

Minnesota MG Group Gazette

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the Minnesota MG Group

June 1998

2nd Annual "Brit Day" at New Life to Classics

Come spend a fun filled day at a shop devoted exclusively to the restoration and servicing of classic British sports cars. Dave Wintz, owner of New Life To Classics in Mankato invites you to join him at his "Big Boy & Big Girl Toy Shop."

FESTIVITIES INCLUDE: *FREE FOOD AND BEVERAGES

***DOOR PRIZES FOR EVERY CAR ATTENDING**

Gift Certificates from major vendors of British auto parts, accessories, and memorabilia. {Last year, 35 vendors supplied over \$1500 in prizes.}

***SPECIAL AWARD FOR THE CAR CLUB WITH THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE.**

***CAR SHOW WILL BE HELD ON THE GRASS FIELD BY THE SHOP!**

You car will be enthusiastically welcomed in any condition. {Fun is what we are looking for at this event}.

***TROPHIES TO THE BEST EXAMPLE IN EACH MARQUE. {People's choice}.**

***TROPHY TO THE BEST OF SHOW. {Owners choice}.**

***SWAP MEET - Bring any items you would like to sell.**

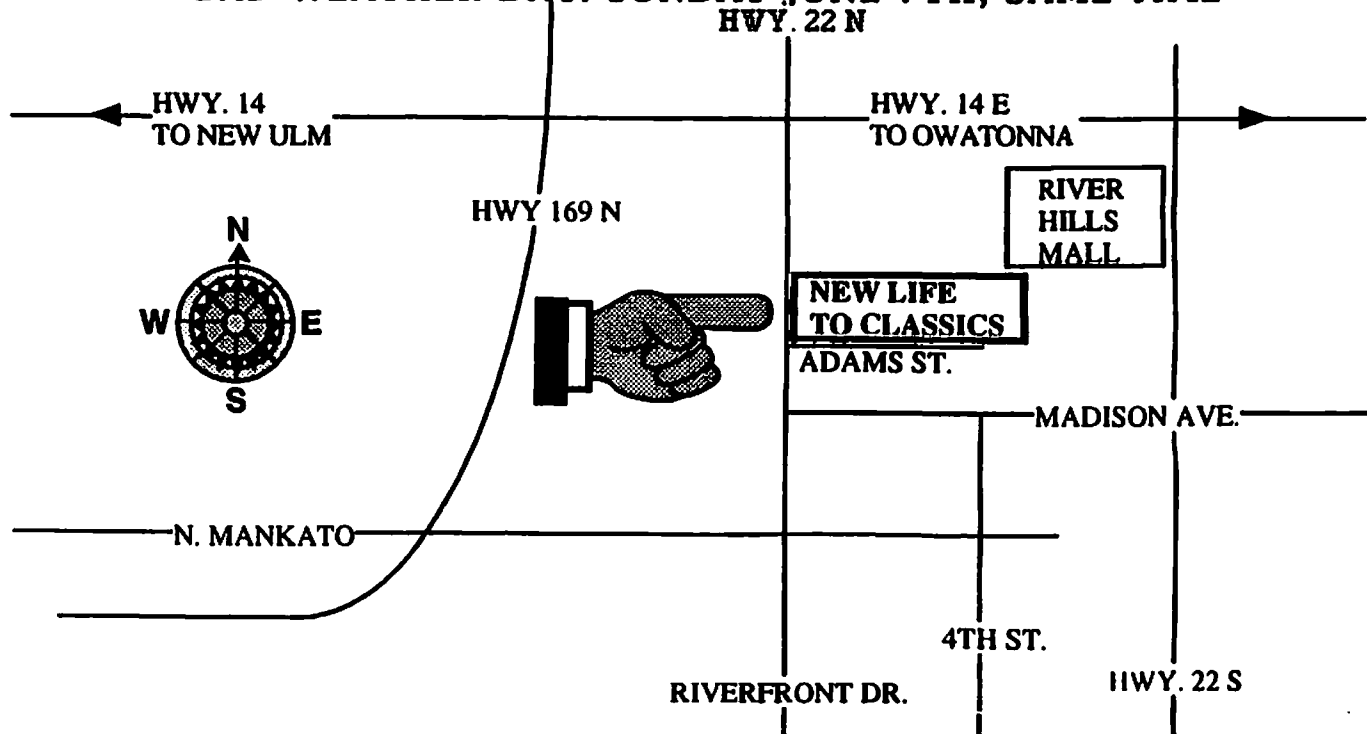
***DEMONSTRATIONS ON RESTORATION PRODUCTS AND TECHNIQUES**

PLACE: NEW LIFE TO CLASSICS

DATE: SATURDAY JUNE 6TH

TIME: 9AM TO 5PM..MAYBE LATER

BAD WEATHER DAY: SUNDAY JUNE 7TH, SAME TIME





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

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1998 MMGG Events

May 29

Great River Parc Expose

St. Paul. 6:00 to 10:00 pm. To celebrate the fifth running of the GRRR, the City of St. Paul is opening Kellogg Boulevard to the Twin Cities' newest car show, The Great River Parc Expose. The event is open to sports cars, rally cars, sports sedans, and other interesting vehicles, the more unusual the better. (Bring out those Amphicars, TVRs, and LaDawris.)

Special award for the marque club with the greatest participation as a percentage of membership. No charge to enter. Food vendors will be available. Great River Road Rally cars will be on display in Kellogg Park.

Contact: Ed Solstad at 612-822-0569 or esolstad@presenter.com

June 6th, Saturday

Brit day at New Life to Classics
 hosted by Dave Wintz

