

InterMarque Monthly

Vintage Foreign Cars in the Upper Midwest

InterMarque Calendar Highlights

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November 16

Fires and Fire Extinguishers, GT Cars Open House, Bloomington, MN

2003

May 18

Inter-Marque Banquet and Car Show, Sherlock's Home, Minnetonka, MN

June 5-8

Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous, Thunder Bay, Canada

August 9

Ellingson's Swap Meet and Car Show, Rogers, MN

September 6

Wheels & Wings, Osceola, WI

September 19 -21

Road America Fall Vintage Races, Elkhart Lake, WI

Sherlock Season Ends

October 27

It was a little cooler (but still above freezing) and a little darker with the end of daylight savings time, but the last official BBC still attracted a few cars.

Since May, Sherlock's Home in Minnetonka has promoted a Sunday afternoon/evening get-together for British Built Cars. Sherlock's is an English restaurant in Minnetonka and the state's first brew pub. Some of their ales are an acquired taste, especially when served at an authentic 50°.

BBC runs from May through October and a few die-hards gathered for the season ender on October 27. A half-dozen vintage cars were in the



parking lot in clear violation of the first law of Lucas -- home before dark. Their drivers did not spend much time kicking tires.

It's amazing how comfortable-



Some of the closing ceremony attendees: Keith and Phyllis Galberth, Dave Meeks, Jim Pennoyer, and Paul Weidner

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INTERMARQUE CALENDAR

INTERMARQUE SHOWS & EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 16** **Fires & Fire Extinguishers** 9:00 a.m. to Noon. GT Cars, Bloomington, MN. Partially a tech session on something you don't want to think about (but should know about) and partially an open house for GT Cars remodeled facility. Always a treat to see what they've got in the shop.
- FEBRUARY ??, 2003** **InterMarque Go-Kart Challenge** ??????????, MN. Hosted by Jaguar, MN.
- MAY 16 - 18** **Carlisle Import/Kit Car Show** Biggest foreign car swap meet on this side of the pond.
- MAY 18** **InterMarque Spring Banquet and Car Show** Sherlock's Home, Minnetonka, MN. Hosted by the Inter-Marque Council.
- MAY 24 - JUNE 1** **Seventh Annual British Car Week** This is the nationally celebrated week when Brit Car owners are supposed to get their cars on the road and spread awareness of them..
- JUNE 5-8** **Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous** Thunder Bay, Canada. Hosted by the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club.
- ???? ??** **Gymkhana** Brown & Bigelow parking lot, St. Paul, MN. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.
- AUGUST 9** **Ellingson's Swap Meet and Car Show** Rogers, MN. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group, Minnesota Triumphs (?), Minnesota Minis (?), Minnesota Austin-Healeys (?), Minnesota MGT Register (?), Jaguar Minnesota (?), and the British Iron Society (?).
- SEPTEMBER 6** **Wheels & Wings** Osceola, WI. Hosted by Classic Motorbooks.

RECURRING INTERMARQUE EVENTS

- GT Cars Open House** In January, February and March, GT Cars has usually held an open house on the first Saturday of the month. More info next month.
- British Built Cars** Informal car show **every Sunday MAY THROUGH OCTOBER** 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Sherlock's Home, Hwy. 62 & Shady Oak Road, Minnetonka. See you when the snow is off the crocus. p.s., Some non-Brit cars (like Ferraris & Alfas & Citroëns & Datsuns) sometime attend. Contact: Sherlock's 952-931-0203.

INTERMARQUE RACES & RALLIES

- JUNE 27 - 29, 2003** **VARAC Vintage Festival** Mosport Racing Facility, Mosport, Ontario, Canada. Hosted by the Vintage Automobile Racing Association of Canada. Featured marque is **Triumph**. Info: VARAC (www.varac.ca or lbmc@nexcicom.net)
- JUNE 12** **Mearns Rally** Location TBD. Host TBD.
- SEPTEMBER 19 - 21** **Elkhart Lake Fall Vintage Races** Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI. Not as crowded as July's Brian Redman International Challenge and the weather is usually better also. Several intermarque convoys are going to be organized so you can go to the event with others on your own schedule, on your own favorite route, and/or at your own preferred speed. Details later.

