

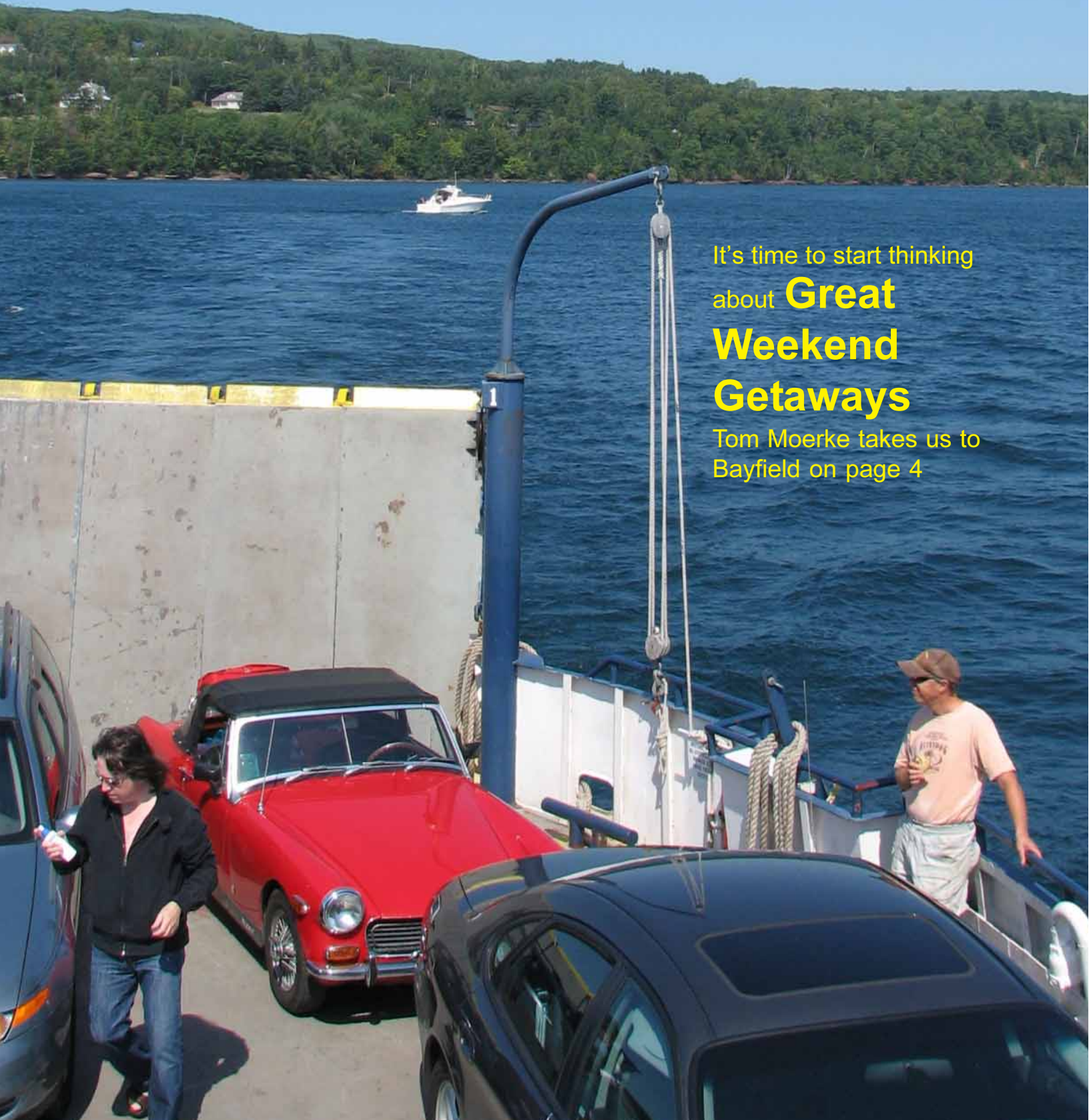
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Miscellaneous Mumblings



There's an important difference between a professional and amateur. It's more than just money. An amateur does the work when it's fun; a professional does it... and does it and does it again. Although a pro may enjoy his work, skill and knowledge are a bigger part of the equation than fun.

Let's say you're an amateur mechanic thinking about becoming a professional. Here's a simple test to see whether you might make it. Say your garage houses a Triumph TR3 with its original aqua-colored oil filter housing still in place. To remove that canister (and the dirty oil filter it contains) requires about eight revolutions of the fine-thread nut holding it in place. Unfortunately, the location of the nut permits only 12 degrees of wrench movement. According to my top-of-the-head calculation, this means you're going to have to crank that wrench 240 times before Triumph's festively colored canister falls off and spills a quart of oil on the garage floor.

Okay, not so bad, huh? Typical day in the garage for many of us. But now to see whether you're ready to go pro, perform this task twenty times in a row. Just to make the experience a little more realistic, try it a few times with nuts that have been torqued to 150 foot-pounds. And once with a coarse-thread nut on the fine-thread bolt. Then with a nut that resembles a circle more than a hexagon. And make sure you do it in half the time you did it before without making any obvious boo-boos in front of customers.

It's no wonder that amateurs and pros both burn out after a while. There may not be any similarities between editors and mechanics or me and a gander to the left, into the boilerplate, you'll note some changes.

The sole reason for the changes is that your editor has burned himself out. Oops, make that your former editor, or as I have decided to glorify myself, editor emeritus. For those of you unfamiliar with the term emeritus, it means a person permitted to retain as an honorary title the rank of the last office held. The Council says that if I write my Mumblings column sometimes, I can call myself emeritus.

I have every reason to think the InterMarque Monthly will survive just peachy without me at the helm. It is filling an evident need in the vintage car community. The new people to fill those t.b.d. spaces off to the left have not yet had their arms twisted, but there are many competent people out there. Change is good sometimes, and new stewardship may be just what the Monthly needs right now.