June 12th thru 14th

8th Annual Lake Superior Vintage
 Sports Car Rendezvous hosted by the
 MN Austin-Healey Club

July 12th

Funkhana or Gymkhana
 at St. Croix Meadows
 hosted by Kevin and LuJean Healy

July 8th thru 12th

NAMGBR National Convention
 Hagerstown, MD

July 17th thru 19th

Brian Redman Challenge
 a.k.a. "The Chicago Historics"
 Elkhart Lake, WI

August 13th thru 16th

University Motors Summer Party
 Hosted by John Twist, Ada MI.

August 22nd, Saturday

Ellingson's Car Museum Inter-Marque Car
 Show and Swap Meet
 hosted by Phil Vanner

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):

Make check payable to MMGG and send to :

<p>New Membership \$25.00</p> <p>Annual renewal is just \$20.00</p>	<p>Dan Shidla - MMGG 10305 Morris Rd. Bloomington, MN 55437</p>
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1998 Events
September 12th, Saturday
 Wheels and Wings
 hosted by Curt & Bev Robinson

October 3rd, Sunday
 Fall Color Tour
 MMGG, Triumph, & Austin-Healey clubs
 will join for this event
 hosted by Ken & Diane Merrill &
 Phil Vanner

November 7th, Saturday
 MMGG Annual Meeting
 hosted by Randy O'Brien &
 Cindy Byboth or vice-versa...

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

Parts! Parts! Parts!
Rain! Rain! Rain!
Mud! Mud! Mud!

For some time word of "Carlisle" and a gigantic swap meet have circulated in the MMGG club. Doug Madson (who else) has been a frequent participant at the annual Pennsylvania event. This year however, interest grew and no less than 10 club members made the trek to search out and or sell valued treasures.

Carlisle, we've now learned, is the US capital for swap meets of all kinds. Located near the eastern boarder of Pennsylvania close to Harrisburg, the Carlisle fairgrounds is a home for swap meets held some 50 weeks each year. Upwards of 100,000 people will attend peak weekends. May 7-10 this year was designated for imported autos and kit cars

Unfortunately, the weatherman apparently didn't receive advance notice of these plans. It rained for nine days prior to and the first two days of the event. The majority of the party, however, camped in tents next to Madson's sales booth.

