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HOLIDAY PARTY!**

Date: December 12, 2015

Location: Lost Spur Country Club

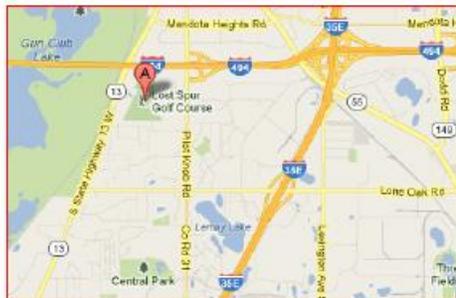
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Entertainment: No live music, clowns or magicians will be on board this year, just good old conversation with great friends!

6:00p.m. - Cocktail hour

7:00p.m. - Buffet Dinner

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Make Check Payable to: Minnesota MG Group

Welcome New Members!
Dave and Pat Bursaw – 1962 MGA MkII
Kathy Heise 1972 MG Midget

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Message from the President



Events for 2016.

The MMGG Annual Business Meeting on November 14th was a success by enabling members to get together over some pretty tasty appetizers and get to the business of drafting up our Calendar of

In between chatting and scheduling we did manage to re-elect Elena Biessener to another 2 years as MMGG's Secretary and Steve Greenway to another 2 years as MMGG's Treasurer. The other 6 Officers of MMGG are in the middle of their current 2-year terms in office. Which means next year's Business Meeting will involve several changes in officers and provide opportunities for others to come forward to help run this club.

The club does have one open position though, Tech Session Coordinator. At present we do not have a volunteer to fill this position. This is not an Officer position, so anyone can volunteer to simply fill the position. We were rather lacking in Tech Sessions in 2015, maybe we can change this in 2016. If we do not have a coordinator for this position, anyone with ideas or desires for a tech session on a topic can simply contact me and I will see what I can do.

Which brings me to one little task I continue to try to update and that is the history of MMGG's officers. I have a lot of files to glean some of this information from, but prior to 2008 things get a little foggy. So in the near future I will be sending out what I have put together so far in an effort to get feedback from some of our longer-term members, on just who held office further back in time. What the history shows so far is that past officers appear to be the same dozen or so people that simply keep changing which position they held or currently hold.

As a club with 100+ memberships and many, many more members – I think we should be able to add a bit more diversity to the list of members that keep stepping forward to help the club function from year to year. It is a great club with great members; we just need more volunteers to bring more ideas to what and how the club should operate.

And to the idea of more ideas, members at the Annual Business Meeting came up with a new way to provide more opportunities for our members to become involved in putting together club activities,

Destination Drives or Pop-Up Events. Destination Events will be club events on weekdays as well as weekends that have a destination event or activity to get to, but without an organized drive or route. I go into more detail on this elsewhere in the Gazette.

As to old ideas, members at the Annual Meeting did manage to draft up our 2016 Calendar of Events, with many of the old standard events that will occur throughout the coming year. I'm still working on coordinating some of the dates for some events, but as the dates come in our calendar will be updated.

There remain many opportunities for members to host an event, drive or activity; be it a regular club event or one of the new Destination Events. Remember, MMGG is a great club with many great activities to have fun at and many enable us to get our little cars out on the road.

One item that will be further discussed in the future is the idea of changing the Annual Holiday Party from an evening event to a daytime event. The club recently changed the Holiday Party from January to December to see if this would enable more members to attend, but now we are wondering if moving the event from an evening dinner to a brunch or lunch would enable more attendance. At present this is just in the, "let's think about it" stage. The December 2015 party is still occurring as planned with details in the Gazette.

Remember – any ideas, any questions, any complaints, any suggestions can always be sent to me and I will try to resolve it, incorporate it, make time for it or fix it. Keep those cards and letters coming!

So, for now – I'll be seeing you at the Holiday Party.

Bob (Andy) Anderson
Your President

Madam Vice



It's hard to think about the driving season at an end and all of our British cars tucked away. Hard to realize that fall is over and Christmas is coming quickly. Hard to think about winter coats, gloves and boots. Impossible to think of shovels, snow blowers and bags of salt to melt the ice. Don't want to think about starting up my Expedition and letting it

run to get warm and I certainly don't want to think about the heating bills. But that all goes with being in Minnesota. Any outdoor projects that didn't get done before the cold weather came won't get done now until spring. Why is it so hard for me to think about cold weather, you might ask. I have been on the island of Isla Mujeres since Halloween and even though we have had a wet month, the rain is warm and the laundry hanging on the line only takes about two hours to dry. This morning the sun was out but it was breezy so it was a good time to paint the cement garden. I only finished one of them because I have to save a project for another day. Roger is starting on the banisters. Someone asked me what the hardest transition was, coming from Isla and going back to Minnesota, I think it is going from my golf cart to the Expedition.

Several couples from our MG club and also some MG girls are coming to the island this winter in February. There is a really nice Isla Mujeres website and with the high Mexican exchange rate, Isla Mujeres is a great destination for a winter get away. Think about it. I will see you at the MG Holiday party and talk about it then. Isla is not a tourist trap, it is *una natural* island and it's beautiful.

