

Minnesota MG Group Gazette

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the Minnesota MG Group

December 1997

MMGG Holiday Party Saturday Jan.10 Al Bakers 6 pm

You are cordially invited to attend the 1998 Minnesota MG Group Holiday Party at Al Baker's Restaurant in Eagan on Saturday January 10th at 6pm hosted by Jim & Joleen Lymburn

Another year has come and gone with many great memories of the past driving season. We invite you to come and share your MG adventures and of course your pictures. Member participation for 1997 events was at an all time high, thanks to all of the members who made this years attendance a record breaker.

"Bucks...MG Bucks...where are they?" "Oh my gosh, where did I put those bucks?" I've got a feeling a lot of members will be going through their cars out in Prior Lake at Gene & Becky's looking for their hidden bucks. If this years MG Bucks auction will be anything like last years, the bidding should be extremely entertaining.

And remember, this years MG Bucks are GOLD in color..not green!

Al Bakers is located on the Southwest corner of the intersection of 35E and Pilot Knob Road in Eagan. Al Bakers phone number is 454-9000.

Al Baker's menu selection:

1. Boneless Double Breast of Chicken served cajun, teriyaki or bbq style...\$13.06
2. Top Sirloin Steak...\$16.96
3. Fried Gulf Shrimp...\$17.62

All above dinners include beverage, tax and gratuity.

Please R.S.V.P. to Jim and Joleen Lymburn at 780-9241 with your dinner selections

BRING YOURSELF AND YOUR MG BUCKS AND WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!



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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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1998 MMGG EVENTS

February 2nd , Saturday
 Lunch at Ellingsons Car Museum hosted by Randy Byboth & Cindy O'Brien

March 22nd, Sunday
 Spring, Kick off hosted by Curt Carlson and Dick Wallrich

April 18th, Saturday
 Tech Session, paint and body work, and paint maintenance hosted by Dewey Freder

April 24th, Friday & 25th Saturday
 Restoration Show hosted by Dick Wallrich and Ron Spargo

May 5 thru 9
 Swap Meet Carlisle PA Hosted by Doug Madson

May 17th, Sunday
 Inter-Marque Rally hosted by Sam and Peg Mearns

June 7??
 Brit Day at New Life To Classics Inter-Marque event hosted by Dave Wintz

June 20th, Sat. June 21st, Sunday
 Nicollet Mall Car Show hosted by Larry Henle

June 24th thru 26th
 MG National Convention, Hagerstown MD.

June
 Austin Healey Club hosting a 3 day event in Duluth

July???
 Funkhana or Gymkhana hosted by Kevin Healy

July 22nd thru 25th
 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention

July 18-19
 Road America Vintage Races Elkhart Lake WI

August 22nd, Saturday
 Ellingson's Car Museum. Inter-Marque car show and swap meet hosted by Phil Vanner

August???
 University Motors Summer Party

September 12th, Saturday
 Wheels and Wings HOST NEEDED!!!

October 3rd, Saturday
 MMGG Triumph and Austin Healey clubs will meet for this event. HOST NEEDED!!!

November 7th, Saturday
 MMGG Annual Meeting hosted by Randy Byboth

January 16th, Saturday
 MMGG Holiday Party hosted by Al & Sharon Kelsey

RANDY'S Rearview Mirror

I hope everybody had a good Christmas and New Years, Cindy and I enjoyed ours. The November 1st MMGG Annual Business Meeting went very well, we had a good turnout and Brit's Pub was a fun place to meet except for some comments on the parking problems. My scheduled 10:00 am meeting time was a little early because Brit's didn't open until 11:00 am, they were very nice to let us in early. Walking up to Brit's at about 9:45 am. Cindy and I saw a bunch of people huddled in the bus stop trying to stay warm.

Once the meeting got underway there were many subjects brought up and many new ideas as well. First thing was the agenda for the year. We had a lot of new ideas. Getting together with other British Car clubs was a very popular topic, and to help put things together we opened a new office and Phil Vanner volunteered to be The MMGG Inter - Marque Coordinator.

