



# GAZETTE

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## December Highlights

### MG Girls Lunch

**5 Dec - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Coopers - St. Louis Park**

### New Years Eve Party

**31 Dec - 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.**

**June & Tom Moerke's - Hudson, WI**

## January Highlights

### MMGG Annual Holiday Party

**16 Jan - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

**3M Tartan Park Club House**





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# THE LEFT HAND THREAD

MMGG President, Richard Wallrich

## Why Dick doesn't have time to write these days!

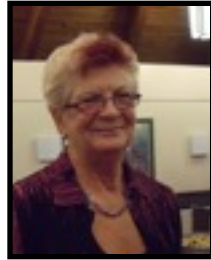


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## FROM THE CORNER OF MADAM VICE



Dawn Williams

It is the end of November and still my MGF is out and running around. I don't have the top down but if we have one more day at 50 degrees who knows, it may come down yet. What a way to end our driving season. I think my MGB is probably pouting in Ken Merrill's garage.

I hope all of you are enjoying our fall weather as it extends into what is usually our cold winter season.

Thanks to the Moerke's for offering their home for New Years Eve. The Wallrich's are moving this winter so their home is not available for our tradition New Years Eve party, but our thoughts are with them this year and I am sure they could use some help with their move. Call them if you have time to help. Please make sure you check out the information in this Gazette about this years party at the Moerke's. It's a great way to usher in the New Year with your driving friends. Tom and June are wonderful hosts and I look forward to this years party.

When we scheduled events at our annual meeting it left quite a few holes so there are still some months that any of you could plan a driving event or a picnic or a creative activity. Any event that you would like to share with some other car enthusiasts. I know that the tech session committee is going to get together and plan each months tech sessions and that will add to our schedule. The Bosworths and Schneiders have offered to have the annual garden party again so that, once again, is on our calendar. But we need you. Yes, we need more event sponsors and some new ideas to get us all

together for rides, picnics, weekend trips, overnight excursions, all in addition to the kick-off brunch in March and Rendezvous in June.

So take a look at the Calendar for 2010 and see what interests you and go for it. If you want a co-host, let me know and I will try to match someone up with you. Our club is really easy to please and always looking for some one to share time and our interest in British cars with that it's easy to host an event. Please let me know if you want to schedule something.

The MG Girls are going to have our Christmas lunch on December 5, Saturday at a new club in St. Louis Park called Coopers. They are at the Park Place exit just West of Highway 100 and Highway 394. I hope you can join us. The time is 11-2. Just come, reservations or RSVP is not necessary. We are hoping for 20 of us so come on out. We can always put tables together if more of us come. We will each pay for our own lunch and will order off the menu. No gifts, just good conversation. Call me at 612-363-5990 if you need more directions.

The MG Girls had a great time making the table decorations for the Holiday Party that will be in January. I hope everyone plans to attend, this is what the MG bucks are for. The big night, the big event, the big auction. Please get your reservations in and be counted or you will miss a great evening. I live for this night or do you all know that already.

Take care and enjoy your holidays with your families. See you all in the New Year.

Safety Fast and Safe New Year.

Dawn



## Minutes from MMGG Annual Business Meeting 7 Nov 09

The 2009 Minnesota MG Group business was called to order at 10:05 a.m., by President Dick Wallrich.

Phyllis Galberth (in Elena's absence) read the minutes from the 2008 meeting.

Dawn moved that the minutes be accepted. Motion was accepted and carried.

Diane Vinar presented the Treasurers report. Income was reported at \$ 8,394.43 with expenses reported at \$ 9,706.96. We ended the fiscal year with a balance of \$ - 1,312.03.

Diane stepped down as treasurer at the end of the business meeting. Replacing her as treasurer is the new financial team of Jon and Joan Petroff.

Robert Anderson requested content for the December newsletter and explained that there would not be a January issue of the Gazette.

Dick Wallrich explained that Jon Masley has stepped down as webmaster and asked for a volunteer to replace him. Diane Rindt stepped up to fill the position.

New member coordinator, Bill McReaken explains the types of name tags that can be ordered and the pricing.

Regalia coordinator Cindy O'Brien reported income of \$ 1,573.24. Regalia items are custom ordered. You can select the regalia from several catalogs.

Dave Braun, Tech Coordinator will be setting the tech session schedule after the event calendar is set. Anyone interested in hosting a tech session contact Dave. Dick Wallrich stated that Dave has been published on the national level. This month's issue of MGB Driver has three Tech Articles written by Dave.

