



# GAZETTE

## KICKOFF BRUNCH MARCH 24, 2007

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Please join us for our annual Spring Kickoff Brunch on Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Majors Sports Café in Bloomington.

A delicious brunch will be served in the Highland Room starting at 10:30 a.m. Cost including tax and gratuity will be \$16.00 per person. Please pay at the MMGG Welcome table when you arrive.

Majors Sports Café is located at 8301 Normandale Boulevard in Bloomington MN (just south of 494 on Normandale Boulevard). Majors phone number is 952-835-8308.

Please make special note of the following:

### **DOUBLE MG BUCKS IF YOU DRIVE YOUR MG**

Please contact Phyllis Galberth at 952-898-6914 or by email [deegaberth@yahoo.com](mailto:deegaberth@yahoo.com) by March 16<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending to give Majors a head count.



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### **March Tech Session**

Saturday, March 31 Time 11:00 a.m. Place: Keith Galberth 19390 Judicial Road, Lakeville, MN

Directions: Exit 35 at 185th St./Co Rd 60.

West about 1.25 miles to Judicial Road

South on Judicial Rd. about .85 mile. 19390 Judicial Road is on the east side of the road. Look for the British Flag.

The subject of the tech session is prepping a steel and fiberglass hardtop for paint. Our Tech Specialist is Steve Blomberg of the Minnesota MG T Register.

We will also be adding dual fuel filters to a 1969 MGC. Assisting in this part of the tech session will be Dick Wallrich and John Masley. This is a joint tech session with the Minnesota MG Group and The Minnesota MG T Register. Refreshments and beverages will be served during the tech session

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## The Left Hand Thread

By MMGG President Richard Wallrich



Here it is the middle of February and I've done it again. I did it last year and the year before that and I'm sure even the year before that. I start thinking about this in, oh, probably September, when the first cold spells come on. I think that it's going to go on almost indefinitely. What I'm talking about is my winter MG project repair season. All during the driving season, I make little mental notes about this or that item that needs attention. I purposely plan on saving it for the winter, because I don't want to take a car apart in the summer when I could be driving it. Besides I always figure that the winter is way too long, I do have the luxury of a heated garage and then I can stretch out my car fun all year. So in the fall, when other people are saying goodbye to their cars for about six months, I make a diligent list of the projects I will be handling before the next driving season.

This year, I even put the cars in project order so that I could start knocking the items off my list on a moments notice.

Well it has happened again. I haven't even begun to start on any of them. I did at least cover the cars this year as I knew that I would be going in the hospital in December, so I probably wouldn't get much done until after the Holidays. However, it is now going to be the end of the month again, and the list isn't getting any shorter. Originally, when I looked at my

list of projects I had it figured that I would set a target date of March 1st to have them done, so that if there were any glitches in the projects, it would give me time to get them done before the actual driving season in April. I'll be lucky if I get them started in March much less finished. Come to think of it, my list this year is almost identical to my list from last year. The only real difference is that the first item on last years list:

*1. Rewire the MGA before May 1 so that there is enough time to drive the car before Gatlinburg.*

Is done! I suppose that I could take the '06 list and make it the '07 list. Then I could actually be ahead of the game with one item already off of the list. However, I think that I already did that because the '06 list looks strikingly familiar to my '05 list.

Oh well, I guess that this is known as job security in some circles. At least it makes my winters go much faster.

There are a couple of events that have come across my desk that warrant your attention and participation. First of all, the Partnership Academy Charter School is going to be having a car show for a fundraiser on April 28th. The fee to enter the car show is a mere 7 bucks. It will be located at the Church of the Assumption parking lot, located at 305 E. 77th St. in Richfield from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. They would like to have a good grouping of British gems to offset all of the usual street rods. They will be selling food there and they'll even have trophies at 1:00 p.m. Let's see if we can get a big group of cars to be there.

