

InterMarque

Vintage Foreign Cars in the Upper Midwest

Monthly

InterMarque Calendar Highlights

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Midwest Motor Sports Open House, Sauk Rapids, MN

May 16 - 18

Donnybrooke Vintage Revival, Brainerd, MN

May 18

Inter-Marque Banquet and Car Show, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Plymouth, MN

June 5-8

Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous, Thunder Bay, Canada

August 9

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

September 6

Wheels & Wings, Osceola, WI

September 19 -21

Road America Fall Vintage Races, Elkhart Lake, WI

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Haven't registered yet? Get off your crankshaft and do it now! See page 10 for info!

Marque Clubs of the Upper Midwest

British Iron Society of Greater
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Citroën Car Club of Minnesota
(www.citoenmn.com)

Jaguar Club of Minnesota (952-
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Lotus Owners of the North
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Minnesota Austin-Healey Club
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Minnesota MG Group
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Minnesota MG T Register
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Minnesota Triumphs (clubs.
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Nordstern Porsche Club (www.
nordstern.org)

North Star BMW Car Club (www.
northstarbmw.org)

The Regulars Twin Cities Vintage
Scooter Club (www.minnescoota.
com)

**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.
Want your club listed? Submit info to
andylindberg@earthlink.net. No charge.

Registration Update for Inter-Marque Car Show & Banquet



Those of you that actually read this newsletter may have noticed that the club with the most pre-registrants for the Inter-Marque wins an award. As of April 14, the status of this competition is as follows:

Club	Registrations	
	Cars	People
MG	7	10
Triumph	5	8
Healey	3	5
Alfa	1	2
Jaguar	1	2
Morgan	1	2
Lotus	1	1



When the racing was done on March 22, Team Lotus took home the traveling trophy! But all of the other teams also turned in great performances. And had a lot of fun too!

InterMarque GoKart Championship



Special Mention
Right: Team MG
for two marque
vehicles driven to
the event.
Left: Team
Citroën for most
fetching head
gear.



Team Times Per Lap*

1. Lotus 35.414 sec.
2. Jaguar 35.642
3. Triumph 36.515
- ? Citroën 37.359

* Times are average of best times of three fastest drivers on each team. Or something like that.



The GoKart Championship was organized by Peter Griffin of the Minnesota Jaguar Club. Both Peter and the Jags deserve congrats on a job well done.

April 12: MINI-Sota Motoring Society Visits Quality Coaches

Words & photos by Keith Galberth

About sixty people came to the event which was held as an introduction to the British car scene for new MINI owners. Members of the Triumph, MG, Jaguar, Austin-Healey, and old Mini clubs were there. Ed Solstad stopped with some info on the local rally scene. QC had a variety of cars on display. There were a number of Triumphs, MGs, and Austin-Healeys includ-

What? No oil? Are you sure this is a Mini?

ing two Bugeyes. Of course there were a few solos like a little Y-type MG, a big Citroën DS, and an Arkley (Midget/Lotus).

A half-dozen old Minis showed up to keep company with about twenty new MINIs. A new Cooper and Cooper S went on the hoists for observation. A mechanic from Motorwerks was present to answer MINI questions and describe what was under the cars. Not oil! Plenty of food was available.



April 13: Billabong Inter-Marque Gathering has a Nice Opener

The first Billabong Gathering got off to a great start. Since Sherlock's Home has not reopened, these Sunday events are taking its place. (See Calendar for more info.) The weather cooperated and more than a dozen cars (and one Vespa) showed up. Drop in any Sunday. We'd love to see you.



March 22: First Club Tour of the Year. First Tour Ever for MINI-Sota Motoring Society

Words & photos by Keith Galberth

Picture #1 was taken at the Pickle Factory in Pepin, WI, the start of the event. Picture #2 was taken at Buena Vista Park, over-



#2

#1

looking Alma, WI. Eighteen cars participated. One car came up from Iowa, a couple from Wisconsin, one from Rochester, and the rest, I think, from the metro area.

The drive from Pepin to Alma was partially on WI 35, partially on a series of county roads, or less, which in a MINI, were reminiscent of the Wild Mouse amusement park ride. The route was cour-

tesy of a Wisconsin member of the MINI-sota Motoring Society. (Ed. note: We have rumours that some Society members practiced their four-wheel drift technique on this run.)

Whatizit?!



