



Gazette

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Wheels and Wings Saturday, September 7, 2002

Submitted by MMGG Member Jerry Strand

Saturday, September 7th - Osceola, WI (8:00 am to 4:00 pm)

This is one of our 'Big Events' of the year with a lot of cars on display. The event is put on by "Classic Motorbooks" and is their annual open house. Included in this event are the car show, an airplane show and a tent sale where all books are 50% off. There are usually close to 1,000 cars of all types there and even with all that attendance, the MG club has been very successful in bringing home the trophy for the club with the most cars present. The Triumphs have been our closest rivals so let's keep up the good showing.

This is a car show where spouses have plenty to do besides look at cars. The town of Osceola has their art and crafts in the park, there is a community fair with rides and games, the airfield has a display of both private and

military planes and the steam train will be giving rides all day. There is also free bus service to take you from one event to the other.

Our MG group will have coffee, rolls, pop and cookies for snacks.

This year we do not plan any organized group caravan to Osceola but you may want to team up with others for this drive. **Yes, an organized ride is now planned. See page 5 for details.** A scenic drive is to take Hwy-36 east to Stillwater, go north through Stillwater, which will then be Hwy-95. Go north through Marine on the St. Croix, past William O'Brien State Park to Hwy-243. Turn east here and cross the St. Croix River into Osceola. On main street in Osceola, turn right and go south under the railroad bridge. Turn left at this next intersection and look

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Comments From The President

Ellingson's was great. After predictions of inclement weather the day turned out perfect in every way – people, cars, weather etc. Many thanks to hosts Jim & Cindy Pennoyer and Phil & Darcie Vanner. There was lots of socializing, a few picnics, some good bargain parts, and many fine cars - MG's, Triumphs, Minis, Jaguars and others plus a superb setting. Looking to the future, Phil's observation seems well said – the event has established itself now and it can only get better.

I expect many of you have found

occasions to visit other community and club events that occur almost every weekend. The weather has sure cooperated. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Wheels & Wings in September and the fall color tour in October. Both attractions are sure to be well attended by club members. In addition, Steve Byboth is planning a gathering at the North St. Paul History Cruise gathering Friday, September 13th. See page 3 for details.

Here are two 2003 opportunities for you to consider - the NAMBGR convention in St Louis and a London / Paris trip

being organized by the Merrill's and Jon Masley. Both will be well attended. St Louis will provide an opportunity to caravan with other club members and socialize with MG folks from other clubs. The European trip features a visit to the MG International convention in Silverstone plus many other attractions. David Pelham, a London MG enthusiast we met at MG2001, is helping with trip planning.

Later this year, at our business meeting, we elect Club officers for the next two years. Please contact me, or any of our current

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The Minnesota MG Group was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the MG Marque. Correspondence can be addressed to: **Minnesota MG Group, 10305 Morris Road, Bloomington, Minnesota 55437.** Visit us on the web at **WWW.MMGG.ORG.**

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officers, if you have an interest or suggestions.

Last month I commented on several attempts to correct a transmission problem in my MG. I'm happy to report our latest effort was successful. A couple of Saturday's back Brian Walsh, son Terry and myself drove our MG into the garage in the morning and drove it out in late afternoon. In between we pulled the engine / transmission, swapped transmissions and reinstalled the package. Randy Byboth stopped by at a critical point with a big hammer to move the process along. Thanks for all the help. Now I've had a few critical comments from our Triumph friends with my MG at a Triumph gathering (all in good fun). The MG is running just fine.

In addition to the annual convention, NAMBGR publishes the "MGB Driver". The "Driver" has numerous articles of interest and repair tips. Cost of annual membership is \$25. If you are not a member I'd suggest you give it strong consideration. Web site is nambgr.org

See you at Wheels & Wings.

Safety Fast,

Dan

North St. Paul Auto Cruise Friday September 13th!

Submitted by MMGG Member Steve Byboth

Join the Minnesota MG Group on Friday, September 13th for some hanging out at the North St. Paul Auto Cruise. This event is held every Friday in the summer. Show up anytime after 5PM. We will probably meet on the corner of Margaret and 7th Street, parking in the barber shop/hair care lot. Verify with Steve Byboth by calling 763-783-1959.

Bring your lawn chairs, look at some great cars and pick up dinner at one of the food vendors or Chinese take out (especially great fried rice).

