

Minnesota MG Group

January Newsletter

MINNESOTA MG GROUP AFTER CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

by Tim Thomas

The "1990" MMGG Christmas party is set and we hope you can join us for an evening of good company, food, drinks and door prizes. The details are as follows:

When: Saturday, January 19, 1991.

Where: Tobys on the Lake, 249 Geneva Ave. N.
(I 94 and Century Ave.) in St. Paul.

Time: 6:00 pm - Hors d'oeuvres (provided by the MMGG) and cocktails. 7:00 pm - Dinner.

Dinner Selections:

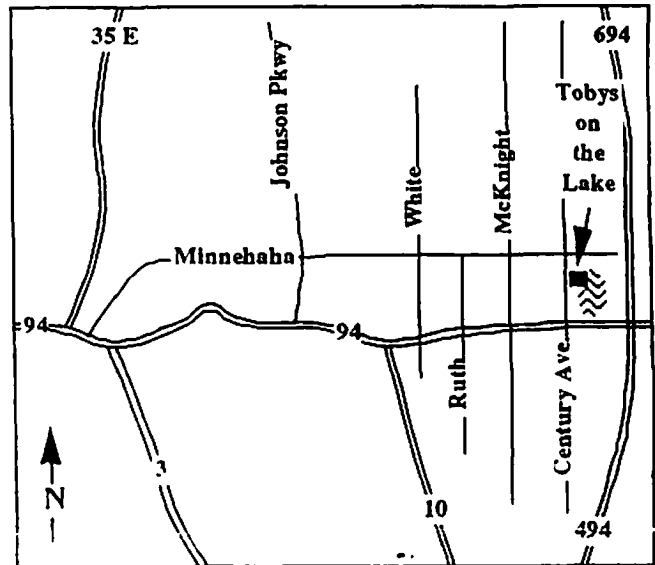
Chicken Teriyaki	\$11.30
Scrod and Steamed Vegetables	\$15.25
Barbecued Ribs	\$17.00
Top Sirloin	\$15.80
Prime Rib	\$18.90

The dinner includes soup or dinner salad and a choice of potato or vegetable of the day and beverage. Tax and gratuity are included in the above prices.

Please call if you plan to attend: Tim Thomas, 612-729-7125.

Door prizes have come from Champion Auto, Big Wheel, European Auto, Quality Coaches, Special Interest Parts, Moss Motors, Victoria, Bits and Spares and MG Cosas. Some of the prizes include an MG video, free oil changes, key fobs, badges, an MG shift knob, complete head gasket set, Uni-sink, EZ Bleed kit, carb adjuster kit, golf shirts, T-shirts, cups, license covers, gift certificates and more. How about 20% discount on labor for your MG or 10%

discount on parts? You have to be there to have a shot at these great prizes.



NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER NEEDED

After a number of very successful years as printers and publishers of the Minnesota MG Group Newsletter, Jon and Sherrill Carlson have decided to step down and let someone else take up the task. Fortunately, they will continue until a replacement has been found. But, it would be nice to start with a new publisher as soon as possible since it is just the start of the season.

So, if you have access to printing or copying, would like to take responsibility for printing and mailing of the newsletter each month, please call Mike Funck at 612-881-3223.

BUSINESS MEETING FOR 1991 PLANNING Host Needed

It is that time of year again when the MMGG needs to get a Business Meeting off the ground (out of hibernation?) to plan for our 1991 events. If you are willing to host the meeting, either at your home or a public place you arrange, please contact Tim Thomas, Events Coordinator at 612- 729-7125. It would be a good idea to try to get this set up for some time in February if possible. We can discuss further at the Holiday/Winter Party.

For those of you who might like to host an event this year, following is a reprise of our list of event ideas. Perhaps these items will spark some ideas of your own.