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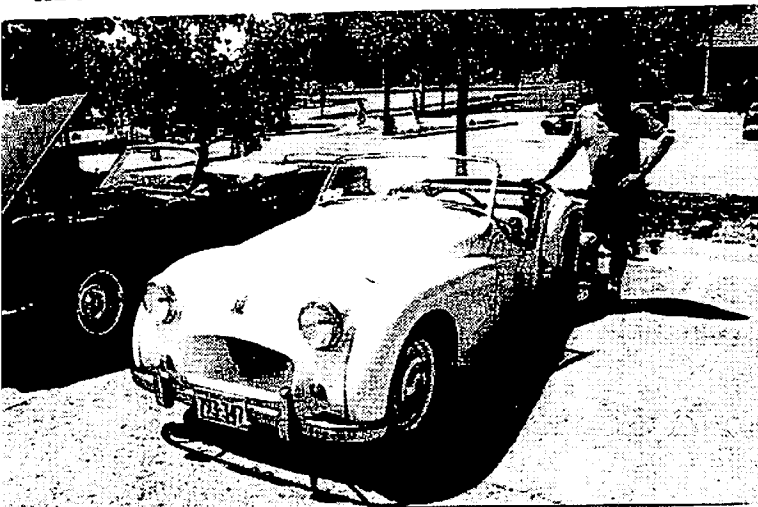
"You never really learn to swear,
 until you learn to drive."



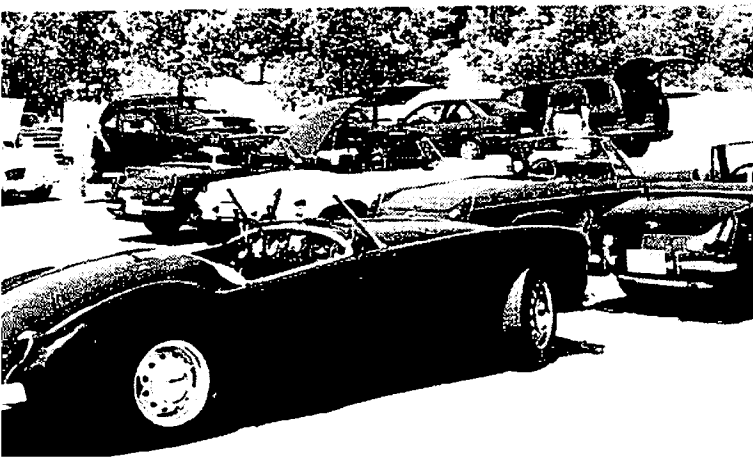
Peg and Sam Mearns, Rallymasters



Are those really TULIPS???



Above & below, nice cars!!!



