

Minnesota MG Group Gazette

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the Minnesota MG Group

August 1998

All British Swap Meet & Car Show Saturday, August 22nd 8AM - 4PM Ellingson Auto Museum 20905 Rogers Drive Rogers, MN

Just Northwest of the Twin Cities off 1-94 - Take Exit 207 off 1-94 Right on Main Street and then the first right is Rogers drive; you can't miss Ellingson's on the left about 1/4 mile down.

Sponsored by the Minnesota MG Group and Minnesota Austin-Healey Club This is exclusively for British and British-derived makes, all British cars and motorcycles are welcome. Small and large vendors are encouraged whether you have a few or few hundred parts for sale. Get the remnants of that parts car out of your garage and help another enthusiast get a car on the road. Whole cars, drivers or basket cases are welcome.

The Show is a Spectator's Choice event, there will be several classes, and if you're shopping for, or showing few enough parts that you don't need a truck, bring your British car, there will be prizes and dash plaques. Entry in the show is \$1.

Club participation is encouraged; set up a booth and distribute literature, sell regalia, or help your members sell off their spares.

Pre-Registration costs for swap meet spaces are as follows:

One or Two Spaces FREE!

Three Spaces \$10

Four or more spaces \$15

Cars for sale \$1 each

- If you do not Pre-register the cost will be \$3 additional.
 - One "space" is the size of a parking spot
 - Set up begins at 7:00 AM
- There will be refreshment sales provided by Ellingson's

For Pre-registration please mail to:

Swap meet

Phil Vanner

1811 19th Avenue NE

Minneapolis, MN 55418

If you have any questions

call Phil at (612) 789-4614



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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

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

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

Autocross Event July 19th
Kevin and Jeanne Healy

We would like to thank all the people that participated in the Autocross event. The attendance was a record and the weather although hot was perfect. I'm sure everyone one received a good tanning. We would also like to thank all the other British car clubs that attended. It's always interesting to meet new people with shared interests in the British marques. A number of remarks were heard about doing more of this type of inter-marque activity and perhaps in the future we all could concentrate on this idea a little more than we currently do.

At the Autocross, Phil Vanner with his Midget got some special schooling from Phil Ethier (MAC) on the finer points at autocrossing. It will be hard from now on to compete will Phil V.

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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 :

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New Membership \$25.00

Annual renewal is just \$20.00

Curt Carlson experienced my own driving during fun runs at the end of the event. He must have enjoyed the experience since it cost him a dollar for every run (donated to the MACClub). Thanks Curt. Bill Eastman and his MGA were having the time of their life and a comment was made that it looked like he was on a Sunday drive. Cool under competition. John Solstad from the Triumph Club with his TR6 was coming in with respectable times (he beat me big time). I may have some pictures to show in the future but my wife's camera screwed up on her and were not sure the pictures are there at this time. Not to worry though there is another Autocross coming up on **Sunday August 23rd at Dakota County Tech, College in Rosemount, MN.** an the invitation is extended to all those who would like to attend to either participate or spectate. You can contact me any time at the addresses below for more info or questions about these events if your life needs a boost. Believe those that do it they will certainly tell you all about it.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who made this event both Jeanne and I are greatly appreciative for your attendance and hope to see you again attend this type of event. Thanks, Kevin and Jeanne Healy. Phone (612)892-3519 or e-mail QRCU64A@Prodigy-com 16610 Javelin Ave. Lakeville, MN. 55044

May Maneuvers 98 Report

Sam Mearns

Again this year we had a great turn out of cars and people. A total of 30 cars appeared at the starting point and created a mini car show for all in attendance as well as some curious passers-by.

