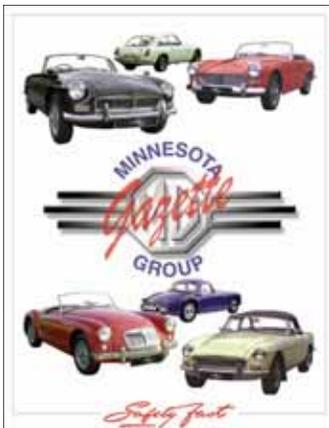




# Gazette

**Inside this issue:**

President's Comments	2
Editor Comments	4
Ellingson's Car Show	5
Amery AutoCross	6
Wings & Wheels	7
Dr Ernie's Tech Tip	8
Madame Vice Column	9
Chetek Car Show Pictures	10
This and That	12
MMGG Events Calendar	13
Other Events Calendar	14
Kind of Classified Ads	15



The Gazette is the official publication of the Minnesota MG Group. It is published monthly except for January. Deadline for contributions is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Submissions should be sent to the editor.

## *August Events:*

### Ellingson's All British Car & Bike Show and Swap-Meet

August 11, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.  
Details on page 5.

### Dawn Williams Birthday!

August 12, 2-6 p.m.  
See Madame Vice's article for details.

### MMGG Garden Party

August 19, 2 p.m.  
Hosted by  
Simon & Lorna Bosworth  
Jack & Kathryn Schneider  
Details are in the calendar.



*The Minnesota MG Group was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the MG Marque. Correspondence can be addressed to:*

**Minnesota MG Group  
1860 West Roselawn St  
Falcon Heights, MN 55113**

Visit us on the web at **WWW.MMGG.ORG.**

**2007 Club Officers**

President

Richard Wallrich  
1860 West Roselawn  
Falcon Heights, MN 55113  
651-644-0154  
chartbus@comcast.net

Vice President

Dawn Williams  
951 18 1/2 Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418  
612-363-5990  
williamsd@puc-mn.org

Treasurer

Jon Masley  
3947 Bailey Ridge Draw  
Woodbury, MN 44125  
651-779-8605  
jdmasley@yahoo.com

Secretary

Elena Biessener  
10793D Falling Water Lane  
Woodbury, MN 55129  
651-337-0681  
embieessener@mmm.com

Intermarque Rep

James Pennoyer  
4209 Decatur Ave N  
New Hope, MN 55428  
762-536-5472  
mgadriven@yahoo.com

Newsletter

Tom Belongia  
238 Glen Circle  
River Falls, WI. 54022  
715-425-0189  
tom.belong@pressenter.com

Newsletter

Barb Belongia  
238 Glen Circle  
River Falls WI. 54022  
715-425-0189  
barb.belong@pressenter.com

Membership Roster

Jon Masley  
3947 Bailey Ridge Draw  
Woodbury, MN 44125  
651-779-8605  
jdmasley@yahoo.com

Webmaster

Diane Rindt  
4271 North Shore Drive  
Eau Claire, WI. 54703  
715-832-8316  
drindt5953@hotmail.com

New Member Coordinator

Bill McReaken  
10905 27th Avenue South  
Burnsville, MN 55387  
952-890-0102  
mgb1969@msn.com

Regalia

Diane Rindt  
4271 North Shore Drive  
Eau Claire, WI. 54703  
715-832-8316  
srindt8316@charter.net

Past President

Alan Kelsey  
15942 Harmony Way Ct.  
Apple Valley, MN 55124  
952-891-3452  
alan@rarehome.com

## The Left Hand Thread

By MMGG President Richard Wallrich



### Help! Engineer Needed!

Well, here we are at the peak of the driving season. It's hard to believe that we're at the time of year when the cars are not put away, waiting for the snow to melt, or waiting for the salt to go away, you know what I mean. Val has taken to driving her MGB as almost a regular driver. She has driven it every day for at least the last two weeks. For those of you who don't yet know the connection, my wife Val is the den mother at Quality Coaches. She's the one that keeps the place from turning into just a bad frat house for British car guys. Anyhow, with Val driving her "B" every day, a fact of life in the world of MGs has reared its ugly head. I am faced almost daily with the question of do we put the top up, or put on the tonneau, or take the chance that it won't rain in the car overnight? I have a thing for wet carpets and mold under the seats, so I feel that I have to put the car under some sort of cover.

