

The Minnesota MG Group Gazette

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the Minnesota MG Group

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Auto Restoration Show



Stop by our booth at the 1996 Auto Restoration Collectors Car Care Show and Auction at the Minneapolis Convention Center. We have invited the Minnesota Triumphs and the Minnesota T Club to join us this year in our large display area.

Last year, over 30,000 people attended this three day event. We as a club signed up seven new members and met some wonderful people who either had a MG sometime in their lives, or were looking to recapture the fun of owning one by sharing stories with those members who volunteered their time "working" the booth. For those of you who didn't make it last year, let me tell you a little about what you won't want to miss this year.

There will be auto parts and service representatives from dealers and specialty shops from all over the country. Several local and regional car clubs, trailer manufacturers, upholsterers, auto literature sales, auto refinishers, auto memorabilia, boat restoration and pedal cars.

Paul Brand, KSTP-AM Radio auto specialist will be doing a live broadcast of his popular "Auto Talk" radio show from the floor of the Convention Center.

There will be seminars on all aspects of auto restoration including interiors, exteriors and mechanicals.

Kruse International Auctions will have half the convention floor for their auction on Saturday May 4th. Pioneer, Classic, Collectible, Muscle Cars, Street Rods, and Pedal Cars will be available to the highest bidder.

New this year is a Car Corral, where you can sell your own car, limited space is available. Call 612-434-4208 if you're interested.

The hours for the show are:

FRIDAY MAY 3RD 5pm-10pm

SAT. MAY 4TH 8am-8pm

SUNDAY MAY 5TH 10am-4pm

Admission: Adults \$6.00

Kids under 12 \$2.50

Under 6 FREE

For More Information call 1-800-451-8360 or 612-943-2002

The 4th Annual Auto Restoration Collectors Car Care Show and Auction is sponsored by Champion Auto Stores and Crown Auto Service Centers. Stop by one of their stores for 2 for 1 discount tickets.



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MEMBER APPLICATION & RENEWAL

Membership dues are \$20 per member/family per year.

Includes 1 year subscription to the MMGG Gazette.

Send \$20 check payable to:

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INDY 96 ...

If you haven't sent in your registration for the INDY 96, The LARGEST gathering of MG's in the United States ever, you won't be one of the lucky 1000 to lap the take some laps on the infamous Indianapolis 500 Track. That's right as of this reading there are over 1100 cars registered for this once in a lifetime event. (Anybody called the Guinness World Record people yet? -ed.)

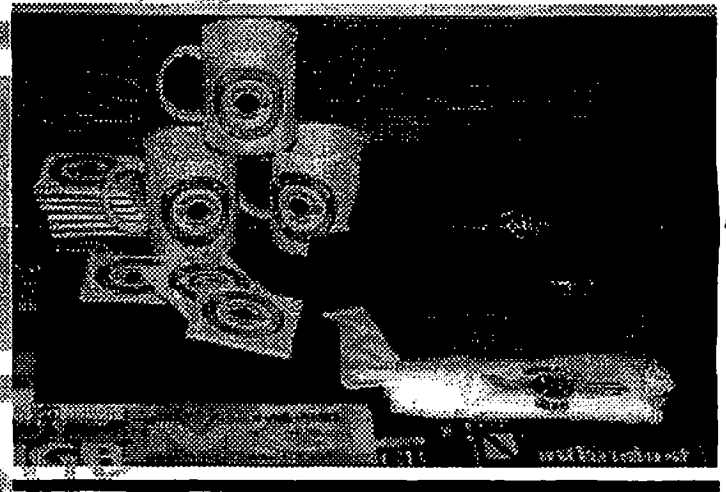
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REGALIA

MMGG Grille Badges - Let others know you belong to the **BEST** car club around. Badges may be purchased at club events for \$9, or by mail from Roger Karnopp for \$11. Send check to Roger at 1295 Deerwood Dr., Eagan, MN 55122

Club Logo Patches - Embroidered patches with the MMGG Logo. Contact Color Weave, 8020 University Ave., Fridley, MN 784-0708.

