

July 27, 1991

TO: All Madison MG Group Members

FROM: MG (Mike's Garage)

Coming up fast, August 10th at 4:30 pm, the First Annual Madison MG Group Pig Roast!! About 20 people have said they are coming, so it should be a good time. A couple from the Milwaukee Group (that were on the Circuit of Britain) have said they will be coming. I hope those of you that have not responded yet will call Patty or Mike at 221-9625 soon. Also, if you have not said what "dish to pass" you are bringing, you will probably be hearing from Patty. The "Group" has sprung for some beer & soda, and we have a few nice door prizes. Remember, this is an adults only affair.

Our "Tour" meeting last month starting at the Thorpe's was a limited success. I don't mean that to sound negative, but we (I) made a mistake. By making it a tour, I automatically excluded everybody that didn't have their car on the road. That was not my intent & I apologize for that. As it was, there were several cars with empty passenger seats. You should have seen Peter Manke's head sticking above my windshield. The evening went well though. We sat in the comfort of John & Donna's patio as the members arrived. It looked neat, all those MG's parked around the Thorpe Estate. The "Bean Counter" had his case of 20/50 strapped to the luggage rack. (He said it was just in case anybody needed any). Yea, we know Jim. A beautiful night for a tour too, to bad the sun went down so early. We left the Estate, headed for "The Only Wanakee in the World" (& ice cream) and lost Patty Koch before we got there. Then South, a few back roads and into Maple Bluff. Storms don't seem to care how much money you have, there was a lot of damage in the country and in Maple Bluff. Only one further casualty on the road, the Thorpe Bug Eye had to head for the shed with brake problems. Thanks Donna & John, for hosting this meeting, you made us all very comfortable.

Many miles on "Ole Red" since my last writing. Almost 1600 miles through the Upper Peninsula and the Eastern Shoreline of Lake Superior in Ontario. Canadian Route 17 from Sault Ste. Marie to Wawa is positively the most beautiful inland highway we have ever been on. In and out and up and down and around the most picturesque bays and cliffs I have ever seen. Dotted with little islands and coves, lots of boats and not many people. It really surprised me how courteous the Canadian drivers are. "Ole Red" would have to slow for most of the hills and not even the eighteen wheelers would get impatient. We got lots of thumbs up as they passed us. I also learned a quick/temporary fix for a broken brake line if you don't have a spare along. I had lots of

spare parts along, but no brake lines. If the Madison MG Group ever gets "gutsy" enough, Batchawana Bay, Ontario is the place to go for an extended Club tour, the Fall would be beautiful.

Then another 800 miles (round trip), to the "Gathering of the Faithful" in Minneapolis on the 18th of July. Six T-Series cars from the Milwaukee Group met at our house for coffee & rolls. We joined the group for a nice ride up STH 33 through Wildcat Mountain, to spend Thursday night in La Crosse. (The Day's Inn gave me a Senior Citizen discount). I was crushed. On Friday afternoon we rolled into the Holiday Inn in Plymouth, MN. There were over 100 T-Series cars in the lot already, and more coming in all the time. Very impressive. For Saturday's show, there were over 120 entries. John Morris got an Honorable Mention (2nd place) in the Premier class with his J-2. I also got an Honorable Mention (4th place), in the TD class. Honorable Mention means no trophy-the story of my life.

How about some of you writing a short article for this Newsletter? It doesn't have to be long and could deal with anything; a trip, a tech-tip, a humorous incident, a lie, anything.

Hope to see you all at Mike & Patty's on the 10th. I'll be the one manning the sweet corn roast. (pls. wear your name tags, it makes it a lot easier for those not totally familiar with all of us).

Safety Fast

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As much as I don't like to start these "ramblings" on a serious note, I feel compelled to announce publicly that I will never again rib the Bean Counter about the large quantity of oil he and the Midget consumed on our first outing. I'm sure by now you are wondering what this is all about. The incident occurred on the way home from the Deerfield Car Show, but you will have to get the rest of the story from Jimmy D. This doesn't mean that just because I have pledged not to get on his case (as in oil) anymore, you all cannot continue to harass him.

The Pig Roast at the Koch's on August 10th was a super success. It was really great to see all those MG's lined up in front of Mike & Patty's house and all the passing traffic slowing to get a better look. It didn't take long for everybody to get into the spirit(s). John Morris's quiz was a somewhat humbling experience for all, with the exception of new member Charley Karpelena of Cottage Grove. He got 24 out of 30 questions correct and was closest on the tie-breaker. Door prizes were supplied by our local MG parts house, World Wide Auto Parts off East Washington Ave., Tim Burchard at Sun Sales & Auto Service in Sun Prairie and Mike O'Connor's MG Parts in Goleta, CA. The Club should remember these people when searching for parts or information.

A very special thanks go to Patty & Mike for everything they did to make our first real social function such a success. It wasn't enough that they were up early, getting everything prepared, opening up their house to us and then cleaning up after us, Patty had to go the one step beyond--with her super deserts (that everybody needed). As John Thorpe said, "I think this will have to be an annual event". Thanks, again, Patty & Mike.

Our September meeting/tech session is going to be a challenge to most. On Sunday, Sept. 8th, the Madison Vintage Auto Club is sponsoring a Car Show & Swap Meet at Angle Park in Sun Prairie. The Show/Swap Meet runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. John Thorpe has arranged for a MMGG Corral and will put on a Tech Session in the fine art of judging cars at 9:30 am. This is in preparation for our car show in the Spring of 1992, so we would like as many members to attend as possible. You can show your car to be judged or not be judged, or if it's not on the road yet, just come out yourself for the Tech Session. John says there will be around 400 fine cars to look at. You can picnic or there is food and refreshments on the grounds. It will really be sharp to have as many cars show up for this as did at the Pig Roast. Look for us by the MG flag.

September 14th (a Saturday) is the annual Gemuetlichkeit Days vintage car show and the 15th is a super parade, all in Jefferson, WI. We (the

MMGG) have an invitation to both from The Collectibles of Jefferson. I'll have to let them know how many cars we will have in the parade, so if you are interested, let me know (608-221-4094)--the sooner the better.

On Sunday, September 29th, I'm going to try it again. Lead a tour to Road America for the VSCDA sponsored Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival. There are always many beautiful vintage cars there and to see them racing is something else. Famous drivers such as Bob Bondurant will be there also.

We're looking for somebody to put together a Fall Tour, in early October. Any volunteers, give me a call.

October 12th, the Bean Counter and I are leaving for Farmington, Connecticut for the GOF Mk 53 & MMM Raid. This is the reciprocal of the Circuit of Britain held in '90. About 25 cars from England are expected and nobody knows how many from North America. If Jim and I and 'Ole Red make it out and back, we'll have some stories and pictures.

Brit Humor: Why don't the British make computers?
They haven't figured out how to make them leak oil yet.

John Morris says he has a lot of room in his garage for winter storage this year. Dry, but not heated. (After keeping it there, you could say you stored your car at Morris' Garage.) Anyhow, he's serious, so contact him directly, evenings at 414-648-5516.

For Sale: '62 B parts car, with wire wheels. \$600.00. Contact Ken Hutter, 122 E. Cook, Portage, 53901. Phone: 742-3747.

Enough for this month, see you at Angle Park on the 8th.

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