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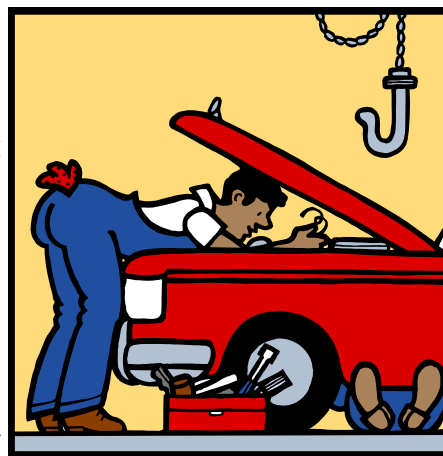
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## Monthly Tech Session Scheduled for April 17, 2004

*Get your car out of Storage!!*

Come to *Midwest Motor Sports* in beautiful Sauk Rapids, Minnesota Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Dan Iberg, owner of *Midwest Motor Sports*, invites you to get ready for the summer driving season. He will have 4 hoists open for oil changes, inspections, etc. Dan will demonstrate installing cruise control in an MGB. We will discuss what to watch out for to provide you with trouble free (?) motoring this season. Bring your own parts if you wish or get them from Dan. The session will start at 10 am and lunch will be served at Noon. There will be a free will offering to help cover the cost of the lunch. We will stay until everyone is done. Questions? Contact Dan or his staff at 320-251-0676. See YOU there!



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**Directions to *Midwest Motor Sports*:**

Take highway 10 north to St. Cloud. Take the first Sauk Rapids exit (Benton Drive). Turn left onto Benton Drive. Turn left at the 3<sup>rd</sup> stoplight. Cross the railroad tracks. Turn left before the bridge. *Midwest Motor Sports* is behind the Checker Auto Parts store.

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## The Oil on the Dipstick

By MMGG President Alan Kelsey

Well, I'm almost done with that class I've mentioned with such fondness. It's the one that is supposed to teach me how to write tests. For the past few days, I've been trying to come up with an article for this month's Gazette, but all I can think about are test questions. So, as long as I had to go through it, by gum, I'm going to share the experience. Here's a short test to measure the extent of your MG and MMGG knowledge. Good luck!

- The standard MG engine, right out of the factory had how many cylinders?
  - 4
  - four
  - two in the front and two in the back
  - 4 halves on the left and four halves on the right
- Spell MG
- Generally speaking, where will the "Rally in the Valley" be held?
- In which season does John Twist hold his Summer Party?
- The words over the Lucas factory around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century read, "Home Before Dark." This was a comment on
  - Shorter working hours for labor
  - The "Lucas Standard" of electrical engineering
- If you leave to go to the big rally in Winnipeg at 12:38, driving up I94 at an average cruising speed of 58 mph, stopping only for food and fuel with an average time of 28 minutes per stop, what color is Randy Byboth's MGB?
- True or false, dues are due when they're due which is before we see dew on the grass.

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8. What is Elena's synonym for "Natter and Nogg-in?"

### Matching

9. Match a term on the left with the corresponding definition on the right.

\_\_\_\_\_ spanner      A. crescent wrench

10. Match a term on the left with the corresponding definition on the right.

\_\_\_\_\_ boot      B. trunk

11. Match a term on the left with the corresponding definition on the right.

\_\_\_\_\_ bonnet      C. engine hood

12. Match a term on the left with the corresponding definition on the right.

\_\_\_\_\_ wing      D. fender

13. Match a term on the left with the corresponding definition on the right.

\_\_\_\_\_ brolly      E. umbrella

### Scoring Guide:

If you have a score, you pass.

I hope you all passed that little test. Now you're ready for a really great season of events from the MMGG! Please don't forget the Kickoff Brunch on March 27th hosted by Dawn Williams. Then we have a great opportunity. It's the Spring Clean Up Session at Park Bus/Columbia Transit on April 10 hosted by Dick Wallrich. Just watch where you're pointing those hoses! Another tech session not to be missed will be on April 17 where, it is rumored, Midwest Motor Sports (Dan Iberg and his staff)

will be installing a cruise control in a 1970 BRG MGB. Check for more details elsewhere in the Gazette and call to let the hosts know you'll be coming, if at all possible.

