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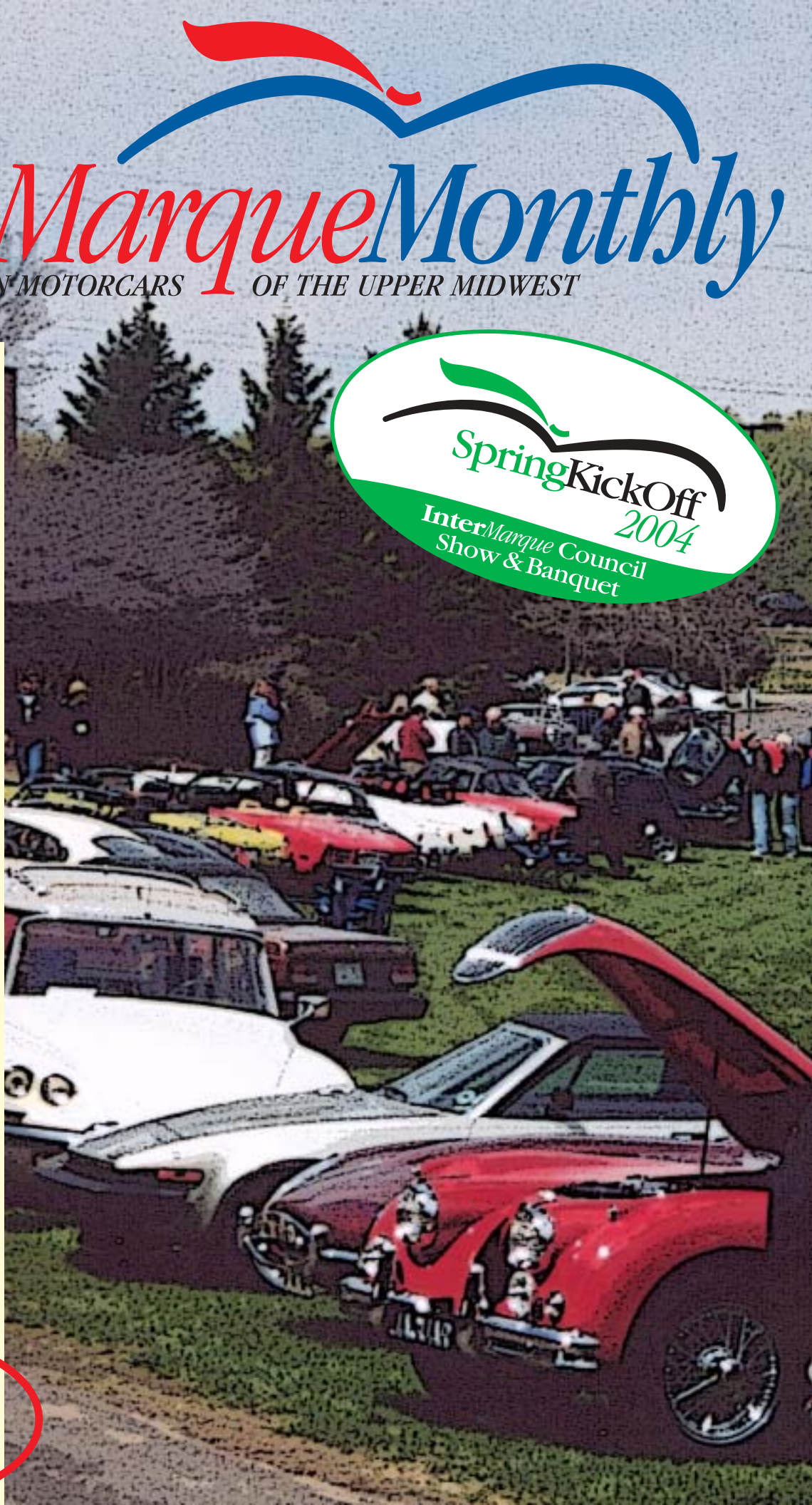
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Twin Cities VW Club (www.twincitiesvwclub.com)

Vintage Sports Car Racing (www.vscr.org)

Volvo Sports America Minnesota Chapter (David Olson, olson199@umn.edu)

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.