Now then, I've been involved with MGs for over 45 years. I have always been a good soldier in protecting the marque from the likes of Triumph or Honda or Porsche people. I have cared for them, shielded their honor from those that would say bad things about them, and have promoted their use to others less fortunate. But I have to say something in light of recent late night forays in the driveway. MGB TOPS AND TONNEAUS ARE JUNK! We all know it, we just won't admit it. You know it yourself, when you're watching the veins popping out in someone's forehead as they're trying to clamp down their hoods, they always say something like "It goes up much better than it used to, you should see it

when it's cold," Every evening Val and I go through the same conversation, "Do you think it's going to rain? What's the weatherman saying? I'd love to help, but its time to brush the cat." Over the last few days Val has solved the problem by just driving the Buick. Sad, but true, MGB tops are the worst designed pieces of fabric and steel created by human-kind. First of all, they don't fold properly behind the seats because they're too big. Then when you put them up, you have to first try to get the top hooked over those back clips while you are simultaneously trying to get them on the front clips. You can't have the top going north and south at the same time. Now provided you have figured out this conundrum, you now have to fix the top to the windshield. However, the top always seems to stop about 2 to 3 inches short of the windshield. This is where it gets good. Humans have developed many methods to take up this seemingly impossible void in the universe. Modern hydraulics cannot exert enough force to bring the top to the windshield as needed. Val has even devised a methodology that included the use of one foot after she pulls the top as far as she can with her two arms. She is able to use her foot to push the latch down after holding it with her hands. The tonneau covers are just as bad or worse. They don't have a single snap in the correct place where they are needed. I don't see what knowledge they forgot going from the MGA to the MGB. The tonneau on my MGA is a dream in simplistic design. It is completely waterproof when it rains. There is a lip under the cover that prevents any possibility of water coming into the compact. The tonneau on the MGB doesn't fit around the windshield, doesn't fasten properly on the doors and nobody ever drives the car with the seats in the position needed to fit the tonneau over the headrests.

In its day, what kept the British, a people that are always in the rain, from designing a top that took less than an hour to put up and down? In Italy, a country normally thought of as warm and sunny, they can put up a top in seconds. My brother had a Fiat 124 roadster and I remember he could put up his top with one hand. (He just couldn't keep parts from falling off of it).

Now here is my call to the nation. I know after last months article that people around the country read this, so I am presenting a challenge to America. Will

someone out there please engineer us a new style MGB top and tonneau cover? I know that somewhere in this great nation, there is a college professor trying to come up with a new project for his mechanical engineering students. There is some company in the rustbelt of America that needs one killer product so that it won't have to lay off their employees since it's fifty dollar products are being made in Taiwan for 30 cents.

OK corporate America, here is what we need. For the top, make it so it goes up as least as easily as the ones on the current MGF's. We know that they work since we have a couple of them in this area now. You'll have to come to Minnesota to copy them but it'll be worth the trip. Be tough, come in January. Try to rethink the whole frame design thing. The current one doesn't work. Make it so it folds down under the rear scuttle without occupying all of the space under the scuttle. We need the additional stowage space. For the tonneau cover, ditch the idea of having it fit over the headrests, it doesn't work. And put some snaps on the dash and the doors. You can't ever hope to fasten a tonneau to the car without them. I could give you more ideas, but hey, you're the engineer. Just remember, the purpose of putting the tonneau on the car is to keep the rain out, not to have a place for the water to pool before leaking through out the zipper. I don't want to push your thinking into a corner. I want you to start with a fresh slate, think out of the box, all those things. We'll accept a new top. After all, our cars have hardened valve seats and hardened valves. We have electronic ignition and CD players. Engineers have made for us improved oils, cleaner gas, better radiators, and superchargers for our engines. We have brighter headlights and much better tires than when the cars were new. We have improved our interiors to leather from the original vinyl. But nobody has tackled the problem of the tops. If you design and manufacture it, we will buy it. It doesn't even have to look like the current top because they're not that great of a look anyhow. I'll give you until next spring, when the top season starts again.

