

Minnesota MG Group

August Newsletter

BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, August 10

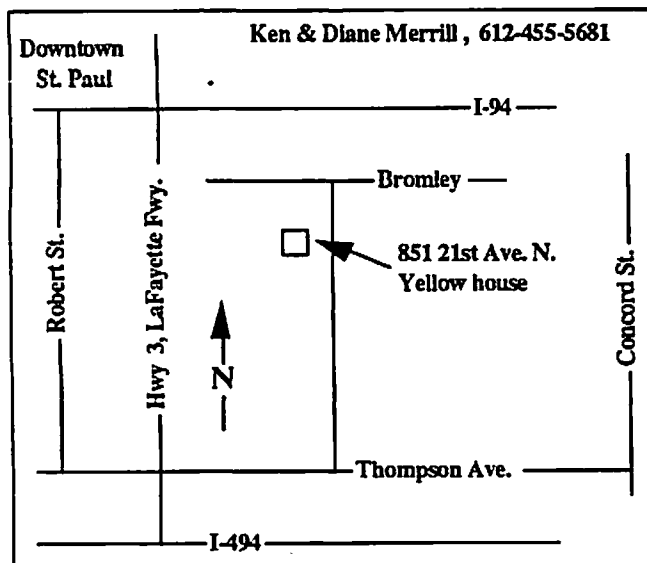
Time: 7 - 9 pm.

Place: The home of Ken and Diane Merrill,
851 21st Avenue North.

South St. Paul, MN 55075.

Phone: 612-455-5681.

Refreshments will be served. Please come prepared to discuss club business and plans. It has been some time since our last business meeting. If you have input but are unable to attend, please contact Ken by phone prior to the meeting.



AUTOCROSS EVENT

Sunday, August 12

Host: Phil Ethier

When: Sunday, August 12, 1990. Be there by 9:00 if you are running your car. If you just

want to watch and show your car, anytime before 11:00 is appropriate. Bring your own picnic lunch or pick up something from the fast food places in Rosemount. After the event, about 4:30 or so, we will adjourn to the Pizza Hut in Rosemount.

Where: Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount, Minnesota. Drive south on Robert Street until you come to Rosemount. Drive through downtown and take a left (east) at the stop sign just after the railroad tracks. The lot that is generally used is east of the building. There is a great deal of asphalt parking area available, interspersed with grass and small trees.

What to bring: A simple lap belt and helmet is all that is required. You can use any non-shorty helmet that meets DOT or Snell standards. I will have a spare helmet (size 7-1/4) available. You may be able to borrow a hat from another competitor.

Car preparation: Be sure the battery is tied down well, you have brake fluid and you have taken all the loose stuff out of the boot. Readable numbers must be applied to the car. You may want to put extra wax on your doors for masking tape or shoe polish numbers. Numbers can also be put on side glass with tape or white shoe polish. You may want to tape on big octagons with Magic-Marker numbers. You can choose your numbers at registration. There is no minimum size for numbers, but they must be judged legible. Be sure to have a way to change them easily if you have more than one driver.

Cost: Entry fee is \$15. You can have more than one driver entered in one car, but each additional entrant will also pay the \$15 fee. If you are going to watch, work, hang out, admire cars, and hobnob with your fellow MMGG members, there is no charge.

Awards: There will be trophies given to the top 20% of each class by COM. In addition, Brian Erickson and I will provide an MG coffee mug to the fastest MG regardless of class and excluding our two cars.

Questions? Brian and I are Tech Inspectors for the Minnesota Autosports Club. This event is sponsored by the Corvettes of Minnesota, so we won't have any structured responsibilities that day and will be available to help you along. Since the conduct of the event itself is being handled by COM, we can do our own thing with the MMGG. If you have any questions or suggestions before the event, please call me, Phil Ethier, at 224-3105 or 298-5324.

WINGS AND WHEELS

Saturday, September 8

Our annual trek to Osceola, Wisconsin with Tim Thomas hosting. Details in the September Newsletter. Mark your calendars today!

LAKE MGB CLUB Tour of New Ulm, Schell Brewery and Flandrau State Park September 15, 1990

Hello fellow MG enthusiasts. We would like to extend an invitation to you to join us on an overnight get-away.

Date: Saturday, September 15, 1990.

