

MMGG Gazette

Fall Color Tour!

Ken & Diane Merrill have a great route set up for you



Could this be the view along Lake Pepin? Could this be the wrong make of British Car?

The Fall Color Tour this year will be held on Saturday October 4th. Ken & Diane are hosting the festivities this year. We will start out by meeting at the Machine Shed Restaurant at 8:00 AM. for those that want to have breakfast.

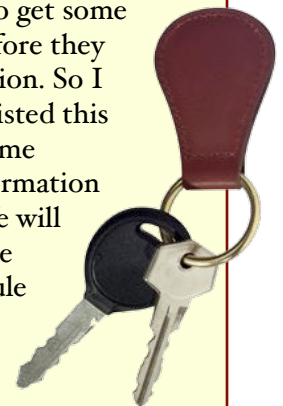
The Machine Shed has great breakfast with a handy parking lot. We will depart promptly at 10:00 AM for a great drive on what are probably the best sports car roads in Minnesota. We'll be driving along bluffs and rivers and up and
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Special Edition

Tom and Barb are on a well deserved vacation to Glacier National Park. Tom ran out of ice for his Scotch and he had heard of the health benefits of natural glacial ice. So off they went on the train with hopes of a cure and an ice pick, since you can't take one on an airplane.

With all of the activities going on recently, with the RNC and the State Fair and just stuff in general, there wasn't time or sufficient information to get some of this out before they went on vacation. So I have been enlisted this time to get some pertinent information out to you. We will get back to the regular schedule next month

-Mr. MG



MMGG ANNUAL MEETING SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 8

It's time to start thinking about the Annual Meeting. This year it will be held on Saturday, November 8th at 10:00 AM. The location is yet to be determined but you will be notified in the next newsletter. We want to try something new this year, so we'll let you know where it will be real soon. We will be

electing some new officers this year, as well as proposing some new changes in our club.



One possible change that we want to discuss is to eliminate mailing out newsletters in their entirety and going to a method of emailing only. The mailing costs for sending out newsletters is almost \$1,500.00 per year. We feel that this is money that
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FALL COLOR TOUR CONTINUED



Top Even Healeys are invited!
Bottom No need to feel lost, we'll all be sticking tightly together

down some of the best hills and curves to be found anywhere. After about a drive of 1 hour, we will be stopping for a break. Then it's on to the best part of the trip where we will explore the bluff country of southern Minnesota. We will end up at the Fisherman's Inn in Oronoco for a late lunch at about 2:00 PM. After lunch, there are several antique stores in the area to explore if you feel the need for junk.

Be sure to have a full tank of gas when you leave the Machine Shed because the entire route is just short of 100 miles. If you have a long commute to the Machine Shed that morning don't worry, because you will be able to get fuel when we make our rest stop. It just kills too much time if all 60 cars try to fuel at the same time at

the rest stop. We tried to get multiple rest rooms for Dawn and Elena but they're hard to come by so there could be a line. We will go rain or shine so if the weather looks iffy, just bring some towels with you. If it's cold, wear a hood. It will be fun.



We'll be ordering off the menu at both restaurants to make it easy on everyone. This is usually one of the larger events of the year. We really hope to see everyone there!

If you need more information, call Ken and Diane Merrill at (651) 455-5681. If you have a problem that morning, call Dianas' cell phone at (651) 387-7681

Turn right at the second stoplight

The Google Star is wrong, the restaurant is really here

Take Hwy 94 east of St. Paul exit at the Radio Drive exit and go north over the freeway

If you find yourself down here, you are on the wrong side of the freeway and you'll probably run out of gas and starve



LARRY HENLE IS REELECTED TO ANOTHER TEN YEAR TERM

At a special meeting of the secret MG Elders, Larry Henle was reelected to another ten year term as Third Undersecretary to the Fifth Vice President of the Special Office of Strategic Analyzation. Well done Larry. You've been doing a great job so far. For those who don't know the purpose of the position, it means that Larry buys the first round at events.

MMGG ANNUAL MEETING CONTINUED

could be used for better causes than to be giving it to the Post Office.

We would still be printing out some newsletters, for example, to have on display at Quality Coaches, but we would just print them out ourselves. This will save the person doing the newsletter a large amount of time every month as it is a lot of work to print out the very few newsletters that we currently send. The newsletters that are currently sent are done so mainly as a convenience to the people receiving them because they block the newsletter on their email service. The costs of postage and distribution in our electronic age just don't justify it any longer.

