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September Highlights

Wheels & Wings

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THE LEFT HAND THREAD

MMGG President, Richard Wallrich

Random thoughts and junk

I've been really busy preparing for the State Fair and working at it this last week. We do the employee shuttle at the Fair. This means that we start a day before the Fair, go a day after the Fair and during the Fair we run twenty-four hours a day. It's a lot of fun and I wouldn't want to miss it, but I have to grab sleep when I can and everything else takes a back seat to the matters of the moment. It does allow a little reading time and I noticed that I am still at the May issues of some of my MG reading.

I don't remember where I had the conversation or who I even had it with, but I got into a lengthy discussion at Ashland or Rally or someplace this year about rear view mirrors and what are correct. The person I was talking to had been looking for the correct mirrors for their car but couldn't find any. Well lo and behold, in one of my MG publications there was an insert for British Motor Heritage. These are the folks that have the dies and equipment to make new MG body shell in England. Now for the person who I was talking to and you know who you are, the correct source for your mirrors is Tex Automotive Limited. They are one of the companies that now belong to British Motor Heritage Limited. You can reach their web site with the following link: www.texautomotive.com. They have a wide range of mirrors because I think that they probably made most or all of them. You can also buy just mirror glass if you want to rebuild your present mirrors. They also have a lot of other products. Refer to their website, because it is a great resource to have.

I want everyone to be aware of happenings next summer as it isn't too early to start making plans. NAMGAR which is the North American MGA Register is holding their national convention in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin next July. Now if you have never been to a NAMGAR convention, you are really missing out on some fun. They really know how to put on a party and their conventions are always really top shelf. Lake Geneva is only 300 miles from the Twin Cities, so it's a pice of cake trip-wise for us. We also have several fun ways to get there that don't require travel on Hwy 94. I would like to see as many cars attend this convention as the 65 cars that showed up in Tennessee



or the 72 cars that attended Twists party a few years ago. NAMGAR welcomes all MG's so we can bring in anything with the correct logo on it. We need to have more MMGG cars there than any other club chapter. I don't have the dates or resort information yet but I hope to have it for the next newsletter. I just wanted to let everyone know so that you can start planning time for it. I heard a rumor that there would be a tie in with the Vintage races at Elkart so we'll see how things shake out.

Don't forget about Wheels and Wings in Osceola next week. For a trial for next year lets see if we can get 75 cars to Wheels and Wings.

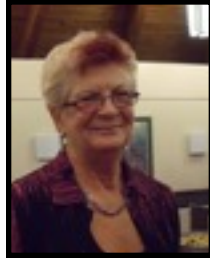
Val and I are thinking about a new house. Without going into all kinds of details, because Andy wants to get this published and get out of town, our house is up for sale. The house has been party proven many times. It also has a really nice back yard that most people don't see because it's under the snow when they're here. We do know that it holds three MG's in addition to two daily drivers with some room left over to work on them. If you would like to have a house that holds lots and lots of people for weddings and New Years parties give us a call.





FROM THE CORNER OF MADAM VICE

Dawn Williams



Did August come in like a lamb and go out like a lion? I don't know about any one you but this summer has given us some very unusual weather and I would really like to fall. We have a lot planned for the rest of our MG schedule and it would make us all enjoy what is left of our driving season if this rain would stop and the sun come out. Hope that happens and I will see you on the road.

In August there were some great activities. I was really sorry to have missed Rally in the Valley. I heard from many of you that it was the best ever. I don't know how that could be possible because the Rindt's always produce a wonderful event and this is the first I have missed. Lots of cars, lots of MG friends and good fun in spite of the rain. Spirits stayed high and everything went off without a hitch. I hope they do this event again, I promise I won't miss it again.

The second anniversary of my 65th birthday and my mother's 90th birthday party was celebrated with my children along with 8 of my grandchildren which included 2 Russian grandchildren. We had a great time and I beat 4 of that generation in Rummy Tiles so it was worth all of it.

Is it true that when it rains, if you go fast the rain will go over you and you won't get wet? I remember being told that on the way to Gatlinburg, Tennessee a few years back. It seemed to work then but later I got caught in a rainstorm and thought, oh well, my friends told me I wouldn't get wet. They were wrong, I was soaked and as I pulled into my driveway, soaked to the skin, I was laughing hysterically. I even called several MG friends to say, "You are wrong". So much for rain stories.

