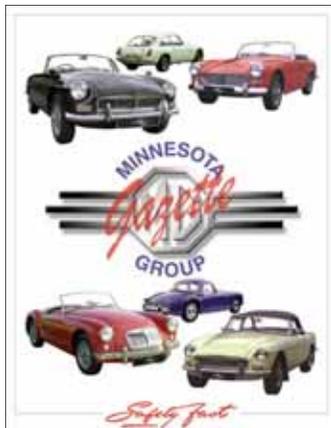




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THE LEVEE CAFÉ HASTINGS, MINNESOTA

MARCH 15TH at 10:30 a.m.

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ELENA BIESSENER**

See page 6 for more details

GORMET DINNER

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APRIL 18TH

**HOSTED BY:
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The Left Hand Thread

By MMGG President Richard Wallrich



Report from the All British Swap Meet and Auto Jumble

As I'm writing this, we're somewhere in Wisconsin on a Sunday night heading back from Chicago. Hey, wait; I know exactly where we are. We're right in the area of the dreaded mile marker 150 that swallows MGA engines and puts cars into repair shops for weeks or months. I'm in a caravan with Mile Hirschman and Ken Merrill in our car. We're towing a MGC back from Chicago that Mike bought. Behind us is Brian Walsh and the Byboth brothers Tim and Steve, and in the last car is Steve and Diane Rindt. We're all heading back from the Chicago MG Club swap meet. This is a great swap meet that is always held the 3rd Sunday in February.

This is my second time going to the swap meet. For me, there is nothing better than digging through piles of treasure and seeing if there isn't something that I can't live without. As usual, I did find a couple of things that I had to have. I did, however, make it out of there very cheaply this year. We even managed to get some free stuff along the way. I followed the lead of the master scrounger Ken Merrill. His motto is that it always pays to ask. In fact, all of us were able to come home with some treasures. Diane and Steve had a vendor's table there and were selling items for Eau Claire British Car as well as for our Club. They sold some more MG Girl merchandise and took orders for more. The MG Girl legacy continues to spread -- compliments to Diane.

There were a good number of vendors there again this year. They now fill two buildings with vendors

and I hope that they continue to grow even more. Every year there is some little twist in the usual scheme of things. A gentleman had died and his family in Indiana asked for help in selling off his parts. Well, he had a truckload of things to get rid of and they were selling entire tubs of parts. Steve got a whole plastic tub of parts, including the tub. There were an awful lot of parts exchanging hands. Diane Rindt will be showing off her new wheels when her car gets out of storage.

It's interesting how different MG clubs are in other parts of the country even though we are all so much the same. The Chicago club seems to me to have a large number of people restoring cars whereas we have a lot of people who buy each others cars and circulate them within the club.

I'm still working on the Velocity Car night; Friday August 1st. So set your calendars now because you won't want to miss this one time event. We will be keeping you advised with more details next month as more final plans come together. We plan on having one model of every British car in the Twin Cities area. This will be the only time in my memory that we have tried to do this. It should be a great night.

The 18th Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous *"Rendezvous at Wilderness Edge"*

Now accepting registrations for the event being held on June 5 - 8 in Pinawa, Manitoba. This year's Rendezvous is being held at an all-inclusive venue - your registration and payment will also secure your accommodations and meals at Wilderness Edge Retreat & Conference Centre for this four day event.

For more information including registration form and tentative schedule of events, please view our website at www.britishcar.ca/rendezvous. Hope to see you at Rendezvous 2008!

NOTE: Web site listed above is different from the one advertised at last year's Rendezvous at Sugar Lake Lodge.

Ann Blonski, Event Registrar

THE RUBBER B'S
 EDITOR'S NOTES
 TOM & BARB BELONGIA, EDITORS



It doesn't seem like the "spring month of March" has arrived in our area, but the calendar is showing these events are upcoming very soon — the first day of Spring, Easter and the return of Daylight Savings Time.

How are those winter projects coming? Time is running out. I've noticed that there is more activity on those projects at our residence – both car and house projects.

