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Flemming Field Field 10.3.2020



As usual I received some great pictures from Paul Lyon and his wife Sue. These were taken at Fleming Field. Several more are included in this issue starting on page 9. Thanks Paul and Sue for these great pictures!

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From the Former President



Greeting fellow LBC car owners

Our club business meeting was, as you all know, changed to a Zoom only meeting. Such a sad sign of our times and reminder of the severity of the virus that has

our whole country in its grips. To those that did “attend” I want to thank you for your input. I greet you this month as a member, just as you all are.

For me the saddest news of the business meeting was a lack of interest for anyone to become President. I truly hope that one of you reconsider stepping up to support our club. And being a club officer should be even easier now with our new Wild Apricot software. I know we can all agree that the club does offer a service to members. Yes, there are other resources to connect with other MG owners but the connection to fellow members, I think, is really the key ingredient.

Exciting news was the announcement that our new Wild Apricot web management site is live. Same link, same great content, but with the forecast of even more. I encourage you all to log into your account on our new web management page. As we all are a new user the first time, use your email when logging in. Click on forgot password for your account and set up a password. Once logged in review all your information to confirm or update anything.

So, what is in our future?

I will, as the previous president, offer support much like the mentoring and help I received when I became president of MMGG. I might add that the bar was set pretty high by my predecessor. Thanks Bob!

Also, much like 4 years ago our club is still financially sound with a good member base. While we did see some members not renew, we also had a strong new member addition count. During our

meeting we discussed the drop off in renewals. I think all were in agreement that COVID, more than anything else, was the main cause. Our outline for the 2021 season should be a great driving season. Choices will have to be made for those who like to take trips, both long and short.

As allowed, we look forward to some tech sessions to help unravel the mysteries of your MG. Remember it is all about you enjoying driving your car. If the concerns for face-to-face meeting continue, there is a plan to expand club offerings to include Zoom Tech sessions or even refreshment/garage Zoom meetings. If you have an idea, contact our Vice President.

Hope to see you on the road in 2021!

From the VP and Editor



Greetings Everyone. As the effects of the L-Tryptophan from eating too much turkey and the Chardonnay begin to wear off I thought it was time to put the last Gazette of the year

together. As our former president stated in his article, we had our yearly business meeting on November 7th via Zoom. Personally, I would have liked to have seen more members attend especially since we practiced social distancing by using Zoom. Perhaps a lot of you were not familiar with Zoom however until there is a safe an effective vaccine available, I expect that any future meetings will be held using Zoom.

Also, as Gene mentioned, effective January 1, we will not have a president. No one came forward to “toss their hat in the ring” during the business meeting and Gene’s tenure was up. As the new vice president, I will, in fact, be the de facto president. As I have mentioned in the past I do not feel as though I am in the position to take over the reins of the club as of yet. I would like some more time to learn the ropes so.....if anyone feels as though they would be in a position to run the club,

please let me know.

In addition to being the VP, I will also continue to be the Gazette editor. Again, if anyone would like to take over that position, please let me know. With the introduction of the new web page using Wild Apricot, the tasks for both the president and the editor will become significantly easier.

I have received an update from Chad Edwards regarding the Rendezvous 2021 planning so look for that information on page 5. Hopefully a majority of us will have received the COVID vaccine and the US/Canadian border will be open.

For those of you that may not be aware, my wife and I lived in Portugal for 2 years while I was working on a Portuguese patrol plane program. We will both say that was the best 2 years we ever had during my 32 years at Lockheed. The town we lived in, Cascais had a large expat British population. So what does this have to do with MG's? When I received my MG Driver magazine I checked the Event listing for 2021. Two items were listed, NAMGBR MG2021 in Atlantic City and the "European Event of the Year" sponsored by the MG club of Portugal. This event is being held in the town we lived in, Cascais. We are still in touch with friends we made over there so...hmmm Passports are good.

As most of you know by now, Moss Motors has purchased Victoria British. I've included that press release in this issue.

I want to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

And finally, perhaps it is my age, admiration of British sports cars or a mixture of both but my wife was watching one of her British murder mysteries last night (I bought her a subscription to Brit Box and Acorn). As I walked into the TV room a scene was on showing an attractive woman in a short summer dress walking down the street past a beautiful Morgan roadster. Without even thinking, I commented, "Wow, look at that beautiful car." My wife just looked at me and shook her head.

