



GAZETTE

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UPCOMING EVENTS - - Details within
MG Girls Book Club – Sunday January 17th
MG Girls Luncheon – Monday January 18th
Boot and Bonnet Pub Party – Saturday February 20th

It's that time of year!!

A message from our Treasurer:

Membership fees for 2016 are due.
\$30 if paid before the MMGG Spring Kick-Off Brunch. \$35 if paid after.
Please submit payment to:

Steve Greenway
PO Box 13
Cumberland, WI 54829

Membership renewal form on page 14

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Letter from the President

Well its January 2016, we've earned all the money we could in 2015 and now it's time to worry about taxes.... Oh – wait, we don't have to worry about taxes for a few more months. Skip taxes for now; I'll bring this all back up in a few months. Instead, it's the New Year – Christmas and/or the Holidays are over, so it's time to worry about credit card bills. There, isn't that better!

Actually winter is upon us, our little MGs are tucked away somewhere keeping the mice warm until spring. Hopefully everyone has their cars filled with dryer sheets, Irish Spring soap, or whatever other folklore preventive they use. I personally use full strength Old Spice stick deodorant, one inside the car – one inside the trunk. It keeps the whole garage fresh smelling, and it saves the mice money on their aftershave. I just hope everyone remembered to winterize their cars, so that when driving weather returns, it's just a quick turn of the key and off we all go.

Last year made for a lot of interesting drives and events, and 2016 looks to be more of the same, except for one little addition. As we discussed at the Business Meeting last November and as I briefly outlined at the Holiday Party in December, we are adding Destination Drives in 2016 as a new event. I've provided details in a separate article on this, and as the destinations/events start showing up on the calendar, you'll all see what they are.

One thing we may not have again for quite some time is, two (2) Holiday Parties in the same year. Our 2014 Holiday party was in January 2015, and our 2015 Holiday party was in December 2015. I thought the place looked familiar, but I still messed up on driving to the event, again!

The most recent Holiday Party was attended by 40 some members. Photos of the event are on our Facebook Page as well as in the Gazette. We did not have a band this year to save on expenses, which didn't stop everyone from having a good time. The food was good as usual and so was the mingling with members. Our thanks go to Deb & Rich Leslie for hosting the event. They did a great job with all the details and decorations.

For 2016 there are no changes in Officers for the club. Everyone was either in the middle of their 2-year term, or they were re-elected to another 2-year term. To keep our club fun and moving along we will be needing members to step forward next November to help the club by being an officer. 2016 will be my last

year as President, as by December 2016 I will have reached the limit of two consecutive 2-year terms, which were preceded by two consecutive 2-year terms as Editor. Eight years as an elected official and I still haven't been offered any bribes, nor has the administration been involved in any scandals.

Even though we have all the officers we need, the volunteer position of Tech Session Coordinator is still vacant. Anyone wishing to fill this position can do so by simply volunteering. Members interested in hosting a tech session can simply contact any club officer, until we have a Coordinator.

The next upcoming event for the club is the Pub Party at the Petroff's, sometime in February. This has been taking the place of our former, High Tea. More information will be forthcoming in the Gazette, our Website and perhaps on Facebook.

Then our first major 2016 event for the club will be the Spring Kick-off Brunch, which is in the planning stages for dates in either late March or early April, more information on this in the months ahead.

2016 looks to be a good year ahead. Keep your eyes on the calendar of events, our website and the newsletter for details as they come up.

Madam Vice

Wouldn't you think in this day of electronic devices, power cords, strip chords, laptops, notebooks, cell phones desk tops and internet I would have one system that works in Word so I could send my column to the Gazette editor. But no, nothing is working. On one device I've got email but Microsoft Word doesn't work so I can't send it out that way.

On another device Word works but my email has a glitch, so I am left typing my column on my cell phone. What did we ever do without our portable cell phones? Here I am on the island sitting on my patio with my internet working for a change but feeling like I'm in the dark ages.

