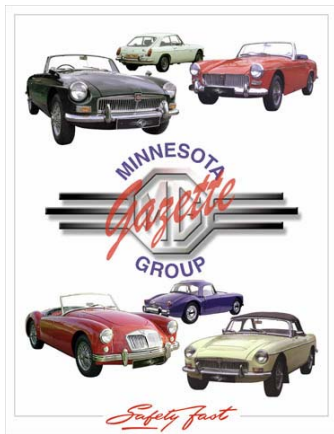




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## MG Kickoff Brunch at Santorini's Taverna and Grill March 19

We're Cruising Back to Santorini's –

Well, maybe it's not a "cruise" but we're heading back to Santorini's Taverna and Grill for this year's MG Kickoff Brunch. We can't guarantee that the weather will be as nice as it was when we last visited for "My Big Fat Greek Kickoff Brunch" in 2003 – or even as nice as we had for last month's Valentine's Day Tea – (who would believe we'd be taking photos outside in February!!)

What we *can* guarantee, however, is another great brunch buffet and the great company of our MG friends.

Once again, we'll have the beautiful Village Room for our group where we'll brunch under the grape-covered pergola. Advance reservations are required and the cost this year will be \$20.00 per person. Please send your checks to -

Elena Pierce  
2460 E. Skillman Avenue  
North St. Paul, MN 55109

Directions to Santorini's – From downtown Minneapolis take I394 W to Hopkins Crossroad exit. Take a right at the end of the ramp and then another right onto the North Frontage Road. This will become Wayzata Boulevard. Follow back ½ mile to Santorini's entrance (just before the big Interchange building tower).

Don't forget – MG Kickoff Brunch  
Date: Saturday, March 19  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$20.00 – reservations to Elena by March 15

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## The Oil on the Dipstick

By MMGG President Alan Kelsey

### Cars, Etc. In The Age Of Computer Gaming

I think I've mentioned our grandnephew (age 9) who, with his mother from Russia, entered our life in October 2003. As any other American boy, he likes to play games on his Playstation2. Naturally, to be a good granduncle, I had to get one so he could play at our house when I've run out of energy. I also felt the obligation to play these games just to see what they are like, ... using every character, ... some of them more than once.

It has occurred to me that there are a whole lot of people in the world today who grew up with these things and who see the world just a little differently because of their experiences. Now, before moving on, we need a short lesson for the "gaming impaired."

There are two extra parts to most games, cheats (in almost all games) and "Easter Eggs" (more about these later). Cheats are skills, abilities and equipment you can add on without earning them. Sometimes these are almost necessary, like when the hero goes into a room that immediately bursts into flames. Without the cheats there seems to be no way to even finish some games. However, most of the time, they just make the game less difficult and, for many of us, more fun.

One part of these games I don't quite understand is how the main character, like Lara Croft, for example, can carry all that artillery and gear and still leap around in ways that would make a gazelle walk off, muttering, "I'm so depressed." There seems to be no limit to size and weight in those tight, little costumes. Then, when we use the cheats, we can add three or four times the inventory.

So, when some people live their real, day-to-day lives, they might actually be bringing in conceptions based on their gaming experience. For example, any business owner knows, you can't stock *every* part for every product. Even if we don't consider the massive expense it would entail, there simply isn't enough space in the parts room. However, when telling cus-

tomers the part will have to be ordered and it takes a few days to get it, it's as if they are asking, "Well, why don't you use the 'get my part NOW' cheat?" "Isn't their just some code you can type into the computer and it will appear in your inventory?"

Do you remember the movies based on "The Matrix?" In those situations, while the characters were in the Matrix, if they needed knowledge (like how to fly a helicopter) it could just be shoved into their brains. Now I enjoyed those movies as much as anyone, but I still want the pilots of the jets I'm in to have some experience, not just "book-learnin'."