Weekend Getaways: Bayfield, Wisconsin

by Tom Moerke

Last Saturday at the Square Peg I told Andy Lindberg I would submit an article on our favorite weekend trips. I've told him this at other times but this time there were witnesses. So...

A favorite weekend jaunt of ours is Bayfield, Wisconsin. And of course Madeline Island. Bayfield is a perfect little fishing village on Chequamegon Bay on Lake Superior about 70 miles east of Duluth on the south shore of Gittche Gummie; shining big sea water or as the maps say, Lake Superior, the biggest of the Great Lakes and the largest body of fresh water in the whole wide world.

There are two good ways of getting there; from Minneapolis or the western suburbs take interstate 35 north to Duluth and turn right on US 2. From St. Paul or east go into Wisconsin. to highway 63 and follow it north.

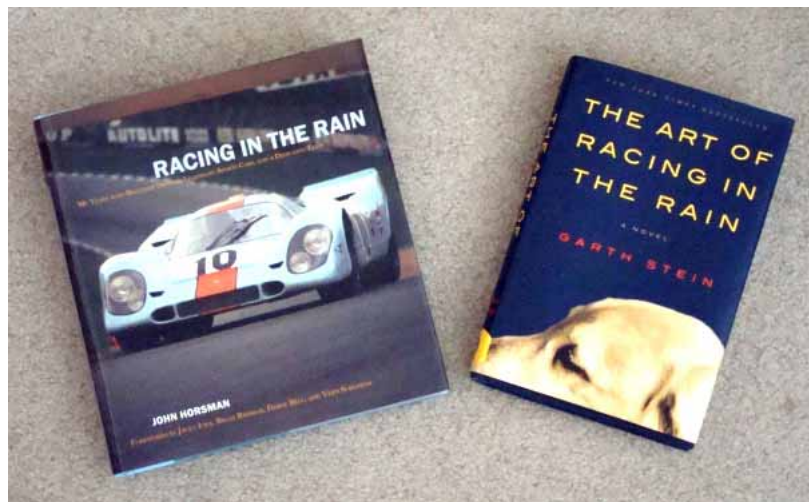
Bayfield is just so cute, filled with great shops and restaurants and with a population of 800 not too crowded except during the Apple Festival when 75,000 are crammed into this little place. You have to park outside of town and take a shuttle bus into town. We only did this once. The apples come from the many orchards in the area.

Our favorite place to eat is Grunke's, which was JFK Jr's favorite also. John John would come to Bayfield to go kayaking on Lake Superior. You can do that too, renting a kayak to see the red cliffs. If that seems like too much work you can sit in the gazebo by the docks to watch the ferryboats pass each other on the way to and from Madeline Island and watch the fancy sailboats and big yachts going to and fro.

But then take the big adventure and drive your XK-120 or your Lotus 7 onto one of the ferryboats. You can ride in your car if you wish but everyone goes to the top deck. Bring your camera. The ferry docks in LaPointe, the village on Madeline. It has several good places eat, a large marina to look at the boats, and a great museum. The history here goes a long way back.

Then get in your TR6 or MGC and drive to Big Bay Park. The beach there is like that on a south sea island paradise. While waiting on the dock to take the ferry back to the mainland, people will come up to you in your red Midget, shake your hand, and tell you how they had one just like it once upon a time. Every one of them will then sadly shake his head and say, "I wish I still had it."

Out & About



Racing in the Rain* and *The Art of Racing in the Rain book reports by George Arthur

Two new books hit the market in the last year. They couldn't be more alike in one respect, but so completely different in all others. One, a serious historical tome, important in its documentation of a racing period we will never see again. The other, a great beach book.

I recommend them both.

John Horsman's *Racing In The Rain* (David Bull Publishing) is a personal, definitive account of the author's career in racing. Solid, important historical information, technical analysis of achievements and failures, and insights into many racing personalities. All appropriately accompanied by historical photographs.

It spans more than two decades. From his start as a John Wyer apprentice at Aston Martin, to project director of the GT40 program at Ford

Advanced Vehicles, and finally to his tenure with the blue and gold Gulf-sponsored Ford GT40s, Mirages, and Porsche 917s. All prepared by Horsman and his team. You may remember...they ran well in the rain.

I particularly enjoyed learning of his activities at Aston Martin in Feltham as project engineer. This was during the development of the Tadek Marek 3.7 liter engine in the early DB4 days...the first car completely designed by the company under David Brown.

You won't devour this book in short order. You will savor it!

At about half the retail, we have *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. This is the fictional story of a talented young racecar driver as seen through the eyes....of...his dog?! Now who would of thought that up? Only one person so far, Garth Stein.

It's an engaging read. Kind of a Marley Goes to Road America. If you're looking for soppy sentimentality

or just ready for some cheap emotional exploitation...pick it up. Most of us may learn something about racing along the way. Only one major faux pas. I question the probability, timing, and placement for a group of automobiles. See if you can find it.

Our hero overcomes major personal tragedies to become a test driver for Ferrari. His faithful and observant pooch throughout all this is Enzo. Alas, Enzo dies in the last chapter. Most all book dogs do.

Throughout the book Enzo consistently displays an incredible perception into the nature and foibles of humans. The book works because I expect you have attributed some of these perceptions to your own canine friends. Good stuff.

Lots of cold days left this winter. Pick up one or both of these and settle in.

Inter-Marque Council 2009 Spring Kick-Off & Motoring Exhibition PRE-REGISTRATION REMINDER

Please don't forget to pre-register for the Inter-Marque Council Spring Kick-Off which will be held on Saturday May 16th at Como Park Picnic Hill and Pavilion Parking Lots in St. Paul.

The Vintage Foreign motoring exhibition is open to ALL VINTAGE FOREIGN motorcars, motorcycles,

scooters and vintage foreign racers 1984 and older.

The reason for pre-registration is that the layout of the display area for the motoring exhibition is different this year. Pre-registration will make it easier for the Vehicle Placement Team to determine the spacing of the vehicles in the display area.