Let's mount up and drive!

Alan

### Note This

Does the statement, "We've always done it that way" ring any bells? The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates built the US Railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Okay! Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (and England) for their legions. The roads have been used ever since. And the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifica-

*(Note this Continued on page 14)*



Dear MG Enthusiast:

2/8/2004

The Ohio Chapter of the New England MG-T Register would like to invite everyone to GOF CENTRAL 2004, MK XXVI. It will be held from July 12-16 in Fairborn, Ohio. We will have two themes this year. One is "Wings and Wheels" as we celebrate the birth of flight by the Wright brothers of Dayton. We will be touring the Wright Brothers Aviation Center including their bicycle shop as well as the Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum. The other theme will emphasize the opening of the Northwest Territory of the United States (Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota) to settlers after 1795. It was the Treaty of Greenville in that year that permitted the flood of settlers into this area. We will visit some of the historic sites in the area and attend a dinner theater about Blue Jacket, the Shawnee chief who participated in the Battle of Fallen Timbers that resulted in the Treaty.

We will have our hotel headquarters at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn, Ohio.

It is located on Interstate 675 east of Dayton. A complete program of activities will be sent in the spring to all registrants. We will drop you a note (email preferably) as soon as we receive your registration so you know it has been received.

#### Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn, 2800 Presidential Dr., Fairborn, Ohio, 45324; I-675 at exit 17

Standard Double - 2 double beds	King Leisure - 1 king bed	King Sofa - 1 king bed and 1 sofa bed
\$102 + tax	\$102 + tax	\$110 + tax

Reservations may be made by calling 1-937-426-7800 by June 11, 2004, and requesting the group rate for "Gathering of the Faithful".

Mail registration form to: Greg Garnett 5488 Brown Rd, Oxford, Ohio, 45056

Checks payable to GOF Central 2004

Info: 513-523-3720 • [garnetq@muohio.edu](mailto:garnetq@muohio.edu)

#### Tentative Agenda as of 2/8/04

##### Monday, July 12, 2004

- 1-8pm -Registration
- Dinner on own
- 5-11pm -Social hour - informal / Movies
- 8- 9pm -Tech Session 1
- "MMM Recognition"

##### Tuesday, July 13, 2004

- 10-2pm -Carillon Historical Park,  
    (Box Lunch, incl. Admission Fee)
- 2-4pm -Packard Museum and other  
    attractions and/or Choice of  
    several driving tours
- 4-5pm -Tech Session 2  
    Dayton Wire Wheel
- 4-5pm -Tech Session 3  
    "Powder Puff Mechanics"
- 6-7pm -First Timers Show / Vendors
- 7-8pm -BBQ Picnic
- 8-9pm -Valve Cover races

##### Wednesday, July 14, 2004

- 9-10:30am -Car Show / Vendors
- 10:30-5pm Tour / Rally  
    (Box Lunch, incl. Admission Fee)
- 6-11pm -Dinner theater (Blue Jacket)

##### Thursday, July 15, 2004

- 9-11am -Funkana
- 11-5pm -Air Force Museum and/or  
    Choice of several driving tours
- 7-10pm -Awards Banquet  
    Silent auction winners

##### Friday, July 16, 2004

- 8am -Car winners display and Farewells  
    Dayton Air Show starts

Silent auction bidding, regalia, and hospitality will be open throughout the event.

