



# GAZETTE

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## November Highlights

**MMGG Annual Meeting**  
**7 Nov 09 - 10 a.m.**  
**Square Peg, Mpls, MN**

**MMGG MG Girls**  
**Craft Day**  
**14 Nov 09 Noon - 2 p.m.**  
**Square Peg, Mpls, MN**





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## THE LEFT HAND THREAD

### MMGG President, Richard Wallrich

As you all know, next Saturday is the annual meeting at the Square Peg at 10:00 AM. We promise to keep the meeting as short as possible. Joan & John Petroff have graciously volunteered to take Diane Vinar's place as treasurer. We welcome John and Joan in their new position and will give them all of the help necessary. John bought a red 1960 MGA for Joan in 1959. Joan drove it year around for the first 3 years of ownership, so she is a MG Girl in the truest sense. They still own the car to this day and rarely ever drive it with the top up.

Congratulations also have to go out to Larry and Barb Henle for a first place win at the Memphis Eurofest on October 3rd. The focus car this year was the Mini because of the 50 year anniversary of the Mini. Their poster showed a red Mini and Larry and Barb drove their red Mini down to the show so it was a natural that they would win first place.

It's that time of year again to put the cars down for the winter and to get ready for a winter season of projects on the fleet. I've been noticing that in addition to my 401k going into the tank in the last year, so have the value of the cars in the fleet. Well, except for the Gazelle, because nobody knows what a Gazelle is worth anyhow. In all of my books however, MG prices have taken a dive with everything else. This doesn't mean however, that you should drop the value of your insurance, because the prices will someday rebound....I hope. One bright spot in the MG world is that a K3 Magnette was auctioned off for 231,000 pounds. The latest conversion rate would put that at \$379,925.00 American dollars. So it does pay to go get that bumper re-chromed!

One last thing, it's now time to submit your nominations for the highly coveted Scroungers Trophy to be passed on to the new recipient at the Holiday party in January. The boys in the lab will start going over the entries submitted in December so get your nominations to me now.



### For Those Asking About Our Tool List !

#### **DRILL PRESS**

A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

#### **WIRE WHEEL**

Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hardened calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "Oh, sh-- (yep, been there done that)

#### **SKILL SAW**

A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short. (I got one of these)

#### **PLIERS**

Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters. (some of these too)

#### **BELT SANDER**

An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

#### **HACKSAW**

One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

#### **VICE GRIPS**

Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand. (works every time)

#### **OXYACETYLENE TORCH**

Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race...

#### **TABLE SAW**

A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

#### **HYDRAULIC FLOORJACK**

Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

#### **BAND SAW**

A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

#### **TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST**

A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect. (oh ya)

to be continued...



## FROM THE CORNER OF MADAM VICE

Dawn Williams



I am not sure if October is Volunteer month but recently there have been a number of articles in the Star Tribune and also in my local neighborhood newspaper about the value of volunteers. I work for a non-profit organization and I can tell you that we count on volunteers to get a lot of work done. I also belong to a neighborhood organization and am active in my church and both rely on volunteers for all the programming, the administrative support and fund raising. If you think about it without volunteers there would not be nearly the number of groups, social service organizations, or car clubs that we have today.

In my organization we are reminded and encouraged to say thank you to our volunteers who give freely of their time and skills. I have been very remiss in not recognizing the volunteers of our Minnesota MG Group and I want to say thank you to them today. Our entire organization is made up of volunteers without whom we would not have a club.

Since I have been Vice President and started writing this monthly column I have had to apologize and say thank you to both Tom Belongia (last years Newsletter Editor) and Robert (Andy) Anderson and Ruth Marston (this years Editors). They have patiently and gently reminded me to get my column in to them and blocked the space. I really enjoy our awesome newsletter and appreciate the work that our editors do to keep it fresh and interesting.

Our Treasurer Diane Vinar worked with the Editors to update our membership list on new software. As our club treasurer and keeper of our member roster I appreciate the work Diane has done and as she has other time commitments this year we will miss her as she leaves that position. Thank you Diane. We need to find someone else with your same attention to detail to take over your role.

