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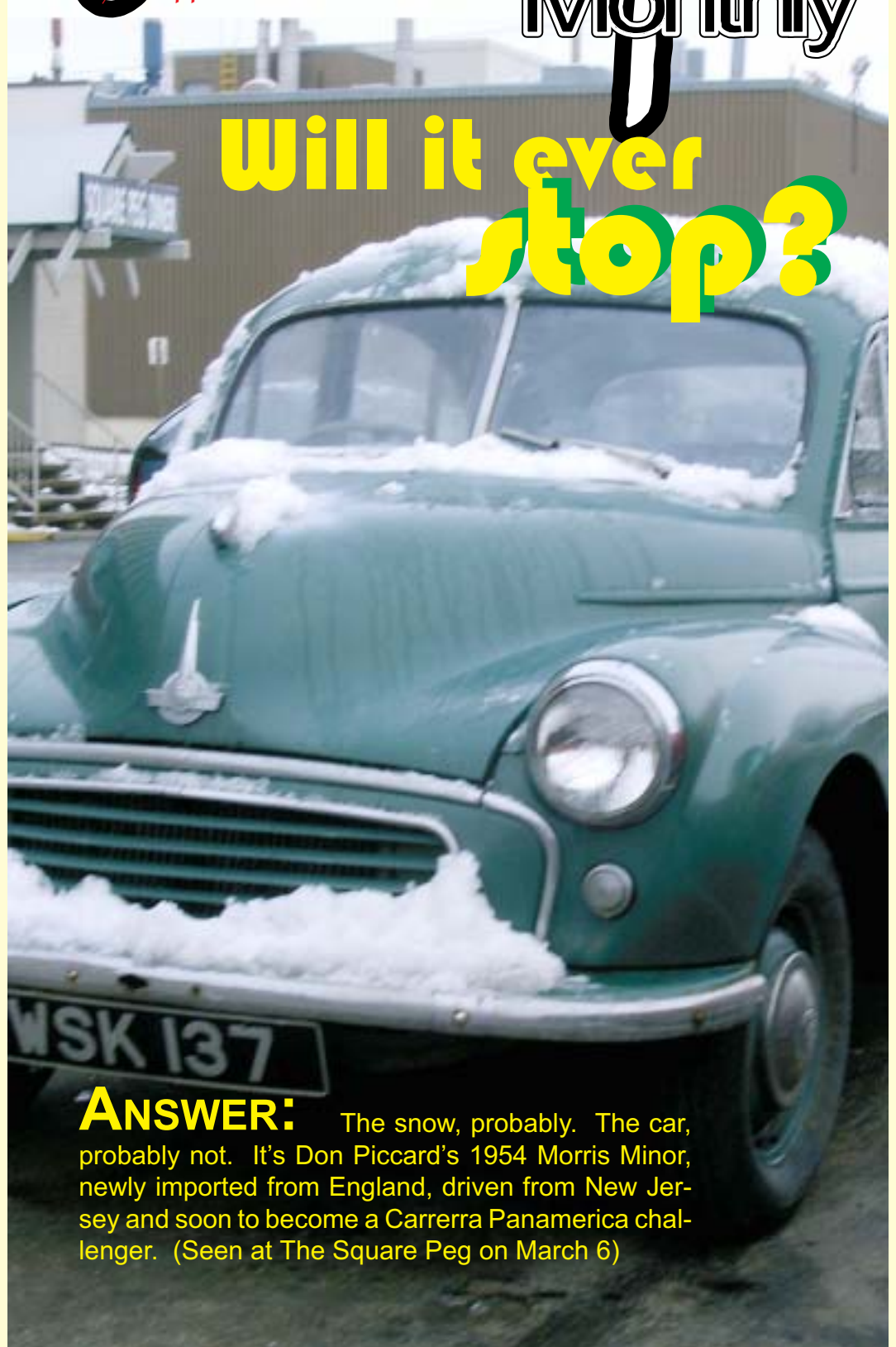
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Fun, fun, fun. See page 17 for more info.



ANSWER: The snow, probably. The car, probably not. It's Don Piccard's 1954 Morris Minor, newly imported from England, driven from New Jersey and soon to become a Carrerra Panamerica challenger. (Seen at The Square Peg on March 6)

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ZOOM (www.zownersofmn.
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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.

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.

What is . . .

A CLASSIC CAR?