There were 5 MG's at Porky's drive-in on August 14 and we had a good time. This is a great way to get to know your MG friends. It's quiet and the food is great. Come on out and join us again on September 18 from 6-8pm in Northeast Minneapolis. This is a drive-in that has roots in St. Paul with collector muscle cars. Come on over and help us make this smaller Porky's a regular event for our little English cars.

Brit Fest at Ellingson's was a good event with a great turnout. Jim and Cindy Pennoyer along with the volunteers that helped always do an excellent job and the

weather held off until we were all done with our activities and the trophies had been awarded. Thanks for a good job. See you next year. We always look forward to this event.

On September 12 Wheels and Wings is scheduled for Osceola, Wisconsin and it may be the last time this event is held there. Come on out and make this the best one ever.

Barb and Tom Belongia, Diane Vinar and Dave Braun are the hosts this year and I know they will secure our HILL and once again our club will attempt to take the trophy for the most attendees. If this is the last time this event will be held, we certainly want to go out holding the title for the club with the most members in attendance. Come on out and join us. Osceola always has some great crafters that add to the activities of the day. See you on the bus to town.

The very next weekend is our first drive of the fall season with the McReaken's as our hosts. We have a great fall season of tours planned so make sure you stay tuned for them and get your calendar out and schedule all of them. Our English cars will all too soon be in storage so let's enjoy them while we can and fall is a wonderful time to do just that.

Watch for the tech sessions and make sure you get those on your calendar as well. I would really like to do some shopping with my MG girl friends and this is a perfect opportunity. Sorry guys. Keep kicking those tires.

MG Girls, we have a craft day scheduled for November 14 but I don't know that we have an idea yet. This is the time that we make the table decorations for our Holiday Party and the past two years we have made the birdhouses and the wine bags. Does anyone have an idea for this year? We are taking suggestions so give me a call or let someone know.

Another suggestion that we are looking for is that special event for December. Val Wallrich and I volunteered to host a Christmas event but have not come up with anything superalishendousexpidalidoushish. If you have some ideas or can spell better than I can, give either of us a call.

In the meantime, I will see you on the road at our fall events.

Drive safely and stay dry.

Safety Fast



FROM THE GARAGE

Dave Braun,
Tech Coordinator



Originality

At 'BritFest' the annual MMGG sponsored car show at Ellingson's in Rogers, Minnesota, I had the opportunity to help out a couple of our club members, John and Joan Petroff with their MGA. I got to know the Petroffs at Rally in the Valley this year. John was seeking some advice regarding the A's tendency to run-on at shut down, to the point of needing a quick clutch dump to kill the engine. The general consensus John was getting from the crowd was that his carburetors were rich, and that was allowing unburned fuel to reside in the combustion chambers and continue to propel the engine even after shut down.

Now from previous 'From the Garage' articles, we know that the engine is a big air pump, and we know that anytime air is being drawn in through the carburetors, it will pick up fuel in the process, vaporizing it into the air/fuel ratio needed (the exception being later MGBs with the anti-run-on valve). So we have compression, air, and fuel but no ignition and yet the engine continues to run until stalled out. The key is to realize that as long as the combustion chambers are too hot, ignition of the air/fuel mixture may still occur without benefit of the spark plug, and the engine will continue to turn over, albeit roughly, until something stops it. Unless the air/fuel mixture is so rich as to prevent the engine from running, excessive fuel will more likely cool the combustion chamber than cause ignition, so I had my doubts about the carburetors being too rich. As I was backed up with projects from my aviation gig, I suggested we look it over at Ellingson's instead of the garage at home.

I explained to John that normally the carbs are the last place we look for problems, so we quickly checked his ignition points and found they were about eight thousandths open. I set them to about

16 thousandths and immediately the car seemed to run better. By this time a crowd had gathered and John really wanted to see how his car would run if we applied the 'dial caliper' method of setting the float height and mixture. It gave me a chance to talk to a lot of folks about setting carburetors, and a chance to work on this very original car.

John and Joan's MGA is really quite unusual. Except for the first year of its existence, it has always been theirs, since 1960. It is in remarkably nice shape with a great original patina throughout. The carburetors still have their manufacture tags on them, and although it was evident that they have been gone through in the past, they were in excellent shape with centered jets and leak free shafts. Every thing about them was correct from the proper springs in the suction chambers to the original style Volks air cleaners. They simply needed the fuel level in the float bowl raised, then balancing and the mixture set. John and I discussed ways to make the air cleaners work more effectively, by replacing the felt on both front and back plates and we assured that the car was still running smoothly after reinstalling the air cleaners. Removing and reinstalling the air cleaners did slow us down a little, but having the car run 'like it was new' in John's words was worth the effort. I know I enjoyed the experience and I hope those who participated in the impromptu tech session did too. Many of the observers commented on the beautiful state of the Petroffs' MGA. Obviously I wasn't the only person enamored by the car.