Another great show is the Minnesota Buick Show at the MN State Fairgrounds. The date on this one is Sunday, May 6. This one is huge. They have 60 classes of cars so a lot of everything comes to this one. It's kind of like going to Osceola at the Fair. Last year there were 2 British cars that showed up, a MGTD and me in the Singer. (The Singer took first place in its class of "everything that isn't Ford, GM or MOPAR") Everyone was really excited to see our cars because again they were something new compared to the usual street rods. There are a lot of vendors at this one too, so it's a lot of fun. This one costs 15 bucks to register. This gets you, a passenger and your car into the show. If you register before April 15th, the price is only \$10.00 I would really like to

see a large amount of MG's there for this one also. Call me or Madame Vice for more details if you are interested.

## THE RUBBER B'S

EDITOR'S NOTES

TOM & BARB BELONGIA, EDITORS



The MGB has been out of the garage and traveled to Hudson and River Falls for recent shopping and socializing. The TD has also been out of the garage but stayed within the borders of our property. Then it snowed! Now they're back in the garage and the snow blower has a more prominent position by the garage door than either MG. Spring fever has been edged out by a "cold front", hopefully temporary! Like Dick Wallrich, we have the "car to do" lists updated, but actual parts have been ordered. The new goal for the first set of parts is before Rendezvous in June. The goal for the second set of parts is the G.O.F. in July. Perhaps we'll meet these deadlines. In any case, the cars are ready to move out and if the snow goes away, we'll be getting those DOUBLE MG BUCKS at the Kickoff Brunch.

There are many events upcoming — you'll find at least something about all the events in this month's *Gazette*. Don't forget to give us the details of your events — both before and after — so we can all share in the full MMGG experience.

## Dues are Due Now!

Please pay your 2007 Membership Dues Now.  
 \$30 — if paid before the Kickoff Brunch  
 \$35 — if paid after the Kickoff Brunch.  
 Please help our Treasurer with the prompt  
 payment of your 2007 dues.



MG Girl Regalia is available from Diane Rindt. Please contact her if you are interested in any of the following items or for special orders.

- MG Girl periwinkle Tank Tops  
(most sizes)
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(most sizes)
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(XL)
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Everyone can get into the spirit of the club with MMGG Regalia.

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| Men's Polo Shirts | Men's Tank Tops    |
| Men's Tee Shirts  |                    |
| Hats              |                    |

Special Orders also Accepted  
Choose from the original MMGG logo  
Or the new MG Minnesota logo (above)

Available from Diane Rindt.

### Need a Nametag?

If you are a newer) member and have not received your nametags), or are an existing member and lost yours, please request one from new member coordinator Bill McReaken (952-890-0102). 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 name-tags cost \$5.00. Send your check to Bill, made out to MMGG.



***WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:***

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## Dakota Expedition

Adventure, Romance, Cold Beer\*

Join the staff of the InterMarque Monthly on an adventure drive for arcane, unusual, bizarre, much-loved and well-used vehicles!

April 28 through May 3

The Expedition will leave the Square Peg Diner on the morning of April 28. Two days out, two days there, and two days back. Destinations include the Black Hills, Wall Drug, Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, and other fun stuff. Some freeway driving may be encountered but every attempt will be made to minimize it.

There are no entry fees, no sponsors, no rules, and no committees. In addition, there is no organized service or arranged lodging. Participation is at your own risk, fully understanding that breakdowns and roadside repairs are part of adventure travel in an old car. Obey all traffic laws or suffer the consequences!

The InterMarque Monthly staff will make this journey in a Citroën 2CV. Other bizarre and eccentric vehicles are encouraged to join the expedition.

If interested please contact:

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\* In the event that sufficient English cars join the expedition, an attempt will be made to locate a source of warm beer.



