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InterMarque

Vintage Foreign Cars in the Upper Midwest

Monthly

InterMarque Calendar Additions

July 12

Afton Alps Hillclimb,
Hastings, MN
see flier on next page

July 19

Coulee Classic Rally
Point Douglas Park (just
across the river from
Prescott, WI.
See flier on page 3

August 23

Fox & Hounds Tour
Pepin, WI
See calendar on page 5

Wanted by *InterMarque* Monthly

Reports, pictures of (1) your car, its joys, frustrations, and current mechanical gremlins; (2) club activities, let others know what you're up to; (3) national meets, who was there, how many cars, and how was the drive.

Special Edition!
Last-minute additions
to calendar!



Blacktop Battle!!
See report in the
August (regular) Edition!

Afton Alps Hillclimb

Saturday July 12, 2003

(rain date July 13)

Afton Alps Recreation Area

On-site registration begins 8:30am

Mandatory drivers meeting **10:00am**

Directions: I 94 East past St. Paul, take exit 253 and turn right onto Manning Ave/Hwy 95. After 6.8 miles turn left onto 70th Street. After 3.5 miles turn left into the Afton Alps complex. Go past the golf course then left and down the big hill.

Requirements: Sign waiver, pass on-site tech inspection, wear helmet (Snell 85, we'll have some loaners). Please visit <http://www.healeyclub.org/safetymain.htm> for details.

Pre-registered drivers get to run **first**. We will try to give everyone two runs, more if time permits.

Buffet luncheon will be available for \$10/person.

Advance registration **\$10** per driver

Deadline July 7

(day of event will be **\$15**)

Please make checks payable to Minnesota Austin-Healey Club and mail to:

Tom Hazen, President
Minnesota Austin-Healey Club
130 East 18th Street, #202
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Driver(s)

Year, make, model

Email:

Questions?

Contact Tom Hazen
at 612-237-1883
or tom_hazen@adp.com

**SEE YOU
ON THE HILL!**



The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club invites you to **TAKE THE HILL!** Members of all Inter-Marque Council clubs are welcome for this event. Hillclimbs enjoy a proud place in the history of European motor sports. Now you can be part of that tradition and make history with your own run

TO THE TOP!!



Diagram shows possible course set up. It may be changed.

The Coulee Classic Rally

Saturday, July 19th, 2003



*Those that have never driven the
coulee country are always amazed
that roads of this quality exist in the
Midwest !!!*

An easy Monte Carlo style rally using the excellent sports car roads of Wisconsin's coulee country. Easy to follow instructions and timing at its most straightforward make this an excellent choice for people new to rallying. The roads and scenery are guaranteed to be interesting enough to keep experienced rallyists entertained.

Create a romantic weekend: Combine the Coulee Classic with the fine food at the Harbor View in Pepin, Star Cafe in Stockholm, Currents in Alma or Easy Creek in Arkansas followed by a relaxing stay at a local B&B.

Registration: 9:15 to 9:45 AM First Car Out: 10:01 AM

Meet at: Point Douglas Park (Hwy 10 on the Minnesota side of the St. Croix bridge at Prescott, WI.) **Lunch stop:** Stockholm. **Ends at:** Pepin, WI.

Cost: \$15/car - members of participating InterMarque clubs, \$20/car - all others.

Classes: Historic - Novice & Experienced, Modern - Novice, Experienced/Equipped

Rallymaster: Ed Solstad (612) 822-0569 or esolstad@presenter.com

RSVP to the Rallymaster by Wednesday, July 16th.

Presented by the Stella del Nord Chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club

*\$5 discount for
mentioning this
newsletter !!!*

*Added Bonus: Check
out the Stockholm Art
Fair after lunch !!*

Open to all - Pass the word on.

INTERMARQUE CALENDAR

INTERMARQUE SHOWS & EVENTS

- AUGUST 9** **Ellingson's All British Swap Meet and Car Show** Rogers, MN. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. Info: Brian McCollough at
- 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 13** **Wheels of Italy** Ferraris to Fiats. Vespas to ? Location and details to be announced soon. Hold the date and keep watching this space.
- SEPTEMBER 14** **Battle of the Brits** Sterling Heights (Detroit), MI. Hosted by Detroit Triumph Sportsclub. 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