Afterwards, everyone is invited to Elena Pierce's home to continue the party.

MG Bucks will be awarded.

See YOU there!

Steve

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for the signs to Wheels and Wings, which will be roughly 1 mile up the road. Turn left again and go about two blocks where they will direct you where to park.

If you have any questions, call Jerry Strand at 715-386-5930.

Safety Fast!

Member Profile

Submitted by MMGG Member's Glenn and Annette Fisher

Wayne Soderbeck & Rae Mars

Wayne's dad asked him one time what the little hole under the door of his 1966 Midget was for. "For the jack," he told his dad. "Oh, I thought it was for your girl friend to put it on her charm bracelet!"

In 1971, Wayne Soderbeck parked his beloved blue '66 Midget with steel wheels and those frying pan hubcaps behind his parent's garage in Maplewood, MN. That was the last time he ever saw the car.

But he never forgot the three years of fun he had with the Midget. "I must have circled Lake Phalen 30 times an evening with my buddy chasing me in his Austin Healey – and another buddy in a Triumph. Then, I'd drive it into the lake – in just a few inches of water to wash it up – and pop a hubcap to use to splash the car. I'd back it out and wipe it down."

In 1971, Wayne entered the working world and took a job in Detroit that came with a brand new company car. During the years he spent in Detroit, Wayne never bothered with British sports cars. In fact, he didn't know what happened to his blue midget until his brothers recently told him that their parents had sold it. "But we had a great time with it before they did."

Eventually, Wayne moved back to the Twin Cities area (western Wisconsin) and met Rae. They often talked nostalgically about cars they had owned. Rae had had some great times years ago with a Camaro. Wayne, of course, reminisced about his Midget.

Four years ago, Rae suggested that they should get another sports car. Soon after that, they were at the River Falls Auction House and looked out the door to see an MG Midget in the parking lot. "Oh my god!" Wayne's heart started beating fast and the memories came flooding back.

They found the owner who told them a friend of his had a "mint" '67 Midget for sale. They went to look at it and found a beautiful ivory colored car with black interior and wire wheels. They expressed an interest in buying the car but 2 weeks passed with no word from the owner. When Wayne called back, the owner told him that when he had told his wife he was selling the car, she said, "If the car goes, I go!"

Well, now Wayne and Rae had the MG bug. They started noticing the Midgets driving in the River Falls area. But Wayne never got that special jazzy feeling from any of them "because they didn't compare to the one I had."

So Wayne and Rae started re-searching Midgets that were for sale. They saw an ad for one in Los Angeles and exchanged phone calls and pictures with the owner. Finally, they decided to take a mini-vacation in California – Disneyland, swim in the ocean, and, well, look at this Midget.

Unfortunately, the car was in bad shape. They had trouble starting it. The brakes didn't work. It was leaking brake fluid. Body rust was covered with paint from a hardware store. When Wane and Rae got back from the test drive, Wayne said to the owner, "you mentioned the postman was interested in buying this car. I hope you still have his number..."

Back at home a week later, they were in a store and Rae was looking at the Auto Shopper circular. There was a 1966 Midget with new tires, new paint, new roof and racing motor. "Should I copy down the number?" "No," Wayne said – he was just a bit disappointed by the LA experience.

A week after that, they went to the library again to skim the car ads. Rae saw the same ad for the '66 Midget she had seen in the Auto Shopper. The car was in Texas. When they got home Rae surreptitiously called the seller for more information.

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The Owner was in his mid-40s (not a teenager like Wayne had originally thought) who had never raced the car (another of Wayne's worries.) Even better, the price had dropped by \$1,000. She asked for pictures which arrived just days later. After Wayne had shuffled through the photos of the Midget, Rae asked him what he thought. Wayne's answer? "When do you want to fly to Dallas?"

They met the owner. Loved the car. Bought it and flew home. When they got back to their house, there was already a message on the answering machine: the shipper had picked up the car that same day. Wayne was so excited, he saved the message. He still has it today!

This little blue Midget with black interior and wire wheels gets Wayne "jazzed" the way his first one did. He and Rae have continued to improve its condition over the past few years. One year, Wayne asked Rae if she wanted to go to Cancun on vacation or buy chrome wire wheels for the Midget. (They didn't go to Cancun.)

