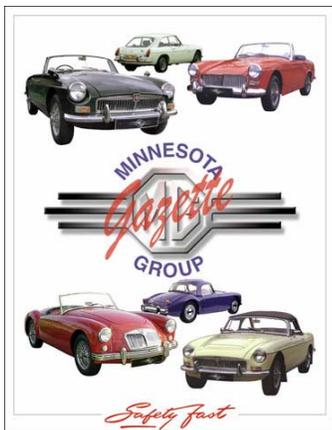




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## Spring Kickoff Brunch

Saturday, March 25, 2005

Our Spring Kickoff Brunch will be held Saturday, March 25, 2006 from 11 am to 1 pm at **Kip's Irish Pub and Restaurant**, 9970 Wayzata Boulevard, St. Louis Park, Minnesota (the corner of Highway 169 and I-394). Kip's telephone number is 952-367-5070 and is adjacent to the Marriott Hotel. (Kip's is next door to Santorini's, where we have "brunched" in past years).

Mark your calendar NOW. We want you there. Time to get ready for the driving (and socializing) season.

A delightful brunch will be served that includes scrambled eggs, made to order omelets, sausage, bacon, breakfast potatoes, bagels, English muffins, toast, four different cereals, oatmeal, pastries, melon, raspberries, strawberries, pineapple, cream cheese, yogurt, etc. Included is your beverage of coffee, tea, milk, or juice. Cost including tax and gratuity will be about \$15.00 per person. No need to send a check now as your server will collect from each of you individually. However, we do need to give Kip's a head count. Please contact Jon Masley at 651-779-8605 or [jdmasley@mmm.com](mailto:jdmasley@mmm.com) and let us know if you will be attending.

Questions? Call Jon Masley at 651-779-8605 or Jim Pennoyer at 763-360-7382.

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## The Oil on the Dipstick

By MMGG President Alan Kelsey



### Starting A New Driving Season

It's getting close to the time to retrieve those MGs from winter storage. This, of course, brings up a completely new set of problems each year. For example, if the winter has been long, several items have found their way into the space normally reserved for the MG. We might find a snow shovel or snow blower. Perhaps a well-worn snowsuit lies in the corner, along with one, lone snow boot. The matching boot won't show up until we have thrown the first out. Needless to say, some rearranging must take place before getting our car home. Of course, I guess one could just accelerate at the last minute. That would make the necessary room.

Even getting your car home from storage can be an adventure all by itself. Do we stop to fill that left front tire? It looks like it could be a little low, but we should be able to make it home, shouldn't we? Not stopping will most assuredly lead to a gentle swaying back and forth as the rest of the air escapes. By this time, there won't be a service station in sight.

There was the year when Sharon and I got the MGs out of a farmer's barn. I was so impressed that 80 B started easily and was rolling effortlessly out the barn door. Unfortunately, it just kept right on rolling because much of the brake fluid had decided to spend the winter someplace else. I had heard that

pumping your bakes in a situation like that could help. There I was, coasting down a hill towards the pasture, getting ever further from the road and any possible help, madly pumping the brakes. All I needed was an accordion and I could be my own polka band. I found out later that this requires at least some small amount of brake fluid in the master cylinder.

Sometime during the past few months, a family of mice had decided this was an excellent place to hide from the farm cats. Now, with their home bouncing faster and faster towards God knows what, I could see them bailing out of various places. I suppose this is what it looked like when the Lusitania was going down.

Finally it dawned on me to turn the car around while I still could and drive back up the hill. Not much of this had fazed Sharon. She's pretty much used to seeing me in one state of confusion or another, especially when I'm sitting in an MG. We added a bottle of brake fluid and made our way home. I knew I would have to do something about that master cylinder because every time I came to a stop sign, my right foot got wet.

Once the car is safely back in the garage, it's time for a general safety inspection. We should check the lights, steering, oil, water level and so on. Yet we shouldn't rush into anything. It's best to let the car sit again, say for a month or so. You never know what might actually heal itself. Some of those gaskets can shrink in the cold. Let them warm up, and the head might stop leaking.

