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Upcoming Cool Stuff!!

**InterMarque
SpringKickOff**

May 2

*Spring has sprung,
The grass is riz,
We wanna know
Where your sports car is.*

See you at the KickOff!
Details on p. 12

Healey Hillclimb

May 8. Even more fun
than last year's top
events! See page 14

Donnybrooke Vintage Revival

May 14 - 16 Bigger &
better. See page 13

Volunteers Needed!!!

Get off your butt and
pitch in. See page 11 for
more info.



**Big News! New
Logo!** by Andy Lindberg
(editor *InterMarque
Monthly* and temporary
chair, Inter-Marque Council)

Gary Ronning (Healey 3000) and I were sitting around at the last Triumph club meeting, bemoaning the fact that we didn't have an official logo for the May 2 InterMarque Banquet. We discussed using last year's logo again but I objected. I don't know if you remember the 2003 logo, but it had a flag background. That flag bore an uncanny resemblance to the Union Jack.

Having owned four Triumphs, one Healey, and one MG, I have no objection to the Queen's colors. On the other hand, having also owned three Volvos, two VWs, one Saab, and one Renault, I have a strong belief that the Inter-Marque Spring Kick-Off should be more than just English. The logo, I said, should convey the sense that other countries' cars were also invited.

Rich McGowan (TR3) asked what I had in mind. At this point my brain be-

gan to lose traction. Don't you just hate it when that happens? You've just finished a good gripe session and somebody spoils your sense of virtuous outrage by asking how to solve the problem. I had no idea but realized that I hold an executive position (temporary chair, Inter-Marque Council) and am therefore expected to have a position on things about which I know nothing.

So I sucked in my gut, rose to my full executive height, and said, "I dunno. Oh something that has all the flags in it. Or maybe something that looks like a generic car except it can't look too much like any particular car cause then everybody whose car doesn't look like the generic car will be mad. How about the driver of a classic car?"

Amazingly enough, that made sense to Rich. He's a professional so maybe he's used to decyphering client's incoherent comments. Anyhow, he did a great job on the Spring Kick-Off logo so I asked whether that could be made into a logo for this publication.

Ta-Da! Here it is and thank you Rich.

Speaking of the
SpringKickOff, it's
almost here! Drive,
drag, or push your
car! Just be
there!!



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Marque Clubs of the Upper Midwest

British Iron Society of

Greater Fargo (701-293-6882)

Citroën Car Club of Minnesota (www.citroenmn.com)

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

Minnesota MG Group (www.mmgg.org)

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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 Minnesota 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.

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.

Inter-Marque GoKart Challenge March 20



"What a rush! The most fun you can have with your pants on." Daniel Buchen (Triumph)

"It's like being a teenager again." April Harayda (Austin-Healey)

"When you own a 2CV, you always drive competitively. So you make the best of what you have. Fun!" Michael Barone (Citröen)

"I think the flag girl likes me. She keeps blue flagging the guys in front of me." Tom Hazen (Austin-Healey)

GO KART RESULTS

by Peter Griffin (Jaguars of Minnesota)

There were fifty signed-up drivers. A couple didn't show and the race day total was fifteen Jags, nine Healeys, seven Citroëns, six Triumphs, five Loti, three BMWs, and one lonely MG representative, Wendi Sott.

Fastest time of the day (FTD) was Robert Lee, Jr. with a time of 33.694 seconds. Robert is a Triumph club member.

This year the team trophy went to the BMW team of John Biesecker, Matt Litchfield, and Jay Febbo. Their time was 34.294 seconds. (The team trophy time is computed based on the best time of each team's three fastest competitors.)

Second was the Jaguar team of Daniel Albrecht, Matt Bass and Allen Jones with a time of 35.495. Third was the Triumph team of Robert Lee, Jr., Robert Lee, Sr., and Terry Mackey.



Above: Race Master Peter Griffin computes scores



Overdrive Q&A

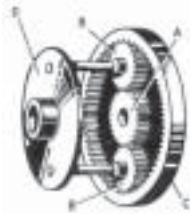
by Andy Lindberg

Why does everybody want an overdrive today? Because freeway speeds have jumped ten to twenty miles per hour in the last decade. Not the posted limits of course. They haven't changed much since the end of the double nickel farce. No, we're talking real world speeds here. If you don't want to be bumped off the road by a Peterbilt or some other SUV, then you better be able to maintain a 70 to 80 mph speed.

