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2002 Dues Are Payable NOW!

The Gazette is the official publication of the Minnesota MG Group. It is published monthly except for December. Deadline for contributions is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Submissions should be sent to the editor.

Kickoff Brunch Scheduled for March 24th, 2002

Please join us for the official start of the 2002 Minnesota MG Group season on Sunday, March 24th, at the Mermaid Event Center in Mounds View for our annual kick-off brunch. This popular event will include a delicious brunch and cash bar in the new Bay Ballroom of the Mermaid, starting at 12:00 noon. Cost is $18.88 per person (which includes tax and gratuity.) Children (10 & under) are $9.44.

Please send your checks to the hosts for this brunch by Monday, March 19th, to:

Jim & Joleen Lymburn
539 84th Ave. NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433
(Checks payable to
The Mermaid)

Several club members, including Lew Palmer, Randy Byboth, Bob Figenskau and Jim Lymburn, will be displaying their MG regalia, collectibles and model cars. Any club member is welcome to bring items for display or pictures to share as well. Display tables will be available.

The Mermaid Event Center is located at 2200 Highway 10, Mounds View, (763) 784-7350. Directions: 35W North to Highway 10 West; to County Road H (first light west of 35W). Parking for banquet guests is available in the back of the complex on the south side of the building.

If the weather stays as nice as it has been, a lot of folks will be getting double MG Bucks for driving their cars that day! Hope to see you there!

Safety Fast!

Jim and Joleen

Questions? Call 763-780-9241

Comments From The President

With this winter's balmy temperatures the thought of taking an MG for a ride is very appealing. One of our friends commented on taking his car out on dry pavement every month since last fall. The down side is a short winter leaves less time for repairs.

This years' event schedule fits right in with our great weather. The March 24 spring kick-off, headed by Jim and Joleen Lymburn, is just around the corner. They've put together an excellent program. Note: This year's location is in the northern suburbs, not quite St Cloud but a bit closer for Dan Iberg, Chris Sorenson and others from our northern contingent. Remember "double MG Bucks" for all MG's at the kick-off.

The spring kick-off is also an opportunity to hear of those winter repair projects. Randy Byboth always has good stories of parts installed incorrectly. Ask Tim Crain about brakes; Larry Henle has newly upholstered seats and Jon Masley may be trying to set a record by acquiring a new MG each year he has been in the Club.

For the more aggressive group try the 2nd Annual Go Cart Challenge in Blaine on March 23rd, sponsored by the Jaguar Club. Peter Griffin has promised an even more exciting venue than last years' Burnsville site. See information on page 10 in the newsletter.

Gary Ronning of the Healey Club has extended a personal invitation to MG members for Rendezvous 2002 in Grand Rap-

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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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ids MN, June 6-9. This event will be well attended and lots of fun. Join Jeanette and I along with a number of other Club members. Call us if you would like to join our caravan – expected to leave Thursday shortly after noon. See pages 8 and 9 in the newsletter.

Keep checking the MG newsletter and our web site for coming activities. The year promises to have programs for all members.

During February a long time MMGG member left us for Golden Colorado. Dave Stovall has moved and we wish him the best. Dave was responsible for helping set the course of our Club over many years. Dave – we'll miss you. Of immediate concern is replacing Dave's sharp wit directed at keeping the Triumph Club in check.

See you at the kick-off meeting.

Dan

Lucas Wiring

Submitted by MMGG Member Larry Henle

Our thanks to MMGG member Larry Henle for providing this information to fellow club members.

Lucas wiring systems as used on virtually all British cars since the 1930's are a source of frustration and bewilderment to a great many sports car enthusiasts. In fact, Lucas wiring is clearly engineered around a standardized color code and cable size formula. This system is used on all British sports cars and once understood is very simple.

The following detailed explanation has been excerpted from a Lucas technical manual that dates from the mid 1950's. The professional mechanic or die-hard enthusiast may wish to clip out this article for future reference.

