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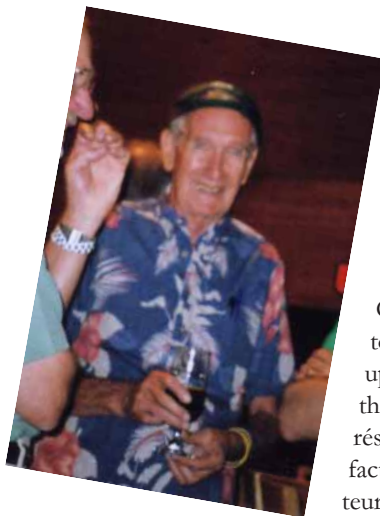
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RENDEZVOUS



Rendezvous 2005, Rally at the Rapids, was held June 16-19 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club and organized by Greg Lauser and Mike Martin, the event was described as “A Celebration of Vintage Sports Cars.”

If you attended, you soon got to know two people. First, there was Gnomey the Garden Gnome (upper right). Gnomey was only supposed to be the mascot of the Photo Rally but he showed up everywhere. Second, and much more personable than Gnomey, there was John Sprinzel (left). Sprinzel’s résumé includes pro wind-surfing, pet food manufacturing, TV commentary, and a whole lot of amateur and professional rallying in cars from Healeys to Saabs. Plus he founded the Speedwell firm and is one

of the forces behind the Speedwell Sprite. In addition, he married a Playboy Bunny, wears his cap backwards and thinks American beer stinks. How can you not like a guy like that?

In Minneapolis, many building owners prohibit firearms on their premises. In Grand Rapids, they have other issues.



FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Airport Speed Run, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Rendezvous got off to a rip-roaring start with the speed run at the airport. Cars started on an autocross course and then went to the the airport's runway for an acceleration test.

The photos to the right and below show different cornering techniques. The Grand Rapids Police Department's radar gun clocked top runway speeds at between 54 mph (Citroën 2CV) and

Michael Barone,
Citroën 2CV



Peter Griffin, Lotus
Elan



116 mph (2003 Acura RSX). All participants received a record of their speeds.



Charity Car Show, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Grand Rapids was the site for Friday's Charity Car Show. A block of the main street (right next to hometown girl Judy Garland's yellow brick road by the old court house) was blocked off and cars were arranged by make and/or nationality.

Participants and attendees were encouraged to vote for their favorites



by dropping cash in the bucket in front of each car. This was one case where it did not take a lot of subtlety to buy the election and organizer Tom Politiski encouraged people to vote early and often.

Buckets were collected at the end of the show (left) and they contained \$1,055.41 (plus some Canadian bills and coins of indeterminate value). This money was given to the Itasca County Bridges Mentoring Program. With food sales, etc., the charity netted over \$2,000. They, and the city of Grand Rapids, are eager to have the Vintage Sportscars return.



SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Gnome Photo Rally, 9:00 a.m.
- Noon

Saturday was Gnomey's big day. After hanging around at other people's events all weekend, he finally got his own show. He was so proud.

And he had some good reasons to be so. His rally was a 150-mile tour over some of the most interesting roads in Minnesota. Curves, straights, whoopdey-dooz, and fantastic scenery. And it was really hard to get lost too. There were questions to answer for the competitive sorts, but mainly it was just a great drive.



**Kim and Dave Meek:
Ready to Rally.**

photo by Barb Ronning



Lakeside Car Show, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The lakeshore was a beautiful location for the car show, sky-blue waters, a water-blue sky, and plenty of pines to frame the 100+ cars. This year attendees didn't have to spend all afternoon filling out their ballot sheets for the eight different show categories. Triumph owners voted for the best MG, MG owners voted for their favorite Triumph, and so on and so forth. A brilliant idea from Tom Politiski and it got more compliments than anything else at a great show.

Ladies Tea, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

In addition to being a tea, this event was also a hat show. June Moerke kept the crowd laughing and even enlisted the busboy to pick the best hats. Our hats are off to the poor guy.

Banquet & Auction, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

A very nice assortment of the better banquet foods, a nice talk by John Sprinzel, and then the auction. High point of the latter was the bidding on Sprinzel's Hastings Trophy. When Alan Kelsey finally hammered it to a close, the price was \$1,050. Wowzer!

And then all too soon it was time to break camp and head home. Next year's Rendezvous will be in Thunder Bay over the Father's Day weekend. Don't miss it!

Clubs Represented at Rendezvous

Minnesota Austin-Healey Club (31), Minnesota MG Group (29), Triumph Drivers Club of Winnipeg (12), Minnesota Jaguars (11), Manitoba Austin-Healey Club (11), Minnesota Triumphs (11), British Iron Society (8), Minnesota Citroëns (4), Thunder Bay Vintage Sportscars (3), and Minnesota MGT Register (2). Thirteen attendees did not claim any club affiliation and six clubs had one member each.



OUT & ABOUT

Local Author's Rally Car in Ohio Auto Museum

Correspondent Curt Carlson recently found himself in Cleveland, Ohio with a few minutes on his hands. He headed over to the Crawford-Thompson Auto Museum on the campus of Case Western

Museum. There, among other delights, he found this 1959 Mercedes. The following is a condensed version of the museum's description of the car.

In 2000, the Classic Rally Association of England sponsored the "Around the World in 80 Days Motor Challenge". The Challenge began in London on May 1, 2000 and took 100 pre-1968 vehicles through Europe and Asia to Beijing. The cars and drivers were then airlifted to Alaska, where the rally continued through Canada and the United States to Newark. They then flew to Morocco, drove through the fringes of the Sahara Desert, and then crossed to Spain, into France, and a final ferry back to London.

