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*Vintage Foreign Cars in the Upper Midwest*

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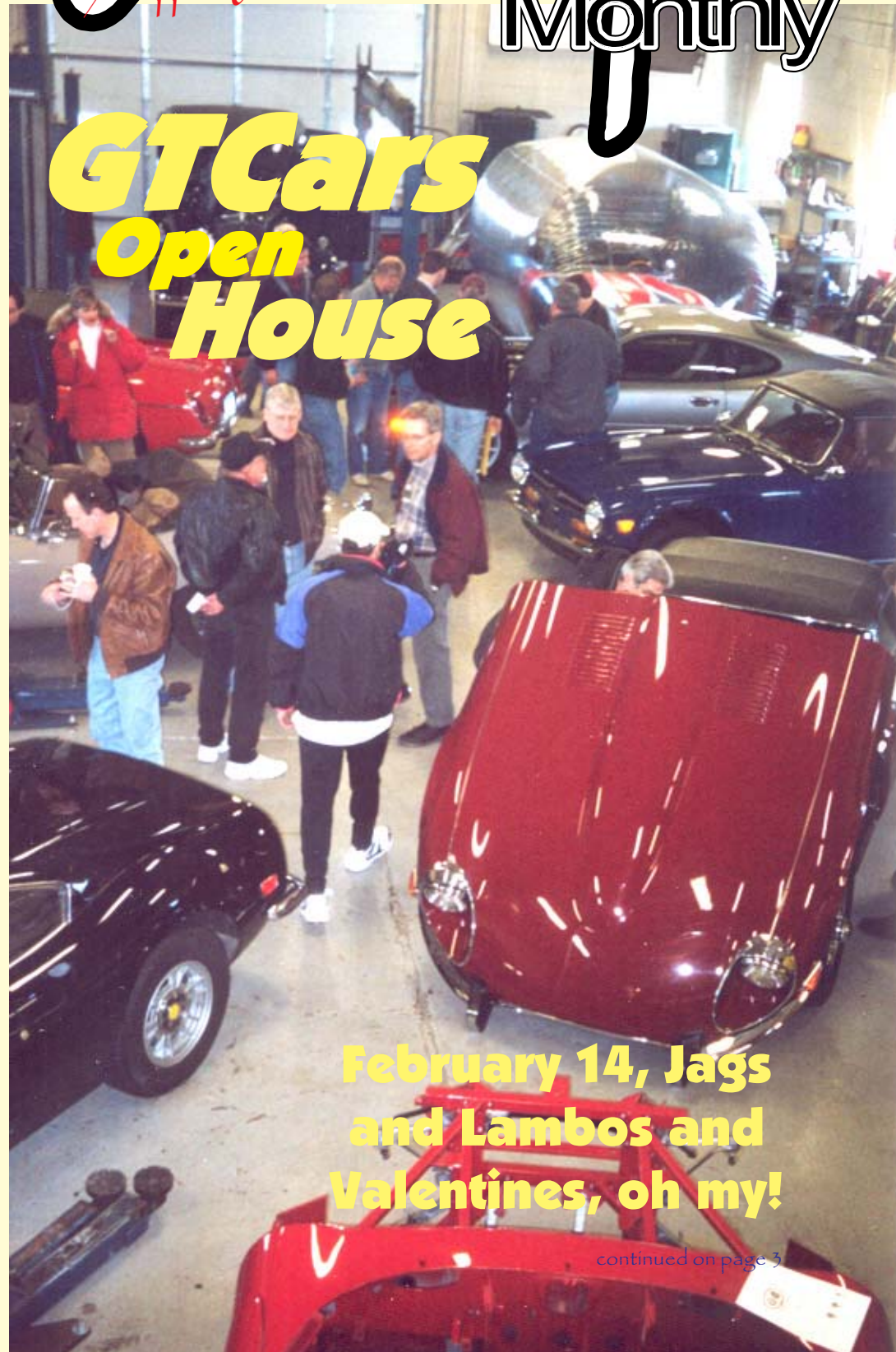
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**Vintage Sports Car Racing**  
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sota Chapter (612-789-  
0851)

Z Owners Club of Minnesota -  
ZOOM ([www.zownersofmn.org](http://www.zownersofmn.org))

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*IMM* on the Web: The Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club has posted the *InterMarque Monthly* on its website. Brent Kiser, web mechanic, tries to get new editions up as quickly as possible. For your *IMM* fix, click to [www.mntriumphs.org](http://www.mntriumphs.org).

