



# GAZETTE

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## *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MMGG Garden Party*

*Sunday, July 20th, 2 p.m.*

Hosted by Simon & Lorna Bosworth  
and  
Jack & Kathryn Schneider

The event will again start at Simon & Lorna's house, 3966 Pumice Lane, Eagan at 2 p.m. There will be appetizers and wine to enjoy! We will socialize there until 3:30 p.m. and then head off for Jack & Kathryn's garden (about 20 minute drive). There will be directions available to get you to the Schneider's home where there will be a light meal provided.

Please RSVP to Jack & Kathryn so that we will have some idea of how many people to prepare for at 651-552-1780 or Brit-jack@comcast.net



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## Seaworthy?

Several people have asked me for more details concerning the photo of the red Midget, floating on pontoons. On Friday, April 11, 2008, Helen Kingston (67 MGB), Art & Yvonne Floyd (MG TC), Richard and JoAnn Jensen (55 MGA), myself (79 Midget), and a friend of the Floyds- Pat (Toyota sedan) caravanned over some back roads thru Deltona, around Deland, then west on RT 40 at Barbersville thru Astor and on into Silver Springs for the GOF '08. As we got to the bridge in Astor, we decided to pull into the Blackwater Inn for some nourishment. We went up to the deck for a fabulous view of the St. Johns and ordered some food. As we were yakking it up, all of a sudden Helen shouted "Look at that!". We all turned toward the bridge and here comes a slow moving pontoon deck, WITH A BRIGHT RED MG MIDGET on it! Here was a Midget with a driver and a passenger, slowly moving, via outboard power, but steering with the Midget's steering wheel somehow, down the river towards us. I scrambled to take some photos as they went by, returning our waving and shouting. We were flabbergasted! As we were eating our "late lunch" about 15 minutes later, they returned back upstream and slowly disappeared under and around the bridge what a memorable sight!! We found out from our waitress, the couple lives across the river, not far from the restaurant. Hopefully someone can interview them in the future and get all

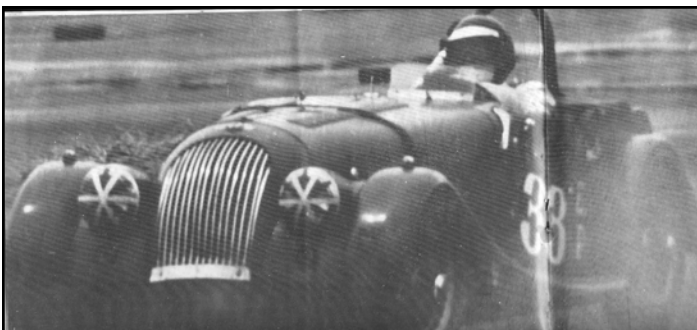
the details Made me proud to be a Midget owner!  
 Regards, Saul Kline Webmaster, MGCCF  
 Thanks to the Big Bend MGs Group Florida for allowing us to reprint this article.



## Belongia Gives up MG for GM

By Dave Braun

Rumor has it Tom and Barb Belongia have moved from their Palatial River Falls home to a Dog Kennel and house not far from Red Wing, Minnesota. Still on the Wisconsin side of the river (the Minnesota State Patrol has it out for Wisconsin Town Constables) the location has easy access to hunting boots, and a place to lovingly house aging canines. Belongia was quoted: "I'm really tired of convertibles and worrying it might rain. The dog smells bad enough when it's wet, but have you ever smelled wet English carpeting? I'm looking forward to a car which is much more rainproof, even with missing windows and 'destruction-art' body panels, and doesn't need an enclosed trailer. I'm putting the TD and B on eBay, with no reserve next week." Barb was out of town and was not available for comment.



## THE RUBBER B'S



EDITOR'S NOTES  
 TOM & BARB BELONGIA, EDITORS

It seems to have taken forever but the rain has stopped and it's HOT! Perhaps summer is really here. Hope so because there is a picnic and garden party in our near future.

