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ON THE COVER: The Metropolitan meet as seen from an aerial shot helps drive home the its Skittle-tastic glory of large Met gatheings!

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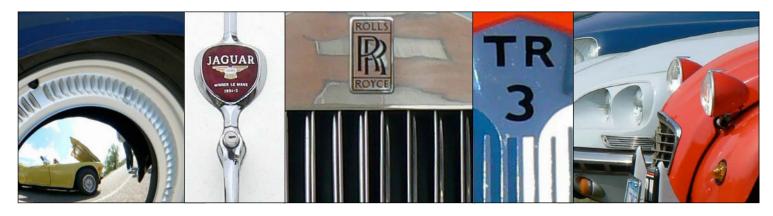
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## **MISCELLANEOUS MUMBLINGS**

### INTERMARQUE MONTHLY MANAGING EDITOR ANDY LINDBERG

I bought a new car. Well not a new new car, but not a vintage car either. It all started last winter when I was using my '90 Miata as a daily driver. Winter was mild and we managed OK, even without the snow tires I'd sold a few years ago. But still there was something wrong.

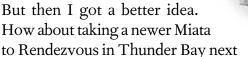
Those of you that delight in garage time may have trouble comprehending this, but some of us are barely able to maintain a new Toyota. Then we became enchanted with the feel of a maintenanceintensive sports car on a curving road. While a Miata is not as unreliable as an old British car, even Miatas require maintenance when they're 27-years old and approaching 150K.

During the winter, I became obsessed with the idea of buying a mid-'90s Lexus SC300, a real grand touring car. Automatic transmission, Toyota reliability, comfortable old English interior, and enough power to beat minivans away from stoplights without dropping the clutch at 6,000 rpms. On the other hand, they're 20-plus years old and apparently retain their Toyota heritage with feel-free steering.

Things came to a head after Rendezvous in early June. The trip back home from Grand Rapids in the TR3 was torture. To reduce the 90+ heat we left the top up and the side curtains off. The theory was that this would keep the sun from burning us while still allowing some cooling ventilation. It didn't work. Not only were we riding in a broiler oven, but the hermetically sealed transportation barges that inhabit I-35 on Sunday did their best job of throwing road refuse into my face.

(FWIW, I've since been informed that this is not the best way to travel in hot weather in a TR3. Apparently I should have put the side curtains on and stuck the top in the trunk. That's what the Brits do.)

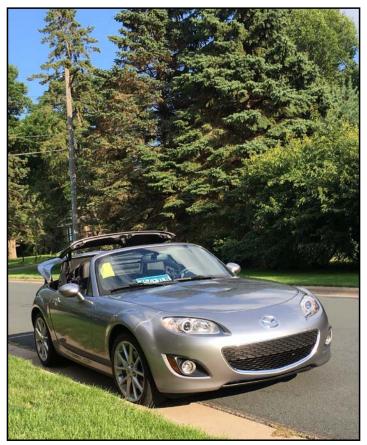
I vowed that I was not taking the 3 to Rendezvous next year no matter how comfortable the seats are (my back never hurt on the I-35 torture test). And it'll never be a daily driver, for me at least. After making my vow, serious comments about selling the gray ghost escaped my lips.



year and saving the TR3 for the national Triumph convention in LaCrosse next year? Works for me.

The new car is a 2012 Miata with a power retractable hardtop that'll be easy to put up even in a Canadian thunderstorm. It's more comfortable than the '90, but retains the delightful handling feel that all Miatas are born with. As I enter my eighth decade, it seems like a good choice for me.  $\bigwedge$ 







## IN THE MIRROR & AROUND THE BEND

## INTERMARQUE EVENT CHAIR JOHN ENGSTROM

Summer is quickly passing by. The good new is that there are still plenty of car activities left to do. A couple that immediately come to mind are the Royal British car show at the Jaguar dealer on 8/19, Amery Autocross on 8/26, plus a hillclimb and other car shows coming up until mid October. So, check the calendar and attend as many as you can. Then at the end you can fall down in exhaustion and begin planning on going to all the ones you missed next year.

Personally I have lots of car repair to do yet. Much of which involves welding floor pans and rocker panels. I tried my wire feed welder but it failed to work, but not to worry, I have a stick welder but that would work but not so good, so I went out and bought another wire feed. So I will be able to weld sometime around this coming weekend. I admittedly will tell you that I am not a good welder but after this is done I figure I will be a good grinder.

After the welding, will come the re-wiring. The harness as it is looks like right now, was spliced in a lot of places with different colored wires and that's only on the first wire I looked at. Keeping in mind that later I will also have that mad dash to get stuff done around the house before winter sets in (you all know what I'm talking about).

I plan on being really busy for quite a while and before I know it, planning will begin for the 2018 Spring Kick Off car show.