That little knocking sound, the one some say comes from lifters that are not quite adjusted properly, usually goes away after driving for about a hundred miles. If it doesn't, just rev the engine to over 3 grand. One way or another, it'll be gone.

Last year, it seemed that my batteries were a bit low in the 70. When I removed the cover behind the seat, I could see that the entire side of one was completely off. That would explain a slight dropping of amperage in one, but I still had one more on the other side. I thought that was a spare. After all, it's running Lucas electrical parts, isn't it?

Well, I'll see all of you at the March kickoff brunch. If I can get a few of these situations resolved, I might even be driving an MG.

Alan

## THE RUBBER B'S

### EDITOR'S NOTES

TOM & BARB BELONGIA, EDITORS

We ran out of room so please refer to the separate attachment to thank all of the companies and individuals that so generously donated prizes to our 2006 Holiday Party Auction and Raffle.

Although the weather wasn't as nice at the Valentine's Tea this year, the socializing and goodies were as good as ever. Many thanks to Cindy O'Brien and her "gals" for making this a "sweetheart" of an event. Photos on page 8.

Diane and Dawn are getting off to a great start with the Regalia. Sales were made at the Valentine's Tea and "ads" are posted in this month's *Gazette*.

We understand there have been updates to the Gatlinburg trip — but apparently they are still top secret. (We heard a rumor that we're visiting Elena's "kin" in Nashville.) Dick Wallrich has promised all information will soon be sent to those planning to join the excursion to MG 2006 including details to allow everyone to confirm the hotels for the trip.

We're sorry that we won't be able to join you for the Kickoff Brunch this year. Our daughter decided it would be a great day for her wedding. Because of this event in our lives, we need to have all articles for the April issue of the *Gazette* received by March 10th (instead of the usual due date of the 15th). We hope to put the *Gazette* "to bed" before we "give the bride away".

See you next month!



**Please pay your 2006 Membership Dues Now.**

**\$30 — if paid before the Kickoff Brunch in  
March**

**\$35 — if paid later**

**Please help our the Treasurer's report by your  
prompt payment of the 2006 dues!**

## MG Girls

Show your support for the MG Girl Regalia — wear your MG Girl Tank Tops to the Kickoff Brunch. (Guys — don't forget to wear your Men's Auxiliary buttons.)

See the MG Girl Regalia below. The MG Girl Tank Tops are available in pink, violet, yellow haze and white with cars in black and red. Ladies' sizes small, medium, large and extra-large. Just \$12.50 each for MMGG members (\$15 each for non-members).

The MG Girl patches are a great addition to a wind shirt, hat and many other items.

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## My First MG

In early 1969, I was a young Naval Officer, home on leave in southern Illinois. I had sold my last car before deploying overseas, and was looking for some "wheels." I decided an MGB would be a good idea. I saw an advertisement for one at an Indianapolis used car lot, and drove my parents' car over to look at it. It was a red 1964 MGB Roadster, in what, to my unpracticed eye, appeared to be excellent condition. After a good deal of haggling, I bought the car. It was agreed that I would take the bus back to Indianapolis the next day, and the car lot would send someone over to get me when I called from the bus depot.

That arrangement must have worked out OK since I don't remember any problems with picking up the car. I remember being quite satisfied with myself as I drove my "new" sports car home and as I drove it around the town for the next couple of weeks. Then came the time to return to Long Beach and my ship. I had bought two tires, replaced the fuel pump and had driven the car locally, long enough, that I had little concern with driving to California. I did not yet understand the true nature of the MGB!

I made a good first day drive, enjoying the beautiful spring weather, and stopped near the Oklahoma/Missouri line for the evening. The next morning, I was only a few miles down the road when the speedometer quit. It was irritating, but I still had a tachometer. I knew how fast I was going, and wasn't concerned.

About an hour later, the tach died. Now I was truly irritated, since I had to depend on watching the traffic around me for cues to the speed. It slowed me down some, and I began to consider stopping for repairs. By the time I got to Tulsa (no, not a song title) I had decided repairs would be wise. I knew I could get the instruments rebuilt in Los Angeles for a reasonable price, but decided to stop and see if there was a dealer available. Besides, the exhaust was starting to sound a little loud, and I had a long way to go to LA.