Elena Biessener has been very active in the club and held several volunteer positions on the board. Elena is responsible for encouraging many of us to sponsor club events. In the last few years I think you will agree there are a number of events taking place, from rides, tech sessions and car shows to picnics, parties and teas. There seems to be something for all of us.

Jim Pennoyer and Brian McCullough with a host of volunteers have hosted Ellingson's Car Show and Swap Meet for several years. What a great event that has been. Steve and Diane Rindt hosted Rally in the Valley for several years and each year it just got better and better. Keith and Phyllis Galberth have hosted a picnic and ride in Lakeville for several years. Bosworths and Schneider entertained our club at their homes for a garden party lunch and I think their gardens are prettier every year. After last year I went home and bought a fountain. They are giving me hope that one day my yard might look like theirs. The Halloween party at Jensens' has always been one of my favorites. What other group do you belong to that shows up in silly costumes year after year.

Cindy O'Brien has done a fantastic job with the Regalia after Diane Rindt got us started and encouraged us to increase our MG wardrobe. The MG Girls have a new winter fleece jacket this year but I also see a lot of the men sporting some new MG shirts, jackets, hats and even blankets.

A new committee officially started up this year under the very capable hands of Dave Braun. There have been more tech sessions this past year than I ever remember. I think the goal was one a month and I think they have pulled that off. Some better attended than others. With his question and answer people, Jeff Schlemmer, Brian McCullough, Randy Byboth, Lew Palmer and Bob Fignskau, it seems that our cars should be running pretty good. Come to think about it, I don't remember anyone breaking down this year on the road. Must be something to that tech session thing. Did anyone ever find out if the dryer sheets actually keep the squirrels and mice out of the car during the winter?



I know that I missed a lot of people who have been active in our club because in the 8 years I have been a member there have been a lot of people involved like the Wallrichs, the Kelseys, the Leslies, the McReakens, the Jensens, the Moerkes, The Rixens and the Merrills and many more. Please forgive me for not mentioning who you are.

Thank you everyone for making our MG club the success that it is. It is because of you the volunteers.

### MG Girls

See you all at the Annual Meeting on November 7 - 10:00 a.m. at the Square Peg. We start promptly at 10 and will get right down to planning our 2010 calendar.

On November 14 - Noon to 2 p.m. at the Square Peg, the MG Girls will be getting together to make the table decorations for the Holiday Party. This has become an annual event for the women in our club and this year we are going to etch vases with the MG logo for the table. Things to bring would be an exacto knife and a piece of glass to cut on. Something out of an old picture frame works great. But Come around 11 a.m for lunch prior to the fun.

On December 5, from 11 am - 2pm, Val Wallrich and I are hosting a Christmas lunch for the MG Girls. We have chosen a new restaurant in St. Louis Park called Cooper's. Put this date on your calendar and watch for more information in the December Gazette. See you then.

Safety Fast !



### Editor's Column

One thing I'm glad to report, is that I now have proof that someone is actually reading the MMGG Gazette !

In this month's issue of MGB Driver there are Three (3) Tech Articles written by our very own Dave Braun. MGB Driver contacted MMGG about reprinting the articles Dave wrote for the Gazette. Its all there, with the figures and a photo of Dave, our resident "MG expert" - Driver added that part, now Dave's hats don't fit. Rumors of a book tour are circulating.

I've also determined, that I must have been bitten by the MG bug again, as I've been watching GTs on Ebay, drove Dick W's MGBGT the other week, and have inspected one for sale. Why I do this is beyond me, as I don't have time to fix the B I have. Some think I'm bored. So far common sense has prevailed and I've avoided a purchase. However, the taller windshield beckons! Of course this doesn't mean I've gotten anything else down on my B. Well I did get the top up for winter, now to turn the heater on!

In response to a few inquires (just a few) about my trips and photos I offer this.... Either go to WebShots.com and enter "robtwander" or simply google "robtwander" and you'll be taken to all my WebShots albums where I store favorite highlights from several trips. Going digital in 2004 has created a monster, I still average 400 photos per trip. As I've yet to take a trip in my B, there are no MG photos.

As I write this, it is in the 40s outside, and 30s tonight. Nice October ! Maybe November will be warmer and I can get a few more drives in. But it sure is time to make sure the antifreeze is just right. Oh, and I better get those clothes dryer fabric sheets too, to keep the mice away this year ! It's November, do you know where your trickle chargers are !