We received information from one of our members about possible "delays" at the Canadian border for those of you venturing to Rendezvous. Remember, passports are required. But in addition, border officials have the right and may review the vehicle and all passengers. This includes previous "brushes with the law" that may include driving violations, especially anything connected to a DWI and other legal offenses. We've tried to locate the details of these new laws but have been unsuccessful. But we've been told that certain violations may result in not being allowed to cross the Canadian border.

We've reviewed our calendars (mostly Barb's work and travel calendar) and must pass on Rendezvous this year. We've decided to make a return trip to Auburn, IN for the 2008 GOF Central. We've talked to many of you that are venturing to Rendezvous and Pennsylvania for either NAMGBR or NAMGAR. We wish our schedules allowed us to do all of these events. Although we'll be in Pittsburgh area earlier in June we'll be hunting for glassware and don't have the time to "hang out" till these later events.

Review your calendars and plan now for the upcoming events — the Brunch and the Gourmet Dinner and get your reservations made for those longer, farther away from home events. We got the last hotel room for GOF and it's five months off.



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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.

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MMGG Spring Kickoff Brunch

March 15 at 10:30 a.m.
Levee Café in Hastings

I love scheduling the Kickoff Brunch on March 15 cuz it gives me a chance to quote from Julius Caesar – **'BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH' if you miss the MMGG Spring Kickoff!** This year we'll be visiting one of my favorite 'haunts' in Hastings – the Levee Café.

Chef Brian promises a splendid array of pastry, fruit, eggs and meats. Coffee and juice are included in the LUCKY price of only \$13.00. You won't have to pay in advance – just call or email me (Elena) by March 11, so that I can give him an accurate count. My email address is elen2b0916@comcast.net and my phone number is 651-337-0681.

And speaking of "paying at the door" remember to bring your checkbook as this will be your last chance to pay only \$30 for your 2008 MMGG dues. Memberships renewed after the kickoff brunch go up to \$35!

DOUBLE MG bucks if you wear your nametag!
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AND drive your MG!

The Levee Café is located at 100 Sibley Street in downtown Hastings. You can access MapQuest directions on their website at <http://leveecafe.com>.

Another interesting website to check out includes an article about "Haunted Hastings" (and in particular the haunting at the Levee Café). Go to the WCCO website for more information <http://wcco.com/watercooler/ghostbusters.hastings.minnesota.2.414750.html>

Hope to see you all on the Ides of March!
Elena Biessener

TECH TIP: by Ernie West Again the subjects are off the wall and probably not covered in any books

And another thing, sometimes a book tells you to do a particular thing but they don't tell you why. That has left me sometimes wondering why, or worse ignoring the information.

When I was getting my pilot's license I often asked the flight instructor why when given an order. The answer I would get had a lot to do with whether I remembered the lesson or not. If the instructor said; if you don't we're going to die, I paid a lot more attention than if he just said; because we'll be 1° off when we get to Fargo.

So here's the what, and the why: The first subject is engine bearings. When you get the bearings they're more than likely shrink-wrapped in hard plastic, but even so, they will likely have a coating of preservative on them. Before installing them wash them off with mineral spirits, carb cleaner, or brake clean. Then let them air dry on a clean piece of paper towel. This is why: both rod and main bearings are held in place and kept from spinning in their bore because their outside diameter is up to .003" larger than the bore or area they are captured in. That "crush" alone is what holds them in place. The small tab on each bearing shell is only there to locate or center the bearing. Any grease or preservative that's left on the backside of the bearing shell increases this crush and can deform the bearing. This can do two things; it will create high spots and a no clearance problem at the crankshaft surface, and actually reduce the holding property "the crush" imparted on the bearing and invite a spun bearing. Of course, the bearing surface touching the crankshaft needs some sort of assembly lube when you put it together. But in most cases you only use engine oil on the nuts or bolts.

This next what and why subject is especially important to all early Jaguars, but applies to many other applications too: Any nut and bolt situation that uses castellated nuts and cotter keys (especially reciprocating parts like Jaguar rod caps) need to have them bent tight and the ends trimmed off very short. One-

quarter inch is plenty. If they are bent over with a long tab, the reciprocating forces eventually break them off and in the case of the '66 and earlier Jaguar engine they get sucked up by the oil pump and that of course does a dandy job of rotor rootering pump surfaces. Plus it's not uncommon for a piece of cotter key to lodge in the pressure relief valve, so if you have an almost overnight drastic drop in oil pressure in an early Jag, that's almost always the reason.