Sometimes, we have to tell our boss that we just can't do what he or she wants. We just don't have the knowledge or skill to do it and we can't learn by this afternoon. When I've said that, I get the impression that they want to look for the data port on the back of my head so they can get me to learn it. Naturally, if we ask if the company is willing to pay for that training, that's when they forget how to speak English.

In computing, Easter eggs are messages, graphics, sound effects, or an unusual change in program behavior, that occur in a program in response to some undocumented set of commands, mouse clicks, key-strokes or other similar stimuli intended as a joke or to display program credits.

One well-known early Easter egg found in a couple of Unix operating systems caused them to respond to the command "make love" with "not war?" Many personal computers have much more elaborate eggs hidden in ROM, including lists of the developers' names, political exhortations, snatches of music, and (in one case) images of the entire development team. Microsoft Excel has a well-known car racing game embedded inside. The Palm operating system has elaborately hidden animations and other surprises.

While computer-related Easter eggs are often found in software, occasionally they can exist in hardware or firmware of certain devices. On some PCs, the BIOS ROM contains Easter eggs. Perhaps the most famous example of a hardware Easter egg is in the HP ScanJet 5P, where the device will play the "Ode to Joy" by varying the stepper motor speed if you power the device up with the scan button depressed.

To carry our real life analogies to the subject of Easter eggs, if the customer wants to use cheats, the business gets to use Easter eggs and vice versa. If

the customer wants their part **now**, then (if we get it for them now) it should be able to be installed with some "benefit" that will be revealed at some later time. I think Lucas Electric pioneered this concept in the automotive world.

So, before we ask too much from people trying to serve us, consider, at least briefly, if you want an Easter egg.

Safety Fast,  
Alan Kelsey

## THE RUBBER B'S

EDITOR'S NOTES

TOM & BARB BELONGIA, EDITORS

Feeling creative? Are you a "pent up author"? The MMGG *Gazette* is the opportunity for you. Articles — whether you write them or find them — are always welcome, along with your photos or drawings. Perhaps you wish to write a column or interview members for a "member profile".

Many thanks to those of you who have already sent us articles and photos. Your contributions are valued.

Articles, photos and advertisements must be received by the **15th of each month** for publication the following month. But earlier is always OK!

It's not too late to receive the newsletter by email. Contact us to be added to the email newsletter list. You'll get it earlier and in color!

# DUES ARE DUE!

## PAY YOUR 2005 MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW!

### MAIL TO:

### JON MASLEY

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## Tech Tip: by Doctor Ernie

### *Subject: Information*

Your uncle's wisdom, mechanic's secrets, door and hood stickers, do-it-yourself books, factory manuals, and other assorted drivel. They should help you maintain or repair your treasured automobile.

All of them will have huge amounts of correct information to help you accomplish your task. But all of them may also have incorrect information. Thank God the later is in the minority.

Let's start with Factory Manuals. Above all others you'd think they would be exact. Not so. I know of many instances where typos, misprints, incorrect decimal locations, reversed drawings, and even wrong photos can, if followed, end with disastrous results. For example using the incorrect fifty foot pounds stated, instead of the actual fifty inch pounds needed. Another mistake shows the crankshaft thrust washers facing the wrong way. Both of these examples lead to immediate parts failure. Also, the specifications for European models vary considerably from U.S. models, and again from California models.

The next category are the do it yourself books. Have you ever gone to a dealership and seen the whole wall shelf full of manuals? It stands to reason that no one book could cover all the information that's in that shelf full of books. The most important book on that row of factory books is the biggest one, the one that has all the corrections and updates commonly called "service bulletins". Many "one size fits all" books never have these updates.

Another tragedy is the antiquated books used in classrooms. I've seen some books showing pictures of engines, and calling them typical. Come on. Corvair flat sixes, and Plymouth slant sixes typical!

The door and hood stickers are the most reliable sources if they are with a completely original car. On many older cars the distributor, or carburetor, or even the complete engine may be from another year, make, or model. Another

problem with some manufacturer stickers is that they fade away to the point of being just a blank sticker. Nice huh?

