

The

Minnesota Group Gazette

Autocross and Pylon Picnic

Sunday July 18th 1999 Dakota Technical College

In Association with the Minnesota Autosports club, all MMGG members are invited to participate in or spectate the experience of autocrossing. For those unfamiliar autocross is a driving event, that is timed through a designated course defined by traffic pylons (or cones.) This is not wheel-to-wheel racing. You are alone on the course, testing your driving skills and competing with the clock. The challenge is to get the best time vs. other cars in your class. To participate you need to register before 10:00 AM on the day of the event. An entry fee is required: \$20 for those who have participated in MAC events in the past, and only \$5 for first-timers. Your car will be "teched" (inspected for safety) and runs begin around 11:00 AM. The event usually ends about 4:30. Participants are encouraged to contact either host for specific car preparation tips if you are a novice at this type of event.

The event is held at Dakota County Technical College on County Rd 42 in Rosemount. You can get there either by taking hwy 77 (Cedar ave.) south of the river until you get to 42 and go east from there, or you can take 53 south, past the coke plant and then follow the signs. The driving course is at the back of the campus.

If you would like to come and socialize and spectate, there is a designated area that provides excellent viewing. Due to insurance requirements you must stay in this area and not go onto the course or the paddock, unless you sign a waiver of liability. Only Participating cars are allowed in the paddock. Plan on bringing a picnic lunch, and weather protection (sunscreen, umbrella or both) since this event is on, rain or shine. MG bucks are awarded with double bucks for participants.

For more information, contact either Dwight McCullough at (612) 754-7111 or Kevin Healy at (612) 892-3519.

Hope to see you there. Safety Fast.

Presidents Corner

Doug Madson

MMGG trek to Carlisle import meet 1999-travelogue and notes

Mon. May 10th - finish loading truck and trailer early morning. As we look at load, Dan (Dan Iburg of Midwest motor sports, Good friend and partner in Carlisle treks for last 10 years) speculates that maybe we should just go down to midway iron recycling in St Cloud and sell everything there and not bother taking to Carlisle. We decide that the big 460 motor in the truck wont know the difference if the trailers connected or not and get in and go.

Late morning- pick up Curt Carlson and Ken Merrill at Curt's place. Curt's reason for going to pick up hardtop for Gertie (his 66 Sprite) that is going to be delivered there. Ken's reason for going: he's a motor-head. Drive to Hudson, WI and meet Jerry Strand and his Blazer. Drive to Rockford and stay overnight.

Tues. May 11th - head for Chicago with thoughts of getting thru mess between rush hours. On toll road (yes, you have to pay more for the undulating payment) tailgate of trailer comes loose and is dragging on road. Frankie call on CB from Donner party (Jerry's Blazer) saves day and we pull over ant) repair. Almost lose valuable early Mag-

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nette bonnet that has been constant companion at swap meets for 5 years. Make it thru Chicago in record time and over lunch decide to head for the Auburn Cord Duesenburg museum in Auburn, Indiana. South of La Porte, IN we happen upon Door county auto museum and find great private collection including a Tucker and 1929 cord. Our tour guide drove an MG roadster parked out front. A/C/D in Auburn is fabulous as usual. Don't have to be motorhead to enjoy the Art deco surroundings and works of art on wheels. Amazing to think that this place was once designing and building some of the most technologically advanced and beautiful autos in the world. Find a truck stop motel somewhere along Ohio turnpike for the night.

Fri, Sat and Sun 14th thru 16th: weather great for a change. Buy buy buy and sell sell sell.

Wed, May 12th - have breakfast at motel restaurant called 4 Monks. Name not too appetizing but food good. (I have actually been there - Ed.)

Head for Cleveland and Crawford auto and aircraft museum on campus of Case Western University. Incredible collection of significant vehicles and aircraft from the heyday of the Cleveland air races. Great display of Packards (100th anniversary year) with Duke Ellington music playing in background. Stop in Akron to visit Goodyear world of rubber museum. A bit of a disappointment but nice gift shop. Stop at Tip Products in Canfield, Ohio. Nice showroom with lots of restoration stuff on display (sandblasting and welding stuff). Stay north of Pittsburgh for evening. I beat both Curt and Ken at miniature golf. Jerry keeps score so no one cheats.