Mail registration form to: Greg Garnett 5488 Brown Rd, Oxford, Ohio, 45056

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(as they are to appear on your badge and in attendance roster)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Car(s) being registered (fill in year, and type under general categories)

_____ PREMIER*	_____ TC	_____ MGA
_____ MMM	_____ TD	_____ MGB/C
_____ VINTAGE	_____ TF	_____ MIDGET
_____ TA/TB	_____ VARIENT	_____ RETIRED**
		_____ OTHER

\*Premier = 1<sup>st</sup> place in class at one of last three GOF Central meets

\*\*Retired = 1<sup>st</sup> place in Premier Class at previous GOF Central

First Timers? \_\_\_\_\_ (first time for car at GOF Central)      Valve Cover Entry? \_\_Y \_\_N

Auction Items: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: We will not have our usual auction but instead will have a silent auction of about 20 items of moderate to substantial value, ie >\$30. Such donations are appreciated.

FEEES

Early Bird registration (before June 11, 2004)	\$ 35 couple/car	\$ _____
Additional car(s)	\$ 10 each	\$ _____
Late registration (after June 11, 2004)	\$ 45 couple/car	\$ _____
Additional car(s)	\$ 15 each	\$ _____
Tuesday Box Lunch and Admission Fee	\$ 12 each	\$ _____
Tuesday Night BBQ	\$ 16 each	\$ _____
Wed. Box Lunch and Admission Fee during Tour/Rally	\$ 12 each	\$ _____
Wed. Blue Jacket Dinner Theater	\$ 24 each	\$ _____
Thurs. Awards Banquet __Chicken/ __Beef/ __Salmon	\$ 35 each	\$ _____
Swap/Vendors Table	\$10 each	\$ _____
		<b>TOTAL \$ _____</b>

Shirts orders available on site with 2 day delivery

Comments/Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

## Rally in the Valley 2004



Rally in the Valley 2004 at Paradise Shores on beautiful Lake Holcombe  
In Holcombe Wisconsin on July 23rd - 25th.

### PLANNED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **Friday, July 23rd**

3:00pm - 5:00pm Registration in the Hotel Lobby at Paradise Shores.  
6:00pm - 7:00pm Friday Night Cruise around Lake Holcombe.  
7:00pm - ?? Order off the menu or enjoy the Seafood Buffet at Paradise Shores  
(Pay your server)

#### **Saturday, July 24th**

7:00am - 8:30am Breakfast at Paradise Shores (Pay your server)  
7:30am - 8:45am Final Registration in Conference Room at Paradise Shores.  
9:00am - 10:30am Backwoods Bootlegger Rally to Al Capone's Hide Out in Couderay  
Wisconsin.  
11:00am - 11:45am Guided tour of Al Capone's Hideout  
12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch at Al Capone's Hideout in their Dining area.  
1:00pm - 2:00pm Return to Paradise Shores.  
3:00pm - 5:00pm "Show & Shine Car Show" and "Funkhana" at Paradise Shores.

#### **Saturday Evening, July 24th**

6:00pm - 7:00pm Social Hour in Conference Room at Paradise Shores.  
7:00pm - ?? Awards Banquet, Italian Pasta Buffet. Trophies awarded for  
"Backwoods Bootlegger Rally", "Car Show" and "Funkhana".

#### **Sunday, July 25th**

(Time not set yet) Farewell Breakfast at Paradise Shores.

**Make your reservations today at Paradise Shores 1-800-657-4512 ([www.paradiseshores.com](http://www.paradiseshores.com)) Tell them your with the Minnesota MG Car Club.**

For more information:

Contact Steve & Diane Rindt at ([drindt5953@hotmail.com](mailto:drindt5953@hotmail.com)) or (715-832-8316).

# Rally in the Valley 2004 Registration Form

*Registration Fee — \$25.00*

*Reg. Fee covers: Trophies, Banquet Room, Door Prizes, Car Show and Rally.*

**Registration forms must be post marked no later than June 23, 2004**

**(Rally in the Valley Activities, check the boxes you plan to attend.)**

**Friday Night, July 23rd**

- Friday Night Cruise around the Lake. (Included in Reg. Fee)
- Sea Food Buffet (\$10.95) @ Paradise Shores (Pay your server)

**Saturday Morning, July 24th**

- Breakfast — 7:00am to 8:30am for (\$5.00) at Paradise Shores (Pay your server)

Al Capone's Hide Out Tour & Bootleg Rally:

- Tour — (\$11.00) per person Qty \_\_\_\_\_

(Lunch Menu Choices) Cost includes beverage, tax and tip.