The mechanic who's familiar with your car may have all of the knowledge about your car and be able to avoid all of the pitfalls related to the other options. But time is money, and it should be understandable if he isn't exactly enthused about taking a half hour to explain or guide you through what is actually a 10 minute job for him. It would be a rare person who'd take his own bacon and eggs to a restaurant and ask them if he could use their stove. But these same people don't realize the time and energy it takes to be a good mechanic, or the expenses that a shop incurs to provide that service.

And what about uncles? If yours are like mine, run; don't walk when they offer help or advice. The "just squirt her full of ether" type advice rarely is the right path to take.

So what do you do? Just take the time to search for the correct information you need. Make sure it is for the exact year, make and model, or part you are working on. If possible cross reference your sources to see if the specifications or information are the same. If still in doubt, consult a mechanic. If still in doubt, get a second opinion.

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Almost 50 MMGG members spent a sunny afternoon enjoying tea with their Valentine at the Point of France last month. They feasted on delicate canapés and delicious desserts. Four choices of tea were served in a variety of delicate tea pots and cups. Everyone was dressed in their finest. And as you can see in the photos here (and elsewhere in this edition of the *Gazette*) many found their vintage hats, gloves, feather boas and fur coats for the occasion. Member received a souvenir photo from the event, and recommended the Valentine Tea become an annual MMGG Event.

Special thanks to the organizers — Cindy O'Brien/Byboth, Val Wallrich and Dawn Williams — and all their volunteers for making it another special MMGG event.



Gourmet Dining Adventure  
Le Cordon Bleu  
April 7, 2005 6:30 PM

Submitted by MMGG Member Jon Masley

You are invited to join other MMGG members for dinner Thursday, April 7, 2005 through the *Le Cordon Bleu* Program at Brown College, Mendota Heights, Minnesota. We will meet in the Minnesota Room promptly at 6:30 PM.

Brown College is one of several locations nationwide that offers students culinary education following the *Le Cordon Bleu* method. Students will be preparing and serving a multi course meal. I have eaten there twice now and each time had a wonderful meal.

Here is what you need to know. We will be having a 5-course gourmet meal. Expect your meal to cost between \$24.00 and \$29.00. Beverages are extra. Wine is available for \$5.00 a glass. You may also purchase a bottle of wine. Gratuity will be donated to the scholarship fund. I do not need any payment in advance. I do need to know if you plan to attend. **YOU CANNOT SHOW UP AT THE LAST MINUTE.** There is limited seating. I have made reservations for 20 people. Let me know immediately if you will be attending.

Contact: Jon Masley  
651-779-8605 home or 651-335-2372 cell or  
[jdmasley@yahoo.com](mailto:jdmasley@yahoo.com)

Directions to Brown College: From St. Paul take I-494 S. Just before the river, take the Pilot Knob Road exit (CR-31). Turn right. Go up 1 short block. Turn left. In another block you are at Brown College. The Minnesota Room is in the College building. From Minneapolis, take I-494. Cross the river, take the Pilot Knob Road exit (CR-31). Turn left. Cross over 494 and take a left at the 2<sup>nd</sup> light. Go another block and you are at Brown College. Brown College is located at 1440 Northland Drive, Mendota Heights, Minnesota.

**SEATTLE TO ST. PAUL:**  
A MID-WINTER JOURNEY IN A CITROËN 2CV



Andy Lindberg purchased a light blue 1978 Citroën 2CV from a fellow running a Citroën shop (2CVsRus) in Seattle, Washington. He and Linda took time off in January and made the trip to Seattle and then drove their new Citroën home to St. Paul. For the "full story" see the *InterMarque Monthly* for March 2005.



## Holiday Party To Remember

The MMGG Holiday party held on January 15<sup>th</sup> was once again a fabulous event. We'd first like to thank Glenn and Annette Fisher, and Jack and Kathryn Schneider for the wonderful job they did coordinating the event.