Please see the event flyer in this issue of the InterMarque Monthly and in your club newsletter for details of the Spring Kick-Off.

Please pre-register by May 8th to Phyllis Galberth at deegalberth@yahoo.com with the following information: your name, year of the vehicle, marque, and model.

A Morgan in Harmony by Dale Martin

February 5, 2009. A cool crisp day in Minnesota but a great day to take a drive to Harmony, Minnesota, to get a look at a 1992 Morgan 4/4 that Al Dahl just added to his rather interesting car collection. (32 as of today)

Bob Cox and I are both Morgan enthusiasts. Bob is hot on the trail of a 4/4 and I think he will have one by April.

The car Al unloaded off the transport truck only a few hours earlier is a beautiful dark, dark green with a



cream leather interior and top. It has the Ford CVH engine and Ford 5-speed transmission. The car is propane fueled and will be a real head turner, when the weather is a little more accommodating.

Caption Contest Winner



photo by Desmond Whitney

**I'M SO WEALTHY EVEN MY CAR
HAS A FRENCH MAID.**

The winning entry in last month's caption contest was submitted by Greg Gelhar, a member of the Minnesota Triumph club.

A couple other entries that we can fit in the limited space available are:

- "NO! You may not have any Grey

Poupon until you're bigger." (Doug Burch) and

- "Dad! Dad! Can I come with? Please? Please? I'll be good, I promise! I won't spill any oil or coolant. I won't belch anything, and I won't get car sick by the side of the

road! And I promise not to ask if we're there yet!" (Bill Gingerich)

By the way, Desmond Whitney, who took this photo woke up one morning to find this Bentley parked in front of his house. He wheeled out his Citroen 2CV Charleston and grabbed a fantastic snapshot.



2009 MAHC HotWheels Grand Prix Recap by Katy Olson

The turnout was good for the Grand Prix this year. We all gathered after the March 4 Healey Club PIE (President's Informal Evening) and revved our "engines" to duke it out on the track graciously prepared by Tom Hazen and David Meek. There were 12 drivers on the track and competition was fierce: Curt Carlson, Jeff Gordien, Jan Huston, Jeff Lumbard, Scott Lumbard, David Meek, June Moerke, Katy Olson, Rod Richert, Kim Rixen, Gary Ronning and Eileen Wetzel.

In the end Curt Carlson took first with his Phantasm, David Meek 2nd with his Jaguar, Gary Ronning 3rd with his Healey 100 and Katy Olson eked out 4th with her Aston Martin. Rod Richert gets an honorable mention for running his vintage Healey. Alas, she was a bit too much for our track! Thanks to Tom Hazen for an excellent performance as our timing captain.

See you next year for more excitement!

Inter-Marque Council Holds Another Meeting

The world famous Inter-Marque Council held another meeting on March 14. Chair Phyllis Galberth, Aaron Courteau, and reps from some (but not all) member clubs got together in the basement of the Hennepin Square Building.

Unbeknownst to the assembled group, a member of the local



automotive press attended the meeting disguised in a Citroen polo shirt. In addition to taking the spy photos on this page, our undercover journalist was also able to ferret out the following info:

The parking layout for the May 16 show will



be based in part on the preregistration for the event. It's important for marques that intend to attend to get their club members to preregister. (See article on page 5.)

No nails or staples in the trees or paint or chalk on the asphalt. None, nada.

There will be a lot of cars attending the event. The parking marshalls are being instructed to be courteous but assertive. Courteous and assertive volunteers are needed. See the flyer on page 20 for where to send your name.

Mini Meet 2009 Update by John Engstrom

It was love at first sight. I couldn't wait for us to be alone. I felt like this was the first time that we could open up to each other. Me and the ... first vendor check we had received.

Yes, Mini Meet '09 is well under way and we all still like each other, which is an accomplishment in itself. A lot of work and planning has gone into the meet in the last four years and we are making good progress on all fronts. The meet is being held in Winona from Monday, June 29 through Thursday, July 2.

It follows on the heels of the Phil Wicks driving academy and the Can-Am Mini Challenge being held in Brainerd at Brainerd International Raceway over the previous weekend.

The Riverport Hotel is Mini central with registration and also where we

are having the welcome reception Monday night. We have the entire hotel reserved (quite a few rooms are already booked) along with a Holiday Inn across the highway. There is also a Holiday Inn Express next to the Holiday Inn, which will add a lot more rooms.

We have a full week of activities planned. On Tuesday, the show and shine event is pretty much set to go. We will be at a beautiful spot at St Mary's College, a sports field nestled between two bluffs. In addition to the Show and Shine, this is also the site of the panoramic photo. In the evening, we will hold a 50th anniversary Birthday Bash. The spot is reserved (only 10 minutes away) and the band is set to go. It's a British Invasion tribute band. All that we need now is to find a baker for the birthday cake.

Wednesday is track day and

we will have all of the events at Southwest Technical College, which is only... well you know how far away. The college has a truck-driving track that we will use for the autocross, a truck garage that will be used by vendors along with classrooms in the same building we are using for the tech sessions. We will be having Tech sessions on classic and new Minis/MINIS.

At the same time we will be holding the Funkahna, the theme of which will pay homage to both *Italian Job* movies. In the evening, there will be a cruise night, and who knows, we may end up at the Drive-In.

Thursday is the Rally day followed by the closing banquet with two speakers, Phil Wicks and Peter Eagan.

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MULTIMARQUE CALENDAR

Multi-Marque Breakfast Every* Saturday morning! 8:30 a.m., Square Peg Restaurant, 2021 East Hennepin in the Hennepin Square Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Everyone is invited! Special room for the auto-afflicted. Attendance on recent Saturdays has been twenty to thirty or more. **Women are invited every Saturday but the second Saturday of every month is Lady's Day.** All marques and nationalities invited. Info on and map to the Peg: www.squarepegdiner.com/ (*The Peg is sometimes closed on holiday weekends.)