## M.U.M.s the word for the AUG. 27 Intermarque Picnic!

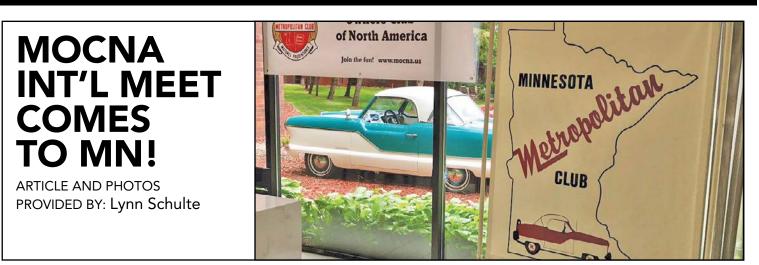


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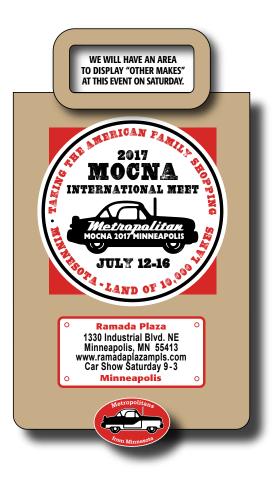
What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than to go for a drive and stop for a picnic at scenic Cherokee Park.

This is a do-it-yourself affair, so bring your own food, beverages, plates, silverware, lawn chairs, grills, and a dish to share if you want. *If it rains, it's cancelled.* 

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



ABOVE: 110 attendees and 40 Mets gathered at the Plymouth Radisson July 12-16.



Channel 9 featured a four minute segment with M.O. Rosko who referred to the cars as "Skittle colored." Metropolitans from Minnesota is a local car club that was founded in 1977. We are part of a national club called MOCNA or Metropolitan Owners Club of North America. Every 2 years an International Meet is held in a different city around the country. Two years ago in 2015 the meet was held in Tacoma, WA and they had an astounding turnout with a very active west coast membership. We decided that it would be really fun to showcase the Twin Cities and how beautiful it is here.

Our club is very small so we decided to keep the event simple and classic. We booked our hotel over a year ago which was fortunate with all the changes and rebuilding happening around town. The Ramada Plaza, off Hwy. 280 and Industial Blvd. was so helpful and willing to let us post signs, park a car in the indoor courtyard and have "slow drag" races in the parking lot. We ended up with 110 attendees and 40 Metropolitans. One member drove here from CA, a member flew in from Puerto Rico and one member came from Canada. Getting a group of Metropolitans together is always a challenge and this is the best we have done since

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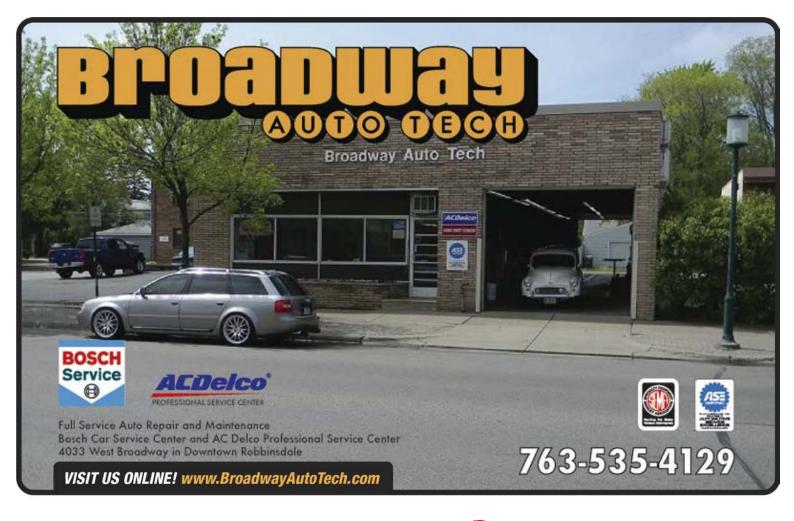
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the Intermarque Spring Kick-off in 2015 when we got 8 cars together. Channel 9 sent out a news crew and we had a 4-minute interview on the Morning Buzz with M.O. Rosko who referred to the Mets as "skittle colored" cars so cute they poked your eyes out. We had two city drives, one to Como Park and one to Lake Harriet where 29 of our cars parked along Queen Ave. and we took the Trolley Car ride. A 1929 Nash showed up at the car show on Saturday.

Metropolitans get a lot of attention but convincing someone to buy one is really difficult. Most folks think they are expensive and that parts are hard to come by. No and no, well we do have Lucas to blame for some of our issues. The cars are inexpensive, parts are readily available from several sources devoted entirely to the Metropolitan plus we can use many MG and similar parts available elsewhere. Also MOCNA provides a group of technical experts (who came to join us in Minneapolis) and can answer any question. We are often asked if our cars go in the water, which confuses us with the German Amphicar which started production in 1961, actually the last year of production for the



Met. Metropolitans were the first American designed imported car, built by Austin in the UK, and marketed to be a second car for the American family, basically a grocery-getter.



