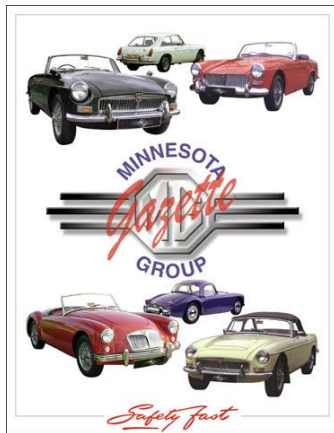




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As our term as editors to the *Minnesota MG Group Gazette* comes to the end, both Barb and I want to thank all the contributors, authors and photographers that have provided us with the material that other MG organizations and national magazines have picked up and published in their respective publications. We found that providing news and information in a timely manner resulted in meeting more members at various events. We hope we met and possibly exceeded your expectations during our four years as editors. We look forward to sharing our experiences and offer our assistance to David Braun as he assumes the position. We both wish him great success and pledge to help him in any way. Should you send me an email, call me on my cell phone, or stop by and see a sign on the front door that reads: "Gone Fishing" or "Gone Hunting", I will be doing just that. When your cruising on the back roads and see my flamenco red B parked near a creek, give me a toot! I will be in my waders smoking my pipe, leaning against my walker in the creek and flycasting the "hatch of the day" trying to lure that lazy, elusive Rainbow, Brown, or Brookie trout out of hiding. Also as evening draws nye, Barb and I will be sitting on the swing with a fire blazing in the pit, sipping wine or scotch, Barb reading a good book, and I smoking my pipe and stoking the fire.

Again, Thank You to all! It has been a Great Ride!

Safety  *Fast*



Tom & Barb



Rixen and Kiser Married

By Tom Moerke



In a idyllic location on the most perfect day of the year Steve and Kim were married. Was it lovely beautiful and romantic ? You betcha ! June and I drove down to the Stine farm in my recently painted bright yellow Jensen-Healey some 20 odd miles to the wedding reception. We followed the biggest probably most expensive Audi sports car I had ever seen and right behind us were the Lindberg's in their Citroen 2CV. We got there about 2:00 and the beautiful grounds were already filling up with happy people. The handsome Steve and the beautiful Kim were greeting people. The flowers were at their best despite it being on the 20th of September. We met Kim's mother from Madison and Steve's mother from Iowa. We met a lot of nice people who actually didn't own sports cars. A lot of the guests had never been there before and were so excited over the spacious grounds and Carl's two-story tree house built high off the ground. As well as the pond with its waterfall and large fish, their house and the hanger with Carl's plane in it ready for takeoff on his grass strip. The list goes on... At a suitable moment Steve called everyone to attention and thanked people for coming and said he and Kim were going to be first in line at the buffet and everyone should follow them. Which everyone did with gusto and gusto more than once. The food was fancy and plentiful and the beverages were fancy and plentiful. Everyone sat around eating and drinking and having a good time. We all lingered a long time and were reluctant to leave. We can only hope for Steve and Kim all their days be as lovely as this one.



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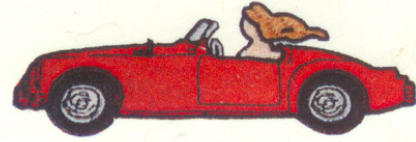
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MG Girl Regalia (both the above design as well as the new MGT and MGB) is available from Diane Rindt. Please contact her if you are interested in any of the following items or for special orders.

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2009 Fall Color Tour

What a beautiful day to enjoy, nice weather, good friendship, and amazing that LUCUS did not show its bad side (as far as this duck knows). It was wonderful to see some new faces, talk about the club, and the enjoyment that we all share to get ALL OUR DUCKS IN A ROLL. We traveled the Wisconsin & Minnesota side of the Mississippi River valley thru Red Wing, Lake City and Wabasha area for a relaxing ride with approximately 42 of the most interesting autos that the world will never forget. Thanks again to all and to all a good night!

QUACK, QUACK. *Kenny Merrill*



Got your Christmas shopping done?

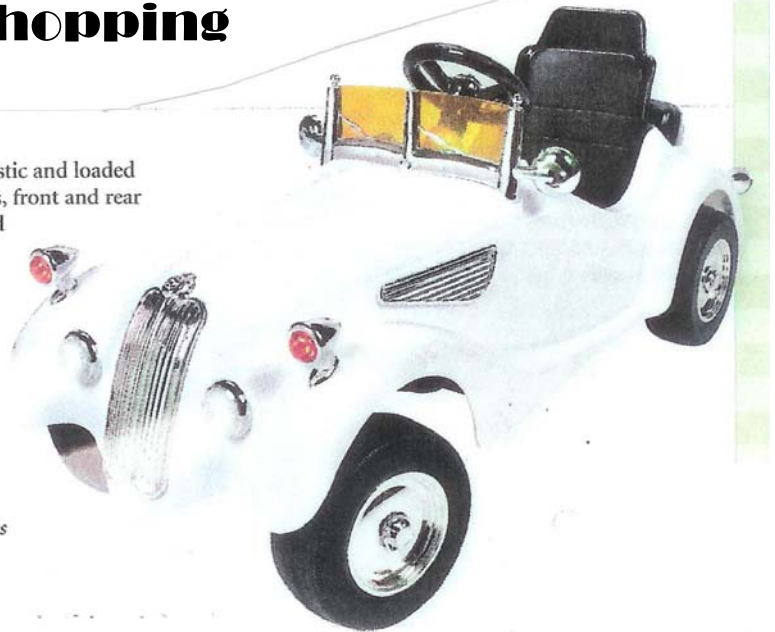
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TECH TIP: by Ernie West Another Off The Wall Subject

This one is quite specific. In particular it deals with most Fords back in the 60's and 70's that had points and condensers. On almost every one of these cars and pickups that I serviced, I found practically no mechanical advancing or vacuum advancing. It's no wonder these lumps were lacking in power and had atrocious fuel economy. It's like the guys that set up these distributors at the factory had stock in the oil companies.

