

Minnesota MG Group January Newsletter



Here is the photo that appeared on the front page of the New Ulm Journal Sunday October 4th, the day after the Minnesota MG Group's Annual Fall Colors Tour! I took it upon myself to give the picture a caption... "OK, BEFORE WE HEAD BACK, WHO NEEDS OIL???"



(Wow What a Weekend!) **Dave Stovall**

On behalf of all the MMGG members who took the Fall Colors Tour, I'd like to thank Doug & Mary Madsen for the **BEST** event of the year! The weather was absolutely perfect, the Fall colors were at their peak, and the route through the Minnesota River Valley to New Ulm, couldn't have been better planned. We left Shakopee in a caravan of 26 cars, all marques well represented, even some Japanese and Detroit iron tagged along with us. (In the rear of course).

The observer questions were interesting, keeping both driver and passenger occupied trying to figure out the questions, while trying to see as many different colors as possible while driving. The trip to New Ulm was break down free... although some of us drank too much coffee for an extended trip in a British sports car in need of rear shocks to make the trip without a "pit" stop.

We lunched among the golden leaves at the feet of New Ulm's most famous statue, "Herman The German." No one was brave enough to climb the stairs to get a better look as most of us were too busy eating and enjoying the good company.

While we ate, a New Ulm MGA owner drove up to the park and proclaimed "Gee, I saw all the cars coming through town and followed you here, what's goin' on, an MG convention?" After explaining who we were and what the MMGG was all about, I'm sure we have a future member.

Shortly after we finished our group picnic, Doug and Mary presented prizes to the top three winners from the observer questionnaire. Needless to say I went home empty handed but still had a **GREAT** time!

The following is a reprint of the article written by Ed Lee of the New Ulm Journal.

IMaGine that - 26 MGs cruising through New Ulm. MG pilots hummed into town and parked their tiny English cars near Hermann the German for a picnic before scooting to Schell Brewery for a tour.

And then, like a convoy of Pink Panthers, they mysteriously slipped out of town heading north.

Minnesota MG Group members, most of whom are from the Twin Cities, take these "outings" each month.

Like a lone goose finding a flock, a New Ulm man in a red 1967 MGA drove to Hermann Park to see what the 26 cars like his were doing there. "What is this, some kind of MG convention?" He asked.

Minnesota MG Group President Roger Karnopp answered questions of the man, who quickly blended with the group.

"This happens more often than not," said Karnopp, who joined the club five years ago when it was formed. "Someone in an MG who is not in the club always shows up."

MGs were produced in England for 60 years beginning in the 1920's. Karnopp, of Eagan, said the cars' popularity is widespread.

"When we're at the gas station filling up the wavy, or just driving around, somebody comes up and tells you a story of when they were in an MG."

Karnopp came to New Ulm in the 1960 MGA, he spent 3,000 hours restoring. With that black car, which began as a "basket case" but is now worth \$20,000, he was awarded first place at the North American MGA Register Concours in Kansas City, won Best of the British at a Minneapolis car show, and earned best of show at the New London to New Brighton Run.

Group member Doug Madson organized Saturday's "Fall Colors Tour" to New Ulm, and he said the weather couldn't have been better for a drive in convertibles through the country.

They met in Shakopee and drove the scenic route along the west bank of the Minnesota River to New Ulm. Navigators riding in the MGs completed a quiz with questions along the way.

Madson said group member Verl Wilkins has owned MGs for as long as anyone in the club. Wilkins said MGs have a special character about them.

"It's the only car in my life I would get into and drive just for fun." Said Wilkins, who grew up in Lake Crystal but now lives in Hopkins.

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"I've been into MGs for at least 15 years, driving them and restoring them," Wilkins said.

MGs are not as prestigious as Jaguars, and aren't as flashy as Corvettes. But they are "cheap", "small", and "fast", Wilkins said.

"It's always been a sports car for people of modest income," said Wilkins.

MGs can hold their own against more expensive sports cars, especially in handling, Wilkins said. "There isn't a sports car that handles better than an MG."

Wilkins, who has owned between one and five MGs at a time for the past 15 years, said only a few of the cars from the cool English climate come with air conditioning. When Wilkins travels south in his MG, he drives by night. Wilkins recalled a hot day when his Hush Puppies (shoes) melted to the floor of the MG he was driving.

The 1960 MGA that Wilkins drove to New Ulm on Saturday has only 30,000 miles on it's odometer. The little yellow spent most of it's life stored in a Fairmont garage. When Wilkins saw the car in the garage, he had to buy it, he said. He owned one MG at the time, and hadn't planned on buying another. But like many MG owners, he couldn't pass up the opportunity of owning one more, he said.

"It's very seldom that people own only one," he said.

The group is a network for MG auto parts and maintenance ideas, said group members.