# TR-3A Restoration-Chapter 3

by Bob Groman  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Hello once again! I hope all of you had a wonderful Holiday Season! I apologize for the Holiday Hiatus, and missing the February issue. But, let's get back on track.

Having finished stemming the leak in the front engine seals and putting the TR-3A all back together, I was able to put on many summer miles before the next Major Maintenance Repair (MMR). This was accomplished by basically ignoring the green drops forming spontaneously on the floor at the rear of the engine. My excuse was that I thought it was the petcock at the rear of the block that was leaking.

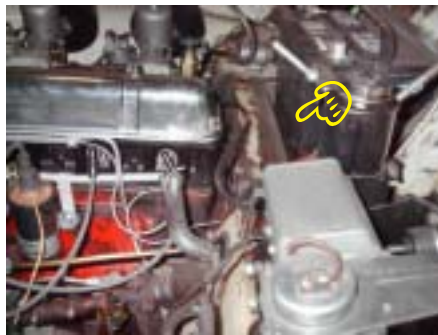
I have replaced this 3 different times with 3 different petcocks from 3 different catalog companies. All of them leaked. I managed to ignore that the petcock didn't match up with the placement of the spots on the floor for several weeks before I began to investigate. After about 5 minutes of searching, I found some anti-freeze at the back of the head. "This does not bode well," I mused! Upon closer inspection, I noticed a frost plug placed at the back of the head in a totally inaccessible spot between the head and the bulkhead. To replace this 95 cent part would require removing the head and replacing all associated gaskets. OK.

I ordered the parts I knew I would need, set up an appointment with Jim at the shop, and took the car there for the teardown. Jim Tranby, the owner of Classic Import Repair was nice enough to let me have some space at his shop while I worked on the TR. I "paid" for this space by doing odd jobs around the shop. Allowing me space at his shop did two things...it allowed me to do the work myself, and yet, I had some expertise at hand in case I ran into difficulties.

After the parts (from the first shipment) arrived, I started disassembling

the motor's ancillaries, the carburetors, manifolds, thermostat housing and various hoses and pipes, to pull the head. It was very straightforward with absolutely no surprises. Well, no surprises except that the head was stuck solid to the block.

There are several ways I have heard of, (but never tried) to break a head loose. One method says pour water into the cylinders, and replace the plugs. Turn over (without starting) the engine and the non-compressibility of the water will lift and separate the head from the block. Another method is to take some cotton rope and feed it into the cylinders through the plugholes, turn over the motor and Viola! The head is loose.



I cannot recommend either of these methods, not having tried them myself. I chose the Owner's Manual recommended "Use lots and lots of penetrating oil and wait for it to break loose" method myself. That did the trick, but took a couple of days. I understand that on the Triumph four-bangers, carbon builds up between the right side rearmost head stud and the hole for it through the head. Once that carbon has been soaked and loosened, the head is easily pulled free. Other than that, it was an easy procedure. After the head came off, it was just a matter of cleaning the block's surface and tops of the pistons.

By this time, I had decided that sending the head to a machine shop was prudent, rather than trying to R&R the frost plug myself. The machine shop would magna-flux the head for cracks and

check the valves for recession. They also check the valve springs for proper tension...all for about \$30. Money well spent. The report back from the machine shop showed that 3 of my valves should be replaced, there were no cracks in the head, and the springs were, well, springy!

With this information I decided all of the valves would be replaced, (as would the frost plug) and I would have them put in "hardened" exhaust seats, thus giving me a "No-Lead Head". Time to order the "second" shipment of parts. While the machine shop was rebuilding the head, it gave me a week to clean up other parts in and around the engine bay. I wire-brushed or sandblasted the intake manifold and thermostat housing(s). Removed and wire-brushed the head studs, and did some general tidying up. I also began the earnest scraping of undercoating in the engine bay. (More about that in a future edition).

When the head was ready it was easy to reverse the teardown and put it all back together. I painted the head, and set the copper sandwiched head gasket in place. From there I lowered the head back onto the block. This is a two-person procedure in order to not mar the head's mating surface on the studs while positioning it. I torqued the head in place, replaced the rocker assembly, and secured the manifolds. I re-attached the carbs and thermostat housing and replaced the gasket. I also changed the oil, anti-freeze and who knows what else had found its way into the sump. Best just to replace it now and not worry about it. I also decided to drop the oil pan and clean it while checking the bottom end. This also allowed me to eliminate another leak (or two) coming from the pan gasket.

Did it stop the leak? Yep! Does the engine run better? Yep! Am I glad I did the "whole 9 yards?" You bet I am! The total spent for this head rebuild was very reasonable. All together, for all the parts and machine shop labor it cost \$277.65. Oh, and 95 cents for the frost plug!