With few exceptions, the electrical system of a motor vehicle can be considered as a series of simple circuits, each consisting of the component, its switch and three wires-feed, switch wire and return. On earth return systems, the return circuit is provided by the frame of the vehicle, although in the case of components insulated from the chassis, an earthing lead is also necessary. Some variations are to be found, such as fuses, two-way switching and so on, but the principle of feed wire, switch wire and return remains, and it is upon this principle that the Lucas color scheme is based. The insulation on feed wires carry a main color only, switch wires have the main color of feed with a colored tracer running the length of the wire, while return earthing leads are black.

Where components are switched or controlled in the earthed side, that is, with the switch wire on the return side of the unit instead of on the feed side, this is normally indicated by the use of a black tracer.

Main colors, of which there are seven, are allocated to the circuits as shown below. The practice of feeding certain of the accessories through the ignition switch and auxiliary lighting circuits through the side and tail lamp switch is recommended, so that the side-and-tail-lamp switch and ignition switch wires become feeds to other circuits or, in effect, master switch wires.

CABLE COLORS

BROWN – Battery circuit. From battery or starter switch to ammeter or control box and (with compensated voltage control) feeding lighting and ignition switches (and radio, when fitted) from control box

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MMGG Member Profile

Submitted by MMGG Member Glenn Fisher

Bill and Elaine Pederson and their daughter Kristin have been enjoying the attention that comes with owning a "Concours" level show car. But this Eden Prairie family hasn't always been British car aficionados. In fact, the recent acquisition of their 1957 MGA 1500 was quite accidental.

Like so many British sports car owners, Bill and Elaine had toyed with purchasing a Triumph Spitfire back in their college days. But the cold and snow of North Dakota - not to mention looming demands on their checkbook as they planned their upcoming marriage - imposed practicality on them.

As the years passed, they regretted not having the experience of owning a fun car. But other things always came first. Among them, Bill took up flying so he could cover the five-state area for business purposes.

But fate played its hand. The planets and stars lined-up. Bill and Elaine have become MG owners. It happened in May of 2000. Bill had received a flyer in the mail for a large car auction in Blaine. He wasn't sure why. He'd never been to an auction before and wasn't on any mailing lists. But the picture of a classic Ford Mustang on the flyer grabbed his interest. Coincidentally, Elaine and Kristin were going to be out of the house on the day of the auction so Bill thought this might be a fun way to kill a few hours.

There were over 200 cars at the auction including a lot of classic American cars and a few foreign classics. As Bill wandered among the steel memories, his eyes landed on a gray metallic '57 MGA - a body style he had always liked. "Wow!" He went over to talk to the owner. Walked away and came back - three times!

Thinking he'd just wait to see how much the car sold for, Bill jumped into the bidding. The few others who were bidding hadn't driven the price up as high as he had expected. "Sold!" to Bill Pederson. Hmmm. "What will I say to Elaine when I get home?"

Well, Bill need not have worried. The family was pleasantly surprised when he brought home the "A". And it has become a focus for many wonderful family outings. They trailer the MG to shows (the fully-enclosed trailer also serves as a perfect place to store the car) where they enjoy meeting other car enthusiasts.

Bill has bought just about every book he can find on MGs and is continuing the car's restoration begun by its previous owner. He's working to return his MGA 1500 to showroom condition. The carburetor needed work; the speedometer needed to be rebuilt; missing bolts had to be replaced; the fuel sender and gage had to be replaced, and tubes, fasteners and other parts are being put into their original condition and place.

The attention to detail has paid off. The Pedersons won First Place in the MGA 1500 category at the MMGG MG 2001 Odyssey. Their next "win" - at a show in Illinois - brought with it a list of judging notes on ways to improve the car. (Bill's Moss Motors catalog has become well worn since then.)

As long as the Pedersons have this MGA, it won't be a "driver" car. They get the most enjoyment out of showing it off as it might have looked when brand new. "We've met so many nice people in the club and at the 5 or 6 shows we've been to," says Bill. And there are plans for going to more shows this summer – Kansas City, Virginia, and locally in Minnesota. Look for the Pedersons at Sherlock's Home on Sundays this summer. They have a great time seeing all the British cars and having their special "Abby" seen, too.