“The Enforcer” (Hamburger) \$ 12.50 Qty \_\_\_\_\_ “Prime Sandwich” (Prime Rib Sand.) \$13.00 Qty \_\_\_\_\_

“Chicken Fillet” (Grilled Chicken Brest Sand.) \$ 11.75 Qty \_\_\_\_\_ **Al Capone's Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Afternoon, July 24th**

- Show n' Shine Car Show. (Included in Reg. Fee) Car Entered \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_
- Funkhana. (Included in Reg. Fee)  
Water Balloon Toss, Brake Discus Throw & Wheel Cylinder Shot-put.

**Saturday Night, July 24th**

- Banquet— (\$15.00) per person Qty \_\_\_\_\_ **Banquet Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rally in the Valley (T- Shirt) or (Sleeveless T-Shirt):**

**T- Shirt** (Circle size)

**Sleeveless T-Shirt** (Circle size)

Men's Size: <b>S M L XL XXL</b> \$12.00 ea / (2X) \$14.00 ea	Men's Size: <b>S M L XL XXL</b> \$10.00 ea / (2X) \$12.00 ea
Women's Size: <b>S M L XL XXL</b> \$10.00 ea / (2X) \$12.00 ea	Women's Size: <b>S M L XL —</b> \$10.00 ea / (No 2X Available)

**Shirt Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reg. Fee:** \$25.00

**EVENT TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: Diane Rindt 4271 N. Shore Drive,**

## Tech Session February 7<sup>th</sup> and High Tea February 14<sup>th</sup> were great events!

Submitted by MMGG Member Jon Masley

February saw two great events this year. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, we held a tech session to install a new head on Vice President Elena Pierce's car. By 9 am *Quality Coaches* was crowded with club members (well over 40 people) drinking coffee and enjoying pastries. Randy Byboth started to tear the car apart,



explaining to all each step of the process. As Randy and others took off parts, Ken Merrill toiled

over the parts washer, cleaning off years of crud. We broke for lunch and ate pizza. Soon the mechanics were back at their job. The crowd thinned by 5 pm but the job wasn't complete. It was discovered a few other parts needed to be replaced. Like a new cam, exhaust valves, timing chain, gas-



kets and new KN air filters. By 11 pm, just a few people remained but the car was running. By midnight everyone went home. *Quality Coaches* owner Mark Brandow delivered Elena's car to her home the following week. A long day and a successful one. Elena now owes Randy and Ken a large number of English beers! And a big thank you to Mark Brandow for making his facility available to us.



For the first time ever, the MMGG held High Tea at Lorna and Simon Bosworth's home February 14<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful time! About 35 – 40 members enjoyed a great variety of tea and there was lots and lots and lots and lots of finger food. At some point, beer was introduced to teacups. It did resemble tea at least. Many thanks to Lorna and Simon for opening up their home to us. And thank you to their family members, who spent a good deal of time preparing tea during the afternoon.