Tulsa did not have an MG dealer in the phone book, but when I inquired of another sports car driver I spotted in a service station, I was told there was one near the freeway in Oklahoma City, only about 110 miles further. Five miles out of Tulsa, the header pipe broke off about 4" in front of the muffler. 100 miles to go, with a straight pipe!

By the time I got to Oklahoma City, I was nearly deaf! I pulled off the freeway at a likely looking service station, and checked the yellow pages in the phone book. Great Luck-- There was indeed an MG dealership! After I convinced the station attendant to yell loud enough that I could hear him, I found it was only about six blocks away. I had two police cars with me by the time I got there, but talked my way out of the ticket for excessive noise.

The dealership was able to get my car in soon afterward. I decided to replace only the tachometer, knowing I could get the speedometer rebuilt in California. I kept the broken tach too, for the same purpose. I got some of the exhaust system replaced as well. Finally, while inspecting the car (I told the mechanic I had just bought it) we found that the "Dreaded Previous Owner" had replaced the front brake pads on one wheel only, so I added new pads as well. By the time I left Oklahoma City, I was beginning to count up my money to see if I could still eat the rest of the way to California!

The remainder of the trip was relatively uneventful, except for two minor problems. About an hour out of Oklahoma City, in a relatively rare rain, the top started coming loose from the header bar. I fought that the rest of the way to California, rain and shine,

with various glues, none of which held, and with copious amounts of Duct Tape, which generally held for about two hours per application.

Also, in southern Arizona, I had to sit at the roadside for about 15 minutes, explaining to the nice Highway Patrolman that the MG Dealership in Oklahoma City hadn't had a speedometer to replace my broken one, and I really didn't realize I had been going 65 mph in a 60 zone. He took sympathy on me and spent a few minutes explaining how I could time myself between mile markers to figure out my speed, and then use the tachometer to keep from going too fast. I thanked him profusely, and was very glad he couldn't see my collection of rally trophies back home!

When I got to California, I removed the speedometer and took it and the old tach to a shop to be rebuilt. A week later, I had them back, at a cost of \$5.00 each. The speedometer went back into the car, but I still have the tach, never used after being rebuilt.

I owned the MGB for about another year. By the time I got out of the Navy I had repaired cracked doors under the vent windows, generator, regulator, clutch and brakes, installed a front sway bar (only the GT had them back then), luggage rack, a new wood rimmed steering wheel and a competition roll bar. My total expenditure on repairs and upgrades to my MGB was \$706.00 (just about two month's pay)! When I returned to civilian life, I found a job in Minnesota. Coming from the western Pacific to Minnesota, in February, I soon decided that the MGB wasn't the ideal year round Minnesota car, and traded it in on a new Ford.

About a week before the Ford arrived at the dealership, a speeding driver lost control on a wet street and clipped the front of my MG, destroying bumper, grille, hood and one fender. The dealership agreed to take the trade as agreed, if I gave them the insurance check. I never saw the car again. However, I never forgot how much fun the car was to drive, and never found quite the same satisfaction in a series of other roadsters. So guess what? I now own another MBG, a 1969 which also needs a tach (an electric one this time).

Bill McReaken

## 20 Questions with Steve & Diane Rindt



Robert and Lorie Jensen  
New Years Eve

### **#1 What is your favorite MG?**

*Bob and Lorie: 1962 MGA Mark II*

### **#2 Why is this car your favorite?**

*Bob: It was my favorite car when I was a kid. I had a 61 before that but I liked the 62 better.*

*Lorie: I think it looks the best, I love the shape.*

### **#3 How long have you been a member of the Minnesota MG Group?**

*Bob and Lorie: November 2003*

### **#4 What was the most embarrassing moment you've experienced in your MG?**

*Lorie: When we broke down in Minnetonka, where you exit off I-35 on W 280. I was sitting backwards in my seat hitting the fuel pump with a crescent wrench to keep it running. It was so embarrassing because people were looking at us and hollering at us as we went down the road.*