Thoroughbred and Classic Cars, a British publication, asked this question in their January, 2003 edition. They came to the conclusion that the following ten factors make a classic:

1. A prestige badge
2. Motorsport pedigree
3. Aesthetic appeal
4. Exclusivity (but not to the point of uniqueness)
5. Desirable when new
6. Cultural significance
7. Design or engineering significance
8. Driving appeal
9. Excellence at what is was supposed to do
10. Worth investing time or money in

Of the ten factors, the first three are almost universally accepted. They are subjective, but most people can agree on a rough order for most cars. For example, Rolls-Royce is a more prestigious marque than Trabant, a Ferrari has more of a motorsport pedigree than a VW Beetle, and almost anything has more aesthetic appeal than a Daimler SP250.

The other seven factors are ones that *Classic Cars* developed. Number four, exclusivity, is interesting primarily because of the words in parentheses, “not to the point of uniqueness.” If you have the only Piggatini ever built, that’s nice and maybe you can sell it on eBay, but you don’t own a classic car.

“Desirable when new,” number five, is perhaps more debatable since many classics were produced at the end of their desirability, when their systems and designs were beginning to be seen as antiquated.

Number ten is also debatable since it is just another way of asking whether people will pay big bucks for it today. Is

Alan Alda’s Triumph TR6 a classic car just because you could recover your money from a frame-off restoration by selling it to a MASH fanatic? Or Colombo’s Peugeot 403?

Not only did *T&CC* develop this rat-

ing scheme, but they also proposed a ten-point scoring system and graded some potential classics on it. See the yellow box. *InterMarque Monthly* will not attempt to defend the scores given by *T&CC* but we do invite you to try the system on your car and see how it scores.

Thoroughbred & Classic Cars

Scores on whether these cars are classics or not

	Jaguar E-type	MGB	Citroën Traction Avant	Morris Minor
1. Prestige	9	8	4	2
2. Motorsport	6	8	0	4
3. Aesthetics	10	8	9	8
4. Exclusivity	8	6	7	2
5. Desirability	9	7	7	5
6. Cultural significance	10	10	7	10
7. Engineering significance	8	3	10	8
8. Driving appeal	8	5	8	7
9. Task aptitude	9	8	10	10
10. Investment	9	9	9	8
TOTAL	86	72	71	64

WHAT DO WOMEN THINK ABOUT CLASSIC CARS?

Thoroughbred and Classic Cars, apparently a glutton for punishment, decided this March to follow up their 2003 report and see what women thought of some “classic” vehicles. This time they skipped the scoring system and just printed the comments of their female participants. A selection of those thoughts (some rather outspoken) follows:

1973 Jaguar E-type: “I think it is quite feminine, quite romantic and classy. You can imagine Hugh Grant picking you up in this and taking you out for a lovely picnic.”

Lamborghini Countach: “Rather pretentious, something rather comical about it.” “The man who drives this car is the type who, when drunk, has a habit of dropping his trousers.”

1965 Shelby Cobra: “A great car to take out on Sunday afternoons and special occasions.” “The shape is nice but it reminds me of an old man’s car.”

1973 Porsche 911: “If a man showed up in an old one, he’d just look like a sad git who cannot afford a newer model.” “They are all driven by estate agents and they have no redeeming features at all.”

Harry!!!

Last Chance!



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!

What are . . .

AMERICA'S 10 MOST WANTED FOREIGN CLASSIC CARS?

According to Buy Classic Cars (web site: www.buyclassiccars.com) they are:



1. 1964 - 1973 Jaguar XKE

BCC: "The Jaguar XKE continued to shoot up in price with a few top notch series 1 examples fetching 6 figures!!" "Although it is still the series 1 roadster that is most desired, series II and III examples have been making more at auction also."

IMM comment: Is this still the Austin Powers Effect (APE)? Probably not because it seems few of the big-buck XKE's (aka E-types or XK-E's) have British flags painted all over them.

2. 1964 - 1967 Austin-Healey 3000 BJ8

BCC: "I was shocked when Healeys started to



fetch more money than an e-Type, it just didn't seem right somehow. I mean it is a lovely car and all, but is it really on a par with the incredible XKE?"

IMM comment: The "J" in BJ8 means that it is a convertible, with roll-up windows. Many Healey purists seem to prefer the BN1, a roadster with a roll-down windshield.

3. 1963 - 1971 Mercedes 230SL and 280SL

BCC: "The 'Pagoda Roof' cars may have finally begun to have come of age. The 190SL have been enjoying a revitalized market but last year we found quite a bit

of interest not only in the 280SL, but also the 230SL."

