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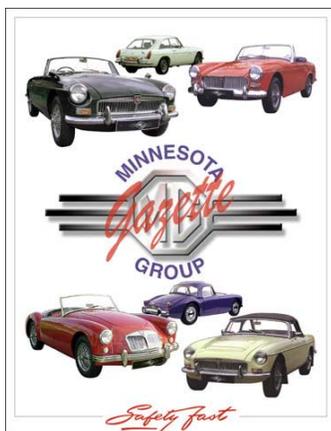
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**April 26, 2008**

**From 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.**

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## The Left Hand Thread

By MMGG President Richard Wallrich



### Things You Find When You're Not Looking For Them

I was cleaning out some things that I had brought home from my old office. I ran across an old catalog that brought back some memories. The catalog was from the MG Mitten and it was their 1974 edition. For those of you who aren't familiar with MG Mitten, they were a company that sold MG and other sports car accessories. They originally sold car covers, which explains the mitten part of the name and they branched out to other supplies that you just couldn't live without.

It's interesting to note that a lot of the things that are hung on our cars today were really after market accessories. One that I have on my MGA are the matching left and right door slide closing ashtrays that are round and mount on the door panel. I have never seen them on any other cars, but they were in the MG Mitten for \$8.95 a pair. Many a luggage rack on our rear boots were purchased there for the paltry sum of \$39.95. How about a Les Leston or Moto Lita steering wheel for \$39.95? On the other hand, an air conditioner exactly like the one in Al Kelsey's GT cost \$335.00. This isn't much different than the price for a Vintage Air unit today. When you consider that the price of the unit then was about 10% of the total price of the car, you can see why these were not too popular.

Another source of accessories back then was from the dealer. MG never shipped a lot of options from the factory in the early years because they added to the price of the car which meant higher taxes on the

car. English radios weren't normally compatible with American radio stations, so they were normally dealer installed options. As long as you were getting the radio installed you could throw in a Lucas fog light for \$20.00. Price one of those in the Moss catalog today. The best ones I found though was the hardtop for my MGA. From what I have found this was a \$250.00 option. There were only a little more than a thousand of them made. Today, they have been going for \$5,500-\$6,000.00 in restored condition. Larry Henle has a Wabasto sunroof on his GT. These are the kind that are vinyl and when they slide back, the fabric makes folds on the back of the car. Once in a while you will find one for sale and they get snapped up right away for top prices. The original price was \$79.95 but it didn't mention if the installation was extra. It's just too bad that I wasn't making my current salary back then. I could have had a lot of fun!

#### More MG Girl Trivia

Another thing that you might not be aware of, is the origin of our MG Girls. In fact, I'm not sure how many MG Girls know where the MG Girls came from. Well, it so happens that *The Autocar* magazine, which is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, motoring magazine in England was having a retrospective of one of their artists Gordon Crosby. The magazine contracted him to do many of their magazine covers and had him do the MG Girl. They were also unique in that the cover of their magazine was always a full page advertisement for some sort of product. So our MG Girl was originally a cover girl.



## THE RUBBER B'S

### EDITOR'S NOTES

TOM & BARB BELONGIA, EDITORS



As we were proof reading this month's edition of *The Gazette* we chuckled with all the references to spring and then looked outside to see the snow blowing sideways in front of the window and all the trees and driveway once again covered. We too were optimistic and thought Spring had really arrived. The MG Car Trailer is also covered in snow in the driveway. But the cars are safely tucked away in their heated and dry garage. They've ventured out briefly but seem to understand that although the calendar says Spring, it's not really here yet. Of course, the weather allows us to hurry to complete those pre-driving projects that we all thought would be done before the end of 2007, and for sure before the snow melted.

We promise no more talk of snow in future *Gazette* issues (at least until November). Perhaps positive thinking will help with positive weather.

Even though the lawns are white instead of turning green (maybe they will be green when the snow melts) the Spring events have started. Car shows, tech sessions, a chance to partake in a gourmet dinner are on the agenda already as well as advance planning for summer excursions.

Thanks to Ernie West for sharing John Goettsch's "Old Expressions Never Die" article. And special thanks to Ernie for his Tech Tips — not only this issue but for almost every issue of *The Gazette*. These articles come in each month, without prompting, with Ernie's tips and his entertaining way of telling us how to do something "the right way".

Perhaps 2008 is your year to write an article, start a column or share your photos. We always welcome and appreciate your contributions. We heard rumors that there were some articles "in the works" at recent events, don't forget to get them to us before the 15th of next month for the May edition.