The biggest lesson from the session was that a car doesn't have to be completely restored to be a great ride and a show-stopper. Yes, I know, sometimes a neglected car can't be resurrected any other way except through total restoration, my TD is a perfect example of the latter, and Gary Krukoski's freshly restored J2 is breathtaking. But we are fortunate to have several MGs in our club that represent great originality without being restored. Tom Belongia takes great pains to keep his and Barb's TD/C original, foregoing some tempting upgrades because a car can only be original once. Their car can and does win at car shows where the appreciation for a true original example outweighs the appearance of a perfect car



with deep clear coat, and polished brass and chrome. MG cars were inexpensive little cars assembled on a shoestring with fasteners picked up at the local hardware when supplies at Abingdon ran low. The paint was OK for the time, and the interiors were honest and functional.

From my view your car should represent what you desire for it. If you want a driver, go for it. Keep it up with cleanliness and repairs as needed, and drive it hard. For a garage guy, the beautiful lines of our cars are enjoyable, and shiny paint is a treat on the eyes, but a car tuned as well as the owner can accomplish given his car's current state of age and use is like the singing in a great Broadway musical. That's why I only vote for cars at car shows that are displayed with open bonnets. The paint may be faded in the engine compartment and the cast iron of the block may be showing through the paint here and there, but if the engine is honest and clean enough to work on if needed it gets my vote. Even a perfectly restored and trailered car should be displayed with the bonnet up, usually the same attention to detail is evident, and it should run like a Swiss watch! I also consider what the cars were meant to be as I evaluate winners when classed together in seemingly disparate fashion. A MG can be as wonderful as a Rolls when you consider what each car was meant to do, even when sitting side by side.

I guess the reasons we cherish and display our MGs are different for all of us. I love recapturing the experience that the original owner enjoyed while living with, nurturing and driving the car. I love the original engines, gearboxes, ignition points, and oil leaks. I figure I'll always have at least one MG that embodies all those ideals. I know that Tom and Barb with the TD and MGB, and John and Joan with the MGA would understand where I'm coming from. I'm not saying that I won't stick a V-6 in an MGB GT someday, or change the axle ratio to keep up on the road, but like that car that is original only once, the experience from yesterday can disappear pretty quickly when a car is modified beyond Abingdon's original intent and constraints. Other owners love making their cars an expression of their personal desires and modify their cars to do

things that Abingdon might have if they were still in the car business today. Or they seek reliability by installing electronic ignitions or tube shock absorbers. Those people are having a bunch of fun and deriving great satisfaction too.

Thank goodness that we don't all want the same things, or it would be a pretty boring line up at the car shows!

Safety Fast!



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The Great River Road

by Tom Moerke

Years ago Highway 61 was called the Great River Road because it followed the mighty Mississippi River more or less from St. Paul to New Orleans. Nowadays I see the Great River Road sign on both sides of the *Mighty Miss* and these signs do follow closely to the river. Let's go as far as Galena Illinois. and this is how I would go.

For people in the Twin Cities go to Prescott, WI and turn right on WI 35 and you can stay on this most scenic road all the way to Illinois. Within a few miles you will go thru Diamond Bluff, then Hager City, and then Bay City which is across from Red Wing, MN. At Maiden Rock you will want to stop at the historical marker about the Indian maiden who jumped to her death rather than marry one she didn't love. Down the road is Stockholm and then Pepin. If you are a fan of Laura Ingalls Wilder you can take a short ride up a river valley to see the *Little House In The Big Woods*, which her first book was based on.

Keep going to Nelson and then to Alma. The scenic overlook at Alma is simply great. It's called Buena Vista Town park and it's probably the highest overlook on the Mississippi. When you get to Fountain City turn left on WI 95; going down just a few blocks and you will be amazed at the concrete lined ditches along the road. They are deep and wide and require a bridge to each home.

La Crosse is the biggest city you will encounter and a trip to Granddad's Bluff is worthwhile. By this time you have driven about 150 miles from St. Paul and Galena is about 130 miles to go.