IMM comment: These autobahn cruisers are what the Ford Thunderbird always should have been.

4. 1965 - 1975 Porsche 911

BCC: "The (Porsche) 356 is now over \$30,000 so early 911 and 912's are a very attractive option."

IMM comment: These are the early 911's, with narrow bodies and without fender flares, whale tails and other disco trademarks. You could get a nice one for \$10,000 a few years ago, but those days may be gone forever.

5. Volkswagen Beetle

BCC: "2003 saw some record prices set for VW's like beetles selling routinely for \$20-25,000 and a 21-window (bus) that sold for nearly \$50,000!"

IMM comment: Most Beetles, even very good ones, "routinely" sell for well under \$10,000. Still, when Citroen 2CV's go for nearly \$10,000 and Fiat 500's fetch \$5,000 on eBay, who's to say a \$25,000 Bug is out of line?

6. 1950-1957 Jaguar XK120-140

BCC: "Jaguar XK120-140's continue to do well, the roadsters are probably in the most demand but DHC and even FHC have changed hands for big bucks."

IMM comment: DHC means Drop Head Coupe (convertible) and FHC means Fixed Head Coupe (hardtop). It's funny that the XK150's didn't make the list.

7. 1969-1974 Triumph TR6

BCC: "If you are into British sports cars this is definitely one car you should consider grabbing before it gets out of reach. I have a sneaky suspicion that this will go

the way of the AH BJ8 in time."

IMM comment: Since the editor's spouse is selling her TR6, we are forced to recuse ourselves from any comment on BCC's thoughtful and well-reasoned words.

8. 1956-1962 MG A

BCC: "Many MG A's found new homes in 2003. There seems to be interest in all years from the early 1500's to the last of the MK II."

IMM comment: MG was always the style leader of the British industry and this was one of their best efforts. The funny thing is that it was not well-received when new; many critics wanting an all-new vehicle.

9. 1954-1963 Triumph TR2 & TR3

BCC: "With the cut away doors and big two liter motor, you'll leave every MG you see in the dust. Early TR's are beautifully made and a joy to drive."

IMM comment: Despite their lack of rack & pinion steering, these cars are a hoot to drive. A vintage feel but enough oomph to hold their own out on the freeway.

10. 1950-1955 MG TD & TF

BCC: "The TD and (to a lesser degree) the TF is still a popular choice among 'Sunday Drivers,' with such a great club and national parts network they really give you everything you can want for in the vintage car department."

IMM comment: It's too bad that these cars have become "Sunday Drivers."

Ones to watch:

1970-1973 Datsun 240Z

1968-1975 Morgan Plus 8

1961-1967 Jaguar XKE Coupe

1986-1989 Mercedes Benz 560SL

SWAP MEET & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Saturday, April 3, 9:30 a.m.

Quality Coaches, 38th and Nicollet, Minneapolis

Non-VSCR members with parts and/or cars for sale are welcome. Parts sales will be inside QC. Please park cars for sale outside the building on the sidewalk.

Non-VSCR members who would like to learn more about vintage racing are cordially invited to attend both the swap meet and the general meeting.

Info: www.vscr.org

Our Cars

The *InterMarque Monthly* fleet remains in storage in a barn in Lake Elmo. Their owners are, however, plotting in their absence. Linda and your erstwhile editor have come to the decision that while it is theoretically possible for us to keep one vintage sports car running, two is beyond even our wildest dreams. (I'm lazy and spend a lot of time on this goofus publication; Linda has a real life.)

We are also newlywed enough (our third anniversary will occur at *Rendezvous*, see flyer on pages 18 & 19) to think that it would be nice to have one car that is ours rather than one that is hers (TR6) and one that is mine (Sprite).

So they are both for sale. Linda wants \$8,000 and I want \$4,000. We figure we can buy a decent Triumph TR2/3/3A/3B for that and we both love them. That is, we love the ones that aren't red. Of the 90,000 sidescreen cars that Triumph made, perhaps 20,000 were originally red. 25,000

of these cars survived and are now on sale on eBay every week.

Anyhow, that's the plan. Don't tell the Six or the Sprite because we don't want them to get jealous. Jealousy affects cars poorly.

If you're interested in either of our present cars, give us a call or e-mail. They'll come out of storage in late April. If you've got an unred TR3 for sale, let us know also.

