

Minnesota MG Group

May Newsletter

The British Car Picnic by John Eaton

Personally, I would love to own an E-Type or one of the earlier XK Series, 120, 140 or Cindy's favorite, an XK 150 S. Even a MK II Saloon (sedan) would be quite pleasant. Then again the thought of piloting a Le Mans conquering C-Type or D-Type would have to be one of the ultimate automotive experiences for any enthusiast. Speed, handling, incredible beauty and of course "pace with grace" to quote the old advertising slogan are the hallmarks of that great old British car maker known as Jaguar (pronounced "jag - you - ah" not "jag - wire" or "jag - wah"). Jaguar is now owned by Ford incidentally, as is Aston Martin.

If, like me, you find cars from Jaguar captivating or if some other make of British car, say Austin-Healey, Triumph, TVR or maybe even MG is more your "cup of tea" you are in luck. This year the Minnesota MG Group along with the Jaguar Club of Minnesota is hosting the largest British car event in the state:

The Annual All British Car Picnic

*Sponsored by
Jaguar of Minnesota
and
the Minnesota MG Group*

Saturday, May 16

Rally Point: Meet at Perkins, 494 & France 10:30 am and caravan to West Bush Lake Park or drive directly to West Bush Lake Park on West Bush Lake Road in Bloomington.

Directions: East Bush Lake Road south from I-494 until you come to West Bush Lake Road. Follow the signs to West Bush Lake Road and you are there.

Food & Drink: Bring your own picnic lunch including beverages. 3.2 beer only in the park please. Cheese, crackers and cake will be provided.

1992 Membership

If you have not already done so, please be sure to submit your 1992 membership dues to Alan Kelsey. Dues remain \$20 per year for a full membership and \$6 for an associate membership. The renewal form is printed in this issue of the newsletter for your convenience.

Event Calendar Update

We have decided to make a change in the June event. Instead of participating in the Nicolett Mall car show or Faribault Heritage Days, we have decided to join in the Father's Day Car Show at the Galleria near Southdale in Edina. This car show will be outside the mall and there will be plenty of space for all members attending to show their cars and enjoy many other makes and models on display. More details will be available in the June newsletter.



Aquatennial Concours Update

Some tentative selections have been made of cars to represent the Minnesota MG Group in the Aquatennial Concours. During a business meeting conducted as part of the April Tech Session, Roger & Pat Karnopp's MGA, Doug & Mary Madson's MGB GT and Jerry & Sue Sood's MGB were suggested as cars that would meet concours requirements. One type of car we have not identified is a representative Midget. If you have or know of a Midget that would show well, you are encouraged to speak up so that this car can be considered for the event.

Both John Eaton and Alan Kelsey attended a meeting of the Milestone Car Society the week before to meet the members of that club and find out more about the event. One item which was very clear is that the standards for the concours judging are very strict. Cars shown must be as pristine as possible. Appearance is everything in an event of this type. Even minor items such as routine paint chips from road grit are cause for concours points to be lost. While this is something that members of the MMGG do not worry about too much when evaluating a fellow members MG, we do understand that it is a normal part of a concours event and accept that we have to be pretty fussy about the cars we select to represent the group.

Another item to consider is the lack of space for club members at large at the event. There will be about 250 cars shown in the concours and it is being held

near one of the most popular Aquatennial event - the Lake Nokomis Milk Carton Boat Races. The area around Lake Nokomis that day will be very crowded and it is impossible for the Milestone Car Society to make space available for more cars than those shown. This should not discourage MMGG members from attending, it just means that you may have to arrive early for good parking or plan on a bit of a walk from your parking place if you show up later in the day.

The club will continue to work on planning and learning more about the event. More information will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

Tech Session Report by Mike Funck

The Tech Session held on April 26 was a success. Al & Sharon Kelsey and Cindy O'Brien were great hosts. The Kelsey's garage/workshop is superb for this type of program because it has plenty of space and is heated. Although the weather that day was "fair", I do not think anyone minded that we were indoors and that the garage heater kicked in once in a while to take the chill off.

Randy Byboth and Scott Notebaart did an excellent job of discussing emission controls on late model MGBs. When you take a look at the engine compartment of Randy's MGB and understand all of the work that they have put in to both make the appearance superb and the function of the emissions sys-

tem, you just have to be impressed.

By the way, the sub sandwich really was giant and it was superb. I can't believe we ate the whole thing!

Regalia

A proposal was made and approved during the last business meeting for the club to purchase ceramic coffee mugs and coasters with the club emblem glazed on them. This will cost a couple of hundred dollars for 50 of each item. Our plan will be to sell them for a modest profit. Price to members will be \$4 or \$5 per item. We think this will be a very reasonably priced item that members will enjoy and it will put a little money in the treasury too.

Randy Byboth is heading up the effort to obtain these items.

Other club regalia items are still available for purchase. These include hats and shirts through Ken & Diane Merrill and grill badges through Roger & Pat Karnopp:

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.

SHIRTS & CAPS

Attractive blue caps are \$6 each. Golf shirts in a choice of blue, red or white are \$13. Both have the MMGG logo embroidered on them. Contact Ken Merrill, 851 21st Ave. N. South St. Paul, MN 55075.

