



MAY NEWSLETTER

All British Car Picnic

Sponsor: The Jaguar Club.

MMGG Hosts: Jerry & Sue Sood.

Date: Saturday, May 20.

NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Sorry about the short notice. We just got the new date.

Time: 9:30 am

Meet At: The parking lot of the Town & Country Bank in Newport, MN. This is at the intersection of I-494 & Hwy 61.

The group will drive from there through Afton to Stillwater and meet at Pioneer park in Stillwater. The park is at 2nd and Cherry St. near the Lowell Inn for those of you who may wish to arrive later.

Bring your own food & drink. We understand that there should be grills available. Plan for a pleasant day of picnic activities with lots of opportunities to check out some interesting cars. And, don't forget to bring your camera.

3MSCC Auto Cross

Several MMGG members attended the 3MSCC autocross on April 15 - 16 that we know of. Jon Carlson and John Eaton drove Jon's MGA and Jim Lymburn drove his MGB. I attended to spectate and take pictures. Gordon Matson, a new MMGG member, was also there. We even got some ink in "The Right Line", newsletter of the Minnesota Autosports Club: They rated Jon's MGA as one of the most interesting cars to turn out for the event, saying:

"The MGA was the type I like to see; not the pampered show car that travels around in an enclosed trailer, but a reasonably good-looking car the owner is not afraid to drive as Cecil Kimber intended. Let's hope there are some T-series owners out there of like mind."

Poker Rally ♠ ♦ ♣ ♥

In spite of cold and wet weather on April 29, 26 brave souls turned out for the Poker Rally (OK, so I counted the kids too). Eight MGs were driven to the event, including 3 MGAs, 3 MGBs and 2 MGB-GTs. It was very wet but by the time we had completed lunch, the rain had stopped and our drive was conducted on drying roads. The skies never did clear however and it was gray and chilly all day.

The route planned by Joan, Paul, Nels and Dru was wonderful. There were plenty of winding country roads and some great stops along the way at local taverns to pick up the cards for the poker hand part of the event. We even drove through the college campus in Northfield.

At the conclusion of the drive was the home of Joan and Paul Good in Webster. As it's in an air park, their home faces a grass runway and includes an attached hanger. It was there that we had our barbecue. It really worked well considering the weather. There was space inside for four picnic tables and a grill. With the door cracked a bit we cooked inside and were sheltered from the elements to at least a degree (or two).

In addition to the food and drink (lots of hot coffee), cars were also an attraction. We got to look at the Cordier's new MGB and my 74 that I have been writing about. We also got to check out the new engine John Stebner put his GT over the Winter. (John, I really think your story is interesting and am sort of expecting to see a newsletter article from you on it in the near future!). This topic of conversation never seems to get old. Also, the Stebners and Cordiers showed up in their very nice MMGG jackets. Anyone interested should be able to get some info from John or Christophe.

The Poker part of the rally was fun too. The Eatons had the best hand and won a model MGA. The Carlsons had the worst hand and won a coffee mug. We also had some nice posters to give out courtesy of University Motors, Ltd. The winners received one as did Verl Wilkins for next worst hand.

It was a great time as usual. Warm and friendly folks offset the wet and chill and everyone enjoyed. Thanks to Joan, Paul, Dru & Nels!

Events Calendar Update

The Stillwater Picnic is now scheduled for Saturday, August 19. Be sure to mark your calendar.

We are going to have a Bowling Party of some kind in the dead of Winter, next February.

Dave Braun is checking on details of the New London to New Brighton run and if it looks workable, will host it.

Club Contacts

Our list is expanding. In addition to the clubs mentioned last month, we are now receiving information from the U of M Sports Car Club, the 3M Sports Car Club, the Minnesota Autosports Club and Vintage Sports Car Racing, Inc. These clubs do have some interesting events and we will try to bring you news of them as best we can. Where possible, we will be exploring joint or open events that we can join.

Event Hosts Needed

We do not yet have event hosts for a Swap Meet or for the Wheels & Wings Festival. Don't be shy. These events are really not that difficult to pull off. This is your chance to make an MMGG event successful.



MG Chronicles by Mike Funck

As promised, I did drive my 74 MGB to the Poker Rally. I had some reservations about the weather but I figured that the car is British (so am I for that matter) and should be able to handle it. It did although the locations of leaks was evident when I showed up at Glenno's with one completely soaked pants leg. Seems water leaks in at the corners of the windshield. Oh well.

The car continues to run fine with only minor problems. A non functioning fuel pump turned out to be a wire from the ignition under the dash that had come adrift and turn signals not working correctly was traced, on the advice of Mark Brandow, to the rocker switch for the hazard light not being completely closed. I removed the trunk prop that was on the hood and replaced it with a real hood prop and have done some other routine service and clean up. So far it has been fun and I have enjoyed some top down motoring on nice days. There remains lots of little things to do and I'm making up quite a parts and to do list but that's all part of owning an MG right? (I figured one time that an MG is a 50% fix, 50% drive proposition. Is that true?)

PS. I was delighted to discover that my golf clubs and pull cart do fit in the trunk. Heaven!

Events of Interest

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

May 28: Indianapolis 500. • Mexican Grand Prix.

June 4: U.S. Grand Prix.

June 9 - 11: June Sprints, Road America, Elkhart Lake.

June 10 - 11: 24 Hours of Le Mans.

June 11: Chicago International Concours d'Elegance.

June 17: Norm's Revenge Autocross. Dakota Co. AVTI. UMSSC.

June 18: 3MSCC "Close to May Sprints" autocross at the 3M lots in St. Paul. • Canadian Grand Prix.

July 5: World of Outlaws Sprint Car Racing at Jackson, MN.