Andy (your underpaid editor) 651-292-8585 andyindberg@earthlink.net

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RALLY IN THE VALLEY 2004



Rally in the Valley 2004 at Paradise Shores on beautiful Lake Holcombe, in Holcombe, Wisconsin on July 23rd - 25th.

PLANNED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 23rd

3:00pm - 5:00pm Registration in the Hotel Lobby at Paradise Shores.
 6:00pm - 7:00pm Friday Night Cruise around Lake Holcombe.
 7:00pm - ?? Order off the menu or enjoy the Seafood Buffet at Paradise Shores (Pay your server)

Saturday, July 24th

7:00am - 8:30am Breakfast at Paradise Shores (Pay your server)
 7:30am - 8:45am Final Registration in Conference Room at Paradise Shores.
 9:00am - 10:30am Backwoods Bootlegger Rally to Al Capone's Hide-Out in Couderay, Wisconsin.
 11:00am - 11:45am Guided tour of Al Capone's Hide-Out
 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch at Al Capone's Hideout in their Dining area.
 1:00pm - 2:00pm Return to Paradise Shores.
 3:00pm - 5:00pm "Show & Shine Car Show" and "Funkhana" at Paradise Shores.
 6:00pm - 7:00pm Social Hour in Conference Room at Paradise Shores.
 7:00pm - ?? Awards Banquet, Italian Pasta Buffet. Trophies for "Backwoods Bootlegger Rally", "Car Show" and "Funkhana".

Sunday, July 25th

(Time not set yet) Farewell Breakfast at Paradise Shores.

Make your reservations today at Paradise Shores 1-800-657-4512 (www.paradiseshores.com) Tell them you're with the Minnesota MG Car Club. Information: Contact Steve & Diane Rindt at (drindt5953@hotmail.com) or (715-832-8316).

RALLY IN THE VALLEY 2004 REGISTRATION FORM

Registration forms must be post marked no later than June 23, 2004

(Rally in the Valley Activities, check the boxes you plan to attend.)

Friday July 23rd

Friday Night Cruise around the Lake. (Included in Reg. Fee) \$ _____ 0.00
 Sea Food Buffet (\$10.95) @ Paradise Shores (Pay your server)

Saturday July 24th

Breakfast — 7:00am to 8:30am for (\$5.00) at Paradise Shores (Pay your server)
 Al Capone's Hide-Out Tour & Bootleg Rally:
 Tour \$11.00 per person Qty _____
 Lunch (price includes beverage, tax and tip) "The Enforcer" (Hamburger) \$12.50 Qty _____; Prime Rib
 Sand. \$13.00 Qty _____; Grilled Chicken Breast Sand. \$ 11.75 Qty _____ **Al Capone's Total** \$ _____
 Show n' Shine Car Show. (Included in Reg. Fee) Car Entered Year \$ _____ 0.00
 Funkhana. (Included in Reg. Fee) Water Balloon Toss, Brake Discus Throw & Wheel Cylinder Shot-put. \$ _____ 0.00
 Banquet— (\$15.00) per person Qty _____ **Banquet Total** \$ _____

Regalia

T-Shirts Men's S M L XL XXL (\$12; \$14XXL) \$ _____
 T-Shirts Women's S M L XL (\$10; no XXL available) \$ _____
 Sleeveless T-Shirt Men's S M L XL XXL (\$10; \$12 XXL) \$ _____
 Sleeveless T-Shirt Women's S M L XL (\$10; no XXL available) \$ _____

Registration Fee \$ _____ 25.00

EVENT TOTAL \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Make check payable to: Diane Rindt Send to: 4271 N. Shore Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Out & About