It started out with the usual socializing and catching up with friends. The guys talked about what projects they were working on and the gals talked about the upcoming Valentine's Tea. There were many donations brought in for the Auction. Some very nice items and an awesome cake donated by Lorna and Simon Bosworth, as if there wasn't enough to eat at the buffet! Speaking of the buffet the food was wonderful! Fisher's and Schneider's did an excellent job picking out the food.

After we were done stuffing our faces with the gourmet food Al Kelsey once again took control and started the infamous MG bucks action. The evening was rather subdued in the early rounds as most members were holding out for the coveted Jim Penoyer stain glass works. Jim has been a member of the club for many years and for the past few years he has donated his hand crafted beautiful stain glass pieces. This year was no different. On the auction block stood a beautiful MG floor lamp with logo and MG cars. Then the bidding really started to heat up, for a minute I thought I was at the "Barrett-Jackson Auction" in Scotsdale Arizona! The Merrill's and Bosworth's were competing over the beautiful floor lamp. Ken and Diane Merril fiercely fought off a late onslaught of MG bucks from Lorna and Simon Bosworth, taking the final lead in the bidding. Nobody knows exactly what it sold for; let's just say it was a lot of **pink** MG dollars (\$700.00?) When Al finally said, "sold" the lamp went to Ken and Diane Merril. After the Auction was over, photos were taken of the proud winners with the creator Jim and Cindy Penoyer. Then to everyone's surprise the Merrill's did a truly gracious and in the "Christmas Spirit" gesture, they gave the lamp to the Bosworth's as a gift. **How cool is that!?**

After the party ended there were plans for those who were interested, to gather at the Freight House in Stillwater. But as they say, "Even with the best laid plans there are always snags!" The Freight

House was closed! We found out later they always close in January to redo their floors. Who could have seen that coming?! So with 15 cars in the parking lot and a few people running from car to car to figure out what to do, it was truly time for one of us to step forward and take control. Bob and Lori Jensen graciously invited the entire group to their house to continue the Holiday Party. Bob called up all of his neighbors and instructed them to bring over what ever adult beverages they had in their homes! One member was worried that Bob wouldn't have enough adult beverages to satisfy everyone's thirst. This person shall remain nameless or we'll just say his last name rhymes with blooper. When we arrived their daughter greeted us with a smile and invited us into their beautiful home. A great time was had by all and **many thanks to everybody** who made this night a **HUGE** success!

Submitted by Steve and Diane Rindt

### Haynes:

Weekly checks...

### Translation:

If it isn't broken don't fix it!!

### Sharing the Tea



# America's Sports Car Sweetheart

EXPERTS MAY ARGUE WHETHER IT really was the MG TC that lit America's fire for imported sports cars. After all, few TCs were sold here, compared to the substantial number of TDs that followed. But this TC was present—and at the heart of the matter—when the love affair began.

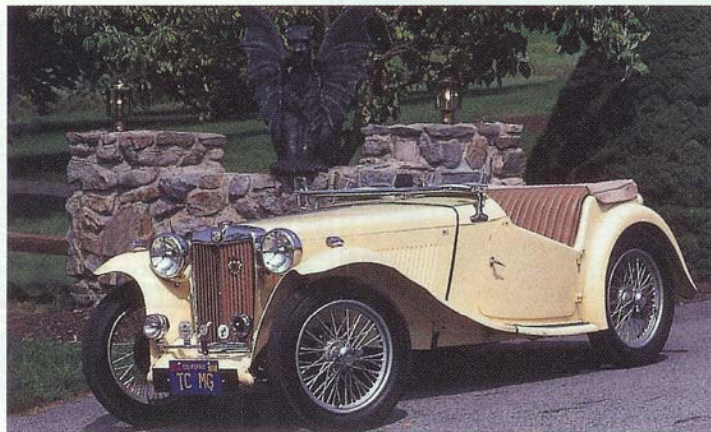
MG began building the TC in October 1945; not surprisingly, it was essentially a prewar TB, widened four inches in the cockpit and simplified by swapping the TB's sliding-trunnion front suspension for a proven solid axle and leaf springs. Exactly 10,000 were manufactured in a four-year run, with 2001 of those exported to the United States.