## Road Trip to Road America!

ARTICLE & PHOTOS PROVIDED BY: Dave Tobin



ABOVE: Mark Sabbann works the curves through central Wisconsin.



Vintage tow truck in Eleva, WI.



356s in front of the Silver Dome Ballroom – on the national register of historic places along WI 10, 5 miles west of Neillsville, WI.



Camping at Buckhorn State Park.

One of my favorite car events of the Summer has to be the big vintage race weekend at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin each July. There was a time when I'd attend all three vintage events at Road America each year. When I lived in Chicago I'd go up for the SVRA weekend in May, the big July event and the Fall Festival in September. Now that the track is 6 to 8 hours away (6 if driving a modern car via the fastest possible route, 8 if driving a vintage car over the winding back roads... also, as fast as possible) I usually just attend the July event.

As Clark Griswold says, "Getting there is half the fun" and this year, maybe even <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the fun. A little background as to why... As I was eating dinner Sunday evening at the finisher's banquet of this year's Walleye 1000 Vintage Rally in June, my buddy and right hand man as far as that event goes, Mark Sabbann, leaned over to me and said, "Hey, I put the deal together on that other 356 and I'm supposed to drive down to Northfield tomorrow to pick it up, do you want to come along?" The plan was to drive his 1965 Ruby Red 356 C down to Northfield from his house in Stillwater to pick up a white 1964 356 SC he had just purchased from its longtime owner. Any way you look at it, I was going to get to drive a 356 for a couple of hours, so what the heck... 'Yeah, I'll go.' As if I needed to spend another few hours in an old car the day AFTER the Walleye 1000 weekend, but this is what car guys do, for other car guys and to feed their addiction. I went to bed that evening knowing where my next 'cool old car fix' was going to come from. So... long story short, it's July, Mark has two 356s, as much as he'd probably love to keep them both, space, time, and whatever other factors there are, led him to another conclusion. Thankfully, again, he called on me, the suckerest sucker he probably knows when it comes to old cars.

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"Hey Dave, I'm ready to put Ruby on the market and I was thinking we should drive both 356s down to Elkhart Lake for the vintage races. You can drive Ruby and we'll park her downtown each night and at the track during the day with a 'for sale' sign in the windshield, I'll drive the white car and we can take the back roads." I don't think I answered immediately, holding the phone to my ear I thought, 'This has GOT TO BE the best idea Mark has ever had' - I answered right away. "Wow, that sounds great, some real windshield time in a 356!" We planned the weekend. I'd drive from St. Louis Park to arrive at his place in Stillwater so we could leave on Friday morning by 6:00am. Mark would figure out the route, something more fun than just taking WI 10 the whole way across Wisconsin, he's good at this.

The day came, I was up at the crack of dawn, before dawn actually, and on my way to Stillwater. When I arrived Mark, always the consummate vintage Porsche guy, was in the driveway with both cars idling to bring oil temperatures up to spec before setting off, checking the cars over one last time.

We knew we were going to attend this vintage race weekend months ago. I bought us a camping pass for the Carousel campground back in January. After years of staying in hotels in and around Elkhart Lake and renting houses with groups of friends, I decided it was time to return to my SCCA course worker roots, that means camping in the Carousel. I've been an SCCA course worker at various tracks around the Midwest, and camping was always a part of that. As I packed the car I realized that there is a surprising amount of room in a 356, enough room for a cooler, sleeping bag, ground pad an overnight bag with room for a folding chair under the front hood, with some room to spare.

I settled into Ruby's driver's seat, it was such a natural seating position, and comfortable. My hands fell right at 10 and 2 on the wheel, a slight bend in each elbow. We pulled out of the driveway and headed south, Mark led the way in his white SC. The back of the white car would be a regular view for me for the rest of the weekend, just like the Walleye 1000, Mark mapped out our route to Elkhart Lake in such a way as to maximize fun while still providing decent lunch and gas options. We always travel with Motorola walkie-talkies for enroute communication. We point out interesting cars on the side of the road and compare notes as to how the cars are behaving or we just talk and joke around. We stop often, usually, to take a photo next to something interesting.

The only real goal was to get to Elkhart Lake sometime in the mid-afternoon. Friday night in downtown Elkhart Lake this weekend is especially fun. The race cars drive from the track, up highway 67 and right into downtown Elkhart Lake where they park for a race car Concours sponsored by *Road & Track*. It was cloudy for most of the afternoon and it looked like it could rain on us at any time so we drove straight to the track to find our campsite and pitch our tents. Friday afternoon practice was going on as we set up our tents, the big CONT. ON PAGE 10 >>



open wheel cars were on track when we pulled up to the fence along the Carousel turn, vintage Formula 1 cars, combined with Formula 5000 and Formula Atlantics, a fast, loud group... a nice introduction to race engines for the weekend. Once camp was set up, we headed into town for an early dinner.

