

# Minnesota MG Group

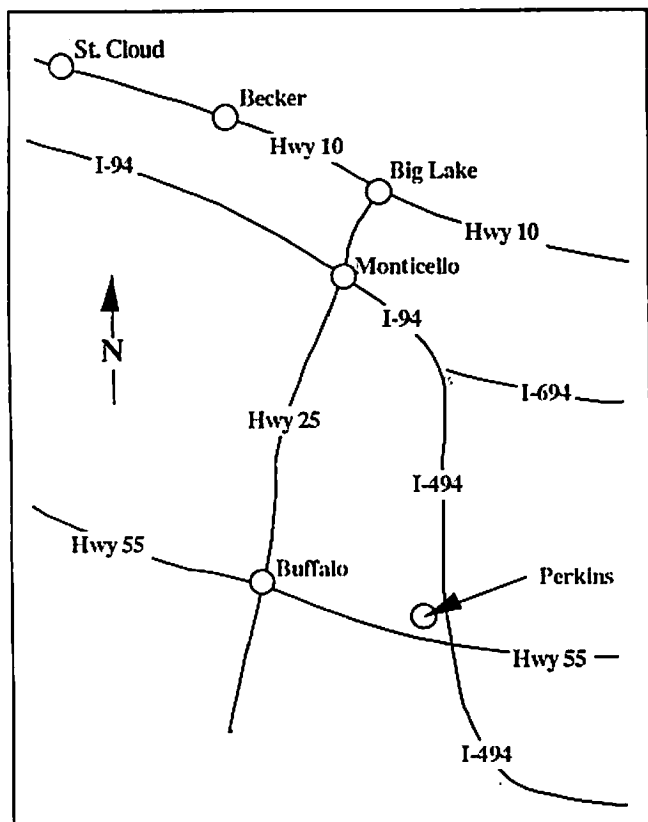
## July Newsletter

### DRIVE TO ST. CLOUD Picnic and Tech Session Sunday, July 15

*Hosts:* Doug and Mary Madson.

*Program:* Tech Session on undercoating by Doug Madson, pizza provided by Christophe Cordier and an MG trivia contest.

*Meet:* At the Perkins at the intersection of Hwy 55 and I-494 in Plymouth. (NW corner of intersection). We will drive as a group to meet the Madsons at Becker for the drive to their home in Sauk Rapids.



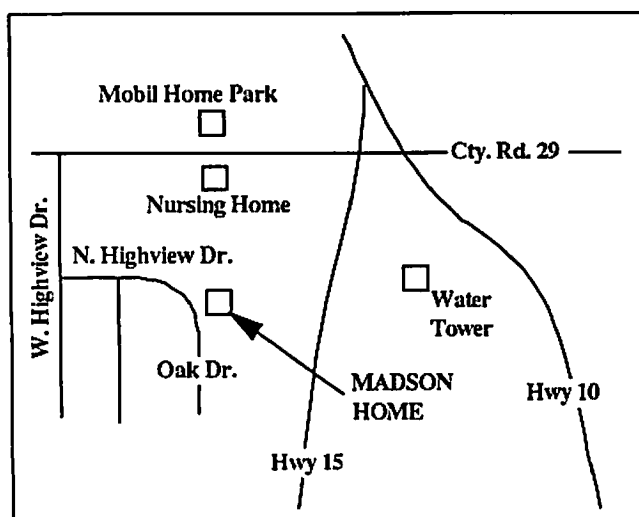
*Time:* 9:45 am at the Perkins. We will leave at about 10 for the drive to Becker where we will meet the Madsons at about 10:45.

*Alternate A:* If you are unable to meet at Perkins, drive directly to Becker on Hwy 10. Doug will be waiting there at about 10:45 am with a prominently displayed sign to show you where to stop. We will then have a brief scenic drive into Sauk Rapids.

*Alternate B:* Drive directly to the Madson home in Sauk Rapids using the map below, to arrive at about Noon.

*RSVP:* If you plan to come, please call Mike Funck at 612-881-3223 and leave a message so that we can get an accurate count for pizza.

*Phone:* Doug Madson: 612-251-0317



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

We must receive your 1990 membership dues prior to August 1 for you to continue to receive the MMGG Newsletter. The renewal form is inside.

# AUTOCROSS EVENT

Sunday, August 12

Host: Phil Ethier

**When is it?** Sunday, August 12, 1990. It is a good idea to be there by 9:00 if you are running your car. If you just want to watch and show your car, anytime before 11:00 is appropriate. Bring your own picnic lunch or pick up something from the fast food places in Rosemount. After the event, about 4:30 or so, we will adjourn to the Pizza Hut in Rosemount.