*Road & Track* associate editor John Bond bought this 1947 TC in 1949 and on Valentine's Day presented it to Elaine Williams, an amateur race driver and his bride-to-be. Later Bond and Williams would buy the foundering magazine and steer it toward success. Retired from racing, Elaine parked her TC in *Road & Track's* lobby, where it came to be regarded as a minor landmark.

Restorer Mitch Leland acquired the MG in the early '70s and totally rebuilt the car. Leland made improvements as well, including some better-than-stock components in its worm-and-sector steering. He had the cylinders bored 0.020 inch over and the head ported and ground 0.100 inch under. But Leland had barely bolted it all back together when Chicago collector Ben Rose offered him \$5,500 for his effort—an offer too good to refuse.

Around this same time *Road Test* magazine produced a poster featuring the ex-Bond MG as a giveaway with a year's subscription. (It hung in this humble scribe's bedroom throughout high school.) Current owners Dennis and Ann Marie Nash bought the TC in 1997.

The seatbacks adjust fore and aft, but the seat cushions don't, forcing shorter drivers to sit on the front edge of the cushion. The footwells are long and narrow, with the gas, brake and clutch pedals



JOHN F. KATZ

positioned perfectly for anyone whose left leg is 12 inches longer than his right.

In stock tune the 1250-cc pushrod four developed 54 hp at 5200 rpm, and we doubt Leland's modifications have made a dramatic difference. Pressed only moderately, it sings a stirring race-car soprano, with just a hint of accompanying gear whine in the lower ratios. The gearbox is tight, but slick and precise, and can be slammed up and down with drag-race abandon. The small, racing-style windscreens exaggerate our

speed. How fast are we going? Who cares? It feels terrific!

The large plastic steering wheel flexes and springs in a driver's hands while rubbing hard against the thighs. The steering ratio is extremely fast, but the effort level seems high for a car weighing only 1735 pounds. The MG's nose wants to sniff and hunt, left and right, like a cartoon hound dog, and it requires a conscious effort not to over-correct. Corners suggest an odd ratcheting sensation, as the little car's

actual yaw rate lags a heartbeat behind steering input. Sitting just ahead of the rear axle, it feels like riding on a slow-motion Tilt-A-Whirl.

Still, the TC rides better than expected, at least on relatively smooth suburban roads. Yes, its 94-inch wheelbase is short and its springs are stiff, but the MG's body-on-frame construction is solid—no squeaks, no rattles, no jostling. The vacuum-boosted hydraulic brakes feel tight and modern, with very little pedal travel. Overall, the TC presents a splendid buffet

of driving sensations, compromised only by the uncomfortable dance demanded by the randomly awful placement of the pedals.

The TD that followed updated the same body and driveline with rack-and-pinion steering, double-wishbone front suspension, a hypoid rear axle, pressed steel wheels and available left-hand drive. Of 29,644 made, 23,500 were shipped to these shores. So whether or not the TC actually fired up the romance, it was the TD, undeniably, that spread the love around. —JOHN F. KATZ

Submitted article: Tom Moerke, *AutoWeek* February 2005

## OXYACETYLENE TORCH:

Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your garage on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside a brake drum you're trying to get the bearing grease out of.

## ELECTRIC HAND DRILL:

Normally used for spinning steel Pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, but it also works great for drilling mounting holes in fenders just above the brake line that goes to the rear wheel.



# Jaguar Club of Minnesota

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Go-Kart Challenge

**Organized by Jaguar Club of Minnesota – Open to All Sports Car Clubs**

**Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>. All drivers need to be at the track by 8:15 AM. Mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30 AM.** Racing begins at 8:30 AM and goes to 11:00 AM. Coffee & rolls will be provided at registration. Awards will be presented during lunch at a local restaurant immediately after the event.