On another note, one of the MG Girls didn't return their radio to me after the Red Wing trip. I need it back to keep my full set. Please dig through your cars and other things. It has a blue face on the radio.

Continued from page 3

With the recent additions to our MG family here in this great club, the board has made the decision that our club in addition to representing MGA's, Midgets, MGB's MGC's we will now also represent the MGF. I dare say that we are the only club in the nation that has MGF's to add to the roster thanks to Mark and Dawn. Lets get some more on the roster.



MG Girl Regalia (both the above design as well as the new MGT patch) is available from Diane Rindt. Please contact her if you are interested in any of the following items or for special orders.

MG Girl periwinkle Tank  
Tops

(most sizes)

MG Girl white Tank Tops

(most sizes)

MG Girl Patches



### MMGG Club Regalia

Everyone can get into the spirit of the club with MMGG Regalia.

Grill Badges

Can Coolers

MMGG Patches

Ladies Polo Shirt

Ladies Tank Tops

Men's Sweat Shirts

Men's Polo Shirts

Men's Tank Tops

Men's Tee Shirts



### Hats



Special Orders also Accepted  
Choose from the original MMGG logo  
Or the new MG Minnesota logo (above)

Available from Diane Rindt.

## THE RUBBER B'S

EDITOR'S NOTES

TOM & BARB BELONGIA, EDITORS



As Dick says in his column, we are "in the driving season". We're not sure why he's worried about rain, there hasn't been any in this part of MG Land for many days. Oh well, more time for driving MGs instead of lawn mowers.

Many thanks to our fellow MN MG T Club members for a great GOF last weekend in Chaska! We had the opportunity to meet Adam Key from St. Louis, MO.



He is "dedicated" to the MG brand "forever". His dad told us this was his "first tattoo".

Many thanks to a MMGG "associate" member, Wendy Lucas from the Winnipeg area for her "Tech Suggestion from Joe" contribution. You don't have to be a MMGG member to contribute articles. Thanks Wendy!

There's a short note from Dan and Jeanette Shilda about the first half of their MG2007 trip to the Wine Country of California. We know they're home (we saw them at GOF). We hope all the other MMGG members that ventured west also had a "safe and fast" trip!

August 15th is the contribution deadline for the next issue. Please be timely or we'll be late!



**The Minnesota MG Group presents:  
The annual Ellingson's ALL British  
Car & Bike Show & Swap-meet**

August 11th  
2007



9:00am to 3:00pm



Free to the Public



British  
Cycles



Show your vehicle for \$5

Swap meet spaces

\$5 for less than 10 items

\$10 for private sellers

\$15 for commercial sales

**The areas largest  
All British Car &  
Bike Show and  
swap meet! Now  
in our 11th year!**

Ellingson's Car Museum  
20950 Rogers Dr.  
Rogers, MN 55374-9191  
Corner of Hwy 101 and I-94 in Rogers  
Contact: Minnesota MG Group,  
Jim Pennoyer (763)536-5472



# AMERY AIRPORT AUTOCROSS AND STRAIGHT-AWAY SPEED RUN III

## Saturday, Aug 25, 2007 (rain date Sunday, Aug 26)

Registration opens at 8:00am, closes at 10:00am

**MANDATORY DRIVERS MEETING 10:00am**

If you are not present and registered by 10:00am, you will NOT drive the course!



Turn quickly through the orange cones of the autocross, then straighten 'er out for the 1/2 mile taxiway top speed run. Our state-of-the-art and precisely calibrated stopwatch/walkie-talkie system will measure your time on the course, and a radar gun will capture your top speed.

