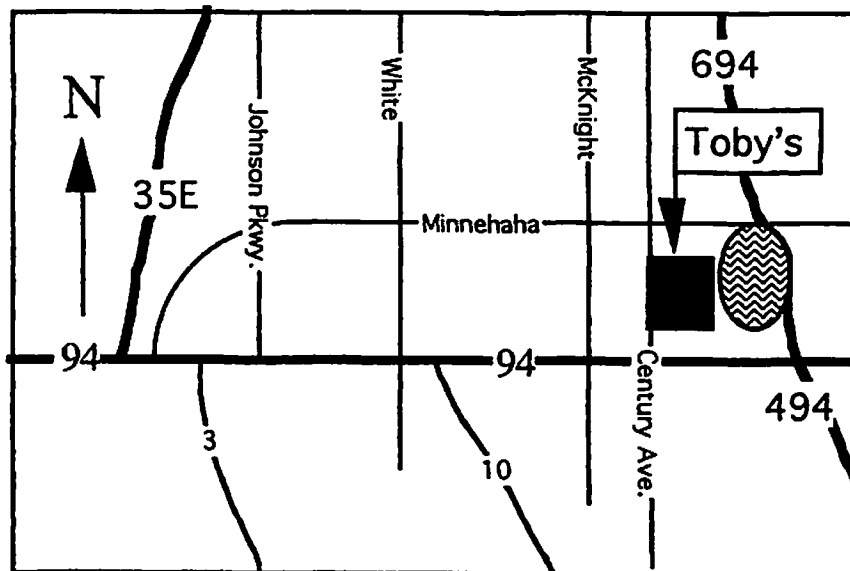
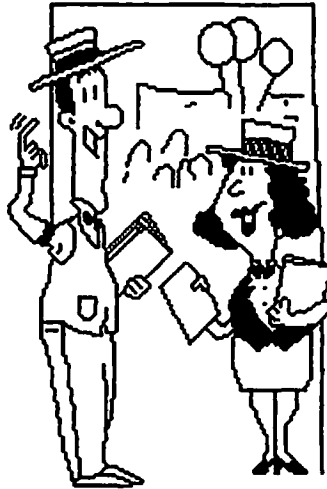


# The Minnesota MG Group Gazette

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the Minnesota MG Group

March 1995

## 1995 Minnesota MG Group Spring Kick-Off Brunch



The annual Minnesota MG Group Spring Kick-Off brunch is scheduled for March 19th at 11:00 AM at Toby's On The Lake. (See map above). This has always been a popular event for MG enthusiasts and their families. If you know of fellow MG enthusiasts who are not members of the MMGG, I encourage you to invite them to the Kick-Off Brunch. The food and service at Toby's On The Lake has always been great, so mark your calendars and bring a friend along. If you have any questions, call Roger or Pat Karnopp at (612) 454-1379.

# Holiday Party

Dave Stovall

The Holiday Party at Al Baker's in Eagan had a little bit of everything this year; business, awards, planning, imbibing, and of course, good old fashioned fun.

Prior to the festivities, the host and President of the MMGG, Roger Karnopp, held a business meeting for the 40 plus members in attendance to discuss preliminary planning of our 1995 schedule of events.

We had several ideas for events this year and here is a preliminary list of what's on tap for 1995.

**March 19th (Sun.)** Kick Off Party at Toby's in St. Paul. Hosted by the Karnopp's.

**April 8th (Sat.)** Spring Tech Session, hosted by Gene Cooper.

**May 21st (Sun.)** Drive & Dinner at Erma Krumbie's in Belle Plaine. Hosted by Larry & Beth Ann Magasano.

**June 17th (Sat.)** River boat cruise on the St. Croix river. Hosted by Al & Helen Schultz (*Schmidt*).

**June 26-30** North American MGB Register National Convention in Lake Tahoe. See page 3 for details.

**July 16th (Sun.)** Picnic and fun at Mary & Doug Madsen's home in Sauk Rapids. Co-hosts Jim & Joleen Lynburn.

**August ?** Red Wing Days, hosted by the Shidla's. Not sure of the exact date yet.

**Sept. 9 (Sat.)** Wheels and Wings. Hosted by Randy Byboth.

**Sept. 30th (Sat.)** Fall Color Tour North. Hosted by Richard Huset of the Minnesota Triumphs, they have invited us to go along with them again this year.

