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www.ahcm.ca

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www.sunbeamalpine.org

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www.mnhealey.com

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www.mnautox.com

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mnlandrovers.org

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<http://minnesotamg.org/>

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www.minnescoota.com

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wheelsofitaly.com

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The logo for InterMarque Council features a stylized red and blue wave above the text "InterMarque Council" in a serif font.

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Randy Zimmerman's photo of his
1967 Sunbeam Tiger looks right at
home at this pit stop near Duluth.

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MISCELLANEOUS MUMBLINGS

Were you there?

A few of you probably were, but I'm guessing that many of you weren't. Eighteen years ago, the Minnesota Triumphs club hosted the first formal Spring KickOff.

What was different from today's KickOff? Well first and most obviously, we hadn't yet learned how to spell InterMarque. The phonetic spelling did, however, prevent people from mispronouncing marque (brand or make of a product) as marquee (sign over the entrance of a theater).

Second, the above postcard was sent to me with a 19-cent stamp. It didn't arrive via email, nobody texted me, and I didn't get a Facebook invite. But to make up for this, notice that I only had to dial seven numbers to phone somebody in St. Paul from Eden Prairie.

The next big difference from today is that it was a banquet, not a car show. There were only a half-dozen vintage cars there, prematurely awakened from their winter slumber and arranged in a semi-circle in the Hilton's banquet room. It was primarily a banquet, a social get-together for vintage motorcar enthusiasts.

The last difference is that a single club, not by the InterMarque Council, hosted it. The Council did exist at this time but it was a fairly informal operation and not up to organizing a major event like this.

What was the same? Well, even if the Triumph folk couldn't spell InterMarque, they sure could do it. Triumph people were there, but so were MG, Alfa, Jaguar, Healey and other enthusiasts. Not as wide an assortment of marques and models as today, but darn good for the first event out of the chute. I seem to remember that one of the cars on display was an Alfa Romeo Montreal. I hadn't seen one before and haven't seen one since.

So despite some differences, the heart of the Spring KickOff is still the same today — a time for lovers of vintage foreign motorcars to get together with similarly demented souls and share their passion. **See you at Como Park on May 14.** No rain this year.



From the *InterMarque* Mailbox...

Dear InterMarque,

I've attached some pictures of a Tatra T87 (aka the "Commissar Car") that passed me in Prague in 2007. I of course followed it and found a private collectors' car show with 5 or so Healeys holding their own with the big boys (e.g., Hispano-Suiza, Bugatti, etc.)

Jim Kriz, Healey owner and Tatra aficionado

(Ed's note: We love those Czech beauties too. Děkuji for the pics. If anyone else has any pics and stories, please send them. Even if we don't print them, we love seeing them.)



Always nice to hear from readers like Jim. If you have a car, event or story you'd like to share in *InterMarque Monthly* we'd love to hear from you! This is a volunteer endeavor and we're always looking for others who are willing to share their knowledge and enthusiasm. Please email your submission to InterMarque@gmail.com for consideration.

ON YOUR MARQUE

Sunbeam Tiger

1964–1967

ARTICLE BY: Randy Zimmerman
Duluth, MN

PHOTOS BY: Randy Zimmerman
and Brian Cornell



My 1967 Tiger as seen at Wheels and Wings 2010 in Osceola, WI



The above radio did not come with a stock Tiger. I picked up the components via eBay and restored them myself. The unit is a highly coveted LAT-72 option with an authentic British Motorola (dial number ascend right to left). Very few Tigers we shipped from the UK with options. These were dealer installed. LAT refers to Los Angeles Tiger. There was a catalog of approximately 100 options buyers could order from the dealer to "spruce" up their stock cars.



Since the Sunbeam marque got some recent attention in the InterMarque Monthly, I thought I'd fill out the story regarding the Alpine's Anglo-American sibling—the Tiger. As Eric Fantin pointed out in his excellent article in the March issue, the Alpine was designed by the British Rootes Group in the late 1950s to compete against the MGA, Triumph TR3 and the Austin Healey 100 in the competitive US market. By 1963, however, the American landscape for sports cars was forever changed with the introduction of the Carroll Shelby-engineered AC Cobra. Mating the traditionally styled AC Bristol roadster body with a lightweight, compact Ford V-8 proved to be a game changer, especially in competitive racing circles.