## Need Winter Storage?

What we have to offer is classic car storage on winter and summer storage contracts. The storage facility is heated, and secured through a computer controlled key access system. Each participant will have their own card and 24/7 access to their vehicle. Our costs are competitive (only \$475 for a 6-month winter contract from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>), and our facility is clean and tenanted by fellow classic car owners and several medical doctors who use the top level of our four story facility as indoor parking for their respective medical practices.

If you or anyone with an MG ever wishes to tour our facility, we'll be more than happy to set something up, as we are very proud of the premium spaces and facility we that have to offer.

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**MG Girl!**

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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# 2008 MMGG KICKOFF BRUNCH AT THE LEVI IN HASTINGS



## *Off The Wall Statements*

*TECH TIP: by Ernie West*

While the car probably had this information in its "Owner's Manual" 30 years ago, it may not apply today. And of course that manual probably was lost about the same time you out grew 32-inch waist Levis too.

Suggestion one: If your car has air conditioning, you should turn it on for a few minutes every month, even in fall, winter, spring, and summer, when ever you have a 32 degree or warmer day. The reason: early air conditioning compressors had a carbon type seal that needed to be re-oiled to keep the refrigerant from leaking out.

Suggestion two: It is probably wrong to air up the tires to the specs printed in early car manuals. They were many times aimed at 55 MPH speed limits and biased ply tires. Modern interstate speeds and radial tires change everything. Follow your tire dealer recommendations.

Suggestion three: Don't add air to your tires based on their size. Small trailer tires won't last 20 miles if you air them up to your similar sized lawn mower tire pressures. Small trailer tires may be turning the equivalent of way over 100 MPH while the towing vehicle is going 70 MPH. On that same note, towing vehicles with 8 or 10 ply tires require air pressures two to three times higher than regular car tires need.

Suggestion four: While we're talking about trailers, the second most important thing to check (after tire pressures) is the wheel bearings. Nothing will spoil a vacation quicker than having your trailer tire pass you up at 70 MPH. For some reason trailer bearings require a disproportionate amount of attention per mile of use. Some reasons are obvious like loading a 3,000-pound boat and motor on a 1,500-pound trailer, plus leaving those wheels and hubs submerged for 15 minutes while you make the obligatory short tour of the lake celebrating that the outboard actually started after the 10<sup>th</sup> try. On all my trailers, I at least raise each wheel off the ground and check for noise or looseness every spring. Any noise while spinning or looseness dictates inspection and repacking and possibly bearing and seal replacement.

**Safe Motoring!!! Dead Lake Motors**

## *OLD EXPRESSIONS NEVER DIE*

*by Roger A. Goettsch*

Those of us of the 'older' generation grew up with all kinds of sage advice that was often phrased as a saying that we now call an expression. Ironically, they all had a message that was practical as well as timely and we learned to heed the well-intentioned wisdom. Obviously, they were memorable as I can remember many of them to this day. As a child I did not always grasp the full implication and, while they were called sage advice, I wasn't even sure then what a Sage even was. Some seemed pretty obscure: 'Look before you leap' would not have had much meaning unless I was on a rooftop about to try out my Superman cape. It would have been a good idea to contemplate the distance to the ground and what that fall, if the cape did not work, would do to my bones.

I realize now that most of the advice was pretty profound even though it would not have had as much meaning to my young mind. They were meant, I know now, to shape character as well as offer insights into behavior. These bits of advice seemed to cover all manner of situations and, if followed, would probably have made me a better person. In the area of my personal relationships, an accurate prediction could be made of the probable outcome of 'Don't kiss and tell'. Another dire warning would be 'Don't wear your heart on your sleeve'. If a relationship went bad, you would certainly be told 'Keep a stiff upper lip' or even 'Just suck it up'. It would 'Go against the grain' to be thought a 'Blubbery fool'. After all, when relationships are over, 'You shouldn't cry over spilt milk'. If anything could be salvaged, 'Better a half loaf than none'. Maybe even 'A bird in hand is better than two in the bush'. When you're handed lemons, 'Just make lots of lemonade' (even if you don't care for lemonade). After all, 'A bad deal is sometimes better than no deal at all'.

If the reverse were true and everything might seem to be going your way, you would be reminded that you should retain a little humility and 'Wipe that smile off your face'. We all know that 'What comes

around goes around' and we may have 'Counted our chickens before they were hatched'. 'Only fools walk in where Angels fear to tread', and 'Make sure you can walk well before you try to run'. If one were to 'Walk softly and carry a big stick' you would think you could get out of any trouble you managed to get into. Think about it 'Haste makes Waste'.

