



## Mearns' Meander 5/16/99

Our annual May rallye has been renamed in memory of it's traditional host, Sam Mearns, who passed away on Saturday, May 17th. It will go on.

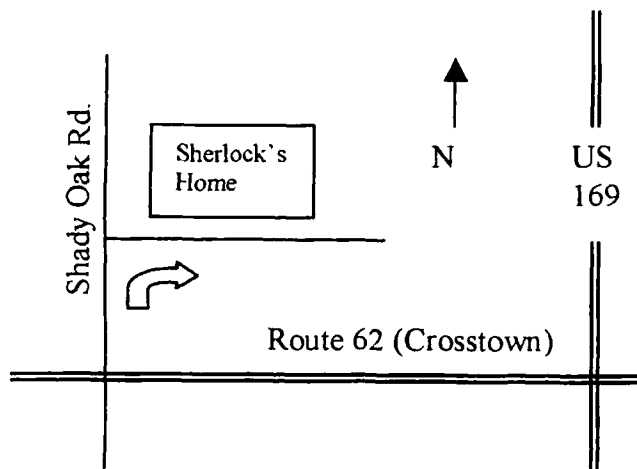
Once again the summer driving season is upon us, so get the covers off your car and come join us for an afternoon drive on Sunday May 16th. This is a great time to give your car a trial run in preparation for the up and coming season. The starting location will once again be.....Sherlock's Home Restaurant, Minnetonka

Take the Crosstown (Hwy 62) west to Shady Oak Rd. exit, go north and take the first right.

The first car out will be 2.00pm.....however you are encouraged to come much earlier to meet and chat with other sports car enthusiasts. It would be a good time to give the picnic basket a trial run too. **Registration will begin at 1.00pm.** Bring:

- 1.....your car..... of course.
- 2.....a working odometer...it will be helpful
- 3.....a navigator...someone to blame for making the wrong turn
- 4.....a clipboard...to hold the instructions
- 5.....your reading glasses....to read the instructions
- 6.....pencils, pens or markers...to track your progress
- 7.....a sense of humour...in case you get lost

So come along and join us for a fun filled afternoon. For further information contact Phil Vanner at 612/789-4614.



## Presidents Corner

Doug Madson

As I am sure you have all heard by now, one of our most enthusiastic members, Sam Mearns, Passed away after a long bout with cancer on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Sam was a great guy with a big heart. In today's motor-head vernacular, Sam was a driver. He loved to drive his MGs the Rally master for our May Maneuvers Club event for several years. He set up the events and made them challenging and fun for all. I know Sam wanted to make the trip to Vancouver with Peg. Sam will be there somewhere, drivers always find their way.

The initial MG 2001 Planning meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> with the national Register representatives and event Executive Director Tony Burgess went very well. Dick Wallrich did a great job planing the day. He gave us all a bus tour of the event venues and possible host hotel sites. It became obvious

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**Presidents Corner**

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early on that St. Paul will be a great place to hold the MG 2001 event. In the afternoon, our Minnesota T Register partners joined the group for a working Box lunch planning session at the fairground's conference center. The meeting went well, and the MMGG now has a good idea of what is expected of the locals. The national reps and Tony back in September for the next full planning meeting

The Next MMGG 2001 Planning Meeting has been set for June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds band shell. Bring a picnic lunch and folding chairs and we will meet at 6:30 to begin planing our local effort. We have some very talented people in our Group with a wide range of expertise in many areas. Please be ready to volunteer for areas that interest you and let's have a great time hosting our fellow enthusiasts from around the world.

By the time you read this, several MMGG members and myself will be on our way to Carlisle, PA, for the report swap meet. If we happen across any unbelievable finds, I'm sure you'll all hear about it.

Safety Fast, Doug

**GRRR Reminder**

The Great River Road Rally is the weekend of June 4-6. It starts in St Paul and ends La Crosse, WI. As a group, we had discussed working a checkpoint or some other duties during the rally. I have signed up to work and I understand that a few other members have as well. If you are interested in participating in this event, you can sign up via the GRRR web site at [www.GRRRally.com](http://www.GRRRally.com) or contact me and we'll get you involved. I'm not certain of the details yet, as circumstances have made me rather busy lately, but it's sure to be a fun opportunity to be involved in a great event.

Phil Vanner

## *New members*

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Eric Paterno	71 MGB
Tom & Cindy Fisher	65 MGB
Greg & Coleen Galvin	71 MGB
Marty & Pat Hanley	79 MGB
John & Susan Harrison	74 MGB
Roger & Janice Olson	74 MGB
Brian & Peggy Walsh	77 Midget

## *1999 Dues are... Due.*

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Keep your membership up-to-date and your newsletter coming (our bylaws require paid-up dues for you to continue receiving your newsletter). Check your current mailing label. If it does not show "1999 dues paid" (Pd99) send your renewal payment (\$25), made payable to MMGG, to Jeanette or Dan Shidla at

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## *Classifieds*

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### **FOR SALE :**

**1961 MGA Roadster.** Parts car Missing mainly seats and one door. Quite rusty but no real damage. \$650 Also new Drivers side door pocket for MGA. \$30.  
(507) 455-0243 Jerry Hudrlik  
Owatonna

### **FOR SALE :**

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### **FOR SALE :**

**1961 (?) Mk II Austin Healy Sprite.** This is the square body side-screen model. All body work complete with new red paint job. Newly resleeved and rebuilt master cylinder- the expensive, hard to find dual unit. Most mechanicals are original, I believe. Interior needs work. I think there is a new top included.