See everyone next month!

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Moss Motors Acquires Victoria British

November 23, 2020

VICTORIA BRITISH TRADITIONS WILL LIVE ON AT MOSS MOTORS

After more than 30 years, Victoria British Ltd., a division of Long Motor Corporation, has decided to pass the baton to Moss Motors to carry on the tradition of supplying car parts and accessories for British car owners around the world.

The Moss Motors acquisition of Victoria British is aimed at maintaining the spirit of keeping British sports cars on the road. This historic blending of the best of both companies will ensure a strong supply and selection of parts to the benefit of our valued Victoria British customers.

President of Victoria British, Becky Hanrahan said, "It was not a decision that we made lightly. We were Victoria British before we were LMC Truck, but we know we have not been giving the British market the attention it deserves. We feel our customers would be better served by a company whose primary focus is the British car market."

In the coming weeks, Moss Motors will be sharing more details of the transition. Meanwhile, we reflect on the many years and customers who have made Victoria British part of the British sports car ownership experience.

Thank you... and as always, we encourage you to "Keep'em On The Road®"

MMGG Website Update

I sent an e-mail out to Chris Cooper, our web master asking him how everything is going. He has been doing a great job in getting the new MMGG website set up using Wild Apricot (WA). He sent me the following reply:

Currently, we are just about ready for the full rollout. I worked with Paul Lyon this week to get the payment processing system established and linked to our bank account so members can make deposits from the website straight to us. I am going to do some test transactions with him this evening, then once we know we're truly ready to go I'll draft an invite email for the club to be sent out this weekend. That will contain a link to an uploaded recording of the relevant portion of the business meeting describing the function of the new website, instructions on getting their user account set up, and info on using the website as the centralized location for club operations like membership renewals.

I'll also spend some time this weekend sorting out our newsletter delivery and figuring out the best way to handle that moving forward. Currently, there's no way to send emails through the centralized WA system that include an attachment, which throws a wrench into our current method of distributing the Gazette as a monthly PDF. I'm investigating options to host the Gazette on our WA server, or even on the club Gmail account's Google Drive. Once I have more info about that I will touch base with you again and maybe we can make this December message the first of the new system.



Kenora Rendezvous 2021 Update

Hello,

It has been a while since the last update regarding the hotel situation for Rendezvous in 2021. Unfortunately, our regular Kenora location, which was damaged by fire earlier this year, will not be ready by next June. Therefore, we are back to using the alternate locations. For reference, they are:

- Comfort Inn, 1230 Hwy 17 E., 807-468-8845 – Prices starting at \$139CND, including a hot breakfast
- Days Inn, 920 Hwy 17 E., 807-468-2003 - \$129CND with an indoor pool

Both have blocks of rooms set aside for June 10th through 12th for Rendezvous, and both hotels are ready to take bookings. We will have more information about event registration in the new year.

Until then, stay safe and look after one another.

Chad Edwards
on behalf of the ~~2020~~ 2021 Rendezvous Organizing Committee

Note from the Editor: I was able to make my reservations for the Comfort Inn however some members have called to state that they were told there were no more rooms available. I contacted Chad and he sent the following:

I have heard from a few people that they have had issues trying to book with the Comfort Inn. Reports are that the hotel is completely booked or they have no record of Rendezvous, both of which are currently not correct. I suspect that what is happening is that, even though people call the number listed below for the Kenora location, the call gets routed to the central Comfort Inn call center because the local line is busy or there isn't anyone at the front desk to answer. When that happens, the staff at the call center doesn't have any record of the event and the hotel looks fully booked due to the rooms that are set aside for Rendezvous. If you do try to book at the Comfort Inn, when you are talking to someone confirm that they are physically at the Kenora location and only try to book if they are.



MMGG Girls



I checked with Elena Biessener and was told that there are still no activities planned for the MMGG Girls in the near future. If anything comes up I will be sure to let everyone know.

Upcoming 2021 Events (Proposed)

The following two pages show our proposed MMGG event schedule. The dates are merely placeholders and a lot of this will depend on the status of the COVID-19 vaccine. Hopefully by the start of driving season a fair number of us will have been vaccinated. As more information becomes available I will send out notices to keep everyone updated.