No matter what you did to put off the inevitable, somehow you would need something to 'Jump start your day'. While you were trying to come up with a good reason, some well-intentioned person might offer you 'A penny for your thoughts'. Still, one should always be cautious and think all these ventures through, 'Don't try to fly until your wings are dry' might apply to humans too. Certainly, 'Don't saw off the branch you're settin' on'. After all, bad things always happen to those without a plan as is obvious in 'All sweat and no thumbs'. Yes, some of these you do have to give serious thought! You could 'Be up a creek without a paddle' before you know it but fortunately humans are versatile and we can always 'Wear many hats' even though the wearing of any given hat may not 'Show our true colors'. Sometimes, with the best of intentions, 'You were damned if you did and damned if you don't'.

Growing up is never easy but I had many guides and the offer of much good advice. After all, no one wanted me to flounder around like a 'Chicken with its head chopped off'! If they didn't agree with me those same people might tell me to 'Go fly a kite' and if I responded by being 'Meaner than a junkyard dog' they would probably tell me to 'Stick it where the sun don't shine (I hope they meant my back pocket)'. Some might require an explanation for my actions and I might be told to 'Put up or shut up'.

I was never sure how poor we really were but I soon learned that we did not have much money. I never realized that a mouse could be poor but was often told that we were 'Poorer than a church mouse'. We always had a place to live, clothes on our backs, and plenty to eat. I'm sure we didn't have too much money and certainly 'No two nickels to rub together'. All we hoped for was a 'Square deal' and I'm sure we stayed away from anyone 'Caught with his hands in the cookie jar' or 'Caught with his pants down'. Certainly, with any association, 'The proof of the pudding was in the mix' and we learned to try

to stay way from those who 'Stirred up trouble for the sake of stirring'. Even then there were con artists who were 'Slipperier than a greased pig' or 'Crooked as a constipated snake'. If we did find this type of individual intruding in our lives we knew we should tell them to 'Take a long walk off a short dock'. Sadly there were still cases of 'Locking the barn door after the horse was stolen'.

I don't want to 'Open another can of worms', but there are still other expressions to consider. Maybe we should just 'Run them up the flag-pole and see what flies'. Many of these expressions certainly affected my life but I'm not sure exactly how many, maybe 'Six of one or a half dozen of the other'. 'You bet your bottom dollar' that I have given all of them some thought, I'm 'Pleased as punch' that I have been able to remember as many as I have and 'Given half a chance', I'm 'Feelin' tall in the saddle' about what I have been able to accomplish. Maybe I have 'Gone to the well too many times' with this idea but I really feel like 'I'm on the roll'.

I know I said that we were poor but we did eat well. Fortunately, we did not have 'Too many cooks' as they could 'Spoil the broth'. Still we had to be careful of the amount of food we placed on our plate as 'Children in China are starving'. Even worse, we were told our 'Eyes were bigger than our stomachs'. I once tried to explain that this might be the reason I could not finish all my food but was informed that 'My brain should be engaged before I open my mouth'. What is 'Sauce for the goose is (not always) sauce for the gander'? Sometimes I was never sure if "I was coming or going"!

Fortunately I did not often feel as if 'I had been rode hard and put away wet', or even worse, like 'Death warmed over'. If so I'd probably be 'Slower than molasses in January' or a 'Snail on his knees'. Sometimes I do feel 'Fat, 40, and over the Hill'. I thought you'd get a 'Kick out of this' and I've tried my best to make a 'Silk purse out of a sow's ear'. Anyway, I'm 'Locked and loaded' and ready for anything now. I promise I won't 'Fire until I see the whites of your eyes' because I can't tell if I'm 'Afoot or on horseback'. Somehow I may have gotten the 'Cart before the horse'! Anyway, 'Don't let the bed bugs bite'.

## Gourmet Dining Le Cordon Bleu School at Brown College

April 18, 2008 6:15 PM

We are again pleased to invite you to join other MMGG members for dinner Friday, April 18, 2007 through the *Le Cordon Bleu* program at Brown College, Mendota Heights, Minnesota. We will meet in the Minnesota Room promptly at 6:15 P.M.

Brown College is one of several locations nationwide that offers students culinary education following the *Le Cordon Bleu* method. Students' will be preparing and serving a four course meal. We have dined there 3 times and each time had a wonderful meal.

Here is what you need to know. Expect your meal to cost approximately \$22.00. Beverages are extra. Wine is available for \$5.00 a glass. You may also purchase a bottle if you wish. Gratuity will be donated to the scholarship fund. As in past years, I do not need any payment in advance. **I do need to know if you plan to attend. YOU CANNOT SHOW UP AT THE LAST MINUTE.** The school sets up based how many people I tell them are coming. I have made reservations for 20 people. Let me know immediately if you will be attending. If we have more then 20 people interested, I will work with Brown College to accommodate all.