Despite the fact we got into town several hours before the race cars were to arrive from the track, any prominent parking spots to display Ruby, our car for sale, were long gone. Not to worry, there may not be a bad place to park a car for sale, as everyone walking around is a car enthusiast, and she still drew onlookers and sign readers in her out of the way spot. Mark had put together a little stat sheet on the car and had a copy of the Porsche Certificate of Authenticity to put inside the windshield with printed flyers for outside the windshield.

We had dinner with some car friends from the Twin Cities, Paul and Chris Bergquist from the Mercedes-Benz Club and some friends of theirs, Darrell and Maureen Sykes, past Mercedes Club members. Darrell hadn't been to Elkhart Lake since the early seventies, Paul convinced him to go after he returned from just as long a period of time away from the track last year. After dinner, we walked outside and the race cars started arriving, it also started to rain. It was the first time I can remember, in 15+ years, that it rained on Friday night. It hardly affected the turnout, the place was packed, wall to wall people, oogling race cars, eating, drinking, it's a huge street party, the streets just happen to be lined with millions of dollars worth of vintage race cars.

After a few hours of socializing and running into old friends, many that I only see during this weekend each year, it was back to the track, to our tents for the evening. We went to bed early, as we knew we wanted to be up early. In the morning we drove, in one car this time, downtown to a little diner for a good breakfast then it was back to the track to watch the on track action. We walked along the track, through the trees along the straight away between turns 3 and 5. Road America really is like a nature preserve with a race track running through it. You don't sit in grand stands working on your sunburn all day, no, not at all. You are free to walk around, find a nice shade tree and go from turn to turn, always seeing the cars from a different angle, seeing them coming and going from different directions.

Around lunch time Mark and I went our separate ways, he headed downtown for a Porsche 356 Registry get together, I walked through the acres and acres of paddock space. This event usually draws between 400 and 500 cars which makes for a lot of cars to see, a lot of trailers, a lot of paddock space.

I knew I wanted to stop by to see a few local Twin Cities folks, this year, I was able to find everyone I was looking for, and even some folks I wasn't looking for. I tracked down Adam Karon, one of the guys from Morrie's who has come on the Walleye 1000 Vintage Rally the past two years. His father races a 1968 Camaro SS. I found Adam sitting in the driver's seat of his father's car, getting it started and warmed up for the race, as his group was coming up a few minutes after I stumbled along his paddock space. Not too far past their spot was where Ben Robertaccio, also a Morrie's employee, was set up. Ben races a very cool Porsche 914-6. It's great fun to see these guys at the track.

As I was making my way back towards the other end of the paved paddock, hundreds of yards of hot asphalt, I was getting a little warm. I'm pretty sensitive to the heat after getting heat stroke in California a few years ago. I was getting uncomfortably hot just as I made it to a concession stand where I got another cold bottle of water. I found a seat under a shade tree and was relaxing when my phone rang. It was the father and son team of Chris and Alex Georgacas from Mahtomedi.

I first met these two on a Mercedes Club event I put a bunch of time into planning, almost 10 years ago, for this same vintage race weekend. I put flyers together, sent out emails and tried to get people to sign up for the Mercedes Club 'Convoy to Road America' for CONT. ON PAGE 11 >>

Sure, part of going to the races is putting up flyers in the bathroom advertising your car for sale. Everyone puts flyers up on a couple of the main bathroom / shower buildings at Road America... but only Minnesota's own Gene Berghoff attempts to sell and wrangle new Jaguar clients with their pants down in every, single porta-potty in the entire place.



Race cars roll into downtown Elkhart Lake Friday evening as it sprinkles lightly.





We talked to the owner of this 1966 Porsche 912 race car, a young man from Oklahoma City, it was his first trip to Road America.

the vintage races, they were the only two people that showed. At the time I was really annoyed that only two people, besides me, showed up for an event I tried so hard to plan, but it was then that I learned... it doesn't matter who doesn't show up, it matters who DOES show up, have fun with those people, the rest are just missing out. I think they've come on 4 of the 6 Walleye 1000 events by now too, we see a lot of each other, they've become great car friends. They have a very cool, and rare 1984 Mercedes-Benz 500 SEC 6.0 liter 4 cam AMG Coupe... you know, one of those cars someone bought in the 80s for \$80,000 and then spent another \$175,000 having AMG modify. They've got one, completely documented with all the period records and receipts. It's such a special car that the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center in Irvine, CA contacted them earlier this year and asked if they would loan it to them to put on display at Pebble Beach this year... this coming week! How cool is that? Have fun out there boys!

Back to Elkhart Lake... I picked up the phone and it was Alex, "Hey Dave, we're just driving around here at the track, where are you?"

"I'm right by the St. John the Baptist concession stand in the paddock" All the concession stands at Road America are run by local community groups, churches, Kiwanis, etc.

"Okay," he said "walk towards the Sargento bridge, we'll pick you up." I really was feeling overheated, like I needed to get out of the sun and into somewhere cool, and fast. As usual, Alex is cool... in style and temperature... just out of college, his whole life ahead of him, there he was, behind the wheel of a big white Range Rover. I knew it would be plenty cool in there. His father, Chris, was in the passenger's seat, along for the ride. I climbed up into the back seat and the A/C hit me like an arctic blast.

