



GAZETTE

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Kickoff Brunch at Santorini's

Submitted by MMGG Member Elena Pierce

Winter getting ya down? Are you anxiously contemplating taking the dust cover off of your roadster? Well, don't let the "Ides of March" get to ya!!! Join your MG friends for our annual kickoff gathering. This year we'll be having "**My Big Fat Greek Kickoff Brunch**" at Santorini's Taverna and Grill near the border of Saint Louis Park and Minnetonka. Plan to join your MG friends for a fabulous brunch buffet orchestrated by owner Tony Nicklow.

The beautiful Village Room has been reserved for our group where we will drink our coffee and feast under the grape-covered pergola. You'll really feel like you're visiting the island of Santorini! Cost for the Greek brunch will be \$17.50 a person. Advance reservations are required. Make check payable to MMGG and send to Elena Pierce, 2460 E. Skillman Avenue, North St. Paul, MN 55109 by Monday, March 10. Questions? Call Elena at 651-777-8088.

Directions to Santorini's: From downtown Minneapolis take I394 W to Hopkins Crossroad exit. Take a right at the end of the ramp and then another right onto the North Frontage road. This will become Wayzata Boulevard. Follow back for 1/2 mile to Santorini's entrance (just before big Interchange tower).

OPA, OPA!!!!

Don't forget!! "**My Big Fat Greek Kickoff Brunch**" at Santorini's

Date: Saturday, March 15, 2003

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Cost: \$17.50 - Reservations to Elena Pierce by March 10

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The Oil on the Dipstick

By MMGG President Alan Kelsey

Every year about this time MMGG members are not only thinking about getting those little cars out, but we're planning routes, checking our calendars, making wish lists of parts, and stocking up on oil. Perhaps the most common March greeting is, "It won't be long now!"

The February tech session gave us some good tips on bodywork and maintenance. I found some other suggestions on the Internet:

Scratches, How To Avoid Them or At The Very Least, Cover Them Up

1. Anything that comes in contact with your car's finish should be soft. Harsh or rough surfaces

should be avoided. Always shave before kissing your car goodnight.

2. Use only clean, freshly washed towels to dry or to apply materials to the surface of your car. Your wife's new cotton dress would probably be softer.

3. Rinse the sponges or wash mitts and the wash bucket thoroughly before and after you wash your car. Don't worry about the grease, just toss them into the washing machine the next time you're doing the laundry.

4. Use a gentle stream of water when rinsing. Using high water pressure from the hose will cause dirt to grind into the paint, causing scratches. A 24,000

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psi pressure washer might be a bit much.

5. Use generous amounts of water when rinsing. Scratch causing dirt particles will tend to float if enough water is used. When in doubt, drive your car into a lake.

With our Holiday Party and February tech session behind us, the next big decision is if we can possibly drive the "Lucas-mobile" to the March Kick-off Brunch. Oh sure, there's still the memory of snow in the air, but we can keep warm (if we can find enough blankets and mittens). The brunch is a great time to get reacquainted and talk about what maintenance you're planning *this* year.

As we move ever onward to the next driving season, remember the lessons of the past. When you take your car out of storage, don't forget to look for the winter "boarders," those furry little guests who can make a nest almost anywhere.

I took the 80 off the jack stands one spring, started it up with no problems and headed toward the road only to find I had no brakes. At least it rolled well.

Some parts will tighten up, others will loosen up over winter. If it looks like rain, take a towel, even if it's a GT.

Remember, an MG owner is someone who, for some unknown reason, just has to go out and repair something from time to time.

Alan Kelsey

Sherlock's Home Closed January 1, 2003.

Sunday afternoon's watering hole and informal car show gathering spot, Sherlock's Home, located in Minnetonka, Minnesota, closed January 1. No news about new owners, future plans, etc. We will advise if and when a replacement location is established. Do you have any ideas? Brits Pub and The Local have been thrown out. Advise club president Alan Kelsey or our Intermarque representative Keith Galberth with your suggestions. See ya soon.

Barrett-Jackson What is it?