What: We plan to go to New Ulm and take a tour of the Schell Brewery followed by supper and relaxation. On Sunday we plan to go to Flandrau State Park (requires a State Park entry fee). The park is very nice and has a new sand bottom swimming pool so you may want to bring your suits.

Where: We will be staying at the New Ulm Super 8 but directly across the road is a Holiday Inn which also has a pool and entertainment. Each person/couple will be responsible for making their own hotel reservations. (There is a 10% group discount at the Super 8).

When: The Brewery Tour is at 3:00 pm and we would meet at the brewery prior to the tour. This is the only tour available at this time of year so please be prompt.

RSVP: We do need to know an approximate number of people going on the tour by August 27 so that we can finalize plans. If you have any questions please call me as we would really like the opportunity to meet you.

Contact: Lori Behnke. 23 Lake Ave. SW, Box 117. Minnesota Lake, MN 56068. 507-462-3521.

Hope to see you on September 15th!
Sincerely, Lori Behnke, Lake MGB Club.

Note: Lori has provided information on the Brewery Tour and other area attractions. If you would like a copy, please call Mike Funck at 612-881-3223 and they will be forwarded to you.

EVENTS RECAP

By Mike Funck

As you may have noticed, this Summer is passing by at an incredible rate. It has been difficult to take the time to catch up on all of the events but here is a brief recap for those of you who may not have been able to attend:

Jag Club Drive Reprise.

Several people have expressed interest in the route planned by the Jag Club for the drive in May. I gave the route to a friend who was entertaining out of town guests recently. They drove it and found it to be quite lovely in good weather. (The original drive was on a very soggy day). They reported a number of instances of deer crossing the road and a wide variety of birds and other wildlife. Some of the road names have changed since the drive. Pam and I plan to drive the route soon and will update the directions as best we can for anyone interested.

Wash and Wax.

The theme of rain for MMGG events continued at the Wash and Wax hosted by Jeff and Margo

Marko in June. The day started quite damp and interfered with the car wash part of the program. We did get to do our usual routine of inspecting cars, gabbing about any piece of MG news or trivia and consuming food however. Highlights of the day included checking out Jeff Ingebrigston's MGA race car with quad SU carbs and Hans Koenig's newly purchased and lovely early 60s MGB. Jeff and Margo provided a superb barbecue lunch that insured we all went away fat and happy!

Faribault Heritage Days Festival

This event was great fun if you like to look at all sorts of cars. The auto show had plenty of street rods, four wheel drive monsters and antiques but the star attraction was the MG section for those of us with discriminating tastes! Our marque was probably the best represented with about 20 cars. Included was Ed Wassell's 1954 Magnette. The day started with a threat of rain (surprise!) but soon turned bright and sunny. Maybe our luck with the weather is improving. Thanks to Ed Wassel for super event coordination and to Kevin Mahoney and Carol Badgett-Mahoney for their help too. I for one enjoyed it and plan to attend next years show.

Drive to St. Cloud.

Finally, we had beautiful weather for an MMGG event! Perfect mid-70s and sun for ideal top down motoring. Our drive began at the Perkins as planned and proceeded through Buffalo up to Becker where the group met with Doug Madson. From there, Doug took us on a winding tour through the countryside to our eventual destination of the Madson home. We had a super turn out with more than 20 cars and were just able to get them all parked in various locations of their lawn. Highlights of the event were many: Inspecting Christophe Cordier's Renault Caravelle, a rear drive convertible most of us are probably not familiar with; pizza provided by Christophe; fruit, dessert and other refreshments prepared by Mary Madson; an MG trivia contest that proved rather difficult for many of us and a demonstration of WaxOyl undercoating techniques by Doug. In addition, there was the usual car talk and inspection. Some of us noted a typical event phenomena: Every time an MG engine was started, about half the people attending stopped what they were doing and hustled over to take a look. No

exceptions. Is there a Latin term for this condition? Anyway, thanks to Doug and Mary for being splendid hosts as usual and to Christophe for providing the pizza. They did a wonderful job!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Gregg and Laurie Fitzer
Eagan, MN
Blue 1972 MGB

Paul and Joan Good
Webster, MN
Green MGA Roadster

Hans and Vaughn Koenig
Edina, MN
Red 1966 MGB

Carol Badgett-Mahoney and Kevin Mahoney
Faribault, MN
Damask Red 1974 MGB
Silver 1960 MGA Coupe
Red 1960 MGA Coupe

