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## MISCELLANEOUS MUMBLINGS

I was driving home in the Miata a few weeks ago. A block and a half from home. Past the crocuses and not-quite-ready-to-bloom tulips. Idling in neutral downhill to save gas. Clunk, rattle, rattle, rattle. Put it back in gear, pull in to the garage, and pop the hood. Yep, that new rattle is definitely in there someplace. But where? I haven't invested in a mechanic's stethoscope and my ears have lost some of their ability to triangulate. The noise could be anywhere. To me it sounds like a cheap noise (for example, a coin bouncing around in a can) rather than an expensive one (a connecting rod trying to push its way through an engine block). I check the oil pressure — good — and the oil level — spot on. And, except for the rattle, the Miata is running in its usual excellent manner.



There was a time when I used to push my luck on things like this. "Maybe it'll cure itself. Maybe I can drive it another thousand miles." That time passed sometime during my graduate studies at the school of hard knocks. I am also past the time when my tremors allowed me to undertake simple mechanical tasks like changing the oil or tuning a TR3.

So Miata and I trudged off to Midwest V. Dick told me the rattle is in there where the timing belt lives. We agreed to change the belt a little early (doing its every 60,000 change at 112K rather than 120).

When I came back to pick up the Miata, Dick and Todd showed me the parts they replaced. First was the timing belt. The old belt was not only a ¼ inch thinner than its original width, but it also had an ugly gash halfway through its remaining diameter. There were also a few bearings that weren't bearing up too well.

And then finally the culprit was revealed. A simple little bolt — one of four that held on a plate inside the timing belt cover. It had worked its way loose over 112,000 miles and fallen into the works. Giving its life in its attempt to destroy the Miata's engine and my peace and serenity.

The Miata is back to running perfectly now, and I am a dues-paying member of the Miata Club of Minnesota. Its next big project is to get its new Robbins top installed.

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## MUMBLINGS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

My other car. The Bugeye is out of winter storage. It's running poorly but that should be cured by Steve Rixen's gentle ministrations. There's a for-sale ad for it in this issue's classifieds. Wait until I get it back from Steve and then buy it quickly before I do something stupid like putting it on eBay.

**CORRECTIONS:** We heard from several alert readers who caught some calendar errors in our last issue. Please note that Wheels and Wings is on Sept. 8 and the final InterMarque picnic is Sept. 30. Also all InterMarque picnics start at 1pm. This edition contains the updates.

### LET'S-BE-CAREFUL- OUT-THERE FILE.

**From Road & Track, March 1969.** "An official report from Ottawa, Canada, reveals that in one year in Ontario, cars ran into 458 deer, 437 cattle, 196 dogs, 196 horses and ponies, 153 moose, 45 bears, 22 pigs and one hippopotamus. The hippo in question was hit near Brockville where it had wandered away from the roadside zoo." *I wondered, were the dogs riding the horses and ponies? Also in the same issue "1956 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing, White/Brown leather, Rudge wheels, Becker Mexico, sport cam, 4.11 rear end, Cinturatos, shop manual. Beautiful condition and mechanically perfect. Approximately 50,000 miles \$5,600.00"* What was I thinking, I should have sold everything I owned and bought it... Ahh, if only we could go back again.  
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# The KICK-OFF is coming.... the KICK OFF is coming!

Update by: John Engstrom  
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**\*All participants please bring a non-perishable food item to donate.**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CITY OF OSSEO**

Michael Jekot's illustration of a 1955 Porsche 550 Spyder is featured on this year's poster.

Well, there is not to much time left before the 2012 Spring Kick-Off car show in Osseo. We will be having one last InterMarque Council meeting before the show on April 28th, in the usual place, and the usual time (9:30ish). At the Square Peg, after breakfast.

I should have "Golden Tickets" for the clubs available beginning next week at breakfast, so if your busy the 28th you can pick them up on the 21st instead. If you let me know, I can also mail them out to the clubs.

It has been a lot of planning and a lot of work to get this far, many meetings with the Osseo Mayor, City Council and business community. Things look pretty much in shape for now but there is still more work to do.

If you would like to put your name on the list of volunteers, please let me know at breakfast, there are still jobs to do. We should be getting some help from some of the high school kids from the Osseo High Football and Wrestling teams to help "man the barricades."

I stopped over at Brookdale Fiat the other day and gave them some posters to set up and they informed me that they had lots of questions from customers about when the show was going to take place. So, the word is getting around. Hopefully we can have a big crowd at the show along with the nice weather that will occur at the same time (yes it will).

Entry to the show can be off of either county road 81 or from 93rd avenue. Both can be accessed from highway 169. This year, the show will be held on the city streets of Osseo, with the streets we will park on being blocked off from normal traffic. There is plenty of parking available for all the show vehicles on Osseo's Central Avenue and adjoining side streets so that everybody can find room to park. Check out the map on page 7 to get a better sense of the area.

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## KICK-OFF CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Please note that we have set aside an area this year for parking of what we are calling "Modern Classics" this is where clubs (Mini, Lotus, WOI, Mercedes, Porsche, etc) can park up to 10 vehicles/marque that are newer than the 1992 vintage age limit. This space will be along 5th street N.W. along the north side of the City Hall. Parking on Central (exception "Golden Ticket" spots) will be reserved for 1991 or older.

