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From the Boss

Ladies and Gentleman,

Hello Members. I'm glad so many of you came out to the business meeting. As I'm sure all of you have been pouring over your newsletters you know that we have had a very full year. Although mother nature caused a few cancellations of driving events, those that we did get in were great.



For those that did not make it, here are some meeting notes for your perusal. The club has had a great year with old members returning and new members joining. While I can always quip about wanting more folks out for events, I can say the reports from those that did attend were great. Let me remind all of you: **YES, YOU TOO CAN HOST AN EVENT.... REALLY!**

The club sponsored Rendezvous this year and it was a huge success. Members really came together to volunteer, ensuring all that attended had a fun-filled event. We saw how green the grass can be across the fence with a visit to Cars & Caves at the Chanhassen AutoPlex, a luxury garage condo facility.

Members drove their cars to national events with only minor inconveniences: a water pump, some fuel pump work, a stuck vibrating float in a carb, a wiper motor that rebelled against the D.O.T. rule for 3 wipers-On a little MGB windscreen no less. Here's a tip: Flip up one and on you can go!

In Dubuque we shared the other field of dreams at the GT-44 car show with

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From the Boss (Con't)

beautiful MGAs and *Race Cars!* Who doesn't feel like you are right there with Phil Hill, Ken Miles or Bob Tullius and Group 44 when you are out driving your MG.

We saw some updates to the website with more planned enhancements for 2020. The newsletter editor got an update to his software to help him in the layout of the Gazette. And let me remind you he still can always use content submitted by members. Take the time to fire up the word processor to bang out your review or an event or a story about your car. Everyone loves it and most certainly no one more than Ed!

And very sadly, we lost some valued members this year, tireless volunteers they were. Jim and Larry, we'll miss you.

New Business

First let me welcome our new Vice-President, Elena Biessener, who has offered to complete the term for our exiting VP, Diane Rindt. Diane, thank you for all your hard work. Remember, the club needs a new president next year for 2021, per our bylaws.

There has been a request for the MG Girls logo to be used for NAMGAR GT-45 in Colorado Springs. Concerns have been raised about allowing our artwork out "into the wild" to be used without any control or reimbursement. A contract will be needed to prevent any misunderstandings as we want to ensure that any update to our artwork with this event's theme becomes fair use for us and useable by MMGG, without being in competition with GT-45 event's outerwear. All at the business meeting agreed that we **DO NOT** want to take on the vendor role for the shirts/hats etc.

Speaking of National events I have been asked about exploring the possibilities of MMGG being the host club for the NAMGBR convention for 2023. As you know 2020 will be in Calgary, 2021 is going to be in Atlantic City, and in 2022 the 30th anniversary of the first NAMGBR convention will be returning to Peterborough Ontario Canada June 19-23, 2022. For a NAMGBR National event, it is not too soon to discuss planning. I think with the great success of Rendezvous, we

have proven MMGG members support is there. I look forward to discussion at our next meeting February 6th. Please mark that date on your calendar to come out or send the officers your comments.

Next year's event calendar looks to be just as full BUT, we need event hosts. See the list of proposed events and sign up today! Send an officer any questions you may have. Remember, "This is your club. If you want to host or co-host something let us know."

Coming up will be the Holiday party January 11th so make sure you sign up early as a head count is needed. Also I would like to hear from the membership about moving the holiday party up to October or November to help capture members that snowbird over the winter.

After that we have been lucky in the past to have a Boot and Bonnet party in February. Jon and Joan have traded in yard work for apartment living so would anyone like to host or maybe have a Leap Year event February 29th? We can celebrate Cecil's birthday early.

April will host our Kick off brunch and the distribution of the highly anticipated membership directory. Please make sure I have a picture to include along with your name, address, and banking information.....

Kidding of course! DON'T send me banking information OR iTunes gift cards. For your pictures I can crop and save as a black & white thumbnail so please send 'em in.

I hope to hear from members thinking about driving to next years national and even international events. Look for a tech session on preparing your car for those long cross country drives.

Well that's a short primer for what MMGG holds for you in the next year. The first lady and I are off to the movies. We want to see the British connection in *Ford vs Ferrari* of race car driver Ken Miles. He first raced an MG-TD in local road races, then began to attract widespread attention in his first MG Special. Most likely his successes are what led him to a career when he went to work for Carroll Shelby. The stuff movies are made of.