This is the first time that I've been on the island during the holidays. It was fun to experience Christmas and New Year's Mexican style. Christmas is very quiet and laid back. Houses are decorated, neighborhood parades with golf carts all decorated with Christmas lights, go up and down streets throwing out bags of candies and little marshmallows. We went to a friend's house for Christmas dinner and spent the day

with several Mexican families and ate a traditional American Christmas dinner. New Year's however...was party-time in a big way. Tables and chairs with white tablecloths and party favors filled the square. All the restaurants in town were prepared for large numbers of guests and fancy dinners were on the menu. Everyone showed up in their finest. The town was full and the square was electric with excitement. There were bands, music and dancing. At midnight the fireworks started and you could see them all over the island. How beautiful. Then the serious partying began and I am told it went on until morning. We were in bed by 1am but the music in the streets went on until nearly 4am. School starts up again this Wednesday so just like at home things should start quieting down and getting back to some sort of schedule on the island.

Our MG club had a great time at the holiday party in December. We missed a lot of you. It was a wonderful

dinner and lovely evening. We hope to see you at the spring kickoff which is the next big event for our club. In February however, John and Joan Petroff are hosting an annual event, check the Gazette for dates and times. This is always been fun and a time our group has been gathering since the Valentine's tea party.

I understand there is information about our Destination Drives in this Gazette. We hope this concept appeals to folks and many of you come out this next summer. We are always looking for hosts so look at your calendar and send me an email.

That's about all folks, it's difficult to concentrate on anything when the beach is calling to me. I hope you enjoy the photos from the island that I attached. I hope your New Year's Eve was wonderful and the year to come is even better for everyone. Safety fast, even in your everyday cars.

New for 2016 Destination Drives!



As can be seen in my monthly column and in the Annual Business Meeting minutes, we are proposing to add something new to our events for the coming year - Destination Drives.

While it can be said that all our drives have a destination in mind, it can typically be said that they also have a preferred route on how to get to the destination. The routes are usually developed with the concept of the more curves the better. In most cases the miles to get from a starting point to the destination are not the shortest distance between two points. Some members love the drives, the longer the better - others like the drives to be shorter.

This is where Destination Drives come in. While there is a destination for us to join up at, there will be no route or tour connected with these outings. Everyone and anyone can simply leave from their homes or wherever and head to the destination. One does not even need to drive their MG, heaven forbid!

Some Destination Drives may enable a "joining up" location for members to meet before proceeding on the final way to the event.

Of course anyone is free to take whatever direct or meandering route they desire to an event.

Several members proposed various activities to head to; music in a park, a vineyard, food at a unique location, a picnic location, and car shows, etc. The members closest to or most knowledgeable about a destination will be determining the location, dates, and times. This information will be published in the newsletter and on our website, and maybe our Facebook page.

For now the Destination Drives are being researched, and as the information is assembled it will be published. But this is where others can step forward and offer their favorite destinations to our list.

Hopefully this will enable more and different things for our club members to do. Oh, and Destination Drives are NOT limited to weekends, several of the ideas raised at the Business Meeting occur during the weekdays.

Watch for more on this as we fine tune this new idea for the club.

December Events Recap - Happy Holidays to ALL!!



Upcoming Events

3rd Annual Bonnet and Boot Pub Party

Saturday, February 20, 6:30 PM

5017 Kingsdale Drive, Bloomington, MN.

Phone: 952-893-9149

Bring your favorite Pub Grub -English or American

Scotch Eggs? Bangers & Mash? Shepherd's Pie?

Chips and Dip? Cocktails Weenies? Taco Salad?

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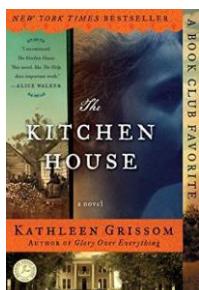
John and Joan Petroff



The MG Girls' Corner



The MG Girls will be lunching at Porter Creek Hardwood Grill, 14201 Burngarten Dr., Burnsville, MN on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 1 o'clock. This is MLKing's Birthday. 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 Biesssener'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 Combined Calendar of Events

