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Holiday Party Time! Saturday, January 4, 2003

This years holiday party has arrived. Please refer to the announcement sent out by Simon and Lorna Bosworth in mid-November for details. If you have not yet signed up, you need to do so NOW! Call them at 651-454-7413. And remember to bring your MG Bucks with you. It's gonna be fun, fun, fun!

New Year, New Club Officers, More Fun

The Minnesota MG Group held its annual business meeting November 9th, 2002 at the local Fort Snelling officers club. The main items on the agenda were the election of club officers. Our club by-laws require this annual election, which was done by ballot. Congratulations to all the new officers. Changes to the club by-laws and meeting minutes from the executive committee are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Officers elected for 2003 include:

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| President | Alan Kelsey |
| Vice-President | Elena Pierce |
| Treasurer | Joe Olson |
| Secretary | Phyllis Galberth |
| Past President | Dan Shidla |

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The Oil on the Dipstick

By MMGG President Alan Kelsey

See, this is what happens when you don't get to a meeting! I'll bet next year's annual meeting will have a lot more people in attendance, considering who was voted in as president.



New MMGG President Alan Kelsey

Sharon and I joined the MG Club in 1987. I think it was at about their third or fourth meeting. Not until the March 1988 newsletter was it called the Minnesota MG Group. That's a fair amount of history. Usually, groups don't let me hang around this long. Our first president was John Eaton, who owned a beautiful, red A. Some of the events have lasted as long as I have. We've been going to Wheels and Wings since the very first year. As I recall, there weren't many Triumphs in attendance that year and yes, we met at Perkins on Snelling at Hwy 36. A drive with a meal has always been a popular event. There's something about combining food and oil that just can't be beat!

In all the years of the group, Doug Madson has played a very predominant role as a mentor to those

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of us who needed help in keeping the cars running. Jim Lymburn, Mark Brandow, and others have led the way to racing events in Brainerd and beyond. We even had an event when a B caught fire and burned. Elena, you don't have to plan one of those this year. Now we have a wonderful mix of people in our group. There are some of us who can share our experiences for guidance. The newer members keep the membership fresh and active. The group needs all of us.

It seems the club is taking its next step in development. More and more events are being planned each year. In the "good old days," it was a bit of a chore to get one event per month. Now we're looking at two, three, or more. This is great! If you're busy on a given day or you don't particularly care for one event, you have options. Still, as with everything else in life, we must be careful. The



MMGG President Alan Kelsey in earlier days (1971 according to the license plate.)

executive committee will be providing direction so we don't become a fractionalized entity, but rather we enjoy our diversities. One of the best tools we have is our fabulous newsletter. Thanks to Jon, Ken, Chris, Wayne, Rae, and the rest, we are informed and inspired every month. Now we can all get the newsletter earlier and in color! Just tell Jon you want to get it via email.

I'd love to say that my term would mean better events and sunnier skies. The truth is the fun we have is due to the number of friendly members who come and share a bit of who they are. You don't have to be the original owner of the first MG imported into this country (Edsel Ford) nor the owner of the last one (Henry Ford II), just come and enjoy yourself. Remember, owning an MG gives one many opportunities to feel an astounding sense of wonder and awe. -- Aawwwh, I wonder what's wrong with the car now!

Alan

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Other club officials for the 2003 year include:

Membership	Joe Olson	Regalia	Rich Leslie
New Member Coordinator	Wayne Soderbeck	Editor Newsletter	Jon Masley
Asst. Editor	Chris Sorenson	Publisher	Ken Malm
Photography Coordinators	Simon Bosworth	Web Master	Jim Pennoyer
	Diane Rindt		
Intermarque Council	Keith Galberth	Toolman	Dick Wallrich

The first order of business for our new president was to call for a round of applause to thank all the outgoing officers for their hard work and leadership. Stepping down from their duties were:

Dan Shidla, President, Simon Bosworth, Vice President, Jerry Strand, Treasurer & Mike Hirschman, Membership.