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.



report by Gary & Barb Ronning

It was a cool sunny day on Sunday May 2nd, and the local vintage car groups were anxious to get their gems out in the fresh

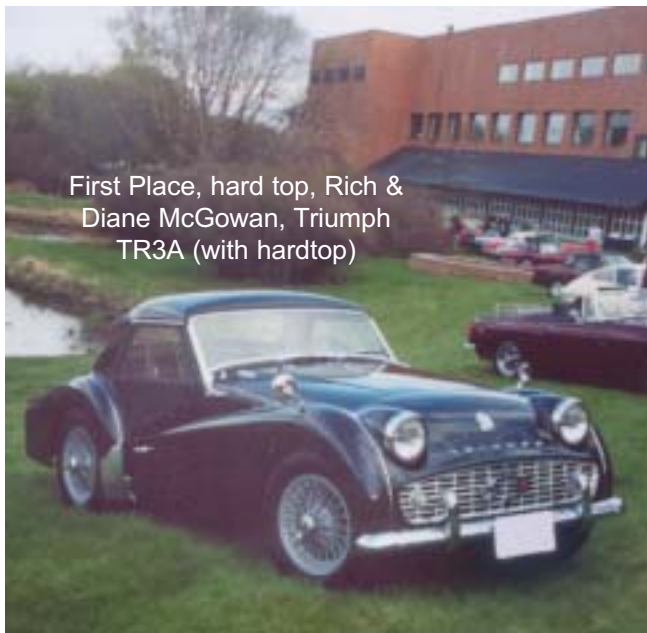
Attendees received a Dash Plaque, Name Tags, Ballots, and Door Prize tickets upon entering.

They were encouraged to vote for their favorite vehicles in several categories. Our friends in the Citroen Club provided bottled water while the people were wandering through the 90+ cars that were gathered.

The grassy areas available were filled completely with cars, so the viewing was impressive.

After 2:30, people started going in to the very pleasant Radisson dining room to enjoy the delicious buffet that was set including salads, 3 main entrées, and dessert. The windows were great for looking out over the cars parked right outside. About 100 people took part in the lunch and program afterwards.

Andy Lindberg did his usual great job as emcee of the program. There were some announcements, and then each of the attending clubs was asked for a short synopsis of their club activities. Going



First Place, hard top, Rich & Diane McGowan, Triumph TR3A (with hardtop)

air. They started coming early – about 11:30 – so their cars would be in prime locations. This year the Radisson allowed us to park along their walkway between the building and the wild pond on the north side. The beauties were looking real nice on the green grass.



First Place, soft top, Dick Mathews, AC Bristol



Many thanks to Vintage Sports Car Racing, and the MG, Triumph, Austin-Healey, and Jaguar clubs for funding the event. Also thanks to the Inter-Marque Committee members who planned and worked the event. *(Editor's note: And beaucoup thanks to the Ronnings, who did much of the heavy lifting for this event.)*

by the responses from the representatives, it was really hard to say what the clubs are doing – or if they really want other clubs to know what they are doing!! They did make for some laughs, however. The Car Show winners were presented with expertly carved wooden trophies made by Morgan owner Dale Martin. The drawings for Door Prizes then took place; all of the lucky ticket owners made their selections and went home happy!

There was a wide variety of Marques at the InterMarque event including: 31 MGs, 14 Triumphs, 11 Austin-Healeys, 11 Jaguars, 8 Citroëns, 4 Lotus, 3 Morgans, 2 Minis, 2 Fiats, 2 Saabs, and one each of AC Bristol, Opel, Mercedes, Volkswagen, Corvette, BMW, and Porsche.

The voting consisted of selecting a favorite Soft Top, Hard Top, Unpolished Pearl, and a Ladies Choice. Winners were as follows:

Soft Top

- 1st Place: AC Bristol, Dick Mathews
- 2nd Place: Jaguar XK150, Gene Berghoff
- 3rd Place: Morgan 4/4, Rich & Liz Stadther

Hard Top

- 1st Place: Triumph TR3A, Rich McGowan
- 2nd Place: Jaguar E-type, George Arthur
- 3rd Place: Citroën 2CV, Michael Barone

Ladies Choice: Jaguar XK150 – Gene Berghoff

Unpolished Pearl: Lotus Elan – Frank Howard



See you next year!

InterMarque Council Unaudited Money Statement

Money left over from last year		\$21.64
2004 Contributions from		
MN Triumphs	\$100.00	
VSCR	\$100.00	
MN A-H Club	\$100.00	
MN MG Group	\$100.00	
MN Jaguar Club	\$100.00	
Total Incoming		\$500.00
2004 Expenses		
Dash plaques	\$127.95	
Trophies	\$20.00	
Trophy plates	\$43.62	
Printing	\$49.44	
Supplies	\$19.95	
Door prizes	\$198.00	
Total Outgoing		\$777.96
Left over money		\$62.67

New Lotus Club!