Proposed MMGG 2021 Event Schedule

Date	Time	Event Information	Contact
January 3rd		Natter n' Noggin	
January 14th		Newsletter articles due	Eds74MGB@gmail.com
January ??		Holiday Party COVID Postponed	
February 7th		Natter n' Noggin	
February 10th		MMMG meeting	
February 14th		Newsletter articles due	Eds74MGB@gmail.com
February 27th		Boot & Bonnet Party?	
March 7th		Natter n' Noggin	
March 14th		Newsletter articles due	Eds74MGB@gmail.com
March 14th		Chicagoland All British Swap Meet?	
March 21st		Open	
April 3rd or 10th?		Kickoff Brunch	
April 4th		Natter n' Noggin - Also Easter Sunday	
April 12th		Cecil Kimber's birthday, born 1888	133 years ago!
April 14th		Newsletter articles due	Eds74MGB@gmail.com
April 17th		Tech Session or Kimber drive?	
May 1st?		Drive your MGA/MG day	
May 1st?		John Twist at Quality Coaches	
May 2nd		Natter n' Noggin	
May 5th		MMMG Meeting	
May 8th or 15th?		SKO InterMarque	
May 14th		Newsletter Articles due	Eds74MGB@gmail.com
May 22nd		Open/garage tour	
June 6th		Natter n' Noggin	
June 11th-13th		Rendezvous Kenora ON, Canada	See article on Page 5.
June 14th		Newsletter article due	Eds74MGB@gmail.com
June 14th-17th		NAMGBR Convention Atlantic City, NJ	All marque meet
June 27th		InterMarque Picnic	
July 4th		Natter n' Noggin	
July 14th		Newsletter articles due	Eds74MGB@gmail.com
July 17th		Pool & Garden Party?	Ruth Marston/Bob Anderson
July 24th		Cars & Caves- Autoplex	
July 26th		InterMarque Picnic hosted by us!	MMGG volunteers

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Date	Time	Event Information	Contact
August 1st		Natter n' Noggin	
August 4th		MMGG Meeting	
August 7th		Cars & Coffee?	Gene Cooper
August 7th or 14th?		Brit Fest Hudson	Bob Anderson
		Maybe schedule our BritFest for Saturday the 31st of July, 2021	
August 14th		Newsletter article due	
August 20th		North St Paul History Cruise	Paul Lyon
August 28th		Northeast Picnic	dawnbrody70@gmail.com
August 29th		InterMarque Picnic	
September 5th		Natter n' Noggin	
September 11th?		Osceola Wheels and Wings	Buck Malick
September 14th		Newsletter article due	Eds74MGB@gmail.com
September 25th		Waumandee Hill Climb?/Cars & Caves?	-
September 26th		InterMarque picnic	
October 3rd		Natter n' Noggin	
October 9th?		Fall Color Tour	Carpenter Nature Center Fall drive?
October 10th		Annual get together (holiday party redux)	Cindy Pennoyer <mgagirl@gmail.com>
October 14th		Newsletter article due	Eds74MGB@gmail.com
October 14th		BMC open house?	-
October 23rd-24th?		NAMGBR AGM/	
November 7th		Natter n' Noggin	
November 6th		MMGG Annual Meeting	
November 14th		Newsletter article due	Eds74MGB@gmail.com
December 5th		Natter n' Noggin	
December 14th		Newsletter article due	Eds74MGB@gmail.com
January 2022		2020 Holiday Party rescheduled?	We need a host and location!

Last Drive

Unofficially, there was an MMGG “Last Drive” held on Friday, November 6th starting in Red Wing. Three MG’s with 5 people were able to make the drive. Becky Cooper, her friend Michele, Elena Biessener and her friend Diane and yours truly made the drive. It was 70 degrees on that day and yes, I was still in shorts. Out of Red Wing, we headed south along Hwy. 61, thru Lake City and into Wabasha. We had reservations at the National Eagle Center for 10 o’clock. They were very diligent about practicing social distancing including the number of visitors permitted at any one time. I would highly recommend a stop there if you have not had a chance to visit it.

A stop for lunch in Wabasha and then across the river to Nelson. I was told about a creamery in Nelson so we made a stop for ice cream (ice cream, outside in November!) before heading north on Hwy 35 to Prescott where we all went our separate ways. I only saw one other LBC, a Triumph. It was going downhill so I’m not sure if the engine was running or not. However, I think every motorcycle from Minnesota and Wisconsin was on the road. A great day and I will plan this route for a drive next year.



