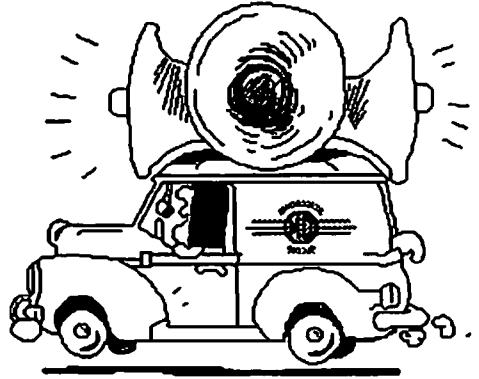


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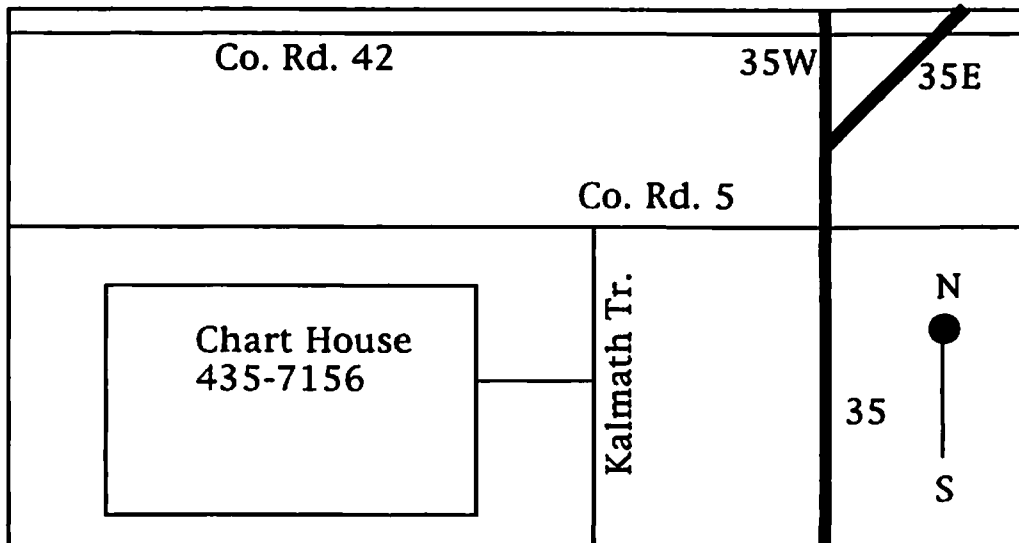
At Last!

Spring Kick Off At New Location

Al & Sharon Kelsey

It's time to start dreaming again about the wind in your hair, engine whine drowning out any conversation, the feel of the road in the seat of your pants and the smell of burning oil as you blaze down the highway.

The annual Kick Off Brunch is scheduled for **March 23 at 10:30 am** **The Chart House in Lakeville**. The cost is 18.95 per person and includes the all you can eat brunch, beverage, tax and gratuity. Mark your calendars, call a friend who has a MG or likes MGs. This is the time when the Minnesota MG Group announces the schedule of events for the upcoming driving season. This year we will also be introducing the new officers and our plans for 2001 -An MG Odyssey. Since we are holding this event so far south this year, maybe the weather will be warm enough to see some MGs in the parking lot.





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1997 MMGG Events List

The following is a list of the many events the MMGG has planned for your driving pleasure this year.

Sunday March 23 Spring Kick Off Brunch hosted by Al & Sharon Kelsey.

Saturday April 19 Transmission tech session hosted by Doug Madson.

Sat.-Sun. April 26-27 Auto Restoration Show, Mpls. Convention Center hosted by Dick Wallrich.

Saturday May 17 MMGG Rally Hosted by Sam & Peg Mearns.

Saturday June 7 "Brit Day" at New Life To Classics automotive restoration shop in Rochester, hosted by CO-owner Dave Wintz.

Sat. - Sun July 5-6 Minnesota Grand Prix with the Minnesota MG T Register hosted by Bob Figenskau.

Sunday Aug. 2 Red Wing Days hosted by Gordy Matson.

Sunday Aug. 10 Mighty Midget Golf Tourney and Picnic hosted by Mark Brandon & Eileen Custer at their home in Minnetrista.

