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Happy July 4th



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From the President



Hello Homebound MMGG members,

How are you filling your time with your MG or LBC? Although the cancellation of GT-45 delayed our trip to Colorado, there was still a requirement to visit the daughter in Denver.

Things you learn on road trips..... You can make it to Denver in just over 11 hours. Gas in Nebraska is reasonable but Colorado believes gas is precious! And maybe most important-Pull over and nap when you are tired! We watched a car pass us midday with the passenger resting on the driver's shoulder. After a very short while they drifted right, left the roadway, performed some off-roading in a nice Cadillac, and just missed a sign before making it back to the shoulder. A very fortunate outcome to be sure, but lucky beyond belief. As a bonus, our trip home found 40-knot crosswinds gusting to 55. We love road trips!

For those of you that view Facebook, there have been a few organized drives that were not passed on to the editor to share. I would ask if you take the time to plan a drive ending in a social distance area, please forward it to the newsletter editor. That said, please go to our club calendar <https://mn-mgggroup.org/calendar> to keep up on coming events. We will do our best to keep it up to date.

Most importantly, I must remind everyone that attendance to any drives or events announced would require you to follow state and CDC guidelines to stay safe. Like **Jiminy Cricket says**, "Let your conscience be your guide." So, to be clear, all responsibility to follow these guidelines falls on the attendee. CARS & COFFEE show is scheduled - JOIN US AUG 1st! From the website: <https://www.mncandc.com/> Due to the Governor's Cov-19 large group restrictions, the MN Cars & Coffee car show on July 4th at Mystic Lake has been canceled. We are now planning on August 1st for the first show of 2020. Please send an email to let us know if you will be attending. The show runs from 7a to 11a with many heading out by 10a. Also as reported last month and with masks and your lawn chair, join us for a follow-up gathering at the Coopers from 10a-2p. As always, watch the calendar for any updates. If things go as

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planned, look for the MMGG Feather Flag.

Intermarque kick-off still shows rescheduled to September 26th. They have confirmed the new date with the City of Osseo and have also reserved the community room for displays and presentations. Plans are still being formalized at this time. Email intermarque@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding this update. At Andy Lindberg's suggestion, they may rename the event the "Fall Kick Down". Seems fair. If you are looking for any possible event to take your LBC out, check the Intermarque calendar: <https://intermarque.org/index.php/event-calendar/> and remember all InterMarque enthusiasts are invited to attend.

And I seem to have this tune on repeat... The Annual Business Meeting is almost upon us. Well not really, but November 7th will be upon us and is only about 5 months away. As I've mentioned previously - the club needs people to step forward to fill our officer positions. Be part of the fun of making this club run, function, and operate. **Once again need volunteers to step forward to fill club officer positions. As per the term limits in the bylaws we need a President and Vice President to take hold of the club rudder!** Remember, this is your club!

See you on the road, as they now say, from 2 meters away.....

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Chance Encounters by Paul & Sue Lyon

On Sunday June 14th, Susan and I decided to take a last-minute ride to one of our favorite destinations, Alexis Bailly Vineyard. We only had a few hours and the weather was nice. Proprietor Nan Bailly had recently opened the vineyard to the public under the new Covid-19 business protocols. No wine tasting but you can purchase wine by the bottle and sit outside at café tables scattered around the vineyard's grounds.

After catching up with Nan for a while I heard a distinct sound of a British motorcycle coming up the drive. Sue and I watched as the rider parked his bike, dismounted, and walk directly over to our MGA. As we were leaving, he approached us and asked if the "A" was our car. As I was wearing my NAM-GAR GT-44 polo shirt, it was a good guess. After visiting for a few minutes, we learned his motorcycle was a 1952 Vincent Black Shadow and owned by Saint Paul native Bill Phelps. He loves vintage British machines, especially motorcycles in which he has quite a number.

We learned that Bill is a world traveler, photographer and director in the travel, fashion, and vintage motorsports industry. In my opinion a dream job. He rides his motorcycle regularly, including on the Isle of Mann road course. Bill asked if we could take a few photos of the Vincent and the "A" side-by-side. A blue-sky day in a vineyard with British machines made for a fun time. After a short while we exchanged contact information and went on our ways.

When I got home, I looked up Mr. Phelps and found that he is an extraordinarily successful photographer and director (Bio noted below). His images from the Vintage Revival Montlhery France are exceptional. Too say that I was blown away was an understatement. I have included a few the photos from the day. The good ones are Bill's. Chance encounters can be the best.

Chance Encounters by Paul & Sue Lyon (Con't)

Bill Phelps

PHOTOGRAPHER / DIRECTOR

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Phelps has built an impressive career despite having no formal art training, lending his talents to Italian Vogue, French Marie Claire, Conde Nast Traveller UK, The New York Times Magazine, Fortune, and Interview, and picking up both an IPA Lucie Award and the Grand Prize of Portraits for the World Press Photo. Phelps is also the co-designer, builder and owner of Cafe Moto in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.



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MMGG 2020 Calendar of Events

MMGG Members, two new events have been added for August. Cars and Coffee will be held at Mystic Lake on August 1st from 7 AM to 11 AM with most heading out by 10. We then plan to meet at the Coopers place for a little social distancing social. Bring your chair. The second event is an MMGG flea market to be held on August 22nd at Dick Wallrich's home. See the flyer on page 13.

Kenora 2021 Update

Hello Everyone,

Had the world not been shut down by COVID, right about now we would all be making our last-minute preparations for the drive to Kenora. Unfortunately, that is not the case and it will be a year until we all get together again.