Shirts, Caps, Cups & Coasters - Golf Shirts in a choice of red, white or blue are \$13. Blue baseball style caps are \$6. Both have embroidered MMGG logo. Coffee cups with the MMGG logo are \$5. Coasters with logo are \$2.50. All are available at club events. Help support your club by purchasing official MMGG regalia at our next event.



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Attention Restoration Volunteers!

SATURDAY MAY 4TH

For those of you who so greatly offered your time to "work" the booth at The Restoration Show at the Minneapolis Convention Center next month, here's the schedule. Please remember to keep this list handy so you won't be late.

FRIDAY MAY 3RD

Ron Spargo	8am-4pm
Jerry Strand	8am-4pm
Roger Karnopp	8am-6pm
Doug Madson	8am-10pm
Randy Byboth	8am-10pm
Cindy O'Brien	12pm-5pm
Dan Shidla	8am-5pm
Jeanette Shidla	12pm-5pm
Jim Lymburn	8pm-10pm
Mike Carpenter	8pm-10pm
Bob Figenskau	12pm-8pm
Steve Shogren	8am-8pm
Lloyd Shilds	8am-8pm
John Hagen	8am-10pm
Wayne Morris	8am-10pm
Lew Palmer	8am-10pm
Dave Stovall	8am-4pm

Ron Spargo	8am-11am
Doug Madson	8am-8pm
Randy Byboth	8am-8pm
Bill Allen	5pm-8pm
John Ray	8am-11am
John Eaton	8am-11am
Dave Stovall	11am-2pm
Larry Henly	11am-2pm
Ken Merrill	2pm-5pm
Jerry Strand	2pm-5pm
Wolf Schroeder	5pm-8pm
Curt Robinson	5pm-8pm

SUNDAY MAY 5TH

Jon Carlson	10am-12pm
Doug Madson	10am-12pm
Lloyd Shilds	10am-12pm
Glenn Nickleski	12pm-2pm
Dan Shidla	2pm-4pm
Jeanette Shidla	2pm-4pm
Randy Byboth	10am-4pm
Roger Karnopp	2pm-4pm

SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SHOW.

Minnesota MG Group 1996 Application/Renewal

Name		Spouse	
Address			
City		State	Zip
Home Phone		Work Phone	

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS JUST \$20

Please tell us about your car(s) year, model, color,
how you found it, what you'd like to do to it, etc.

Send \$20 check made payable
to Minnesota MG Group to:

Alan Kelsey
15942 Harmony Way Ct.
Apple Valley MN 55124

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

Randy Byboth

Friday May 5th, the MMGG will host a hospitality gathering for members and their guests in the cosponsored display booth at the Restoration Show. Snacks and beverages will be available for all those who can attend. Remember to use your red discount coupons when paying admission to the Restoration Show as each coupon used helps pay for the club's space. The Minnesota MG Group will be displaying 6 cars, The Minnesota MG "T" Club will have a MGTC and a MGJ2 on display, and The Minnesota Triumphs will have a TR2 and a Triumph chassis on display.

MARKETPLACE

All Marketplace ads are free to MMGG members, and will run for three issues or until otherwise notified. Non member ads are \$5.00 for three issues. All phone numbers are 612 area codes unless otherwise noted.

WANTED - Side draft Weber carburetor, 40 and or intake manifold for MGB. Jeff Ingebrigtsen 241-2408 (W) or 789-1406 (H) mj

FOR SALE - 2 (that's two) 1974-1/2 MGB/GT's. One show quality, one good cond. **PARTS!** Rebuilt MGB head w/stainless steel valve seats, steering columns, complete MGB interior and dash, MGA side curtain pouch, all exterior chrome trim and lights for GT, new 1600 pistons, rubber bumpers, Midget doors, and much MORE! Jim McCormick 429-2571. mj

FOR SALE - 58 MGA Red Roadster. Looks good and runs good. Asking \$3600 or best offer. Gene Kirsch 489-1618. mj

FOR SALE - 1957 MGA, Antique Ivory paint. Biscuit interior, black carpets. Painted wires. NO BONDO! less than 3K driven since engine and trans. rebuild. John Housman 298-8720 mjj

Sandblasting and Beadblasting Service
Performed by a 17 year old high school senior in need of cash for college. Supervised by 45 year old father having 20 plus years of British sports car repair and refurbishing. Reasonable rates. Call Todd (son) or Glenn at 715-235-2156. Menomonie, Wisconsin. Pickup and delivery available in the Twin Cities.

