

# Minnesota MG Group

## September Newsletter

### WHEELS AND WINGS OSCEOLA, WISCONSIN Saturday, September 9

Septembers event, The WHEELS AND WINGS FESTIVAL in Osceola, Wisconsin has a little bit for everyone:

- The car show will feature a Ferrari and Mercedes Benz collection as well as many other antique and classic autos, including the fabulous MGs!
- Old war planes will be displayed at the air show. and there will be an aerobatic and thrilling wing walking exhibition.
- Airplane and helicopter rides along the scenic St. Croix River.
- A dixieland band will be playing at the car show.
- The super book sale will take place at Classic Motorbooks with book prices at 15 - 50% off.
- If you are into gift shopping, the Mill Pond Park arts and crafts displays will be to your liking.
- Air show: 2 pm at the airport. \$5 admission.
- Pancake breakfast served by the Festival. \$3 for all you can eat. From 8 am to Noon.
- MUCH MORE!

**KICK OFF:** The MMGG will meet at 8:30 am at the Perkins Restaurant located at the NE corner of the intersection of Hwys 61 and 36 in Maplewood. (St. Paul suburb). After the group assembles, we will proceed to Osceola.

**DIRECTIONS TO OSCEOLA:** From the Twin Cities, proceed North on Hwy 61 through White Bear Lake. Turn right (East) on Hwy 96 to Stillwater. Turn left on Hwy 95 in Stillwater. Turn right on Hwy 243 and proceed to cross the St. Croix into Osceola.

**IN OSCEOLA:** To reach the car show grounds, turn right on Hwy 35 from 243, proceed under bridge. Turn left on County M then turn left on Industrial Blvd. into the car show.

The MG display area will be to the left on the hill where we have been in previous years.

**BRING:** Your picnic lunch and plan on an enjoyable day.

**EVENT HOSTS:** Jim and Jolene Lymburn (612-780-9241), Co-host: Tim Thomas.

### RAMBLING ON by John Eaton

How about that trip to St. Cloud? Some kind of fun wasn't it? The whole event just suited me to a "T" (or "B" or "A" or whatever). Picture a glorious day, an enjoyable drive and a swarm of MGs parked, hoods (bonnets) up in a garden like setting, encouraging tire kicking, note comparing and maintaining the breed type conversations. I really hated to see the day come to an end.

Doug and Mary Madson and their son, Mike along with Christophe and Karen Cordier once again demonstrated their exceptional talent for hosting. I only hope they know what the've gotten themselves into because I'm sure we will want to repeat the whole thing again next year.

Doug's wrinkle finish paint demonstration was certainly informative and viewing his stripped to the buff '67 anniversary GT along with numerous sub-assemblies already restored to their former glory made the Madson back yard feel a bit like a recreation of old Abingdon right here in Minnesota.

The turn out was good, 19 cars and about twice that many people. Mike Mitchell and his very sound black MGA MkII attended their first MMGG event. After just a little coaxing on my part, I convinced Mike to take me for a ride in the MkII so that I could compare his car with mine, a 1600 MkI.

What a difference a few cubic centimeters make. The extra torque combined with the longer gear ratios give the MkII a completely different feel. Cruising at highway speeds is much more relaxed. 65 MPH at "only" 3600 RPM or so. 65 in my car requires the tach needle to flap in the direction of 45 X 100 on the old cable driven mechanical instrument. A sustained 70 MPH in my car, close to five grand, feels like you are driving a bumble bee and you begin asking yourself "just what does an engine sound like when it lets go?" Needless to say, that's one question I would just as soon leave unanswered.

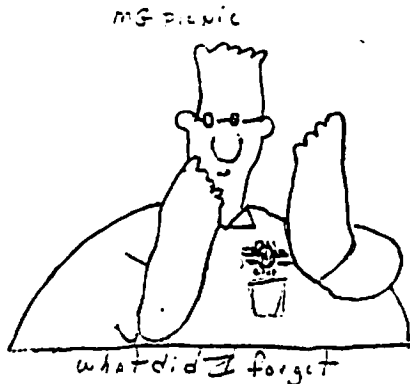
Octagonally Yours, John Eaton.

# THE STILLWATER STORY

by Jon Carlson

Eight MGs showed up at Battle Creek park for the drive. Everyone had their tops up but we were fortunate enough not to have it rain while driving. Soon after getting to Stillwater's Pioneer Park however, the rain came and didn't let up. Three more couples joined us at the park.

Sherrill informed me that when I packed her car, I forgot to include one bag that had significant items in it. So, people had scones and crumpets without butter, jelly, paper plates or utensils and we had iced tea without sweetner. I do apologize for that.



The bagpiper was great and I hope people enjoyed his performance. We gave away prizes supplied by Moss Motors. I'd like to thank them for their generosity.

In all, it was a very British day for a lively band of MG adventurers.

Q: What's worn beneath a Scot's kilt?

A: Nothing. Everything is in working order!

## ABINGDON '89

Jim Lymburn reports that he is driving to Abingdon '89 the weekend of September 22 - 24. If you are interested in going and would like to convoy with Jim, he can be reached at 612-780-9241.