**Where is it?** Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount, Minnesota. Drive south on Robert Street and keep going through the rolling hills and curves until you come to Rosemount. Drive through downtown and take a left (east) at the stop sign just after the railroad tracks. Don't be afraid to ask. The locals all know where it is, although they may refer to it as "The Vo-Tech". The lot that is generally used is east of the building. There is a great deal of asphalt parking area available, interspersed with grass and small trees. Quite pleasant. It's all away from houses and the like, so we don't disturb others.

**What do I need to bring?** A simple lap belt and helmet is all that is required. You can use any non-shorty helmet that meets DOT or Snell standards. I will have a spare helmet (size 7-1/4) available. You may be able to borrow a hat from another competitor.

**How about car preparation?** Generally, anything from a beat-up streeter in basically safe condition to concours race cars are welcome. Whether it's fast or not, we all have fun. Be sure the battery is tied down well, you have brake fluid and you have taken all the loose stuff out of the boot. Readable numbers must be applied to the car. You may want to put extra wax on your doors for masking tape or shoe polish numbers. Numbers can also be put on side glass with tape or white shoe polish. Brian and I have permanent numbers on magnetic octagons. You may want to tape on big octagons with Magic-Marker numbers. You can choose your numbers at registration. There is no minimum size for numbers, but they must be judged legible. Be sure to have a way to change them easily if you have more than one driver.

**How much does it cost?** If you are going to enter a car in the autocross, expect an entry fee of \$15. You can have more than one driver entered in one car, but each additional entrant will also pay the \$15 fee. If you are going to watch, work, hang out, admire cars, and hobnob with your fellow MMGG members, there is no charge.

**Is there anything to see if I don't run a car?** Yes, you can get right up to the action. Course working is very informal at these events. You just walk out there and wait for someone to hit a pylon, then wave it at the scorers and replace it. You should have adequate time before the next car. There are lots of interesting cars to see, both in motion and in the paddock. The times of each run are posted, so you can follow the progress of the meet. Autocrossing may be the best combination of social event and motorsports.

**I don't want to wreck my car. Is this safe?** One of the main advantages of autocrossing over racing, rallying or just driving on the street, is that there is very little to hit. You never have a car tailgating you, trying to pass. It is as intense or laid-back as you want it to be. It does teach you about car handling in a safe environment.

**Are there awards or anything?** There will be trophies given to the top 20% of each class by COM. In addition, Brian Erickson and I will provide an MG coffee mug to the fastest MG regardless of class and excluding our two cars.

**I've never done this before. Who can help me out if I have a question?** Brian and I are Tech Inspectors for the Minnesota Autosports Club. This event is sponsored by the Corvettes of Minnesota, so we won't have any structured responsibilities that day and will be available to help you along. Since the conduct of the event itself is being handled by COM, we can do our own thing with the MMGG. If you have any questions or suggestions before the event, please call me, Phil Ethier, at 224-3105 or 298-5324.

# RAMBLING ON

by John Eaton

It's time once again to bring you all up to speed on the various and sundry activities of some of our more involved members.

On a recent business trip to St. Cloud, I somehow found time to drop in on Doug and Mary Madson who insisted on feeding me a wonderful dinner. Our dinner conversation revealed that Doug and Mary have shipped their two offspring off to Alaska to work in a fish cannery so that they can both enjoy some "quality time". Yes, both. Turns out Doug and Mary work as a team. What a novel idea! No doubt theirs is one of the more stable marriages in Benton County. Needless to say, if you've ever seen Doug's A or his Bugeye before he sold it, his most recent project, a 67 B/GT is a regular blueprint for restoration perfection. It's nearly complete and will most certainly be ready for the University Motors Summer get together.

Moving on, we find grease under the fingernails of Jon Carlson caused by a clutch replacement and tranny oil seal repair. Jon reports that the tranny's thirst for oil has been quenched and the clutch now feels just right. Felt just right to me too when I drove it.

Brother-in-law Jerry Sood's 67 B roadster has recently returned from the painters looking very straight and smooth in its new coat of Old English White. Just beautiful! A new Moss interior kit (red leather with white piping), new exterior chrome, assorted other bits, a hundred hours or so of careful assembly and Jerry will have himself one of the nicest early roadsters you could ever hope to see.

Jeff Marko probably won't be joining the Woods Brothers pit crew any time soon but nonetheless the large void in the engine compartment of his MGA has been filled after being vacant for about a year and a half. A rebuilt master cylinder and a little push down, let up action should get Jeff back on the road.

Roger Kamopp's stable of MGs now runs the gamut from A to B. Roger just acquired a very sound surprisingly complete 59 MGA 1600.

Three days of flashing wrenches, twirling ratchets, a tug here, a push there and the body was separated from the frame, loaded on a truck and on its way to the strippers. Roger is a man on a mission! It will be fun watching this restoration take shape.

