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MG SUMMER PICNIC

Hosts: Keith and Phyllis Galberth
 Date: Saturday June 28th
 Time: Noon- 6 p.m.
 Place: 19390 Judicial Road
 Lakeville, Minnesota

Enjoy a summer afternoon picnic with MG owners and their Little British Cars. Eat, share pictures & stories, gaze at the MGs on the lawn and just plain ol' visiting. Anyone who has some game equipment; volleyball, horseshoes, croquet etc. please bring along for those who wish to be energetic.

We will have Turkey, Ham, buns, snacks, pop, water, and some beer and wine. Please bring your favorite side dishes, salads or desserts and beverages.

If you plan to attend please R.S.V.P to Phyllis or Keith at 952-898-6914 or deegalberth@yahoo.com

Directions to our Lakeville British Motorcar Habitat:
 Exit 35 at 185th St./Co Rd 60 .
 West about 1.25 miles to Judicial Road.
 South on Judicial Road about .85 mile.
 19390 Judicial Road is on the East side of the Road.
 Look for the British Flag



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The Left Hand Thread

By MMGG President Richard Wallrich



Parents: Do You Know Where Your MG Value Is?

I have been trying to catch up on my MG reading in the evenings. Added to the regular stuff I get every month has been a couple of magazines that deal with the sale of cars and one that follows the auction markets around the world every month. Larry Henle has been saving a really good one for me called Sports Car Market which deals in the really big time stuff. These are the cars that you have to be wearing an ascot in order to check the oil. The reading for me is almost humorous because I'll never see the world of buying and selling cars that are all more expensive than my house along with its contents. Of course this is no big deal for Larry, as anyone who has been to his garage will tell you, he usually dons a white dinner jacket in his garage for cocktails every day at 4:00 p.m.

Now if you are like me, you keep one eye at least haphazardly on the current prices of MGs. Or do you really? I thought that I did, until I started to take a close look at what the cars have going for at sales and auctions this year. For example, at an auction in Fort Lauderdale in January, a 1958 MGA 1500 went for \$35,100 with the comment that "*No longer a disposable British sports car, collectors are settling in with their choice of years and colors. That's not to say that there are less expensive ones out there but this is darn close to market correct!*" How about a 1967 MGB-GT that went for \$11,988.00. The auction comments were, "*This is correct money for a BGT in the current market and it might sound cheap in a few months*". I can list ex-

ample after example of MGs going for much more than I would certainly expect at auctions.

So you say that this is just bidding fever on a few cars. That's easy to think until you look at some regular sale ads that are not auctions. How about a 1972 MGB roadster with a sales price of \$15,000.00? A 1973 red roadster for \$16,000.00? An MGA Coupe for \$23,900.00? I can go on and on as I pull examples from different magazines.

This made me think even further. What does the official NADA book say? NADA stands for National Automotive Dealers Association. These are the people that really dictate the value of cars, especially when it comes to your bank, a car dealer or the DMV. Well, I was surprised again. I used an example of a 1972 MGB roadster with overdrive. The low retail was \$6425.00, the average \$10,000.00 and the high retail \$25,600.00 If you have a factory hardtop, add another thousand bucks. Next I tried a MGA. The figures for a 1958 MGA are \$9,900 for a low retail, \$15,500 for average and \$31,700 for a high retail. Think I'm lying, look it up for yourself. A TwinCam gets even more interesting with a high retail of \$41,800. The Goldbook is even a little higher, as they base their figures from databases of actual sales. They show the MGA roadster at \$35,000

What's driving the rise in prices you ask? A lot of the other cars have had their time with collectors. Muscle cars are not getting the prices that they were a couple of years ago. Maybe people are finally getting wise to the fact that MGs were actually well built compared to their rivals of the era and a person can actually afford to own one. My brother used to sell used Ferraris in Seattle back in the late 60's. He used to do a lot of business down in Portland. When he went down there he always took his BGT and never one of the Italian things as he wanted to make it back home with a minimum of hassle. We joke about Lucas but he used to say that Ferraris were wired with spaghetti. I think that the styling of a MGB is as current as today's cars and that a MGA is the benchmark of sports car styling. You can also have as much or more fun in a MG as you can in any other sports car while spending a lot less money.