Wayne and Rae joined the Minnesota MG Group in August of 2000 and immediately pitched in – they do all the work involved with mailing our monthly newsletter. They also add fun to many of our events by donating and selling wood MG items made by hand. "It's a fun little part-time hobby – but it won't buy another MG!" says Rae who spends many hours at the scroll

saw making beautiful MG earrings, necklaces, and other decorative items.

Wayne and Rae enjoy driving their Midget on the many great "sports car" roads in Western Wisconsin. The top never goes on the car unless it's an emergency. "We often come home from work and take the car out for a drive. But we make sure we're home before 9 pm – before the bugs and the deer come out."

"But you know," Wayne said with a twinkle in his eye as we were wrapping up our interview, "this Midget is a lot smaller than the one I had as a teenager."

Wheels and Wings Rallye Ride

Submitted by MMGG Member Barry Gery

MMGG Members: Normally on these trips to Wheels and Wings there is a big train of cars, and everyone has to pull over to let the slower cars catch up, or, when there is an interesting piece of road that you want to let the LBC hang out a bit, there is someone in the way.

I will develop a set of routes from the Perkins Restaurant in Har Mar (Highway 36 and Snelling Avenue) to a point near the Wheels and Wings site. We will launch cars (1 or more that want to travel together) at 1 minute intervals. So, if you stay near the speed limits, you probably won't see another MMGG car in front of you during the drive. If some people leave as a group and should get separated, they will have directions on how to get to Wheels and Wings.

Plan on meeting at Perkins at 8:30 a.m.

All marques are welcome, so invite your friends. If you have any questions, contact Barry Berg at webmaster.mymg.net, or 763-732-7036 wk, or 952-432-4320 hm. Please let Barry know if you will be meeting at Perkins.

See you there!

Editors Comments: The following is taken from the web site of University Motors and we thank Mr. John Twist for making this information available.

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WINTER STORAGE

Ask a dozen MG owners how each of them stored his MG last year and you will receive a dozen different answers. Methods range from abandoning the MG under a tree in the front yard, to complex routines involving raising the MG off the ground and removing the seats. There is not a "proper" method as each owner has slightly different considerations and requirements -- yet there are basic rules to follow in any storage procedure that will reduce the probability of damage during storage. In addition to the normal precautions for freezing temperature, some thought must be given to location, access, traffic around the stored MG, humidity, rodents, etc. It is important to develop a plan that you can easily follow and that you implement before winter shows its icy Artic fury.

DAMAGE WE HAVE WITNESSED!

Damage during storage results from neglect or abuse – and we've "seen it all!" Cars stored without antifreeze resulting in cracked blocks, burst radiators and heaters; old gasoline evaporated until all that's left are giant, hardened blocks of varnish knocking around inside the tank; gasoline lines, fuel pumps, and carburetors plugged with gooey aged petrol. Dented fenders, cracked glass, perforated soft-tops caused by carelessness or accidents from adults and children. Corroded chrome, frozen brakes, scaly undercarriages, and mildewed interiors from damp storage. But the damage from rodents is most pervasive – those nasty creatures burrow into the seats, the bonnet insulation, the interior – even the exhaust pipe. We have found nests in the boot, fender wells, pedal boxes, inside the heater boxes and air cleaners, in the folded tonneau...nearly everywhere. We disassembled an engine once to find a mouse next INSIDE a cylinder. This past spring a baby mouse fell FROM the

heater onto the mechanic's foot during a test drive!!

BASIC RULES

Freezing temperatures require a 50/50 solution of antifreeze and water to prevent the coolant from freezing in the engine block, radiator, or heater. A full tank of gasoline reduces the amount of water that can be absorbed by the petrol and slows the rate at which the gasoline turns to varnish. Fresh oil in the sump reduces bearing etching, caused by dirty, acidic, contaminated oil. Topped off master cylinders reduces water contamination in the hydraulic lines.