**Oct. 8th (Sun.)** Fall Color Tour South. Hosted by the Stovall's. I've invited the Minnesota Triumphs to join us on a drive to New Ulm, picnic, and a tour of Schells Brewery.

**Jan. 13th (Sat.)** Holiday Party. Host to be announced.

As it was stated earlier, this is a **preliminary** list of events. The weekends are pretty much set, but the days may flip-flop, Saturday to Sunday, and vice-versa.

As in years past, I'll be listing all other clubs events as they are made available to me, so you'll have plenty of choices of things to do this year, between all the "Honey Do" jobs. You know, "Honey, do this," "Honey, do that" This year I will also publish a list of other events happening

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around the state, as a service to our readers, compliments of Al Kelsey.

New this year is the **MMGGMM**. (*Minnesota MG Group Monthly Meeting*) Beginning with March 6th, and the first Monday of every month, we'll meet at Al Baker's in Eagan at 7 PM. We'll do some good old fashioned MG BS'ing and get to know each other better, and maybe go cruising around a little, the meetings are intended to be informal and **FUN**.

One topic of the open forum business meeting was the timing of the Gazette each month. Several members requested the Gazette arrive at the beginning of each month. I will do all that is humanly possible to meet that deadline. Because of this I must establish a deadline for all submissions and ads for the Gazette, which will be the **20th** of each month.

Membership and dues were also a topic of discussion. Even with the recent postage increase, and your editor's reputation for being long winded and putting out a novel versus a newsletter each month, **membership dues will not be increased this year!** Thanks to Roger Karnopp for his copying source. The MMGG treasury stands at \$3,218.79. Membership has declined a little over the years, and we are asking everyone's help in increasing our numbers. The club has MMGG business cards printed up with a place to put your phone number to call about membership. See a MG, fill out the card and place on the car. Tell the person who calls about the members, cars, and fun events of the MMGG.

I just received a list of NAMGBR members that live in our area that are not members of our club, we will actively seek their membership.

The highlight of the evening for me was a special presentation made by the club of a knock off wrench to me for my contributions as your newsletter editor. It was a total surprise, and all I can say is thank you for all the kind words and encouragement you've given me since I took over this job. It's just a newsletter to you but to me it's a labor of love and sometimes hate. I sit down at the computer sometimes and truly know the meaning of "writers block."

I still love putting out the Gazette each month, even though I might not always show it, but I really do need your help with articles, stories and ads every month. Hopefully it shows I care, and that's why I complain sometimes.

Our little Gazette, if you knew it or not, goes out to over a dozen clubs, registers and suppliers around the country, and this year I've been requested to send copies to (*hush*) The MG Car Club of England! The mother of all MG clubs. If you didn't know, the MG Car Club of England has over 50,000 members worldwide!!! No, it's not a typo, it's the largest single marque club in the world. I'd like to make it worth their while to read it each month, and with your help, I'm sure we'll represent ourselves quite well.

Another thing I will do this year is ask suppliers for gifts in exchange for advertising space in the Gazette. We received over \$1000 in gifts last year that were given out as prizes and awards at events throughout the year. If you have a business or know of someone interested in advertising in exchange for promotional items, please have them contact me.

Alan & Sharon Kelsey were also given a special award for their contribution as our treasurers, without their help, our club would surely be in the red. (*Like my check-book, sometimes*).

In closing, just let me say once again, thank you to all the members of the Minnesota MG Group for their efforts throughout the years for the volunteering, planning, preparation and time given to make this the best car club around.