Ian Garrad—son of a senior executive within the Rootes Group and working as its West Coast representative based in Los Angeles, California—assessed the impact the AC Cobra had on the growing sports car market along with American car makers' recent success in offering V-8 "sport" options for their compact and mid-sized models. In the context of this "dawning" muscle-car era, Garrad conceived the idea to upgrade the Alpine with a V-8 engine. In normal conditions, an automotive design idea would be given at least a couple of years to be developed and tested before reaching market. In the case of the Tiger, this process was completed in only 14 months.

Garrad turned to Shelby for assistance with the design and engineering of the Tiger. But contrary to popular legend, Shelby himself had little direct involvement with the Tiger project. The credit within his shop for the engineering and prototyping goes primarily to George Boskoff and Ken Miles. Shelby delegated primary engineering duties to Boskoff and promised Garrad a prototype in eight weeks. But due to Garrad's urgency to get this concept to market, he also cut a side deal with Ken Miles—also an engineer with Shelby American—to develop another prototype for \$600 in his home shop. Thus, two prototype V-8 Alpines were developed at roughly the same time.

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Miles didn't put much effort into balancing the added weight of the V-8 in the Alpine frame but was the first to submit a completed prototype. While pretty crude, the prototype performed well enough to convince Garrad to work up the chain of command at the Rootes Group to get the Tiger into production. During this approval process, the Shelby American prototype was completed and found to offer superior handling due to almost perfect weight distribution as well as incorporating some unorthodox solutions to steering and traction issues. It was this later prototype, thankfully, that was used to inform the production engineering when manufacturing began in early 1964 at the Jensen Motors Ltd. factory in Coventry, England. During its short production life, the Tiger evolved through three stages and are identified as either belonging to the Mark 1 or Mark 1a phase, or its final iteration as the Mark 2. Only 7067 units of the Tiger were produced between 1964 and 1967. The Mark 1 and 1a models (6495 units) were manufactured with the Ford 260 V-8 and the Mark 2 had the 289 c.i.d. (572 units).

So, you might ask, why such a short production life for the Tiger? Well, there were several factors that contributed to the premature end of the Tiger; too many to list here. The most significant reason is that American car manufacturers were looking for opportunities to expand their markets abroad throughout the 1960s. This period coincided with a time when several British car companies became financially vulnerable due to labor contract and quality production issues. The Rootes Group, thus, became an investment target for the Chrysler Corporation. In the early '60s they started as a minor investor but by 1967 Chrysler had assumed major shareholder status. As Chrysler extended their control beyond the boardroom and into Rootes management, they objected to selling and warranting a product with a competitor's power train (Ford engine & transmission). The dilemma for Chrysler was that none of its engines could be adapted to the Tiger's tight engine specifications. While some discussions within the Chrysler-led Rootes Group were held—even producing some drawings of a revamped Tiger bearing a resemblance to the popular Barracuda—a new Tiger never came to fruition. And, thus, the era of the Sunbeam Tiger was over by 1968.

(More information about the history of the Tiger can be found in Mike Taylor's book, Tiger: The Making of a Sports Car, published by Haynes in 1991. Another good source for both Sunbeam sports cars is Graham Robson's Sunbeam Alpine and Tiger: The Complete Story published in 1996 by The Crowood Press. I've borrowed from both books for this brief history but any factual errors are mine alone.)

Now, for how I came to be the owner of a 1967 Mark 1a Tiger. My story begins at the end of the sixties when I was just becoming a teenager. A brother nine years my senior came home one day with a beautiful red 1961 Sunbeam Alpine. Not long after, he was called to report for basic training in the Navy, so it was quickly sold.



My brother's first Sunbeam. A beautiful 1961 Alpine.

Two years later and stationed in Florida, he brought home a 1965 Sunbeam Tiger. I wasn't old enough to drive it (like he would have let me!) but I did recall the excitement of riding as a passenger. I rarely saw it during his service years and by the time he was discharged and returned home, the Tiger had been sold for an Oldsmobile 442 convertible.



My brother's second Sunbeam. A 1965 Tiger. Hood scoops and roll bars were very common modifications to Tigers given their V8 engine. While he never officially raced the car, it did get him from Florida to Connecticut in record time more than once. He was, as I recall, on a first name basis with several highway patrol officers along the route.