Constitution and Bylaws for the Minnesota MG Group

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be called the Minnesota MG Group or MMGG.

ARTICLE II

Purpose:

The Minnesota MG Group MMGG was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, maintenance and enjoyment of all MG cars. The club was originally organized for MGA, MGB, MGC and Midget enthusiasts but is also dedicated to all models of the marque.

ARTICLE III

Membership:

Section 1. Membership is open to any person who wants to enjoy the fellowship offered by the MG.

Section 2. MG car ownership is not necessary to be a member of the Minnesota MG Group. All persons who are willing to abide by the rules and regulations of these By-laws shall be entitled to membership in the Minnesota MG Group.

Section 3. The membership of the club shall never be limited to a given number of members.

Section 4. Membership shall be granted to anyone paying regular dues.

Section 5. Membership requires payment of annual dues to the MMGG Treasurer. ***Dues shall be set by the Executive Board as part of the budget process.*** Any person paying the required dues of ~~\$25.00~~ shall be granted membership with full rights and privileges. The membership year runs is from January 1st through December 31st. New members joining after August 31 of any given year shall be granted membership for the remainder of that year and the next year as well. Non payment of dues by May 31st will result in termination of membership. Current membership is easily determined by each member looking at their MMGG Gazette address label for the current year dues which have been paid for.

Section 6. All MMGG tools and equipment are available for use only by current members. The MMGG assumes no ~~accidental~~ liability ***in for personal injury or property damage arising from*** the use of the MMGG tools and equipment.

Section 7. Membership is within a household. Membership allows the participation in all club events. Each member will also receive the current MMGG Gazette.

ARTICLE IV

Officers:

Section 1. The government of the Minnesota MG Group shall be vested in the following elected Officers

who form the Executive Board:

President
 Vice President
 Treasurer
 Secretary
 Newsletter Editor
 Publisher
~~Photographer~~
 Regalia Coordinator ~~and Historian~~
~~Toolman~~
 Webmaster
 Immediate Past President

Section 2. A Minnesota MG Group Officer Position may be held by a husband/wife team.

Section 3. The President is the principal executive of the MMGG and shall preside at all Business and Officers meetings. The President shall be responsible for coordinating and scheduling the MMGG activities and or calendar of events.

Section 4. The Vice President shall support the President in all MMGG activities. In absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall handle all financial transactions for the Minnesota MG Group. The books/ records shall be kept in good order for an annual review by the elected officers. The treasurer shall report the finances in the MMGG Gazette on at least ~~a quarterly~~ **an annual** basis. The treasurer shall be responsible for keeping a current and accurate file of all MMGG memberships. The treasure is responsible for notifying members who are delinquent in dues no later than April 31st.

Section 6. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Business and Officers meetings. The minutes will be given to the MMGG editor for publication in the Gazette. The secretary shall also be the archive for the MMGG Constitution and By-Laws. The secretary will also direct the necessary correspondences with all national MG affiliations.

Section 7. The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for generating the Minnesota MG Group Gazette each month that the club has an activity scheduled.

Section 8. The Publisher shall be responsible for copying and distributing the Minnesota MG Group Gazette.

~~Section 9. The Photographer shall be responsible for attending all club activities to take photographs to be used for the MMGG Gazette and the Club Photo Album. The elected Photographer is responsible for finding an alternate if he or she can not attend an MMGG activity.~~

Section ~~9~~ **10**. The Regalia Coordinator is responsible for the generation and sales of all MMGG regalia.

~~Section 11. The Toolman shall be responsible for coordinating the use of all MMGG tools to MMGG~~

~~members. The toolman will also perform the necessary preventive maintenance to ensure the equipment is in good working order.~~

Article V

Election of MMGG Officers:

Section 1. At a business meeting in November the elected President shall present to the membership a slate of officers for the next election period.

