

Minnesota MG Group

August Newsletter

Blue Ribbon Rally and Picnic

* Fun * Easy * Prizes *

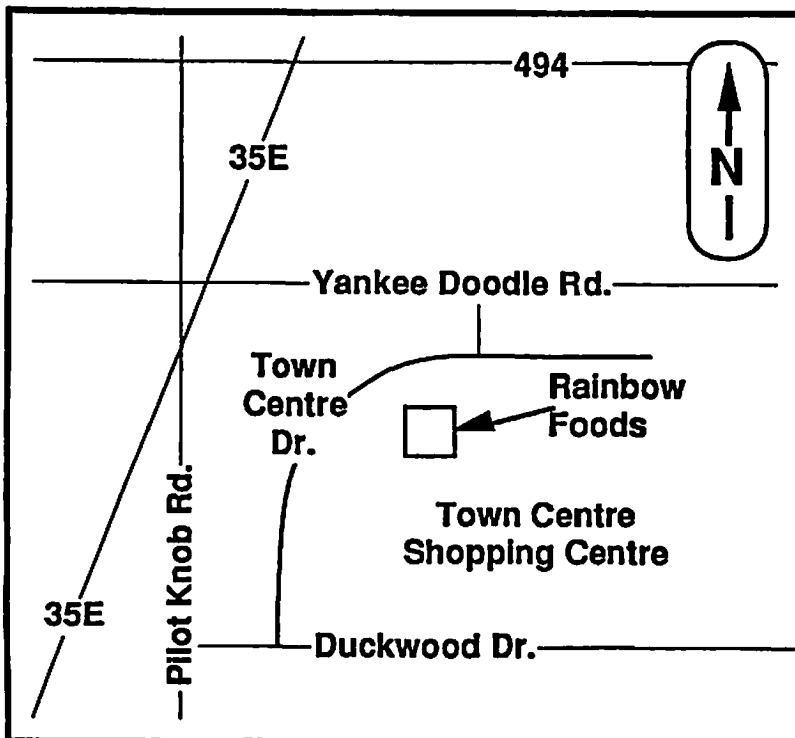
Friday, August 16, 1991

Place: Rainbow Foods parking lot, Eagan Town Centre, Pilot Knob Road and I-35E and Yankee Doodle Rd.

Meet by 6:00 P.M.

Hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Bring your favorite beverage and a dish to share. Park Pavilion at our final destination has electrical outlets available.

Event Hosts: Jon & Sherrill Carlson (612-423-1761), Al & Sharon Kelsey.



RAMBLING ON

by John Eaton

Update:

MGA Engine Rebuild 3,000 Miles Later

The good news is that the old cast iron lump has lasted 3,000 miles; but the news is not all good:

200 miles: Coolant leaking on garage floor. Water pump. One of the very few items not replaced during the rebuild. Roger Karnopp has new pump in preparation for his engine rebuild. I take Rogers, order a new replacement from Moss. Remove and replace radiator, install new water pump.

205 miles: Return to garage after brief test drive. New water pump leaking in same place as old pump. Bad bearing seal. Remove radiator, remove pump. Give pump back to Roger to return for replacement. New pump arrives. Install pump, replace radiator. This is water pump number 3 if you are keeping score.

210 miles: Test drive. Return to garage. Coolant flowing from the front of the motor. My normally cheery disposition turns partly cloudy. Yank radiator, inspect pump. Not leaking from bearing seal but leaking around pump to block gasket. Remove pump, take

closer look. Hold straight edge to what should be a machined flat mating surface. See lots of daylight, almost .030" off flat. Call Moss, discuss. Pump number 4 on it's way. Install pump, replace radiator, test drive. Success!

500 miles: Slight traces of coolant leaking from not one but two of four frost plugs. Naturally, one of the offending plugs is at the rear of the block. Potential solution options include coolant system stop

leak products like solder seal or bars leak or remove engine and replace frost plugs. Decide on option two. Pull engine, remove and replace frost plugs. This time I use a bigger drift and a bigger hammer. Reinstall motor, test drive. No leaks, I'm on a roll.

1,000 miles: Engine continues to run well but... Oil consumption continues to be high, about a quart every 250 to 300 miles. Disappointing, had hoped that the rings would have seated by

now. Oil consumption was much less before rebore and new 5 ring (as opposed to the original 4 ring) pistons.

2,000 miles: Oil consumption has improved to about a pint every 300 miles. Still disappointing considering others have simply honed bores, rerung their old pistons and report zero oil consumption. Also, color of tailpipe gives new meaning to the term jet black. Is it oil, rich mixture or both? Carbs don't respond to