Thurs, May 13th - pick up son Michael at Pittsburgh airport early in am. He is going to be with us for rest of week. After continental breakfast, head for Fallingwater in SW Pennsylvania first real non-motorhead stop. Frank Lloyd Wright designed home in deep woods of SW Penn. The Kaufmann family wanted home near small river on retreat property. He placed home on top of river and cantilevered home over rapids. Beautiful. Original cost estimate was \$25,000 but ended up costing about \$175,000. All of us who have ever worked on an MG can relate on a smaller scale. On to Carlisle and arrive at about 5 PM. Look around for early deals from other vendors, set up swap space and tents and go to favorite Chinese restaurant for great meal.

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President's Corner

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joins us for a couple of days. None of us win giveaway car, thank goodness. A Fiero kit car that you would have to pay taxes on. I give away the Magnette bonnet. Leave late and spend night in northern Maryland.

Mon. May 17 - up early to start back via DC and Bowling Green Kentucky. Stop in Harpers ferry. A real crossroads of American history, and a must stop for history buffs. Into DC late in afternoon and spend early evening looking at various monuments. Not only visually beautiful but the place really smelled great. No kidding, with all the trees and flowers in bloom it was almost an olfactory overload. In spite of all the things that happen in this town I at ways feel good about being an American and how much we have to be thankful for. Drive until about 10pm and stay in

Charlottesville, VA. Tue may 18th tour Jefferson's home, Monticello. Another visual and olfactory overload. What a beautiful place. (Must have been a little drafty though- burned 10 cords of wood a month in dead of winter). Find motel in eastern Kentucky after spectacular drive thru west Virginia Wed. May 19th - up early for Bowling Green and Corvette plant. Miss first tour but Ken tells one of the tour guides we are from Minnesota and soon we are on personal tour of plant for just the five of us. We spend almost an hour and a half walking through assembly lines. What gorgeous cars they make and mass produced at that. One of the best sports cars in the world from an assembly line- unbelievable! Tour museum as well. Really super. On to Bloomington, IL for the night.

Thurs. May 20th - spend day at swap meet in Bloomington but it's a bit of a bust. Have our stuff on display but no sales. Find some interesting literature and old testing equipment.

Fri. May 21st - start for home about noon. As we head for the north country we speculate, as always, about whether or not we'll go next year. Considering our parts supply is dwindling, it doesn't look like it now, but next January 15th with the wind blowing and temps in the toilet, we'll probably find a reason to go again.

Safety Fast, Doug.

Classifieds

FOR SALE :

1961 MGA Roadster. Parts car Missing mainly seats and one door. Quite rusty but no real damage. \$650 Also new Drivers side door pocket for MGA. \$30.
(507) 455-0243 Jerry Hudrlik
Owatonna

FOR SALE :

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EDITORS NOTE:

I know this is another short issue but I broke my arm, so typing is rather painful. (You'll get the story later, but it was driving-related.) I can and will always use content from the membership. If you attended an event and would like to write about it, or anything else, please send it in.

FOR SALE :

1969 MGB GT. Red. For parts or full restoration. Complete car, interior rough, wire wheels, some rust, cracked head. Parked 5 years.
\$1000 or best offer
(612) 941-0884 Denny Eden Prairie

FOR SALE :

1973 Midget, Blue. VERY little rust, new top, nice interior, steel wheels, runs OK.
Asking \$2200
(612)241-8300 Paul Elk River

All British Car Show and Swap Meet

Saturday, August 14th 1999 - 9:00 AM
Rain date 8/15/99

Ellingson's Auto Museum
20905 Rogers Drive
Rogers, MN

- AC
- Allard
- MG
- Bond
- DeLorean
- Humber
- Jensen
- Lagonda
- Marcos
- Morris
- Rolls-Royce
- Singer
- Sunbeam
- Vanden Plas
- Aston-Martin
- Bentley
- Elva
- Hillman
- Jowett
- Lotus
- Morgan
- Standard
- Vauxhall
- McLaren
- Berkeley
- Fairthorpe
- Gordon-Keeble
- Panther
- Tornado
- Austin
- Daimler
- Jensen-Healey
- Mini
- Sterling
- Bristol
- Davrian
- HRG
- Rochdale
- Austin-Healey
- Jaguar
- Riley
- Wolseley
- Ginetta
- Reliant
- Jomar
- Cooper
- Turner
- Land Rover
- Triumph
- Caterham
- Buckler
- Gilbern
- Rover
- Healey
- Midas
- TVR

