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## Interesting Web Sites

NonOxy gas sources: [www.msra.com/NonOxygenatedFuel/Non-OxyFuel.htm](http://www.msra.com/NonOxygenatedFuel/Non-OxyFuel.htm)

Upper midwest e-group catering to TSD rallies and tours: [TCARP@yahoogroups.com](mailto:TCARP@yahoogroups.com). Sign up at [www.yahoogroups.com](http://www.yahoogroups.com)

Inter-Marque internet forum for the Twin Cities area: [p2.forumforfree.com/bmcautos.html](http://p2.forumforfree.com/bmcautos.html)

Cheap gas in the Twin Cities: <http://www.twincitiesgasprices.com/>

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# Miscellaneous Mumblings



SAD -- Seasonal Automotive Disorder. It's a big problem this time of year and its symptoms are everywhere. Men walking aimlessly through the tool department at Sears, trying to remember why they once coveted a 3/8" wobble extension bar set. Plans being made for secret assignments in Scottsdale at the Barret-Jackson Auction. Second mortgages being considered for heated pole barns.

The truly hopeless cases, however, sit around and argue about things like whether the Mazda Miata is a classic. Hi, my name is Andy and I'm a SADaholic. Here are some of the arguments I've heard in support of or opposition to the premise:

A lot of people think it's too common to ever be considered a classic. Some of these people, however, have no trouble applying the classic appellation to a VW Bug, Citroën 2CV, MGC, or Mini.

One thing the Miata definitely has going for it is that it clearly redefined an

automotive genre (the affordable sports car) and is still the car to beat in that niche.

In addition, the Miata has provenance. At least, a kind of provenance. Spec Miata may not be the Mille Miglia but it's closer than most cars get to racing these days. And it's also one of the few venues where you can drive your street car to the track and still have a chance of going home with some hardware.

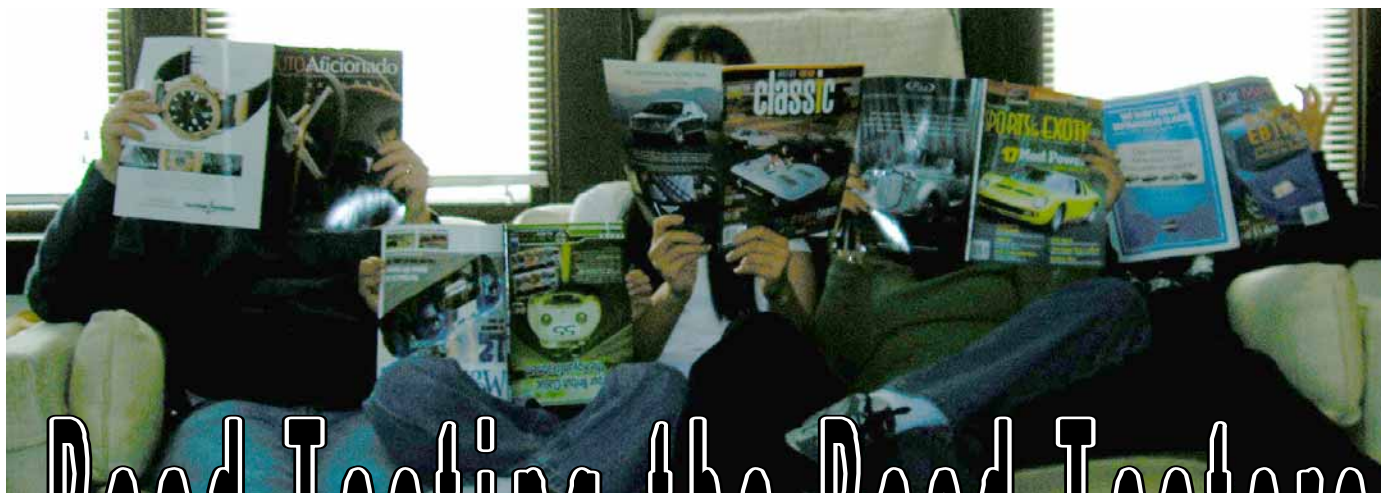
What's more, a lot of Miatas are starting to acquire patina. Patina is that sought-after sheen that automotive upholstery acquires after your hind end has slid in and out of it a couple thousand times.