# Calendar of Events

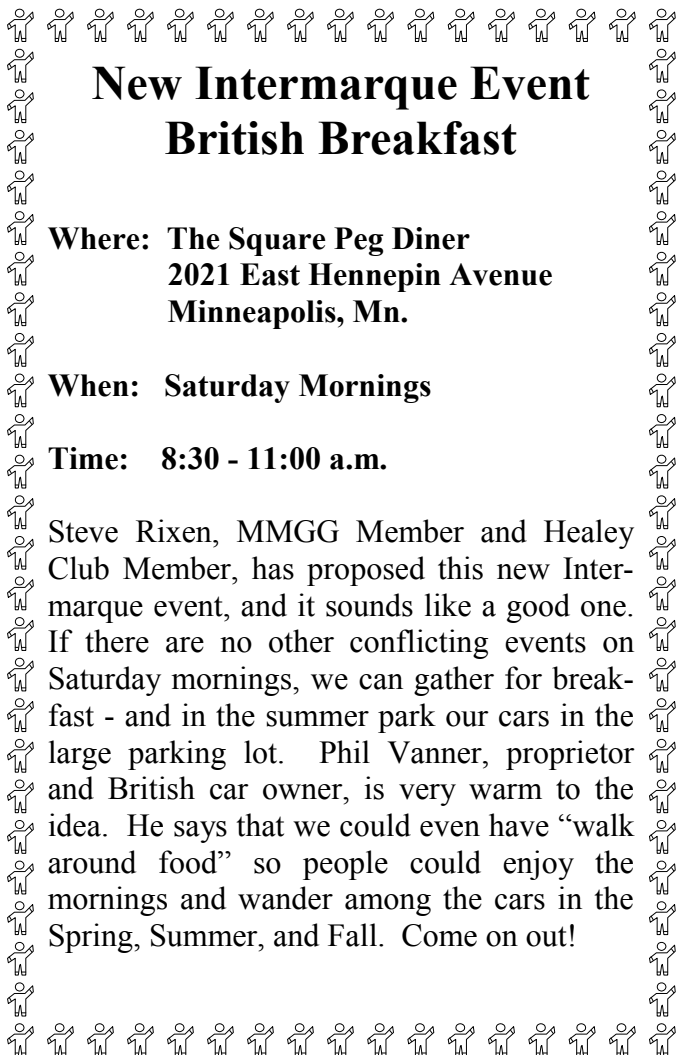
Let's have some fun!

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.

- April 10, 2004**      **Spring Clean Up Session** at Park Bus/Columbia Transit. FFI: Dick Wallrich at 651-644-0154
- April 17, 2004**      **Tech Session at Midwest Motor Sports.** Hosted by Dan Iberg and his staff at Midwest Motor Sports. Similar to past years session. Get your car ready for driving. See page 1 in this newsletter for details FFI: Dan Iberg at 320-251-0676.
- May 2, 2004**      **Intermarque Banquet** hosted by the Intermarque Council for everyone who enjoys classic cars. It will take place at the Radisson Conference Center in Golden Valley. More detail as it becomes available.
- May 8, 2004**      **Healey Hill Climb III** hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Always a fun event. FFI: Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883 or [tom\\_hazen@adp.com](mailto:tom_hazen@adp.com).
- May 14 – 16, 2004**      **Donnybrooke Vintage Revival** hosted by Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR). Location is Brainerd International Raceway, Brainerd, Minnesota. FFI: Rich or Liz Stadther at 651-698-1981 or [www.vscr.org](http://www.vscr.org).
- May 22 to 30, 2004**      **British Car Week** or drive your car to work, show it off, celebrate your Little British Car (LBC). Let's see them on the road!
- June ?, 2004**      **Summer Picnic** held at and hosted by June and Tom Moerke, 910 Ridge Pass, Hudson, Wisconsin. FFI: June or Tom Moerke at 715-386-5341.
- June 4 to 6, 2004**      **Rendezvous 2004** will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Another good time, hosted by the sports car club in Winnipeg. If you attended Grand Rapids in 2002 and Thunder Bay in 2003, you know how much fun this event can be. See the March 2004 newsletter for registration information. *Editors Note:* Dick and Val Wallrich will lead a caravan to this event, leaving the Twin Cities June 1 returning June 6. Call Dick at 651-644-0154 for more information.
- June 17 to 20, 2004**      **Kohler/SCCA June Sprints** at Elkhart Lakes, Wisconsin. FFI: 1-800-365-RACE or [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com).
- June 18 to 20, 2004**      **Minnesota Street Rod Associations 'Back to the 50's'** in St. Paul. More detail as it becomes available.
- June 24 to 27, 2004**      **13th Annual North American MGB Register Convention** held in Parsippany, New Jersey. Hosted by the MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre. Host hotel is the Parsippany Hilton. FFI: Bob Chezem at [rchezem@optonline.net](mailto:rchezem@optonline.net) or visit the website at [www.mg2004.com](http://www.mg2004.com).

