

Minnesota MG Group Gazette

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the Minnesota MG Group

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Transmission Tech Session

Restoration Show April 25 & 26

Doug Madson
Pack up those garage clothes, fill up your tool box and cooler, bring your questions and cameras to the transmission tech session on April 19th hosted by Doug Madson and Randy Byboth at Dan Shidla's place in Bloomington, at 10 AM.

How many of you have ever seen a transmission out of a car? Ever wonder how it works, (and why sometimes it doesn't)? Why it whines, grinds and leaks, and has the potential to leave you stranded by the side of the road? Well wonder no more.

No rocket science here, (not with this group), on April 19th at 10:00 in Dan Shidla's garage, Randy Byboth, Dan Shidla and Doug Madson will attempt to take some of the mystery out of the MGB transmission operation, maintenance, and overhaul.

Rumor has it that we will be able to tear down one of Dan's transmissions, so why not come and have some fun? If you're not careful, you may even learn something that you can amuse and amaze your friends with at the next party you attend. After all, it's not **your** transmission we'll be working on, so you won't have anything to worry about.

We will be using the all purpose factory tool (i.e. MKI lead hammer) throughout much of the tech session, and other speciality tools as well (swearing is optional, and should be left to the professionals, or Dan once we open up his gearbox.)

Hopefully, it will be informative and maybe some of you will be able to get your MGs out for the day. Lunch will be provided by the MMGG. Hope to see you there.

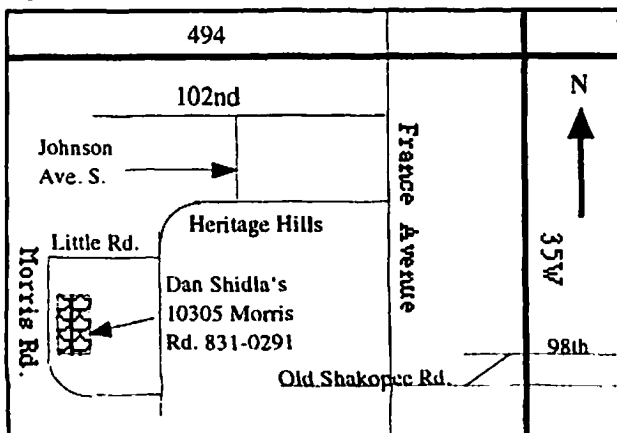
Dave Stovall

If you were at the Spring Kick Off Brunch then you know the Auto Restoration Show is scheduled for Friday and Saturday April 25 & 26. The sponsors of the show have dropped the last day, Sunday, and combined the auction and restoration show into one big exhibit hall.

The MMGG will have a 20' x 40' booth at the show hosted by Dick Wallrich. He is seeking volunteers to work the booth for a few hours each day during the show, please contact Dick with the times you'd like to help out.

This is a fun event for all who attend and have a display booth. There is virtually something for everyone. Toys, books, vendors, outboard motors, boats, and some beautiful and unique automobiles from all over the world. The auction has some vintage iron going for major dollars right next door. The average attendance is 10,000 people per day.

Typically, the Minnesota MG Group has gained 6-10 new memberships per year, because of our display booth at the show. We run a very casual booth, wide open so people can walk right up to the cars and get a good look. I personally find it frustrating when you can't get close enough to really check out a good looking car, especially an MG! Please contact Dick at 644-8030 for more information, discount tickets and to volunteer to work the booth for a few hours on Friday or Saturday April 25 & 26.



DIRECTIONS TO THE TECH SESSION:

From the North, take 35W So. to 494 W to the France Ave. exit. Go So. on France to 102nd. Go right on 102nd to Johnson Ave. Go left on Johnson Ave. to Heritage Hills. Go right on Heritage Hills to Little Rd. Go Right on Little Rd, follow it till it turns into Morris Rd. Go left on Morris.

From the South, take 35W No. to 98th, left on 98th to Old Shakopee Rd. Left onto Old Shakopee Rd. to France, Right on France to Heritage Hills. Left on Heritage Hills to Little Rd, Right on Little Rd. to Morris Rd. Little Rd. turns into Morris Rd. Go left on Morris. (Look for the cascading 90 wt. gear lube as it pools at the bottom of Dan's driveway, it will be the first house on the left. -cd)



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MEMBER APPLICATION & RENEWAL

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

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1997 MMGG Events List

The following is a list of the many events the MMGG has planned for your driving pleasure this year.