This Mercedes-Benz was one of the competitors in the "Around the World Challenge." Its team consisted of automotive journalist Kevin Clemens and Cleveland-area dentist Dr. Mark Rinkel. Both had extensive rally experience.

Clemens found a black 1959 Mercedes in West Virginia and paid \$4,400 for it.

After the car was brought back to Ohio, its gas



tank was replaced by a fuel cell. The trunk was also modified to carry spare tires. The back seat was ripped out, to provide storage space for spare parts and tools. A roll cage was installed, along with special racing seats and 5-point safety belts. Newer-style disk brakes were installed from a 1960's Mercedes, as well as a newer transmission with a floor, rather than column, shift. Special shock absorbers and springs were installed for more ground clearance, and a skid plate was welded to the car's underside. After the mechanical changes, the car was painted white and windows tinted to protect the drivers from the glare on desert sections of the rally.

The Mercedes experienced a variety of mechanical problems on the trip, but in nearly every case, the team was able to keep it running. Many times they were able to find a local Benz dealers who offered parts and mechanical assistance. In a few cases, Mercedes airlifted parts to keep the car running!

Throughout the trip Clemens and Rinkel updated a website about the rally, and when they mentioned transmission problems, a website reader found a replacement transmission and met the team in Bozeman, Montana. In another case, in Yellowstone National Park, a local Mercedes collector let them have a spare driveshaft! Ironically the car broke down twenty feet from the

finish line, and had to be towed across. Rinkel and Clemens finished 14th out of the 40 teams that completed the rally. After the rally, the car was shipped back to the US, and donated to the Crawford Museum. It has not been changed in any way, or even cleaned. The dirt and bugs on the car and the empty water bottles inside all came from the rally.

Year: 1959
Model: 220S
Body Style: Sedan
Original Factory Price: US \$4283
Brake Horsepower: 219 @ 5000rpm
Displacement: 133.9 Cubic inches
Bore & Stroke: 3.15 x 2.87 inches
Cylinders: six inline, overhead cam.
Wheelbase: 111 inches
Gift of Dr. Mark Rinkel, 2000

MORE OUT & ABOUT

“They” say that collector cars are the cars that people admired when they were young. In an attempt to see the future of collector cars, your roving correspondent went out to the Minnesota Sport Compacts monthly meet at Plymouth Creek Park on June 26.



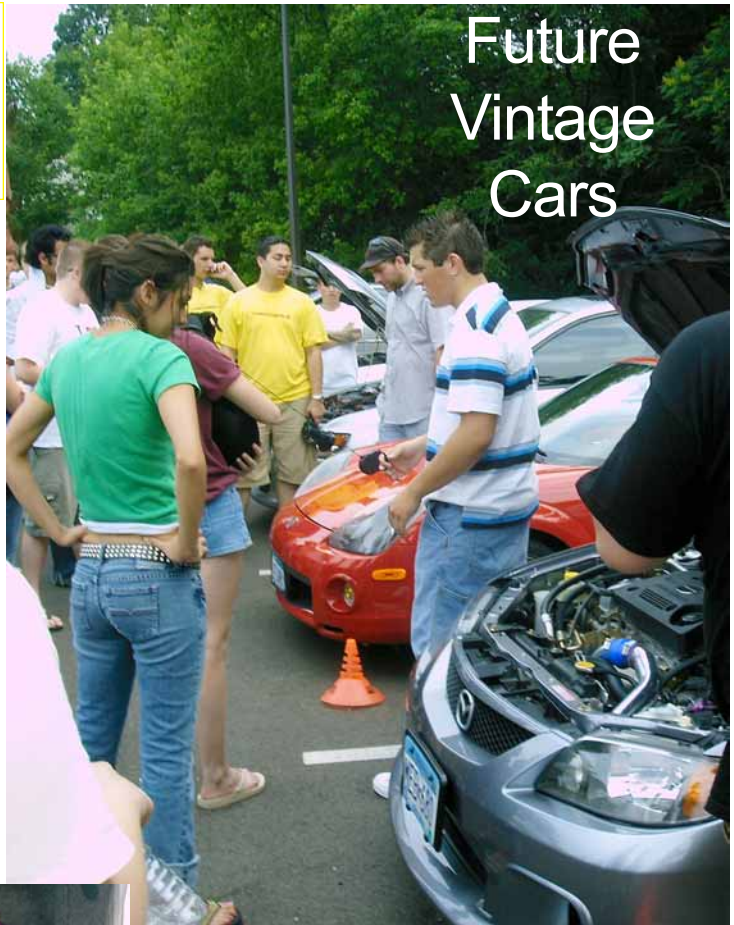
Minnesota Sport Compacts monthly meet at Plymouth Creek Park on June 26.

You know what? If you ignore the fact that most of the cars and people are newer than at a vin-

tage event, it was just like a vintage car event. Staff in yellow tees directed traffic, people admired the cars, and everyone peered in the engine compartments.



So what cars are tomorrow’s collectibles? Based on participants’ votes, the five best cars at the event were two Subaru WRX’s, one Mitsubishi Evolution, a MazdaSpeed Protoge, and the final winner, a Toyota MR2. Your roving correspondent recommends a visit to one of their events. You’ll see some very nice cars and hear some splendid exhaust notes. Check them out at www.mnsportcompacts.net.