Cars and Coffee First Saturday of every month. 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Auto MotorPlex, 8200 Audubon Road, Chanhassen, Minnesota. Largest monthly gathering of auto enthusiasts in Minnesota. Info: www.automotorplex.com

MARCH 28 **Inter-Marque Go Kart Challenge** 8:30-11:00 a.m Pro Kart Indoors, Burnsville, MN. Sold Out All Previous 8 Years! Don't wait until the Last Minute, call Dave Today! Contact: Dave Meek 612-799-5555 zk150dhc@hotmail.com. Sponsored by Jaguar Club.

APRIL 18 **Midwest MotorSports Open House and Tech Session.** Details to be announced. Info: www.mmgg.org

APRIL 18 **Vintage Racers' Swap Meet** Quality Coaches, 38th and Nicollet, Minneapolis. Hosted by the Vintage Sports Car Racers. Info: www.vscr.org

APRIL 25 **Spring Awakening and Tour** Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Details to be announced. Info contact Tom Moerke 651-402-2153 or at tcmoerke@pressenter.com

MAY 9 **Minnesota Scottish Fair (and car show)** Dakota County Fairgrounds, 4008 220th Street, Farmington, Minnesota. Visit Scotland in your backyard. Join us where the Highlands meet the Prairie! A fair that, like Brigadoon, takes you to Scotland for one day a year. Enjoy everything Scottish...Highland & Country Dancing, living history area-FREE kid's activities & prizes, Scottish Vendors & Clans, Pipers, Dancers and more. See men in skirts (kilts) throwing telephone poles (cabers). Info: www.mnscottishfair.org Car show info: Jim Harris jim.harris@kochcompanies.com

May 9 **Healey Hill Climb VIII** Afton Alps. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey club but all marques invited to participate. Special invite to vintage cars. Event flier with details will be available in March. For further details contact Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net

MAY 15-17 **SVRA Vintage Racing at Elkhart Lake** Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Info: www.roadamerica.com

MAY 16 **Inter-Marque Spring Kick-Off** Como Park 1360 Lexington Parkway North, St. Paul, Minnesota. (Como Park Picnic Hill & Pavilion Parking Lots) 9:00 a.m-2:00 p.m. Event flier will be available in late January. For further information contact Inter-Marque Council 2009 Spring Kick-Off Co-Chairs: Phyllis Galberth (deegalberth@yahoo.com) OR Aaron Courteau (aaron.courteau@gmail.com)

MAY 30 **InterMarque Scenic Drive** Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. Details to be announced. Info contact Dick Wallrich at chartbus@comcast.net

MAY 30-JUNE 7 **British Car Week** An annual awareness week intended for owners of vintage British cars to get their cars out of the garage and drive them. While doing so, all who are involved will help create awareness of the Vintage British Car hobby in local communities wherever there is participation

JUNE 11-14 **Vintage Sportscar Rendezvous 2009** AmericInn, Ashland, Wisconsin. Conveniently and scenically location on Lake Superior. All vintage sportscars are invited, including British, French, Italian, German and Swedish. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: Hotel reservations 715-682-9950 Event Tom Moerke tcmoerke@pressenter.com

JUNE 13 **German Carfest 2009** 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Veteran's Park, 1801 E. County Road 101, Shakopee, Minnesota. All German cars (Audis, Benzes, BMWs, NSUs, Porsches, VWs, and others) are welcome. Hosted by the Minnesota Mercedes-Benz Club. Info: Paul Bergquist 952-937-1822 pbassocinc@aol.com

JUNE 20 **Amery Airport Event V.** At the airport in Amery Wisconsin. See the event flier in this issue. For further information contact Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net

JUNE 19-20 **Back to the '50s** Minnesota State Fair Grounds St. Paul, Minnesota

JUNE 20 **Inter-Marque Drive-In Movie Nite.** Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group and Minnesota Austin Healey Club. Details to be announced. Info contacts: Curt Carlson (MAHC) at mnhealey@gmail.com or Elena Biessner (MMGG) at elen2bo9@comcast.net

- JUNE 27** **Mini Tribute Race.** Brainerd International Raceway
- JUNE 28** **Inter-Marque Picnic** Cherokee Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. Event Flier will be available sometime in April
- JULY 11** **8th Annual Healey Gymkhana.** Brown & Bigelow Parking lot 345 Plato Blvd in St. Paul. Event flier will be available later. For further information contact Scott McQueen (mcqueen.scott@comcast.net) OR Aaron Courteau (aaron.courteau@gmail.com)
- JULY 16–19** **Kohler International Challenge** Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. You may know it as the Chicago Historics or the BRIC (Brian Redman International Challenge), but this is the big one for vintage racing in this neck of the prairie. Maybe a couple auctions too. Info: www.roadamerica.com
- JULY 25** **InterMarque Grand Rounds Tour** Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. Details to be announced. Info www.mmgg.org
- JULY 26** **Inter-Marque Picnic** Cherokee Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. Event Flier will be available sometime in April
- AUGUST 6–9** **Rally in the Valley** Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Eau Claire Travel and Business Center Sleep Inn and Suites / 29 Pines. European InterMarque sports car event. “These rallies are not for the serious rally participant. They are fun with easy directions & questions, ‘Spouse friendly.’” Sponsored by the Minnesota MG Group. Hosted by Steve and Diane Rindt. Info: www.mmgg.org or drindt5953@hotmail.com
- AUGUST 15** **Brit Fest** Ellingson’s Auto Museum, Rogers, Minnesota. Formerly known as the Ellingson’s British Car Show and Swap Meet.
- AUGUST 22** **Amery Airport Event VI.** At the airport in Amery Wisconsin. See the June event flier in this issue. For further information contact Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net
- AUGUST 30** **Inter-Marque Picnic** Cherokee Park in St. Paul, Minnesota. Event Flier will be available sometime in April
- SEPT 11–13** **Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival XXIV** Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association. Info: www.vscda.org or www.roadamerica.com
- SEPTEMBER 12** **Wheels and Wings** Osceola, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Motorbooks division of The Quayside Publishing Group.

