



GAZETTE

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The Oil on the Dipstick

By MMGG President Alan Kelsey



It's Time for a New and Improved New Year

Don't make the mistake of settling for the older version. We've added more time and more daylight, 7% more. It took us twenty-five days to do it, but we think you're worth it. Don't you? You can get your new year any time now and, for a limited time, if you made the mistake of picking up the older revision, we'll upgrade you to the newer release for just \$19.95. That's less than a dollar a day! So don't wait, don't hesitate, don't regurgitate! Swing by your annual reseller today or find us on the web at www.TheBiggerYear.com. Remember, the time you save may be your own!

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uct, you are demonstrating that you are just plain too darn stupid to sue anybody, so don't even bother. You just relinquished all of your rights!"

So what are you planning to do with your New Year? Ooops, we all own MGs. I guess that means we'll all be changing oil, ordering and replacing parts, driving, stopping, driving, stopping, driving, oh, you get the idea. I remember a few years back when my life was a bit simpler. The engine we had in the 70 used about a quart of oil every 200 miles. We never had to change the oil. In fact, I didn't change the filter, either. The stuff ran out so quickly, there wasn't enough time for it to get dirty. Those were the years we got Christmas cards from the oil cartel. There were fewer mosquitoes, too. Maybe we should all have cars that do it that way. It certainly cut down on the rust for those who followed us. Of course, if it was raining, windscreens didn't wipe off too well.

Yes, Sharon and I are starting to plan for another year of seeing friends while trying to go places. We've collected a few puzzles and games to play during those "moments" when two or three have gathered to play the, "Were we supposed to turn back there?" game. I'm slowly getting into shape by doing bending exercises. After all, we all know it's required that at least one person pops their hood if we've been stopped for longer than 4 minutes, 38 seconds. The game can continue when at least 11 other people have bent over the engine and are making the most irrelevant remarks, like "Did you hear what Dawn was saying on the radio?" Extra points are awarded if you can remove attached parts before the owner wraps your knuckles with anything hard. This is what those really big hammers are for that some also use to knock off their wire wheels.

I've heard there are a few who don't want to play this game anymore. Rich has threatened to carry a roll of that "Police line – Do NOT Cross!" tape in his boot. I think he said he won't put his hood up until he has marked a perimeter at least 50 yards from his car. I'm not too clear on how he intends to have Deb and the Dobermans in the car at the same time.

It's been quite some time since I've played the, "I left my jack at home" game. In this diversion, someone has to sacrifice a tire. One tire has to be good and **FLAT**. When the announcement is made that the

jack was left at home, play begins. Please note: It really doesn't matter if you brought your jack or not. In fact, you can get extra points for bringing it out at the end and announcing to all of the players, "Oh look, silly me! It's been in the trunk the whole time." Back to the rules. Once the leader has started the game, all of the players have to look around to find the biggest, perhaps strongest (this is not required), and dumbest male. They all say how the car is really so light, he should be able to pick it up with one hand.

If he does so at this moment, all of the points are awarded to the other players. However, if he can hold out for a female to come up to him and say, "Oh you big strong man, you. You are so big and strong. I don't know how I will ever stand it if you could possible lift that big car all by yourself." then he gets all of the points. If the woman can say the appropriate sentence without falling down laughing, she is awarded 20 bonus points.

There are lots more games to be enjoyed, like "Betting on Lucas Failure Time," "Top Up/Top Down" speed trials, and the ever popular, "Pile On The New Paint Job." However, I think Tom probably needs the space, so I'll save those for another day.

See You At The Holiday Party!

Alan Kelsey

THE RUBBER B'S

EDITOR'S NOTES

TOM & BARB BELONGIA, EDITORS

Our vacation is over. The 2006 year has begun for the *MMGG Gazette*. We're getting back in the routine of publishing monthly. Tom's trying to read Barb's notes from the annual meeting and Barb has gotten a fresh supply of red pens for 2006. Please send us your ideas — and more importantly — your articles. Please make writing articles for the *Gazette* one of your 2006 New Year's Resolutions.

We hope you had the Merriest of Christmas' and Happiest of Holidays' ever and BEST WISHES FOR 2006!

See you at the Holiday Party on January 14th.



You May Have Heard, We Bought a Car !