# WCMGG Valentine Afternoon Tea



# Rendezvous at Ruttger's



## Grand Rapids, MN June 14-17, 2007

- SIGN UP NOW! -

Please join us for this annual Canadian/American vintage sports car celebration being presented again at beautiful Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids, MN. This is the birthplace of Judy Garland, so be prepared for a little Oz. Something for everyone: The Tin Man Gymkhana & Speed Run, Flying Monkeys Rally, Lakeside Charity Car Show, Interesting Tours, a Tech Talk, Ladies Event, Banquet, Auction and other Toto-ly awesome activities are being planned. Please call 1-800-450-4555 to reserve your room at Sugar Lake Lodge (mention 'Rendezvous' for special rates). Three days of nonstop fun and relaxation! Your host - The Jaguar Club of Minnesota

Put the pedal to the metal on the airport runway. Keep the oil can handy for the Tin Man!



Follow the yellow brick road to the charity car show on the lake. Win the Ruby Slipper Award!



Join the Flying Monkeys for a fun road rally through the back roads of Oz. Watch out for Toto!



# Rendezvous at Ruttger's



## RENDEZVOUS 2007 17TH ANNUAL CANADIAN/AMERICAN CELEBRATION OF VINTAGE SPORTS CARS JUNE 14 - 17 SUGAR LAKE LODGE, GRAND RAPIDS, MN

Thursday 14 3 p.m. Registration begins, at 7 p.m. Hospitality  
 Friday 15 Tin Man Speed Run, Guided Tours  
 Saturday 16 Flying Monkeys Rally, Bonnets on the Beach Car Show  
 Ladies Event, & Awards Dinner  
 Sunday 17 Farewell

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Print first and last name/names as they should appear on badges)

Children Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Including names & ages of each child)

Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Province/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If you want a confirmation of registration, include e-mail address - none will be sent otherwise)

Vehicle/s to be registered \_\_\_\_\_  

Year	Make	Model	Color
Year	Make	Model	Color

Registration Fee: \$50.00 After April 1, 2007: \$85.00 (All Fees in U.S.\$) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Basic registration fee includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 18 and one free T-shirt.)

Each Additional Person: \$5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Each Additional Car: \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Free T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Shirt: \_\_\_\_\_ Added Shirts: \_\_\_\_\_ x\$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(T-Shirt Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL)

(For XXL - Cost is \$12.00)

At Otis' Restaurant two Breakfast Buffets are available one Hot @\$12.25, one Cold @\$9.74 which includes tax and tip

Saturday Awards Banquet:  
 \$32.00/Adult Buffet x \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Meal x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$18.00/Child (4-12) x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Event (still working on) number attending \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to The Jaguar Club of Minnesota (U.S. Funds) and send with completed form to:  
 Elaine Brahms, 4368 Livingston Drive, Eagan, MN 55123

Registration questions to: elaineb@dakcom.org. Other questions to: garthur1880@comcast.net  
 Visit our website at: www.jaguarminnesota.org for more information and updates.

Cancellations before May 1, 2007, are subject to a \$10.00 fee. No refunds on or after May 1, 2007. After May 1, registration packages will be sent to those who paid but were unable to attend.

**Call Sugar Lake Lodge directly for room reservations @1 800 450-4555.**

In addition, The Sawmill Inn (1 800 804-8006) is holding 30 rooms until May 24th at prices about \$79 - \$100 per room, plus tax. Ask for "Rendezvous 2007" for the rooms. Next door to The Sawmill Inn, The Country Inn (1 218 327-4960) is holding 20 rooms until June 1st at a price of \$85 per room, plus tax. Ask for "Rendezvous 2007" for the rooms. If you have a Triple A or AARP Card please present at time of registration.

For those of you that are crossing the Canadian/Minnesota Border you will need a passport!!!

**This event is being hosted by the Jaguar Club of Minnesota**

## Confessions of a British Car Enthusiast

By Ken Welty



### Part 4: My Other Car is an MG

I have never understood why anyone would clutter a beautiful car with bumper stickers. However, despite their lack of aesthetic appeal, they are very telling about the person that owns the next car that is waiting for a light to turn green. One can often deduce their occupation, political preference, religious affiliation, union loyalty, or favorite pet by reading the vinyl print on their car's posterior. Simple logic suggests that those who exhibit bumper stickers feel strongly about the topics that underpin the slogans and graphics that they laminated to their car's finish (e.g., Jimmy Buffett for President).