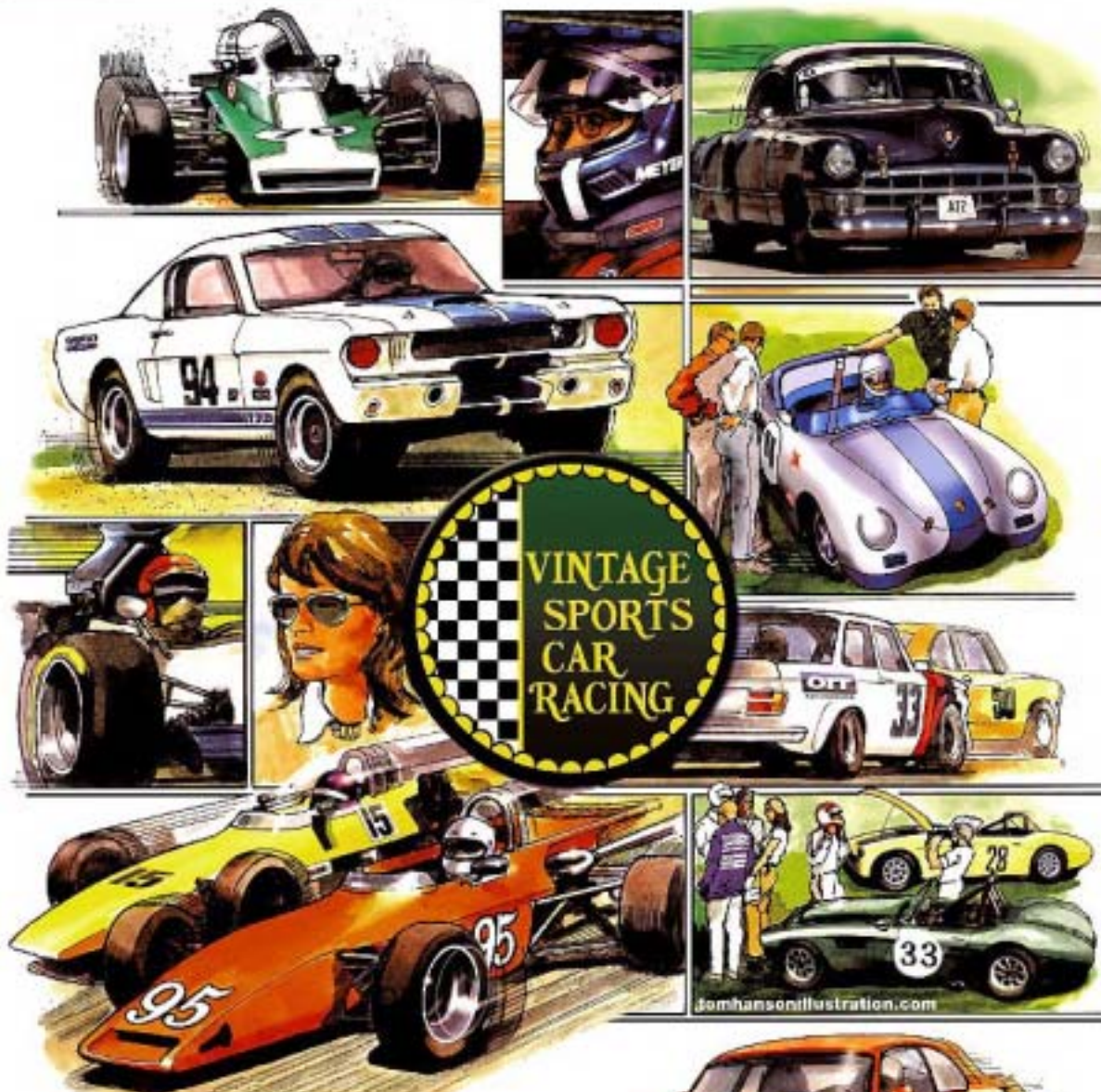
Four of five members of the Healey-owning Sweeney family at the Square Peg Inter-Marque breakfast on March 13. Left to right are Courtney (7), Nicole (2), Jerry (?), and Jerome (4). Mom had another appointment.



March 13 was also the date of GT Cars' open house. This was the third of the season and the last until next January. As usual it was well attended, by both people and Ferraris. And coffee. And doughnuts. Thanks to GT Cars for all the work and money to provide these mid-winter respites for the local sports car community.



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May 14-16 2004
Brainerd International Raceway
BRAINERD, MINNESOTA





The Greater Chicagoland British Car Swapmeet this year filled two buildings at the Dupage County Fairgrounds. The event started in one of the



buildings and expanded to two several years ago. Organizers are now wondering whether three buildings are needed, and, if so, where that third building might be.

In addition to thousands of parts and books, highlights of this year's show included:

- * Book signings by B.S. Levy, author of *The Last Open Road*;
- * A display of a Ford Zetec powered MGB, with the suggestion that a conversion kit will soon be available; and
- * A few cars, such as the Lotus pictured above, for sale out in the parking lot.

If you like British cars, it's worth a visit some time.



Saturday Morning, Informal, Inter-Marque Get Together

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

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, and/or go out in the parking lot and kick tires.