MARQUE NATIONALS & UPPER MIDWEST REGIONALS

- MAY 29–JUNE 1, 2009** **LOG 29, Lotus Owners’ Gathering**, Birmingham, Alabama. Because LOG 24 was such a success, Lotus Limited decided to bring it back to Birmingham in 2009. The Barber Vintage Motorsports museum, featuring 50 Lotus race cars will be the host to the concours. 2.7 mile Telladega Speedway will be the venue for a three-lap drive at speeds necessary to keep your car right side up on the 33 degree banking. It will also be the venue for vintage races including Lotus as the featured marque. The track is the home of the International Motorsports Hall of Fame and museum as well. Much more information available by contacting Frank Howard at frankshoward@gmail.com or 612-823-3403.
- JUNE 21–28, 2009** **SUNI V International Sunbeam Event** Rapid City, South Dakota. The international event is held every five years. At SUNI V we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Alpine! Tentative events include rally, 2-day autocross, vendor sales, tours of Crazy Horse, Mount Rushmore and the Badlands, hospitality room, parts room and much more. Special secret advance notice: The 2011 Sunbeam Invasion national convention will be here in Minneapolis.
- JUNE 29–JULY 2, 2009** **MiniMeet; East Meets West** Winona, Minnesota Hosted by the Minnesota Minis Pizza Eating and Psychiatric Self Help Association and ‘Sota MINIs. This is another once every five years event and this one will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the first Mini in 1959. In addition, the theme of the event is the Mini-sotan Job, celebrating the 40th anniversary of every Mini fanatics favorite film, *The Italian Job*. Info: www.minimeet09.org

REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

- Arrowhead Sports Car Club** Monthly Meeting, second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m., 4767 West Arrowhead Road, Hermantown, Minnesota. Info: www.arrowheadsccl.org
- British Iron Society** Informal gathering, every Saturday morning at the Fry-n Pan, Fourth and Main, beautiful downtown Fargo, North Dakota. Info: Larry LeClerc kleclerc@msn.com
- 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, Minnesota. 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, Minnesota. Info: www.mnhealey.com
- Minnesota MG T Register** MG Luncheons, every Tuesday, 11:15 a.m. American Legion, 6501 Portland Avenue, Richfield, Minnesota. Info: Steve Blomberg 612-869-8264 striumph77@aol.com
- Minnesota SAAB Club** Monthly Meeting, first Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Major's Sports Cafe located on Snelling Ave. in Roseville, Minnesota. 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 320-963-5681.
- Minnesota Triumphs** Monthly Meeting, second Thursday of the month (except Nov. & Dec.), 7:00 p.m., Fort Snelling Officers Club, Minnesota. Info: www.mntriumphs.org
- Stella del Nord (Alfa Romeo)** Monthly pizza and wine gathering, second Monday of the month. Contact Ed Solstad for time and location. 612-822-0569 or esolstad@pressenter.com
- The Regulars, twin cities vintage scooter club** Semimonthly gathering (weather permitting). First and third Sunday of the month, 2:00 p.m., Pizza Luce, Lyndale and 32nd, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Info: www.minnescoota.com
- Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club** Monthly general meeting, third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Port Arthur Prosvita Centre, 540 S. High Street in the Library Room, Thunder Bay, Ontario. Info: www.tbvsccl.ca
- Triumph Drivers of Manitoba** Monthly meetings, open to interested parties, are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Irish Club, 654 Erin Street, second floor at 8:00 p.m., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Info: www.britishcar.ca
- Twin Cities VW Club** Monthly meeting, first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., West Side VW, St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Meeting usually lasts 30 to 45 minutes. Info: www.twincitiesvwclub.com

This photo needs a caption



Boy, does this pic need a caption. The owner of this car says it can be dangerous to drive because of what other drivers do when they see it. Where can you see it? In the pits at vintage sports car races, as its owner commutes to and from work in downtown St. Paul, and in a grudge match against a bleu 2CV at the May 9 Afton Alps Hillclimb.

Send your entries to andrewlindberg@comcast.net.



March 28th, 2009
Jaguar Club of Minnesota

9th Annual Classic Go-Kart Challenge

Organized by Jaguar Club of Minnesota – Open to All Sports Car Clubs

Saturday March 28th. All drivers need to be at the track by 8:30 AM. Mandatory drivers meeting at 8:45 AM. Racing begins at 9:00 AM and goes to 11:00 AM. Awards will be presented during lunch at the Buffalo Tap immediately afterwards. The **Buffalo Tap** is located 4990 SW 123rd St., Savage MN Telephone: 952-808-7317

Sold out all previous 8 years!

Event is limited so sign up now! Fastest lap times will determine grid positions for each heat. Each heat group assignment will be based upon prior experience. All club members are welcome to attend to support their drivers.



ABSOLUTELY NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION!!



Event is limited to licensed drivers. Helmets provided, personal DOT approved helmets with face shield approved. Drivers waiver required. All shoes must be secured to the foot (no flip flop style sandals). ProKART Indoor Racing does not allow kart-to-kart contact, kart-to-barrier contact or dangerous/reckless driving.

ProKART Indoors – 12500 Chowen Avenue South, Burnsville, MN 55337 – Phone (952) 808-7223

Check out www.prokartindoor.com for detailed directions

New Racing Format again this year – Position Counts!



Participants are considered signed up when their checks are received. **No cancellations or refunds.** Drivers may find an alternate in event of being unable to drive. **Jaguar Club reserves the right to deny participation to applicants that do not understand the “spirit” of the event or have exhibited inappropriate behavior in the past.**

For questions call: **David Meek – 612-799-5555**

*After two hours you
 will be worn out !*

Cost is \$40 per driver, please make checks out to **Jaguar Club of Minnesota.**

Send you checks to: **Jag Club of MN, c/o David Meek, 10267 Meade Lane, Eden Prairie, MN 55347**

Drivers meeting at 8:45. If you're late you won't get to race!

