



# Gazette

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## Brit Day Mankato Picnic June 1st

See last months issue for more information on this activity.

## Rendezvous 2002 Scheduled for June 6th - 8th

See last month issue for more information on this activity.

## Weekend Road Trip Planned for June 22nd and 23rd

Turn to page 5 of this newsletter to read the details of this event. This event is open to members of other British car clubs.

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## Comments From The President

**N**ow with the peak-driving season here we have numerous options to enjoy our cars and meet fellow MG enthusiasts.

Based on attendance at Dan Iberg's April 27 tech session, good weather is not a prerequisite for attendance. Rain and even traces of snow didn't keep a dozen or so MG's and 20+ individuals from attending Dan's excellent program at his modern and very clean Midwest Motors shop in Sauk Rapids. We also had an opportunity to admire Simon Bosworth's new 2002

Mini Cooper – it looked like a Mini and drove like a BMW.

The Inter-Marque car show and banquet on May 19 brought out 40 assorted British cars and a few close to British. Thanks to Bob Reed, Andy Lindberg, Keith Galberth and the rest of the Inter-Marque Council plus Bill Burdick of Sherlock's Home. The weather cooperated and based on parking lot conversations we would conclude everyone enjoyed viewing different cars and meeting their owners.

Looking ahead June has events for everyone. If you just want to

watch, take in the Grand Avenue Parade in Saint Paul on June 2. Dick Wallrich has arranged for our Club to have 10 MG's in the Parade.

Over 40 MG's and a total of 100+ cars are registered for June 6-9 Rendezvous 2002 in Grand Rapids. At least 2 caravans will be departing the Perkins parking lot on Highway 36 and Snelling Avenue on Thursday June 6. The first group will meet at 9:00 AM – contact Dick Wallrich - 651-644-8030. Jeanette and I will lead the second group leaving approximately 1:30 PM -

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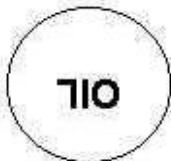
Gary Ronning of the host Club has put together a great program and Sugar Lake Lodge should provide a superb setting.

If you prefer an overnight event, Diane and Ken Merrill and Wayne Soderbeck and Rae Mars are hosting a two-day trip for June 22 and 23 – call Ken or Diane at 651-455-5681 or email [alirora@aol.com](mailto:alirora@aol.com). This one even features a tour of the Leinenkugel Brewery.

That is a full calendar. And remember Sherlock's Home every Sunday night from 5-7 PM.

Enjoy the summer and see you next month. Dan

The other day I was in the Auto Zone car parts store when a woman comes in and asks for a seven ten cap. We all looked at each other and said, "What's a seven ten cap?" She said, "You know, it's right on the engine. Mine got lost somehow and I need a new one." "What does it do?" She said, "I don't know, but it's always been there." The counter clerk gave her a notepad and asked her if she could draw a picture. So, she makes a circle about 3 inches in diameter and in the center she writes 710.



## GOF Activities (Repeat Info)

Submitted by MMGG Member Bob Figenskau

There are two GOFs this year (Gathering Of the Faithful).

One that is going to be a hard drive and one that will be easy. Both will be fun and worthwhile to go to, so here is the preliminary plan (subject to revision from those who will be traveling with us).

G O F WEST-- This is going to be held in Durango CO from June 24 through 27 and is a 1400-mile trip. My suggestion is to start out early on the 21st of June (5 am) from Figenskau's house and drive about 500 miles. We can stop in Lincoln NE for the first night with enough time to get into the swimming pool, have a nice dinner and get to bed early enough to be able to do the whole thing over again the next day. Another 500 miles to Denver where we set up camp for another evening of swimming and indulging. Except we get to sleep in in the morning because we don't have to pick up our fellow adventurers from the airport until after 9 am. We will then take a leisurely trip through scenic Colorado stopping somewhere between Denver and Durango for the night. This will provide us with some time to enjoy the drive through the Rockies and get us into on Durango on Monday in plenty of time to check in at the GOF headquarters, get settled and to see the First Timers Show that evening.

If you are going and have not registered, contact GOF West by calling Bill Bollendonk at 303/794-0688 or better yet contact their website, [vintagemg.com/gof\\_west\\_2002](http://vintagemg.com/gof_west_2002). Make your hotel reservations at the Durango Doubletree at 970/259-6580 and if you are going on the Silverton narrow gage railroad trip, call 970/247-2733 and get your tickets from Carol or Pam. Sheila and I are going on the 8:15 train on the 26th in an open gondola. On Friday we depart for home and a long three-day trip.

