

Minnesota MG Group

February Newsletter

1990 MMGG EVENTS Tentative Plans and Schedules



Members of the Minnesota MG Group met on Friday, January 19 to discuss and plan club events for the 1990 season. Following is our tentative schedule. Please note that dates and programs are subject to change but we wanted to have our programs mapped out as far in advance as possible so that all members could plan accordingly. Mark your calendars today!



DEAD OF WINTER BOWLING PARTY Saturday, February 17

RESERVATIONS: Please call Mike Funck at 612-881-3223 to reserve your spot.

TIME: 7:00 pm.

LOCATION:

SouthTown Bowl. Located in the corner of the SouthTown Shopping Center near Montgomery Wards. SouthTown is at the intersection of I-494 and Penn Avenue S. in Bloomington.

PLANS: We will have lanes reserved and will be able to bowl at least 3 lines. The alley has a bar and pool table area for fun after bowling.

COST: Price of bowling, shoe rental if needed and your own refreshments.



ALL CAR CLUB DINNER Wednesday, March 14



6:30 pm. at the Robert Lee Restaurant in New Brighton, MN. This will be an all European Car Club gathering with participants from many local car clubs. The event was last held in 1988 and was a great success. Turn out is usually large, vendors are present with their products and videos of club or racing events are shown. Details in March.



MINNESOTA MG GROUP KICK OFF BRUNCH Sunday, March 25

TIME: 11:00 am.

LOCATION: Toby's On The Lake. I-94 and Century Ave. on Tanners Lake in St. Paul. 612-739-1600.

Toby's features an "Olde English" atmosphere and has a private dining area that has been reserved for club use.

COST: Ordering will be from Toby's menu. Prices range \$4 to \$10.

RESERVATIONS: Not required.

This event will be advertised in the local paper to invite prospective members. We will also mail notices to everyone on our mailing list whether paid members or not.

TECH SESSION Sunday, April 29



Roger and Pat Karnopp will host a Tech Session. There is also a possibility that we will arrange a Fun-Khana of some kind and that a non-car oriented program will be available for women members.

ALL BRITISH CAR PICNIC Saturday, May 19



The annual All British Car Picnic is sponsored by the Jaguar Club and is usually held in Stillwater just before the Memorial Day weekend. We are guessing at the date and will provide an update as plans are confirmed.

This event is a definite don't miss. There are usually more than 50 cars of all types; some of them are quite exquisite. Bring your camera!

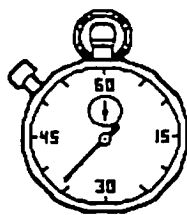
CAR WASH AND WAX Saturday, June 16

To be hosted by Jeff Marko. The idea is to have some fun washing and waxing our favorite toys, crack open a few beers and have a barbecue.

ST. CLOUD DRIVE, PICNIC AND TECH SESSION Sunday, July 15

HOSTS: Doug and Mary Madson.

A favorite event involving a scenic drive to St. Cloud followed by a tech session put on by Doug Madson and a picnic lunch.



AUTO - CROSS August, Date TBD

Since there is a fair amount of interest in autocrossing in the club, we have decided to attend an autocross sponsored by one of the other local clubs. It's fun to spectate and events are usually open to anyone who wants to drive.

After this years autocross schedules have been published, we will select a club to contact regarding participation by the MMGG. Phil Ethier has contacts with the Austin Healey Club and the Metropolitan Autosports Council.

UNIVERSITY MOTORS SUMMER MG PARTY IN GRAND RAPIDS, MI.

August 20 - 28

For those who are interested, Doug Madson is trying to put together a group to drive together from the Twin Cities to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the annual University Motors Summer Party. Doug's suggested program looks like this:

MONDAY, AUG. 20: Drive from the Twin Cities to Rhinelander, WI. Overnight in a motel or camp.

TUESDAY, AUG. 21: Drive from Rhinelander to Sault St. Marie, MI.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22: Spend the day at Macinac Island.

THURSDAY, AUG. 23: Drive to Grand Rapids, MI.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, AUG 24 - 26:
Participate in University Motors Summer Party.

SUNDAY, AUG. 26: Begin return drive to Minnesota.

TUESDAY, AUG. 28: Arrive back in the Twin Cities.

Doug suggests that a group of 8 to 10 cars would probably work best. The plan would be to caravan as a group.