Future Vintage Cars

Kips Pub

They didn’t have their grand opening on June 28 like they said they would, but they are definitely open for business. Drop in any Sunday, check out the vintage vehicles, and maybe sample their beers. On tap are Bass, Boddingtons, Guinness, Harp, Mick Lite (for the faint-hearted), Smithwicks, Strongbow, and Stella Artois. *(The latter, praise its hops, is a Belgian beer rather than the rest of the island brews.)*

The Grand Opening has been rescheduled for July 28. To pre-register for the event, go to www.KipsPub.com. Pre-registration is strongly recommended.



“Another Speckled Hen, barkeep.”



HEALEY HILLCLIMB IV



Stu Johnson, MGA

The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club sponsored their fourth hillclimb at Afton Alps on July 9. As the pictures on these pages indicate, the climb was not only for Healeys. The Healey Club did most of the work (with help from a few other volun-

teers), but everybody was invited to run.

Two-thirds of the entries were limited to "vintage" vehicles while the other twenty slots were open to moderns.

There were two distinct parts to the

hillclimb. First, there was an autocross course laid out in the Alps' parking lot. After cars left the parking lot, they headed up the hill and to the finish line. They received one time for the entire run, not one time for the autocross section and another for the hill.

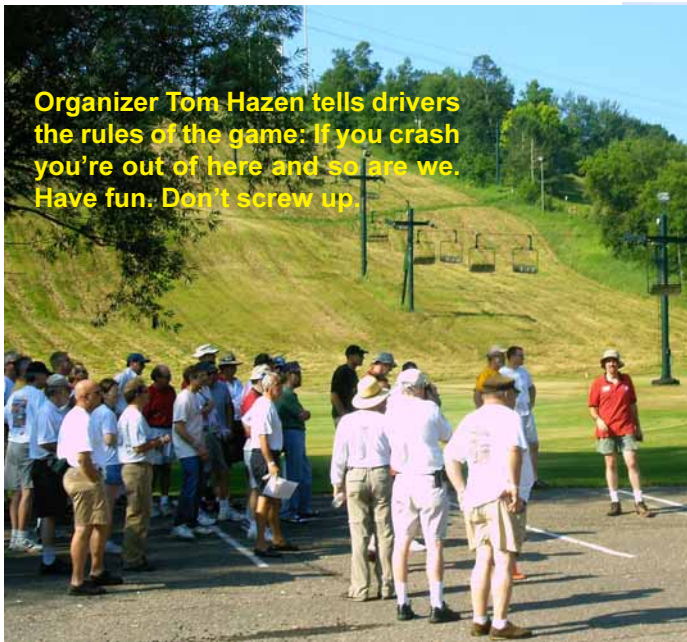
The autocross section required some creative mapping to avoid the worst of the potholes in the parking lot. As a result, the course proved difficult to navigate. Only two or three of the first twenty racers made it through without being disqualified. Ad hoc modifications were made rapidly and gradually contestants had less trouble. It remained, however, a tight course with the advantage to smaller cars.

When cars entered the hillclimb section, the advantage shifted to cars with big torque engines. A very tight turn led into the hillclimb so not many cars were able to build



Josh Thoma, Subaru WRX





Organizer Tom Hazen tells drivers the rules of the game: If you crash you're out of here and so are we. Have fun. Don't screw up.



Mike Manser, Datsun 240Z



Joe Sarych, AMC AMX

up any speed before they had to accelerate up the hill. There were a few sweeping corners on the way to the summit. Just before the finish line there was a chicane to make sure that nobody did anything stupid. Like getting the hillclimb canceled for ever and ever.



photo by Rich McGowen

The results showed that the fastest cars were those with a combination of both attributes, agility and pulling power. A good driver didn't hurt either.

The weather was Minnesota hot,



Kevin Clemens, MGTD

photo by Rich McGowen

Top Ten Fastest Times of Day

1	Steven Buetow	2000 Birkin C3	0:57.37
2	Walden Ringwelski	1979 Porsche 930	1:00.86
3	Tom Hazen	2003 Acura RSX Type-S	1:01.42
4	Phil Ethier	1970 Lotus Europa	1:03.18
5	Don Gettinger	1964 Chevrolet Corvette	1:03.69
6	Eric Sanford	2003 Acura RSX Type-S	1:04.62
7	Mike Manser	1972 Datsun 240Z	1:05.57
8	Graham Brown	1997 Porsche 993 C2S	1:05.64
9	Josh Thoma	2004 Subaru WRX XTi	1:06.72
10	Paul Weidner	1959 Speedwell Sprite	1:06.86

temps in the low 90's with a lot of sun and not enough breeze. Spectators huddled in the shade but many course workers had to stay out in the summer sizzle. The Healey Club is getting so good at organizing these events, and the work is done so invisibly, that it's almost hard to be impressed. Nevertheless, this was an impressive effort. Tom Hazen and his crew of selfless volunteers deserve a big round of thanks.

Miscellaneous Mumbblings



Where Have All the Fiats Gone?

Gone to junkyards every one? I hope not. They were prone to rust, of course, but what car built before galvanized steel wasn't? Fiats deteriorated rapidly but only marginally faster than VW's, Porsches, MGs, and any number of other makes that you see regularly at vintage car events.

Fiats were and are good sports cars. They almost always embarrassed their British, German and Japanese counterparts in *Road & Track's* comparison tests. The 124 sedan even made it to a *Consumer Reports* Best Buy rating before its reliability reports sank to Jaguar-like levels.

There is a national Fiat club (Fiat Lancia Unlimited, www.flu.org), but their nearest chapter is in Detroit. Why nothing here? The local Alfa club (Stella del Nord) has a few Fiat members and the Spring InterMarque Extravaganza had two Fiats. Maybe there will be an 850 Coupe or a 124 Abarth Rally hidden between the Ferraris and Lambos at the Wheels of Italy show later this summer. I hope so, but I doubt it.

