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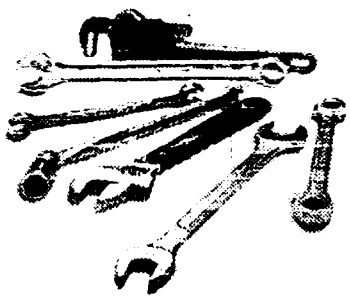


On February 26, at 10:00 AM at Quality Coaches there will a tech session, chili feed, and heated gathering of the winter-bound MG faithful.

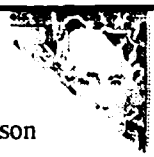
Coffee and Doghnuts at 10:00AM then, Randy Byboth, Professor of Lucasology, will "enlighten" us regarding MG electrical systems and electrical troubleshooting. I find it hard to believe that there's anybody inthe club who couldn't benfit from some help in the fight against the Lord of Darkness.

We will break at about noon for Cindy's by-now-famous midwinter chili and then it's back to the cars. (I'm told she has a special chili recipie for us to sample this time as well.)

And if you couldn't get that nifty MG watch at the holiday party last month, remeber you get double MG bucks for driving your MG to a winter event! (Last year some of us even got to park our cars inside.)

Quality Coaches is at 20 West 38th St in Minneapolis Take the 35th/36th St Exit from 35W, go west to Nicolett, then left on Nicolett to 38th and then right. You can't miss it. And let us not forget, thanks to Mark Brandow at Quality Coaches for the use of the shop.

Presidents Corner



Doug Madson

On the Road with MMGG

Boy, those steam guys take that old motorhead adage of "there's nothing like cubic inches" seriously. An MMGG contingent was on their way to Twist's Summer Party in 93 and had stopped at a really neat steam show in the middle of Michigan. Tractors, tractors and more tractors, many of them huffing and puffing and moving about like mechanical dinosaurs. They had even restored a huge single cylinder engine with a piston the size of a "Bugeye". It was connected to a 30' flywheel that ran eight oil well pumps via long rods that laid on the ground. Yes, they pumped oil in Michigan back in the 20's and 30's. It was a fascinating machine and it finally started. My god, what a mass of metal and belts and rods and steam all moving in a beautifully coordinated mechanical symphony that would never get OSHA approval in a million years. It was lots of fun to see but the Summer Party beckoned.

As we started south again toward Grand Rapids, tops down (except for Mary & I in the GT,) our 4 cylinder lumps of iron singing away at a good clip, I noticed the sky darkening ahead. We pulled off the road to do the thing everybody knew was necessary. Get those erector sets of metal and cloth that MG called a hood, erected as soon as humanly possible. It was too late. The sky literally opened up and the rain came down in torrents. Mary & I closed the sliding sunroof and sat smugly watching the pandimonum that ensued. We re-

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President's Corner

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marked that it was nice to be able to secure our stead so quickly until I felt a drip of water on my right leg. The GT was leaking! The torrent had overwelmed even our secure little space and water was getting in from somewhere. Lesson #1, one should never get overconfident in a British sports car. It stopped raining as quickly as it started and soon we were back on track to the Summer Mecca. The rest of the week was a blast. A great event as all the Summer Parties were. We made new fiends, spent time with old friends and discovered that two "Big Foot" pizzas fit perfectly in the hatch area of an MGBGT during our MMGG beer and pizza party.

...two "Big Foot" pizzas fit perfectly in the hatch area of an MGBGT

MMGG has been on the road several times since, and Mary and I have some great memories of traveling with our friends. Wonderful people that we originally had only a common interest in an obscure British sports car. Those friendships have matured into much more than that. We now consider our MMGG friends members of our human family. I write this month's edition of the Presidents Corner to encourage you to try to make a road trip with MMGG this year. We are going to a number of great events. Some of us are going to Cleveland for MG 2000 and Larry Henle has set aside several rooms at the host hotel. At this writing there are a couple left. Closer to home, MMGG will be heading north in early June to Thunder Bay to spend a weekend with

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Minnesota MG Group

Road Trips in 2000

MMGG will be going on several road trips in 2000. Larry Henle and I have made reservations at all of the following events. If you are interested please contact us at your earliest convenience.