- July 3, 2004** **Vintage Voyagers “Original” Blast from the Past Car Show.** Held in Chetek Wisconsin (73.0 miles from Hudson) Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt. Starts at 9:00 am, you can enjoy food, crafts, music and a great car show with a foreign car class! Trophies are awarded for best in class at 3:00 pm. Following the Car Show, join us for a scenic drive through North Western Wisconsin to our supper destination “Foster’s River View Inn” for Prime Rib and Seafood buffet. Head home from there or stay the night the AmericInn in Chippewa Falls (715-720-5711) tell them you are with the MMGG for the special room rate of \$84.00 & make your reservations by June 3<sup>th</sup>. Contact Steve & Diane for more info. – ([srindt8316@charter.net](mailto:srindt8316@charter.net)) or call (715-832-8316).
- July 12-16, 2004** **GOF Central 2004, MK XXVI** sponsored by the Ohio chapter of the New England MG-T Register. This Gathering of the Faithful will be held in Fairborn, Ohio. FFI: Contact Greg Garnett at 513-523-3720 or email at [garnetgl@muohio.edu](mailto:garnetgl@muohio.edu).
- July 15 –18, 2004** **Brian Redman International Challenge** at Elkhart Lakes, Wisconsin. A very large vintage race presented by Jaguar. You can drive your car on Road America. FFI: 1-800-365-RACE or [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com).
- July 23 and 24, 2004** **Ralley in the Valley, 2004.** Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt, stay two days at Paradise Shores, enjoying the resort, driving beautiful country roads, visiting Al Capone’s Hide Out in Hayward, Wisconsin and of course, enjoying good food and friends. **Call NOW** to make your reseverations at Paradise Shores, 1-800-657-4512. Let them know you are with the MMGG for July 23 and 24, 2004. Sneak preview of Paradise Shores at [www.paradiseshores.com](http://www.paradiseshores.com) and Al Capone’s Hideout at [www.alcaponehideout.com](http://www.alcaponehideout.com). Contact Steve or Diane at [srindt8316@charter.net](mailto:srindt8316@charter.net)) or call (715-832-8316) for more information. Also see the following web site: <http://www.chicagolandmgclub.com/guests/ritv/ritv2003.html>.
- July 31, 2004** **Ellingson’s All-British Car Show & Swap Meet** in Roger, Minnesota. Hosted by the Pennoyers, McCulloughs, and Vanners. Mark this on your calendar. FFI: Jim or Cindy Pennoyer at 763-536-5472.
- August 12 to 15, 2004** **University Motors MG Summer Party Reunion.** Hosted by John Twist and Caroline Robinson of University Motors, Ada, Michigan. Event hotel is the Grand Rapids Hilton, 616-957-0100. FFI contact University Motors at 616-682-0800 or [JohnTwist@universitymotorsltd.com](mailto:JohnTwist@universitymotorsltd.com). Also see the web site at [www.universitymotorsltd.com](http://www.universitymotorsltd.com). *Editors Note:* Dick and Val Wallrich will lead a caravan to this event, leaving the Twin Cities August 9 returning August 16. Call Dick at 651-644-0154 for more information.
- August 19 – 22, 2004** **Road America 500** at Elkhart Lakes, Wisconsin. FFI: 1-800-365-RACE or [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com).
- September ?, 2004** **Fall Color Tour** hosted by Ken and Diane Merrill. More detail to follow. FFI: Ken or Diane at 651-455-5681.