Saturday Sept. 6 Wheels and Wings in Osceola hosted by Kevin Ely and Phil Van.

Sunday Oct. 5 Fall Color Tour **HOST NEEDED!!!**

SAT. JAN 10, 1998 MMGG Holiday Party hosted by Jim & Joleen Lymburn, bring your 1997 MG Bucks!

MMGG Marketplace

For Sale -1963 MGB Red, with black stowable top, 5 main bearing engine, 4K on rebuilt transmission, new rear end complete maint. history at Quality Coaches. New Lucas, excellent body, wire wheels with spare. Selling to pay for grad school. \$7500. Mike Wooley 686-5116.

GRRR

Yahoo! It's GRR time again. That means winter is over, and by May 30,31 and June 1, even this snow will be gone - or so we hope. Think positively and plan now to participate in the wonderful driving, eating and socializing experience that may well be highlight of your summer. OK so maybe that trip to Europe that includes the Nurburging and two weeks of enjoying the food of France and Italy just might be a bit better, but we do the best we can; and besides, ours only cost \$450, and it's a benefit for the Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation as well.

We start on Friday PM with a display of the cars at Kellogg Park overlooking the Mississippi River and have a wine and hors d'oervres reception at the Radisson, St. Paul. We start the next morning on either a tour or rally, your choice, on the finest and most scenic roads between here and LaCrosse, gourmet meals all the way. We overnight at the Holiday Inn in LaCrosse and dine on the river aboard the LaCrosse Queen, a genuine sternwheel powered river boat.

We head back on Sunday after a filling breakfast buffet. More great rally roads and scenery to a late morning ice cream stop at the Nelson Cheese factory. From there, it's a straight tour up along the shores of Lake Pepin and on up the river to the awards lunch at the Cafe Rip Rap in Hastings.

All this - and the services of Rally and Tour Meister, Ed Solstad, for only \$450 per couple.

Send in your \$450 to Ed now, he won't cash the check for several weeks, so you can change your mind, but the check is your commitment upon which reservations can be made with some confidence. In the past, we have had many interesting cars that were a joy to see and follow. They have included Triumphs, MG's, Healeys, Jags, Porsches, Ferraris, BMW's Mercedes-Benz, and many others.

Send your check to Ed Solstad 3701 Pillsbury Ave, S Mpls, MN 55409. Limited to 50 cars.

Minnesota MG Group Membership Application

NAME

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Please tell us a little about yourself and your car(s):

Annual membership is just \$20.00

Make check payable to MMGG and send to :

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MMGG Website Coming Soon!

Even though the cars we love came before the World Wide Web, the Internet and home computers, it's time we dripped some oil down the "Information Super Highway!" At the annual meeting, Gordy Matson volunteered to create and maintain a website on the Internet for the Minnesota MG Group. Gordy would like any suggestions you may have to make our web site truly unique. For all of you cyber surfers out there with an E-Mail address, please contact Dave Stovall or Gordy Matson, so we can share your address with the rest of the club.

Riley & Scott "Hunter"

John Phillips, Car and Driver

The shotgun approach to performance. Both barrels.

It's called the Hunter, maybe because it's creators Riley & Scott of Indianapolis, want it to hunt down McLaren F1 street cars and well, chew them up. Not that there are any McLarens on America's byways.

"Actually, it started as a kind of bare bones car," says 65 year old Bob Riley. "Then it grew."

Boy, did it grow. The Hunter is a two seat roadster with a removable top, a 105 inch wheelbase, an aluminium tube frame, and a carbon fiber body. The first complete Hunter was to have made its world debut as a static display at the 24 Hours of Daytona.

The initial brace of Hunters will be powered by a 502 cubic inch big block Chevrolet engine, producing about 650 hp - which is probably sufficient for a 2500 pound car. Cost? Around \$285,000.

Brute Force

NHRA Funny Car champion John Force was named the 1996 Driver of the Year by a panel of journalists, the first time in the awards 30 year history that a drag racer won. Force's dream season of 13 wins in 19 events put him in the company that includes Mario Andretti, Nigel Mansell, A.J. Foyt, and Richard Petty.

Auto Restoration Show

The 1997 Restoration Show will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Saturday and Sunday April 24-25. The annual event will be hosted by Dick Wallrich. There will be suppliers, manufacturers, and vendors representing all aspects of vehicle maintenance and care.