Sunday March 23 Spring Kick Off Brunch hosted by Al & Sharon Kelsey.

Saturday April 19 Transmission tech sessio hosted by Doug Madson.

Fri. & Sat. April 25-26 Auto Restoration Show, Mpls. Convention Center hosted by Dick Wallrich.

Saturday May 18 MMGG Rally Hosted by Sam & Peg Mearns.

Saturday June 7 "Brit Day" at New Life To Classics, a British car restoration shop in Mankato, hosted by owner and MMGG member Dave Wintz.

Sat. - Sun July 5-6 Minnesota Grand Prix with the Minnesota MGT Register hosted by Bob Figenskau.

Sunday Aug. 3 Red Wing Days hosted by Gordy Matson.

Sunday Aug. 10 Mighty Midget Golf Tourney and Picnic hosted by Mark Brandow & Eileen Custer at their home in Minnetrista.

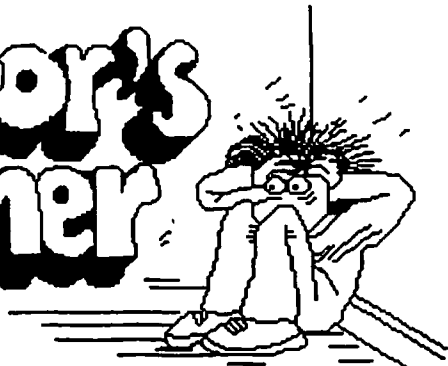
Saturday Sept. 6 Wheels and Wings in Osceola hosted by Kevin Healy and Phil Vander.

Sunday Oct. 5 Fall Color Tour Hosted by The Madson's & Henle's.

SAT. JAN 10, 1998 MMGG Holiday Party hosted by Jim & Joleen Lymburn bring your 1997 MG Bucks!

Editor's Corner

Dave Stovall



I just left the Spring Kick Off Brunch and would like to get this down while it's fresh in my old mind. First off thanks to Al & Sharon Kelsey for a wonderful time at the Chart House. The food was great and the MG conversation plentiful, it was good to see old friends who, like my cars, were in cold storage over the LONG winter.

I'd also like to apologize to the entire group for the errors in last month's Gazette. Due to personal problems and other unforeseen duties, I was under the gun to crank out the newsletter and didn't spend my usual time going over everything before publishing. Just bear with me, and someday I might get this newsletter out on time with the right dates, and everyone's name spelled correctly, yea right . . .

While I'm on the subject, I'd like to invite all members to share any MG stories or photos they might have with the rest of the group by sending them to me at the address on page two of this Gazette. All submissions will be returned promptly, and maybe to their rightful owner!

Contrary to what you've been told, I will not quit if I hear criticism about the Gazette. I'm just a volunteer, no expert, as most will attest, so any input, good or bad is welcome. I just want to get the word out to all of you in a timely, correct, and enjoyable format. If you have any suggestions to improve this newsletter, please share them with me. (Hey Denny, haven't seen a discourse in a while...hint, hint)

Seriously, we'd like to hear of your progress and problems with ongoing restorations, maybe someone has done what you're having problems with and can help you out with a technique or pictures or just talk you through it. The only way we're gonna keep these little darlings on the road where they belong, is to help each other out along the way.

The MMGG has a pleth...a pleth...a plethora (that means a whole bunch) of knowledge concerning MG's. Someone in this club has already done what you maybe just beginning, share your knowledge with your fellow members. See Ya!