*The Gazette* contains two "guest" articles this month from other clubs. We thought you might enjoy the Seaworthy Midget and a little history lesson.

**We need your help — we were scheduled to host the Wings & Wheels event this year but due to some confusion on the actual date of W&W we dual scheduled some family travel at the same time. Can you help us out?**

And just to set the record straight — The Belongia's are not moving not giving up MGs. Tom had the opportunity to "rescue" the pictured GM Pontiac Grand Am from the Minneapolis Police Department Impound Lot. The car is owned by our daughter and son-in-law and was recently stolen (and recovered) in downtown Minneapolis. It's a 1999 with 240,000 miles — the car next to it must have been "really bad". But it's back to it's Hager City home and being "refurbished" to it's previous condition (needs a new radio, two side windows and maybe hubcaps) so it will become our son-in-law's daily driver (it gets over 30 miles to the gallon). How could anyone even consider we would sell our British cars when there's such a "honey" that is learning to be a MG Girl?



(She's figured out how the horns work on both cars and wants to "seat down" in "Papa's car" whenever she visits.)



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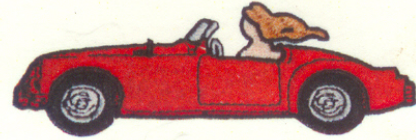
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| E – Best Original–71-76      | O – Modified Truck/Van       |
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## Velocity-The Art of Motion

Dick Wallrich -Minnesota MG Group

By now most everyone has heard off the Velocity Car Show that we are sponsoring for a night on Friday, August 1st. Here is the full details of the event.

The Velocity Art Show is an art show dedicated to motoring art. It includes photography, sculpture, drawn arts and oils. It has never been presented in this format in this area before. The curator of the show has asked car clubs if they would like to sponsor a night at the show. We chose the night of Friday, August 1st.. Our club chose to join with the Minnesota MG T Register, the Austin Healey Club, Triumph Club and the Jaguar Club in presenting this evening. The total run for the event is June 28th until August 3rd, but we are sponsoring just Friday the 1st.

By sponsoring this night we are satisfying several goals that we set for ourselves at the last annual meeting. One is to form some sort of outreach program to build demand for our hobby and the other is to perform a service project to give something back to the community. The design of this show will allow us to do both projects.

We have designed the event to be a Concours De 'Elegance type of event. We are closing off Main Street in Hopkins to showcase the cars. Each of the clubs can pick what they think are the ten best cars of each model to represent the marque of their club to be on display in front of the Art Center. There will be ten additional slots for "other" types of British cars. We have invited cars like Rolls Royce, Minis, Morgans and others to be in this class. Everyone is asked to bring their British car this night, but the invited cars will be in the front paddock area. People attending the event will be able to buy ballots for one dollar to vote for the car of their choice in the paddock. The money collected from the sale of ballots will go to Opportunity Partners of Hopkins. They are an agency that provides housing, job and educational opportunities to developmentally disabled young people and adults in the Twin Cities. We will be selling ballots in the weeks before the event to develop interest in the event and to raise more money for Opportunity Partners. We will require that the people who own the invited cars to be with their cars that night to sell extra ballots and to be able to explain and answer questions about their cars to the public that evening. We also want the invited cars to be available for the clients of Opportunity Partners to be able to sit in the cars and have their pictures taken. We could also have a couple of cars available to give people rides around the residential neighborhood in back of the Art Center.

Now for the best part. If a person buys a block of twenty ballots, they will get a free pass into a private reception that we will be giving in the Art Center. The Cold Spring Brewing Company in Cold Spring, Minnesota is brewing a special ale for our British Cars. It's called Olde Johnny Ale and is our new replacement for Old Speckled Hen which is no longer available in this area. They also brew Killebrew Root Beer which they will also be giving out that night. Our members will be making light appetizers to be served at the reception.

