

# Minnesota MG Group

## May Newsletter

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### British Car Clubs

#### Tour to Stillwater & Picnic at Pioneer Park

Saturday, May 18, 1991

Meet at the Perkins parking lot, intersection of Hwy 36 and Snelling in St. Paul. The tour to Stillwater will gather at about 10:00 am for a departure at 10:30 am. The group will meet at Pioneer park in Stillwater. The park is at 2nd and Cherry St. near the Lowell Inn for those of you who may wish to arrive later.

Bring your own food & drink. We understand that there should be grills available. Plan for a pleasant day of picnic activities with lots of opportunities to check out some interesting cars. And don't forget to bring your camera.

This is an official MMGG event.

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### Swap Meet

Saturday, May 11, 1991

G. T. Cars, Ltd.  
9250 Bryant Ave. S.  
Bloomington, MN

- Set up in parking lot, 9:00 am to 10:00 am.
- Swap - Buy - Sell, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Clean out your garage and bring your old car parts, books and stuff.
- \$5 per table contribution required.
- Team up with friends and combine the use of a table.
- Bring your own table.
- Operating out of a trailer is OK too.
- Questions, call Ken at 612-474-8489.
- Doughnuts, coffee and cookies all day.

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### 1991 Membership Premium

If you renew or join the MMGG before May 31, 1991 at the full member level you are eligible to receive a membership packet that contains a 10% discount coupon from Moss Motors, a \$5 off coupon from Victoria British, a \$10 off coupon from Tires Plus and an embroidered shop towel from the MMGG.

### Another MG Saga

by Jim Lymburn

The weekend of the Tech Session — Saturday morning checking all the fluid levels and other areas which normally need attention and finally dropping the car down from the jack stands, Joleen and I were ready to see our good friends in the MMGG.

We had a pleasant drive to the event. John and Cindy, as always, showed their MG spirit with their hospitality and a spread of food to satisfy any MGer's appetite. Doug Madison showed us his expertise again by helping Jerry Sood with his interior and new seats.

My MG ran so well that I gave the keys to John Eaton to take it for a spin. I was half expecting a report back from John on something I hadn't noticed or something to do to help my MG's performance but, to my amazement, he came back with a good report. With the work that had been done on the car recently and John's support, I was feeling pretty good about the upcoming summer events.

If you have owned an MG for any length of time, you know what's coming next. Yes, you guessed it — trouble! About eight blocks from home — sputter...cough...roll...stop. My first thought was that it had to be something in the gas as there

were only about 2,000 miles on a complete tune-up.

Of course, Joleen's first words were "sell it!" AS I pushed it a block and a half, I was getting frustrated myself. As Joleen started to walk home to get the truck to pull me home, I sat in the car disenchanted. As I sat there, I was talking to the MG (don't tell me you haven't done this!), "Come on now. I've been good to you for a lot of years. Why do you do this to me?" During this one sided conversation, I was reviewing the symptoms in my head and came to the conclusion that it wasn't gas after all! The fuel pump was still working and the gas filter was new. I had glimpsed the gauges drop once so I thought electrical. Oh no! The dreaded Lucas electric, prince of darkness! I opened the bonnet and went right to the plug wires, pushing on all the connections to make sure they were solid. When I got to the coil, I found a lead wire resting right next to the connection. Eureka! I slipped it on, got in and "varoom!" I met Joleen before she was out of the driveway. Both of us had been a little exasperated but now were relieved.

The moral of this story is to always talk nice to your MG and it will talk nice to you!

*Safety Fast!*



## SU Carburetor Reassembly Tip

by Scott Fisher

When rebuilding SU HS-series carburetors, you know of course to keep the front and the rear rebuild kits separate. The only thing that's different between them is the jet; specifically, the side of the jet where the tube comes in from the float bowl.

The subtle thing, though, is how the tube seals when you install it into the float bowl.