Submitted by MMGG Member Jon Masley

Actually it is the Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction, held in Scottsdale, Arizona. I was just getting back into cars about 5 years ago, when I joined this club. About a year after I was a member, Larry and Barb Henle commented about the Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction in Scottsdale. Huh, I replied. Larry proceeded to tell me this was the premier classic car auction in the USA. Held over a 4-day period, hundreds and hundreds of cars go on the auction block, some with minimum reserves established by the owner, others without any reserve. The highest bid gets them. Sounded like a fun thing to see. Each year since then, Larry and Barb have provided readers of the Gazette with a short synopsis of the event. They visit children and grandchildren in Arizona and make it a point to visit Barrett-Jackson.

WELL, this year I had the chance to attend this event. Friends in Scottsdale invited me down to enjoy WARM weather. I coordinated my trip to see the auction and intentionally left my checkbook at home. Folks, this is an event I hope you can someday see. Row upon row upon row of pretty cars. You can speak with the owners who enjoy telling you everything about their fine car(s).

I noticed our friends at Ellingson's brought down 7 to 9 cars for the auction. Baseball player Reggie Jackson was selling of a number of his cars, as was actor Don Johnson. I notice a number of older MG's (late 40's to early 50's), plus some MGA's. I only saw one 79 MGB LE. A number of Austin-Healey 3000's, a A-H 100-6, and a few Jaguar XK-120's, 150's. Plenty of Italian cars as well. The bulk of the vehicles were American. I'm still looking for that 55 Chevrolet I can afford.

I took a number of pictures and some are in this months Gazette. Hope you enjoy them.

Safety Fast!

Member Profile

Submitted by MMGG Member's Glenn and Annette Fisher

Rich and Deb Leslie

"We just wanted a dependable car that we could drive with no problems" Rich and Deb Leslie told us. So when looking for their first MG three years ago, they kept meticulous notes on the condition of each of the 25 cars they considered buying. But the prospects weren't very promising.

Then, they saw a "For Sale" ad in the newspaper for a "showroom quality" 1979 MGB in Des Moines Iowa. The asking price was a steep \$10,000 but the car had only 34,000 miles on it. Several MMGG Club experts had coached the Leslies on what good and bad things to look out for, one of who advised them that "few MGB's are worth more than \$5,000 to \$6,000." Rich and Deb decided to have a look anyway and on a quick trip to Iowa in the spring of 2000 they saw a spotless car that hadn't been driven much in the previous few years.

Expecting to continue their tenacious research, they returned home without the car – they would keep looking and learning at MG2000 in Cleveland. But the buying bug must have bitten because just a few weeks before the MG meet; Rich made an offer of half the asking price and acquired the family's first MGB.

As it turns out, the car was really "coming home" because the very first owner had purchased it from Hansord Pontiac in Minneapolis. And, it came home in near original condition. Only tires and the clutch had been replaced. "We just cleaned it up and drove it."

But there is a curious paradox between Rich's desire for a car that doesn't need attention and the contents of the 5 bays of his garages. In reality, the Leslie family – Rich, Deb and sons Mike and Brian – are pathological tinkerers. Each has a vehicle "project" underway.

Apparently this family history of tinkering with

cars goes back to Rich's high school days. He and his two younger brothers worked on their family cars – changing parts, rebuilding engines and transmissions and even repainting. "We never paid anyone to do anything and we learned a lot about cars," says Rich.

In fact, it was a family car project that started the quest for an MG. Rich and Deb had bought a Volkswagen for their youngest son to work on and decided that they deserved something fun too. A high school friend had owned an MG and Rich's cousins in California had TR3s and TR4s. This led to the successful search for the MG.

Even though they had found a perfect and dependable MGB, it still had to serve as a project so Rich decided to install an overdrive transmission. Deb's professional experience in bringing avionics from all over the world to her employer's Twin Cities repair facility made it possible to buy the OD transmission on eBay from a seller in Britain. Rich didn't complete the installation until last spring - just hours before he and Deb drove the car to the MG2002 in Dallas. (The transmission oil had to be changed twice in hotel parking lots along the way but not a drop of oil was left behind!)