Drivers must be 18+, sign waiver, pass on-site tech inspection, wear helmet (Bring a Snell 85 or newer - we'll have some loaners)



**CORNER WORKERS NEEDED!** Want to get close to the action but not drive? Like to wave flags and blow whistles? Free treats provided to all volunteers. Space is limited, so call Tom now to reserve your coveted place among the cones.

Directions: The simple route is 94 East into Wisconsin, take the Baldwin Hwy 63 exit, turn left heading north on Hwy 63 which eventually becomes Hwy 46. For a more scenic drive, from the northeast corner of 694, take Hwy 36 East into downtown Stillwater, turn right and take the old draw-bridge over the St. Croix into Wisconsin, following Hwy 64 East. Stay on 64 past Somerset and through New Richmond, then turn left onto Hwy 46 North. The airport is on your left before you get to Amery, WI.



**Despite all precautions taken, this event remains dangerous and may result in property damage, serious injury, or death. Drivers, spectators, and workers enter at their own risk.**

**Advance registration (deadline Aug 24)** \$30 per driver. \$15 for Austin-Healey Club members. Make check payable to the **Minnesota Austin-Healey Club** and mail to Tom Hazen, 130 East 18th Street #202, Mpls, MN 55403. Or pay via PayPal adding \$1 service charge to myliberty@comcast.net. Sorry, no refunds. Day of event payment will be \$10 more.



Driver(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Year, make, model, color, requested car number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883 or myliberty@comcast.net

This event brought to you by the



The course is entirely paved. Drivers will run in the order their paid registrations are received. We will try to give everyone four runs, more if time permits.



**BRING A FRIEND!** Helmeted passengers 16+ will be allowed on all runs.



Refreshment stand provided by the



Join us for the TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL

# Wheels & Wings

THE UPPER MIDWEST'S #1 COLLECTOR CAR SHOW!

Sponsored by **MOTORBOOKS.COM**

Saturday, September 8, 2007  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. • OSCEOLA, WISCONSIN

8,000 Books on Sale • 1,000 Cars on Display

**FREE CAR SHOW**



Dozens of Categories to Enter – Great Prizes!  
**NO ENTRY FEE!**  
Fly-in Breakfast at Airport Community Fair • Craft Fair  
Train Rides • Art Barn Shuttle Bus Service  
Available to Other Events Scheduled in Osceola for Wheels & Wings

**HUGE BOOK SALE**

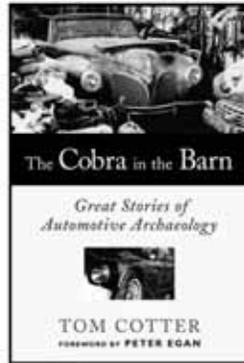


SAVE up to 25% on every book in the Warehouse!  
Plus a HUGE tent full of 50%-off SALE books  
Visit our Air-Conditioned Warehouse to Shop our Selection of Over 8,000 Books, DVDs, Calendars and Collectibles.  
Check Out the Bargain Tent SALE and the Special Displays for New Holiday Gift Books!  
Plus, Stop by the Registration Booth to Receive Your FREE Car Show Dashboard Plaque.

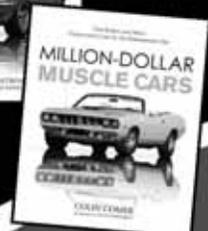
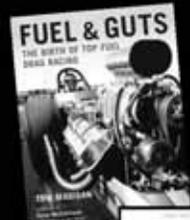
**FREE Admission**



Marvel at the Hundreds of Specialty Cars, Choppers and other vehicles at the CAR SHOW



**GREAT READS ON THE FANTASY OF EVERY CAR ENTHUSIAST — PULL A TARP OFF A PILE IN THE BARN & DISCOVER A CLASSIC COLLECTIBLE CAR**