And that brings us to the big question. Is a 1990 Miata too new to be a classic? I haven't made up my mind on this one. I've generally followed the rule that a vehicle transitions from "used car" to "classic" at about twenty-one years of age. On the other hand, wasn't a 1960 Jaguar XK150 already a classic in 1976?

That leaves only one more issue. Can you drive a classic in the winter? "Classics," like my 2CV, hibernate when the snow falls. So, maybe the fact that I'm slip-sliding around in the Miata means it's not a classic yet after all.

Square Peg Diner, December 10, 2005. C'est magnifique! And pretty tasty too.





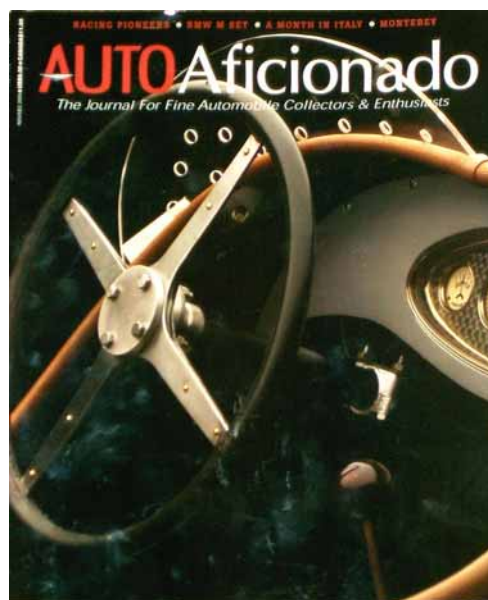
# Road Testing the Road Testers

Not so long ago, you had to be either (1) adept in a foreign tongue or (2) willing to accept a decidedly British viewpoint to get any current news on the vintage foreign vehicles you love. The problem with the latter was not that English magazines don't cover other European cars. They do and they do a good job at it. No, the limitation for American readers is that the English press does a pitiful job of covering American events, suppliers, and attitudes.

It's hard to say when this began to change. One theory is that (the now defunct) *British Car* proved that even a mediocre journal could attract both subscribers and advertising dollars. When *Brit Car* was bought by *Grassroots Motorsports*, it was clear that something was happening. Under its new moniker, *Classic Motorsports*, the magazine lost its British accent, its focus on concours, and most of its staff. Meanwhile another up-by-the-bootstraps magazine, Keith Martin's *Sports Car Marketplace*, began to reach critical mass. As a result, three more magazines recently jumped into the fray. Hemmings' *Sports & Exotic Car* and Motor Trend *Classic* have the support of their heavy hitter parents while *Auto Aficionado's* James Lopez also seems to have some serious money backing his venture.

With all of these magazines striking out positions in the vintage foreign car field, *InterMarque Monthly* thought it was time to

take a look at the playing field. Our review follows in alphabetic order.



Price: \$9.00 US and \$11.00 Canada

*Auto Aficionado's* cover has an understated elegance that lets it stand out from the bling-encrusted periodicals that populate the newsstands these days. Both the cover and the interior design have an "old money" feel, kind of Lake of the Isles in a sea of McMansions.

This carries over to the content where editor Larry Crane had the luxury of being able to put together a couple of themes, one on BMW Performance and one on "A Month in Italy." Each contains several articles, by different authors, touching on different aspects of the theme. As a result, the subject is covered more comprehensively than it would be otherwise. In addition, the reader gets more than one slant on things. Do people want this? I do, but I'm not sure how much faith I have in the intelligence level of the general public.

Another problem with *Aficionado* is that its coverage is almost entirely upper bracket vehicles and events. One-offs and mega-buck cars are interesting, and even low-bucksters are willing to shell out their cash to read about them. On the other hand, it's a shame to limit *Aficionado's* theme coverage to a relatively small part of the vintage automotive scene.