By Barb Belongia

Just a little over a year ago, Tom was asked to be Editor of the MMGG *Gazette*. He agreed and I signed on to be his assistant. Little did I know that action would lead to covert operations, minor espionage and a reduction of our retirement funds.

Just before Rally in the Valley, Tom received a "For Sale" notice on a 1953 TD. It had belonged to the seller's father who had passed away in 2004. It took some time for Tom to get enough information to format an ad for the *Gazette*. But as the information slowly arrived, one small piece at a time, Tom's excitement level began to build.



Excuse me here but I must give you a little more background on his MG fixation. When he was a High School Senior, his uncle went into military service. He had just purchased a MGB and allowed Tom to use it for the summer before he entered college. Tom liked being an instant "hot shot" in the car and was determined someday he would have his own.

The first few years of our marriage there were some subtle hints that Tom wanted a MG. But kids and finances (two and lack of) kept us from this dream.

Then the kids began to grow as did our financial capabilities and he started to look. He's not much of a "motor head" so when he found the rusty cars, those

with engine issues and even one with the engine in the passenger seat, I said, "No".

One lovely May afternoon, he's asked to register and confirm the VIN for a "Back to the 50's" member with a car in storage near our home. As he made his way through the storage garage he spots a MGB that's for sale. Before the weekend was done, he had his MG and the dream is fulfilled. We didn't even have the 1977 MGB a year before he starts showing me ads for other MGs.

I'm trying to discourage a second MG so I suggest he should look for something older, maybe like a 1951 (as that's the year he was born). That definitely makes the available cars less so there are fewer conversations about his "finds".

Then the "For Sale" notice arrives. I remind Tom that our daughter is getting married in 7 months, we have home projects to finish and the timing's not right for this purchase.

He does more research and shares some of his preliminary findings on the TD. I must admit I wasn't really listening. I didn't want to buy anything so I kept deferring to the upcoming wedding. But he gathered more and more information.

Then we're off to Rally in the Valley. We are at Paradise Shores on Thursday a whole 10 minutes before he shares the find with Ken Welty. (Remember his car buying excursions?) He confirms it's "a find"! Even Judy tells me we should buy the car.

Now I'm feeling guilty, but the \$\$\$ in my eyes are still in control. I continue to say, "No".

Friday arrives and Tom has found a new enthusiast with which to discuss his find – Jim Pennoyer. Jim suggests the research Tom has done confirms the car is rare, the engine "rarer" and encourages Tom in his pursuit.

By Saturday, they're worn down to mush. I go to get ice. Meet Jim in the lobby. He stops me and says, "I have only three words for you. BUY THE

CAR!”

On the way back to the room, I ponder the “find”, wedding vs. car, car vs. retirement, wedding and car and retirement.

I find Tom napping. I wake him and tell him of my meeting with Jim. He’s expecting me to say “No” one more time. I tell him to “take the next step, but get the first right of refusal from the seller.”

Tom’s out of the room before I’ve added ice to my drink (which I really needed by now). I thought he went to send an email but he’s with Jim. They do more research and put together a “plan”. About an hour later, Tom’s back and brings me up to date on all the plans. But he’s nervous. Someone might get “in front” of him for the car. He doesn’t have the seller’s phone number, only an email address. He and Jim called information and found a guy with the same name as the seller and left him a voice mail message. He tries to wait for a call back.

But he can’t. And he can’t wait for Sunday night or Monday to contact him via email. What now?

I suggest we “send an email”. He says, “How?” I reply, “Let’s see if we can use the hotel’s computer.” He’s doubtful, but I remember seeing Dan Shidla at the hotel’s computer earlier in the day. I didn’t think Dan was helping with registration so I determined he was on the internet. We run to the lobby. They say, “Sure” when we ask about sending an email message.

I compose the email message. Tom peers over my shoulder. I write of our interest in the car, request first right of refusal and ask to see the car. We give the seller all of our phone numbers. And we sign off.

During the Texas BBQ buffet, Tom’s cell phone rings. Everyone around us thinks there is a family emergency because of the way Tom hurries out of the room. He comes back much slower. The voice mail message was answered. But the guy they found through “information” was not the seller. He’s becoming more nervous and I’m beginning to

think we need to go to CIA school to do this deal.

We return home and Tom is on the internet day and night researching TDs. Jim has now become a co-adviser and between the two of them they ask “research” questions of other “experts” in the MMGG and MN T-Register.