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Intermarque Council Meeting

Submitted by Andy Lindberg from the Minnesota Austin Healey Club

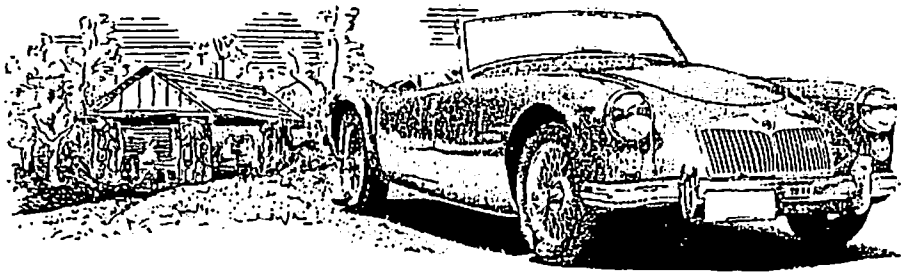
Intermarque Council Meeting. 9:00 a.m. on a bright, shiny, this-really-isn't-winter-is-it day. Andy's Garage, Fairview and University, St. Paul. The waiter seats the ten of us on a raised platform where a band will perform later in the day. The ten people represent eight different car clubs. Not everybody knows everybody else and nobody knows everybody else's car club, so introductions are the first order of business. Clubs present are the Minnesota **AUSTIN-HEALEY** Club (Andy Lindberg), Minnesota **TRIUMPHs** (Daniel Buchen), Minnesota **MG** Group (Dan Shidla, Simon Bosworth, and Jim Pennoyer), Minnesota **MGT** Register (Keith Galberth), Mini-Sota **MINIs** (Karl Jenstad),Minnesota **MORGAN** (Bob Reed), **JAGUAR** Minnesota (Ken Smith), and Stella del Nord **ALFA ROMEO** (Ed Solstad).

We learn that it's a diverse group, the clubs differing widely in terms of nationality, number of members, and methods of communication (the Mini-Sota Minis, for example are 100% e-mail and web). Nevertheless, we all come to agreement quickly on one major point: The members of all our clubs would benefit from being offered more inter-club activities.

We come up with the following ideas to achieve this goal. First, each club's activities are to be open to members of other clubs, unless the club specifies that it should be closed. Examples of the latter would be the Healey's annual pizza meeting or the Triumph's annual club-funded picnic. Second, council members should share event notices with other members who will pass that info on to their editors/webmasters and announce the events at club meetings. Third, the council will maintain a master list of all clubs' events. (Jim Pennoyer has since put this on the web. See ***www.mmgg.org***.) Fourth, the Intermarque Council will sponsor this year's Spring Banquet. (The likely date is May 19.)

Before we broke up, we affirmed that we were each there as representatives of our clubs. While we cannot commit our club to undertake any actions, during the meetings we are to represent the feelings and concerns of all of our club's members as accurately as possible. (So, if you've got some thoughts, let me or your club representative know.) Finally, the MMGG took the Drove-It-To-The-Meeting award when Simon Bosworth arrived in his MGB GT. Not bad for January. In Minnesota.

-- Andy



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Daughter Kristin named the car "Abby" in honor of its birthplace at Abingdon, England. And a third generation of classic British car fans is being groomed. Bill and Elaine's 3-year old Grandson loves the car too.

As for auctions, Bill hasn't been to any since. He knows how dangerous they can be.

Check out this classic show car at www.pilot-tech.com <http://www.pilot-tech.com>. Click the "MGA 1500" button.

Recall Notice

Editors Note: Mark Brandow from Quality Coaches received this recall notice from Moss Motors. Mark has a supply of return tags. If anyone needs to send a jack back to Moss Motors, they can bring it to Mark and he will send it back for them as he has returns to Moss almost every week. Thank you Mark for sharing this with other MMGG members.