InterMarque Council representative Jim Pennoyer stated that the Spring KickOff will be held on May 22, 2010 at Como Park in St. Paul.

Discussion was held concerning the club tools. Dick Wallrich stated he no longer wanted to be the keeper of the tools and suggested we roundup the tools for sale. Jon Berquist made the motion to sell the tools. Motion was seconded and carried. The tool collection will be listed for sale in the Gazette.

Dawn Williams gave a recap of MG Girl activities. On November 14 at the Square Peg the MG girls will be getting together to make table decorations for the Holiday Party.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> Dawn William and Val Wallrich will be hosting a Holiday Lunch for the MG Girls at Cooper's in St. Louis Park.

Dawn Williams and Val Wallrich lead a discussion for the 2010 event planning.

Discussion was held concerning the distribution of the membership roster. It was decided that an amendment to the by laws was needed before the method of distribution was changed. The change in the method of distribution is needed because we need to respect privacy preferences of our members. The amendment to the bylaws will be voted on at the Holiday Party in January.

Dick Wallrich stated his concern that he may not have much time in 2010 to fulfill the duties required of the President. The Board will decide who will do the tasks if Dick determines he cannot do them.

An official announcement will be made at the Holiday Party.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Galberth



# *MMGG Annual Business Meeting*

Photos by Phyllis Galberth





## FROM THE GARAGE

Dave Braun,  
Tech Coordinator



It was at last year's meeting where President Dick Wallrich charged us with bringing MG Tech back to the forefront of our club's activities. The MMGG annual meeting has come and gone, and we can look back on a pretty successful year in MG Tech 101. Last January we held a planning session to flesh out our plans for the year. I would like to have another meeting to do the same for this year, and so I call all interested parties to a planning workshop on January 23, 2010 at 10 AM at the Square Peg. Come and influence our club! Experts aren't needed, just enthusiasm!

### Oil Coolers

One of our successful tech sessions was also one that almost didn't happen. Bruce and Rosie Anderson offered to hold a tech session, and were especially interested in the facts, myths and methods of oil coolers. In the ensuing months, their house suffered a major fire and the tech session needed moving. We hosted it instead in Hastings and held a very well attended weekday evening tech session in July. The weather was sketchy, and several cars were almost drowned when a downpour engulfed the southern metro, but strangely enough the rain avoided the site of the tech session. We had a lot of fun that evening discussing the pros and cons of oil coolers, doing the installation on Bruce and Rosie's beautiful MGB, and in the process avoided too much embarrassment when the oil pressure fitting I removed to ease the installation was found still out of place on engine start-up! Everyone had a chance to turn a wrench and the dinner was great. Despite Bruce's concern that he would be stranded far from home with a non-functioning lubrication system, we sent him on his way in a fully functional car, including a new oil cooler that was warm to the touch when he arrived home.

I'm reminded of all this because one of the participants at the oil cooler tech session who is also one of our newest MMGG club members, Jim Gevay, wrote me this week to both thank the club for holding tech sessions and also to discuss his latest experience with the oil change on his '74 MGB. Jim is a pilot and very detailed oriented. He also has all the attributes a good MGB driver needs. Mainly, he loves driving his 'B, he takes

great pride in caring for it, he enjoys the technical challenges that present themselves, and he is willing to share his experiences with others.

Oil coolers were fitted to MGBs from the beginning, mounted above the valance from 1962 to 1974-1/2 (with a vented front valance starting in 1972). Below the valance provisions were made until 1980, although the oil coolers were discontinued during the production run. It is a worthwhile improvement to install one or make sure the one you have is functioning.

Oil is one of the two cooling systems your engine has. Yes, oil is a cooling medium, along with its lubrication duties. While the head is largely cooled by coolant, the bottom end of the engine, the valve train and the upper wrist pins are cooled by a cushioning flow of oil. The oil we use today is ripe with additives that improve the ability of the oil to suspend dirt and contaminants and to promote cooling by resisting frothing. Heat destroys these additives before the oil itself is damaged. It turns out that the oil/additive packages are designed to work best when the oil is about 180 to 200°F. For this reason, oil coolers are considered a valuable addition to our cars. Oil coolers lower under-hood temperatures, increase engine life and reduce the heat load on the radiator and cooling system. But you can have too much of a good thing. Oil that is too cool will hydrostatically cling to the cylinder walls. The resulting film will cause the piston to hydroplane and scrape the oil into the head on the upward stroke leading to carbon build-up and pre-ignition. For this reason I recommend a thermostat be fitted to the lines to bypass the cooler when the oil is not yet in the optimum range. The alternative is to cover the oil cooler or to fit a bypass hose when the car is used in ambient temperatures below about 50°F.

