailing list.
- June 17-19,2005**      **Minnesota Street Rod Association**    Back to the 50's Weekend
- July 2, 2005**      **Vintage Voyagers "Original" Blast from the Past Car Show**  
Starts at 9:00 am, you can enjoy food, crafts, music & great car show. Trophies awarded for the best in class at 2:00pm. Following the Car Show, take a scenic drive to our supper destination at **Jakes Supper Club** on Tainter Lake. Steve & Diane Rindt
- July 7-10, 2005**      **MG2005 in Olympia, Washington.** Make your plans now to attend this event. The Olympia club (**WWW.MG2005.COM**) has a great event planned including sailing on a schooner in the Puget Sound, trips to Mr. Rainier, trips to the Lamay Car Museum, and much more. The Red Lion Hotel, where the show will be based, is a lodge-type facility overlooking the beautiful surrounding scenery. More information as it becomes available
- July 14-17, 2005**      **North American MGA Register GT30**    Mackinaw City Michigan
- August 13, 2005**      **Ellingson's All British Car Show and Swap Meet. Rogers Minnesota, 9:00am**
- August ? 2005**      **Trip to Galena**    Dick & Val Wallrich
- August 25 - 27, 2005**      **Rally in the Valley, 2005.** Steve and Diane Rindt have secured the entire resort, *Paradise Shores*, for this event. 43 rooms! We used 22 this year. Plan on attending NOW! Watch the newsletter for more details as they develop.
- September 10, 2005**      **Wings and Wheels**    Osceola Wisconsin, Jerry & Nancy Strand
- September 24, 2005**      **Tenba Ridge Winery & Car Show**    Blair Wisconsin, Steve & Diane Rindt
- September ? 2005**      **Fall Color Tour**
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- November ? 2005**      **Annual Planning Meeting**
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If you are a new(er) member and have not received your nametag(s), or are an existing member and lost yours, please request one from new member coordinator Brian Walsh (651-731-6921). If you leave a message, please be sure to **SPELL** both first and last names for each name tag and leave a phone number at which you can be reached. Lost nametags cost \$5.00. Send your check to Brian, made out to MMGG.

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

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*September, 2004*



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*October, 2004*

**For Sale:** 1967 MG Midget - moving to Gemany - need to sell asap. Hard top & 2 soft tops all in great condition, 5 wire wheels (2 are snow tires), good condition seats, tow bar, lots of chrome including chrome bumpers. Needs body & engine work but runs. Interior black, exterior rose. \$1000 or best offer. Will sell accessories separately. Call Tammy Lynn 612-825-2369 or 952-836-1041.

*November, 2004*



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*October, 2004*

**For Sale:** 1966 MGB Good mechanical, body rusty, interior needs work Clutch shot. **For Sale:** 1967 AH Sprite Good mechanical, body rusty interior OK. \$2,000 each or \$3500 for both. Kevin 612-501-9662.

*October, 2004*

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