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MG2001

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Comments From Your Presidents

MMGG President Dan Shidla and MNMGTR President Bob Figenskau

From The President:

Well MG2001 is here (almost). It's coming together very well thanks to you and your fellow club members.

Mike and Mary Carpenter have filled 117 volunteer slots, Bob Figenskau and his group have some 50+ indoor vendor booths on board, Mark Brandow and Jim Lymburn have arranged for 25+ fantastic MG race cars. And that's just a start; Wednesday's car show will have 600-700 British

cars on display for everyone's enjoyment - a few "Other British cars" will accompany the large contingent of MG's. And don't forget food vendors and Wednesday nights' performances of the Twin City Pipe Band and the Celtic dancers.

If you're registered, there is no additional cost to enter the fairgrounds. If you haven't registered and can't attend for the whole week don't miss the car displays Wednesday or Thursday. Bring your car on Wednesday - the single day fee for you and a navigator is \$15. Additional

guests are \$5. Each day's events are open to all for a \$5 per person general admission charge.

See you there.

Dan & Bob



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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MG2001

What is it?

MG 2001 is expected to be the largest gathering of all MGs ever held in North America. It follows the first such event held in Indianapolis in 1996 and is sponsored by the North American Council of MG Registrars.

"Indy 96" attracted over 1300 MGs and over 3000 attendees. Virtually all models of MGs were represented from 1928 through 1980.

If you missed "Indy 96", you'll be sure to want to attend "MG 2001". If you were at Indy, you already know what a superb event it was, and will, no doubt, want to come again.

MG 2001 is being held in St. Paul, Minnesota during the week of July 2nd - 6th, 2001, and will occupy a significant portion of the state fairgrounds. There will be events for the whole family including a car show, driving events, static displays, a special day at the race track for all historically significant MG race cars, a swap meet, and plenty of opportunities for socializing.

Don't forget that the state fairgrounds is only a few miles away from The Mall of America, the largest indoor shopping mall in America.

Be sure to mark this on your calendar and plan to attend. We guarantee you'll have a great MG week.

*Information on MG2001 comes from the many fine people
organizing this event and maintaining the web site.
Visit WWW.MG2001.COM*

General Information

You are invited to attend THE MG EVENT for 2001. Join the North American MMM Register, The New England T Register, The North American MGA Register, The North American MGB Register and The American MGC Register for a fun-filled week of MG camaraderie. Held every five years, North America's Premier MG Registers gather forces and bring together a world-class collection of cars for an event not to be missed.

This will be North America's single largest collection of MGs since MG '96 in Indianapolis, which drew 1,300 MGs.

The week-long event will offer Popular Vote Car Shows and Concours (by Register), Rallies and Driving Tours, Tech Sessions, Social Events, Vendors, an Autojumble, Contests, Prizes, MG Races, Rocker Cover Races and much, much more. Events for the non-enthusiast are also being planned which include sightseeing, shopping tours and social events.

ABINGDON VILLAGE

Most activities will be based in "Abingdon Village", centrally located within a few miles of the five host hotels. This will give the participants the opportunity to interact with their MG friends and see all the cars on display. Your fee includes full registration and admission to "Abingdon Village" for 5 days; a dash plaque; welcome kit; tours and rallies; tech sessions; vendor demonstrations; and associated parties. Banquet meals and Register specific functions (if any) are not included.

ACTIVITIES

There will be more activities at MG 2001 than you've ever seen at a gathering of MG's. There will be activities for all ages and for those who's interests in MG's may not be as strong as others. We have a variety of fun and short driving tours to acquaint yourself with the beautiful Twin Cities and to see the beautiful sites our area has to offer. A total of eight self-guided tours will be available for your enjoyment ranging from 28 to 84 miles. Included are tours of Minneapolis Lakes/Grand Rounds; St. Paul Parks, Lakes and Parkways; Downtown and the Riverfront; Lake Minnetonka; Minnesota River Valley; Stillwater; Red Wing and Ellingson's.