Now then, getting back to the goals part of the story we achieve our clubs goals in several ways. First we are raising money for Opportunity Partners and helping them in the great programs that they provide. Secondly, we are giving an excit-

ing night to their clients many of whom are male and are car nuts. Third, we build interest in our cars from the other people who are attending to help out Opportunity Partners. This helps build the market for British cars. If that wasn't enough, we get to play with our cars and have a good time.

Since I was given the mandate by the membership to do a service project for the club it should be everyone in the clubs responsibility to participate in the service project. We would like you to sell ballots at your workplace, church, neighborhood and anywhere else you think they will sell legally. We will have them ready in a week or so for distribution. Please contact the President of your club on how to get the ballots in your hands. Please don't pass this off. We need your help in order for this to be a success. Don't let the same few people in the club do all of the work. This is something that will benefit everyone in the club.

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## A Little History on the MGTD

Geoff Wheatley (2007)

Reprinted from Tidewater MG Classics Car Club's newsletter *Dipstick*

I don't think any one would ever dispute the fact that the MGTD was the most successful and, of course, popular MGT vehicle ever produced by Abingdon. The sheer production numbers speak for themselves at 29,664 produced between 1949 and 1953. That represents more vehicles than Abingdon produced in total before the Second World War. Sure, the MGB set a new production record from 1963 through to 1980 but it had 17 years to achieve this while the TD had only three and a half years! Its predecessor, the MGTC, was really a prewar car started up to sell in a post war world. Apart from being a few inches wider it was simply a rehash of the ill-fated MGTB that was never offered to the public in any quantity simply because of the start of the war in 1939. No doubt



it was a great improvement on the pathetic MGTA, which in reality was a collection of Morris Motors engineering parts designed for a family sedan. The TC was never designed as an export car, it was put together to fill a desperate need for a post war sports car. The original production run was estimated at around 4,000 vehicles. In reality by 1949 just over 10,000 had been sold with the vast majority going for export after 1946. With the steering wheel on the wrong side and a performance that certainly left something to be desired in a post war world with the

One Point Five Riley out of the same Morris stable selling three to one against the TC. It was suggested at one stage that the new MGYT Tourer might replace the TC but by 1948 it was obvious that this was not going to happen with sales for the YT about 50% of the original anticipation. Although the supply of new cars to the home market was tight and any British purchaser could easily wait six months to get a Morris or Austin vehicle, the MGY Tourer was one car they could virtually buy off the show room floor such was its export appeal! The theme of the day set by the British government was "Export or Die", and any motor manufacturer who did not meet the tough export figures set by the government faced a hard time. Steel was rationed and if you did not export you got no steel. It was as simple as that! The TC was an export car despite the fact that it had no export features, including the steering wheel on the wrong side as far as the US was concerned. However, it was realized that there was a growing market

for the small cheeky sports car and in reality there were no real competitors. Triumph had yet to produce the TR Range and the best they could offer was a slow, cumbersome old fashioned under powered Triumph 1800. That bombed at the Earls Court Car show and never achieved any real following, especially when the XK120 hit the market! So, MG had a challenge, produce a modern sports car that still had the attraction of a classic vehicle. It is recorded that the first TD was produced in about sixteen days by a small design team who never put pen to paper or rather pencil to the drawing board. A MGYA chassis was reduced by five inches and the two halves were welded together. A TC body was then placed on the frame and chopped up into about five sections, which were welded together. The YA rack and pinion steering unit was added and of course the then new independent front suspension, which had been successfully, used the YA. If anyone cares to look at the underside of an MGYA and an MGTD they will easily see the direct association these two cars have. The rear axle was borrowed from the new Morris Minor while the engine mounts, clutch housing, dynamo, and sump were all taken from the MGYA. The eventual body continued the classic style of the pre-war cars but was wider which in turn provided more room for the

