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2008 Fall Color Tour

Saturday October 4th 8 a.m.

**The Machine Shed Restaurant
94 & Radio Drive
Northeast corner Parking lot**

**Drive the Hills to the
Fisherman's Inn at Oronoco**

Hosted by Ken & Diane Merrill

Mc Cullough's Open House

**Hosted by Brian & Jennifer
Mc Cullough
Linwood, MN**

**Saturday October 18
Noon to 5 p.m.**

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Jensen's Halloween Party

Hosted by Bob & Lori Jensen

**Saturday, November 1st
Come in costume (or not)**

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The Left Hand Thread



By MMGG President Richard Wallrich

Don't forget that the annual meeting of MMGG is on Saturday November 8th at 10:00 a.m.. We will again hold it at the Square Peg Restaurant. Phil Vanner will have coffee for everyone. Come for breakfast first at 8:00 like the normal Saturday crowd. My two year term is up but I will be willing to do another one if the membership desires. However, if you would like to apply for the office you are certainly welcome to throw your hat in the ring. Please, no lawn signs though.

We are still looking for a newsletter editor. We will be supplying the new editor with new software to do the newsletter. We are also going to be changing our web site and making improvements to it. We are also still looking for a person to handle the regalia. Please give me a call if you're interested and I can give you more details.

Another thing that is always on the docket at the annual meeting is to get the event calendar started for the next year. Please don't let the same people do all the events. I would like to get a pledge from every member this year. To maintain a strong club of MG enthusiasts, I would like to have everyone pledge to do one thing this next year. That is, to contribute one newsletter article, or to host one event, or to contribute one item for the club next year. Maybe, in your job, you have an expertise that could be shared in a tech session with the other members of the club. Everyone has a talent that can benefit the other members of the club. In order to stay strong, we need your help. Please plan on attending the meeting.

An item that needs to be listed thirty days before the meeting as specified in the bylaws is a change the newsletter editor to be combined with the secretary's position. We will discuss this more at the meeting. I hope to see everyone at The Peg for the meeting.

'Mc Cullough's Fall Shop Open Doors'

Saturday, October 18th, 2008 Noon to 5 p.m.

Brian and Jennifer Mc Cullough invite their friends and British Car Club Members— former, present and future - to their "Fall Shop Open Doors"

Enjoy a nice outdoor fall drive, visit our shop — there will be food, pop, treats, coffee, hot apple cider, as well as bench racing, 'back then' stories, stories of events attended by various members, and some Classic factory propaganda on the movie screen — and "a fire". (No, the fire will not be held in the engine bay of a Leyland era vehicle but we are considering a Ford) If you are daring and courageous, or just stubborn like us, bring your LBC. We will have a small self driving and 'late' fall Colour tour map with a few of our scenic areas round the side of town you may not have visited before. Paved roads and low traffic as much as possible. It's always fun moving along with the leaves blowing upwards!

Forecast: Dress warm. If you're used to driving your British Roadster in Bitters of early spring or the crisp of late fall, then you can dress as you would normally!

We will have a few interesting projects in and outside the doors when you visit. Everything from Jaguars, Triumphs, MGs, Healeys, Minis, complete restorations, driveline re-powered whatnots to who knows what will be in and what will be out by this time! There's always something interesting.

Please RSVP by 10/11/08

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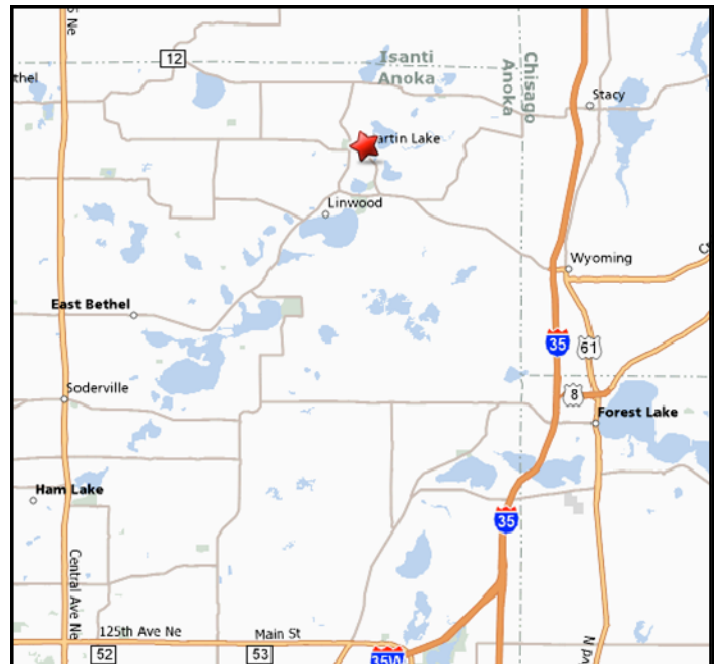
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*Approximately ½ mile down the road, turn left onto 225th Avenue which is the first left you can take at Martin Lake Picnic Area.