The tube itself on the common rebuild kits is a tough plastic with a brass insert in the end. It goes through the threaded connector, which slides freely on the tube. There should be two rubber O-rings and a tiny brass washer on the end of the tube.

You may wonder how the heck it stays in the float bowl. There's nothing to hold the tube in the connector!

Well, it's held in by a combination of good intentions and pixie dust, coupled with the wonders of elasticity.

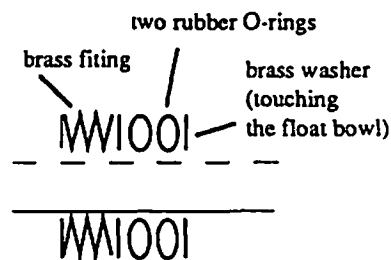
First, you need to shove the tube as far into the float bowl fitting as it will go. Press the brass end of the tube right up on the alloy of the float bowl.

Now start threading the brass connector into the float bowl. Note that the two O-rings and the brass washer are between the brass connector and the float bowl.

Here's where you have to clap your hands three times, say that you believe in fairies, and circle the car widdershins

while chanting "Safety Fast!" backwards:

As you compress the rubber O-rings between the brass connector and the float bowl, the pressure on them in one axis gets transformed into pressure in another. Just as Bugs Bunny's eyes pop out when Elmer Fudd squeezes him on the neck, the rubber O-rings expand circumferentially when you compress them. Let's see if I can draw this:



Now, as you move the brass fitting closer to the brass washer (which is tight against the float bowl), the two rubber O-rings get squeezed between the fitting and the washer. But since they're solid rubber, they don't compress. The force is changed from compression in X to compression in Y, and they pinch in on the tube and out on the passage in the float bowl where they fit.

Personally, I'm just amazed that someone actually got paid to design such a fitting. It's an insult to the venerable rodent to call this a "Mickey Mouse" connection, but it works just fine as long as you know the trick, which is to keep the tube in as far as possible so that it's bound to be compressed by the O-rings when you tighten the brass fitting.

Now, aren't you glad that you know what's keeping your fuel from spurting out onto a hot exhaust manifold?

## Calendar of Events

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### M A Y

4 - 5. British Swap Meet & Car Show. Richfield, OH. 216-325-2192

5. MOWOG II autocross. John Krussow. 612-535-5393.

11. Swap Meet at GT Cars in Bloomington.

11. New Glarus Hill Climb. AROC - Wisconsin. Manos Protonotarios. 612-566-5354.

12. Monaco Grand Prix. Monte Carlo.

17 - 19. Sportscar Vintage Racing Association race, Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI.

18. All British Car Club Drive & Picnic. Sponsored by the Jaguar Club. *Saturday*. Minnesota MG Group.

18 - 19. Emerald Necklace MG Spring Warm Up. Cleveland. 216-226-7024.

25. MMGG Newsletter submissions due to the editor for June publication.

25 - 27. Melee Miglia. MN Alfa Romeo Club.

26. Indianapolis 500

31 - June 2. Heartland Regional MG Festival. Holiday Inn West, Topeka, KS. 816-353-2554.

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### J U N E

1. All British Bash. Louisville, KY. 502-893-8880.

2. Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal.

8. Moss Motors MG Marque Day. Goleta, CA. 800-235-6954.

9. MOWOG III autocross. John Krussow. 612-535-5393.

16. Heritage Day Festival & Car Show. Faribault, MN. *Sunday*. *Fathers Day* Minnesota MG Group.

16. All British Meet. Chico, CA. 916-342-1821.

16. Mexican Grand Prix, Mexico City.

22. Il Diavolo Rally. Ed Solstad. 612-822-0569.

22 - 23. 24 Hours of Le Mans.

26 - 29. GOF. New England MG T Register. Nashua, NH.

