

Inter-Marque

Vintage Foreign Cars in the Upper Midwest

Monthly

AN E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Cool Stuff Wheels of Italy Winter Dinner

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GT Cars Open House

February 14. See report on January 10 open house on pages 4&5

Inter-Marque Go-Kart Challenge

March 20. See Calendar on page 10

Saturday AM Get-Togethers

Every Saturday morning. See flyer on page 7

Inter-Marque Spring Kick-Off et al.

May 2. Wowser! See work-in-progress flyer on page 8

Minnesota SAAB Club Acquires Rally Car

The Minnesota SAAB Club recently became the first local club with its own race car. Here is the announcement from club president and editor, Chris Luick:

"I am excited to announce that with the aid of Max Levine, the Minnesota SAAB Club and its members are now the proud



new owners of a '74 99 Pro Rally car! This is a solid race car that comes with a highly modified racing engine and a fully integrated roll cage with spare parts and dozens of rally tires to boot! This will be a fun symbol of our club that we can 'rally' around and drive at various events through the year like ice racing, oval track racing, TSD rallies, rally-cross, and more!"

Which club will follow in the SAABers footsteps and be the next to field its own racer? Sounds like a great club project.

Trivia Question: Which Brit sports car shares its engine design with the SAAB 99?

GT Cars is first Donnybrooke Sponsor

GT Cars is the first company to sign on as a sponsor of the May 14-16 Donnybrooke Vintage Revival.

The revival will be held at BIR in Brainerd, MN. More sponsors are expected soon. In the meantime, however, don't waste your time. Get your motel (or camping area) booked and find a group in your car club to drive up together.

Important Information: 1. Touring (i.e., driving on the race track) passes are available Saturday and Sunday for \$20/each. 2. All attendees must attend the Saturday night party. Beer consumption is optional.

Speaking of Donnybrooke

It looks like NASCAR is coming to Brainerd International Raceway. Can the roundy-round guys go curvy-curve? Come and find out. Dates are August 20-22 and the event is part of NASCAR's Elite Division Midwest Series. The event may include drivers from the Winston Cup and Busch series.

Old *J/M*s Now Available on Web

The Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club has posted old issues of the *Inter-Marque Monthly* on its website. Brent Kiser, web mechanic, tries to get new editions up as quickly as possible so you may be able to view this issue as soon as he finishes rebuilding his TR3 tranny. For more *J/M* than you've ever seen in one place, turn to www.mntriumphs.org.

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Marque Clubs of the Upper Midwest

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Greater Fargo (701-293-
6882)

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sota** (www.citroenmn.com)

Jaguar Club of Minnesota
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LOON (tlp50@earthlink.net)

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Minnesota Triumphs
(www.mntriumphs.org)

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)

Twin Cities VW Club
(www.twincitiesvwclub.com)

Vintage Sports Car Racing
(www.vscr.org)

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

Z Owners Club of Minnesota -
ZOOM (www.zownersofmn.
org)

Clubs listed in bold are members of the InterMarque Council. We would like this to be as complete a listing as possible. Send info/rumors/whatever on clubs not listed to andylindberg@earthlink.net. Thanks in advance. There is no charge for the listing.

Have a comment? Send Letters to the Editor to InterMarque Monthly, 923 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105 or andylindberg@earthlink.net. While mail cannot be answered personally, IMM will publish as many letters as space permits.

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FYI, the TR website also includes maps and/or directions of previous club tours. Not just Triumph club tours either. It's a great resource and worth a look if you're planning an event for your club, or just looking for some nice places to drive your car.

More Volunteerism

Another idea has been presented for a potential charity event. The Chicagoland Jeep Club recently loaded 50+ Jeeps with presents and drove in a convoy down Lake Shore Drive to present them to the Make A Wish Foundation.

The Christmas season is over, but how about a food or clothing drive in the spring? Maybe along the Twin Cities Marathon route down to Kellogg Mall in downtown St. Paul. With a car show on the Mall like GRRR used to hold.

