

April 17, 1991

The Prez Sez:

If this Newsletter sounds a little weird, it's because this is going out to everybody that expressed any interest in forming an MG Club in the Madison area since my initial ad in the State Journal.

Since then, we have actually formed (re-formed) the Madison MG Group (MMGG), elected officers and have a fairly vigorous schedule for '91, which brings me to the point of this letter. Our next meeting (Tech Session) will be at MG (Mike's Garage, 5005 Pebblebrook Drive, Madison, 53716), on Wednesday, May 8th. The plans are to surgically remove the engine from Mike Koch's MGB. Head surgeon will be John Thorpe, assisted by everybody that shows up. The "B" goes under the knife at 6:00 pm sharp. (It wouldn't hurt to bring a lawn chair. RSVP will be nice too. 221-4094).

Other activities scheduled for this year include a Sunday afternoon "Cruise" on May 12th, led by Mike & Patty Koch. This will be a 50 to 75 mile trip through the "twisties" West of Madison leaving from my house about noon. Coffee and donuts will be served before we leave. Please RSVP to Sharon or myself beforehand at 221-4094 so we will have an idea of who to plan on. This is an invitation to anybody that would like to go along, you don't have to be a member of the club. We would like you to see what a good group of people we are.

Rob Comeau suggested we take advantage of the V.I.P. Plan available at Road America for the June Sprints, June 7 thru 9. Sounds very interesting to me, somebody will have to put this together. Enclosed (to members) are the details of the package. Also available at RA that weekend are a 40 minute Track Tour in your car and the 2nd Annual Club Challenge (pylonned autocross) available to "Marque-Car-Clubs" which we are.

Put August 10th on your list of activities too. Le Grand Chef Mike Koch (assisted by Patty) is having his world famous (well, maybe neighborhood famous) Pig Roast for us. A small charge to cover expenses, a dish to pass and a willingness to have fun are all that is necessary. This is also open to all MG enthusiasts, but you must RSVP to Patty or Mike by May 31st at 221-9625. More to follow in the next Newsletter.

Word is out that there is a Hillclimb in New Glarus on May 11th. No additional information is available at this time, so if anybody knows more about, let me know. It will be interesting to see how many cars (if any) can make it through a Hillclimb on Saturday and still show up for the Cruise on Sunday.

Does anybody have sign making skills? I'm going to be showing the TD at the Jefferson Car Show on April 27th and a small sign about the Club may be help with the membership. If you can help with this, please give me a call soon.

In closing, I'm taking a quote from the "Model T Instruction Book" dated September, 1913, that I think is true and applies today, as well as in 1913. This is titled "Vigilance and Oil". "The liability of trouble, with the consequent marring of pleasure trips through neglect to make adjustments promptly, increases by the square of the times they are neglected". I wonder where they got the formula, but it is true.

Hope to see you all at the Tech Session and the Cruise.

"Safety Fast"

Mike

May 1, 1991

To all MMGG members, friends, acquaintances, enthusiasts and anybody else that happens to get their hands on this letter.

I have to admit, this club is getting off to a good start--lots of activities. Our first tech session I would consider a major success!! We got Mike K's engine out in the allotted time, no hassles we couldn't handle. Director of Surgery John Thorpe handled more of the area where the sun don't shine on the "B" and John Morris went down the throat. Thanks to both of you for keeping the session on track. By the way, on all the picture I took, all you can see are a bunch of unidentifiable asses. Maybe we will have to wear our nametags on our back pockets for the next tech session.

This brings up the next meeting (another tech session). This time it will be at the club Bean Counter's house, on Wednesday, June 12th, at 7:00 pm. John Morris is going to demonstrate proper carb tuning. If all goes well with this one John, I've got a rebuild kit on order for my TD that I might let you help me with. No food this time, but if you'd like to bring a 6-pack or some snacks, I'm sure Jim won't mind. That's at Jim & Cathie Demerath's home, 5320 Milwaukee St, Madison, phone 241-5566.

Mike & Patty Koch did a real fine job setting up the 1st MMGG Tour, and we had a real good turnout of the membership too. Mike's "sport-truck" almost turned into a "support-truck", hauling coolers and such. Too bad he didn't bring along a case of 50 wt. oil, I know the Bean Counter could have used it. It's real easy for me to pick on Jim, he can't defend himself. Below is a picture of Jim & the Midget with one of many quarts of oil. Exactly how many was it Jim?