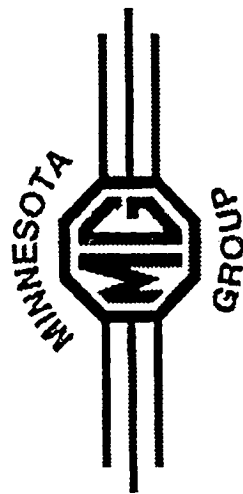
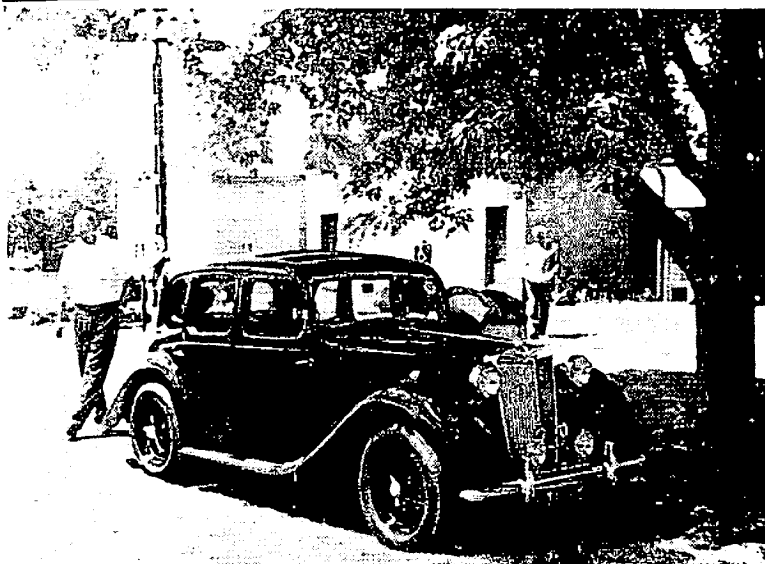
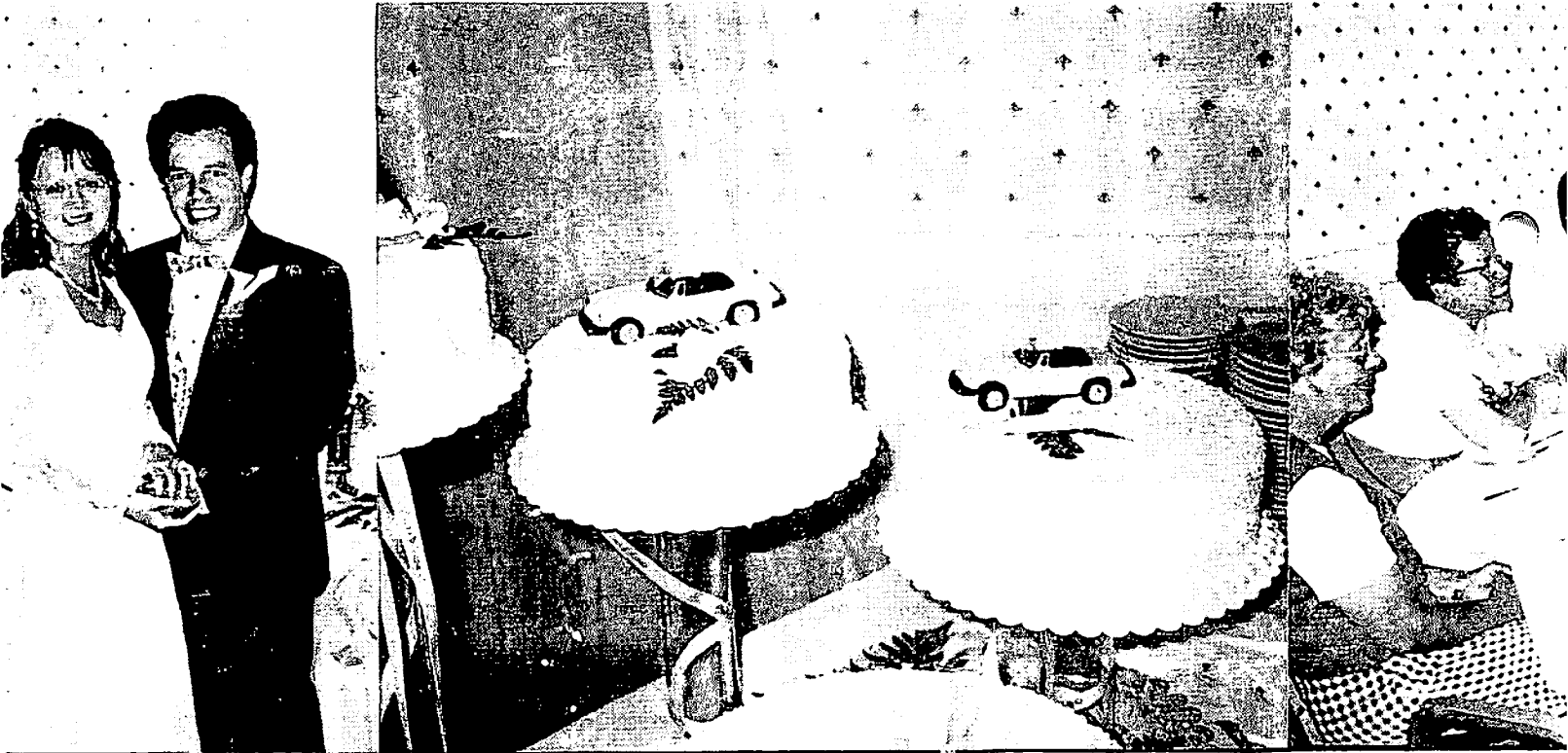
The Friday storm did some damage to areas along the rally route and this was quite evident to those who had time to do some sight seeing along the way. Only one small alteration was required to the instructions because of the storm however.

