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Intermarque Car Show and Banquet Scheduled for May 2, 2004

This year's Intermarque Car Show and Banquet will be held on May 2, 2004 at the Plymouth Radisson Hotel. The show starts at Noon. The banquet will start at 3 P.M.

The banquet is a reasonable \$15.00 and you pay at the door. Email Andy Lindberg with your RSVP for car and dining count. Andy's email is andy@earthlink.net.

See page 13 of this newsletter for much more detail. If you have never attended an Intermarque gathering, please do so. Just a fun, relaxed time with other car aficionados.

Rally in the Valley has updated Registration Form

The Rally in the Valley Registration form has been updated and appears on page 7. Your editor forgot to include the complete mailing address for Diane and Steve Rindt in last months issue. If you have not yet registered, it is time to get moving and sign up for this wonderful weekend get-together.



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This Is Your Last Newsletter

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2004. Dues are a cheap \$35.00. Check your mailing label and if it does not say 04, please send your check now to treasurer Dan Shidla. His address, telephone number, and email address are on page 2 and page 16. If you receive your newsletter electronically, you will get a separate email reminder.

Thank you.

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The Oil on the Dipstick

By MMGG President Alan Kelsey

The Rally Part I

It has occurred to me that some of our newer members might not be familiar with all of the jargon we throw around when we get together. The word "Rally," for example, is a rather generic term, taking on a variety of meanings depending on the situation. It can mean "to gather" as in "Let's rally at the Perkins on Snelling Avenue." It can also mean a driving event. Sometimes these driving events are for fun and sometimes they are more competitive. Given the temperament of some members, any driving event that has the word "rally" in the description is most definitely competitive. I'll write more about this later.

When the word is used to describe a driving event, it is usually preceded by an adjective that some believe actually clarifies what should be happening along the way. I don't always find this to be true. For example, I can understand that a Road Rally takes place on a road. However, when involved in a Sport Rally are we to play a sport along the way, such as polo? I've never seen them pass out those mallets with the really long handles at any event I've attended. Then there's a Poker Rally. This is where drivers pick up a playing card at every stop and, at the end, the best hand wins. One that really threw me for a while was a Tulip Rally. I thought the organizers had slipped a ring or two because it was held in July and all the tulips in my yard had finished blooming months before. I've included a few of these "visual instructions" at the end of the article. When you go on one of these, you will hear how easy it is to know where and which way to turn just from these little pictures. **Don't believe it!** Let me tell you, when you're doing about 60 mph along a country road because the MG behind you is trying to make up time by crawling into your boot and the navigator has just said, "STOP! STOP! We have to go back! I saw the cutest little

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thing back there” and you’re coming up with all kinds of meanings for “little thing,” none of which can be put in this article, understanding that you were supposed to bear right at the cow path three miles back is just not one of the options.

A Rally is actually the oldest form of automotive competition. Before there was a Sebring, Daytona, or Indy, there were races held on public roads around the world. The first recorded auto race was in 1878, from Green Bay to Madison, Wisconsin: J. Carhart and A.M. Farrand won in an Oshkosh steam car averaging 6 mph. The first organized motor sport event was the Paris to Rouen Trial in 1894. In 1895, the first major automobile race was held from Chicago to Evanston, Illinois. It was 50 miles from start to finish and took 9 hours to run. Also in 1895, the first organized road race to be sanctioned by the Automobile Club de France was held from Paris to Bordeaux to Paris.

Rallies grew from these open road races. In fact, the Instructions for the First Vanderbilt Cup Race could be used in a Stage Rally today with only minor modifications. Factories entered cars to prove their worth to the public. The marathon events like London to Sydney or Paris to Dakar came to be (and still are) the major proving grounds for many manufacturers. The concept of open road racing grew and flourished in Europe, Africa, and Asia during the time between the great wars.






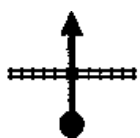
Then there are a few movies made about such things like, “The Great Race” (Tony Curtis, Natalie Wood) and “Those Daring Young Men in Their Jaunty Jalopies” (Tony Curtis, Terry-Thomas, Dudley Moore).

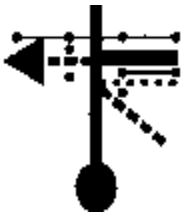



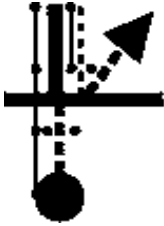



The key to enjoying a rally is taking it at *your* speed. If you want to take your time, go ahead. Sharon and I do that once in a while and it’s fun to watch (and listen) as other cars go whizzing by. A slightly longer rally for our club will be held in a couple of months. Steve and Diane Rindt have organized “The Rally in the Valley” which should prove to have a very high “smile to mile” ratio.

Whether you plan to rally or not, don’t forget about the upcoming tech sessions and opportunities to just get together and renew those acquaintances. Stay tuned to next month’s installment on “The Rally.”