Safe Motoring!!!



Going to Rendezvous This Year? Get your Passport Early!

Starting January 31, 2008, all US and Canadian travelers will be expected to present documents proving citizenship when entering either country by car, bus, train, or boat.

Starting June 1, 2008, a passport will be required for travel by car to or from Canada.

Don't be caught at the border without a passport. Even the best looking MG won't help you get past the border patrol!

ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26, I RECEIVED THIS EMAIL.

DON'T THESE 3 MAGNETTE'S LOOK HAPPY TO BE LOADED UP AND HEADING TO MINNESOTA. I AM SURE THEY WERE JUST HATING THE BORING WEATHER IN SAN DIEGO WHERE IT IS THE SAME TEMPERATURE DAY IN AND DAY OUT.

AT LEAST NOW THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE 4 SEASONS A YEAR.

DENNIS OBERLOH

PS, NO I DID NOT BUY ALL 3, THERESA WOULDN'T LET ME.



MIKE HIRSCHMAN SPOTTED THIS FLAT BED TRUCK IN WORTHINGTON, MN ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, HAULING 3 MAGNETTES. WHEN THE DRIVER WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT THEIR DESTINATION, ALL HE OFFERED WAS "AMAZED THAT SOMEONE KNEW WHAT TYPES OF VEHICLES THEY WERE, AND REDWOOD FALLS, MINNESOTA"

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From the corner of Madam Vice Dawn Williams



MG cars aren't alone in their lack of appreciation for the cold winters of Minnesota, people are too. Every year my sister and I have escaped to the sunny beaches of Mexico and have really enjoyed Puerto Vallarta. We went again this year in January and had a great time sunning, laughing, swimming in a pool, shopping and finding new places for dinner. I managed to convince my sister that we should not go parasailing again or swinging from trees in the Sierra Mountains like we did two years ago. We were on the move a lot in spite of the fact that she broke a toe the first night we were there. It was a great four-day getaway.

Three weeks later I went with two friends (one was Cathy LaClaire of our MG club) to Isla Mujeres, an island south of Cancun. To get there you take a cab from the airport to the ferry station and in a very short 20 minutes you will arrive at the most wonderful place to sit and learn the art of doing absolutely nothing. Something I have never really mastered. I always said, "What do you do when you do nothing?" Now I know. You sit in a chaise lawn chair on a gorgeous white sandy beach and watch the ocean move, you read three books either sitting in that chaise lounge or standing in the ocean, you sit in a chair outside your room and watch the boats come in and out of the harbor and then you watch a beautiful pink sunset and remember the old fisherman's saying, "Pink sky by night, fisherman's delight". It was always a pink sky and always a beautiful day in the morning.

It was really hard to come home to reality when after 8 days on the glorious island in 80 degree weather, I

came out of the airport door to minus zero temperature and me with sandals on and no winter coat. I felt guilty when I went to work in the morning and patted my covered up MGB promising her that very soon, the sun would warm up Minnesota so that we can throw off our car covers with abandonment and with a whoop and holler, start up our engines for another year of taking our little cars to the road.

There are a lot of things planned for this driving season and one of them is coming very quickly. The tech session on March 1 is at Quality Coaches and we all know how to get there. Dick Wallrich is hosting and has a speaker coming to talk about paint. I plan to go because I have some painting I need to have done on both my MGs but also the MG Girls have been known to wander down the street to some great shopping spots.

Our Kick-Off Brunch is a few weeks later. On March 15 we will be dining at the Levee Café in Hastings. I have walked by there several times but haven't gone in so I am anxious to go there. It's a pretty place and a fun town to explore. Our Kick-Off brunch is always a great time to start up our cars and venture out of the warm garages, even if it is a bit nippy.

In past years, I have been to the gourmet dinner at the Le Cordon Bleu that the Masleys host. It is a lovely dinner with young chefs in training so try it and come on out. I guarantee that you will not be disappointed.