Tim Keseluk of GT Cars guessed that last month's *Whatizit* was, "a gearshift escutcheon on a 1953 Daimler Drophead Coupe." The *Whatizit* team is still researching "escutcheon" but we're pretty sure Tim is right. Especially since this 1953 Daimler Drophead Coupe spent some time at GT Cars.

What the *Whatizit* staff found interesting about the es-whatever, however, is the fact that it's connected to a Wilson pre-selector gearbox. This delightful piece of machinery had some use in English autos of the period. Here's how it worked. You're driving along the motorway in fourth gear ("O" on the escutcheon) and see a steep hill ahead. You figure you're going to have to downshift so you put the lever in third ("T" on the escutcheon). Nothing happens. Then you're on the hill and the engine starts to lug. You depress the clutch pedal and, as you let it back up, third gear engages. Is that neat or what?

INTERMARQUE CALENDAR

INTERMARQUE SHOWS & EVENTS

APRIL 26

Midwest Motor Sports Open House 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 26 South 1st Street, Sauk Rapids, MN. One of the great vintage foreign car shops. Always something interesting in the garage. Owner Dan Iburg says no snow this year. Info: Dan Iburg 320-251-0676 or danielmms@aol.com

MAY 16 - 18

Carlisle Import/Kit Car Show Pennsylvania. Biggest foreign car swapmeet this side of the pond.

MAY 18



InterMarque Spring Banquet and Car Show Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Plymouth, MN. North-east corner of the intersection of I-494 and Hwy. 55. Hosted by the Inter-Marque Council. Car show 1:00 p.m. Banquet 3:00. Banquet cost is \$13.35/person including tip and gratuity excluding bar drinks. Events, fun, you can't miss it!!!

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.

MAY 28

Evening Drive to Make the Queen Mum Proud Hosted by Minnesota Triumphs. A drive somewhere in the Cities in celebration of British Car Week. (See above.) For info contact Russ Mattson 612-869-3011.

MAY 30

Opening Night of the New Italian Job How can they outdo the old flick with Michael Caine, Noel Coward and Benny Hill? Do you remember the XKE's, the Aston, the Lambo, and three Minis being tossed off the mountain? Are the new MINIs up to the job? The MINI-sota Motoring Society intends to find out. Info: frozenquest@yahoo.com

JUNE 5-8



"Back To The Bay" Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous 2003 Thunder Bay, Canada. Hosted by the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club. This is the 13th running of this event, which rotates from Winnipeg to Minnesota to Thunder Bay. Lodging is at the Best Western Nor'Wester. Call 888-473-2378 and mention the Sports Car Rendezvous. Rates are \$89.00 in the Nor'Wester and \$59.00 in the Willows Annex. Prices are in Canadian dollars. Info: Roger Rickards 807-473-4882 or miniowners@shaw.ca or www.tbvsc.ca.

AUGUST 9

Ellingson's Swap Meet and Car Show Rogers, MN. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group, Potential cohosts include 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.

SEPTEMBER 7

Chicagoland British Car Festival Palos Hills, IL. Hosted by the (Chicago area) British Car Union. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 17th annual. West of I294, between 107 and 111 Street on 88 Avenue. Info: www.britishcarunion.com or 630-773-4806

SEPTEMBER 14

Battle of the Brits Sterling Heights (Detroit), MI. Hosted by Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club. 21st annual. 2002 event fielded 432 cars and 202 motorcycles. Info: Sue Snyder 586-979-4875 or snydleydog@yahoo.com.

RECURRING INTERMARQUE EVENTS

InterMarque Informal Car Show Every Sunday, April 13 through October, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Billabong Aussie Bar & Grill, Bloomington. Come on out and bring your: MG, Triumph, Mini, Citroën, Jensen, Jaguar, Morgan, Alfa, Austin, Delorean, Mercedes, TVR, Riley, Ferrari, Bentley, Rolls Royce, Land Rover, VW, Fiat, Lotus, Alvis, etc. Located on the south frontage road of I-494 between Highway 100 and France Avenue. Billabong phone is 952-844-0655.



Test Days Second Saturday of the month May through October. Minnesota Highway Safety Center near St. Cloud. Get a taste of driving a road course, improve your driving skills or test your sports car. Entrants need a helmet and seat belt, plus a rollbar for open cars. You don't have to be a racer to enjoy the fun. Instruction is available for newcomers. Info: Bill Groschen 952-746-8880 or www.uscr.org.