We will also be discussing the possibility of combining the position of newsletter editor and Club Secretary. Currently they are both Board level positions. However, the Newsletter Editor effectively fills the position of Secretary, while the Secretary does nothing anymore. A lot of information filters through the Newsletter Editor every month. They

have turned into being the main communications position in the Club

We are filling several positions this year and look forward to your participation.



The Scene at last Years Meeting

REGALIA POSITION OPEN



Do you have an eye for fashion and neat stuff? Do you possibly have experience in retailing? Would you like to get some experience in retailing? Do you like to shop? Do you have no experience in any of the above but need something to occupy your

idle hours? Can I think of any other stupid questions? Well we have the position for you. Diane Rindt's plate is more than a little full with taking care of the web site, organizing Rally in the Valley and making sure that Steve has enough air in his racing tires. She would like to turn over the regalia duties to someone else.

This is your opportunity to turn on your creative marketing juices and to have fun at the same time. The regalia person handles all of the MMGG logo supplies for the club and also handles all of

the MG girl merchandise. This is an important position within the club as the Regalia person contributes significantly to the Clubs coffers each year.

You're only limited by your imagination as to the range of merchandise that can be put into inventory. Expect a lot of help from the past Regalia people that know what sells and what doesn't sell. Please contact Dick Wallrich for further discussion if you're interested in the position. We'd like to fill the position as soon as possible.



KENNY MERRILL PASSES THE GEEZER THRESHOLD

The Board of Directors of Little Kenny Enterprises International have announced that their President and CEO, Kenneth Merrill had his 60th birthday on Friday September 5, 2008. Mr Merrill celebrated the day by trying to remember what he was supposed to do next. He wanted to know where to find an extinguisher for that cake!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR



Calling all budding journalists!

After four years, Tom Belongia is going to call it enough of doing the newsletter every month. He feels, rightfully so, that someone else should take on the task for a while. This is a prime opportunity for you to get in on the ground floor of what's happening, MG wise.

As stated earlier in a different article, the position of newsletter editor is really the point person for the Club. The editor finds out about MG information usually before anyone else. They keep the event calendar straight and inform all of us as to what is happening in the MG world.

Help from the national clubs

You are not alone in this endeavor. There is now a network of newsletter editors around the country who swap ideas and stories monthly. The North American MGA Register now has a chapter coordinator, Lee Niner who works with the local chapters and acts as a conduit for articles and information. The national clubs as well as the International MG Car Club have people that are willing to feed material and ideas your way.

Help from your local club

You can also expect help from your local club. If you have a Mac computer, we will give you the page lay up software to do the newsletter like this one. We are also working n some ideas to combine with the website to make it even easier for you. You are free, however, to set the format as you see fit. This is a great opportunity to show off your creative side.

Be in the Know

As newsletter editor, you find out first the rumors in the MG world. You also learn first hand the cars that are for sale, (even before Jon Masley most of the time) and the obscure places to find parts and supplies.

Use your imagination

The newsletter is a changing item. You don't have to follow any set pattern and are free, with descretion , to formulate new ideas. Maybe restoring cars, or doing the mechanicals is not your cup of tea, the position of newsletter editor will let you do something creative that is MG. Let us know if you are interested!



Fish & Chips!

Don't forget about the 5th Annual Fish & Chips Dinner at Barb & Tom Belongia's

Saturday Sept. 27th

Tom & Barb Belongia's Country Estate

Bring a dish to pass.

New members get the freshest fish

Starts at 2:00 PM

Set your GPS for 238 Glen Circle, south of Hudson

Hwy. 94 to Carmichael Exit, south on Carmichael which turns into County Rd F. Follow it south to County MM, then a right turn onto Glenmont Rd and watch for MG's at the end of the street.

If you get lost, Tom can turn on the beacon. Call him at 715-425-0189

RACE WEEKEND!!

THIS WEEKEND 9/12-9/14



If you plan on coming up to Brainerd International for the 40th

Anniversary, Reunion Race Weekend, look for the Quality Coach/Shorthair Racing/MMGG compound in the



infield. We will have many tents set up for your race viewing

pleasure. If you plan on staying overnight, there is room for your camper or some of us are



staying at the AmericInn Hotel Baxter on Hwy. 371 nearby. Their

phone number is 866-661-7615.