G O F CENTRAL-- This central United States GOF will be held in the Quad Cities and the headquarters is in the John Deere Radisson Hotel in Moline IL. It is a three-day event starting on July 10. My suggestion for this trip is to start out at 9 am from Hastings on the 9th of July. We can take the scenic route along the river, do a little antiquing along the way and stay in Prairie du Chien overnight. Sleep in the next morning and drive into Moline in plenty of time to get registered, settled in and see the First Timers Show that evening. After a fun three and a half days, we will travel home on Sunday. To sign up for GOF Central contact Dean Jensen at P O Box 160 in Port Byron, IL 61275. For hotel reservations, the number is 309/764-1000 or 800/333-3333 and be sure to tell them you are a part of the MG group.

## Member Profile

*Submitted by MMGG Member Glenn Fisher*

### MMGG Member Profile Lew and Darlene Palmer

(Ed. Note: Part one of this profile appeared in last month's newsletter.)

Inspector: "What kind of wiper motor is this?"

Lew: "It's a vacuum motor with manual assist."

Inspector: "What does 'manual assist' mean?"

Lew: "When the motor stops, you move the wiper with your hand."

Inspector: "Failed!"

Judder was off the road until 1986 when Lew found out he was to be reassigned again - this time back in the Twin Cities area. During a planning trip to Minneapolis, he got Minnesota license plates to take back to Judder in Copenhagen. With U. S.A. plates, Lew and Darlene were able to drive the car for the remainder of time they spent in Copenhagen.

There have also been "modern" MGs in the Palmer's garage. For several years in the late 1980s an MGB GT served as a daily driving car. They currently own a 1973 MGB roadster and a 1980 Limited Edition.

Even with the J.2 in need of major attention, Lew and Darlene have taken on two more MG projects. First was an MGA. This car was the parts donor to a

restoration project of another "A". The chassis and mechanicals have been restored and it is being painted right now (a dark emerald green with tan interior.)

The second additional project is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that has its roots in Lew's childhood. His parents were strong supporters of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. As a young boy, Lew was introduced to many of the musicians, one of whom was the trumpet player Jerry Goguen.

Many years later, Lew found out that Jerry was an MG enthusiast and had become a parts dealer specializing in T series cars. In the early 1970's Goguen went on a campaign to buy up the world's supply of rare and important MG cars that led to his Abingdon Spares, Ltd. business in New Hampshire and establishment of the Westminster MG Car Museum in nearby Westminster, Vermont. There, Goguen housed more than 40 historically significant MG cars including examples of rare collector cars like the J.4 and K.3. There was also an Airline Coupe, which Darlene had admired many times.

In 1999, Lew found out that Goguen was selling off his MG collection. An email went from the Palmers to the Goguens asking about the Airline Coupe and expressing interest in acquiring it. No answer came back and

their hopes started to sink.

After some time had passed, a message came from Jerry Goguen's wife Doris. They had misplaced the Palmer's message about the Airline Coupe and had just found it. Were they still interested?

Well, Lew tried to down play the idea of buying the car to Darlene. He remembered the car as being a basket case and the Goguens wanted a lot of money for it. But finally, they decided it was worth taking the next step.

Lew met the Goguens at their home, helped them get through four-foot snow banks to enter into the museum building. It was a remodeled cow barn and each car sat in its own stall.

Close inspection revealed that the Airline Coupe was in better shape than he had remembered. But it was still clearly an "original" car in need of a lot of work. But Lew had missed on two Airline Coupes before and wasn't going to let this one slip through his fingers.

Lew thought they should call the car "Bessie" because it was the contented car that came out of a cow barn. But Darlene insisted on "Elizabeth" because she's the queen of MGs.

So today, Elizabeth sits quietly

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along side Charlie and Judder in the Palmer's garage. She is getting loving care and attention like she has never seen. Every part is being carefully removed and restored.

In addition to the great times they have had with the cars, Lew and Darlene have met wonderful people from around the world through their interest in MGs. They have shared their home with MG enthusiasts from as far away as Australia. As Darlene says, "The cars are fun. But they are really just an excuse for adults to get together to have a good time."

