

Finally, Jim McCormick and wife Laura have returned to Minnesota after spending most of the Winter roaming the southern states in their QEII size motorhome. And why should their return to the Gopher state concern me? Simple. I needed Jim's expert help. Seems the offside (left side, driver's side, opposite of curb side) rear fender on my MGA was attempting to turn itself back into iron oxide. You know, rust. Like most everything else in this world, welding in particular and body work in general are not within my area of expertise. Jim McCormick on the other hand is, in my opinion, the Michelangelo of rot repair. I don't know how he does it but I've seen his results and like all fine art, it speaks for itself.

Late last Summer I asked Jim if he would be willing to work a little of his magic (for a fee of course) on my fender if I would remove it and bring it over to his house. He agreed. I took my rust infected rear wing to Jim in early March and questioned the master as to the most appropriate method of repair, making it clear that fiberglass and bondo were completely unacceptable. After inspecting the rusted area closely, Jim declared the problem as not serious enough to weld in new sheet metal. The damage was confined to a series of small pinhole size perforations with sound metal surrounding the holes. Lead was deemed the appropriate fix. A couple of days later, Jim called to tell me my fender was done. How did it turn out? Just right!

Well, that's one problem down but there's another that needs resolving. Seems that Jim McCormick's garage is overflowing with four, count 'em 4, MGs. Each one a restoration marvel. Specifically:

- A 79 BRG MGB roadster with factory air conditioning. No kidding. I didn't know there was such a thing either but it says Leyland AC right on the dash.
- A late 74 rubber bumper MGB GT. Flawless inside and out as well as rare in that only a few hundred rubber bumper GTs were imported.
- Two MGAs, one 1500 and one 1600, absolutely completely and properly restored. No fiberglass, no bondo and like his Bs, mechanically sound.

Seeing as Jim has no room to begin another project, he has decided to sell two of the four cars. Which two doesn't matter. If you're in the market for an MG and would prefer a car that requires no cosmetic or mechanical repairs, any one of the four would be an excellent choice. Jim is so confident in the mechanicals of his fleet that he would even entertain the notion of offering a limited warranty to prospective buyers. The asking prices are not cheap but they certainly are reasonable considering the quality and cost of restoration to this high standard.

Interested? Give Jim a call at 429-2571.

Octagonally Yours, John Eaton.

MMGG Optional Events

VSRC Autocross

Vintage Sports Car Racing, Inc. is sponsoring an autocross to be held Saturday, May 6 at the airport in Owatonna, MN. MMGG members are welcome to spectate or participate. The program starts at 9:00 am. Spectators are free. Driver registration is \$20. A helmet and seat belts are required for participants but a roll bar is not.

For additional information, contact Jeff Ingebrigton at 612-425-6874.

3MSCC Autocross

A novice autocross school and the Rubber Ducky Autocross is being conducted by the 3M Sports Car Club. MMGG members are welcome to attend and/or participate. The event will be conducted in the parking lot of the 3M complex near I 94 and McKnight Rd. in St Paul.

Saturday, April 15: Novice Autocross School.
Registration: 9:30 - 10:30 am
Training and practice until 4:00 pm
Cost: \$3.00

Sunday, April 16: Rubber Ducky Autocross.
Registration: 9:00 am
Practice: 9:15 am - noon
Timed runs: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Cost: \$12.00 to 3MSCC non members.

The
Minnesota MG Group
respectfully requests your participation
in a
British Car Club Fund Raiser
to benefit the
Minnesota Foodbank Network

R.I.V.P.