Being a car nut, I can appreciate the bumper stickers that are displayed by fellow enthusiasts that begin with, "My Other Car is a..." This simple phrase can end with any number of exotic marques. For example, one can't help but chuckle when the back of a minivan reads, "My Other Car is a Porsche." Clearly such a declaration suggests the owner is either embarrassed about being seen in a minivan, is very proud of his or her Porsche, wishes he or she had a Porsche, or wants you to believe he or she has a Porsche.

The prospect of displaying such a bumper sticker can

be a test of the character of the cars that we keep in our garages. For example, one could proudly display "My other car is an MG" on a Chevy Cavalier. However, could one do the reverse with equal pride? That is to say, would one display "My other car is a Cavalier" on his or her MG? Imagine being able to obtain a daily driver that would be an appropriate carriage for, "My other car is an MG." Even better, wouldn't it be nice if the name of your daily driver could be proudly displayed on your MG. I managed to find such a car.

I had just completed some work in New Jersey and I was killing time in the Newark airport when I spotted a gorgeous new car on display behind velvet cords in the terminal. It was love at first sight. Every line on the car flowed gracefully along its stunning profile. The chrome leaper on the hood confirmed the car's British pedigree and implied it was clearly out of my league. The sticker on the window established the car was beyond my reach by at least 10,000 dollars. Regardless, the thought of owning a Jaguar X-type someday filled my flight home with pleasant daydreams.

At the time, my wife and I were proud owners of a 2000 Toyota Camry that featured several sporty accoutrements that make it fun to look at and a joy to drive. Unfortunately, it did not pass the bumper sticker test. I cannot envision displaying "My other car is a Camry" on our MGB when the Jaguar marquee would be far more fitting.

As disclosed in a previous column, Judy and I are what automobile sales people call plotters. We contemplate the purchase of a new automobile over an extended period of time. The fact that we needed to send our daughter off to college in the coming year with one of our vehicles was reason enough to start plotting. My first step was to introduce my wife to the new cat in hopes she would become as enamored as I was. Therefore, our next visit to the Twin Cities included a stop at Downtown Jaguar.

Walking into a Jaguar dealer is a religious experience in its own right. The showrooms and automobiles on display emanate elegance. Unfortunately, it is easy for working stiff to feel out of place. To

make matters worse, there is nothing more alienating than window stickers that feature higher numbers than one's W-2 form. On the up side, a Jaguar dealer is a wonderful place to vicariously sample the lifestyles of the financially unencumbered and dream a little.

My wife took an attentive walking tour of several Jaguar X-types on display. After silent contemplation, she admitted they were beautiful cars. Of course, the window stickers gave her some pause and tempered her enthusiasm. We left the dealership feeling as though an entry level Jaguar would not be in our future for a long time. After all, we had a relatively new Camry and two children to put through college. Our visit was simply a flirtation with the leaper.

We chose to aim our sights a little lower and began investigating a new Mini. Being number 436 on the waiting list, it was going to be a while before there was a new car in our stable. Many hours were spent on the web selecting color schemes and options for a Mini. Unfortunately, I could not get the Jaguar out of my system. My web surfing ultimately ended with a printout for a new Jaguar X-type.

One day, in hopes of making a Jaguar more accessible, I tried surfing for a used X-type. After all, the car had been on the market for several years and there had to be a low mileage specimen out there somewhere with my name on it. With a few clicks of my mouse, a "carnival red" 2002 X-type with a little over 9,000 miles on its odometer was displayed on my monitor. Clearly, another trip to Downtown Jaguar was called for.