A new area Lotus Club has appeared. Formation of the **Lotus Eaters** was announced on April 10. For info on the new club, contact Frank Howard at TYPE45@aol.com. By the way, Frank's Elan won the Unpolished Pearl award at the Inter-Marque Show. See above.

LOON (Lotus Owners of the North) remains in business. Tim Engel is their contact at tengel@mchsi.com

Andy,

"Subscribe me to the monthly" Please.

Tom Vandervoort and I ran into one of yours at the car wash. Tom and I are instructors for the local Audi Club chapter, and I teach driving schools for BMW, Volvo, Z-club and others, more in California than MN. I'm in MN about one weekend a month. I suspect we'll appear at one or more of the "chew and talk" events. I'm a little surprised that there are no links between the Audi or BMW clubs and your loose collective. Maybe that's why Tom's car got dirty, or why he thought it should get clean. The Audi club will be represented at Maplewood on 16 May, though I'll be up helping the BMW club with students.

Charging through your newsletter, I am unable to get any answer at the phone only access to the Volvo Sports America Club.

Please take a gander at the nat'l audiclubna.org site, click on "about the club" scroll to the "Safety School" link and right click to download a 2 minute ABC news clip. This is what Tom and I are about: trying to change the insurance industry's ignoring of driver schools.

The local glacierlakesqclub.org has the best video clip explanation of a driver education school I've ever seen. Both BMW and Audi welcome other marques in their schools (if not their hearts) so long as they meet safety standards difficult to imagine in the sixties. I'm instructing a driver school Monday for Volvo Club of America in California. Does the local Volvo club or any others of yours hold such schools?

Bruce Parker

(Ed's note: Tom and Bruce ran into Lotus owner Aaron Courteau at a car wash in April. You may remember Aaron as the owner/driver of a beautiful Elan Plus 2 that self-destructed during last fall's Hillclimb. With respect to Bruce's question about the local VSA club/chapter, I understand that it is being rejuvenated. Try the e-mail address in the club listing. They've also got a show on June 12 at Borton Volvo's Golden Valley facility. Andy)



Thanks Andy!

Another great job on a fun, repeat fun, newsletter. I always end up sending them on to others and recommend that they contact you. I wonder how many "count me in for the next newsletter" requests you get.

Feedback on the new logo: I didn't get it that it was a car. Too ambiguous. I thought it looked like a bird or an "M" especially above the IMM words. I think that you should model it on a specific car that's recognizable a vintage sports car. I would suggest a 30's Bugatti, an XK120 or a T series MG. The Bugatti appeals because no one has one (there are a few in town) but nearly everyone loves them.

The problem with doing something that "offends no one" is that it ends up being so watered down so that no one really identifies/likes it.

My idiot view: If someone is offended by the wrong flag, car profile, etc., they are in the wrong club/hobby. I'd even love a Citroen 2CV graphic for the logo.

Thanks,
Dave Meek

P.S. I have a nasty habit of telling people my opinions. I love your newsletter, your enthusiasm for the hobby and want to say thank you for being the brains behind the Intermarque Council.

(Ed's note: There's an apocryphal story in politics about the low-wattage candidate who storms into the staff