You're not likely to see a feature on the MGB in *Aficionado*, but why not an in-depth story on how the octagon managed to survive for fifty years with everyone of its infamous corporate overloads out gunning for it.

This is a good magazine. If it could widen its sights a bit, it could be great.



Price: \$5.95 US and \$7.45 Canada

If you work on your own car, this is your magazine. Publisher Tim Suddard loves getting his hands dirty and it shows. Sometimes it seems like the magazine (and its stable mate, *Grassroots Motorsports*) is just a clever way for him to pay for another project car. The current issue has installment umpteen on building a “modern” MG Midget but they’ve done everything from a Porsche 911 to a Volvo 142.

Another thing Motorsports has going for it is its advertising. It’s almost worth the price of admission just to know that Kip’s Orphan Cars exists and that there’s an organization known as the British Motor Trade Association.



Price: \$5.99 US and \$6.99 Canada

This journal’s strength is the vast library of historic photos it has to draw from. Its stories on the Mazda Cosmo and Corvette Show Cars both feature sidebars drawn from the *Motor Trend* archive.

That said, however, *Classic* does not have very many other strengths. This is the spinner hubcap approach to automotive journalism. Its cover photo looks like a couple snapshots thrown together by a novice Photoshop user. The interior design is reminiscent of 1950s bowling shirts emblazoned with 60s flowers.

This issue includes a feature on the Alfa B.A.T. styling/aerodynamic vehicles, a story about Chad McQueen driving his dad’s Ferrari Lusso, and a piece on a 1960 Citroën ID (that *Classic* calls a DS).

The highlight of the magazine is a one-page story about Earle MacPherson, father of the ubiquitous suspension strut.

Price: \$3.99 US and \$6.99 Canada

*Sports & Exotic* is *Hemmings* latest attempt to move beyond the classified ads of its lead publication and it’s not clear whether they can make the transition from advertising to journalism.

The publication’s greatest strength (and greatest weakness) is its coverage of cars owned by people who seem to be lifetime subscribers to and/or advertisers in *Hemmings*. On the one hand, this gives them access to a large number of great



Price: \$6.00 US and \$8.00 Canada

It’s all about the money. Look at those headlines, “53 Buick Roadmaster Stuns at \$1.6m” and “Just \$225k for the Enzo of its Time.” On the other hand, *Market* has a sense of humor about the almighty dollar. How could you not like a magazine that invented such phrases as “fakey-doo” and “fright pig?” Or one that proclaims, “924 Turbos are truly one of Porsche’s darkest moments, a car to avoid even if you’re given one as a gift.”

In addition, each issue is broken into sections on Ferrari, English, Alfa, Etceterini, German, Porsche, race cars, and American. What’s more, despite publisher Keith Martin’s monetary intoxication, he also has a spot in his heart for the weird and unloved. In this issue he buys an AMC Pacer and there’s a long-running series about getting a Fiat 1100 from the east coast to the west.

cars; on the other it leads to them being overly deferential to the vehicles owned by those subscribers/advertisers. *Sports & Exotic* also seems to rely more on the sidebar than any of its competitors. The sidebar, a short out-take on an aspect of the main story, makes it easier to read and means that the writers don’t have to be as skillful as they would otherwise.

Like *Motorsports* and *Classic*, *Sports & Exotic* has a large number of columnists. How can this be said charitably? There isn’t a Peter Egan amongst them.

# OUT & ABOUT

“FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## “Road America To Restructure International Challenge

“Elkhart Lake, Wis., November 1, 2005–

“The vintage committee of the Road America Board of Directors has selected the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) to serve as the sanctioning organization for the 2006 Brian Redman International Challenge (BRIC), July 13-16, 2006. The SVRA succeeds the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association (VSCDA) which Road America recognizes for the value it brought to previous BRIC events.