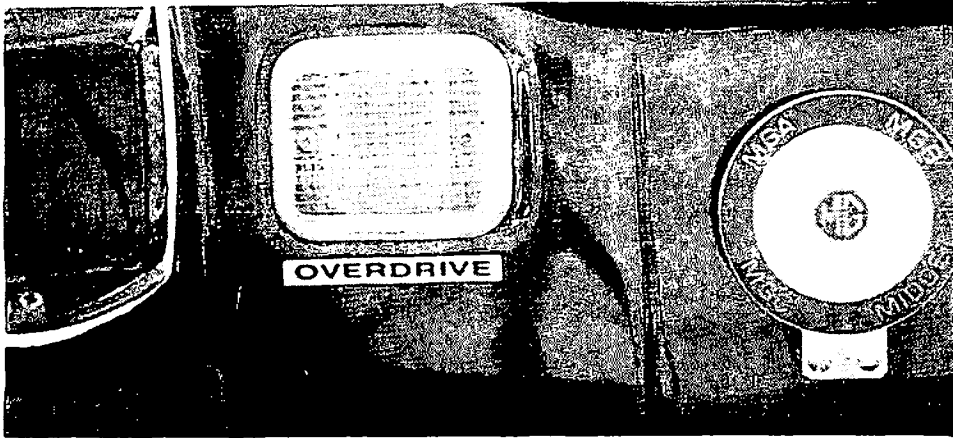
For those who may have only heard rumors about the MMGG hosting a National event for 2001, Dick Wallrich spent many hours putting together a very good proposal, Doug Madson and I made a presentation at Carlisle Import Swap Meet in Pennsylvania to all the National MG Clubs. I think every one was impressed with what we had to offer. Later that summer we got the news that Atlanta had been awarded the event. Doug, Dick and several others discussed trying to bid on the 2000 National Convention. That didn't last long, after Larry Henle spoke with NAMGBR Chairman Rick Ingram. Rick has informed Larry that the Ohio Club would be hosting the 2000 Convention. So now there is more talk of helping the Minnesota MG "T" Register with their event in 2000 or hosting a regional event for NAMGBR.

Name tags. There has not been a procedure for ordering and delivering name tags. We talked about assigning a coordinator and Cindy O'Brien volunteered to take care of name tags. As to paying for name tags the following has been proposed. Members who have been waiting for their name tags from last years order will receive theirs at no cost. New members dues will go up to \$25 for the first year to pay for two name tags per membership. Members who allow their membership to lapse after May 1st will be charged \$25 to be reinstated. Members paying before May 1st will only pay \$20. Please feel free to discuss these proposals at the Holiday Party on Saturday January 10th at Al Baker's in Eagan. I will bring copies of the re-revised Bylaws also.

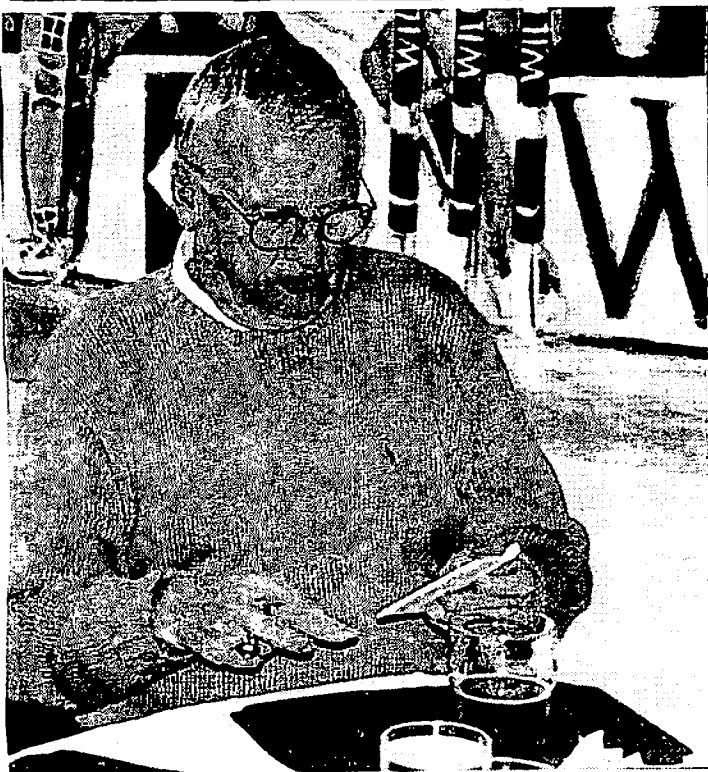
Larry Henle has a new regalia item he is working on, a decal of the MMGG Logo for your rear window on your GT or a corner of your windscreen. And remember the club has a large selection of tools for you to use, a MIG welder, spotwelder, pressure washer...contact Toolkeeper Roger Karnopp.