Why does an overdrive help? An overdrive cuts the number of revolutions your engine has to produce to maintain a certain speed. For example if you now use 3500 rpm's in fourth gear to maintain 70 mph, an overdrive might allow you to reduce that to 3100 rpm's. In this respect, it works much like a fifth gear.

How does an overdrive work? The overdrive fits on the rear of the transmission. The epicyclic gear shown to the right composes the guts of the OD.

The rotary power from the tranny enters at D. If the OD is "off," A (the sun gear) is attached to C (the annulus) and the output goes to the drive shaft from C at the same speed as it entered.



If the OD is "on," A is fixed in position. Therefore, B (the planet gears) rotate and cause C to rotate faster than D. Bingo!

Is it really that easy? No. It takes a zzzillion other pieces to make our four components work right. But this is the general theory.



May Tech Tip

Women, are you having trouble getting your automotively entranced spouse to help clean up around the house? Next time, try this. Instead of asking him to vacuum, inform him that you have a power tool that needs a test drive. Reports indicate that this method improves results by at least 37.9%.

The Boys in Blue!



Tom Hazen (aka "The Racing Lunatic") at March 20 Inter-Marque GoKart Challenge.



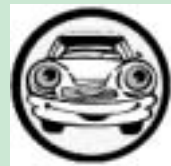
Jonathan Buttall (aka "The Blue Boy") as painted in 1770 by Thomas Gainsborough

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from the Triumph, VSCR, MG, and A-H Clubs. It is assumed that the Jaguar club will also donate \$100. There is a balance from last Spring's show of \$21.64 as well. Therefore the door prizes purchased could be approximately \$200.

Minutes of April 5 Council Meeting, Baker's Square, Highland Village, St. Paul MN, Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Bob Reed, Michael Barrone, Dale Martin, Barb & Gary Ronning, Phyllis & Keith Galberth, and Chairman Andy Lindberg.

The Inter-Marque events for the coming year were again reviewed.

The progress on the Inter-Marque Spring Car Show and Banquet was discussed. Dale Martin had samples of the beautiful wooden Trophies that he has made. Gary Ronning will arrange for the brass plates to be lettered and affixed to the trophies. It was decided that the car awards would be as follows: Soft Top – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places. Hard Top – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places. Ladies Choice and Unpolished Pearl for a total of eight trophies.

Bob Reed will again gather materials and stuff the envelope kit to be given to drivers upon entering the event. It will include a Windscreen ID Sign, an event Dash Plaque, Ballots for voting, Raffle Tickets for Door Prizes, Lanyard with Plastic Holder and Nametag, List of IM Events for the year, and any other items to be distributed.

The Radisson Hotel granted us permission to give out free bottles of water at the event. Michael Barrone is going to check into procuring the water. Phyllis Galberth is going to arrange for the event to be in the Minneapolis newspaper.

Rich Stadther has offered to purchase door prizes with the balance of the money after the other expenses have been paid. Expenses so far appear to be about \$300. Monies received so far include \$100 each

Job assignments for the various clubs are as follows:

Front Gate: 12:00 – 1:00 MN Triumphs, 1:00 - 2:00 MAHC, 2:00 - 3:00 MN Jaguars

Parkers: 12:00 – 1:00 Citroens, 1:00– 2:00 MMGG,

Ballot Box: 12:00 – 1:00 MGTs, 1:00 – 2:00 BMC Minis, 2:00 – 3:00 BMW Minis

Again, each club is encouraged to bring Club Banners, and have their club members wear their Nametags. People planning to attend the banquet are being asked to send Andy an RSVP via email to andyindberg@earthlink.net. This is to give the hotel an approximate number for food.

Submitted by: Gary & Barb Ronning



Marque SnapShot: Post-War MG sports cars.

Left column: MGTC, MGTD, MGTF. Right column: MGA coupe, MGB (chrome bumper) and MG Midget (rubber bumper).