** Rendezvous 2000 Thunder Bay Ontario

June 9th and 10th Contact Doug (320) 251-0317

**MG2000 Cleveland, Ohio

June 15th 16th & 17th Contact Larry(507)532-6425

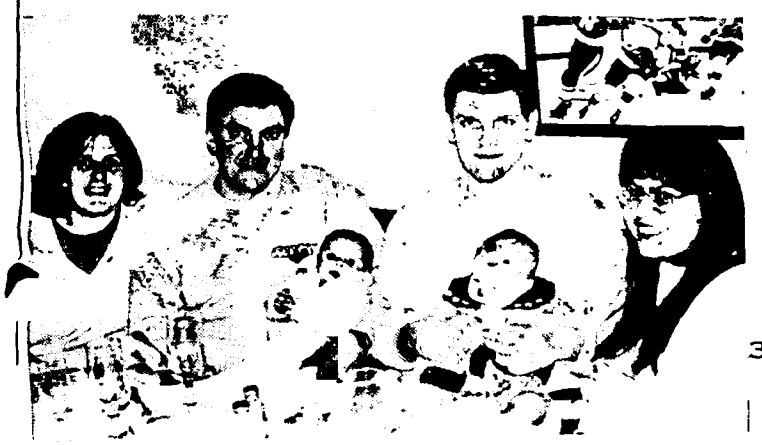
**GOF Central Duluth

July 19th & 20th Contact Doug

**Cruise to Henle's Marshall Mn

August 5th Contact Larry

All the reservations are at the host hotel except the GOF and those are at an adjoining hotel. MMGG will be " on the road again"in 2000. Hope you can join us!



"MINI-MANIA"
Here they are...the Minnesota MG Group's youngest members. LILI Vanner with Darcie and Phil.

REBECCA McCullough with Brian and Jennifer.

The Holiday Party

On a warm Saturday night (at least warm for mid January in Minnesota) around 70 of our MG family gathered at the Burnsville Benchwarmer Bob's restaurant to celebrate our annual Holiday party. Larry Henle was in Arizona and missed the warm Minnesota weather

The evening began with cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres of vegetable tray and mixed party snacks There was plenty of discussion on various winter MG projects including Todd Wyatt's V8 conversion, Randy's new garage, Val's latest Quality Coaches stories and of course, MG 2001 progress.

The buffet began about 7 o'clock, including entrees of roast beef, ham and turkey. There was salad, mashed potatoes, and gravy, mixed vegetables and bread sticks Everyone seemed pleased with the food and service.

The meal was topped off by cakes specially decorated with British flags and MG emblems

There were many contributors of door prizes and items for our annual auction. The auction moved briskly with

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John and Diana Hetzler were the winners of the MGF car model at the Holiday Party. About 70 were in attendance.

More of our new members are Jim Klungness and Diane Lotsberg. A big welcome and we'll see you at next summer's driving events.

Dan Shidla, a man of many talents, could it be that one of may be AUCTIONEERING??????????????

"YOU GOTTA HAVE THE BUCKS" Here Curt Robinson makes a bid at the Holiday Party. You make the bucks by attending the Minnesota MG Group events.

Classifieds

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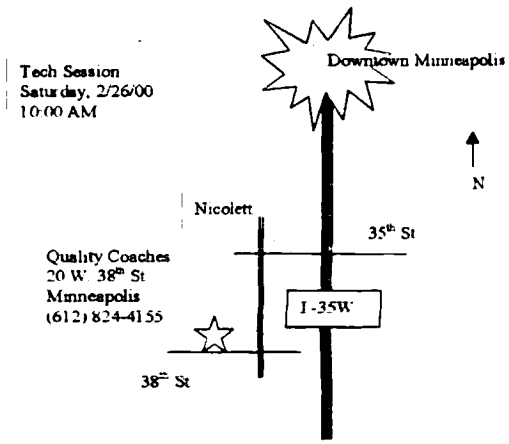

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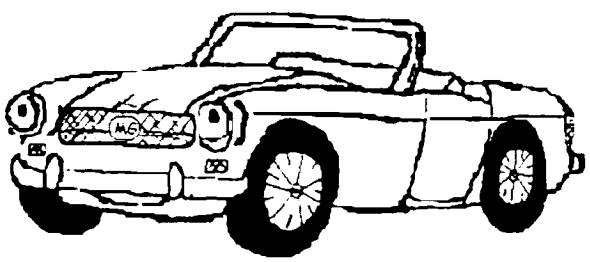

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If you want to know - Ask! These people have expressed willingness to answer questions and offer advice about these cars, whether you are looking to repair or purchase, it always helps to know more.