“The BRIC is an internationally acclaimed, four-day event that hosts the largest contingency of competitors, vintage automobiles and enthusiasts in the country, with participants from Europe, Canada and Australia. In the last several years the event has shown significant growth and the circuit expects that trend to continue. The change in sanctioning body is part of the track’s efforts to attract more vintage automobiles and a broader base of participants. According to George Bruggenthies, Road America’s president and general manager, the committee was focused on creating an even stronger event. “The BRIC at Road America has always been a favorite of vintage enthusiasts and we look forward to working with the SVRA to enhance Road America’s vintage-racing legacy,” he stated. The SVRA’s role during the event is to manage racing activities, while Road America will continue to serve as event promoter and registrar.

“For over twenty years the SVRA has offered tightly regulated, wheel-to-wheel racing for men and women who own and maintain vintage and historical cars. The organization sanctions eight vintage events across the country each year. More information about the SVRA can be found

at [www.svra.com](http://www.svra.com). Road America, a 628-acre, year-round motor sports facility, celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2005. In addition to major race events, Road America offers the Suzuki Supermoto School, corporate ATV and karting programs, and exceptional hospitality. For more event and season information, visit [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com) or call 800/365-7223. -END”

## InterMarque Heroes in the Big Time Media

Three Upper Midwest vintage foreign enthusiasts recently came to the attention of a wider audience with appearances in *Road & Track*, *Classic Motorsports*, and *the Rake*.

Bob Lee’s 1968 Triumph TR250 made it into a story *R&T* did on Tom Warth, the founder of Classic Motorbooks. That’s Bob’s blatantly non-stock TR in a picture taken at Wheels and Wings.

Jeff Johnk got a little more ink in B.S. Levy’s *Classic Motorsports* story comparing two Healey racecars, one from Australia and one from here. For those of you not active in vintage racing, Jeff was the major force behind last summer’s Australia/U.S. Healey Challenge. Jeff’s 100-6 sports an aluminum block Healey engine and Levy did not seem to be able to understand why Jeff (1) told other racers that he had such a mill, and (2) disqualified himself from the points competition because of it. But that’s the way Johnk operates. A nice guy, as are most of the vintage racers from this neck of the woods.

And last but not least, the December issue of *the Rake* has a story titled “Loud Pipes Save Lives.” The article is about Michael Barone and his two passions, pipe organs and Citroën automobiles. Speaking of them both, Barone says, “The idea of something being complex, intricate, and having a beautifully coordinated disparity

of energy is marvelous, astonishing, and delightful.”

## Italian Cars in Scale

by Mark Illinski

As I promised, this review is on Italian cars in 1:43rd scale. At the present time, my collection contains thirty four models of Italian decent.

Italian cars in 1:43rd scale are well represented by a wide range of manufacturers. The list is quite long, so bear with me. Art Model, Auto Art, Bang, Best, Brumm, Eagles Race, IXO, Lorenzi, Maxi Car, Minichamps (Pauls Model Art), Norev, ProgettoK, Redline, RIO, Solido, Sunstar, Spark, Startline and Vitesse. Whew!

These manufacturers cover all of the Italian marques such as Alfa Romeo, Ferrari, FIAT, Lamborghini and Lancia. Others like Simca and Vespa also come to mind, but they were licensed and built elsewhere as were many Fiat derivatives.

The quality and attention to detail varies significantly among all manufacturers. The nicest models I’ve seen are done by IXO For \$15.-\$25, they’re top shelf all the way. The others listed are also of very good to excellent quality with lots of nice detail such as photo etch grills, wire wheels and legible decals (with a magnifying glass.

As I have said before, a good source for these models is E-bay. Go to toys and hobbies, then die cast cars and trucks. Most of the manufacturers will be listed there, including OTHER. Type in 1:43 IXO or fiat for example and go from there. You will be surprised. Other good source are [www.ewacars.com](http://www.ewacars.com), [www.ixomodels.com](http://www.ixomodels.com), and [www.tfcusa.com](http://www.tfcusa.com) These websites have the latest releases and updated news of the 1:43rd scale world. Above all, they’re a pleasure to do business with.