### **#5 What is the one thing you would change on your MG if you could?**

*Bob: I want a new engine in it. I'm thinking of putting a Honda S2000 engine in it, but if I was going to*

*change it, just change it - I would put on steel wheels.*

*Lorie: If it was possible I want more storage!*

### **#6 When you purchased your present car was it already restored or did you have to restore it to get it on the road?**

*Bob: Well, it is the same body style it is now. I rebuilt the transmission and the engine has been rebuilt. I put in a different differential, so I have done a lot of work on it.*

*Lorie: Bob bought two cars, one he wanted to restore and the car we have today was supposed to be the one we could just drive. We couldn't afford to restore the other car so we sold it. I used the money to pay our taxes. The money was supposed to be used for the car we kept!*

### **#7 What is your favorite car event and why?**

*Bob: Rendezvous in Grand Rapids, MN at Sugar Lake Lodge, I liked the racing.*

*Lorie: Chetek, I thought that was really cool.*

### **#8 What car events do you plan to attend this year?**

*Bob: Tennessee and maybe Thunder Bay Rendezvous.*

*Lorie: We just haven't looked that far ahead yet we are going to go to everything we can.*

### **#9 What other car, not an MG is your ultimate dream car?**

*Bob: A Camaro, I wish they made a 2006, or a Morgan would be nice.*

*Lorie: Mercedes 450 SL.*

### **#10 What is the proudest moment you've experienced in your MG?**

*Bob: Oh I don't know, I especially love it when young kids that have never seen an old car like ours yell "Cool car!" when we drive by.*

*Lorie: Yes, they'll say "Cool ride man!" And they can be real little kids that take notice.*

*Bob: The kids can be playing in a yard and will stop, turn around and look at the car as you go by.*

### **#11 What was the worst break down you've had with your MG?**

*Bob: Well the worst one was when I broke a king pin going through an s-curve at about 60, the right front wheel in my old Mark II. Luckily I knew not to step on the brakes and was able to control it and get off to the shoulder. But my buddy riding with me was snow white, you wouldn't believe it but he really did turn snow white. It scared the heck out of him!*

**#12 What is the furthest distances you've driven your MG?**

*Bob: The car we own now it would be Grand Rapids, Michigan. In my old Mark II I drove out to California and back.*

*Lorie: We put 8000 miles on the car we have now the first year we owned it.*

**#13 Do you or have you ever Auto Crossed with your car, and why or why not?**

*Bob: Yes, the first time was at Rendezvous in Grand Rapids, MN. I also remember running a Gymkhana once when I was a kid.*

**#14 Do you own more than one MG or British sports car? If so, list them. If not, would you like to own more than one?**

*Bob: No, we currently don't own another MG but I would like to restore another Mark II from the ground up. Also if I could get another MG I would like to get a TD or TC, I like them I think they are really cool. But I still love the MGA the best with the streamline body.*

**#15 Are you a member of any other Sports Car Clubs?**

*Bob: No.*

**#16 Do you like to do Rallies?**

*Bob: Yes, however we never have gotten to complete one yet. We didn't get to complete the one at Rendezvous last year because we stopped to help you and Steve when you broke down in your Midget. And at "Rally in the Valley" we were late on Friday and only got to complete the second half of the Rally.*

**#17 Who is the best navigator during a Rally, you or your spouse?**

*Bob: I drive by knowing which way is North, South etc. I don't get lost and Lorie is really good reading*

*the directions. Except with maps she always wants to turn right, always turn right! We were driving down in Florida and the ocean is on the right and she says "Turn right." And I said, "I don't think so!"*

*Lorie: I like "Right!"*

**#18 If you could trade you car with any of the other cars in the Club, who would you trade?**

*Bob: Bill Pederson's Mark II. I've told him if he ever sells the car I'll mortgage everything to buy that one! I love that car.*

**#19 What is your favorite season to drive / ride in your MG and why?**

*Bob: Fall, we love the fall colors. But I like driving any time. My old "A" I drove all year round. Even in the winter, I never got stuck.*