Andy

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## FROM THE GARAGE

Dave Braun,  
Tech Coordinator



Currently, we don't have a tech session scheduled for November. However, some of you have amazing projects taking place in your garages. If you would like to share your progress with others, a garage crawl over to your place could be fun. Please contact me for help in putting one together if you are interested in presenting your project.

### When a Restoration Can't Happen

Some of us have been there. We see a project online or in the paper, and we go look it over. "How hard could it be?" we ask ourselves. Soon we are forking over some money and hauling a relic home. Reality starts to set in shortly thereafter. Depending on how stubborn we are, or how gifted we think we may be, the project starts and soon, very soon we may reach a crossroads. Is this car really restorable?



I had the experience with 'Harry' the 1970 MGB GT that I purchased from an optometrist in Osceola in April of 2007. The optometrist had purchased the car in Rhode Island for \$400.00 and had dragged it around the country for 24 years, finally settling in Wisconsin. Before that, the previous owner had purchased it a year or two before. So make that 26 years of sitting in pieces, under various ownerships, with roughly a \$1,000 additional investment for body parts, half of which (and I mean the passenger's side sill, inner rocker, rear quarter, floor pan) were installed, with the other half of the pieces in boxes waiting for cutting and welding to commence. I paid \$300.00, borrowed a trailer and with Diane's help and

that of Bill Carrow from the T-Register, dragged it home.

I figured I could keep Harry at work until I located a welder, and pick up where the previous owners had left off. I opened the gearbox and found a lot of gunk and corrosion. The head was a shambles and the two engine blocks were rusted solid hunks. Did I mention that the car was basically outdoors for the bulk of this time? Not even the carburetors were salvageable. "That's OK" I thought, "I'll just stick a Chevy V-6 and a T-5 gearbox in it." Business concerns intervened as the economy started its death spiral, and my company was a casualty. I started a 'new-old' career as an aviation consulting engineer, and moved Harry to my sister's property in Andover, where, you guessed it, Harry continued to reside outdoors with just a weather proof car cover for comfort. Six months turned into 18 and the City of Andover decided to crack down on derelict cars within its City boundaries. My sister suggested I come and get it.



I don't like to leave people in a lurch, so within a couple of days Diane and I picked up Harry and brought him to Hastings on Lew Palmer's open trailer. Why? So Mike Speidel and I could remove the entire suspension for one purpose and one purpose only... to put Wire Wheels on Diane's 1970 MGB Roadster 'Maggie'. The rear axle for wire wheels is narrower than the rostyle axle, so making the axle swap is the best approach. But would the wheels even come off after 26 years of abuse? They did and they looked great. It was fun, with the snow melting off Harry dripping into my ears, as I crawled around under the B GT in Mike's well-equipped shop. I snapped one bolt head off (the very first I tried) and cut off two others, but otherwise the suspension came off rather easily. I returned a few days after the NEXT snowstorm so Mike and I could load Harry, sans wheels, onto Lew's trailer. We left him with Skip's



Salvage just south of Hastings. It was a surreal experience watching the front loader fork going through Harry's open side windows, balanced perfectly in air, to be carried away to his inglorious end.



But when did that end really come? Perhaps the day that he was left outside the first time destroying a spare engine and a supposedly rebuilt one. Or maybe it was the day that the optometrist repaired one half of the car, and not the other half. It might have been the day I bought him, knowing that his wire wheels would fit Diane's car and that the value in the few parts that were uninstalled and still recoverable was more than I was paying. Harry's saga can be found on my website at <http://www.dbraun99.com/mgbgt1970/> if you want a closer look. The lessons there are obvious, and it is a great practice to document a car that you are bringing home in boxes so you can remember what you have.

We've all seen people 'Upside Down' in their car restorations. Without naming names (Dave Braun) a certain TD owner is probably 33% over invested relative to what he could get in a distressed sale of his car. Yet, you have to consider the enjoyment factor of the project, the valuable lessons and skills learned and perhaps even the saved costs of golf, movies or trips that might have been taken if the owner wasn't involved in his little project.

