

Minnesota MG Group

October Newsletter

INDIAN SUMMER RENDEZVOUS

Fall Color Tour
Saturday, October 13, 1990

The Minnesota MG Group is proud to announce the 1990 Fall Color Tour.

Time: 10 am

Meeting Place: Hooked on Classics auto show room in Chanhassen, MN. We will meet behind the Frontier Plaza and underneath the "Frontier" sign visible from Hwy 5.

Agenda: 11 am drive to Jordan via Belle Plain and New Prague.

Lunch: at Clancy's in Jordan.

Hosts: Al Bramer and Jon and Sherrill Carlson.

TECH SESSION

Saturday, October 27

Al and Sharon Kelsey are hosting an informal Tech Session on Saturday, October 27 to cover the care and drying out of distributors and how to say "good-night" to an MG for the winter.

Location: All interested members should come to their home, 15942 Harmony Way Court.

Time: 10:30 am.

Directions: They live 6/10 mile west of Cedar on 160th St. in Apple Valley, right on Harmony Way and then the first right into our cul-de-sac.

Food: Sloppy Joes and pop will be provided for lunch. We ask members to bring a dish to pass.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Roger and LaVerne Bjorklund
New Brighton, MN

Garry and Wendy Carlberg
Proctor, MN

Steve and Rosemary Guttormsson
Duluth, MN

Bob and Cheryl Hinshaw
Minneapolis, MN

Rodney and Esther Turnquist
Rosemount, MN

NEW MG SPORTS CAR IN THE WORKS

Autoweek reports that a new MG sports car is taking shape and, according to sources, will almost certainly go into production.

"The Mazda Miata is a very nice car and successful, but probably it would have been more successful with an MG badge on the front." according to the managing director of Rover.

The MG EX95 has an aluminum and plastic body with conventional front-engine, rear-drive chassis powered by a turbocharged version of the Honda 2.5 liter V6 power plant. Other designs/configurations are also under consideration.

Introduction is possible as early as 1993 with a price tag of around \$20,000.

Information courtesy of Jeff Ingebrigton.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

13. MMGG INDIAN SUMMER RENDEZVOUS.

14. Hayshaker Autocross. Corvettes of MN. Canterbury Downs. Mike Reid, 612-739-5613.

21. MOWOG VI Autocross. Canterbury Downs. Randy Williams. 612-448-2655.

27. MMGG Tech Session at the home of Al and Sharon Kelsey.

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

29. MMGG Newsletter submissions due to the editor for November publication.

JANUARY

19. MMGG Holiday Party. Toby's on the Lake. (tentative date).

Official MMGG events are listed in bold type.

ON THE MARKET

WAXOYL INFORMATION: Those of you attending the St. Cloud program will recall Doug Madson's session on Waxoyl, the British rust proofing product. Waxoyl can be ordered from BRIT-TEK, 6 Londonderry Commons, Suite 111, Londonderry, NH 03053. \$79.95 Complete Kit, \$59.95 Starter Kit, \$49.95 Refill Can. Write BRIT-TEK for full details.

FOR SALE: 78 MGB. Bright orange, wire wheels. new Michelins, new top, new stainless exhaust. no rust anywhere, no bondo, never wrecked. \$3500 firm. Jim Young. *See photo.* 612-435-6851. on

WINTER PROJECT: Looking for someone with experience to restore my beloved Toodles, a 1962 MGB. Brother-in-law "began" process by ripping out interior, then abandoned project! Interested, talented and understanding parties please contact Penny Parrish, 612-966-9999, X260 days or 612-835-0582. on

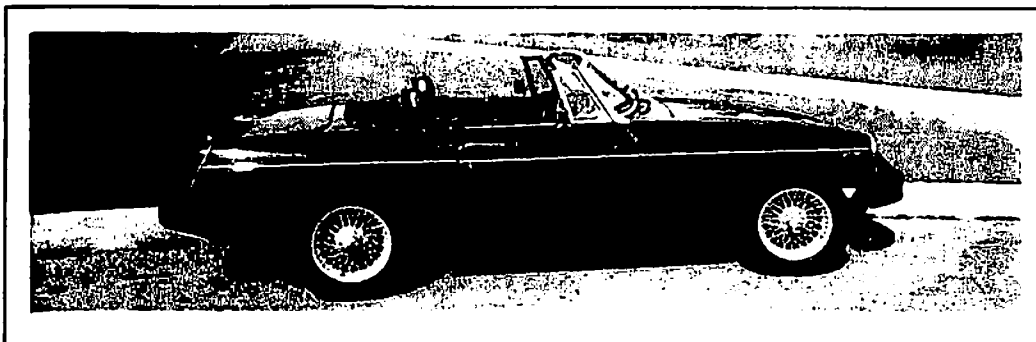
FOR SALE: MMGG GRILL BADGES. May be purchased at club events for \$9 or mail order from Roger Karnopp for \$11. Send check to Roger at 1295 Deerwood Dr., Eagan, MN 55122.