But, going back in time to the MG2000 meet in Cleveland -- Deb, who had never even heard of an MG before, fell in love with the look of the MGA at that event.

The meticulous research that began again – this time for an MGA – culminated just last summer when they learned of an ad in the MMGG Newsletter from a Member in Faribault. When the Leslies went to see the seller, they found two cars in the process of becoming one. It took 7 pickup truck loads to bring all the parts back to their home.

It seems that Rich and Deb have found a project for the next three to four years. They are still sorting

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through box after box of car parts to see what they have – and what's missing. But they have already picked out the colors for the car. Showing us the floor tile-size color chips, Deb told us with a smile that "no one else has a tyrolite green with gray interior."

The Leslies dream about the day their 1960 MGA Coupe project is finished. "Maybe when we retire, we'll get a big RV and trailer. Sometimes we'll take the MGB and other times we'll take the MGA."

They just want another dependable car to take on the longer drives to British sports car events.

Help Name Curt's New Car

Submitted by MMGG Member Curt Carlson (nice car Curt!)

By the way, I have now finally finished my '72 MG Midget project. I hauled it from ND on September 9, 2001 and began disassembly on 9/15/01. I brought it home Sunday 1/12/03.

I rented shop space from Steve Rixen (MG club member) who owns "Strictly British" a British car repair business in Hudson, Wisconsin. Steve was my "mentor" as I worked on my first ever frame-off restoration. Every nut and bolt on the car was removed, cleaned, refreshed, and reassembled. The car spent much of it's time upside-down on a homemade rotisserie as new floorboards and other panels were welded in place.



The entire car was sandblasted to bare metal and a shiny new paint job in (GN25) Light British Racing Green was applied. The car has been restored back to completely stock with only 3 exceptions. The front bumper was discarded and replaced with Bugeye Bumperettes to emulate the "split bumper look on the rear. The rocker panels remain as body colour instead of black as original, and the car has been lowered and stiffened by 1" for better suspension response.



The new car is at home in my garage next to it's sister "Gerty"; my 1966 AH Sprite. Naming suggestions are being accepted at curtis.carlson@na.teleatlas.com.

I look forward to FINALLY being an (MG owning) member of the Minnesota MG Group! Curt.

May Vintage Race in Brainerd

Submitted by Lloyd Shields of the Minnesota Morgan Club

I am forwarding this information from Rich & Liz Stadther. Please let as many car people know about this as possible--try to attend.

Regards,

Lloyd Shields
Minnesota Morgan

Hello Lloyd and Mary!

Attached is an item Rich and I wrote on the May vintage race at Brainerd. If you have some space for it in the Morgan newsletter, we'd really appreciate your putting it in. We are actively promoting the event to the various car clubs this year. People can come up to check out vintage racing, take a track tour, or just hang out for a laid-back car weekend.

I'm also attaching an event flyer. Let me know if you have trouble reading either. If you went to the Inter-Marque meeting on Saturday, you probably have a flyer from Steve Bjelke of our race group.

Thanks a lot. Stay warm!

Liz

VSCR Invites Car Clubs to the 2003 Donnybrooke Vintage Revival

Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR) invites all vintage car enthusiasts to the Donnybrooke Vintage Revival at the historic Donnybrooke International Raceway (now Brainerd International Raceway) in Brainerd, Minnesota on May 16-18. Along with vintage racing, there will be track tours available (at moderate speed). The North Star BMW Car Club's performance driving school will be at the track as well (www.northstarbmw.org). Camping is available at the track Friday and Saturday nights, and those attending are welcome to join us for our traditional post-race party on Saturday. For more information see the VSCR web site at www.vscr.org or call Rich and Liz Stadther at (651) 698-1981.