Section 2. The term of office is two years *and commences upon election*.

Section 3. An officer may hold a position for no more than two consecutive terms or four years. A past officer may be re-elected after being out of a position for one term or two years.

Section 4. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast for an office shall be elected for that term or office.

Section 5. Any vacancy in office, except that of President, shall be filled by appointment of the President subject to approval by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

Finances:

Section 1. All dues and fees collected by the MMGG shall be disbursed for the expenses of the MMGG.

Section 2. The MMGG shall be required to maintain a bank checking account for monies received and disbursements.

Section 3. Expenditures over \$150.00 shall be approved by the ~~MMGG~~ *Executive* Board or member majority vote.

ARTICLE VII

Committee Chairs:

Committee Chairs shall be responsible for leading and coordinating special activities outside the standard Calendar of events. Committee Chairs will report their progress and activities to the ~~Officers at MMGG Business meetings~~ *Executive Board*.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments:

Section 1. The MMGG Constitution and by-laws may be amended or new by-laws adopted at any MMGG member business meeting by a two thirds majority vote of the members voting. The proposed change must be presented to the members in the MMGG Gazette prior to the adoption at the business meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Parliamentary Law:

"Roberts Rules of Order, Revised" shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

MMGG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Submitted by MMGG Member Phyllis Galberth

The MMGG Executive Board Planning Meeting was held on November 25th. The meeting agenda focused on the budget, event planning, and proposed changes to the club by-laws.

Meeting Highlights**Budget**

Established guidelines for event spending. Club members hosting events should contact vice president Elena Pierce or treasurer Joe Olson for information regarding expense planning for a specific event.

A motion was made and passed to set rates for commercial advertising in the newsletter. Effective with the March 2003 issues... commercial ads will run for a minimum of 6 months. Rates are as follows:

\$10 Business card size

\$20 1/4 page

\$30 1/2 page

A motion was made and passed to set an amount of \$200 to be used to assist the intermarque council.

A motion was made and passed to set an amount of \$200 for the 2003 advertising budget.

Changes were proposed regarding payment of annual dues. These changes are in the proposed changes of the by-laws printed in this issue.

Event Planning

Events for 2003 were discussed and a calendar was set with dates for events that have been scheduled. See calendar of events in this issue for details. Club members who would like to host an event should contact Elena Pierce.

Changes to the By-laws

The board discussed changes that are needed to the by-laws. The proposed changes are presented in this issue, starting on page 4. Voting on the proposed changes will be held at the holiday party in January.

Twenty Reasons to Drive your MG

Submitted by MMGG Member Jim Pennoyer

1. Exercise your God given freedom by driving and enjoying your classic British cars in your free country. A great way for British car owners to show that we've bounced back in full force and that we're proud of our freedom!
2. A great anti-virus technique. Less time at the computer and more time behind the wheel of your British car will greatly decrease your chances of acquiring one of those nasty computer viruses going around.
3. Meet some new friends. This is a no brainer. Getting out of the house will enable you to come in contact with other people.
4. Stir up the economy. There's no doubt that while you're getting your British car out of the garage for some great enjoyment, you'll eventually buy something.
5. Support your favorite British car related businesses and clubs. As with the above, getting your British car out for regular exercise will no doubt support these in some way, shape, or form.
6. Extend the life of your car. Very much like humans, it's not good for a car to sit idle without exercise. Seals dry up, tires go flat, petrol turns to varnish, and gaskets lose their resilience, causing more oil drippings on your nice clean garage floor!
7. Show your local government that classic cars are still very popular. If your local politicians feel that classic cars are on their way out, so much the better for them to try and sneak some new anti-smog policies. Show them we are not such a minority after all. We vote for those we feel will support our needs.
8. Spend some quality time with a good friend or loved one. Forget about your busy daily duties for a while and get your priorities straight. Don't neglect the one's you love, including your British car.
9. Get away from worldly things and relieve some stress. Forget about your worries for a while, and get away for an adventure in your British car. Whether it's just a spin around the block, or a day trip to a neat place you've never been, I guarantee you'll be glad you did it.
10. Educate the people around you. People are slowly losing touch with their past. Do your part to educate them about British cars from days gone by. A person cannot and will not become interested in a hobby they know nothing about.
11. Temporarily change your image. Put on a leather skullcap, racing goggles and driving gloves, and pretend you're a famous hill climber racing for the finish line. This is just a hunch, but you may want to do this one away from the public eye.
12. Spread good will toward others. While you're tooling around in your British car, look at the faces of people passing by. Most of you will notice some exciting looks. Depending on what you're driving and what you're wearing while driving, some of you may notice some VERY interesting looks!