# Jaguar Club of Minnesota

## 4th ANNUAL CLASSIC GO-CART CHALLENGE



Organized by **Jaguar Club of Minnesota** • Open to All Classic European Car Clubs

**Saturday March 20th. All drivers need to be at the track by 8:15 am. Mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30.** Racing begins at 9:00 am and goes to 11:00 am, coffee & rolls will be provided at registration. Awards will be held during lunch at Tasty Pizza restaurant immediately after the event.

Event will be limited, so sign up early. Fastest lap times will determine grid positions for each heat. Each heat group assignment will be based upon prior experience. All club members are welcome to support their drivers.

Event is limited to licensed drivers. Helmets provided, personal helmets with face shield DOT approved. Drivers waiver required.

**ProKart Indoors - 1201 97th Ave., NE (Hwy 65), Blaine, MN - 763-717-3582.** (West of 35W and north of new Hwy. 10.) Track has been widened from previous years to allow easier passing.

**Awards** - Join us for lunch & awards at Tasty Pizza, 11822 Hwy 65, 763-755-5080. (From ProKart Indoors north on 65, cross 109th Avenue, right on Cloud Drive.) Reservation required.

**Participants are considered signed up** when their checks are received. **No cancellations or refunds.** Drivers must find alternate in event of being unable to drive.

**ABSOLUTELY NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.**



**Very popular event - register early.**

Please make checks out to: **Jaguar Club of Minnesota.**

Send your checks to:

**Jaguar Club of Minnesota, c/o Peter Griffin, 5045 Chowen Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55410**

For questions call: **Peter Griffin 612-922-3917.**

### Driver #1 (\$33.00 per driver)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Prior Experience \_\_\_\_\_ Prior Go-Cart Challenge \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Club Membership \_\_\_\_\_

### Driver #2 (\$33.00 per driver)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Prior Experience \_\_\_\_\_ Prior Go-Cart Challenge \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Club Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending Lunch & Awards \_\_\_\_\_



**Drivers meeting at 8:30. If you're late you won't get to race!**

# Out & About



## Full House

Seen here is the Saturday intermarque breakfast repast and tall tale session on February 14. The near table is the intermarquis and and marquessas. The far table is the Mini club planning their Rockford get-away this summer. The person in the Hawaiian shirt is owner Phil Vanner. Check it out any Saturday. See page 9 for info.

## On the Web

VSCR racer Jim Jenné has an article in the most recent issue of the on-line magazine, **VeloceToday.com**. His piece, dated February 11, is titled "The Search for the Stanguellini Sports Racers."



It focuses on the four Stanguellini sport race cars imported to the United States in the 1950s. Three of the cars were entered at Sebring in 1957, '58 and '59, and the fourth won its class at Watkins Glen when owned by

Briggs Cunningham. It later held the land speed record for a 750cc car.

Check it out at [www.velocetoday.com](http://www.velocetoday.com)

## What Is It?

Seen at a Minneapolis vintage sports car garage. Is it "just" an MGB with a dickey (rumble) seat? Or is it more? Check it out at Quality Coaches.



## March Tech Tip

### Dorsche 944 Water Pump Replacement

Removing the water pump is easy enough. There are 11 bolts holding it to the block. Unfortunately, those 11 bolts are behind a panel, that panel is behind the timing and balance shaft pulleys, those pulleys have belts on them, the belts are behind another panel, and there are 12 bolts holding the panels in place.

Before you get started dismantling this puzzle, assemble your tools. You will need serious sockets (half-inch drive plus breaker bars and cheater), a torque wrench, a couple of special tools (among them the cam belt tension gauge, the flywheel lock,

and the balance shaft sprocket tool for removing the bolts which attach the pulleys), a large gear puller, and the usual floorjack and jackstands.



*(Ed's note: I don't know about you but I gave up after hearing about eleven bolts. Three is my limit.)*

**A COUPLE MORE SHOTS FROM THE GTCARS OPEN HOUSE.**

On the right, TR Club President John Withrow admires the engine cover on an Aston Martin DB7. In the background, inside the fully inflated carcoon, is a life size monument to bad taste, another Austin Powers E-Type.

Below, TR club members John Kallaus, Brent Kiser, Steve Shogren and Jim Larson huddle in front of a 1932 Reo 621 Flying Cloud. The Reo will soon be an entrant in historic rallies including the One Lap of America.