## Speed, Anyone?

*Submitted by IMMGG Member Chris Sorenson*

Yes, this is the fun, wholesome, seat-of-your-pants-inches-from-the-ground kind of speed, not the high as a kite..(where am I?)..kind.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Intermarque Go-cart Challenge occurred on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. The MG club was intermarqued by the rest of the British gangs and we held our own. Not only did we have good club representation, we walked away with the coveted fastest lap certificate. Each cart has a microchip, which registers as it crosses the finish line. After every heat each racer is given a printout showing her/his speed of each lap, total time, place, etc. With this technology, you get to race yourself and your heat-mates. It's a gas!

Summary points include, about 40 drivers, 6 clubs, 30 to 35 mph indoors, tight corners, oversteer, push, wheel-to-wheel action, safe, perfectly organized and well executed. We had 1 qualifier and 3 races in 2 hours. Did I mention I won? When we push MG's down the road day after day we learn to get the most out of our "rides". We are also wise enough to recognize good luck when it slaps us in the forehead.

Plan to show up to next year's race. We need to defend our claim to speed.

## June 22nd & 23rd Road Trip Update

Coordinated by Ken and Diane Merrill, and Wayne Soderbeck and Rae Mars, and Steve and Diane Rindt, a weekend road trip is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Details are as follows: We will be meeting in Chippewa Falls at either the Leinenkugel Brewery or Irvine Park, which is 1 block west, at 11:00 a.m. To get to Irvine Park/Leinenkugel, take I94 east to highway 12/29 exit #52 towards Chippewa Falls. Go straight to WI 124N in the town of Chippewa Falls. 124N turns into Jefferson Avenue where the brewery is located. There are 2 brewery tours set for 12 and 12:15 p.m. (ten people per tour) OR you can skip the tour and go to Irvine Park 1 block away where they have many acres of hiking trails, picnic grounds, streams and mini-zoo. We will have a picnic there. Bring your own food and beverage (or buy from the dairy Queen across the street).

We will be at Irvine Park for a couple hours. We will hand out directions/maps at that time. Our supper destination will be Foster's Riverview Inn, featuring a prime rib and seafood buffet for \$15.95. From there we will wind our way back to Chippewa Falls to the AmericInn Motel for indoor swimming and hot tubbing. Bring your own beverages and swimwear. Pool/hot tub open till 11:00 pm. We have reserved a block of rooms which are being held till JUNE 1 under the "MN MG Group". You must call and reserve your room before June 1. This is the absolute deadline. AmericInn telephone number is 715-723-5711. Our special group rate is \$79.01. They DO NOT accept out of state checks. Cash or credit card only.

For further information, Wayne or Rae at 715-425-5032, or call Ken or Diane Merrill at 651-455-5681 or email them at [alirora31@aol.com](mailto:alirora31@aol.com).

## A Middle-Aged Brit that Keeps Up with the New Kids (or, the making of a Miata Masher)

Taken from a recent issue of *Grassroots Motorsports*  
Submitted by MMGG member Tom Moerke

**M**ike Pierce is an interesting character. To say that he loves British cars would be like saying Jeff Gordon is pretty good at that NASCAR racing. In fact, when it comes to British cars, Mike Pierce owns it, had it or wants it.

Right now, his passion is this Pale Primrose-colored MGB. This is no garden-variety, over-restored MGB mind you: this is Mike's interpretation of how an MGB should look and drive. It also has the distinction of being a 1970 model, the only year that U.S.-spec cars featured the unique split rear bumper.

Mike's done just a bit of work to his MGB. For starters, it's equipped with aluminum cross-flow head, twin Weber DCOE 45carbs, a Hi-Gear Engineering five-speed conversion and knock-off alloy wheels. This subtle little MGB will suck up and spit out a Miata before you can say "tricked ya."

It's easier to understand the capabilities of his car once you realize that Mike Pierce isn't your everyday backyard Joe. He's the owner of Pierce Manifolds of Gilroy, Calif. For more than 20 years, the company has specialized in Weber carburetors, offering sales and rebuilding services plus parts and accessories.