Until Next Time,

Alan Kelsey

Tulip & Explanation	
	Left onto Divided Highway at Traffic Light.
	Right on exit ramp after sign. The information column in the instructions will have whatever the sign has written on it to enclosed in quotes.
	Bear Right at Y after Dry Wash. The information tells us this is a dry wash. A water crossing would have more water lines across the road and would most likely bear one ! or two !!
	Bridge. Probably a wooden bridge. Definitely a narrow one. Possible one ! in the information column.
	! Exposure on left. Exclamation Mark Located in the Information column of the Instruction sheet. One ! means “Be aware of this.” Two !! means “Probable damage to the car if you attempt to execute this instruction at rally speed.” Three !!! means “DANGER to life and limb. SLOW down.” Three !!! is reserved for truly dangerous situations.
	Railroad crossing. TSD shorthand would be ‘RXR’.

Tulip & Explanation	
	<p>Left onto unpaved through gate. This little Tulip holds a wealth of information. The gate:  The fence:  and the Unpaved Road:  and the footpath which looks a lot like the dirt road only a bit smaller dashes. If you look closely you'll see that a dirt road intersects the paved road you are on from an acute right just before you get to the left through the gate. The paved road that leaves the intersection to the right has a fence on both sides of it. The road you are on continues, apparently through a fence, but more likely through a gate.</p>
	<p>Right onto paved and immediately bear left onto unpaved. This is the same intersection as the previous tulip.</p>
	<p>Left onto paved road after Culvert.</p>
	<p>Continue through gate. The Gate is probably in a barbed wire or chain link fence.</p>
	<p>Tree at exit of curve.</p>

Summary of Activities

Submitted by MMGG Member Jon Masley

So far this season MG related activities have been good. The Kick-Off Brunch March 27th was wonderful. Dawn Williams got us into a new(er) restaurant named *Etre'* where about 40 club members proceeded to have a super meal and great socializ-



ing. Although Vice President Elena Pierce considered piano playing, most of the talk was about upcoming road trips. June's road trip to Winnipeg is something I am looking forward to, as well as the August road trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan and John Twist's Summer Party. Thanks Dawn for hosting the Kick-Off event!

For those of you that had cars stored at Dick Wallrich's Bus garage, April 10th was the day you



Have You Paid Your Dues?

moved your vehicle. I notice oil changes being done along with other basic maintenance item, to be ready for the driving season.

Over 40 people attended the April 17, 2004 Tech Session held at Dan Iberg's shop, *Midwest Motor Sports* in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. A number of members from the Jaguar club attended as well. Much work got done. President Al Kelsey, along with Sharon Kelsey, watched as cruise control was



added to their car. Wendi Sott gave her car a through going over to be ready for the driving season. A new badge bar was installed on Dawn Williams's car along with a license plate bracket and the bumper was adjusted. Things that took time. Ann Klein installed new trim rings on her Rostyle wheels and ignored my attempts to talk her into the nice Mini-Lites Terry Nydeen had for sale. Tim

Frakes had stone guards installed on his very nice MGA but that job took forever! Ann Klein won the door price and will now be carrying a nice wrench set in her car, if anyone ever needs a wrench on the road. Larry and Barb Henle had a new brake light switch installed and got home safely as a result.



Around the lunch hour we all feasted on pizza. To top it off, Barb and Larry Henle furnished cake. And not any ordinary cake. Cake we ate in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Fifty great years with much of it together in their MG's. A very hearty

CONGRATULATIONS
to the young thinking couple. We wish them all the very, very best.



Rally In the Valley



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) Tell them your with the Minnesota MG Car Club.

For more information:

Contact Steve & Diane Rindt at (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: S M L XL XXL \$12.00 ea / (2X) \$14.00 ea	Men's Size: S M L XL XXL \$10.00 ea / (2X) \$12.00 ea
Women's Size: S M L XL XXL \$10.00 ea / (2X) \$12.00 ea	Women's Size: S M L XL _____ \$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,
Eau Claire, WI. 54703



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Tech Tip: Horse Power

*Submitted by Ernie & Rhea West
Proprietors of Dead Lake Motors*

There's a Country and Western song lyric saying: There's no such thing as too much money, a girl too pretty, a car too fast, or having too much fun. Well, being this is a car club newsletter, I suppose we'd better just address the third one. Engine power is what we're talking about. First, let me ask you, do you know how much power you need to make your car 20 percent faster? A more or less agreed on number is 100 percent more. So you see, adding 5 or 10 horses is not going to get you the pole position at the local circle track.

My father-in-law, whom I pretty much disagreed with all the time till he died, always said: "Paper will lay still for anything". Meaning of course that print isn't necessarily always true. A case in point is some of the mail catalog advertisements. If all of the "up to 15 percent increase in power" ads were true, you could build a 200 MPH Nash Rambler just by bolting on two or three \$9.95 gismos.