Until next time, English cars.

# Jaguar Tech Session

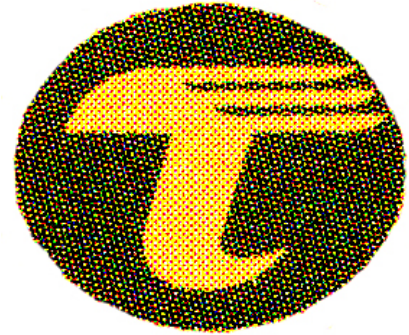
by Dave Meek

On Saturday, November 12, we enjoyed some unseasonably warm weather, some hot food, some Jaguar wrenching and fun conversation. We had about 30 attendees at the peak of the event.

My chosen project for this winter season was rebuilding the front end of my XK150 and upgrading the shocks. The rebuild included all the rubber bushings, ball joints and the front shocks. Not a small project, we managed to complete the driver's side through reassembly up to reinstalling the hub. I did the passenger side the following weekend before I forgot the details of the process. It went much faster as I had purchased additional pry bars and bigger hammers.

I had mentioned the tech session on an internet forum at [www.jag-lovers.org](http://www.jag-lovers.org). It's a great source of information concerning Jags and I often post for advice and leads for parts. I had invited any Jaguar enthusiasts within driving distance to attend. Mike Balch from Des Moines responded that he would like to attend. Mike has an XK120 that needs the front end rebuilt and thought this would be a great opportunity to learn. Mike joined forces with Russ Bees for the four hour drive to Eden Prairie. We've enjoyed Russ Bees' cars for years at multiple events and it was good to see him again. Thanks to

## Last Month's Whatizit



This is the logo of the Tatra, the pride of Czechoslovakia. Several models were built but the most famous is the air-cooled V8



the Iowa folks for attending and all the help.

Last year's food disaster was a distant memory as my wife, Kim, ensured a non-

stop supply of food. Kim was able to supply the grease smudged crew with hot bagel dogs and a "more than you can eat" lunch of BBQ pulled pork, fresh veggie trays and cut fresh fruit.

Thank you Dan Iburg, club member and owner of Midwest Motor Sports, for being our on the scene expert! Dan kept us from painting ourselves into a corner with time saving (mind saving?) tips. Thanks too to the "hands-on" crew who cleaned parts, painted parts and assisted in removal and reassembly, thanks!

Thanks to all who attended and we'll see you next Fall when we attack the next thing on the XK150 that is worn out or broken.