Before the event starts I do want to thank all those who have helped make this new location work. Thanks goes out to Al Lindquist, mayor of Osseo, the Osseo City Council, The Chief of Police, The Osseo Public Works department, Osseo entertainment committee, Jon McCullough, and the businesses that comprise Osseo.

I also wish to thank Brian Cornell, Dave Lindemann, Steve Rixen (hereafter known as the parking Czar), Doug Birch, Nancy and Greg Gelhar and all of the volunteers who work behind the scenes to help to make this a success.

Hats off as well to Top Gear Autoworks for once again being our title sponsor. We are very thankful for their sponsorship as well as the support of 10+ local import clubs and Fiat of Brookdale!

So, tell everyone to come and show or come and spectate. If they mention fishing season opener, you can just tell them to forget it, they won't catch anything anyhow. I know, I've been there.

Hope to see everyone there on May 12th.

Thanks,  
John Engstrom,  
2012 InterMarque Spring Kick-Off Chair



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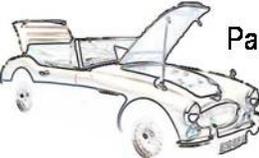
**1 P.M., CHEROKEE PARK  
ON THE WEST SIDE IN ST. PAUL**

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.*



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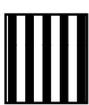
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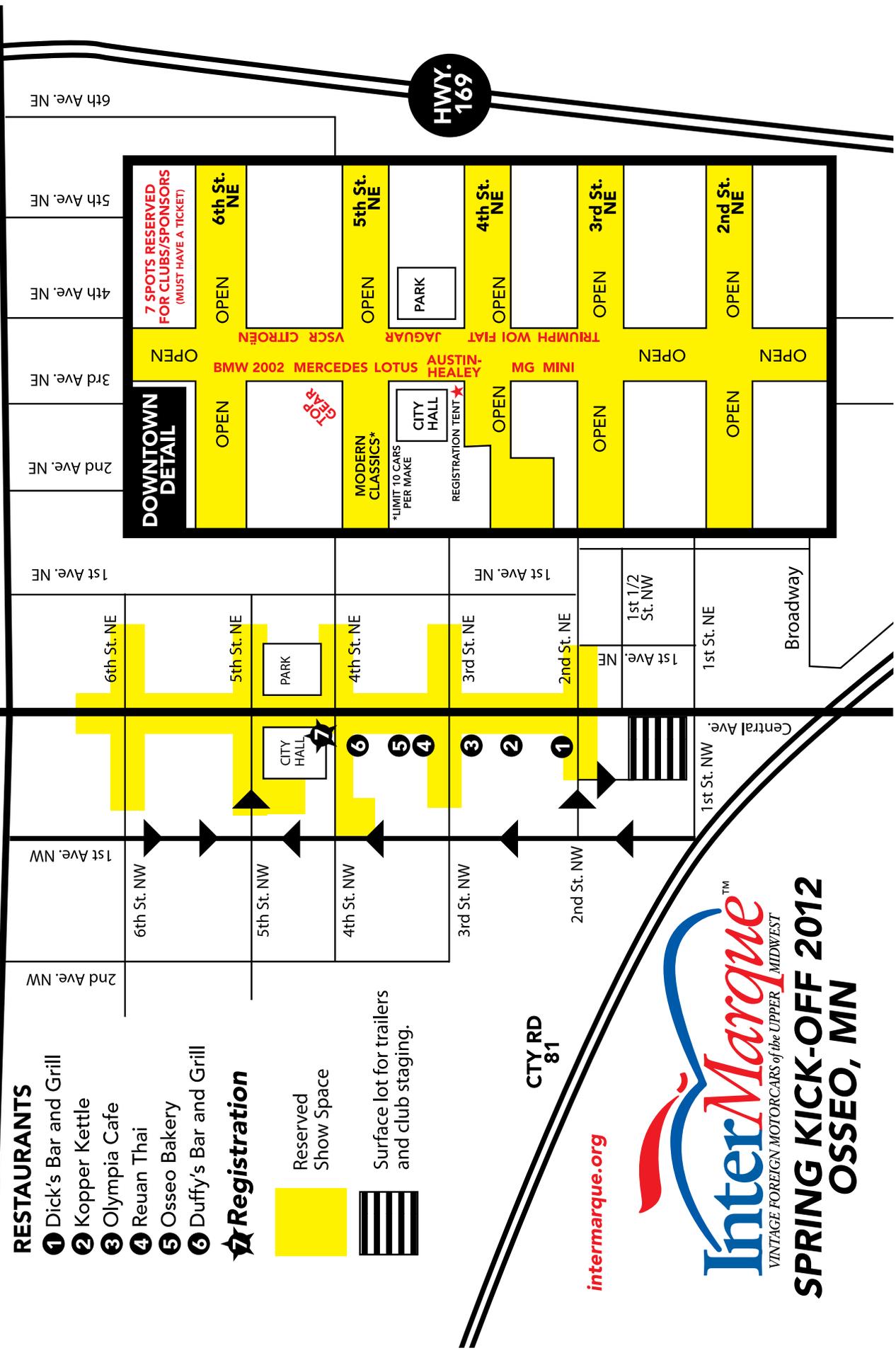
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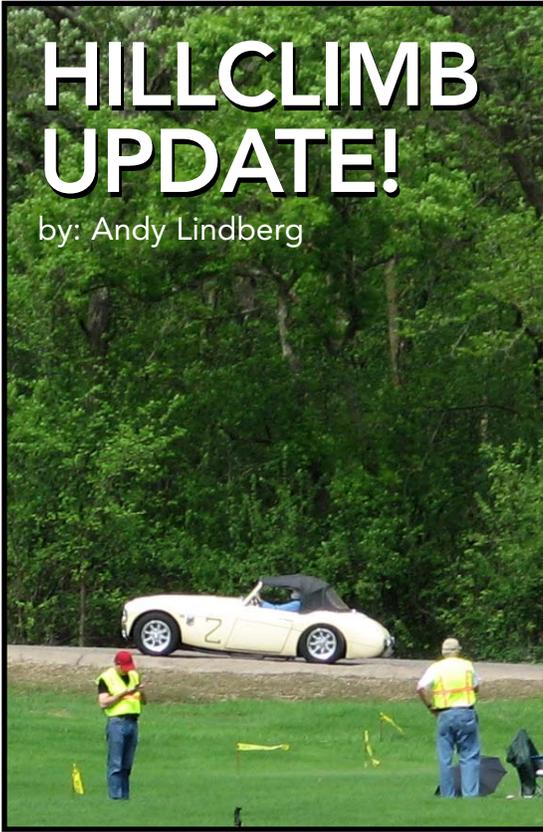


