

Minnesota MG Group

September Newsletter

Wheels & Wings Festival

Osceola, Wisconsin

Saturday, September 7

Time: 8:00 am kick-off meeting for the drive to Osceola

Place: Perkins restaurant, Hwy 36 & Snelling Ave. in Roseville.

Event Hosts: Jim & Joleen Lymburn

Our annual cruise to Osceola is here again. For those of you who have not been to the Wheels & Wings Festival, these are some of the things you can expect to see: A charming small town community celebration for the whole family, antique and classic cars, an air show, arts and crafts and The Classic Motorbooks book sale. Free shuttle bus service takes you back and forth to the different events. Parking at the Osceola Airport is \$2.

Each car will receive one free breakfast ticket as you drive in. The ticket is good until noon.

We will meet at the Perkins at 8:00 am for the drive to Osceola. Maps will be given out there. If you didn't attend the last event, you missed a great time. Don't miss this one!

Safety Fast. Jim Lymburn.

Time - Event - Venue

- All Day - Arts & Crafts, Food, Scandinavian Weavers, Glass Blowing, Spinning Wheel Demonstration, Face Painting - *Mill Pond*
- All Day - Radio controlled airplanes, new car displays, Harley bike displays, aviation memorabilia, plane rides, helicopters - *Airport*
- All Day - Giant car show. Book sale (15% - 50% off) - *Motorbooks*
- 8:00 am - 5K & 10K run, 2 mile walk - *Middle School*
- Pancake Breakfast (until noon) \$3 - *Airport*
- 10:00 am - Kiddie Parade - *Fairgrounds*
- World Tree Puppet Theater - *Mill Pond*
- 10:30 am - Pedal Tractor Pull - *Fairgrounds*
- Lake Country Cloggers - *Mill Pond*
- 11:00 am - Blue Grass Musicians - *Mill Pond*
- Noon - World Tree Puppet Theater - *Mill Pond*
- 12:30 pm - Lake Country Cloggers - *Mill Pond*
- 1:00 pm - Antique Tractor Pull - *Fairgrounds*
- 2:30 pm - Musical Entertainment - *Mill Pond*
- 7:00 pm Live Entertainment - *Fairgrounds*
- 7:30 pm - Garden Tractor Pull - *Fairgrounds*

Alternate Directions

If you are not able to join us for the drive from Perkins but do want to go to Wheels & Wings, just pull out your trusty map and find your way to Osceola, Wisconsin. From the Twin Cities, a good direct route is to take I-94 from St. Paul to MN 95 just before the St. Croix River. Proceed North on 95 through Stillwater to the Osceola exit (before Taylors Falls). Take Hwy 243 across the river into Osceola. At the south end of the business district, turn east on to Seminole Ave. (County Rd. M) and turn left on Industrial Drive to Prospect and a final left to Motorbooks. Directions will also be available there to get you to the airport.

Indian Summer Rendezvous October Event

Time is getting short to plan our annual Fall color drive. If you would like to volunteer to set a date and plan a scenic drive for the group, please contact the editor so that we can publicize the event in the October newsletter.

*Don't Miss
Wheels and Wings
September 7*

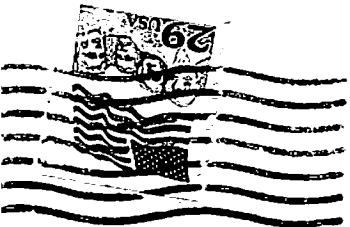


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WANTED: 1600 MGA Parts, body parts, speedo, etc. Mike True, RR 5, Box 71AAA, Ft. Scott, Kansas 66701. so

FOR SALE: 1971 red MGB; new top, excellent engine and interior, good body, stored winters, collector plates, new head pipe and muffler, recently resealed engine, wire spokes, maintenance history available. \$3850. David Bjork, 612-786-0269. so

FOR SALE: MGB head - \$25. MGB block (18V) - \$25. MGB block (18B) - \$25. MGB transmission (1968) - \$25. MGB radiator (1968) - \$25. MGB vented valve cover - \$5. MGB unvented valve cover - \$5. Two MGB oil pans - \$5 each. MGB (1968) starter - \$10. Two flywheels - \$10 each. Jim Anderson, evenings, 507-234-6691. so

FOR SALE: 1974 MGB/GT. 44,000 miles. Period sunroof. Not a show car, but an excellent, drivable anywhere example of the marque. \$4,500. John Stebner. 612-455-0229. s

Hastings Report by Mike Funck

Congratulations and thanks to Jon and Sherrill Carlson and Sharon and Al Kelsey for hosting an excellent event on Friday evening, August 16. Their organization was superb and I truly believe that all attending had a great deal of fun.

Weather for the evening looked a little iffy for a while. Pam and I started out with the top up as did others since there was rain at about the time we were

getting home from work. By the time we got to the kick off spot in the Rainbow parking lot it had turned into a beautiful summer evening and the "roof" was stowed away. The Blue Ribbon Rally was not easy at first. The rallymasters made it tough on us by providing clues and signs that were a bit tough. After a short time though, most of us seemed to "find" the correct route (we followed about four other cars that seemed to know where they were going).