MARQUE NATIONALS & UPPER MIDWEST REGIONALS

- MAY 1 - 5, 2003** **Challenge Championship 2003** Jaguar Clubs of North America. Phoenix, AZ. Hosted by the Jaguar Club of Central Arizona. Includes tour of Jaguar Cars' Arizona Test Facility. Info: www.jcna.com
- MAY 12 - 15** **SpriteSpree 03** Harrisburg, PA. The only, once every five years Sprite convention. Hosted by ??? Info: Rick Moses, 888-5SPRITE or austinhealeysprite@juno.com
- JUNE 6 - 8** **MOFLO 2003** Osage Beach, MO. Midwest Outing of Fiat & Lancia owners. The meeting in the

middle. Info: www.mirafiori.com/~kdickson/

JUNE 19

MG2003 North American MGB Register, St. Louis, MO. Info: www.british-cars.org.uk/kimber/namgbr

JUNE 20 - 22

Citroën Rendezvous Northfield, MA. Hosted by Citroën Quarterly. Info: Michael Cox (617-742-6604 or CitQ@aol.com)

JUNE 25-30

Conclave 2003: A Capital Experience Washington, DC. Hosted by the Capital Area Austin Healey Club. Info: Gary Palsgrove (301-468-0151 or evorgslap@msn.com), Allen Feldman (mapper500@starpower.net), or capitalhealeys.org

JULY 10-13

American MGC Register Davis, WV, Blackwater Falls State Park

JULY 14

GT28 North American MGA Register Get Together, Welches, OR. Hosted by the Columbia Gorge MGA Club. Info: Pat & Kenny Snyder (360-263-4047), Mark Hadley (503-771-7576 or markhadley@aol.com), or www.british-cars.org.uk/kimber/namgar

JULY 18 - 20

Fiat Freak Out 2003 Asheville, NC. Hosted by the Atlanta and East Tennessee Chapter of Fiat Lancia Unlimited. Info: www.flu.org/ffo2003/

AUGUST 6-10

Vintage Triumph Register Armagh, PA. Hosted by The Roadster Factory. Info: www.vtr.org

SEPTEMBER 4-7

SAAB Owners' Convention Hershey, PA. Hosted by the Central Pennsylvania SAAB Club. Info: www.saabconvention.org

JUL 20 - AUG 18, 2004

Rolls-Royce Centennial World Tour Baltimore, MD to Monterey, CA. Hosted by the Rolls-Royce Owners Club. Celebrates "the Meeting" of Charles Rolls and Henry Royce on May 4, 1904. Info: Peter Lind (707-967-8202 or bonpete@earthlink.net) or www.rroc.org/worldtour

REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

Lotus Owners of the North (LOON) Informal gathering, third Sunday of the month at Sherlock's Home. Info: Terry Pitts 651-450-0921 tlp50@earthlink.net

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: Tom Hazen 612-871-6111 tom_hazen@adp.com or www.mnhealey.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 SAAB Club Monthly Meeting, first Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., the Ground Round at the Har-Mar Mall in Roseville. Info: Chris Luick 507-252-1888 or www.mnsaabclub.org

Minnesota Triumphs Monthly Meeting, second Thursday of the month (except Nov. & Dec.), 7:00 p.m., Fort Snelling Officers Club. Info: Bob Lee 715-425-2580 or clubs.hemmings.com/mntriumphs/

Marque Clubs of the Upper Midwest

British Iron Society of Greater Fargo (701-293-6882)

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

Jaguar Club of Minnesota (952-474-8498)

Lotus Owners of the North (tlp50@earthlink.net)

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 SAAB Club (www.mnsaabclub.org)

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

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

Vintage Sports Car Racing (www.vscr.org)

Vintage VW Club of America (763-421-2705)

Volvo Sports America Minnesota Chapter (612-789-0851)

(Clubs listed in bold are members of the InterMarque Council. Others are listed for information purposes only. Want your club listed? Submit info to andylindeberg@earthlink.net. No charge.)

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Left: Jags at Sherlock's

Right: Goodies at QC



cheap way home..

ing a warm beer can be when the outside temp is 40°, the sun is down, and your sidescreens are at home. The group gathered in the bar and traded stories of winter projects to come and of adventures in days gone by.

Doug Foster's sister was visiting and told about her mid-70's ride from California to Massachusetts. In a Triumph TR6. With two male fellow students. Straddling the transmission hump as would any impoverished student looking for a

In Oklahoma, they were stopped for a minor traffic infraction and the officer said, "I'm only going to give you a warning if you gentlemen let the young lady sit in the passenger seat the rest of the way." The boys agreed, they traded places, and took off. Three miles outside of town the fellows stopped and everyone assumed their previous seating postions. Who says chivalry is dead?