owners especially the American ones who were by design somewhat larger than their British colleagues! Having said that, it is interesting to note that one modern feature that had become popular in the post-war motor market was missing, direction indicators, although many US dealers soon offered this luxury to their customers. Also, within a short time they also included radios and heaters, luxuries that the British owner had to wait a few years for and even then as an expensive extra! The front opening doors were considered dangerous in several export countries and the car was given a poor review, but not in the USA as the sales figures show. It has often been suggested that the TD would have been a more attractive car with wire wheels; after all it was supposed to be an English sports car. However, it was claimed by Abingdon that the steel wheels would be safer and more reliable, not to mention easier to clean. In reality, it was simply a matter of cost. Wire wheels were about three times the price of pressed steel. Eventually towards the end of the life of the TD wire wheels were offered with some success but the real MGTD owner simply frowns on such extravagance. There is an interesting story about the offer of wire wheels. The MG TF was launched in the spring of 1954 with a poor reception from both the British motor media and the MG Dealers. This rubbed off onto the car and sales were, to say the least, slow. Wire wheels were offered at virtually no extra price but this was not a great incentive. At the same time Abingdon was faced with a customer base who were not happy that the TD was being replaced. In order to fill the gap between the two cars and try to keep customers happy they offered the TD with a wire wheel option. However, this simply increased the desire to own a TD and reduced the already low appeal of the MGTF. For the first and only time in the history of the MG Company they ran two sports models together in the summer and fall of 1954. By the start of 1955 the TD was out of production but any dealers who still had stock were able to sell without any difficulty. On the other hand, the TF dragged its feet until the 1500 engine was fitted and even then was never seen as a real competitor to the successful MGTD. As we all know today, the MGTF is one of the most sought after cars in the MGT range but this is 2007 not 1954.

## ***July is Garden Party Month***



### ***MG Garden Party***

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# Ellingson's All British



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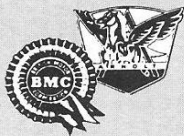
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# Calendar of MMGG CLUB Events

Let's have some fun!

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.

- July 13-14, 2008** The event is The MGA Twin Cam Golden Anniversary Jubilee. It is held Sunday, July 13 and Monday, July 14, 2008 at Seven Springs, PA just before NAMGAR GT33 beginning on Tuesday. Both are held at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort on the western side of Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh.
- July 20, 2008** **MG Garden Party** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MMG Garden Party being hosted by Simon & Lorna Bosworth and Jack & Kathryn Schneider is coming up on Sunday, July 20. The event will again start at Simon & Lorna's house, 3966 Pumice Lane, Eagan at 2 p.m. There will be appetizers and wine to enjoy! We will socialize there until 3:30 p.m. and then head off for Jack & Kathryn's garden (about 20 minutes drive). There will be directions available to get you to the Schneider's home where there will be a light meal provided. Please RSVP to Jack & Kathryn so that we will have some idea of how many people to prepare for at 651.552.1780 or Britjack@comcast.net
- July 26, 2008** **Grand Round Tour** Hosted by Dawn Williams
- August 9, 2008** **Ellingson's Car Show and Swap Meet** Hosted by Jim Pennoyer and Brian McCullough
- September 6, 2008** **Wings & Wheels HOSTS NEEDED** Tom and Barb Belongia were going to host this event but they have a family trip conflict (due to some confusion on the actual date of this event). Please help the MMGG Club and volunteer to host this event. Contact either Dawn Williams or Tom or Barb Belongia if you can host this event.
- September, 27, 2008** **5th Annual Fish 'n Chips** Hosted by Tom and Barb Belongia
- October 4, 2008** **Fall Colour Tour** Hosted by Diane and Ken Merrill
- October 11, 2008** **Autumn Tour** Hosted by Keith and Phyllis Galberth
- October 25, 2008** **Halloween Party** Hosted by Bob and Lori Jensen
- November, 2008** **Annual MMGG Meeting** Date and Location to be determined.
- December, 2008** **Pre-Holiday Event** Date and Hosts needed
- December 31, 2008** **New Year's Eve Party** Hosted by Dick and Val Wallrich
- January, 2009** **MMGG Annual Holiday Party** At Tartan Park Club House. Hosted by Dawn Williams, Diane Vinar, and Cathy LaClair

**NOTE — All information for upcoming events — both Club Sponsored and Other Events — is due by the 15th of the month for publication in the next MMGG Gazette. Event hosts are responsible for supplying all the information for the event for publication. Please don't forget this important step in hosting your Specific MMGG event. tom.belong@presenter.com**

# Calendar of Other Events

Support Our Friends!