Our destination was a Spring Lake Park near Hastings. It overlooks the Mississippi River at the point where it swings past Grey Cloud Island. It was probably one of the nicest parks I have been in - well kept, wooded, first class pavilion and facilities. After some of the usual conversation, "Chef Al" and his crew cooked up a mess of burgers and hot dogs. When added to the great selection of desserts and other dishes brought by the members, everyone had just about all the chow a person could want. It was super.

Following our meal, prizes were presented for the rally winners and just about anything else we could think of (all received prizes). The final segment of the event consisted of a game of "Pin the Badge on the MGA". Jon Carlson had a large picture of an MGA and we took turns being blindfolded to try our luck at pasting a badge on the correct location of the MGA grill. Pretty hilarious after Al Kelsey spun each player around a few times so that we could get "properly oriented".

It was great. Thanks again to all who made it a very enjoyable get together.

Calendar of Events

S E P T E M B E R

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

8. Italian Grand Prix, Monza.

12. Driver's School & Test Day at BIR. Jack Shannon, World Auto Repair, 455 Mill St., Long Lake, MN 55356. 612-473-9069 (day), 937-0591 (night).

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.

O C T O B E R

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.

On the Market

OOPS: Your editor goofed and neglected to include the On the Market section in the August Newsletter. My apologies to those of you with ads. - Mike.

FOR SALE: MGA mk II. It is a '61 mk II that I've had for the last 5 years. I bought it as a companion to my daily driver with the hopes of restoring it to show quality. That was just before my first year of college and I figured that I would have plenty of time to work on it - well now I just finished school and I'm not done yet. I hit a road block when it came to painting the body. I wanted to paint the car with the body off the frame with the fenders separated to do the best job, but as you may well know this is a big job and would be very expensive to have professionally done. I always figured that I would learn how to paint and do it myself since the body needs little or no body work. Anyway now that I'm out of school and working and the car is located about an hours drive away, I can't fathom finishing it in the near future especially since I am going to take a long time to paint it.

So far I have built the car from the frame up to a rolling chassis with body still removed for painting. By measuring diagonally across the bare frame, I found it to be well within



factory tolerances, and with that in mind with the fact that I had all the correct driveline components the car would be worthy of full restoration. The frame and suspension parts were sandblasted and powder-coated after new battery boxes were welded in place. Every part from then on was treated the same way. Now the frame is built up to a rolling chassis with new 60 spoke wire wheels and tires, new front hubs, all new bearings and bushes, new shock absorbers, etc. etc. The engine which was professionally rebuilt was cleaned and painted the original engine color after a brief emergency transplant into my driver MGA (less than 1000 miles)

Anyway when I tore the car down to the frame I made a list of all the parts I was going to need, and bought them all together for a substantial discount. The cost then was around \$2000 for all of the parts. I can't imagine what it would cost today. There are a few bits yet to get I'm sure, but not many. I even bought complete hardware kits from Clarke Spares to replace all the little screws, nuts and bolts, and chrome bits with the correct original type. I nut riveted stainless bolts onto the frame (before powder coating) to hold in the new floor boards. I treated the marine grade plywood with rot preventative, painted them black, and then screwed them in with stainless screws that matched the original. I can't tell you how frustrated I have been in the past with the floorboard screws in my '59 driver. Things like that will not ever happen with this mk II.

Anyway I've invested a lot of time into this project, but I'm not sure if I can finish it.

What's left to be done is less than half but still mounting if you don't know how to paint.

If there is an interested party, I'll let them take this off my hands for the amount I have in it, or of course I am open to interesting trades.

Take this car off my hands or I'm going to put in a Ford V8...I mean it.

Reference inquiries to Phil Ethier, 224-3105 or 298-5324. so

FOR SALE: 1966 MG Midget. Special suspension parts, Winner's Circle front and rear adjustable sway bar. Panhard Rod. Fresh red paint, White top. Kirk roll bar. Fresh front tube shocks. At the RoseFest autocross, took ESP class and was 7th overall out of 96 entrants, including pure race cars. Velocity stacks with foam filters. LCB header. Monza muffler. Street legal.

Parts: Original front sway bar, 1098 engines and parts, 1275 engines and parts, transmission parts, driveshafts, steering racks, MGB radio, original mirror, doors, trunk lids, front fender, rear bumper, door hardware, original "Sprite" and "Midget" chrome identification, SU carbs, windshield frame, window winder mechanisms, wing window frames and glass, tonneau cover to repair or for pattern, electrical parts, top irons and header, headlight ring, seats, much more. I have spare wire-wheel and 4-bolt halfshafts, and a complete rear axle. Much more. \$3000 or offer. so

It all must go, I have purchased another project car. Phil Ethier, 224-3105 or 298-5324. so