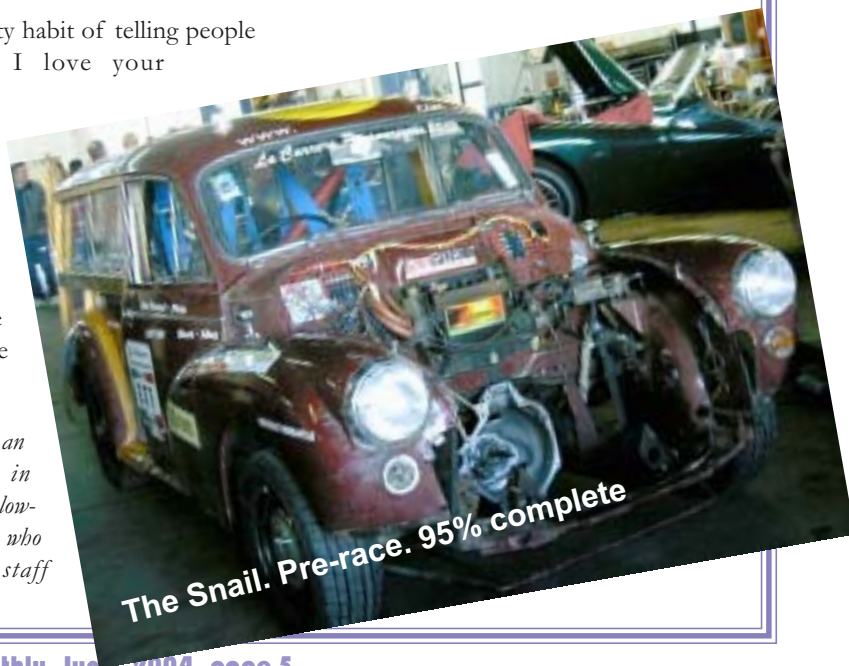
room and blusters, "I need a hard-bitting position statement that doesn't offend anyone." But I digress. I like the new logo. To me it evokes a sense of joie de vivre in a way that a 2CV logo never could. C'est la vie. P.S. I'm flattered that anyone thinks there are any brains behind the Intermarque Council, but anybody who thinks that I'm the brains needs medication. Andy)

Andy,

I am amazed. I had no idea that there was such a beautiful newsletter. How about an emergency notice to your mailing list that Mark Brandow with Eric McPherson have Crazy Don Piccard's Morris Midget Wagon ready to roll to the Border Challenge. But his sensible co-driver from Pennsylvania slipped and his wife found out, so Don desperately needs a Co-driver. Trophies are pretty much assured as the "Snail" is the only entry, at the moment, in the "Original Pan Am Class". The event starts at Brownsville TX next Friday and ends the following weekend in San Diego.

Thanks,
Don Piccard

(Ed's note: I try to limit the Monthly to one piece of spam per month, this newsletter. The rally to which Don refers in his letter is over and the Snail came in Fifth. Not fifth in class, fifth overall. First in class. Check it out at www.desafiodelafrontera.com/. P.S. Don is preparing a Morris sedan for this fall's Carrera Panamerica. Andy)





April 10

VSCR get-together, swap meet, BBQ feast, membership meeting. Location: Quality Coaches, Minneapolis



(Editor's note: Excuse the delay in this report. Cub reporter Jimmy Olson lost the digital photographs in his analog brain.)

The Coulee Classic Rally

Saturday, June 19th, 2004

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

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

Registration: 9:15 to 9:45 am **First Car Out:** 10:01 am **Meet at:** Point Douglas Park (Hwy 10 on Minnesota side of the St. Croix bridge at Prescott, WI.)

Lunch stop: Gipsy Grill - Maiden Rock. **Ends at:** Pepin, WI.

Cost: \$20/car.

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

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

RSVP to the Rallymaster by Wednesday, June 16th.

Presented by the Stella del Nord Chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club in conjunction with the Jaguar Club of Minnesota

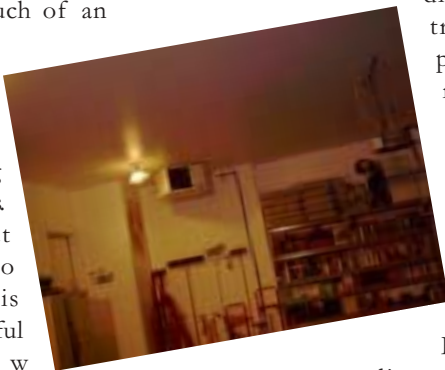


Episode the next in the InterMarqueMonthly's featured restoration of a Triumph TR3A

by Bob Groman, Amateur Restorer

So, what did you do this winter? This year, I was able to convince my wife Joann that I really needed heat in the garage. So for our anniversary she bought me a great Reznor gas garage heater. I can't tell you how much of an

improvement it made winter working conditions. So what did I do with this wonderful new



in addition to my "Man Box"? Two challenges to the TR-3 needed to be addressed. The first was to remove the transmission, and replace the oil seals in the front and rear. While it was out, I also cleaned the 40 plus years of accumulated grime that was all over that area. I replaced the rear axle pinion seal and basically eliminated all the drivetrain leaks excepting the rear main seal. The rear main seal isn't leaking too bad, and I decided to tackle that when I rebuild the motor at a later date. The removal and replacement of the transmission were very straight forward.



were very straight forward.