# INTERMARQUE CALENDAR

## INTERMARQUE SHOWS AND EVENTS

- December 17, 2005** **Car Book Book Signing** 8:30 am until 11:00 am, Square Peg Restaurant, 2021 East Hennepin in the Hennepin Square Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Kevin Clemens, author of "Motor Oil for a Car Guy's Soul," will release his new book Eat Free or Die. Production problems forced the delay of the originally scheduled occurrence of this event. The books are now here and the event will definitely go on. Info on and map to the Peg: [www.squarepegdiner.com/](http://www.squarepegdiner.com/)
- FEBRUARY 11** **Valentine's Day Breakfast.....Bring Your Sweetie To The Meeting** 8:30 a.m., Square Peg Diner, 2021 East Hennepin in the Hennepin Square Building. Hosted by the romantics in the Minnesota Minis Pizza Eating and Psychological Self-Help Association. Details later. Map to the Peg: [www.squarepegdiner.com/](http://www.squarepegdiner.com/)
- APRIL 29** **Midwest Motor Sports Open House** Hosted by MMS and the Minnesota MG Group. Info: [www.mmgo.org](http://www.mmgo.org)
- MAY 7** **German Car Show** Maplewood Imports, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, and Audi
- MAY 21** **InterMarque Spring Kick-Off/Car Show/Banquet** Noon to 5:00 p.m. Radisson Plymouth, hidden just off the I494 and Hwy 55 interchange. Car show is free for participants and spectators alike. It will be held from noon till three in the grassy area behind the hotel/conference center. After the show there will be an awards banquet and gathering of the afflicted. You don't have to show a car to attend the banquet and the cost is only \$16/person. Watch this space for more info.
- JUNE 4** **Bug In Central** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, WestSide Volkswagen, 2370 Highway 100 South, St. Louis Park, MN Hosted by the Twin Cities VW Club Info: [www.twincitiesvwclub.com](http://www.twincitiesvwclub.com)
- JUNE 15 - 18** **Rendezvous 2006** Thunder Bay, Canada. Hosted by the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club. Rendezvous is always a great event and the Canadians know how to do it right. The Thunder Bay Club was the one that got this event off of its focus on British cars designed by Donald Healey so they deserve the support of all of us. Besides, it will be a great time. Host hotel will be the Best Western Nor'Wester, 2080 Highway 61 in Thunder Bay. For reservations, call 807-473-9123 or 888-473-2378. Info: [www.tbvsc.ca](http://www.tbvsc.ca)
- JUNE 17 - 18** **Stone Arch Car Show** Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is the continuation of the Father's Day (week-end) Show that used to be held on Nicollet Mall. Always an intriguing mix of common-place and off-the-wall cars of all years and countries of origin.
- JUNE 23 - 25** **Back to the 50's** State Fair Grounds, St. Paul, MN Hosted by the Minnesota Street Rod Association. 10,872 street rods, classics, and customs in 2005. Over 100,000 spectators. It is the second largest car show of its kind in the world ... second only to the National Street Rod Association's Street Rod Nationals. Info: [www.msra.com/](http://www.msra.com/)
- JULY 14** **Bastille Day French Car Show** Details TBD.
- AUGUST 12** **All British Car Show and Swap Meet** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ellingson's Car Museum, Rogers, Minnesota. The area's largest All British show. Free to the public and a small charge to show your car or sell your parts. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. Info: Jim Pennoyer 763-536-5472 .
- SEPTEMBER 9** **Wheels & Wings** Classic Motorbooks, Osceola, Wisconsin. Over a thousand cars in attendance last year..
- MAY OR JUNE 2007** **Rendezvous 2007** Ashland, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Jaguar Club of Minnesota.

## RECURRING INTERMARQUE EVENTS

**InterMarque Breakfast** Every Saturday morning! 8:30 a.m., Square Peg Restaurant, 2021 East Hennepin in the Hennepin Square Building. Everyone is invited! Owner Phil Vanner has constructed a meeting room for us. Head toward the back of the diner and take a left at the cash register. Or just ask any staff member where the car nuts are. **Women are invited every**



Saturday but the second Saturday of every month is Lady's Day. Info on and map to the Peg: [www.squarepegdiner.com/](http://www.squarepegdiner.com/)

**InterMarque Brewfest** May through October only. Every Sunday afternoon! 4:00 p.m. till? Kip's Pub, northwest 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. [www.kipspub.com](http://www.kipspub.com)