Today, Pierce Manifolds is reputed to have the world's largest inventory of Weber carbs and parts; the company also makes and markets intake manifolds for virtually any car. Pierce has also developed aluminum cylinder heads for several British cars, including those powered by the BMC A-series, B-series and Ford 1600 engines. In fact, their Ford head is now legal for SCCA Formula Ford competition due to the difficulty in finding the stock parts.

Mike won't say when, but aluminum Triumph heads are next on his list. In addition to the aluminum heads, Pierce also makes cross-flow heads for the MGA and MGB.

Pierce Manifolds is also the U.S. distributor for Hi-Gear Engineering five-speed conversions for the

MG TD, MGA and MGB. This super-trick conversion uses an English Ford Type 9 transmission from a European-spec Sierra; Mike says he thinks the setup is, the "best-done conversion on the market."

### Improving Respiration

But enough about business, Let's get back to our story. When Mike was developing the cross-flow head for the MGB, he wanted to live with one for a while and see how it would behave on a daily basis. In addition to the hundreds of hours spent running the heads on an engine dyne during durability testing, Mike wanted to see how the head would perform in the real world. Would the engine survive the occasional over revving? To this end, he started looking for an MGB to serve as his test bed.

In 1997, he found the car featured here—a clean, low mileage, original example. While not a show car, it still looked pretty good and needed little or no restoration to be usable.

He baselined the car with only one modification, a long-center-branch header. The MGB 1.8-liter engine made 82 horsepower at the crankshaft on a SuperFlow engine dyne, a bit off its factory rating of 98. Considering the car's age and the tendency for factories to overrate their engines back in the day, Mike didn't feel things were too bad.

The next modification was the replacement of the twin SU carbs with a single Weber DGV down-draft, although the engine dyne showed that this was a slight step in the wrong direction.

Next, he installed one of his prototypical aluminum cross-flow heads. A stock cast-iron MGB head has both the intake and exhaust ports on the left-hand side of the engine, which can disrupt airflow through the engine. The stock MGB head also features Siamesed intake and exhaust ports: despite the fact that there are four cylinders on an MGB, the cylinder head only features two intake ports and

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three exhaust ports, preventing the installation of twin Weber side-draft carbs.

The cross-flow head puts the intake ports across from the exhaust ports, improving flow characteristics and allowing the option of a pair of Weber side-draft carbs. Naturally, the lighter aluminum head takes weight off the front wheels, which should improve both handling and acceleration. A stock, bare MGB head weighs 26 pounds, while the aluminum one weighs only 11 pounds.

With the cross-flow head installed, Mike put the MGB back on the engine dyno. Horsepower was up to 102.5 with no other changes, while switching from the original SU carbs to the Weber DGV setup actually increased power. Apparently the improved head design made better use of the Weber DGV downdraft carb. Next, he installed a pair of Weber DCOE 40 carbs on one of his own manifolds. Power increased 15 percent to nearly 118 horsepower. The next switch, to larger DCOE 45 carbs, netted another 7 percent horsepower gain, yielding a total of 126 horsepower.

With the carburetion and intake system taken about as far as it would go, Mike started playing with camshafts, since his cross-flow head and twin Weber intake setup had clearly outgunned the stock piece. The Pierce cross-flow head is very similar in design to the one used on the European Capri RS2000, and the engine sizes are close, so Mike had an MGB camshaft ground to specs similar to the Ford's.

PBS custom built the cam for Pierce manifolds with a 105-degree lobe spacing, .470-inch lift and 303 degrees of duration. This camshaft bumped horsepower up 22 to 148.

### **Upgrading the Package**

At this point, Mike was understandably excited. His dyno testing was nearly done, but his love affair with the MGB was clearly far from over. He decided that a strong bottom end and slightly wilder camshaft were needed for the car. With this street combination and some suspension tweaks to match, Mike wanted to build Miata masher.

While Mike was building up his MGB, some of his counterparts in England had put together a full-on competition engine using the Pierce cross-flow

head, cam and carb combination, netting 192 horsepower at 8900 rpm. Horsepower was still climbing as the engine neared 9000 rpm, but they were too afraid to spin the push rod MGB engine any higher.

Back in the States, Mike built a mild 10.7: 1 compression engine using AE pistons, a stock crank and lightened stock rods that were Magnafluxed, balanced and put together with the utmost care. With a Mallory dual-point distributor, the long-center-branch header and his cross-flow head with the twin Weber DCOE 45 carbs, Mike's engine produced 162 horsepower at 8500 rpm—not bad for a street-driven, 32-year-old MGB.