"Ahhhhh, this is perfect, I was getting too hot out there" I said with relief.

"You want a water? Open up that cooler, we've got plenty" Chris pointed to the cooler.

We spent the next couple of hours driving to various vantage points around the track, talking about cars, their upcoming trip to Pebble Beach, their first to Monterey Car Week. It was a great time. As late afternoon arrived the guys dropped me off at our campsite where I met back up with Mark. We drove Ruby into downtown Elkhart Lake, this time, we got a great parking spot. Anyone who entered the main downtown area got a good look and the stream of traffic was steady, people looking at the car. Mark stood close by, sure to answer any questions people had. People are just drawn to 356s, men, women, kids, 356s just seem to put a smile on people's faces.

We had dinner, strolled around and looked at the cars in the show. We met up with Russell and Andrea King, friends from North Oaks. Last year they brought their 1963 Maserati 3500 GTi for the Saturday night concours, you may have seen it at the Intermarque Spring Kick Off this past Spring. Well, this Summer, they brought a mid 70s Chevrolet C10 pick up truck that was originally purchased by Andrea's grandfather, then given to her father and then to her. Over the past couple of years they restored this truck, from a rusty hulk sitting out in a field on the family farm to a pristine, better than new (seriously, over the top) truck. Not really what you'd expect to see at a sports car event, but the quality of this piece was, frankly, much higher than a lot of cars in the show. As usual, Russell and Andrea dressed to match their vehicle... Russell in Overalls and a cowboy hat and Andrea in cowgirl boots and a country style dress. Those two certainly do to have fun, wherever they go.

We eventually made our way back to the track. Mark and I were in our tents just after the sun went down, again, early to bed, early to rise. We wanted to park the cars somewhere in the paddock for maximum exposure for Ruby on Sunday, so we knew we needed to get up early.

I woke up about midnight to the sound of rain hitting my tent and thunder. I grabbed my phone and had a look at the weather radar to see what this was all about. The radar showed a huge red blob headed right towards us... it was going to be big and it wasn't' going to be brief. Over the next few minutes the rain really started coming down, then it started POURING, you know, that kind of rain like, it couldn't possibly rain any

harder? Then the wind started, my tent was whipping back and forth, the fiberglass poles were flexing back and forth, it was serious stuff.

Now, I take some pride in knowing how to set up a tent, I was a Boy Scout, an Eagle Scout in fact. Mark and I pitched our tents on high, flat ground, the luck of the draw with the camp sites I guess, but we had good ones. I staked my tent properly, I pulled each corner tightly, I knew I'd stay perfectly dry. I tried to get back to sleep, but it's kind of hard to sleep with the noise of the wind and the rain and the thunder and lightning. It was a crazy storm. We got up early again and as we emerged from our tents we could see that some people didn't fair as well as we did. We saw several 10 x 10 canopies tents that were completely collapsed and mangled... in some cases, the fabric canopies were gone entirely, and a crumpled pile of steel and fiberglass poles remained. People had left food and clothes out on folding tables, all that stuff was soaked or strewn about. The Carousel camp ground was a bit of a mess. Our tents were fine and we were dry. We wiped the white car off and drove into town again for breakfast.

After breakfast, it still wasn't even 7:00am, we went back to the campsite to pick up Ruby and we went out in search of a good place to park the cars. We headed up into the Paddock area near turn 5 and came across the perfect parking spot... it was like it was made for two Porsche 356s.

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Lots of historic Formula 1 cars on hand, many of the drivers of these cars are European who come over for the Summer to run various tracks around the United States.



'Cheetahs always win' through Canada Corner I've heard these referred to as 'like driving' a lawn chair with a V8 engine attached to the front'



Alfa Romeo Tipo 33/3, this actual car took 2nd place in the 1971 Targa Florio.



This is a unique piece... loosely based on the Alfa Romeo Sprint Speciale, in concept, built by Tom Zatt, this is an 'SSZ Stradale' originally campaigned in SCCA racing and USRRC, good looks with a big Chevy engine, owned by my friend, Bruce Eide of Sioux Falls, SD. Bruce was the only person I knew in the car business 10 years ago when I wanted to get into it. I met him at Road America, with this car, years ago and because of that connection, I went down the car business path.





Sunbeam Tiger through Thunder Valley as he makes his way towards Canada Corner.

Kent Prather, multiyear SCCA National champion navigates Canada Corner in his MG A

Datsun 510 navigates Canada Corner as the safety crew attempts to dislodge a 240Z from the gravel trap.



There is a small concrete pad right above the spectator area at turn 5, right as you come up the hill from the entrance of the track into the paddock. It's a place where just about every person who enters the place must pass, whether on foot or in a car. For the past few years there had been a little concession stand there, a trailer set up to sell popcorn and drinks I think, but it wasn't there, it was just a bare concrete pad. So we didn't have to park in the wet grass, there was no mud for us to deal with, we drove right onto this concrete pad and strategically parked the two cars. We put the For Sale sign in Ruby and put some flyers on the windshield. For the rest of the day the cars acted as our home based. They were centrally located so we could come back to them to get something out of our coolers, it was perfect. Everyone who walked by cocked their head to read the paper with the car details on it Mark had made, a lot of people took flyers.

