



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Rambling On by John Eaton

Tranny Tech at Jeff Marko's.

"Okay so the input shaft goes through the clutch splines into the gear box which then turns the layshaft. Right? So then what?"

"Well this gear here is third and this brass thing here, this is called a balk ring."

"Yeah, so?"

"Well the balk ring rubs against this steel cone shaped ring. Ya see this one here?"

"Yeah."

"When this balk ring rubs against the steel cone, it slows the gear so it will mesh with this other gear here."

"Hmmm."

"So, when this gear is engaged, the rest of the gears are just going along for the ride. See?"

At this point I couldn't even muster a comment. Just a stupid blank look was the best I could do. I feared my failure to grasp what Verl Wilkins was so patiently trying to explain to me would soon become irritating to him so I decided that it was better (as Abe Lincoln once suggested) to keep my mouth shut and be thought a fool rather than speak and remove all doubt.

Not too surprisingly, Verl proved to be a regular Gearbox Guru. After the cover plates and rear extension were pulled it took Verl literally about five seconds to spot the problem. Turns out that a small part in the selector assembly was either worn or machined improperly from the start.

Jeff Marko took the defective component to Mark Brandow at Quality Coaches and was loaned a complete transmission to bring home and substitute parts as necessary. According to Jeff, replacing the suspect part with one from the loaner has indeed cured the problem.

Yours Octagonally,
John Eaton

New Members

Mike Melry
Brooklyn Park, MN
White 1973 MGB

Ethan Craig
Burnsville, MN
Yellow 1971 MGB

February Business Meeting

13 MMGG members showed up at the February business meeting to make it one of our better attended sessions. Our topics:

- A National Events section will be added to the newsletter to enable our members to be aware of interesting events that they may wish to attend.
- We are going to make an effort to contact other sports car clubs in the Twin Cities area. Our idea is to exchange newsletters and event information of interest. We will also look for opportunities to join events such as gymkhanas that are often difficult for a single club to stage.
- The March Newsletter will contain a membership renewal form. The membership fee will remain at \$20 per year. In addition to the renewal, we will also provide space for you to update the club on your personal and MG data. Membership rosters will be available to paid members who desire them.
- The MMGG will look into placing ads in the MG section of the local papers for selected events starting in March. The idea is to invite prospective members to join us for some fun and enable us to grow our membership.
- A number of changes were made to the Events Calendar.
- Sherrill Carlson presented a Treasury report.

Thanks to Jim and Joleen Lymburn for hosting the business meeting.

Mike Funck

Have You Moved?

If you have moved and would still like to receive the MMGG Newsletter, please contact Al Bramer at 432-8058 and provide him with your new address.

Treasury Report

Opening Balance		<u>\$205.85</u>
Funds and ledger received from Cindy Eaton 12/10/88 and including an IOU note for \$15.		
Revenues		
12/10/88 T-shirt sales	\$30.00	
1/20/89 Check with address correction	<u>5.00</u>	
1989 membership	<u>20.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$55.00</u>
Expenses		
1/6/89 Newsletter postage	<u>\$40.00</u>	
1/20/89 Christmas Party	<u>35.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$75.00</u>
Closing Balance		<u>\$185.85</u>

Respectfully submitted by Sherrill A. Carlson,
Treasurer, MMGG.

Newsletter Contributions

Please mail your letters or other MMGG Newsletter
contributions to:

Mike Funck
9517 Portland Ave. S.
Bloomington, MN 55420

If you have questions, please call: 612-881-3223

National Events

August 25 - 27: University Motors Summer Party.
Featuring MG Sedans and Saloons. Grand Rapids, MI.
Contact: University Motors. 614 Eastern Ave., SE.,
Grand Rapids, MI 49503. 616-245-2141.

Membership

Minnesota MG Group membership dues are \$20 per
year. If you are interested in joining the
organization, please send information about
yourself and your MG and your check for \$20 to:

Sherill Carlson
3270 148th St. W.
Rosemount, MN 55068

For current members, a 1989 membership renewal
form will be printed in the March Newsletter. For
additional information, please call any of the
members listed below.

Minnesota MG Group

Events Coordinator: Dave Braun 432-5019
1989 Treasurer: Sherrill Carlson 423-1761
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March Business Meeting

A brief business meeting will be conducted prior to
the Kick Off Brunch in March. There will be no
business meeting in February.





Events Planner February 1989

<p style="text-align: center;">February 1989</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 1989</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Kick Off Brunch</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 10 am, March 19, Hudson House Hosts: Dave & Laura Lynn Braun</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>All British Car Club Kick Off</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 1989</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Drive & Picnic</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, April 29. Hosts: Nels & Dru Aarrestad, Paul & Joan Good</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 1989</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>All British Car Picnic</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosts: Jerry & Sue Sood</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June 1989</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hare & Hound Rally</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosts: Ron Bertsch & Mike Funck</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Food Drive</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosts: Roger & Pat Karnopp, John & Cindy Eaton</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 1989</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Trip to St. Cloud & Tech Session</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Host: Doug Madson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August 1989</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Aug 19</i> <u>Stillwater Picnic</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosts: Jon & Sherrill Carlson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 1989</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Swap Meet</u> Event Host Needed</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wheels & Wings Festival</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">October 1989</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Indian Summer Rendezvous</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosts: Al Bramer, Dave & Deb Sorenson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November 1989</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">December 1989</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Christmas Party</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">January 1990</p> <p>NOTE: MMGG Events and schedules are subject to change. Please check the MMGG Newsletter for the exact time and place of each event.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Revised: 2/5/89</p>

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