Once the engine work was done and the Hi-Gear Engineering five-speed was installed, Mike turned his attention to the underside of the car. Moss Motors provided a tube-shock conversion kit with Spax shocks and 15x6 inch Panasport center-lock aluminum wheels. Dunlop SP8000 tires were chosen, while Mike fabricated a Pan hard bar for the rear axle. Considering that the MGB originally rode on lever shock absorbers and 14x5.5-inch wheels, this is a required upgrade.

There are fewer shapes as pretty as the original, chrome-bumper MGB, and this one looks especially attractive with its Pale Primrose paint and Panasport wheels. Although the car's striking appearance is the first thing we noticed, we did find ourselves wondering what it was like to drive, so we took it for a spin recently through some of California's legendary back roads.

The cold engine quickly reminded us why every automobile now comes equipped with fuel injection, as the big, old Webers weren't super happy at first. The modern, five-speed gearbox felt out of place in an MGB, but we mean that in a good way. Shifting was smooth and precise.

Although the chassis is 32 years old (and the design is even older), the car does have a somewhat modern feel to it, although the seating position and occasional creaks and rattles remind its passengers that they're in a MGB, not a new Miata.

At 3000 rpm, Mike's MGB purrs along like any other. At 6000 rpm, this MGB starts to wake up, and at 8000 rpm, it just gets up and slaps you. Shifting a street-tuned MGB at 8500 rpm is one of the stranger driving experiences we have had.

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Based on our past experiences with British cars, we figured things would explode at those engine speeds.

Despite the fantastic power and looks of this classic MG, does any of this make sense? After all, it would take more than \$15,000 to duplicate this car, and that kind of money could easily put a late-model Miata in the driveway.

"That's not the point," Mike explains. "I wanted a British car and now I have an MGB that I can drive every day that will run with the best that Europe or Japan has to offer." Plus, he adds, depreciation is going to favor the: MGB five or eight years down the road.

Once the calculator's put away, there's another way to figure it: there is something to be said for having a car that's a bit different from what your neighbor has in the garage.

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## Intermarque British Car Gathering

Held at Sherlock's Home, Minnetonka MN  
5/19/2002

Submitted by MMGG Member Bill Pederson

What a beautiful day for a car show and Abby's first time out in 2002. The weather was perfect, the temperature was cool and comfortable, and not a rain drop in sight. Here are a few photos of the cars, their owners, and the crowd.





# Great Tech Session, Despite the Rain, er Snow

Submitted by MMGG Member Chris Sorenson

Tech session April (or was it January) 27, Midwest Motor Sports, Sauk Rapids, MN

thorough  
preseason  
checklist  
using a



well-maintained B  
roadster on a hoist.

choice when it's 35 degrees and snowing and that Midgets refuse to start unless you reconnect power to the distributor.

Thank you to our hosts, Dan and Dianne Iberg. Thanks to the warm spirits of the whole crew at *Midwest Motor Sports*, the chill of the day was kept outside. By 9:00 AM it was raining and by 11:00 AM we had snowflakes the size of oak leaves. Even with the bad weather we had at least 30 diehards, 12 MG's and a new MINI Cooper on site.

They followed a handout. If you did not get a copy, contact Dan.

The food, service and company were top-shelf. We learned about 30 weight non-detergent oil for the tranny, that pie truly is comfort food, that Doug Madsen can grill like a Brit (with one hand holding an umbrella), that

Be sure to give Dave Davidson of Lake Mills, Iowa a hand (or a pint) the next time you see him. He demolished all competitors in the farthest traveler category with his 190-mile one-way journey. He left at 5:00 AM and

drove back the same day. Way to Go Dave! You are a driver's driver. This is what MMGG is all about: driving, learning and sharing. What

The plan was to SUMMERize

the cars but we still had to keep our snow tires on for the trips home. Dan and Rick went thorough a very



"Wow"! Sez Gabe. "There is a lot to Summerizing my MG".



GI's are the body style of a great group.

