



GAZETTE

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Spring Kick-Off Brunch

Dangerfield's in Shakopee

Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 10:30 AM

1583 1st Ave East on Hwy 101

\$13 per person. Payment is due day of event.

Sign up early because seating is limited.

Last day to sign up is Wednesday, March 25.

Contact Tim Byboth to reserve your seat

Email yellowmgb@sbcglobal.net

Call 651-276-2529 (cell) or 715-377-4684

Earn DOUBLE MG bucks when you wear your name tag and TRIPLE MG bucks when you wear your name tag and DRIVE your MG!

Also, this is the last chance to pay \$30 for 2009 MMGG membership dues; after the Kick-Off Brunch 2009 dues are \$35, so bring checkbook.

Tech Session

Saturday, March 21, 2009

11:00 AM

"Options & Accessories"

at Dick Wallrich's garage

1860 W. Roselawn

Falcon Heights

New members are highly encouraged to attend this session !!!

Old members - support a new member

See page 6 for more details





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The Minnesota MG Group was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, maintenance and enjoyment of the MG cars. MG car ownership is not necessary to be a member of the Minnesota MG Group. Correspondence can be addressed to: Minnesota MG Group - 1860 Roselawn Avenue West, Falcon Heights MN 55113. Visit us on the web at WWW.MMGG.ORG

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THE LEFT HAND THREAD

MMGG President Richard Wallrich

It's Almost Spring, Lets Start With Our Tires

Well, it's the winter doldrums. We're waiting for the spring kickoff and now is the time to make the rest of winter go fast by thinking of our car projects to get everything ready for the summer driving season. We change the oil in our cars and do other little things to them but I'll bet that even the more learned amongst us haven't given any thought to our tires. This is because they look OK, and so what, we don't put that many miles on them in a season anyhow.

This is so wrong for so many reasons. Our tires (or if we're going to be British about it tyres) wear out faster from age than from mileage. In this months newsletter is a reprint of an article from The Consumer Warning Network about the dangers of old tires. In our cars, they should be replaced after six years regardless of tread wear. This is really important, because our cars are seeing severe tire aging just from the long periods of storage that they live through each year. I just recently replaced the very expensive GoodYear Eagle GT's that were on my BGT. A previous owner had put them on the car and I was able to document that those tires went through five previous owners before they got to me, the sixth owner. The tread still looked great on the



tires and when we looked on the code they were *eighteen* years old. And yes, I drove on the freeways with them.

If you don't remember when you bought tires and you plan on driving on freeways this year, you need to buy new tires. If you're planning on going to the convention in Colorado and you have tires over six years old, you must buy new tires this spring. You don't have to buy the most expensive tires for your car because it's true, you don't put that many miles on in a year. You just want a tire that will have good rain traction and that will look period correct for your car. That means no wide whitewalls or 20 inch spinners with no sidewalls. The following is the report from the Consumer Warning Network:

The Hidden Danger-New Old Tires

Have you ever gotten a great price on new tires and wondered how can this tire be new? Well the answer might be that you just purchased old but UNUSED tires. The problem is that tires, like any rubber product, degrade over time and could present a significant yet hidden safety risk regardless of tread depth.

The danger of old tires has been known since at least September 2003 when the British-based [Tyre Industry Council](#) issued an unprecedented warning that previously unused tires should not be sold if they were more than 6 years old, and that all tires should be replaced 10 years after their manufacture. It is curious that European and Japanese automobile manufacturers warn of this danger but [NOT U.S. tire manufacturers](#). For example the Volkswagen manual states “WARNING - old tires can fail in use, causing loss of vehicle control and personal injury. Replace tires after 6 years regardless of tread wear.”

If the [U.S. tire industry is refusing](#) to give you the same warnings that are given to car owners in Europe and Asia, how can you protect yourself?

The answer is that cryptic bunch of numbers on the tire sidewall. The last 4 numbers at the end of the 12-digit DOT serial number will tell you when you tire was manufactured.



But you need to know the 4-digit code and until recently the DOT serial number was located on the inside of the tire requiring you

to crawl under the car to read the number. Here’s the code — the first 2 numbers are the week of manufacture and the last 2 numbers are the year of manufacture. For example: 1404 means that the tire was made the 14th week of 2004, or mid-April of that year. If the last group of digits has only 3 numbers then your tire was made before 2000. “219” means the tire was made the 21st week of 1999.