Drive along the Mississippi River wooded parkways and promenades and enjoy breathtaking views! Don't want to drive? Take the Minneapolis River City Trolley and get a complete narrated tour (\$8). Drive to downtown Minneapolis and see beautiful Nicollet Mall and miles of skyway systems. Show off your MG!! Drive down St. Paul's stately Summit Avenue and see the mansions including Governor Jesse Ventura's home and the historic Cathedral of St. Paul.

CAMPING

Abingdon Village is a city in and of itself with our own streets, buildings, and racetrack and is a

secured area from 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Within the village are 120 fully-equipped camping spots with full water and electrical hookups for those wanting to bring their RV's.

CAR SHOW AND JUDGING

Wednesday the 4th of July will be the day to make your car shine. All Registers will have their car judging this day. And to make it easy for you to actually see who won in your category, winning cars will be announced and on display on Thursday morning. A new feature of MG 2001 will then be to vote for the best overall car of the show, regardless of model, with the winner being announced on Friday. **Don't forget to bring your favorite original model, craft or photo for judging too.**

CONFIRMATION

A confirming post card will be sent to you upon receipt of your Registration and additional details and maps will be sent in June 2001.

EXHIBITS AND FLEA MARKET

Looking for what's new for your MG? Can't find the one part you've been looking for? You'll probably find it here. The exhibits in the Village will house everything from obscure parts, to car care products to the latest in tools and accessories for restoring your MG. The exhibits will be housed INSIDE Abingdon Hall so if it rains, you won't have to search for parts under plastic bags.

LEADED GASOLINE

Leaded 94 octane gasoline can be purchased near the Village. There's no need to mix additives in our Village.

MG 2001 24 HOUR ENDURANCE RALLYE

Approximately 900 miles of fun and frolic through the north woods. Starting out on the fabulous twisty roads of Wisconsin's driftless country, and continuing through the lonely pine forests of northern Minnesota, the rally will require competitors to visit a number of checkpoints within 24 hours on their way to Abingdon Village. Lowest elapsed mileage wins. Starts Sunday morning July 1, 2001 in Monroe Wisconsin and ends Monday morning July 2, 2001 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Cost \$25. Contact Phil Vaner on (612) 701-3656 or philv@pclink.com for start time, location, and host hotel.

MG UNIVERSITY

Tech Sessions - Want to learn the latest in car care, maintenance and restoration techniques? Then MG University is the place to enroll. Tuition is free and you're guaranteed to graduate. We have tech sessions that will be informative to the pro and the novice. If you can't make class on one day, don't worry, all Tech Sessions will be repeated twice on different days to accommodate everyone.

TASTE OF MINNESOTA

Within a short drive of Abingdon Village will be the A Taste of Minnesota Festival. Enjoy the food, music, kids amusements, rides and people watching - Free admission and Fireworks too!

THE MG RACERS

Have you ever been to an MG event and seen a fantastic historic racer? Have you wondered how it sounds and looks in action? At MG 2001 you will not only see the cars that made MG racing famous, but you'll also actually be able to see them run. On Thursday July 5th the Village will host a static display of all that is MG racing. On Friday July 6th, the cars will take to the track on our own racing course. Photograph/videotape them in action, listen to the sounds of MG's that never get to run with the rest of us.

THE TWIN CITIES

The Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis offer a full menu of activities for those who want to break away from kicking tyres for an afternoon or two. Known for the multi-level, 520 stores, Mall of America, the Twin Cities also offer great architecture, culture, scenery and museums. A number of events throughout the week will focus on this great location whether you drive your car or partake of structured tours. Planned events and tours will introduce you to the Minnesota History Center; Science Center of Minnesota; The Children's Museum; Historic Rivertown of Stillwater; Como Park with its Zoo (free admission), Conservatory and Japanese Gardens; Valley Fair Amusement Park; Canterbury Park for horse racing or several nearby Casinos.

TRAILERS

Trailers are welcome for those traveling long distances. An unlimited number of secured trailer parking spots are located in the village.

VALVE COVER RACERS

Wednesday's car show will also host the World Famous - Valve Cover Races. Take an old valve cover, clean it, paint it, put wheels on it (and maybe a trick or two) - and away you go. If you need the rules, send an E-mail to MG2001INFO@AOL.COM or phone 614.899.2394 and leave your mailing address or fax number.