## Tenth Annual "Grand Lake Tour" August 16-17, 2002

The tenth annual "Grand Lake Tour" will return to its original format in 2002 - an exciting and challenging trip around Lake Michigan! Join other MG and British car enthusiasts on Friday and Saturday, **August 16-17**, to find the shortest distance around Lake Michigan while finding some interesting and scenic checkpoints scattered throughout Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana. Coordinated by TwoRickRacin' (a division of Team Fokowie) we know that you will not want to miss this test of man and machine! Entry is restricted to British cars 1981 and older. All participants must have a valid driver's license; all cars must be licensed, insured, and pass a technical inspection prior to leaving on the first leg. An odometer calibration run will equalize all cars entered into the rallye.

Base hotel for the rallye will be the **Hilton-Grand Rapids Airport** located at 4747 28th Street Southeast in Grand Rapids, MI. (616/957-0100) The rallye will begin and finish from this location. The MG V8 Register will also be having its annual convention at this hotel beginning on Wednesday. It would be advisable to arrive on Thursday as the rallye will begin at 8:00am on Friday. Participants will have until noon on Saturday to complete the run. Entry fee for the

Grand Lake Tour will be **\$25 per car**. Solo and team entrants are welcome. Unique dash plaques will be given to each participant; a traveling trophy, engraved with the solo class winners' names will be presented on Saturday. Winner of the solo class will be responsible for planning the 2003 Grand Lake Tour! *See you in Grand Rapids!*

Need more information? Then e-mail us at **mowog1@aol.com** OR **verheyco@worldnet.att.net**

Cheers! Rick Ingram and Rick Verhey, Rallye Masters

### "Grand Lake Tour" Endurance Challenge August 16-17, 2002

Yes! I want to participate! I've PRINTED information about myself and my co-driver below! I've also included a \$25 check payable to:

**Rick Ingram – Grand Lake Tour 2002**

Car make and model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Car must be of British manufacture and made before 1981!)

**Driver** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Driver:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please be sure that all information is correct and legible.  
Mail this form along with your check for \$25 to:

**Grand Lake Tour 2002**

*c/o Rick Ingram*

*P.O.Box 588 – St. Joseph, IL 61873*

Contact us at: **mowog1@ aol.com** OR **verheyco@worldnet.att.net**

# CLUB REGALIA

The following items are available for sale by contacting Rich Leslie at 763-754-2965 or via email at [richdebathome@aol.com](mailto:richdebathome@aol.com). Do you have new ideas for club regalia? Let Rich know your thoughts.

Item	Quantity.	Description	Size	Cost
<b>T-Shirts</b>	Adult 1	Green w/maroon MG	XL	\$10.00
	1	Light blue	XXL	\$10.00
	Kids various	Call Rich		\$7.00
<b>Polo Shirts</b>	Adult 2	Cream	Med	\$15.00
	1	White	L	\$15.00
	1	White	XL	\$15.00
	4	Grey 2001	Med	\$15.00
<b>Denim Shirts</b>	Adult 1	Long Sleeve	Med	\$29.00
	4	Long Sleeve	XL	\$29.00
	1	Long Sleeve	XXL	\$29.00
<b>Bumper Stickers</b>	137	2001 Odyssey		\$0.25
<b>Can Coolers</b>	235	Grey w/red MG letters		\$1.50
<b>Grill Badges</b>	53			\$22.00
<b>Other</b>				
		MG 2001 Dash Plaques		See Dan Shidla
		MG 2001 Convention Pins		See Dan Shidla

## \*\*\*REGALIA UPDATE\*\*\*

We have talked about a new logo resembling the MG 2001 logo that was used this past summer at the MG 2001 event. After talking with the people that have made our clothing in the past, we are going to offer a new logo along with the original one. They are going to remove the "2001" from the trees and change the "St. Paul" to "Group". We will also have the option of putting your name on the shirt. **I am ready to take orders now** and would like to turn them in by June 30<sup>th</sup>. It will take about 2 weeks to get them after I turn the order in. Here are our options and costs.

Blue Denim shirt, long or short sleeve, Safety Fast on sleeve	
With original MG logo on shirt above pocket	\$24.00
With new MG 2001 logo on shirt above pocket	\$27.00
Name embroidered on front of shirt, other side	\$4.00
For XXL and XXXL sizes add	\$5.00
Shipping (would rather hand out at meetings)	\$3.00

Any questions please call me.  
Rich Leslie 763-754-2965

# Calendar of Events

Editors comments: This calendar will be continually modified and updated. The MMGG club is working closely with other British car clubs on a variety of activities. You are encouraged to attend any car club event.