Prairie du Chien has a lot of early French history to look into. South of Prairie du Chien, WI-35 goes inland for a ways. That's okay because by now you have seen a lot of the Mississippi and the "inland" terrain is hilly and beautiful.

East Dubuque is right inside Illinois and take US 20 to Galena. Galena is a pre-civil war town. Little has changed; the parking lots are planned to look like livery stables. This was General Grant's home town and after he won the war the local citizens gave him a beautiful mansion! It's now a museum for us tourists and a must see. Galena is a pricey place to stay so make your lodging plans well in advance of your weekend trip.

Now is the time to turn around and come home and you can take a different Great River Road. Isn't that great!

Dyersville is a short distance west of Dubuque and is where Field of Dreams was filmed. If you loved the movie go there. Continue north in Iowa to Guttenberg where they used to print bibles; apparently. McGregor, Iowa is a most

interesting little town and north of there be sure to stop at the Effigy Mounds National Monument.

You Will cross into Minnesota at New Albin, Iowa. Keep going north, naturally, and at La Crescent you will pick up our *Old Favorite Highway 61*. Next town is Winona, then Kellogg, then Wabasha and then Lake City - where water skiing was invented back in the 1920s. Just north of Lake City is a very clean stretch of Highway 61 due to the Austin-Healey's club efforts twice a year to clean it up. Do NOT litter on this stretch.

Now you are almost home, it was a great trip. Hope you enjoyed it.

For more information on the Great River Road: <http://www.byways.org/explore/byways/2279> . This web site includes maps of each state's section of the Road with Points of Interest marked along the way.





“Dave & Barb’s Historic (or Hysteric?) Adventure”

By Dave Casey & Barb Brown

Our annual trek to Road America for the Historic Races in July added some new twists this year which we felt we should share. Earlier this year when we booked our motel room, we were unaware that family commitments might crop up and muddy the proverbial waters of our trip.

Turns out that Barb’s niece west of Chicago had the audacity to schedule a baby shower that very weekend of the races. We generally need to decide which of the cars – Subaru, MINI, or MG’s - we will take based on the weather, etc. This year we decided to live dangerously and each take our own MG (Dave’s 72 & Barb’s 76). That way, Barb could peel off on Sunday to Chicago, whilst Dave checked out the races.

Since we moved from Minneapolis six years ago to where Barb lovingly calls the “middle of nowhere” here in south central Wisconsin, we have been sadly deprived of having both of our MG’s running well at the same time. Thanks to Mark and his crew at Quality Coaches (no one around here knows how to debug a MG); we have had the good fortune to drive both cars the last two summers.

To top it off, we generally bump heads with Jim Lymburn and his cohorts during this event. This year we actually planned ahead to meet and have dinner at the best steak joint east of the Mississippi – Schwarz’s in St. Anne (twenty minutes from the track) where drivers pay off their crews with dinner and boast of their driving skills.

Jim teamed up with Randy Blyboth this year which turned out to be a blessing for us since Dave’s MG conked out a couple times on the way back to the motel Friday evening with what seemed to be a fuel system malfunction (vs. the usual Lucas electrics). So on Saturday morning we installed a new fuel filter and some fuel additive hoping it was an easy fix.

That being accomplished, we headed back to the track after alerting Randy of the problem (aren’t

cell phones a lifesaver?). At the track, Randy quickly determined that the fuel pump was the real culprit. As we were about to go into full panic mode, Jim mentioned that he had a spare fuel pump in his trunk (what’s the chances?). Randy called Kent Prather (excellent MG driver out of Kansas) to see if we could possibly use a portion of his paddock area to work on my car.

Kent, being the real gentleman that he is, said sure so we talked our way into the South Paddock area and set up at Kent’s spot. With help and some odds and ends from Kent and his crew, Randy went about installing the new pump temporarily under the bonnet.

All of this was accomplished prior to the first Qualifying Race, so you can imagine what happy campers we were. Randy and Jim got free steak dinners that night for their efforts (small price to pay considering the alternative situation!). Not sure what we’d done without their help, but didn’t even want to think about it.

Regarding the races - that could be a separate report by itself. If you have never been to this race venue, you may have a hard time imagining about 500 plus pristine race cars (there are no “dogs” since it is an invitational), dicing around the four mile track in a gorgeous Wisconsin setting. The word AWESOME comes to mind!

With that being said, the weekend that started somewhat rocky with both weather and car troubles, turned out to be outstanding thanks to our wonderful MG friends old and new. We are extremely grateful.