Commemorative Air Force Photo Shoot

This last fall Sue and I went to the Minnesota Commemorative Air Force wing located at Fleming Field in Inver Grove Heights for a fundraiser photo shoot. We had the 2pm slot (which happened to be the last one taken for the day). As a result, I had more than the 15 minutes that would have normally been allocated for taking photos besides historic planes that were parked on the tarmac. The sun broke out right on que and we had a great time taking photos and talking to the volunteer ground crew that guided us to the planes.

The panoramic below is a compilation of images that I took from two photo shoots. The B-25 (Miss Liberty) and my MGA at Fleming Field fall 2020. The other two other aircraft, a B-17 (Aluminum Overcast) and the B-25 (Berlin Express) were taken at Holman field when the Commemorative Air Force made a stop during the summer of 2019. I think the combination of flying Vintage Aviation and Classic British rolling art make for a very nice panoramic.



B-25 *Miss Mitchell*, Flemming Field Field 10.3.2020



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Commemorative Air Force Photo Shoot

Flemming Field Field 10.3.2020



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For Sale Items



Rendezvous 2019 Photo Album \$40 220+ photos celebrating the event !

NAMGAR GT-44 Photo Album \$40 190+ photos celebrating the event !

Reserve yours today contact Paul Lyon @ 651-246-8017 or plyon1962@gmail.com

Flash! New Regalia Items

The new limited edition thermal MMGG logo thermal tumblers were introduced at the Holiday Party have been a big hit. For those that weren't at the party the tumblers are engineered with double wall vacuum insulated construction to provide long lasting heat and cold retention. The powder coated finish has the MMGG logo. You will be the envy of all. The 12oz. maroon wine tumbler is \$20 / each and the 20 oz. black tumbler is \$25 / each. For an addition \$6 you can have your name added on the opposite side. If you are interested please contact Cindy O'Brien or Paul Lyon .



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All commercial ads must run a minimum of 6 months and must be paid in advance. Send money to Ed Schultz 3750 Majestic Lane Prior Lake, MN 55372. Make checks payable to the MMGG. Send ad to eds74MGB@gmail.com. If you are a member, please indicate this when placing the ad or notice. Please also provide your full name so information can be verified.

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North American MGB Register

FOR SALE ITEMS

1979 MG 1500 Midget



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1965 MGB Roadster



For Sale: 1965 pull handle red MGB Roadster. It has chrome wires, leather seats, (black with red piping), older engine overhaul by Quality Coaches: new convertible top, new radiator. Asking \$10,000. Contact Kevin Krueger. kmk971@hotmail.com



REGALIA

Shirts in various styles and colors with custom-embroidered Minnesota MG Logos are now available for ordering. Items can be picked up at the next event or shipped directly to the address you specify. A shipping & handling fee of \$5.00 will be added. Add an additional fee of \$3.00 if you want your name stitched on your purchase. To place orders, contact Cindy O'Brien-Byboth at cindyobrien57@comcast.net Phone: 952-936-9335



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The Minnesota MG Group (MMGG) was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, maintenance and enjoyment of all MG cars. MG ownership is not necessary to be a member.

Membership Dues and Discounts*	Annual Dues	Membership #
MMGG Club Dues	\$35.00	n/a
Prompt Pay (April 30 th)	(\$5.00) discount	n/a
NAMGAR or NAMGBR Membership	(\$5.00) discount	
Total Due to MMGG (dependent on discounts)		

Contact Information:

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Address: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

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We value your privacy:

Check Box if you DO NOT want your name and Contact information available in the MMGG Member Roster.

MG Information (Year/Color/Model/Original Owner)

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Car 2:

Make checks Payable to: Minnesota MG Group.

Send form and checks to:

Paul Lyon
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*It is easy to reduce your MMGG Club membership dues. For each of the following you do, you'll receive a \$5 discount: Pay before April 30th, join and provide a registration # for NAMGAR or NAMGBR. (Please email a copy of the membership information to Paul Lyon at Plyon1962@gmail.com.)

Our club receives direct benefit from NAMGAR and NAMGBR in the form of various insurances to protect our members and volunteers but we do need to ensure a percentage of our member join these organizations so please consider joining!

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