

FROM: MG (Mike's Garage)

September 21, 1991

Time's getting short, the final days of touring the countryside this year are here. To me, this is the best time of the year. Cool, comfortable riding, heater keeping you warm, trees changing color, hot exhaust sounds echoing off the trees--"it don't get no better than this"!!

It don't get much better than this either; MMGG had 9 cars show up for the Sun Prairie Vintage Car Show and came away with 3 trophies (Spectators Choice & First in Class went to John Morris & I received Second in Class). The beauty of this is that a Jaguar was Third in Class and a Lotus Europa and a Mercedes convertible did not place. We would have had 4 trophies, but there is a Brit Biker out there that we have to put some heat on to get in the Group. Bean Counter, you want to take care of that?

The Car Judging Seminar put on by John Thorpe went very well too. It was a very good learning experience for all of us. I think with a little polishing, we should be able to handle a car show very well. John & Donna also had a door prize for the group, a very nice picnic caddy. It would have looked real nice on the back of "Ole Red" on the Elkhart Lake tour, but instead, the Bean Counter got to take it home. Thanks again John & Donna, another job well done. As a sidelight, John had to go out and judge all the other cars after the Tech Session.

One more item concerning the Sun Prairie Car Show, we picked up two new memberships: Terry & Ginny Hesse from Cottage Grove and their '52 TD and Mark & Faye Dochnahl from Fort Atkinson with their "Resale Red" '74 MGB. I know everyone will make them feel welcome to MMGG. If anyone would like a current membership roster, see me.

Upcoming activities:

The Road tour to the Fall Vintage Bash at Elkhart Lake is next Sunday, September 29th. We will be leaving from my house at about 8:15 am. The route will hook up with Hwy 151 North-East of Sun Prairie as far as Beaver Dam. East on 33 to 26, where we will meet the Jefferson County Contingent. Continuing East on 33 to 28 North at Horicon and 67 North at Mayville. Plans include stopping at Bublitz's in Lomira for breakfast and then follow me (if you can) to Elkhart Lake. Drive time will be a little over 2 hours. Returning, the route will be much the same, with the option of stopping at Vandre's in "Beautiful downtown Milford on the Mighty Crawfish River". For those of you that have not had the pleasure, you will be pleasantly surprised by Vandre's. Remember, this is a "run what you brung" day (as all of ours are), so you can bring the family car, motorcycle, support truck or whatever is running. I

would like to know how many to expect, so give me a call this week at 221-4094.

The second coming activity is a Fall Tour through the Southern Kettle Moraine, on Sunday, October 6th. This is another "run what you bring" event-(anything goes). Bill & Jane Wegner, of Whitewater, have set up a tour that will take us through Cold Spring, Hebron, Rome, North Prairie, Eagle, Palmyra, La Grange and back to Whitewater. Plans are to meet at Bill & Jane's house, 324 East North Street, Whitewater, at 10:00 am on the 6th. Call Bill or Jane at 414-473-4258 to let them know if you will be attending. Directions to their house are: Hwy 12 into Whitewater, go through the second stop light and take a left onto North Street, which runs East & West. Stay on North Street and in the second block after the second stop sign, you will see a 5 foot tall Hamms beer. That will be Bill & Jane's home. Pack a picnic lunch for yourself and be prepared for a nice, leisurely tour. If you would like to convoy to Whitewater, call me at home.

One last item before I can put this to bed for another month.

As I wrote in last month's newsletter, Morris Garage is available for winter storage. John says he would like to get \$20 per month, more than one vehicle is probably negotiable. Call John at 414-648-5516 to make arrangements. We could have our own "coming out" party in Lake Mills in the Spring.

Hope I haven't forgotten anything.

Safety Fast,

*Mike*

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MMGG

December 7, 1991

To all members of the Madison MG Group (MMGG).

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We all have our vices, that lead us to crises,  
that vary from mild to extreme.  
The drunk needs his liquor, the smoker his fags,  
crackheads are lost in their dreams.  
My needs are costly but somewhat less deadly,  
though the health risks are easy to see,  
a tank full of petrol, the tyres are new,  
wife by my side and "Ole Red" calling to me.

Attendance at the November meeting at Rossario's was somewhat less than I had hoped for, but we did cover a lot of ground. No firm dates have been set, yet.

Sometime in January, '92, we will be having a Post-Christmas party at Ginny & Terry Hesse's home in rural Cottage Grove. The Hesse's have a lot of land, with some trails for skiing or hiking. Our thoughts are to have a Pot Luck type of party, everybody bringing something to pass, and spend the afternoon skiing, hiking or just getting friendly. More info to follow in the January letter.