Driver #1 (\$40.00 Per Driver)

Please rank realistically, if you sandbag you'll run with rookies...

Name _____ Years Karting _____ Self Rank (1 to 10) _____ Slow to Fast

Street Address _____ Prior Go-Kart challenge? _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

E-Mail _____ Club (or make one up) _____

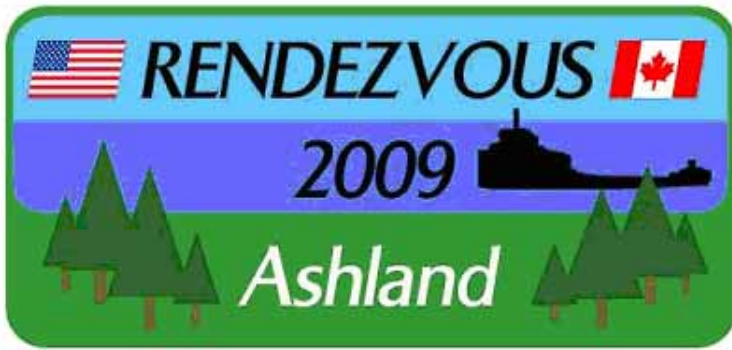
Driver #2 (\$40.00 Per Driver)

Name _____ Years Karting _____ Self Rank (1 to 10) _____ Slow to Fast

Street Address _____ Prior Go-Kart challenge? _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

E-Mail _____ Club (or make one up) _____



**19TH ANNUAL
VINTAGE SPORTS CARS CELEBRATION
ASHLAND, WISCONSIN**

"A SUPERIOR EXPERIENCE"

JUNE 11 - 14

Thursday – Registration: 3-7 p.m. Hospitality Reception: 5-8 p.m.
 Friday — Registration 8 a.m.-Noon, Driving tours to Bayfield & Madeline Island areas, Golfing
 Saturday — AutoCross, Car Show, Walking Tour & Awards Banquet
 Sunday — Breakfast & Goodbyes

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
 (PRINT LEGIBLY first and last name/names as they should appear on badges)

Children Attending _____
 (Include names & ages of each child)

Street _____ City _____

State/Province/PostalCode _____ Club _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____
 (Include e-mail address if you want a confirmation of registration – none will be sent otherwise.)

Vehicle/s to be registered _____ (Year) (Make) (Model)
 _____ (Year) (Make) (Model)

Registration Fee: \$50.00 After May 15: \$65.00 (All fees in U.S. dollars) \$ _____
 (Registration includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 18 & one free T/shirt)
 Each additional person: \$5.00 x _____ \$ _____
 Each additional vehicle: \$5.00 x _____ \$ _____
 Free shirt size _____ 2nd shirt _____ 3rd shirt _____ Added shirts: ___ x \$10.00 \$ _____
 (T-Shirt Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL) (For XXL & XXXL – Cost is \$13.00)
 Awards Banquet tickets: \$25.00/adult x _____ \$ _____
 \$20.00/child under 13 x _____ \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

Make checks to Minnesota Austin-Healey Club (U.S. funds) and send with completed form to:
 Greg Lauser, W12349 694th Ave., Prescott, Wis. 54021
 Registration questions to: glauser@presenter.com
 Cancellations before 5/15/05 are subject to a \$10.00 fee. No refunds after May 15.

I want to play golf with a Rendezvous 2009 group_____

(A Rendezvous Golf organizer will contact you with details & greens fees information)

Contact AmericInn directly for headquarters hotel room reservations in Ashland, Wis. @ 1-715-682-9950 or www.AmericInn.com.

Welcome to Rendezvous 2009 – A Superior Experience – June 11-14

Where: The pristine shores of Chequamegon Bay on Lake Superior in Ashland, Wisconsin

Ashland Accommodations:

Identify yourself as part of Healey Rendezvous 2009 for Special Room Rates (plus taxes) listed below.

Headquarters hotel: **AmericInn Motel & Suites**

3009 Lake Shore Drive East Phone: 715-682-9950

80 rooms at \$109.00/night (on reservations made by May 11) include complimentary breakfast + pool.

If AmericInn is full: **Lake Superior Lodge (Best Western)**

30600 Highway 2 West Phone: 715-682-5235

20 rooms at \$109.00/night (good through May 11).

Restaurant: Explorer's Point / Blue Heron Bar

Hotel Chequamegon

101 Lake Shore Drive West Phone: 715-682-9095

20 rooms at \$109.00/night (good through May 23)

include complimentary breakfast + pool

Restaurant: Molly Cooper's Eating & Drinking Establishment

Molly's Fish Fry – Friday - \$10.95 to \$14.95

Ashland Super 8 Motel

1610 Lake Shore Drive West Phone: 715-682-9377

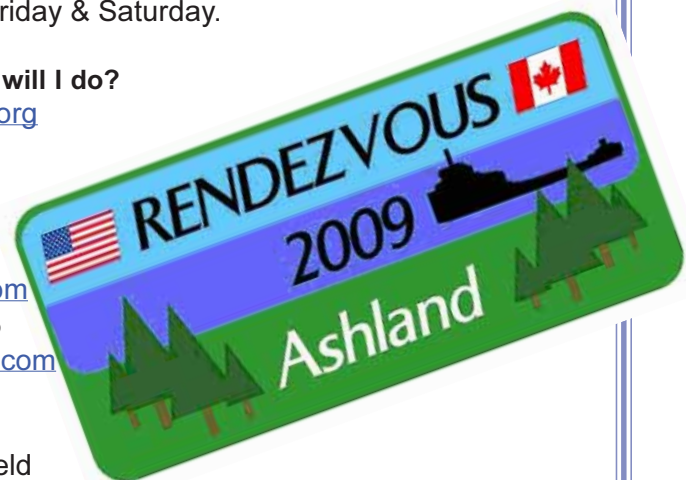
10 rooms at special rates (good through May 11) of:

One Bed Room - \$53.95 Thursday; \$62.95 Friday & Saturday.