*Anyway, I'll let Jim tell his story:*

"As the subject line says, I had a big oil leak on my MG last week. I had just changed oil, and afterward I ran it for a leak check and everything was good. The next day I ran some errands and put on about 17 miles. Shortly after getting home I noticed oil under my car on the garage floor. I had oil all over the oil cooler lines, in front and behind the radiator surround. I had a big puddle on the right side where the oil cooler is bolted.

There was some splatter on the filter and some on the right inner wing. I was out of town most of the week and had time to think about what the problem might be. Obviously I could have done something wrong on the oil change like possibly I didn't tighten the filter all



the way, or there was some kind of flaw in the filter seal or something. The other area that I thought about was the oil lines, but I had cleaned them off and looked them over and they seemed fine.



“Sunday when I had time to look at it, I ran it and found it leaked under the front strap/clamp on the cooler lines. I pushed the clamp up the line and ran it again and found the leak immediately. It was just a pinhole leak that oozed oil when running. I think the leak started just shortly before getting home as I looked under the car each time I walked back to it when doing my errands that day. I didn't leave a trail of oil up my driveway



either. I think I probably lost about 1 cup or so of oil. I was lucky it happened close to home and not on some long scenic drive. Monday I removed the lines and looked them over more closely, I could faintly see the numbers of 4-73, possibly a date which would make them 36 years old. When I cut the bad line in half near the leak I could see a crack starting from the inside out.”



I appreciate Jim's willingness to share this story and it is a good reminder to all of us to check the condition of our oil lines. The pictures Jim sent along tell it all, and I



should add that even if you have the high braided line you should be aware that lines can and do fail. You will need a one-inch open wrench to change them out. It would be a perfect time to add the thermostat, so

consider getting that kit instead of the standard lines. Jim's alertness to his B's condition averted disaster. I'm sure his story will help others. Pretty cool club, huh?

Dave



*And speaking of 'clubs' - do not hire these guys to do the work!*

### MMGG Technical Advisors

**Dave Braun – Tech Coordinator**

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The following people have expressed a willingness to answer questions and offer advice about the topics below.

Take them up on their offer.

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**Triple-M** - Lew Palmer 651/436-7401

**T-types** - Bob Figenskau 952/935-7909



## Reminders !

If you move, please provide your new address and phone number to the Treasurer so that corrections can be made to the membership list.

If you change your email address, please provide your new email address to the Treasurer so that corrections can be made to the membership list.

The Treasurer will provide updates to the Editor, so that distribution of the newsletter is based on the most current information.

The Treasure maintains the membership list, and provides the most current list to the Editor for distribution of club information.

Please be reminded that occasional club information, such as updates and reminders to events, club information that cannot wait for the next newsletter, etc., are provided (by email only) to members based on the most current membership list.

Members are encouraged to receive the MMGG Gazette by email whenever possible to save the club money. It costs approximately **\$1.25** to mail the newsletter and approximately **\$2.00** to print the B&W newsletter, or **\$36.00** to mail the issues annually, which is more than the amount annual dues.

The postal version of the MMGG Gazette is only available in Black & White.

Another reminder is that if you are organizing an event for the club and would like that event included in the newsletter or sent out to members as a special reminder, please submit the announcement for the event as a PDF or Word Doc, that is ready for distribution with all information, maps, details, requirements, time, date, appropriate clip art, doodles, etc. included.

Its December... Have you checked your antifreeze in your MG... Have you put those fancy clothes dryer sheets in or under the car to deter mice... Have you clipped on your trickle charger to maintain your battery, or removed the battery for safe keeping in a nice cuddly warm location... It might be too late to wash & wax. I actually have my top up and a nice cuddly warm blanket over the convertible to keep the dust down, and of course to keep the MG warm.

Andy

## Editor's Column

While this issue of the Gazette may be the last issue for 2009, it does contain a lot of information for 2010; including the Calendar of Events, Annual Meeting Minutes, and notices for upcoming parties in December and January.