Notes of Rally in the Valley 2009 “Those were the Days”

by Diane Rindt

Some people who were not able to attend have asked me, “How was Rally in the Valley? And what did you do?” My reply has been, “It was great and we did many things.”

Starting on Thursday evening with registration and socializing. We got reacquainted with past participants from Rally in the Valley and new participants. We had people traveling from Iowa, North Dakota, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. We had a nice turn out of sports cars including MG, Mini, Jaguar, Healey, Porsche and even Chevrolet Corvette.

Friday morning kicked off with the “Magic Carpet Ride Rally” This was a two-part rally with easy directions and fun questions to answer while you drove down Wisconsin’s beautiful country roads. The lunch destination was the Chippewa Valley Golf Club in Mennomonie. After lunch they traveled down more scenic country roads with the final destination Eau Gallie Cheese Factory and gift shop. Following the Cheese Factory they traveled down (yes) more country roads to return to the Sleep Inn and Suites Conference Center.

Friday evening began with the social hour prior to the Italian Banquet. During the Italian Banquet guest viewed a video with photos that had been submitted by the participants prior to the event. These photos were of when they were young, when they got married and current snapshots. The video included music from Billy Joel’s (Scenes from an Italian Restaurant.) After dinner everyone was entertained with a live acoustic guitar set preformed by Steve Rindt along with special guest Steve John Rindt. They played songs from years past and present. Everyone enjoyed it!

Saturday morning cars headed out on the “On the Road Again Rally” This rally took them down roads that ran parallel with the Chippewa River. They crossed the Historical Cobban Bridge and the final destination was the River Bend Vineyard and Winery.

Saturday afternoon couples participated in Funkhanna and the Day Dream Car Show. Organized by Jim Pennoyer. After the car show two cars were brought into the lobby of the hotel. We gathered around one of them for a group photo. There were so many people

you can’t even see the car! (Sorry Bill and Lorna McReaken!)

After Saturday’s dinner our guests sat back in their seats waiting for the Awards Ceremony to begin. On the video screen appeared images of Archie and Edith Bunker with the theme song playing from the T.V. show “All in the family”. Steve entered as Archie and I followed as Edith. We put together a funny skit involving the car show and Archie’s disdain for foreign sports cars! Jim Pennoyer played a cameo roll as himself in the skit as well. After Edith and Archie left the stage Jim announced the winners of the “Day Dream Car Show”. Following the car show 4 couples came up to the stage (they had volunteered to participate in the awards ceremony) and found themselves playing the “Not So Newly Wed Game” Steve entered the stage as Bob Eubanks and I played a fictitious character “Vana Black” with the help of our lovely assistant, Deb Leslie we began to play the game. (There was much laughter!!) And when it was over Bill and Lorna McReaken had won a new car!!

Once the “Not So Newly Wed Game” was over we moved on to the awards for the “Magic Carpet Ride Rally” and “Funkanna”. Steve and I changed costume one more time and he came out as John Kay of Steppenwolf and I a groupie.

One last video was played to disclose whom the children were in the contest of “Name that Girl” and “Name that Hunk”. The object of this contest was to match the photos that had been submitted by the participants prior to the event of when they were in grade school with the current photo of them today. It was a bit of a challenge and the winners were considered “Charlie’s Angles” and “Secret Agent Men”. In other words..... that’s who we changed them into when they came up to get their award for getting the most correct answers. (If you’ve been to Rally in the Valley before you know the contest that I put together always involves something silly, that way we get everyone laughing.)

Steve and I sure had a good time and want to thank everyone who came to Rally in the Valley. We also want to thank everyone who gave us a hand: Jim, Cindy & Steven Pennoyer, Deb & Rich Leslie, Ken & Judy Welty and Cindy & Randy Byboth.

Also thanks for the Photos! Ken Welty, Jon Masley and Rich Leslie



Rally in the Valley - Eau Claire, Wisconsin 6-9 Aug 09

Photos by Dave Braun

Group Photo by Diane Rindt





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Photos by Ken Welty

The Funkana





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The Entertainment

Photos by Diane Rindt





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Photos by Ken Welty





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Brit Fest - Ellingson's in Rogers, Minnesota 15 Aug 09

Photos by Bob (Andy) Anderson



**THE MISCELLANEOUS PAGES !****Arboretum Drive****Saturday, September 19, 2009**

Drive begins at 1:00 PM

Meeting point: Preserve Village (shopping area) at the intersection of US 169 and Anderson Lakes Parkway, Eden Prairie (Southwest Corner).