We could use a few more events in April and May so if anyone has an idea of a place to go and wants some MG friends to join them, let Tom Belongia or me know so we can get it in the *Gazette*. Our email addresses are on page 2. I am hosting the Grand Round tour in July. If you haven't gone on that tour, put July 26 on your calendar and come on out. It's in Minneapolis and I assure you it will be a good time. A picnic lunch will be waiting at the end of the tour.

Well, I'm off to be busy; I can only do nothing for only so long. See you at the next MG event. Don't forget your nametag and MG for extra bucks and by the way, the bucks are light green this year.



NAMGAR GT-33 will offer a wide range of activities for all to enjoy. There will be something for racing enthusiasts, Twin Cam followers, originality specialists, and Altered A addicts. If you're into American history, the surrounding area is abundant. If it's golf that strokes your fancy, or just soaking in the atmosphere of a huge pool, come to Seven Springs Resort and you'll "Experience the Magic of GT-33!"

If you are into vintage racing, you may wish to make plans to take in the Historic Races at Beaver Run, just north of Pittsburgh on Saturday, July 12th and Sunday, July 13th.

More of the exciting events at the GT include, Twin Cam Press Day Reenactment and Press Day Luncheon, Vendors, Car Wash, Our Famous Hospitality Room each night, On your Own Tours, Car Show and Picnic, Tech Sessions, GT First Timers Party, Evening Entertainment, BBQ's, Road Rally, Shopper Rally, Banquet and More. You won't want to miss this GT. Visit the GT 33 Website below for all the information you will need including Hotel Information and Online Registration.

NAMGAR has developed an unofficial phrase of, "It's the cars that get you there, but it's the people that bring you back." Join us at GT33 and see what we mean.

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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 1, 2008** **Tech Session** Hosted by Dick Wallrich at Quality Coaches. Starts at 10am featuring a guest speaker, Jeff Edington from Valspar Paints.
- March 15, 2008** **Annual Kick Off Brunch** Hosted by Elena Biessener. Spring Kickoff Brunch at the Levee Café, 100 Sibley Street, Hastings. Reservations required to Elena by March 11. Email elen2b0916@comcast.net or call Elena at 651-337-0681. Cost is \$13 (payable at door).
- April 18, 2008** **Gourmet Dinner** Hosted by Jon and Haidi Masley. Once again the Masley's will host dinner at Le Cordon Bleu. In past years we've met in the Minnesota Room at 6:30 p.m. Le Cordon Bleu is at Brown College in Mendota Heights, MN. The meal should cost between \$22.00 and \$28.00, plus drinks and tip. All gratuities will be donated to the scholarship fund. Reservations are required. Contact Jon and Haidi by April 7th if you plan to attend.
- April 26, 2008** **Tech Session** and Open House at Midwest Motor Sports. Hosted by Dan Iburg.
- May 10, 2008** **Driving Event** Hosted by Dick Wallrich
- June 28, 2008** **Picnic** Hosted by the Galberth's
- July 20, 2008** **Garden Party** Hosted by the Bosworth's and Schneider's
- July 26, 2008** **Grand Round Tour** Hosted by Dawn Williams
- August 9, 2008** **Ellingson's Car Show and Swap Meet** Hosted by Jim Pennoyer and Brian McCullough
- September 12, 2008** **Wings & Wheels** Hosted by Tom and Barb Belongia
- September, 27,2008** **5th Annual Fish 'n Chips** Hosted by Tom and Barb Belongia
- October 4, 2008** **Fall Colour Tour** Hosted by Diane and Ken Merrill
- October 11, 2008** **Fall Colour Tour** Hosted by Keith and Phyllis Galberth
- October 25, 2008** **Halloween Party** Hosted by Bob and Lori Jensen
- November, 2008** **Annual MMGG Meeting** Date and Location to be determined.
- December, 2008** **Pre-Holiday Event** Date and Hosts needed
- December 31, 2008** **New Year's Eve Party** Hosted by Dick and Val Wallrich
- January, 2009** **MMGG Annual Holiday Party** At Tartan Park Club House. Hosted by Dawn Williams, Diane Vinar, and Cathy LaClair

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 Specific MMGG event. tom.belong@pressenter.com

Calendar of Other Events

Support Our Friends!

