

Minnesota MG Group

May Newsletter

British Car Clubs

SCENIC TOUR AND PICNIC

**to Buena Vista Park in
Alma, Wisconsin.
Saturday, May 19**

See the flyer in this newsletter for information about the annual Jaguar Club of Minnesota sponsored event. This tour and picnic is fully sanctioned by the Minnesota MG Group and qualifies as our official May program. See you at Hastings on Saturday morning!

NEW MMGG EVENTS COORDINATOR

For some time now, the club has been without the services of an official Events Coordinator. That situation was remedied when Tim Thomas of Minneapolis volunteered recently to fill the void.

As coordinator, Tim is taking on responsibility for making sure that events are scheduled, planned and publicized and that there is a host for each. If Event hosts are needed, Tim will be calling club members to solicit their participation. If you have any questions about Event planning, please contact Tim:

Tim Thomas
4347 45th Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55406
612-729-7125

Minnesota MG Group WASH AND WAX. Saturday, June 16.

This event is sponsored by Jeff Marko. Details will be forthcoming in the June newsletter.

Alfa Romeo Owners' Club 1990 GREAT RIVER ROAD RALLY

The Alfa folks invite the MMGG to join them for some fun driving on scenic Wisconsin back roads. The GRRR is a tour rally suited for beginners or anyone who enjoys spirited motoring and good views. This rally is sponsored by the Stella del Nord chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners' Club and is a MARS (Minnesota Area Rally Series) event. The driving fun will be followed by a picnic at Pepin City Park in Pepin, Wisconsin. Along with the class awards, an award will be presented for the best score for each marque represented by at least four cars. Only paved roads will be used.

When: Saturday, August 11.

Registration: 10 to 10:45 am.

Place: Park and Ride lot, junction of U. S. 10 and 61 near Prescott, WI.

Cost: \$15 to non-Alfa Club members plus \$5 per person for the picnic.

Reservations: Required for the picnic but not the rally.

Rallymasters: Pat Stanley and Ed Solstad,
822-0569



AUTOCROSS IN ENGLAND

by Paul Collins

U. S. autocross sounds a bit like a cross between what we call a "sprint" and an "autotest". Sprints usually take place on wide open spaces, ie: race tracks and disused airfields (with grateful acknowledgements to the USAF) and sometimes even on currently used airfields. The course is delineated by cones, tyres, straw bales, oil drums, etc. and competitors start individually. There may be more than one competitor on the course at the time, and if you catch the one in front you must not overtake, but you are allowed another run to set an unhindered time.

Autotests are run on what you would probably consider miniscule parking lots and involve manoeuvring around a pattern of cones, known for historical reasons as pylons. In some competitions, you are required to stop astride particular lines, or stop inside "garages" of pylons, before continuing. Usually, a stop will involve a reversal of direction so that there can be no argument about whether you actually stopped. Some autotests are "forwards only" and these are often known as slalom autotests. There is a rule about how far you may travel in a straight line before having to change direction. Without my faithful RACMSA "Blue Book", I think it's 50 metres. Turns are almost always to the right as the weight of the driver is on that side of the car. Only one competitor is allowed on the course at any one time.

Tarmac Rallies in this part of the country are often similar to sprints except that there is a person strapped into the passenger seat. This person is variously known as "co-driver", navigator", "sack of potatoes" or "something to keep the inside of the car down in left hand turns". Although the courses are very often exactly the same, there are a whole host of safety regulations which apply to rally cars, but do not apply to sprint cars. For example, you have to have a roll cage, fire proof bulkheads, plumbed in fire extinguisher, electrical cutout switch(es) and large mudflaps. In more enlightened countries (Ireland, Belgium, Netherlands, France, Isle of Man, etc.) rallying takes place on closed public roads, which sounds like a lot more fun!

Now, our Autocross is something different altogether. They usually take place on grass and heats are run with four cars on the course together, although the start is staggered so that there isn't a big melee going into the first turn. (Is there some form of handicapping system so that it is the intention that all cars finish around the same time? I don't know much about it so perhaps somebody else could take up the story from here!

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TREASURY REPORT

Description	Date	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Balance Forward	3/22/90			\$1026.67
Newspaper Ads (2)	3/24/90		\$136.05	\$890.62
Membership Dues (14)	4/12/90	\$266.00		\$1156.62
Newsletter Expense	4/12/90		\$10.00	\$1146.62
Newsletter Ad	4/12/90	\$10.00		\$1156.62
Membership Dues (9)	4/30/90	\$180.00		\$1336.62

Treasurer: Alan Kelsey
April 30, 1990

NEW MEMBERS

John Twist and Caroline Robinson
 University Motors, Ltd.
 Grand Rapids, MI
 Red 1962 MGA 1600 MK II DeLuxe
 Black 1958 MGZB Magnette
 Harvest Gold 1973 MGB/GT

Barb and Ron Benton
 Edina, MN

Tim and Sarah Bowers
 Blaine, MN

Jim Bowers
 Blaine, MN

Joe and Pam Stanoch
 Plymouth, MN

Dennis and Patti Stowers
 New Brighton, MN

William and Sandy Franck
 Bloomington, MN

Steve and Debra Nuss
 Minneapolis, MN

Michael and Robin Pasek
 Coon Rapids, MN

ON THE MARKET

FOR SALE: Four MGB/GT parts cars in various conditions. 1970, 71, 71 and 74. Jim Griggs. 612-935-8932. mj

FOR SALE: Red 1964 MGB roadster. Approx 65,000 miles. Garaged since 1973. Very original. Contact Mike Guettler, 612-442-5088 (Waconia). mj

FOR SALE: Parts only. 1974 MG Midget. No engine or transmission. All body and other parts are available. Mitch Martin. 612-253-8549 or 507-451-8001. am

MINNESOTA MG GROUP 1990 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

NAME		SPOUSE	
PHONE (Home)		PHONE (Other)	
ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
CAR 1	YEAR	COLOR	
CAR 2	YEAR	COLOR	
CAR 3	YEAR	COLOR	

- Annual Membership: \$20.00 or
 Annual Newsletter Subscription/
 Associate Membership: \$6.00

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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
15942 Harmony Way Court
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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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MMGG/ALL BRITISH CAR PICNIC.
Saturday, May 19. See flyer in this newsletter.