WANTED - Here I go again, asking for some contributions for the Gazette, no sob story, just asking for anything you'd like to see in print. I'm trying out a scanner my company is selling, so send me some pictures to put in the Gazette.

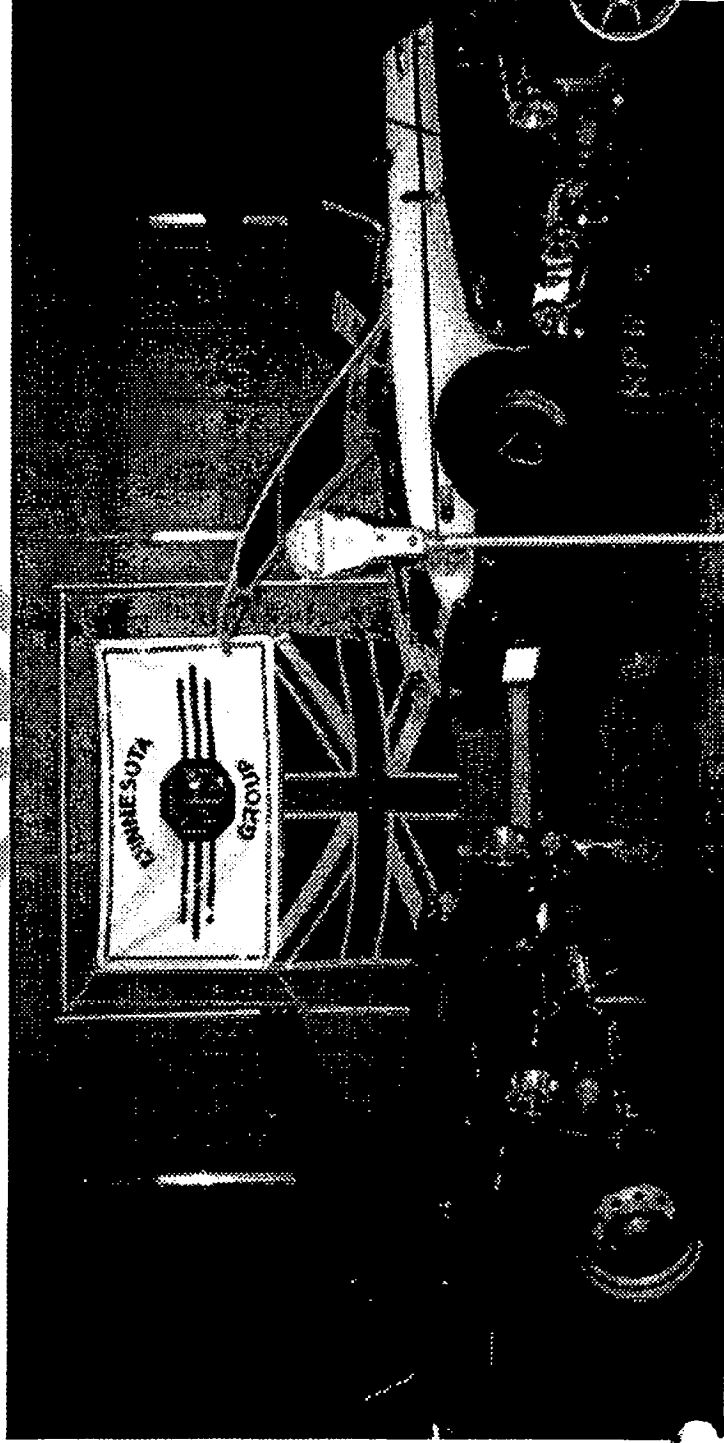


For those of you who can't make it to the Auto Restoration Show, we have another fun event happening

Intermarque Spring Banquet!