Before you buy that next set of tires be sure to check the last 4 digits of the DOT serial number, and to be safe right now check any tires you currently have in service on your vehicle. If they are more than 6 years old, replacement may be in order. Aged tires can separate without warning and cause [catastrophic results](#).

Yes it is curious that something as important as tire safety would require you to get on your hands and knees and know the secret code but until better regulations are in place this is the only way you can be sure that you and your family are safe riding on those tires.

OK, now for the freaky part. When I originally wrote this article, I hadn’t read my latest MGB Driver yet. Lo and behold, there is an article in the latest January/February issue about just that. It seems a couple from Michigan had a blowout last summer near Pittsburgh coming back from last years convention. Read the article before you have thoughts about any long range cruising.



FROM THE CORNER OF MADAM VICE

Dawn Williams

There has been a break in the weather and last week I went out and uncovered my F and started her up. She purred like a kitten. I can't wait to actually take her out of the garage and down the driveway. If the roads are dry we might go to the Valentine's Tea together on Saturday. By the time this Gazette reaches you everyone will know if we made the trip together. About 4 years ago, the weather was 60 degrees and many of us spent the afternoon together outside. The group pictures are by a pond with ducks everywhere. Sure hope we have a repeat of that balmy afternoon this year.

The Kick-off brunch is about 6 weeks away and I know we are all planning on having the MG's out of storage by then. This is the first official event of the year and we always have a good turnout. It is a great way to begin making plans for the summer driving trips. I remember about 7 years ago when I joined this club, I met Elena, the Wallrichs, Merrill's and the Bosworths at the brunch and before I knew it I was all set to go to Rendezvous in Thunder Bay with them. What fun we had. I haven't looked back since and wouldn't miss a road trip with this group. If you haven't convoyed on a road trip with us come on and join us. You will be glad you did.

I have a personal story I would like to share with all of you as my family is going through an exciting time but also a difficult time right now.

Many of you may remember that several years ago my youngest daughter, Heidi, was deployed to Iraq with the military. As the company commander of her unit she had a lot of stress and much responsibility during her deployment. While she was there several of you made cards and brought them to various events and everyone wrote notes of encouragement to her. She came home safely and about 6 months later her husband, Erik, went to Iraq as a Battalion commander. He also came home safely. Then they started talking about having a family and decided that they wanted to adopt from a third world country rather than having their own birth children. They started the adoption process with an agency that works in Ukraine. It took four years but this past November they received a call to be in Kiev, Ukraine on December 15, 2008. They hoped for two children ages 4-6. When they arrived in Kiev, they were given a profile of 3 children, ages 6, 7 and 8 and were told there was a fourth child who was 10 but he had been separated from his siblings and



did not need to be included. After meeting him, they put in to adopt all four children who speak Russian. It was a tough two months that they spent in this small town on the Ukraine/Russian border. The children had been abused and two of them have exhibited signs of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and ADHD.

This new family of 6 arrived home last Saturday and has gone through some post traumatic stress symptoms and the children have been very slow to adjust. The oldest boy shows signs of physical abuse and has really been acting out. My oldest son, Jerry, is a medic and currently on disability with the military. He left this morning for Washington to spend some time with them and the hope is that he will be able to assist Max in transitioning to his new life here in America. Their church and friends in Washington DC, where they live, have helped a great deal to provide support for this new family. Even the food is different. Can you imagine, the children have never been to a McDonald's. The children are scheduled for medical and physiological appointments. Heidi and Erik feel blessed to have so much support within the military and also in our nation's capital. They have hired an Au Pair who speaks Ukraine and Russian and has been working with the children and also Heidi and Erik to bridge the communication gap. My most recent email said that all 6 of them had a tickle fight on the sectional couch last night. This is a real breakthrough for this family.

These parents are not used to asking for help but have told their family and friends, anything you think we need help with please just do it. The children did not have anything when they left the orphanage, no toys, no clothes, no personal items at all. The parents are just discovering things like you need two sets of twin sheets for all four beds and a whole lot of towels. What an undertaking. They just feel really blessed that they now have their family, even with all the problems they are encountering, and are grateful that the children are out of the orphanage and have the opportunity for a better life.

Thanks for listening. Cards and letters of support are always welcome.

Safety Fast.



FROM THE GARAGE

Dave Braun,
Tech Coordinator



Last month we introduced the idea of *Tech 101* with the aim of helping members be more involved with their cars. Whether you use a professional to do most of your repairs and maintenance, or you are very hands on, knowledge is power, and no one cares more for your MG's condition than you. Learn all you can, and teach others, it is half the fun!