THE HEARTLAND MG REGIONAL. *June 1 - 3.* Topeka, Kansas.

June MMGG Newsletter deadline is June 1. Please submit any copy or ads to the editor by that date.

MOWOG II AUTOCROSS: *Sun. June 10.* MAC Raceway Park. Mark Utecht. 612-739-2980.

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. Doug and Mary Madson hosting. Christophe Cordier to again provide pizza courtesy of Pizza Hut.

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

1990 GRRR (Great River Road Rally).
Saturday, August 11, 10 am. Sponsored by the Alfa Romeo Owners Club.

MMGG AUTOCROSS. *August 12* at Dakota Co. Phil Ethier hosting.

UNIVERSITY MOTORS SUMMER PARTY.
Aug. 24 - 26. Possible MMGG Tour to event.

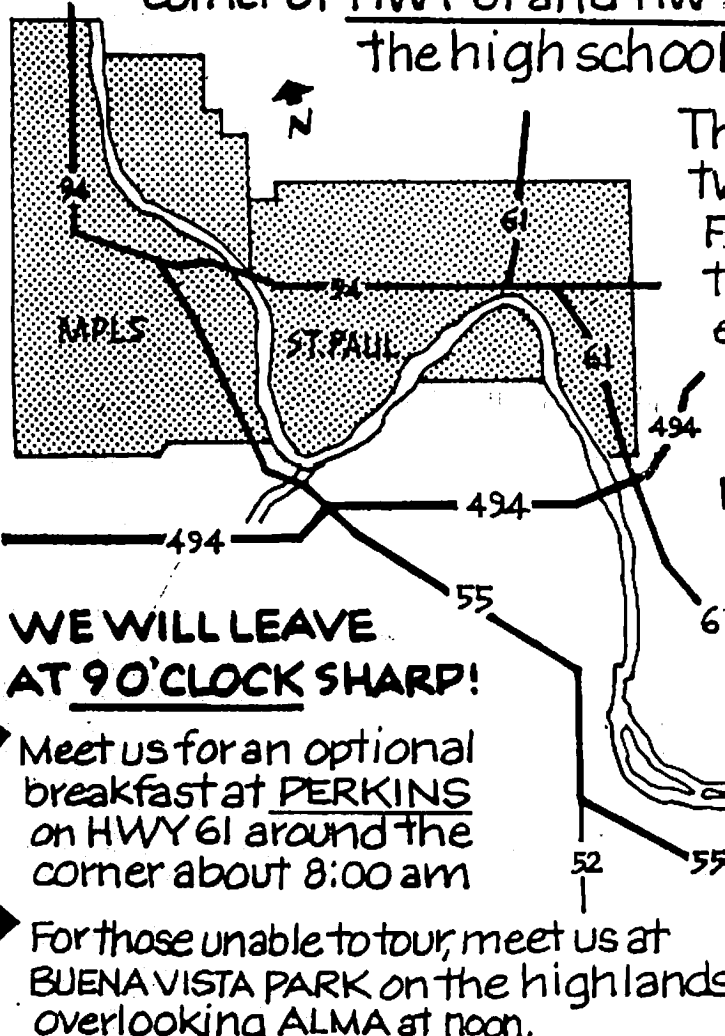
MMGG/WINGS AND WHEELS.
Saturday, Sept. 8. Tim Thomas hosting.

MMGG INDIAN SUMMER RENDEZVOUS. *October 13.*

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May 19, - Scenic TOUR & PICNIC to Buena Vista Park in ALMA, Wisconsin

Meet at CITY PARK, HASTINGS, MINNESOTA located on the corner of HWY 61 and HWY 55 across the street from the high school football/track stadium. **SEE MAP**



The tour will wind through the twisty bits from HASTINGS to CANNON-FALLS on to REDWING and thence through the hills, valleys, ravines, washes etc, of western Wisc. to BUENA VISTA PARK in ALMA. Visting such townes as TRIMBELLE, ELLSWORTH, PLUM CITY, PORCUPINE, PEPIN & MODENA. There will be at least one rest stop along the way.

WE WILL LEAVE AT 9 O'CLOCK SHARP!

▶ Meet us for an optional breakfast at PERKINS on HWY 61 around the corner about 8:00 am

▶ For those unable to tour, meet us at BUENA VISTA PARK on the highlands overlooking ALMA at noon.

★ Bring your own main-course foods and liquid refreshments.

★ Desserts and English Tea will be provided.

★ There will be a bagpiper.

★ There will be drawings for prizes at the picnic, PLUS other SURPRIZES!!

REMEMBER... RAIN OR SHINE... WE GO!!!



Sponsored by the **JAGUAR Club of Minnesota**

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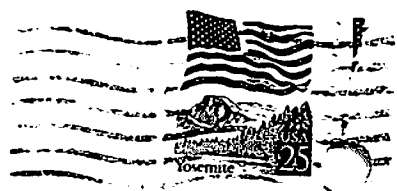


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