**On Going  
Saturday Mornings  
All Year Round**

**Saturday morning British Breakfast at the Square Peg Diner**, 2021 East Hennepin Avenue, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (most people get there early). Open to all lovers of British cars. Proprietor Phil Vanner, a British car owner, welcomes you. New expanded dining room too! After breakfast we linger in the parking lot, weather permitting, to “show off” our cars.

**MG Girls** meet the second Saturday of each month at the Square Peg too.

**East Ender’s Breakfast  
1st and 3rd  
Saturdays**

A group of MGers have started a semi monthly East Enders Breakfast group. For those MG (and any other) enthusiasts that want to breakfast a little later and not drive to Minneapolis. Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays each month, 9 a.m. at the **Keys Cafe located at 840 Carmichael Road, Hudson, Wi. 1 mile north at Exit #2 and I-94 (Carmichael Road Exit)**. Sorry, checks are not accepted. All are welcome.

**NOTICE:  
LOCATION CHANGE**

**July 5, 2008**

**Chetek Car Show**, Chetek, WI Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt. It’s billed to be the “Original” Blast from the Past Car Show. It’s held at the Chetek Airport and gates open on Saturday, July 5th at 9:00 a.m. There’s also a swap meet and craft fair to occupy your day. Trophies are awarded at 2:00 p.m. and it’s just \$5.00 for you, your car and one passenger to attend. Contact Steve or Diane for more details.

**July 8, 2008**

**Square Peg Benefit** Hopkins Center for the Arts, Hosted by Phil Vanner. Contact Phil Vanner at the Square Peg for more details.

**July 10 -13, 2008**

**GOF Central MK XXX** Auburn, IL. Hosted by the Olde Octagons of Indiana. Activities include Afternoon Tea T Time, First Timers’ Display, Raffle and Auction, In Line with the Classics Car Show and Banquet and Awards at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. For information [kkubick@iquest.net](mailto:kkubick@iquest.net) or [momsmg@comcast.net](mailto:momsmg@comcast.net).

**August 1, 2008**

**British Car Night at the Velocity International Motoring Art Show**, Hopkins, MN See the full details on pages 6 and 7.

**Additional Events for 2008** — Thanks to everyone who came with ideas and volunteered to host events for the MMGG membership in 2008. There are still open dates on the calendar, events that need hosts or space for other events. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to host an event — they’re fun and easy to host. Please discuss your ideas and dates with Dawn Williams to prevent any overlap of events and get your information into the *Gazette* with as much advance notice as possible to assure everyone is aware of your event and can plan to attend. Please include all the details!

The MMGG *Gazette* welcomes all articles, features and letters. Please submit all as Microsoft Word documents. All articles, features and letters will be subject to editing but all efforts will be made not to change the meaning of the submitted document.

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

Kind of classified rules: Minnesota MG Group members ads will run free 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. Commercial Ads as follows: Business Card—\$10.00 issue; 1/4 page—\$20.00 issue; 1/2 page—\$30.00 issue; full page—N/A. All commercial ads must run a minimum of 6 months and must be paid in advance. Send to Tom Belongia, 238 Glen Circle, River Falls Wisconsin 54022. Or at: [tom.belong@pressenter.com](mailto:tom.belong@pressenter.com). Make checks payable to the MMGG.