Foodbanks are warehouses that serve as clearinghouses for large quantities of food donated by the food industry and major food drives. Foodbanks re-distribute food to foodshelves and other non-profit agencies. In Minnesota there are seven Food Banks, two rural dropsites, and nearly 300 foodshelves that are responsible for distributing donated food to 71,000 needy families annually. **EVERY DOLLAR DONATED GENERATES \$20 OF FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY.** Please make your check or money order payable to the MINNESOTA FOODBANK NETWORK and mail it to:

BRITISH CAR CLUBS FUND RAISER
c/o John Stebner, Minnesota MG Group
344 Thirteenth Avenue North
South Saint Paul, MN 55075
Phone: (612) 455-0229

T H A N K Y O U

Minnesota Foodbank Network Fund Raiser

by John Stebner

Spring is finally here, that wonderful time of the year when all good British car enthusiasts start thinking about pulling their classics out of hibernation and preparing them for that even more wonderful time of the year - Summer!

I don't want to dampen your spirits but there are people who are thinking about other things: How to feed their families. Thousands of people in Minnesota are worrying about food and Spring and Summer are especially trying times. Through Winter and the Holidays, people are wonderfully generous and want to share their good fortune. The foodbanks have plenty on their shelves then but as the Holidays pass, the contributions decline. Unfortunately, the need does not subside.

You may have noticed that the MMGG had a Food Drive event tentatively scheduled for June. We cancelled that event and instead are taking the direct approach to solicit your help in supporting the Minnesota Foodbank Network. No dinner. No gathering. Just a sincere request for your participation in a program of importance to a great many people. Donations of food items as we originally planned help but dollars go farther. Every dollar you contribute buys \$20 worth of manufacturers overstocks, closeouts and mislabeled merchandise.

The Foodbank feeds anyone who needs help. This ranges from families trying to feed children on \$6 an hour jobs to unemployed single parents trying to get supper on the table. You can help with very little effort. Your check for ANY amount will make a difference.

Thank You.

(Please see the flyer enclosed for details on how to respond.)

Club Contacts

We have had some success in contacting other clubs to get information about their events and trade newsletters. So far we are receiving the MG Tattler, newsletter of the Minnesota MG T Register, Notizie from the Stella del Nord chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club and the newsletter of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. We have also contacted the 3M Sports Car Club and the University of Minnesota Sports Car Club and are expecting to see something from them soon. These clubs will also be on our mailing list for the Minnesota MG Group newsletter.

Events of Interest

May 27 - 29: Vintage Sports Car Racing at BIR. Jeff Ingebrigston has details: 612-425-6874.

July 5: World of Outlaws Sprint Car Racing at Jackson, MN. (Sorry, my love of sprinters on dirt goes back over 30 years and I couldn't resist! - Mike)

July 8 - 9: Greater Des Moines Grand Prix. Racing includes SCCA Trans Am and Corvette challenge.

Member News

We have been receiving some notes from members along with their membership renewals. Over the next few newsletters, as space allows, we will pass them along. They are all interesting and enjoyable to read.

Philip and Amanda Little of Excelsior have two cars, a 75 and a 78 roadster. Phil writes:

"The 75 roadster is Amanda's summer car. It has low miles and a refurbed body."

"My car is a 78 roadster. It has super low miles and a flawless body and interior but it had the typical engine fire so I'm now going through the engine compartment. I'm going to do a sports/custom thing to it (paint the rubber bumpers, air dam, that sort of thing) and am robbing a 76 parts car which will be for sale this Summer with or without an engine."

Phil also related that he owns a small advertising agency, is a motorcycle race promotor and puts on swap meets. The motorcycle races are run in Montgomery, MN. If bikes are an item of interest for you, Phil can be reached at 612-593-1283. I'm sure he will be happy to supply you with details.

For Sale

1952 MG TD. Red body. Black leather interior. Black top. 49M original miles. No wood rot or rust ever. Complete car with tools, jack and manual. Needs nothing. Has had the same owner for the past 23 years. \$12,500. Contact John Noterman @ 612-496-1088. (Prior Lake area).

1979 MG Midget. Blue. 26M actual miles. All original. Always shedded since new. Stored in Winter, never driven in the snow. Is not even taken out in the rain. Excellent condition. \$6000. Contact Larry Steinhaus @ 612-476-8807 (Deephaven) after 3:00 pm. Also, do not call until after April 17.