Rally day weather cooperated and for the majority of the cars it was a "top down" driving day, although it was reported that some brief rain did cause some to stop and put their tops back up.

We had participants from not only our club but also from The Minnesota Triumphs, Austin Healey, Alfa Romeo, and the Miata Clubs.

This years winners were Dave Wintz and B. Johnson from the MMGG. driving a 79 Alfa. They each received a folding chair as their prize.. these should prove to be useful at future club events.

*My apologies for the lateness of this report. Ed.
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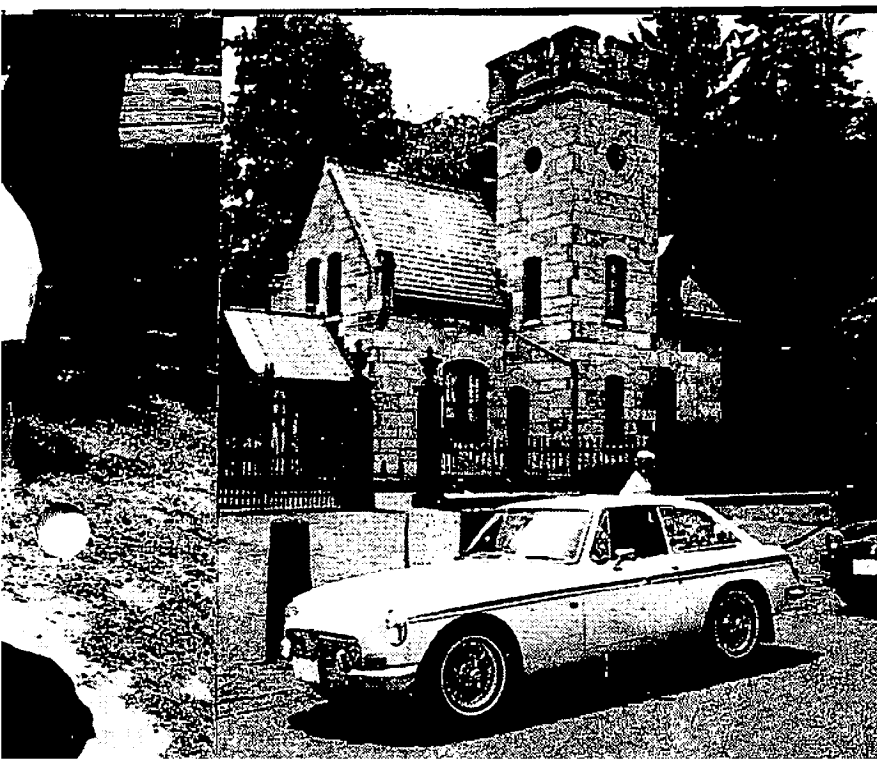


Cupid's Arrow must have hit the bullseye when Larry and Barb Henle met at MG '96 at Indianapolis in a beautiful ceremony followed by a parade that went all across the top of the page led by two cakes adorned with scales models of classic cars especially for the occasion. Leaving the church in a parade, a 1946 MG provided and driven by Larry Henle. The center right photo is of Larry and Barb Henle. The MG Group and now living in Hagerstown. The photos of Larry and Barb Henle were also taken at the same time as Joe and Marge Collier who are now in Vancouver, B.C.. They promise to have a super great time. The next photo shows those gallant members of the MG Group of Gettysburg. Next photo, a view of the Chapel at the Antietam Battlefield. The same car on the show field.





