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APRIL TECH SESSION

OK, techies, time to come to the next tech session to discuss maintenance and other items. The tech session will be held at Columbia Transit Corp. on Saturday, April 15th. at 9:00 AM. Columbia Transit is located at 896 Hersey. St. in the midway area of St. Paul. To get there, take Hwy. 94 to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Take Vandalia to University Ave. Turn left(west) on University to the next block which is Hampton St.. Turn right on Hampton and follow it about 3 blocks north. Hampton turns into Hersey (one of those St. Paul things) and our driveway is located at the intersection of Hersey & Wycliff. Look for the sign on the right side of the street. Columbia Transit is located in the building in back of the building on the street. (See the map for directions). Everyone is expected to bring their cars with them, Stovall included. You can't use the snow excuse anymore.

The tech session will be in two parts. In the morning, we will have an interactive tech session on maintenance. Several cars will be sacrificed for demonstration purposes. Randy O'Byboth will be using these cars to demonstrate proper maintenance. We want to get everyone involved in the session as participants, not just listeners, so we want you to bring along two hints that you can share with the group.

If you're taking your car on any of our road trips this summer, you definitely need to bring it. After lunch we'll be picking apart each others cars to see if there are any items that could be a problem on the road. Everyone will have a chance to do some maintenance item, from pulling tires or checking dash pot oil or just checking dipsticks. It's safe to say that everyone has some mechanical ability but we can always learn from others. Here is your chance to ask questions about your car, to see if your rocker floomis is set to the right degree or to see if your car is equipped with a rocker floomis. Don't worry about the weather as we will be parking all of the cars in our warehouse. If you have carb tuning tools bring them along.



Presidents Corner

Doug Madson

Hope you didn't miss the first tech session of the year. As they say, a good time was had by all. Cindy O'Byboth again provided what has become a MMGG tradition: a chili feed. This year there were two varieties. Cindy's original with gabaonzo beans and The Brit's Pub version. Both were great. I spent the next few days in the barn alone.

Randy also put on an informative tech session on British car electrics. A daunting task considering the infamous Lucas reputation. As usual he did a great job.

Mark Brandow again opened up his shop for the day. What a great place to have a tech session. A place for British Motorheads if there ever was one. The shop was full of British cars in various states of repair. Of note was an early MG "M" type. What a great old car. Every time I see an early MG, I recall the incredible heritage of the Marque. It was cars like the "M" type that ran the hill climbs and rallies prior to WWII and established MG as one of the world's great competition marques. There was a really nice Triumph TR3. A nice Triumph you say? An oxymoron like "military intelligence" you say? No, I've changed my mind. This was a nice car. Tim Craine's red "B" graced the showroom after spending the winter back in the shop growing two SU's instead of the original Stromberg. Tim's car is really nice, one of the nicest B"s around. Thanks again to Mark and his staff for opening the shop for the day. Minnesota this winter has not been a winter.

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President's Corner

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This allowed a number of the MMGG to venture forth with their MGs. There are true enthusiasts in our Group and I counted about eight. Certainly a record for our traditional February Tech session.

Tim and Nancy Crain have been hard at work putting together our Kickoff Meeting and have already sent out invitations. Our traditional brunch is this year a lunch at Billabong on March 26th. If you haven't responded yet e-mail or call them and RSVP. It should be a great event.

One final thought for this Presidents Corner. The tech session was attended by several new members including Charles Boentgen who told me he and his son had spent much of the winter researching things MG and were ready to make a purchase. And they did that same afternoon. What enthusiasm. The MMGG is growing with some very dedicated new blood. Thanks to all of you who veterans who have made MMGG a great group and welcome to the new members.

Thanks again to Mark and his staff for opening the shop for the day.

Safety Fast,

Doug

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Spring "Kick - Off" Lunch
at
Billabong Aussie Grill & Pub

Good Food - Good Foster's - Good Company

Come join us "Down Under" in Bloomington for our annual Driving Opener
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On the Southeast Corner of I-494 and Hwy-100

On the South I-494 Frontage Road

At 5001 West 80th Street

In the Ground Floor of the Southgate Building

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You can get on the South I-494 Frontage Road from:

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Australia produces some excellent wines and their beers are legendary!