**Contact Jon or Haidi Masley  
651-779-8605 or  
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**Please let us know by April 8th!**

We drive great cars and eat great food!

Directions to Brown College: From St. Paul take I-494 south. Just before the river, take the Pilot Knob Road exit (CR-31). Turn right. Go up 1 short block. Turn left. In another block you are at Brown College. The Minnesota Room is in the college building on the left. From Minneapolis, take I-494 east. Cross the river, take the Pilot Knob Road exit (CR-31). Turn left. Cross over 494 and take a left at the 2<sup>nd</sup> light. Go another block and you are at Brown College. Brown College is located at 1440 Northland Drive, Mendota Heights, Minnesota.

## Open House & Spring Tech Session April 26, 2008 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm

Attention all MMGG members. You are invited to Midwest Motor Sports on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for their **"Open house/New location/25yrs in business"** party.

Midwest Motor Sports, located in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, has been servicing our cars for years. They recently moved into a new and improved location. Bring your car for a "get ready for summer" inspection or service. Call ahead for any special auto needs they might use as a short tech session.

Their new location is 728 8th Avenue South in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota (about 1/2 mi. from the old location). Going north on Hwy 10, take the first Sauk Rapids exit (Benton Drive). Turn left onto Benton Drive. Drive about 4 blocks to 8th Avenue South. Turn right (look for Bubba's Bar-yes there really is a Bubba's Bar). Go 1 block and look for a white steel building on the right. Call Dan @ 320-251-0676 or 320-237-4413 (cell) with questions.

And check out their website - **Sportscarguys.com**

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If you are going to Pinawa, MB for Rendezvous 2008, and plan to take 2 days, you are invited to stop and have dinner with us at our lake cabin, 10 miles north of Park Rapids, Minnesota, on the evening of June 4. We will be leaving for Pinawa about 7:30-8:00 AM on June 5, and will be happy to convoy with anyone who wants to go that route.

This is not the shortest route from your home to Pinawa. It is about 30 miles further and 2 hours longer for the total trip from the Twin Cities, but you can do four hours on Wednesday afternoon (leave earlier and spend some time at Itasca State Park too), and about seven hours of mostly rural driving on Thursday. We can not accommodate everyone for sleeping, but there are many motels in the area. We will provide burgers, brats all of the fixings and beverages for anyone who RSVPs at least 48 hours ahead of time. The cabin address and phone number will be provided in future issues. RSVP early for specific driving directions and contact info for motels.

**Bill & Lorna McReaken**

# 2008 INTER-MARQUE SPRING KICK-OFF

VINTAGE FOREIGN CAR & BIKE SHOW & BANQUET  
SATURDAY, MAY 17

## 1. Vintage Foreign Car & Bike Show (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

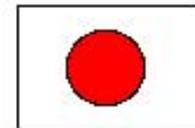
The famous spring kick-off show returns to its pastoral setting on the walking path surrounding the Radisson Plymouth. As always, the show is **FREE** for both participants and spectators alike. *(No RSVP is required for the show, but it'd be nice if you did so anyhow.)*

## 2. Buffet, Get-Together & Awards (2:00-3:00 p.m.)

Starting at two, there will be a buffet, awards ceremony, and intermarque get-together. The price is \$18.00 per person. *(Money collected at the door. Please RSVP if you wish to attend the banquet as the Radisson needs an estimate of how many people will attend. RSVP early but please before May 12.)*



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### RSVP form:

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# Banquet Attendees:

Please send (by May 12) to Phyllis  
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## From the corner of Madam Vice Dawn Williams



### It's Spring!!!

What a great turnout we had for the traditional Kick-off Brunch a few weeks ago in Hastings. The day was great, the roads were dry, the sun was out, the venue was wonderful and the food was great. There were quite a few MG cars out that morning reminding us that the driving season is upon us. I am not sure how many came out that day but there were over 100. Folks came from St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Marshall and Wisconsin. I think we all have cabin fever and are counting the days till we get our cars out of storage if we can find them. Kenny, where is my F? I think it's buried in his garage someplace.

So, what the heck happened to our spring? I guess that we can only blame the weather on the fact that we are in Minnesota and who knows what is going to be the season of the day until we wake up to greet it. I woke up this morning, Easter Sunday, and after shoveling my sidewalk and driveway 3 times this week, only to find that I had to shovel it again today. What gives? I set out a white pants suit last night to wear to church for Easter, but that really seems to be rushing the season a bit, in view of the new snow on the ground. My mother used to say you can't wear white until April and you need to put it away on Labor Day. Is that really true? This morning I think I know where that saying came from. It was a mother somewhere in Minnesota when it was snowing on Easter Sunday.