mark when Cindy O'Brien and Randy Byboth
They were married on Saturday, July 25th
ed by a lovely reception. The pictures
t to right: The happy couple. The wedding
ls of the couples' two MGBs. Randy built the
sion. The reception dinner. The couple
e of bubbles. Center left, the wedding car
by Mark Brandow of Quality Coaches. The
and Beth Magasano, members of the Minnesota
lvé . They were at the NAMGBR conference
oss the bottom of the page were taken when
in Hagerstown. Lower right, Barb with
the chairpersons for MG '99 to be held at
all our cars from Minnesota attending a
oto is Barb observing the grave marker of
innesota Regiment that died at the Battle
rimerose yellow from Minnesota in front of
tleground National Cemetery. Bottom right,
at Hagerstown, it won a second place plaque.





Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous

It was a wonderful weekend in Duluth, Minnesota. Great weather, great cars, great people. The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club were the hosts. There were about 50 cars: A few MGAs, eight or ten Bs, a half-dozen TR6s, a bunch of Big Healeys, six Bugeyes, a few other assorted Spridgets, a Morgan (complete with funny hat), a Spitfire, a stunning XK120 roadster, an SP250, an E-type and a few non-British bits of metal that were nothing to laugh at either.

There was participation from as far away as Winnipeg and Iowa, the Thunder Bay club came down en masse, and a good time was had by all. This event proves to me that different marque clubs can get together and really have a great event. It was nice to share the lot with such a variety of cars, and there was something there for everyone. We got a private lot at the Hotel (lake view.) There was a gynkhana, (I came in fourth) a rally (I won!) a pit stop challenge (our team was fastest) a car show (I didn't get voted "car least likely to make it home under it's own power.") They raffled off goodies and I didn't get any Lucas brake fluid. (Is that scary or what?) I picked up a couple of trinkets and had my carbs set by a pro for free; Is it any wonder I had a good time?

Duluth has lots of twisty, hilly roads for between-event amusement; some really ragged stuff that the rallymaster made us run on, and it's a pretty little city. Next year it's in Winnipeg and the 2000 event is already scheduled. If you're in the upper Midwest, look forward to it.

Phil Vanner MkI Midget

Rally Survival Tip: Be careful who you pass at high speed on gravel roads, some guys are particular about their finish.

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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 - Wouldn't a 1973 MGB Roadster look good in your driveway?...OF COURSE IT WOULD!!!

I am trying to find a nice family to adopt my MGB. I have had it for many years, but it is time to let someone else enjoy it. I am networking with MGB clubs because I want someone with a knowledge, appreciation and love for the MG marque to continue to keep it on the road.

less than 4000 miles on professional complete engine rebuild. Oil cooler. Low miles on Dunlop SP4's, always garaged body top and interior in good cond. no sun fading. Trunk kit with MG logo on spare cover, stainless exhasut, tonneau cover and parachute style car cover and carb tools included. 4 speed w/o overdrive.

Reasonably priced at \$5500/OBO, I'd like to sell it to an enthusiast! Interested? Questions? Feel free to give me a call Aubry 552-1946.aso

FOR SALE - Wire wheels and tires for MGB. Less than 2000 miles on set of new wire wheels and Michelin tires. Rebuilt radiator for 68-75 MGB. MGB aluminum valve cover with nuts. MGB 4 synchro transmission. MGB air cleaners, complete. Mike Hirschman 391-5769.aso

CONGRATULATIONS
RANDY & CINDY FROM
THE MINNESOTA
MG GROUP!

MOWOG 3 AUTOCROSS

William Eastman

Phil may have already filed a report on this but I will add my spin. MOWOG 3 was held Sunday. This is the third autocross of the year sponsored by the Minnesota Autosports Club. MG listers were in abundance with Phil Vanner and I upholding the list honor while Mike Hirschman was there to crew on son Anthony's 944 P wagon and the one and only Bob Allen showed up to chew the fat and spectate. Bob felt that discretion was the better part of valor as his Camaro had to get him home.