**Event is limited so sign up early.** Fastest lap times will determine grid positions for each heat. Each heat group assignment will be based upon prior experience. All club members are welcome to support their drivers.

Event is limited to licensed drivers. Helmets provided, personal DOT approved helmets with face shield approved. Drivers waiver required.

**ProKart Indoors** – 11700 Troy Lane, Maple Grove, MN 55369 – (952) 808-7223. (North West Metro) Check out [www.prokartindoor.com](http://www.prokartindoor.com) for detailed directions

Awards – Join us for lunch & awards afterwards. We will announce the location at the go-kart event.

Participants are considered signed up when their checks are received. **No cancellations or refunds.** Drivers must find alternate in event of being unable to drive. **Jaguar Club reserves the right to deny participation to applicants that do not understand the “spirit” of the event or have exhibited inappropriate behavior in the past.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION!!**



**Very popular event – register early as we always fill up.**

Please make checks out to **Jaguar Club of Minnesota.**

Send you checks to:

**Jaguar Club of Minnesota, c/o David Meek, 10267 Meade Lane, Eden Prairie, MN 55347**

For questions call: David Meek – 612-799-5555 **NOTE NEW Maple Grove LOCATION!**

**Drivers meeting at 8:30. If you're late you won't get to race!**

**Driver #1 (\$33.00 Per Driver until 2/28 - \$50.00 after March 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Name	_____			Prior Experience	_____
Street Address	_____			Prior Go-Kart challenge?	_____
City	State	Zip	Phone ( )	_____	
E-Mail	_____			Club Membership	_____

**Driver #2 (\$33.00 Per Driver until 2/28 - \$50.00 after March 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Name	_____			Prior Experience	_____
Street Address	_____			Prior Go-Kart challenge?	_____
City	State	Zip	Phone ( )	_____	
E-Mail	_____			Club Membership	_____

## More rooms available For Rendezvous 2005 !!

Good news for those planning to attend Rendezvous 2005 but haven't made room reservations yet. In addition to the 18 accommodations remaining at Sugar Lake Lodge, Barb Ronning has convinced two motels in Grand Rapids to hold blocks of rooms for our gathering.

The Sawmill Inn – Ph: 800-804-8006 – is holding 30 rooms for us until May 16 at prices ranging between \$78 - \$84, plus tax. Ask for the "Rendezvous 2005" group rate on their rooms.

Next door to the Sawmill Inn, the Country Inn & Suites – Ph: 218-327-4960 – is holding 20 rooms for us until June 1 at a price of \$75 per room (accommodating from 1 – 4 people), plus tax. Ask for the "Rendezvous 2005" group rate on rooms there.

Both motels are closer to downtown Grand Rapids and about 12 miles from Sugar Lake Lodge. See you at Rendezvous 2005!

## See and Hear How It's Done Date Changed !!

Chris Sorenson and Dan Shidla will take us through a process of converting their MGB power plants to fuel injected GM V6's. Technical advisor, Dan Iberg of Midwest Motor Sports, will offer his thoughts and ways to avoid various pitfalls.

Chris's car is complete and Dan's is rapidly getting there. We will be working on Dan's car at the session.

### **Saturday March 5, 2005**

Starting time is 9:00 AM – give or take a bit, and it ends when it ends. At Dan Shidla's 10305 Morris Road, Bloomington, MN.

Bring your note pads and questions etc.