MG Chronicles

by Mike Funck

Last month I related the story of my purchase of a 74 MGB roadster and promised a follow up. The car has been at Quality Coaches the past few weeks gradually getting put right by Mark Brandow and his crew.

So far the work has included a carb rebuild, tune up, ignition replacement and miscellaneous gaskets to stop oil leaks. Parts are on order for for a vacuum advance and some distributor bits. These will be in soon and the car should be ready in a week or so.

I stopped by Quality Coaches the other day to chat with Mark and test drive the work in process. The improvement is significant. From being barely a runner, the car has been transformed. It now starts easily and runs quite well. Second gear is still a little balky but now that the engine runs, it can be shifted smoothly with a bit of finesse.

Maybe I will arrive at a MMGG event in an MG some time soon! More next time.

Kick Off Brunch

The Kick Off Brunch at the Hudson House was a success. About 40 people attended including many new folks who responded to the ad we placed in the previous weeks Star Tribune. A brief business meeting was conducted which consisted primarily of introductions and announcements. This was followed by a reasonable brunch and a great deal of conversation about cars and what people had been up to over the Winter. It was especially enjoyable to meet some of the new people, swap MG stories and answer their questions about the Group. Altogether, it was an enjoyable way to start 1989 with the MMGG.

Name Tags

We have a variety of new members and I will be trying to get name tags made out and available for everyone by the next event. Please check with me then and I will supply yours or take your name so that one can be made up. And yes, if you lost yours from last year, I will make up a new one for you.

Mike Funck

Treasury Report

March 22, 1989

Opening Balance	<u>\$185.85</u>
Revenues	
Advertisement in Newsletter	\$ 10.00
1989 membership dues	<u>440.00</u>
Total	<u>\$450.00</u>
Expenses	
Newsletter postage 2/89	\$ 30.00
Newsletter postage 3/89	<u>40.00</u>
Total	<u>\$70.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$565.85</u>

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

New Members

Nancy Miller &
Tony Bailey
Blomington, MN
White 1979 Midget

Gordon & Sheila Matson
Eden Prairie, MN
Maroon 1980 MGB

Daryl & Judith Clark
Ham Lake, MN
Yellow 1979 MGB

Rodney & Esther Turnquist
Rosemount, MN
Red 1961 MGA

Don & Patty Harmsen
Minneapolis, MN
Red 1972 MGB

Jon & Sue Sibley
St Paul, MN
Red 1956 MGA

Dan Ryan
Minneapolis, MN
Yellow 1959 MGA

April Business Meeting

A brief and informal business meeting will be conducted prior to the Poker Rally on April 29. If you have items to discuss, just show up a little early for the event, about noon or so.

Events Calendar Update

Drive/Dinner

Drive/Dinner event. Friday, June 16. John & Cindy Eaton are hosts. Roger & Pat Karnopp are co-hosts. Details to be announced.

1989 Christmas Party

Yes, I know it's a bit early but Darlene & Elmo Amundson have volunteered to host and I thought they deserved some recognition for being on the ball! Tentative location is again at Classic Motor.



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Ads for cars, parts for sale, cars wanted, etc. are free to dues paying members. Ad fee is \$10 to non-members. Ads will run two months. Please submit a \$10 check plus your copy by mail.

Change of Address

Contact: Al Bramer
626 Portland Mews
Burnsville, MN 55337
612-432-8058

Membership Application/Renewal

Annual dues are \$20 per member/family.

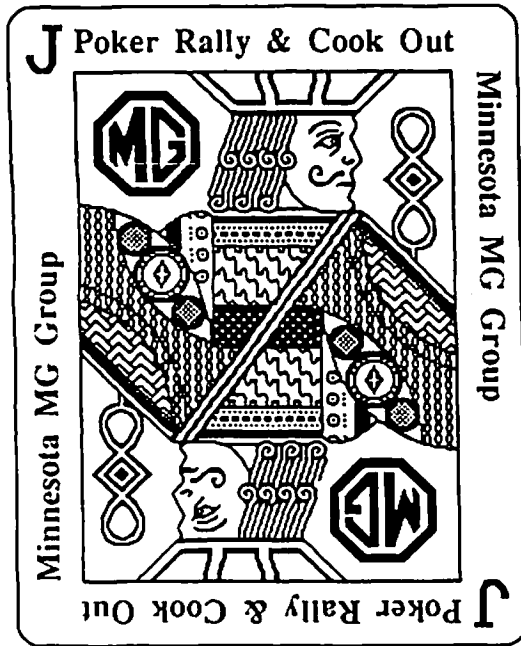
Remit \$20 check payable to:
Sherrill Carlson - MMGG
3270 148th St.
Rosemount, MN 55068
612-423-1761