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R S V P by Wednesday, 22 March to:

Tim or Nancy Crain

At: 612-920-2489

Or E-Mail at: ncrain@sprynet.com

Australian Clothing and M G's Optional

See you there!

MG Regalia
 Jim & Joleen Lymburn

The MMGG has been given the opportunity to offer our members a special polo shirt with the MG Odyssey 2001 logo. This logo, designed by our club member Darlene Palmer, was approved for our use on a one-time basis by Tony Burgess and Rick Ingram North American MG Council, after which time they take over the rights to the logo. These shirts will be our club's special members are encouraged to wear these shirts throughout the coming year to help promote the national MG event in St. Paul in July, 2001.

This polo shirt is heather grey in color with the 2001 logo in green, red & blue on the upper right chest; our MMGG logo is in red on the upper left chest; and the Safety Fast logo is on the right sleeve in blue and red. Size availability is small, medium, large, extra large and XX large. The shirt cost is \$21 each with the XXL costing \$23 each.

If you are interested in ordering a shirt, please complete the order form below, enclose your check or money order made out to **Jim Lymburn** and send to: Jim Lymburn, 539 84th Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433. All orders need to be submitted by March 31, 2000. Shirts will be delivered at events after that date. Remember -- these shirts will not be available for order after March 31. Larry Henley will be working on additional silk screening to be put on the back of the shirts for extra promotion if you are interested. Please note: If you ordered 2001 shirts at the last tech session, you do NOT need to complete an order form as we have ordered those shirts and they should be available for pick-up and payment at the kick-off brunch.

In addition, we still have our MMGG polo shirts and denim shirts available for sale at all of our events. A new item this summer -- **MMGG cool cups** -- grey with red logo -- only \$1.50 each. These too will be available at our events.

If you have other clothing articles or hats on which you would like the MMGG logo, you can contact Mary Ann directly at Color-weave, 8020 Univesity Avenue NE, Fridley, MN 55432 (763)784-0708. The cost to have the logo put on other articles is approximately \$5 or slightly higher if you have it enlarged.

MMGG 2001 Shirt order form
 (please print legibly)

Name: _____

Home phone number () _____

_____ # of shirts ordered. Please indicate size(s) & quantity of each size needed below:

_____ Small	_____ Medium	_____ Large	_____ X-Large	_____ XX-Large
\$21 ea	\$21 ea	\$21 ea	\$21 ea	\$23 ea

Total enclosed: \$ _____

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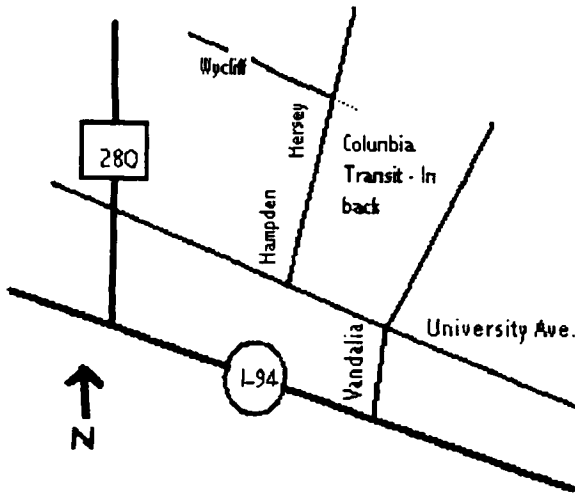
News

During a recent press conference at Detriot, Wolfgang Ziebart, a spokesman for BMW AG, Stated that there were no plans to bring any MG model to North America "in the foreseeable future."

Since the last rumours were that the next MG would be based on the Z-3, I assume that the problem was more with dealer network than with Federal type-approval.

British Leyland still haunts us it seems.

The Map:



No map to Billbong, it's too easy to Find



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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.

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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 10	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
	Swap Meet Show	Larry and Barb Henle	Marshall, MN
	Wheels and Wings	Vanners/McCulloughs	Ellingson's, Rogers, MN
sept. 9	Mercedes event	Jerry and Nancy Strand	Osceola, WI
16	Fall Colour Tour	Dan and Jeanette Shidla	Linden hills, Mpls
Oct 6 or 7	Annual Meeting	?	Owatonna?
Nov 4	Holiday Party	Doug and Mary Madson?	
January '01		Jon Masley	