From the very beginning, MG car owners modified their cars according to their personal preferences. Early on they emulated their favorite Hill Climb hero and later to promote the image of being a true cutting edge sports driver. Even the factory got into the fun, offering on request special paint jobs and equipment. After racing was banned by the Nuffield organization, special tuning parts and manuals were available including some that the factory would install for you. It's hard sometimes to know if an accessory is period correct, and perhaps unless you are totally into showing your MG it doesn't really matter. Our first *Tech 101* is going to explore these accessories, options and modifications on MGAs and MGBs. I hope you join me at Dick Wallrich's Garage on March 21 at 11 AM.

Another item discussed last month was changing the fluids on a car. But we didn't get into why that's important, and what can happen if you ignore these items. Cars have three natural enemies: Moisture, acids and dirt. From the outside finish to the inner workings of the engine and gearbox, these items can wreck havoc with your MG. The reason we put good paint jobs on our cars is to

protect the outer envelope. We want to keep the car clean to minimize scratches, flush away corrosive acids from the air or trees, and to keep dirt from collecting in hard to reach places where it can trap moisture and create rust.

Inside our engines, the dissimilarity in metals will have different electron values, called the galvanic scale. Water conducts electricity pretty well, so a small current can flow between dissimilar metals resulting in a corrosion of the metal. Mix in a bit of acids and dirt from the combustion process and your engine will not reach its expected life. The fluids we buy have corrosion inhibitors mixed into them by the manufacturer, but eventually the fluids' detergents and corrosion inhibitors get 'used up' and they need to be renewed.

The protection package in antifreeze is good for a bout five years. A simple flush and fill with a new mix is needed to clean out the block and the radiator passages, and reduce the chance of a corrosion induced failure to the radiator, block or heater core (for those lucky enough to have a heater!) Starting and running your engine is an invitation for condensation to build and moisture to collect in the engine and the oil, especially if you don't bring the engine to operating temperature by driving it. We've seen bearing shells that look like worms have attacked caused by moisture interacting with the acids and the dissimilar metals. Mix in a bit of dirt and overheating and the resulting metal on metal contact can reduce the engine to a pile of junk.

The answer is simple, once a year if you don't drive much more than 3,000 miles, or every 3,000 to 4,000 miles (more often if you are running non-street use racing oil), drain your oil, change your filter and then restart your engine to flush the old contaminated oil from the bearings and replace it with clean oil,



especially if you car will sit for a week or more. Your engine will love you for it. For your gearbox and rear axle, change your oils at least every three years. Make sure you put the right fluid in your engine and gears, ask one of your tech advisors if you aren't sure. That's what they're there for!

Safety Fast!

March Preview

March 21, 11:00 AM Options and Accessories Tech session

at Dick Wallrich's garage, 1860 West Roselawn, Falcon Heights

Hosted by **Dick Wallrich** and **Keith Pryor**.

This first *Tech 101* session will discuss the options and accessories that were available for MGAs and MGBs. We will have a variety of period correct items and not so correct items. Come and take a look at catalogs from some vendors that are out of the ordinary. These are suppliers that make reproductions and carry NOS (new old stock) parts. We hope to help get you started on your quest to become the next club "SOTY" (scrounger of the year.) The Garage is only a short distance from the Square Peg so come to the Saturday Breakfast if you like, and drive over from there. A light lunch will be provided while we're discussing parts and scrounging. Bring a lawn chair with you, as it will be a long time to be standing around.

April Preview

Saturday, April 18

Removing scratches from glass and Plexiglas Tech session

Hosted at **Dan Iburg's** in Sauk Rapids with **Jim Pennoyer** assisting

Editors' Notes

Okay, we admit it. The February issue was a bit large. All those reports & photos ya' know! And Boy! did we pay for it. About 6 members had problems either receiving or opening it. At last report we have the last email resolved, and all are relaxing by a warm fire reading their *Gazette*. Well almost all, there are still at least 6 more members that have errors in their email addresses.

We will try to limit future issues to 20 pages and about 2-3 MB. Even my Juno dial-up can handle that! We successfully reduced the posted copies from about 30 in Jan.. to 20 in Feb. And when the Feb issue initially went by email to about 150 recipients, only 10 bounced back, not bad!

Other improvements continue as we move things around in the newsletter. Stay tuned!

Please ensure your E-mail address is current with the club Treasurer, Diane Vinar, dmvinar@yahoo.com. If anyone notices errors or omissions in the Gazette, please notify the Editors.