**On Going
Saturday Mornings
All Year Round**

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.

**East Ender’s Breakfast
1st and 3rd
Saturdays**

A group of MGers have started a semi monthly East Enders Breakfast group. For those MG (and any other) enthusiasts that want to breakfast a little later and not drive to Minneapolis. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month, 9 a.m. at the Best Western Hudson House Inn located in Hudson, WI on Crestview (South Frontage road) west of I-94 Exit #2. The phone number is 715-386-2394 should you get lost. Sorry, checks are not accepted. All are welcome.

May 17, 2008

Inter-Marque Spring Kickoff Saturday, May 17, 2008, Radisson Hotel, Plymouth, MN Vintage Foreign Motor cars 1987 and older. Car Show at 10:00 a.m. and Banquet at 2:00 p.m.

May 31– June 8, 2008

British Car Week go to www.britishcarweek.org for more information

June 5-8, 2008

Rendezvous 2008 Pinawa, Manitoba, Canada See pages 3 & 11 for more details

June 25-29. 2008

NAMGBR Annual Gathering Valley Forge, PA

July 4, 2008

Chetek Car Show, Chetek, WI

July 8, 2008

Square Peg Benefit Hopkins Center for the Arts, Hosted by Phil Vanner

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 or momsmg@comcast.net.

August 1, 2008

British Car Night at the Velocity International Motoring Art Show, Hopkins,

Additional Events for 2008 — Thanks to everyone who came with ideas and volunteered to host events for the MMGG membership in 2008. There are still open dates on the calendar, events that need hosts or space for other events. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to host an event — they’re fun and easy to host. Please discuss your ideas and dates with Dawn Williams to prevent any overlap of events and get your information into the *Gazette* with as much advance notice as possible to assure everyone is aware of your event and can plan to attend. Please include all the details!

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. Make checks payable to the MMGG.

For Sale 1976 MGB Roadster. 55k Miles. Rebuilt engine, Red with black interior. Includes soft and hardtop. Has seen no winters and no issues. Call Glenn Nickleski at 651 439 3948.

Sept 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 612 852 3088.

August 2007

For Sale 1974 MGB very solid, all original, great driver. \$9500 obo. MGA parts, hood, doors, windshield surround with brackets, wire wheels, transmission apart, rack, spindles, brake drums, top bows, etc. Mark @ 218-590-4364

October 2007

Wanted 65-67 MGB "18" head with casting numbers 12H1326 AF1.
Jerry Hudrlik 507.455.0243 jjhudr@msn.com

Feb 2008



For Sale 1976 MGB Roadster. Red with black interior. Weber carbs, new brakes (rotors, pads, and shoes) master cylinder, and new battery. 77k miles. Some rust on the fenders but runs good. \$ 2975. Call Dave at 612 414 2823 leave a message.

Sept 2007

For Sale 1960 Austin Healey 3000 MK I BT7. Red with black interior, tonneau, no soft top. Has overdrive. \$35,000

For Sale 1979 MGB Green with Tan. Weber carb, 4-speed with overdrive. Mag wheels with new tires. Rust free from Washington state. Price reduced! \$7,995 OBO

For Sale 1979 Orange with black interior. Rosestyle wheels. 85k miles. \$5,995 OBO

For Sale 1967 MGB Roadster Green with tan. Texas car. Wire wheels, stow and go top and Tonneau. \$9,750.

For Sale 1962 Midget, MK I Green. Mag Wheels with a 1275 engine. This is a distressed sale. \$6,000

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



For Sale 1979 MGB Red with black top. No Rust, engine rebuilt at 79057 miles. Has overdrive, rebuilt transmission, new cam and lifters, timing chain etc. Oil cooler. Weber carburetor, electronic distributor, header exhaust. Fuel pump, hoses, brakes, clutch and master cylinder, starter, alternator, water pump, suspension and new shocks all rebuilt or new. New tires Dunlop and roll bar in 06. \$8990. Call Curt Robinson at 612 825 9068.

October 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)

**mail to: Minnesota MG Group, 3947 Bailey Ridge Draw,
Woodbury, Minnesota 55125**

jdmasley@yahoo.com

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City, State, & Zip Code: _____

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