VSCR will also host on-track events at the Minnesota Highway Safety Center near St. Cloud the second Saturday of the month starting in May. These are not races, but offer a safe environment for those wishing to drive on a track. Get a taste of driving a road course, improve your driving skills or test your sports car. Entrants need a helmet and seat belt, plus a rollbar for open cars. You needn't be a vintage racer to join the fun! Instruction is available for newcomers. Check out the web site for more details, or call Bill Groschen at 952-746-8880.

VSCR is a group whose interests are in spirited racing and the preservation of vintage and historic sports and race cars. We race for fun and for camaraderie, not for trophies and championships.

Editors Note: The flyer is not in this issue of the Minnesota MG Group Gazette.

This and That

MGB Keys

Submitted by MMGG Member Todd Wyatt

I am in the midst of restoration of a 74 BGT. When purchased the only key provided for the car was for the ignition. Lock box, rear hatch, and door keys were missing. Thanks to a flyer I stumbled across from britishcarkeys.com (Peter Groh e-mail petegroh@yahoo.com) the problem was quickly and economically solved. All Pete requires is the 3-digit code stamped on the backside of the lock plus the vehicle description. He supplies both British or American key blanks, British costing just a few bucks more. Pete is one of many fine examples of people involved with the British car business/hobby more for the love than the money.

MGB's on TV

Submitted by MMGG Member Jeff Halston

Hi, perhaps you may wish to pass this message on. I have, while channel surfing, seen two episodes of the new Outer Limits on channel 23, and both times they have had an MGB on their show. Last weekend, it was a white MGB in a car chase with a maroon van. The previous time it was a red-orange MGB. For what it's worth. Jeff Halston

MMGG on YAHOO.com

Submitted by MMGG Member Joe Olson

I've set up a user group at Yahoo.com through which members of the Minnesota MG Group (and other LBC lovers) can rapidly communicate.

<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/MMGG>

Ok members, go out and give it a try. Start this up. Have suggestions? Give Joe a call. Share your knowledge!

Wire Wheel Service

Submitted by MMGG Members Larry and Barb Henle

Without writing a book, very simply put I sent a wire wheel to John Blake of JB's Wire Wheels for service. It was very badly out of balance and very wobbly...he got it back into round and nicely balanced. I WAS VERY, VERY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS. He did a bunch of stuff, truing, balance, replaced 8 spokes...total cost \$64. Shipping with the tire on the wheel was about \$50 round trip. This was much, much cheaper than a new wheel. Maybe some of our members would like to know a bout this service! Larry.

JB's Wire Wheels, 1770 A Jose Avenue, Santa Cruz, Ca.
95062; 831-465-0617 or 831-239-6002 cell.

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 at **763-754-2965**



Jaguar Club of Minnesota

3RD ANNUAL CLASSIC GO-CART CHALLENGE



Organized by **Jaguar Club of Minnesota • Open to All Classic European Car Clubs**

Saturday March 22nd. All drivers need to be at the track by 8:15 am. Racing begins at 9:00 am and goes to 11:00 am, coffee & rolls will be provided at registration. Awards will be held during lunch at Tasty Pizza restaurant immediately after the event

Event will be limited to 50 drivers, 10 drivers per heat. Fastest lap times will determine grid positions for each heat. Each heat group assignment will be based upon prior experience. **Reassignment** of drivers to a particular group will **not** be allowed. All club members are welcome to support their drivers.

Event is limited to licensed drivers. Helmets provided, personal helmets with face shield DOT approved. Drivers waiver required.

ProKart Indoors - 1201 97th Ave., NE (Hwy 65), Blaine, MN - 763-717-3582. (West of 35W and north of new Hwy. 10.) Track has been widened from previous years to allow easier passing.

Awards - Join us for lunch & awards at Tasty Pizza, 11822 Hwy 65, 763-755-5080. (From ProKart Indoors north on 65, cross 109th Avenue, right on Cloud Drive.) Reservation required.

Participants are considered signed up when their checks are received. No cancellations. Drivers must find alternate in event of being unable to drive. **NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**

Very popular event - register early.