No, the Fiats seem to be vanishing. Most of the ones I see are owned by members of other clubs. The 124 Spider at the InterMarque belonged to a SAAB Clubber; the X1/9 at Rendezvous was part of Fargo's British Iron Society contingent.

I don't know why Fiats don't have a more active following. I do know this. The selling prices of cars without active followings are in the tank compared to their values. There's a

saying in statistics, "Correlation does not equal causation." Low Fiat prices could be caused by the lack of a local club, or it could be vice versa, or perhaps they are both caused by something else. Whatever. These cars need some some active support. And they need it pronto.

Where have all the Fiats gone? Gone to graveyards every one. When will they ever learn?

An Incident at Rainbow

I was in Rainbow the other day. Picked up everything on the grocery list and was checking out.

"So do you own an Austin-Healey?" asked the cashier.

At first I was shocked but then remembered I was wearing my Minnesota Austin-Healey Club tee-shirt.

"Um, no."

"Oh, just a wannabee, huh?"

"Yeah, I guess so."

"That's OK. Those are the cars where you need two of 'em. One is always getting fixed while you drive the other one."

I left the store with three bags of groceries and the secure feeling that the myth

of British unreliability will never die.

At the Summit

In a weak moment, I entered Pepe le Bleu in Healey Hillclimb Quatre. As you can see on the previous page, we (Pepe and I) didn't make the top ten. Or the top twenty or thirty.

It was, however, a great day. I pretended to race and was treated to a lot of slow car jokes. "Should we use the sundial to time you?" But it was all in good fun and when push came to shove, I wasn't the slowest up the hill. Despite an incorrect report at the post event meeting, Pepe smoked (well kinda smoked) one other car. I won't tell you what kind of car that was, but its initials are . . . No, no. I've promised not to do that anymore.



photo by Rich McGowen



photo by Rich McGowen

For Sale



1960 Austin-Healey Mk1, BT7. Optional hardtop. Red with black interior, excellent shape, wire wheels, OD, engine rebuilt 9/04, runs excellent. \$32,500 Terry 612-371-9049 for more info. (July)

1964 MGB Maroon with black interior. Very good condition although second gear may need help. Private sale but contact Mark Brandon at 612-824-4155 for info. (June)



1964 Porsche 356C Coupe, black with red interior, great shape, engine rebuilt 1500 miles ago, runs excellent. \$21,500 Terry 612-371-9049 for more info. (July)

1965 Austin-Healey 3000 Mk 3, BJ8, early phase two. Serial #29979. Healey blue over white. Top is in new condition. New interior. \$35,000. Larry Nimmerfroh lnimmerfroh@mn.rr.com 952-294-4314 (June)

Triumph Herald Coupe Original 948cc engine rebuilt 3,000 miles ago. Gone thru and redone, with new black and silver paint in 1998. Two national conventions. Sharp! Cute! Trophy Winner! \$6,500 Pat Kessler

at bpbritish@aol.com or 608 784 8916 (May)



1973 Volvo P1800ES Black with light blue leather interior. Four speed with overdrive. Everything works except A/C. Excellent headliner, good title, current registration. 100+K miles, some rust, driver's seat worn. Also for sale is a 1971 P1800E engine, tranny and overdrive. Milo David 612-379-2852 (work), 763-757-4930 (home) or milod@wysguys.com (May)

1972 Triumph TR6 Maroon paint is 10 years old but still very nice. Original tan interior in good condition. Original top keeps out water. 86K miles, strong engine and new tires. Well cared for. \$9,200 Steve Fisher 612-929-2208 (June)

1974 Triumph TR6 with aftermarket turbo blower. Red with traditional rust spots. New clutch assembly, new black top, new head gasket. \$5,000 Larry Nimmerfroh lnimmerfroh@mn.rr.com 952-294-4314 (April)

1975 MGB black, refinished. Immaculate, beautiful road car. Full chrome trim - sides, luggage rack, MGB logo on trunk. Immaculate engine bay with Weber two stage carb. Entire powertrain overhauled professionally in last year (engine, tranny, overdrive, universal, differential). New cassette radio. Top, tonneau like new. Needs to be seen. Viewable now in warm storage. \$10,000. Larry Nimmerfroh lnimmerfroh@mn.rr.com 952-294-4314 (March)



1975 Triumph TR6 British Racing Green with tan interior, great shape, with OD, runs excellent. \$13,500 Terry 612-371-9049 for more info. (July)

1976 MGB - 59,000 miles. Dark red with black interior, no rust, weber carb conversion, hot cam, Pico exhaust, electronic ignition, steel rims, good tires, 2 tops (one with zip-out window), CD player. Very good condition, \$5,500 Dan Cunningham 612-729-1846 (July)



1985 VW GTI ITB Race ready. I'd like to trade for a vintage racer or racer project. This is the "Project Race Ready Golf" from *European Car Magazine*. Pictures and stories at www.europeancarweb.com. Follow the "Project cars" link. I've written just about all I can about this project, so it's time to move onto something else about which I will write. I'd like to find a vintage Formula Vee or a spridget or I'm open to suggestions (I like Alfas almost as much as British cars...). Otherwise, I'd like \$5,500 but will listen to offers. For more info contact Kevin Clemens at Racerwrtr@aol.com (August)