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13. Prove to your nosey neighbors that you are not just an eccentric ol' pack rat. You do have some good use for all of that stuff crammed in your garage.
14. Clean up your environment. For many, rolling the British car out of the garage will cause movement of things blocking it in. This will most likely promote some activity at the trashcan or recycling center.
15. Lower your energy usage. Turn off the television, computer, stereo, Nintendo, lights, air conditioning, vacuum cleaner, microwave, ceiling fan, and lawn sprinkler. All of these things use more energy than ten gallons of petrol used in your British car. If you don't believe this, then just pretend.
16. Add some excitement to the streets. I don't know about you, but sometimes my daily drive in my everyday box-on-wheels gets pretty boring. But when I see a neat British car driving down the road, it perks me up. Do your part to help improve your surroundings.
17. Increase your heart rate for improved health. Medical studies show that as with aerobic exercise, increasing your heart rate for at least thirty minutes per day will greatly increase your health. My heart rate always increases while sitting behind the wheel of my British car, and I'm sure yours will too!
18. Keep away from the things that keep you away. I won't go into detail, but couch and computer potatoes may not fit into their bucket seats if they spend too much time away from their cars.
19. Breed happiness and improve your attitude at your work place. Driving your British car to work during the week will of course increase your yearning to leave work for the day, but it will also greatly increase your yearning to wake up in the morning and drive to work. Your happy attitude will most likely last the entire day and shower itself upon others who are forced to drive their less desirable cars to work.
20. The most obvious reason for driving your British cars is because they provide us with so much pleasure that they deserve our undivided attention once in a while. Do it for all the people of the past and present who have worked so hard to bring these cherished automobiles into this world and for those who help us maintain them to help make the world a better place for all of us to live.

REGALIA UPDATE

We now have a web site to view all the merchandise available for our club to purchase. The web site address is ***amaril.com***. We are currently looking at polo shirts, including some special requests for different colors to match owners' cars. On the web site, under the Tri-Mountain Collection, you will find three styles we are going to start taking orders for. I will be placing an order in the middle of March. The styles are 102, 105 and 106. There are 16 colors to choose from. There are a few shirt colors that our logo will not look good on. I have left this up to the professionals making our shirts to decide which ones need to be altered to different colors for our logo. I will let you know in advance if you would be affected by this. The prices will be what are advertised on the web plus \$5.00 for logo and \$3.00 for name. I'll always have them round off to the even dollar so I don't have to deal with change.

If you have any questions please call me. Rich Leslie **763-754-2965**

Member Profile

Submitted by MMGG Member's Glenn and Annette Fisher

MMGG Member Profile Al and Sharon Kelsey

"There wasn't anything better than that!" says our new MMGG President, Al Kelsey, about his first taste of a sports car. Al was just eleven years old and on a trip to Europe with his Mother. They had met up with cousins in Sweden, one of whom gave Al a ride in his Saab Sonet.

From that moment, Al started noticing the cars that would become a lifetime passion. Through his high school years, he noticed Triumphs, Fiat Spiders – all kinds of sports cars. But his parents were wise about staying away from the (really) unreliable ones. He had seen MGs but never had a chance to get in one.