Moss Motors, Ltd.
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805/681-3400 * Fax 805/692-2525

Safety Recall Notice:

MG-T and MGA Jacks
Part #386-900

Date: October 1, 2001

To: All Moss Customers:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Act. Moss Motors has determined that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the reproduction tire jacks for MG T Series and MGA automobiles.

Our technical services department has discovered an improperly executed manufacturing process in our reproduction tire jacks that could cause failure at the fully extended position.

Product: Part # 386-900 – Jack Assembly – MG T Series, MGA

Problem: MGT and MGA jacks were designed to center under the lifting points and lift no more than four or five inches for tire changing only. If the jack is used to raise the car for repairs and/or extended beyond the normal working range, the inner threaded shaft (bearing the axle saddle) could unscrew completely from its outer threaded housing and topple.

The inner threaded shaft is swaged (mushroomed out by a drop punch) which limits the upward travel of the shaft in its threads and housing. On some jacks, it has been found that insufficient force was used to swage the shaft end and the shaft can unscrew from the housing.

This notice covers only jacks sold by Moss Motors, Ltd. But all owners are advised to exercise extreme caution when using tire jacks. Note: This problem also existed on some original equipment jacks (Shelly & King Dick brands) as we have tested a few that unscrewed completely.

Customers who have purchased a jack from Moss: We will inspect and modify or replace any jacks purchased from us, free of charge. Return the jack to us, we will inspect, modify or replace it as

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needed, and send it back to you with a check for $12.00 to cover your return shipping expense.

Return Procedure: If you have purchased a jack from us, this letter will include a tag to be attached to the jack and a shipping return label. Pack the jack securely (do not include the jack handle or tommy bar) in a box and attach the return label. Ship via UPS ground.

If you do not have a pre-printed shipping label, ship to: Moss Motors, Ltd., MG Jack Recall, 440 Rutherford Street, Goleta, CA 93117, phone 805-681-3400. We will repair/replace your jack and ship it within 72 hours.

Customers with factory original or other reproduction jacks: During this campaign period, new jacks that have been inspected by us for proper function will be sold at a reduced price. We encourage all owners to replace their jacks. You may never extend the jack to far but the subsequent owners of your car might.

If You Need Assistance: If you feel Moss Motors has failed to repair or is unable to remedy this condition without charge or in a reasonable time, you may wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the Administration's toll-free Auto Safety Hot-Line at 1-800-327-4236.

This recall notice will be posed on our website and will be included in our catalogs.

Moss Motors employs a full time technical staff to help insure that you enjoy your British car. It is a service provided at considerable expense but well worth it when we know it helps keep the British car hobby fun and safe.

Sincerely,

Moss Motors, Ltd.

Pay Your 2002 Dues Now!

Please check the mailing label on this Newsletter. If it does not read 2002 you need to pay your dues now.

Please support your club.

Rendezvous 2002

"A Celebration of Vintage British Sports Cars"

Rendezvous 2002 promises to be one of the great vintage sports car events of the year. This is an annual event that rotates from Thunder Bay, Ontario, to Winnipeg, Manitoba, and to a site in Minnesota. This year the host is the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. The dates for the festivities will be from June 6th to June 9th at the Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids, MN.

Events will include a walleye rally, speed runs, car show, awards banquet, evening hospitality, and entertainment.

The quiet rural lakeside setting at Sugar Lake Lodge is a wonderful location for a sports car event. The country roads are beautiful for driving our vintage cars. Rendezvous events are renowned for friendliness and hospitality. We invite you to register early and to join your sports car friends for an exciting weekend of fun!!