In our last communication we had indicated that we would be sending out information about the hotel situation for June 2021 at about this time. Instead we are going to ask for your patience one more time. We have been talking with the Clarion Lakeside Inn about their post-fire renovations and when they expect to re-open for business. They are extremely optimistic about being ready for next June, but it will be another couple of months before they are ready to give a firm commitment. Based on that the Organizing Committee felt that it would be worth waiting to finalize the hotel arrangements until early August.

In the meantime, rest assured that the Organizing Committee is communicating with the vendors of the various events and are working hard to deliver an excellent Rendezvous experience in 2021!

Chad Edwards
on behalf of the 2020 Rendezvous Organizing Committee

Casual Drives

On Wednesday, June 17 Mark Hill, Ken Merrill, Mark Tomlinson, Steve Petrini and Buck Malick met at 9:30 at the Park and Ride at Houlton, Wisconsin (just off the Stillwater Bridge interchange).

They took a leisurely winding drive with just two U-turns to Osceola, arriving around 11:20. They ate lunch on the patio of the Watershed Café. The local potato chips were special! Steve and Mark Hill walked the stairs alongside the waterfall.

Then they crossed the St. Croix and drove through the Osceola Landing on an island maintained by the National Park Service before motoring downstream to the Boomsite above Stillwater at about 1:30.

Buck saved the Google map in case anyone wants to retrace the trek.

On Saturday June 7th thirteen MG owners (and one Datsun 280Z) gathered in White Bear Lake on for a casual 2 hour drive around the woods and farm land north of the Twin Cities. The drive terminated at BMC company in Isanti. BMC did a great job in insuring that we had adequate room for gathering for lunch while maintaining the social distancing requirements. A big thanks to Bob (Andy) Anderson for mapping out the route and keeping the U-turns to a minimum. Photos of both rides are on the following page.

Casual Drive Photos





For Sale Items



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

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Flash! New Regalia Items

The new limited edition thermal MMGG logo thermal tumblers were introduced at the Holiday Party have been a big hit. For those that weren't at the party the tumblers are engineered with double wall vacuum insulated construction to provide long lasting heat and cold retention. The powder coated finish has the MMGG logo. You will be the envy of all. The 12oz. maroon wine tumbler is \$20 / each and the 20 oz. black tumbler is \$25 / each. For an addition \$6 you can have your name added on the opposite side. If you are interested please contact Cindy O'Brien or Paul Lyon .



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Minnesota MG Group member ads will run free for three months, unless you tell the editor to drop them earlier or run them longer. Contact the club or non-member advertisement costs.

All commercial ads must run a minimum of 6 months and must be paid in advance. Send money to Ed Schultz 3750 Majestic Lane Prior Lake, MN 55372. Make checks payable to the MMGG. Send ad to eds74MGB@gmail.com. If you are a member, please indicate this when placing the ad or notice. Please also provide your full name so information can be verified.

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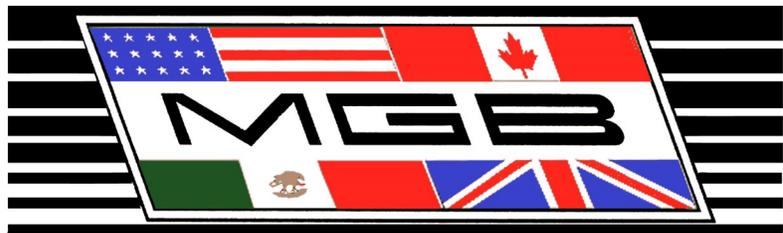
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North American MGB Register

FOR SALE ITEMS



1979 MG 1500 Midget

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Mark (612)306-0044



1974.5 MGB Roadster

74.5 MGB for sale 2nd owner with O/D good shape . Have spare items to go with. For more info about this car call Ken Merrill (952) 475-0539 please leave a message if not answered. Asking \$4000.



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FOR SALE ITEMS

NEW LISTING

1965 MGB Roadster



For Sale: 1965 pull handle red MGB Roadster. It has chrome wires, leather seats, (black with red piping), older engine overhaul by Quality Coaches: new convertible top, new radiator. Asking \$10,000. Contact Kevin Krueger. kmk971@hotmail.com



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**A REAL MMGG
EVENT!**

Date: SATURDAY, AUG. 22, 2020
Time: 12 pm-6:00 PM

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Bring your lawn chairs and plan to relax in the shade. Here is a chance to load up on all of those MG items you know are missing from your collection. A lot of the books are out of print and very hard to find. This is a chance for newer club members to get MG memorabilia that you just can't find anymore. And not just MG books either. There will be a large collection of all books automobile and other assorted books with motors. Its also Diane Merrills birthday. Mark the day and plan on attending!

NOTE: Dick's address did not show up on the file he sent but it is: 16450 Kangaroo St. NW Ramsey MN 55303

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 Cindy O'Brien-Byboth at cindyobrien57@comcast.net Phone: 952-936-9335



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Minnesota MG Group Membership Form

The Minnesota MG Group (MMGG) was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, maintenance and enjoyment of all MG cars. MG ownership is not necessary to be a member.

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:

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____

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:

Paul Lyon
2589 Seans Way,
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*It is easy to reduce your MMGG Club membership dues. For each of the following you do, you'll receive a \$5 discount: Pay before April 30th, join and provide a registration # for NAMGAR or NAMGBR. (Please email a copy of the membership information to Paul Lyon at Plyon1962@gmail.com.)

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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