Cost is estimated to about \$450 including accomodations. There is some possibility that we could arrange for some special rates at hotels along the way.

The possibility of major mechanical problems enroute should be a consideration. Doug suggests that anyone suffering such misfortune would probably have to be left to fend for themselves if it appeared that a long delay for repair (or worse) was likely.

If you are interested, please contact Doug Madson directly. He would like to complete planning for the drive by the end of March or so. As details are worked out, they will be published in the Newsletter.

WINGS AND WHEELS

Saturday, September 8

Our annual trek to Osceola, WI to attend the air show, car show, Classic Motorbooks sale, craft fair and pancake breakfast. A full day with plenty of events for all interests.

A volunteer for event host is needed!

INDIAN SUMMER

RENDEZVOUS

Saturday, October 13

HOSTS: Jon Carlson and Al Bramer

A splendid drive through scenic terrain at a location to be determined.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, January 1991 Date TBD

Due to the conflicts that many of us have in December, we have decided to move the Holiday Party to the middle of January. While turn out has been decent, we are of the opinion that many more people will be able to attend on a mid January date.

ME & MY MG

by Jim Lymburn

I had always dreamed of owning an MG ever since I can remember -- the aura and the heritage of driving a rag top have always conjured a vivid image of days gone by and of new adventures to come!

In 1974, I was with some friends and had come to the "big city", Minneapolis, in search of some excitement. We stopped at a car dealership to look at the new cars only to discover that they sold MGs as well. The dream was still alive! In a short time, I found out they had two cars left with the open front grills and learned that the new 1975 MGs would have the large full rubber bumpers from then on. Needless to say, an urgency took precedence as I inquired in earnest. One of the cars was British racing green which I always thought would be the perfect color. The other was teal blue and had overdrive. The overdrive option won out and without much hesitation, I decided on the teal blue model. The salesman

took my \$10 down payment (yes, only \$10!) and held the car for a week. I picked up my new 1974 MGB the next week.

During the next couple of years, my 74 B was the only car I had so it went through some Minnesota winter driving. With the exception of being very cold blooded and slow in warming up, it always started. I had to brush frost and snow off the left side of my head from time to time but going through the snow wasn't a problem unless it was over two feet deep. If you did get stuck -- which only happened once in my case -- and if you had a friend with you, you could pick up the back of the car, put it back in the tracks and back out. On a slick road, as you fellow MG enthusiasts know, the car's balance and handling let you cruise comfortably at much higher speeds than other cars. After two winters, I was able to buy an old pick-up to get me through the ice and snow and save my "B".

With me and my MG having over 100,000 miles and having gone to the East coast once, the West coast twice and numerous other vacation cruises, I tend to remember the good times -- chasing a Porsche 944 for about 10 miles through some great banked corners in Colorado, keeping its tail lights just in view around the sharp corners only to see it pull away on the straightaway and the driver giving us the thumbs up -- or top down driving in Glacier National Park or any other mountain road even if you had to bundle up, you can't beat the view -- cramming five people in the car with the top up during college days -- and the awe inspiring drives on clear Summer nights with the aurora borealis and stars out.

There have been the times of bad luck when repairs are necessary. But even during those times, you knew that when your MG was repaired and running right, there's nothing that can compare with the "Safety Fast" feel of the road the magnificent MG gives you -- it's exhilarating! If you enter or watch a gymkhana, you'll experience this feeling or see it on the faces of the drivers during and after they finish their run.

One of the things that has always supported my love for the MG over the years is the MG fraternal community. MG owners will stop and talk anywhere. The MG glue is very strong and thanks to all the volunteers in the Minnesota MG Group, this will go on as long as MGs are on the road. Safety Fast!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Although the turn out was a bit smaller than hoped for, the 1989 MMGG Christmas party was a definite success. A wide variety of excellent door prizes were provided. The vendors who provided the prizes were:

MG Bits and Spares, Jonesboro, AR.
Motorbooks International, Osceola, WI.
Moss Motors, Goleta, CA.
The Roadster Factory, Armaugh, PA.
Terry's Jaguar Parts, Benton, IL.

We would like to express our thanks to each of these vendors and hope that you will keep their support in mind when it comes time to locate parts for your MG or other MG goodies.