*Lorie: Back then it would have been nice to have two cars.....instead of only having one. (Details, details)*

**#20 If you could drive your MG in any country in the world, what country would you choose?**

*Bob: Well, I haven't driven all around the United States yet but I think Norway, France or Italy would be really cool. England would be nice but driving on the wrong side of the road would really mess with me.*



**Getting wired . . . .**

**Great MG sites on the net**

Continued from the Flying Fickle Fingers of Jim

Pennoyer

(see page 9)

For the B series of cars. I just found the site "The MGB Experience". At [www.mgbexperience.com](http://www.mgbexperience.com). This site has a lot of information in it once you figure out where the links are. In the upper left part of the home page under the title you will find eight different categories. Clicking on any of these with the aforementioned mouse will lead you to a wealth of information. For example under the "library" section you will find the guide to Lucas wiring, with the most comprehensive color guides that I have ever seen.



## Getting wired . . . . Great MG sites on the net

From the Flying Fickle Fingers of Jim Pennoyer

First the fine print. *This article does not represent the opinions or view points of the Minnesota MG Group, any of its officers, representatives, or other officials. This article is strictly the opinion of one of the long suffering and some would say demented member of the group who has spent way too much time sitting in front of the keyboard with a mouse in his hand instead of polishing the spokes of his wire wheels.*

Now that the fine print is over (the lawyers made me do it), lets get down to some serious pointing and clicking. The web is full of information for the serious and not so serious MG owner. Much of the information that I have found is of decent quality, however, as with anything found on the web, use of common sense should come in handy, as there is a lot of misinformation out there.

My hope in writing this article is to start to compile a list of web sites that can be used by club members in finding help, advise, parts, etc. etc. etc. Every so often, as I get around to it, I will write an article for the Gazette, that will list some of the web sites that I have found and some of the best things that are on these sites.

So let's get started. . . . Grab your mouse (no not the fury thing that has been running around in your garage trying to get warm in the upholstery of your MG) but that hard plastic thing next to your keyboard and let's explore the net.

Probably the first site that I would direct anyone toward would be the MG Enthusiasts Club at <http://www.mgcars.org.uk/>. This site has so much going for it that it is hard to find a place to start. The site is hosted in Europe and has listing for many of the MG clubs worldwide. It also has an excellent tech section that is broken down into the various models of MGs. Anyone can post a question to any of the various sections of the tech section and get responses from around the world in a matter of a few hours. Several times I have found our own members on the site posting questions or responding to questions. There are also links to Advertisers, new articles, and much more. Registration on this site is not required, however it is encouraged. If you post a question to the site, the first response will be e-mailed to you.

From here let's look at some of the sites that are more specific to the various models of MGs.

For the "T" series cars I have heard that the site [www.mg-tabc.org](http://www.mg-tabc.org) is an excellent site for all things related to the T series of cars. In looking over this site I can understand the enthusiasm. The gallery of owners' cars is remarkable. The list of original factory literature with pictures of all items is very good. Also if you are in need of something, their list of resources seems to never end.

For the A series cars probably the most widely referenced site that I have come across is Barney Gaylord's site [www.mgaguru.com](http://www.mgaguru.com) otherwise known as "MG A with an attitude". This site is full of technical information for the restorer, the racer, the upgrader, or the person simply trying to keep their car on the road. Many of the links go to other sites other than Barney's. While you may find some links broken, most of the site is loaded with tried and true information.

Now after reading all of this, I can just hear the screams and complaints, but Jim, you didn't list my favorite site! Well that is probably true. I could say well tough, I am writing the article so it is my privilege to list the sites that I like, and well that may be true, I am open too suggestions for sites to list here in future articles. So here is your chance (please don't all jump at once), just sit down at your computer and email those suggestions to me at [MGADRIVEN@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MGADRIVEN@YAHOO.COM). While I am partial to the A, I will try my level best to do equal time to the others of the MG family. (See one more of Jim's internet sites on Page 7.)