Four MG's were running including the A, Phil's Mk I Midget, and 2 B's. This is up from last year when only 1 B typically showed. Good news for MG fans. Phil and I had the two oldest cars there. Other British Iron included a Lotus Esprit and a Europa, One TR-6 with some serious mods but still running street tires, and a Dutton which is a Lotus 7 knock off. For the weekend, there were three on track breakdowns. The Esprit belched coolant on the course and the Dutton lost it's clutch. The British were looking pretty bad until an almost new twin turbo Porsche quit on the track and had to be pushed out of the way. Luckily these cars come equipped with handy push bars on the back (this one had a wicked looking biplane wing). The MG's performed flawlessly all day. As an aside, I was following the Esprit home when it pulled off to the side- an intermittent recurring electrical problem. Also the other regular Esprit hot shoe was absent due to the shift mechanism self destructing and his inability to figure out how to take it apart without destroying the car. I told Mike that if I ever talked about buying a Lotus he should whack me up side the head with a 2 X 4.

The course was set up using various parts of a police training course. It was a true road course in that if you fell off the road you were on gravel or grass. There were a few corners with fences very close to them. Not surprisingly, very few cones were hit all day. It was a fun drive but one that favored a powerful car. Still it had many widely varied, challenging corners to keep the interest up and separate the skilled from the brutal. A fast time was 1:03 to 1:10. Phil and I were turning in times around 1:20 with his superior handling (front antiroll bar and better tires) offset by the A's superior power output (how often do you get to say that?). In an earlier post I had voiced my desire to blow the doors off a Geo Metro. Alas this was not to happen since the only Geo Metro there

(a convertible, obviously with all of the Metro hot bits attached) beat me by about 3 seconds if he was telling the truth :- (I think I toasted the Karman Ghia though. I didn't really pay attention to the times that much other than Phil's and mine so maybe there were others slower than us but I wouldn't bet on it. The results will be posted on the MAC site shortly so we'll see.

I improved about 1 second each of my four runs. The trick seems to be slow in, fast out since, without a front antiroll bar, throwing the A around too much unloads the inside rear tire and you can't accelerate out of the corner. Working the course helped a lot because it gave me a chance to see how others approached the various turns. Most of my time improvement came from entering the corners a little slower and leaving faster along with realizing which corners were real corners and which ones were "curved straight aways" for the cars with lower power to weight ratios. There was one fast uphill right hander that you approached blind on a long straight (I was well into 3rd gear) and was bordered by a fence and then a ravine that, no matter how much I told myself to power through, I lifted just before the corner came into view. I guess I am just a coward. Another fun corner was a 100 degree sharp right followed by a 200 degree "carousel" left then another 100 degree right- think of it as going around an English traffic circle backwards. On my fastest run I had trouble finding second entering this and hit the first corner slower. Because of this I exited the first corner and got through the carousel faster and so improved my overall time. Slow in fast out.

In any case a good time was had by all except those who tagged their cars. I won the "snow tires and no antiroll bars" class as well as the "it vehicles built before 1 Jan 1961" class but pretty much sucked the hind one otherwise. I have been told, however, that the A looks really good going around the course with its tail hanging out and leaning from side to side. My arms get plenty of exercise that's for sure. The tires sound like I am torturing a cat and that's just an added bonus. 1961 MGA adding a front antiroll bar to its Christmas list. Then we'll go kick some Geo metro butt!

Remember...

Change is inevitable....Except from vending machines.

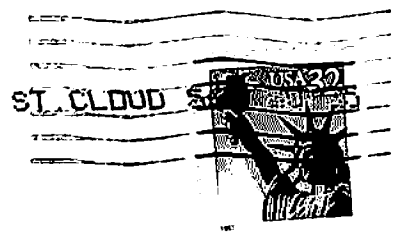
Attempt to get a new car for your spouse.....It'll be a GREAT trade.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.

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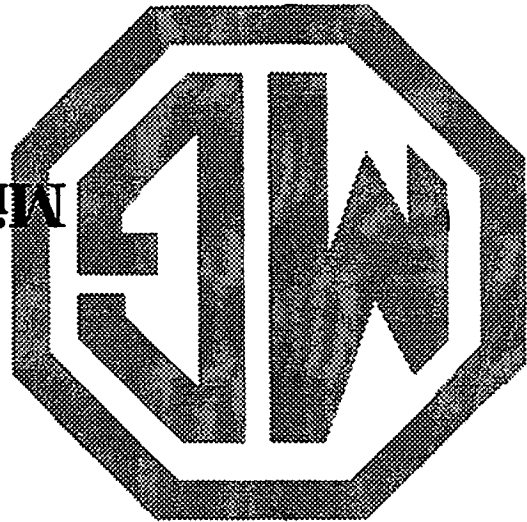
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