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Fast-forward 24 years to 1994. In my mid-thirties and more or less established in family and career, I wanted to try my hand at auto restoration but I wasn't sure where to start. With the advent of the internet, I was able to search and sift through many online advertisements for "classic" cars. Then it happened. I stumbled on a posting for a Sunbeam Tiger. Better yet, the owner was located in Chicago, not an unreasonable drive from the Twin Cities. I wrote and asked him for more details and photos. What condition was it in? How badly had it rusted out (after all, most British cars in the Midwest perish in road salt and rust)? Well, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that while it was very much in need of restoration, the body had survived pretty much intact and with very little metal rot. Best of all, it had all of the hard—if not impossible—to replace parts unique to the Tiger.

After a period of negotiation, we arrived at a price and off to Chicago I went and trailered it home to my garage in St. Paul. I drafted a 3-year restoration schedule and commenced taking it apart. Then, well—as the saying goes—life happened.

After 10 years, two job changes with relocations, and a couple more kids, the restoration phase of the Tiger was officially completed. I didn't do all the work myself, especially with the metalwork and painting, but I did do just about every other job required. It was long and sometimes tedious. There were times I felt it would never end. But I persevered and kept after the things that needed attention. My spirits were sustained by the camaraderie offered by car clubs and the online forums that provide a community for fellow enthusiasts. We all know that our vintage sports cars demand more attention than our busy lives and limited bank accounts can satisfy. But the Tiger is drivable, fairly presentable and can be enjoyed for the purpose for which it was created.

And, boy is it a fun ride!



My 1967 Sunbeam Tiger circa 1996. Very much in need of restoration but all there!



The restoration took place on and off over a 10 year period. These photos are from '98-'99. Metalwork and painting were left to the professionals but the majority of the finishing and rebuilding was done by me in my garage. Finally completed in 2006.



The dash restoration is one of the most dramatic features. From gauges, to the wood, to the immaculate radio console.

CAPTION CONTEST



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY: FRANK HOWARD, LOTUS EATERS

"Try as they might Moss Motor's plywood landau tops just didn't catch on with classic Mini owners."

-Steve Shogren, MN Triumphs

"The car that Andy Lindberg has lusted over ever since he began his addiction to British cars. An Austin Mini with a Landau roof! Yes, that's genuine plywood! None of that crummy canvas for Andy.."

-Frank Howard, Lotus Eaters

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 ONGOING

Multi-Marque Breakfast EVERY* SATURDAY MORNING! 8:30 a.m., Square Peg Diner, 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: <http://www.squarepegdiner.com/> (*The Peg is sometimes closed on holiday weekends.)

East Ender's Saturday Morning Breakfast A group of vintage foreign motoring enthusiasts have started a semi-monthly East Ender's Breakfast Group for those that want Breakfast a little later and not drive to Minneapolis. Join the East Ender's on the 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS each month, 9:00 a.m. at: Sail Away Café, 1321 St. Croix Trail, Afton, MN. North of County Road 18 and St. Croix Trail.

Cars and Café FIRST SATURDAY APRIL–NOVEMBER. 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

Duluth Multi-Marque Breakfast? This is a call to any British car enthusiast that lives within driving distance of Duluth. Randy Zimmerman would like to see if he could generate some interest in finding a Saturday am breakfast place to gather in Duluth like folks do in the Twin Cities at the Square Peg. Contact Randy at zimme008@yahoo.com

April 16: Midwest Motor Sports Tech

Session, 9:00 a.m.–2 p.m. Midwest Motor Sports, 728 8th Avenue S., Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 320-251-0676 • danielmms@aol.com Noon lunch. Get your car out of storage and journey to sauk rapids for lunch and tech session on distributors/ignition systems. Door prizes awarded after lunch

May 1: Maplewood Imports German Auto

Fair: With the Mercedes, Porsche & Audi Clubs. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At Maplewood Imports. Contact Rudy Lamprecht (651) 484-7451 or George Andeweg (651) 483-2681

May 14: Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games (British Car Display) Dakota

County Fair Grounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, MN <http://www.mnscottishfair.org/>

MAY 14: INTERMARQUE SPRING KICKOFF

Como Park 1360 Lexington Parkway North-St.Paul, Minnesota (Como Park Picnic Hill and North Pavilion Parking Lot) 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. Placement begins at 9am. See event flyer in this issue. Map is available for download at <http://www.intermarque.org>. For further information contact: Spring Kick-Off Event Chair : Andy Lindberg, andrewlindberg@comcast.net

May 15: Spring Awakening Tour. Get your cars out. Sponsored by Minnesota Austin Healey Club. <http://calendar.mnhealey.com/>

May 24: The Queen Mum's Birthday Tour.

British car week, northeast Minneapolis. Hosted by Minnesota Triumphs.