See you on the road!

Gene

From the V.P.



I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and you've now set your sights on Christmas and New Year's Eve. Have you started your Christmas Shopping? Man, oh man, I have not :-)

If you've read Gene's column, you know Elena Biessener graciously volunteered to fill my shoes for 2020. I can't thank her enough for helping me out. She has stepped up and helped me on more than one occasion. For instance, when I was the newsletter editor, she proofread the entire newsletter before I published it to the club members. This year at Rendezvous, she organized the silent auctions, and before the event, she did more proofreading for the book we (Paul Lyon) created. She's always been there with a helping hand. Thank you Elena!!

By now, all of you have received the email message regarding the MMGG Holiday Party on January 11th. Sue and Paul Lyon have put together a fun evening for all of us. If you haven't already sent him a message and a check, please do it today! You don't want to miss out on this opportunity to get together and socialize while old man winter is upon us. It will be warm and cozy inside with lots of Cheer!

Another month has passed, and sadly we have lost one more MMGG member. On November 11th, Keith Pryor passed away. Steve and I were unable to attend the funeral on the 16th and feel bad about it. I've been racking my brain trying to recall the first time we met Keith and Vonda. I don't remember if it was at a car show or an MMGG party or if it was at a Rendezvous. Through the years, we've sat together at many car event banquets, and in conversation, we found not only did Keith and Vonda love British sports cars, they also enjoyed camping. At most events, they would find the nearest campsite, drive their camper while pulling their MG behind. In the evenings, they would camp and during the day travel by MG. We will miss Keith's friendship, conversation, and laughter. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Diane

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MMGG 2019 Calendar of Events



Date	Time	Event Location, Details and Contact	Details/Contact
Jan 11, 2020	6 PM-10 PM	MMGG Holiday Party. Josephs Grill, 140 South Wabasha Street, Saint Paul MN 55107.	See page 5
February 6, 2020		MMGG Meeting	
April 18, 2020		Tech Session	TBD
April 25, 2020	10:00 AM	Kick-off Brunch at the Machine Shed in Lake Elmo	Lorna McReaken
May 7, 2020		MMGG Meeting	
May 9 or 16, 2020		Spring Kick Off in Osseo	
June 1-5, 2020		NAMGAR GT-45 Colorado Springs, CO	
June 11-13, 2020		Rendezvous 2020 Kenora, ON, Canada	www.rendezvous2020.com See Page 5
June 28 - July 1, 2020		NAMGBR MG2020 Calgary, AB, Canada	
June 30, 2020		InterMarque Picnic	
July 18, 2020		Pool & Garden Party	Ruth Marston/Bob Anderson
July 26, 2020		InterMarque Picnic	MMGG
August 1, 2020		Cars & Coffee	Gene Cooper
August 6, 2020		MMGG Meeting	
August 8 or 15, 2020		BritFest, Hudson	Bob Anderson
August 22, 2020		North St. Paul History Cruze	Paul Lyon
August 29, 2020		Dawn's Picnic	Dawn Williams
September 12, 2020		Osceola Wheels and Wings	Buck Malick
October 10 or 17, 2020		Fall Colour Tour	
January 2021		Holiday Party	



MMGG 2019 Calendar of Events



MMGG Holiday Party
Saturday, January 11th, 2020
6:00pm Social Hour and Dinner 7:00pm
Josephs Grill ,140 South Wabasha Saint Paul, MN 55107

Susan and I are excited to be hosting this years Holiday Party. Along with other club members we hope to make this year’s party one where we can gather to look back on a very busy year, enjoy each other’s company, have a great dinner and have a raffle for some first-of-a-kind door prizes.

We’ve chosen Josephs Grill in Saint Paul for this year’s party for its central location, large parking lot, comfortable setting to celebrate

the Club and get energized for the 2020 year to come. During the social hour Chris Cooper and I will have a slide show of a collection of photos from many of the 2019 events.

Dinner menu:

Roast Lemon–Thyme Chicken, Roasted Russet Potatoes, Natural pan juice; Sliced Roast Beef - Garlic mashed potatoes, Mushroom gravy, Caesar Salad, Dinner Rolls, hot mixed vegetables, raw vegetable tray and ranch dip, coffee and water. In addition, we have a private bar and bartender to provide other beverages.