Above is the adventurous group that atten



The Minnesota MG
the 1998 season
with the April
Auto Body Shop,
and then the fun



Above and below are scenes from the



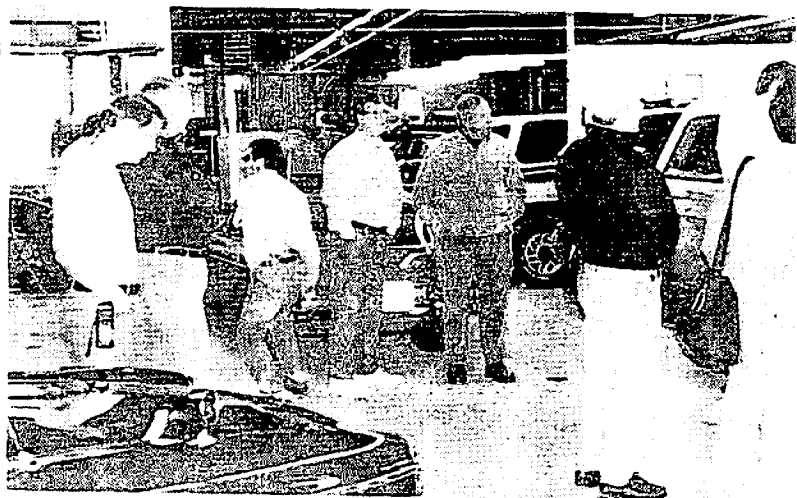


sted the Carlisle Swap Meet

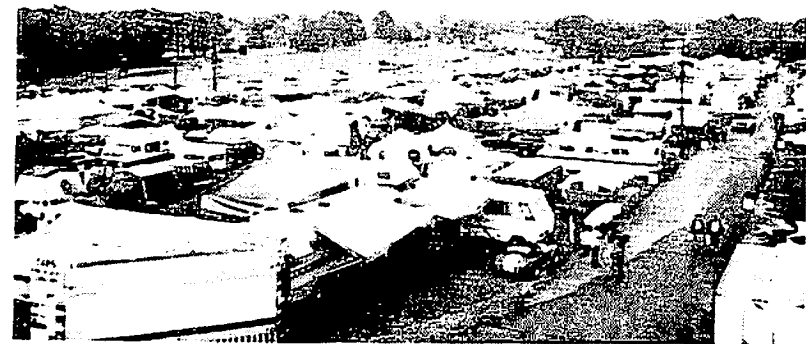
Group is off to a roaring start for with three successful events. It started TECH Session held at the Central Avenue followed by the Swap Meet at Carlisle, Pa and challenging Tulip Rally.



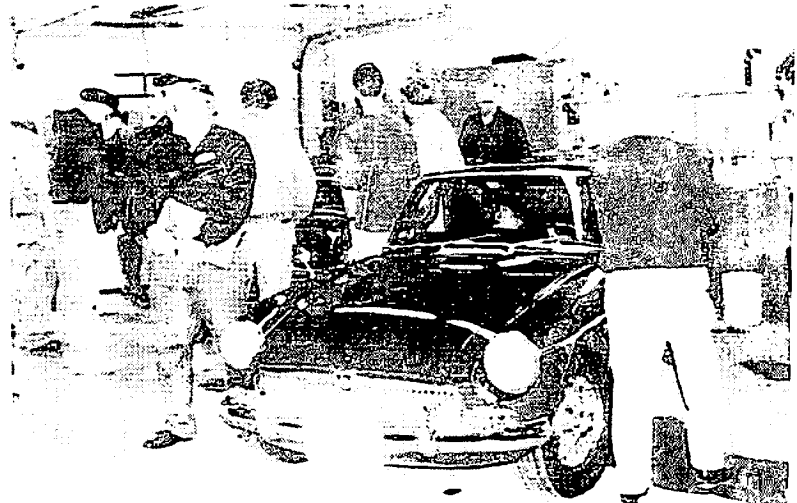
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How to remedy rust and dents



Swap Meet at Carlisle, PA.



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Parts! Rain! Mud! from page 3

Larry Henle sought refuge in his Explorer and three other unnamed souls did find comfort and dry surroundings at a local Days Inn - but everyone had fun. Larry had so much fun camping he kept saying he wanted to stay one more day.

Our Minnesota contingent set out in three groups - the first (main party- Randy Byboth, Ken Merrill, Larry Henle, Doug Madson, Jerry Strand, plus Dan Iburg and Rick Grelson of Midwest Motor Sports) left at 7:00 AM Tuesday. After sight-seeing stops at the Studebaker Museum in South bend Indiana, the Auburn Cord Dusenberg Museum in Auburn Indiana, the Roadster Factory and a couple of flat tires, Carlisle was reached by early Thursday afternoon - and managed to avoid rain until arriving at Carlisle. At least they had an opportunity to set up tents in the rain.

Our second arriving member came the longest distance - Seattle, Washington via Northwest Airlines to Harrisburg. Mike Madson now lives in Seattle but continues to be a loyal MMGG member. Other than some routine flight delays, he still had plenty of time for all the excitement.