Please make checks out to: **Jaguar Club of Minnesota.**

Send your checks to:

Jaguar Club of Minnesota, c/o Peter Griffin, 5045 Chowen Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55410

For questions call: **Peter Griffin 612-922-3917.**

Driver #1 (\$33.00 per driver)

Name _____ Prior Experience _____ Prior Go-Cart Challenge _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____
 E-mail _____ Club Membership _____

Driver #2 (\$33.00 per driver)

Name _____ Prior Experience _____ Prior Go-Cart Challenge _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____
 E-mail _____ Club Membership _____

Number of People Attending Lunch & Awards _____

If you're late you won't get to race!

New BMC Shop Space

To all our friends,

We have heard rumors that we were thought to have gone into hiding, or maybe that rumor was that we lost interest or fell off the edge. You know, Where the sidewalk ends? That wasn't it at all. Jennifer and I spent the majority of the year 2002 building our new home and shop to the way we wanted it for our family and business. Well, we are finally in our new home and shop. We've actually lived in the house for quite a while, but now the shop space has been completed and I am now working out if it.

We, as British auto fanatics, see the exteriors of our automobiles and enjoy the pleasing appearances and can appreciate the comforts, or lack thereof interiors. However, unlike the average "cars are appliances" consumer of today, we also enjoy the inner workings of, or "mechanicals" of our vehicles. Since I spent a good amount of time building a new home and shop, I figure speaking on the mechanical value of the shop is worthwhile.

Instead of standard slab on grade, we chose to place this building on a proper foundation making it less susceptible to frost heaves and other issues for the sometimes harsh Minnesota winters. The frame was built out of 2x4 construction and hauled in as a panelized system, thereby making it possible to put all the walls up in one day with a two man crew-my builder Alan Kortan and myself. This was also far better for less energy waste than a steel building or most other styles would have to offer us. The office and restroom walls were framed and electrified and partially sheet rocked and make great storage space until time comes to complete these areas.

The ceiling was designed for T8 energy efficient eight foot fluorescents, that will be installed at a later date. The shop is heated by in floor heat for the best efficiency. Jim Pennoyer of MMGG fame and MGA owner, designed, built and installed the floor heat control panel which is flawless and incredibly quiet. Floor heat was also a great item to install in a building with a ceiling at 10'6" where a

standard furnace would produce heat at the ceiling and keep the floor to nearly freezing temperatures. I have also designed for a future air conditioner in the ceiling. Heat goes up. Cool rains down. Now there's a concept!

The interior has been painted semi-gloss white by James Madson's company, Fillmore Associates. We chose semi-gloss because it wipes up easy and will have a tendency to reflect more light. Jim is also a member of the MMGG and MMPEAPSHA clubs and has several wonderful cars to boot. The outlets were placed at six foot intervals with enough 220v outlets to run equipment anywhere in the shop. There are category 5e computer Data wire, telephone, and speaker wiring running to more locations in the shop and into the house than most new houses of more sizable square footage have today! So although it may be considered small like LBCs (Little British Cars), it is anything but technically challenged. It is possible work on five or six LBCs at a time comfortably, even when you include the space built for the office, restroom and all the equipment. If you want to know what the exterior looks like, you'll have to be the judge of that!

Thank you to All who gave patients in projects, input and/or time into our "little" project, we might just have time now to get some work done and go back to some meets!

-Brian and Jennifer Mc Cullough.

P.S.- Jennifer likes "her" house too.

BMC

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Editors note: See Brians ad on page 14

Vehicle Facts

The Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association reports that there are more than 400 million cars in use around the world, and one out of every three cars is owned by an American. The United States is the largest car market in the world, Canada is second and Australia is third.

September 2002.

Barrett-Jackson

Submitted by MMGG Members Larry and Barb Henle

Jon, I was somewhat worried when you told us that you would be there. With all the bragging that I have done over the years about this event I thought maybe that you would be disappointed. Maybe not? (*Definitely not disappointed-ed.*) Hope you had a good time. This is about the 5th year Barb and I have been there and it was better then ever. The top selling car was a 1967 Ford GT 40 Mark 1 and the gavel dropped at \$347,760. I didn't think the MG cars that were there were too sharp compared to other years. But, there was a 1961 MGA coupe that went for \$11,880 and a 1977 MGB Roadster that was turned loose for only \$2,268. This car was not too sharp and would require a ton of bucks to restore.