We're getting some good ideas on these events but are a little short on volunteers to head them up. Throw your name in now before you're nominated in absentia.

Inter-Marque Council Meets at the Square Peg

On January 3, the Inter-Marque

Council met over breakfast at the Square Peg Restaurant. (See flyer on page 7.) This was another double-secret meeting and only 30+ people attended.

After the Keystone Cops organized tables, the council chair determined that a quorum was present. Actually only a few official members were present, but the chair pointed out that Council by-laws permit business to be conducted whenever the day of the week ends in a "Y."

Calling the meeting to order the chair apologized for having printed only ten agendas (or is that agendae) and asked people to share. He pointed out that the meeting would be conducted under Andrew's Rules of Order and that anybody who insisted on that Bob guy's rules would be either ejected from the meeting or elected as the new Chair.

Upcoming events were discussed and it was pointed out that the Jag club could still use some volunteers for their Go-Kart Challenge. Contact Peter Griffin at **612-922-3917** or **pgrif888@aol.com**.

Then the meeting got down to some real business, the Inter-Marque Spring Kick-Off/Show/Banquet/Etc. Gary Ronning gave a financial review of last year's event (after spouse Barb showed him where his report was).

Then Barb Ronning reported on negotiations with the Plymouth Radisson (where the event was held last year). Following this, Barb was elected by unanimous consent to chair the event. You can see some early results of her work in the flyer on page 8 and in the calendar on page 9.

Barb needs volunteers! Contact her at **612-722-8397**.

Next there was some discussion of a western meeting place for Sunday afternoons. Jim Pennoyer volunteered to coordinate this group and was unanimously elected. Contact Jim at **jim.pennoyer@minvalco.com**.

Finally people talked a little about a season-ending event. There were a lot of pig roast fans in attendance but no decision was made.

Running out of things to talk about, the chair adjourned the meeting and people got back to eating and talking about fun stuff like their cars.

Answer to Trivia Question on page 1

The SAAB 99 and the Triumph TR7 used the same engine, until SAAB decided to bring its production in-house and make a few improvements.





photos by Dave Meek



A Ferrari 375 twelve cylinder engine undergoing a little work. Wish I knew what that piece of paper says.

A Rolls Royce awaits its new pistons.





