

InterMarque Monthly

InterMarque Calendar Highlights

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July 18

IM Day at National Triumph
Convention, Red Wing

July 18-21

Brian Redman International
Challenge, Elkhart Lake WI

July 27

Gymkhana 2002, St. Paul

August 10

Ellingson's Swap Meet &
Car Show, Rogers

September 7

Wheels and Wings,
Osceola, WI

October 5, 6, & 12

Fall Colour Tours, all over

June 5-8

2003

Lake Superior Vintage
Sports Car Rendezvous,
Thunder Bay, Canada

Stone Arch Fathers' Day Show

June 15 & 16

A few imported classics showed up at Minneapolis' annual fathers' day show. At the right is Bob Lee's Triumph GT6 Mk III, pictured with the Hennepin Avenue Bridge and the art show in the background. Other cars included Steve Belton's 122, several Jaguars, and a few grey poupon vehicles.



Sunday at Sherlock's

June 30, hosted by
Sherlock's Home

Sherlock's Home sponsors a classic car show every Sunday afternoon. Bill Burdick, the Home's owner, calls it BBC for British Built Cars. This is the story of one recent Sunday.

At 4:20 p.m., a bright yellow MGB pulls into the lot. It's Randy Byboth driving wife Cindy's 1980 car. The outside temperature is hovering in the mid-90's and Randy is driving the car in the manner least likely to cause heat exhaustion. The convertible top is up with its rear window unzipped.

Randy dropped Cindy off at the beach up Shady Oak Road a mile or two. Faced with the choice of ogling nubile

young women in revealing swimsuits or admiring 30+ year old foreign autos on hot black top, Randy has picked the latter. His choice is rewarded as he backs into a shady parking spot.

Twenty minutes later, Karl Richter pulls in in his early 1967 Lotus Europa. Karl says it came from the factory trimmed as a racecar but the factory included all the parts to bring it to full civilian spec. The car is still a racer (with decals, numbers, the SCCA's EP designation, and a mesh screen over the driver's window) and Karl still has the parts to make it a daily driver. He says it's not that hot inside. The engine is behind him and there's a huge fresh air

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INTERMARQUE CALENDAR

INTERMARQUE SHOWS & EVENTS

- JULY 18** **InterMarque Day at VTR2002** Treasure Island Casino, Red Wing, Minnesota. This is the national Triumph gathering and the Vintage Triumph Register invites you to bring your non-Triumph vintage car down. They'll have a special area set up to park. Come on down and take a gander. Contact: Andy Lindberg 651-292-8585 or andy.lindberg@earthlink.net
- JULY 18 - 21** **Brian Redman International Challenge** Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI. Hosted by VSCDA. Automotive art, vendors, auction, race car parade, race car concours, See info below under races.
- JULY 27** **Gymkhana 2002** 9:30 a.m. to early afternoon, Brown & Bigelow parking lot, 345 Plato Blvd. (by Holman Field), St. Paul. Things to bring (if you've got 'em): fast car; snell helmet; full gas tank; seat belts; secured battery; no junk in the trunk; sun block; and comb (to keep looking good). Info: Steve Rixen 715-386-2880
- AUGUST 10** **Ellingson Swap Meet and Car Show** Ellingson's Auto Museum, I-94 and Hwy 101, Rogers, MN. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. Sell the part you don't need, buy the part you do. Plus all makes and models in the show. Contact: www.mmgg.org
- AUGUST 24 & 25** **Mille Miglia Tour and Dinner Cruise** Prescott to LaCrosse, WI. Hosted by Alfa Romeo. Details are still being worked out but the hope is that this will include a dinner cruise on the steam-powered paddleboat Julie Belle Swain. Contact: Ed Solstad 612-822-0569 or esolstad@presenter.com
- SEPTEMBER 7** **Wheels & Wings Fest** Osceola, Wisconsin. Hosted by Motorbooks International. Get there early so that your car gets counted in the first ever WWF Smackdown. Here are the attendance contests: The Spridgefire Spectacular (Midgets vs. Sprites vs. Spitfires); The T Party (Triumph TR2/3s vs. MG T-types); There'll Always Be an England (Morgans vs. big Healeys); The Roll-Up Window Race (MGB's vs. TR4/250/6's); The New Guard/Old Guard Shootout (TR7/8 vs. MGA); The Mighty Mite Massacre (Citroen 2CV's vs. old Minis vs. Morris Minors); The International Showdown (Jaguars vs. Alfas/Fiats/Ferraris); and The Etal Bowl (Saab 92/93/95/96/Sonnets vs. Volvo 444/544/122/140/1800's vs. Marcos vs. TVR vs. ??) Awards to be presented at an event selected by each club. Info: Andy Lindberg 651-292-8585 or andy.lindberg@earthlink.net
- SEPTEMBER 8** **British Car Festival (Field Day)** Palos Hills, IL. Hosted by the British Car Union. The 2001 event had over 780 British cars present on a rainy day. There are also some events on September 7. Contact: www.qtb.com/bcu/
- JUNE 5-8, 2003** **Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous** Thunder Bay, Canada. Hosted by the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club.