Since the auction, it was announced that the star vehicle has in fact been sold for \$1.1 Million. The 1957 Jaguar XKSS Roadster crossed the auction podium on Saturday and the tense bidding on this historic car reached \$950,000 but did not reach the reserve price set on the car by the owner. Then after days of negotiating by Barrett/Jackson staff and the owner, a deal was stuck. This is kind of how it all works. If the car doesn't sell at the auction

great efforts are made to close a deal after the sale. This rare car is one of sixteen originally built and with its extensive historical records was considered to be one of the most original and documented of all the XKSS cars. During this 4-day event more than 170,000 people attended so Jon if you felt crowded...you were.

Greetings to all, Safety fast,
Larry and Barb Henle





Our February 15th Tech Session Was Very Successful

Submitted By MMGG Member Jon Masley

Thanks to Rich and Deb Leslie, we had a very informative tech session Saturday, February 15, 2002.

After a hearty breakfast at Embers, we moved to *Precision Paint & Rust Removers, Inc.*, located at 2415 West Industrial Blvd., Long Lake, Minnesota, 55356 (952-476-4545). Owner Kirby McLaughlin gave us a great tour of the shop and allowed plenty of time for our questions.

We heard about environment issues related to this work, and the challenges faced by his technicians. Outside, a shell of a 58 T-Bird sat, a testimonial to a project that should not have been started. Kirby indicated meetings with owners are critical in deciding whether to continue with a project, or abandon it, based on what is discovered in the stripping process. Some cars are just too far gone and it makes no financial sense to continue a restoration process.

After the tech session, we were free to roam around the shop, ask further questions, and eat pizza. Thanks to Kirby McLaughlin, as well as Rich and Deb Leslie, for putting on a great tech session.



Owner Kirby McLaughlin answers questions from MMGG members whose inquiring minds want to know.

Calendar of Events

Let's have some fun!

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.

- 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!!!!
- March 22, 2003 **2003 Intermarque Go Kart Challenge.** Sponsored by the Minnesota Jaguar Club. Location Pro Kart Indoors in Blaine, Mn. 8 to 9 orientation. 9 to 11 track time. Coffee and rolls provided. Lunch and awards at Noon. Limited to licensed drivers. Entry fee \$33.00. An the karts are *fast!* For more information call Peter Griffin at 612-922-3917 or email him at pgrif888@aol.com.
- April 26, 2003 **Tech Session at Midwest Motor Sports.** More details to come. Similar to last year but without snow. Contact Dan Iberg at 320-252-0598 or www.danielmms@aol.com.
- May 16-18, 2003 **Donnybrooke Vintage Revival.** Sponsored by Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR) in Brainerd, Mn. Contact Rich or Liz Stadther at 651-698-1981 or www.vscr.org. See further information in the March issue of the Gazette.
- May 18, 2003 **Intermarque Spring Banquet and Car Show.** Hosted by the Intermarque Council. Details to follow.
- May 24 to June 1, 2003 **British Car Week.** You are suppose to drive your car everyday this week. Just do it!
- 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 19-22, 2003 **MSRA Back to the 50's.** Held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, Falcon Heights, Mn. Mostly American cars and street rods, but some British. Good show! For more information www.msra.com.
- 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. 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 22-24, 2003 **GOF Central** hosted by the Milwaukee & Greatlakes MG Motorcar Group (MGMGMG) in Delavan, Wi. (SE corner of Wisc.). The 25th year Gathering Of the Faithful. Host hotel is the newly renovated Lake Lawn Resort. For more information call Kristi Mirocha at 262-786-6763 or email her at mirocha@execpc.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 AmericInn Motel in Chippewa Falls (715-723-5711). Tell them you are with the MMGG for the special room rate of \$89.10 & 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**.
- January 24, 2004 **Annual Holiday Party and MG Bucks Auction**. Hosted by Phyllis and Keith Galberth and Jim and Cindy Pennoyer. More details later.
- July 23 & 24, 2004 **Ralley in the Valley, 2004**. Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt, stay two days at Paradise Shores, enjoying the resort, driving beautiful country roads, visiting Al Capone's Hide Out in Hayward, Wisconsin and of course, enjoying good food and friends. Contact Steve or Diane at sdrindt@msn.com) or call (715-832-8316) for more information. Need an early commitment if you want a room.