I uncovered my MGB for the kick-off brunch, took it to Hastings and really planned on driving it until the

weather settled down so I could put the B on the carport and move the F into the garage. Getting prepared for summer driving takes quite a bit of logistical maneuvering at my house, just to make room for all of my toys. Right now the carport houses the lawn furniture, the lawn mowers and the garden decorations. There is so much snow in my garden and back yard that I have no place to put the stuff from the carport. Therefore the F has to stay at the Merrill's house and the B has to stay in the garage until the snow in the yard melts and the mud dries up. What a dilemma when you have 3 cars and only a 2-car garage. I guess we are all a little impatient since the 50-degree weather came and went. April will be here soon and the snow will melt.

There are some MG Girls going to Rendezvous together this June so I hope that we can get a caravan going up. It is a lot more fun to go together. Lorna and Bill McReaken have invited us for dinner in Park Rapids on the way up and then they will go the rest of the way with us. If you plan to go let either Elena Biessener or myself know so we can figure out a meeting place that works for everybody.

But I'm getting ahead of the driving schedule. There are some activities before Rendezvous. In April there is the Cordon Bleu dinner with the Masleys' as hosts and a tech session at Dan Iburg's new location in Sauk Rapids. Then, in May, the InterMarque car shows and banquet at the Plymouth Radisson and also the drive that Dick Wallrich is planning. Don't forget to check *The Gazette* for dates and times.

We are always looking for events and reasons to get our cars on the road with our MG friends. I guess the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday counts as another event and that sounds as good as any other reason I can think of to have an MG party. But if there is anything else we can help you celebrate let us know and we'll be there, cars and all.

**See you on the road. Once the  
snow melts.**

*It is Time for a...*  
**British Invasion**  
*of the UW-Stout Auto Club*  
**Auto Show**  
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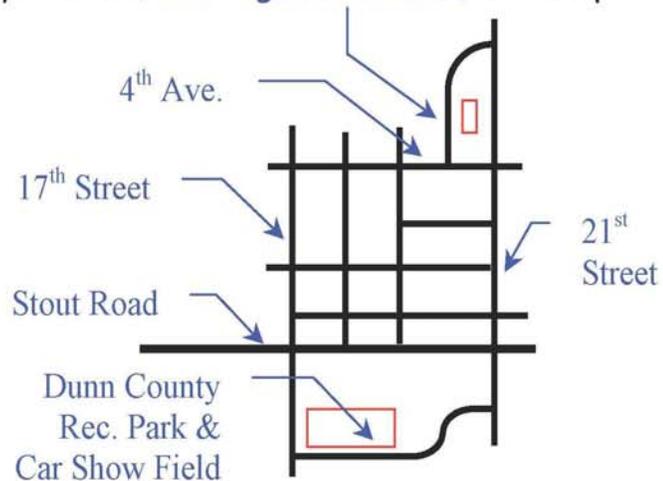
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The 41st annual car show is being held at the **Dunn County Rec Park** in Menomonie on Sunday, **April 13<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Lets add our **Little British Sports Cars** to the antiques and muscle cars for everyone to enjoy. Admission for show cars is just **\$10**.

You can come late and leave early. **JUST COME!** A lunch will be served at Ken & Judy Welty's house, **512 Fagstad Street**, at 1:00 pm.



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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.

- April 13, 2008** **British Invasion at the UW-Stout Auto Club Auto Show.** Sunday, April 13th, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Dunn County Rec Park in Menomonie, WI. Join Ken & Judy Welty for lunch at 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by Eau Claire British Car. See page 11 for more details and a map.
- 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, Sauk Rapids, MN. Hosted by Dan Iburg. Celebrating their new location and 25 years in business. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call first if you have a "tech session" project. Call Dan at 320-251-0676 or check out 222.sportscarguys.com for more information.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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 5, 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](mailto:kkubick@iquest.net) or [momsmg@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jjhudr@msn.com)

*Feb 2008*

**For Sale** 1973 Midget, red w/black top. Extensive engine and partial overall restoration done in April 2007. Driven only 150 since then. New clutch and slave cylinder, new convertible top, tonneau, bra & took kit. No rust, heated winter storage. Nearly level 2 in many respects. \$9000. Mike Haeuser @ 507-934-3289. Email at [Haeuser@gustavus.edu](mailto:Haeuser@gustavus.edu).

*April 2008*

**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)

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