RECURRING INTERMARQUE EVENTS

- British Built Cars** Informal car show **every Sunday through October** 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Sherlock's Home, Hwy. 62 & Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka. (p.s., Some non-Brit cars attend.) Contact: Sherlock's 952-931-0203

INTERMARQUE RACES & RALLIES

- JULY 18 - 21** **Brian Redman International Challenge** Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI. Hosted by VSCDA, the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association. Automotive art and vendor fair, Mecum auction, race car parade, race car concours, Sir Jack Brabham autograph session, dancing under the stars, drive your car on the track, racing, and touring. If you've never been, you owe to yourself to attend at least once. Contacts: VSCDA www.vscda.org and Road America 1-800-365-7223 & www.roadamerica.com
- AUGUST 11** **Svenska Klassick Rally** Minnetonka. Info: Dean Nelson 651-636-3771 or dnelson@machine.com
- AUGUST 11** **MOWOG V** Hennepin Tech. Hosted by the Minnesota Autosports Club. Amateur autocross, vintage, modern, and race vehicles. Contact Dwight McCullough 763-754-7111 or www.mnautoc.com
- SEPTEMBER 14** **Photo Rally** Hosted by Minnesota MG T Register. Start at noon at ??????????. Scenic drive through Theo Wirth Parkway and the historic Minneapolis Kenwood neighborhood. This is a photo scavenger

hunt where you are given a starting and ending location, driving directions, a dozen scrambled photos and some questions. Bring a navigator and a picnic lunch. Info: Carl Follstad 612-670-1056

SEPTEMBER 20 - 22

Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI. Celebrate Austin Healey's 50th Anniversary. Enjoy fall colors and MGs, Triumphs, Elvas, Loti, Bugattis and more. Hosted by VSCDA, the Vintage Sports Driving Association. Contacts: VSCDA www.vscda.org and Road America 1-800-365-7223 & www.roadamerica.com

SEPTEMBER 29

MOWOG VI Midway Stadium. Hosted by the Minnesota Autosports Club. Amateur autocross, vintage, modern, and race vehicles. Contact Dwight McCullough 763-754-7111 or www.mnautocx.com

OCTOBER 13

MOWOG VII Midway Stadium. Hosted by the Minnesota Autosports Club. Amateur autocross, vintage, modern, and race vehicles. Contact Dwight McCullough 763-754-7111 or www.mnautocx.com

MARQUE NATIONALS

JULY 16 - 19

VTR 2002 Vintage Triumph Register. **Treasure Island Resort & Casino, Red Wing, Minnesota.** Hosted by Minnesota Triumphs. Info: Bob Lee 715-425-2580 or www.vtr.org.