Two Bed Room - \$80.95 Thursday; \$89.95 Friday & Saturday.

My wife likes all the car-related activities planned, but what will I do?

- . Visit the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, www.NGVVC.org
- . Visit the Ashland Historical Museum, 715-682-4911
- . Visit the Washburn Historical Museum, 715-373-5591
- . Visit the Big Top Chautauqua, www.bigtop.org
- . Take the ferry to Madeline Island, www.madferry.com
- . Rent a moped on Madeline Island, www.madelineisland.com
- . Visit the Madeline Island Historical Museum, 715-747-2415
- . Cruise & explore the Apostle Islands, www.apostleislands.com
- . Visit, shop & dine in Bayfield, www.bayfield.org
- . Visit the Bayfield Heritage Museum, 715-779-3272
- . Rent a kayak & explore Lake Superior from shops in Bayfield
- . Visit Cornucopia, www.cornucopiawisconsin.org
- . Visit the Oulu Glass Studio, www.ouluglass.com
- . Gamble at Islevista Casino, www.redcliff.org
- . Play 18 holes of golf (A Rendezvous Golf coordinator will contact you if register to do so)



Healey Hillclimb VIII

Saturday, May 9, 2009

(rain date Sunday, May 10)

Afton Alps Recreation Area

The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club invites you to **TAKE THE HILL!** Hillclimbs enjoy a proud place in the history of European motor sports. Now you can be part of that tradition and make history with your own run **TO THE TOP!**

On-site check in opens 7:00am, closes 8:30am

MANDATORY drivers meeting 8:30am

Advance registration only - Payment required in advance!

Drivers must be 18+, sign waiver, pass on-site tech inspection, wear helmet (Bring Snell 85 or newer. We'll have some loaners)

Vintage Race Car Exhibit by our friends:
See pre- and post-war track classics!



CORNER WORKERS NEEDED! Want to get close to the action but not drive? Like to wave flags and blow whistles? Free treats provided to all volunteers, and those who stay 8am to 5pm will receive a free buffet lunch! Space is limited, so call Tom now to reserve your coveted place among the cones.

Directions: I 94 East past St. Paul, take exit 253 and turn right onto Manning Ave/Hwy 95. After 6.8 miles turn left onto 70th Street. After 3.5 miles turn left into the Afton Alps complex.

Advance registration required! (deadline May 6) \$40 per driver. \$25 for Austin-Healey Club members. Make check payable to the **Minnesota Austin-Healey Club** and mail to Tom Hazen, 11434 Mtka Mills Rd, Mtka, MN 55305. Or pay via PayPal adding \$2 service charge to myliberty@comcast.net. Sorry, no refunds.

Despite all precautions taken, this event remains dangerous and may result in property damage, serious injury, or death. Drivers, spectators, and workers enter at their own risk.

Driver
Year, make, model, color, requested car number
Email and phone

Questions? Contact Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883 or myliberty@comcast.net



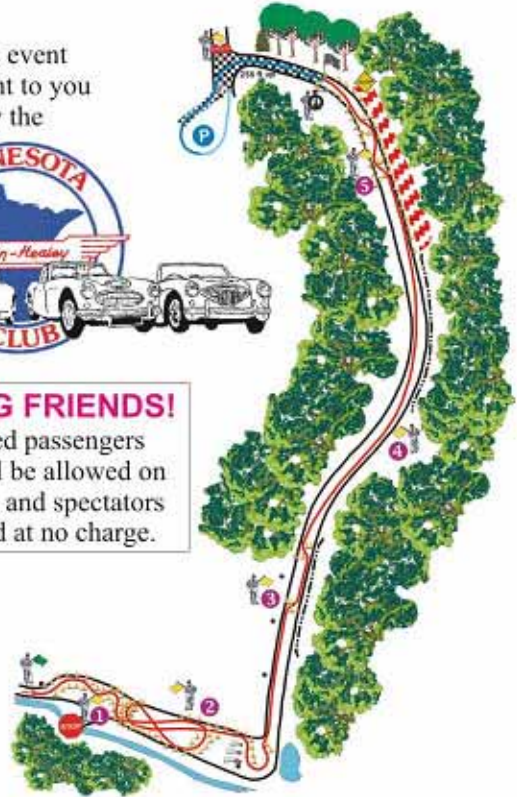
Paul Weidner climbs the hill in his Speedwell Sprite - Photo courtesy Andy Lindberg

This event brought to you by the



BRING FRIENDS!

Helmeted passengers 16+ will be allowed on all runs, and spectators admitted at no charge.



The course is entirely paved and consists of a 1/3 mile autocross section at the bottom of the hill with several tight turns followed by a hillclimb section that rises 250 feet in just over 1/3 mile. Drivers will run in the order their paid registrations are received. We will try to give everyone four runs, more if time permits. From 12:30 to 1:30 we will take a break to enjoy the optional barbeque buffet luncheon served in the ski chalet (\$10 cash or check, pay at the buffet).

Free breakfast treats provided by the

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www.squarepegdiner.com

SEE YOU ON THE HILL!

AMERY AIRPORT AUTOCROSS AND STRAIGHT-AWAY SPEED RUN V

Saturday, June 20, 2009 (rain date Sunday, June 21)
Registration opens at 8:00am, closes at 9:00am
MANDATORY DRIVERS MEETING 9:00am



Turn quickly through the orange cones of the autocross, then straighten 'er out for the 1/2 mile taxiway top speed run. Our state-of-the-art stopwatch/thumb system will measure your time on the course, and a radar gun will capture your top speed on the straight-away.