← Ferrari Testa Rossa. For Sale. A very nice red head dressed in fly yellow

Jaguar E-type (aka XKE) shell just back from the paint shop



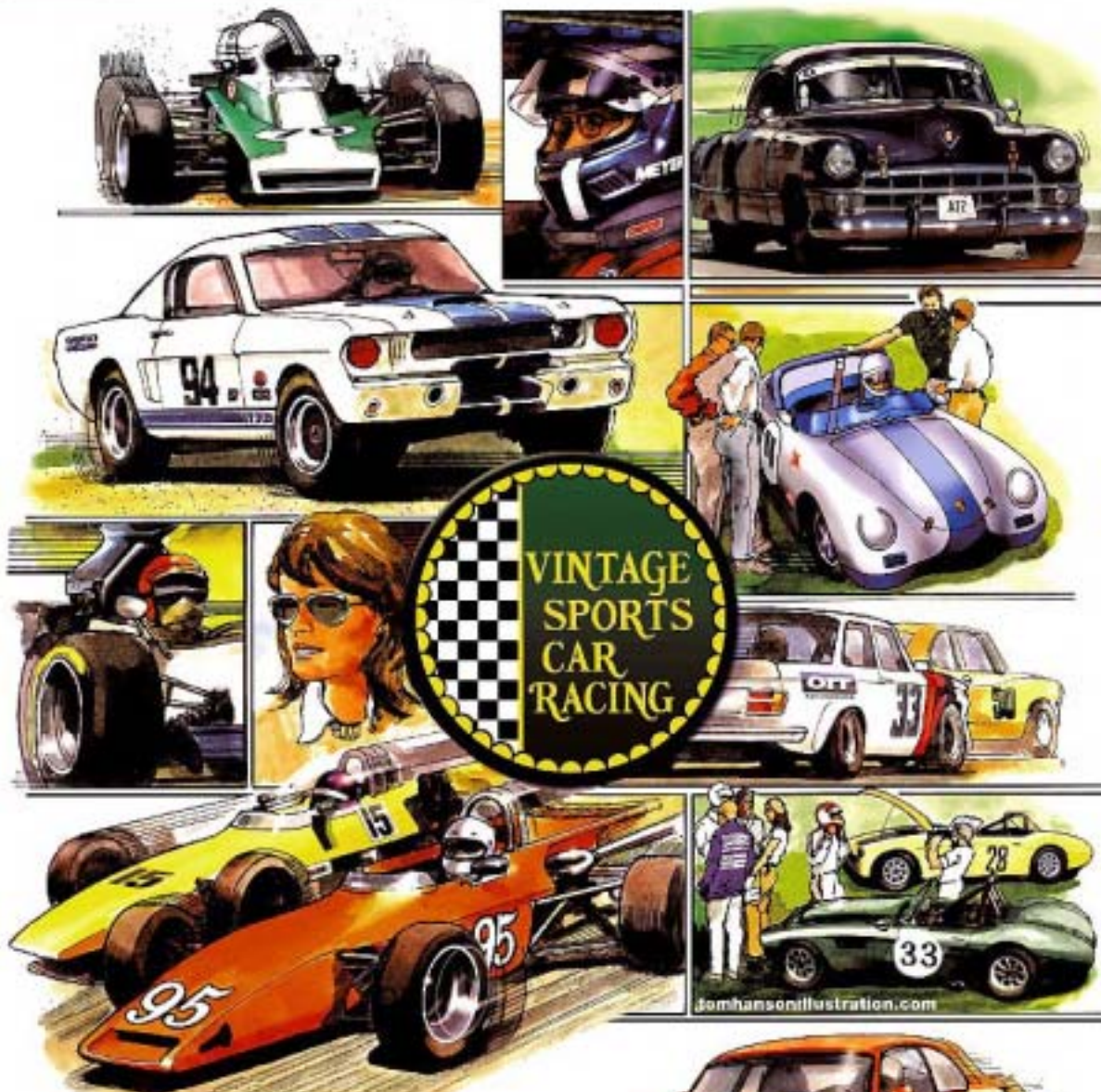
Porsche Spyder replica with a something replica behind it and a genuine Triumph TR6 off to the right.



→ Maserati Ghibli out front. Next Open House is February 14, the perfect Valentine's date for your sweetie.



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WHEELS OF ITALY

Wheels of Italy First Annual Winter Dinner

Saturday, February 7, 2004 at Vescio's Italian Restaurant

4001 Hwy. 7, St. Louis Park, MN 55416 — 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Let us take your mind off of work, winter and boredom! Join us for an event with great food, fun, gifts, and best of all — good company. Vescio's Italian Restaurant is closing its doors just for WOI and is serving a very special dinner "tour" and wine tasting. Wheels of Italy will have prizes for a lucky many.

Seating is limited to only 150! Please sign up below.

The dinner costs \$37 a plate and is payable at the event (cash, check or credit card). If you have 10 or more people in your party, special rates are available. We will contact you with those rates upon receiving this form. If you own Italian vehicle(s) please tell us what they are.

For your \$37 you get the choice of:

- 2 appetizers
- 3 entrees (two meat, one vegetarian)
- 2 deserts
- Soft drinks, tax and tip are included (wine tasting an additional charge)

There will be a drawing for prizes, merchandise for sale and free literature (Catalogs, Schedules, Info...). There is no dress code, but please feel free to wear your favourite Italian car/bike apparel (in fact we encourage it!). Also, bring along any photos, literature or anything else you would like to share with all the other Italian enthusiasts.

Saturday Morning, Informal, Inter-Marque Get Together

every Saturday, 8:30 - ? a.m.