I am selling this for a friend who has moved to Seattle. Asking \$1900.00 but take a look and make an offer. The car must be sold. This would make a great starting point for an autocross monster or trick street car. The car is in Maple Grove.  
Contact Bill Eastman 514-4797 or 424-4342 or [william.eastman@medtronic.com](mailto:william.eastman@medtronic.com)

### **FOR SALE :**

**1969 MGB GT.** Red. For parts or full restoration. Complete car, interior rough, wire wheels, some rust, cracked head. Parked 5 years.  
\$1000 or best offer  
(612) 941-0884 Denny Eden Prairie

### **FOR SALE :**

**1973 Midget,** Blue. VERY little rust, new top, nice interior, steel wheels, runs OK.  
Asking \$2200  
(612)241-8300 Paul Elk River

## The Loss of a Friend



### Mearns

Samuel J. age 56 of Hopkins. Survived by loving wife of 28 years, Margaret; daughters, Kelly and Clara; Mother Mary; brother, Charles and sisters, Bernadette Logan, Catherine Harrington, Josephine Robinson, and Anne-Marie Carroll; and nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his daughter, Brenda and father, Edward.

A graduate of Queens university of Belfast, Sam was a teacher in Ireland and Kenya, Africa, an international sales manager and small business owner. A true Irishman, avid golfer, soccer supporter and MG car enthusiast. past Chairman of the MN MGT Register and active member of the MN MG Group.

Memorial Mass Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM at St Joan of Arc Church 4537 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave South. Family will greet friends 1 hour prior to service. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers to donor's choice.

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Sam, Lori and Nikki

May the road rise to meet you.  
 May the wind be always at your back.  
 May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
 And rains fall soft upon your fields.  
 And until we meet again,  
 May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

## *In Memory Of Sam*

IT IS HARD TO KNOW WHAT'S AROUND THE NEXT BEND  
ONE NEVER KNOWS WHEN THE ROAD WILL END.  
I ALWAYS THOUGHT WE WOULD GO AS FAR  
AS OUR HEARTS COULD BE CARRIED IN THE LITTLE CAR!

BUT THE CAR CAN STILL RUN  
ON THE RALLYS FOR FUN  
JUST THE DRIVER DIDN'T LAST,  
HE'S SUDDENLY PASSED.

AND NOW JUST THE MEMORY & PHOTOS LIVE ON-  
WE KNOW, HOWEVER, HIS ENERGY WILL NEVER BE GONE;  
THE CARBURETER PROBLEMS OF HIS TD ARE CURED,  
AND NOW SAM'S SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS ENDURE.

SO I BID MY FRIEND A SAD FAREWELL-  
IT'S ONLY THROUGH MG'S I GOT TO KNOW HIM WELL;  
BUT I VENTURE TO GUESS HE'S WELL ON HIS WAY,  
WITH A MG TO CARRY HIM TO HIS RESURRECTION DAY.

HIS AFFECTION FOR MG'S WAS MORE THAN MOST,  
AND TO THAT I PROPOSE A TOAST.  
"MAY WE ALL LIVE, RUN AND HAVE SOME FUN,  
THEN GO QUICKLY WHEN OUR TIME IS DONE".

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES SAM.

MARK BRANDOW

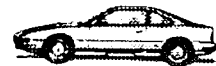
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May you have smooth rolling roads forever,  
May your wheels run balanced and true,  
May you always have top-down weather,  
And fifty pounds pressure at cruise.

He set our course for our rallyes, and a good example in life.

Farewell.

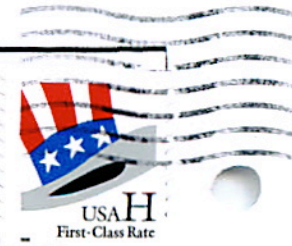
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## 1999 Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Place</i>
April 10	<b>Tech Session</b>	Dick Wallrich and Randy	Columbia Transit, St Paul
May 8	Intermarque Spring banquet	Triumph Club	Ft Snelling Officers Club
16	<b>Mearns' Meander</b>	Sam Mearns	Sherlock's Home
11-14th	Carlisle Swap Meet	Doug Madson	Carlisle, PA
24-30th	British Car Week	Drive your British Car	Everywhere
June 4	Great River Road Rally car show		Downtown, St. Paul
5-6	<b>GRRR check point</b>	See Randy or Phil	Somewhere in Wisconsin
12	<b>Brit Day (New Life to Classics)</b>	Dave and Linda Wintz	Mankato, MN
6	Vintage Sportscar Rendezvous	Winnipeg Sports Car Club	Winnipeg
	Nicolett Island Car Show?		Minneapolis
July	<b>Autocross &amp; "Pylon picnic"</b>	Kevin Healey & Dwight McC	Rosemount - DCTC
6-9	NAMGBR national meet	See Al Kelsey	Vancouver - Start planning now
21	Chicago Historic races		Elkhart Lake, WI
August 14	<b>Swap met</b>	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	<b>Wheels and Wings</b>	Robinsons and Strands	Osceola, WI
October 10	<b>Fall Color Tour</b>	Al Webster	Afton and points East
	NAMGBR national meeting		
November	<b>Annual Business Meeting</b>	Doug and Mary Madson	
January '00	<b>Holiday Party</b>	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.**