InterMarque Races, Rallies, & Tours

MAY 1 - ?

Four Corners Tour Start at the State Capitol and drive to all four corners of Minnesota. Larry Berg of the Minnesota Triumph Club is heading this voyage. It sounds like this may not be a leisurely tour so you'd better be able to keep up with a TR6 to participate. Info: Larry Berg 952-557-1949 or larryberg@coldwellbankervision.com.

MAY 3

New Glarus Hill Climb Hosted by the Wisconsin Alfa Romeo Owners Club. Info: www.geocities.com/wi_aroc/index.htm.

MAY 16 - 18

Donnybrooke Vintage Revival Brainerd International Raceway, Brainerd, MN. Hosted by Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR). Make this an event for your club! Low-key weekend with spirited vintage racing. Non-racers are welcome to take a tour of the track. Attendees are invited to join VSCR at their traditional post-race party on Saturday. Accommodations are available at numerous motels and resorts in the area or camping is available at the track. The North Star BMW performance driving school will be at the track as well. Info: Rich & Liz Stadther 651-698-1981, stadther@pmlink.com, or www.vscr.org.



JUNE 27 - 29

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.

JUNE 21

Gymkhana 10:00 a.m. at the Brown & Bigelow parking lot, 345 Plato Blvd, St. Paul, MN. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. The pylons will be set up and you can test your driving skills. Info: Steve Rixen steve@rixen.com or 715-386-2880.

JULY 25 - 27

The BRIC RoadAmerica, Elkhart Lake, WI. This is the biggie! More cars, more people, and fewer hotel rooms than at anything else on these pages. Make your motel reservations now for the 2005 event. Info: www.vscda.org and www.roadamerica.com.

JULY 26 - 27

Rally in the Valley Chippewa Falls, WI. Hosted by MMGG. Meet in Chippewa Falls, tour the Leinenkugel Brewery, participate in a poker run, have dinner, and either head for home or spend the night at the scenic AmericInn Motel in the Falls. (715-723-5711, \$90/night if you say you're with MMGG). Info Steve and Diane Rindt 715-832-8316 or sdrindt@msn.com.

AUGUST 23

Fox & Hounds Tour Location TBD. Host Austin-Healey. Info: Tom Hazen 612-237-1883 or tom_hazen@adp.com.

SEPTEMBER 13

M&M TouRally Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info soon.

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 planned 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. Info: www.vscda.org and www.roadamerica.com.

SEPTEMBER 19 - 22

"Last Hurrah" Challenge Tour Leaves the Twin Cities on Friday for Ashland, WI. Then there will be a counterclockwise circumnavigation of our inland ocean. Organizer Ken Smith says that the tour will be conducted at Jaguar speeds and that space is limited. For the former, we recommend a supercharger on your TC; for the latter, contact Ken at 952-220-0850.

OCTOBER 4

Minnesota MG Group Fall Colour Tour Details later

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Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Fall Colour Tour Details later.

OCTOBER 11

Minnesota Triumphs Fall Colour Tour The Minnesota Triumphs calendar says, "God help us because this event is being hosted by the quiet and insecure O'Brien brothers. Wayne Glossner and Ron Rudamen have volunteered to work with the O'Briens to try to keep the event from erupting into something that will make Marki Gras look like a high tea." If you think this is your cup of tea (pun intended), contact one of the O'Briens at 715-386-5134 (Chris), 715-386-2013 (Patrick), or 715-386-6609 (Sean). Good luck.