How do you prepare your spouse to entertain the purchase of a Jaguar? In my case, it involved going to the car show at Ellingson's Car Museum first. Making a dedicated trip to the Twin Cities for car shopping would provide too much time for logic and reason to win over flights of fancy. This way we could immerse ourselves in British car culture first, enjoy the company of our fellow enthusiasts, and make a little side trip on the way home. Therefore, just before the appropriate exit I asked Judy, "Can we make a little visit to Downtown Jaguar to check out a car I

found on the Internet?" To my surprise, she simply said, "Sure." To seal the deal, I declared I was just curious about the car, we are so close, it will only take a few minutes, and it would be a wonderful way to top off the day. Clearly, I said too much and Judy knew an emotional investment had already been made.

To maintain Judy's goodwill, I wanted to find the car on our own and avoid any entanglements with a sales person. Unfortunately, the car was nowhere to be found and we had to resort to making inquiries. As it turned out, it was out on a test drive with another couple. The sight of the car upon its return was enough to make one weak in the knees. Its rich red finish, flowing lines, and chrome adornments were intoxicating. An inspection of the car told a story that was too good to be true. It looked brand new. The only mark on the car was a chip in the driver's door that was no bigger than the head of a pin. I was haunted by the question, "Why was this beautiful car for sale?" I was also plagued by why it was almost affordable in comparison to the other used X-types, all of which had considerably more miles on them?

A CARFAX report showed the car had been originally delivered on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001. In our imaginations, we decided the car was a Christmas present for someone special and the wife found out. Years later a member of the sales staff provided an alternative explanation by disclosing the dealership has "a lot of customers with short attention spans." As for the asking price, it was simply based on the fact that the car had a 5-speed transmission in contrast to an automatic. There aren't a lot of people out there that want to shift a Jaguar sedan. The salesperson did an eloquent job of expounding how the car's low mileage and extended warranty made it an excellent value. It later became apparent that all the prospective buyers that were attracted to the low odometer reading were also put off by the manual transmission. It was difficult for us to conceal the fact that we felt it was one of the car's most endearing features. I was ready to fully exploit the fact that the car was posing a challenge to the sales staff. However, Judy announced for all to hear, "We are not buying a car today!" Somehow we managed to escape the

bonds of the car we coveted and left the dealership under the auspices of needing to "sleep on it."

Judy and I never considered spending that kind of money on a new automobile, much less a used car. Fortunately, one of the things that you learn as you get older is how to rationalize almost anything. In this case, a little voice inside my head said a nice minivan cost about \$25,000. Thus, spending that kind of money on an automobile must be normal given all the minivans on the road. Therefore, the real question became should I buy a new minivan or a slightly used Jaguar? Minivan? Jaguar? Minivan? Jaguar? The more I thought about it the easier it was to justify the Jag. The fact that I did not really need another car or I would NEVER buy a minivan seemed irrelevant at the time. The battle between unbridled desire and fiscal responsibility raged on for about a week and sheer desire emerged victorious. Needless to say, the home equity account swelled beyond precedent and we became proud owners of a red X-type.

We have owned the car for more than four years and it still brings a smile to my face every time I approach it in the parking lot after a long day at work. Turning of the key initiates a chorus of lights and relays that are followed by the engine coming to life with a sound that affirms I am in for a treat. Modest pressure to the gas pedal produces a subtle pull that defines the phase "smooth as silk." Having a Jaguar is like owning a piece of jewelry that you can drive. There might be better cars out there but I really don't care. I love my Jag. Best of all, it can pass the bumper sticker test for an MG ("My Other Car is a Jaguar").