June 4: Second Annual British Car Display at Woodland Hill Winery. Hosted by Minnesota Triumphs. Time is noon until 4:00 p.m. Address is 731 Co. Rd 30 SE, Delano, MN. This is an multi-marque event. All British sports cars, plus some other interesting cars, are welcome. Live music, wine tastings, and lunch will be available. Woodland Hill Winery has been producing wine for 7 years, and developed varieties with the help of the University of Minnesota. They are producing some very excellent wines. Last year we had unfortunate weather, but we still had comments like, "Great venue, I hope they do it again." The Corvette club had 100 cars there last July in a thunderstorm. I would like to match the 100 cars without the t'storm. Any questions contact: Steve Shogren, steveshogren@yahoo.com or 651-454-2037

June 5: 2011 Bug-In. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Luther Westside Volkswagen. Twin Cities VW Club. 25th Annual. Hot VWs Magazine will be there and we will be giving away a vintage VW Bug to one lucky person! <http://www.twincitiesvwclub.com/>

June 11: Amery Airport Competition Run, Amery, Wisconsin. Gymkhana and high-speed run. Hosted by Tom Hazen and the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.

June 11: 17th Annual German Carfest. Veteran's Memorial Park, Shakopee, MN. Hosted by the Mercedes Benz Club of America – Twin Cities. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration at park begins at 8:00 a.m. Contact Paul & Chris Bergquist (952) 937-1822. <http://mbca-tc.org/>

June 16-19: Rendezvous on the Red, 21st Annual Vintage Sportscar Rendezvous. hosted by the British Iron Society in Fargo, North Dakota. Events will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn- Fargo. For more info and registration form go to <http://www.britishironsociety.com/>

June 26: InterMarque Sunday Picnic 1 P.M. Cherokee Park in St. Paul. This month's picnic is hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.

July 15–17: Kohler International Challenge: This is the super big annual vintage car race event held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. No other vintage event in the country draws more eyes or wheels. <http://www.roadamerica.com/Competitors/KICInfoCenter.asp>

July 22: InterMarque Movie Night: Join your vintage foreign motorcar loving friends for a Friday evening at the drive in movies. Cottage View Drive In, 9338 E Point Douglas Road South, Cottage Grove. Arrangements by Andy Lindberg. andrewlindberg@comcast.net

July 23: West Concord Historical Society Car & Truck Show: Located in West Concord, MN \$5 entrance fee includes meal ticket. <http://www.wcevents.org/carshow.html>

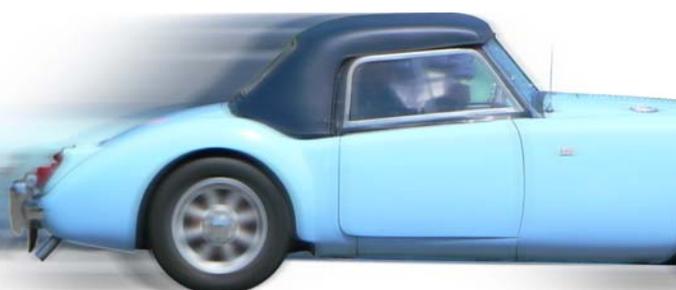
July 31: InterMarque Sunday Picnic Cherokee Park in St. Paul. This month's picnic is hosted by the Minnesota Triumphs. Can they out-do the Healey's June event?



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August 13: BritFest New location in 2011!
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August 13: New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. Noon Lunch stop at Buffalo High School. Finish line is at the regional park in New Brighton 3:30-4:30PM

August 20: Royal British Car Show 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Auto MotorPlex Minneapolis, 8200 Audubon Rd, Chanhassen, MN. Tea and scones courtesy of Jaguar/Rover. Info: Bruno Silikowski 612-850-8398 bsilikowski@automotorplex.com

August 28: Wheels of Italy Italian Automobile and Motorcycle Show details available at <http://www.wheelsofitaly.com>

August 27: Amery Airport Competition Run II. Same deal AACR I. See June 11.

August 28: Rally in the Valley Car Show & Book Sale. 8am to 2pm. 1830 Hanley Road, Hudson, WI. Next to the Hockey Arena, just south of Fleet Farm. All vehicles are welcome. No entry fee. Event will be held rain or shine.

August 28: InterMarque Sunday Picnic 1 P.M. Cherokee Park in St. Paul. The August picnic is being hosted by Minnesota United Minis. Can they outdo the Healeys (June) and the Triumphs (July). Come and find out!