**Chris in Process**

**ONE WAY** →

## **WELCOME !!! NEW MEMBERS AND BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy March Birthdays!

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14 - Peggy Walsh

14 - Tom Billigmeier

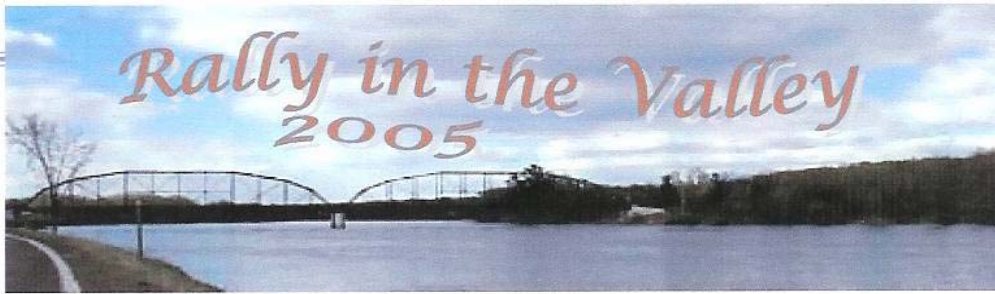
19 - Steve Rindt

20 - Cindy O'Brien

20 - Cindy Pennoyer

20 - Dick Wallrich





August 25, 26 & 27

## Join us at "Paradise Shores" in Holcombe Wisconsin

### PLANNED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday August 25 -- Resort check in, register for "Rally in the Valley," dinner (supper) on your own (@ Paradise Shores), Natter-n-Noggin around the campfire (lake side).

Friday August 26 -- "Double Back Rally," lunch at East Bay, part 2 of the "Double Back Rally," "Sea Food Buffet" @ Paradise Shores, and pool side party (Natter-n-Noggin).

Saturday August 27 -- Tour the lake on pontoon "Pride of the Bay" or go antique/craft shopping, Wax on/Wax off Car Show, Funkhanna, social hour in the Lounge, banquet "Texas Style," & the famous "Rally in the Valley" awards banquet ceremony.

Sunday August 28 -- Farewell breakfast.

Register before July 25th, 2005!!

Make your reservations @ Paradise Shores ASAP 1-800-657-4512 or www.paradiseshores.com  
 Alternate lodging @ Americinn 715-532-6650. Visit the MMGG web site for photos from last year. (www.mmgg.org) For questions, contact Steve or Diane Rindt at (715-832-8316) or drindt5953@hotmail.com

**Send Checks and Registration Form to:**  
**Register Before July 25<sup>th</sup> 2005**  
 Diane Rindt  
 4271 North Shore Drive  
 Eau Claire, WI 54703

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle/s to be registered:

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Friday & Saturday Breakfast Buffet:

\$18.00/adult  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

\$9.00 /children 4-12yrs  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

(Prices includes BOTH days)

**Friday Lunch @ East Bay (choose from the following):**

Grilled Chicken Breast: \$7.75/person  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Sirloin Steak Sandwich: \$13.25/per person  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Italian Beef: \$8.75/person  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Classic Burger: \$7.25/per person  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Caesar Salad: \$12.00/per person  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Taco Salad: \$9.75/per person  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday "Texas Style" Banquet

\$20.00/adult  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 /children 4-12yrs  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirts: Men's & Women's (S, M, L, XL \$16.00) (XXL \$18.00)

Men's (Size \_\_\_\_\_):  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Women's (Size \_\_\_\_\_):  \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$35.00 per/couple

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*Not Saturday as seen in last month's flyer. Oops!*

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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.

**March 5, 2005  
DATE CHANGE!!**

**Tech Session Engine Conversion** Hosted by Dan Shidla, Chris Sorenson, and Dan Iberg. 9:00 am. At Dan Shidla's Garage. 10305 Morris Road, Bloomington, MN.

**March 19, 2005**

**MMGG Kick Off Brunch** 2005 MG Kick Off at Santorini's Taverna and Grill, St Louis Park, MN. Once Again Elena is planning the kick off event and she's directing the troops to the Santorini's where we are assured of both a terrific meal and great atmosphere. Elena (empierce1@mmm.com or 651-733-1277)

**March 19, 2005**

**5th Annual Classic Go-Kart Challenge** Hosted by the Jaguar Club of Minnesota - open to all sports car clubs. Event is limited so sign up early! New location this year, ProKart Indoors, 11700 Troy Lane, Maple Grove MN. For reserving your place in line see the registration form in this issue. For questions call: David Meek - 612-799-5555. Drivers meeting at 8:30. If your late you won't get to race!