Info: Steve Rixen 715-386-2880

Sunday Afternoon, Informal, Inter-Marque Get Together

every Sunday, 4:30 - ? p.m.

West

Billabong's

I-494 south frontage road
between France Avenue
and Highway 100

East

Toby's

Century Avenue, just north of
I-94 between 3M and I494/694

Agenda: Get together, talk cars, have a beer, eat dinner, and/or stay out in the parking lot and kick tires.

When do they start? If the weather is nice they have started already.

Info: Jim Pennoyer 763-536-5472

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 not just the owners but 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 exceptional trophies; and an informal banquet with great awards, a little hilarity, and no boring guest speaker.

Where? The Plymouth Radisson. This is the same site as last year's event, but this year we have been promised parking on the grass (for early arrivals at least). Either use the map below, install GPS in your TC, or leave a half-hour early.

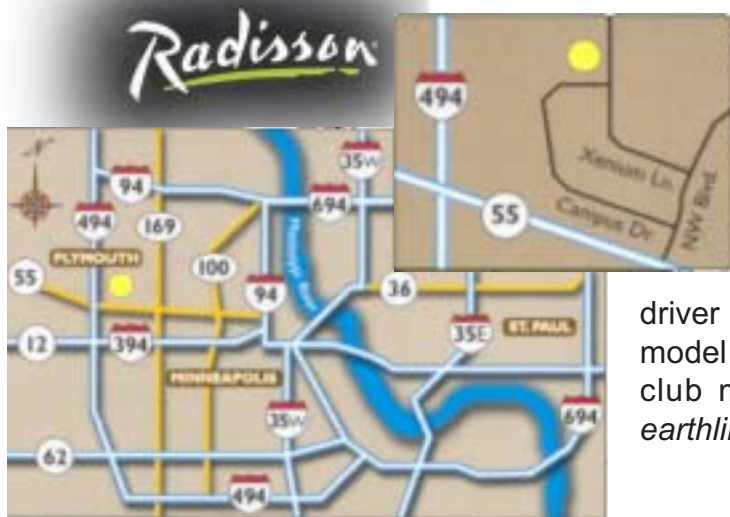
When? Sunday, May 2, 2004. Noon to three for the car show. Three to five for the banquet. All day to enjoy the warm weather, sunshine, and beautiful cars.

Why? Because it's spring, the 20W50 is 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 is \$15.00 (cheap). Pay when you enter.

Please RSVP. We need to give the hotel the number of cars and diners to expect. Send your driver and co-driver names, car make, model & year, plus your local or national club membership to andy lindberg@earthlink.net.



Antin Sealey



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

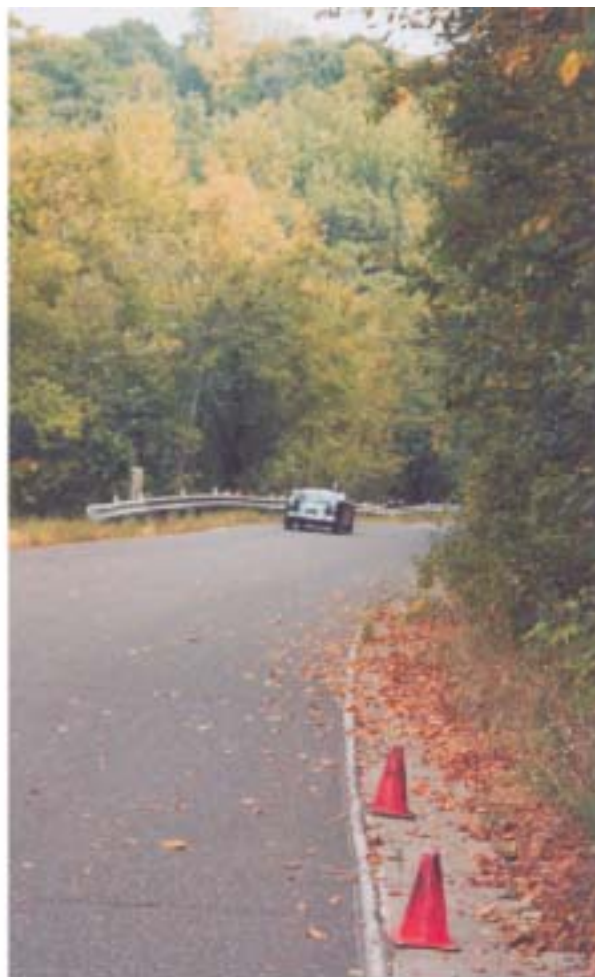


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Drivers will run in the order their paid registrations are received. We will try to give everyone four runs, more if time permits. From 12:30 to 1:30 we will take a break to enjoy the optional buffet luncheon served in the ski chalet (\$10 pay your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