Store the MG with the hood (top) up, windows and vents closed. The folding hood (or soft top) can develop nasty creases when left folded throughout the winter. Closed vents and windows make it more difficult for small furry creatures to foul or devour parts of the MG. It's always nice to clean the MG's interior prior to storage -- discarded bottles and cigarette butts do not enhance the interior bouquet. Ensure that the boot (trunk) is dry. The boot seal is not always positive and some moisture can collect on the floor. Left to nature throughout the winter, this can rust the floor or inner fenders about the boot area. Discharging an entire can of WD-40 (or similar product) on all the engine components, especially the bright metal or aluminium parts (carbs, coil, anti run-on valve, etc) easily protects the under bonnet (engine-bay). A large piece of plastic on the floor protects the underside of the MG from moisture rising up through the concrete

Finally, take the MG on the last run of the season allowing it to heat up fully. A half-hour run is wonderful. This will evaporate all the moisture in the exhaust and engine. Park the car in its winter home and leave the handbrake OFF. If you will not see the MG until Spring, it is necessary to remove the battery to prevent freezing. Should the battery freeze and burst, sulphuric acid will cover everything around the battery area. If you cover the MG, use cloth, never plastic.

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STORAGE CONSIDERATIONS

Consider the following questions and make your own storage plan from these concerns:

1) **Location** -- Will the MG be stored close to home or in a barn forty miles distant? Will the MG be stored inside or outside?

2) **Access** -- Will the MG be locked in a building to which you will have little or no access, or will it be available every day? Will it be possible to drive your MG during the winter or will it be positioned in the corner of the garage?

3) **Traffic** -- Will the MG be isolated from movement, or will the family Vista Cruiser discharge four energetic, careless children who will open doors against it?

4) **Humidity** -- Will the storage area be very dry or will there be a puddle of melting snow forever swilling under the MG?

5) **Temperature** -- Will the storage temperatures be room temp, just above freezing, or dead cold?

6) **Animals** -- Will the family cat use the soft top as a springboard, will Fido jump against it, are there furry rodents which may use the MG as a hotel or find the leather seats tasty at mealtime?

7) **Owner Maintenance** -- will you really have the opportunity, inclination, time, and resolve to visit your MG every week or month?

INSURANCE

Insurance is a **MUST** -- even on your stored MG! Always keep a theft/damage/vandalism/fire policy in effect on your MG. MGs are still stolen; garages collapse under the weight of snow; nasty neighborhood children may wish to redecorate your MG --or worse; and fire is always a possibility. This comprehensive insurance is very inexpensive and you simply cannot afford to be without it. Be certain to establish the value of your MG with the insurance agent before the loss!

SYSTEMS PROTECTION

1) **ENGINE**: Fresh oil will adequately protect the engine for several months of relatively dry storage. If you are going to store the MG longer than the winter, or if the humidity is high, then start the engine at regular intervals and allow it to warm up (with the garage door open, please). If this is not possible, introduce oil into the cylinders (perhaps six squirts from a normal oil can). Turn the engine over slowly, before replacing the plugs -- by the crank in the earlier models, or pushing while in fourth gear -- as this moves the oil throughout the head, pistons, and valves. Cover the tailpipe outlet with duct tape to prevent moisture from entering the exhaust system. Cover the air inlets at the air cleaner(s) with tape to keep moisture from the carb internals and cylinder head.

2) **IGNITION**: Normally there are no preventive measures, but if you are going to store the MG for several years, oil the distributor cam.

3) **COOLING**: Ensure the cooling system is filled with a clean 50/50 solution of glycol anti-freeze and water. Some owners suggest that Armorall or a similar product can extend the life of the radiator hoses.

4) **FUEL**: If you plan just a winter's storage, then a full tank of gasoline with the addition of a can of "dry gas" or "Stabil" is satisfactory. If you plan to store the MG for a year or more, then drain the float bowls to prevent a build-up of varnish and oxidation of the metering needle. Gasoline purchased years ago seems to last forever; gasoline purchased today goes bad after a year or so. Starting the MG with "old gas" or "bad gas" requires fresh gasoline in the carburettor just to get the engine to start running. Sometimes starting fluid (carburettor cleaner or ether) is necessary. Once warm, the engine will run on old gasoline.

5) **CLUTCH**: Two problems can occur in long term storage: the clutch hydraulics can leak; and the clutch disc can rust to the flywheel or pressure plate. Exercising the pedal on a regular basis

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can avoid these trouble spots. Damp storage is a real problem with the clutch and aggravates this rusting. Start the MG and drive it fore and aft – even a couple of feet – every so often!