Legal Notice: Inter-Marque Council Meeting  
March 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Baker's Square, Highland Park, St. Paul

Agenda: Inter-Marque Spring Kick-Off, Car Show, & Banquet

Special Invite to: Official Inter-Marque Council members\*, event chair Barb Ronning, and anybody else who might be interested.

\* Alfa (Ed Solstad); Citroën (Michael Barone); Jaguar (Ken Smith/Peter Griffin); Healey (Andy Lindberg); MG (Keith Galberth); MGT (Keith Galberth); Mini (Karl Jenstad); Triumph (Daniel Buchen); and Vintage Racing (Rich & Liz Stadther)

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Ernest Instone, Dunsford, August 1905



Henry Segrave, Sunbeam, May 1925



Hans Stuck, Auto Union, June 1936



Raymond Mays, ERA, June 1939



David Good, Cooper, August 1967



David Hopworth, Hopworth FF, August 1970



Graeme Wight, Gould, June 2000

We offer you the chance of purchasing the custody of a part of this famous site – a square yard of the tarmac for \$200 (or multiples).

Each contributor will receive a certificate confirming the number of the relevant square. A map of the hill showing each square will be displayed at Shelsley together with a list of names.

The perfect gift for birthdays, anniversaries or Christmas.

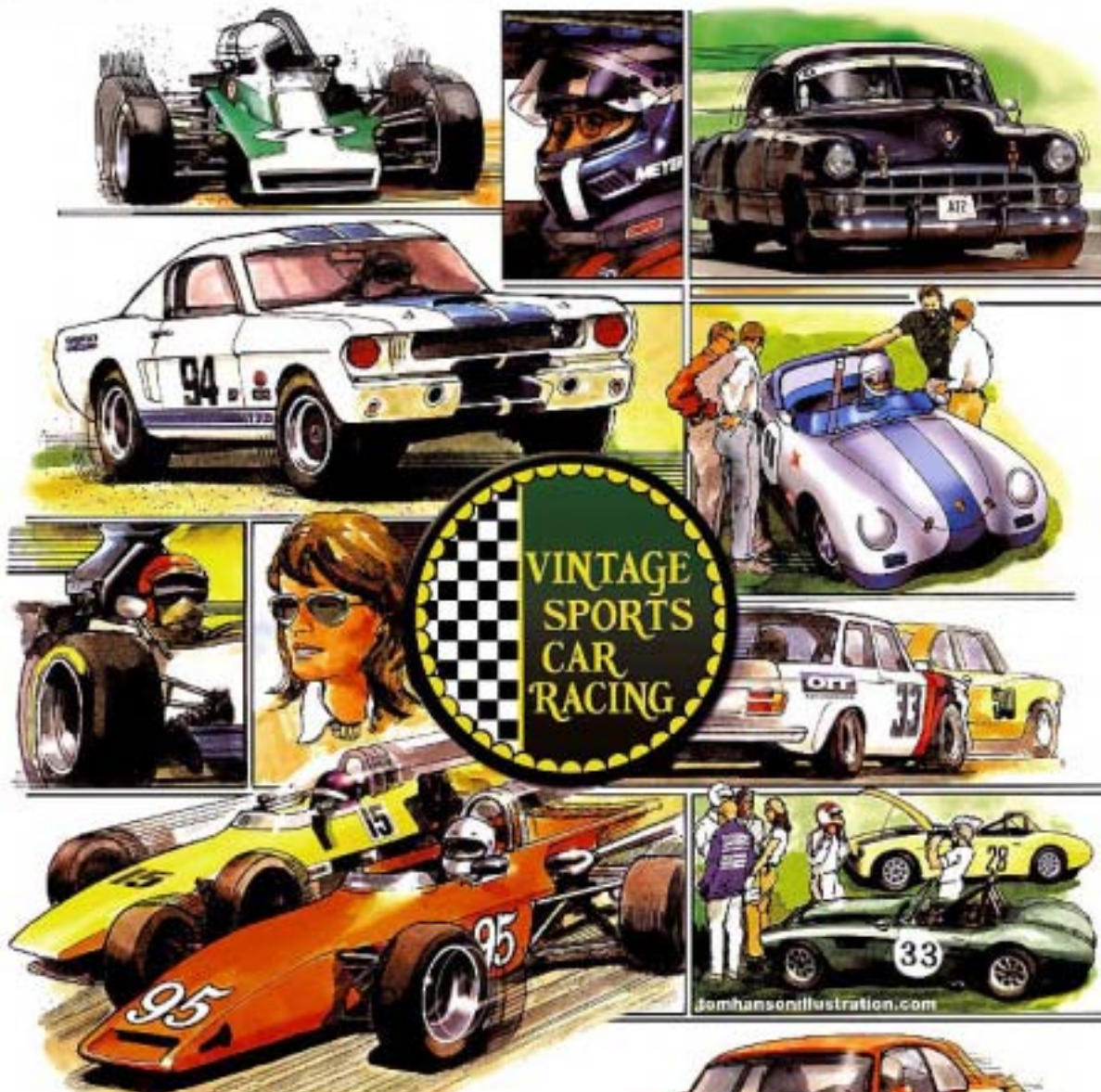
For full information visit [www.shelsleytrust.co.uk](http://www.shelsleytrust.co.uk)

