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New MG Club Officers Elected

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The Minnesota MG Group held its annual election of club officers January 6, 2001 at 3M's Tartan Park. Our club by-laws require this annual election, which was done by a voice vote of club members. Congratulations to all the new officers.



New Minnesota MG Club President
Dan Shidla

Officers elected include Dan Shidla, President; Simon Bosworth, Vice President; Jerry Strand, Treasurer; and Dave Stovall, Secretary. Other club officials for

the year 2001 include Mike Hirschman, Membership; Steve Byboth, Regalia; Jon Masley, Editor Newsletter; Chris Sorenson, Asst. Editor Newsletter; Ken Malm, Publisher Newsletter, Jim Pennoyer, Website.

Dan's first order of business was to thank the outgoing officers for their hard work and dedication. Stepping down from their duties were Doug Madson, President;

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Minnesota MG Group Holiday Party Held

The Minnesota MG Group's annual holiday party was held Saturday, January 6, 2001 at 3M's Tartan Park. Over 100 club members attended, enjoying a fine meal, a short business meeting, and a lively MG bucks auction.

After dinner, the first order of business was the election of club officers, followed by the MG Bucks auction. See the article above for election details.

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Comments From Your President

Welcome to a New Year, a new group of MG officers and an exciting agenda for 2001.

First of all, a special thanks to Doug Madson, our departing President, for his leadership the past two years. In addition to keeping the club moving smoothly, Doug could always be counted on to assist club members with deciphering MG bugs, finding sources for difficult to find parts and coordinating MG road events. His recent retirement from State Farm now leaves him with more time for a new grandson, trading on eBay

and fellow MG enthusiasts. We look forward to his return from Florida, next month. Thanks Doug and Mary.

Our new year started off with record attendance at the annual holiday party. Thanks to Jon Masley and Elena Pierce for an excellent job.

We also began this year with the largest number of members in club history - 165. Given our enthusiasm and the activities planned for the year, we may grow to 200 members by the end of the year. Be sure to pass

on the word to fellow MG enthusiasts.

The year has a full slate of events highlighted with MG2001 in July. As a host club we're looking to assure our friends from around the continent and abroad (guests from England and Holland are coming) that they will have a great time. Dick Wallrich and his committee, along with State Fair Grounds and St. Paul Convention Bureau staffs, have been working for months to lay the groundwork. Planning activities

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The Minnesota MG Group was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the MG Marque. Correspondence can be addressed to: **Minnesota MG Group, 10305 Morris Road, Bloomington, Minnesota 55437.** Visit us on the web at **WWW.MMGG.ORG.**

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 now move into overdrive. Help from all MMGG Club members is needed. We're very happy for the expressions of support coming from the Triumph, Jaguar and other local British clubs. One major goal is for our club members to be able to say "That was fun." when it's all over.

Technology continues to be more a part of our club. Check out our new web site www.mmgg.org - Jim Penoyer has dazzled us with his additions and variations. With web-sites, email etc. we not only have opportunities for club members to have fun getting involved without having to attend meetings, but even if you try your best to avoid this "new stuff", you'll still see the benefits in our newsletter and coordination of club events.

The newsletter is critical to our Club's success. This year Jon Masley has taken over coordinating the huge task. Assistant Editor, Chris Sorenson, Photographers, Keith and Phyllis Galberth, Publisher, Ken Malm and Mailers, Wayne Soderbeck and Rae Mars support him. Email, scanners, and digital cameras have all become integral parts of the process - note the addition of color on the front page. You too can contribute - as our good friend Andy Lindberg (editor of the national award winning local Triumph Club newsletter) tells his readers - **"send articles for the newsletter!!"** Amusing events, tech

tips, recipes, pictures etc. are all welcome and enjoyed by fellow club members. Send them to Jon or Chris - not Andy.

See you next month.
 Dan

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This year over 50 auction items had been donated and auctioneer Al Kelsey was very thorough in explaining the merits of each. His description of items in plain, brown paper bags was especially, ah, interesting. I have yet to figure out the automotive purpose of some items, like the hand held massager quickly snapped up by Doug Madson, or the wine glasses enthusiastically purchased by Simon and Laura Bosworth. In any case, Al was able to bring in top dollar for each item.

As host of this year's holiday party, I would like to express a big thank you to Elena Pierce, who helped tremendously. I would also like to thank Cindy Penoyer and Al Kelsey for their help. Hosting the holiday party is a team effort and I had great people helping.

In addition, I would like to thank those who donated auction items. They include:
 Doug & Mary Madson
 Wayne Soderbeck and Rae Mars
 Ken & Diane Merrill
 Larry & Barb Henle
 Jon Masley & Stacy Skare
 Tom & June Moerke
 Cindy & Randy Byboth
 Peggy & Brian Walsh

Business's that donated include:
Quality Coaches, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mark & Eileen Brandow.

Midwest Motor Sports, St. Cloud, Minnesota, Dan & Dianne Iberg.

New Life to Classics, Mankato, Minnesota, Dave & Linda Wintz.

The Roadster Factory, Ar-magh, PA.

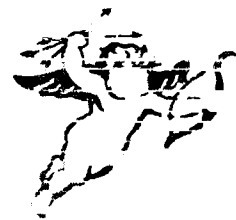
Victoria British, Lenexa, KS.

Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing (3M)

Apple Hydraulics, Calverton, L.I., N.Y.

Minvalco, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Last, but definitely not least, our congratulations to club members Val Brazzerol and Dick Wallrich, who announced plans to marry this February. They met through the MMGG and we wish them the very, very best. I wonder how many MG's they will have once they join forces?



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Cindy Byboth, Secretary; Phil Vanner and Larry Henle, Newsletter; and Jim Lymburn, Regalia. As Dan said, "This club's success is directly related to contributions made by people like these." On behalf of all the members of the Minnesota MG Group, we offer a very sincere thank you!

January 6, 2001 Holiday Pictures



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October Fall Color Tour Pictures



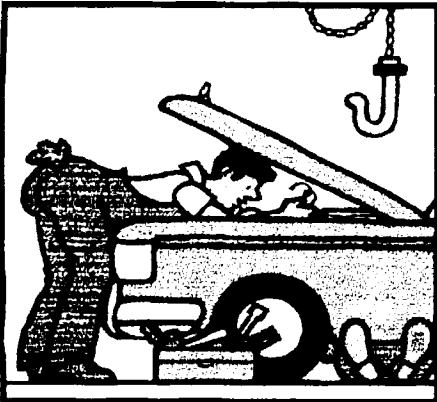
Classified

For Sale: 1972 MGB parts, including RF fender (NOS), used boot lid, new body trim, bonnet, exhaust and intake manifolds, pair of HFI4 carbs, seats, 2 tops (1 folding and 1 snap together), front and rear axel, both gone through with new brakes, etc. Make offer on all or part. Call Lew Palmer 651/436-7401 evenings

For Sale: 1974 MGB-GT V8 Right Hand Drive conversion. Rover 5 speed, Rover V8, nice leather interior, composite rear springs, ventilated disc brakes, traction bars, sunroof, Painless Wiring, extras. \$12,000 or best offer. Call Jon at 651/779-8605 evenings before 9 P.M.

Wanted: MGB Roadster in good condition for co-worker. Call Jon at 651-736-1264 and leave a message.

For Sale: 1974 MGB GT, Damask Red, same owner for 20 years. Regular maintenance performed to keep her on the road. Call Marcia at 763/509-9497.



Calendar of Events

Feb 3, 2001 Tech Session at Quality Coaches. See page 8 for details.

Feb 3, 2001 GT Cars Open House, 950 West 94th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota

March, 2001 Kickoff Brunch hosted by Tim and Nancy Crain.

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March 17 or 24, 2001 The Jaguar Club has extended a go-cart challenge to the MMGG club. More details in the March newsletter.

April, 2001 Tech Session at Columbia Transit Bus Company.

May, 2001 Intermarque Banquet and Rally, hosted by the Minnesota Triumphs.

June, 2001 Open. How about someone hosting a picnic?

June 21 - 24, 2001 SCCA Chicago Region's June Sprints at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

July 1-4, 2001 MG2001 at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds. This event is hosted by the MMGG. Plan to attend and help out.

July 19-22, 2001 Brian Redman International Challenge, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

August, 2001 Swap Meet and Show at Ellingson's Museum in Rogers, Minnesota. Hosted by Phil Vanner.

September, 2001 Annual Wheels and Wings gathering in Osceola, Wisconsin. Hosted by Jerry Strand.

October, 2001 Annual Fall Color Tour. Need a host for this please.

November, 2001 Annual Meeting hosted by Dan and Jeanette Shidla.

December, 2001 No activity scheduled.

January 12, 2002 Annual Holiday Party and MG Bucks Auction. Hosted by Elena Pierce and Peggy and Brian Walsh, and held at 3M's Tartan Park Clubhouse in Lake Elmo, Minnesota.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Please check your mailing label on this newsletter. If the label does not say Pd01, it is time to pay your dues for the year 2001. Send your check to Dan or Jeanette Shidla NOW or bring your check to the Tech Session February 3rd. Thanks much and Safety Fast.



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Plan to Attend February 3 Tech Session

February 3, 2001 is the date for our upcoming Tech Session held at Quality Coaches, 20 West 38th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Hosts Cindy and Randy Byboth will be providing coffee and doughnuts, starting at 9 A.M., with the session beginning at 9:30 A.M. A fine chili lunch will also be served. Plan to attend and mark your calendar NOW!

The tech session will focus on carburetors. Randy will walk through the rebuilding process of a zenith type 174cd, with automatic or manual choke. He plans to look at SU carburetors types H, HS, and HIF, as well as the basics of the SU fuel pump. Bring all your questions for Randy.

After lunch, Randy would like some volunteers to help clean parts for the Paul Brand race car. Paul's car belonged to Group 44. He later purchased it and raced the car himself, winning the 1980 SCCA National race. After being in storage for 20 years, Mark Brandow and others were able to convince Paul that a number of people would be willing to help restore the car for the MG2001 convention. Val-spar House of Color is sponsoring the body and paint work. Mark, owner of Quality Coaches, is providing shop space and some labor. Earlier volunteers helped disassemble the car. Now there is a need to clean parts so the reassembly process can start. See you on February 3rd!