- Aquatennial Concours
- Autocross
- Beer Tasting Party.
- Brewery or Winery Tour.
- Car Wash and Wax
- Fall Color Tour
- Faribault Heritage Days Car Show. (Father's Day).
- Hare and Hound Rally.
- Jag Club Drive & Picnic
- Overnight to Duluth (or similar destination)
- Progressive Dinner/Drive
- Swap Meet
- Tech Session
- University Motors Summer Picnic
- Vintage Races at BIR or Road America (WI)
- War Bird Air Museum at Flying Cloud Air port.
- Wings and Wheels

NAMGBR - North American MGB Register

As many of you may be aware, a new national MGB organization has been formed: NAMGBR. In this months newsletter, you will find information about the organization and a copy of their membership application. NAMGBR also has a toll free number you can call for more information: 1-800-NAMGBR-1 between 6 and 10 pm CST.

ON THE MARKET

FOR SALE: Five MGB/GTs 1970 - 1974-1/2. All complete with title. Some restorable, some part out. Jim McCormick. 612-429-2571. jf

FOR SALE: 1969 or 68 MGB/GT parts car. Has chrome wire wheels. No title, engine or transmission. \$ 200. Jim Anderson, evenings - 507-234-6691. jf

MG Service (line-bench); Restoration; Parts (new-used-rebuilt); Events year round; Technical Support; Exclusively for the MG; Since 1975, with John Twist, Caroline Robinson, and a staff of 12 enthusiasts offering simply a higher degree of service, we are: University Motors Ltd, 614 Eastern Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Phone 616-245-2141, Fax 616-245 MGMG (6464) jfm

MG TECHNICAL SEMINAR: Earn your "MGineering" degree from University Motors Ltd. A three day, hands on, intensive, totally MG, technical weekend. Limited to 25 enthusiasts for each seminar. 8th in a series.

8 - 10 February for T Series

15 - 17 February for MGA and Early MGB

22 - 24 February for MGBs '68 and newer

Grad courses also. Registration \$125, includes banquet. Details: John H. Twist, University Motors Ltd. 614 Eastern Ave., S.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616-245-2141. ndj

FOR SALE: MMGG GRILL BADGES. May be purchased at club events for \$9 or mail order from Roger Kamopp 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

J A N U A R Y

19. MMGG Holiday Party. Toby's on the Lake.

28. MMGG Newsletter submissions due to the editor for February publication.

F E B R U A R Y

3. Cabin Fever Rally. Sponsored by the Stella del Nord Chapter, Alfa Romeo Owners' Club and Land O' Lakes Region SCCA.

8 - 10. University Motors MG T Series Technical Seminar.

11 - 12. University Motors Speed Week Graduate Course.

15 - 17. University Motors MGA and Early MGB Technical Seminar.

18 - 19. University Motors Tune Up Graduate Course.

22 - 24. University Motors MGB 1968 -> Technical Seminar.

25 - 26. University Motors Drive Line Graduate Course.

CABIN FEVER RALLY

MMGG Members are invited to participate:

Enjoy driving crooked scenic roads? Like a little competition? We suggest you try rallying — the 1991 Cabin Fever Rally. This event is designed for the beginning rallyist — no cheap tricks or complicated traps, just basic TSD navigation. We want you to enjoy a great sport and have fun driving the fine sports car roads of western Wisconsin.

Where: Park and Ride Lot, junction of U. S. 10 and U. S. 61 just north of Hastings.

When: Sunday, February 3, 1991.

Registration: 11:00 to 11:45 am.

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First car out: Noon.

Finish: Pizza Hut, River Falls, WI.

Cost: Members - \$10, Nonmembers - \$15.

Contact: Pat Stanley or Ed Solstad, 612-822-0569.

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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: Alan Kelsey

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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"GREAT NEWS FOR MGB OWNERS". (MIDGETS AND MG 1300'S TOO!!)

"THE NORTH AMERICAN MGB REGISTER".

The inaugural meeting of the NORTH AMERICAN MGB REGISTER, was convened in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on December 1st & 2nd 1990.

The REGISTER is designed primarily to cater for owners of the ever popular MGB and its derivatives, in response to an overwhelming demand for a National Organization, which will democratically attend to the membership requirements while providing services and benefits which befit the custodians of Britains most popular sports car - the MGB.