- JULY 12** **Afton Alps Hillclimb** Afton Alps Recreation Area, Hastings, MN 8:30 a.m. on-site registration, 10:00 mandatory drivers' meeting. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. \$10 pre-registration, \$15 day of the event. See flier on page 11. Info: Tom Hazen tom_hazen@adp.com or 612-237-1883.
- JULY 19** **Coulee Classic Rally** Your chance to get out on the great roads of Pierce, Pepin and Buffalo Counties, WI. Quite a bit of new pavement. Fun! Meet at Pt. Douglas Park across from Prescott. Lunch will be in Stockholm with the finish at the Pickle Factory in Pepin in time to get on the list at the Harbor View. Rally will be run Monte Carlo style and you'll be given leg times and distances. No need to keep track of average time. Just drive at a reasonably brisk pace, stop a half-mile from the checkpoint, leave at one minute before your ideal arrival time, and proceed in at 30mph for that perfect zero! Excellent roads, an eclectic range of cars and people, some of the best scenery in the Upper Midwest, plus gourmet food. Hosted by Stella del Nord Chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club. More details next month or contact Ed Solstad esolstad@presenter.com or 612-822-0569.
- 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.uscda.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 10** **Svenska Klassik Rally** Can you say "lutefisk?" No? Well don't worry, you won't find any on this rally. The rally will be run by Dean Nelson, of the SAAB persuasion, and will take place north of the Twin Cities. Expect a beginner-friendly event. Hosted by Stella del Nord Chapter of the Alfa Romeo

Owners Club. Contact Dean Nelson dnelson@machine.com or 651-636-3771.

AUGUST 16 & 17

GRRR Alleggerita Tour & Dinner Cruise GRRR Lite. Meet in Prescott and follow previous GRRR routes to La Crosse for a dinner cruise on the steam powered paddleboat Julie Belle Swain. After driving all day in a sports car with engine speeds of 5000rpm or better, it is very relaxing to be on a boat powered by an engine on which you can watch the connecting rods and actually count the rpms. Neat stuff! Whatever the final details, the event will involve the great roads and scenery that past GRRR participants have come to know and love. It may end up being a straight forward rally with a non-timed tour option or maybe we'll just scrap the timed idea altogether and just drive at our own pace. Hosted by Stella del Nord Chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club. If you're interested in joining, get in touch with Ed Solstad 612-822-0569, esolstad@pressenter.com, or www.GRRRally.com.

AUGUST 23

Fox & Hounds Tour Noon, Pickle Factory, Pepin, WI. After lunch, the tour will start at 1:30 p.m. (Directions to Pepin: Take Hwys 61 & 10 south from I-494. Turn left on Hwy 10 into Prescott, WI. Catch Hwy 35 south to Pepin.) Rain date: Aug 24. 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/Austin-Healey Club Fall Colour Tour Combined event. 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 Mardi 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

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/

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, 5:00 p.m. at Billabongs. Info: Terry Pitts 651-450-0921 tlp50@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. American Legion, 6501 Portland Avenue, Richfield. Info: Bob Figenskau 952-935-7909 or www.mnmgtr.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/

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.

Marque Clubs of the Upper Midwest

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

**Citroën Car Club of Minne-
sota** (www.citroenmn.com)

Jaguar Club of Minnesota
(952-220-0850)

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

Mercedes Benz Club of
America, Twin Cities
Section (952-829-0848)

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

Minnesota Ferrari Club
(LSand007@mn.rr.com)

Minnesota MG Group
(www.mmgg.org)

Minnesota MG T Register
(www.mnmgtr.com)

**Mini-Sota Minis, Pizza
Eating, and Psychiatric
Self-Help Assn** ([www.mini-
sota.com](http://www.mini-
sota.com))

MINI-sota Motoring Society
(frozenquest@yahoo.com)

Minnesota Morgans
(ljmlshields@msn.com)

Minnesota SAAB Club
(www.mnsaabclub.org)

Minnesota Triumphs ([clubs.
hemmings.com/mntriumphs/](http://clubs.
hemmings.com/mntriumphs/))

Nordstern Porsche Club ([www.
nordstern.org](http://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](mailto:esolstad@
presenter.com))

Twin Cities VW Club
(www.twincitiesvwclub.com)

Vintage Sports Car Racing
(www.vscr.org)

Volvo Sports America Minne-
sota Chapter (612-789-
0851)

Clubs listed in bold are members of the InterMarque Council. We would like this to be as complete a listing as possible. Does anybody out there have any info on an Upper Midwest RX7 or Datsun Z-car club? And did that Morris Minor Club ever get off the ground? Send info/rumors/whatever on clubs not listed to andylinberg@earthlink.net. Thanks in advance. There is no charge for the listing.