What does it mean to you other than your MG probably did better than your stock portfolio last year? Well, when it comes time to renew your classic insurance, do some detective work and be sure you

don't undervalue your car with your insurance company. Most collector car policies are agreed value policies. If you only list your car as being worth \$3,000 then you will have cheap insurance but that is all you will get when the blimp falls on it in the Target parking lot. Beware of MG insurance that you may have tacked to your other family cars as they may not be covering your MG as much as they should. Some insurance companies will secretly list it at a much lower value than what it really is. That is why your agent can add it on so cheap. You're paying a cheap rate to not have your MG properly insured. Do you think that anyone at State Farm is figuring out what my Singer Gazelle is really worth? That's why I have it and my MGs with Hagerty. My insurance on my collector cars renews in July and you can be certain that I'll be upping my coverage this year.

On a final note, please look elsewhere for an update on the Velocity Car Show. This is going to be the most important event in British car circles. We are looking for a very large turnout and we want you there. Have a safe drive to Canada and to the other events this month. Remember to check the little details like lug nuts, wheel bearings, wheel balance and alignment and that there is safety in numbers.

THE RUBBER B'S

EDITOR'S NOTES

TOM & BARB BELONGIA, EDITORS



Another month another newsletter. Hope you enjoy this month's *Gazette* and we apologize that it is arriving late on your computer or in your mailbox. The deadline for all submissions is the 15th of the month. If you're late — we're late. We need 10 days to produce and print the *Gazette*. If we're done on the 25th even the snail mail copies will arrive by the 1st. Please help us and all your fellow club members with your timely submission of articles and event information.

Tom and Barb

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If you or anyone with an MG ever wishes to tour our facility, we'll be more than happy to set something up, as we are very proud of the premium spaces and facility we that have to offer.

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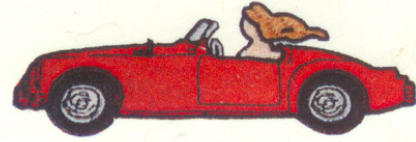
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Need a Nametag?

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 \$10.00. Send your check to Bill, made out to MMGG.



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MG Girl Regalia (both the above design as well as the new MGT and MGB) is available from Diane Rindt. Please contact her if you are interested in any of the following items or for special orders.

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*TECH TIP: by Ernie West**Another Off The Wall Subject*

This one is quite specific. In particular it deals with most Fords back in the 60's and 70's that had points and condensers. On almost every one of these cars and pickups, that I serviced, I found practically no mechanical advancing or vacuum advancing. It's no wonder these lumps were lacking in power and had atrocious fuel economy. It's like the guys that set up these distributors at the factory had stocks in the oil companies.

The good part is that they are easily adjustable. Most of these distributors can have the mechanical advance springs adjusted by simply rotating the engine slowly till you see one of two advance springs directly below a small square hole in the breaker plate. If it's like most, you will see the spring fastened to a bendable peg, and it will be bent toward the outside of the hole. This condition virtually eliminates any centrifugal advance. If you bend this peg to about the center of the square hole, you will be in the ballpark of what the engine needs. You will then need to rotate the engine one turn (1/2 distributor turn) then do the same to the other spring peg.

To check what mechanical advance you have using a timing light, you first need to unhook the vacuum advance. Next see what initial timing you have at slow idle (700 RPM or less). This initial timing should be from 7 to 10 degrees in most cases. Then rev up engine to at least 4000RPM. This should produce another 10 to 15 degrees of advance. So at this point you should have a total of 17 to 25 degrees of advance at 4000RPM.

To adjust the vacuum advance you use an Allen Wrench inserted into the end of the vacuum unit on the distributor that the vacuum hose hooks onto. By turning it right or left you can control how much and how soon you get vacuum advance. To check what you have and what you will adjust to, you simply hook a vacuum hose from the distributor to any full vacuum port on the intake manifold or carburetor. Adjust it to at least 12 degrees advance over and above the slow idle speed initial timing.

So in summary, you should have 7 to 10 degrees of initial (static) timing, 10 to 15 degrees of me-

chanical (centrifugal) advance and 12 degrees of vacuum advance giving you 27 to 37 degrees of total advance at 4000RPM with the vacuum advance hose hooked up. This will really wake up these 700-pound cast-iron wonders. If the engine pings hard on acceleration just back up the initial timing setting to 4 or 5 degrees, or until the pinging stops.

Safe Motoring!!! Dead Lake Motors

If you are going to Pinawa, MB for Rendezvous 2008, and plan to take 2 days, you are invited to stop and have dinner with us at our lake cabin, 10 miles north of Park Rapids, Minnesota, on the evening of June 4. We will be leaving for Pinawa about 7:30-8:00 AM on June 5, and will be happy to convoy with anyone who wants to go that route.