**SPRING KICK-OFF 2012  
OSSEO, MN**



# HILLCLIMB UPDATE!

by: Andy Lindberg



Waumandee Hillclimb now on the schedule! After months, maybe years, of work, Tom Hazen has been able to gain approval for an all-vintage hillclimb in the bucolic Wisconsin town of Waumandee. One of the biggest obstacles to this event was gaining the approval of the Waumandee Town Board. On February 11, Tom made a proposal to the Board, accompanied by fifteen apparently safe and responsible looking drivers of vintage sports cars. The Buffalo County sheriff, a member of the Town Board, objected to the event due to liability concerns. When the county attorney later told him the town could not be sued for anything related to the event, he removed his objection and the Hillclimb is now scheduled for Saturday, September 22. (Rain date is the 23rd.)

The course on Black Hill Road will be two miles long, with 18 curves and a 400-foot ascent. Longer, higher and more challenging than the Afton course. Those of you that have attended the Healey Hillclimbs at Afton Alps or the Amery Airport Autocrosses and Straight-Away Speed Runs know of Tom's attention to detail and safety at these events. You also know that all of the work by Tom and the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club cannot remove your own stupidity, either in driving or in car preparation. This will likely be one of THE events for 2012. So be sure to attend. But be careful out there. Not only can you hurt yourself, but also Tom is not afraid to use the black flag, and I know this from one of my own personal stupid driving experiences.



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## SPRITELY SATURDAY!

by: Andy Lindberg

### *The plan for Spritely Saturday:*

1. Go to breakfast at the Square Peg at 8:00 a.m.
2. Drive to the April 14 10:00 a.m. tech session at Strictly British (aka Steve Rixen's Hudson garage).
3. Take pictures of the 10–12 tech session and write a report on it for this issue of the Monthly.
4. Sit around and drink coffee and eat doughnuts from noon until 12:30 while Steve tunes up the Sprite.
5. Drive home in the vicious thunderstorms predicted for Saturday afternoon.

### THE REALITY OF SPRITELY SATURDAY:

1. Smiley bucked and backfired all the way to the Peg. I got there about 8:30 and asked if anyone wanted to look at the Sprite. John Engstrom took Smiley's key and discovered, along with a half-dozen others attracted by the magnetic allure of an open bonnet, that the distributor was not clamped down and the timing was bouncing all over the map. Not conducive to smooth

running. Then they found that the clamp bolt was well and truly stripped. We kinda jammed the distributor into kinda the right place. Rich Stadther offered the use of his garage and ended up towing me half of the way there. At his place we discovered that the distributor was no longer engaging with the cam. A major problem if you want the engine to run. But easy to fix. Out came the distributor, pictures were taken of the stripped cinch bolt, and a new bolt was inserted into the clamping plate. The distributor was securely bolted into place engaged with the cam, and the timing was set at a rough estimate of where it should be. After forgetting my camera on Rich's workbench, I took off for Steve's Hudson garage at about 11:30.