Finally the seller returns the email and confirms a meeting. But it’s still more than a week away. How we will ever make it that long? We’re still corresponding by email so without any personal contact we still are apprehensive on the type of guy who’s on the other end of the email string. Is he a straight shooter? Is he bidding us against others? Will he really sell?

Tom (and Jim and “the research” group) are all hipped on the CAR. Now I’ve become the one concerned about the process. (Oh, I’m the financial planner too at this point. Tom doesn’t know if he has the money for this car — that’s my job. He just tells me to get a check cut. Guess he doesn’t care where the money comes from.)

Now we’re at Labor Day. We get another email. This one says “perhaps I have under priced the car”. Tom may be worrying a little about the total price now, but his financial adviser is just mad. I’m ready to punch out the seller. He’s met his match if he thinks I’m going to pay more NOW! Tom settles me down (without the aid of any drugs, I might add), he finally has the seller’s phone number and they TALK for the first time.

The seller has no interest in cars. He’s into bikes (not Harley’s — but those like Lance Armstrong races) and kayaks. He lives in Madison, WI but the car is in Rochester. He agrees FINALLY that we have first right of refusal and the price originally quoted is firm for us. The date is set to meet at his parent’s home, 5:30 p.m. on Friday, September 9th (Tom’s birthday, by the way).

Tom and Jim are going to get the car. They’re taking our trailer and I’ve gotten them a check. (OK I know what you’re thinking. They’re going to “look” at a car and they just happen to be pulling an

empty car trailer along. Then there's the check — what if they want to “negotiate”. The check's already made out for the asking price.)

This is still a “top secret” deal. I'm not suppose to tell anyone (as if there are many people that would be interested a TD that I encounter on a regular work day) but I'm convinced Tom and Jim are telling everyone.

So we go to the next step — where to meet on Friday? They agree to a very “neutral” stop for covert car operations — in front of Quality Coaches in Minneapolis. (Now remember — I'm not suppose to tell anyone about this car. But I'm thinking, don't Tom and Jim think SOMEONE may wonder what they are doing with an empty car trailer on our Trailblazer as we wait for Jim on 38th Street?

Late on Thursday evening, I determine I can't trust Tom and Jim to go unchaperoned on this trip. So I explain the situation to my boss, he agrees I need to accompany these two to Rochester.

Tom picks me up at work on Friday afternoon and we're off on hopefully the last chapter of this adventure. As we're waiting for Jim, Tom is growing more restless. He's smoked all that he apparently can and he's still nervous. So he decides to take a walk — INTO Quality Coaches to see if they have any Moss Catalogs for TDs. OK — this is almost the deal breaker for me. I've been involved in a covert mission, barely thinking about this car for fear that someone will read my mind and steal this opportunity from Tom and now he's going to go into a business — were he's going to be recognized and that specializes in British cars — and get a catalog for a car they all know he doesn't have. Anyway, there are no catalogs. I didn't even want to know if he asked for one or just looked in the rack. But he's back, Jim arrives and we are finally off to Rochester.

For the entire trip down, they are discussing the features of the TD and pumping up one another for the adventure. I'm still nervous but have decided to do some things on my laptop to make the trip pass quickly. Soon we are nearing Rochester and the seller calls us. Where are you? We thought you

would be here by now? We assure him we're just on the north side of the city. I've now become the navigator as Tom and Jim can't determine where we're going as they are still talking about the car. We miss the “right way” to get to our destination but finally arrive.

FINALLY, the tension is gone. The TD is there (waiting for us). It's everything we were told it would be. The price is confirmed and the seller is extremely happy we have brought a trailer to take the car home.

Within minutes Jim's under the car, Tom has the bonnet open and I'm holding a box of papers, books, parts, etc. with the vehicle's title right on top. I'm now relaxed. Tom and Jim are just plain EXCITED as they get the car started. But when they go to take it for a ride, they discover the breaks are not working. We load it on the trailer, then finish the paper work and we're headed home.