This is not the shortest route from your home to Pinawa. It is about 30 miles further and 2 hours longer for the total trip from the Twin Cities, but you can do four hours on Wednesday afternoon (leave earlier and spend some time at Itasca State Park too), and about seven hours of mostly rural driving on Thursday. We can not accommodate everyone for sleeping, but there are many motels in the area. We will provide burgers, brats all of the fixings and beverages for anyone who RSVPs at least 48 hours ahead of time. The cabin address and phone number will be provided in future issues. RSVP early for specific driving directions and contact info for motels.

Bill & Lorna McReaken**The MGA Twin Cam Golden Anniversary Jubilee**

will be held Sunday, July 13 and Monday, July 14, 2008 at Seven Springs, PA just before NAMGAR GT33 beginning on Tuesday. Both are held at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort on the western side of Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh.

The main event will be to commemorate the beginning of the production of the new MG capable of 120 mph. The main event will be a reenactment of BMC's Demonstration Day when the company invited the press to a military test track in the Surrey, England to test drive four Twin Cams. The press then made BMC's news release about the car.

Velocity-The Art of Motion

Dick Wallrich -Minnesota MG Group

By now most everyone has heard off the Velocity Car Show that we are sponsoring for a night on Friday, August 1st. Here is the full details of the event.

The Velocity Art Show is an art show dedicated to motoring art. It includes photography, sculpture, drawn arts and oils. It has never been presented in this format in this area before. The curator of the show has asked car clubs if they would like to sponsor a night at the show. We chose the night of Friday, August 1st.. Our club chose to join with the Minnesota MG T Register, the Austin Healey Club, Triumph Club and the Jaguar Club in presenting this evening. The total run for the event is June 28th until August 3rd, but we are sponsoring just Friday the 1st.

By sponsoring this night we are satisfying several goals that we set for ourselves at the last annual meeting. One is to form some sort of outreach program to build demand for our hobby and the other is to perform a service project to give something back to the community. The design of this show will allow us to do both projects.


We have designed the event to be a Concours De 'Elegance type of event. We are closing off Main Street in Hopkins to showcase the cars. Each of the clubs can pick what they think are the ten best cars of each model to represent the marque of their club to be on display in front of the Art Center. There will be ten additional slots for "other" types of British cars. We have invited cars like Rolls Royce, Minis, Morgans and others to be in this class. Everyone is asked to bring their British car this night, but the invited cars will be in the front paddock area. People attending the event will be able to buy ballots for one dollar to vote for the car of their choice in the paddock. The money collected from the sale of ballots will go to Opportunity Partners of Hopkins. They are an agency that provides housing, job and educational opportunities to developmentally disabled young people and adults in the Twin Cities. We will be selling ballots in the weeks before the event to develop interest in the event and to raise more money for Opportunity Partners. We will require that the people who own the invited cars to be with their cars that night to sell extra ballots and to be able to explain and answer questions about their cars to the public that evening. We also want the invited cars to be available for the clients of Opportunity Partners to be able to sit in the cars and have their pictures taken. We could also have a couple of cars available to give people rides around the residential neighborhood in back of the Art Center.

Now for the best part. If a person buys a block of twenty ballots, they will get a free pass into a private reception that we will be giving in the Art Center. The Cold Spring Brewing Company in Cold Spring, Minnesota is brewing a special ale for our British Cars. It's called Olde Johnny Ale and is our new replacement for Old Speckled Hen which is no longer available in this area. They also brew Killebrew Root Beer which they will also be giving out that night. Our members will be making light appetizers to be served at the reception.

Now then, getting back to the goals part of the story we achieve our clubs goals in several ways. First we are raising money for Opportunity Partners and helping them in the great programs that they provide. Secondly, we are giving an excit-

ing night to their clients many of whom are male and are car nuts. Third, we build interest in our cars from the other people who are attending to help out Opportunity Partners. This helps build the market for British cars. If that wasn't enough, we get to play with our cars and have a good time.

Since I was given the mandate by the membership to do a service project for the club it should be everyone in the clubs responsibility to participate in the service project. We would like you to sell ballots at your workplace, church, neighborhood and anywhere else you think they will sell legally. We will have them ready in a week or so for distribution. Please contact the President of your club on how to get the ballots in your hands. Please don't pass this off. We need your help in order for this to be a success. Don't let the same few people in the club do all of the work. This is something that will benefit everyone in the club.