MARQUE NATIONALS & UPPER MIDWEST REGIONALS

- MAY 1 - 5** **Challenge Championship 2003** Jaguar Clubs of North America. Phoenix, AZ. Hosted by the Jaguar Club of Central Arizona. Includes tour of Jaguar's Arizona Test Facility. Info: www.jcna.com
- MAY 12 - 15** **SpriteSpree 03** Harrisburg, PA. The only Sprite convention, held once every five years.. 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 6 - 8** **Heartland MG Regional** St. Joseph, MO. Hosted by the Heartland MG Club. All British Cars welcome. Guest marque: Austin-Healey. Info: www.heartlandmg.com, info@heartlandmg.com, or Tommie Camblin 816-795-9628
- JUNE 19 - 21** **TRA 2003 National Meet** Auburn, IN. This show will feature the first public appearance of TS1 in almost 30 years. TS1, a TR2, is the very first production TR. TRA is the Triumph Register of America which caters to TR2's, TR3's, and now TR4's. For more info see www.triumphregister.com.
- JUNE 19 - 23** **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 evorgslapg@msn.com), Allen Feldman (mapper500@starpower.net), or capitalhealeys.org. Local info: Greg Lauser 715-262-9813 or greg_lauser@cargill.com
- JUNE 27-29** **Antique Motorcycle Club of America National Meet** Farmington, MN. Hosted by the Viking Chapter. 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 8:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday. Info: John Eiden 763-537-8052, Dave Rademacher 763-755-8520, or www.antiquemotorcycle.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 markbadley@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/
- JULY 22 - 24** **GOF Central** Delevan, WI. Hosted by the Milwaukee & Greatlakes MG Motorcar Group (MGMGMG). For MG T series cars (and earlier). Info: Kristi Mirocha 262-786-6763 or mirocha@execpc.com.
- AUGUST 6-10** **Vintage Triumph Register** Armagh, PA. Hosted by The Roadster Factory. Info: www.vtr.org
- AUGUST 22-24** **Volvo Sports America National Meet** Niagra Falls, Canada. For Volvo P1800 owners.
- 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

- British Iron Society** Informal gathering, every Saturday morning at CashWise in Fargo. Info: Don Carlson 701-293-6882
- Lotus Owners of the North (LOON)** Informal gathering, third Sunday of the month at **Sherlock's Home**. Info: Terry Pitts 651-450-0921 tjp50@earthlink.net
- Minnesota Austin-Healey Club** Pie With the President, first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Bakers' Square, Highland Village, St. Paul. Info: Tom Hazen 612-237-1883 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.bemmings.com/mntriumphs/

The Regulars, twin cities vintage scooter club Semi-monthly gathering (weather permitting). First and third Sunday of the month, 2:00 p.m., Pizza Luce, Lyndale and 32nd in Minneapolis. Info: www.minnescoota.com

Stella del Nord chapter Alfa Romeo Owners Club Monthly Gathering, second Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Various locations. Info: Ed Solstad 612-822-0569 or esolstad@presenter.com.

On Offer



Bugeye Sprite. 1275 engine with sidedraft Weber. \$4500. Mark Brandow, 612-824-4155.

1960 Triumph TR3A. TS80422L. Your editor owned this car when it was a nice driver. Since 1998, it has acquired the Full-Dude treatment: expensive signal red paint job, TR4 (full synchro) tranny, overdrive, and chrome wires. \$15000. Mark Brandow, 612-824-4155.



MGA. Older restoration. Rebuilt motor. \$9000. Mark Brandow, 612-824-4155.



MGB. Hardtop, Burgundy with tan interior. 21,xxx actual miles. \$8000 obo. Mark Brandow, 612-824-4155.



1972 Triumph TR6. Triple Webers, headers, and free flow exhaust. Roll bar. Needs TLC. \$6500. Mark Brandow, 612-824-4155.

Inter Marque Car Show & Banquet



for vintage foreign cars in the cities & beyond

May 18

Car Show 1:00 p.m., Banquet 3:00 p.m.

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center

I-494 & Hwy 55, Plymouth

**Come and bring your car! Come and see the cars!
Come and have some fun!**

Frequently Asked Questions & Frequently Questioned Answers

Q1. Who is the host for this event?

A1. The Inter Marque Council, a rag-tag group of some foreign car clubs in the Upper Midwest.

Q2. My car barely makes it from one side of the garage to the other. Should I bring it?

A2. Absolutely! We love restoration projects as much as concours vehicles. (Just ask our spouses.) And if it has trouble running, you're going to find more help here than anyplace else in the five-state area.

Q3. Can I win a prize?

A3. Maybe. The rules are pretty loosey-goosey right now but we'll get them together by the 18th.

Q4. What'll it cost?

A4. The car show is free. The 3-course banquet is \$13.35/person. Pay your server.

Q5. Can I pre-register?

A5. Certainment! And you should to get a low car show number. Plus, the club with the most pre-registrants gets an award.

Q6. My car doesn't have its logo around the border and there isn't any club for it around here. Can I still come?

A6. Yah shoor, you betcha. Say where's that Volvo logo? And will there be a Saab 93? And how about a Sunbeam Alpine? And a Simca? And . . .

RSVP: To reserve a seat at the banquet and to get your advance car show registration number, please send name(s) and car marque, model and year to andy lindberg@earthlink.net.