## BAD NEWS DEPARTMENT

If you are not a Member or Associate Member of the Minnesota MG Group, this will be your final newsletter.

We would love to continue to send it to you but frankly, if you have not paid your dues, we can't. Members and Associate Members will, of course, continue to receive news of MMGG plans, programs and events on a regular basis through the year.

If you are in doubt as to whether you are listed as a paid member, please check the mailing label on the cover. A code of Y, C or A indicates you are OK. Other codes, D for example, indicate that you will be Deleted from the newsletter mailing.

So. Why miss all the fun?

Associate Membership which includes your newsletter subscription is just \$6. Full membership is \$20. Cheap entertainment when you consider the range of activities the MMGG has been able to put together in the past year.

Questions? Please contact one of the club representatives listed in the Directory.

## ON THE MARKET

FOR SALE: Two fiberglass rear fenders for an MGA 1600 MkII. New, ordered from England, came too late. \$200 for pair. Dave @ 507-451-0909 or Kathy @ 507-377-2581.

WANTED: One rostyle rim as a spare for my MGB.  
FOR SALE: Pair of SUs with manifold from 1967 MGB engine. Have no idea if they're OK. \$25. Jim Anderson, 507-234-6691.

FOR SALE: 1969 MGB ROADSTER. Rust free. Florida car. Wire wheels. Overdrive. 67,000 miles. Brainerd, MN. Contact Christophe Cordier, 612-252-2482.

PARTS FOR SALE. 1976 MGB Roadster. Parting out, cheap. Engine, body, drive train and interior components. Engine and tranny are out of car. BRG/tan. Phil Little. 612-593-1283 (W), 612-471-7120 (H)

# BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

The MMGG conducted a business meeting on August 11 as planned. The following topics were discussed:

- Our long promised MMGG membership roster is finally going to be completed and mailed. MMGG Members and Associate Members will receive a copy.
- For the past couple of years, we have maintained a practice of adding anybody and everybody to our newsletter mailing list. While this has been a good way to inform people and attract new members, our mailing list has blossomed to about 200, of which about 70 are paid members. In many cases, the non-members are folks we have not heard from. It has become difficult for us to justify the expense of mailing to so many non-members. As a result, we are going to discontinue newsletter mailing to those who are not Members or Associate Members.

We plan to continue maintenance of the entire mailing list so that we can do full scale mailings once or twice per year to publicize our kick off event and perhaps a selected Fall event.

Please remember that if you would like to receive the newsletter but are usually not able to attend events, you can become an Associate Member of the MMGG for just \$6. This covers the cost of providing you with a copy of the newsletter and your club roster.

- The swap meet for September has been cancelled. Although there was interest, no one stepped forward to host the event.
- Jim Lymburn has volunteered to be the club representative to the AMGBA. Jim replaces John Stebner who recently relinquished that responsibility.
- Sherrill Carlson is working up a budget for Group activities. Our treasury is healthy and we have decided to get some plans made for reasonable event and other club activity expenses. When the budget gels, we will publish the details in the newsletter.

Dessert report: Sherrill had fresh raspberries and whipped cream over angel food cake for us. Yum!

# NEW MEMBERS

Lowell (Eric) and Connie Erickson  
Fridley, MN  
Beige 1962 MGA MK II.

Robert A. Le Sage  
Redwood Falls, MN.  
1980 Limited Edition MGB

Harry and Ann Carlsen  
Golden Valley, MN.  
Black 1959 MGA Twin Cam

Thomas and Lauri Bolin  
Minneapolis, MN.

Ken and Diane Merrill  
South St. Paul, MN.  
White 1974-1/2 NGB  
Orange 1974 MGB

Tom and Pat Walker  
Lake Elmo, MN.  
Brown 1979 Midget

John and Linda Brandberg  
Eagan, MN.  
1963 MGB

James and Julie Anderson  
Janesville, MN.  
1978 MGB

Phil Ethier  
St. Paul, MN.  
Midget  
(Phil is also the editor of the Minnesota Autosports Club newsletter, The Right Line, and a source of information on local autocross activity.)

James and Mary Hendley  
North Mankato, MN

Kathy Seery  
Albert Lea, MN  
1962 MGA 1600 MkII

# CLUB TREASURER POSITION OPEN FOR 1990

Sherrill Carlson has announced her intent to resign as treasurer of the MMGG at the end of this year. If you are interested in offering your services for 1990, please let us know. Depending upon the number of candidates, we will hold an election, draw straws, names from a hat or use some similar process to come up with the keeper of the club funds.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