In reality, horsepower increases generally come quite dearly. First off, the basic design has to lend itself toward horsepower gains. Example, a Packard flat head straight eight doesn't have near the possibilities that a small block Chevy does. Occasionally there are exceptions that defy this rule though. But, let's just pick one engine. Let's say your engine. Even the worst of engines have some possibilities, so here we go. First, you have to establish some perimeters. Are you building it to just go a quarter of a mile at a time (maybe even just one time) or do you hope to get over a hundred thousand miles between tear downs? What fuel do you plan on using? Where do you want the power band to be? What amount of money are you limited to?

Then there's the intelligence factor. No amount of money or wishing will cover up a bad decision. An 8000-RPM cam won't work on your Buick straight eight. Nor will an 850 Holly do wonders on your Honda Civic.

Here is a list of things that can help you gain power: compression, cam timing and lift, carburetion, exhaust system, balancing, reciprocating weight reduction, blue printing, special tough metal parts, supercharging, turbo charging, and nitrous oxide.

On most normal everyday type engines, your probable best and quickest way to gain 50 percent is to just super or turbo charge your stock engine. But this dictates that you have a pretty sound engine and that it doesn't have too high of a compression ratio.

If your engine is already at the max, you could spend thousands more just to get 10 more ponies. But if it's the more generic model you can make great gains with only a few hundred dollars mixed in with some careful hours of manual labor. If your engine is on its last leg, that's the best time to grab these extra horses cause you're going to have it torn down any way. When I build an engine and the customer (or myself) wants quick easy horsepower gains at the same time, the first thing I do is incorporate the first five things listed above. None of these five all by themselves gives you much of a return. But all five put together make a big difference. The remaining items are quite expensive.

That's enough for now. I'll give you my ideas about incorporating these five basic things in the next couple of newsletters. Doctor Ernie

Tech Tips are provided by Ernie and Rhea West, proprietors of Dead Lake Motors. Dead Lake Motors is located 13 miles southwest of Perham, Minnesota. Ernie and Rhea can be reached at erwest@arvig.net or by calling 218-758-3344. If using email, identify yourself on the subject line of your note or it may get deleted as junk mail.

May Tech Tip from Intermarque Editor Andy Lindberg.

Women, are you having trouble getting your auto-motively entranced spouse to help clean up around the house? Next time, try this. Instead of asking him to vacuum, inform him that you have a power tool that needs a test drive. Reports indicate that this method improves results by at least 37.9 %

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.

- OnGoing**
Sunday Nights May 2, 2004 through October 3, 2004.
- Sunday** afternoons, informal, inter-marque get together from 4:30 till ?
East: Toby's on the Lake, Century Avenue, just north of I-94 between 3M and I494/694. **West:** Billabong's, I494 south frontage road between France Avenue and Highway 100. FFI: Jim Pennoyer at 763-536-5472.
- OnGoing**
Saturday Mornings until further notice.
- Saturday** morning British Breakfast at the Square Peg Diner, 2021 East Hennepin Avenue, from 8:30 am to 11 am (most people get there early). Open to all lovers of British cars. Proprietor Phil Vanner, a British car owner, welcomes you. As the weather warms up, hang out in the parking lot.
- 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.
- May 14 to 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.
- 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 12, 2004**
- Summer Picnic** held at and hosted by June and Tom Moerke, 910 Ridge Pass, Hudson, Wisconsin. Noon to 4 P.M. Pot luck, bring a dish to pass, your beverage of choice, and a lawn chair. We will have a scenic drive after lunch. 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.
- 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: Butch O'Conner at BFO@spsk.com or visit the website at 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 3th. Contact Steve & Diane for more info. – (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.
- 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.
- July 23 and 24, 2004** **Rally 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 and Al Capone’s Hideout at www.alcaponehideout.com. Contact Steve or Diane at 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 Rogers, 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. Also see the web site at 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- June 16 - 18, 2005** **Rendezvous 2005** at Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Another must attend event. More information as it becomes available.

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. 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

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.



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Can You Drive an MGA to Winnipeg?

Submitted by MMGG Member Joe Olson

I am going to have surgery in early May, soon after the Intermarque Show and Banquet. I am still planning to go to the River City Rendezvous in Winnipeg in early June.

However, I will still be in recovery and probably not able to drive a clutch-operated vehicle more than a few miles.

So, I'm looking for someone who wants to go to Winnipeg and is willing to drive my MGA and me up there and back. Interested? Please give me a call at 651-604-0205 or jolson@gw.hamline.edu.

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. 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.

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. Solid mechanics with excellent interior. Solid body condition as it is a Southern Carolina car until recently. Ready for summer fun Call 715-497-5262

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Call Terry at 320-845-7372 or email to

tnydeen@charter.net.

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 or mnhealey@earthlink.net.

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For Sale: 1979 MGB Roadster, 100,000 original miles, new front end, new shocks, new tires, some rust. Interior in good shape. White with black top. Asking \$3800 OBO.

Call Gary Laabs at 763-493-5615

May, 2004

For Sale: 1970 MGB Roadster. New top and paint. Good interior. Mechanically sound and a real blast to drive...Priced for quick sale at \$4,995. Call 507-532-5105 after 6 PM. Don DeRuyck. Marshall, Minnesota.

May, 2004

Minnesota MG Group Membership

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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