Drivers must be 18+, sign waiver, pass on-site tech inspection, wear helmet (Bring a Snell 85 or newer - we'll have some loaners)



CORNER WORKERS NEEDED! Want to get close to the action but not drive? Like to wave flags and blow whistles? Free treats and lunch provided to all-day volunteers, so call Tom now to reserve your coveted place among the cones.

Directions: The simple route is 94 East into Wisconsin, take the Baldwin Hwy 63 exit, turn left heading north on Hwy 63 which eventually becomes Hwy 46. For a more scenic drive, from the northeast corner of 694, take Hwy 36 East into downtown Stillwater, turn right and take the old draw-bridge over the St. Croix into Wisconsin, following Hwy 64 East. Stay on 64 past Somerset and through New Richmond, then turn left onto Hwy 46 North. The airport is on your left before you get to Amery, WI.



Despite all precautions taken, this event remains dangerous and may result in property damage, serious injury, or death. Drivers, spectators, and workers enter at their own risk.

Advance registration (deadline June 17) \$30 per driver. \$15 for Austin-Healey Club members. Make check payable to the **Minnesota Austin-Healey Club** and mail to Tom Hazen, 11434 Mtka Mills Rd, Mtka, MN 55305. Or pay via PayPal adding \$1 service charge to myliberty@comcast.net. Sorry, no refunds. Day of event payment will be \$10 more.

Driver:

Year, make, model, color, requested car number:

Email and phone:

Questions? Contact Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883 or myliberty@comcast.net



The course is run entirely on pavement. Drivers will run in the order their paid registrations are received. We will try to give everyone five runs, more if time permits.



BRING A FRIEND!
Helmets passengers 16+ will be allowed on all runs.



This event brought to you by the



Refreshment stand provided by the



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PRIZE

2010 Mercedes-Benz GLK 350 4MATIC, Estimated MSRP \$47,395
Silver exterior, black leather interior, Premium package, sunroof
and wood trim, Multimedia package with rearview camera,
voice recognition, Sport appearance package with 20" 7-spoke
alloy wheels, 16/22 MPG.

No more than 1,500 tickets to be sold.

Proceeds to benefit the Peter J. King Emergency Care Center
at United Hospital.

Drawing held Sept. 26, 2009, at the Service to Humanity
Gala at the St. Paul RiverCentre.

GET YOUR TICKETS

Tickets: 1 for \$100 or 3 for \$250
Make check payable to United Hospital Foundation
Credit cards are not accepted.

Mail to: United Hospital Foundation
333 North Smith Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Call: 651-241-8022 for tickets or more information

Visit: www.unitedhospital.com/unitedfoundation

License No.: X-35475

The winning vehicle may be slightly different than the vehicle pictured.

To reserve your tickets, please complete the following:

Check one: 3 for \$250 1 for \$100

____ Tickets (individual) x \$100=_____

____ Set (set of 3 tickets) x \$250=_____

Total=_____

Name

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UNITED HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION

August 6 - 9, 2009

What is the definition of "Rally"?
(A gathering of people intended to arouse enthusiasm!)

"Rally in the Valley" is a European InterMarque sports car event.

Sponsored by: The Minnesota MG Group.

Hosted by: Steve and Diane Rindt

2009 Theme, "Those were the Days"

• All New Location:

**The Eau Claire Travel and Business Center
Sleep Inn and Suites / 29 Pines**

**• Beautiful Wisconsin Roads for the scenic drives:
These Rallies are not for the serious rallier. They are fun
with easy directions & questions, "Spouse friendly"**

Tentative Schedule:

- Thursday – Registration & Natter – N - Noggin
- Friday – Rally (part 1) / Lunch / Rally (part 2).
- Saturday - Car Show, Funkhanna (w/cars), Awards
Dinner / Ceremony.
- Farewell breakfast.

The registration form and more information will be posted on the MMGG web site.
www.mmgg.org in the upcoming weeks.

For questions please contact Diane Rindt (715) 832-8316 or email
drindt5953@hotmail.com

**Make your reservations at: Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center / (715) 874-2900.
Mention "Rally in the Valley 2009" for a special rate. 🇺🇸**



Car show and Swap meet

August 15th 2009

The Minnesota MG Group presents:
The annual Brit Feszt
All British Car, Bike Show & Swap-meet at Ellingson's Car Museum 20950 Rogers Dr. Rogers MN 55374

9:00am to 1:00pm
Peoples choice balloting from 9:00 to 12:00.
Trophies at 1:00



The Car show is
Free to the Public
Tour the museum for \$5.00



Show your vehicle for \$5

Swap meet spaces

\$10 per space

Please **no** FOR SALE signs on any vehicles.

The areas largest
All British Car & Bike Show and swap meet! Now in our **12th** year!



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



**2009
SPRING
KICK-OFF**

COMO PARK

Hosted by:

InterMarque Council
Vintage Foreign Motorcars of the Upper Midwest

Event Co-Chairs: Phyllis Galberth and Aaron Courteau

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Transportation Artists and Authors Guild
Vintage Sports Car Racing



**SATURDAY
MAY 16 2009
9:00AM - 2:00PM**

MOTORCAR PLACEMENT STARTS 8:00 A.M.

**COMO PARK PICNIC HILL
AND PAVILION PARKING LOTS
1360 LEXINGTON PARKWAY N
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA**

The Motorcar Exhibition:

Open to all VINTAGE FOREIGN motorcars, motorcycles, scooters vintage racers **1984 and older**. Exhibitors are requested to PLEASE pre-register for the Motorcar Exhibition by e-mail to, Phyllis Galberth: deegalberth@yahoo.com **BEFORE May 8, 2009**

Exhibitors Social Gathering:

Please bring your own PICNIC and enjoy a spring afternoon with vintage foreign motoring enthusiasts on Como Park Picnic Hill.

Special Attractions:

Local motoring club displays, artists and authors Exhibit from the Transportation Artists and Authors Guild, special photo opportunities for the exhibitors and more.....In addition there are terrific activities / sights in Como Park (Zoo, Conservatory, Hamm Memorial Waterfalls).