Then, his chance came. During the summer after his high school graduation, Al had a job that took him all around the Twin Cities. One day, he was in White Bear and passed a "little dinky car lot" with several new MGs. Al talked his father into going to look at the cars and they brought home a shiny new, green, MGB. The price? Not much more than his dad's used, Ford Bronco!

That same year, Al met his future wife, Sharon, at St. Olaf College where they were both students. His devotion to his new love couldn't have been better demonstrated than by using his beloved green "B" to teach her to drive a stick shift.

They married four years later and soon found that an MGB just wasn't a very practical car for a young couple. So the car was sold. But they continued to hope that, someday, they would again have an MG in their lives. Seventeen years would pass before they fulfilled their dream.

In 1987, for his birthday present, Sharon took Al to an MGT event at the Eden Prairie Center. Their desire for another "B" increased and as they talked to

the owners of the cars on display and when they learned that a dealer in Hudson, WI had an MGB. The Kelsey's got really excited and went to look at the car. It had only 4,800 miles on it. "We paid way too much for it. But, so what, it was in really great shape." says Al who become the third owner of the 1980 MGB. "It was built in March, 1980 and I've seen only one that is newer."

But even though all the parts are original, Al laments that he can't enter the car in concours competitions. "There aren't two hose clips in the engine that are the same. But we know there were many variations in cars as they came off the line. Ours is more original than the ones that win, but we can't enter."

The Kelsey's had great times with their rubber bumper "B" but Al continued to be nostalgic for his green 1970 with a split rear, chrome bumper. He let friends in the MMGG know he wanted one and got a lead on a "clean" one. When he called the owner, Al insisted right up front that he didn't want rust.

"Oh, no, no, no. There's no rust."

He also asked whether it had ever been in an accident. "Oh, no, no, no. There's a broken windshield – but that's because I had it in a parade and the guy who was riding in the passenger seat was really big and broke it when he got out."

"Does it run?"

"Oh, yes, yes, yes."

So, with a trailer in tow, Al, his brother, and Sharon set off for Trotsky, MN near the South Dakota border. But disappointment was all that waited for them.

Under the car's floor mats – rust – "you could see

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the ground." Under the bonnet – rust from front to back. It had absolutely been in an accident because the whole front "was like the ocean on a windy day." Engine parts were in a box. Remembering that the owner told him the car was drivable; Al asked, "How well does it run ...without carburetors?!"

But only a couple of months after returning home empty handed from Trotsky, they found another 1970 MGB in South St. Paul. This car turned out to be in very, very good shape and Al finally fulfilled his dream of replacing his first "B".

When asked if he's the "mechanic" for his two MGBs, Al laughed heartily and gave an emphatic "NO!" But this turned out to be false modesty because Al and Sharon have, among other major and minor repairs, together removed the 1970's engine, painted the engine compartment and trunk (twice), and replaced the engine and transmission with lots of help from MG friends!

Our new club President and his wife have been

members of the MMGG since 1987. Al thinks they received the very first newsletter. He also thinks that the first meeting they attended was only the club's third. When he and Sharon arrived at John Eaton's home for that meeting they were overwhelmed by the FIVE cars in the driveway. "We didn't think we would ever see that many MGs in one place." By the time the meeting had ended, there were TWENTY cars so they lined them up around the cul-de-sac and took photographs to document the occasion.

Al has continued to enjoy his MG and the MMGG ever since. In fact, his main goal as club President is to make sure we all have many opportunities to enjoy our cars through the club. Balancing the budget will be a challenge. But even still, Al wants to assure that there are a couple events each month – either sponsored by the MMGG or with other clubs.

"Let's not worry about things that aren't reality. Let's just have fun."

There isn't anything better than that!

Important Facts

Did you hear about the Lucas powered torpedo - It sank!

It's not true that Lucas, in 1947, tried to get Parliament to repeal Ohm's Law. They withdrew their efforts when they meet too much resistance.

