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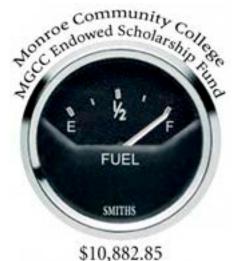
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Chairman's Corner

Dan Suter

O YOU EVER WONDER WHAT IT MIGHT BE LIKE TO own a different classic car? For as long as I can remember, I have been interested in MG sports cars and more specifically MGAs and MGBs, and even more specifically ones with unusual mechanical features. Thus, it isn't too great a leap to see which cars I've ended up with.

But I sometimes wonder if a different classic might be fun to try. It could be a minor step away from what I know—such as a TR250, or maybe a 1960s Riley 1.5 saloon, or '60s Volvo, or even a Rover saloon such as I had in England. To this day, I'm kicking myself for selling the Rover. The local club members were great and the cars (P6 and P6B models) piqued my interest in their advanced design. Or, maybe going further afield might be fun. I would love to try a Fiat Dino Spyder or a late '60s Mercedes 6.9 or a Cosworth Vega(!) or a '62 Buick Skylark. Maybe it would be fun to roll over one example every 4 years or so and give it a try.

I've got a few small projects to attend to on the MGA before the driving season. One involves a new design for a carb heat shield that I found on the awesome website 'mgaguru.com'. Another involves a persistent leak in the rear axle seals that...ahem...only showed itself under some very hard cornering conditions. The rear axle situation will likely involve—if I've read correctly—the creation of machined shims to seat the outer races of the hub bearings against the hub. Lastly, I will be trying a modification of the brake light switch. Apparently, I went down the road on a number of occasions last summer with the brake lights lit the entire time. If you have any projects of your own to share, we'd love to hear about them at a meeting or in Spokes!

We're right on the verge of being able to dig our cars out of hibernation and happily start the driving season with it's full calendar of events. See you soon!

—Dan

If you need help before the Tune Up Clinic,

Dan Goodwin and Hollis Hames are coordinating a "helpline" for members in need of assistance with car projects. Volunteers are asked to contact them with information on availability and areas of expertise.

Dan and Hollis will try to match frustrated mechanics to one or more members from the pool of those with experience.

Contact:

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The Herald

Allen Hess.

EARS AGO, GIL LANGSWAGER WROTE A PIECE FOR Spokes, "Signs of Spring". So just a few days ago, two new seed catalogs came in the mail — uh, no — that was two new Moss catalogs! We've been teased before, but we can hope that there will be more signs.

Within hours of Dan Suter's MGA article arriving in mailboxes, I received an article from Bill Baldwin about his Turner. Apparently my blatant arm twisting wasn't so necessary, but I'll let the results speak for themselves. I think you'll like it! Bill also has a genuine Lotus Seven . . . wonder what that story is? The early history (many know the later history quite well) of another member's car is in the works for next month.

Dave Engdahl alerted me to some very interesting photos on the MG Experience web site. http://www.mgexperience.net/phorum/read.php?1,964353,page=1

A participant has posted photos of an MGB cut away car at the British Motor Heritage Museum. [Editor's Note to the Secretary: if you're in the area, perhaps . . .] If "do the Google" you'll also find more on Flickr.com.

Don't forget that our second Philip's Scholarship winner Robert Wegman, will be at the March meeting and there will be a report on both presentations in the April Spokes.

-TRIUMPH





Mike and Sue Harrison

ANY THANKS TO TED HERSHEY FOR RUNNING THE Valve Cover Races in January, to Brooks Schneider for helping set up the track, to Mike Goodwin for the electronic timing system and to the Rampe's for reserving the lodge and providing lots of chili. See photos elsewhere in this issue of Spokes.

A good crowd filled the room at Champps on February 15th to watch the Daytona race and to partake of food, drink and desserts.

By the time you receive this Spokes, we may have eaten all the steak and homemade goodies at the Steak Roast on March 8. Thanks to Dan Young for reserving this lodge at Eyer Park and to our chefs Leon and Doug.

Our Basket Auction to benefit MCC will be held at the APRIL 16 CLUB MEETING. If you plan to donate a basket, please let Sue or Mike Harrison know ahead of time. If not,

please bring cash to bid on these interesting baskets.

The 5th Swing Into Spring party will be held at The Old Toad on SUNDAY, APRIL 19. Unless someone volunteers to plan a tour for that afternoon, we will plan to meet at the restaurant. Watch your e-mails for further developments and look in this Spokes for details.