### MMGG Technical Advisors

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

**Triple-M** - Lew Palmer 651/436-7401

**T-types** - Bob Figenskau 952/935-7909

**MGA** - Mike Hirschman 763/391-5769

**MGB** - Randy Byboth 952/936-9335

**Midgets** - Brian McCullough 651/462-0145

**Bodywork** - Open

## 2007 Spring Kick Off

*Signs of Spring*

### INTER-MARQUE SHOW AND BRUNCH

May 20

**1. VINTAGE FOREIGN CAR SHOW (10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.)**  
 The famous spring kick-off show returns to the walking path around the Radisson Plymouth. The show is **FREE**. Show cars, race cars, and works in progress are all invited. This year's theme is "007," and a special invitation is extended to any of James Bond's cars. (No RSVP is required for the show, but it helps us to prepare enough entry packets.)

**2. AWARDS, BRUNCH BUFFET & GET TOGETHER (NOON - 2:00 P.M.)**  
 Starting at noon, there will be a buffet, awards ceremony, and intermarque get-together at the Radisson. The price is only \$15.75 per person. (Money collected at the door. Please RSVP if you wish to attend the banquet as the Radisson needs an estimate of the number of attendees.)

Please RSVP for brunch by May 15  
 Name(s):  
 Car(s):  
 Club (if any):  
 # Banquet Attendees:  
 Please send to Phyllis Galberth, 19390 Judicial Road, Lakeville, Minnesota 55044  
 deegalberth@yahoo.com

**AWARDS AND PRIZES**

Trophy Awards (people's choice)  
 Best Open Car (1, 2 & 3)  
 Best Closed Car (1, 2 & 3)  
 Ladies' Choice  
 Masters' Class (past winners)  
 Unpolished Pearl  
 Paper Awards (judged)  
 Marque with the most attendees  
 Best Bond Car  
 Best James Bond  
 Best Bond Girl  
 Plus tons of door prizes (must attend brunch to win)

## TECH TIP: Another in a Series about Brakes

by Doctor Ernie (Dead Lake Motors)

In past issues I talked about things related to the front brakes, now lets move to the rear brakes. There's one type of rear brake that I'm not going to spend much time on. "The rear disc brake". Thank god, they're not very common. They were pretty much limited to high performance cars, or want to-be performance cars. I won't name names, just suffice to say they all have more than their share of problems. The problems almost always were related to their inability to live with the everyday dirt and grime at the back of the car, and their dismal life and ineffectiveness as a parking brake.

So moving on to just plain drum brakes, lets start with disassembly and inspection. To remove the drum, it's not uncommon to have to back off the shoe adjustments. There are too many types of adjusters to cover in this short tech tip, so if you're not familiar with your type, you'll have to research a shop manual. But once you have the drums off, close inspection and comparing side-to-side can save you considerable time and grief later. Start first by getting a drain pan to put below the brake assembly, and then use plain old warm water with dish soap to wash off most of the brake dust. **NEVER** use an air hose to blow this dirt off, as it's full of asbestos and metallic particles that are extremely harmful to your lungs. Once you have the brake parts mostly clean, get a clipboard and paper, and then draw a rough sketch of all pieces, noting locations and colors of springs. Also note length and position of the actual friction material as well as its color. Marking the shoes with a scratch awl or ice pick is a good idea. When disassembling I generally do only one side at a time so that I have a pattern to help remind me on reassembly. The danger of that practice is that you are assuming they were assembled right the time before. It's not unusual to find the right side assembled differently than the left side. If you have any doubts always consult a shop manual. The lining material density and length is different for the primary shoe than it is for the secondary shoe and their positions can vary depending on how the shoes are anchored. Now that you've determined exactly where each shoe and spring goes its time to inspect the wheel

cylinders. If they are leaking, that's a reasonable sign that you can at least get them apart. If the outer cylinder boot has leaked water into the cylinder, it's sometimes almost impossible to get them apart. If you're lucky enough to get the cylinder apart, you need to hone the cylinder bore using soapy water as a honing fluid. Don't spend too much time trying to save pitted or corroded cylinders, because many times a repair kit is almost as expensive as a whole new cylinder. When assembling a cylinder use only brake fluid or a brake assembling gel. Never use any petroleum product to clean or assemble brake hydraulic parts.