*Next Month:* How I imposed on *Road & Track* editor Peter Egan's best friend Chris Beebe and singlehandedly wasted several hours of his valuable time.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Jerry and Susan Sood  
Lakeville, MN  
Old English White 1967 MGB

Timothy and Kathryn Thomas  
Minneapolis, MN  
Red 1972 MGB

Larry Prettyman  
Brainerd, MN

Cindy O'Brien  
Brooklyn Park, MN  
Blue 1976 MGB  
Yellow 1980 MGB

Jim and Laura McCormick  
White Bear Lake, MN  
Red 1957 MGA  
Beige 1974 MGB/GT  
White 1959 MGA  
White 1980 MGB

Doug and Mary Madson  
Sauk Rapids, MN  
Red 1956 MGA  
Gray 1967 MGB/GT

Gayle Litz  
South St. Paul, MN  
Black 1980 Limited Edition MGB

John and Cindy Eaton  
Lakeville, MN

Randy M. Byboth  
North St. Paul, MN  
White 1979 MGB

Neil and Lori Behnke  
Lake MGB Club  
Minnesota Lake, MN

Tom and Jeanette Rerah  
Bloomington, MN  
Blazing Red 1973 MGB

Donald Campbell  
White Bear Lake, MN

Thomas and Lauri Bolin  
Minneapolis, MN

Lowell and Connie Erickson  
Fridley, MN

Jim and Shirley Fischer  
Apple Valley, MN  
Red 1977 MGB  
1957 Austin-Healey

Kim Harkness  
St. Paul, MN  
Blue 1974 MGB

Mark and Cleo Holtberg  
Glenwood, MN  
Red 1969 Midget

Glenn and Gwen Nickleski  
Stillwater, MN  
Blue 1971 MGB

Penny Parrish  
Bloomington, MN  
Black 1962 MGB

Gary and Janet Severns  
Chaska, MN  
1973 MGB

Jerry and Linda Strom  
Eden Prairie, MN

Larry and Kathy Pieper  
St. Paul, MN  
White 1979 Midget

Elmo and Darlene Amundson  
Minnetonka, MN

James and Julie Anderson  
Janesville, MN

Horace and Donna Beale  
North Oaks, MN

Garry and Wendy Carlberg  
Proctor, MN

Jon and Sherrill Carlson  
Rosemount, MN  
Blue MGA

Michael Funck  
Bloomington, MN  
Red 1973 MGB/GT  
Orange 1974 MGB

Jim and Agnes Hand  
Apple Valley, MN

Bob Hinshaw and Cheryl Scholten  
Minneapolis, MN

Alan and Sharon Kelsey  
Apple Valley, MN

David Kruth  
Burnsville, MN

Len and Yvonne LaBore  
St. Paul, MN

Michael and Jacki Mitchell  
Big Lake, MN

Bill and Sheryl Scholtz  
Eden Prairie, MN

Gary and Pam Soebbing  
Dayton, MN

David and Debbie Sorensen  
Elk River, MN

John and Anne Stebner  
South St. Paul, MN

Rodney and Esther Turnquist  
Rosemount, MN

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2-24. MG Car Club Circuit of Britain, Scotland to Southampton Tour.

July 12 - 15. MG FEST & MINI-CON 90: Niagara Falls (Grand Island) NY. Joe or Kathy at 716-683-9380.

July 14. The 2nd Annual World Ferrari Concour D'Elegance. *Location:* Twin Cities Polo Club. *Directions:* West End Farm. 10 miles west of Wayzata on Hwy 12, 1/2 mile south on Cty. Rd. 90. *Schedule:* 10:00 - car placement, 11:00 - judges meting, 11:15 - concour judging, 12:00 - catered lunch by "Maison Guibert", 1:00 - awards presentation, 1:30 - championship polo match. *Classes:* All makes including MG. A class award will be presented to best English sports car. *Contact:* World Ferrari, 455 Mill St., Long Lake, MN 55356, 612-473-9060 for additional information. *Entry deadline is July 12.*

July 14 - 15. SCCA Greater Des Moines Grand Prix, Escort World Challenge and Trans Am.

July 15. MMGG DRIVE TO ST. CLOUD. Doug and Mary Madson hosting. Christophe Cordier to again provide pizza courtesy of Pizza Hut.

July 15. British Grand Prix.

July 18 - 22 . Chicago Historic Races. Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI.

July 19 - 22. NAMGAR 15th Annual Get Together, Williamsburg, VA.

July 21 - 22. BIR Spectator National Race. Steve Hess. 612-722-1642.

July 29. German Grand Prix.

July 30 - August 3. MG Car Club's Gathering of the Faithful/West, Inn of the Seventh Mountain, Portland, Oregon.

July 27. August newsletter deadline.

August 1. Final date for 1990 MMGG membership renewal.