- Ongoing Event      **British Built Cars.** Informal car show **every Sunday through October.** 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sherlock's Home, Highway 62 and Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka, Mn. Contact Sherlock's 952-931-0203.
- June 1, 2002      **Summer Picnic in Mankato** hosted by Dave and Linda Wintz. Meet at Dave and Linda's shop, *New Life to Classics* starting at 10 A.M. Beverages and dessert provided. Bring your own picnic lunch. For more information contact Dave at 507-387-2277.
- June 6 to 9, 2002      **Rendezvous 2002.** "A celebration of Vintage British Sports Cars" at Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. This is a yearly event that rotates from Thunder Bay, Ontario; to Winnipeg, Manitoba; and to a site in Minnesota. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin Healey Club. For further information contact Gary Ronning at 612-722-8397, e-mail [gtronning@aol.com](mailto:gtronning@aol.com) or Tom Politiski at 218-367-2168, e-mail [healey@yahoo.com](mailto:healey@yahoo.com)
- June 8, 2002      **German Car Fest.** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Schaar's Bluff Picnic Area, Spring Park Reserve, Hastings, Minnesota.
- June 22 & 23, 2002      **Road Trip.** June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Tour of the Leinenkugel Brewery. For further information contact Ken or Diane Merrill at 651-455-5681 or email them at [alirora31@aol.com](mailto:alirora31@aol.com).
- June 29, 2002      **Mille Miglia Tour.** Prescott to LaCrosse, WI. Hosted by Alfa Romero. No check points, no timing. An exceptional tour on some of the region's most exceptional roads. Contact Ed Solstad 612-822-0569 or email at [esolstad@pressenter.com](mailto:esolstad@pressenter.com).
- July 3 to 6, 2002      **11<sup>th</sup> Annual International Convention of The North American MGB Register** in Grapevine, Texas. Gathering for MGB owners only. Other MG models have their own gathering. All models meet every 5 years (like MG2001 this past summer). More information at [www.MG2002.com](http://www.MG2002.com) or e-mail [wkube@augustmail.com](mailto:wkube@augustmail.com).
- July 16 - 19, 2002      **Vintage Triumph Register National Convention 2002**, held at Treasure Island Resort, Red Wing, Minnesota. The Triumph National Convention returns to Minnesota. Featured model at this convention will be the TR4, which is celebrating the fortieth anniversary of its appearance in America. For further information [triumph@pressenter.com](mailto:triumph@pressenter.com) or Bob Lee at 715-425-2580. Go ahead and visit. MG's are welcome.

- August 10, 2002      **Ellingson's Swap Meet and Car Show.** Ellingson's Auto Museum, I-94 and Highway 101 in Rogers, Minnesota. Hosted by MMGG members Jim and Cindy Pennoyer; Phil and Darcie Vanner; and Brian and Jennifer McCullough. Check our website for more information - [www.mmgg.org](http://www.mmgg.org).
- August 15 - 18, 2002      **Abingdon Summer Party** in Abingdon, Ill. Hosted by the Chicagoland MG Car Club. Small American town Abingdon becomes English town Abingdon for a few days. Main street is closed off for our cars so you can drive in the Abingdon Gymkhana, enjoy Natter 'n' Noggin, and listen to Mr. John Twist. For further information contact the Chicagoland Club at [www.chicagolandmgclub.com](http://www.chicagolandmgclub.com).
- September 7, 2002      **Wheels and Wings.** Osceola, Wisconsin Hosted by Jerry and Nancy Strand. Always a good time. Plan to attend. Call Jerry at 715-386-5930 for more information.
- September 8, 2002      **British Car Festival (Field Day).** Palos Hills, IL. Hosted by the British Car Union. The 2001 event had over 780 British cars present on a rainy day. There are also some events on September 7. Contact [www.qth.com/bcu/](http://www.qth.com/bcu/).
- September 21, 2002      **Gourmet/Scenic Tour.** Stockholm and Alma, WI. Hosted by Alfa Romeo. If you don't enjoy the food and the roads in this area, you may well need some serious help. Contact Ed Solstad 612-822-0569 or [esolstad@presenter.com](mailto:esolstad@presenter.com).
- September 20 - 22, 2002      **Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival** presented by VSCDA (Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association). Featured marque not available. See the VSCDA web site for more information ([www.vscda.org](http://www.vscda.org)).
- October 5, 2002      **Fall Colour Tour** hosted by Doug and Mary Madson and Dan and Dianne Iberg. Route through the woods and dales of central Minnesota. Details to follow.
- November 9, 2002      **Annual Meeting of the MMGG.** Hosted by Dan and Jeanette Shidla. Details to follow.
- January 4, 2003      **Annual Holiday Party and MG Bucks Auction.** Hosted by Simon and Lorna Bosworth and Al and Sharon Kelsey. Location will be 3M's Tartan Park Club House. Time to get crazy with our MG Bucks.