Sponsored by the Minnesota MG Group, for all British and British-derived marques. All vendors are encouraged whether you have a few or a few hundred parts for sale. Sell off those last remnants of your parts car and help an enthusiast get another car on the road. Commercial vendors welcome.

To avoid conflict with Ellingson's auto sales business, it is required that any whole cars for sale are those in need of restoration, no finished cars please.

The show will be voted, spectators choice, and there will be several classes. If you're shopping for, or selling, few enough parts that you don't need a truck, bring your British car, entry in the show is \$1

Pre-registered vendors receive a \$5 discount on vendor space. A space is approximately the size of a parking space.

One or two spaces	\$5
Three spaces	\$15
Four or more spaces	\$20
Set-up starts at 8:00 AM	

To pre register, call or mail to:

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WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED?

In an evening drive and dinner or ?

Our MG Club events seem a bit sparse these days if you're not making the Vancouver jaunt and / or the August University Motors extravaganza in Grand Rapids.

So with all of these beautiful evenings and fine cars, would you be interested in an evening drive, a possible dinner and a good opportunity for socializing with friendly MG folks?

Give a call or send an email to Dan or Jeanette Shidla 612-831-0291 ddpss@worldnet.att.net

We could have a mid-week excursion or a longer weekend drive – let us hear your ideas, interest etc.

Another note – please send us your email address and we'll take the roster another step toward the high tech age.

Thanks,



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.	
Initial Membership is \$30, make check payable to MMGG and send to:		Bloomington, MN 55437	

Rural Roadkill Ralleye! July 17,1999 9:00am

Come join the MN Austin Healey Club for a fun filled wild ride through the 'Sights, Sounds, Smells, and Scenes' of extreme Eastern Minnesota/Western Wisconsin. While driving, you'll discover how entertaining and delightful a ralleye can be. You'll be thrilled by the smells of cow pastures, horse barns, and dead wildlife of all kinds. You'll stare in awe at some of the most beautiful algae swamps, bogs, and backwaters of Washington County. You'll see amazing, exotic roadkill like 'Raccoon', 'Fox', 'Deer', 'White Bear', 'Turtle', and the elusive 'Wild Turkey'. If you're lucky, and attentive, you might even see a 'Bald Eagle'.

We'll be meeting in Mahtomedi on the southeastern shore of White Bear Lake on Saturday @ 9:00AM in the parking lot of the Picadilly restaurant at the intersection of State Hwy 244 and County Road 12. This ralleye will last approximately 2 hours, and will be geared more towards fun rather than accuracy. Questions will be asked about what you see along the route. A stopwatch/chronometer won't be needed. However, please try to bring a clipboard and a pen. A fun, entertaining ride is guaranteed, and the route is guaranteed to be paved, twisty, and fun.

From I-694, take the Century Ave Exit (MN-120) north to County Road E (1.1 Miles), then proceed East (right) at County Road E/Wildwood Rd/MN-244 for 1.25 miles to the intersection.

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1999 Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Place</i>
July	Autocross & "Pylon picnic"	Kevin Healey & Dwight McC	Rosemount - DCTC
6-9	NAMGBR national meet	See Al Kelsey	Vancouver - Start planning now
21	Chicago Historic races		Elkhart Lake, WI
August 14	Swap met	Brian McC and Phil V.	Ellingson's, Rodgers, MN
21	New London to New Brighton Run		New Brighton, MN
19-22	University Motors Summer Party	Todd Tweedy	Ada, MI
September	Wheels and Wings	Robinsons and Strands	Osceola, WI
October 10	Fall Color Tour	Al Webster	Afton and points East
	NAMGBR national meeting		
November	Annual Business Meeting	Doug and Mary Madson	
January '00	Holiday Party		