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Parts! Rain! Mud! cont.

The final group of Mike Hirschman, Dick Wallrich and Dan Shidla tried for some sort of record - they're not sure what. After leaving at 7:00 PM Wednesday, they managed to drive a whole four hours without rain. Thereafter, except for a two hour visit at the Air Force museum in Dayton Ohio (even the hangers were leaking) they found the rain for the remaining 22 hours it took to find Carlisle. This even included buying some new wheels in Wheeling Pennsylvania after an unexpected blowout going down a mountain road in a rainstorm - their Days Inn motel, however, was dry both nights.

Day one - Thursday at Carlisle is mostly set up and when many of the good deals are made between exhibitors. Our group missed out on much of this high profile dealing (watch out next year).

Day two - Friday - rain all day (1 1/2 inches), many of the booths and outside tables are a mess. Straw passed out by event sponsors helps. For some, though, it brought back smells and textures of barnyards past (everyone smelled like a wet dog). But many good deals were still made. Dick finds a console and parts for his B, Randy gets a super deal on original Lucas fog and backup lights (still in the original factory boxes) and Dan finds a scarce overdrive. Others found equally valuable treasures and Doug sells lots of stuff including a GT body shell (Larry loses a bet on that one). In the evening the entire group finds warmth and good food at a local Chinese restaurant. Later - back to the tents and the Days Inn.

Day three - Saturday - no rain - plenty of good deals (too many) some may have to be saved and brought back to next years' meet. And Doug's tent sold lots of stuff including a completely rebuilt B engine - rumor had it Doug was out buying from other vendors to keep enough product for the sales team back at his booth.

There also was plenty of time to view (and dream) about a few cars offered for sale a Sunbeam Tiger (V8) for \$13,500, a Healy 3000 at \$30,000 plus, and others shown by restoration companies. If you were interested in the ultimate in sound systems, wheels or car care, plenty of vendors were more than willing to demonstrate products.

Group two (Mike, Dick and Dan) decide to head for home late in the afternoon. Including a short 30-minute dinner, they make the 1,050 miles back to Minneapolis in less than 18 hours. Going through Chicago at 3:00 AM on cruise control was a first.

The other two groups also made it back successfully and without problems - Doug Madson did manage a stop at the Indy 500 time trials for a good cap to an excellent trip for all.



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 - 1974 MGB/GT. A daily driver car in good condition. 78K miles, British Racing Green exterior, autumn leaf interior. 4 Speed, no OD. Wire wheels, solid car but will need rocker replacement soon. Many new parts installed last fall. Runs good, very dependable. Would be a good "starter car" for a young person or someone wanting to get into the hobby at a modest cost. \$1350. Call Glen Nickleski at 612-439-3948. mjj

FOR SALE - 3 original painted wire wheels from a Jaguar XK-140. Good condition. Mounted with tires. \$10 each. \$25 for all three. Glen Nickleski 612-439-3948.

WANTED: 2 Rostyle wheels for 80 MGB. Contact Gordy Matson at Gordy@webcreate.net or work # 828-2514. mam

WANTED: Lucas alternator for 68 MGB. Either working or rebuildable. Jim Anderson (507)362-4013 evenings. RR#1, Box 44C, Waterville MN 56096mam

WANTED: Do you have an E-mail address you'd like to share with your fellow club members? Please contact Dan or Janette Shidla.

FOR SALE: 3 MGB engines, possibly pre -67 have serial numbers. two complete. third is a long block. kept in good dry indoor storage. \$1000 for all 3 or best offer. Tom Nordmeyer 649-5699.amj

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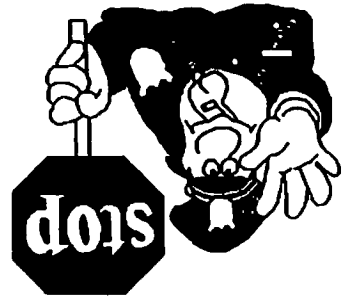
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