We need to raise money to purchase a 99 year lease of the famous hillclimb, 57 acres and all the buildings within the area. The present lease expires in March 2004 therefore we have to act quickly to ensure continuity.

LENGTH OF COURSE 1000 yds (914m)  
 HINDLEYS WIDTH 12 yds (11m)  
 BEE IN HEIGHT 132 yds (121m)  
 AVERAGE GRADIENT 1:1.14  
 STEEPEST GRADIENT 1:4.04



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**May 14-16 2004**  
**Brainerd International Raceway**  
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

**GT Cars**  
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**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

On Saturday morning, the Square Peg often features specials with vintage sports car themes

Actual "Specials" featured on January 24

IMM Proposed "Specials"



## SPECIALS

**"THE E-TYPE" \$5.95**

Canadian Bacon, smoked ham, sausage and cheddar omelet, with hashbrowns or American fries and toast

**"THE SPRITE" \$4.25**

French toasted cinnamon-cardamom bread with sausage links or bacon



## SPECIALS

**"THE SPRITE" \$4.25**

Two scrambled Egg Beaters, parsley, dry whole-grain toast, fair trade coffee

**"THE PETERBILT" \$10.25**

Twelve-egg omelet with Velveeta cheese, half-pound deep-fried hash browns. Wonder Bread toast, extra butter and jelly, Mountain Dew

# Inter-Marque

SPRING KICK-OFF/CAR SHOW/BANQUET  
May 2, 2004



**Who?** The owners of any of the vintage cars shown around the border. And owners of other vintage European cars as well. And the cars too. Don't forget the cars!

**What?** Three things: An informal celebration of the melting of the permafrost; an informal car show with informal prizes; and an informal banquet with no boring guest speaker.

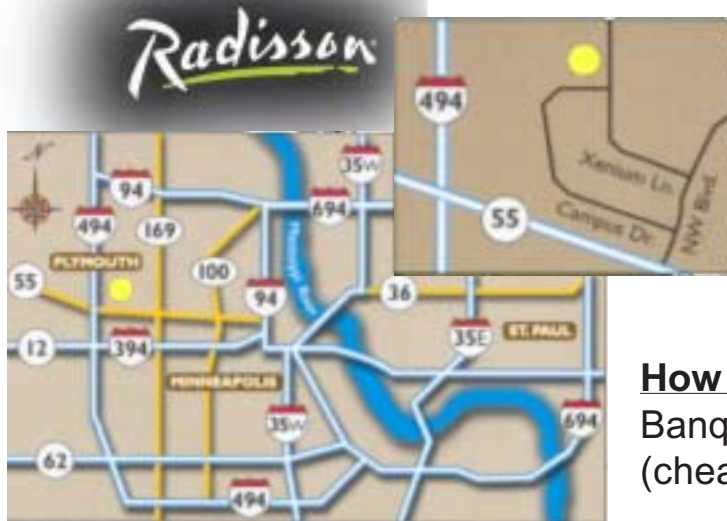
**Where?** The Plymouth Radisson. Either use the map below, install GPS in your TC, or leave a half-hour early.

**When?** Sunday, May 2, 2004. Noon to three for the car show. Three to four for the banquet. All day to enjoy the warm weather and sunshine.

**Why?** Because it's spring, the hormones are running, and that means it's car time.

**How?** Well, drive your car, of course. If it doesn't run or you don't own one, come on over anyhow.

**How much?** Car show is free. Banquet should be about \$15-16 (cheap).



# Healey Hillclimb III

**Saturday, May 8, 2004**

(rain date Sunday, May 9)

## Afton Alps Recreation Area

On-site registration begins at 8:00 am  
**MANDATORY** drivers meeting at 9:00 am

The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club invites you to **TAKE THE HILL!** 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!**

Driver requirements: Sign waiver, pass on-site tech inspection, wear helmet (bring a Snell 85 or newer, we'll have some loaners). Visit <http://www.healeyclub.org/safetymain.htm> for details.



