



Wheels and Wings

It's that time of year again folks. Wheels and Wings (No, you will not be asked to ride a chicken and eat a wheel – maybe at the Merrill's potluck, but not here.)

The Date: Saturday, September 11th.

The Location: Classic MotorBooks, Osceola, WI

We will meet at the Perkins on Snelling Ave (just south of highway 36) in Roseville. As usual, Pre-meeting, route discussions and a chance for breakfast at 8:00 Am. We'll be leaving Perkins by 8:30 in groups of 5-10. We will supply a route map if you wish to follow it. We have a main route and an alternate for your convenience.

Wheels and Wings is sponsored by Classic Motorbooks, Inc. and they always have a huge tent sale with books at up to 50% off. There are several thousand cars of all types for your viewing enjoyment. Out of all those cars the competition for largest club attendance always comes down to the MGs and Triumphs so don't let us down, come out in force.

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Build it and they will come...

You have heard the stories. Few have seen it, but those who have tell tales of wonder and amazement. On September 25th we're going to find out how many MGs it can consume. That's right, we're talking about Ken Merrill's Garage! On Saturday 9/25 at 3:00 PM, Ken is hosting a potluck and "garage stuffing" party. The club will provide pop. Bring yourself, a side dish and something for the grille, but most importantly, BRING YOUR MG. Especially if it's a Midget since we can fit in more of those. Ken and Diane live at 851 21st Ave. North, South St Paul. Their phone number is 651-455-5681 in case you get hopelessly lost. I will bring Chili not certified safe for Lutherans. See you there. Bring your MG or you'll be fed to the dinosaurs

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Presidents Corner

Doug Madson

The skies were overcast and the temperature about 10C as our caravan of eight MGs wound its way through the Columbia River Valley north of Radium Hot Springs, Alberta. Mary and I were seventh in line with al and Sharon Kelsey in the lead.

Our goal was to have breakfast in Golden, get back on Canada 1 and make it to Vancouver by late afternoon. The cloud cover obscured the Rockies on the right and the Selkirk range on the left, and as we made the gradual climb to Golden it appeared we might drive through the clouds as we headed west. Our overnight stay at Radium Hot Springs had not been on our original itinerary. After spending a day at Banff Provincial Park on Monday, we intended to spend the night about 300K west on Canada 1 at Revelstoke, BC. An overturned tractor-trailer at Rogers Pass had backed up traffic in both Directions for about 10K according to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer at Lake Louise, so we diverted to Radium. The late-afternoon drive to Radium was breathtaking with snow covered peaks on both sides and a windings sports car road to boot. We checked into a Mom and Pop motel for the night and had supper at a great German restaurant. Some of us enjoyed "taking of the water" as the Canadians say, in the huge pools of

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Presidents Corner

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Radium Hot Springs until closing at 11PM. It was great deal. the Motel was cheap at \$44 US. and pool \$5 Canadian. The motel décor could best be described as early American, as in early 1950's the couch was the worlds largest futon. The Vikes defensive front four could easily have all sat down at once in full football armor. As with most futons I have tried this one was really uncomfortable so they would have fit. but they would have been pretty ornery.

As we climbed toward Golden with Dick and Val bringing up the rear. (they were our rear guard throughout the trip and did a great job of keeping us together) Mary mentioned that she smelled something. Knowing it couldn't be me. I agreed that

there was something unusual in the air, especially noticeable in the clear clean mountain air. I discounted the odor as probably coming from one of the ranches we were passing. as they started a fire to ward off the chill of the morning. Didn't really smell like a wood fire though, more like old tires burning. In any case it went away and we soon were in Golden eating a hearty breakfast. I asked the others if they had noticed any unusual odors on the last leg and nothing was reported beyond the usual MG smells, moldy carpet and occasional whiff of petrol. As we got back to the GT someone mentioned that our lights weren't working on the last leg. I checked and sure enough, headlights and taillights were out but turn and brake lights were OK. I checked the brown connections around the fuse box and found them tight. May said, "Dear (she was still calling me that because we were less than a week into the trip.) do you suppose that's what we smelled?" She was right. The Prince of Darkness had struck and he smelled like old tires on fire. I suspected a bad switch, everything else seemed OK and with no night driving ahead the repair could wait 'til Vancouver.

We arrived in Vancouver by late afternoon. I replaced the headlight switch with the able assistance of Ken Merrill and we enjoyed the next four days at MG'99. Saturday came too soon and Mary and I headed for Puyallup, WA to spend a couple days with our son Michael and his wife Kate. After waiting over an hour at the border for customs, we were happily on our way to Seattle. As we approached the Metro area we smelled something like air pollution and assumed we just smelled the city. The odor was familiar but everything seemed ok. Twenty miles later we stopped for gas and as we entered the shade of the canopy I noticed the generator light was on. Lifting the bonnet revealed a burned-out generator.

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***The Prince of
Darkness had
struck and he
smelled like old
tires on fire.***

President's Corner

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The Prince of Darkness had struck again and he still smelled like old tires on fire. In the next few days we found a good rebuilt generator and voltage regulator and had no more problems on the way home. The Bad Prince struck twice in 4000 miles of driving, but nothing too serious had happened. We speculated that not only was the Prince responsible for some weird electrical systems, he probably invented the futon as well.