Steven and Sandra Rixen
Hudson, WI
White 1958 MGA 1500 Roadster
Light Blue 1958 MGA Roadster

Brian Erickson
Anoka, MN
BRG 1970 MGB

Nels and Dru Aarrestad
Edina, MN
Red 1959 MGA

Ken and Debbie Colmark
Richfield, MN
White 1972 Midget

Gordon and Sheila Matson
Eden Prairie, MN
Carmine Red 1980 MGB

Peter and Becky Boosalis
Minnetonka, MN
Red 1973 Midget

Mike Addy and Nancy Johnson
Minneapolis, MN
Silver 1960 MGA

John and Linda Brandberg
Eagan, MN
Red 1963 MGB

Jeff and Margo Marko
Eagan, MN
Red MGA

Ken and Diane Merrill
South St. Paul, MN
MGB

Ed Wassell
Faribault, MN
1954 MG Magnette

ON THE MARKET

FOR SALE: 1975 MIDGET. Texas car, body is excellent. 64,000 miles. Mechanically sound. Steel wheels. Green. \$2,250. Gary Thyren, 612-437-1546. as

WANTED: Straight and rust free right front fender and hood for my 1973 Midget. Jim Anderson. P.O. Box 517, Janesville, MN 56048 or 507-234-6691 evenings. ja

FOR SALE: 1960 MGA 1600 - all parts available or at least negotiable. Can be seen in beautiful downtown Big Lake. Call 612-263-6727 (H) or 612-295-1392 (W). Contact Mike Mitchell. ja

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 10. MMGG Business Meeting. Hosted by Ken and Diane Merrill.

August 11. 1990 GRRR (Great River Road Rally). Sponsored by the Alfa Romeo Owners Club. *Registration:* 10 to 10:45 am. *Place:* Park and Ride lot, junction of U. S. 10 and 61 between Hastings and Prescott, WI. *Cost:* \$15 to non-Alfa Club members plus \$5 per person for the picnic. *Reservations:* Required for the picnic but not the rally. *Rallymasters:* Pat Stanley and Ed Solstad, 612-822-0569.

August 12 MMGG AUTOCROSS. Dakota Co. Technical Coll. Phil Ethier hosting.
August 12. Hungarian Grand Prix, Budapest.

August 17 - 19. BRITISH MOTORCAR FESTIVAL. Southeastern New England. Roger Jusseume, 508-679-8252.

August 18 - 19. Road America. IMSA. Elkhart Lake, WI.

August 24 - 26. UNIVERSITY MOTORS SUMMER PARTY.

August 26. Belgian Grand Prix.

August 27. Due date for September Newsletter.

September 8. MMGG/WINGS AND WHEELS. Tim Thomas hosting.

September 9. BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL. Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL. 708-885-7789.

September 9. Italian Grand Prix, Monza.

September 9. Gorp-O-Nap Autocross. 3M Center 3MSCC. Mark Utecht. 612-739-2980.

September 15. Lake MGB Club Tour to New Ulm, Scheell Brewery and Flandrau State Park. Lori Behnke, 507-462-3521. MMGG members are invited to attend.

September 16. MOWOG V Autocross. Anoka-Ramsey Comm. Coll. John Krusow. 612-535-5393. MAC

October 13. MMGG INDIAN SUMMER RENDEZVOUS. Event host needed.

October 21. MOWOG VI Autocross. Randy Williams. 612-448-2655.

October 28. Long John Autocross. 3M Center. 3MSCC. Mark Utecht. 612-739-2980.

EARLY SPRING ROMP

by Dale C. Cook

I did a lot of great things today. I fixed the TV reception for our new home (amazing how much a dipole on my third story deck pulls in!). I went out and got that shower curtain stuff so that my son, back from the college wars in Boston, can have his own bathroom. I watered

plants and fixed the answer machine. I read the Sunday Globe and worked some of the puzzle. But something was missing...

I know! Went next door to see if the grandchildren were up for it. Nope. Still a year or two. So I decided to go alone.

Hop in the seat, set the (manual) choke, crank... crank... will it start? A throaty roar answers that. Now the exhaust is a steady blatt. The needles are all up to their marks... except that damn tach. A good whack and it is playing too!