A Blast From the Past: Doug has provided several price lists for MG sports cars when they were new, and we will be sharing then with you over the next few months. This is from March 1966. Wire wheels were standard on the Midget?

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President's Corner

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our friends to the North. They know how to throw a party better than just about anybody. We'll be going north again in July for the GOF that our Minnesota "T" register partners are hosting in Duluth. In early August we'll be heading southwest to Marshall for a weekend at Henle's.

Gene Cooper mentioned at our Holiday Party that the Chicago MG club will be having a Summer Party in Abington, IL. That replaces Twist's event in late August.

Reservations have been made at the above events and if you are interested, a contact list is included elsewhere in this issue. Road trips in an MG are always interesting and a road trip with your MG friends is even better. Hope to see you on the road.

Safety Fast, Doug

P.S. A special thanks to Jeanette & Dan Shidla and Jon Mastey "Holiday Party Trainee" for a great event: 70 MMGGers and a great auction. Thanks Again!

Holiday Party

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spirited bidding and the usual combining of loot for the final prizes.

The feedback indicated it was a fun and enjoyable evening.

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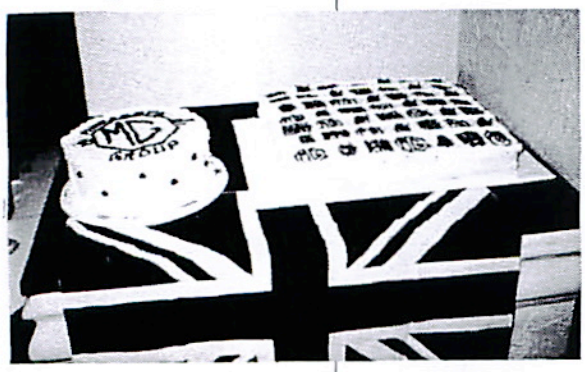

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2000 Schedule *(most dates are tentative - events in bold are official MMGG events)*

Date		*Event*	*Host*	*Place*
Feb	26	**Tech Session**	Randy and Cindy Byboth	Quality Coaches
March	25 or 26	**Kick-off Brunch**	Tim and Nancy Crain	Lord Fletcher's?
April	15	**Tech Session**	Dick Wallrich/Randy Byboth	Dick's Garage/St Paul
May	21	**Mearn's Maneuvers**	Phil Vanner/Ken Merrill	
		InterMarque Banquet	Jon Masley	
	26	Parc Expose Car Show	Various	St Paul
	27-29	Great River Road Rally	MN ALFA Romeo Club	St Paul and South
June	?	**Brit Day**	Dave Wintz	Mankato
	9-11	Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous	TB Vintage Sports Car Club	Thunder Bay, Ont
	15-18	MG 2000	Emerald Necklace MG Register	Cleveland, OH
July		**Picnic/Car Show**	Bosworths/Olsons	St. Paul
	18-21	GOF	MN MGT Register	Duluth
		Chicago Historics		Elkhart Lake
Aug	5-6	**The Marshall Plan**	Larry and Barb Henle	Marshall, MN
	12	**Swap Meet Show**	Vanners/McCulloughs	Ellingson's, Rogers, MN
Sept.	9	**Wheels and Wings**	Jerry and Nancy Strand	Osceola, WI
	16	Mercedes event	Dan and Jeanette Shidla	Linden hills, Mpls
Oct	6 or 7	**Fall Colour Tour**	?	Owatonna?
Nov	4	**Annual Meeting**	Doug and Mary Madson?	
January	'01	**Holiday Party**	Jon Masley	