Next make sure the axle seals aren't leaking. Then back off the emergency brake cable or mechanism. Unlike the front brake rotors (discs), brake drums need to be near perfectly smooth and true. Don't forget to wash these off with soap and water when you get them back from the machine shop. If you're restoring the whole system don't paint the mating surfaces of the axle or hub and drum. File or grind off any rough areas where the shoes contact the brake back plate. A light dab of high temp grease should be put on these shoes to back plate contact areas, but take care not to get any grease on the shoe linings or drums. If any clips, springs, adjuster cables, or self adjusters are questionable or are a different length than its twin on the other side of the car replace them.

The general order of assembly is: wheel cylinders, shoes and springs, drums, adjust the shoes, bleed the brakes, adjust the emergency brake, road test, and recheck adjustment.

I'll cover master cylinders and bleeding the system in the next tech tip. **SAFE MOTORING!**

### A Special Thank You

To Diane Vinar and Cathy LaClair for helping me with the 2006 Holiday Party. And Thank You to all of the MMGG Club Members and Vendors that contributed to the Fabulous MG Buck Auction. A full list of the contributors will appear in next month's *Gazette*.



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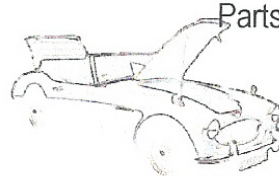
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# Calendar of MMGG CLUB Events

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.

- March 24, 2007**      **Kickoff Brunch** at Majors Sports Café, Bloomington. Hosted by Phyllis Galberth. \$16.00 per person (pay at the brunch). Notify Phyllis by March 16th if you plan to attend. (See *Gazette* cover for complete details.)
- March 31, 2007**      **Tech Session** Hosted by Keith Galberth, Dick Wallrich and Dan Shidla. 11:00 a.m. at Galberth's home. Learn how to prep a hardtop for paint and add dual fuel filters to a 1969 MGC. (See *Gazette* cover for complete details.)
- April 20, 2007**      **Gourmet Dinner or other social event** Hosted by Jon and Haidi Masley
- May 12, 2007**      **Driving Event** Hosted by Dick Wallrich. Starting from the Square Peg at 8 a.m. Route and details to follow.
- July 7, 2007**      **Chetek Car Show** Hosted by Diane and Steve Rindt.
- August 2007**      **John Twist's Annual MG Party** Grand Rapids, MN. A "not to be missed trip" hosted by Al and Sharon Kelsey. Contact them for exact dates and more information.
- August 11, 2007**      **All British Car and Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet** at Ellingson's Car Museum in Rogers, MN. Hosted by Jim and Cindy Pennoyer. Not only are motorcycles have been added this year as well as Valve Car Racing.
- August 19, 2007**      **MG Garden Party** Hosted by Lorna and Simon Bosworth and Jack and Kathryn Schneider. Early details hint at wine and appetizers. More information to follow.
- September 8, 2007**      **Wings and Wheels** Hosted by Barb and Tom Belongia
- September 22, 2007**      **Drive and Hayride Event** Hosted by Tom Billigmeier and Karen Lashbrook
- October 6, 2007**      **Fall Colour Tour** Hosted by Bill and Lorna McReaken and Bob and Lorie Jensen.
- October 27, 2007**      **Halloween Party** Hosted by Bob and Lorie Jensen
- November 10, 2007**      **MMGG Annual Meeting** By the MMGG officers. Location to be determined.
- January 19, 2008**      **MMGG Annual Holiday Party** We have already reserved the date for 2008. Please mark your calendars. Hosted by the Byboth's — Cindy and Randy, Tim and Mary Ruth and Steve

# 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.

**May 6, 2007**

**Sandy Rixen Memorial Tea** In honor of Sandy Rixen. Hosted by Steve Rixen. 1:30 p.m. location to be determined. *Semi formal, hats required, gloves optional.*

**May 20, 2007**

**Intermarque Council Banquet** Contact Phyllis Galberth for additional information. See page 10 for more information.

**May 26-28, 2007**

**Brainerd Racing Event** Contact Randy and Cindy Byboth for additional information.

**June 14-17, 2007**

**Rendezvous 2007** to be held in Grand Rapids, MN See page 6 and 7 for forms

**July 16-20, 2007**

**MG 2007** Sponsored by NAMGBR in Somona, CA (Napa Valley Wine Region). For more information check your *MGB Driver* or contact NAMGBR.