Safety Fast

Randy M. Byboth

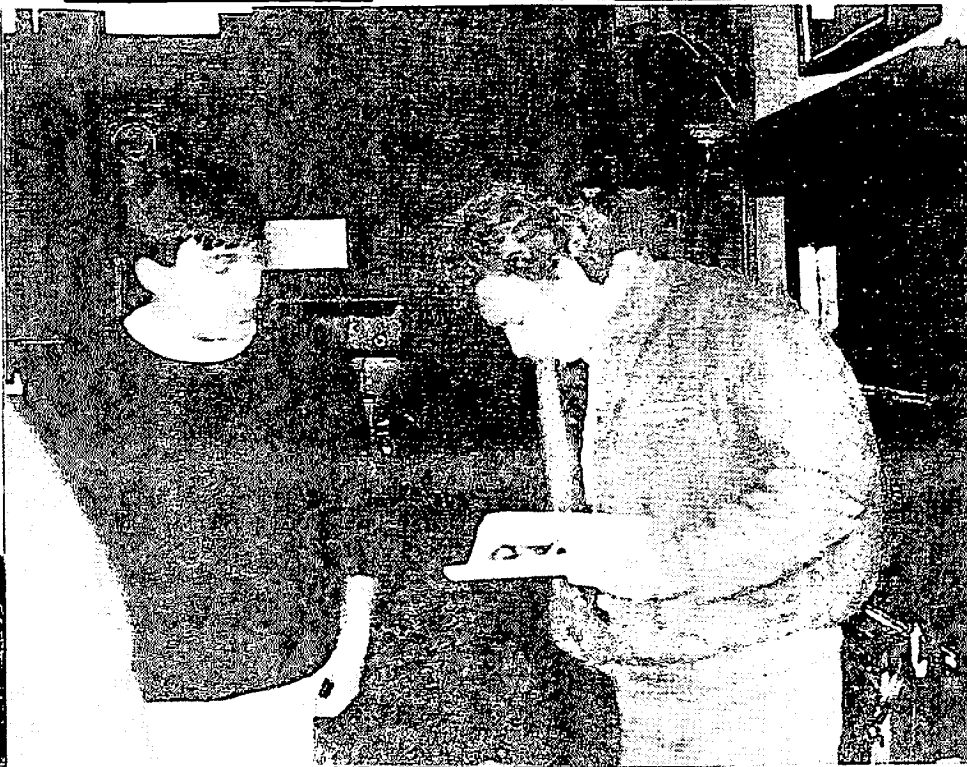
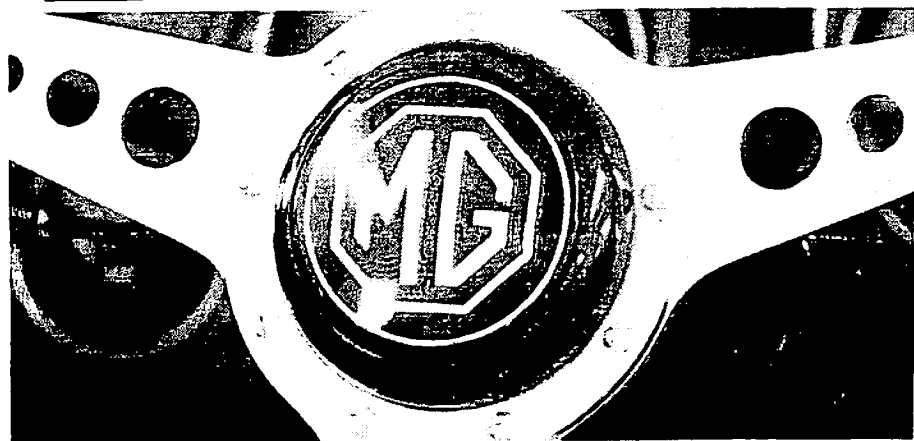


HAPPY NEW YEAR
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GROUP
PHOTO FEATURE PAGES





This year's annual Minnesota MG Group business and planning meeting was held at Brit's Pub on the Nicollet Mall on Sat., November 1st. There was a good turn-out and if the great planning is an indication of things to come the 1998 driving season should really be a good one!



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 :

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 10305 Morris Rd.
 Bloomington, MN 55437



WANTED -

All members to attend the MMGG annual Holiday Party at Al Bakers in Eagan Saturday Jan. 10th at 6 pm.

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.

DESPERATELY NEEDED - Storage space for my 66 Austin Healey Sprite MKIII. As I have an apartment with no covered storage, my baby has sat outside for the summer. I need winter storage space somewhere in the greater metropolitan area for little or no cost. Mostly restored, new paint, drivable condition, fully insured, no leaks, 11'5" long. Please help, I'm getting worried. Curt Carlson (H) 721-8667 (W) 931-3936.

FOR SALE - Used painted wire wheels. 60 spoke 14". \$10.00 each. I have 10 on hand. Other parts for 68 B available. Call Kevin at 612-892-3519.