SEE YOU ON THE HILL!



www.mnhealey.com

INTERMARQUE CALENDAR

INTERMARQUE SHOWS & EVENTS

- APRIL 3** **VSCR Swap Meet and General Membership Meeting** 9:30 a.m., Quality Coaches, Nicollet and 38th in Minneapolis. Hosted by Vintage Sports Car Racing. Bring your own parts for sale and/or help others clean out their garages. The VSCR folks will likely be selling primarily race parts but there could be some things that will help your street car pretend it's a race car. Please park cars for sale on the sidewalk in front of Quality Coaches. If you'd like to learn a little about vintage racing, stick around for the general meeting. Info: www.vscr.org
- 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). The location will be the same as last year. The car show is free and the banquet is only \$15.00. Most cars can be exhibited on the grass, near the pond. The hot blacktop will be set aside for those who show up late. Please RSVP so that we can give the restaurant a number for the banquet. The club/marque with the most RSVPers gets an award (suitable for framing) at the banquet. 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
- 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
- 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
- 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.wvbcc.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.
- 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
- 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 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/

RECURRING INTERMARQUE EVENTS

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 starting as soon as the first car shows up. Now at two (count 'em, 2!) locations. Toby's for people on the east side and Billabong's for folks on the west. MG, Triumph, Mini, Citroën, Jensen, Jaguar, Morgan, Alfa, Austin, Delorean, Mercedes, TVR, Riley, Ferarri, Bentley, Rolls Royce, Land Rover, VW, Fiat, Lotus, Alvis, etc. They start at about five and go till the last car has left.

INTERMARQUE RACES, RALLIES, & TOURS

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? 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/

APRIL 17 & 18

Novice Autocross School 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Dunwoody Technical Institute (Skogmo Room) on April 17. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Midway Stadium parking lot on April 18. Hosted by the Minnesota Autosports Club. For novice autocrossers (aka gymkhana) who want to learn more about the sport, how to get started, how to prepare, how an event is conducted, and more. Attendance at April 17 (classroom) session is required to participate in April 18 (driving) session. Cost: \$45 includes lunch on 4/18. Info: www.mnautox.com

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 612-237-1883 or 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 attracting such delights as pre-war Mercers, Alfas, Bugattis as well as a fine 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 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

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

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
- 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 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
- 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
- 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
- OCTOBER 9** **Fall Color Tour** Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.

MARQUE NATIONALS & UPPER MIDWEST REGIONALS

- 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 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
- 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.rroc.org/worldtour
- JULY 27 - AUG 1** **"Giulietta Giubilee" National Alfa Romeo Owners Club Convention** Manchester, NH

This one is close!

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Giulietta. Info: 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

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, or www.universitymotorsltd.com

AUGUST 20 - 22

SAAB 2004 Owners Convention Crystal Mountain, WA Info: www.saabconvention.org

SEPTEMBER 16 - 19

TRials 2004 Egg Harbor, Door County, WI. National 6-Pack (Triumph TR6) convention. Info: Jeff and Karen Rust 815-874-5623 ITRMPH2@aol.com

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.



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 and/or Pint With the President, **first Wednesday** of the month, 7:00 p.m. Locations have been switching lately. Contact: 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 Green Mill at Rosedale. 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@pressenter.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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 612-237-1883

Ellingson's All-British Car Show & Swap Meet July 31, Rogers, MN Need people to set up the special edition newsletter, assist with promotions, call a few shops, help in the morning with setup, assist with parking, or lots of other things. Info: Brian McCullough brian@bmcautos.com



River City Rendezvous 2004 Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA June 3 - 6, 2004

Fast becoming a tradition, the Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous has been held in Ontario, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Manitoba for the last thirteen years with increasing popularity. The Triumph Drivers Club of Manitoba, the Austin-Healey Club of Manitoba and the Mid Canada Mini Group are co-sponsors of this 14th year event being held in Winnipeg.

The weekend is dedicated to the sports car enthusiast who enjoys driving, showing and talking vintage sports cars as well as participating in fun-filled events such as: Gymkhana (Autocross), Road Rally, Show & Shine, the much anticipated Awards Banquet, and new this year (included in this year's registration fun package), a River Boat Cruise along the historic Red River for the Friday evening Meet and Greet.