Now we're backing out and I can begin to smell fuel and heat. I hit the pedal and am answered by a responsive growl. Grandfather, my 1973 MGB, is ready to romp!

Now we're picking up speed and the smells and sights of an early New England Spring abound. Wind tangles hair as we wave to some kids at the side. Yup, fun's still alive in Woodville!

Listen to those square-cut gears! Funny, my new 16-valve Jetta can leave this 17-year-old geezer in the dust. Ah, but does it put a grin on my face? Environmentally this is stupid. Where am I going? What vital mission causes me to burn our resources?

Down shift (brakes don't say "use me") and listen to those good revs. And amazingly it's Spring back at Stanford so many seasons ago and everything is ahead. The wind and the noise work their spell. And this 50-year-old believes in life again.

And I'm reminded of our motto: Keep Them Running Forever!

MEMBER NEWS

Elmo and Darlene Amundson of Minnetonka

We have a 1977 MGB which we purchased from a secretary where I work. She had purchased it new and had kept all of the documents pertaining to the car. We have repainted the car and replaced the top and tires. We really enjoy the car and this group.

I am a Field Engineer with F. E. C. Corporation, a food processing machinery manufacturer. My background is varied but mostly electrical. Darlene works for Baker's Square at Ridgedale. She plans to start part-time shortly which will afford her a lot of time to wash and polish the MG!

William and Sandy Franck of Bloomington

We are close friends of Darlene and Al Amundson and are interested in getting a MG. We like old cars and think this would be a fun organization to belong to. Bill is a network technician for U. S. West. He likes to fix old cars. Sandy has just started a new job at Plum Co.

Michael and Robin Pasek of Coon Rapids

We purchased the MG in 1981. Engine/mechanical work was done 1983 - 1985. The car has not been driven since Fall of 1988 when it was placed in storage near Duluth. We want to get it out cruising this Summer although it may need some minor transmission seal work.

The Paseks have a Blue 1977 Midget.

Michael and Jacki Mitchell of Big Lake

I only made it to one event last year and hopefully I can make more of them this year and bring my wife Jacki along as well. Anyway, I transported my MGA over to University Motors in Grand Rapids for some major restoration work this past December. They've finished the mechanical work, ie: new clutch, rebuilt tranny, rebuilt carbs, etc. and are now beginning the long process of making the body "perfect". This is something I've been waiting to get done for some time. Next year I will install a new interior and finish off some detailing. I probably will not get my MG back until early June and will be anxious to show it off. So. I've not disappeared from the face of the MG Earth and hope to catch one and all this Summer.

Mike and Jacki have a black 1962 MGA 1600 MK II.

Tim Thomas of Minneapolis

The 1972 MGB roadster I own was built in December 1971 with an original color of

"Muddy Yellow". After 100,000 miles in Texas, it came to Golden Valley, Minnesota. There, it became all black, got a creative canvas upholstery job covered in imitation sheep skin, fuzzy felt carpet, pre-1969 windshield, lost the front valence, sun visors and headrests. Extra features: hot wired (broken ignition lock), revised wiring to headlight, fan and turn signals and finally DOT 3 was added to the clutch and brake hydraulic systems. Oh and the SU carbs were rebuilt in reverse. One year later in 1986 the car went to New Prague Mauhan Motors, the "B" got a "Corvette red" paint job, new tires and chrome sill plates. Then off to the New Prague Chamber of Commerce as first prize in a raffle to raise money for rebuilding a playground and park. Since July 1986, \$1500 (my wife knows the exact amount) has slowly put it back together. As you guessed, for a \$2 raffle ticket, I won the MGB and each year it gets a little better looking and a little more fun.

Jerry and Susan Sood of Lakeville

Jerry is a salesman, selling computer graphics equipment. Susan stays home with the kids, Brandon and Megan. We have had the MGB since 1983 and have had very few problems with it. It has just been repainted to its' original color.

John Twist and Caroline Robinson of Grand Rapids, Michigan

Rode in first MGA in 1965; purchased first MG, TD 28822 in May 1968; disassembled TD in 1970. First "professional work" in 1971; worked in England, 1972 - 1973, several independents and MG dealer in Grand Rapids 1973 - 1974. University Motors 1975 to present.