Just 45 Minutes from the Twin Cities on the St. Croix River



CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION  
**1-800-826-6600**

## TECH TIP Disassembly of Anything

By Ernie West

I just finished an engine rebuild that had three people involved before me. The original person took it out of the car and partially took it apart. You know, the parts are in the trunk scenario. The second owner sorted what he could find and what he thought was salvageable and took it to the machine shop. The machine shop further disassembled the engine and did all kinds of machining. Then I (the fourth person) received all of these pieces in bags, boxes, and coffee cans. This particular engine (British) is a nut and bolt nightmare. It has a multitude of different bolt types, threads, and lengths. Just the oil pan has 4 different types and lengths. And that continues at all other ends of the engine too. Some are Allen heads, some shouldered, and some drilled, some with lock washers, some with flat washers, some with copper washers, and some with the tab locks or cotter keys. All of these were in coffee cans along with shims and six different sizes of oil gallery plugs. And here's the worst part, some weren't there.

So here's the tech tip: Take the time to identify each part and fastener. Use Ziploc or sandwich bags and put a small note in each bag where they came from. If necessary draw a map or diagram showing anything that's different, especially if lengths or shims vary and put that note in the bag with the parts. As far as the parts themselves, identify or mark them as far as what is front or back, top or bottom, right or left. Don't assume that pistons or rods are marked, or that some book will help you later. In cases of complicated or multiple hoses or wires, a still or video camera picture can save the day. If a particular bolt or stud holds a stack of parts, make sure you write which order they are in. Sure, this all takes time. But you'll make this time back many times over when you reassemble things.

**Safe motoring!!!!!!!**

**DEAD LAKE MOTORS**

### Tech suggestion from Joe:

We have all been guilty of attempting to squeeze that last mile from a tank of gas. This practice may result in an unexpected need to park and walk. Recently Joe experienced this when his measuring stick became unused. Anxious as Joe was to get to his next meeting, he reluctantly boarded a bus and managed to find an adequate seat to rest until the driver stopped at an appropriate gas station.

The attendant provided a container filled with sufficient gas to permit Joe to retrieve his stranded automobile. When the gas attendants learned Joe was to return to his car they informed him that it was unlikely he would be allowed to carry gasoline on the bus. Never one to be stopped by simple technicalities, Joe managed to acquire a rather dirty and smelly cardboard box from behind a dumpster. Joe later exclaimed he did not think the rather possessive homeless person who seemed to believe the box was hers could kick that hard or that accurately, after recovering his ability to stand Joe boarded a bus with only the slightest comment from the driver about the strange package. No one, however, suspected the actual contents of the box.

Practical hint and tip: if you carry your own gas can, disguise it as a beer keg, a monstrous ice chest or a Teddy Bear. Do not let it look like a gas can; even styling can have practical uses, sometimes.

### MG2007

Saw your note on the Team Healey Challenge and thought we'd give you an update on our trip. Jeanette and I arrived Sunday in Roseville (suburb of Sacramento CA).

The trip went fine. We came out early to spend a few days with son, daughter-in-law and two grand kids.

We left Minnesota Thursday a.m. It was over 1,900 miles, a bit hot but all went fine. No car problems and we were happy to have the newly installed AC. The Henle's and Leslie's should be leaving for the trip this coming Thursday.

More later , Dan Shidla

**From the corner of Madam Vice  
Dawn Williams**



*There are some good things going on in August for our club but you know I can't think of any of them right now because on August 9, I am going to be 65 and I can't think of anything beyond that. I have enjoyed being part of this MG Club so much that I can't think of any other group that I would like to share this big day with than all of you. So please come on out and help me celebrate.*

*Val and Dick Wallrich graciously offered their home for my party (even though I think Dick will be on his way to Michigan for John Twist).*

*So please come out on August 12 and celebrate with me.*

**Madam Vice  
Will soon be 65**

Please Come and help celebrate this BIG birthday with Dawn Williams on:

**August 12, 2007 from 2-6  
p.m.**

**At the home of Val and Dick  
Wallrich  
1860 Roselawn, St. Paul**

**Brats, beer, wine and des-  
sert provided.  
Please bring a dish to  
share.**

**Please, cards or poems  
in lieu of gifts.**

**Please RSVP to:  
williamsd@emerge-mn.org**

\*\*\*\*\*



**Pictures from  
Chetek Car  
Show  
2007**

**Provided by:  
Andy Anderson**





*WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:*

**RUSS & NOLA NICKERSON  
LAPORTE, MN  
1975 MGB  
50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**CHRIS HARDING  
APPLE VALLEY, MN  
1966 MGB  
BRITISH RACING GREEN**

**Need a Nametag?**

If you are a newer) member and have not received your nametags), or are an existing member and lost yours, please request one from new member coordinator Bill McReaken (952-890-0102). If you leave a message, please be sure to **SPELL** both first and last names for each name tag and leave a phone number at which you can be reached. Lost name-tags cost \$5.00. Send your check to Bill, made out to MMGG.

**On Our Way To The  
University Motors  
Summer Party  
August 9 – 12**

We plan to leave on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at about 9:00. The first day will take us through Rochester and on to East Dubuque, IL. Our first stop is at the Timmerman Hotel & Resort. Day Two will be a short driving day, but full of things to see and do. Among the points of interest is the town of Galena and The John Deere Museum in Moline, IL. Whether you want to knock about the antique and curiosity shops in Galena or spend time looking at tractors, or a little of each, we will be meeting up at our hotel, the Holiday Inn Express in Moline.

On Tuesday, we're off across Illinois. On our way to Logansport, we will be able to stop at a park for a picnic lunch.

The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum features more than 100 antique and classic automobiles from the nineteenth century through the present. The Auburns, Cords, and Duesenbergs were innovative and boldly styled cars, produced in the early part of the last century. It is amazing how many features we might consider to be "leading edge" today were actually introduced by the makers of these prestigious cars.

Leaving the Auburn area around 8:30 or so will get us into the Hilton Hotel, Grand Rapids by early or mid-afternoon on Thursday. Friday will provide many activities, from a talking tour of the MGB LE to a Hershey's Ice Cream Tour.

Saturday, of course, is the day of the car show and banquet. For those who can see enough MGs, there will be a shuttle bus running to the Rivertown Mall.

If you would like any specific information, please email Alan & Sharon Kelsey at [MMGG@RareHome.com](mailto:MMGG@RareHome.com). We'd love to have you join us!

### Quality Coaches, Inc.

20 West 38<sup>th</sup> St. (38<sup>th</sup> & Nicollet)  
Minneapolis, MN. 55409

Ph. 612-824-4155, Fax 612-824-4460 Email:  
ValW@quality-coaches.com

**MOSS Distributor-STOCKING PARTS TO KEEP  
YOUR MG-TRIUMPH-AUSTIN HEALY RUN-  
NING. 30 YEARS SERVICE FOR BRITISH  
CARS, FOREIGN & DOMESTIC REPAIR.**

### MMGG Technical Advisors

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

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

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

*MGA* - Mike Hirschman 763/391-5769

*MGB* - Randy Byboth 952/936-9335

*Midgets* - Brian McCullough 651/462-0145

*Bodywork* - Open

Foreign

Domestic

### Midwest Motor Sports, Inc.

26 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Sauk Rapids, MN. 56379

Ph. 320-251-0676, Email: danielmms@aol.com

DAN, MIKE, RICK, DOUG, DUSTIN  
**Call and inquire about our free pickup  
and delivery of your car.**

### BMC British Auto

Austin-MG-Mini-all types of pre and post  
War British Automobiles. Mechanical Services and  
Restorations of both.

**Brian McCullough**

Ph. 651-462-0145 or

Email: brian@bmcautos.com

Just north of Forest Lake, Minnesota.