Speaking of the Holiday Party, it is coming up soon, December 12. This event ends the 2015 season and a time for us to get together before the Christmas chaos begins. I always look forward to this party, a time to reconnect with folks you don't see often and wish Holiday greetings to everyone. The buffet at Lost Spur is always excellent, the after dinner activities are always fun and it's always a surprise to see what our members bring for the raffle/auction. Please send in your registration soon so we order enough food for everyone.

I wasn't at the Annual business meeting this year so the events that are scheduled will be a surprise for me as they will be for you. I understand that once again Elena volunteered to head up our Kick off Brunch. She always does a nice job of picking the venue and planning the menu at great prices. Thanks Elena. That event is normally the first of the new driving season with everyone hoping for weather suitable for our British cars to come out of hiding. Destination drives seem to be the plan for 2016 as there appears to be lots of open weekends on our driving season calendar for members to sign up to host an event. A picnic, a tech session in your driveway, a short overnight trip (the MG Girls have done that several times), a ride with ice cream, lunch or a cocktail at the end of the trip. Even a scavenger hunt, if you are creative. Let either me, Andy or our Editor, Sue Greenway know or we'll get the word out for you. Take a look at the calendar of events in this month's Gazette and start thinking of a date that sounds good to you.

I don't have much more to say, we are going to Cancun today to shop after I go to school to read to the children. Yes, school is in session this week. Thanksgiving is not a Mexican holiday so here business is as usual. Several of the restaurants on the island are serving traditional Thanksgiving dinner for those of us who came before high season.

On a personal note thanks to everyone who sent me a note after my Maggie died here on the island. I still miss her faithful loving spirit. Morky is getting acclimated to being alone and also used to the warm temperature and unusual smells. He, just like Maggie, loves the golf cart.

I hope all of you have had a wonderful Thanksgiving. See you soon at the Holiday party.

Be well and travel safe,
Safety Fast
Dawn

November Events Recap!!

MMGG Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Andy Anderson at 11:52 following a wonderful appetizer buffet. Andy introduced the officers. The club officers meet the second week of odd numbered months.

Steve Greenway reported on the financial status. We had spent money on regalia in 2014 but we recouped that money with sales at Niagara Falls. Our beginning balance for January 1, 2015 was \$7,769.90 and our balance today is \$10,195.88.

We are filing for tax exempt status with the IRS at a one-time cost of \$400. We will no longer be able to sell shirts to anyone outside of the club.

Regalia - Jennie Anderson advised that she has a lady who will embroider our logo on an item of clothing for only \$4.00.

Steve Greenway was reelected as Treasurer and Elena Biessener was reelected as Secretary. They will serve a 2-year term.

Elena will plan the Kick-off brunch at Sgt. Peppers again for 2016. It will be in March or April. Andy

will follow up with Dan Iburg to see when he wants to plan his event in April.

We discussed the Intermarque picnic schedule. June will advise the Intermarque council that that our club would like to sponsor the July 31 picnic.

We discussed destination drives. Jennie will look into Bloomington concerts. June will check out Hudson for the MN Orchestra. Sue Greenway will check out a weekend destination. Lorie will check out the Stillwater car show. Lorna will check out the Durand jazz festival. Bob Jenson is willing to host a tech session. We did not assign someone to handle the 2016 Holiday party. Sue suggested a Nov or December fancy Brunch instead of an evening event. We will discuss this at this years' holiday party.

Sue Greenway will post the calendar in the Gazette.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07.

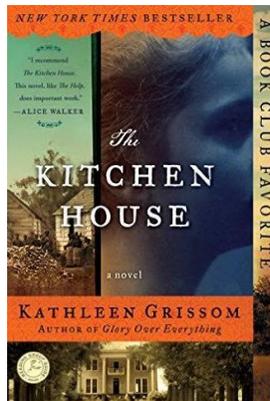
Elena Biessener
Secretary



The MG Girls' Corner



The next MG Girls' luncheon will be at Mendoberries on Monday, December 21 at 1:00. Mendoberries is located at 730 Main Street in Mendota Heights. Please RSVP to Elena at elen2b0916@comcast.net if you plan to attend. Please join us! Our lunches are SO much fun!



The next MG Girls Book Club will be on Sunday, January 17 at 1:00 at Elena Biessener's home. As usual. We'll be "lunching" so bring a dish to pass. We will be discussing "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom. Please RSVP to Elena at elen2b0916@comcast.net. Her address is 10793 D Falling Water Lane in Woodbury. If you need directions, just drop her an email.



MMGG 2016 Calendar of Events



Under Construction
Check the January Newsletter!!

New for 2016 will be Destination Drives! A drive with an event at the end, a concert, a festival, a vineyard...food. What do you like to do??

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| Saturday Morning British Breakfast at the Elsie's Bar and Grill | East Ender's Saturday Morning Breakfast at the Sail Away Café |
| Open to all lovers of British cars. <u>New Location Elsie's Restaurant and Bar</u> Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Most people get there early). 729 Marshall Street N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55413 | Groups of MG'ers have started a semimonthly East Enders Breakfast group. For those MG (and any other) enthusiasts that want breakfast a little later and not have to drive to Minneapolis. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month, 9 a.m. 1321 St. Croix Trail, Afton, MN. North of County Road 18 and St. Croix Trail. |

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- 1/4 page—\$20.00/issue
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