MONDAY'S - WALLEYE RALLYE

will leave the Village at 1:00 PM and promises to be fun for the novice and challenging for the serious rally nut. If you've never tried rallying, this is your chance to learn a fun activity.

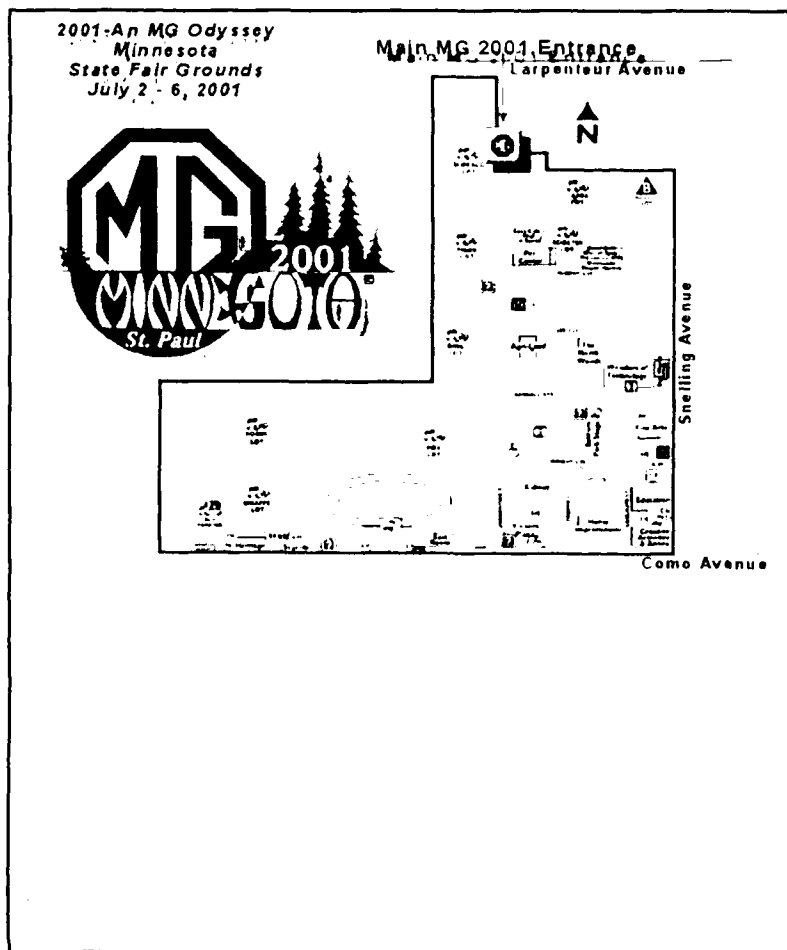
TUESDAY'S - A MINNESOTA NIGHT - YA BETCHA

This evening, the two host clubs, the Minnesota MG Group and the Minnesota MG T Register, will offer a fun evening of Minnesota food and foibles. You never know what we'll put on a stick to eat and

you'll find out why our state bird is the loon. You might even learn to speak a little Minnesotan. Food vendors will offer Minnesota food around Abingdon Park with entertainment at the band shell. To continue with the fun, we will also host the MG2001 TALENT SHOW - your opportunity for 15 minutes of fame. Dress up your car, dress up you, and create a 3 minute skit to entertain the masses. Big Fun and Big Prizes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S - A BRITISH INVASION

We don't do the 4th of July quite the same at Abingdon Village. Be with us to celebrate our British heritage (or at least our cars' heritage). There will be Pipe Bands, Scottish dancers and a few surprises to bring out the Brit in you. And, you'll be able to sample some traditional British fare from the food vendors.



MG2001 Hosts

The **Minnesota MG Group** was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, maintenance and enjoyment of all MG cars. The club was originally organized for MGA, MGB, MGC and Midget enthusiasts but is also dedicated to all models of the marque.

The **Minnesota MG T Register** was founded on February 15, 1975, in Minnesota, "to bring together those who have a common interest in the restoration and preservation of the 'T' series and earlier vintage MGs, and in so doing, further the spirit of the vintage MG, good fellowship, and develop greater interests in the Gathering Of the Faithful".