BILL #S2237

Senator William Roth of Delaware is proposing a bill #S2237 to legislate all pre 1980 cars off the road. The intent of the "clunker law" is to curb pollution and eliminate safety hazards.

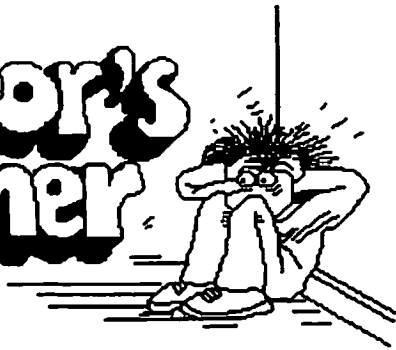
As car enthusiasts, it is our duty to write Washington and inform them we don't agree with this logic, We all know that car collectors and restorers like ourselves keep our vehicles in "better than new" condition and cause minimal pollution. We have a right to drive our cars on the road.

We have to be heard and stop this now before the only opportunity to drive our pride and joy is in a parade. Or not at all. The address is:

**US Senate Washington, DC 20510
(all clubs are encouraged to reprint this article.)**

MRS.

Editor's Corner



By Vicki Stovall

This note is for all the members that went on the Fall Colors Tour. First of all let me say I'm sorry for all the ideas I had about this club. Between the time David has spent on our car, the timing of some of the events, and the newsletter, I felt jealous of all you for having him more than me. Not trying to make excuses for myself, as some of you now know me, having surgery and recovering from it didn't leave me with the best disposition. I just wanted to say what a great group of people you are and what a great time I had with all of you, yes David, you too.

I'm not sure what I expected but I was really glad I came. The day could not have been prettier and the company nicer. Thank you all for your kindness and setting me straight about the Minnesota MG Group and all the great members I met that day.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party and again in the spring.

Vicki Stovall

(I got all this space because I sleep with the editor)

**LOOK FOR NEWS
ABOUT THE
UPCOMING
HOLIDAY PARTY
ON THE NEXT
PAGE!!!**



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL

Membership dues are \$20 per member/family per year. Includes 1 year subscription to the MMGG newsletter.

Remit \$20 check payable to:
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MMGG HOLIDAY PARTY

Without casting undue aspersions at the reliability of the Lucas electrical systems in our cars, the HOLIDAY PARTY 1992 will, once again, take place not until the sixteenth day of January 1993.

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

PLACE: "Gasthof zur Gemutlichkoit"
(Room: "Wurzclotubo")
2300 University Ave. NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418
612-781-3860 Don't call
to make reservations!

DIRECTIONS: I-94 NORTH, Exit Broadway, go EAST to University Ave., North on University Ave. to restaurant (on WEST side of street) plenty of off-street parking.

TIME: Saturday, January 16th, 1993
6:30pm - 7:30pm Cocktails, German Beer
7:30pm - 8:30pm Dinner
8:30pm-9:30pm Social/Business/B.S. Session

MENU:

- A) HUHNCHEBRUST (chicken breast with caper gravy), "spaezle" (home-made mini-noodles) vegetable, breads, butter, coffee/tea. \$11.95
- B) ROULADEN (beef rolls with potato dumplings and red cabbage) \$13.95
- C) JAGERSCHNITZEL (pork steak a la hunter [topped with onion/mushroom gravy], choice of "spaezle" or potato dumpling, German salad plate) \$13.95
- D) WIENERSCHNITZEL (breaded, pan fried veal steak, German salad plate, choice of potato) \$14.95

CHOICES: Please call one of the following to make your reservations. Please indicate your name(s), number of people attending, and your meal choice.

DEADLINE JANUARY 7TH. (Procrastinators welcome, but may have to order from the regular menu and wait until they catch another pig or chicken...!)

HANS / VAUGHN KOENIG (612) 926-9226
ROGER / PATRICIA KARNOPP (612) 454-1379

PAYMENT: Every guest will pay for their drinks and food. Because of the numbers (more than 8, we hope!) And the room made available without charge, a 15% gratuity is required.

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1993 Tentative Calendar of Events

JANUARY 16	HOLIDAY PARTY
FEBRUARY 20	KELSEY TECH SESSION
FEBRUARY (a Sat. night)	BOWLING PARTY
MARCH 21	KICK-OFF BRUNCH
APRIL 24	TECH SESSION
MAY 22	ALL BRITISH PICNIC
JUNE 19 OR 20	DRIVE & DINNER
JULY 18	DOUG MADSEN PICNIC
AUGUST 15	DRIVE TO FLYING CLOUD AIR MUSEUM
SEPTEMBER 11	WHEELS & WINGS
OCTOBER 9TH	FALL COLORS TOUR

If you have any other suggestions please contact any one the club board members.

A number of MG and Triumph club members have expressed an interest in some joint activities / outings.

August 20, 21, & 22 - Grand Rapids Michigan. University Motors Annual Picnic - contact Alan Kelsey to join the growing number who are making the trip.



NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

I, your friendly editor am asking my fellow members to help me give our newsletter a name, besides "Whatever month it is..." Newsletter. Surely with as many diverse members, we can come up with something appropriate. For the entrant with the winning name chosen, a **FREE** one year membership in the MMGG will be awarded.

Here it is, the 1993 Membership Application. The MMGG will give away a 10% Moss Motors Certificate to the first 50 applicants! Don't delay, become a fully paid member today!

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

<i>Make Check Payable To:</i>	<i>Mail To:</i>
Minnesota MG Group	Alan Kelsey 15942 Harmony Way Court Apple Valley, MN 55124

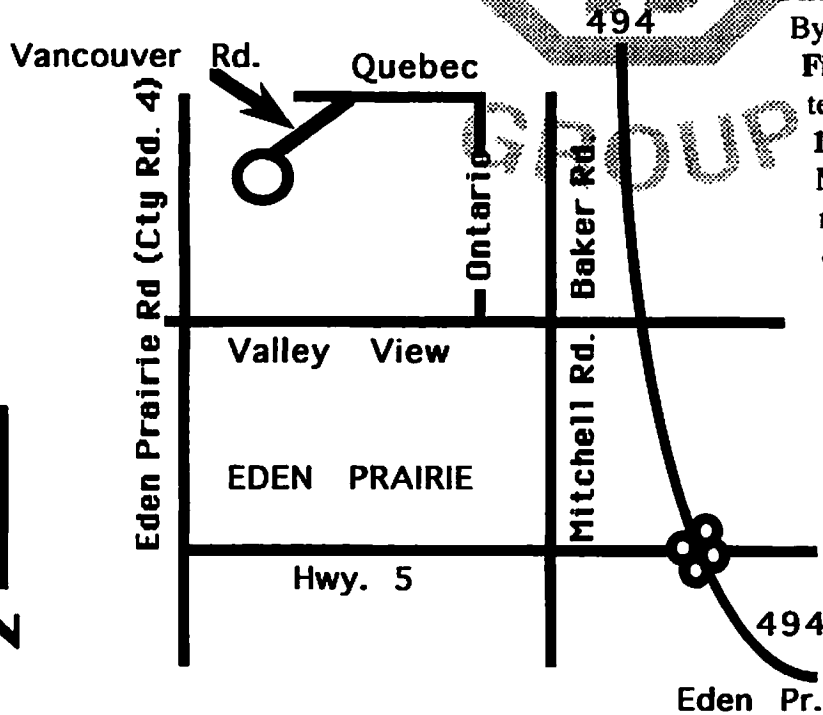
Business Meeting Minutes from October 22nd Meeting at Jim & Joleen Lymburns

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM. Attendees: Roger Karnopp, John & Cindy Eaton, Alan & Sharon Kelsey, Dan Shidla, Doug Madsen, Randy Byboth.

BUSINESS ITEMS: Charter Statement - Mike Funck provided a draft for review. After discussion, the following was unanimously adopted:

MINNESOTA MG GROUP

Dedicated to the enjoyment of the MG automobile through the fellowship of those individuals who gather to preserve and share the unique spirit of the marque.



Holiday Party - see page 4 of the newsletter.

Photo Album - To be transferred to Randy Byboth from Ken Merrill.

Financial - status report to be published quarterly in the newsletter.

1992-1993 Budget - \$1,100 (approx.)

Meetings - consensus reached to end business meetings by 9:00PM (Or limit to 2 hours or less.)

Membership Packet - tabled to allow more input from Dave Stovall.

Member Name Tags - agreement reached to print new name tags for all current members.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY JANUARY 14TH AT 7:00PM AT THE HOME OF:

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Eden Pr. Center

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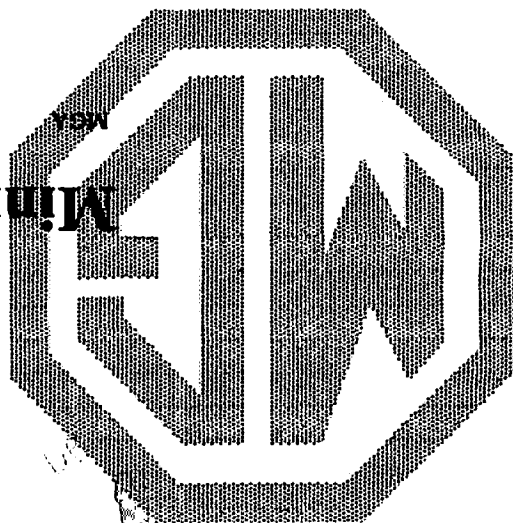


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NEXT BUSINESS MEETING
JAN. 14 AT 7 PM
HOLIDAY PARTY JAN 16TH
SEE DETAILS INSIDE!