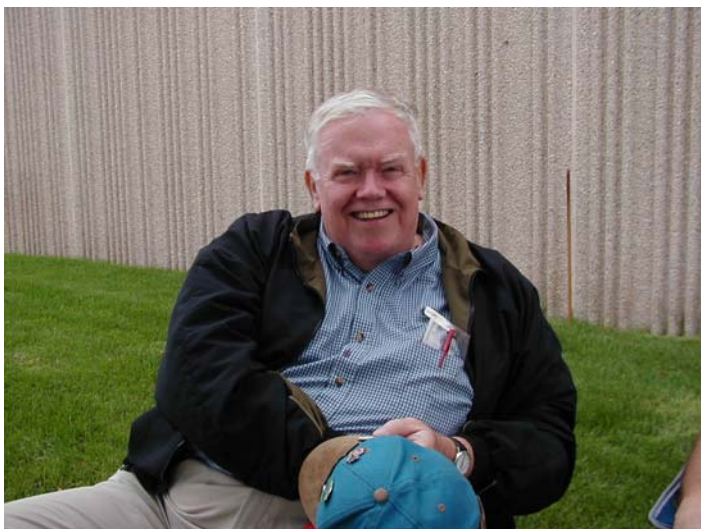
Thank goodness that adventure is over and now the fun of being a TD owner can start.

I've put away my spy handbook and made an appointment with our financial planner. I have a signed affidavit that Tom will never buy another MG, collector's car, or non daily drive vehicle. And the TD has a new home.



All this as a result of getting a For Sale notice for the newsletter.

20 Questions with Steve & Diane Rindt



Tom Moerke at Ellingson's Car Show and Swap Meet.

#1 What is your favorite MG?

1955 MG-TF 1500

#2 Why is this car your favorite?

Best looking of the T series and it has the 1500 engine; it's a little peppier than the TDs.

#3 How long have you been a member of the Minnesota MG Group?

5 years.

#4 What was the most embarrassing moment you've experienced in your MG?

Right after I got the car in 99' I bought new tires for it and was so proud of myself because I installed the tires myself. I got about a 1/2 mile from the house, giving June a ride in it for the first time and I must have pinched the tubes and one of the tires went flat. And I found out the spare rubbed.

#5 What is the one thing you would change on your MG if you could?

Oh, I don't know.....I've changed almost everything I can think of, had the engine rebuilt and installed a 5 speed transmission. It certainly needs a new soft top.

#6 When you purchased your present car was it already restored or did you have to restore it to get it on the road?

I had to restore it.

#7 What is your favorite car event and why?

I think going to Elkhart Lake is because I've been going there since 1957. I love the whole area and love the ambiance. I don't go so much for the racing as I do for the people and looking at all the cars.

#8 What car events do you plan to attend this year?

Rendezvous in Thunder Bay and most, if not all of the events on the MMGG 2006 calendar. I also will go to several other car club events.

#9 What other car, not an MG is your ultimate dream car?

In 1960 I bought a Morgan Plus 4 and wish I still had it or I'd like to get another one.

#10 What is the proudest moment you've experienced in your MG?

I was so pleased when I drove it to Winnipeg 2004; it was my first trip after having the engine rebuilt and the 5 speed. It was just so exciting, the car went down Interstate 94 so great I thought the gas gauge was broke because it didn't go down. I got as far as Fergus Falls before I put gas in it. I was getting over 40 miles to the gallon.

#11 What was the worst break down you've had with your MG?

While I was down in Pepin on one of those notorious Alfa Romeo rallies and the transmission locked in low gear. It took me for ever to get help from AAA who insisted there was no place named Pepin in Wisconsin.

#12 What is the furthest distances you've driven your MG?

Winnipeg is the furthest I've driven my Midget.

#13 Do you or have you ever Auto Crossed with your car, and why or why not?

Yes.

#14 Do you own more than one MG or British sports car? If so, list them. If not, would you like to own more than one?

Currently I have a 72 Midget and June has a 1978 MGB.

#15 Are you a member of any other Sports Car Clubs?

Yes, MN Austin Healey Club.

#16 Do you like to do Rallies?

No

#17 Who is the best navigator during a Rally, you or your spouse?

Me.

#18 If you could trade your car with any of the other cars in the Club, with who would you trade?

Dan Shidla's B with the V6 in it.

#19 What is your favorite season to drive / ride in your MG and why?

Spring and Fall, because of the nice weather.

#20 If you could drive your MG in any country in the world, what country would you choose?

England



MG Girls

After the MMGG Annual Meeting in November, the MG Girls had their Annual Meeting and decided to designate a specific Saturday for MG Girls to meet at the Square Peg for breakfast. We agreed on the 2nd Saturday of each month (next girl's breakfast is on Jan. 14th) at 9:00 a.m.