## INTERMARQUE RACES, RALLIES, & TOURS

- DEC 31 - JAN 1** **Sports Car Racing on Ice** Pine City, Minnesota. Sanctioned by the International Ice Racing Association. Practice Weekend. Info: [www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html)
- JANUARY 7 - 8** **Sports Car Racing on Ice** Garrison, Minnesota - Lake Mille Lacs. Sanctioned by the IIRA. Rubber, studded and rookie sprint races on Saturday. Two-plus hour endurance race on Sunday. Info: [www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html)
- JANUARY 14 - 15** **Sports Car Racing on Ice** Garrison, Minnesota - Lake Mille Lacs. Sanctioned by the International Ice Racing Association. Rubber, studded and rookie sprint races on Saturday. Two-plus hour endurance race on Sunday. Info: [www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html)
- JANUARY 21 - 22** **Sports Car Racing on Ice** Balsam Lake, Wisconsin - Lake Balsam. Sanctioned by the IIRA. Rubber, studded and rookie sprint races on Saturday. Two-plus hour endurance race on Sunday. Info: [www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html)
- JANUARY 28 - 29** **Sports Car Racing on Ice** Chisago City, Minnesota - South Lindstrom Lake. Sanctioned by the IIRA. Rubber, studded and rookie sprint races on Saturday. Two-plus hour endurance race on Sunday. Info: [www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html)
- FEBRUARY 4 - 5** **Winter Carnival Ice Races** St. Paul, Minnesota - Lake Phalen. Sanctioned by the IIRA. Rubber, studded and rookie sprint races on Saturday. Two-plus hour endurance race on Sunday. Info: [www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html)
- FEBRUARY 11 - 12** **Sports Car Racing on Ice** Centerville, Minnesota - Centerville Lake. Sanctioned by the IIRA. Rubber, studded and rookie sprint races on Saturday. Two-plus hour endurance race on Sunday. Info: [www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html)
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- FEBRUARY 25 - 26** **Sports Car Racing on Ice** Balsam Lake, Wisconsin - Lake Balsam. Sanctioned by the IIRA. Rubber, studded and rookie sprint races on Saturday. Two-plus hour endurance race on Sunday. Info: [www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html)
- MARCH 4 - 5** **Sports Car Racing on Ice** Garrison, Minnesota - Lake Mille Lacs. Sanctioned by the IIRA. Rubber, studded and rookie sprint races on Saturday. Two-plus hour endurance race on Sunday. Info: [www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/mn/icerace/index.html)
- MARCH 25** **Go-Kart Challenge** Date is tentative. The Minnesota Jaguar Club invite other upper midwest car clubs to whet their competitive instincts. Info: [www.jaguarminnesota.com](http://www.jaguarminnesota.com)
- APRIL 22** **Spring Warm-Up Rally/Tour** Hosted by the Minnesota Alfa and Jaguar clubs. Most of the ice should be off the lakes so it's time to get your motor running. Info: [esolstad@presenter.com](mailto:esolstad@presenter.com)
- MAY 6** **Spring Blossom Tour** A Tom Hazen Signature Tour. Run it fast with the Loti, slow with the Citroen 2CVs, or at your own "happy speed." Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: [www.mahc.com](http://www.mahc.com)
- MAY 19 - 21** **MotorCheck Vintage GT Challenge** Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. HSR Historic GTP/Group C/WSC and B.O.S.S. Series. The Dairyland 100 and Badger 200 MotorCheck Enduro Series enduros. Mikke Stott-UBS Sprint Series. Sanctioned by SVRA. Info: [www.svra.com/](http://www.svra.com/) and [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com)
- MAY 26 - 30** **Donnybrooke Revival** Brainerd International Raceway, Brainerd, Minnesota. Info: [www.vscr.org](http://www.vscr.org)
- JUNE 10** **Escape to Wisconsin Rally/Tour** Departing from Hudson, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Alfa and Jaguar clubs. Info: [esolstad@presenter.com](mailto:esolstad@presenter.com)
- JULY 13 - 16** **Brian Redman International Challenge** Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. This is the

upper midwest's largest vintage car racing event. Thirty classes of cars in ten race groups. This year the BRIC plays tribute to the fortieth anniversary of Can-Am. Downtown Elkhart Lake will host a concours on Friday and Saturday evenings. Participants from the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia. Sanctioned by SVRA. Info: [www.svra.com/](http://www.svra.com/) and [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com)

**AUGUST 5**

**Coulee Classic Rally/Tour** Can't afford the dollars or time to take in the Mille Miglia, the Carrera Panamerica, or the Colorado Grand? This could be your ticket. Hosted by the Minnesota Alfa and Jaguar clubs. Info: [esolstad@pressenter.com](mailto:esolstad@pressenter.com)

**AUGUST 19**

**InterMarque Gymkhana** Brown & Begelow parking lot, St. Paul, Minnesota. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Nominal entrance fee and unlimited fun. If you want to learn about your car's capabilities, it doesn't get any cheaper or safer than this. Info: [www.mahc.com](http://www.mahc.com)