John Thorpe has gotten permission to take MMGG to Stauffers Classic Cars in Blue Mounds for a tour of the facility. Some Saturday in February sounded good to all those present. This is a big buck collection and is well known in the Vintage Racing arena. I'm sure we would all enjoy the tour, and after the tour, we (Sharon & I) would like to invite everybody to our house for some socializing.

In March, Bill Wegner insists that he put on his tech-session on the fine art of pizza preparation. For many years, Bill ran "Ski's" pizza joint in Whitewater and I can guarantee that they were super. Anyhow, Patty & Mike Koch have agreed (under duress) to have the tech-session at their house.

April is the month for election of officers, President, Secretary and Treasurer. Currently, Mike Slechta, Patty Koch and Jim Demerath are holding these offices. If anybody is interested in running for an office, let me know, or it can be brought up from the floor.

Mid May is Apple Blossom time in the Gays Mills area, so a tour will be set up for that. It could be an overnighter if there is enough interest. This will be brought up for discussion at a

future meeting, as will everything else on the schedule.

Other events for the year are the (annual) Pig Roast put on by the Koch's in August, the Chicago Historic Races at Road America in July, British Car Field Days in Milwaukee, Sun Prairie Car Show in September and a Fall Tour of the Southern Kettle Moraine area. Dates will be attached to these events as soon as they are set.

Terry Hesse brought up that the Madison Area Technical College has a very complete tape library on just about anything of interest. See Lois Kiggins at the library if you need assistance.

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John Thorpe has contributed some interesting information on "Production Record Traces" which is included in this newsletter. He has had it done for one of his vehicles, so if you would like to see an example of what the trace looks like, call John at 608-837-4779.

I'm also including some interesting information on "Stated Value Automobile Insurance" that I received from the Milwaukee MG Group that is worth reading.

Due to the holidays ahead, there will not be a meeting this month.

The Officers and I wish that all of your stockings are filled with all those Lucas and SU parts that you have always wanted.

Have a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year,  
Sincerely,

*Mike*

Mike (& Sharon).

TRUST PRODUCTION RECORD TRACES

For records of Rover Group, BMC, and British Leyland cars, and to obtain a certificate for one of these cars write, quoting make, model, and chassis (car) number to:

The British Motor Industry Heritage Trust Archive Dept.  
Castle Road, Studley, Warwickshire B80 7AJ  
Great Britain (England)

The fee is \$40.00 U.S. per vehicle, make checks payable to B.M.I.H.T.

The records BMIHT has in file are as follows:

AUSTIN - 1945 to 1969

AUSTIN-HEALEY - 1953 to 1971, but not 100 "S"

LAND ROVER - 1948 to 1979

METROPOLITAN - 1953 to 1961

MINI - 1959 to 1969

MG - 1953 to 1981, starts with '53 TF and ZA Models, no records for TD's, TC's and earlier

MORRIS - 1928 to 1971

ROVER - 1945 to 1981

TRIUMPH - 1946 to 1981

The certificates include the cars;

build date  
motor #  
chassis #  
exterior color  
interior color  
top color  
optional equipment  
date shipped  
destination  
specification (country produced for)

To all members of the Madison MG Group (MMGG). November 2, 1991

Well, it's all over, except for the talk. Where did the year go? I know everybody has their pride & joy completely winterized, up on blocks and put away for the winter. Everybody, except me that is. Looks like I've got a long, hard (& expensive) winter ahead.

I think everybody knows that the Bean Counter & I were driving "Old Red" to the GOF & MMM Raid in Farmington, CT in October. For the uninformed, that was a "Gathering of the Faithful" with about 25 cars from Great Britain and about 300 cars (all MGs) from the US getting together for a four day meet. The Brits were on a 3 week tour of New England. All our plans were made, reservations in and Red was loaded with spares. If we only had a little more room, I could have taken along an extra pair of jeans.

Jim & I had a very good trip going out, in fact, we were so far ahead of our schedule, we had to make a number of side trips and stops at vineyards, just to kill time.

The bottom line of all this is that "Old Red" took a shit about 5 minutes away from our destination. A clattering sound from deep within. I understand why MGs were never the Heartbeat of Britain. Fortunately, many MGers offered assistance, so we managed to drag "Old Red" back to Madison. I've already started taking the motor out in preparation for a rebuild. Hopefully, I'll be ready for Spring.

John & Patty Morris fared much better!! Their J2 took a third place in the "First Timers" show and second place in their class at the big show. Congratulations to John & Patty.

We will be having our next meeting at Rossario's, 6001 Monona Drive, on Wednesday, Nov. 13TH, at 7:00 pm. Sharon and I will probably have dinner there about 6:00, so if anybody would like to join us, great. No big agenda is planned, just a lot of conversation and make some plans for the winter and next year. Hope to see you all there.

Safety Fast,

*Mike*

Mike Slechta, Prez.