Sept. 9–11: VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. . The VSCDA encourages racing at era specs - a true test of time. CAN-AM is event marque in honor of its 45th Anniversary. Many people prefer the Fall Festival to the July historic. <http://www.roadamerica.com/>

September 10: 31st Annual Wheels and Wings Osceola, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Motorbooks division of the Quayside Publishing Group. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. <http://www.motorbooks.com>

September 25: Intermarque Sunday Pique-Nique 1 P.M. Cherokee Park in St. Paul. The French (Minnesota Citroëns) are hosting the final InterMarque Sunday get-together. Can they outdo the Healeys (June), the Triumphs (July), and the Minis (August)? Come and find out!

October 15: Couples Friendly Tour, Be out and enjoy the beautiful Fall colors in Wisconsin with the illustrious (or is it infamous?) road event leader – the Amazin Hazen. Sponsored by Minnesota Austin Healey Club. Details later.



InterMarque
SUNDAY
PICNICS

JUNE 26 • JULY 31
AUG. 28 • SEPT. 25

(the last Sunday of the month)

1 P.M., CHEROKEE PARK
ON THE WEST SIDE IN ST. PAUL

What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than to go for a drive and stop for a picnic at scenic Cherokee Park. This is a do-it-yourself affair, so bring your own food, beverages, plates, silverware, lawn chairs, grills, and a dish to pass if you want. *If it rains, it's cancelled.*

MARQUE NATIONALS and UPPER MIDWEST REGIONALS

June 12-18 : MG 2011 The North American Council of MG Registers presents the fourth, once-every-five-years all-Register gathering to be held at "America's Adventure Place" Reno/Tahoe, Nevada. Questions/More Information? www.mg2011.com

June 17-19: Citroen Rendezvous, Saratoga Springs, NY. <http://www.driveshesaid.com/>

June 17-19: Midsommar National Volvo Club Meet. Lindsborg (Little Sweden USA), Kansas. The Heart of America Chapter will host the Volvo Club of America's 2011 National Meet. Lindsborg annually presents a traditional Swedish Midsommar celebration that highlights authentic Swedish folk and cultural activities. Lindsborg has also created the nation's only herd of wild Dala horses. Info: <http://www.vcoa.org/>

July 3-8: Conclave Colorado 2011 Hosted by Austin-Healey Club of America in Colorado Springs, Colorado. <http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/>

July 18-22: 50 Years of Midgets - A Spridget Event!! Big party for all Spridget owners! Elkhart Lake/Road America with headquarters at Victorian Village and Siebkens! <http://www.sprite-midgetclub.org/>

July 21-24: Fiat Freak Out, Sheraton Music City, Nashville, TN. Yes, the new Fiat 500 will be there! <http://www.flu.org/>

July 28-30: Gathering of the Faithful (GOF), Kalamazoo, Michigan, T-Register Central Clubs

August 22-25: VTR 2011 "Triumph in the Rockies" hosted by The Rocky Mountain Triumph Club in Breckenridge, Colorado. <http://www.vtr2011.com/>

September 1-4: Sunbeam Alpine Owners Club of America Sunbeam Invasion XI. Winona, MINNESOTA. <http://www.sunbeaminvansion.com/>.

OCTOBER 14-16: Volvo Sports America. Malibu, CA. 50th Anniversary of the Volvo 1800. SoCalVSA.org.

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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.arrowheadsc.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 lkleclerc@msn.com

Fahr North Gathering EVERY 3RD THURSDAY, 5pm. Club Jaeger: 10th & Washington Avenue North, Minneapolis Mostly Porsches guys, but all are welcome. Contact : Eric Erickson 952-426-5024

Mercedes Benz Club of America, Twin Cities Section Informal dinner and discussion, first Wednesday of the month, 6:30 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