August 5. MOWOG IV Autocross. N. Hennepin Comm. Coll. Andy Martin. 612-436-6605. MAC

August 11. 1990 GRRR (Great River Road Rally). Sponsored by the Alfa Romeo Owners Club. *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, 612-822-0569.

August 12. MMGG AUTOCROSS. at Dakota Co. Technical Coll. Phil Ethier hosting.

August 17 - 19. BRITISH MOTORCAR FESTIVAL. Southeastern New England. Roger Jusseaume, 508-679-8252.

August 18 - 19. Road America. IMSA. Elkhart Lake, WI.

August 24 - 26. UNIVERSITY MOTORS SUMMER PARTY.

September 8. MMGG/WINGS AND WHEELS. Tim Thomas hosting.

September 9. BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL. Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL. 708-885-7789.

September 9. Gorp-O-Nap Autocross. 3M Center 3MSCC. Mark Utecht. 612-739-2980.

September 16. MOWOG V Autocross. Anoka-Ramsey Comm. Coll. John Krusow. 612-535-5393. MAC

October 13. MMGG INDIAN SUMMER RENDEZVOUS.

October 21. MOWOG VI Autocross. Randy Williams. 612-448-2655.

October 28. Long John Autocross. 3M Center. 3MSCC. Mark Utecht. 612-739-2980.

## ON THE MARKET

**WANTED:** Straight and rust free right front fender and hood for my 1973 Midget. Jim Anderson. P.O. Box 517, Janesville, MN 56048 or 507-234-6691 evenings. ja

**FOR SALE:** 1960 MGA 1600 - all parts available or at least negotiable. Can be seen in beautiful downtown Big Lake. Call 612-263-6727 (H) or 612-295-1392 (W). Contact Mike Mitchell. ja

**PARTS WANTED:** Speedometer connector (to transmission), tan drivers seat, both for a 1974 MGB. Ken Merrill, 612-455-5681. jj

**FOR SALE:** 1968 MGB/GT. California car. Wire wheels. Over-drive. No rust. One owner. BRG with red leather interior. Mike Soltis at 612-926-9243 evenings or at Quality Coaches during the day. jj

### *AUTOMOBILE Magazine* auction reports:

*Donington Park, England, February 8, 1990*  
 1954 MG TF 1250 Midget: \$33,511  
 1949 MG TC Midget: \$20,310  
 1950 MG TD Midget: \$16,755  
 1962 MGA roadster: \$15,452  
 1930 MG M-type Midget: \$14,894  
 1960 MG MGA coupe: \$12,101  
*Stratford-on-Avon, England, March 10, 1990*  
 1931 MG Type M sports roadster: \$26,650  
*Hot Springs, Arkansas, March 10-11, 1990*  
 1949 MG TC roadster: \$16,100

## MMGG LOGO PATCHES IN PROGRESS

By Ken Merrill

The club is in the process of arranging for production of logo patches which any member can have applied to their shirt, hat, jacket or other personal item. The company we are working with is Color Weave. They can put the logo on our items for \$3.25 in quantities up to 12 and \$3.00 for quantities up to 24. Color Weave has hats at \$5.25 plus logo, flannel jackets at \$27.00 plus logo and shirts at \$9.50 plus logo. We can choose to mix and match up to five colors.

It would be each members responsibility to get their own items up to Color Weave. They are located at 8020 University Ave. in Fridley (three miles north of I-694), phone 784-0708. Mary Ann is our contact there.

At our next meeting we will discuss possible club purchase of a standard shirt, hat, jacket or whatever. Initial cost of the logo preparation to the club will be \$80.00. More details in the next newsletter.



## TREASURY REPORT

Description	Date	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Balance Forward	5/18/90			\$1478.62
Printing Expense	3/22/90		\$20.00	\$1458.62
Membership Dues (1)	3/22/90	\$20.00		\$1478.62
Checking Acct. Chg.	5/14/90		\$7.87	\$1470.75
Membership Dues (4)	6/14/90	\$52.00		\$1522.75
Membership Dues (5)	6/16/90	\$100.00		\$1622.75

Treasurer: Alan Kelsey  
June 16, 1990

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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

Membership dues are \$20 per member/family.  
*Includes subscription to the MMGG Newsletter.*

Remit \$20 check payable to:  
 Alan Kelsey - MMGG  
 15942 Harmony Way Court  
 Apple Valley, MN 55337  
 612-891-3452

Associate Membership: *Newsletter subscription  
 only.* Remit \$6 to Alan Kelsey - MMGG

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## MINNESOTA MG GROUP 1990 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

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

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 (includes Newsletter): \$20.00 or  
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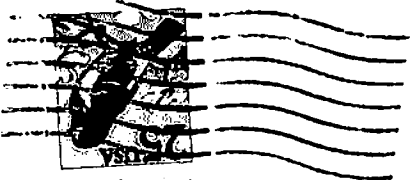
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