CLUB LOGO PATCHES: Very attractive embroidered patches with the MMGG logo. Contact: Color Weave. 8020 University Ave. Fridley (3 miles north of I-694) 612-784-0708. Mary Ann is our contact there.

WANTED: Winter storage facility for MGs. Mike Funck, 612-881-3223. so

FOR SALE: 1968 MGB-GT. One owner. First time out of California. Maintenance records for the past 20 years. NO RUST EVER. Over drive and wire wheels. Front end tight. Runs beautifully. BRG/Red. \$5,500. Call Mike Soltis after 3 pm: 612-926-9243. so

WANTED: Rear sway bar and other suspension pieces for Midget. Also, have extensive inventory of parts to sell or trade, ranging from near-junk to very nice. Phil Ethier, 224-3105 or 298-5324. so



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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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REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY MOTORS SUMMER PARTY

By Doug Madson

For various reasons the members of the MMGG that attended the Summer Party couldn't caravan to the event but once there proceeded to have a great time. It was my second Summer Party and as in 1987, the organization of John Twist, Caroline Robinson and the staff of UM did a fabulous job.

The weather throughout the event was definitely "top down" and the venue of the Airport Hilton was super. The place was literally buzzing with MGs of all ages and colors. MGs were driven from as far away as California and Florida and cars from Ontario and Quebec were numerous.

All day Friday owners were preparing their cars for the Saturday show and visiting the vendors set up in the hotel parking lot. There was the usual natter about the cars and a tour of the city including a visit to University Motors for those interested.

Saturday morning a hearty breakfast was served at the Hilton and at 9:30 sharp the cars started to leave for Douglas Walker Park and the show. By the time all the MGs were lined up, 503 cars had registered, without question the largest gathering of MGs ever in the United States. Not only were there lots of cars but veteran Summer Party attendees indicated they looked better than ever. The vendors had set up in the park under the big shade trees and sales of parts were brisk.

That evening, a great prime rib dinner preceded the awards presentation. The MMGG "took home some of the Gold", but once again the one thing that makes these groups so special was apparent. The MGs are great but the people who drive them are what make the whole event so special. With the love of the marque as the basis for the camaraderie and socializing, new friendships are made and old ones renewed.

Early Sunday many of the participants caravaned to Gratten Raceway for a parade lap followed by breakfast and an opportunity to see some of the best prepared vintage racers in action. Literally millions of dollars worth of

thoroughbred machinery at speed. Bugatti, Allard, Morgan, Austin-Healey, Jaguar, Corvette, Lotus and MG were just a few of the marques present.

At noon, two of the MMGG took to the track for the "tour" - 45 minutes of exuberant driving around a great road course. Randy "Boy Racer" Byboth and Jim "Lead Pedal" Lymburn both looked great showing what stock MGs can do when driven with gusto.

Three days of great fun ended all too quickly but the memories will always be there. Next year an even bigger event is planned. Make plans now to set aside the last weekend in August for the biggest and best MG meet in the United States.

MY NAME IS LUCAS

Next time you see a forlorn specimen by the road, sing this to the song "Luka":

*My name is Lucas
I live in some British car
I'm made of smoke you know
Yes I think you've seen me before
If you hear something break at night
Some kind motor, some kind of light
Just don't ask me why it is
Just don't ask me why it is
Just don't ask me why it is
I think it's because I'm feckless*

*I try not to drip on the ground
Maybe it's because I'm aimless
And I'm always out of round
They always drive until you die
And after that they're asking why
They just don't maintain me anymore
They just don't maintain me anymore
They just don't maintain me anymore*

*Yes I think I'm okay
I ran into the curb again
Well, if you ask that's what I'll say
And it's not your business anyway
I guess I'd like to be alone
With nothing broken, nothing thrown
Just don't ask me how I run
Just don't ask me how I run
Just don't ask me how I run*

With apologies to Suzanne Vega, who I doubt even owns a car.

- Aran Guy, Walnut Creek, CA

TREASURY REPORT

Description	Date	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Balance Forward	8/20/90			\$1192.02
Membership Dues (1)	8/20/90	\$20.00		\$1212.02
Checking Acct. Chg.	8/31/90		\$0.00	\$1212.02
Membership Dues (5)	9/7/90	\$86.00		\$1298.02

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