Over the life of this car, although well cared for, parts such as captive nuts and original fasteners have long since disappeared. I tried where possible to replace those missing parts with the correct hardware. I was advised by Ernie West of

Deadlake Motors, not to try to disassemble the Overdrive, a recommendation I steadfastly adhered to. There isn't too much difficulty in replacing the oil seals in the transmission except the seal in the release bearing sleeve is installed backwards from what other seals are. As you have to remove the sleeve to insert the seal from behind, you are given very little surface area to seat the seal into the sleeve.

Attention to detail and concentrating on what you are doing should keep you from encountering any real problems. Don't forget to replace the gasket between the sleeve and

the transmission housing when reinstalling the assembly. The rear seal is just a matter

of removing the driveshaft flange and installing the seal.

While the transmission was out of the car, I took the time to clean the bell housing and transmission case. I used wire brushes, rags, carb cleaner and elbow grease to accomplish that... Having the

"So you think you know great nail-biting excitement? You think you know truly abject fear? You think you know total and complete despair? You think know the incredibly seamy and degenerate underside of this world we live in, and the ridiculously despicable lengths that your fellow man can sink to; more rotten, more putrid than the lowest form of fungus? Oh, you own a British Car as well! Then perhaps you do."
from "British Cars That Hate Their Owners; and The Owners Who Love Them" third edition, page 314.

transmission bolted to my engine stand made this job significantly easier. While I had easy access, I removed the threaded brass plug on the bottom of the overdrive, and cleaned the sludge that had collected in the bottom of the plug and the screen.

While still out, I replaced the clutch assembly and pilot bushing with no problems whatsoever. The Pilot Bush requires the removal of the flywheel. Even that is no problem. Just remember to ensure your tab washers for the flywheel bolts are in good shape,



or replace them.

Now, the second challenge. I have eluded in earlier chapters to removing the

undercoating that was literally everywhere. Well, here we go! We all know that when buying a British (or other) vehicle, one's first thought when seeing undercoating on a potential prospect is: "What's he trying to hide under there?" Using hindsight, The

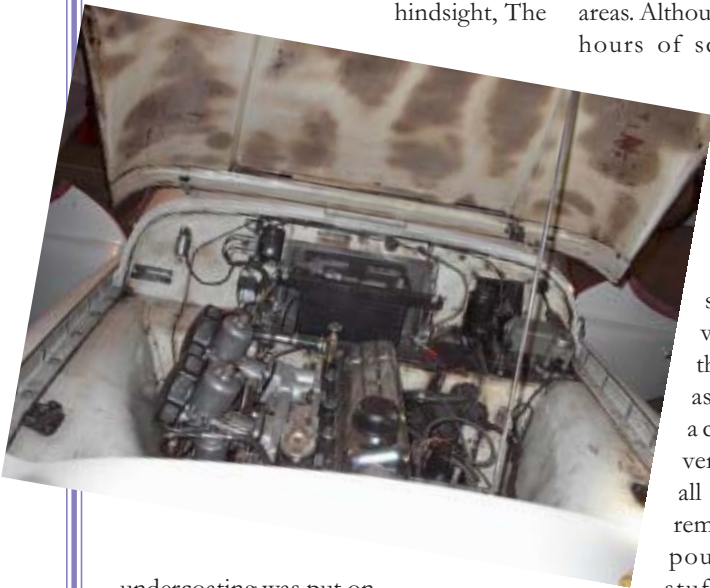
were very simple: A gasket removing tool, A flat edge screwdriver onto which I used my grinding wheel to put an edge, A long handled razor scraper, 3 shorter razor blade holders, about 200 single edged razor blades, and a heat gun for really tight areas. Although this took about 100 to 150 hours of scraping, I am more than satisfied with the result.

Another very nice thing to have is a good sized shop-vac to vacuum up the scrapings as they tend to accumulate very rapidly. In all seriousness, I removed over 50 pounds of that stuff from the engine bay, cockpit and footwells, trunk, and tire

boot. At hourly body shop labor rates of \$60 on up, there is no doubt in my mind I chose the right course.