30. Annual British Car Day. Cincinnati. 518-858-3071.

30. MOWOG IV autocross. Rosefest. Drake Anderson. 612-636-7644.

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### J U L Y

7. French Grand Prix, Magny-Cours.

14. British Grand Prix, Silverstone.

14. SCCA Des Moines Grand Prix, Trans Am Tour.

18 - 21. AMGBA National Convention. Chicago. 708-858-8192.

18 - 21. MGA Convention. Huntsville, AL. 805-566-1467.

18 - 21. Regional GOF. The "T" folks annual Gathering of the Faithful is in Minneapolis this year. If you want to take a look at some MG T-series automobiles, this will be a

place to visit. They will have a car show on Saturday, the 20th.

20. Great River Road Rally. Alfa Romeo Club. Tom Schram. 612-522-0824.

21. St. Cloud Drive & Picnic. Our annual trek to the Madison home in St. Cloud. *Sunday*. Minnesota MG Group.

28. German Grand Prix, Hockenheim.

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### A U G U S T

4. MOWOG V autocross. John Krussow. 612-535-5393.

9 - 11. Roadster Factory Summer Party. Indiana. 800-678-8764.

10. Coulee Classic Rally. Alfa Romeo Club & Jaguars of Minnesota. Ed Solstad. 612-822-0569.

11. Hungarian Grand Prix, Budapest.

16. Drive & Dinner. *Friday evening*. Minnesota MG Group.

23 - 25. University Motors MG Summer Party. Grand Rapids, MI. 616-245-2141.

25. Belgian Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps.

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### S E P T E M B E R

7. Wheels & Wings. Osceola, WI. *Saturday*. Minnesota MG Group.

## TREASURY REPORT

Description	Date	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Balance Forward	3/18/91			\$500.26
Advertising Expense	3/24/91		\$100.20	\$400.06
Membership Dues (18)	3/25/91	\$360.00		\$760.06
Newsletter Ad	3/25/91	\$10.00		\$770.06
Postage	3/30/91		\$42.00	\$728.06
Advertising Expense	3/30/91		\$75.00	\$653.06
Bank Service Chg.	4/14/91		\$4.50	\$648.56
Member Packets	4/22/91		\$32.95	\$615.61
Postage	4/22/91		\$29.00	\$586.61
Membership Dues (18)	4/22/91	\$346.00		\$932.61
Newsletter Ad	4/22/91	\$10.00		\$942.61
Badge Sales	4/22/91	\$75.00		\$1,017.61
Badge Expense	4/22/91		\$18.00	\$999.61
		\$801.00	\$301.65	

Treasurer: Alan Kelsey  
April 22, 1991

## On the Market

**FOR SALE:** 1972 MG Midget body tub. Little rust. Best offer. Other parts available. Mark Brandow, 612-824-4155. mj

**FOR SALE:** Two MGB engines, good condition, sale or exchange for MGA 1500 or 1600 engine. 1979 MGB one owner car. Needs rust repair work. 90,000 miles. Runs good. \$1,800 or best offer. Lots of different MGB parts from three different cars. Most parts available. Four MGB transmissions, one with overdrive. Tilak Gurusinghe. 612-447-8620. mj

**FOR SALE:** 1972 MG Midget. 47,000 miles. \$1,950. Nice condition. Call Jim or Jane, 507-281-3237. Rochester, MN. mj

**FOR SALE:** Early 1974 MGB. Citron colored. Approx. 27,000 actual miles. Original tires & paint. Appraised at between \$6 - \$8,000. \$6,000 firm. Needs new top. Never seen snow, stored. Tuned up, runs great. 612-441-4477 (H) or 522-3364 (W) between 8 and 5, ask for Dan. mj

**WANTED:** Four disc style steel wheels for Spridget. Buy outright or trade for Rostyle wheels. Also want two chrome wire wheels for MGB. Phil Schaefer. 612-866-8843. am