INTERMARQUE CALENDAR

INTERMARQUE SHOWS & EVENTS

- JULY 16** **Bastille Day Celebration** Noon. 12800 Roberts Drive in Eden Prairie. Hosted by Patti and Louis Wendling and the Citroën Club of Minnesota. **ALL FRENCH CARS ARE INVITED!!** Pot luck and BYOB (Bring Your Own Beaujalais). From southbound 494, exit Valley View Road. Turn west. The first light is Top View Road. Turn north. Go one block and turn west onto Roberts. Info: 952-829-0848
- JULY 24** **Nord Stern Concours d'Elegance** Afton City Park. Across the street from Selma's Ice Cream Parlor which is worth the drive to Afton all by itself, never mind all the Porsches that will be there. Some of them may even be vintage 356's and early 911's. Info: Christine Harbron 651-882-0475 chrisharbron@comcast.net
- JULY 28** **Kips Pub Grand Opening** 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., Kip's Pub, north-west corner of I394 and Hwy 169. Exit 394 on Shelard Parkway and take the north frontage road east. For free grand opening tickets check www.kipspub.com.
- AUGUST 13** **Ellingson's ALL British Car Show & Swap Meet** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Ellingson's Car Museum, Rogers, MN. Hosted by Minnesota MG Group. View the cars, talk to the owners, buy & sell parts, and tour the museum. Show your car for \$3; swap meet spaces are \$5 each. Info: Jim Pennoyer 763-536-5472
- AUGUST 27** **Wheels of Italy** Italian car and bike show. Lake Calhoun, same location as last year. Watch for more info. Info: wheelsofitaly.com/
- AUGUST 25 - 27** **Paradise Shores - Rally in the Valley 2005** Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt, THREE Big days!! The fun begins on Thursday this year. Do the "Double Back Rally" on Friday morning; enjoy the "Pool Side Party" that evening. Saturday morning board the "Pride of the Bay" for a tour of the lake. Get out the spit and polish for the "Wax On/Wax Off" car show, followed by the Funkhanna, "Texas Style" Banquet and the famous "Rally in the Valley" Awards Ceremony. Info: Steve & Diane Rindt drindt5953@hotmail.com, 715-832-8316 or www.mmgg.org
- SEPTEMBER 10** **Wheels & Wings** Classic Motorbooks, Osceola, WI 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. The free day-long event includes entertainment, an open house and discount book sale at the Motorbooks warehouse. The show runs from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and registration is on site that morning. Car show judging begins at 10 am with an awards ceremony at 2 pm. ~~This year there may be a pre-registration of cars, with assigned places.~~ Check out the flyer back a few pages. Info: www.motorbooks.com or 800-826-6600.
- SEPTEMBER 11** **Greater Chicago Area British Car Festival** Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, IL. Hosted by the British Car Union of Chicago. Really big show. Info: www.britishcarunion.com.
- SEPTEMBER 24** **Tenba Ridge Winery & Car Show** Blair, WI. Gate opens at 10:00 a.m. Winery tour starts at 11:00. Bring a picnic lunch. Show & shine car show with awards at 2:00 p.m. The winery owners are old British car enthusiasts and their ancestors are from Alsace. \$10 registration. Info: Diane Rindt drindt5953@hotmail.com, 715-832-8316.

RECURRING INTERMARQUE EVENTS

- InterMarque Breakfast** Every Saturday morning! 8:30 a.m., Square Peg Restaurant, 2021 East Hennepin in the Hennepin Square Building. Humungous parking lot! Breakfast starts at 8:30 or whatever time you want to show up.
- InterMarque Brewfest** Every Sunday afternoon! 4:00 p.m. till ? Kip's Pub, north-west corner of I394 and Hwy 169. For anyone and everyone that has a European car and would be interested in a Sunday evening get together. Info: www.kipspub.com or Jim Pennoyer at mgadriven@yahoo.com

INTERMARQUE RACES, RALLIES, & TOURS

- JULY 14 - 17** **Brian Redman International Challenge** Road America near Elkhart Lake, WI Sanctioned by VSCDA. This is the biggest vintage race of the year in these here parts. Some of the best cars in the world will be there. Race car concours on Friday night; sports car concours on Saturday. In town and

free to the public. It costs to see the races but it's worth it. Info: www.vscda.org and www.roadamerica.com

JULY 16

Grand Rounds Tour 9:30 a.m., Minneapolis. A tour of the Minneapolis parkway system. A beautiful drive with several stops to enjoy secluded treasures located within the heart of Minneapolis. Hosted by Minnesota Triumphs and everyone is invited to join them. The tour will leave the Square Peg restaurant (in the Hennepin Square building on East Hennepin between 35W and 280) at 9:30 CTT (Central Triumph Time aka more or less 9:30). Come early and have breakfast at the Peg. The Tour will end at Boom Island Park between 1:00 and 3:00, depending on the number of stops you chose to make. Info: www.mntriumphs.org or jkallaus@hotmail.com

JULY 30

Coulee Classic Rally 10:00 a.m. Hosted by Stella del Nord Alfa Romeo and the Jaguar Club of Minnesota. Meet at: Smokey Row Cafe & Bakery, 1926 Old West Main St., Red Wing (Just to the left of the big Pottery Salesroom billboards) Arrive early - Ruth Raich of Stockholm's much missed Jenny Lind serves her full line of breads and sweets - don't miss the cardamom rolls - along with breakfast and espresso! Length: 193 mi. Cost: \$15/car - Alfa & Jaguar Clubs, \$20/car - Others (Includes after rally hors d'oeuvres and beverages) Rallymaster: Ed Solstad. Please RSVP by July 26. Ed Solstad 612-822-0569 esolstad@pressenter.com

AUGUST 13

New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run Vehicles up through 1908 and any one or two-cylinder vehicles up through 1915 are eligible to participate. Anybody can watch. This event is patterned after the English London to Brighton Run which celebrates the repeal of the "Red Flag" law in 1896. The law had required a man to carry a red flag in front of every motorcar. Info: www.newbrightonmn.gov