What else did I do? I restored the center instrument cluster (black wrinkle finish paint available from Eastwood), had the temp gauge restored, and the generator rebuilt. I recovered the cockpit cappings, cut and fitted new carpeting and

draught excluders, and made a glovebox door using the original as a pattern, so I could cut a hole in the door for a reproduction "Smith's Dashboard Clock" that I found at Restoration Hardware. I also added a Pertronix Electronic Ignition module to the distributor. I have had one of these



undercoating was put on my TR-3 with the most honorable intentions, and even better, did the job it was put there to do! I found virtually no rust anywhere on the car except for five very small and easily patched and concealed places. What a relief that was!

There is really no good way to remove undercoating. Every way I could think of or discover was equally evil. I really didn't want to use solvents (fumes, cost, potential bleedback after repainting), nor did I want to use a grinding type tool or wire wheel. The chance of tearing up something underneath the undercoating, plus the mess nixed that idea. As I had fooled around removing undercoating with a razor blade in the engine compartment, and finding it came off fairly easily, this is the path I chose. The tools I used

units on my TR-6 for over 6 years, and I highly recommend them!

I have decided to bring the TR-3 to the Rendezvous in Winnipeg a month from now. I hope each and every one of you will be there in whatever Marque you own and drive.

Please stop and talk with me if you have the chance...that truly is what this sport is all about! I cannot express what a wonderful group the folks in Winnipeg are! This also goes for the folks in Thunder Bay. If you have never been to the Winnipeg Rendezvous you won't be disappointed. If you haven't been in a while, I hope you come back this year!

See you there,
Bob



Healey Hillclimb III

Hey Hillclimber,

I'd like to take a minute to thank all the great volunteers who made Healey Hillclimb III a reality:

Steve Rixen for setting up the course at dawn, keeping us safe, and responding to driver feedback to make the course more user-friendly

Jeff Johnk for bringing the water-filled Jersey barriers a week in advance and giving up his pre-paid driver's spot to work corner 5 up on the hill

Jack Stein and **Tom Wolters** for running the stopwatch and maintaining tight security

Fran Stein, Steve Shogren, and **Barb Ronning** for working the entry gate, with Steve and Barb alternately by themselves up there during lunch

Mike Lynch for working corner 5 with Jeff, removing and resetting cones dozens of times

Mel Turcanik for being the first to do the hard work of sweeping the course

Eric Sanford for arriving with me at dawn to schlep treat packets and staff the entry gate

Paul Weidner for arriving early to staff the entry gate

Gary Ronning for delivering additional beverages to the parched corner workers

The following die-hards for staffing the other corners and always pitching in whenever needed:

Mike Martin
Wayne Soderbeck
Lloyd Shields
Tony and Pamela Cox
Diane Rindt
Daniel Buchen
Brent Kiser
Charles Hawkins

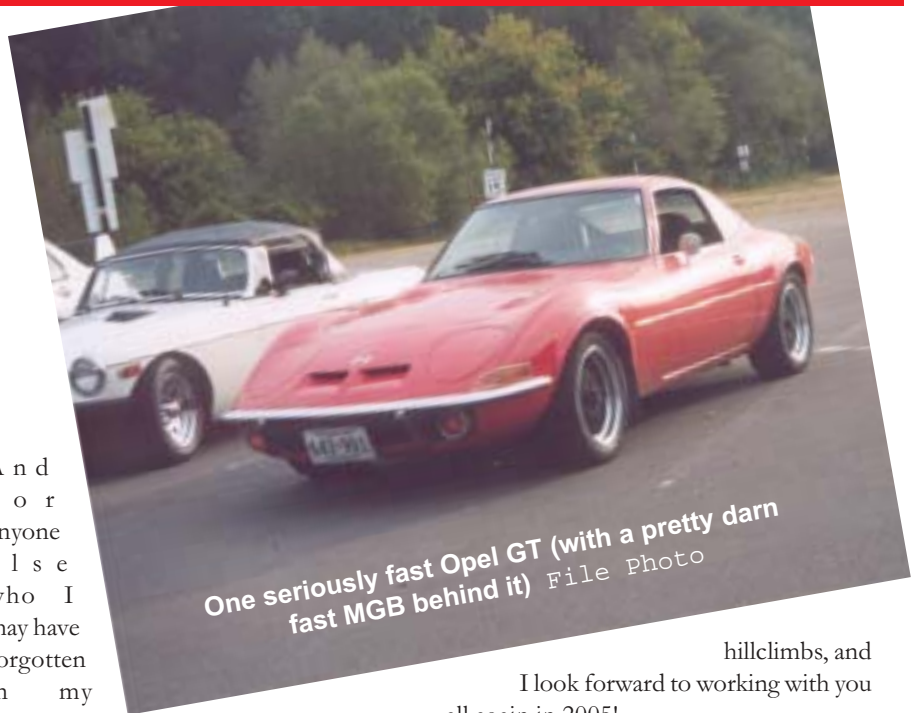
And for anyone else who I may have forgotten in my haste to get this email out.

