

The
Minnesota

Group
Gazette

Spring Kick-off Brunch

Pull off your car covers and top off your tanks – it's almost driving season again. Another long winter has passed, and whether your MG sat in idleness or benefited from a major facelift, it's time to get that car out into the light of day again. On Sunday, March 21st at 11 AM at Lord Fletcher's, in the Paddle Club, the Minnesota MG Group will have our Annual Spring Kickoff. There'll be a lot of planning for the summer's events, a few final schedule details to nail down, and all the automotive BS-ing than you can stand. Meet the new members, check out the cars and come out and start the season.

There will be a choice of breakfast or lunch. (It's not a buffet this time) Breakfast includes: Orange juice, coffee, muffins and fresh fruit. Cottage fries, bacon sausage and eggs benedict. Lunch includes all that with Chicken medallions and, of course, dessert. The cost will be 14.95 plus tax and tip. **RSVP Dave Stovall at (612) 894-4203** leave a message if not home, please.

Lord Fletcher's is at:
 3746 Sunset Dr
 Spring Park, Minnesota 55384-9630
 612-471-8513
 Fax 612-471-8937

Take Highway 12 west to Shoreline Drive after approx. 2.5 miles, go right on North Shore Drive. After another 2.5 miles you will cross a causeway; then go left on Shadywood drive. Look for Sunset drive on your left, it's less than 1/4 a mile. You can't miss Lord Fletcher's from there.

Presidents Corner

Doug Madson

What a great tech session Randy Byboth put on at Quality Coaches! Cindy's gourmet chili was great too, with real Garbanzo Beans. (Pretty exotic fare for a Minnesotan raised on meat and potatoes.) A special thanks to Mark Brandow for opening his shop for the day. It was a great place to have a tech session with lots of stuff for motorheads. Hope you had a chance to see the rubber bumper "B" that was being stuffed with the big V8. It's possible that all those U-joints in the steering shaft that were necessary in order to clear the engine actually reversed the steering. Not a big problem in town once you got used to it, but at 250mph at Bonneville, one would probably make a steering error only once. This car and its owner will probably make the news some day. I'd keep my eye on the obituary column.

Kent Prather was also at Quality Coaches removing a front clip from an "A" parts car. Kent

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Initial membership is \$30 (this gets you up to two name badges- additional name badges are \$5.00 each)

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Presidents Corner

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races a beautiful and very fast MGA in national competition, and his car graced the cover of Victoria British's MGA catalogue a couple of years ago. The first time I saw Kent's car in person was at the MGA register's GT-17 in Kansas City. It was on display in the lower level inside the host hotel in the vendor area. The evening before the car show, the car needed to be moved for some reason and Kent started it. The noise was deafening and shook the place. I asked Kent if he remembered the incident and he recalled becoming personally acquainted with the hotel manager in short order. It may or may not be a coincidence, but that hotel was torn down about two years ago.

Recently two of our members made the news. Our vice president, Simon Bosworth, was recently featured in MG World magazine. He reports on his BGT and the trials and tribulations of driving MG's in the colonies. His report is an ongoing effort and he does a super job representing MMGG in that great publication. Larry

Henle of Marshall was named the Enthusiast of the Year by NAMGBR. Actually the award should have gone to both Larry and Barb, his navigator. The two of them have not missed a national event since the first NAMGBR convention in Peterborough Ontario in 1992 and if it wasn't for Barb's navigating, Larry would still be trying to get out of Minnesota. They are to be congratulated for their dedication to the marque. The next time you are at a national event, don't even try to beat Larry to wiping off the dew from the flanks of your MG early in the morning. He'll already be out there wiping his car and having a cup of coffee with the night security guard.

Hope to see all of you at our spring kickoff event on the 21st. Also keep in mind that we will be having a MG 2001 meeting on April 10th; Dick Wallrich and his vice chair Dave Stovall will be looking for volunteers to fill the areas of responsibility outlined by the national MG Council. See you there!

Safety Fast, Doug.

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University Motors 23rd Annual MG Summer Party

In conjunction with the AMGCR's 19th CBA

On August 19th-22nd University Motors in Ada, Michigan is having it's 23rd Summer Party. The University Motors party is expected to be the largest MG event East of the Mississippi in 1999, and the featured car this year is the MGC. All other MGs are, of course, welcome. John Twist, the proprietor of University Motors, and well-respected MG guru is hoping to assemble 100 MGCs, surpassing the previous record of 58 as the most ever assembled in one place. At least one member of the MMGG is going to try and help him reach that goal.