2. Smiley ran very well — about half way down St. Clair Avenue to I-35E. Then the B&B (bucking and backfiring) started again. But not too bad. And even with the car's acceleration down in King Midget territory, I didn't have too much trouble on St. Paul's 45-mph freeway. It got worse on I-94 where I was glad to see they no longer post minimum speeds. I pulled off once to let the engine idle for a couple minutes. It enjoyed idling. Acceleration, however, threw it into B&B conniptions and it also wasn't too happy about maintaining any speed over 30 mph or so.
3. As I pulled into the Strictly British enclave, I was greeted with hoots of, "Ya missed the tech session." Guess so, but I brought my own. So you, dear reader, are not going to learn anything about differentials or any of the other topics at Steve's tech session.
4. I drank some coffee and ate a doughnut until Steve noticed me moping about despondently. Then we popped the bonnet and another half-dozen guys got to play What's Ailing Smiley. Steve checked the point gap — OK, but there was some scraping inside the distributor cap. Then with the cap back on, he checked the timing. It was reasonable at idle, but at higher rpms it not only didn't advance, it was bouncing all over the place. Time for a distributor rebuild? At the mention of Jeff at Advanced Distributors, I said I had with me a couple of the ignition rotors that Jeff sells. After a couple "What the hells," one went on. Very snugly compared to the old Brand X rotor. All of a sudden the car ran perfectly up and down the rpm range. Steve reset the timing, adjusted the idle speed, and sent me on a test drive. Perfection.
5. Saturday's rain showers were nowhere to be seen, so I disassembled Smiley's top, stowed it, and drove home at peace with the world and without any "B&B"ing.



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Not-so-fun full disclosure stuff: cruddy paint in engine compartment; patina paint on remainder of car; inop air horn; inop gas gauge (new uninstalled sending unit and different Smiths gauge included); slightly foggy side curtains.

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The Ace cafe is having a British Classic Car night in August. So, if you're in London..... maybe for the Olympics, you could attend. I'd go but they don't have an Olympic event for couch sleeping. I have been practicing just in case they ever do. -John Engstrom



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Ace Cafe London, teaming up with [www.1st-take.com](http://www.1st-take.com), producers of a wide range of special interest and historical DVD's has three classic motoring films up for grabs as prizes at the cafe on:

#### Thursday 24th May - Bristol, AC & Fraser Nash O.C. Meet

'Spirit of the 60's' Dyrham Park 2nd October 2011 - The Bristol Motor Club (BMC) in partnership with the National Trust celebrated a triple anniversary by inviting the BMC drivers from the 60's and their cars back to Dyrham Park. 1st Take were there to record the action for all car enthusiasts.

Bristol Cars on Film - This souvenir DVD is based on two original 1950's films shot by the Chief Photographer of Bristol Aeroplane Company (BAC), Ted Ashman, Both films are narrated by Bristol car historian Christopher Balfour. In addition there is footage of the BAC centenary celebration in 2010 where the largest ever assembly of Bristol cars attended.

#### Wednesday 22nd August - British Classic Car Night - BMC 60th Anniversary Special

Morris Minor - Celebrating 50 Golden Year - Souvenir DVD of one of Britain's best loved cars. Ray Nevell, Owners Club Secretary, gives a comprehensive history of the car. There are highlights from the Blenheim weekend in June 1998. Archive material illustrating the production at Crowley, as well as the celebration at Gaydon marking the 1998 official 50th birthday.

Spend £5 or more over the counter to receive a raffle ticket. Draw will take place at 10pm.



**FOR SALE: 1965 AUSTIN VANDEN PLAS PRINCESS LIMOSINE** Four doors (suicide rears); seating for six in the passenger compartment along with driver and additional passenger in the front compartment; sliding glass partition; right hand drive; almost all original parts; beautiful leather interior. Favorites of the royal family in the 1960s due to the large amount of glass that enhanced the view, these cars are still being driven in the U.K.. Serious Inquiries Only. Please contact Shannon O'Toole at [shannonotoole@comcast.net](mailto:shannonotoole@comcast.net).

ALL classified, calendar and event submissions are due by the 5th of the month PRIOR. (April issue due by April 5).  
For a computer-savvy Twin Cities Car Club Event Calendar go to <http://calendar.mnhealey.com/>

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## O N G O I N G

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**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–OCTOBER. 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](http://www.automotorplex.com)

**Auto Motor Plex Third Saturday** Coffee and doughnuts at Auto Motor Plex—A different car club featured each month. April: Pontiac, May: Ford, June–Sept: TBD, Oct: German Cars Oktoberfest. April 16th–November 19th; 9:00am–12:00pm AutoMotorPlex, 8200 Audubon Rd, Chanhassen, MN Additional Info Contact: Bruno Silikowski: (612) 850-8398 [bsilikowski@automotorplex.com](mailto:bsilikowski@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](mailto:zimme008@yahoo.com)

**April 21: Vintage Sports Car Racing Annual Swap Meet.** Quality Coaches, 20 West 38th St., Minneapolis, MN. In addition to perusing the goodies for sale, this is a great chance to learn about vintage racing or get tips on race car prep. There are also always cars in the shop to check out.

**April 28: Tech Session/Open House.** Midwest Motor Sports, 728 8th Ave. South, Sauk Rapids, MN. Hosted by Dan Iberg and the Minnesota MG Club.

**May 6: Maplewood Imports Auto Fair.** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. German car show. Info: [GeorgeAndeweg@MaplewoodImports.com](mailto:GeorgeAndeweg@MaplewoodImports.com). Watch for flyer.