**CORNER WORKERS NEEDED!** Want to get close to the action but not drive? Like to wave flags? Free refreshments provided to all volunteers, and those who stay 9 to 5 will receive a free buffet lunch! Space is limited, so call Tom now to reserve your coveted place among the cones.

Directions: I 94 East past St. Paul, take exit 153 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.

Advance registration (**deadline May 2**) \$15 for Austin-Healey Club members, \$20 for all others. Day-of-show registration \$20 for A-H Club members, \$30 for all others. Make check payable to the **Minnesota Austin-Healey Club** and mail to Tom Hazen, President, Minnesota Austin-Healey Club, 130 East 18th Street #202, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

**This event is limited to 60 cars, so register early!**

Driver(s)

Year, make, model, color

Email

Questions? Contact Tom Hazen  
at 612-237-1883 or [tom\\_hazen@adp.com](mailto:tom_hazen@adp.com)



Photo courtesy Andy Lindberg and the Inter-Marque Monthly - [andy.lindberg@earthlink.net](mailto:andy.lindberg@earthlink.net)

Drivers will run in the order their paid registrations are received. We will try to give everyone four runs, more if time permits. From 12:30 to 1:30 we will take a break to enjoy the optional buffet luncheon served in the ski chalet (\$10 pay your server).

## SEE YOU ON THE HILL!



# INTERMARQUE CALENDAR

## INTERMARQUE SHOWS & EVENTS

- 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/](http://chicagolandmgclub.com/swapmeet/)
- MARCH 8** **Inter-Marque Council Meeting** 7:00 p.m., Bakers Square, Highland Park, St. Paul. Major agenda item is the May 2 event but other items may be discussed as well. Info: Andy Lindberg [andy.lindberg@earthlink.net](mailto:andy.lindberg@earthlink.net)
- MARCH 13** **Porsche Swap Meet** Carousel Automobiles, Minnetonka, MN Hosted by Nord Stern Porsche Club. Info: [www.nordstern.org/calendar/index.html](http://www.nordstern.org/calendar/index.html)
- APRIL 17** **Midwest Motor Sports Open House/Tech Session** Date is tentative at this point. Hosted by Dan Iberg, his crew at MMS, and the Minnesota MG Group. Info: Dan Iberg 320-251-0676
- 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 16** **Maplewood Imports Auto Fair** Maplewood Imports, Maplewood, MN Fourth annual. This is on a Sunday so the salespeople won't be out there pushing the all-new Rooty-Kazooty with GPS-activated cup holders. Info: [www.nordstern.org/calendar/index.html](http://www.nordstern.org/calendar/index.html)
- 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 can actually mix it up with today's SUV's, minivans, and computer mcvehicles. 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](http://users.arczip.com/zntecch/britishcarweek.html)
- MAY 22 - 23** **"Creative Drive" Art Crawl** Pierce and St. Croix Counties, WI Baldwin, Bay City and Spring Valley. Gallery tours and jazz concert in Spring Valley the night of the 23rd. Maps of the finer routes in the area. Info: CCCM member Brian Barnes 715-778-4887 [www.bluemomentfinearts.com](http://www.bluemomentfinearts.com)
- MAY 28 - 30** **Champagne British Car Festival** Champaign-Urbana, IL Theme: CeleBRITies, cars, and stars. Come dressed to impress in your most glamorous eveningwear. Come as your billionaire self or as your Hollywood celebrity alter ego. Featured marque: British Saloons. Info: [www.wvbscc.org/cbcf/info.html](http://www.wvbscc.org/cbcf/info.html)
- JUNE 3 - 6** **River City Rendezvous 2004** Winnipeg, Manitoba. Hosted by the Triumph Drivers Club of Manitoba, the Austin-Healey Club of Manitoba, and the Mid Canada Mini Group. 14th annual rendezvous. Host hotel is the Clarion (204-774-5110). Mention the RENDEZVOUS RATE and/or account #135933 and rates are \$109 single or \$119 double. Otherwise you could pay \$190. (All dollars are Canadian.) Basic registration includes two adults, one car, a Friday evening river boat cruise, and a lot of other stuff. \$50 (Canadian) before May 1, \$55 (Canadian) afterward. Info: Al Ramsay 204-256-3481, Jodi Bolger 204-339-2560, Ted Moorby 204-269-8495, or Helmut Friedrich [mhrace@yahoo.com](mailto:mhrace@yahoo.com).
- JUNE 6** **2004 Bug-In** West Side VW (wherever that is after their move) 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hosted by Twin Cities VW. Info: [www.twincitiesvwclub.com](http://www.twincitiesvwclub.com)
- JUNE 18 - 20** **Back to the 50's** State Fair Grounds, St. Paul. Hosted by the Minnesota Street Rod Association. Each year a few vintage foreign vehicles brave the parade of GM small-blocks. Help your fellow automotive enthusiasts by explaining to them how a constant depression carburettor works.
- JULY 3** **Vintage Voyagers Original Blast from the Past Car Show** Chetek, WI (73 miles from Hudson) 9:00 a.m. Food, crafts, music and car show with a foreign class. Trophies at 3:00 p.m. Following the event, the MG club will lead a tour of north-west Wisconsin. Dinner at Foster's River View Inn. Some participants will spend the evening at the Americinn (715-720-5711) in Chippewa Falls. Reserve by June 3, say you're with the MMGG (even if you're driving a Fiat), and get the \$84/night rate. Info: Steve or Diane Rindt [drindt5953@hotmail.com](mailto:drindt5953@hotmail.com) or 715-832-8316. Be sure to ask if they'll be driving the Alfa, the MG, the Triumph or the ?