## Club Equipment Available

Our MG club has some excellent equipment for club member use. Dick Wallrich at Park Bus/Columbia Transit Company in St. Paul keeps our welders, engine hoist, pressure washer and tent. His telephone number is 651/644-1100. Our bullhorns, overhead projector and microphones/amps are available through Jerry Strand at 715/386-5930. For specifics, please refer to previous newsletters, our website or call for details.

## MMGG Technical Advisors

The following people have expressed a willingness to answer questions and offer advice about these cars. Take them up on their offer.

*Triple-M* - Lew Palmer 651/436-7401

*T-types* - Bob Figenskau 952/935-7909

*MGA* - Mike Hirschman 763/391-5769

*MGB* - Randy Byboth 952/936-9335

*Midgets*—Dewey Frier 763/424-3286 or Brian McCullough 651/462-0145

*Bodywork* - Dewey Frier 763/424-3286

## Intermarque Rally School May 5, June 16, July 14, August 4

All schools are at 1:30 p.m. at *Sherlock's Home*, Hwy. 62 & Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka. Rallying is a great way to get your classic out on the best sports car roads in the area. The Rally Masters have spent a lifetime learning where all the twisty-turnies are, and you can enjoy them too. You can be competitive if you want (timing your appearance at a check points by hundredths of a second) or you can just run the course as a tour (smelling the roses along the way). A few lessons on how to read rally instructions, however, probably wouldn't hurt. And might help you have a better time. Come to class and learn how rallyists decide which breath-taking road to select. The schools are being conducted by some of the premier rallyists in the Twin Cities Area. Contacts: Ed Solstad 612-822-0569 [esolstad@pressenter.com](mailto:esolstad@pressenter.com); Sean Connolly 651-228-9368; Tom Hazen 612-871-6111 [tom\\_hazen@adp.com](mailto:tom_hazen@adp.com); Steve Rixen 715-386-2880 [steve@rixen.com](mailto:steve@rixen.com).



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## For Sale.....Wanted.....Misc.

*Kind of classified rules: Minnesota MG Group members ads will run for three months, unless you tell the editor to drop them earlier or run them longer. The month/year the ad was placed is in italics below the ad.*

**Trade:** Four used but very good chrome wheels rings (for Rostyle wheels). Will trade for a case of Theakston's 'Old Peculier' or a bottle of single malt.

Call Al Webster 651-436-5921

*June 2002*

**For Sale:** 1972 MGB radiator. Best offer. Call Jeff at 651-735-0780

*June 2002*

**For Sale:** 1977 MG Midget. Excellent condition, beautiful candy apple red with chrome disc wheels and new tires. Expensive stereo system with CD player and multiple speakers. \$5500 or best offer. Call Raul at 651-225-4152 during the day.

*April 2002*

**For Sale:** Set of 4 MGB wire wheels that are in pretty good shape, repainted silver. Asking \$250 or best offer.

Contact Dave Meek at

612-799-5555.

*April 2002*

**For Sale:** 1974 MGB convertible, all original, runs good, good condition, dark blue color, tan interior, 89,xxx miles.

\$5500 or best offer.

Contact Larry at 651-578-7327

*May 2002*

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Brian McCullough

Forest Lake, Minnesota

651-462-0145

**For Sale:** 4 wire wheels, excellent-\$100 for all. Radiator for MGB, tested & no leaks-BO. Parts for chrome bumpers (over riders, etc).

Jay at 507-532-3528

*May 2002*

**For Sale:** 1974 MGB-GT with usual rust, a good interior, not run for 8 years and burned oil then. A parts car or for restoring. \$600.

Call Dale Paterson 715-549-6067

*May 2002*

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Please complete this form, write out a check for \$25.00 and mail to:

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