**May 18: Roosevelt High School Car Show** 4029 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis. Last year one of "our" cars won this show. Free admission. Roosevelt, one of Minnesota's premier auto shop high schools, will have their class project on display in the "gold ticket" area of the InterMarque Spring KickOff on May 12. Info: Curtis Franks, [cfranks@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:cfranks@mpls.k12.mn.us) 612-668-4832.

**May 19: An informal car show is scheduled in Afton, Minnesota.** This show is part of Afton's "Mayfair", which will have various arts in their local park. Show is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at the Sailaway Cafe at 9 a.m. Have Breakfast. Cars will be parked on the boulevard in front of the Sailaway and then down the street. No prizes. Just car art (our cars), plus art in the park. Stay as long as you want. Questions to Jon Masley at 651-779-8605.

**May 19: Commemorative Airforce Spring Hangar Dance.** Dance to the Roseville Big Band, tour the museum, and see restored WWII aircraft. Open to all Intermarque clubs. Preferred parking will be available for sports and vintage cars. \$15 admission (this is a fundraiser for the Commemorative Airforce). Fleming Field, South St. Paul. Dick Leighninger, host

**May 19: Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games** (British Car Display) Dakota County Fair Grounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, MN  
<http://www.mnscottishfair.org/>

**May 26: Spring Tour.** Meet at 2:00 PM at Point Douglas Park on Highway 10 in Minnesota just west of Prescott, Wisconsin. Driver's meeting at 2:15 and first car out at 2:30. We will head east on Highway 10 to the wonderful Co. O south and then follow WI 35 (aka The Great River Road) from Hager City to Bay City stopping at the overlook near Lake Pepin. Then thru the bucolic countryside to dinner at the Laurel Supper Club which is renowned for their prime rib dinners. But you can order anything you want off their extensive menu. The Laurel's phone number is 715-246-5121. My cell is 651-402-2153. Our home phone is 715-381-6856. THANK YOU. TOM AND JUNE MOERKE

**May26: VSCR Vintage Race** with SCCA's Jack Pine Sprints Double Regional and Trans Am at Brainerd International Raceway: Labor Day weekend. Details to come. Visit VSCR.org. NOTE: We need local Sports Car Club support—especially as we try to have our own Vintage only weekend next year at BIR. Thank You –John Hagen, VSCR, jkhagen at charter dot net

**May 27: MN Streetcar Museum Car Show.** 1-4pm Lake Harriet Depot. 4200 Queen Avenue S., MPLS. Free Admission. Cars from 1900-1970 Welcome. Free Street Car Rides. Cruise Lake Harriet and Lake of the Isles at 4pm. Contact Dave: 952-943-8357.

**June 2: Tech Session.** Advanced Distributor, 17495 Marystown Road, Shakopee, MN

**June 2 – 5: Diamond Jubilee.** Celebrations to mark 60 years of The Queen's (that's Elizabeth for you non-Anglophiles) reign. FYI: The rules concerning the use of Diamond Jubilee-related names and titles for non-commercial purposes have been temporarily relaxed. This could cover using the titles for community events, buildings and projects to mark Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

**June 9: Amery Speed run/Autocross.** Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Excellent test running of your favorite Sports Car orchestrated by Tom Hazen.

**June 9 – 10: Walleye 1000 Vintage Rally.** No time or money to go on high dollar vintage rallies like the Colorado Grand or California Mille? Maybe your driver quality vintage car wouldn't make the cut, anyway. Maybe you've got a pristine, blue chip collectible you just

don't get the chance to drive much. Do you like fun people, cool cars and the open road? If so, this just might be for you! Event is open to interesting classic, sports and grand touring cars model year 1979 and older. From the patinated to the pristine, from works in progress to completed projects, Blue Chip collectibles to vintage Fright Pigs, all are welcome and encouraged to participate. Info: walleye1000.com or Dave Tobin Phone: (651) 216-1265 Email: dave@daveknowscars.com

**June 14 – 17: Northern Lights Rendezvous** Kenora, Ontario. See all the info in this issue.

**June 24: Intermarque Picnic.** 1:00 p.m. Cherokee Park, St. Paul. All vintage foreign motorcars and their friends are invited. June picnic host: TBD.

**June 24: Stillwater Fire Muster,** canceled twice last year because of flood waters on the St. Croix, is scheduled on the official calendar for Sunday, with the Not Quite A Parade starting about one o'clock and fire trucks pumping in Lowell Park at the riverfront all afternoon. Kodak moments all afternoon. Ride on the trucks heading downtown. Hold on to a hose and nozzle spraying water from an antique fire truck Getting wet is optional.

**June 30: 3rd Annual Woodland Hill Winery British Sports Car Display.** Noon-4, Delano, MN. Featuring Live Music and beautiful picnic grounds. Lunch will be available for purchase. Tastings of 12 varieties: \$7. Vinyard and Winery Tours. Open to all InterMarque clubs. Hosted by Minnesota Triumphs.