RENDEZVOUS 2002

"A CELEBRATION OF VINTAGE SPORTS CARS"

JUNE 6, 7, 8, & 9

SUGAR LAKE LODGE, GRAND RAPIDS, MN

THURSDAY - REGISTRATION & EVENING HOSPITALITY
FRIDAY - WALLEYE RALLY, TECH SESSION, ITALIAN BUFFET AT LODGE, CARNIVAL GAMES, AND ENTERTAINMENT
SATURDAY - DRIVING EVENT, AFTERNOON CAR SHOW, FUNKHANA, BANQUET, AUCTION AND AWARDS
SUNDAY - BREAKFAST, TOURS AND GOOD BYES

JOIN US FOR ALL THE FUN. REGISTER EARLY. MANY TROPHY CLASSES
HEALEYMOG@YAHOO.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION OR 218-367-2168 (EVE)

Name (as on name tag) _____ Spouse_____

Address _____City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone_____ e-mail_____ Car_____

Registration fee_____$30 (Includes two people + one T-shirt) Shirt Size _____

$40 (after 4/15/2002)

Second T-shirt_____$10 each – S M L XL $12 Each – XXL Shirt Size _____

Friday eve meal ____$20 per person (Italian buffet) $10 - kids (4-12) _____

Awards Banquet ___$26 per person $14 - kids (4-12) _____

Breakfast buffet ___$22.50 per person–package–(Fri., Sat., & Sun) $15-kids (4-12) ___

Total: _____ Checks payable to MN Austin Healey Club (US Funds)

Mail to: Fran Stein, 6483 Bowman Circle, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

All cancellations received by mail prior to May 23, 2002 will be subject to a $10.00 cancellation fee. No refunds on or after May 23rd, 2002. Those who paid their registration fee but are unable to attend will receive their registration package.

Call Sugar lake Lodge @1-800-450-4555 for room reservations.

Lodging at Sugar Lake Lodge @ $73.00 + tax per bedroom (based on studio and 2 or 3 bedroom townhouses). Our allotment of rooms will be held until April 15th. Reserve early!!!

2ND ANNUAL CLASSIC GO-CART CHALLENGE

Why? **It's winter** and we can't drive our cars!
Who? **All Classic European Car Clubs**
What? **Go-cart racing** including a 5 minute practice session.
When? **Saturday March 23rd.** ***All drivers need to be at the track by 8:30 am.*** Racing begins at 9:00 am and goes to 11:00 am, awards at 11:00 am.
How Much? **$29.50** - A check made out to the Jaguar Club of Minnesota is required to hold your spot. *No on-site registration.*
How Many? In order to get a fair amount of racing in per entrant, we will limit the overall race event to **50 people, 10 cars per heat.** Practice will determine the groups for racing, so the slowest drivers are not intimidated by more experienced ones. All club members are welcome to come and cheer on the drivers. Open racing begins at 11:00 am. The track is then open to the public and anyone can race.
Safety? Limited to licensed drivers. Helmets provided, personal helmets with face shield, snell approved.
Where? **ProKart Indoors - 1201 97th Ave., NE (Hwy 65), Blaine, MN - 763-717-2200.** *(West of 35W and north of new Hwy. 10.)* This is the very newest track in the midwest and the largest track in the U.S. - twice as big as the Burnsville track and with twice and many corners.

Sign Up? Participants are considered signed up when their checks are received.

Please make checks out to: **Jaguar Club of Minnesota.**

Send your checks to:
Peter Griffin, c/o Jaguar Club of Minnesota, 5045 Chowen Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55410

For questions call: **Peter Griffin 612-922-3917.**

Don't delay! There have been a lot of calls and interest concerning this event. I anticipate that this will fill up quickly.
Driver #1 ($29.50 per driver)

Name _____

Prior Experience _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Club Membership _____
Driver #2 ($29.50 per driver) (Make copies of this form).

If you're late you won't get to race!

Jaguar Club of Minnesota

Club Regalia

The following items are available for sale by contacting Rich Leslie at 763-754-2965 or via email at **richdebathome@aol.com**. Do you have new ideas for club regalia? Let Rich know your thoughts.

