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Photo by Paul Lyon

Members of the MMGG club who took part in the Fall Colour Drive gather for a photograph at BMC Auto at the conclusion of the drive. It was an excellent day for the drive and BMC Auto hosted their annual Stiff Upper Lip event. See pages 6, 7 & 8 for the write-up and more pictures.

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## **From the President**



Greetings  
MMGG mem-  
bers

Here it is November and the end of my tenure as your president. This is not how I expected the last year as club president to be.

In what I hoped to be exciting, a fun filled driving summer, we all got to sit at home. No 969 miles to Colorado Springs, no 1200 miles to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, no 450 miles to Kenora, Ontario, Canada! And petrol was so cheap. Well, here in the states anyway. Bah humbug!

But forward look we must. I hope you had a chance to participate in the November Business meeting November 7th. This year has truly been a challenge due to the pandemic. Sadly with no real end to this pandemic in sight, the 2021 event calendar will be massaged into a wish list that should be done by the 2021 Kick-Off Brunch. Whenever that is!

Even with the pandemic, the need to get out and drive our cars seemed to be overflowing. Our club garage sale brought several members and cars to enjoy catching up socially distant outside, along with some finding MG stuff they could not live without.

Although not club events, some members shared they would be up to going on a few fall drives; Becky and I made it too. With generally nice weather, we were treated to some beautiful colors before it came time to tuck away our LBC's. Before it turned really cold, we had a partly cloudy drive, a partly dusty and downright cold drive. Then finally after a cool morning start and only 2 U-turns, we also made a visit to BMC's Stiff Upper Lip Open House. And if you saw the picture, yes, that was yours truly replacing a leaking fuel hose at the starting point. No wonder I was getting such poor mileage!

You know we are convertible folks so I thought I might share a great interview with you. While we always see engineers painted in a different light in movies, Corvette Chief Engineer Badge Juechter really loves talking about "his" car. Everyone should love his or her job as much.

So, take 20 minutes or so to watch the video and then try to decide if you really need that house remodel or a new Corvette convertible with a starting price up to \$67,495. Or splurge and get it loaded starting at \$77,850.

<https://www.autoweek.com/news/people/a33807000/in-the-car-with-ep-9-chevrolet-corvette-chief-engineer-tadge-juechter/>

Looking ahead I am reminded that though I came to the MG club because of the car, the real draw are the members. I have always found the MG community to be an inclusive and helping group of people. The mix of folks that share their knowledge is what makes a volunteer organization like this continue on. And it is not just technical knowledge. Everyone has something they can bring to the club. I encourage all of you to participate in events and even plan one. There are always those that want to help you succeed. Thanks Diane!

Thank you all for your support through the years and *We Will* see you on the road!



***What's this part do?***

## **Paint by Ed Schultz**

For those of you that have been following my trials and tribulations regarding getting my MG painted I must tell you that it is finished and all put together. I was able to get it together in time for the Fall Colour tour. There are still several items I want to do before the 2021 driving season and plan to accomplish them over the winter. The pictures below show the car ready for the Fall Colour Tour.



Now, if I can only figure out where these “extra” parts go!



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## **From the Editor**



Greetings Everyone. I hope you were able to make the Fall Colour Drive held on October 10th ending at BMC Auto in Isanti. It was a picture perfect day and Bob Anderson picked a great route with beautiful colours. He also

picked roads that allowed us to drive at road speeds. And only two “U” turns. Nice job Andy. Also a big thanks to BMC Auto for hosting their Stiff Upper Lip open house.

I didn't receive any inputs for the Technical Department this month so in its place I put a “From the Archives” column from the November 2000 Gazette or 20 years ago. The column I pulled out is an article on the drive taken back then. I was surprised to see the number of cars (55!) and the people (90!). I do apologize for the clarity as it is a PDF document that I had to print and scan in order to get it into this issue. In the future I will see if I can get an Adobe to Word converter in order to make the documents a little more legible. The pictures are what they are and are pretty fuzzy. I am still looking for some technical articles so if you have something to contribute let me know. I suppose I could use the following picture, courtesy of Tom Josefek from Chicagoland MG Club, as a technical article!

As has been mentioned numerous times, we are still looking for candidates for president. I have tossed my hat in the ring for vice-president but do not feel ready to take the reins as president. If you are interested please let Gene know. As a reminder our annual meeting is Saturday, November 7th at 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph's Grill in St. Paul. If you plan to eat before the meeting plan to be there at 11:00 AM. Due to COVID restrictions attendance is limited so if you plan to attend please RSVP. For those not wishing to attend in person we will conduct the meeting via ZOOM. I will have the

link and directions for the Zoom meeting sent out by midweek so watch your inbox.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyful and safe Thanksgiving.