Membership Update

Nels & Dru Aarrested
Edina, MN
1959 MGA

**Kevin & Carol Badgett-
Mahoney**
Faribault, MN
1974 MGB
1960 MGA

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

Donald & Karen Campbell
White Bear Lake, MN
1960 MGA

**Steven Case & Beverly
Caruso**
St. Louis Park, MN
1979 MGB

Malcolm Collum
St. Paul, MN
1967 MGB GT
1961 TR3

Jerry Dehmer
Savage, MN
1979 Midget

John & Cindy Eaton
Lakeville, MN
1960 MGA

Gregg & Laurie Fisher
Mendota Heights, MN
1972 MGB

Pam Satre & Mike Funck
Eden Prairie, MN
1973 MGB GT
1974 MGB

Larry & Barbara Henle
Marshall, MN
1977 MGB

Steve Hess
Minneapolis, MN

Cheryl & Bob Hinshaw
Minneapolis, MN
1972 MGB
1954 MG TF

Gary & LaVonne Hogstad
Blaine, MN
1969 MGB
1970 MGB

Mark & Cleo Holtberg
Glenwood, MN
1969 Midget
1962 MGB

Dennis & Dar Kalow
Cannon Falls, MN
1973 MGB

Roger & Pat Karnopp
Eagan, MN
1971 MGB

Hans & Vaughn Koenig
Edina, MN
1966 MGB

Ron Larson
Bloomington, MN
1970 MGB

Tom & Phyllis Losinski
Plymouth, MN
1960 MGA

Jim & Joleen Lymburn
Spring Lake Park, MN
1974 MGB

Ken & Diane Merrill
South St. Paul, MN
1974 MGB
1974 MGB

Dennis Meyer
Mound, MN
1968 MGB

Scott Notebaart
North St. Paul, MN
1977 MGB

1967 MGB GT

Steve & Sandra Rixen
Hudson, WI
1958 MGA
1962 Jaguar

Glen & Barbara Sackman
Roseville, MN
1979 Midget

Alfred & Helen Schultz
White Bear Lake, MN

Al Webster
Afton, MN
1976 MGB

Verl & Ada Wilkins
Hopkins, MN
1974 MGB
1974 MGB GT

On the Market

WANTED: Restoring 1962 MGB. Need set of carbs with connecting linkage, fuel tank. Mark Holtberg, Rt 3, Box 262. Glenwood, MN 56334. 612-634-3810. mj

FOR SALE: 1974 MGB/gt restoration or parts car. \$500. Also, many parts from two other GTs and a pair of Midget doors. Jim McCormick 429-2571. mj

Calendar of Events

M A Y

9 British Car Swap Meet. GT Cars 9250 Bryant Ave. South. Bloomington.

9 Silver Cup Rally. Corvettes of Minnesota. Jim Bourdeau 771-5533.

9 MN Triumphs Tech Session. Dave Phillips 636-1231.

16 MMGG joins the Jaguar Club for the Annual British Car Spring Tour and Picnic. Club participation coordinated by John Eaton & Doug Madson.

17 MOWOG III Autocross. Canterbury Downs. MAC sponsored. Randy Williams 448-2655.

17 SOLO II Autocross. Kurt Ristow 608-787-5779. SCCA LaCrosse.

23 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. Street of Aniwa Autocross. Alfa Romeo Club. Bruce Bengston 452-9443.

23-24 Champagne British Car Festival. Champagne-Urbana, Illinois. Activities include a road rally, cruise with the local car club, car show, automobilia for sale, antique aircraft fly in and more.

24 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. Melee Miglia Rally. Alfa Romeo Club. Ed Solstad 822-0569.

25 Great Northern Historic

Rallye Championship. Dells of the Eau Claire Concourse and Champagne Brunch. Alfa Romeo Club. Ed Solstad 822-0569.

31 University Motors Early Summer Picnic.

J U N E

6 British Car Swap Meet. GT Cars 9250 Bryant Ave. South. Bloomington.

14 MOWOG IV Autocross. Canterbury Downs. Randy Williams 448-2655.

19 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. Prize Performance Concourse. Alfa Romeo Club. Rick Vaicius 824-4516.

20 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. The Coulee Classic Rally. Alfa Romeo Club. Ed Solstad 822-0569.

21 MMGG joins the Fathers Day Sports Car Show at the Galeria near Southdale in Edina. Mike Funck 934-4950.

J U L Y

10-12 Old Car Show & Swap Meet. Krause Publications. 700 E. State St. Iola, WI. 715-445-4000.

8-12 MG Canada in Peterborough, Ontario. Contact Al Kelsey at 891-3452 regarding plans for MMGG participation in this event.

11 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. GRRR! Rally & Picnic Italiano. Alfa Romeo Club. Tom Schram 522-0824.

15-19 GOF Central

17-19 Chicago Historic Races. Road America. Elkhart Lake, WI.

19 MMGG Aquatennial Concourse. MG and Buick will be the featured make for this prestigious event. MG participation will be by both the Minnesota MG Group and the Minnesota T Register.

25 Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship. Chipewa Trail Rally. SCCA Land O' Lakes Region. Dave Fuss 424-4219.

National Convention. MMGG members Alan & Sharon Kelsey, Randy Byboth, Scott Notebaart and Doug Madson are planning to attend. Call Alan Kelsey if you are interested in joining the group.

A U G U S T

8 The MMGG plans to visit the informal auto gathering that take place every Saturday night at Montgomery Wards to tail gate and check out the action.

30 MMGG participates in New London to New Brighton run.

Minnesota MG Group**1992 Membership Application/Renewal**

NAME		SPOUSE	
PHONE	(H)	PHONE	(W)
ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
CAR 1	YEAR	COLOR	
CAR 2	YEAR	COLOR	
CAR 3	YEAR	COLOR	

 Annual Membership: \$20.00 *or*
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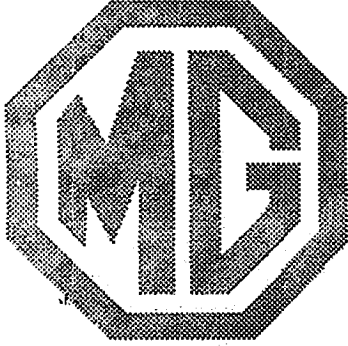
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