The meeting was attended by enthusiasts from across the North American Continent and beyond. From Canada to Texas, Connecticut to California, they came to formally organize what is sure to become the premier organization for MGB drivers.

Several MG luminaries were welcomed to the meeting by John H. Twist, acting Chairman, including Phil Richer, Overseas Director from the MG Car Club in ENGLAND and from New York, Dick Knudson, the doyen of MG journalists in the United States. "MG Magazine": was represented by Ron Embling, Editor, and our MG owning friends in the trade were present in the form of Jim Pesta from Autographics in Cincinnati and Larry Rupp of Ledermann Rupp in South Carolina. From Canada came David Heywood, Secretary of the MG Car Club, North America, and Keith Holdsworth of Toronto MG Club. All the above plus many others expressed a strong desire to create a responsible organization for the 133,000 MGB owners in North America and Canada, to be called THE NORTH AMERICAN MGB REGISTER.

Observers from the North American MGA Register and the New England MG 'T' Register were also present while the Modern Midget Registry led by Bruce Wyckoff and the MG 1100/1300 Registry headed by Tom Gaylord, had already indicated a desire to become sub-registers of the NORTH AMERICAN MGB REGISTER.

Following a lively and hard working discussion over the two days a draft constitution and rules were adopted, based on the articles and association of the other main Registers, and following a presentation by Phil Richer, MG Car Club of England, an authorized association with the original factory sponsored club, founded in 1930 is actively being sought, to complement the MGB Register in the U.K.

Dues were set at \$25.00 per year payable upon the anniversary date of joining, to include six copies of the NORTH AMERICAN MGB REGISTER'S own bi monthly publication - the "MGB DRIVER". Membership is open to all MG enthusiasts irrespective of whether they own an MG or not; and a wide variety of activities and benefits are in the pipeline for what promises to be a bright and exciting future. For further details of the NORTH AMERICAN MGB REGISTER contact: P.O. Box MGB, Akin, IL 62805, or call toll free 1 - 800-NAMGBR - 1.

*Minutes of Inaugural meeting
North American MGB Register
Dec 1, 1990*

Initial meeting of the North American MGB Register

Objectives:

- 1. Define purpose and goals of NAMGBR*
- 2. Establish by-laws*
- 3. Election of officers*
- 4. Newsletter format*
- 5. Membership fee*
- 6. Association logo*

Those in attendance:

<i>John Twist</i>	<i>Jerome Rosenberger</i>	<i>Keith Holdsworth</i>
<i>Caroline Robinson</i>	<i>Bruce Wyckoff</i>	<i>Peter Robinson</i>
<i>Christopher Roberts</i>	<i>Marlin Boysen</i>	<i>Barby Smith</i>
<i>Ken Smith</i>	<i>Edna Rosenberger</i>	<i>Ken Nelson</i>
<i>Gregg Purvis</i>	<i>Russ Casolari</i>	<i>Jim Piesta</i>
<i>Dennis Trowbridge</i>	<i>Al Heady</i>	<i>Peter Bennet</i>
<i>Jai Deagon</i>	<i>David Moeser</i>	<i>Harry Brown</i>
<i>Larry Rupp</i>	<i>Jim Udkler</i>	<i>Gene Cooper</i>
<i>Phil Richer</i>	<i>Judy Estrada</i>	<i>Ron Embling</i>
<i>Dick Knudson</i>	<i>Jeff Powell</i>	<i>Sharon Powell</i>
<i>David Haywood</i>	<i>Rock Yarrington</i>	<i>Patrick Amarena</i>

The General consensus was as follows:

- 1. The ultimate purpose of NAMGBR is to provide complete support to the MGB driver. This goal will be met by offering a democratic organization that is thoroughly accountable to it's members. Credibility will be enhanced through sanctioning by the MG car Club of England. Additionally, it hopes to be of assistance to stranded members by offering service list and technical tips. It will also serve as a means of coordinating the events of its members and affiliated clubs. Financial statements will be available when requested.*
- 2. NAMGBR will employ an adaptation of the by-laws already in use by the MG Car Club of England.*
- 3. The elected officers are:*