## From the Desk of Mrs. N.L. Editor...

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the Holiday Party. I really liked the part where you gave Mr. N.L. Editor the gift and the compliments. I felt so proud of him. You know "Dave" for his wit and funny stories, I know "David" for that, plus a million more great things. Thanks for noticing his great work. Please have your submissions in by the 20th of each month, because as you know, a happy Mr. N.L. Editor, makes for a happy Mrs. N.L. Editor... Thanks! Vicki

## MINNESOTA MG GROUP 1995 MEMBER APPLICATION / REWEVAL

NAME		SPOUSE	
HOME PHONE		WORK PHONE	
ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
<b>ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS JUST \$20.00</b>			
CAR 1	YEAR	COLOR	
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CAR 3	YEAR	COLOR	
<i>Make Check Payable To:</i>		<i>Mail Check To:</i>	
Minnesota MG Group		Alan Kelsey 15942 Harmony Way Court Apple Valley MN 55124	

**It's 1995, do you know where your dues are? Yes, it's that time again... Don't miss out on the fun events this year, pay your 1995 dues today!**

### **MMGG Holiday Party**

Roger Karnopp

The MMGG Holiday Party at Al Baker's in Eagan turned out to be a fun and successful MG event. The weather this year was quite mild compared to last years, and it was exciting to see 40 plus members attend this year. The business meeting prior to the party went well and all events and hosts for the 1995 season are set. During the party, the MMGG gave special gifts and recognition to those members who hosted events during the 1994 season. The MMGG gave out stocking stuffer gifts to all members at the party. Thanks Dave for your help in getting the gifts from various sources.

Thanks again to these members who hosted an event and gave us some good MMGG memories in 1994.

**Kevin and Carol Mahoney**, MG Tech Session and shopping spree in Faribault.

**Jim and Joleen Lymburn**, Flying Cloud Air Museum and picnic.

**John and Cindy Eaton**, Scenic drive and dinner to Wabasha.

**Dan and Jeanette Shidla**, Ellingson Auto Museum tour and drive.

**Al and Helen Schultz**, St. Croix River Boat Cruise.

**Randy Byboth**, Wheels and Wings in Osceola, WI.

**Dave and Vicki Stovall**, Fall Color Tour with the Minnesota Triumphs

### **Westward Ho!**

Larry & Barb Henle, and Larry & Beth Ann Magasano, from the MMGG will be meeting Deryck and Leslie Ann Lang from Hamilton Ontario to attend the North American MGB Register convention in Lake Tahoe in June of 1995. Plan now and join us in an enjoyable cross country trip with your favorite vehicle.

Plans at this time are to leave the Twin Cities on Thursday June 22. We will meet the Langs in Omaha on Friday June 23. From there we plan to cover about 500 miles a day, and reach Lake Tahoe on Monday, June 26.

Here's a list of scheduled events for the week.

#### **Monday**

Orientation and buffet dinner

#### **Tuesday**

Car display and conducted tour of Lake Tahoe, Virginia City and the Ponderosa Ranch.

#### **Wednesday**

Rallye and scenic tour. Evening we'll have an auction and dinner.

#### **Thursday**

Swap Meet, Funkhana (fun obstacle course) and awards banquet.

#### **Friday**

Leave for home. Hopefully arrive in the Twin Cities Monday, July 3.

For more information call Larry & Barb Henle at (507) 532-6425, or Larry & Beth Ann Magasano at (612) 934-8021. You may write to MG '95 c/o Lawrie Alexander, 4401 Fawn St. Shingle Springs, CA 95682.

At this time there will be at least one 4WD Blazer traveling with us. If not needed for repairs, it will serve as a cool place to rest as we cross the desert. Also for everyone concerned about the dark clouds of Lucas Electrical disasters that seem to follow Larry and Barb, Deryck Lang is a certified MG mechanic, and owns an MG service shop in Hamilton.

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL

Membership dues are \$20 per member/family per year. Includes 1 year subscription to the MMGG Newsletter.