We bumped into Twin Cities car guy Dick Matthews while waiting in line for lunch. Once we all got our food we sat together. He's such a fun guy to talk to about old cars, and he's got some neat ones. He drove his Porsche 356 Roadster down from Minneapolis to Elkhart Lake, the same 8 hours we drove. He told stories of racing his AC Bristol at Met stadium and the time a Ferrari 250 passed him in the Kink at Road America "I didn't mind that the guy passed me, but did he have to pass me there?!" The kink is a famously tricky, and potentially very dangerous, turn at Road America. It was fun visiting with Dick over lunch. After lunch Sunday is always a bittersweet time, some of the best on track action is Sunday afternoon, but even by that time, you start seeing race trailers being packed up and driven out as each race group has their final session of the weekend.

As later afternoon came around Mark and I said our goodbyes to those around us and hopped into the 356s, leaving the track behind. Instead of trying to make it all the way home after an almost full day at the track, we opted to drive a few hours to Buckhorn State Park, on Castle Rock Lake, not far from 194 and Mauston, WI. It's funny, when you sit down with a map of Wisconsin and Minnesota with Mark and start talking about places to camp and back roads to drive, he has the base of knowledge that's huge. I feel like we're looking at remote areas on the map, certainly places I've never been, and he's like "This is a pretty good place, I've camped there before" as he points to a random state park. Then maybe he'll point to a little lake or something and say "There's a private campground here that's okay, good view of that little lake, no flush toilets though" sometimes I wonder if he was a hobo at some point, a vagabond wandering from place to place, camping along the way... but in a Porsche, not a rail car. Or maybe that's what he is now?

The few hours of great back roads Sunday evening as the sun set were some of the best of the weekend. I savored every moment driving Mark's Ruby Red 356. Anyone who has ever made fun of a 356 for being CONT. ON PAGE 14 >>



Ruby gets a good parking spot Saturday night... as a Maserati Ghibli rolls by.

Mark has a smile on his face after we found the perfect Sunday parking spots near turn 5.

'a Volkswagen' has clearly never driven one. They are such utterly capable cars, fast, fun to drive, great handling, I didn't want to stop. They're real sports cars and an absolute blast. I've had a lot of windshield time in Mercedes Pagoda SLs, my 230SL and 250SL, both are cars that are no longer in my life. I can guarantee you that I will never own another Pagoda SL until I have a 356... yes, the former president of the local section of the Mercedes-Benz Club just put that on paper (former, being the operative word there I guess). It was even more fun driving in convoy with Mark, watching the curves of his white car ahead of me dice through the turns of the nearly deserted back roads. These cars have what, 95, maybe 100 HP? Well, they just prove the old saying, "It's fun to drive a slow car fast than a fast car slow." They aren't even that slow, at one point I passed a Saturn doing 10 under the speed limit at about 90 MPH, in third gear! I backed off as soon as I got around the lady, but I like to be decisive in those oncoming lane passing situations. What fun!

We woke up Monday morning knowing we'd be home soon. We stopped in a small town for breakfast, I can't even remember the name of the place. A table full of about 10 local guys, mostly farmers from the looks of their hats and clothes, all turned to look as we entered. One of them that came late, after us, walked over to our table to ask if those were Porsches we were driving. "I thought they were Karmann Ghias then I thought, 'no, I think those are Porsches'". Porsches, he was right. See, people love them.

We got back in the cars for the last leg home, a good 5 hours of driving after breakfast, it just never got old. All weekend, I knew in the back of my mind, that this might be my last July vintage race weekend at Road



America for a while, as my wife and I recently bought a house in New York and sold our house here in St. Louis Park. We're moving to New York at the end of September.

I hope to make it back to Minneapolis a couple of times next year, maybe for the Spring Kick Off and the vintage races, but then the next year, I'll probably only come back once, then the next year, I probably won't come back at all as life gets geared up in a new place. We're really looking forward to our new adventure. We bought 30 acres just outside Ithaca, New York, home of Cornell University. The really good news... what's just a short 20 minute or so drive down the road? Watkins Glen! Of course, I'm really excited to be so close to such a great race track and I am officially all out of excuses, those excuses I keep giving Rich Stadther when he says, "Come on Dave, get an MG or a Triumph or something like that to race, you'll love it, you just have to get started" for not having a cool little car for the track. At the same time... if I'm so close to the track, there will be no more 8 hour road trips with a good friend, over the back roads in cool cars, where getting there is just as fun as being there.

Over the past few years Mark and I have driven to Road America a bunch of times... he's always in a 356. The color changes, but the model stays the same, Champagne Yellow, Ruby Red, Ivory White... I've always been in a Mercedes 230 SL or my 250 SL... until this year and this year was a very good year that I'll remember, well, forever. Thanks Mark.