We will leave Preserve Village at 1:00 PM and take a scenic drive to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. As a group, we will drive through the grounds. We will end the drive back at the Visitor Center where you can begin the remainder of your adventure on your own. The Arboretum offers nature walks, trolley rides and shopping and dining opportunities. You may stay to enjoy the park until closing at sunset.

Admission is \$9.00 per person.

For more information on the facilities, go to www.arboretum.umn.edu

Afton Art In The Park and Car Show**31st Annual Art in the Park****Saturday, September 26th 10am - 5pm****Sunday, September 27th 11 am - 4 pm**

Rain or Shine!

The car show will ONLY be held on Saturday. People will be there to guide you to the car show lot. The location is at:

Sail Away Cafe
3121 St Croix Trail S
Afton, MN 55001
(651) 436-6555
www.sailawaycafe.net

The Sail Away Cafe will also be providing food for a nominal charge.

Stroll through Art in the Park to see 50 artists of original art and crafts for sale. Artwork includes watercolors, oils, acrylics, pottery, fibers, woodwork, metalwork, jewelry, photography, weaving, and basketry, hand made purses and much more.

Brit Fest Car Show Results**15 Aug 09 at Ellisongon Car Museum, Rodgers, MN**

Category	Place	Name	Car
MGT & A	1	Bill & Lorna McReaken	1950 MG YA
	2	Gary Krukoski	1933 J2
MGB, C, Midget	1	Jim Gevay	1974 B
	2	Roger Olson	1974 B
Triumph	1	Joe DeMuth	1960 TR3A
	2	Doug Miller	1970 GT6+
Jaguar	1	Jerry Wolfe	1967 XKE
	2	Stephen Korosee	1973 XKE
Classic Mini	1	Todd Bjerknes	1959 Morris Miner
	2	Dean Sulander	1964 Austin Mini Van
Mini 2000+	1	Merlin Holtz	2005 Cooper
	2	Johnny Calderun III	2004 Cooper
Motor Cycle	1	Steve Blomberg	1998 Triumph
Other British	1	Steve Shogren	1996 RM7
	2	Terry Telke	1971 TVR
Lady's Choice	1	Bob Figenskau	1947 MG TC
Best of Show	1	Gary Krukoski	1933 MG J2

**THE MISCELLANEOUS PAGES !**

More on NAMGBR w/web links to slide shows, etc.

http://www.gt-34.com/Slide%20Show/Show%20Car%20&%20Drivers/slides/094_DSC6693.html

http://www.gt-34.com/Slide%20Show/Sunset%20Cruise%20&%20Dinner/slides/IMG_0795.html

MMGG Members Dennis and Theresa Oberloh Won First Place in the modified class at the National North American MGA Registry Meet this July with their 1958 MGA with the MGB 3 main motor, Moss 5 main Supercharger, 5 speed transplant and special bodywork giving the vehicle a Two-occasional-four capacity. Colours: The exterior is a variation you might say of BRG and the interior, custom welting and matching hood (Top) are Biscuit. They have driven the car over 5,000 miles according to the Odometer but in reality, its over 6,000 due to the need for a speedometer recalibration since the 5 speed update. Show car? Well, its not supposed to be!

More pictures of the car during restoration can be found here:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/bmcautos/DennisOberlohSr1958MGATwoPlusTwo#>

Best Regards,

-Brian.

Brian Mc Cullough, Proprietor

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2009 Calendar of Events (Revised 30 Aug 09)

DATE	EVENTS	HOSTS or CONTACTS
Sep 12, Sat	Wheels & Wings	D Braun, D Vinar & Tom & Barb Belongia
Sep 19, Sat	Drive to Arboretum - Leave at 1 p.m. from Preserve Village @ US 169 & Anderson Lakes Pkwy	Bill & Lorna McReaken MGB1969@msn.com
Sep 26-27 Sat & Sun	31st Annual Afton Art in the Park & Car Show Sat 10am to 5pm - Sun 11am to 4 pm	
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, Berguist's & Biessener's
Jun 17-19, 2010	Rendezvous 2010 - Wake The Giant	John Colosimo 807-344-7694 email: info@tbvscc.ca Club Website: www.tbvscc.ca



Calendar of Events - Other Car Clubs

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Date	Event	Host or Contact
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