Remit \$20 check payable to:

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**Please read the following article, it is about THE MG event of the year, maybe of the decade. It is imperative that you respond.**

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# MG INTERNATIONAL INDY 96

TO: All North America MG Registers and Clubs

FROM: MG CAR COUNCIL

RE: MG INTERNATIONAL - INDY 96

DATE: JANUARY 1995

The following activities have been discussed and approved by the ad hoc committee of the MG Council for MG International - Indy 96 both in Cleveland last year spring and this winter in Indianapolis. This list is neither complete, exclusive, nor absolute. Obviously, only a fraction of these events can occur at MG International - Indy 96!

Some of these activities can be organized by just one person — some will require an entire club. If you or your club wishes to host an event NOT on this list, please provide the details to us in your return letter. Some events will be free to the participants; some will require a fee — but this is not to be a profit making exercise for your club. You may charge for an event, but only to cover costs. The several hotels that we will be using have meeting rooms, and there is a large parking lot and grassy area on which many of the proposed events can be located. Some events will take place within the four days of the meet at Indianapolis; some are administrative in nature and will occur in the next six months.

This is what we want you and your club to do: Look over this list. Choose one or more activities that you would like to organize, staff, and accomplish during one of the five days of the event (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday). Please note which day(s) you might like to host this event. Please provide the name(s) of the principals who will be in charge of the event in Indianapolis. Please consider several events, and rank them 1 - 2 - 3... From your return letter and the information you provide, our committee will decide which club will host which event, and when.

The ad hoc committee will contact you after the next meeting, at Carlisle, in later May regarding our decisions.

**\*\*\*PROPOSED ACTIVITIES\*\*\***

**AUCTION** - Solicitation of goods, auction, proceeds to MG 96.

**AUTHORS TO SIGN BOOKS** - Letters inviting MG authors.

**AUTOCROSS INSTRUCTION** - Coordination with a the local SCCA club or a professional firm - charge ok

**BARBECUE** - Coordination with a local caterer - charge ok

**BMW/Rover PARTICIPATION** - Letters to BMW/Rover to encourage display of the new MGD

**"CAMP MG" FOR CHILDREN** - Staffing of a special morning or

afternoon designed around the participants children — games, contests, etc.

**CAVALCADE of MGs** - What does this mean to you?

**CONTESTS** - Staffing, Display, Scoring, Award Presentation E.G.: Models-Dioramas-Photographs-Paintings-Parts Trivia-License Plate - "I like my MG because..." Children's Coloring

**CRICKET GAME** - Organizing, site, teams.

**DISPLAYS** - Solicitation of Collectors, display site, protection of displays e.g. Memorabilia

**MG DRAG RACING** - Coordination with the professional track at Indy charge ok.

**DRIVERS SCHOOL** - Coordination with local professional business charge ok

**FASHION SHOW** - Coordination with professional firms and site selection

**FUNKANA** - Site selection, staffing, scoring, cleanup

**GUEST INVITATION** - Solicitation of guests by letter (the organizing committee is not able to cover any costs, but the registers will be, and the local clubs may, cover costs for special guests.

**HISTORIC MG INVITATIONS** - Dick Knudson

**MECHANICAL CONTESTS** - Site selection, preparation, staffing, and scoring of contests (e.g. tire changing, spark plug changing...)

**MG DISPLAY** - One each of every model - Organization and solicitation of specific MGs (Remember this is potentially embarrassing as who's to say WHICH MGA 1500 will be in the display! Perhaps recent winners of register or club meets?)

**MG OLYMPICS** - Site selection, staffing, scoring, cleanup

**MG RACE CAR INVITATIONS** - Solicitation of famous MG racing cars for a display

**NATTER and NOGGIN** - Selection of and coordination with a local "pub" for a

evening's activities.