**FOR SALE:** 1979 MGB. "Excellent". This MGB was purchased new in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1980. In 1983 the car was driven to Minnesota. Never driven in the winter. The car is stored in a hanger at the Flying Cloud airport in Eden Prairie, MN. Burgundy with custom hand painted pin strip-

ing, tan and black interior, 49,000 miles. \$5,400 firm, Blake Rice. 612-831-7116. am

**FOR SALE:** 1974 MGB/GT. 44,000 miles. Period sunroof. Not a show car, but an excellent, drivable anywhere example of the marque. \$4,500. John Stebner. 612-455-0229. am

**FOR SALE:** 1952 MG TD. Has provided me with great fun on sunny Sundays for the last 21 years. Straight 6 Chevy engine. Runs great! Looks great! Needs a new home to make room for (I apologize) a new British Racing Green Miata. Call Tom Brayton at 612-484-2713. \$6,500. am

**FOR SALE:** Five MGB/GTs. 1970 - 1974-1/2. All complete with title. Some restorable, some part out. Jim McCormick. 612-429-2571. am

## Regalia

**MMGG GRILL BADGES.**  
May be purchased at club events for \$9 or mail order from Roger Karnopp for \$11. Send check to Roger at 1295 Deerwood Dr., Eagan, MN 55122.

**SHIRTS & CAPS:**  
Attractive blue caps are \$6 each. Golf shirts in a choice of blue, red or white are \$13. Both have the MMGG logo embroidered on them. Contact Ken Merrill, 851 21st Ave. N. South St. Paul, MN 55075.

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### Minnesota MG Group

### 1991 Membership Application/Renewal

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CITY	STATE	ZIP	
CAR 1	YEAR	COLOR	
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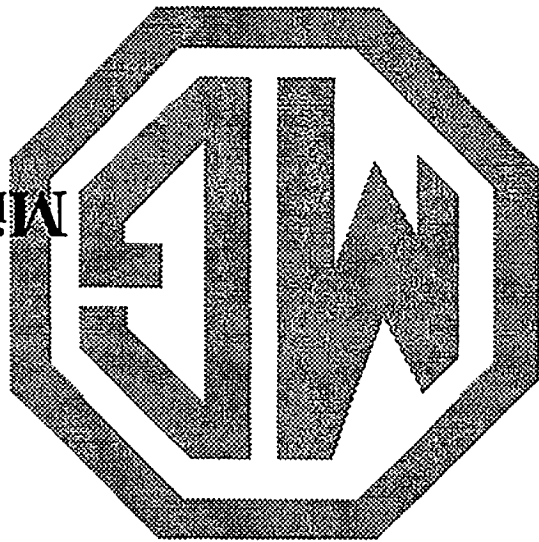
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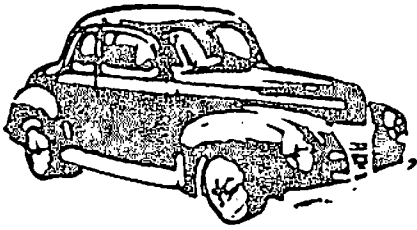
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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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4TH Annual  
HERITAGE DAYS

CAR SHOW  
SWAP MEET  
&  
CAR CORRAL

Sunday, June 16, 1991

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
"All Day 50's Rock Music"



LIVE ON STAGE  
3:00pm - 7:00pm



Tropical T-BIRDS  
50'S AND 60'S ROCK AND ROLL



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PARTICIPANT JUDGING

- 1) 1900-1934
  - 2) 1935-1948
  - 3) 1949-1954
  - 4) 1955-1957
  - 5) 1958-1964
  - 6) 1965-1967
  - 7) 1968-1972
  - 8) 1973-Present
  - 9) Pickups-Vans
  - 10) MG/MGA
  - 11) MG/MGB
  - 12) MG/Midget
  - 13) Foreign
  - 14) Corvettes
  - 15) Special Interest
  - 16) Street Rods 1900-1931
  - 17) Street Rods 1932-1939
  - 18) Street Rods 1940-1948
  - 19) Customs 1949-1961
  - 20) Customs 1962-1972
  - 21) Customs 1973-Present
  - 22) Street Machines 1949-1961
  - 23) Street Machines 1962-1972
  - 24) Street Machines 1973-Present
  - 25) 4X4 Four Wheelers
  - 26) Mn. High Rollers Club
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- First 200 -