### MINNESOTA MG REGALIA

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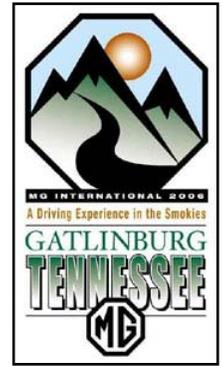


MG Hat Pins (\$5.00)



# MMGG Trip Agenda to MG International 2006

By Dick Wallrich



The MMGG Trip to MG International 2006 in Gatlinburg, TN is being hosted by Dick Wallrich. Following is the trip's agenda (as of this time):

## **Sunday, June 18**

We travel in groups of 10 cars from the Twin Cities to LaSalle, IL. We should arrive in LaSalle at about 4:00 p.m.

## **Monday, June 19**

We leave LaSalle for Auburn, IN. At Auburn, we will tour the Auburn—Cord—Duisenberg Museum to see their fabulous collection of classic cars. We will stay overnight in Auburn.

## **Tuesday, June 20**

We will be taking the beautiful back roads of southern Indiana on our way to Gatlinburg. Our evening stop has not yet been determined.

## **Wednesday, June 21**

We arrive at MG International 2006 in the late morning. Refer to the convention directory for MG International 2006 activities. ([www.mg2006.com](http://www.mg2006.com))

## **Thursday, June 22**

MG International 2006 activities. Most of the trip members will be staying at the Park Vista Hotel. However anyone on the trip is free to stay at any of the listed convention hotels.

## **Friday, June 23**

MG International 2006 activities

## **Saturday, June 24**

Last day of MG International 2006

## **Sunday, June 25**

We will be leaving Gatlinburg at about 9:00 a.m. and arriving at our hotel in Asheville, NC at about 11:00 a.m. We will spending the rest of this day sightseeing around the Asheville area. We will take a trip up to the Grove Park Inn to see this fabulous hotel and the interesting shops at the hotel property. All of the goods sold at the hotel shops are made right at the shops. We will be having dinner as a group on

our way back to the hotel in the early evening.

## **Monday, June 26**

We will be spending the day at the unbelievable Biltmore Mansion. Biltmore is the largest home in the U.S. and the closest thing America has to a castle. We will be touring the grounds, winery and shops that make up a small part of the thousands of acres in the estate. We will be able to drive through the only bamboo forest in the U.S. We will stay in Asheville a second night.

## **Tuesday, June 27**

We leave Asheville for a day at the Madsen's in Crossville, TN. Doug and Mary Madsen have invited all of us to their retirement home in Crossville for a good old southern BBQ. We will stay in Crossville this night.

## **Wednesday, June 28**

After goodbyes to Doug and Mary, we leave for Paducah, KY. Paducah is the home to the National Quilting Museum and there are numerous shops, restaurants, bars and other places to occupy our day. We will leave Paducah in the late afternoon and drive for about 2 hours before pulling in for the night.

## **Thursday, June 29**

We get back on the road early today to finish our drive to Galena and a stop again this year at the fabulous Irish Cottage. Galena has much to offer in historical sights, shopping and great people watching. We will have dinner together at the Irish Cottage.

## **Friday, June 30**

Everyone can spend another day in Galena or can choose to return home depending on your individual schedules.

**More details will be available shortly after you sign up for this group trip.**

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*14 — Peggy Walsh*  
*14 — Tom Billigmeier*  
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*20 — Cindy O'Brien*  
*20 — Cindy Pennoyer*  
*20 — Dick Wallrich*

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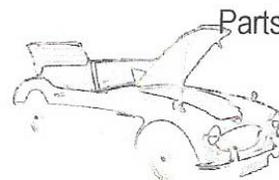
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The following people have expressed a willingness  
 to answer questions and offer advice about these  
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### Need a Nametag?