Please note that the Calendar of Events is in very rough - almost Draft condition, due to the many events that have no exact dates or sponsors/organizers. Anyone finding errors in or can provide additional information on the calendar events, should please let me know at: [minnesotamgggroup@me.com](mailto:minnesotamgggroup@me.com). Thanks.

The following web link was provided to MMGG by the staff at InterMarque. It is link to a web site that provides "*Authoritative reviews of transportation books and media.*" [www.speadreaders.info](http://www.speadreaders.info)

And while we are addressing items that have arrived at the Gazette, Brian McCullough has raised a few questions concerning historic British Marque murals in the Twin Cities and has asked whether any members remember or know of where these may have existed and/or whether any of them still exist.

Brian recalls a mural of a rubber bumper MGB and a classic Mini, on the side of multi-story commercial building, perhaps in St. Paul. Does anyone recall this mural or have a photo of it?

The next question is, how many of these are still around Minnesota, the U.S. or beyond.

Like Brian says, "This mural, if it still exists, would also be a neat addition to the NAMGBR historical markers. I bet it would be the only one! They don't make 'em like that anymore and with time, it will be no more."

Maybe this is something we should keep our eyes open for while we are out touring the roads and streets of America, or beyond. I typically travel with a camera or two, so I'll be ready. Well almost always, as I didn't have mine with when in Oklahoma City a week or so ago, when I walked around a corner and there on the side of building was a full size advertising for a couple of american cars no longer in production.

So if anyone recalls seeing any of these soon to be gone murals around the Metro or elsewhere; let us know and we can figure out a way to get them photographed before its too late.

Andy



## 2010 Calendar of Events (Revised 29 Nov 09)

DATE	EVENTS	HOSTS or CONTACTS
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 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	June & Tom Moerke' - Hudson, WI See Notice in Gazette for more information
Jan 16, Sat	Annual Holiday Party - 3M @ Tartan Park After Party Party - Stillwater	The Merrills, Berguists & Biesseners Lorie & Bob Jensen's Home
Feb 13, Sat	Valentine's Tea - Point of France, Edina with entertainment	Merrill's
Feb 20-21, Sat-Sun	Tech Session w/ John Twist	Quality Coach
	Tech Session	Dave Braun
May 27, Sat	MMGG Spring Brunch	Cindy & Randy
Apr	Tech Session & Ride	Ibergs
May	Tech Session	
May	Picnic	Dawn Williams
Jun 17-19	Rendezvous 2010 - Wake The Giant See Notice in Gazette for more information	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>
Jun	Tech Session	
Jun 23 - 27	NAMGBR	Toronto, Canada
Jul 1-4	Gathering of Faithful - GOF	
Jul 10, Sat	Picnic	Dick & Val's Ramsey, MN
	Tech Session	
Jul 11, Sun	Garden Party Picnic	Bosworths/Schneiders
Jul 25-30	NAMGAR	
Aug 14, Sat	Brit Fest Tech Session	Ellingson's - Rogers, MN Brian McCullough
Aug 21, Sat	Drive	Dave Braun
Sep	Tech Session	Dave Braun
Sep 11, Sat	Wings & Wheels - Osceola, WI	
Oct 9, Sat	Fall Drive	Steve and Diane Rindt
Oct 16, Sat	Open House w/ drive	Brian McCullough
Oct	Tech Session	
Oct 30, Sat	Halloween	Lorie & Bob Jensen's Stillwater, MN
Nov 6, Sat	Annual Meeting Square Peg, Mpls, MN 10 A.M. - Noon	
Dec	New Years Eve Party	
Jan 22, Sat	Annual Holiday Party 3M @ Tartan Park	



## 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
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@tbvscc.ca">info@tbvscc.ca</a> Club Website: <a href="http://www.tbvscc.ca">www.tbvscc.ca</a>
Jun 23-27 2010	North American MGB Register Belleville, Ontario	MG Car Club of Toronto <a href="mailto:mg2010@mgtoronto.com">mg2010@mgtoronto.com</a>
Jun 27, 2010	Inter-Marque Picnic	
Jul 25, 2010	Inter-Marque Picnic	
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
Aug 29, 2010	Inter-Marque Picnic	
Sep 11, 2010	Wheels & Wings	Osceola
Sep 26, 2010	Inter-Marque Picnic	



**Its Almost Time  
To Ring In The New Year**



**at the**

**MMGG New Year's Eve Pot Luck Dinner Party**

**31 Dec 09 - 8 P.M. to 12:30 A.M.**

**@**

**Tom & June Moerke's**

**910 Ridge Pass, Hudson WI 54016**

Please be cautious when using Google Maps, as there are errors in the mapping!