- 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.
- SEPTEMBER 11** **Wheels and Wings** Osceola, WI. Hosted by Classic Motorbooks. Last year the MGs took the largest club presence award with 40+ cars. Anybody out there want to take them on? Info: Watch the local papers about a week before the event.
- SEPTEMBER 12** **British Car Festival** Moraine Vallet Community College, Palos Hills, IL Hosted by the British Car Union, an organization of a dozen Chicago area British car clubs. Last year, 650 cars participated. Info: [www.britishcarunion.com/](http://www.britishcarunion.com/)

## RECURRING INTERMARQUE EVENTS

- GT Cars Open House** Second Saturday of the month in January, February, and March. **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.
- InterMarque Informal Car Show** Every Sunday. M... Citroën, Jensen, Jaguar, Morgan, Alfa, Austin, Delorean, Mercedes, TVR, Riley, Ferarri, Bentley, Rolls... Lotus, Alvis, etc.
- Test Days** Second Saturday of the month. Minnesota Hig... St. Cloud.

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

## INTERMARQUE RACES, RALLIES, & TOURS

- MARCH 13** **Lucas Flamethrower Rally** Red Wing, MN Hosted by Stella del Nord Alfa Romeo Club. Monte Carlo style gravel night rally. Info: Ed Solstad [esolstad@pressenter.com](mailto:esolstad@pressenter.com) 612-822-0569
- MARCH 20** **Inter-Marque Go-Kart Challenge** ProKart Indoors, Blaine. Hosted by Minnesota Jaguar. Last year Team Lotus captured the TEAM TROPHY. Which club will get its 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](mailto:pgrif888@aol.com), 612-922-3917, or [www.jaguarminnesota.org/](http://www.jaguarminnesota.org/)
- MAY 8** **Healey Hillclimb III** Afton Alps Recreation Area, Afton, MN 8:00 a.m. registration, MANDATORY drivers meeting at 9:00 a.m. Hosted by Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Event limited to 60 cars! Drivers run in the order their paid registrations are received. See the full-page ad in this issue for additional information. Contact: Tom Hazen [tom\\_hazen@adp.com](mailto:tom_hazen@adp.com) 612-237-1883 or [www.healeyclub.org/safetymain.htm](http://www.healeyclub.org/safetymain.htm)
- MAY 8** **New Glarus Hillclimb** New Glarus, WI Hosted by Wisconsin chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club. Located in the hill country southwest of Madison. Laid-back event attrating such delights as pre-war Mercers, Alfas, Bugattis as well as a find collection of more modern sports cars. Stella del Nord Alfa will sponsor a tour for Minnesotans wishing to attend. Info: Ed Solstad [esolstad@pressenter.com](mailto:esolstad@pressenter.com) 612-822-0569
- 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](http://www.vscr.org)
- JUNE 30** **Ultimate Mini Challenge 3** Blackhawk Farms Raceway, South Beloit, IL Sanctioned by NASA. Open to classic Minis (BMC), their variants, and new MINIs (BMW) only. Requirements: current competition license, five-point harness, roll cage, fire extinguisher, etc. Phil Wicks Driving Academy sessions on June 28 (all vehicles) and June 29 (Minis/MINIs only). Info: [www.minichallenge.minimania.com](http://www.minichallenge.minimania.com)