MIDWEST MOTOR SPORTS

Open House and Car Display On the Mississippi

Come and See Our New Location

Where: 26 South 1st Street, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota
Telephone (320) 251-0676
Midwest Motor Sports Parking Lot and
Surrounding Riverside Parks

When: Saturday, August 18th
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Drive your Car! There will be a free gift for the first 50 Cars in the Display.

- ξ Lunch will be provided
- ξ Door Prize Drawing
- ξ Tech Session ~ open topic ~ come with your questions and problems

From the Twin Cities Area:

Take I94 West to St. Cloud / St. Augusta Exit (Cty Rd 75). Turn Right towards St. Cloud. Continue on Cty Rd 75. At 2nd Stoplight, Turn Right onto Clearwater Rd. Follow Clearwater Rd through St. Cloud (this turns into 9th Avenue). Cross the Mississippi River Bridge into Sauk Rapids. Take the first Right (before the RR tracks). Then turn left into the Midwest Motor Sports parking lot (behind Checker Auto Parts).

Or

Take Hwy 10 North. Take the first Sauk Rapids Exit (Benton Drive). From the exit ramp, turn left onto Benton Drive. Follow into Sauk Rapids. At the third traffic light, turn left (there is a Burger King at this intersection). Cross the RR tracks and turn left on River Ave. (Do not cross the bridge). Then turn left into the Midwest Motor Sports parking lot (behind Checker Auto Parts.)

Abingdon Summer Party!

Submitted by the Chicagoland MG Club

The Chicagoland MG Club has set the dates of August 2nd through 5th, 2001, for their Abingdon Summer Party.

The Abingdon Summer Party combines the best features of the club's traditional "Abingdon Weekend" with those of the well-known University Motors "Summer Party" for an outstanding weekend of MG fun.

The Abingdon Summer Party is open to all MG enthusiasts regardless of MG model or club affiliation. Based from the small town of Abingdon, Illinois (how appropriate!) MG owners will participate in rallies, car shows, social events and - of course! - the Famous Abingdon Gymkhana! New this year is the Natter 'n' Noggin, a unique approach to hospitality activities to be held at the host hotel, Jumer's Continental Inn of Galesburg, Illinois.

Last year's inaugural Abindon Summer Party brought together over 125 MG owners to enjoy the scenic countryside of western Illinois while competing for a variety of trophies including the coveted Abingdon Sterling award. Keynote speaker John Twist made good on his assurance at the last University Motors Summer picnic that "I'll be there!" and many of those present echoes that thought regarding this year's Abingdon Summer Party.

With over 300 members and a 25 year history, the Chicagoland MG Club is well known for conducting activities of this kind. The club can be reached through its website at:

WWW.CHICAGOLANDMGCLUB.COM

or at PO Box 455, Addison, Il. 60101.

MMGG

Technical Advisors

The following people have expressed a willingness to answer questions and offer advice about these cars. Take them up on their offer.

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Lew Palmer 651/436-7401

MGA

Roger Karnopp 651/454-1379

MGB

Randy Byboth 952/936-9335

Midgets

Dewey Frier 763/424-3286

Brian McCollough 651/462-0145

Bodywork

Dewey Frier 763/424-3286

Calendar of Events

July 2-6, 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 11, 2001 Swap Meet and Show at Ellingson's Museum in Rogers, Minnesota. Hosted by Phil Vanner.

August 18, 2001 Midwest Motor Sports Open House, Sauk Rapids, Mn. See information on page 8.

September 8, 2001 Annual Wheels and Wings gathering in Osceola, Wisconsin. Hosted by Jerry Strand.

October 6, 2001 Annual Fall Color Tour hosted by Rae Mars, Wayne Soderbeck, Tom and xxxx Moehke.

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

December, 2001 No activity scheduled. How about someone gathering the group for Christmas cheer at a pub? Volunteers please.

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.

Club Tools Available

The Minnesota MG Group has a number of tools and tents which can be used by club members (mostly free). They are stored at Park Bus Company/Columbia Transit Corporation (Dick Wallrich's place), which is located at 896 Hersey Street, St. Paul, MN. Telephone number is 651/644-1000.