Ed

## **Technical Department**



# From the Archives

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## Fall Colour Tour Jolly Good Fun

Submitted by AAMGC Member Keith Golbrock

Ninety nine people in about 55 cars went on a wonderful romp through the western Wisconsin

a great sports car route, with lots of turns, hills, beautiful scenery, and no traffic. Lunch was

Moerke, Elena Pierce and anyone else that I may have missed, for a jolly good tour.



served at the Lavender Rose, near Bay City, in two sittings, in order to handle the crowd. Every registrant won a gift of some kind during lunch. Directions were given for a post lunch continuation of the tour for those interested in



countryside this year. Three Triumphs, two TFs, a handful of modern Midgets, and a few foreign cars joined the usual assortment of Bs' and As'. Despite the cool start, some drivers chose not to erect their hoods. The day heated rapidly in the clear sky, prompting some to wish that they hadn't erected theirs'. The tour followed, among others, Pierce County Road O, which is

more twists and turns. County A, going east from Hwy 35 near Maiden Rock was a great second half road. Congrats and thanks go to Wayne Soderbeck, Rae Mars, Tom and June



## *Fall Colour Drive*

Unofficially, there was a British car drive on 10 Oct, Saturday from WBL to Isanti to the BMC Stiff Upper Lip Open House. When I showed up at the starting point one bonnet/hood was up doing repairs encountered just to get to the starting point.

As Isanti is northwesterly from WBL I immediately led 15 British cars in an easterly direction towards Stillwater, then north to Chisago City through Lindstrom and Center City and up around more lakes and eventually down to Stacy Trail and to Stacy. As my map (and my best intentions) indicated we would skip Chisago City and Lindstrom - at some point some decided to follow me, others decided to follow the map.

Although some thought going through Lindstrom was very nice, as it is a beautiful little town.

From Stacy it was finally westerly to Bethel and then north to Isanti - with more lakes, more trees, more turns. Boy, am I glad the drive date was moved up to coincide with BMC's Open House - the weather and colours were fantastic.

For the record, and I guess there were bets going, I only managed 2 U-turns. Each time I turned around I received what I assume were waves of encouragement. So, I continued onward. Everyone eventually made it to BMC, any U-turns others did without me cannot be counted against my drive!!!!!! I think there were 25 plus MGs and other British cars at the event. We even had 3 MGs come down from Duluth - see their video on FB. And from now on I will refer to the Duluth contingency as regular MG folks. It was a great time and THANKS to BMC for hosting - with a lot of bake goods!!!!It's going to be hard to top this year's drive, weather and colours. Bob Anderson

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### *Fall Colour Drive.*

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**As always, a big thanks to Paul & Sue Lyon for these great pictures!**

*Two of our newest members made the Fall Colour drive. Welcome to Max McCord and Carly Ogata. Hope you enjoyed the drive.*

*Happy Thanksgiving*



## 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.

## New Members

Here are three of the newest members:

Steve & Cathy Berglund. They drive a 1969 red MGB

Steve and Cindy Clancy. They drive a Sage Green 1974 MGB-GT.

Douglas & Dawn Heagren. They drive a 1978 red MGB Roadster

Welcome to each and all of you. We hope that you find this to be not only a social club but a great source of technical help and information.

If I have missed any new 2020 members, my apologies. Let me know and I will be sure to include you in the next Gazette.

I am also on the lookout for some write up from new members. Some pictures of your selves and, of course, your car would be appreciated. Don't worry about formatting as I can take care of that. Send it to me at: eds74MGB@gmail.com

## Upcoming Events

We do have an MMGG event coming up and I have posted it here.

- The second event is the upcoming annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 7th. The business meeting starts at Noon, but folks show up as early as 11a, to get a bite to eat, and maybe an early start on a cold beverage or a late refill on coffee. As usual, we'll be at Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha St S, St Paul, MN 55107. Due to space limitations, please RSVP. **Not as usual, but a sign of the times, masks required along with other advised COVID precautions.**
- We are also putting together the 2021 Event Calendar however the event dates will only be placeholders pending the direction of the COVID19 pandemic....which isn't looking to good as of now. I will have the Upcoming Events for 2021 in the next issue.





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