Winners of door prizes were as follows:

Table Centerpiece: Jeff and Anne Ingebrigston, Al and Darlene Amundson.

MG Motif Mugs: Ron and Marilyn Bertsch, Diane and Ken Merrill, Gordon and Shiela Matson.

MG Advertising Reproductions: Mike Funck.

MG Keychain and British Flag: John and Linda Brandberg, Jerry and Sue Sood, Al and Sharon Kelsey.

MG Shirt: Doug Madson, Bret Wilkins, Jim and Jolene Lymburn.

MG Patch, British Flag and a Wrench: Paul and Joan Good.

British Flag: John and Cindy Eaton.

Headlight Stone Guards: Tim Thomas.

\$50 Gift Certificate (donated by the MMGG): Verl Wilkins, Jon and Sherrill Carlson.

Carb Tuning Kit: Jerry and Sue Sood.

MG Book: Ron and Marilyn Bertsch.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MMGG DEAD OF WINTER BOWLING PARTY. Saturday, Feb. 17. 7 pm. Host: Mike Funck, 612-881-3223.

1990 CABIN FEVER RALLY. Sunday, Feb. 25. 11 am. Sponsor: Stella del Nord Alfa Romeo Club invites MMGG members to attend.

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MMGG TECH SESSION. Sunday, April 29.

MMGG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE DATE: May 1, 1990.

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MMGG CAR WASH AND WAX. Saturday, June 16.

HERITAGE DAYS CAR SHOW: Sunday, June 17, 8 am - 4 pm. Rice County Fairground, Faribault, MN. There will be a MG class. Ed Wassell, 507-334-4110. Car Show registration is \$3 in advance, \$5 at the show.

AMGBA NATIONAL CONVENTION. Atlanta, GA. June 21 - 24.

MMGG DRIVE TO ST. CLOUD. Sunday, July 15.

FINAL DATE FOR MMGG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: August 1, 1990.

MMGG AUTOCROSS. August date to be determined.

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Minnesota MG Group Directory

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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. Includes subscription to the MMGG Newsletter.

Remit \$20 check payable to:
Alan Kelsey - MMGG
3150 W. Owasso Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55113
612-484-2262

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 Alan Kelsey - MMGG

ON THE MARKET

FOR SALE OR TRADE: One pair of black MGA seats, complete with rails. Also MGB wiring harness and gauges. 1974 four synchro gearbox in good condition. Verl Wilkins.

WANTED: One steel wheel rear axle complete with ring and pinion gears. This must be a late unit with anti-roll brackets. Also need one overdrive unit for MGC. Verl Wilkins, 612-935-1608. fm

FOR SALE: A variety of hard tops for MG roadsters, mostly in good condition. Mark Brandow, Quality Coaches. fm

WANTED: Midget with good body. Mechanical condition unimportant. Cheap. Phil Ethier, 612-224-3105 or 298-5324. fm

NEW MEMBERS

Ron and Belva Fish
Shafer, MN
Blue, 1977 MGB
White, 1969 Midget

David and Linda Wing
Edina, MN

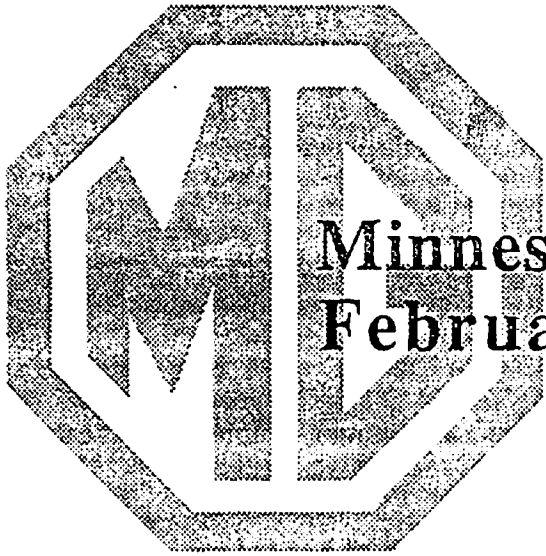
James and Mary Hendley
North Mankato, MN

TREASURY REPORT

Balance Forward, 12/19/89:	\$950.71
Expenses	
Postage and mailing, 12/19/89:	\$30.00
Receipts	
Membership dues (2) 1/19/90:	\$40.00
Balance, 1/19/90:	\$960.71

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