**715.386.5431 or 651.402.2153**



The party starts at 8 - so don't be late!



**The Details**

**Please RSVP to Tom or June, your regrets or your attendance**

**Please bring a dish to share (hot dish, cold dish, entree, salad, dessert, etc.)**

**Please BYOB (bring your beverage of choice)**





# MMGG Annual Holiday Party



Saturday January 16, 2010

3M Tartan Park Clubhouse

11455 20th Street North, Lake Elmo, MN 55042



**Social hour begins @ 6:00 P.M. (cash bar) & the dinner begins @ 7:00 P.M.**

This year's event will be hosted by Jon and Bonnie Bergquist, Dick and Elena Biessener and Ken and Diane Merrill.

**Remember to bring your MG bucks for the auction. "Show Me The Money" Al Kelsey will be our auctioneer for the evening!**

Jon and Bonnie Bergquist are handling the auction portion of the evening. Contact them with your donations at 952-758-6070 or jbbbergquist@juno.com or just bring your goodies that evening.

***And don't forget the "post party" at Bob and Lorie Jensen's home following the auction!***

Reservations and pre-payment in advance are required. We're holding the cost to \$25.00 per person. **You must specify your menu selection.** Please provide the names of those attending and their meal choices. Reservations (checks) must be received by January 9. Make checks payable to MMGG and send to:

**Elena Biessener  
10793 D Falling Water Lane  
Woodbury, MN 55129**



Menu selections:

# \_\_\_\_\_ **Prime Rib of Beef**  
Hand carved prime rib, slow roasted medium rare, with natural au jus and creamy horseradish.

# \_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken Chardonnay**  
Sautéed breast of chicken with mushrooms, prosciutto ham, artichoke hearts, sun dried tomato with Chardonnay cream sauce.

# \_\_\_\_\_ **Atlantic Salmon**  
Grilled with honey and peppercorn





# DIRECTIONS

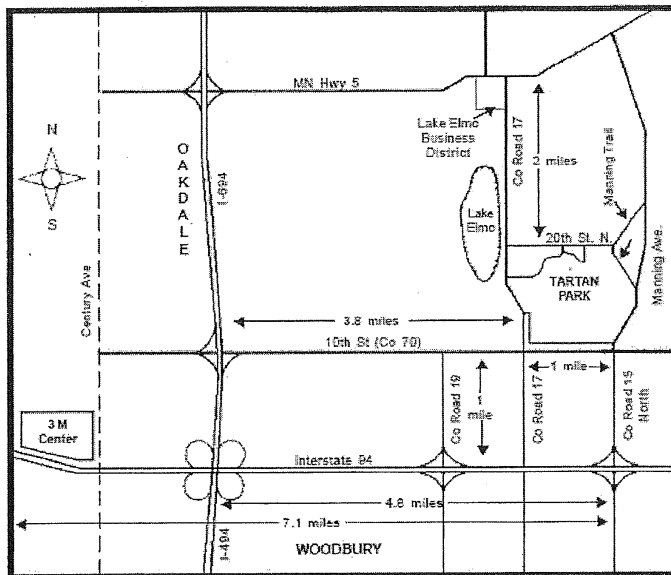
**Tartan Park**  
**11455 20th Street North**  
**Lake Elmo MN 55042**

**651-733-3476**

1. From Minneapolis or St. Paul, proceed east on I-94 past the 3M Center.
2. Continue east on I-94 approximately 7.1 miles from the 3M Center (McKnight Road), past the I-494/694 interchange, to Washington County Road 15 (exit 253, also Manning Avenue).
3. Exit at County Road 15 (Manning Avenue), turn left on to Manning and proceed north 1.4 miles.
4. Turn left on Manning Trail, following the signs to Tartan Park.
5. Continue on Manning Trail 0.6 mile to 20th Street.
6. Turn left on 20th Street. Proceed 0.4 mile to entrance marked "Clubhouse and Golf".

**NOTE:**

7. For those coming from the north or south on I-494/694, proceed east on I-94 4.8 miles to Washington County Road 15 (exit 253 or Manning Avenue). Refer to Step 3 from there.
8. For those coming westbound from Wisconsin, take I-94 to Washington County Road 15 (exit 253 or Manning Avenue). Turn right on Manning and proceed north 1.4 miles. Refer to Step 4 from there.