Susan and I hope to see you all there, Paul and Susan Lyon

Please contact me at plyon1962@gmail.com or call me at 651-246-8017 to confirm that you will be attending the party. The cost of the party is \$25 per person.



Kick-off Brunch

Save the Date for Kickoff Brunch April 25 at 10:00 AM at the Machine Shed in Lake Elmo. More info to follow.



MMGG 2019 Calendar of Events (Con't)

Kenora, ON June 11-13, 2020

Accommodations

Host Hotel
Clarion Lakeside Inn
470 1st Ave South
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Alternate Hotel
Travelodge
800 Highway 17 East
1-807-468-3155



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Activities

- Meet & Greet at Lake of the Woods Brewing Company
- Scenic Driving Tour & Pickerel Lunch at Smith Camps
- Art Gallery & Museum Tour with lunch at Boston Pizza
- Evening Cruise on the historic M.S. Kenora
- Fun Rally
- Harbour front Charity Car Show
- Awards Banquet at Lakeside Inn



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www.rendezvous2020.com

Annual Business Meeting Report

2019 MMGG Annual Meeting
Joseph's Restaurant
South Wabasha St, St. Paul
November 9, 2019

26 members attended.

President Gene Cooper called the meeting to order at 11:29. He described the calendar handout and passed around a pre-production version of the member directory he has been working on. He requested everyone to check their entry for accuracy and to email him a "head-shot" picture. He summarized the successful year's activities. Ed Schultz gave away vintage magazines he got from a Mandan, ND fan.

Two very active members went to the Great Garage this year. Diane Rindt declined to run again for vice president. There was big applause for her and for the other officers. Elena Biesener volunteered to serve as vice president. She was duly nominated M/S/P elected.

There was discussion of licensing the MG Girls logo to NAMGAR for use at GT-45 at Colorado Springs in June on T shirts and whatever. There was consensus that it would be nice to make \$1 or \$2, to license it for only this one time, to retain the right ourselves to use the logo and to use the logo in any form NAMGAR may modify. Ultimately, a motion was M/S/Passed unanimously to authorize Gene to negotiate a reasonable deal.

Gene reported that Rendezvous is planned for Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He and Becky went to Calgary to scout the site of NAMGBR 2020. He mentioned that NAMGBR 2021 is planned for Atlantic City and NAMGBR 2022 for Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. MMGG has been asked to host NAMGBR 2023 in the area. There was discussion of the fair grounds, Eau Claire, Rochester and other possible venues. There would be about 200 cars, fewer hotel rooms, not too far different from Rendezvous 2019.

There was a lunch break for hors d'oeuvres.

Paul Lyon reported that the year will end a couple of thousand dollars ahead of last year and recent years. He distributed a financial and membership report (114).

There followed a discussion of the 2020 Calendar with people volunteering to lead most of the usual events.

There was a discussion of the liability risk caused by our Bylaw prohibiting reimbursement of alcohol cost that has been pointed out by a couple of lawyers. It was M/S/P unanimously to hold a vote on removing that provision when we meet for the holiday party.

Cindy Pennoyer urged us to consider moving our 2021 "holiday" dressup meeting earlier (to late 2020) before the snowbirds leave, as other clubs with retirees are doing.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20. It was followed by a drawing for nifty memorabilia. Respectfully,
Buck Malick 11/11/19



In Memoriam

Keith Pryor



Keith H. Pryor, age 70 of Sauk Centre and formerly of Scandia died peacefully November 11, 2019 at his home with his wife and daughter at his side.

A Memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 16, 2019 at First Lutheran Church in Sauk Centre with Rev. Mike Carlson officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday morning from 10 to 11 a.m. in the sanctuary at First Lutheran Church.

Keith Henry Prior, the oldest son of Ronald Henry and Joan (Wearn) Prior was born September 27, 1949 in Headley Hampshire, England. He attended school in England and graduated from Secondary School in 1965. He then studied at Canarvan University in Wales earning his degree in English History. Keith was a Bobbie in Wales when he went to school and taught school in Australia in the Outback for two years. In 1974, he came to America to teach but worked in the auto industry repairing and then selling cars at Superior Ford in the Twin Cities. He was General Manager in trucks at Stillwater Ford and later worked at Barnett Chrysler.

On May 22, 1981, Keith was united in marriage to Vonda Lee Anderson Martin Pryor.