Met Caroline in 1976 and married in 1978. We have three children: Mary in 1985, Brooks in 1987 and Barbara in 1989.

John is Technical Chairman, American MGB Association; Technical Consultant, MG Magazine; Technical Editor, MG Enthusiast Magazine and a frequent contributor to various publications.

Caroline is MGB Registrar for the AMGBA.

John and Caroline own and operate University Motors, in business since 1975. They have 15

employees and specialize in service and restoration exclusively for the MG.

They own a 1962 MGA MK II DeLuxe which was completely restored in 1980 and now has 30,101 miles, a 1958 Magnette with 3 main MGB engine and overdrive and Carolines car, a 1973 MGB/GT every day driver with 130,000 miles. John drives the Magnette or the MGA every day!

Lori and Neil Behnke of Minnesota Lake

We find the newsletter both informative and amusing and it has given us some ideas for our own small club.

Neil is President of the Lake MGB Club and Lori is the Secretary/Treasurer.

Doug and Mary Madson of Sauk Rapids

Rescued MGA out of chicken coop by Brainerd in 1982. Completed restoration 1985/86. Received several first place awards at MG meets. Presently restoring 1967 MGB/GT and hope to have it completed in Summer of 1990.

I am an insurance agent with State Farm and Mary is a homemaker. Our son Michael is a senior in High School and daughter Michelle is a college student. We love to drive MGs.

Glenn and Gwen Nickleski of Stillwater

My wife and I both work for 3M. We have two kids. I appreciate all the effort it takes to organize this club. Although I don't go to many events, I wish I could. Seems that there is always some sort of conflict.

I've owned my MG since 1974. It is basically stock, although I've added a few non-stock items, as follows:

- tube type shock conversion front and rear
- lower, stiffer front shocks
- headers
- roll bar

I have also removed the smog pump/pollution add-ons. The engine has been overhauled once. The car is in good shape, but it is a driver vs. being "concours". I do all the maintenance and repair myself with the exception of machine shop stuff. My next great project on the car will

be switching from the disc wheels to wire wheels. As usual, I am way behind on this one. Maybe I'll finish by 1991!

I also have a 1968 MGB parts car (minus body) that is scattered about my garage and basement. If anyone in the club needs some used parts I might be able to help them out.

Member News is compiled from the comments provided by members on their membership applications or renewals. If you have news to share, please send your story to the newsletter editor for publication.



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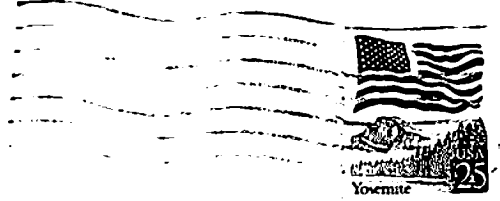
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TREASURY REPORT

Description	Date	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Balance Forward	6/16/90			\$1622.75
Checking Acct. Chg.	6/11/90		\$1.86	\$1620.89
Burgers & Brats	6/16/90		\$27.00	\$1593.89
Membership Dues (6)	6/19/90	\$120.00		\$1713.89
Color Weave	6/30/90		\$80.00	\$1633.75
Printing Expense	7/16/90		\$50.00	\$1583.75
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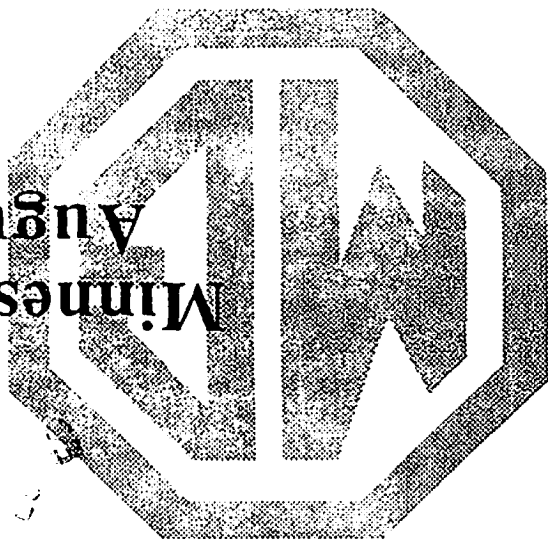
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