Minnesota MG Group Membership Application

NAME

SPOUSE

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

Please tell us a little about yourself and your car(s):

Annual membership is just \$20.00

Make check payable to MMGG and send to :

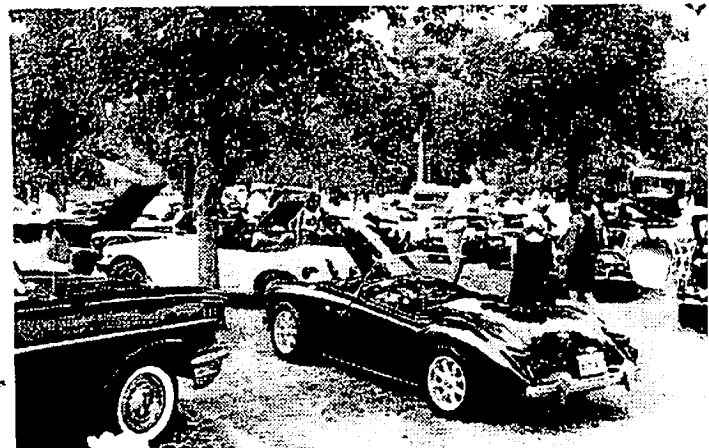
Dan Shidla - MMGG

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Were you with us?? Photos on these two pages were taken by Sam Mearns at our last three Minnesota MG Group events. They included the Fall Tour to Eau Claire, '96 Car Show at Red Wing and the Spring Brunch '97.





Humble apologies to Editor Dave for messing up the sequence of his page numbers. The photo pages were added after he had completed the Gazette.



Randy's Route

Randy Byboth
(Our New Prez -ed.)

Ahh...fellow MG enthusiasts, the weather is getting very nice. As I write this it's 45 degrees outside, with a forecast predicting 50's to possibly 60 degrees for the weekend! Needless to say I'll be out in the garage working on my favorite toy, getting it ready for the road, as our driving season is just around the corner.

I must thank everyone for the confidence you have shown in me to do a job that I feel is very important. I've been a member of the Minnesota MG Group since June of 1990, and each year have seen the enthusiasm for the cars we love, and the people we have gotten to know, grow stronger.

I was very pleased with our past officers and would like to take this opportunity to thank Roger Karnopp, our past president for always thinking of the clubs best interests, and ensuring that membership in the Minnesota MG Group was something to be proud of.

Our past treasurers, Al & Sharon Kelsey who have done a fantastic job for the past seven years managing the clubs funds, maintaining the membership roster, printing the labels for the Gazette, and hosting many of the more memorable events of years gone by. Thank you for everything you've done to keep this club together, Al & Sharon.

Dan Shidla, although the secretary's duties were few, you were always there to lend a helping hand. And now as the new treasurer, I'm sure you'll take on this task with the same enthusiasm.

Dave Stovall will continue to produce our newsletter, The MMGG Gazette, who, since assuming the task four years ago has improved the look and quality of the newsletter, and has added his own unique style to our publication. He deserves most of the credit for our involvement in attending the Restoration Show, and just having him at most of the yearly events makes them more enjoyable. Thanks Dave.

John & Cindy Eaton, for publishing, addressing and mailing the newsletter almost since the clubs inception. And not only for those duties but for the many wonderful events you've hosted over the years. Thank you both.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Minnesota MG Group. We are searching for the perfect avenue to celebrate this milestone in our club's history. Let's all support our past and present officers by attending as many of the new and fun filled events that are headed your way in 1997!

Happy Anniversary Minnesota MG Group!

MMGG on the Web!

Gordy Matson

How many times have you had a question about your MG and wanted to get a response from club members? Or how about going to a club event at the last minute and wanted to find out who all is going? Would you like to stay in touch with people you have met at a national get together?

With the ever expanding use of the World Wide Web and the InterNet in today's world, the MMGG is not going to be left behind. The club now has an InterNet E-Mail Address;

Minnesota-MG-Group@usa.net

I am currently about 90% finished with our web page that will also be on the InterNet. Some exciting things you will see...

The Club Calendar

A complete listing of upcoming events that the club will be attending and who is hosting the event. Don't miss another event because you can't find your newsletter.

Links To Other MG Web Pages

Look no further...The MMGG web page will link you to your favorite MG sites all over the world!

Restorations Under Way

See and read about other club members and what they are working on.

Club Sponsors

Get your business listed on the MMGG web page and be seen by everyone in the club and from around the world.

Also a feedback form for people outside of our club to send us information about their club and much more.