- 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](http://www.vscda.org) and [www.roadamerica.com](http://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](mailto:srindt8316@Charter.net) or [chicagolandmgclub.com/guests/ritv/ritv2003.html](http://chicagolandmgclub.com/guests/ritv/ritv2003.html)
- JULY 24** **Coulee Classic Rally** Hosted by Stella del Nord Alfa Romeo Club. The quintessential Monte Carlo style sports car rally using the best all paved roads of western Wisconsin's coulee country. Info: Ed Solstad [esolstad@presenter.com](mailto:esolstad@presenter.com) 612-822-0569
- AUGUST 14** **Gymkhana** 10:00 a.m. Brown & Bigelow parking lot, 345 Plato, St. Paul, MN. Hosted by Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Pylons will be set up and you can test your driving skill and your car's tires. Info: Steve Rixen 715-386-2880 or [steve@rixen.com](mailto:steve@rixen.com)
- AUGUST 20 - 22** **NASCAR at Brainerd** Brainerd International Raceway, Brainerd, MN. The BIR race will be on the road course with seven right-hand and three left-hand turns. The last time NASCAR Elite Division's Midwest Series drivers competed on a road course was in 2001 at Road America. Qualifying rounds August 20-21 and the finals August 22.
- AUGUST 28** **The Red Green Tour** Hosted by Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. More details when they become available. In the meantime, take in a few episodes of Red and his buddies, 10:00 pm almost every Friday on channel two in the Cities. Who knows when elsewhere. Info: Tom Hazen [tom\\_hazen@adp.com](mailto:tom_hazen@adp.com)
- 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](http://www.vscda.org) and [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com)
- OCTOBER 9** **Fall Color Tour** Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.

## 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](mailto: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 [jerryp@groupz.com](mailto:jerryp@groupz.com) or the Group Z website [www.groupz.com](http://www.groupz.com)
- JUNE 18-20** **Citroen Rendezvous** Saratoga Springs, NY. Info: [members.aol.com/citq/](http://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](http://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org) or [www.triumphregister.com](http://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](mailto:rcherzem@optonline.net) or [www.mg2004.com](http://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](http://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/](http://www.minimeet2004.com/)
- JULY 12 - 16** **GOF Central 2004** Fairborn, OH. Hosted by the Ohio chapter of the New England MG-T Register. Info: Greg Garnett 513-523-3720 or [garnetgl@muohio.edu](mailto:garnetgl@muohio.edu)
- JULY 14 - 18** **Vintage Triumph Register National Convention** Richmond, VA. Hosted by the Richmond Triumph Register. Info: [www.RichmondTriumphRegister.com](http://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](mailto:bonpete@earthlink.net)) or [www.rroc.org/worldtour](http://www.rroc.org/worldtour)

**JULY 27 - AUG 1**

**"Giulietta Giubilee" National Alfa Romeo Owners Club Convention** Manchester, NH Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Giulietta. Info: [www.aroc-usa.org](http://www.aroc-usa.org)

**JULY 31 - AUG 4**

**StarFest 2004** Mansfield, OH Eighth Mercedes-Benz Club of America National Convention. Concours, defensive driving class, performance driving school, autocross, time trials, acceleration runs. Many events at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and Dragway 42. Info: [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org)

**AUGUST 12 - 15**

**University Motors MG Summer Party Reunion** Ada, MI. Hosted by John Twist and Caroline Robinson of University Motors. Info: University Motors 616-682-0800, [JohnTwist@universitymotorsltd.com](mailto:JohnTwist@universitymotorsltd.com), 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](mailto:bonpete@earthlink.net)) or [www.rroc.org/worldtour](http://www.rroc.org/worldtour)

**SOMETIME, 2006**

**All MG Convention** Location: TBD. Dates: TBD. Once every five years all 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](mailto: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 March when it's at Axel's in Mendota.) Info: Tom Hazen 612-237-1883 [tom\\_hazen@adp.com](mailto:tom_hazen@adp.com) or [www.mnhealey.com](http://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.mnmgr.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.twincitiesvwclub.com)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - your help makes a big difference

**Inter-Marque Go-Kart Challenge** March 20, ProKart Indoors, Blaine. Info: Peter Griffin [pgrif888@aol.com](mailto:pgrif888@aol.com), 612-922-3917

**Healey Hillclimb III** May 8. Afton Alps Recreation Area, Afton, MN 8:00 a.m. Corner workers needed. Free refreshments for all volunteers and those who work 9 to 5 receive a free buffet lunch. Info: Tom Hazen [tom\\_hazen@adp.com](mailto:tom_hazen@adp.com) 612-237-1883