**The Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club**

Invites you to

***Wake the Giant***

At the

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual****Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous In Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada****June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Bring out your classic sports or touring car for a weekend of motoring fun and games.

***The Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous***

in

***Thunder Bay***

This event was first held in Thunder Bay in 1991 with the support of the Austin Healey Club of Manitoba. Local efforts on the part of a few enthusiastic sports car owners yielded a great weekend (even though it rained) with 37 cars registered. Our American Austin Healey guests had such a great time they decided to host the event in 1992 and it has since become an annual multi-marque, multi-club event.

The Rendezvous has continued all these many years due to the combined efforts of the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club, Minnesota Austin Healey Club, Jaguar Club of Minnesota, Minnesota MG Group, Wisconsin Austin Healey Club, Manitoba Austin Healey Club, Triumph Driver's Club of Manitoba, Mid-Canada Minis and for 2011 we welcome the British Iron Society of Fargo, North Dakota. Soon we will have as many clubs involved as we did participants at the first event.

So what is the secret to our longevity? **YOU!**

We have a common bond, a deep rooted interest in Vintage Sports Cars and a motivation to share a good time with others that possess the same interest. On that note some of our partners might agree that at times we do seem possessed.

In 2010 spirited by the Sleeping Giant we will do our best to "Wake the Giant". A funkhana and rally are planned as well as tours of local points of interest including a trip to Russ Wanzuk's museum of old racing cars and motoring memorabilia. A Friday night BBQ with surprise guests will provide a new twist and perhaps you may find time to squeeze in a round of golf. The "Rockin' Car Show" is sure to rouse the giant in all of us.

**HOTEL:** Best Western Nor'Wester Resort Hotel @ 1-888-473-2378. A block of rooms is being held until May 1st. Stay tuned!

For more information please contact:

John Colosimo  
807-344-7694

email:

[info@tbvsc.ca](mailto:info@tbvsc.ca)

Club Website:

[www.tbvsc.ca](http://www.tbvsc.ca)

Nor'Wester Resort Hotel:

[www.bestwestern.com/prop\\_66055](http://www.bestwestern.com/prop_66055)

Phone:

807-473-9123

As this is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are hoping this will be our biggest turnout yet! So register early![Click Here to download a Registration form](#)

**Note:** Please be aware that as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 the requirements for Travel Documents to re-enter the United States has changed. Please check that you have the correct documents



# August 14th 2010

The Minnesota  
MG Group presents:  
The annual Brit Fest  
All British Car, Bike Show &  
Swap-meet at Ellingson's Car  
Museum 20950 Rogers Dr.  
Rogers MN 55374

9:00am to 1:00pm  
Peoples choice balloting from  
9:00 to 12:00.  
Trophies at 1:00

Car show and Swap meet

The areas largest **All  
British** Car & Bike Show  
and swap meet! Now in  
our 13th year!



## Free to the Public, Tour the museum for \$5.00



Show your vehicle for \$5  
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See these and other British car  
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Ellingson's Car Museum  
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Corner of Hwy 101 and I-94 in Rogers  
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Jim Pennoyer (763)536-5472





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Shirts in **various styles** and **colors** with custom-embroidered Minnesota MG Logos are now available for ordering. Items can be picked up at the next Event or shipped directly to the address you specify. A Shipping & Handling fee of \$5.00 will be added.

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**MISCELLANEOUS ADS !*****For Sale*****1973 MGB Roadster**

This excellent running roadster is bright red with great chrome and no rust. It has a new black top, new 8 spoke alloy, Minilite "look alike" wheels with new tires.

The interior upholstery is black with red piping. From the engine compartment to the trunk, this car is extremely clean in every respect. \$8,250.00

Call Robert: 651 636-9465 or 612 670-3054

***For Sale***

Monza Free-Flow Exhaust System: includes new front pipe (Moss Motors) - 62-74 1/2 only MGB. Used 2000 miles \$130.

73 Exhaust Manifold - \$20.

1979 D. Gottlieb & Co. James Bond 007 pinball machine, good condition Value \$1600, Asking \$800, will deliver.

Keith Pryor - 651.433.1366

***For Sale*****1952 MG-TD**

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY AND DRIVE AN INSTANT TROPHY WINNER.

The unfortunate passing of Dean Baarda forces this sale --- \$27,900.