### Eau Claire British Car Quality service and restoration

Ph. 715-456-1174

[www.eauclairebritishcar.com](http://www.eauclairebritishcar.com)

Victoria British/Moss Motors  
Authorized Parts Distributor  
Steve Rindt

4271 North Shore Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54703

## CARS WANTED

**Very Serious buyer for:**

**Jaguar, XK-XKE, MG-"T" series, MGA**

**Triumph, TR-2-3-4-250**

**Mercedes 190-220-230-250-280 SL**

**All open cars Porche 356-911-914**

**Austin Healey, Riley, Alfa-Romeo, Singer**

**1964-1967 Ford Mustang, Model T, A**

**Entire Collections Possible**

**ANY CONDITION-ANY LOCATION**

**Generous Finders Fee. WILL PAY THE MOST!**

**1930's—1960's**

**Buying Restored Gas Pumps**

**Also other interesting cars**

**European and American made**

**STEVE'S BRITISH CONNECTION USA**

**(630) 553-9023**

**email sbinc@aol.com**



*Car enthusiasts and owners*

## Body & Paint

South Mpls MN. 55407

Appointment, Brett Campos 651-398-9434  
jeff & ne'ce 612-724-5267 JeffJamesPaint@yahoo.com

# 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.

- August 2007**      **John Twist's Annual MG Party** Grand Rapids, MN. A "not to be missed trip" hosted by Al and Sharon Kelsey. Contact them to sign up for the tour. (See page 11)
- August 11, 2007**      **All British Car and Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet** at Ellingson's Car Museum in Rogers, MN. Hosted by Jim and Cindy Pennoyer. Not only are motorcycles have been added this year but Valve Car Racing too. See page 5.
- August 19, 2007**      **MG Garden Party** The MMG Garden Party being hosted by Simon & Lorna Bosworth and Jack & Kathryn Schneider is coming up on Sunday, August 19. The event will start at Simon & Lorna's house, 3966 Pumice Lane, Eagan at 2 p.m. There will be snacks and some wine. We will socialize there until 3:30 p.m. and then head off for Jack & Kathryn's garden (about a 20 minute drive), there will be directions available to get you to the Schneider's. Kathryn has promised some dessert goodies. Please RSVP to Simon & Lorna so that we will have some idea of how many people to prepare for. Phone (651) 454-7413 or email [simon@sandlbosworth.com](mailto:simon@sandlbosworth.com)
- September 8, 2007**      **Wings and Wheels** Hosted by Barb and Tom Belongia. We will be there early to secure the MMGG area. See page 7 for all the details.
- September 22, 2007**      **Drive and Hayride Event** Hosted by Tom Billigmeier and Karen Lashbrook
- October 6, 2007**      **Fall Colour Tour** Hosted by Bill & Lorna McReaken and Bob & Lorie Jensen. A trip thru Southern Minnesota has been planned. Bring your picnic baskets filled with your favorite morsels. There was something mentioned about a "surprise" regarding your individual picnic baskets.
- October 27, 2007**      **Halloween Party** Hosted by Bob and Lorie Jensen
- November 10, 2007**      **MMGG Annual Meeting** By the MMGG officers. Location to be determined.
- January 19, 2008**      **MMGG Annual Holiday Party** at 3M's Tartan Park in Lake Elmo. Please mark your calendars. Hosted by the Byboth's — Cindy and Randy, Tim and Mary Ruth and Steve

## Other MMGG Events in the Planning Stages or Available for Hosting in 2007

Family Drive-In Theatre Night (being planned by Jim and Cindy Pennoyer)

Arboretum Tour and Drive

Nature or Cave Tour and Drive

Summer Highlights Drive

Or Your Idea!

Contact Dawn Williams to check the calendar.

# 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.

**August 3 - 5, 2007**

**Racing At Brainerd International Raceway** Donnybrooke Vintage Revival. Contact Bill Groshen at 952-746-8880 for more information.

**August 24, 2007**

**Denny's Hot Cruising Nights Car Show** Denny's Restaurant in Hudson, exit #2, southwest corner. 5 to 9 pm. Prizes drawn hourly. Coupons for driver, free meal.

**August 26, 2007**

**Covered Bridge Park Show** held at the Covered Bridge Park, Zumbrota, MN. Sunday August 26, from 10-3pm. Entry Fee is \$5.00. Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast from 8-11am. Lion's provide a Lunch Stand from 11-3pm. Contact Darren at 507 732 5073 for info.