**This is
co-ed!**

Square Peg Restaurant

**2021 East Hennepin Avenue (in the Hennepin Square Building) on
Hennepin between 35W and 280**

Agenda: Get together, talk cars, eat a great breakfast, see if your car is on the special Saturday menu, ask to see owner Phil Vanner's Carrera Panamerica trophy, go out in the parking lot and kick tires (or snow clods depending on the season). Info: Steve Rixen 715-386-2880

Austin Healey 

INTER-MARQUE SPRING KICK-OFF/ CAR SHOW/BANQUET

May 2, 2004



Safety MG just!



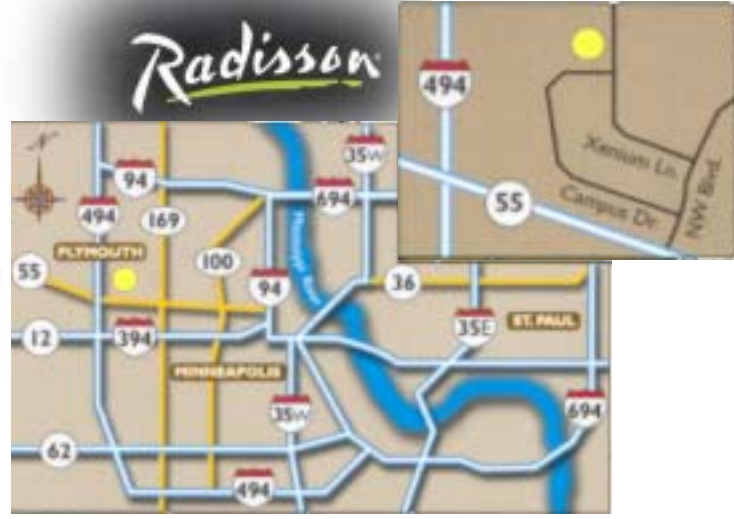
What do we know so far?

1. Date. See above.
2. Location. See below.
3. Big Boss. Barb Ronning
4. Time. Probably about noon for the car show and 3:00 p.m. for the banquet.
5. Parking. We've been promised spots on the grass near the pond, at least for early registrants.

What don't we know?

1. Price. Show is free. Banquet (where prizes will be awarded) should be about \$16/person.
2. Weather. Could be warm, could be cold. Could be dry, could be wet. Probably won't know until five minutes before event starts.
3. Attendance. See weather, but there will be some surprises.

Location will be the same as last year



INTERMARQUE CALENDAR

INTERMARQUE SHOWS & EVENTS

FEBRUARY 7

Wheels of Italy Winter Dinner Vescio's Italian Restaurant, Minneapolis. Vescio's is closing its doors and serving a very special dinner "tour" and wine tasting. Prizes. Seating limited to only 150. \$37/plate. Reservations recommended. Info: www.wheelsofitaly.com

FEBRUARY 29

All British Swap Meet & Auto Jumble Wheaton, IL. Hosted by Chicagoland MG Club and the Chicago area British Car Union. Two buildings, 100 vendors, and over 900 visitors. Free parking and \$5/person admission. Info: chicagolandmgclub.com/swapmeet/

MAY 2

INTERMARQUE SPRING KICK-OFF/SHOW/BANQUET Radisson Plymouth, Plymouth, MN. Hosted by the Inter-Marque Council and enjoyed by everyone with a taste for vintage foreign vehicles (20+ years old). More news next month but the location will be the same as last year with an inexpensive and impressive menu. Details need to be set but it appears that most cars can be exhibited on the grass, near the pond. The hot blacktop will be set aside for those who register late. Set the date aside now. Info: *in this newsletter, of course.*

MAY 22 - 30

British Car Week Everywhere. Hosted by everybody who drives their Brit car. This is a week set aside to show non-believers that those old English cars actually can actually mix it up with today's SUV's, minivans, and computer mevehicles. The idea is just to get the car out of the garage and drive it to work, Starbucks, or anyplace that people can see it. Some local clubs may organize events for this (nice if you feel safer in a pack). Info: users.arczip.com/zntecch/britishcarweek.html

JUNE 4 - 6

Rendezvous 2004 Winnipeg, Manitoba. Date has not been confirmed as of December 14. Caravans to the event are being organized by the Minnesota MG Group (and probably by other clubs as well).