We are the very last home in the cul-de-sac on the left hand side. You can't miss it, there is always a few Classic LBCs sitting in one or both of our driveways!

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MG Girl!

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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40th Anniversary of Brainerd International

By Dick Wallrich

It was a fun but wet weekend of kind of racing at Brainerd International. The new track owners have made some great strides into turning BIR back into a going concern, the weather just didn't cooperate very well. Friday started out with great weather for track running. Both Randy Byboth and Steve Rindt



brought their Sprites (really midgets) and Mark Brandow came with his MG-TC and MGA.

On Friday, we set up our race camp including a 10 by 20 foot tent that we use

a race car garage. Kenny Merrill even hung one of his signature chandeliers to give it the correct ambiance. Mark broke the left rear axle on his MGA which started a massive hunt for a new axle. Simon Bosworth was drafted to go into someone's garage in the Twin Cities to bring a new one up with him on Saturday. Steve and Randy ran strong on Friday. The track sponsored a pig roast on Friday night which had very good food and great camaraderie.

Saturday morning saw thickening clouds and the racers ran strong on the track again. Steve Rindt broke a clutch at about noon, putting him out for the weekend. Mark drove his TC in the morning and the Old Reliable TC showed its stuff again. Randy was running very strong with his Sprite and was turning as good of lap times as the Lotus and Porsche that we timed. However, the rain started about noon which washed out the racing for the afternoon. Did I mention that we got really wet? The axle that Simon brought up didn't fit, so Steve Nichols brought up another one Saturday afternoon. The rains stopped just in time for the banquet. The featured speakers were Bobby Unser and Chris Economaki who both gave fascinating speeches and relived some great memories. After the banquet, Mark Anderson had dropped off more axles to the track and Ken Merrill took his duties as pit crew to heart. He decided to put in Marks axle for him at about 11:00 p.m. that night. So there we were with a beer in one hand and a

socket in the other. Kenny got the axle in the car in about thirty minutes and the MGA was ready to race again for Sunday morning.

Sunday morning the TV weather man said the day was going to be 65 F and sunny, as it was raining outside our window. We checked the weather and went back to bed. At about 9:00 we decided to get up and head for the track, but not before having a good breakfast somewhere. Kenny and I decided to have breakfast at the 371 Diner on the way to the track. When we got there, there was only one booth left as everyone else had the same idea. I looked up and saw Bobby Unser and Chris Economaki walk in, looking for a place to sit.. Kenny and I asked them to join us as there wasn't anywhere to sit and they readily accepted, being the nice guys that they are. So we had the honor of having breakfast with Bobby Unser and Chris Economaki.



They told us some great stories about racing at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Chris used to be the track announcer at the State Fair in the fifties and sixties before he started with ABC Sports. After a great breakfast, we had to go back to the track in the pouring rain to start taking everything down and putting it away. We really got soaked putting the tent away. It took until Wednesday to dry everything out in the back yard. Did I mention I was still moist?

Well, so that's what happens when you go racing. You sometimes get wet and you sometimes break things but you always have great experiences. Hope to see you at the next one.



FROM THE CORNER OF MADAM VICE



DAWN WILLIAMS

The only thing difficult about hosting the holiday party for the club in January is making sure that everyone receives the MG bucks at all the events throughout the year. On several occasions I have put a bag of MG bucks in the trunk of my car, gone to the ride, picnic or party and yes, came home with the same number of bucks that I left home with just hours before.

So what does that mean? I guess there are some folks out there that won't be able to outbid me on the best prizes at the holiday party on January 17 at Tartan Park. Like the stained glass pieces that Jim Pennoyer always makes and brings to the annual celebration or one of the wooden pens that Simon Bosworth makes for this gala evening. Just kidding everyone, we really will get you the bucks that you earned by coming to the events throughout the year. The only question is — WHO ARE YOU AND HOW MANY DO WE OWE YOU?