Todd Tweedy, an MGC owner, and new member of the MMGG, is planning to make the trip to Ada this sum-

mer and would like to hear from anybody else who plans to go. He is thinking about taking the Lake Michigan Carferry from Manitowoc, WI to Ludington MI as part of the trip, and is trying to assemble a convoy. Contact Todd at (507) 356-2494 or via e-mail at lulusam2@infonet.isl.net. He wants to assemble a list of interested people as soon as possible so everyone can make arrangements.

Those of you with internet access can learn more about University Motors from their Web Site:

<http://www.universitymotorsltd.com> click on the link to "UML Events" for more information on the party.

The Sixth Great River Road Rally and Tour June 4-6, 1999

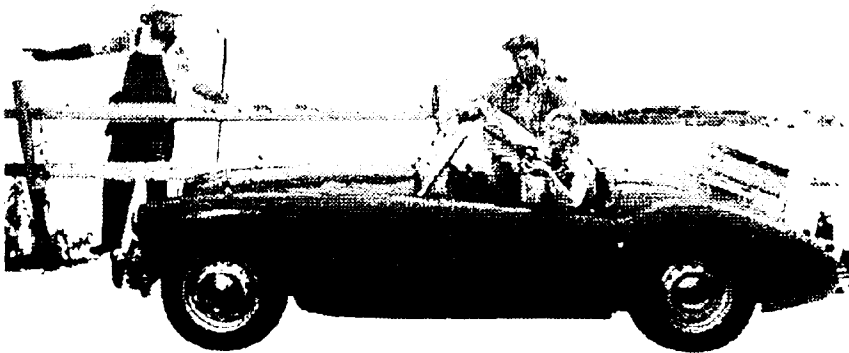
The Minnesota and Wisconsin Chapters of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club (AROC) invite you to join them in the sixth running of the Great River Road Rally and Tour, an invitational benefit for the Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation. The GRRR is open to all cars whose particular model was in production prior to 1976 plus newer vehicles of particular interest. The organizers take great pride in running an eclectic and egalitarian event, so the 300SL's and 250GT's can get out there with the likes of a Citroen 2CV and a '63 Buick. But even if you can't compete, you can still participate. It has been suggested that we, as a club, take a checkpoint on this rally. In fact, it's listed on our calendar now.

I spoke with Ed Solstad, the Coordinator, and he explained a little about how it works. There are many opportunities to work the rally, from a few hours, to the entire weekend. Experienced photographers were mentioned in particular. As for working a checkpoint, it would actually be a few checkpoints, as all the cars on the rally can be expected to pass through any given checkpoint in less than an hour. Ed would be happy to spend few hours with any of us who would like some instruction in timing cars.

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some of the most exciting roads I have ever driven. I'll always remember two Midgets and an MGB chasing an Alfa GTV6 through the winding backroads east of Lake Pepin last fall. I think it will be fun to participate and look forward to it. I'll have more details about what working a checkpoint will involve, and other opportunities, in the next issue, but if you want to know more, you can contact Ed Solstad at (612) 822-0569.



**The New A3422 Hall-Effect Sensor Knows
The Right Direction When You're Going In Circles.**

No, it won't help you on the rally,
it's a gizmo you might find in an electronic Ignition.

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The Minnesota MG T Register Has Organized a Tour to England.

From Our friends in the Minnesota MG T-Register comes this late breaking news: They have arranged a motorcoach (that's bus to us) tour of England for September 1999.

The Facts:

Leaves Thursday 9/2 returns Tuesday 9/14

Includes:

- Air and 11 nights hotel
- Breakfast each day
- 6 Dinners
- Porterage (baggage handling) while in England
- All service charges and taxes
- Admission and transportation to a wide range of sites including:

- St Paul's Cathedral
- The Tower of London
- British Motor Heritage Centre
- Several Cathedrals
- The Beaulieu Autojumble
- Military historic sites
- Windsor castle
- Museum of British Road Transport
- And much more

Trips to Oxford, ABINGDON, Stonehenge, Bath, Brooklands, Free time in London, and more.

The cost is \$2,679.00 per person from Minneapolis/St. Paul. Departures can be arranged from other cities.

A \$200.00 Deposit is required by April 1, 1999.