Photos in this issue of the Valentine Tea are by Diane Rindt and Andy Anderson.

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The following people have expressed a willingness to answer questions and offer advice about the topics below.

Take them up on their offer.

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T-types - Bob Figenskau 952/935-7909



2009 Valentine's Tea Party





2009 Calendar of Events (Revised Feb 28, 2009)

DATE	EVENTS	HOSTS or CONTACTS
Mar 21, Sat	Tech Session - Accessories!	Keith Pryor & Dick Wallrich @ Wallrich's
Mar 28, Sat	Kick-Off Brunch	Tim & Mary Beth Byboth
Apr 18, Sat	Tech Session, Scratches on glass	Dan Iberg's in Sauk Rapids (Jim Pennoyer Asst.)
Apr 24, Fri	Le Cordon Bleu Gourmet Dinner	Jon & Haidi Masley
May 23, Sat	Tech Session - Tuning MG the basics	Jeff Schlemmer
May 30, Sat	Drive	Dick & Val Wallrich
Jun 11-14	Rendezvous 2009	glauser@presenter.com
Jun 20, Sat	Night at the Drive-In	Elena & Dick Biessener
Jun 25, Thu	Tech Session - Tuning MG the basics	Dave Braun
Jul 4, Sat	Chetek Car Show	Steve & Diane Rindt
Jul 11, Sat	Garden Party	Bosworths & Schneiders
Jul 16-19	Road American, Elkhart Lake, WI	
Jul 18, Sat	Picnic	Phyllis & Keith Galberths
Jul 22, Wed	Tech Session - Fitting an oil cooler	Bruce Anderson
Jul 25, Sat	Grand Round Tour	Dawn Williams
Aug TDB	Tech Session - Driving Tech	Brian McCullough
Aug 6-9	Rally in the Valley	Steve & Diane Rindt
Aug 15, Sat	Brit Fest @ Ellingson's	Jim & Cindy Pennoyer's
Sep 12, Sat	Wings & Wheels	D Braun, D Vinar & Tom & Barb Belongia
Sep 19, Sat	Drive to Arboretum	Bill & Lorna McReaken
Sep 26, Sat	Pig Roast	Jon & Haidi Masley
Oct 3, Sat	Fish & Chips	Tom & Barb Belongia
Oct 17, Sat	Fall Colour Tour	Steve & Kim Rixen
Oct 24, Sat	Tech Session, Winterize your car	Keith Galberth & Jim Pennoyer
Oct 31, Sat	Halloween Party	Bob & Lorie Jensen
Nov TBD	Tech Session - Suspension safety, etc	Quality Coach - tentative
Nov 7, Sat	MMGG Annual Meeting	
Nov 14, Sat	MG Girls Craft Day	
Dec TBD	MMGG Christmas Event	Val Wallrich & Dawn Williams
Dec 31, Thu	New Years Eve Party	
Jan 16, 2010	Annual Holiday Party	Merrill's, Bergquist's & Biessener's



Calendar of Other Car Club Events

Saturday Morning British Breakfast at the Square Peg Diner

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

East Ender's Saturday Morning Breakfast.

A group of MG'ers have started a semi-monthly East Enders Breakfast group. For those MG (and any other) enthusiasts that want breakfast a little later and not drive to Minneapolis. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month, 9 AM at: **Sail Away Café, 1321 St. Croix Trail, Afton, Mn. North of County Road 18 and St. Croix Trail.**