JULY 31

Ellingson's All-British Car Show & Swap Meet Rogers, MN Organized by the Minnesota MG Group. **NOTE NEW DATE.** On the traditional date in August, the MGs are heading to Grand Rapids, Michigan for John Twist's University Motors Summer Party.

RECURRING INTERMARQUE EVENTS

GT Cars Open House Second Saturday of the month in January, February, and March. **FEBRUARY 14, MARCH 13.** See a lot of nice cars (and some very, very nice ones), meet some people with Castrol in their veins, and see how many free doughnuts you can eat. GT Cars has remodeled since last year, expanded their services, and now have a select group of vehicles for sale. They are located at 950 West 94th Street in Bloomington, just east of the 94th Street exit from I35W in Bloomington. For more info, call them at: 952-884-3101

InterMarque Breakfast Every Saturday morning! Skip the cartoons and dig the cars. Square Peg Restaurant, 2021 East Hennepin in the Hennepin Square Building. Humungous parking lot! Breakfast starts at 8:30 (9:00 Triumph time) or whatever time you want to show up. During tire-kicking season, Peg owner Phil Vanner promises to have "walking around" foodstuffs available for people that can't tear themselves away from their cars for more than five minutes at a time. Note: This is rumored to be a coed activity!

InterMarque Informal Car Show **through October**, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Toby's in Oakdale. Come on out and bring your: MG, Triumph, Lotus, Alfa, Austin, Delorean, Mercedes, TVR, Riley, Ferrari, Bentley, Rolls Royce, Land Rover. Century Avenue off I-94 east of St. Paul.

Test Days Second Saturday of the month at the Highway Safety Center near St. Cloud. Get a taste of driving a road course, in a race car, and more. Entrants need a helmet and seat belt, plus a rollbar for open cars. You don't have to be a pro. A demo is available for newcomers. Info: Bill Groschen 952-746-8880 or www.vscr.org.

See you when these two events start again in the Spring!

INTERMARQUE RACES, RALLIES, & TOURS

FEBRUARY 7-8

Ice Racing Lake Phalen, St. Paul. As part of the St. Paul Winter Carnival, the International Ice Racing Association comes to "The Cities." The event has been canceled a bit in recent global warming conditions, but the IIRA is hoping for hard water this year. Info: www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace

- MARCH 20** **Inter-Marque Go-Kart Challenge** ProKart Indoors, Blaine. Hosted by Minnesota Jaguar. Last year Team Lotus captured the TEAM TROPHY. Who will get their club's name engraved on it this year? These karts are fast! Celebrate the first day of spring in a blur! Awards banquet will follow at Tasty Pizza down the street. Info: Peter Griffin pgrif888@aol.com, 612-922-3917, or www.jaguarminnesota.org/
- MAY 8** **Healey Hillclimb III** Afton Alps, MN Hosted by Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Watch for full-page ad in our next issue. Info: Tom Hazen tom_hazen@adp.com 612-237-1883
- MAY 14 - 16** **Donnybrooke Vintage Revival** Brainerd International Raceway, Brainerd, MN Hosted by Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR). See full-page ad in this issue. Make this an official event for your club! Info: Rich & Liz Stadther 651-698-1981 or www.vscr.org
- JULY 16 - 18** **Brian Redman International Challenge** Elkhart Lake, WI Sanctioned by VSCDA. This is the big one! Race, auction, fantastic cars, and incredible people. Info: www.vscda.org and www.roadamerica.com
- JULY 23 & 24** **Rally in the Valley** Paradise Shores, WI Hosted by Minnesota MG Group and Chicagoland MG Club. Rally, car show, funkhana & banquet. Call NOW to make reservations at Paradise Shores (1-800-657-4512). Info: Steve or Diane Rindt 715-832-8316 or srindt8316@Charter.net or chicagolandmgclub.com/guests/ritv/ritv2003.html
- SEPTEMBER 17 - 19** **Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival** Elkhart Lake, WI Sanctioned by VSCDA. Featured Marque: Morgan. Less crowded than the BRIC and probably nicer weather too. Info: www.vscda.org and www.roadamerica.com