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## WHEELS OF ITALY PAZZALUNA SHOW JULY 27TH • ST. PAUL, MN

RECAP BY JOHN ENGSTROM • PHOTO BY ANDY LINDBERG

Well, the first thing I did was forget to take my official Alfa Romeo pen with me, but I was sure I could sneak in anyhow. Wheels of Italy (WOI), usually puts on a great show and I was excited to see it.

Things were buzzing on Thursday, July 27th in St Paul. The show started at 4 PM, oddly enough that was the same time that happy hour started. The headquarters was at Pazzaluna restaurant. If you liked Red and Fast, it was the place to go. There were plenty of Red cars being shown, and plenty of people to see them. Streets were shut down in downtown St. Paul and there were two blocks of cars being shown. Lots of cars there and even more people. I didn't count the cars but I can assure you that there were plenty of Maseratis, Lamborghinis, Ferraris, Alfas even some Fiats, an old 500 showed up along with a new 124, which looked pretty sharp as well. To accompany the cars there were also some Motorcycles. The cars were good, the food was good and the people watching was good.

There were too many cars there to come up with one favorite, but I am very partial to Alfas ever since owning a Guilia way back in the late 60's. The best part of the show for me is when they were leaving and you could hear those wonderful engines echoing back and forth along the buildings.

For those who missed a great car show, you have another chance to see them. There is another Wheels of Italy show happening on Saturday, September 10th from 10-4 at the Lake Calhoun Executive Center.



## **INTERMARQUE PICNIC**

JULY 30TH • ST. PAUL, MN RECAP AND PHOTO BY ANDY LINDBERG

Hosted by the MG club. Beautiful day and many attendees. Many MGs, but also Jags and Triumphs and others.





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**FOR SALE:** 1953 MGTD This attractive 1953 MG TD shows nicely and is a good driver condition car. The car was restored some years ago and has a non-stock interior. The odometer shows 13,631 miles but true mileage is unknown In 2014 the following was done at Quality Coaches in Minneapolis, Reconditioned and sealed fuel tank, new fuel sending unit, front and rear brakes, rebuilt master cylinder, rebuilt carbs, battery, complete exhaust, sandblasted and painted wheels and installed reconditioned steering wheel. \$16,000 OBO Rob Whitehill, robw@quality-coaches.com, 612-824-4155.



**FOR SALE:** 1978 MGB This low mileage car shows 30367 original miles. The previous owner can no longer use due to back problems. The car likely will need a new battery, it has been sitting for years and may need some repairs. Rob Whitehill, robw@quality-coaches.com, 612-824-4155.



#### FOR SALE: 1974 TR6

Good driver-quality car. In 2016 the following work was performed by Quality Coaches in Minneapolis. New clutch, battery, rear brakes, master cylinder, tune up with new wires and condenser, starter, alternator. For sale at \$7500 OBO see the car at the Intermarque spring kickoff May 13 in Osseo. Rob Whitehill, robw@quality-coaches.com, 612-824-4155.





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**FOR SALE:** 1985 Citroen 2CV. I have owned the car for 20 years and have driven it an average of only 400 miles per year. It has ALWAYS been garaged (and never driven after September or before May). This car is titled as a 1967 but was built in France in 1985. 33,200 miles/53,400 km. \$12,000 OBO. desmondwhitney@comcast.net



FOR SALE: 1954 MGTF

Continuous one family ownership for over 40 years. The odometer shows 95,510 and while it was restored many years ago it still shows nicely. It is plain to see that this car was well cared for. \$25,000 OBO Rob Whitehill, robw@qualitycoaches.com, 612-824-4155.



FOR SALE: 1966 Lotus Elan S2 54,000 miles. British Racing Green with black vinyl interior. Excellent condition inside and out. Original frame, keys, knockoffs, interior, trunk, top and body. No accident repairs. Painted 25 years ago and still in great shape. Bumpers recently repainted. Motor built by PHP racing with break-in done on dyno with complete dyno sheet. 125bhp on stock cams. Shop manual and car cover. More photos available on request. Clear title and located near the MSP airport. \$49,500 OBO. Please call or text between 9am - 9pm CST, 651-260-6151





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WEB SURFING SUGGESTION FROM THE INTERMARQUE MAILBOX: Citroen classic cars parade around Portugal

https://usat.ly/2vkuWSR



1 P.M. CHEROKEE PARK On the west side in St. Paul. Bring a dish to share. If it rains it's cancelled. June 25: Hosted by the MN Austin-Healey Club July 30: Hosted by MN MG Group August 27: MN United Minis (MUM) September 24: MN Citroen Club



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## 2017 MULTI MARQUE CALENDAR

HAVE AN EVENT TO SHARE? We're always happy to add new events (or update current listings). Send additions, deletions and corrections to andyrlind@gmail.com NEW EVENTS HAVE YELLOW

## ONGOING

**Multi-Marque Breakfast** EVERY\* SATURDAY MORNING! 8 a.m., Elsie's Restaurant Bar and Bowling, 729 MarshallStreet N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55413. 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. Map to the Elsie's at http://elsies.com

**East Ender's Saturday Morning Breakfast** Now gathering at the The Brookside Bar and Grill in downtown Marine on St Croix on the first and third Saturdays at 9am. Brookside has outside tables, plenty of parking, and great Bloody Marys (for those who are so inclined). Feel free to post comments on the InterMarqe Facebook page.