**September 8, 2007**

**Prescott Daze Car Show** registration fee \$15. Over 300 cars have shown here in the past. 12 classes. Sponsored by the Phantom's Car Club. Held on Broad Street, in Down Town Prescott, WI. From 8am-3pm. Dash plaques, and Event T shirts to first 250 cars. 12 Classes, and special awards, 30 winners to receive custom embroidered jackets. For info, contact Todd Langenfeld at 715 262 5218.

**Sept. 9, 2007**

**21st All British Car Union Festival** at the Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, IL, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. All British car owners from Austin to Zephyr are invited. Event features technical sessions, vendors, a Peoples' Choice car judging and door prizes for pre-registrants. For more information go to [www.britishcarunion.com](http://www.britishcarunion.com)

**Sept. 21, 2007**

**Denny's Hot Cruising Nights Car Show** Denny's Restaurant in Hudson, exit #2, southwest corner. 5 to 9 pm. Prizes drawn hourly. Coupons for driver, free meal.

**July 10 -13, 2008**

**GOF Central MK XXX** Auburn, IL. Hosted by the Olde Octagons of Indiana. Activities include Afternoon Tea T Time, First Timers' Display, Raffle and Auction, In Line with the Classics Car Show and Banquet and Awards at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. For information [kkubick@iquest.net](mailto:kkubick@iquest.net) or [momsmg@comcast.net](mailto:momsmg@comcast.net).

**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.*

**For Sale:** Parts left from the restoration of my '69 MGB: Bumpers and Overriders, 1 wire wheel, also have seat frames. Other Misc. new & used. Good for daily driver. Bill McReaken 952-890-0102

*June 2007*

**For Sale** 1980 MGB LE, 90k miles. 4-speed with overdrive. Tires good, some rust on the rockers. Motor has been replaced. Fiberglass top, radio, tonneau, but needs a new soft top. Contact Dave at 712 852 3088.

*August 2007*



**For Sale** 1980 MGB LE. One owner, 10K miles. Sharp car. \$15,500. Contact Joey Ranta at Home: 218 492 4194, or Cell: 218 259 0633.

*August 2007*

**For Sale** 1973 Midget. It needs some parts and some work but runs and is in drivable condition. \$950 or best offer.

Contact: Marv Lindseth at cell number 651 278 8459.

*June 2007*

**Free To Good Home** 25 (more or less) Koi and other mixed Japanese Goldfish with many accoutrements to start the operation. Contact Steve Rixen 386 2280 or [srixen@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:srixen@baldwin-telecom.net).

*July 2007*

**For Sale** 1979 MGB Green with Tan. Webber carbs, 4-speed with overdrive. Mag wheels with new tires. Rust free from Washington state. \$8995 OBO

**For Sale** 1978 MGB Red with Tan. Rosestyle wheels. 66K miles. \$4995 OBO

**For Sale** 1073 MGB-GT Burgundy with Black. 67K miles. \$3750 OBO

**For Sale** 1958 TR3A, White. Has Steel wheels. \$5500 OBO

**For Sale** 1952 MGTD Black with Green. \$18,000 OBO

**For Sale August Special!** 1976 Midget, Burgundy with black. 88K miles. \$3000 OBO

**Call Mark on his cell phone at 612-306-0044**



**For Sale or Trade** MGB tow bracket and Ramps. I need to get rid of these or they go to Christmas party as door prizes.

Contact Ken Merrill at 651 455 5681.

*August 2007*

# Minnesota MG Group Membership

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, 3947 Bailey Ridge Draw, Woodbury, Minnesota 55125**  
**jdmasley@yahoo.com**

New                      Renewal                      Changes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse/partner/significant other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone w/area code: (\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_)

Add your Email Address here for your newsletter, and club notifications:

\_\_\_\_\_

MG's) Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Minnesota MG Group  
238 Glen Circle  
River Falls, Wisconsin 54022

*Safety First!*

**We're on the Web!**  
**www.mmgg.org**