AUGUST 20

Healey Gymkhana Brown & Bigelow parking lot, St. Paul, MN Fast or slow, you'll enjoy a drive through the cones. If you go off course here, you won't have to call your insurance agent. Always a lot of interesting cars. More info later: www.mnhealey.com

SEPTEMBER 17 - 19

Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival Elkhart Lake, WI Sanctioned by VSCDA. The fall festival is always fun. Not as many expensive cars and pit poopsies as the BRIC, but not as crowded and much friendlier. The weather is usually better also. Info: www.vscda.org and www.roadamerica.com

SEPTEMBER 24

Dog Days of Summer Tour Rain date: September 25. Everybody's welcome, from rusty Yugos to 100-point Rollers. A true inter-marque event hosted by Tom Hazen and the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. More info later: www.mnhealey.com

MARQUE NATIONALS & UPPER MIDWEST REGIONALS

JULY 26 - 30

A Time for Triumphs Location: Clock Tower Inn, **ROCKFORD, IL**. Vintage Triumph Register National Convention. Event runs Tuesday afternoon through Saturday morning to give attendees more travel options. Hosted by the Illinois Sports Owners Association. Info: www.vtr2005.org

AUGUST 11 - 14

SAAB Owners Convention Location: Stratton Mountain, VT Hosted by the New England SAAB Association. Info: www.saabconvention.org

AUGUST 25 - 29

LOG 25 Location: St. Louis, MO Lotus Owners Gathering

JUNE 18 - 23, 2006

Northeast Ohio Conclave Location: Akron, OH Austin-Healey Club of America. Info: Wayne Ward 440-235-8326 wardwe@aol.com

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JUNE 22 - 25, 2006

MG2006 Location: East of the Mississippi. This is the every five year gathering of all MG's. Info: INFO@MG2006.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, first Wednesday of the month, 6:45 p.m., Lion's Tap Restaurant, Hwy 212 and Cty Rd 4, 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. or before. Fort Snelling Officers Club. Info: Greg Lauser 715-262-9813 glauser@presenter.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 Backyard Bar & Grill near Har-Mar, the restaurant just as you turn in to the movie theaters. Info: Chris Luick 507-252-1888 or www.mnsaabclub.org

Minnesota Minis Pizza Eating and Psychiatric Self-Help Association Regular monthly meetings at irregular times and locations. Check www.mini-sota.com or cbaumann@lkdilink.net or 320-963-5681.

Minnesota Triumphs Monthly Meeting, **second Thursday** of the month (except Nov. & Dec.), 7:00 p.m., Fort Snelling Officers Club. Info: www.mntriumphs.org

The Regulars, twin cities vintage scooter club Semi-monthly gathering (weather permitting). **First and third Sunday** of the month, 2:00 p.m., Pizza Luce, Lyndale and 32nd in Minneapolis. Info: www.minnescoota.com

Stella del Nord chapter Alfa Romeo Owners Club Monthly Gathering, **second Monday** of the month, 7:00 p.m. Various locations. Info: Ed Solstad 612-822-0569 or esolstad@presenter.com.

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

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Announcing the formation of an upper midwest e-group catering to TSD rallies and tours:

Twin Cities Area Rally People

TCARP@yahoo.com

Since we're Minnesota-based, what else could we call it?

Sign up at www.yahoo.com

Corn-Free Gasoline

If you're looking for a station that carries non-oxygenated fuel, the Minnesota Street Rod Association has a list of them on their site. www.msra.com/NonOxygenatedFuel/NonOxyFuel.htm. It prints out in a nice sheet you can keep in your glovebox (or cubby for you Britophiles). And take a look at the rest of the MSRA site while you're there. It's pretty good. Thanks to Brian McCullough for the info. He recommends non-oxy to his customers.



Aux armes citoyens! Formez vos bataillons!



And bring your French car to the Bastille Day celebration on
July 16!



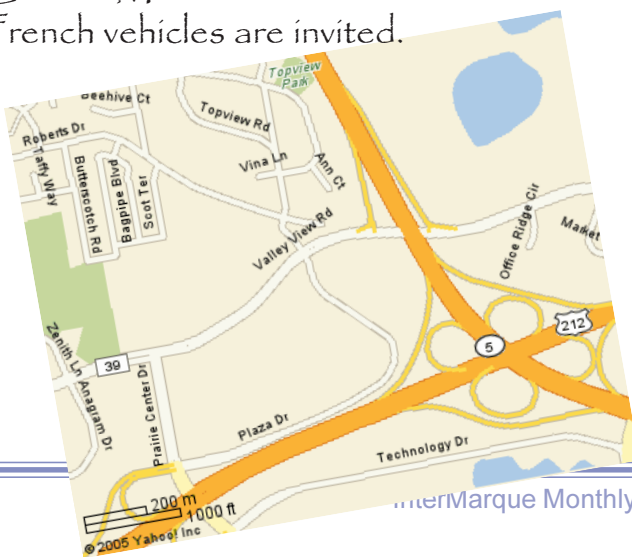
Noon, Saturday, July 16
Pot Luck and BYOB

The game of petanque, a French version of bocci ball, will be introduced.

Location: Patti & Louis Wendling's, 12800 Roberts Drive, Eden Prairie, 952-829-0848

Live music will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own instruments for a possible jam session.

Hosted by the Citroën Car Club of Minnesota and all French vehicles are invited.