Did you hear the one about the guy that peeked into an MG and asked the owner "How can you tell one switch from another at night, as they all look the same ?" "The owner replied, "Who cares? Nothing happens anyway!"

Back in the 70's, Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered which did not suck.

Alexander Graham Bell invented the Telephone, Thomas Edison invented the Light Bulb, Joseph Lucas invented the Short Circuit.

Recommended procedure before taking on a repair of Lucas equipment: Check the position of the stars, kill a chicken and walk three times sunwise around your car chanting: " Oh mighty Prince of Darkness protect your unworthy servant."

Lucas systems actually uses AC current; it just has a random frequency that's all.

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, 2003 **British Built Cars.** Informal car show **every Sunday, May 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.
- January 4, 2003 **Annual Holiday Party and MG Bucks Auction.** Hosted by Simon and Lorna Bosworth and Al and Sharon Kelsey. Location 3M's Tartan Park Club House. 6 P.M. Social hour. 7 P.M. Dinner. Time to get crazy with our MG Bucks.
- January 15-19, 2003 **Barrett Jackson Classic Car Auction.** Scottsdale, Arizona. For information go to <http://www.barrett-jackson.com>.
- February 15, 2003 **Tech Session.** More detail to come. Contact Rich Leslie at 763-754-2965.
- February 23, 2003 **British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble.** Sponsored by the Chicagoland MG Club, this event is held at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, Il. Time is 8 AM to 3 PM. For more information contact Jim Evans at 630-858-8192 or Dave Mullis at 630-916-7358 or on the web at www.britishcarswap.info.
- March 15, 2003 **Kickoff Brunch.** "My Big Fat Greek Kickoff Bunch" at Santorini's Taverna and Grill in Golden Valley. The Village Room is reserved and we will drink our coffee under the grape-covered pergola! Cost will be \$17.50 a person. Contact Elena Pierce at 651-777-8088. OPA!!!!
- April ?, 2003 **Tech Session at Midwest Motor Sports.** More detail to come. Contact Dan Iberg at 320-252-0598 or www.danielmms@aol.com.
- May 18, 2003 **Intermarque Spring Banquet and Car Show** at Sherlock's Home, Minnetonka, Mn. Hosted by the Intermarque Council. Details to follow.
- June 5-8, 2003 **The Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous.** Annual rendezvous will be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Canada. The 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.tbvscc.ca.
- June 19-22, 2003 **MG2003** North American MGB Register, St. Louis, MO. More information at www.british-cars.org.uk/kimber/nambr.
- June 20-22, 2003 **Silverstone, England.** Some MMGG members are going to the races in Silverstone. Then be tourists. Interested? Contact Jon Masley 651-779-8605 or Elena Pierce 651-777-8088.
- July 5, 2003 **Vintage Voyagers "Original" Blast from the Past Car Show.** Held in Chetek, Wisconsin (73.0 miles from Hudson). Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt. Starts at 9:00 am and you can enjoy food, crafts, music and a great car show with a foreign car class! Following the car show join Steve and Diane for a scenic drive through North Western Wisconsin to the supper destination, "Foster's River View Inn" for a Prime Rib and Seafood buffet. (Continued on page 13).