- September 11, 2004**      **Wheels and Wings** put on by Classic Motorbooks in Osceola, Wisconsin. Hosted by Jerry and Nancy Strand. Always a club favorite. Last year we had the largest club presence with over 40 MGs in attendance. Make sure you attend. FFI: Jerry or Nancy Strand at 715-386-5930.
- September 16 – 18, 2004**      **Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival** at Elkhart Lakes, Wisconsin. Featured marque is Morgan cars. FFI: 1-800-365-RACE or [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com).
- October 2, 2004**      **Fall Color Tour** hosted by Tom Moerke and Wayne Soderbeck. FFI: Tom at 715-386-5341 or Wayne at 715-425-5032. This tour will be held with our very good friends in the Austin-Healey Club.
- October 16 or 23, 2004**      **Bayfield, Wisconsin Drive** hosted by the Northern Lights Car Club from Duluth Superior. FFI: Steve Kaplan at 218-727-5911.
- November 13, 2004**      **Annual Meeting** hosted by Al and Sharon Kelsey. More details as they become available.
- January 15, 2005**      **Holiday Party.** Hosted by Jack and Kathryn Schneider and Glenn and Annette Fisher, we will again party at 3M's wonderful facility, Tartan Park in Lake Elmo, Mn. FFI: Schneiders at 651-552-1780 or Fishers at 651-458-3878.



**New Intermarque Event**  
**British Breakfast**

**Where:** The Square Peg Diner  
2021 East Hennepin Avenue  
Minneapolis, Mn.

**When:** Saturday Mornings

**Time:** 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Steve Rixen, MMGG Member and Healey Club Member, has proposed this new Inter-marque event, and it sounds like a good one. If there are no other conflicting events on Saturday mornings, we can gather for breakfast - and in the summer park our cars in the large parking lot. Phil Vanner, proprietor and British car owner, is very warm to the idea. He says that we could even have "walk around food" so people could enjoy the mornings and wander among the cars in the Spring, Summer, and Fall. Come on out!

**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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*Bodywork* - Open

**New(er) Members -Need  
a Nametag?**

If you are a new(er) member and have not received your nametag(s), or are an existing member and lost yours, please request one from new member coordinator Brian Walsh (651-731-6921). If you leave a message, please be sure to **SPELL** both first and last names for each name tag and leave a phone number at which you can be reached. Lost nametags cost \$5.00. Send your check to Brian, made out to MMGG.



**Who?** The owners of any of the vintage cars shown around the border. And owners of other vintage European cars as well. And not just the owners but the cars too. Don't forget the cars!

**What?** Three things: An informal celebration of the melting of the permafrost; an informal car show with exceptional trophies; and an informal banquet with great awards, a little hilarity, and no boring guest speaker.

**Where?** The Plymouth Radisson. This is the same site as last year's event, but this year we have been promised parking on the grass (for early arrivals at least). Either use the map below, install GPS in your TC, or leave a half-hour early.

**When?** Sunday, May 2, 2004. Noon to three for the car show. Three to five for the banquet. All day to enjoy the warm weather, sunshine, and beautiful cars.

**Why?** Because it's spring, the 20W50 is running, and that means it's car time.

**How?** Well, drive your car, of course. If it doesn't run or you don't own one, come on over anyhow.

**How much?** Car show is free. Banquet is \$15.00 (cheap). Pay when you enter.

**Please RSVP.** We need to give the hotel the number of cars and diners to expect. Send your driver and co-driver names, car make, model & year, plus your local or national club membership to [andylinberg@earthlink.net](mailto:andylinberg@earthlink.net).



# This and That

*(Note this Continued from page 3)*

tions for an Imperial Roman war chariot. And bureaucracies live forever. So the next time you are handed a specification and wonder what horse's ass came up with it, you may be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses.

Now the twist to the story...When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs.

The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory at Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit fatter to carry a bigger fuel payload, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad rack, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's ass.

And you thought being a HORSE'S ASS wasn't important.