On Dec. 20th, we met and agreed to sell women's MG regalia at MG2006 in Tennessee. On the 14th, we will once again meet to finalize our presentation to the MMGG for this activity.

If you are a scrapbook enthusiast or interested in being one, plans are being made to go to a scrap booking retreat by Creative Memories on the first Saturday and Sunday of March 2006. It's being held in Chaska, MN. Please let Cindy Pennoyer know if you are interested in attending this event and she will include you on future email messages on this event.

Annual Meeting Report

The 2005 Annual Meeting of the MMGG was held on November 5th in Apple Valley.

It was agreed that the Calendar of Events in the *Gazette* needs to separate Club Events from Intermarque and other events due to scope of the Club's liability. The responsibility of the Club for event planning and costs will be further discussed at the upcoming Holiday Party but it was suggested all events should coincide with the current MMGG bylaws. It is believed the bylaws state a liability, per event, of up to \$200. If the financial risk of an event is estimated to be greater than \$200, the host of the event is responsible for contacting the MMGG board for approval to extend the Club's liability.

The Executive Committee is responsible for designating the approved Club Events. (In this issue you will find two 2006 calendars. The editors have taken the liberty of placing the events discussed at the Annual Meeting in each calendar to the best of their abilities. The event placement and corresponding calendar are subject to change.)

Brian Walsh resigned as New Member Coordinator. Thanks for your years of service Brian. Bill McReaken volunteered to head a New Member Committee. The duties of this committee include welcoming new members and coordinating the MMGG name tags.

Rich Leslie also resigned from his position of Regalia Coordinator. Thanks to Rich for his years of service too. Dawn Williams and Diane Rindt have taken over the regalia.

Please refer to the Calendar of Events for the 2006 year. Hosts are still needed for:
2007 Holiday Party (with 2006 MMGG Bucks distri-

Please pay your 2006 Membership Dues Now.

\$30 — if paid before the Kickoff Brunch in March

\$35 — if paid later

Please help our the Treasurer's report by your prompt payment of the 2006 dues!



**Reminder: Minnesota MG Group Annual Holiday Party
January 14, 2006-Plan to Attend Now!**

It's that time of year again. The MGs have gone into hibernation and the arctic winds are blowing down from the Tundra. But don't despair there is one last spark of MG activity left, namely the MMGG holiday party!

The party will be held at 3M's Tartan Park clubhouse in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. Directions are printed on the back. We will be having a buffet dinner with dessert and choice of beverage. The evening starts at 6 PM with a social hour (cash bar). Dinner starts at 7 PM.

The cost will be the same as last year, \$25 per person. Please send your checks, **to arrive no later than January 2, 2006**, made out to **MMGG**, to:

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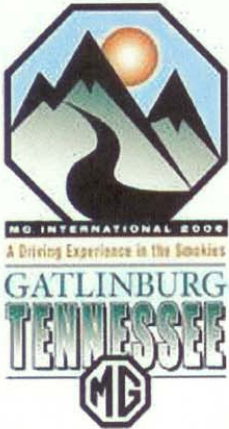
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Welcome!

Plans are well underway for MG 2006, the next All-Register MG gathering in North America. This event is being held from Wednesday through Sunday, 21-25 June 2006, will be based in beautiful Gatlinburg, Tennessee and is being hosted by The North American Council of MG Registers. The Council is a Not-for-Profit Corporation comprised of the North American MMM Register (NAMMMR), New England MGT Register (NEMGTR), North American MGA Register (NAMGAR), North American MGB Register (NAMGBR) and the American MGC Register (AMGCR).

In addition, several local Eastern Tennessee MG Clubs will be assisting the Council with local driving events.

Gatlinburg is located in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; the most visited National Park in the United States. This location was picked because of its centralized location of a majority of the MG owners in the United States, as well as for its ability to have the hotels located within walking distance of each other, similar to the layout we had for MG '96 in Indianapolis. The fact that the roads in the area are some of the best MG-friendly roads in North America is a plus!

Gatlinburg is also only a few miles away from such attractions as Pigeon Forge (and its numerous tourist attractions, restaurants, and shopping) as well as the many driving opportunities in the area such as the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Tail of the Dragon.

There will be something for everyone at MG 2006. I'm sure that you will NOT want to miss this one!