In 1989, he left the auto industry and started Scandia Cabinets and did custom woodworking for 22 years in the Forest Lake, Minnesota area. In 2011, Keith and Vonda moved to Sauk Centre to be close to Vonda's parents and to retire; however, he re-opened Scandia Cabinets as a hobby and built cabinets, repaired antiques and was able to completely build the new bar at The Next Door Bar in Sauk Centre.

Keith had a passion for British cars, classic car fixing and restoring. He owned an MGBGT and MG Midget and became involved with Long Prairie Country Cruisers Car Club and served as vice president for 2 years, a member of Minnesota MG Group for 20 years, member of North American MGB Register for 15 years. He also enjoyed gardening, repairing antiques, traveling in their RV throughout the United States; learning all about WWII British history and hunting and fishing in his younger years.

Being with family – especially spending time with his grandchildren was always enjoyed. He and Vonda enjoyed hosting Family Reunions at their home in Forest Lake and continued to participate in reunions while living in Sauk Centre.

Keith will be missed by his wife, Vonda Pryor of Sauk Centre; daughter, Nicole Pryor of Sauk Centre; step-children, Tiffany Martin Fostano and her husband, Ken of Union Town, PA and David Martin and his wife, Chrissy of Rogers; eight grandchildren, Samantha, Alec, John, Tom, Scot, Tian, Eugene and Cora; two step-grandchildren, Brandon and Summer; one step-great grandson, Mateo; siblings, Patricia Lobb, Sandie Haley, Rosie Burrows, Tina Oakley, Marian Frankland, Gary Prior, David Prior, and Kevin Prior, all of England; sister-in-law, Cheryl White of Elk River; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ronald in 1989 and Joan in 2012; mother and father-in-law, June and Gene Anderson who both died in 2014; and a brother-in-law, Noel White in 2008.



Keith Pryor





Rendezvous 2019 & NAMGAR 2019



Photo Album

Rendezvous 2019 Photo Album \$40 220+ photos celebrating the event !



NAMGAR GT-44 Photo Album \$40 190+ photos celebrating the event !



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MMGG Girls

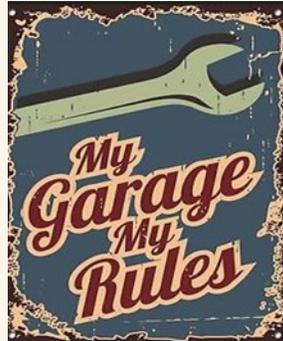


My apologies to the MMGG Girls for not getting this out in a timely manner. Ed



The group had a terrific time at Patrick's Bakery and Cafe in Edina. The food was great and the desserts were delightful!

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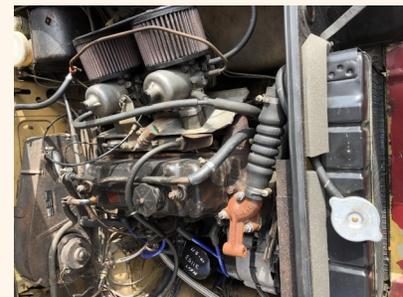
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Orange MGB for sale. Been garaged for several years. Car has a new top.
 88,000 miles. Condition "C" No Pictures . Call Michael @ 651-695-0825
 or cell 651-747-7108 for more info.

REGALIA

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. Add an additional fee of \$3.00 if you want your name stitched on your purchase. To place orders, contact Jennie Anderson at jasweets55@gmail.com Phone: 952-854-2505



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Minnesota MG Group Membership Form

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Membership Dues and Discounts*	Annual Dues	Membership #
MMGG Club Dues	\$35.00	n/a
Prompt Pay (April 30 th)	(\$5.00) discount	n/a
NAMGAR or NAMGBR Membership	(\$5.00) discount	
Total Due to MMGG (dependent on discounts)		

Contact Information:

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Address: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

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We value your privacy:

Check Box if you DO NOT want your name and Contact information available in the MMGG Member Roster.

MG Information (Year/Color/Model/Original Owner)

Car 1:

Car 2:

Make checks Payable to: Minnesota MG Group.

Send form and checks to:

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Our club receives direct benefit from NAMGAR and NAMGBR in the form of various insurances to protect our members and volunteers but we do need to ensure a percentage of our member join these organizations so please consider joining!

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