Item	Quantity.	Description	Size	Cost
T-Shirts				
Adult	1	Green w/maroon MG	XL	$10.00
	1	Light blue	XXL	$10.00
Kids	1	Lime green	SM	$7.00
	2	Lime green	L	$7.00
	4	Yellow	SM	$7.00
	3	Yellow	Med	$7.00
	2	Yellow	L	$7.00
	4	Medium blue	SM	$7.00
	4	Medium blue	Med	$7.00
	4	Medium blue	L	$7.00
Polo Shirts				
Adult	2	Cream	Med	$15.00
	1	White	L	$15.00
	1	White	XL	$15.00
	4	Grey 2001	Med	$15.00
Denim Shirts				
Adult	1	Long Sleeve	Med	$29.00
	4	Long Sleeve	XL	$29.00
	1	Long Sleeve	XXL	$29.00
Bumper Stickers	137	2001 Odyssey		$0.25
Can Coolers	235	Grey w/red MG letters		$1.50
Grill Badges	53			$22.00
Other				
		MG 2001 Dash Plaques		See Dan Shidla
		MG 2001 Convention Pins		See Dan Shidla

1/15/2002

Calendar of Events

Editors comments: This calendar will be continually modified and updated. The MMGG club is working closely with other British car clubs on a variety of activities. You are encouraged to attend any car club event.

March 24, 2002	**Annual Kick Off brunch**, hosted by Jim and Joleen Lymburn. Details are in this issue of the *Gazette.*
April 27, 2002	**MG Tech Session** hosted by Dan and Dianne Iberg. Session will be held at *Midwest Motor Sports* in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Details to follow.
May, 2002	**Annual Intermarque Banquet and Mearn's Meander Rally**. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. This event is open to anyone with a British Car, wishes they owned a British car, or own something they wish was British. Details to follow.
May 17, 18, 19, 2002	**Carlisle Swap Meet** in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. This is the largest swap meet of British car parts in the nation and a yearly event. Some members of the MMGG always attend. For more information contact Doug Madson, 320-251-0317.
May 25 - June 2, 2002	**British Car Week.** Also known as Drive Your British Car to Work Week. Time to show off your car the entire week. Drive it!
June 1, 2001	**Summer Picnic in Mankato** hosted by Dave and Linda Wintz. Meet at Dave and Linda's shop, *New Life to Classics* starting at 10 A.M. Beverages and dessert provided. Bring your own picnic lunch. More details to follow.
June 6 to 9, 2002	**Rendezvous 2002.** "A celebration of Vintage British Sports Cars" at Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. This is a yearly event that rotates from Thunder Bay, Ontario; to Winnipeg, Manatoba; and to a site in Minnesota. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin Healey Club. For further information contact Gary Ronning at 612-722-8397, e-mail **gtronning@aol.com** or Tom Politiski at 218-367-2168, e-mail **healey@yahoo.com.**
June 20 to 23, 2002	**Elkhart Lakes, Wisconsin** - SCCA Chicago Region June Sprints. For more information call 1-800-365-RACE or **www.roadamerica.com.**
July 3 to 6, 2002	**11th Annual International Convention of The North American MGB Register** in Grapevine, Texas. Gathering for MGB owners only. Other MG models have their own gathering. All models meet every 5 years (like MG2001 this past summer). More information at **www.MG2002.com** or e-mail **wkube@augustmail.com.**
July 4 to 7, 2002	**Elkhart Lakes, Wisconsin** - Road America 500. 1-800-365-RACE or **www.roadamerica.com.**