JULY 17 - 21

North America MGA Register Get Together Charlottesville, Virginia. Info Bruce Woodson CVMGA@aol.com

JULY 19 - 21

Fiat Freak Out 2002 Fiat Lancia Unlimited national convention, Niagara Falls, New York. Info: www.flu.org

AUGUST 9 - 11

International Citroën Car Club Rally Amherst, Massachusetts. The first international to be held in the USA. Info: www.icccr.org

SEPTEMBER 7 - 8

AMGBA National Meet Palo Alto, California. Info: www.mgclub.org

SEPTEMBER 20 - 22

LOG 22 Lotus Owners Gathering, **Lake Geneva, Wisconsin** Info: www.lotusclub.org

FALL COLOR TOURS

OCTOBER 5

Minnesota MG Group Meet ????????

OCTOBER 6

Minnesota MG T Register Drive starts at 12:30 sharp. Meet in Lakeville, next to the Perkins in the Wells Fargo lot at I-35 and Highway 50, exit 85. 110 miles on all blacktop roads; three hours driving time. One hour stop in St. Peter. Arrival in Chaska at 4:30. Info: Bill and Sylvia Douglas, 952-898-1399

OCTOBER 12

Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Meet ????????. Info: Greg & Nancy Lauser

OCTOBER 13

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REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

Lotus Owners of the North (LOON) Informal gathering, third Sunday of the month at Sherlock's Home BBC event (see previous page). Info: Terry Pitts ADDRESS

Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Pie With the President, first Wednesday of the month (except Dec.), 7:00 p.m. Bakers' Square, Highland Village, St. Paul. Info: Dan Wolters 651-488-3468 dan.wolters@goodrich.com or www.mnbealey.com

Minnesota MG T Register MG Luncheons, every Tuesday, 11:15 a.m. Frenchman's, 1400 E. 66th Street, Richfield. Info: Bob Figenskau 952-935-7909 or www.mnmgr.com

Minnesota Triumphs Monthly Meeting, second Thursday of the month (except Nov. & Dec.), 7:00 p.m., Fort Snelling Officers Club. Info: Pat Holt 612-331-5378 or clubs.bemmings.com/mntriumphs/

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vent. He's not dripping with sweat so maybe he's right.

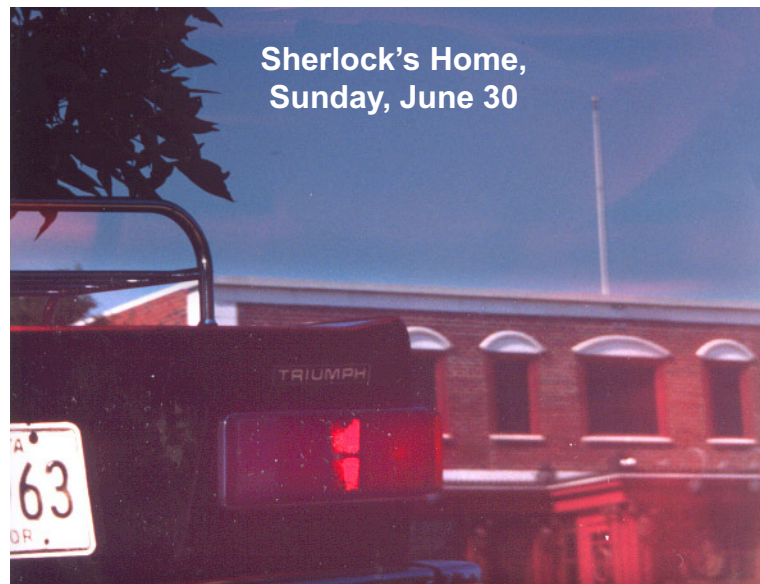
Next Keith and Phyllis pull in with their concours contending 1976 TR6. They're followed closely by Andy Maylahn's red 1970 MGB with a British flag painted on its bonnet. Andy is thinking of doing a full resto on his MGB, but it runs pretty good now so he isn't sweating it.

