



*Holiday Party at Al Baker's on January 16*

What a great year we had in the Minnesota MG Group!

Now it's time to kick back and celebrate. The annual Holiday Party/MG Buck Auction will be held again this year at Al Baker's in Eagan at 35E and Yankee Doodle Road. Phone 651-454-9000. We'll gather at about 6:00 on January 16 for some telling of tall tales about the little cars and then have a delightful dinner.

Your dinner options include:

- Top Sirloin \$16.95
  - Chicken Breast \$13.06 (several flavors)
  - Broiled Walleye \$18.16
- Prices include dinner, beverage, tax and gratuity.

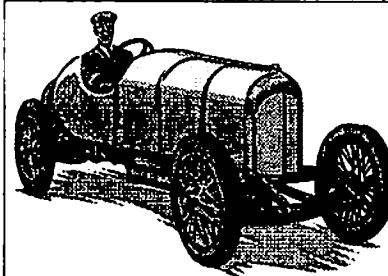
Please call Alan and Sharon Kelsey at (612) 891-3452 by January 9 to let them know how many will be attending and if you can indicate a dinner choice at that time, it will help out. You can also RSVP by email at [SAKelsey@ix.netcom.com](mailto:SAKelsey@ix.netcom.com).

It looks like we'll have some very nice items to auction off so don't forget to bring those MG Bucks. Remember, the color this year was red. Those yellow ones you found under the seat won't do you much good.

If your car quit before the season, that's OK. You can just say (like a lot of us), "It works just fine. It's in storage right now otherwise I'd have driven it."

Al Kelsey

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*It's a New Gazette*

Well, really it's just a new editor. Dave Stovall did a wonderful job with the club newsletter for...well...for as long as I've been in the club anyway. He's moving on to other duties and I have been entrusted with the job of banging out our monthly communique. I hope to do as good a job as Dave did, and I start out this issue with a plea for input from all of our membership. I need your suggestions and ideas about what you'd like to see in the Gazette. I'd really like to see a lot of us contribute. A couple of members have expressed interest in writing reviews of events and new members. Can anybody help in supplying tech tips? Does anybody have a restoration we could document? Stories of road trips in an MG? Do you know somebody with an interesting car we could feature? Childhood memories of British cars or first MGs? This is your newsletter, it can be whatever you make of it. If you have any suggestions for me please let me know. I hope everyone in the club and their families has a wonderful holiday season and safe winter, and best wishes to everyone for getting them back on the road again early next spring.

Phil Vanner

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Initial membership is \$30 (this gets you up to two name badges- additional name badges are \$5.00 each)

Dues are \$25 per household per year for established members. Includes 1 year subscription to the MMGG Monthly Gazette.

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(I wonder if they have Morris Garages on Morris Rd.)

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**Annual Meeting Notes**

On Saturday, November 7th the Minnesota Mg Group held our Annual meeting at Al Baker's restaurant in Eagan.

Officers for next term were elected, finance and dues were discussed and a preliminary schedule was put together. Tom Getzke of the St. Paul Convention and Visitors bureau also addressed the club, regarding plans for international meet in 2001. (See article on page 3.)

First the bad news - dues will be increased for 1999. They are now \$30 for new members and \$25 for renewals. This was made necessary by increases in the cost of publishing the newsletter. The club is in good shape financially, but since we knew costs were going to rise it was better to deal with it now rather than take the risk of having to cut event budgets in the future. Information on the clubs finances is available to any member from our treasurer, Dan Shidla. New members will continue to receive up to two MMGG name badges with their initial membership. Additional name bades (or replacements) will be \$5 each.

Our new slate of officers is listed at the left. Personally I like that our new Vice-President is not only an Englishman but one who drives his MG every day! We also elected to create a new series of positions - there are now listed technical "experts" on each of the makes in the club - they are listed on page 3 and we hope to do an in-depth article on each of them in the future. If you have any questions about your car, these people are available for advice.

Congratulations to our new officers and thank you for the effort you put in to make the club work.

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# MMGG Membership Form

Name		Spouse/other	
Home Phone		Work Phone	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Please tell us a little about yourself and your car(s) :			
			Dan Shidla- MMGG 10305 Morris Rd. Bloomington, MN 55437
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## 2001 Update

As I'm sure most of you all know the Minnesota MG Group was selected by the MG council to host the next international MG meet, in 2001. The details and exact dates are not certain yet but it will likely be in July and most activities will be at the State Fairgrounds. Dick Wallrich and Dave Stovall are co-chairs for this event.

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There are sure to be a Rally, a car show, several tech sessions and more. Current plans call for an event that goes from a Wednesday morning to Sunday morning. The fairgrounds are also available tuesday for set-up and greeting visitors. At our Annual meeting Thomas Getzke of the St. Paul Convention and Visitors Bureau

spoke to the club and outlined several things they can do for us to help in hosting this event. Four hotels in the area are being selected as "event hotels" for our out-of-town guests, and they can help with central reservations, he is looking into special airfares for international guests, and in a sure sign that they are serious about helping us he contributed \$200 to the club to help pay for promotion. They can make welcome packets listing area attractions available to guests, and a six-minute video about the Twin Cities can be given to clubs considering the trip.

## New Technical Advisors

At our Annual Meeting we decided to appoint several members technical advisors for specific makes of car or with particular talent in one aspect of auto care. (You know who you are, Dewey.) The advisors are:

T-types: (Yeah, we know they have their own club, but we try to be above all that)  
 Lew Palmer.....651-436-7401

MGA: Roger Karnopp....651-454-1379

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*1999 Schedule (Tentative - bold are official club events)*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Place</i>
January 16	<b>Holiday Party</b>	Al & Sharon Kelsey	Al Bakers Eagan, 651-454-9000
February 13	<b>Tech Session</b>	Randy Byboth	Quality Coaches, Minneapolis
March 21	<b>Spring Kickoffs</b>	Dave Stovall & Jill Masonick	
April	<b>Tech Session</b>	Host Needed	
May	<b>Rallye</b>	Sam Mearns	
	Carlisle Swap Meet 11-14th		
June	Great River Road Rally car show		Downtown St. Paul
	<b>GRRR check point</b>	Host Needed	Somewhere in Wisconsin
	Vintage Sportscar Rendezvous	Winnipeg Sports Car Club	Winnipeg
	Nicolett Island Car Show?		Minneapolis
July	<b>Autocross &amp; "Pylon picnic"</b>	Host Needed?	Rosemount - DCTC
6-9	<b>NAMGBR national meet</b>	See Al Kelsey	Vancouver - Start planning now
	Chicago Historic races		Elkhart Lake, WI
August	<b>Swap met</b>	Brian McC and Phil V.	Ellingson's, Rodgers, MN
	New London to New Brighton Run		New Brighton, MN
	University Motors Summer Party		Ada, MI
September	<b>Wheels and Wings</b>	Host Needed	Osceola, WI
October	<b>Fall Color Tour</b>	Host Needed	
November	<b>Annual Business Meeting</b>	Host Needed	
January '00	<b>Holiday Party</b>	Host Needed - this is traditionally the keeper of the MG bucks	

**Hosts are needed for many events - contact Simon Bosworth 651-426-9333 if you are interested.**