If you are a new(er) member and have not received  
 your nametag(s), or are an existing member and lost  
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 \$5.00. Send your check to Bill, made out to  
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# Calendar of MMGG CLUB 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 11, 2006**      **Tech Session** Hosted by Keith Galberth — Replace hood on a MGA, review filtration, possibly finish reinstallation of head on a 1275 in a Mini. 19390 Judicial Road, Lakeville, MN.
- March 25, 2006**      **MMGG Kick Off Brunch** Hosted by Jim and Cindy Pennoyer, Jon Masley and Haidi Hanson. At Kip's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 9970 Wayzata Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN (the corner of Highways 169 and I-394). Starts at 11 a.m. \$15.00 per person (pay your server). The brunch will include all your favorites from scrambled eggs, to omelets, sausage, bacon, Breakfast breads and a full selection of fruits. The meal also includes your beverage. Contact Jon at 651-779-8605 or jdmasley@mmm.com or Jim Pennoyer at 763-360-7382 to reserve your place.
- April 22, 2006**      **Gourmet Dinner** Hosted by Jon Masley. At the Nova Wine Bar and Restaurant, 236 Coulee Road, Hudson, WI. Drive your car on Saturday afternoon and then stop for a mighty fine meal (as well as an interesting décor and a grand variety of wine). More details to follow.
- April 29, 2006**      **Tech Session** Hosted by Dan Iburg at Midwest Motor Sports, Inc.
- May, 2006**      **MMGG Picnic** Hosted by Simon and Lorna Bosworth in Falcon Heights. Date to be determined.
- August 12, 2006**      **Ellingson's All British Car Show & Swap Meet** Hosted by Jim and Cindy Pennoyer. In Rogers, MN. Starts at 9 a.m.
- August 24—26, 2006**      **Rally in the Valley** Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt at Paradise Shores in Holcombe, WI
- September 9, 2006**      **Wings & Wheels** Osceola, WI, Hosted by Wendi Sott and Dawn Williams
- September, 2006**      **3rd Annual Fish 'n Chips Dinner** Hosted by Barb and Tom Belongia. Date to be determined.
- October 7, 2006**      **Fall Colour Tour & Tenba Ridge Winery** Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt. Event will include a drive from the Twin Cities.
- October 21, 2006**      **Fall Colour Tour** Hosted by Dick Wallrich
- November 4 , 2006**      **MMGG Annual Meeting** Hosted by MMGG Executive Board. Location to be announced.
- December, 2006**      **New Event** Hosts, date and event needed
- January 13, 2007**      **MMGG Annual Holiday Party** Dawn Williams, Diane Vinar and Cathy La-Clair will host.

# Calendar of Other Events

Support Our Friends!

**On Going  
Saturday Mornings  
until further notice**

**Saturday morning British Breakfast at the Square Peg Diner**, 2021 East Hennepin Avenue, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (most people get there early). Open to all lovers of British cars. Proprietor Phil Vanner, a British car owner, welcomes you. New expanded dining room too! After breakfast we linger in the parking lot, weather permitting, to “show off” our cars.

**MG Girls** meet the second Saturday of each month at the Square Peg too.

**On Going  
Sunday Afternoons  
until further notice**

**Kip’s Pub** This is a real Irish pub, with a Irish built bar, dance floor , patio, happy hour and “Old Speckled Hen” as well as Fish ‘n Chips. They have plastic cups so we can go out into the parking lot. And a wonderful patio. They are very supportive of the British car clubs. Located at I-694 and I-394, on the northwest front-age road.

**May 21, 2006**

**13th Annual Intermarque Vintage Foreign Car Show, Awards Banquet & Get Together.** Starts at 11 am. Contact Phyllis Galberth for more information.

**June 15, 16 and 17 2006**

**Rendezvous 2006** at Nor’Wester Hotel, Thunder Bay, Canada. Contact John Colosimo 807-344-7694 or info@tbvscc.ca for more information or check tbvscc.ca for event updates.

**June 22—25, 2006**

**MG 2006** by North American Council of MG Register. Gatlinburg, TN All-Register MG Meet. Register at [www.mg2006.com](http://www.mg2006.com). Most MMGG members are staying at the Park Vista Hotel. See page 11 for the itinerary to Gatlinburg and back, hosted by Dick Wallrich. If you are interested in joining the trip contact Dick at 651-644-0154

**July 1, 2006**

**Chetek Car Show** Chetek, WI Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt This year the event will just be the car show — no dinner or drives planned.