The *Coulee Classic Rally*

Saturday, July 30th, 2005

An easy all-paved Monte Carlo style rally using the excellent sports car roads running through Wisconsin's ultra-scenic coulee country finished with a Picnic Italiano of hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

The easy to follow instructions and timing at its most straightforward make this an excellent choice for those new to rallying while the roads are guaranteed to keep the most experienced ralliists entertained. Run it as a timed event or just ignore the timing and drive it as one of the best tours that you've driven. We guarantee that you'll see roads that you never dreamed existed in the Upper Midwest.



Meet at: Smokey Row Cafe & Bakery, 1926 Old West Main St., Red Wing (Just to the left of the big Pottery Salesroom billboards) **Arrive early** - Ruth Raich of Stockholm's much missed Jenny Lind serves her full line of breads and sweets - don't miss the extraordinary cardamom rolls - along with breakfast and espresso!

Registration: 10:00 to 10:45 AM

First Car Out: 11:01AM

Ends at: Rick & Diana Vaicious's outside of Pepin, WI.

First Car In: 5:55 PM

Length: 193 mi.

Cost: \$15/car - Alfa & Jaguar Clubs, \$20/car - Others (Includes after rally hors d'oeuvres and beverages)

Classes: Equipped, stock, and stock novice in both modern (1990-2005) and historic (pre 1990).

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

Please RSVP to rallymaster by July 26th.

Presented by
the Stella del Nord Chapter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club,
the Jaguar Club of Minnesota

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

**The Minnesota MG Group presents:
The annual Ellingson's ALL British
Car Show & Swap-meet**

*Show your British car for \$3.00
Swap-meet spaces are \$5.00 e.a.*

Do you own any of the following cars?

AC, Albion, Allard, Allegro, Alvis, Austin, Bantam,
Bentley, Bristol, BSA, Capri, Daimler, Healey, Jaguar,
Jensen, Land Rover, Lanchester, Leyland Motors, Lon-
don Taxi, MG, Mini, Morris, Morgan, Nash, Oxford, Ri-
ley, Rolls Royce, Rover, Standard, Sunbeam, Triumph,
TVR, Vangaurd, Vanden Plaus, Wolseley, or any other
car built in Britain?



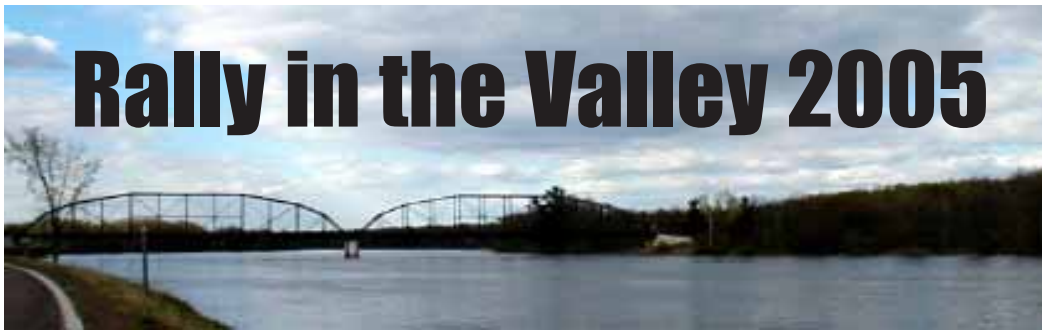
Come to the annual,
All British Car Show and Swap-meet

- * View the cars
- * Buy & Sell Parts
- * Talk to the owners
- * Tour the museum

**August 13th
2005**

9:00am to 3:00pm

Ellingson's Car Museum
20950 Rogers Dr.
Rogers, MN 55374-9191
Corner of Hwy 101 and I-94 in Rogers
Contact: Minnesota MG Group,
Jim Pennoyer (763)536-5472



Rally in the Valley 2005

August 25, 26 & 27

Join us at "Paradise Shores" in Holcombe Wisconsin

PLANNED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday August 25 -- Resort check in, register for "Rally in the Valley," dinner (supper) on your own (@ Paradise Shores), Natter-n-Noggin around the campfire (lake side).

Friday August 26 -- "Double Back Rally," lunch at East Bay, part 2 of the "Double Back Rally," "Sea Food Buffet" @ Paradise Shores, and pool side party (Natter-n-Noggin).

Saturday August 27 -- Tour the lake on pontoon "Pride of the Bay" or go antique/craft shopping, Wax on/Wax off Car Show, Funkhanna, social hour in the Lounge, banquet "Texas Style," & the famous "Rally in the Valley" awards banquet ceremony.

Sunday August 28 -- Farewell breakfast.

Register before July 25th, 2005!!

Make your reservations @ Paradise Shores ASAP 1-800-657-4512 or www.paradiseshores.com Alternate lodging @ Americinn 715-532-6650. Visit the MMGG web site for photos from last year. (www.mmgg.org) For questions, contact Steve or Diane Rindt at (715-832-8316) or drindt5953@hotmail.com. Send checks and registration form to: Diane Rindt, 4271 North Shore Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54703. **Register before July 25!!!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Vehicle/s to be registered:

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Friday & Saturday Breakfast Buffet:

\$18.00/adult x _____ = _____

\$9.00 /children 4-12yrs x _____ = _____

(Prices includes BOTH days)

Friday Lunch @ East Bay (choose from the following):

Grilled Chicken Breast: \$7.75/person x _____ = _____

Sirloin Steak Sandwich: \$13.25/per person x _____ = _____

Italian Beef: \$8.75/person x _____ = _____

Classic Burger: \$7.25/per person x _____ = _____

Chicken Caesar Salad: \$12.00/per person x _____ = _____

Taco Salad: \$9.75/per person x _____ = _____

Saturday "Texas Style" Banquet

\$20.00/adult x _____ = _____

\$10.00 /children 4-12yrs x _____ = _____

T-Shirts: Men's & Women's (S, M, L, XL \$16.00) (XXL \$18.00)

Men's (Size _____): x _____ = _____

Women's (Size _____): x _____ = _____

Registration Fee: \$35.00 per/couple x _____ = _____

Event Total: _____

25th Annual Wheels & Wings

**FREE
GOODY
BAGS**

**FREE
DASH
PLAQUES**



Let's Celebrate!