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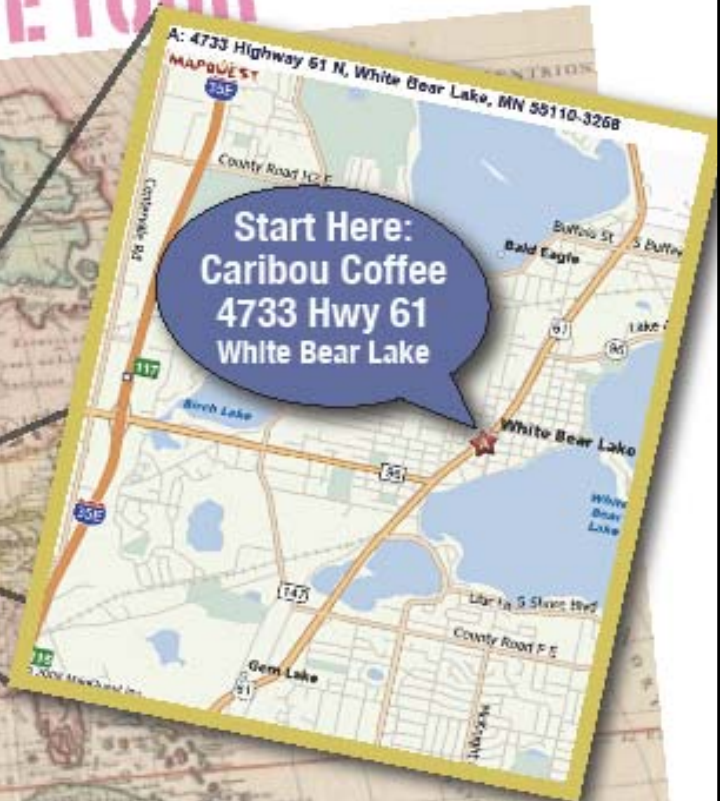
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Calendar of MMGG CLUB Events

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.

- June 28, 2008** **Summer Picnic** — Hosts: Keith and Phyllis Galberth
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See the front page for directions to the Summer Picnic
- July 13-14, 2008** The event is The MGA Twin Cam Golden Anniversary Jubilee. It is held Sunday, July 13 and Monday, July 14, 2008 at Seven Springs, PA just before NAMGAR GT33 beginning on Tuesday. Both are held at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort on the western side of Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh.
- July 20, 2008** **Garden Party** Hosted by the Bosworth's and Schneider's
- July 26, 2008** **Grand Round Tour** Hosted by Dawn Williams
- August 9, 2008** **Ellingson's Car Show and Swap Meet** Hosted by Jim Pennoyer and Brian McCullough
- September 13, 2008** **Wings & Wheels** Hosted by Tom and Barb Belongia
- September, 27, 2008** **5th Annual Fish 'n Chips** Hosted by Tom and Barb Belongia
- October 4, 2008** **Fall Colour Tour** Hosted by Diane and Ken Merrill
- October 11, 2008** **Autumn Tour** Hosted by Keith and Phyllis Galberth
- October 25, 2008** **Halloween Party** Hosted by Bob and Lori Jensen
- November, 2008** **Annual MMGG Meeting** Date and Location to be determined.
- December, 2008** **Pre-Holiday Event** Date and Hosts needed
- December 31, 2008** **New Year's Eve Party** Hosted by Dick and Val Wallrich
- January, 2009** **MMGG Annual Holiday Party** At Tartan Park Club House. Hosted by Dawn Williams, Diane Vinar, and Cathy LaClair

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 Specific MMGG event. tom.belong@pressenter.com

Calendar of Other Events

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Saturday Mornings
All Year Round**

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.

**East Ender’s Breakfast
1st and 3rd
Saturdays**

A group of MGers have started a semi monthly East Enders Breakfast group. For those MG (and any other) enthusiasts that want to breakfast a little later and not drive to Minneapolis. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month, 9 a.m. at the **Keys Cafe located at 840 Carmichael Road, Hudson, Wi. 1 mile north at Exit #2 and I-94 (Carmichael Road Exit)**. Sorry, checks are not accepted. All are welcome.

**NOTICE:
LOCATION CHANGE**

May 31– June 8, 2008

British Car Week go to www.britishcarweek.org for more information

June 5-8, 2008

Rendezvous 2008 Pinawa, Manitoba, Canada Hopefully you’ve made your plans to attend this annual event.