Space as of 3/1 was limited to 10 couples (or 20 singles sharing accommodations) There are significant restrictions on cancellation, Balance is due by 6/21/99.

There will be one brochure at the MMGG kickoff brunch, but there is much more information available from the agency booking the tour.

For more information and reservations:

Delaney, Joyce and O'Dell, Inc.
 Travel Agency
 249 South Snelling Ave.
 St. Paul, MN 55105
 (651) 698-0671



ENGLAND TOUR - SEPTEMBER 2 - SEPTEMBER 12, 1999 - RESERVATION FORM

Name (on Passport) _____ Telephone _____

Passport# _____ Expiration Date _____ Birthdate _____

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Passport# _____ Expiration Date _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ City State, Zip _____

Complete Tour - Airfare included from Twin Cities. . . \$ 2679.00

Return to: Delaney, Joyce and O'Dell, Inc. 249 South Snelling Ave. St. Paul, MN 55105 (651) 698-0671

Intermarque Spring Banquet

The perfect start for the last summer of the millenium!

Saturday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. Fort Snelling Officers Club.

Dear classic sports car enthusiast,

Once or twice a year the various marque clubs in the area try to come together. To see each other's clinic vehicles, to meet old friends, to make new ones, and to hear stories of death-defying mechanical ordeals. Don't miss this opportunity to seek enlightenment on that age-old question. 'Is British Racing Green bondo the ultimate solution?' Or to ponder how the Y2K bug can be a problem for a car with Lucas electrics.

The agenda for the evening is as follows: 6:00 p.m. or so we'll gather the vehicles on the Officers Club front lawn (Just below the "X" on the map). Spend some time looking around. The bar inside will be open if you want a Coke, Coors, Cabernet, or Cuba Libre. Dinner (chicken or prime rib) will follow at 7:00. Then we'll have some light entertainment, give away some door prizes, and maybe do some other fun stuff as well.

So start thinking about getting your ear out of storage and send in the attached form ASAFP.
(As Soon As Funds Permit)

Sincerely,
Your friendly local Triumph club (this years host club)

Intermarque Spring Banquet

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Chicken Kiev @\$14() or Prime Rib @ \$18()

Pie is an additional \$2()

Name2: _____

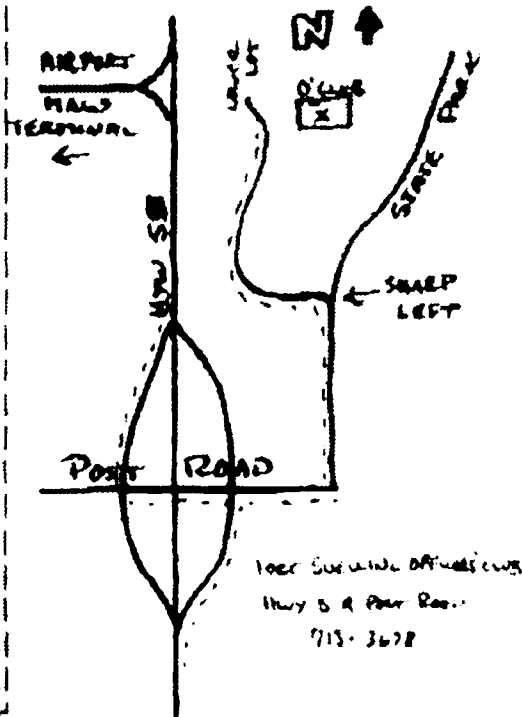
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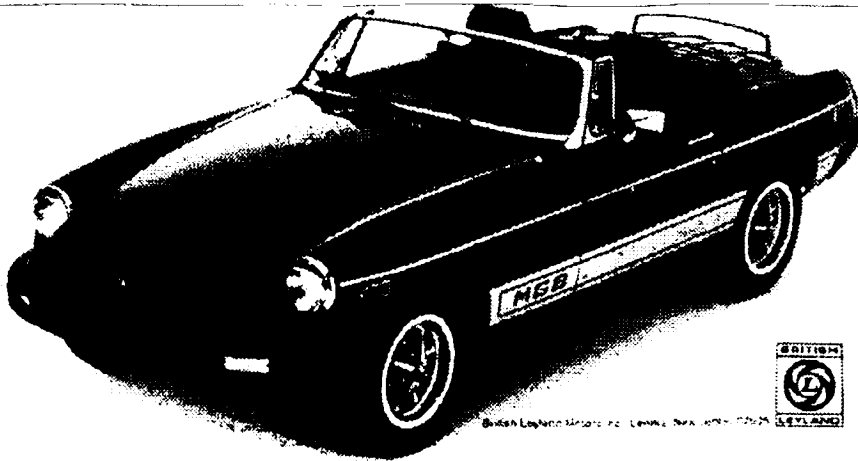
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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please send this form and your check to Bob Lee,
Intermarque Banquet Committee, N8753 County F,
River Falls, WI 54022. Make checks payable to
Minnesota Triumphs. Questions? Contact: Bob at
715.425.2580