6) **SUSPENSION:** Winter storage causes no problems with the suspension. Very few MG owners place their MGs on jacks for the winter -- but if this is done, place the stands under the outer portion of the front A Arms and under the leaf springs where the U bolts surround the axle and spring. This keeps the suspension from dropping away from the body and straining the shocks and the rebound rubbers/straps. If you place the MG on stands, then reduce tire pressure to 10-15lbs. Whether on stands or on the ground, be certain to move the wheels a couple of times during storage. Several rotations work well to prevent the bearings from rusting.

7) **BRAKES:** Rolling the MG back and forth prevents the brake pads from rusting to the rotors (just as the clutch disc can rust to the fly-wheel). Operate the brakes on a regular basis to prevent the cylinders from freezing. Some owners back off the adjustment on the brake drums so that there is no chance of the shoes rusting to the drums –this also allows the cylinders to move farther while exercising the pedal. Exercise the hand-brake, too! Rapidly work the handle, up and down, to keep the cable and linkages free. Store the MG with the handbrake OFF!

8) **BATTERIES:** No battery will hold its charge forever. If the battery charge is reduced far enough, the electrolyte freezes, the case cracks, and the battery is ruined. If you store the MG in freezing temperatures, then you must charge the batteries several times throughout the winter. Use a “trickle charger” or run the engine to recharge the battery(ies). Sometimes it is easier to remove the battery! On the 1977 and newer MGBs with the electric clock, remove the bottom fuse in the fuse-box. This stops the drain (albeit tiny) caused by the clock. Next to the coolant in the radiator, the batteries are one of the two most important considerations in winter storage.

9) **BODY:** To prevent oxidation or scratching, cover the MG with a cloth mitten. Plastic is NOT suitable. Plastic does not allow the MG to breathe, and can exacerbate oxidation and rusting. If you plan to store the MG in a heavy traffic zone (the family garage, for example), then additional protection is in order. Thick cardboard, a suitably supported piece of wood, or even an old mattress suspended from the ceiling prevents damage from winter tools and car doors. If the bonnet or boot lid will be used for a shelf (even if just to place groceries in transit), then more protection (such as a thick blanket) is in order. Humidity is the body's enemy. Make every effort to keep the floor dry!! If you plan to store the MG outside, then keep the car well ventilated and do not allow snow to pile up, under and around the car. Park the MG on a large sheet of plastic to keep the MG dry. You can park your MG in a large, specially prepared bag -- a hermetically closed environment. This “bagging” is a wonderful solution for some enthusiasts!

10) **INTERIOR:** Low winter humidity dries leather seats, allowing them to contract and crack. Prepare the leather with LEXOL to keep the hide supple. Mice cause the greatest damage to interiors! They eat the seats, the foam, the carpeting, the wiring insulation – they eat EVERYTHING!! Close off access to the interior. Keep the vents tightly closed. Erect the hood (soft top). Close the windows. Some owners remove their seats prior to storage. Several dishes, filled with mothballs, in the footwells, on the battery compartment, in the boot and in the bonnet will repel most mice. Use the “Old Fashioned” mothballs – naphthalene.

Develop your plan and store your MG carefully! We'll see YOU and YOUR MG next summer!

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NAMGAR GT-27

Held in Charlottesville VA
7/17 - 7/21, 2002

Submitted by MMGG Members Bill, Elaine, and Kristin Pederson

MMGG members Bill, Elaine, and Kristin Pederson drove 2600 miles this summer to attend the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR) national gathering. Bill advises it was a great national MGA get-together, with 228 registrations, and 161 cars on display. The Omni Hotel in Charlottesville was great, with excellent service, food, and accommodations. The Central VA MG Car Club did a terrific job planning and executing the event, with Bruce and Carol Woodson leading the effort with great expertise.

There were many events for MGer's and other family members to enjoy, including: local driving tours, rally, tech sessions, model contests, dinner and dancing, casino night, funkana, car show, awards banquet, and sightseeing in the area.