**ORIGINAL OWNER GATHERING** - Solicitation of original owners for a display.

**PHOTOGRAPHS of MGs** - Coordination with photographer(s) for candid or staged pictures (NOT at the track) - charge ok

**RAFFLE** - Solicitation of raffle items, site, staffing

**REGISTRATION** - Staffing the registration table Wed AM, Wed PM, Thurs AM, Thurs PM, Fri AM Fri PM Sat AM Sat PM.

**REGISTRATION FORM SETUP and PRODUCTION** - We are looking for an MG owner who is in the typesetting trade to do this work gratis. The committee will pay for printing.

**RESTORATIONS by VENDORS/CLUBS** - Solicitation of Vendors/Clubs to perform certain mechanical/body repairs in a seminar form.

**ROAD RALLYE** - Set up, form preparation, staffing, scoring.

**"SAFETY FAST" INSPECTION** - NEMGR - limited - small charge ok

**SHOPPING TOUR** - Coordination with local mall and bus service charge ok

**SPONSOR SOLICITATION** - Solicitation of cash and/or services from MG suppliers and/or other companies to assist the organizing committee fund MG International - MG 96 (NAMGBR member or club preferred)

**TECHNICAL SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS** - Solicitation of Vendors/Clubs to perform certain mechanical/body repairs in a seminar form. e.g. V8 Conversion or COVA/junker bills, MG history.

**TOURS** - Organizing, coordination with local firms, charge ok, eg: Gasoline Alley - Major Racing Shops - Children's Museum - Museums: Western Art; State Historical; Downtown Indianapolis; Lockerbie Mansions

**TRAFFIC** - Provide staff for traffic direction - two hours? At the Indy Track - 20 people? At the Ropke Armor Museum - 20 people?

**VALVE COVER RACING** - no doubt the ENMGR!

**VENDOR INVITATION** - Registration and Coordination (NAMGAR member or club preferred)

**VIDEO of the EVENT for SALE** - Selection of professional firm or experienced person to produce a high quality video of the meet for sale afterwards on a concession basis (the organizing commit-

tee cannot offer any financial assistance).

An integral part of this meet will be a convoy of MGs, beginning at eight points at the extremities of this continent. Over a period of four days, this convoy will converge upon Indianapolis~ There will be three or four overnight stops at many cities as this convoy closes in upon MG International - MG '96. It will be possible, and we will encourage your club to host an evening activity for members of this convoy — in addition to your participation at the event itself. We will send you more information about this portion of our meet later on this year.

Remember! MG International - Indy 96 is **YOUR** event too. Its success depends entirely on the participation of **EVERY MG CLUB ON THIS CONTINENT**. Please consider this solicitation carefully, deliberate with your board or officers, and return your ranked proposals to the chairman by **May 1st!**

If you have questions, please contact John Twist in the evening, at home (616) 676-1031, or by FAX (616) 682-0801, or by E-Mail VRHS43A@Prodigy.Com.

**"B Ceeing you AT Indy"**  
JOHN TWIST  
Chairman, MG International - Indy 96

## **To ALL MMGG Members**

I truly feel this is one event we must all attend. If you are a true MG nut, like most of us in this club, now is the time to start planning on attending this once in a lifetime event. I have volunteered to be our club representative to coordinate planning and volunteering of the MMGG for this event, but with an expected 1000 plus MG's and over 2000 people, it won't happen without everyone's help.

I propose a meeting be held with all interested MMGG members to input our thoughts and assist in putting together the largest MG event on the North American continent. Please let me know if you will be attending MG International - Indy 96, and if you are interested in helping with planning, volunteering, and communication with John Twist and the other members of MG International - Indy 96.

I will keep you informed of the progress of MG International - Indy 96.

"MG's Forever!"  
Dave Stovall

## **Great River Road Rally & Tour Gears For '95**

The Great River Road Rally & Tour, a two-day benefit event for the MS Society, is getting ready for '95! With nearly half of the 35 entries accepted, GRRR rallymaster Ed Solstad is planning another scenic route along the finest roads the upper Midwest has to offer. The Mercedes Benz Club of America joins the Alfa Romeo Owners Club in the second running of this prestigious event on June 2 to 4.