Then Harvey Bergstrom steers his two-wheel conveyance into the lot. It's a 1950 BSA 650, two cylinders and a magneto ignition. Harvey, who has more of these at home, finds a place in the shade and switches off. The BSA is done in polychromatic beige and it must be one of those light brown moments, because the next vehicle to appear is Dan Wolter's Austin-Healey 100-4 in Coronet Cream. Dan is president of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club (the only club president to make an appearance today) and did the 100-4's paint and bodywork in his garage last winter. MAHC members recall that Dan practiced his painting skills last year and the 100-4 showed up in a different color each week. While Coronet Cream is not the first color you think of for a sports car (it's not red), the 100-4 has a more purposeful feel in this hue than if it were sprayed in one of the more popular shades (of red). The fold-down windshield doesn't hurt either.

It's almost 5:00 p.m. and Pat Hahn arrives in a maroon 1968 MGB-GT. Pat doesn't have to tell us it's warm inside; we can see the sweat on his t-shirt. Even though Pat's car is a '68, it's a Canadian spec vehicle so it lacks the Pillsbury doughboy dash of the U.S. cars. Now a lot of cars pull in, Jim Pennoyer's white MGA, a 1978 MGB, a 1966 Morgan 4/4 with the Ford Cortina engine, a 1966 Austin-Healey Sprite named Gerty, a 1985 Morgan +8

recently converted from propane, a 1968 Sprite with the doughboy dash, a 1984

its coolant on the blacktop, the first car to do so all day. Some people go in for dinner, or to join others sitting in the bar and out of the heat. At 6:00 there are seventeen classic British cars and one classic British bike in the lot. By 6:30 more cars are leaving than arriving although Tom Schramm does pull up in his Mini Moke. By 7:00 there are perhaps a half-dozen cars, and their owners are inside enjoying "bubble & squeak," "fish & chips," or "shepherd's pie."



Aston Martin Lagonda, an early Jag XKE, and an early '70's MGB.

People are walking around the lot, some fighting off heat exhaustion with a pint of ale from the pub, looking at cars and telling stories. Curt Carlson relates how his brake line wore through the coil on his Sprite, stopping it in its (diminutive) tracks until he figured out what went wrong. (This is not normally the first thing you check when your car won't run.) Keith Galberth tells folks he's looking for a good (i.e., not rusty) Spitfire. He'd driven down to Willmar yesterday to look at one but said it wasn't what he wanted.

A couple of new Minis arrive, both still wearing their dealer plates. One of them is the rare supercharged "S" model and this attracts a lot of attention. Owner Paul Werdner is finally prevailed upon to give a ride to some of the folks on the Mini S waiting list. Before he leaves, he announces that the Mini's exterior temperature gauge says it's 100° in the parking lot. When he returns, the riders express their enthusiasm for the Mini's (1) air conditioning and (2) acceleration.

Cars continue to arrive, an Austin-Healey BJ8, a series 2 Jaguar E-type, and a 1965 MGB. The latter loses some of

This Sunday at Sherlock's is over, but there'll be another next week.

Marque Clubs of the Upper Midwest

Citroën Car Club of Minnesota
(www.citroenmn.com)

Jaguar Club of Minnesota (952-474-8498)

Minnesota Austin-Healey Club
(www.mnhealey.com)

Minnesota MG Group (www.mmgg.org)

Minnesota MG T Register
(www.mnmgr.com)

Mini-Sota Minis, Pizza Eating, and
Psychiatric Self-Help Assn
(www.mini-sota.com)

Minnesota Morgans (ljmlshields@msn.com)

Minnesota Triumphs (clubs.hemmings.com/mntriumphs/)

Stella del Nord Alfa Romeo Owners Club
(esolstad@presenter.com)

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