Click [here](#) for a list of Featured Speakers, Presenters, and Guests

Vendors should contact George Merryweather on 972-422-9593 or gmerryweather@verizon.net.

I urge you all to save the date and make this a vacation that is sure to please the whole family! You will have a "Smokin' Good Time!"

Check back often as we will be updating the site regularly as well as mailing you more detailed information about June 1st, 2006.

Hank Rippert, MG2006 Chair



December's Grazing Tour

The MMGG experienced its first official December event this year. About 40 members participated in the Christmas Grazing Tour. Everyone met at the Park Bus Company in St. Paul and climbed on board for an evening of food, drinks, conversation and enjoyment of the festive holiday decorations at each home. With someone else doing the driving, the group set out sharing Christmas Carols and some pre-refreshments to get the tour off to a great start. The first stop was for hors d'oeuvres at the Be-



toward our main course. Next it was on to the new residence of Dick and Elena Biessener in Woodbury for lasagna and all the accompaniments. We entered through the heated garage and some tour members made it to the first floor via the new Biessener elevator. After dinner, we were off again. The final stop was the Schneider home in Inver Grove Heights for a wide choice of decadent desserts. After checking out the North Woods cabin (in the basement) and all the collectibles we were back on the bus. We returned back at the bus garage just before Midnight. Special thanks to the hosts Val Wallrich and Dawn Williams. They created the menus, did the shopping, even delivered the goodies and kept us on schedule for a great evening.



longia's. Everyone was out of the bus and soon mixing around the snacks and wine. The bus driver kept us all toasty when we climbed into an idling vehicle

We're looking forward to this being an annual event.

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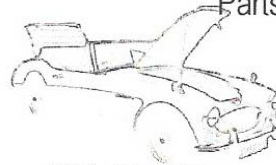
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Calendar of MMGG CLUB Events

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.

- January 12, 2006** **MMGG Annual Holiday Party.** Tartan Park, Lake Elmo, MN. Hosted by Dick and Val Wallrich and Tom and Barb Belongia. Social Hour begins at 6 p.m. (cash bar) with dinner at 7 p.m. After dessert, get ready to spend those 2005 lavender MG Bucks on fabulous merchandise. Door prizes, too. Reservations are due NOW!
- February 11 or 18, 2006** **MMGG Valentine's Tea Party** Hosted by Deb Leslie, Simon and Lorna Bosworth, Dawn Williams, Cindy O'Brien and Val Wallrich.
- March 11, 2006** **Tech Session** Hosted by Keith Galberth
- March 25, 2006** **MMGG Kick Off Brunch** Hosted by Jim and Cindy Pennoyer, Jon Masley and Haidi Hanson. They're planning on hosting this at Kip's Pub.
- April, 2006** **Gourmet Dinner** Hosted by Jon Masley. Place and date to be determined.
- April 29, 2006** **Tech Session** Hosted by Dan Iburg at Midwest Motor Sports, Inc. Date to be confirmed.
- May, 2006** **MMGG Picnic** Hosted by Simon and Lorna Bosworth in Falcon Heights. Date to be determined.
- August 12, 2006** **Ellingson's All British Car Show & Swap Meet** Hosted by Jim and Cindy Pennoyer. In Rogers, MN. Starts at 9 a.m.
- August 24—26, 2006** **Rally in the Valley** Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt at Paradise Shores in Holcombe, WI
- September 9, 2006** **Wings & Wheels** Osceola, WI, Hosted by Wendi Sott and Dawn Williams
- September, 2006** **3rd Annual Fish 'n Chips Dinner** Hosted by Barb and Tom Belongia. Date to be determined.
- October 7, 2006** **Fall Colour Tour & Tenba Ridge Winery** Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt. Event will include a drive from the Twin Cities.
- October 21, 2006** **Fall Colour Tour** Hosted by Dick Wallrich
- November 4 , 2006** **MMGG Annual Meeting** Hosted by MMGG Executive Board. Location to be announced.
- December, 2006** **New Event** Hosts, date and event needed
- January 2007** **MMGG Annual Holiday Party** Hosts needed.

Calendar of Other Events

Support Our Friends!

**On Going
Saturday Mornings
until further notice**

Saturday morning British Breakfast at the Square Peg Diner, 2021 East Hennepin Avenue, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (most people get there early). Open to all lovers of British cars. Proprietor Phil Vanner, a British car owner, welcomes you. New expanded dining room too! After breakfast we linger in the parking lot, weather permitting, to “show off” our cars.