**June 30–August 4: Velocity 2: The Art of Motion.** Hopkins Center for the Arts, Hopkins, MN. Opening Gala Reception: Saturday, June 30, 7:00–10:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Some of the cars that will be at the June 30th exhibition opening: 1938 MG Sedan; 1968 Maserati Ghibli; 1972 Lamborghini Muria; 1990 BMW M3; 1965 Mini Cooper Special; 1953 Chevrolet Corvette; 1963 Chevrolet Corvette; 2003 Porsche GT3 RS; 1973 Porsche 911; and 1965 BMW 2002 tii. Velocity is the largest, stand-alone automotive fine art exhibition in the United States, and draws crowds of car buffs to downtown Hopkins. See work by some of the most-recognized names in the world of automotive art as well as rising stars. Special car shows and events will be held in conjunction with the exhibition. Watch the Velocity 2 Facebook page for details.

**July 12–15: The Hawk with Brian Redman.**

RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. This is the super big annual vintage car race event. 2012 will feature a Lola T70 Marque and Historic CAN-AM.  
<http://www.roadamerica.com/Races/RaceInformation.asp?id=244>

**July 14: Coulee Classic Rally.** 10:00 AM, Maiden Rock Village Park on the lake front, Maiden Rock, WI. We'll be the ones with the Italian cars. (Plus a variety of other interesting vehicles.) An easy all-paved Monte Carlo style rally using the excellent sports car roads running through Wisconsin's ultra-scenic coulee country. The easy to follow instructions and timing at its most straightforward make this an excellent choice for those new to rallying while the roads are guaranteed to keep the most experienced rallyists entertained. Run it as a timed event or just ignore the timing and drive it as one of the best tours that you've driven. We guarantee that you'll see roads that you never dreamed existed in the Upper Midwest. There will be a limit of 20 cars. Your RSVP will count for one car with two people. If you add a guest, we'll assume that you have a friend that will be bringing a second car. More details to follow as we get closer. Ciao, Ed Solstad 612-822-0569

**July 12-15: Iola Old Car Show & Swap Meet,** 160 N. Chet Krause Drive, Iola, Wisconsin. "40th Anniversary." At least two InterMarque cars will be in the Blue Ribbon parking area. Can you find them?  
<http://www.iolaoldcarshow.com/>

**July 21: Lexington Restaurant Triumph show.** St. Paul. Come and see the TRs. Details to come. Info: Sue and Phil Ethier

**July 27: Intermarque Drive in Movie Night.** Cottage View Drive In, Cottage Grove. Show starts at dusk. Info: Andy Lindberg

**July 29: Intermarque Picnic.** 1:00 p.m. Cherokee Park, St. Paul. All vintage foreign motorcars and their friends are invited. July picnic host: TBD.

**August 11: Brit Fest.** Location TBD. Host Minnesota MG Group.

**August 11: New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run.** Info: <http://antiquecarrun.org/>

**August 25: Amery Speed run/Autocross.** Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by Minnesota Austin-Healey Club.

**August 25–30: Team Minne-volt-a will be at the Bonneville Salt Flats for the 2012 Bub motorcycle speed trials.** Tech inspection (no racing) on the 25th. See if our local battery-powered national record holder can beat last year's time or (gasp) break a ton. Go to the Salt Flats to cheer on Kevin Clemens and crew. Or follow their exploits on the Team Minne-volt-a facebook page.

**August 26: Intermarque Picnic.** 1:00 p.m. Cherokee Park, St. Paul. All vintage foreign motorcars and their friends are invited. August picnic host: M.U.M. (MN United Minis)

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**September 8: Wheels 'n Wings** 8:00 a.m. Always a lot of cars and a lot of books. Airplanes, a train ride, hot dogs, and friendly people make it an enjoyable day in Osceola, WI.

**September 9: Wayzata Car Show Charity Benefit** (J. J. Hill Days). 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact: Marty Schneider - 612-237-3843.

**Sept. 7–9: Fall Vintage Race Festival** - Held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. A great opportunity to see vintage racing up close. Not only will the ELVF celebrate the 45th Anniversary of Can-Am, but it also will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Trans-Am. While Mustangs and Camaros take most of the headlines, the small sedan class also has fierce competition. The 2.5-liter Challenge will include Fiats, BMWs, Alfas, Mini Coopers, Volvos, and Datsuns. And don't forget touring the original course and the downtown car show. Info: <http://www.vscda.org/races/elkhartLake.php>

**September 22. Waumandee Hillclimb** Black Hill Road, Waumandee, Wisconsin. Vintage cars only. 1979 and older. Two-mile course with eighteen curves and a 400-foot vertical rise. Advance registration required. September 19 deadline. \$65/driver. (\$50 for MAHC members.) Make check payable to Minnesota Austin-Healey Club and mail to Tom Hazen, 11434 Minnetonka Mills Road, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305. Include name, year, make, model, color, email, phone, and emergency contact. Info: Tom Hazen myliberty@comcast.net.

**September 30: Intermarque Picnic.** 1:00 p.m. Cherokee Park, St. Paul. All vintage foreign motorcars and their friends are invited. September picnic host: Citroën Club.