FOR SALE - Complete wire wheel front and rear axle assemblies for MGB. Shocks, steering gear and suspension components. Includes 5 painted wire wheels. \$300 or best offer. Larry 464-2609 lv. msg.

LOOKING FOR MORE TO DO AS AN MG ENTHUSIAST. By Kevin Healy



Does the thrill of driving and competition raise your pulse rate? Perhaps I could interest you in Autocross. I have mentioned this to several of our membership and have found some interest. I recently contacted Phil Ethier of the Minnesota Autosports Club for more information. They are involved in this type of event and he is the editor of their newsletter called the Right Line. He wrote an excellent description of what this event is about. Here is an edited version:

What Is Autocross? By Phil Ethier, Editor, The Right Line

Autocross: Noun. A sport engaged in by automobile enthusiasts in the USA- Called "gymkhana" in the Twin Cities during the sixties. Since the seventies, the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) has used the trademark "Solo II " for this type of event. A sports car club procures a site, generally a large parking lot. Airstrips and actual racetracks are sometimes used. A course is set up using plastic or rubber traffic markers. These are referred to as "cones" or "pylons". This course can be of almost unlimited design. Timing equipment is required, preferably an electric timer. Each driver negotiates the course and is timed. A penalty is assigned for each pylon which is struck. This penalty is usually the addition of 2 seconds to the driver's time. A more severe penalty is applied if the driver goes the wrong side of any pylon. Generally, there are several runs at an event. Each driver is awarded the best time of all runs taken., so a driver may improve the score with each run, and does not lose a previous good score if (s)he makes a poor run.

Advantages to participants include: You are competing against other drivers, but only via the clock. No one is going to try to pass you.

This sport meets one of the basic criteria for success, in my opinion. It is easy to do, and difficult to master. Beginning, it is easier than golf or bowling. Being able to dominate the sport is a talent few have. But it is very enjoyable no matter what your equipment or skill level.

Warning: for some people Autocross has been shown to be extremely addictive.

So there it is. I am curious how many club members are interested in this. Perhaps members that are interested would like to get together and talk about this. If you are interested, please contact me at the following addresses or phone number:

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Lakeville, MN. 55044
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E-mail QRCU64A@prodigy.com

MMGG Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Nine Months Ended October 31, 1997

Revenues

Member Dues 2360.00
Sales of Regalia, etc. 127.00

Total revenues..... 2487.00

Expenses

Newsletter 522.67
Ads 111.37
Supplies 192.70

Event Expenses

Holiday Party 43.54
Spring Kick Off (5.09)
Shidla Tech Session 90.60
Restoration Show 200.00
Mearns Rally 152.01
Mankato - Wintz 206.76
Wheels and Wings 111.36
Fall Color Tour 355.00

Gifts and Memorials 67.88
Bank Charges 36.22

Total Expenses..... 2084.95

Net Revenues 402.05

Cash

Beginning Balance
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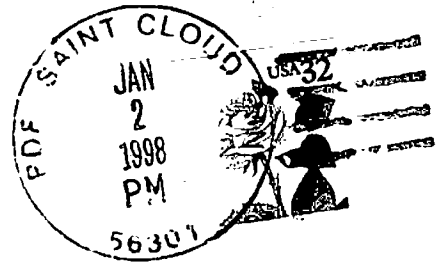
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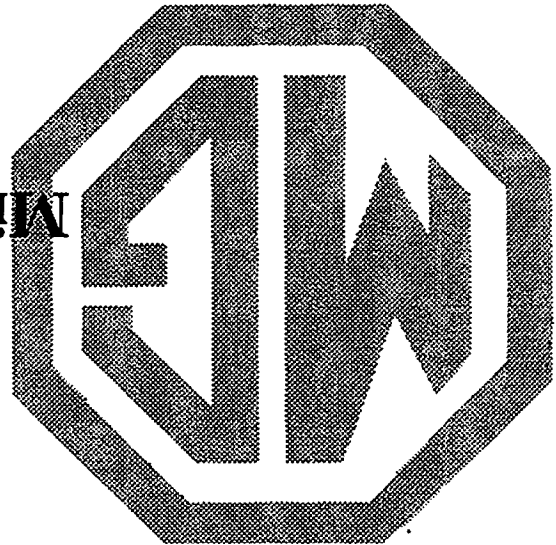
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Now would be an excellent time to pay your dues for 1998.

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SATURDAY JANUARY
10TH 6 PM
MMGG
HOLIDAY PARTY
AT BAKER'S
IN EAGAN