August 19, Royal British Car Show, Jaguar Minneapolis, 8905 Wayzata Blvd., Golden Valley, Minnesota

August 26, Amery Airport Autocross/Speed run, Amery, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: mnhealey.com

August 27, Intermarque Picnic, Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. Hosted by MUM–MN United Minis.

August 30, Classics and Exotics at the AutoMotorPlex, 8150 Audubon Road, Chanhassen, MN 55317. Info: automorplex.com

September 8, 9 and 10, Ephraim Hill Climb and Concours, Ephraim, Wisconsin. (Door County. Across Eagle Harbor from Peninsula State Park) Info: ephraimhillclimb.com

**September 9, Wheels and Wings,** Simenstad Municipal Airport, Osceola, Wisconsin. More a Wing show and a muscle car parking lot. Big news: Last year there was free admission to the car show.

September 10?, Wayzata Rotary Motorsports Show, Minnetonka Avenue, Wayzata, Minnesota. An impressive gathering of foreign and American vehicles.

September 15-17, VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. In addition to watching the races and touring the pits, on Saturday fans can see a tour on almost the original '50s road course. Info: roadamerica.com

#### September 16, 7th Annual Oktoberfest German

**Car Show** This event will be a celebration of all things German including cars, food and beer. 100's of German cars German music & DJ German food German beer Ladies dirndl dresses More... Food, coffee and beer will be provided by the Chanhassen American Legion with a portion of the sales going to charity. September 22-24, Waumandee Hill Climb, Waumandee, Wisconsin. Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: mnhealey.com

**September 24, Intermarque Picnic,** Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN. 1:00PM. Bring a chair and a dish to share. Hosted by the Minnesota Citroen Club.

September 30?, Intermarque Banquet?, Elsie's?, Minneapolis, MN. More details later. Maybe.

October 14, BMC Open House and Car Show. 10 AM to 2 PM. Come and look through the shop, see what we are working on. The car show is open to all makes. http://www.bmcautos.com

## **2018 EVENTS!**

May 24-27, Rally in the Valley, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Best Western Conference Center. 715-838-9989. For event info: www.mn-mggroup.org or Diane Rindt drindt427@yahoo.com or 715-379-6001

#### New

#### June 7-10, Back to the Bay Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Nor'wester Hotel. 807-473-9123. Mention the sports car rendezvous. Hosted by the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club. Show & Shine Car Show (come dressed in the same era as your car], driver challenges, driving tours, fun rally. Info: www.tbvscc.ca info@tbvscc.ca or John Colisimo 807344-7694

## REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

Audi Club Glacier Lakes, Most months there is a Third Thursday gathering with time & date announced at audiclubglacierlakes.org

Austin-Healey Club of Manitoba, Regular monthly Club meetings on the 1st monday of each month, 7:30 pm. except when monday falls on a long weekend, then it is the next monday. No meeting in December. Also check our website for the meeting locations as well as various other events, breakfast drives etc. during the summer months, see www.ahcm.ca

### Arrowhead Sports Car Club Monthly Meeting,

second Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m., 4767 West Arrowhead Road, Hermantown, Minnesota. Info: www. arrowheadscc.org

### British Iron Society Informal gathering, 8 am

every Saturday morning at the Fry-n Pan, Fourth and Main, beautiful downtown Fargo, North Dakota. Info: mail@ britishironsociety.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. Joseph's Grill, 140 South Wabasha, Saint Paul, MN. 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 p.m., Dover in the Double Tree Hotel, 1500 Park Place Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55416 Chris Luick 612 250 6788 or 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., Ol' Mexico restaurant, Lexington and Larpenteur, St. Paul

**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 Thursday of the month 7pm at the Slovak Legion, 801 Atlantic Ave. Thunder Bay, Ontario. Sept. to May, in the summer we drive! 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

**ZOOM** Datsun/Nissan Z Owners. 1st Monday of the month 6:30 pm (locations vary) For details join https://www.facebook.com/groups/ZoomZcar/





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STORY LENGTH: 500-1000 words

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## OUT AND ABOUTS:

STORY LENGTH: 50-250 words plus event date/host/location.

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS: 2-3 photos. See restrictions above.



## **CLASSIFIED LISTINGS:**

FREE for 3 months then we pull them. Must be vintage foreign related and be located within the upper midwest. Up to 3 photos and no more than a 50 word description with contact info. The Monthly reserves the right to edit as needed to fit.



## CALENDAR LISTINGS:

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