Saturday May 4th

Join your friends and their families for the annual "Right of Spring" the Inter-marque Spring Banquet. This year's event is hosted by the Austin Healey Club of Minnesota. Social hour at 4pm, buffet dinner at 6:30pm. Located this year at the NCO club on the Air Force Base at 34th Avenue South and Crosstown Highway 62 in Richfield/Bloomington. Highlights include classical guitar recital, Jack Alinson on "over Our Heads" Jack is a noted Gran Prix photographer and speaks on the characters in racing. Door prizes, good food, and fun folks. Special parking for all sports cars in attendance. ALL marques invited. Call Dean Toensing at 938-7855 for reservations.



Three of the Minnesota MG Group's finest on display (and one not so fine Midget hiding in the back-ed) at the 1995 Auto Restoration Collectors Car Care Show and Auction, attended by over 30,000, during the three day event.

Passing the Baton

Turning My Career Back Into My Hobby

Dave Destler

As publisher of British Car Magazine I have enjoyed the past ten years seeing the British car movement grow and prosper into the reputable, exciting hobby/industry it has become, and taken pride in the fact that British Car not only reflected that hobby, it has also influenced it to a great extent. As founders of this magazine, my wife, Dayna, and I have committed ourselves to providing a quality product for our readers. And it's been a great ride for us; we've driven some of the most wonderful cars ever made, met some of the most fascinating people, and travelled throughout the world to bring you the features that give this magazine its renown credibility. When the publication was first launched in 1980, we turned our hobby into our career. Now, after more than ten years of writing, editing, photographing, designing, doing layouts, selling ads, and everything else that makes this a full-time job (and then some!) we are turning our career back into our hobby, and passing the British baton to a new owner of British Car.

The magazine has been purchased by Enthusiast Publications, Ltd., and the new publishers are Gary and Gene Anderson. We couldn't have found more qualified people anywhere! A husband-wife team just like us, the Andersons are avid enthusiasts (they own two Austin-Healeys, an MG, and a Jaguar), and Gary was the editor of Austin-Healey Magazine for two years, winning the Moss Motors Journalism Award both years!

As British Car Magazine moves into its second decade of publication, there are many changes in the works. The Andersons have plans to improve many aspects of the magazine, including paper quality, number of pages, amount of color, and increasing circulation. We have every confidence that British Car will thrive and become better issue by issue!

As for Dayna and me, we will still be involved with the magazine in other capacities. I will contribute editorially, and will be around for my loyal readers, and advertisers, whom I've come to regard as friends. You'll see us wandering around at British car shows, enjoying ourselves - but probably unencumbered by cameras and note pads!

We are moving on to other publishing projects (with another magazine to launch later this year), but will always be a part of the British car scene.

Although it does feel a bit strange, suddenly being a Man Without a Magazine, I am looking forward to changing back from a spectator in our hobby to a participant. I'm anxious to get back to my tools and restoring something interesting. I've still got a half-dozen British motorcycles awaiting restoration in my garage - that have been patiently standing there since we launched British Car & Bike in 1985! I've recently sold the 'ol Bedford Dor-mobile motor home - which became a "square-tuit" - but am now looking around for a large, postwar, four-seat convertible of some sort to restore. Although Dayna and I are hard at work on a new publication, due to launch later this year (non automotive, I might add), and it looks like it could be back to those 90-hour weeks we worked in the early days of British Car, I hope to find the time to do some free-lance writing on these cars I love.

It simply became obvious to us that we'd have to turn the helm over to someone else if we were ever to find the time for our new project, and now the Andersons will pick up where we left off. Their qualifications will immediately be apparent, and I'm certain that you'll enjoy their efforts as much as you have ours.

This issue is the last one in which my Round-about column will appear here; next issue it will move back to join Burt and Phil, and Gary's publisher's column will take pole position.

I wrote this column while still the publisher/editor, but from here on will be co-listed with Dayna on British Cars masthead as Founder.