**SEPTEMBER 15 - 17**

**Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival** Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Three days of great vintage racing. For a nominal fee, spectators can drive their street cars (no trucks or SUVs) on the track during the lunch break. Sanctioned by the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association. Info: [www.vscda.com](http://www.vscda.com) and [www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com)

# MARQUE NATIONALS & UPPER MIDWEST REGIONALS

**JUNE 15 - 18**

**Citroën Clubs National Meet** Location: Saratoga Springs, New York. Info: [www.driveshesaid.com](http://www.driveshesaid.com)

**JUNE 18 - 23**

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

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**1970 MGB.** The car has 89k, bought it around 70k 2.5 years ago. It is a reliable daily driver and has started every time since I have been in Florida. I have put a new radiator, temp sensor, thermostat, all radiator hoses, alternator, leaf springs with associated parts, king pins with new front tires, points and condenser, new hood and clamp, inner door panels and dash cover, clutch master cylinder, brake master cylinder, emergency brake. That is all that I can think of right now. I would say that the next thing that I would replace would be the brake master cylinder; it works ok but it was a rebuilt and does not work as well as it could. The front passenger floor panel has a dent from the bottom, the front seal leaks oil; it needs a quart every other tank of gas. The leads within the pod on the steering column wore out so I rewired it for push button ignition. The car runs great and I would be confident driving it from Gainesville to Minneapolis. \$5500 OBO. Ken Lamb [klamb@ufl.edu](mailto:klamb@ufl.edu) (Jan)

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**Auto Magazines** Approximately 1500 automotive magazines from the late 60's to current. Primarily **premium** American (Vintage Motorsport, Car Collector, SIA, R&T, etc.) and **premium** British titles (Thoroughbred & Classic Cars, Classic & Sports Car, and MotorSport). Save me from myself. Best offer. George Arthur 651-436-3227 (Nov)

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**JUNE 21 - 25**

**MG International 2006** Gatlinburg, TN Hosted by The North American Council of MG Registers (composed of, take a deep breath, the North American MMM Register, New England MGT Register, North American MGA Register, North American MGB Register, and the North American MGC Register). This is the once every five year gathering of all MG's, the last of which was held here at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in 2001. Info: [www.MG2006.com](http://www.MG2006.com)

**JULY 19 - 23**

**Vintage Triumph Register National Convention** Location: Dallas Ft. Worth, TX, near the Texas Stadium. Info: [vtr2006.com](http://vtr2006.com)

**AUGUST 11 - 13**

**Mini- and Micro-Car National Meet** Location: Lake Crystal, Illinois. This is for cars with engines less than 1,000 ccs. Some old Minis qualify as do BugEye Sprites and Citroen 2CVs. Those are the big cars at this event, however. The stars will be the Isettas, Messerschmitts, Bonds, and their ilk. Info: [www.microcar.org](http://www.microcar.org)

**JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2009**

**MiniMeet East Meets West** Minnesota Hosted by the Minnesota Minis Pizza Eating and Psychiatric Self Help Association and 'Sota MINIs (formerly the Minnesota Motoring Society). This is a once every five years event and this one will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the first Mini in 1959. The exact date is still tentative but both clubs are ramping up for the event. Info: [www.mini-sota.com](http://www.mini-sota.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@pressenter.com](mailto:glauser@pressenter.com) or [www.mnhealey.com](http://www.mnhealey.com)

**Minnesota MG T Register** MG Luncheons, **every Tuesday**, 11:15 a.m. American Legion, 6501 Portland Avenue, Richfield. Info: Bob Figenskau 952-935-7909 or [www.mnmgtr.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.mini-sota.com) 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](http://www.mntriumphs.org)

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

**Triumph Drivers of Manitoba** Informal gathering, **every Saturday** morning, 9:00 a.m., at the Rib Shack Restaurant, 1140 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Spouses welcome. Bring your car or just drop in. Info: [www.britishcar.ca](http://www.britishcar.ca)

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