**July 26-28, 2007**

**MG T Register GOF (Gathering of the Faithful) 2007** To be held at the Oakridge Conference Center, Chaska, MN. Plan to attend this “close to home event” in July 2007.

**July 26-28, 2007**

**NAMGAR 2007** Whistler Village, British Columbia

**Sept. 9, 2007**

**21st All British Car Festival.** Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, IL. For more information [www.britishcarunion.com](http://www.britishcarunion.com)

## Other MMGG Events in the Planning Stages or Available for Hosting in 2007

Family Drive-In Theatre Night (being planned by Jim and Cindy Pennoyer)

Music by the River (being planned by Tom and Barb Belongia)

Musical, Theatre or Showboat event

Arboretum Tour and Drive

Nature or Cave Tour and Drive

Spring Blossom or Summer Highlights Drive

**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](mailto:tom.belong@pressenter.com). Make checks payable to the MMGG.

**For Sale** 1969 MGB orange with black interior, no rust, mag wheels. Engine rebuilt, runs great. 98k miles. Contact Emily Johnston, 608 9962264

*December 2006*

### Wanted

1. Very well used drivers seat cushion for 1973 or newer MGB
2. Set of used tires to use during restore of MGA.
3. Banjo type rear axle, mainly looking for ( 3.9 : 1) gear set / differential.
4. Information leading to the manufacture of a "body Rotisserie" for MGA Coupe

Thanks  
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Contact Doug Spears at Park Bus Co. at 651-485-4823

*March 2007*

**New MGF Has Arrived! Silver and Red. Call Mark Brandow 612-306-0044**

**For Sale** 71 MGB - GT for sale due to family emergency. No Rust - had the car trucked from California 2 years ago. Medium blue in color. Original color was orange. Converted to 12 volt negative ground by previous owner. Original aluminum hood. All gauges work properly. Runs well. \$4,000 firm. Contact [kenvs@msn.com](mailto:kenvs@msn.com). Located in Apple Valley, MN. Ken Vallet-Sandre

*October 2006*

**For Sale:** 1977 MG Midget, BRG, tan interior. 40K miles. \$4995.

**For Sale:** 1979 MGB White and black interior. 10 year storage. New brakes and hydraulics. \$5750 OBO.

**For Sale:** 1974 TR 6 Yellow with overdrive. \$8000 OBO.

**For Sale:** 1955 MGTF Tan with Brown interior, \$15000.

**For Sale** 1974 MGB Orange with Black interior. Needs body work. \$4500.

**For Sale** 1975 Triumph TR6 Orange and Black. New breaks and Mag wheels. \$6000.

**For Sale:** 1970 MGB Red with White. New Clutch.\$2500 or best offer.

**For Sale** 1952 MGTD primerose with red. Older restoration and mechanically sound.

**Call Mark on his cell phone at 612-306-0044**

*November 2006*

**For Sale** 1970 MG Midget. New Clutch, rebuilt transmission. Asking \$4500. Contact Vernon Watkins at 812 3rd St NW. Waseca, MN 56093.

*March 2007*

**For Sale** 1964-65 MGB, orange with black, no rust. Stored in Afton MN. New tires, with wire wheels, clutch and transmission overhauled. Contact Jim Thurmes at 218 879 5798

*February 2007*

**For Sale** 1977 MGB solid body and frame. No rust, was a Missouri car. Very good top and nice interior. Needs a new ignition. Best offer. 715 425 7353

*November 2006*

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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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