APRIL NEWSLETTER

1989 Membership Drive

So far our efforts to attract new members and get dues in for 1989 have gone well. In case you missed it or have not yet sent in your check, the renewal form is printed below for your convenience. By the way, some of you have sent your checks made out to The MG Club (or whatever). Please make them out to: Sherrill Carlson - MMGG. It makes it much easier. Thank You!



April MMGG Event: Poker Rally and Cook Out

Hosts: Nels & Dru Aarrestad and Paul & Joan Good.

Date: Saturday, April 29

Time: 1:00 pm. Members who have business items to discuss should arrive early for a pre-event business meeting to start at noon or so. Glenno's is open for lunch or late breakfast for anyone interested.

Location: Glenno's Pizza is the kick off point.

Directions: From the Cities, South on I-35 past Burnsville to exit 76 (Elko/New Market exit). West about 1/4 mile on County Rd. 2 to Glenno's.

NOTE: THE OVERPASS AT THIS EXIT IS CLOSED. IF YOU ARRIVE FROM THE SOUTH, YOU CAN EXIT BUT CAN'T TURN WEST. YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT EXIT AND DOUBLE BACK! CHECK YOUR MAP BEFORE SETTING OUT.

Poker Rally: Details will be provided at the meeting point. The rally will require 2 to 3 hours to run. Destination is the home of Paul & Joan Good.

Cook Out: About 5:00 at the Good's. Bring items to grill and your own beverages. Condiments, salads and chips will be supplied.

Weather: The rally is on rain or shine.

Questions: Call Dru at 612-922-0722.

April 1989

MINNESOTA MG GROUP 1989 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

NAME		SPOUSE	
PHONE			
ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
CAR		YEAR	COLOR
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Annual membership fee: \$20.00

Mall to: Sherrill Carlson - MMGG
3270 148th St.
Rosemount, MN 55068

Make check payable to: Sherrill Carlson - MMGG



Events Planner April 1989

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 3M parking lot, St Paul.

May 1989

All British Car Picnic
 Hosts: Jerry & Sue Sood
 May 28
 Jack Crane

VSRC Autocross
Optional Event
 May 6 at Owatonna Airport. 9:00 am

June 1989

Hare & Hound Rally
 Hosts: Ron Bertsch & Mike Funck
Drive & Dinner
 Hosts: John & Cindy Eaton, Roger & Pat Karnopp
 Friday, June 16

July 1989

Trip to St. Cloud & Tech Session
 Host: Doug Madson
 1-251-0317

August 1989

Stillwater Picnic
 Hosts: Jon & Sherrill Carlson

New London to New Brighton Run
 Tentative
 August 26

September 1989

Swap Meet
 Event Host Needed
 9/25/89

Wheels & Wings Festival
 Event Host Needed

October 1989


Indian Summer Rendezvous
 Hosts: Al Bramer, Dave & Deb Sorenson

November 1989

December 1989

Christmas Party
 Hosts: Darlene & Elmo Amundson
 Tentatively at Classic Motor

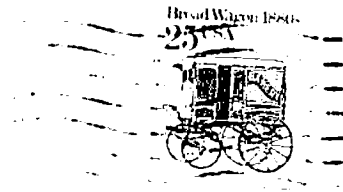
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NOTE: MMGG Events and schedules are subject to change. Please check the MMGG Newsletter for the exact time and place of each event.

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