<i>Chairman/President</i>	<i>John Twist</i>
<i>Vice Chair/President</i>	<i>Bruce Wyckoff</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Jerome Rosenberger</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Rock Yarrington</i>
<i>Regalia</i>	<i>Barby Hill Smith</i>

4. The official newsletter will be the "MGB Driver." The first publication date is scheduled for January 15, 1990. The initial newsletter will contain reprints from various sources. Ultimately it will incorporate information gathered from member input.
5. The agreed membership fee is to be \$25.00 per year. Those attending this meeting will be noted as founding members.
6. Association logo will be the letters MGB set against the Limited Edition side strips.

Submitted by Judy Estrada, recording secretary



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

* Please complete the MG Registration on the Reverse *

Name: Randy M Pyboth
Address: 2547 E 2nd Ave
City: St Paul State: Mn Zip: 55109 Country: USA
Home Phone: (612) 777-3748 (Days) Work Phone: (612) 777-2095
Occupation: Jawitor
To which LOCAL MG Club do you belong? Minnesota MG Group

Where did you learn of the B Register? Local club

What parts supplier and/or service shop would you recommend to the members:
I do most of my own work, I do have some used parts available.

May we list your phone number as an emergency contact for club members traveling through your area? Yes No

Members will receive the NORTH AMERICAN MGB REGISTER'S bi-monthly publication; "The MGB Driver."

One Year Membership \$25.00 (U.S. Dollars)

My Cheque is enclosed
 Charge my VISA / MasterCard

Please Complete the MG Registration on the Reverse

Number 5424-1802-5837-1159 Exp. 3-91

Return To: North American MGB Register
P O Box MGB
Akin, Illinois 62805

REGISTRATION

Use additional forms for additional cars

- 1. Year: As appears on title 1979
- 2. Model: Circle One MGB MGB-GT Midget
- 3. VIN: MGB begins GHN GHD GVVD GHN5UL4863456
 Location 63-69-Right inner fender ahead of radiator
 70-80-Left hand door post & below windscreen.
 Examples: GHD4U156625G GHN5UJ452348G
 Midget begins GAN
 Location 61-69-Below left hand inner wheel arch
 70-79-Left hand door post & below windscreen.
 Examples: GAN2L22994 GAN6UH191593G
- 4. Build Date: All 70-80 Models 1/79
 Location on VIN door plate
 Examples: 11/77, 2/77
- 5. Commission #: Begins G23N, G23D (Used on MGB 68-76)
 Location Left hand bonnet lock platform.
 Examples: G23D005925P, G23NO54542Z
- 6. Body #: MGB begins MGB MGBU GU23T GBD GBU GBUD GU23D x GU23T 970558P
 Location 63-67-Left inner fender behind radiator
 68-74-Left inner fender ahead of radiator
 76-80-Left hand lock platform
 Examples: GU23T864000P GBD503872P
 Midget begins GBE GUN GU47T
 Location 61-74-Left hand front door pillar
 75-79-Left hand bonnet lock platform
 Examples: GBE02253, GUN1139630P ?
- 7. Engine #: MGB begins 18G 18V x 18V 883A EL035093
 Location Between #2 and #3 spark plug on the engine block
 Examples: 18GFWEH10402 187853AEL019436
 Midget begins 9C 10C 12C 12V FP
 Location 61-74 Front right side of engine block
 75-79 Rear left side of engine block
 Examples: 10CCDAH6570, FM3057ULE
- 8. Body Colour: Original White Present White
- 9. Interior Colour: Original Black Present Black
- 10. Original Owner? Yes No
- 11. History: Provide a short history about your MG and any entertaining stories you may have.
- 12. Photo: Don't forget to include a 3 x 5 photo of you and your MG
- 13. Other: Please write down all letters and numbers on tags. If you question a number or the engine's originality, please highlight.

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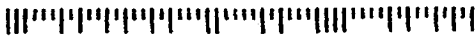
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