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Show Day \$5.00

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CAR CORRAL  
Pre-Registration \$4.00  
Show Day \$6.00

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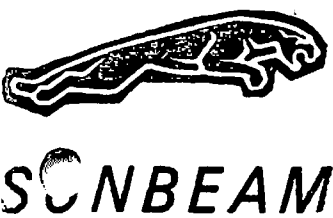
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122 N.W. 2nd Street  
Faribault, Minnesota 55021  
attn/ Jim Fritz

Hello fellow MGer's.

It's that time of year again when everyone should have their little cars out and all tuned, shined and ready to go. It's also just about Fathers Day and time for the Faribault Heritage Days Car Show. The date is Sunday June 16th, everyone keep it open on your calendar this year. Last year, being a committee member I was able to get a class in the show just for us MG lovers. Well as a group and class in the show we had the largest turnout for a single class, 17 cars proudly showing off their stuff. Well because of our large turnout last year I was asked how many classes I wanted this year for MG's. It was a little tough trying to think of a way to break up the cars into more than one class to be fair and decided the easiest and most practical way was MGA, MGB, and MG Midget. Also this year we added a new twist. Trophies will be awarded as in earlier years to the most votes per car per class. Meaning three trophies per class. 1st, 2nd and 3rd from the most votes for that car in that class. Voting is done by everyone who enters a car in the show. Everyone entered votes on one car per class. The thing is that this year we are going to have a street dance with a live band starting at 3 p.m. and trophies will be awarded during the bands first break at 4 p.m. The Faribo Woolen Mill Store will also be open that day with a sale in progress for those who need a break from the cars. A 10% coupon to the store will also be provided to those with a car entered in the show. The Rice County 4-H Club will be providing food and drink to help raise funds for their summer camp program on the grounds. From the response I received last year of those from MMGG everyone really enjoyed themselves and had very nice Sunday afternoon. I wish to thank those that attended last year and hope to see you again this year along with as many MMGG members that can make it. Let's try to make this one the largest MG gathering in Minnesota history. The car show is held at the Rice County Fairgrounds in Faribault Mn. right along the Cannon river. Anyone with questions can call me for further details. I hope to see as many members attend as can make it. What better way for dad to spend Fathers Day than showing off his (mom's to ) beautiful, little MG.