MG Girls meet the second Saturday of each month at the Square Peg too.

**On Going
Sunday Afternoons
until further notice**

Kip’s Pub This is a real Irish pub, with a Irish built bar, dance floor , patio, happy hour and “Old Speckled Hen” as well as Fish ‘n Chips. They have plastic cups so we can go out into the parking lot. And a wonderful patio. They are very supportive of the British car clubs. Located at I-694 and I-394, on the northwest frontage road.

February 26,2006

British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble Chicagoland MG Club
www.britishcarswap.info

May 2006

Intermarque Council Banquet More information needed

June 2006

Rendezvous 2006 in Thunder Bay, Canada.

June 22—25, 2006

MG 2006 by North American Council of MG Register. Gatlinburg, TN All-Register MG Meet. Register at www.mg2006.com. Hotel reservations are filling fast. MMGG members are trying for the Park Vista Hotel. Watch upcoming *MMGG Gazette* for details on trip to MG 2006 being planned by Dick Wallrich. Dick hints that there are side trips and exciting overnight stops in the making. This is a once every 5 year event. Don’t miss out on this opportunity.

July 1, 2006

Chetek Car Show Chetek, WI Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt This year the event will just be the car show — no dinner or drives planned.

July 15, 2006

MN Scottish Fair Dakota County Fairgrounds, Farmington, MN Foods, music and “rock throwing”. Check out details at www.mnscottishfair.org

October, 2006

Drive for Kids Cindy O’Brien will advise more details

July, 2007

MG T Register GOF (Gathering of the Faithful) 2007 To be held at the Treasure Island Resort. Plan to attend this “close to home event” during the 2nd or 3rd week in July 2007.

NOTE — All information for upcoming events — both Club Sponsored and Other Events — is due by the 15th of the month for publication in the next *MMGG Gazette*. Event hosts are responsible for supplying all the information for the event for publication. Please don’t forget this important step in hosting your 2006 MMGG event.

The *MMGG Gazette* welcomes all articles, features and letters. Please submit all as Microsoft Word documents. All articles, features and letters will be subject to editing but all efforts will be made not to change the meaning of the submitted document.

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 Tom Belongia, 238 Glen Circle, River Falls Wisconsin 54022. Or at: tom.belong@pressenter.com. Make checks payable to the MMGG.



For Sale: 1952 MGTD, Black over green interior, runs good. Asking \$15,000.

For Sale: 1954 MGTF, Brown over tan, Restored and runs good. Asking \$18,000.

For Sale: 1969 MGB, White with black interior. New Brakes, tires, and leather seat kit three years ago. Low mileage, and rust free. Asking \$12,000.

For Sale: 1967 Austin Healey Sprite, Red with black interior. California car, runs good. Asking \$5,000. Or best offer.

For Sale: 1969 MGB, Black with wire wheels, good driver, was a Doctor's car. Asking \$ 3,500.

Call Mark Brandow at: 612-824-4155
October 2005



For Sale: 1980 Limited Edition MGB. 45,000 miles. Excellent body and mechanically sound. Asking \$7,800. Contact Sharon Whitney or Dan Ferraro at 715-426-7383

September 2005

For Sale: 1958 MGA 1500 Roadster. Body off restoration completed in 1990. Many other updates too numerous to mention. Additional pictures available. Asking \$17,500. Contact; Jack Schneider at 651-552-1780, home or 651-578-3633, work. Email address: mgaguy@pconline.com.

October 2005

For Sale: 1959 MGA Coupe--PROJECT Chassis, engine, running gear, brakes, etc, totally rebuilt. Instruments mounted in the dash and wired, ready to install. I have \$4,000.00 worth of new parts, awaiting install. Body is in quite good shape, needs finishing. Price \$3,999 or best offer.

Bill Brown
952-432-4231 shelties@charter.net



For Sale: MGA parts from 2 MGA recently acquired. Engines, gearboxes, body and frame parts. Call Gary 763-226-5789 garykrukoski@yahoo.com

January 2006

Notice: "Little Kenny" Enterprises is no longer in business. Yes, "Little Kenny" has been sold.

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:

Minnesota MG Group, 3599 Gershwin Court North, Oakdale, Minnesota 55128
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