Visit the Pedersons web site for additional pictures : www.pilot-tech.com/gt27.html



Ellingson's Swap Meet and Auto Show Held August 10, 2002



CLUB REGALIA

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

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

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. Call me with your order. 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.
- 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/.
- September 14, 2002 **Photo Rally.** See page 3 for more detail. Rally will start at 12 PM (Noon) great fun. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy yourself. Contact questions at 612-670-1056.
Cancelled!
- 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@pressenter.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).
- 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.
- June 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2003 **The Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous.** Annual rendezvous will be held in 2003 in Thunder Bay, Ontario. This year's (2002) event was great! Plan on attending. More information as it becomes available. For now contact Roger Rickards, 807-473-4882, email miniowners@sympatico.ca or visit the web site at www.tbvsc.ca.

More Pictures from Ellingson's



ALL MG event! 2002 Photo Rally

Join other MG drivers from the MMGG and the MNMGTR for a scenic drive through Theo Wirth Parkway and the historic Minneapolis Kenwood neighborhood. There is more to this than simply a drive though.

The Photo Rally -- a annual tradition where you are provided a directions, a dozen photos (scrambled order). While you enjoy the beautiful answers to the questions AND put the

Rally Cancelled

in the MNMGTR -- is a photo scavenger hunt starting and ending location, driving drive, you must look out for clues and photos in order.

Bring a navigator and a picnic lunch. Prizes for First and Second Places!
Rally will start at noon on Sat, Sept 14. **STARTING POINT FOR THE RALLY WILL BE PUBLISHED**

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Domestic

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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.

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

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More For Sale Ads

For Sale: 1976 MG Midget. Clean California body with weber, header. Needs top. Car ran fine 10 years ago. Not started since. Best Offer. Call Jerry Vossen 651-778-9817
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For Sale: 1975 MGB with twin carbs. Runs great. \$3800 or best offer.

Call David Rainerson 763-427-5564

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For Sale: 1971 MGB-GT, teal blue exterior, tan interior, 76,xxx original miles, 2nd owner, no-od, no exterior rust. \$3500 or best offer.

Call Tom Davison at 763-473-9105

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For Sale: 1979 MGB same owner 22 years, new twin SU's, new tires, gas tank, turn signal unit, battery alternator, etc. Runs wonderful.

Call Don Raymond 952-926-3060

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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.

July 2002

For Sale: 1980 MGB Limited Edition, Blk/Blk with 14,900 actual miles. Excellent Condition! All service done by Ernie West for past 5 years.

\$12,750 (Serious only please).

Bill Wickum at 218-847-3764

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For Sale: 1979 MG Midget. One owner, 28,000 miles, all original, never driven in rain or snow and always garaged. Excellent condition. Have to see it for yourself. You will never find one in this shape for the money. \$10,500.

Larry Steinhaus at 763-241-4858

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For Sale: 1974 MGB-GT, 77,xxx miles. Partially restored with many new engine and body parts. Runs fine and minimum rust. Needs finishing and painting. \$1,500.

Dave Coslett at 651-738-1421

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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

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For Sale: 1954 MG Magnette Z Type. Very good condition. New paint, brakes, exhaust system, battery. Restored interior. Runs well. \$3800 or best offer.

Call Rees Allison 651-523-2231

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For Sale: 1972 MGB radiator.best offer; exhaust manifold, \$35.00; center console, \$10.00.

Call Jeff at 651-735-0780

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For Sale: 1974 MGB-GT, Excellent condition, performance enhanced motor, lots of chrome, new interior, mini lite wheels. Needs nothing.

Call Jon Masley 651-779-8605 \$8,000

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For Sale: 1960 MGA Coupe project car. Frame, suspension, wire wheels, tyres, brakes, engine, transmission, rear end all completely rebuilt and assembled. Body is a solid California rust free body. There is about 10 square INCHES of rust on the car total. The paint has been stripped and it has accumulated a light coating of surface rust, most of which can be removed with your hands. All parts are included with the vehicle as well as most of a second identical car. No body or frame from the donor car. Ran out of room, ambition and leeway from my wife. I have at least \$6,000 in it not including labor, but will sacrifice for the first \$3500.

Kevin Mahoney at

507-332-0604 home,

800-201-7472 days,

or rylenfield@aol.com

August 2002

Minnesota MG Group Membership Application

The Minnesota MG Group was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, maintenance and enjoyment of all MG cars. MG car ownership is not necessary to be a member of the Minnesota MG Group. Membership is \$25.00. The membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. New members joining after August 31st of any given year shall be granted membership for the remainder of that year and the next year as well. Use this form to join or renew your membership.

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