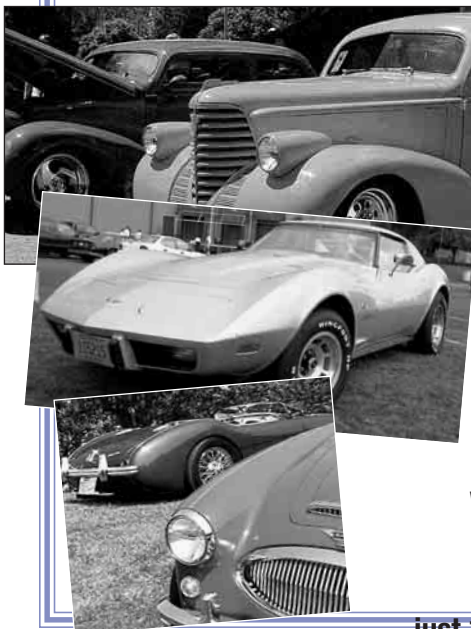


Hot Rod Pin-Ups Author & Photographer, DAVID PERRY
Get your photo taken with a hot pin-up model **FREE!**

AM 1500 KSTP's PAUL BRAND,
nationally-known automotive expert,
will host AutoTalk, 11:00-1:00.



**Warehouse sale! 10,000 books on cars, trucks, planes,
motorcycles and more. Savings up to 80% off!**



Saturday, September 10, Osceola, WI
8:00am-4:00pm

From American muscle to exotics! Wheels & Wings is open to all makes and models, foreign and domestic.
You never know what you'll see!

Registration begins at 8:00am. Judging begins at 10:00am. Prizes awarded at 2:00pm.

For more information, visit
www.motorbooks.com or
call 800-826-6600.

Wheels & Wings is held on the grounds of
MBI Publishing Company,
729 Prospect Ave, Osceola WI

just 1 hour east of the Twin Cities on WI Hwy 35.
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Tenba Ridge Winery & Car Show

(Bring your Classic Car for the Car Show and get ready to sample some GREAT wine!!)

September 24th, 2005

10:00am The gate opens.

11:00am: Tour the Winery & sample the wine.

Bring your own picnic lunch.

Show -n- Shine Car Show

1:00pm: Judging starts.

2:00pm: Awards and door prizes.

The Tenba Ridge Winery is located outside Blair Wisconsin on Joe Coulee Road. It is nestled in the rugged hills of Trempealeau Country, in a part of Wisconsin left untouched and unchanged by the last glaciers to cover parts of North America. The Winery is carved out of the lower level of the family home, reminiscent of the small family wineries found in Europe.

John Patrick Gill's great grandfather started making wine in the Alsace area of France in the 1890's. John Patrick took up the art in the early 1980's while he was living in Fox Point Milwaukee. Today John Patrick and Kiyoko are making wine the same way John Patrick's great grandfather did. They use the same materials and processes; this is what makes their Alsatian wine taste so good.

John Patrick and Kiyoko are also British Car Enthusiasts and have been for years. John Patrick has owned many different British Cars throughout his life, 1952 MG TD Stage 2, 1958 BUG EYE SPRITE, 1964 AH SPRITE, 1974 TRIUMPH SPITFIRE and an MGA 1600 TWIN CAM.

John Patrick Gill lived in Long Lake, Minnesota when they were building the I-494 Belt Line. In the early stages of building the new highway the only part that was concrete was the two "clover leaves". At that time John Patrick drove 18 miles from home to work and when he came to the clover leaf for the "new" highway he'd drive his MGA as fast as he could on the clover leaf, putting the car into a 4 wheel slide, never letting up on the gas. Then he'd hit the unfinished dirt road and continue until he'd hit the next clover leaf and run the same drill again!

Kiyoko, John Patrick's wife learned how to drive in an MGB. She lived in Madison Wisconsin and her father's secretary (friend of her parents) taught her how to drive. The MGB was the secretary's car. She took Kiyoko out to the country roads to teach her how to drive. The secretary was quite dismayed when Kiyoko was passed by a tractor.

John Patrick and Kiyoko passed on their love of sports cars to their children too. When their daughter Annie was just old enough to start driving, they took the 1974 Triumph Spitfire on Hwy 20 down by Waterloo. On their way back to Cedar Falls, John Patrick said to Annie, "Don't you think you better slow it down a little." She replied, "Dad I'm only doing 55." At which point he noted, "That's the tachometer and it's 5500 RPM. The speedometer says 108!" Today Annie is the artist who painted the label they use for Tenba Ridge wine.

Come join us for great wine, great cars, and great people!

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Vehicle/s to be registered: _____

Year

Make

Model

Registration fee before August 24, 2005 = \$10/car (No refunds on or after September 1) (After August 24 or at the gate registration fee = \$15.00 per/car) (Check payable to Diane Rindt)

(**Money collected** will be used for awards and door prizes)

Send Check and Registration Form to:

Diane Rindt

4271 North Shore Drive

Eau Claire, WI 54703

drindt5953@hotmail.com or 715-832-8316