**October 20: AutoMotorPlex German Oktoberfest** featuring German Cars. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 8200 Audubon Rd, Chanhassen Additional Info Contact: Bruno Silikowski: (612) 850-8398 bsilikowski@automotorplex.com

**January 1, 2013:** Toast the New Year at sunrise. Birkmose Park, Hudson, Wisconsin. Then on to breakfast. Open to all clubs. Info: Minnesota Triumph Club.

**May 25 & 26. The Vintage.** Winston-Salem, North Carolina. National gathering of vintage BMWs. <http://atthevintage.com/>

**May 30–June 3. British Car Week National Meet.** Hot Springs, Arkansas. <http://www.britishcarweeknationalmeet.org/>

**June 1–3. MOG 42. National Morgan owners gathering.** Luray, Virginia. <http://www.morgandc.com/>

**June 1–3. VCOA National Meet.** Volvo Club of America. St. Louis, Missouri. <http://www.vcoa.org/events/national-events>

**June 6–10. MG 2012.** MGBs. Dillard, Georgia. <http://mg2012.webs.com/>

**June 15–17. Citroën Rendezvous.** Saratoga Springs, New York. [http://www.driveshesaid.com/Drive\\_She\\_Said!/Home.html](http://www.driveshesaid.com/Drive_She_Said!/Home.html)

**June 17–24. Alfa Canadese.** Toronto. The 2012 Convention of North American Alfa Romeo Clubs. <http://www.alfacanadese.ca/>

**June 17–22. Louisville Conclave.** Louisville, Kentucky. Austin-Healey Club of America. <http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/>

**July 9–13. NAMGAR GT-37. MGAs.** Dayton, Ohio. <http://www.namgar.com/events/>

**August 2–5. Fiat Freak Out.** Charlottesville, Virginia. <http://www.fiatclubamerica.com/fiat-freakout-2012>

**October 11–14. Sunbeam Invasion.** Nashville, Tennessee. <http://www.sunbeaminvansion.com/>

**October 12–14. Ferrari Club of America International Meet.** Palm Springs, California. <http://www.fca2012.org/>

**October 26–29. LOG 32.** Lotus Owners Gathering. Orlando, Florida. <http://www.lotusclub.org/log.php>

**October 28–November 2. Vintage Triumph Register National Convention.** Galveston Island, Texas. <http://www.vtr.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](http://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 [lkleclerc@msn.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.mnsaabclub.org)

**MUM: Minnesota United Minis** at irregular times and locations. Check out our Facebook page.

**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](http://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](mailto:esolstad@presenter.com)

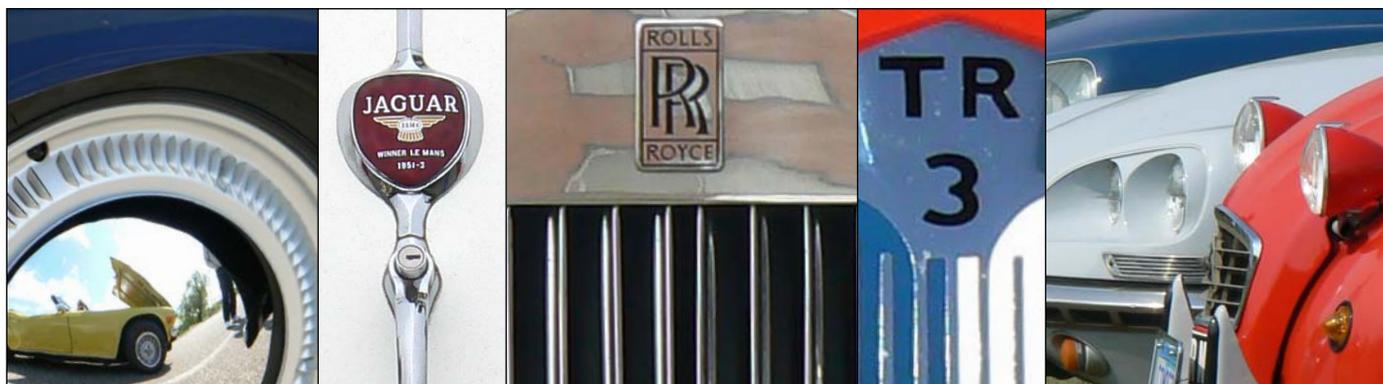
**The Regulars, twin cities vintage scooter club Semimonthly gathering** (weather permitting). First and third Sunday of the month, 2:00 p.m., Pizza Luce, Lyndale and 32nd, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Info: [www.minnescoota.com](http://www.minnescoota.com)

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.twincitiesvwclub.com)

**ZOOM** Datsun/Nissan Z Owners. 1st Monday of the month 6:30 pm (locations vary) Jonathan Grothe, AIA, (952) 401-7076, [jgrothe@twparchitects.com](mailto:jgrothe@twparchitects.com)



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- This is a FREE\* event. Open to **1991 OR OLDER, FOREIGN** motorcars, motorcycles, scooters, and vintage racers.
- **FIRST COME FIRST PARKED.** Placement starts at 9 a.m. Space is limited. Parking staff will be on hand to direct. Clubs wishing to park together need to arrive en-mass.
- Visit [InterMarque.org](http://InterMarque.org) for additional show information.