June 22nd is the Blackhawk Autocar Club TSD Rally. They do a very fine job of putting on a real straight forward Time/Speed/Distance Rally. No hidden tricks or unreasonable speeds, a very good event to learn TSD

rallying and a good challenge. This is being run in conjunction with "Fort Fest" in Fort Atkinson. Registration is at 11:30 am, Drivers meeting at 12:45 pm and first car out at 1:01 pm. \$6.00 entry fee and free beer and soda at "The Bug House" after the rally. For more info, contact Bill Grintjes, 3848 Sutherland Dr. Park City, IL 60085. Phone, 708-336-8260.

A couple of Classifieds:

For Sale, '72 MGB, \$4,200 neg. New interior, top, floor pans, mats, clutch & master cyl. Talk to Patty Koch for more details.

For Sale: For '56 or '57 A. Doors, rear fenders, hood, frame, complete front clip, & disc wheels. Also, Healy 100-4 rear end. Contact Larry at 414-261-7067. Larry is looking for timing cover & tach drive for a TD and a Healey 100-4 motor.

Helpful hind (& not necessarily technical). With the new and improved noncontact windshield wipers developed by MG, Rain-X is the best thing I've used for keeping the windshield clean while driving in the rain. Sharon & I got to try it out over Memorial Day weekend on the way to Eagle River. The little TD was humming along when the sky really opened up on us. Rain-X dispersed the rain just like the commercial. Hope to see you all at Jim's house on the 12th.

Safety Fast,

Mike

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June 27, 1991

TO: All Madison MG Group Members

FROM: MG (Mike's Garage)

Where is the summer going? It's almost the 4th of July already. Here's a quick review of recent happenings:

The June meeting was a Tech Session hosted by Jim & Cathie Demerath (aka-The Bean Counter). Jim came out of this one a winner, John Morris demonstrating proper SU carb tuning techniques on Jim's Midget. Jim says he can't remember when the Midget ran so well (& wasn't leaking oil). Our thanks to John for a fine demonstration--there will be a quiz at the next meeting. Those of us that fail get to clean the floor of Jim's garage.

Speaking of the next meeting, July 10th, 7:00 pm at John & Donna Thorpe's home, 204 North Street, Sun Prairie. This should consist of a brief meeting and a tour of America's Heartland. Possibly a stop or two.

Boy, this Newsletter is really rambling. Back to recent happenings. Several new faces were seen at the June meeting. Greg & Terry Bontrager drove their new Midget ('79) in from Lake Mills. Russell Eck, who won't be driving his TD to meetings for awhile, also joined the "chosen few". He made up for not driving though, he had enough pictures for everyone. Bob O'Neill walked to the meeting (he lives around the corner from Jim). He knows the way well, he got to go home to get some badly needed gaskets for Jim's carbs. I know everyone will welcome these new members into the club.

Also seen at the June meeting was a member I have talked to many times, but never met face to face. Howdy-Patty.

One last comment about the last meeting--John & Donna stretched the legs of their '61 Bugeye, all the way from Sun Prairie. Congratulations!!

The following Saturday, John Morris showed his J-2 in Waukesha, and came home with a first place trophy. John's got a good year going--the only way I'll beat him is to outdistance him to the shows. Nice going John--the fruits of all that work are very rewarding.

Last Saturday, the invincible MMGG Rally Team were invinced. John & I entered my TD in the Blackhawk TSD Rally in Fort Atkinson. John driving & I navigated. We were out for blood and we got it. At the end of 100 miles, we were 5 minutes 24 seconds off key time (which is 324

points). I was sure we were in the money. We were in the money alright, 9th place out of 11. (One car DNF'd). Oh well, we weren't last. We'll do better next time, "trust me".

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

I had said that I would lead a group to Road America on the 21st of July for the Chicago Historic races. I didn't realize it at the time, that is the weekend of the GOF in Minneapolis. If somebody else would like to handle this, I sure would appreciate it. I can set you up with the route.

August 10th is the date of the First Annual Madison MG Group Pig Roast. We discussed it at the last meeting and a lot of people confirmed that they would be attending. Chef excellent Mike Koch has done this very well before, I can attest to that. Call Mike or Patty for more information or what to bring. Please respond to them soon, I know it will be a great time. Maybe we can even get some car games going.

See you on the 10th at the Thorpe's. And be prepared for the quiz.

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