**For Sale** 1974 MGB Roadster. Purple with tan interior. 107K miles 4 speed with overdrive. Weber Carbs, Nardi signature steering wheel. After market cast aluminum wheels. Many more interesting features, asking \$5,500. Call Jon at 952-470-0092

*May 2008*

**For Sale** 1973 Midget, red w/black top. Extensive engine and partial overall restoration done in April 2007. Driven only 150 since then. New clutch and slave cylinder, new convertible top, tonneau, bra & took kit. No rust, heated winter storage. Nearly level 2 in many respects. \$5000. Mike Haeuser @ 507-934-3289. Email at [Haeuser@gustavus.edu](mailto:Haeuser@gustavus.edu).

*April 2008*

**For Sale** 1979 MGB convertible Red w new black top, no rust. Engine rebuilt at 79,057 miles. Has over-drive, rebuilt transmission, new cam and lifters, timing chain. Weber carb., electronic distributor, header exhaust. Recent new parts are, fuel pump, hoses, brakes, clutch master cylinder, starter, alternator, water pump, and shocks. New Dunlop Tires. Air Horn and electric radiator fan. Stored in garage all winters. \$8,500. Call Curt Robinson at 612 825 9068 or e-mail at: [carmgl@aol.com](mailto:carmgl@aol.com)

**For Sale** 4 original rosette style wheels with trim ring from 1974 MGB (measure 15x5.5) Rear bumper from 1974 MGB (new) Chrome luggage rack for MGB (includes mounting hardware) Misc. Parts (some new) Mud Flaps, Interior door handle mechanism, moldings, headlight stone guards, front window center rod, switches, etc. Call or e-mail. Will negotiate on price. Jon Weiss HM: (952) 470-0092 or at [jonboy48@aol.com](mailto:jonboy48@aol.com)

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**For Sale** 1960 Austin Healey 3000 MK I BT7. Red with black interior, chrome wire wheels, tonneau, older soft top. Has overdrive. \$20,000 invested in recent restoration, selling for only \$35,000

**For Sale** 1979 MGB White with wire wheels. Needs a new owner soon. Call Mark for a price on this one.

**For Sale** 1979 Orange with black interior. Rosestyle wheels. 85k miles. \$5,000 OBO

**For Sale** 1972 MG Midget. Iowa car. Red with black interior. 40K miles. New master brake cylinder. Restored in 2003. \$4,500 OBO.

**For Sale** 1962 Midget, MK I Green. Mag Wheels with a 1275 engine. This is a distressed sale. \$5,500

**For Sale** 1980 VW rabbit cabriolet. Silver. 60K miles. Manual transmission. Great student car for college. \$45,00. Summertime Gas Saver.

**For Sale** 1953 MGTD Red with tan. Recent restoration. Priced to sell. \$20,000

**Call Mark on his cell phone at 612-306-0044**

**For Sale** 1979 Midget all original, unrestored. 21,000 original miles, near number one condition. Vermilion/black. Factory original inside and out. S/N is in the last 5000 cars produced. No rust, never damaged. Dealer-installed roll bar, radio, "B" style luggage rack. Original top, window clear, original tires. All decals in engine compartment are present and original. This car received third place award at the national NAMGBR event in Minnesota in 2001. Includes bra, technalon cover, tonneau, Bentley service manual, original owner's manual, original tools in original factory bag.

Serious inquiries only. Bill Blincoe, 763-234-8684 or [wrblincoe@earthlink.net](mailto:wrblincoe@earthlink.net)



# Minnesota MG Group Membership

The Minnesota MG Group was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, maintenance and enjoyment of all MG cars. MG car ownership is not necessary to be a member of the Minnesota MG Group. Membership is \$35.00 with a \$5.00 discount if paid before our Spring Kick Off Gathering (mid-March). The membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. New members joining after August 31st of any given year shall be granted membership for the remainder of that year and the next year as well. Use this form to join or renew your membership. Please complete this form, write out a check for \$35 (or \$30 if paying before mid-March)

**mail to: Minnesota MG Group, 3947 Bailey Ridge Draw,  
Woodbury, Minnesota 55125**

**jdmasley@yahoo.com**

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