All in all, it was a nice, low-key ending to a fun summer at Sherlock's. See you next year in your MG, TR, Mini, Jag, Morgan, Lotus, Healey, Alfa, 2CV, Yugo, whatever.

Quality Coaches Open House

November 8

You probably thought you'd achieved something when you turned the big three-O, but thirty in British car garage years is



It gives a whole new meaning to the phrase "Garage Band"

probably one-O-O in people years. Not many make it and those that do deserve a little party.

Quality Coaches celebrated its 30th with an open house. They opened the doors, put a lot of great food on a table, set up a band, and invited in the folks whose dollars keep the joint running.

Mark, Eileen, Val, Randy, and Brad were all on hand, plus a few other workers to whom your reporter hasn't been formally introduced.

With 40 or 50 people on hand at any one time, the display room with the food soon got pretty crowded. Folks wandered out into the garage to admire tool boxes and some of the interesting projects: an early, pull-handle MGB, a Mercedes 250 that is slowly fading into the woodwork, and, of course, the infamous four-door, four-wheel-drive MGB on a Nissan chassis.

Note: If you missed this open house, another of the Monthly's nonadvertisers, GT Cars, is having an open house November 16. They've redecorated, so drop in and say hello.

Transitions

It's election season and local vintage sports car clubs are not immune.

Minnesota Triumphs met on October 10 and chose **Bob Lee** as their Prez for 2003. Bob drives a TR6. He was President in 1995 & 1996 and also chaired this year's national Triumph convention committee.



The Minnesota MG Group gathered on November 9 and selected **Alan Kelty** as their 2003-2004 leader. Alan drives one of a couple MGB's that he

owns.

And, while it's a bit premature to announce, **Tom Hazen** is running unopposed for Austin-Healey captain next week at the Healey's annual meeting/pizza party. Tom is a Sprite maniac and put



together this year's successful Flamingo Rally.

Tech Tip of the Month

The gear lever on a Citroen 2CV should be lubed with talcum powder. Grease ruins the bushes.



-- Next Month --

Enthusiast of the Year Award

Yes, we were supposed to make the announcement this month. What can we say? We're still doing research. That gives you another couple weeks to get in your nominations. If you've forgotten what this is about, here's a reminder:

The *InterMarque Monthly* **Enthusiast of the Year Award** recognizes a person who has made a significant contribution to our shared avocation. We're

looking for your nominations for a person (or persons) who should be considered.

Can't think of anybody to nominate? Maybe the following questions will get your brain out of neutral:

1. Who do you know that helped friends (and complete strangers) with their automotive problems and didn't seek compensation or awards?

2. Who do you know that actively promoted and participated in all kinds of vintage sports car events?

Send your nominations, and the reasons for them to: *andy lindberg@earthlink.net*, 923 St. Clair Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105, or 651-292-8585.



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1963 VW Sunroof, Anthracite Red Int., W.W., Radio.....	\$1575
1958 VW Sunroof, Black, W.W., Radio..	\$795

LEE ALAN MOTOR COMPANY

4828 Archer Avenue
927-7300

Automotive ads from the April 25, 1964 Chicago Tribune. Courtesy of the publisher's mother who used them to wrap something that didn't get used too often. Yes, the original was printed in this tasteful shade of over-ripe peach.



It kind of makes you wonder how, with their quiet wit and tasteful approach, domestic dealers ever allowed imports to get a toehold in this market.

Want Ads

Want to sell something? Or trying to find that elusive part? Classified ads (with or without picture) are \$5/appearance. Contact us for display rates.

For information on the following items, contact Tom at 952-937-2337:

- * Austin Mini vintage race car
- * Mini Mokes from \$2950
- * Australian Moke \$9950
- * Datsun 2000 Roadster
- * 1974 MGB
- * Bugeye Sprite
- * 1960 Moretti Coupe
- * NSU Sport Prinz
- * 1971 Cooper S, Mk3
- * Austin & Morris Minis
- * Mini van, new paint and interior
- * 1982 Mini, 33K miles
- * 1971 Jaguar XJ6, \$1500
- * Mini Ranger kit car, Moke like
- * Lotus Europa Renault engine
- * Panasport wheels for most cars
- * Mini 998 engines
- * Assorted Mini parts
- * BMW 2002 Ti engine and transmission
- * MGB engine

1973 Triumph Stag, yellow, five speed, 14K miles on rebuilt GM engine. Jim Cox 651-436-3699 *Jim.Cox@taarch.com*

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