Dick is seeking volunteers to staff the booth during the show. If you can donate a few hours for this fun filled event, please contact Dick Wallrich at 644-8030 as soon as possible. Hope to see you there!

Carlisle Import- Replicar Show

CARLISLE, PA-The 1997 Carlisle Import-Kit/Replicar Nationals, May 9th-11th, will transform the Carlisle Pennsylvania Fairgrounds into an "exotic" paradise for automotive hobbyists with a zest for foreign, kit, replica and custom compact vehicles.

Attendees will find a show field strewn with more than 700 foreign marques, kits, and replicars. A shopping area filled with more than 1200 vendor spaces will offer a myriad of parts, accessories and merchandise. A full schedule of family entertainment and competition will add to the automotive excitement. Special activities include autocrossing, a stereo competition, a cruise, the Carlisle Steel Yard, free seminars, and a beauty contest. The MG Council of North America will also hold its Spring 1997 meeting at the Carlisle Fairgrounds at 11.00 am, Saturday, May 10th.

Festivities at Carlisle conclude Sunday at 4:00 PM with the Carlisle "Give-Away". One lucky individual in attendance will take home a 1986 Alfa Romeo convertible. Admission to the Carlisle Import-Kit/Replicar Nationals is \$ 5.00, with children under 12 admitted free. Gates are open 7:00 am till dusk daily.

Ramblings...

Dave Stovall

The Annual Minnesota MG Group Spring Kick Off Brunch which has in years past been held at Toby's in St. Paul, has been moved this year to the **Chart House Restaurant in Lakeville at 10:30 AM on Sunday March 23rd**. The Chart House is an excellent choice, with a great brunch offering a variety of choices for your dining pleasure. See the map on the front page for directions.

The 1997 driving season promises to be another great year for the Minnesota MG Group with new officers beginning their two year terms, several new events, and some favorites for you to attend.

This year also marks the 10th anniversary of the Minnesota MG Group, why not help us celebrate by attending several of the fun filled events we have planned for your driving pleasure this year?

For those of you who attended the Holiday Party in January surely you remember the exciting MG Bucks auction, Jim & Joleen Lymburn have once again volunteered to issue 5 MG Bucks to each MMGG member in attendance at each of this years events, good for the MG Bucks auction that will be held at the Holiday Party. Last years auction offered the highest bidder some excellent deals. A complete carpet set went for 50 MG Bucks, a 200 dollar savings! So get out this year and collect those MG Bucks!

Bumper Stickers

Cover me. I'm changing lanes.

I took an IQ test and results came back negative.

Very funny Scotty, now beam down my clothes.

We are born naked, wet and hungry, then it gets worse.

He who laughs last, thinks the slowest.

I want to die in my sleep like my grandfather, not screaming like the passengers in his car.

Warning! Dates in the calendar are closer than they appear.

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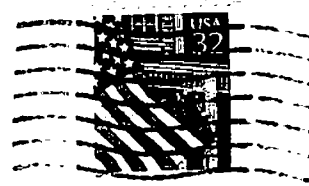
Could this be your last Gazette?

Send in your dues today!

Thanks.

See you at the Kick Off Brunch!

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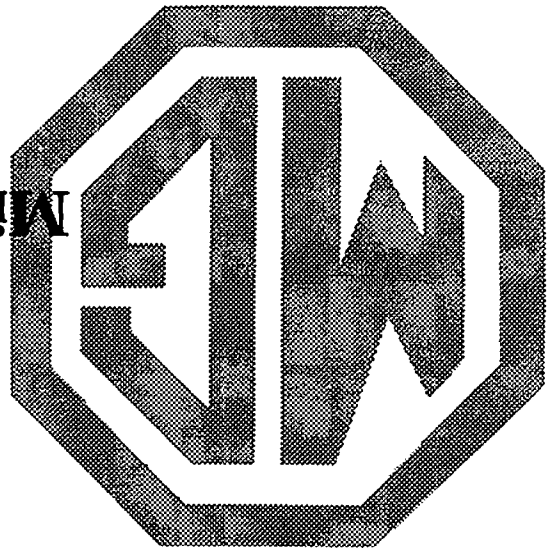
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