Not shown: MGA roadster, MG Midget (chrome bumper), MGB (rubber bumper), MGBGT (chrome and rubber bumper), MGC, MGRV8, and MGF



CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIEDS are now **FREE** if you meet the following **CLASSIFICATIONS**:

1. You are honest as the day is long.
2. What you are advertising is not your primary source of income. (In other words, garages and car dealers are still subject to our outrageous charge of \$10/issue.)
3. You have never owned an AMC Pacer (or you have a pretty darn good excuse).

Send your classified advertisements to andylinberg@earthlink.net. All ads will expire after three months unless renewed or we receive word to pull them before the three months has expired.

This bundle of words will probably appear in an even smaller font size in the following months.

à Vendre

1958 MG Midget ZB Four door saloon \$10,000 Don Carlson CarlsonTrbuffalo@aol.com (May 04)

1961 Jaguar Mk IX Four door saloon \$15,000 Don Carlson CarlsonTrbuffalo@aol.com (May 04)



1963 Austin-Healey Sprite Mk II, AN7, white/black, 1275 with Rivergate (Datsun) 5-speed, almost new interior. This is a side curtain car. Reason for selling, want a TR2/3. Andy Lindberg andylinberg@earthlink.net 651-292-8585 (May 04)



1971 Triumph Spitfire Part of an estate. Rex Bryant 612-722-2271 (May 04)



1973 Triumph TR6 Red/black, in the family for the last eleven years. Very good condition. Strong and reliable. Went to Thunder Bay, Canada, and Kalamazoo, Michigan last year. Plus a couple trips to Geneva, Illinois. Never let us down once. Doesn't overheat, even in parades. Once owned by Orly Knutson. \$8,000 Reason for selling, want a TR2/3. Andy Lindberg andylinberg@earthlink.net 651-292-8585 (May 04)



1977 MGB Part of an estate. Rex Bryant 612-722-2271 (May 04)

Recherché

Triumph TR 2/3/3A/3B Want a good to very good driver. Don't need a concours car and don't want a reclamation project. No red cars need apply. All other colors considered although white is my favorite. Andy Lindberg andylinberg@earthlink.net 651-292-8585 (May 04)

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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? Right now!!

Info: Jim Pennoyer 763-536-5472

INTERMARQUE CALENDAR

INTERMARQUE SHOWS & EVENTS

- APRIL 17** **Midwest Motor Sports Open House/Tech Session** 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 20 South First Street, Sauk Rapids. From the Cities take Hwy 10 west to St. Cloud, after second traffic light, take Sauk Rapids exit. Go left at stop sign onto Benton Drive. At third traffic light turn left and cross railroad tracks. Turn left at Checker Auto Parts. Midwest Motor Sports is in the back of the Checker Building. Hosted by Dan Iberg, his crew at MMS, and the Minnesota MG Group. Info: Dan Iberg 320-251-0676
- MAY 2** **InterMarque Council Spring Kick-Off/Show/Banquet** Noon to 5 pm, rain or shine. 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 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.* RSVP: andylinberg@earthlink.net
- 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.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.
- JUNE 6** **2004 Bug-In** West Side VW (wherever that is after they move from their present location) 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 9 am to 4 pm 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/ or 630-773-4806

JUNE 16 - 19, 2005

Rendezvous 2005 Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids MN. Hosted by Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. More info soon.

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

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 jerryp@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 Dierhard 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 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, 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. **You can work and still be able to drive your car in the hillclimb!** 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

Safety MG Trust!

Austin Healey

SpringKickOff 2004

InterMarque Council 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.