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- Head home from there or stay the night at Country Inn & Suites in Chippewa Falls (715-720-1414). Tell them you are with the MMGG for the special room rate of \$72.00. Make your reservations by June 5th. Contact Steve and Diane for more information. 715-832-8316 or sdrindt@msn.com.
- July 14-18, 2003 **GT28 North American MGA Register Get Together**, Welches, Oregon. Hosted by the Columbia Gorge MGA Club. Info: Pat & Kenny Snyder 360-263-4047; Mark Hadley 503-771-7576 or markhadley@aol.com, or www.british-cars.org.uk/kimber/namgar.
- July 17-20, 2003 **Brian Redman International Challenge** at Road America, Elkhart Lakes, Wisconsin. Vintage cars featuring CAN-AM. For more information www.roadamerica.com.
- July 26, 2003 **Rally in the Valley**, a.k.a. Chippewa Falls Road Trip. Kicks off in Chippewa Falls Wisconsin (72.0 miles from Hudson). Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt. Join us in a tour of the Legendary Leinenkugel Brewery. Then enjoy a good old-fashioned Poker Run as we twist and turn our way through the beautiful back roads of Wisconsin to our dinner destination. Prizes will be awarded. Head home from there or stay the night for Natter & Nogging at the Country Inn & Suite in Chippewa Falls (715-720-1414). Tell them your with the MMGG for the special room rate of \$72.00 & make your reservations by June 26th. Contact Steve & Diane for more information (sdrindt@msn.com) or call (715-832-8316).
- August 9, 2003 **Ellingson's Swap Meet and Car Show**. Ellingson;s Auto Museum, I-94 and highway 101 in Rogers, Minnesota. Hosted by MMGG members Phil and Darcy Vanner; Jim and Cindy Pennoyer; Brian and Jennifer McCullough. This might become an Intermarque event. More detail as it becomes available.
- August 21-24, 2003 **Road America 500, the American Le Mans Series**. At Elkhart Lakes, Wisconsin. See their web site at www.roadamerica.com.
- September 6, 2003 **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 12, 2003 **North St. Paul Car Show** and "Pierce's" Bar and Grill. Meet in downtown North St. Paul anytime after 5 P.M. Plenty of food vendors on the street, plus local restaurants. Bring your lawn chair. Later continue the gathering at Elena Pierce's home. Call Elena for information at 651-777-8088.
- September 19-21, 2003 **Elkhart Lake Vintage Fall Festival** presented by VSCDA (Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association). Featured marque not available at this time. See the VSCDA web site for more information (www.vscda.org).
- October 4, 2003 **Fall Colour Tour**.
- November 15, 2003 **Annual Business Meeting**.
- December, 2003 **Open**
- January 24, 2004 **Annual Holiday Party and MG Bucks Auction**. Hosted by Phyllis and Keith Galberth and Jim and Cindy Pennoyer. More details later.

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.

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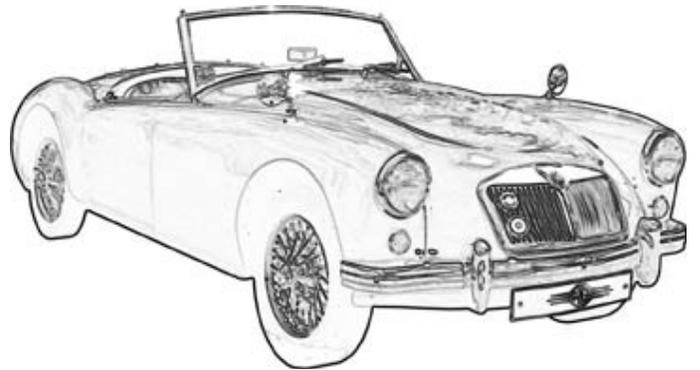
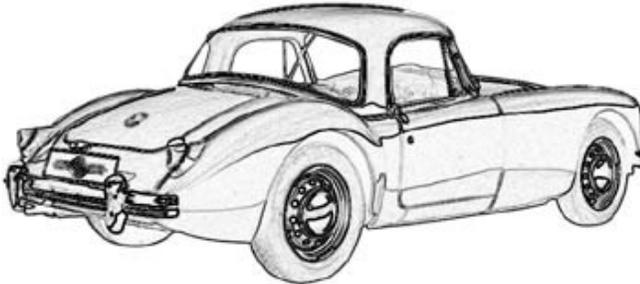
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Wanted: MGB Aluminum Hood. Any color, now wrinkles. Call me with details please.
Steve Nichols at 763-427-2931

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October 2002

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January, 2003

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