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 bull-horns, 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

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MGA - Mike Hirschman 763/391-5769

MGB - Randy Byboth 952/936-9335

Midgets - Brian McCullough 651/462-0145

Bodywork - Open

More For Sale

For Sale: 1959 MGA Roadster. I purchased this car 20 years ago and it has been sitting ever since. It is in rough shape but one piece. I also have a 1800 MGB engine that I picked up along the way. \$2,000 for the MGA. Make me an offer on the MGB engine. Mike Guthrie in Red Wing, Minnesota. 1-651-388-8118 or email at guthrie@redwing.net.

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Wanted: MGB Aluminum Hood. Any color, no wrinkles. Call me with details please.
Steve Nichols at 763-427-2931

January, 2003

Wanted: I would like to talk to anyone who has had any experience buying a car on e-bay. Call Jeff at 651-735-0780. Or e-mail:
geoffreyhalston@usfamily.net

February, 2003

For Sale: 1972 Midget, 76000 miles. Rust free. New parts include tires, rear brakes and cylinders, fuel pump, water pump, starter, alternator, windshield washer motor, clutch slave cylinder, front shocks, plugs, points, condenser, paint and carpet. \$5,500. Jim Gadke at 715-452-5454 or nsbar194@hotmail.com

January, 2003

For Sale: 1971 MGB Roadster, 20+ year owner, flame red, driven 10,000 miles since 1982, wire wheels, very good condition, solid body, reliable and well above average mechanically. \$6150.

Dave at 763-546-2173

February, 2003

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. \$300.
Call Dale Paterson 715-549-6067

March 2002

For Sale: 1970 MGB Roadster. Completely restored and ready to drive. Dependable, fast, over-drive. All new or rebuilt. Bronze yellow with a black top. \$7,000.

Chris Sorenson at 320-259-1919

January, 2003

For Sale: Lots and lots of books.

Contact Bill Juettner at 208 / 265-8271

See Jan and Feb *Gazette* issues for more detail.

January, 2003

FOR SALE: 1957 MGA Roadster Excellent driver or resto candidate. 1200 miles on complete major engine overhaul by Quality Coaches. Approx 10,000 miles on new transmission, brakes. Car looks good from 50 feet. Red Paint is faded. Frame not rusty. No visible body rust-through. There is rust, as surely as taxes and death, but less than with most unrestored cars. I have owned and driven this car for 9 years, but won't get around to restoring it. You won't have to restore it to enjoy it either, but if you do, this steel-wheeled car comes with all parts to convert to wires (if you know MGA's, you'll know that is a lot of parts), plus a set of new interior panels and carpets, plus some other small spares. \$8249. Tony Lowe Home 952-922-7843 or Work 952-937-4529

February, 2003

FOR SALE: 1987 Jaguar XJ-6 Series III Last year pre-Ford. 99,000 miles on completely original not-monkeyed-with car. Less than 10,000 on brakes and tires. I've driven it for 6 years with no trouble. Dark metallic green paint, camel colored leather and English walnut in fine condition. Florida car. No salt, sea or sun. The only rust you'll see is on the undercarriage, and very little. Took me years to find a Series III in this condition. If you love cars, and want to be possessed of and by a major style icon, this car will make you feel great. I've never had a car that makes people express love for it like this one does. And the view down that long bonnet arched to cover but not hide from consciousness that historic engine, is priceless. The car however, is only \$8199.

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February, 2003

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 \$30.00. 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.

Please complete this form, write out a check for \$30.00 and mail to:

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