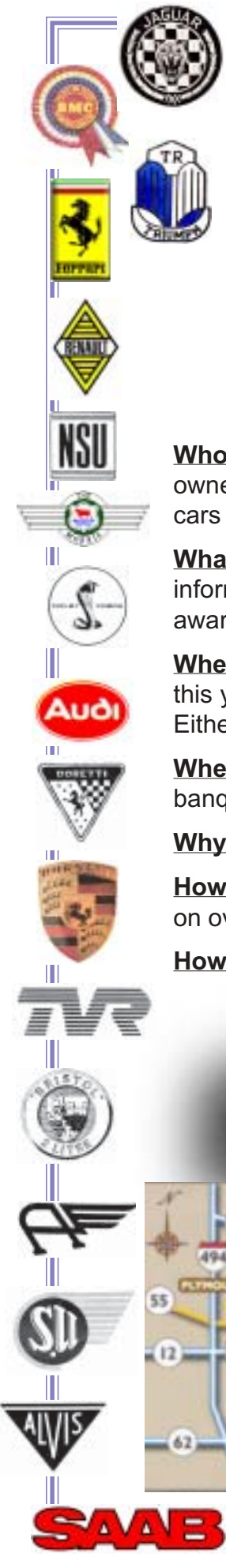
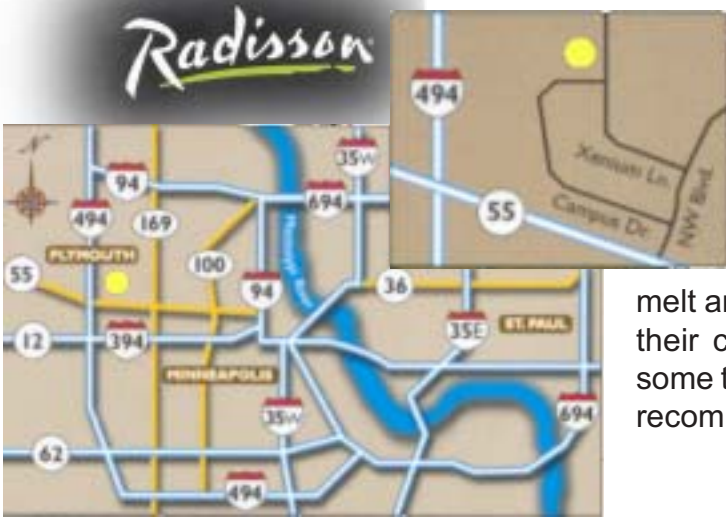
How? Well, drive your car, of course. If it doesn't run or you don't own one, come on over anyhow.

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.

What if it rains? If it rains, the show goes on. Don't let a few sprinkles of nature's glory discourage you. Your car won't melt and the Radisson will let us park in their covered lot. We will try to have some towels on hand, but to be safe, we recommend bringing your own.

See you there!!



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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 **T O T H E T O P !**

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.



Photo courtesy Andy Lindberg and the Inter-Marque Monthly - 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!



www.mnhealey.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.

Register 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 Early Bird Registration and Meet and Greet
- Friday, June 4 Registration, Optional Tour, Gymkhana, Dinner Boat Cruise, Parking Lot Social
- Saturday, June 5 Registration, Rally, Show and Shine, Banquet
- Sunday, June 6 Meeting of attending club execs and Departure ... so long friends ... until next year

Registration Form

Name: (FIRST) _____ (LAST) _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Prov./State: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Id: _____ Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Child(ren) Name(s): _____

Vehicle(s) to be Registered:

(YEAR) _____ (MAKE) _____ (MODEL) _____

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(IF MORE THAN TWO, LIST ADDITIONAL VEHICLE(S) ON SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER)

Please indicate number of vehicles and participants entering each event:

RALLY: ___/___ SHOW & SHINE: ___/___ MEN's GYMKHANA: ___/___ WOMEN's GYMKHANA: ___/___

Basic Registration*: (On or Before May 1, 2004**: \$50.00; After May 1, 2004: \$55.00) C\$ _____

Additional Adult(s): \$ 5.00 per adult x _____ C\$ _____

Additional Vehicle(s): \$ 5.00 per vehicle x _____ C\$ _____

Saturday Banquet Buffet Dinner ***: \$ 30.00 per adult x _____ C\$ _____

\$ 15.00 per child (age 12 & under) x _____ C\$ _____

TOTAL (in Canadian funds) : C\$ _____

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

* 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 plus 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. Ask for the RENDEZVOUS RATE and/or account #135933 to guarantee room rates of \$109 (single) and \$119 (double) per night plus taxes. These rates are available until May 15 and are available for an extended stay before and/or after Rendezvous. This hotel is located at 1445 Portage Avenue.

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 mhracecavahoo.com

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: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

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