Driven less than 1000 miles since being professionally restored in 1999.

A restoration with no compromise in originality and careful attention to drivability. Finished in Cream with all new Green leather upholstery and top of the line tan stayfast weather equipment. Top quality chrome plating and easy highway touring with 4.3 to 1 differential gearing.

The car is located in Grinnell, Iowa. For more information and pictures - call Brent Baarda at 312-474-2432 or for more information on the restoration, call Bob Figenskau at 952-935-7909.

***Storage Space for Rent.***

New building with scrubbed floors in a fenced area. Someone is working in the office 8 hours a day. \$200 for season from late Oct to mid Apr. Can fit 25 cars. 1775 Industrial Blvd., Stillwater, MN (old Crashed Toys building) Mention MMGG for this discount price. Mark Schlenker 651.338.2576 for information. Joe @ 612.860.4627 to reserve a spot.

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***Taillight Replacement Option.***

Steve Kolseth (1979 MGB) has noticed that the MG tail lights are not very visible, and is addressing this problem with a possible solution - an LED taillight replacement set.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsZS65-ROI8>

For information about the light and an introductory discount to all British Car Club Members - Call or e-mail for details.

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or

Steve Kolseth - 541-619-8335  
[steve@classicautoleds.com](mailto:steve@classicautoleds.com)

***More on LED Lights***

We have been selling these units for a few months on our website. I have gone through quite a bit of information, purchased all types of bulbs and L.E.D.s to find the best value for the dollar: safety, longevity, output, tax on the wiring system, switch life (longevity) and quite a bit more. What I found was the units we sell is the best for the price. There are plenty out there that are dim that are considered bright, tax the wiring, generate heat and damage lenses and so on.

While I'm writing on these, I need to mention our youtube videos which some MMGG members may be very interested to see. We spent quite some time building a few informational videos regarding the tail lamps. The best video to watch is our comparative video located here:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y\\_sLep6kgE8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_sLep6kgE8)

If anyone is interested in them, I keep sets in stock and would be glad to discuss the various types of lights and even where they can purchase the units that we tried in comparison.

Brian McCullough



## For Sale or Wanted & Miscellaneous

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 Ruth Marston, 1920 Roselawn Ave W, Falcon Heights, MN 55113 or [remarston@comcast.net](mailto:remarston@comcast.net). Make checks payable to the MMGG. If you are a member, please indicate this when placing the ad or notice and provide a full name so information can be verified.

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**For Sale: MGBGT** Driver's side quarter panel, NOS. Call Todd Wyatt (320) 980-2010 (*Mar 09*)

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**For Sale: Car Trailer for MG** - 12' x 5 1/2' bed 14" tires, fenders & wheels outside, 3' hitch, elec. brakes, \$600 or Best Offer (952) 894-7767 - Al Prechel (Nov 09)

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### New and Refurbished MGB Parts For Sale:

**MGB Windshield** - MGB Roadster windshield with new chrome plating on the frame, new Moss Triplex tinted glass and new seals. All assembled - \$950.00

**MGB Windshield** - MGB Roadster windshield with refurbished frame with new Moss tinted glass and new seals. All assembled - \$480.00

**MGB Windshield Frame** - MGB Roadster windshield frame-refurbished and assembled to confirm proper fit - \$210.00

**MG Midget Windshield Frame** - MG Midget windshield frame with **New Chrome Plating** and new post retainers - \$550.00

**MGB-GT Windshield Wiper Arms** - Black - \$ 20.00 ea.

**MGB Wood Veneer Trim Set** - center console and glove box door - MGB '72-'76 - Cherry or Walnut Wood - \$110.00, Ash or Oak Wood \$95.00

**MGB Seat Set** - Professionally installed new custom upholstery over refurbished frames, new foam and new seat webbing - plus new Teardrop style head rests. Black with Red piping. Complete and ready for installation - \$1125.00

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*Please Contact Roger Olson at 763-420-8159 or cell 612-963-1127 - [www.rljolson@embarqmail.com](mailto:www.rljolson@embarqmail.com).*

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Call Mark @ Quality Coach Inc. on his cell phone at 612-306-0044

1960 MGA White, Older Restoration, Call for more information

1962 Midget, MK I Green. Mag wheels with a 1275 engine, 5 speed trans. This is a distressed sale. \$5,500

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

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Use this form to join, renew or change your membership. Please complete this form and include a check for \$35 (or \$30 if paying before mid-March).

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