Saturday Morning - All Year Round - MG Girls

We meet the second Saturday of each month at the **Square Peg Diner.**

Date	Event	Host or Contact
Mar 4	Hot Wheels Grand Prix - 4th Annual 7:00 PM @ Ft. Snelling Officer's Club	Held at regular PIE meeting of MN A-H Club Tom Hazen 612.237.1883
Mar 28	9th Annual Classic GoKart Challenge Jaguar Club of MN 8:30 AM - Burnsville, MN	Dave Meek xk150dhc@hotmail.com 612.799.5555
Apr 18	VSCR Swap Meet @ Quality Coach 10 am - noon	www.vscr.org for more information
Apr 25	Healey Spring Fling 2 p.m. @ Birmose Park in Hudson - 5 p.m. @ Laurel Supper Club E of New Richmond on Hwy 64 - Prime rib & cinnamon butter popovers are their specialty!!!	Tom Moerke (651) 402-2153
May 9	Scottish Fair	WE NEED INFORMATION
May 9	Healey Hillclimb VIII - Afton Alps Rec. Area 7:00 AM Check in opens - 8:30 AM Drivers Mtg	Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net forum.mnautox.com/forums/showthread.php?t=10664
May 15-17	Carlisle Import & Kit Car Show	
May 15-17	Spring Races @ Elkhart	jeffj@centuryrefining.com
May 16	InterMarque Banquet & Car Show Como Park Picnic Hill - Pavilion Parking Lots	deegalberth@yahoo.com aron.courteau@gmail.com
Jun 11-14	Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous AmericInn Ashland WI	Tom Moerke tcmoerke@presenter.com MN Austin-Healey Club glauser@presenter.com
Jun 20	Amery Speed Run V	Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net www.mmkg.org/scheduled_events.htm
Jun 24-28	MG 2009 NAMGBR @ Breckenridge CO	N. American MGB Register mg2009.com
Jun 28	InterMarque Picnic	Cherokee Park, St Paul
Jul 13-17	NAMGAR GT-34	N. American MGA Register, Hot Springs, AR www.mgcars.org.uk/namgar/shtml/events.shtml
Jul 26	InterMarque Picnic	
Aug 22	Amery Speed Run VI	Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net www.mmkg.org/scheduled_events.htm
Aug 30	InterMarque Banquet & Car Show	




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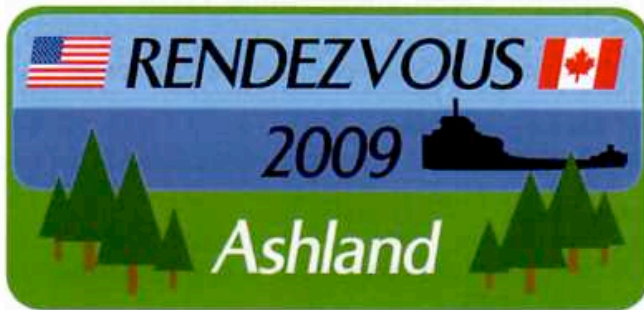
**2009
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**SATURDAY
MAY 16 2009
9:00AM - 2:00PM**

**COMO PARK PICNIC HILL
AND PAVILION PARKING LOTS
1360 LEXINGTON PARKWAY N
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA**

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19TH ANNUAL
VINTAGE SPORTS CARS CELEBRATION
ASHLAND, WISCONSIN

“A SUPERIOR EXPERIENCE”

JUNE 11 - 14

Thursday – Registration: 3-7 p.m. Hospitality Reception: 5-8 p.m.
Friday -- Registration 8 a.m.-Noon, Driving tours to Bayfield & Madeline Island areas, Golfing
Saturday -- AutoCross, Car Show, Walking Tour & Awards Banquet
Sunday -- Breakfast & Goodbyes

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY first and last name/names as they should appear on badges)

Children Attending _____
(Include names & ages of each child)

Street _____ City _____

State/Province/PostalCode _____ Club _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____
(Include e-mail address if you want a confirmation of registration – none will be sent otherwise.)

Vehicle/s to be registered _____
(Year) (Make) (Model)

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Registration Fee: \$50.00 After May 15: \$65.00 (All fees in U.S. dollars) \$ _____
(Registration includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 18 & one free T/shirt)
Each additional person: \$5.00 x _____ \$ _____
Each additional vehicle: \$5.00 x _____ \$ _____
Free shirt size _____ 2nd shirt _____ 3rd shirt _____ Added shirts: _____ x \$10.00 \$ _____
(T-Shirt Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL) (For XXL & XXXL – Cost is \$13.00)
Awards Banquet tickets: \$25.00/adult x _____ \$ _____
\$20.00/child under 13 x _____ \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Make checks to Minnesota Austin-Healey Club (U.S. funds) and send with completed form to:
Greg Lauser, W12349 694th Ave., Prescott, Wis. 54021
Registration questions to: glauser@presenter.com
Cancellations before 5/15/05 are subject to a \$10.00 fee. No refunds after May 15.

I want to play golf with a Rendezvous 2009 group _____
(A Rendezvous Golf organizer will contact you with details & greens fees information)

Contact AmericInn directly for headquarters hotel room reservations in Ashland, Wis. @
1-715-682-9950 or www.AmericInn.com.



Welcome to Rendezvous 2009 – A Superior Experience – June 11-14

Where: The pristine shores of Chequamegon Bay on Lake Superior in Ashland, Wisconsin

Ashland Accommodations:

Identify yourself as part of Healey Rendezvous 2009 for Special Room Rates (plus taxes) listed below.