The good people at Abingdon made roughly 125,000 MGB GTs and of those 6,601 were 1970 models sent to North America. Not that they are common, but there isn't a lot of difference between model years, and the roadsters will always be more valuable than the coupes because that's the way car collecting mostly is. The values of the GTs in restored condition reflect this, and they may be the most undiscovered value in the sport car market. The truth is that the interior of the GT is more

expensive and more difficult to do than the roadster, and not all of the sheet metal is common to both cars. These considerations drive up the cost of doing a GT. The welding and bodywork alone to prepare it for paint would push the price to non-recoverable status. With no drive train and interior we can easily discern that finding a more suitable candidate is the wiser choice.

Now I have my eye on this blue 1969 MGB GT on ebay...

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Leylandgnügen: The Joy of Towing

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*Fish & Chips @ the Belongia's - River Falls, WI - 3 Oct 09*

Photos by Bob Jensen & Bob (Andy Anderson)





## MMGG Colour Tour 2009 By Steve Rixen

The MMGG Colour Tour was held on October 17, the first really nice day we had seen in over a week. Although it was a little cooler than we would have wanted, the sun made a welcome appearance. More than 40 MGs, Triumphs, Austin-Healeys and other fine examples of British / European motoring history took part in the drive.

We departed Birkmose Park in Hudson, Wisconsin, in fine order, traveling the 50 miles of scenic western Wisconsin back roads to Red Wing, Minnesota. There we took an hour-long break for snacking, performing necessary tasks, and walking around to warm up. Unfortunately, the trees had taken a beating during the week prior to the tour, having suffered rain, sleet, snow, freezing temperatures and wind abuse, so the colors weren't as brilliant as we had hoped for.

We departed Red Wing for Leg 2 of the tour, diving through the coulees of western Wisconsin, over ridgebacks and along meandering roads at the coulee bottoms. We saw wild turkeys and disturbed a mature eagle while traveling up 400<sup>th</sup> Street, and many people commented later about sighting a number of derelict British cars in a moldering "collection" along 465<sup>th</sup> Avenue. They reported seeing MGAs, including a coupe, and AH 3000 Mark I among about 30 others lined up in a farmyard. Amazing what you find out in the wilds when the trees lose their leaves.

Kim and I can't vouch for the LBC collection, as we were driving along trying to stay on our selected route, mostly with success, and we didn't notice them during the planning of the tour. We'll have to drive back for a look-see.

A little over halfway back on leg two Kim, who was driving, said, "There is only one car behind us." Sure enough, she was correct. We pulled over and waited for five minutes. Still no cars appeared. Worried, we turned back to see what the problem was. About a mile up the hill, we started meeting

cars and once again turned around, thinking they would stop, and we would tour on together.

They didn't! They motored on, following the route instructions, which apparently were good. From that point, we were no longer leading but along for the ride. When we all met up at Paddy Ryan's Pub we found the reason for the delay was because all had stopped for one car that suffered a broken rear spring. The couple in the crippled Healey told the group to go on ahead and they made their way back to the western suburbs at a reduced speed.

Paddy Ryan's Pub in Hudson Township was the endpoint of the rally and 40-some souls partook of the food, drink, and discussion, then dispersed toward home like leaves before the wind as the sun set.

We thank all who came along and hope you enjoyed the 2009 MMGG Colour Tour as much as we enjoyed setting it up. The route instructions are verified so if you couldn't come along with the group, you should be able to make the drive on your own.



photo from [www.boicey.com](http://www.boicey.com)



*Fall Colour Tour - Wisconsin - Minnesota - 17 Oct 09*

Photos by Diane Rindt



*Our Tour Leaders, the Rixens*



*Words of  
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Guidance*



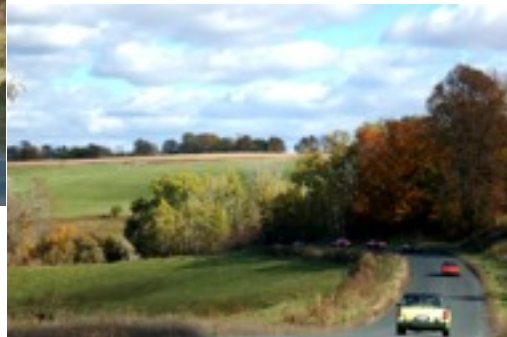
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*Fall Colour Tour - Wisconsin - Minnesota - 17 Oct 09*