June 25-29, 2008

NAMGBR Annual Gathering Valley Forge, PA

July 5, 2008

Chetek Car Show, Chetek, WI Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt — see page 11 for more details.

July 8, 2008

Square Peg Benefit Hopkins Center for the Arts, Hosted by Phil Vanner

July 10 -13, 2008

GOF Central MK XXX Auburn, IL. Hosted by the Olde Octagons of Indiana. Activities include Afternoon Tea T Time, First Timers’ Display, Raffle and Auction, In Line with the Classics Car Show and Banquet and Awards at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. For information kkubick@iquest.net or momsmg@comcast.net.

August 1, 2008

British Car Night at the Velocity International Motoring Art Show, Hopkins,

Additional Events for 2008 — Thanks to everyone who came with ideas and volunteered to host events for the MMGG membership in 2008. There are still open dates on the calendar, events that need hosts or space for other events. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to host an event — they’re fun and easy to host. Please discuss your ideas and dates with Dawn Williams to prevent any overlap of events and get your information into the *Gazette* with as much advance notice as possible to assure everyone is aware of your event and can plan to attend. Please include all the details!

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 1974 MGB Roadster. Purple with tan interior. 107K miles 4 speed with overdrive. Weber Carbs, Nardi signature steering wheel. After market cast aluminum wheels. Many more interesting features, asking \$5,500. Call Jon at 952-470-0092

May 2008

For Sale 1973 Midget, red w/black top. Extensive engine and partial overall restoration done in April 2007. Driven only 150 since then. New clutch and slave cylinder, new convertible top, tonneau, bra & took kit. No rust, heated winter storage. Nearly level 2 in many respects. \$5000. Mike Haeuser @ 507-934-3289. Email at Haeuser@gustavus.edu.

April 2008

For Sale 1979 MGB convertible Red w new black top, no rust. Engine rebuilt at 79,057 miles. Has over-drive, rebuilt transmission, new cam and lifters, timing chain. Weber carb., electronic distributor, header exhaust. Recent new parts are, fuel pump, hoses, brakes, clutch master cylinder, starter, alternator, water pump, and shocks. New Dunlop Tires. Air Horn and electric radiator fan. Stored in garage all winters. \$8,500. Call Curt Robinson at 612 825 9068 or e-mail at: carmg1@aol.com

For Sale 4 original rosette style wheels with trim ring from 1974 MGB (measure 15x5.5) Rear bumper from 1974 MGB (new) Chrome luggage rack for MGB (includes mounting hardware) Misc. Parts (some new) Mud Flaps, Interior door handle mechanism, moldings, headlight stone guards, front window center rod, switches, etc. Call or e-mail. Will negotiate on price. Jon Weiss HM: (952) 470-0092 or at jonboy48@aol.com

May 2008

For Sale 1960 Austin Healey 3000 MK I BT7. Red with black interior, chrome wire wheels, tonneau, older soft top. Has overdrive. \$20,000 invested in recent restoration, selling for only \$35,000

For Sale 1979 MG Midget Right Hand Drive! 84K miles. New rockers, dual SU's. De-smogged. \$8,500

For Sale 1979 Orange with black interior. Rosestyle wheels. 85k miles. \$5,995 OBO

For Sale 1972 MG Midget. Iowa car. Red with black interior. 40K miles. New master brake cylinder. Restored in 2003. \$5,450 OBO.

For Sale 1962 Midget, MK I Green. Mag Wheels with a 1275 engine. This is a distressed sale. \$6,000

For Sale 1980 VW rabbit cabriolet. Silver. 60K miles. Manual transmission. Great student car for college. \$5,000. Spring Special.

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



For Sale 1979 Midget all original, unrestored. 21,000 original miles, near number one condition. Vermilion/black. Factory original inside and out. S/N is in the last 5000 cars produced. No rust, never damaged. Dealer-installed roll bar, radio, "B" style luggage rack. Original top, window clear, original tires. All decals in engine compartment are present and original. This car received third place award at the national NAMGBR event in Minnesota in 2001. Includes bra, technalon cover, tonneau, Bentley service manual, original owner's manual, original tools in original factory bag.

Serious inquiries only. Bill Blincoc, 763-234-8684 or wrblincoc@earthlink.net

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)

**mail to: Minnesota MG Group, 3947 Bailey Ridge Draw,
Woodbury, Minnesota 55125
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New Renewal Changes

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