### September

- 3: SUPERCROSS AUTOCROSS. Raceway Park. Jay McKoskey, 490-3139.
- 9 - 10: SCCA Trans Am, CART 200: Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI.
- 10: Italian Grand Prix: Monza, Italy.
- 10: ORPHAN & ITALIAN CAR SHOW. Hanson Blvd. & Hwy 10/47, Coon Rapids. 7 am - 4 pm
- 10: BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL: Des Plaines, IL. British Car Union, PO Box 9328, Downers Grove, IL 60515. 312-885-7789.
- 16: GRRR'89: See article.
- 16: GORP-O-NAP AUTOCROSS, 3M parking lot. 3MSCC. Mark Utecht, 644-7699.
- 17: NORTHFIELD RUN. Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. \$16 per person. Contact Spencer Jones, 507-645-8268.
- 22 - 24: ABINGDON '89: MG weekend in Abingdon, IL. Chicagoland MGB Club. PO Box 455. Addison, IL 60101. 312-858-8192.
- 24: OCTOBERFEST AUTOCROSS. La Crosse, WI. Rick Albrechtson, 608-785-1773
- 24: Portugese Grand Prix: Estoril, Portugal.
- 24: SCCA Escort Endurance, Blackhawk Farms Raceway, Rockton, IL.
- 30: UMSCC NIGHT IN THE WOODS RALLY. Dave Sutliff, 454-0994.

### October

- 1: Stella del Nord ST. CROIX RIVER PICNIC ITALIANO. Mark Knepper, 464-7613.
- 7: Corvettes of MN, HAYSHAKER AUTOCROSS. Jay McKoskey, 490-3139.
- 8: UMSCC WELCOME WEK AUTOCROSS. Jerry Winker, 537-8397.
- 10: MN Autosports Club AUTOCROSS. Doug Lindman, 571-7712.

JUNE 21 - 24, 1990: AMGBA NATIONAL CONVENTION. Atlanta, GA. AMGBA. PO Box 11401. Chicago, IL. 312-437-3897.

## MMGG EVENTS PLANNER

### September

WHEELS & WINGS FESTIVAL: September 9. Hosts: Jim & Jolene Lymburn and Tim Thomas. See the article on page 1 for details.

### October

INDIAN SUMMER RENDEZVOUS: Hosts: Al Bramer and Dave & Deb Sorenson.  
*October 7.*

### December

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Classic Motor. Hosts: Darlene & Elmo Amundson.

## 1990

### February

DEAD OF WINTER BOWLING PARTY. Host: Mike Funck.

### March

KICK OFF BRUNCH



## GREAT RIVER ROAD RALLY '89

The Stella Del Nord chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club has invited the Minnesota MG Group to participate in their GRRR'89 event.

The Great River Road Rally is a gimmick rally to be followed by a picnic.

DATE: Saturday, September 16.

WHERE: Lake Ann Park, Hwy 5 West of Chanhassen.

TIME: 11 AM registration, rally starts at Noon.

COST: \$25 per car. (includes picnic)

CONTACT: Rick Vaicius, 612-824-4516.

## Minnesota MG Group Directory

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## Newsletter Contributions and Ads

Contact: Mike Funck  
9517 Portland Ave. S.  
Bloomington, MN 55420  
612-881-3223

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. Includes subscription to the MMGG Newsletter.

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

## Newsletter Subscription and Associate Membership

Minnesota MG Group Newsletter subscription is \$6 per year. This includes Associate Member status in the MMGG. Remit \$6 to Sherrill Carlson - MMGG

## TREASURY REPORT

August 18, 1989

OPENING BALANCE \$1,117.05

### REVENUES

Membership dues	240.00
Associate membership dues	6.00
Polo shirt sale	15.00
Total	<u>\$261.00</u>

### EXPENSES

Newsletter postage	100.00
Hare & Hound event	54.00
Supplies	42.35
Returned check & charges	28.42
Total	<u>\$224.77</u>

CLOSING BALANCE \$1153.28

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

## AFRICAN T AND TEXAS B by Bob Hinshaw

A while back we had a teaser from Bob Hinshaw and Cheryl Scholten about their T from Africa and B from Texas. Bob has some additional information to report:

We are still putting together the history of the TF but we know that it was originally sold to someone in South Africa where it faded badly from the sun. The tires are replacement tires with the writing in Afrikaans. The car was originally painted in ivory and will be restored to that color. It is rare for this country in that the speedometer and odometer are in kilometers per hour. That makes it rather difficult to run a rally or hare and hounds!

The MGB was imported new through Galveston, Texas and it's history is rather complete. It was stored in a barn for safekeeping and while stored it was hit by a tractor, denting in the front end. It also sustained several bullet holes as a result of kids shooting at the barn with a rifle.

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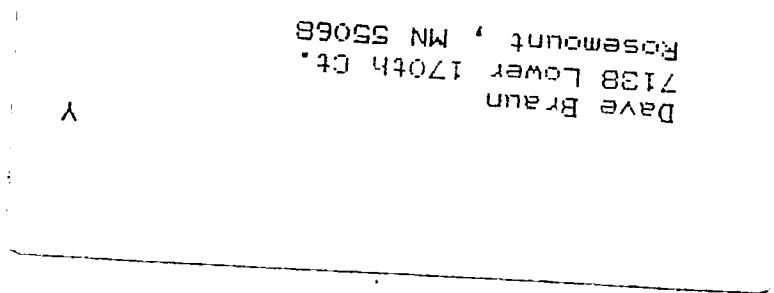
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