After a get-acquainted reception and car show Friday evening, GRRR teams will focus on driving as they begin the rally Saturday morning. Whether in a competitive rally class or the touring class, teams will be treated to magnificent vistas and peaceful valley roads. Rally instructions will be straightforward enough for beginners, but for those not interested in competing, the touring class lets them relax without having to be concerned about timing.

Once in LaCrosse, teams will enjoy first-class accommodations at the Radisson LaCrosse. First a break to clean off any road grime and swap a few stories, then the captain of the LaCrosse Queen will take over the driving for a cruise down the Mississippi. Dinner aboard the stern-wheeler was a highlight of last year's GRRR, where new friendships were formed with the rolling paddle wheel as a backdrop.

Sunday morning it's back to the winding ways of the Mississippi River Valley. Tops will drop as the morning sun dries the dew. After a morning of rallying, everyone will stop for lunch and the view from Buena Vista Park in Alma, Wisconsin. Then a tour back to St. Paul and the Quail on the Hill restaurant for awards and refreshments.

The GRRR sponsors would like to invite you and your fellow club members to join in the fun. Vintage cars, pre-1976, and cars of particular interest are eligible. The entry fee of \$400 covers all food, accommodations and rally materials. All profits are donated to the MS society. Entry forms are due by March 15.

If you want to brush up on your navigational skills, you are invited to participate in the Rally Seminar and Seminar Rally on April 8 and 9, and in the Spring Triumph Rally on May 7.

For an entry form or more information, please contact Brian Eslinger, GRRR coordinator, at (612) 449-9296.

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## MMGG Marketplace

Member ads are free and run for three issues unless otherwise notified. Non-member ads are \$5.00 per month. All area codes are 612, unless stated otherwise.

**FOR SALE** - 1974-1/2 MGB/GT, 1969 MGB/GT, 1960 MGA Roadster. Moving and must sell MG's and parts. Call for details. Veri Wilkins 835-1608. *mm*

**FOR SALE** - 1975 Midget. Untouched since 1990. Engine possibly seized. Good interior and top. Tahiti blue with LE striping, autumn leaf interior. \$1000/OBO. Judd Nelson 440-5537. *mm*

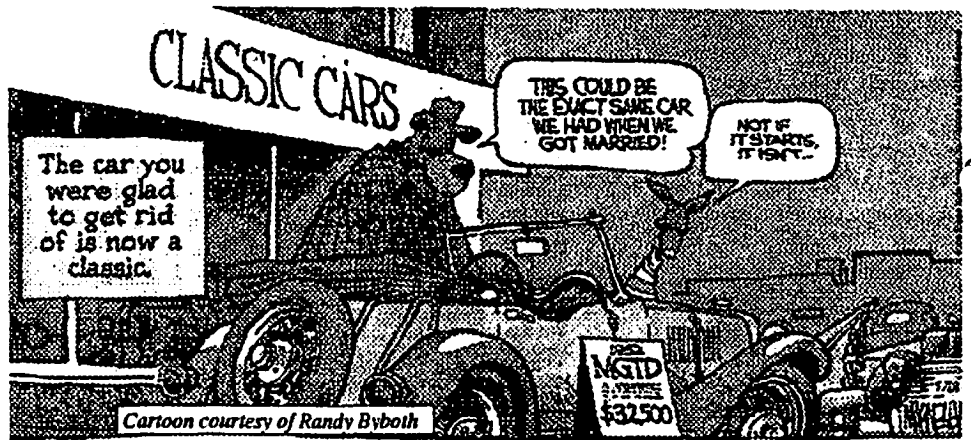
**WANTED** - Looking for a 73 or 74 B grille, windshield, autumn leaf drivers seat. Ken Merrill 455-5681 *mm*

**WANTED** - "Just bought a house and I need everything." Randy Byboth just bought a new house and is need of filling it up with just about everything. He didn't place this ad in the newsletter, we, his fellow members thought it would be a way to help out a fellow member, if you have anything no longer needed, and would like it to go to a truly caring individual, give Randy a call.