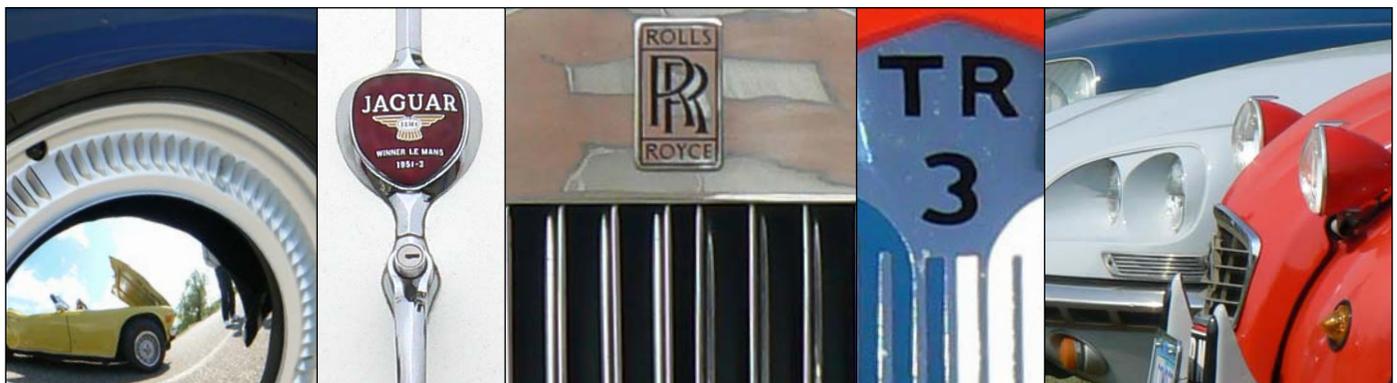
Stella del Nord (Alfa Romeo) Monthly pizza and wine gathering, second Monday of the month. Contact Ed Solstad for time and location. 612-822-0569 or esolstad@presenter.com

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.tbvscc.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



Registration NOW OPEN for 2011 Minnesota Austin-Healey Club speed events

Dear Friend of Horsepower,

Registration is now open for the following events, sponsored by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club:

1. **HEALEY HILLCLIMB X AT AFTON ALPS.** Yes this will be the tenth running of this event. Thanks to all the hard-working volunteers who have helped out over the years!

FLYER WITH REGISTRATION FORM HERE:

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VIDEOS HERE:

<http://www.vimeo.com/4713414>

http://www.streetfire.net/video/evo-mr-fastest-hillclimb-run_681263.htm

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKCIB7PQHfI>

2. **AMERY AIRPORT AUTOCROSS AND STRAIGHT-AWAY SPEED RUN VIII** on Saturday, June 11th (rain date Sunday, June 12th). The last few Amery events have sold out weeks in advance, so register soon.

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VIDEOS HERE:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oV6eZeg3Txw>

<http://www.vimeo.com/1287805>

3. **AMERY AIRPORT AUTOCROSS AND STRAIGHT-AWAY SPEED RUN IX** on Saturday, August 27th (rain date Sunday, August 28th). Here's your second chance to hit the airport this summer.

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Looking forward to seeing you on the hill and on the tarmac this year!

Yours in Speed,
- Tom



ATTENTION BRITISH CAR OWNERS!

Are you looking for something to do in a few week's time on May 14th but aren't planning on attending the Inter-Marque Spring Kickoff?

Why not bring your British car to the British Car Display at the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games and enjoy a day of Scottish fun, entertainment, food, beverages, and enlightenment.

We apologize for the scheduling mix-up --- again. We thought that this year, the date conflict had been eliminated. However, a problem with the Kickoff venue required a date change and we were back where we started with both events on the same day. But we think that we, as well as the Inter-Marque Council, also have planned a very enjoyable event for British car owners.

We are including in the 2011 Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, as we have for many years, a display of up to 40 British cars representing cars that one might see now or might have seen in days gone by, on the roads and motorways of Scotland. The Fair and Games are to be held at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington on Saturday, May 14th, 2011. We would love to have you display your car and be our guest for the day at the Fair & Games. Please visit our website to see all the wonderful things that will be going on. <http://www.mnscottishfair.org/> <http://www.mnscottishfair.org/culturalorganizations/carshow.html>

The Car Display is as it indicates, a display, not a competition. There will be no judging. You may stay by your car and chat with folks or wander all over the Fairgrounds and take full advantage of all that the Fair and Games have to offer. It's entirely up to you.

We would like your car to be in place by 8:30 AM and remain until 5:30 PM. We ask this because your car in the display is an integral part of the presentations of the Fair and not just part of a car show. You are cordially invited to leave your car in place and attend the Ceilidh in McCracken's Pub on the Fairgrounds from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

As a thank you for your participation, we will provide you with two free passes to the Fair and Games.

Please contact me if you have any questions and so that I can send you a registration packet and the free passes. We hope that all British car owners displaying their cars, will register in advance in order to help with our planning. However, if you decide at the last minute to display your car, you are still welcome.

We look forward to seeing you and your British car on the 14th.

Best regards,

Jim Harris

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- Visit **InterMarque.org** for a map, links & additional information.

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