The good part is that they are easily adjustable. Most of these distributors can have the mechanical advance springs adjusted by simply rotating the engine slowly till you see one of two advance springs directly below a small square hole in the breaker plate. If it's like most, you will see the spring fastened to a bendable peg, and it will be bent toward the outside of the hole. This condition virtually eliminates any centrifugal advance. If you bend this peg to about the center of the square hole, you will be in the ballpark of what the engine needs. You will then need to rotate the engine one turn (1/2 distributor turn) then do the same to the other spring peg.

To check what mechanical advance you have using a timing light, you first need to unhook the vacuum advance. Next see what initial timing you have at slow idle (700 RPM or less). This initial timing should be from 7 to 10 degrees in most cases. Then rev up the engine to at least 4000 RPM. This should produce another 10 to 15 degrees of advance. So at this point you should have a total of 17 to 25 degrees of advance at 4000 RPM.

To adjust the vacuum advance you use an Allen Wrench inserted into the end of the vacuum unit on the distributor where the vacuum hose is attached. By turning it right or left you can control how much and how soon you get vacuum advance. To check what you have and what you will adjust to, you simply hook a vacuum hose from the distributor to any full vacuum port on the intake manifold or carburetor. Adjust it to at least 12 degrees advance over and above the slow idle speed initial timing.

So in summary, you should have 7 to 10 degrees of initial (static) timing, 10 to 15 degrees of mechanical (centrifugal) advance and 12 degrees of vacuum advance giving you 27 to 37 degrees of total advance at 4000 RPM with the vacuum advance hose attached. This will really wake up these 700-pound cast-iron wonders. If the engine pings hard on acceleration just back up the initial timing setting to 4 or 5 degrees, or until the pingings stops.

Safe Motoring!!! Dead Lake Motors

ANNOUNCING

Rally in the Valley 2009

August 6 - 9, 2009

What is the definition of "Rally"?
(A gathering of people intended to arouse enthusiasm!)

"Rally in the Valley" is a European InterMarque sports car event.

Sponsored by: The Minnesota MG Group.

Hosted by: Steve and Diane Rindt

2009 Theme, "Those were the Days"

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- Thursday – Registration & Natter – N - Noggin
- Friday – Rally (part 1) / Lunch / Rally (part 2).
- Saturday - Car Show, Funkhanna (w/cars), Awards
 Dinner / Ceremony.
- Farwell breakfast.

The registration form and more information will be posted on the MMGG web site. www.mmgg.org
 in the upcoming weeks.

For questions please contact Diane Rindt (715) 832-8316 or email drindt5953@hotmail.com

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Calendar of MMGG CLUB Events

Let's have some fun!

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December 31, 2008

New Year's Eve Party Hosted by Dick and Val Wallrich

January 17, 2009

MMGG Annual Holiday Party At Tartan Park Club House. Hosted by Dawn Williams, Diane Vinar, and Cathy LaClair





MMGG Girls Gathering!

We will be making velvet MG wine bags for the Holiday Party centerpieces. We will gather at my house on Nov. 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A nice brunch will be served and we will have an assembly line of cutters, stamping, and sewing. I will bring flyers to hand out at the MMGG Annual meeting in November.

Thank you,

Cindy O'Brien Byboth, 5041 Beacon Hill Road,
Minnetonka, Mn 952-936-9335.

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@pressenter.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, Minneapolis from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 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
NOTICE:
LOCATION CHANGE
All Year Round too!**

A group of MGers have started a semi monthly East Ender's 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 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month, 9 a.m. at the **Sail Away Café, 1321 St. Croix Trail Afton Mn. Just North of the junction of County Road 18 and St. Croix Trail.** We dine outdoors when weather permits and you can park your cars right on St. Croix Trail for all to see.

FOR SALE: 1967 MGB-GT Special. Tartan Red, nice paint, Nice chrome, Gray Leather with Red Piping interior, nice interior, very clean engine bay, Mini Lite wheels, overdrive. Good driver. Call Jon Masley at 651-335-2372. \$9,999.

September 08

For Sale: 1960 Healey Bugeye Sprite in perfect running condition. Red, tan interior. Includes tonneau, window attachments, top, jack, spare tire, and more. I've owned it 10 years.

Best offer over \$10,000. According to a concourse judge I consulted, it's one of the best around.

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September 08

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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. Make checks payable to the MMGG.

For Sale 1979 Midget all original, un-restored. 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.

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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: carmg1@aol.com

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May 2008

For Sale 1979 MGB White with wire wheels. Needs a new owner soon. Reduced Price \$4,895

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

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For Sale 1980 MGB Brown. Call Mark

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For Sale: 1980 MGB. Black/Black, 4-speed with overdrive, tires good, seats good but show a little wear, floor mats good. Runs and drives fine; has a bit of rust on rocker panels. Replacement motor has less than the odometer reading of 91,000. Includes: Maintenance manual, fiberglass hardtop, radio and tonneau cover. Needs: New soft top. \$6900 obo. Call Dave at 712-852-3088.

August 08

For sale: 1953 MGTD. British Racing Green w/ black interior. Good condition. 89,000 miles. The same owner for the last 20 years. No issues. Call Glenn Nickleski at 651-439-3948.

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April 2008

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May 2008

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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)

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