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

July 9: French Grand Prix.

July 10: WoO Sprint Car Racing at New Richmond, WI.

July 12 - 14: Gathering of the Faithful. St. Louis, MO.

July 15 - 16: Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI. Camel GTP, GTO/GTU, IMSA 500 Firehawk Endurance Series, Saab Pro Series and Pro Sports 2000.

July 17 - 20: AMGBA National Convention. Springfield, OR. Contact Willamette MG Club: 2375 N. 5th St., Springfield, OR., 503-746-8440.

July 22 - 23: BIR: Trans Am, Race Truck Challenge, Escort Endurance Series and Pro Sports 2000.

July 28 - August 4: Oshkosh Air Show/Fly In.

August 26 - 27: Vintage Grand Prix Au Grattan. Grattan Raceway, Grand Rapids, MI. Vintage & Historic Racing, Touring Class and Drivers School. Contact VSCDA, Ltd., Box C, 15 W. Burton Place, Chicago, IL 60610. 312-787-7838.

Member Rosters

Member rosters will be sent to paid MMGG members in June.

Member News

- Arnie Court of Eden Prairie, MN:

"I'm 52 and work as a product line manager for Eaton Corporation in Eden Prairie. My wife, Jan works with Al Bramer for Honeywell in Minneapolis."

"The MG that I own is a 1978 MGB. The car is a bright yellow and is in excellent shape. I purchased it three summers ago from a neighbor who lived across the street from me."

"I'm looking forward to joining the MG Club and meeting other MG owners."

(The photo in the newsletter is of the Court's car)

- Gerald and Fran Hanson of Buffalo, MN:

"We have had cars for about two years. The Green 1952 TD has the original engine and is in very good condition. The cream 52 TD is basically a parts car, no motor or interior, all body and suspension parts fair to good."

"We have five other collector vehicles:

Restored 1938 John Deere B tractor.

1948 John Deere H tractor.

Restored 1958 Corvette.

Restored 1968 Corvette.

1978 Corvette Limited Edition Pace Car."

- Verl Wilkins of Hopkins, MN:

"I belong to one international MG club, three national clubs and seven local clubs so it is hard for me to keep track of dues!"

"I have done complete restoration of five cars and have just started on number six, the MGC GT. These cars are not a practical model to restore as no way can you sell one for the price of restoration. But, a restored car is the only way you can get a dependable, drive anywhere, anytime car."

"I travel a lot and never with any back-up so to enjoy it the car must be as dependable as any Detroit built auto. The only way this is possible is through a complete restoration as the As are now thirty years old."

(In addition to the yellow 1969 MGC GT, Verl owns a white 1974-1/2 MGB GT and a Damask red 1959 MGA.)

- Michael Mitchell of Big Lake, MN:

"I have owned my MG (black 1962 MGA 1600 MKII) for a little over six years. During this time, I have managed to keep it alive and rolling without experiencing any major failures. The body is somewhat rough but I am waiting to do drive train work before I have the body and interior finished off. Motorcycling is my passion whereas the MG is my hobby."

"I do not anticipate being able to get to a lot of meetings but I do appreciate receiving the newsletter. I do want to join in on a couple of the scheduled events for this year."

- Cheryl Scholten & Bob Hinshaw of Minneapolis:

Cheryl is a chemist with General Mills and Bob is a psychotherapist. They own a green 1972 MGB and a red 1954 MG TF.

"Both cars are being restored. The TF is from Africa. The B is from Texas and has the bullet holes to prove it"

(Cheryl and Bob, this is too much of a teaser. I think a newsletter article about these cars is an absolute must!)

For Sale

1971 MG Roadster. Parts car or possible restoration. Five wire wheels.

1969 MGC GT. Nice clean car with wire wheels and overdrive gear box. In good running condition. Under 38,000 miles. Not cheap and will be for sale only until I rent or build a larger garage.

MGA roadster seats complete with rails. Contact Verl Wilkins @ 612-935-1608.

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.

New Members

Arnie & Jan Court
Eden Prairie, MN
Yellow 1978 MGB (see photo below)

Lawrence & Kay Leclerc
Fargo, ND
BRG 1946 MG TC

Steve & Rosemary Guttormsson
Duluth, MN
Red 1965 Midget

Gerald & Fran Hanson
Buffalo, MN
Green 1952 MG TD
Cream 1952 MG TD
(and lots of tractors & Corvettes!)

Brian Martens
Edina, MN

Brian Erickson
St. Anthony, MN
1970 MGB

Guy & Debbie Petterson
St. Paul, MN

Membership Drive

Our promotion to get membership renewals and new members has been pretty much of a success. We now number more than 50 dues paying members. Thanks everyone!

If you have not yet paid your dues, it isn't too late. See the info at right.

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Personal 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.

For commercial ads, please call or write.

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





Event Planner May 1989

May 1989
All British
 Car Picnic
 Hosts: Jerry & Sue Sood
 Saturday, May 20
 9:30 am @ Town &
 Country Bank, 494 &
 Hwy 61 in Newport or meet
 @ Pioneer Park in
 Stillwater later

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

August 1989
Stillwater Picnic
 Hosts: Jon &
 Sherrill Carlson
 Saturday, August 19
New London to
 New Brighton Run
 Dave Braun
 August 26

September 1989
Swap Meet
 Event Host Needed
Wheels & Wings
 Festival
 Saturday, September 9
 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

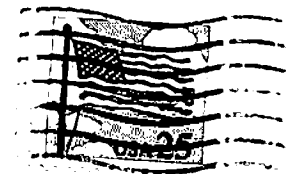
January 1990

February 1990
Bowling Party
 Host: Mike Funck

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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