Date	Event Location, Details and Contact
Saturday, February 20	Bonnet and Boot Pub Party, 6:30 PM, 5017 Kingsdale Dr. Bloomington Hosted by: John and Joan Petroff
Monday, March 14	Bi-Monthly Club Meeting Location: Shamrock's Bar 995 West 7 th Street, St. Paul, MN - Open to all MMGG members.
Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3	Workshop with John Twist Hosted by: Quality Coaches, Mark Brandow
Saturday, April 9	MMGG Spring Kick Off Brunch at Sargent Pepper's Hosted by: MMGG members Elena Biessner
Monday, May 9	Bi-Monthly Club Meeting Location: Shamrock's Bar 995 West 7 th Street, St. Paul, MN - Open to all MMGG members.
Sunday, May 14	InterMarque Spring Kick-Off Location: TBD For more information visit: www.intermarque.org
Friday – Sunday, June 10-12	Rendezvous: Kenora Details TBD
Monday – Friday, June 13-17	MG 2016 - Louisville Details TBD
Friday, June 17	MMGG Friday Sundae Drive Hosted by: MMGG Member Jim Gevay
Sunday, June 26	InterMarque Picnic Location: Cherokee Park 700 Cherokee Heights Blvd, St. Paul, MN For more information visit: www.intermarque.org
Thursday, July 7	Destination Drive -Hudson Band Concert Hosted by Tom and June Moerke
Monday, July 11	Bi-Monthly Club Meeting Location: Shamrock's Bar 995 West 7 th Street, St. Paul, MN - Open to all MMGG members.
Friday, July 15	MMGG Friday Sundae Drive Hosted by: MMGG Member Jim Gevay.
Sunday, July 31	InterMarque Picnic Hosted by: MMGG Location: Cherokee Park 700 Cherokee Heights Blvd, St. Paul, MN For more information visit: www.intermarque.org
Sunday, August 7	Destination Drive: Blues on the Chippewa (Durand, WI) Details TBD bluesonthechippewa.com
Saturday, August 13	Brit Fest Vintage British Car Show Location: Downtown Hudson, Wisconsin
Friday, August 19	MMGG Friday Sundae Drive Hosted by: MMGG Member Jim Gevay.
Sunday, August 28	InterMarque Picnic

	Location: Cherokee Park 700 Cherokee Heights Blvd, St. Paul, MN For more information visit: www.intermarque.org
Saturday, Sept 10	Wheels and Wings Car Show Details TBD
Monday, Sept 12	Bi-Monthly Club Meeting Location: Shamrock's Bar 995 West 7 th Street, St. Paul, MN - Open to all MMGG members.
Saturday, Sept 24	Fall Colour Tour
Sept 24-25	Waumandee Hill Climb Hosted by: MN Austin Healey
Sunday, Sept 25	InterMarque Picnic Location: Cherokee Park 700 Cherokee Heights Blvd, St. Paul, MN For more information visit: www.intermarque.org
October	Fall Colour Tour
Saturday, November 12	MMGG Annual Business Meeting Details TBD
December	MMGG Holiday Party



Saturday Morning British Breakfast at the Elsie's Bar and Grill	East Ender's Saturday Morning Breakfast at the Sail Away Café
<p>Open to all lovers of British cars. <u>New Location Elsie's Restaurant and Bar</u> Time: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Most people get there early).</p> <p>729 Marshall Street N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55413</p>	<p>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</p> <p>1st and 3rd Saturdays each month, 9 a.m. 1321 St. Croix Trail, Afton, MN. North of County Road 18 and St. Croix Trail.</p>

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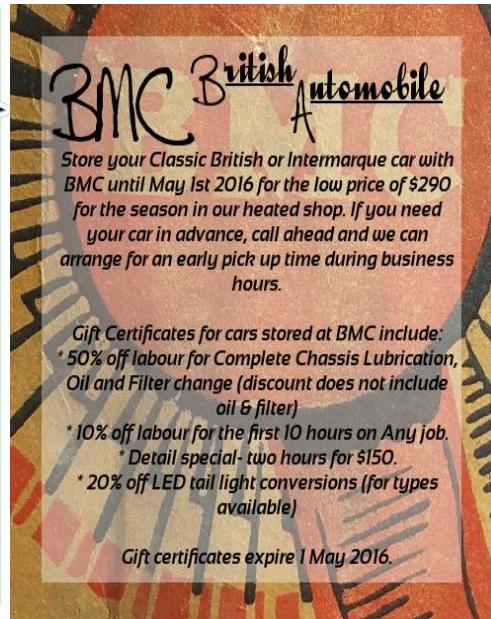
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Membership is \$35.00 with a \$5.00 discount if paid before the spring MMGG Spring Kick-Off Brunch, typically held in - March of each year. The membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. New members joining after August 31st of any given year shall be granted membership for the remainder of that year and the next year as well. **Use this form to join, renew or change your membership.** Please complete this form and include a check for \$35 (or \$30 if paying before or by the day of the MMGG Spring Kick-Off Brunch).

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