**April 7, 2005**

**Gourmet Dining Adventure Le Cordon Bleu** Hosted by Jon Masley at Brown college, Mendota Heights, MN. 6:30pm. **This is a reservations required event.**

**April ? 2005**

**Tech Session** Hosted by Keith Galberth

**April 16, 2005**

**Tech Session** Dan Iberg. Midwest Motor Sports Inc. Sauk Rapids MN.

**May 14, 2005**

**MMGG Picnic In The Park** Hosted by Jim & Cindy Pennoyer

**May 22, 2005**

**Spring Kickoff 2005 Intermarque Council Show and Banquet Noon to 5pm, at the Plymouth Radison. Banquet price is \$15.00 per person.**

**June 16 - 18, 2005**

**Rendezvous 2005** Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids Minnesota. Another must Attend event!!

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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** Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt, THREE Big days!! The fun begins on Thursday this year. Do the "Double Back Rally" on Friday morning; enjoy the "Pool Side Party" that evening. Saturday morning board the "Pride of the Bay" for a tour of the lake. Get out the spit and polish for the "Wax On / Wax Off" car show, followed by the Funkhanna, "Texas Style" Banquet and the famous "Rally in the Valley" Awards Ceremony. **DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!!**  
For more info- Contact: Steve & Diane Rindt ([drindt5953@hotmail.com](mailto:drindt5953@hotmail.com)) (715-832-8316) or visit the MMGG web site at ([www.mmgg.org](http://www.mmgg.org))
- 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**
- December 10, 2005**      **Grazing Bus Tour** Dawn Williams & Val Wallrich

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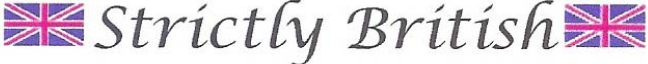
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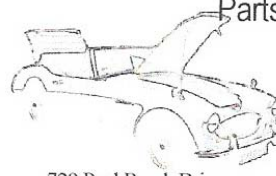
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The following people have expressed a willingness  
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**MGA** - Mike Hirschman 763/391-5769  
**MGB** - Randy Byboth 952/936-9335  
**Midgets** - Brian McCullough 651/462-0145  
**Bodywork** - Open

**Need a Nametag?**

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,  
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**For Sale.....Wanted.....Misc.**

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**For Sale:** 1979 MG Midget. Runs great! 4-speed, 25,000 miles. Looks good inside and out. British Racing Green with Tan interior, new carpet, no rust, Iowa car, black tonneau cover, new black convertible top, radio with cassette deck. \$6,200 or best offer. Call Terry Eggum at 651-457-4103.

*January 2005*



**For Sale:** (2) 1979 MGB Roadsters. They are on my web site at [www.theoldphotocompany.com](http://www.theoldphotocompany.com). Click on the "view our images" tab to 1979 MGB roadster. Contact Denny Scales at 951-679-0883

*January 2005*

**For Sale:** 1971 MGB Roadster. It has 37,000 actual miles. It is rusty but have the sheet metal parts for replacement. New top. Tom Boettcher ((952) 881-3464 or [boettchertr@people.com](mailto:boettchertr@people.com))

*January, 2005*



**For Sale** 1979 TR6 for restoration. Needs some body work. License plate bolts in perfect condition. Best offer?

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**MGB USED PARTS FOR SALE:** Bonnet- two to chose from, non-over drive transmission, GT rear hatch with glass, rear end, steel wheels-5, windshield frame, many other parts-cheap. Herb Miller (612) 860-8067 or [hgmiller3@qwest.net](mailto:hgmiller3@qwest.net).

*October, 2004*

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**Minnesota MG Group, 3599 Gershwin Court North, Oakdale, Minnesota 55128**  
**jdmasley@yahoo.com**

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