The 2004 event will open on Thursday June 3 at our host hotel, The Clarion, located at 1445 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB (immediately east of Polo Park Shopping Centre). The Clarion has its own "oasis", and Spa facilities are available on site for leisure enjoyment. Planned activities fill the next few days with time for shopping and sight seeing.

A Registration Form is found on the reverse of this schedule. Register early before May 1 and have a chance to win a free night of accommodation at the host hotel. We look forward to seeing you here in Winnipeg.

Planned Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 3

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Early Bird Registration - This takes place at our host hotel "Clarion"
Hospitality - Meet and Greet - located in the hotel

Friday, June 4

9:00 - 12:00 noon

10:00 - 12:00 noon

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

10:30 p.m.

10:45 p.m.- ??

Tour - Optional (possibly along River Road)
Registration - located in the hotel
Gymkhana - location to be determined
Registration - located in the hotel
Dinner is on your own, or you can eat on the River Boat.
Free Bus transportation departing from Clarion hotel for River Boat Cruise
River Boat Cruise - Beverages and food are available on board for purchase.
The cruise itself is included in your registration.
Bus returns to Clarion hotel from the dock
Parking Lot social

Saturday, June 5

7:30 a.m.

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Breakfast on your own
Registration - located at the hotel
Rally starts at timed intervals
Show and Shine - at Rally finish.
Pre Banquet cocktails at the hotel
Banquet at the hotel (Awards, socializing, etc.)

Sunday, June 6

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

All day

Meeting of the attending club execs
Departure ... *so long friends ...until next year.....*

14th Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous RIVER CITY RENDEZVOUS

June 3 - 6, 2004
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada



REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ (LAST)
 _____ (FIRST) City: _____
 Address: _____
 Prov./State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____
 Email Id: _____ Spouse/Guest Name: _____
 Child(ren) Name(s): _____

Vehicle(s) to be Registered: _____ (YEAR) (MAKE) (MODEL)
 (IF MORE THAN TWO, LIST
 ADDITIONAL VEHICLE(S) ON
 SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER) (YEAR) (MAKE) (MODEL)

Please indicate number of vehicles and participants entering each event:
 RALLY: ___/___ SHOW & SHINE: ___/___ GYMKHANA (MALE DRIVER): ___/___ GYMKHANA (FEMALE DRIVER): ___/___

Basic Registration *: (On or Before May 1, 2004**: \$50.00; After May 1, 2004: \$55.00) \$ _____
 Additional Adult(s): \$ 5.00 per adult x _____ \$ _____
 Additional Vehicle(s): \$ 30.00 per adult x _____ \$ _____
 Saturday Banquet Buffet Dinner ***: \$ 15.00 per child (age 12 & under) x _____ \$ _____
TOTAL (in Canadian funds) : \$ _____

If paying in US funds, multiply Canadian Total by 0.8 to get US Total: \$ _____

* BASIC REGISTRATION includes one vehicle, two adults and all children under 18 years old participating in the Thursday evening Hospitality, Friday evening Riverboat Cruise, Rally, Show & Shine and Gymkhana together with a dash plaque and event poster.
 ** EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION includes chance to win one night free accommodation at host hotel.
 *** Dinner Buffet will include vegetarian dishes.

Please make cheque payable to **Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous 2004** and send with completed form to:

Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous
 137 Sweetwater Bay
 Winnipeg, MB, Canada
 R2J 3G4

Cancellations before May 20, 2004 are subject to a \$10.00 cancellation fee. No refunds on or after May 20. We will forward the weekend registration package to those who paid their registration, but were unable to attend.

Please call the host hotel **Clarion Hotel** at (204) 774-5110 to reserve your room. State you are booking a room for the **Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous** to guarantee room rates of \$109 (single) and \$119 (double) per night plus taxes. These special room rates are available until May 15, 2004 and are available for an extended stay in Winnipeg before and/or after the Rendezvous. This hotel is located at 1445 Portage Avenue, next to Polo Park Shopping Centre.
 If you have any questions concerning this event, call **Al Ramsay** at (204) 256-3481, **Jodi Bolger** at (204) 339-2560 or **Ted Moorby** at (204) 269-8495 or email **Helmut Friedrich (Registration Chair)** at mhrace@yahoo.com