Safety fast, Doug

Wheels and Wings

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Other fun activities besides looking at all the great cars, is the military vehicle and plane display at the airport, helicopter rides, pancakes served until 11 (if you planned this right you could get breakfast at Perkins AND make it up to Osceola in time for pancakes)

The fairgrounds will have a tractor pull at 11:00 AM, and between 4-8:00 PM. Sumo Wrestling Mini-Golf and Human bowling. (I'm not sure I want to know, either.) Downtown Osceola has the Mill Pond Art Fair and live music. The Osceola Depot has steam train rides to Marine on St Croix.

Come Join the Fun - No one will be bored, we hope to see you there.

PS if you really want to see the tractor pull you might have to show up on Friday, call the Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-947-0581 for details.

We plan to have some snacks available under the MMGG tent (in case breakfast and pancakes aren't enough!)

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Classifieds

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 :

1974 MGB Roadster. Hardtop and ragtop. Excellent mechanical condition. British Racing Green with detailing. 4speed, luggage rack. \$3500 or best offer
(612) 828-9931 Marlene or LeRoy Eden Prairie

FOR SALE :

1970 MG Midget. Stored in garage for years, also complete 948cc A-series engine (correct for very early Midget or Sprite Make offers
(612) 755-9212

FOR SALE :

1968 GT6 Runs great no rust, \$4200 also Alfetta GT runs - needs paint \$2500
Walter - (320) 240-9559 St. Cloud

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Due to a file problem I lost some data on the Classified ads. (We call that "User Error.") I have tried to reconstruct them, but if any information on your ad is missing or incorrect, please let me know - See contact information on Page 2 and note new e-Mail Address. Thanks - Phil

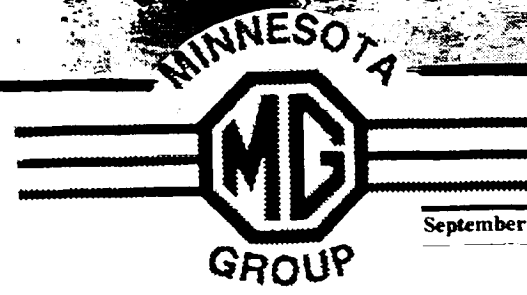
FOR SALE :

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

Restaurant



September 1999

Compared to last year's rain, rain, rain and more rain this Saturday, August 14th was a beautiful day and perfect for the second (hopefully) annual All British Car Show and Swap Meet held at Ellington's Car Museum in Rogers, Minnesota. The large numbers of cars and vendors were enjoyed by all. The event was hosted and planned by Phil Vanner.



On July 2nd, eight adventurous Minnesota MG Group drivers, along with their navigators, headed to the Ninth annual North American MGB Register's International Convention being held in Vancouver, British Columbia. They were (left to right) Randy and Cindy Byboth, Dick Wallrich and Val Brazeral, Jerry and Marilyn Cathcart, Doug and Mary Madison, Barb and Larry Henle, Todd and Cindy Wyatt, Al and Sharon Kelsey, Ken and Diane Merrill. It was about a 4,000 mile round trip. In the photo in the upper left corner the group toasts their missing comrade Sam Meams.



Those Maps on Page 6:

The Merrill Estate: 851 21st Ave North South St Paul, MN 55075 (651) 455-5681

St Paul

I-94

Concord St.

US 52

Thompson St

21st Ave

Mendota Rd.

I-494

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The Merrills Garage stuffing and potluck party. Be there. Even if you have to drive something boring.

Saturday September 25th
3PM until they feed us to the dinosaurs or throw us out

Wheels and Wings 8AM 9/11

Perkins Restaurant
2194 Snelling Ave N
Roseville, Minnesota 55113
612-633-8080
use frontage road off CR-B

I-94

I-35W

280

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County Rd B

Snelling Ave (51)

I-94

95 - St Croix trail

Stillwater

St Croix River

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HOPE TO SEE
YOU AT WHEELS & WINGS
BARB & HARRY
SMILE & BE HAPPY!

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1999 Schedule

Date	Event	Host	Place
September			
11	Wheels and Wings	Robinsons and Strands	Osceola, WI
25	Potluck	The Merrills	South St. Paul
30	2001 Planning Meeting		St Paul
October 10	Fall Color Tour	Al Webster	Afton and points East
	NAMGBR national meeting		
November	Annual Business Meeting	Doug and Mary Madson	
January '00	Holiday Party		

Lost and Found

At the swap meet at Ellingson's we found a few things after everybody left. A camera was found, Phil Vanner has it - call him at (612) 789-4614 and identify the type to claim it. There were also some wheels and tires left behind by one of the swap vendors. Since these cannot be disposed of in landfills or dumpsters, George at Ellingson's was not real happy about this. (They have since found a good home.) There aren't many places that are suitable (and none that are free) for us to host an event like this. I would hate to have disrespect for our host cost us this site. It was a fun event: a lot of cars and vendors came out and everybody seemed to have a good time. Ellingsons was very happy with the turnout and we have already made plans to do it again next year, Congrats to all who trophied and thanks to Jim Pennoyer for being a good sport; not only did he get the award for largest oil spot, he also won a signed copy of Bert Levy's new book, *Montezuma's Ferrari*. When Jim's book arrived, Bert had inscribed it with a joke about British cars leaking oil. I guess he knows his audience!