

MINNESOTA MG GROUP June Newsletter

If organization is the key to success in a car club it would seem that we still have a ways to go. Cindy and I somehow managed to completely overlook page three of our mailing list. The result was eleven uninformed members regarding the date change of our last event. For this we apologize.

Speaking of the last event. Jaguar's All British Car Day, despite our incomplete mailing, was nonetheless a major good time. Even though the forecast was ominous, the weather turned out to be near perfect and could have only been improved by the deletion of a few degrees F°. The Jaguar Clubs organization and execution were typically top notch, and the Minnesota MG Group's representation was very good comprising slightly over a third of the 50 odd cars that made the trip. Jon Carlson debuted his freshly repainted MGA, and the old horse has never looked better. Good job Jon! Alan & Sharon Kelsey arrived late but with good excuse, as earlier that morning they became owners of a 1970 British racing green MGB roadster. The lucky couple now has a true 50,000 original mile, rust free California car. Straight, excellent paint, and mechanically flawless with the exception of a master brake cylinder that appears to require some attention. What a find! I only wish there was another one just like it for sale as Roger and Pat Karnopp were also smitten by this little beauty.

Another late arrival who also left early was Jim Lymburn. Jim offered the rather imaginative excuse that his wife Joleen just had a baby. According to Jim, both wife and son were just fine and shortly after, he departed saying he had to go and take his family home from the hospital. CONGRATULATIONS!
A trio of showroom condition MG Midgets whose owners bill themselves as the "Unofficial MG Midget Club" also made the trip to Redwing and we are extremely pleased to welcome these experts in "Maintaining the Breed" into our group.

Have you ever wondered about your car's origin? Maybe your lucky and have a car that still has its original paint and interior etc. and don't really have any unanswered questions. Or, maybe your car has been through so many hands and transformations that you thought it impossible to ever know your car's original specification. Whatever the case maybe, there is a way to find out. Included this month is a copy of all available information for my car, supplied by the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust. If you would like to have the same information on your car, it's easy. Take 5 minutes, sit down and write a brief letter requesting this information. Be sure to include your car/chassis number, commission number if applicable and engine number along with a check or money order for \$10.00 or a Ten dollar bill for that matter and send it to:

Anders Ditlev Clausager-Archivist
British Motor Industry Heritage Trust
Castle Road
Studley, Warwickshire B807AJ
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They will respond promptly by return airmail.

Last but not least, I thought I would mention that I happened upon a gentleman sitting in an E-type Jaguar while walking out of a customer's office this week. Unable to resist exchanging a few words with a person of such obvious good taste. I soon learned that he also owns a '59 MGA Twin Cam. One of only 2111 ever made. The gentleman's name is Harry Carlsen, and I can't help but think that both Harry and his twinkie would be excellent additions to our group.

See you at the Rally,
John

NEXT EVENT

HARE & HOUND RALLY Hosted by Dave Braun

June promises to be the best ever for the Minnesota MG Group as we participate with the Minnesota MG 'T' Register in their Hare and Hound Rally. As previously written in this journal, the big date is Sunday, June 26, 1988. This year MG stands for Maple Grove, which is exactly where our event starts, with the registration beginning at 12:30 and the first car off at 1:00 p.m.

The Hare and Hound Rally is not really a race or a rally but consists of spotting painted dots spaced one-half mile apart over a 25 mile course. The day before the rally the hare goes out and sprays painted dots on the road surface for the hounds to follow the next day. The approximately 25 mile course ends at a picnic or a party where the driver who has completed the course with the least amount of mileage and has correctly counted the dots is declared the winner.

For those who try and fail, a sealed bail-out envelope is provided so all participants may enjoy the post rally festivities.

WHEN: June 26, 1988, 12:30 p.m. (Rain out - July 3, 1988)

WHERE: Maple Grove Mall, NE Corner of I-494 and County Road 10 (Bass Lake Road). Just look for all the MG's.

WHAT THE CLUB PROVIDES: Beer, pop, eating utensils, grills, instructions and bail-out envelope.

WHAT YOU PROVIDE: One pot luck dish, meat to grill (don't forget buns if you're doing hamburgers), a car with working odometer, swimsuit, towels. Bring your families! Kids too!!!

Contact Dave Braun at 432-5019 if you have any questions.

FOR SALE

1980 Black MGB Limited Edition roadster - Asking \$8000.00

John Stebner has looked it over and says its in excellent condition. 34,000 miles, only 1000 produced. If interested call Gayle Litz at 455-4344 During the day, before 2:00PM.



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(please quote)

Date: 23 April 1987

Dear Mr Eaton

Thank you for your enquiry of April 1987 concerning your
MGA 1600 ROADSTER.

We have researched the Records and have the following information
on your car:-

Car/Chassis Number	GHNL/86934
Engine Number	Not Recorded
Body Number	Not Recorded
Specification	LHD, North American Export
Colour, Exterior	Red
Trim	Black
Hood (Top)	Grey
Date(s) Built	1-2 March 1960
Date Despatched	3 March 1960
Destination (Dealer)	Not Recorded

Other Numbers
(Where Recorded)

Details of Equipment
(Where Recorded)

Disc Wheels
Heater
Whitewall Tyres
Windscreen Washer

Other Information:-

The Engine Number you quoted as, 16GA-U/18169,
is the correct type and is likely to be
original in this car.

Your payment of \$5.00 Research Fee received with thanks.

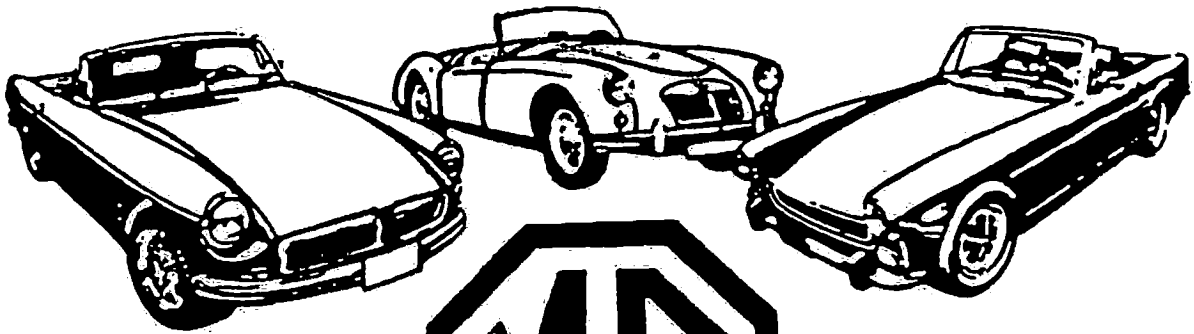
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