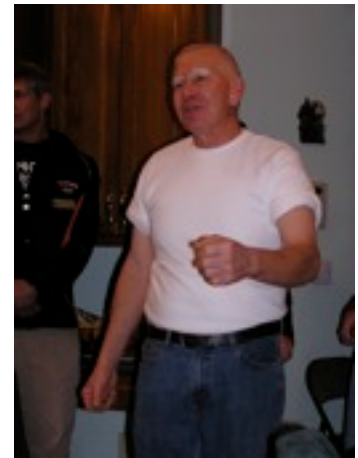
Photos by Steve Rixen





*Halloween Party @ The Jensens' - Stillwater, MN 31 Oct 09*

*Photos by Bob (Andy) Anderson*



*The Miracle of Birth - Rabbit arrived pregnant - Billy Bob's mail order bride left pregnant !*



*The anointing of MMGG's new Treasurer(s) !  
John & Joan Petroff*



*Halloween Party @ The Jensens' - Stillwater, MN 31 Oct 09*

*Photos by Diane Rindt.*



**Our Hosts - Lorie & Bob Jensen**



*The reason a lot of people keep their children safe at home on Halloween !*



*Another match made at the airport!*



*Ab ! What is it about cowboys & beans*



*A cowboy & wine!  
Must be saving the whiskey for his horses!*



*Congratulations to MMGG's new Treasurers  
John & Joan Petroff*



## 2009 Calendar of Events (Revised 30 Aug 09)

DATE	EVENTS	HOSTS or CONTACTS
Nov 7, Sat	MMGG Annual Meeting 10 a.m. @ Square Peg, Mpls, MN	Dick Wallrich - President Dawn Williams - Vice President
Nov 14, Sat	MG Girls Craft Day noon to 2 p.m. @ Square Peg, Mpls, MN	
Dec 5, Sat	MMGG MG Girls Lunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Coopers, St. Louis Park	Val Wallrich & Dawn Williams
Dec 31, Thu	New Years Eve Party	To be determined
Jan 16, 2010	Annual Holiday Party	Merrill's, Berguist's & Biessener's
Jun 17-19, 2010	Rendezvous 2010 - Wake The Giant	John Colosimo 807-344-7694 email: <a href="mailto:info@tbvscc.ca">info@tbvscc.ca</a> Club Website: <a href="http://www.tbvscc.ca">www.tbvscc.ca</a>



## Calendar of Events - Other Car Clubs

### **Saturday Morning British Breakfast at the Square Peg Diner**

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

### **East Ender's Saturday Morning Breakfast**

A group of MG'ers have started a semi-monthly East Enders Breakfast group. For those MG (and any other) enthusiasts that want breakfast a little later and not drive to Minneapolis. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month, 9 AM at: **Sail Away Café, 1321 St. Croix Trail, Afton, MN. North of County Road 18 and St. Croix Trail.**

### **Saturday Morning - All Year Round - MG Girls**

We meet the second Saturday of each month at the **Square Peg Diner.**

Date	Event	Host or Contact
First Saturday Jun-Nov	Cars & Cafe 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.	www.automotorplex.com Auto MotorPlex Minneapolis
May 22, 2010	Inter-Marque Council Spring Kick-Off Como Park, St. Paul, MN - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	More information February 2010
Jun 17-19, 2010	Rendezvous 2010 - Wake The Giant Thunder Bay Ontario 'aye!	John Colosimo 807-344-7694 email: <a href="mailto:info@tbvsc.ca">info@tbvsc.ca</a> Club Website: <a href="http://www.tbvsc.ca">www.tbvsc.ca</a>
June 23-27 2010	North American MGB Register Belleville, Ontario	MG Car Club of Toronto <a href="mailto:mg2010@mgtoronto.com">mg2010@mgtoronto.com</a>
Jul 26-29 2010	NAMGAR GT-35 - Lake Lawn Resort 2400 East Geneva St, Delavan WI	<a href="http://www.lakelawnresort.com">www.lakelawnresort.com</a>
Aug 14, 2010	BritFest	Ellingson's Car Museum - Jim Pennoyer 763.536.5472



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June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17

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