We had a great turnout at the Velocity Art Show in Hopkins on August 1. Wonderful cars were chosen by each British car club to be on display and there were a lot of spectators roaming around. I think there may be some new potential club members out there. I went to this event with bucks and they remained very safe in the trunk of my car the entire evening. Opportunity Partners was the non-profit organization that our clubs sponsored this year and we were able to donate over \$2500.00 to this wonderful organization. This is money that car enthusiasts paid to vote on their favorite cars, a dollar a vote.

Ellingson's car show was once again a great success with great weather and a lot of car enthusiasts looking at all the beautiful sports cars that made the trip to Rogers. You will never guess but once again, MG bucks were very safe in the trunk of a car.

Wings and Wheels in Osceola, Wisconsin on September 6 was another great day with lots of good shopping in town and at the craft shows as an added bonus. This is an event that our club generally takes the "most members and cars attending" plaque and we did again this year. Thanks to Jon and Haidi Masley, our hosts this year. They had the honor of "Securing the Hill" at the crack of dawn. I remember when Wendy Sott and I had that pleasure(?) Neither of us being morning people it was a tremendous responsibility but we did as did the Masley's and rose to the occasion with eyes half open and cold coffee in cups, and once again the hill belonged to the MGs. This is always a great event for MG friends to hang out, kick tires and talk spark plugs or whatever guys do while the women go shopping.

Keith and Vonda Pryor hosted a party at their home after Wings and Wheels and there was a lot of sports car owners who stopped and spent the end of another gorgeous summer day with MG friends. With burgers and brats, beer, wine and soda on the menu it was a great way to finish off the afternoon.

I think my favorite time of the year for a road ride in my MG is Fall. The Fall Colour should not be missed. On October 4, Diane and Ken Merrill are taking us for a ride. They are picking the route and we will follow them. I hope you can put both this date on your calendar and join us. Tops down, hats on. Come on out and check out the beautiful colors that Minnesota and Wisconsin present us with in the fall of the year.

The Annual Halloween party is scheduled for Bob and Lorie Jensen's house in Stillwater. Bring a dish to share and your favorite spooky costume and come on out. Another outdoor fire will be raging as our MG car shows and rallies come to a close for this season. But this doesn't mean that we stop getting our MG friends together, the size of the car just changes.

On November 8 our MG club has our annual meeting. This is a great time to give input into what the club does during the upcoming year. This is your club, we need you to come on out and help make

plans. We also need hosts for the rides, parties and picnics. So please join us, we need you. We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Square Peg in Northeast Minneapolis, (come earlier for breakfast if you can).

We are looking for someone to host an event in December, a pre-Holiday party. How about it? Do you have something in mind and want some company? Contact me and I will work with you to get it on the schedule.

MG Girls, we have plans for some really great table decorations for the holiday party this year so come on out to the Annual Meeting so you get all the info and can plan to join us. Last year we made birdhouses at Quality Coaches. This year we plan to make something that we will all want to win and bid on at the Holiday party. We have a great time together, come on out and join us.

When you come to any of these events, please make sure you track either myself, Diane Vinar or Cathy LaClair down to get all those MG Bucks that we owe you. If you wear your name tag you get extra bucks and more yet when you bring your car, your spouse or a friend. IT'S AMAZING HOW THEY COUNT UP but you have to be there to get them. You also have to tackle me to get my trunk key.

See you on the road this Fall. Safety Fast

Photos from the 5th Annual Fish n' Chips Dinner



THE RUBBER B'S



EDITOR'S NOTES
TOM & BARB BELONGIA, EDITORS

Just a few weeks and we'll have to stay "sleep tight" to our MGs and other British cars for the upcoming winter. We hope you're not wasting a day in getting a drive — either with a group or by yourself — to take in the beautiful fall days.

Thanks to everyone who attend the 5th Annual Fish 'n Chips last Saturday. We believe it was an all time attendance record — even exceeded the "wedding" Fish 'n Chips. Between those that "signed in" and our best memories, we believe we had about 65 MG enthusiasts from both our MMGG club and the MN T Register. We're already planning the 6th annual date for 2009. Our preliminary date is October 3, 2009. Mark your calendars now. Don't forget to attend this important annual event. The activities of the club for the upcoming year are planned at this meeting and it's your opportunity to become more involved in your club. There are a few "jobs" to fill and hosts and event planners are always welcome. Make 2009 the year you become more active in the MMGG group — and make new friendships and demonstrate your love of MGs.

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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.