**July 15, 2006**

**MN Scottish Fair** Dakota County Fairgrounds, Farmington, MN Foods, music and “rock throwing”. Check out details at [www.mnscottishfair.org](http://www.mnscottishfair.org)

**October, 2006**

**Drive for Kids** Cindy O’Brien will advise more details

**July, 2007**

**MG T Register GOF (Gathering of the Faithful) 2007** To be held at the Treasure Island Resort. Plan to attend this “close to home event” during the 2nd or 3rd week in July 2007.

**NOTE — All information for upcoming events — both Club Sponsored and Other Events — is due by the 15th of the month for publication in the next MMGG Gazette. Event hosts are responsible for supplying all the information for the event for publication. Please don’t forget this important step in hosting your 2006 MMGG event.**

The MMGG *Gazette* welcomes all articles, features and letters. Please submit all as Microsoft Word documents. All articles, features and letters will be subject to editing but all efforts will be made not to change the meaning of the submitted document.

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

Kind of classified rules: Minnesota MG Group members ads will run free for three months, unless you tell the editor to drop them earlier or run them longer. The month/year the ad was placed is in italics below the ad. Commercial Ads as follows: Business Card—\$10.00 issue; 1/4 page—\$20.00 issue; 1/2 page—\$30.00 issue; full page—N/A. All commercial ads must run a minimum of 6 months and must be paid in advance. Send to Tom Belongia, 238 Glen Circle, River Falls Wisconsin 54022. Or at: [tom.belong@pressenter.com](mailto:tom.belong@pressenter.com). Make checks payable to the MMGG.

### Wanted: Need Wedding Pictures!!!

Several of you had cameras at the Fall Colour Tour/Wedding. We got some great shots from Diane Rindt but very few others. If any of you have pictures from the wedding, we'd sure appreciate a copy, or disk, and email attachment.

Thanks!

Elena and Dick Biessener

**For Sale:** 2002 Horsecreek 14' flatbed beavertail trailer, dual axel, electric brakes both axels, 6' expanded metal ramps, 2 aluminum lockable storage boxes, 5K D rings (placed for a MGB), spare tire included. Contact Tom at 715-425-0189 or [tom.belong@pressenter.com](mailto:tom.belong@pressenter.com)

*March 2006*

**For Sale:** MGA parts from 2 MGA recently acquired. Engines, gearboxes, body and frame parts. Call Gary 763-226-5789 [garykrukoski@yahoo.com](mailto:garykrukoski@yahoo.com)

*January 2006*

**For Sale:** 1959 MGA Coupe--PROJECT Chassis, engine, running gear, brakes, etc, totally rebuilt. Instruments mounted in the dash and wired, ready to install. I have \$4,000.00 worth of new parts, awaiting install. Body is in quite good shape, needs finishing. Price \$3,999 or best offer.

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**For Sale:** 1973 MGB GT green, black interior, 4 speed, wire wheels, weber carb conversion, car cover included. Very good condition. \$8,000 firm. Evenings only. Contact Harry Furman at 920-231-8507.

*March 2006*

**For Sale:** 1980 MGB Orange and black interior, one owner since new. Only 20K miles! New tires and battery. Come and see in person. \$8,995.

**For Sale:** 1980 MGB LE, freshened motor with Moss supercharger. Overdrive transmission. Lowered suspension, New brakes and satellite radio with CD player. #11,000.

**For Sale:** 1971 MGB blue with Autumn leaf interior. Repainted new hydraulics and suspension. New carpets and panel kit. 44K miles. Local car neglected. \$10,995.

**For Sale:** 1960 MGA old English white and red interior. Black canvas top. Nice runner! \$14,500.

**For Sale:** 1969 Riley Elf—right hand drive. Just off the boat from England, with alloy wheels, 1300 motor. Great car for only \$6,500.

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*March 2006*

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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 \$35.00 with a \$5.00 discount if paid before our Spring Kick Off Gathering (mid-March). 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 \$35 (or \$30 if paying before mid-March) and mail to:

**Minnesota MG Group, 3599 Gershwin Court North, Oakdale, Minnesota 55128**  
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