TREASURY REPORT

Description	Date	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Balance Forward	4/15/91			\$648.56
Bank Service Chg.	4/15/91		\$6.33	\$642.23
Shop Towels	4/22/91		\$32.95	\$609.28
Postage	4/22/91		\$29.00	\$580.28
Memberships (18)	4/22/91	\$346.00		\$926.28
Newsletter Ad	4/22/91	\$10.00		\$936.28
Badge Sales	4/22/91	\$75.00		\$1011.28
Badge Mailing Expense	4/22/91		\$18.00	\$993.28
Postage	4/27/91		\$35.00	\$958.28
Printing Expense	4/27/91		\$15.00	\$943.28
Food at Meeting	4/27/91		\$59.46	\$883.82
Printing Expense	5/10/91		\$20.35	\$863.47
Postage	5/10/91		\$29.00	\$834.47
Printing Expense	5/11/91		\$125.00	\$709.47
Memberships (16)	5/11/91	\$292.00		\$1,001.47
Newsletter Ads	5/11/91	\$20.00		\$1,021.47
Bank Service Charge	5/13/91		\$6.58	\$1,014.89
Postage	5/30/91		\$29.00	\$985.89
Printing Expense	5/30/91		\$6.00	\$979.89
Memberships (10)	6/24/91	\$172.00		\$1,151.89
Bank Service Chg.	6/25/91		\$5.54	\$1,146.35
Postage	6/25/91		\$35.00	\$1,111.35
Food at Meeting	7/21/91		\$20.00	\$1,091.35
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Prizes	7/21/91		\$35.00	\$1,031.35
Memberships (10)	7/24/91	\$172.00		\$1,203.35
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Treasurer: Alan Kelsey
July 24, 1991

attempts to lean mixture. One source says that if H type carbs run too rich no matter how high the jet is raised that the problem must be a leaking upper jet gland.

3,000 miles: Still consuming some oil but seems to be a little less as mileage increases. Engine continues to idle smoothly and run well but tail pipe is still as black as coal. Haven't gotten around to replacing those jet glands yet. Also not pleased with what sounds like one noisy tappet especially considering the cam was reground and the tappets were all replaced. All this is no doubt more than you care to know about 16GAU18169 but the quest for less oil consumption and a medium gray tailpipe continue.

*Octagonally Yours,
John Eaton.*

Member News

Barb and Ron Benton of Edina, MN

I traded a Compaq portable computer for my MG in 1988. I definitely got the better deal (the computer is not worth as much today). I've always loved the style of the MGs.

LeVern (Skeeter) and Gerry Kingsberg of Brooklyn Center, MN

I own a 1952 TD and have had it since January 1960. I drove the car as my only car until 1968. I took the car apart in 1980 and now have more time to work on it so hope to get it together by May 1992. My son would like to drive it to senior prom.

Dennis Meyer of Mound, MN

I have been involved with sports cars since 1957 when I acquired an MG TD which was replaced by a 1953 Porsche which was in turn replaced by a 1959 Corvette. I am currently the ex-officio of Corvettes of Minnesota and am a charter member of that club which started in 1960. I no longer own the 59 Vette but have a 1976. I purchased my MGB new in 1968 in Holland (it is an American export model) and put the first 11,400 miles on it in seven weeks touring Europe and Great Britain. It now has 36,000 miles and is equipped with wire wheels and over-drive. I also have other collector cars and ride motorcycles so do not expect to be very active in this club but will enjoy coming to events that fit my schedule.

Dennis owns a white 1968 MGB.

Howard and Colleen Rod of Lauderdale, MN

Coleen and I are both social workers and we run a residential treatment center for abused and emotionally disturbed children. Our MG has been totally restored (the frame and body) by our son who is a body repairman for White Bear Lincoln Mercury and we are in the process of restoring the interior, rebuilding the brakes and working on the carburetors. Having driven a Riley for a number of years, I know a little bit about SU carburetors, especially since it had a MGA Twin balanced cam engine but at some point I may have to ask the club members for some advice.

The Rods own a red 1961 MGA Coupe

Tom and Phyllis Losinski of Plymouth, MN

I just recently purchased a 1960 MGA. I couldn't resist, I owned a 59 red MGA back in college 20+ years ago. The car has spent most of its life in North Carolina - No Rust!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 9 - 11. Roadster Factory Summer Party. Indiana. 800-678-8764.
10. Coulee Classic Rally. Alfa Romeo Club & Jaguars of Minnesota. Ed Solstad. 612-822-0569.
11. Hungarian Grand Prix, Budapest.
11. Car Wars Autocross. Dianna Schaefer - 612-835-4991.
16. Drive to Hastings & Picnic by the Mississippi River. Hosted by Jon & Sherrill Carlson. *Friday evening.* MMGG.

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18. MOWOG V autocross. John Krussow. 612-535-5393.

23 - 25. University Motors MG Summer Party. Grand Rapids, MI. 616-245-2141.

25. Belgian Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps.

SEPTEMBER

2. Kansas City All British Car & Cycle Meet. Labor Day Weekend. Kansas City Airport Marriott. See enclosed registration form.

7. Wheels & Wings. Osceola, WI. *Saturday.* Minnesota MG Group.

8. Italian Grand Prix, Monza.

15. MOWOG VI autocross. John Krussow. 612-535-5393

22. Portuguese Grand Prix, Estoril.

28 - 29 MAC does BIR. MN Autosports Club 2nd annual autocross event at Brainerd International Raceway. Randy Williams, 612-448-2655

29. Spanish Grand Prix, Barcelona.

OCTOBER

13. Hayshaker autocross. Corvettes of MN. Sean Coleman, 612-724-4752

20. MOWOG VII autocross. John Krussow. 612-535-5393

20. Japanese Grand Prix, Susuka.

Indian Summer Rendezvous. The annual Minnesota MG Group fall color drive. Date to be determined.

Official MMGG events are listed in bold type. Please, check before you go. The MMGG can't take responsibility for program/schedule changes of other clubs.



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