October 4, 2008

Fall Colour Tour Hosted by Diane and Ken Merrill — The Fall Colour Tour this year will be held on Saturday, October 4th. We will start out by meeting at the Machine Shed Restaurant (I-94 and Radio Drive in Woodbury) at 8:00 a.m. for those who want to have breakfast. We will depart promptly at 10:00 a.m. for a great drive on what are probably the best sports' car roads in Minnesota. We will be driving along the bluffs, up and down hills and around some of the best curves to be found anywhere. We'll end at the Fisherman's Inn in Oronoco for a late lunch about 2:00 p.m. Come with a full tank of gas. We'll see you there!

November 1, 2008

Well it is time for the Halloween party at Bob and Lori Jensen's on Saturday, November 1st. There will be food and pop, some beer (Premium) It would be great if some came in costume, though Bob says he's the worst at it. The party will start around 7 p.m. and go on until "late". There will be a bonfire (barring rain). BYOB. Please bring some "treats" to share. They will have turkey and beans and some other things. The address is 5355 Monarda Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082. They are just south of the High School. From HWY 36 go south on HWY 5, turn left on 53rd St., then left on Monarda. From HWY 94 go north on Manning to the light (HWY 5), take a right and go north to the 3rd right (53rd street), turn right, then first left is Monarda. Call (651) 351-9500 to discuss or if you get lost.

November 8, 2008

Annual MMGG Meeting The annual meeting of MMGG will be held on Saturday November 8th at 10:00 AM. We will again hold it at the Square Peg Restaurant, 2021 East Hennepin Avenue. Phil will have coffee for everyone. Come for breakfast first at 8:00 like the normal Saturday crowd. Our meeting will start after breakfast.

December 31, 2008

New Year's Eve Party Hosted by Dick and Val Wallrich

January 17, 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

Support Our Friends!

**On Going
Saturday Mornings
All Year Round**

Saturday morning British Breakfast at the Square Peg Diner, 2021 East Hennepin Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 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
NOTICE:
LOCATION CHANGE
All Year Round too!**

A group of MGers have started a semi monthly East Ender’s 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 **Sail Away Café, 1321 St. Croix Trail Afton Mn. Just North of the junction of County Road 18 and St. Croix Trail.** We dine outdoors when weather permits and you can park your cars right on St. Croix Trail for all to see.

FOR SALE: 1967 MGB-GT Special. Tartan Red, nice paint, Nice chrome, Gray Leather with Red Piping interior, nice interior, very clean engine bay, MiniLite wheels, overdrive. Good driver. Call Jon Masley at 651-335-2372. \$9,999.

September 08

For Sale: 1960 Healey Bugeye Sprite in perfect running condition. Red, tan interior. Includes tonneau, window attachments, top, jack, spare tire, and more. I've owned it 10 years.

Best offer over \$10,000. According to a concourse judge I consulted, it's one of the best around.

Deborah deborah.kjs@gmail.com (612) 670-1332 Please leave message if no answer

September 08

For Sale: Used stow-away top for MGB, and top frame and header. Will sell separately or in combination. Top has no tears or patches and Plexiglas has only very minor distortion in it. Excellent condition. Call Bill McReaken @ 952-890-0102.

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Oct 2008

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 1979 Midget all original, un-restored. 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 Blincoe, 763-234-8684 or wrblincoe@earthlink.net

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 1979 MGB White with wire wheels. Needs a new owner soon. Reduced Price \$4,895

For Sale 1962 Midget, MK I Green. Mag Wheels with a 1275 engine. This is a distressed sale. \$5,500

For Sale 1952 MGTD Black, and still under wraps! Call Mark for information

For Sale 1980 MGB Brown. Call Mark

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

For Sale: 1980 MGB. Black/Black, 4-speed with overdrive, tires good, seats good but show a little wear, floor mats good. Runs and drives fine; has a bit of rust on rocker panels. Replacement motor has less than the odometer reading of 91,000. Includes: Maintenance manual, fiberglass hardtop, radio and tonneau cover. Needs: New soft top. \$6900 obo. Call Dave at 712-852-3088.

August 08

For sale: 1953 MGTD. British Racing Green w/ black interior. Good condition. 89,000 miles. The same owner for the last 20 years. No issues. Call Glenn Nickleski at 651-439-3948.

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 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

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)

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Woodbury, Minnesota 55125
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New Renewal Changes

Name: _____

Name of spouse/partner/significant other: _____

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Telephone w/area code: (_____) (_____) (_____)

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