Thanks for making this such a fantastic event. I have the time of my life at these

Healey Hillclimb III Top Ten* Finishers

1. Lee Frisvold 1973 Opel GT
2. Greg L'Allier 2004 Subaru WRX STi
2. Jon McCullough 1994 Saturn SL2
4. Phil Ethier 1970 Lotus Europa
4. Brian McCullough 1977 MGB
4. Tom Hazen 2003 Acura RSX
7. Dwight McCullough 1977 MGB
8. Don Gettinger 1964 Chevrolet Corvette
8. Andy Christ 1991 VW GTI
8. Steve Hendrickson 1960 Austin-Healey Sprite
8. Eric Sanford 2003 Acura RSX

* Actually the top eleven. There were many ties. And this wasn't a race anyhow.



One seriously fast Opel GT (with a pretty darn fast MGB behind it) File Photo

hillclimbs, and I look forward to working with you all again in 2005!

Thanks again,

Tom Hazen

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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 sa-

loon \$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. \$4,500 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)

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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

- 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 24** **Evening Drive to Make the Queen Mum Proud** Lake Harriet Bandshell, Minneapolis, 7:15 p.m. This event is put on by Minnesota Triumphs in celebration of British Car Week (see above) and of the Queen Mum's birthday. Schedule includes a tour and dinner someplace. Info: www.mntriumph.org/
- 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.wvbssc.org/cbcf/info.html
- MAY 29** **Horses & Horsepower** Skyrock Farm in Hamel, MN. Hosted by Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley and Coon Rapids. BBQ, silent auction, entertainment, house and stable tour, fair organs, cars. \$50/person fundraiser. RSVP by May 25. Info: 763-489-2210
- 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. Event will be at West Side's old location on Cedar Lake Road just off Highway 100 near I-394. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hosted by Twin Cities VW. Info: www.twincitiesvwclub.com
- JUNE 12** **German Car Fest** Rice Park, St. Paul. Minneapolitans note: this is the park bordered by Landmark Center, the St. Paul Hotel, the library and that music place. Info: Paul Bergquist 952-937-1822
- 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 11** **Mad Dogs & Englishmen** Gilmore Car Museum, near Kalamazoo, MI
- 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.
- AUGUST 22** **Nordstern Concours d'Elegance** location tba. Hosted by Nordstern Porsche Club. Info: Luis Fraguada 651-733-6337 lfraguada@mmm.com

- AUGUST 28** **Wheels of Italy Annual Car & Motorcycle Show** Lake Calhoun, Minneapolis
- 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

- 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 12** **Chippewa Trails Road Rally** National Rally begins 8:01 am in Memomonie, WI. Registration for the Regional Rally is noon at Wisconsin Travel Info Center, Hudson, WI. This rally is included in the Great Northern Historic Rallye Championship for vehicles built prior to 1975. Historic entries will use only paved roads and have no traps. The National Rally is included in the SCCA National Rally Championship series. Historic classes \$25, Regional Classes \$25, National Classes \$70. Add \$5 if not registered before June 5. Info: Dave Fuss 763-494-4925
- JUNE 19** **The Coulee Classic Rally** 9:15 am registration. Point Douglas Park (just across the river from Prescott, WI) Hosted by Stella del Nord Chapter of the Alfa Romeo Club in conjunction with the Jaguar Club of Minnesota. The quintessential Monte Carlo style sports car rally using the best all paved roads of western Wisconsin's coulee country. See info on page 4 Info: Ed Solstad esolstad@pressenter.com 612-822-0569
- 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
- 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 Cherzem 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 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 10 - 13

Lotus Owner's Gathering, LOG 24 Birmingham, AL Honored guest: Dan Gurney Info: www.lotuscarclub.org

SEPTEMBER 16 - 19

TRials 2004 Egg Harbor, Door County, WI. National 6-Pack (Triumph TR6) conven-

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tion. 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.mnmgr.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

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

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

(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\$	_____
<i>If paying in US funds, multiply Canadian Total by 0.8 to get US Total:</i>					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** \$ _____

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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