- Headquarters hotel: **AmericInn Motel & Suites**
 3009 Lake Shore Drive East Phone: 715-682-9950
 80 rooms at \$109.00/night (on reservations made by May 11) include complimentary breakfast + pool.
- If AmericInn is full: **Lake Superior Lodge (Best Western)**
 30600 Highway 2 West Phone: 715-682-5235
 20 rooms at \$109.00/night (good through May 11).
 Restaurant: Explorer's Point / Blue Heron Bar
- Hotel Chequamegon**
 101 Lake Shore Drive West Phone: 715-682-9095
 20 rooms at \$109.00/night (good through May 23)
 include complimentary breakfast + pool
 Restaurant: Molly Cooper's Eating & Drinking Establishment
 Molly's Fish Fry – Friday - \$10.95 to \$14.95
- Ashland Super 8 Motel**
 1610 Lake Shore Drive West Phone: 715-682-9377
 10 rooms at special rates (good through May 11) of:
 One Bed Room - \$53.95 Thursday; \$62.95 Friday & Saturday.
 Two Bed Room - \$80.95 Thursday; \$89.95 Friday & Saturday.

My wife likes all the car-related activities planned, but what will I do?

- . Visit the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, www.NGVC.org
- . Visit the Ashland Historical Museum, 715-682-4911
- . Visit the Washburn Historical Museum, 715-373-5591
- . Visit the Big Top Chautauqua, www.bigtop.org
- . Take the ferry to Madeline Island, www.madferry.com
- . Rent a moped on Madeline Island, www.madelineisland.com
- . Visit the Madeline Island Historical Museum, 715-747-2415
- . Cruise & explore the Apostle Islands, www.apostleislands.com
- . Visit, shop & dine in Bayfield, www.bayfield.org
- . Visit the Bayfield Heritage Museum, 715-779-3272
- . Rent a kayak & explore Lake Superior from shops in Bayfield
- . Visit Cornucopia, www.cornucopiawisconsin.org
- . Visit the Oulu Glass Studio, www.ouluglass.com
- . Gamble at Isle Vista Casino, www.redcliff.org
- . Play 18 holes of golf (A Rendezvous Golf coordinator will contact you if register to do so)





ANNOUNCING

Rally in the Valley 2009

August 6th thru 9th (2009)

What is the definition of "Rally"?
(A gathering of people intended to arouse enthusiasm!)

"Rally in the Valley" is a European InterMarque sports car event.

Sponsored by: The Minnesota MG Group.

Hosted by: Steve and Diane Rindt

2009 Theme, "Those Were The Days"

• **All New Location:**

The Eau Claire Travel and Business Center
Sleep Inn and Suites / 29 Pines
5872 33rd Ave - Eau Claire, WI 54703

• **Beautiful Wisconsin Roads for the scenic drives:**

These Rallies are not for the serious rallier. They are fun with easy directions & questions, "spouse friendly"



Schedule:

- Thursday (6th) – Registration & Natter – N – Noggin.
- Friday (7th) – Magic Carpet Ride Rally.
- Friday Evening (7th) – Italian Banquet & Live music.
- Saturday (8th) - Country Tour, Car Show & Funkhanna.
- Saturday Evening (8th) - Awards Dinner/Ceremony.
- Sunday (9th)- Farewell breakfast.

For questions please contact Diane Rindt (715) 832-8316 or email drindt5953@hotmail.com

Make your reservations at: Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center / (715) 874-2900.
Ask for the "Rally in the Valley 2009" special rate. (\$79.99 a night for 2 Queen or 1 King)



Rally in the Valley 2009

August 6th, 7th and 8th at Sleep Inn & Suites - Eau Claire, WI

Name:			
Address:			
Email:			
Vehicle/s to Register:	Year:	Make:	Model:
	Year:	Make:	Model:
Friday & Saturday Breakfast Buffet: (Cost includes BOTH days.) Cost includes tip and tax.			
Adult (\$15.00) x Qty _____ = Total _____			
Friday Lunch: (Magic Carpet Ride Rally) Cost includes tip and tax.			
Adult (\$11.00) x Qty _____ = Total _____			
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<p>Make Check Payable to Diane Rindt. Send check & Registration Form to: Rally in the Valley - 4271 North Shore Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54703 (Register Before June 30, 2009) Confirmation of registration will be through your email address only. ***No refunds after July 12, 2009.***</p>			

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Car show and Swap meet

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