Ed Wassell  
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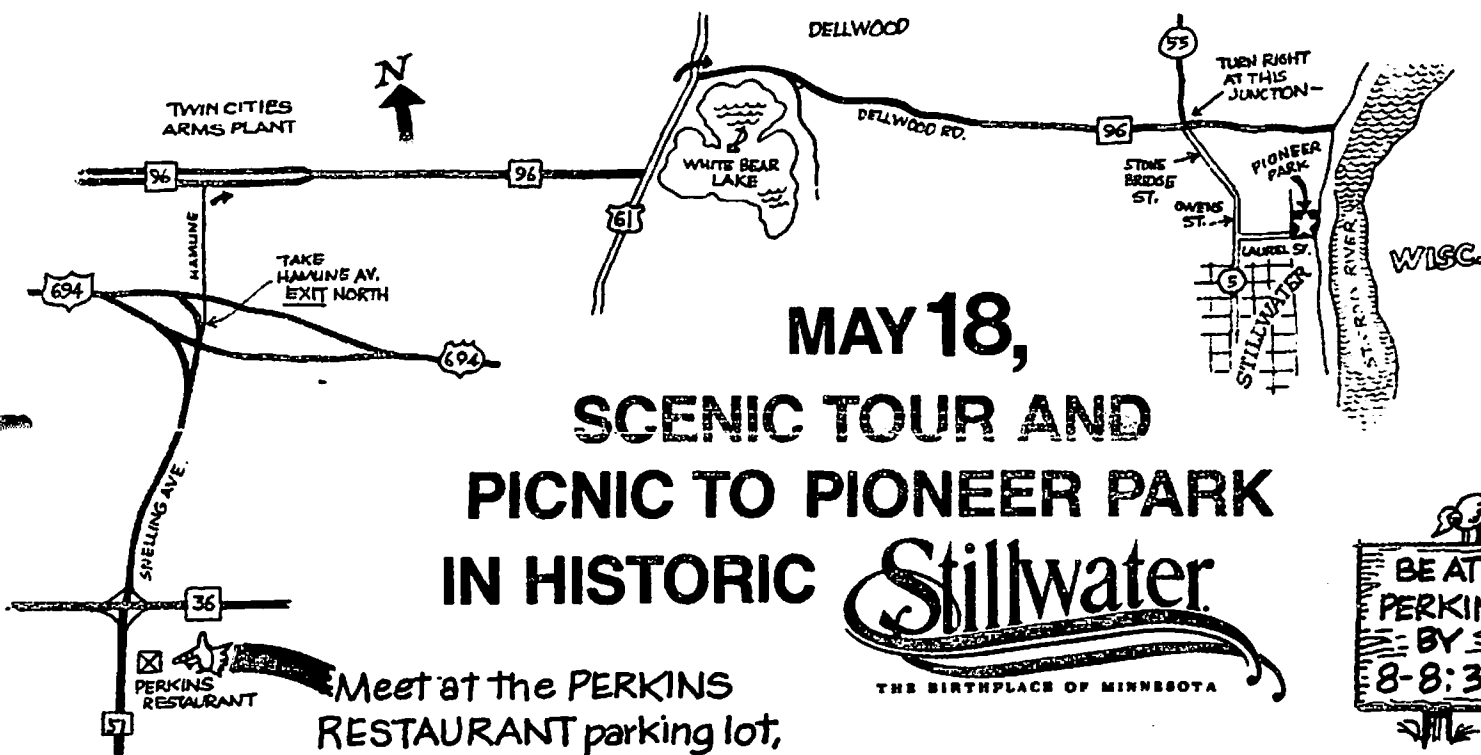
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# British Car Clubs



## MAY 18, SCENIC TOUR AND PICNIC TO PIONEER PARK IN HISTORIC Stillwater

THE BIRTHPLACE OF MINNESOTA

Meet at the PERKINS RESTAURANT parking lot, located 1 blk → south of HWY 36 and Snelling Ave. in Roseville. The tour will leave at 9:30 a.m. and its up to each member as to when to depart. There will be a JAGUAR lead car-or follow others or use the map on this sheet. The TOUR will go No. on Snelling Ave. to the HAMLIN AV. exit off of HWY 694, then continuing North to HWY 96. We will then turn right and proceed directly East to HWY 61- then North past WHITE BEAR for 1.1 mile to continue again going East on HWY 96. Then after going 9 miles we will turn southeast at HWY 5 or Stonebridge Trail to Owens St. in Stillwater. After going about 4 miles south we will turn left (East) and go  $\frac{1}{10}$  of a mile into PIONEER PARK.

- ★ Bring your own liquid refreshments, FOOD, snacks etc.
- ★ There will be a drawing for PRIZES at the picnic
- ★ There are (2) roofed shelters, with 12 tables, 2 charcoal grills, Merry-go-round, swings, and slides for the kids.

JORDAN LANG FOR INFORMATION 938-9482 ← CALL → BILL FRASER 464-2773

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REMEMBER... RAIN OR SHINE... WE GO!!!