As my last message to you as the publisher, I once again encourage you to use and enjoy your British cars; drive them, wear them out, and fix 'em again, and bring 'new blood' into the hobby. Turn a kid on to British cars! Cheers!

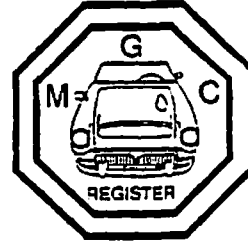
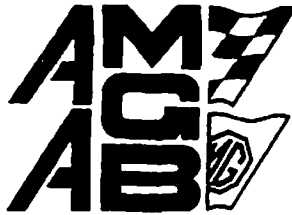
April MMGG Welding Tech Session

Roger Karnopp

The MMGG welding tech session held at GT cars in April was a fun and informative event for the over 25 members in attendance. We had the club's newly purchased wire feed and spot welders along with Jeff Ingebritsen's wire feed welder.

Everyone had the opportunity to try their hand at welding. Jeff and Ken Merrill assisted. We all discovered the spot welder is almost fool proof in welding sheet metal together.

As usual GT Cars had some great cars on hand for us to admire. Four Ferraris, a few Jags, Rolls Royces vintage race cars, and even an MGC! The rolls and coffee took the chill of the cool morning air. The MMGG would like to thank John Natole for his hospitality and the use of his shop.



June 26-30, 1996

Last Name _____

Registration Number _____

First Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State/Province/Country _____

ZIP: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Please Indicate which M.G. you are bringing to Indianapolis (only one car per form; if you are not bringing a car, you must use this form to register for the event):

Year: _____ Model: _____ Type: _____ Color: _____ License Plate Number: _____

Registration Fees:

\$25.00 per car or registration (Before June 1 Cutoff) \$ _____

Indicate
How Many

_____ Conner Prairie on Thursday Morning is \$10.00 each. Reserve and pay now: \$ _____

_____ Saturday Dinner at the Zoo \$20.00 each. Reserve and pay now: \$ _____

_____ Special Event T Shirt (available to preregistrations only) @\$12.00 each \$ _____

State Sizes: XX Large _____ XL _____ L _____ M _____

Youth Large _____ Youth Small _____ Baby _____

Total column and make check out to MG-96 \$ _____

Mastercard & Visa Accepted: Card Number: _____

Expires: _____ Signature: _____

Registrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless all of the associations and registers, their officers and members from any liability, loss, cost, damage, or expense, including attorney's fees that arise out of the performance, use, or operation of the registrant's vehicle during the course of this event.

Signature: _____

This must be signed before your registration can be accepted

Send this form with correct check or credit card information by June 1 to:

MG-96

PO Box 432

Skyland, NC 28776

Do Not Mail After June 1. After June 1 You Must Register At Indianapolis

**Register Early As Only The First 1000 Registrants (in M.G.s)
Will Be Permitted To Drive On The Famous Indy 500 Track!.**

MAY MANEUVERS MAY 18TH

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin at 10:00am. Cars will be assigned numbers. Car numbers determine the time of departure (11:00am plus your car number.)

Time: The Rally will start at 11:00 am.

LOCATION: The meeting point will be the SW corner of the Sears parking lot in the Eden Prairie Shopping Center across from MacDonalds, 598 Prairie Dr. 948-8870.

FORMAT: The rally will take approximately three hours, utilizing easily understood written instructions. The finish point of the rally will allow us the opportunity to enjoy a short picnic while the scores are tallied. Food will be provided. For more information, Call Sam Mearns at 933-8549.

The Top Ten Essentials To Bring To The Rally

10. Your sunglasses...I hope they are needed.
9. Your clipboard...To hold the instructions.
8. Your reading glasses...To read the instructions.
7. Your pencils/markers...To track your progress.
6. Your sense of adventure.
5. Your sense of humor...In case you get lost.
4. Your working odometer...To keep you on course.
3. Your navigator... To **REALLY** keep you on course.
2. Your MG...To lessen the wear on your shoes.
and the number one essential to bring to the May Maneuvers...
1. **YOURSELF**...To meet friends and to have fun driving your car.

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