*Gregory A. Poteat  
NASA Dryden Flight Research Center*

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

*Kind of classified rules: Minnesota MG Group members ads will run free for three months, unless you tell the editor to drop them earlier or run them longer. The month/year the ad was placed is in italics below the ad. Commercial Ads as follows: Business Card—\$10.00 issue; 1/4 page—\$20.00 issue; 1/2 page—\$30.00 issue; full page—N/A. All commercial ads must run a minimum of 6 months and must be paid in advance. Send to Jon Masley, 3599 Gershwin Court North, Oakdale, Mn. 55128-3044 or [jdmasley@yahoo.com](mailto:jdmasley@yahoo.com). Make checks payable to the MMGG.*

**For Sale:** 1971 Midget, early Mark I bumpers, recently completed resto, including fiberglass fenders, absolutely no rust, ever, car has 32,000 original miles, brought here from NJ as a partially completed father and son 10 year project. Body is tundra, interior is biscuit, new top, complete new interior including leather Miata seats, biscuit dash, Rivergate 5 speed tranny, 1275 engine, lots of chrome, dual carbs, Pertronix ignition, burns no oil, header and free flow exhaust, Panasport minilites with almost new tires. very nice car, \$9000.00 Jim @ 612-267-5815.

*March, 2004*

**For Sale:** MGB and Midget parts. MGB parts for 1968-1980 and Spridget parts for 1958-1979. MGB Engine-runs well, four-speed non-OD gearbox (several available). Differentials for MGB's, a few body panels, new floorboards for 1968-1980 and much more. New gray interior for 1976-1980 MGB, including seats. Also DCOE Side draft carburetor on running MGB engine. Austin Healey Sprite Bugeye bodyshells, 1972 MG Midget rolling body-crash damage on top, great rear wings/possible repair. Hardtop for 1968-1979 Midget \$250, good glass, gaskets, fiberglass. Many cars and parts collected over the last few decades. If you don't see it listed, call or email with your needs. Brian Mc Cullough 651.462.0145 or [brian@bmcautos.com](mailto:brian@bmcautos.com).

*January, 2004*

**For Sale:** 1977 MIDGET - VERY GOOD CONDITION: Rebuilt engine block & head with under 300 miles. 89K original miles on chassis, Rebuilt carburetor. New starter, fuel pump, rear wheel cylinders, clutch assembly including hydraulics. Sold mechanics with Excellent interior. Solid body condition as it is a Southern Carolina car until recently. Ready for summer fun Call 715-497-5262

*April, 2004*

**For Sale:** Newly rebuilt & never installed overdrive for your MGB. Save money on fuel and lower rpm & engine noise at speed.\*Rebuilt by club overdrive expert Doug Madsen. First \$800.00—the amount I paid.

Contact Todd Wyatt at 320 980 2010.

*March, 2004*

**For Sale:** Complete Air Conditioning unit for MGB's 68-76. This was working when removed from a 73B and has all brackets, pulleys, compressor, blower, vents, hoses, cooler—I guess everything down to the switches. It looks great. Similar units have gone for over a grand on Ebay. \$699.

Call Terry at 320-845-7372 or email to

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*April, 2004*

**For Sale:** 1973 MG Midget split bumper, round-arch in British Racing Green. "Frame-off" restoration. \$12,500 or best offer. Contact Curt Carlson on either car at 612-721-8667 (H) or 612-251-7492 © or [spritemann@hotmail.com](mailto:spritemann@hotmail.com) or [mnhealey@earthlink.net](mailto:mnhealey@earthlink.net).

*April, 2003*

*The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.*

*Will Rogers*

*Editors Note: May not work  
for MG owners.*

## Regalia

We now have a web site to view all the merchandise available for our club to purchase. The web site address is [amaril.com](http://amaril.com). We are currently looking at polo shirts, including some special requests for different colors to match owners' cars. If you have any questions please call me. Rich Leslie at 763-754-2965

# 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. Membership is \$35.00 with a \$5.00 discount if paid before our Spring Kick Off Gathering (mid-March). 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 \$35 (or \$30 if paying before mid-March) and mail to:

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