MARQUE NATIONALS & UPPER MIDWEST REGIONALS

- MARCH 11 - 14** **Jaguar Club of North America Annual General Meeting** Long Beach, CA aboard HMS Queen Mary. Hosted by Jaguar Owners Club of Greater Los Angeles. First class staterooms for only \$99/night. Info: Bill Streitenberger 310-375-5028 or jagginarnd@juno.com
- JUNE 17 - 19** **Z Car Convention** Long Beach, CA Hosted by Group Z Sports Car Club of Southern California. Hilton rates: \$125/night. Info: Jerry Peterson jerry@groupz.com or the Group Z website www.groupz.com
- JUNE 18-20** **Citroen Rendezvous** Saratoga Springs, NY. Info: members.aol.com/citq/
- JUNE 20-25** **Austin-Healey Conclave** San Antonio, TX Info: Bonnie Ayer 210-340-0377, Edie Lowery 281-469-2610, or Anne Johnson 713-664-6445
- JUNE 24 - 26** **TRA National** Springfield, OH Hosted by Miami Valley Triumphs. (TRA is the national club catering to Triumph TR2's, 3's, and 4's. Info: www.miamivalleytriumphs.org or www.triumphregister.com
- JUNE 24 - 27** **North American MGB Register Convention** Parsippany, NJ Hosted by MG Car Club of Central Jersey. Info: Bob Cherzen rcherzem@optonline.net or www.mg2004.com
- JUNE 25 - 27** **Speedster 50th Anniversary** Pebble Beach, CA. Hosted by Big Lake Media Production. Perhaps the largest ever gathering of 356 Porsches. Info: www.speedster50thanniversary.com
- JUNE 29 - JULY 1** **Mini Meet West Meets East 2004** **The Clock Tower Inn in Rockford, IL.** (Just off I-90.) Hosted by Minis in Northern Illinois (M.I.N.I.) and Mid-America Diehard Mini Enthusiasts Network (M.A.D.M.E.N.) Info: www.minimeet2004.com/
- JULY 14 - 18** **Vintage Triumph Register National Convention** Richmond, VA. Hosted by the Richmond Triumph Register. Info: www.RichmondTriumphRegister.com
- JULY 20 - Aug 18** **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.roc.org/worldtour
- SOMETIME, 2006** **All MG Convention** Location: TBD. Dates: TBD. Once every five years all of the national MG clubs (aka registers) hold their national conventions together. The last of these meets was held in St. Paul in 2001. The next is scheduled for 2006 and the MG Council of North America wants your input on



location, types of events, etc. Rick Ingram, chief muckymuck of the combined MG groups' group, can be reached at P.O. Box 588, St. Joseph, IL 61873 or mowog1@aol.com.

REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

British Iron Society Informal gathering, **every Saturday** morning at Courtyard Cafe, 3105 North Broadway, Fargo, ND. Info: Don Carlson 701-293-6882

Mercedes Benz Club of America, Twin Cities Section Informal dinner and discussion, Lyon's Tap, Eden Prairie. Info: 952-829-0848

Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Pie With the President, **first Wednesday** of the month, 7:00 p.m. Bakers' Square, Highland Village, St. Paul. (Except February when it's downtown at Brits.) 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: John Withrow 952-736-8391 or www.mntriumphs.org

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.

Twin Cities VW Club Monthly meeting, **first Wednesday** of the month, 7:00 p.m., West Side VW. Meeting usually lasts 30 to 45 minutes and attendees gather afterward at TGI Fridays on I-394. Info: www.twincitiesvwclub.com