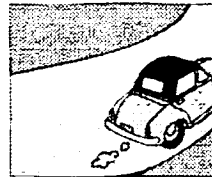


Vancouver Update

Plans for the MMGG Trip to Vancouver for the NAMGBR's MG99 are pretty solid. The caravan will leave the Cities in the early morning of Fri, July 2, pick up other drivers along the way and Drive to the meet over the course of five days. Leisurely days are planned; maximum distances are 475 and 455 miles, with one day reserved for exploring Banff national Forest where only 150 miles of travel are scheduled. Arrival is slated for early evening on Tuesday the 6th and the event runs through Saturday the 10th. Departure on the 11th leaves ample time for a leisurely drive home. If you are interested call Al Kelsey at (612) 891-3452

Take time to smell the roadsters...

Mike Lishego 1998



Welcome New Members...

February 1999:

John & Susan Harrison

Joe & Kathy McCulloch

Roger & Janice Olson

Look for them at the Spring Kick-Off and be sure to give them a welcome to the club.

Cindy, are the name badges ready?

Larry and Beth Magasano

262 Mingo Road
Wexford, PA 15090

724-934-4817

February 16, 1999

Mr. Dan Shidla MMGG
10305 Morris Rd
Bloomington, MN 55437

Dear Dan,

With regret Beth and I will not be renewing our membership in the MMGG this year.

In the 3 years since we moved from Minnesota we have hoped to attend at least one event a year. Obviously that has not been possible. Since moving to Pittsburgh area we also have a very active MG club and will try to be more involved with this group.

We have treasured the experiences with the MMGG and would hope anytime any of the members are around Western Pennsylvania you would stop in. We will not be able to make the Vancouver trip but are planning to attend the NAMGBR event in Cleveland in 2000. We hope to see some of you then.

Safety Fast,

Larry and Beth

Farewell to Old Friends...

Dan got the letter at the right from Long-time MMGG members Larry and Beth Magasano. They had moved to Iowa a few years ago and remained MMGG members, but apparently Pittsburgh was too far to drive for Wheels and Wings. We'll all miss them and we wish them the best in their new home and in all their endeavors.

We hope we can look forward to seeing them in 2001.



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1999 Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Place</i>
March 21	Spring Kickoff	Dave Stovall & Jill Masonick	Lord Fletchers, Minnetonka
April 10	Tech Session	Dick Wallrich and Randy	Dick's place.
May 8	Intermarque Spring banquet Rallye	Triumph Club Sam Mearns	Ft Snelling Officers Club
	11-14th Carlisle Swap Meet	Doug Madson	Carlisle, PA
June 4	Great River Road Rally car show		Downtown St. Paul
	5-6 GRRR check point	Host Needed	Somewhere in Wisconsin
	12 Brit Day (New Life to Classics) Vintage Sportscar Rendezvous Nicolett Island Car Show?	Dave and Linda Wintz Winnipeg Sports Car Club	Mankato, MN Winnipeg Minneapolis
July	Autocross & "Pylon picnic"	Kevin Healey & Dwight McC	Rosemount - DCTC
	6-9 NAMGBR national meet	See Al Kelsey	Vancouver - Start planning now
	17 Chicago Historic races		Elkhart Lake, WI
August 14	Swap met	Brian McC and Phil V.	Ellingson's, Rodgers, MN
	21 New London to New Brighton Run		New Brighton, MN
	19-22 University Motors Summer Party	Todd Tweedy	Ada, MI
September	Wheels and Wings	Robinsons and Strands	Osceola, WI
October 8	Fall Color Tour NAMGBR national meeting	Al Webster	St Paul and points East
November	Annual Business Meeting	Doug and Mary Madson	
January '00	Holiday Party	Host Needed - this is traditionally the keeper of the MG bucks	

Hosts are needed for some events - contact Simon Bosworth 651-454-7413 if you are interested.