\*All participants please bring a non-perishable food item to donate.

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# **ATTENTION BRITISH CAR & MOTORCYCLE OWNERS!**

## **\*\*\*\* THIS IS THE YEAR \*\*\*\***

**This year, you can attend both the Inter-Marque Spring Kickoff and the MN Scottish Fair & Highland Games. There is no conflict. The Fair will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012.**

We are including in the 2012 Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, as we have for many years, a display of up to 40 British cars & now, motorcycles, representing vehicles 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 19th, 2012. We would love to have you display your car or motorcycle 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/britishcarshow.html>

The Display is as it indicates, a display, not a competition. There will be no judging. However, there will be voting for a "People's Choice" award for Most Popular Car and Most Popular Motorcycle. You may stay by your vehicle 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 vehicle 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 casual car and motorcycle show.

The voting for "People's Choice" awards will close at 4:00 PM. The awards will be given out during the closing ceremonies at 5:00 PM. You must be present to win. First Place will be a container of traditional Scottish Highland Nectar of the Gods. (AKA "Haggis Helper")

You are cordially invited to leave your vehicle 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 and motorcycle owners displaying their vehicles will register in advance in order to help with our planning. However, if you decide at the last minute to display your vehicle, you are still welcome if we have space available.

We look forward to seeing you and your British car or motorcycle on May 19th.

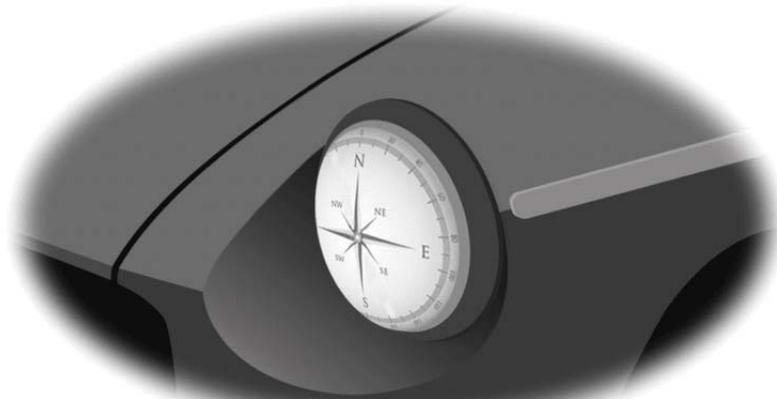
Best regards,

*Jim Harris*

Jim Harris, Chair, British Car & Motorcycle Display, Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games  
Phone: 612-803-5530, Email: [JHarris@MNScottishFair.org](mailto:JHarris@MNScottishFair.org)

2012 RENDEZVOUS REGISTRATION IS NOW WELL UNDERWAY!

<http://www.britishcar.ca/rendezvous/>



## Northern Lights Rendezvous Kenora, 2012

Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MGB.

If you are planning to attend the **2012 Northern Lights Rendezvous in Kenora, Ontario June 14 – 17, 2012** we urge you to register now as it looks like the event will be a complete sell-out even at this early date.

Visit our event web site at <http://www.britishcar.ca/rendezvous/> to look over our 2012 Rendezvous program, investigate our event listings and get local hotel information.

For the first time ever, you can use the convenience of our secure web site at <http://www.britishcar.ca/rendezvous/> to sign-up for your events and pay for your registration and tickets using your credit card or your PayPal account.

Please register now! Our Saturday evening Awards Banquet featuring Dennis Gage from 'My Classic Car' has a fixed capacity and the remaining banquet seats are going fast.

We are also rapidly selling out the sponsorship spots in our program. If you have a business – or know of a business - that would be interested in becoming a 2012 Rendezvous sponsor, please contact us.

Need even more information? Want to be a Rendezvous sponsor? Please contact our 2012 Rendezvous co-chairs: Tom Struthers at [tstruthers@gmail.com](mailto:tstruthers@gmail.com) or Brian Lanoway at [blanoway@shaw.ca](mailto:blanoway@shaw.ca),

See you in Kenora next June!

The 2012 Northern Lights Rendezvous Committee.

# VELOCITY 2

THE ART OF MOTION



JUNE 30 - AUGUST 3, 2012  
HOPKINS CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
HOPKINS - MINNESOTA

# 3rd Annual British Sports Car Display

Saturday June 30th, Noon to 4 pm



Hosted by Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club  
at Woodland Hill Winery

731 Cty Rd 30, Delano, MN...4.5 miles west of Delano  
on Cty Rd 30 <<http://woodlandhillwinery.net>>

- Intermarque event
- Display your little British sports car. All sports cars invited
- See Triumphs, Lotus, Austin Healeys, MGs, Minis, Jaguars
- Live music
- Lunch available
- Enjoy the beautiful grounds including a picnic arbor area
- Select from over 20 wine varieties, taste 12-varieties for \$7
- Available tour of the vineyard & winery

Please join us for a fun day!  
<[mntriumphs.org](http://mntriumphs.org)>

Any questions contact: Steve Shogren, Minnesota Sports Car Club  
mail to:<[steveshogren@yahoo.com](mailto:steveshogren@yahoo.com)>