July 16 - 19, 2002	**Vintage Triumph Register National Convention 2002,** held at Treasure Island Resort, Red Wing, Minnesota. The Triumph National Convention returns to Minnesota. Featured model at this convention will be the TR4, which is celebrating the fortieth anniversary of its appearance in America. For further information **triumph@pressenter.com** or Bob Lee at 715-425-2580. Go ahead and visit. MG's are welcome.
July 18 to 21, 2002	**Elkhart Lakes, Wisconsin** - Vintage International Challenge. 1-800-365-RACE or **www.roadamerica.com.**
August 10, 2002	**Ellingson's Swap Meet** in Rogers, Minnesota. Hosted by Jim and Cindy Pennoyer; Phil and Darcie Vanner; and Brian and Jennifer McCullough. Details to follow.
August 15 - 18, 2002	**Abingdon Summer Party** in Abingdon, Ill. Hosted by the Chicagoland MG Car Club. Small American town Abingdon becomes English town Abingdon for a few days. Main street is closed off for our cars so you can drive in the Abindgon Gymkhana, enjoy Natter 'n' Noggin, and listen to Mr. John Twist. More details as available. For further information contact the Chicagoland Club at **www.chicagolandmgclub.com.**
September 7, 2002	**Wheels and Wings** gathering, hosted by Jerry and Nancy Strand. Location again is Osceola, Wisconsin. Always a good time and a must attend event. Details to follow.
September 20 - 22, 2002	**Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival** presented by VSCDA (Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association). Featured marque is Austin Healey. See the VSCDA web site for more information (**www.vscda.org**), or contact Shirley Murray (920-528-7954 or **squirrely@Isol.net**), the event chair.
October 5, 2002	**Fall Colour Tour** hosted by Doug and Mary Madson and Dan and Dianne Iberg. Route through the woods and dales of central Minnesota. Details to follow.
November 9, 2002	**Annual Meeting of the MMGG.** Hosted by Dan and Jeanette Shidla. Details to follow.
January 4, 2003	**Annual Holiday Party and MG Bucks Auction** hosted by Simon and Lorna Bosworth. This will be held at the 3M Tartan Park facility. Social hour beginning at 6 P.M. with dinner following at 7 P.M. Traditional MG Bucks auction after dinner. Have something to donate for the auction? Contact Simon or Lorna at 651-454-7413.

Club Equipment Available

Our MG club has some excellent equipment for club member use. Dick Walrich at Park Bus/ Columbia Transit Company in St. Paul keeps our welders, engine hoist, pressure washer and tent. His telephone number is 651/644-1100. Our bullhorns, overhead projector and microphones/amps are available through Jerry Strand at 715/386-5930. For specifics, please refer to previous newsletters, our website or call for details.

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.

Triple-M - Lew Palmer 651/436-7401
T-types - Bob Figenskau 952/935-7909
MGA - Mike Hirschman 763/391-5769
MGB - Randy Byboth 952/936-9335
Midgets—Dewey Frier 763/424-3286 or Brian McCullough 651/462-0145
Bodywork - Dewey Frier 763/424-3286

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terminal. Also from starter switch to electric clock, inspection sockets and battery auxiliaries fuse (from which are fed electric horns, cigar lighter, interior lights, etc.)

YELLOW – generator circuit. From Generator Terminal to corresponding control box terminal and to ignition warning light.

WHITE – Ignition circuit and all requirements essential when ignition is switched on but which do not require fusing, e.g., electric petrol pump, starter solenoid switch, etc.

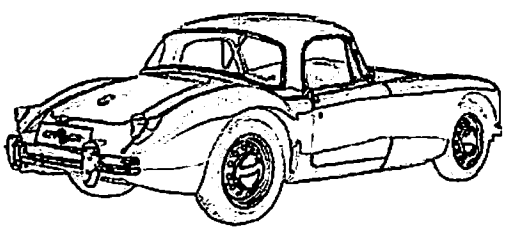
GREEN – Auxiliary circuits fed through ignition switch and protected by the ignition auxiliaries fuse, e. g., stop lamp, fuel gauge, direction indicators, windscreen wiper, etc.

BLUE – Headlamp circuits. Fed through terminal on lighting switch.

RED – Side and tail lamp circuits. Fed from terminal on lighting switch. Included in these circuits are fog lamps, panel lights and other lamps required only when the side lamps are in use.

BLACK – Earth circuits. If a component is not internally earthed, a cable must be taken to a good earthing point on the chassis.

Hopefully, the above information, combined with a proper wiring diagram for you car, will help turn that multicolored mass of spaghetti into an understandable wiring system. Don't get discouraged; Lucas really did make an effort to use logic in their wiring.



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