To start off, I would like to gather everyone's InterNet E-Mail address so we can get late breaking information out to as many people as possible. If you don't have an E-Mail address, I can help with that too. Your E-Mail address will NOT be distributed to anyone outside of the MMGG (Who needs more junk mail, anyway!) Please forward your E-Mail address to **Minnesota-MG-Group@usa.net**.

To get all of this up and rolling will cost the club nothing, zero. Just my way of getting off my duff (that's dupa for you Scandinavians) and contributing to the future of the MMGG.

For those of you needing computer help or have questions, please contact me via the club E-Mail address or at a club event.



All MMGG Marketplace ads are free to MMGG members, non member ads are \$5 All MMGG Marketplace ads will run for three issues unless notified otherwise.

FOR SALE - Four (4) painted wire wheels for MGB. Due to the slight coating of oil (from the exhaust), these are in good shape. Take 1 or all 4 for \$100. Alan Kelsey 891-3452. amj

FOR SALE - 1980 MGB LE (Limited Edition.) 72K miles, new tires, alternator, starter, etc. Stainless steel exhaust. \$3600. 1978 MGB with wire wheels. \$2750 Both cars are from Colorado. Randy Wassgren (715) 682-6055 or (715) 682-8070 Ashland, WI. amj

Classic Motorbooks

Have you received your new Classic Motorbooks catalog yet? It's full of great deals on every kind of automotive related publication and videos imaginable! Not on their mailing list? Just call 1-800-826-6600 and ask for a free catalog. Classic Motorbooks is the host of the popular "Wheels and Wings" celebration each September in Osceola, Wisconsin. (One of the MMGGs favorite annual events.-ed.)

MGB Driver

Acknowledged as the leading source of information for all MGB and Midget owners. MGB Driver, a 60 page bi-monthly publication, comes jam packed with technical and historical information on your car. Subscriptions are \$25 per year.

For a sample copy send \$4 to:
P.O. Box MGB, Akin, IL 62805
or call (800) NAMGBR-1

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Road America Cancels Contract for Chicago Historic Races

Update, British Car Magazine Feb/Mar 97

In an unexpected action, the owners of Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin notified Joe Marchetti and his Chicago Historic Races organization on September 10th that his agreement with them has been cancelled for 1997 and 1998. The brief letter of notification gave no reason for the decision.

In the sixteen years that Marchetti has been producing the Chicago Historics, he has built it up to be the premier vintage race event in the Midwest, and one of the most successful in North America. British Car Magazine columnist, Burt Levy, has devoted considerable ink to describing the combination of great racing and downhome informality that has characterized this even under Marchetti's stewardship. During the past season, the races were the second largest event at the track, exceeded only by the C.A.R.T. races. Road America has announced that the Merrill Lynch Brian Redmond International Challenge vintage race will take place on July 18-20, traditionally the date of the Chicago Historics. Needless to say, racers and vintage car fans are puzzled and saddened by this apparently no-win situation.

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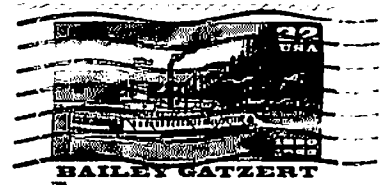
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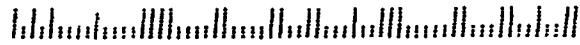
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*Hi Boss.
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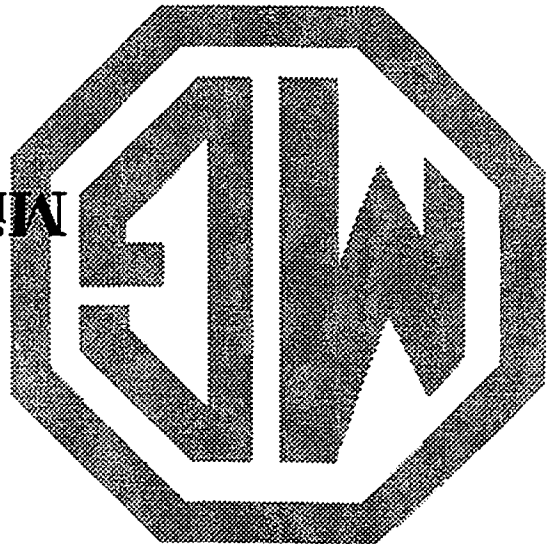


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