**FOR SALE** - 1973 Midget. 59,000 miles. Less than 2000 miles on complete engine and transmission rebuild. Front end rebuilt. New brakes. AM/FM Cassette. BRG with autumn leaf int. Have new panel kit in box. Lots of extra parts. \$5500.00 firm. Dave Stovall 894-4203. *mm*

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your stories, photos,  
assistance in putting  
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domain.

**Dave Stovall**  
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Cartoon courtesy of Randy Byboth

## 1995 Spring Inter-Marque Banquet Sat. April 22nd

The Spring Inter-Marque Banquet, April 22, 1995, will be hosted by the Minnesota Morgan Club, at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club, located at Hwy. 5 and Post Road. (Across from the airport entrance, turn left just before the Fort Snelling State Park entrance off Post Rd). Officer's Club phone 725-5403.

Social hour will begin at 6:00 pm with a buffet dinner at 7:30. Dinner will include roast beef and turkey, au gratin potatoes, vegetables dujour, mixed greens salad, rolls and coffee. There will also be a cash bar, for those who want to imbibe.

The M.C. of the evening will be ventriloquist James Wedgwood (better known as Jim Pratt, of Triumph Club fame). There will also be an Auto Marque Trivia Contest! Door prizes!

The cost is just \$13.00 per person.

Please send your check made payable to Robert Reed to:

Robert Reed  
6223 Westridge Rd.  
Edina, MN 55436-2561

**RSVP by April 4, 1995.**

Any questions, contact Dave Stovall

894-4203 home (anytime) 645-5726 work (9am-6pm)

Hope to see a good MMGG turnout and this fun filled annual event.

*Hey! when are WE gonna host something like this for the British Clubs???? ed*



Both these guys were wearing tee-shirts that read, I'd rather push a Triumph, than drive a MG.

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## MINNESOTA MG GROUP CALENDAR

Sun

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Tue



Wed

Thu

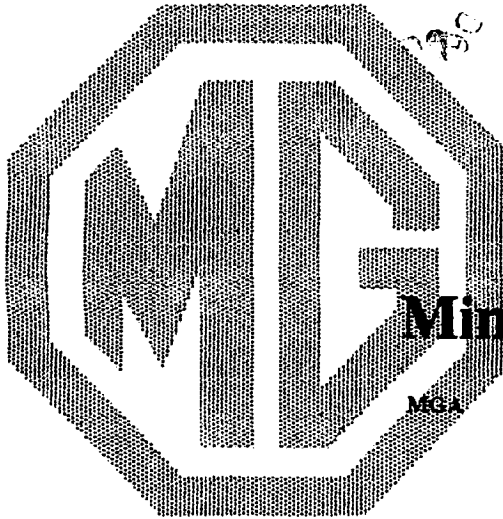
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**DON'T MISS OUR FIRST "MMGGMM" AT AL BAKER'S IN EAGAN AT 7 PM. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

			1 Ash Wednesday Home & Garden Show Mpls. Convention Ctr Mar. 1-5	2	3	4
5	6 MMGG Monthly Meeting - Al Baker's 7PM	7	8 Boy's High School Hockey Tournamen Mar. 8-11	9	10	11 Auto Show Mpls. Convention Center Mar. 8-11
12	13	14	15 State HS Girls Basketball Tournament thru Mar. 18th	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18
19 Spring Kick Off Brunch - Toby's	20  MMGG Gazette Submission Deadline	21	22 State HS Boys Basketball Tournament thru 25th	23	24 Northwest Sports Show Mpls. Convention Ctr. Thru April 2	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**Spring Kick-Off  
Brunch  
Toby's On The  
Lake St. Paul  
Sunday March 19  
11:00 AM**



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