The cost for using the wire feed welder will be \$5.00 per week which will be used to help pay for the gas and wire. All other items can be used for two weeks free, after which you will be charged \$5.00 per week.

The following is available:

- One engine hoist
- One engine leveler
- One high pressure washer
- One spot welder
- One wire feed welder

We also have:

- Two 10' x 10' tents in which any or all of the 4 sides

can be removed. (To be used for club events only). To use any of these items first call Columbia Transit Corporation to make sure someone will be available at the time you want to pick up the equipment. When you arrive, identify yourself as a MMGG member. You will be shown where the equipment is stored. It is **very important** to sign out each time you pick up any tents or tools. Do **NOT** remove anything without first signing for it! Write your name, telephone number, date, and what you are borrowing on a piece of paper. Put the paper in Dick Wallrich's office!

When you are ready to return the equipment, again call Columbia Transit Corporation to make sure someone will be available at the time you plan to return the tools. Place the returned items in the same spot you took them from. On a slip of paper write your name, telephone number, date and what you returned. If you owe money, attach it with your paper and put it in Dick Wallrich's office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

For Sale.....Wanted.....Misc.

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27 YEARS QUALITY AUTO REPAIR**and RESTORATION****MOSS DISTRIBUTOR****MG * TRIUMPH * AUSTIN HEALEY****MAINTAINING ALL BRITISH CARS**

For Sale: 1961 MGA, 1600 engine, red w/tan interior, rear hood rack, restored about 15 years ago. Current owner for 10 years and driven less than 500 miles. Recently had Quality Coaches go through engine to tune and adjust brakes, etc. Contact Chris Berghoff at work 952-361-4107. (July, 2001)

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. \$9,999 or best offer. Call Jon at 651/779-8605 evenings before 9 P.M.

SUMMER HELP WANTED

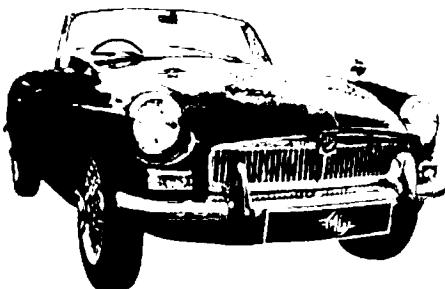
Technician's assistant. Duties include helping the technicians, washing cars, and shop maintenance. A mechanical aptitude necessary and a valid drivers license. Call Val or Mark at Quality Coaches 612-824-4155.

In stock: resleeved master cylinders for MGA and Midgets 3/4 and 7/8 inch bores. Bare resleeved units on exchange done in Stainless Steel for \$130.00 each. Charge for non-returned or unusable core. Fully rebuilt units available on request. BMC - Repair, Restoration and Modification of British vehicles.
Brian McCullough 651/462-0145.

For Sale: 1967 MGB Roadster that needs TLC. Complete car with solid body. \$1500. Call Jeff Engebretson weekdays at 763/241-2408 and weekends as 612/730-3129.

Wanted: 1973 or earlier MGB or MGB-GT. If you know of one contact Keith Pryor at 651/433-3607.

For Sale: 1972 MGB Roadster. Estate Sale. New chrome wire wheels, new bumpers, new leather seats, new carpet and door panels, new fuel tank, clutch and brakes, and more. Call 507/532-3528 for details.



For Sale: 1977 MGB Roadster, 80,000 miles, white w/ black top, wire wheels, runs good, looks good—\$3,000. Call Todd Bohrer, 715/488-4600.

Minnesota MG Group Membership Application

The Minnesota MG Group was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, maintenance and enjoyment of all MG cars. MG car ownership is not necessary to be a member of the Minnesota MG Group. Initial membership is \$30.00 and \$25.00 for renewals. The membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. New members joining after August 31st of any given year shall be granted membership for the remainder of that year and the next year as well. Use this form to join or renew your membership.

Please complete this form, write out a check for \$30.00 or \$25.00 and mail to:

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1092 Golden Oaks Drive
Hudson, Wisconsin 54016

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Name of spouse/partner/significant other: _____

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City, State, & Zip Code: _____

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