Save the date of SUNDAY, MAY 17 for another event planned by Dave Asmuth and the Harrisons. This year we will offer a Rallye or Tour through Apple Blossom Country. You can choose to participate either way. Get your cars ready for the first driving event of the season!!!

-MGB GT









MGCC Minutes of the Meeting, February 19, 2009

Michael Goodwin.

Vice-Chairman Dan Goodwin called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published in *Spokes*.

Presentation of the Philip Scholarship – Kristy Graves, of the Monroe Community College Auto Technology Program, was on hand to introduce this year's recipients of the Robert R. Philip Memorial Scholarship, given to two deserving and promising MCC students of the Auto Tech program. For 2009, the honorees are Robert Wegman and Mike Yonker. Kristy noted that both students this year are very deserving, with high GPA's and deep interests in cars. She filled us in on the status of some of the past recipients; what they're doing now and how they've continued their careers.

Ms. Graves said that both of these young men are pursuing automotive technology as second careers; Mr. Wegman is a retired firefighter and Mr. Yonker has served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps. While Robert was unable to attend this meeting (expecting to attend in March to receive his award), Mike read to us his letter of application, thanked the Club, and told us he expects to use the scholarship money to purchase more necessary tools.

Steve Philip thanked the Club for continuing to fund this scholarship in his dad's memory.

Dan Goodwin announced that the Board unanimously agreed that this year's scholarship award shall include a one-year membership in the MG Car Club Western New York Centre, in the interest of bringing in new members with fresh ideas. The action was applauded.

Other new members and guests – In addition to Kristy Graves (guest) and Mike Yonker (now a new Member), Ron Mavity introduced himself as a guest.

Activities – Sue Harrison [in some folk's opinion, the better half of the Harrison duo] (after starting off with the traditional joke) recapped recent activities, beginning with the January Wine & Cheese & Valve Cover Racing. She announced the winners, and thanked Ted Hershey for announcing and running the races, Brooks Schneider for setting up, Mike Goodwin (for his *attempt* at an electronic finish line) and the Rampes for arranging the lodge. See elsewhere in *Spokes* for details, and perhaps also for something on the Daytona 500 viewing party.

The annual Steak Roast is coming up March 8th, Basket Auction in April (sign up if you're donating a basket) and April 19th will be the "Swing into Spring" at the Old Toad. Sue said she'd like to have a driving event planned to go along with the Swing into Spring (ending up at the Old Toad), but needs a volunteer right away.

Ron Mavity spoke about an event in the planning stages for late June at Chautauqua Lake, to be part of the Chautauqua Lake Regattas effort, a charitable fundraiser for the YMCA Youth Camp Onyhasa, where Ron envisions the establishment of a Cancer Care Camp for kids (both kids with cancer and kids of family members with cancer). The Regattas is an established event, and Ron would like this year to generate even more interest and awareness by including a road rally. He told us about some of the past regatta events, which, in addition to sail races, included a rubber duck regatta for kids, plywood boat racing, and vintage hydroplane racing. Ron suggested the Road Rally might start at 10:30 AM or so on June 27, a post-rally dinner may be planned, and help would be available to arrange overnight accommodations. He's thinking that a fee of \$50 to \$75 per car might be set, but this road rally effort is new this year, and he asked the Club for any help or guidance. Folks with more interest may contact Ron at rmavity@stny.rr.com, and might want to check out the website at ChautauquaLakeRegattas.com (though the 2009 site is under construction, and the web address might not be EXACTLY the same). The attendees applauded Ron's effort and enthusiasm.

Mike Goodwin circulated an "interest survey" for the August trip to the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, New York. He noted that the date posted on the club calendar is not yet firm, and that there is some preference for visiting the museum a week earlier than listed. Since Norwich is about 4 hours away by the "classic car scenic route", Mike suggested that the trip could be done all in one day, or an overnight trip could be planned. [Secretary's Note # 1: After the meeting, Mike collected the interest survey, and a whopping 46 members in 23 cars indicated interest; about evenly split between those preferring an overnight stay and those preferring a day trip. Perhaps the trip can be done both ways, with some driving home and others staying over.]

Mary Murray reminded us that she and John are organizing the Laps & Lunch event at Watkins Glen on July 25th (drive down as a group, drive a few laps of the track, lunch afterwards). We need to sign up 30 people for the lunch deal, so contact the Murrays if interested.

Finally, Sue Harrison said that we're still looking for an organizer for the Halloween event in October. While it may seem like a long time off, Sue would like to lock this down. "Never done something like this before? Don't be shy!" she urged.

Treasurer's Report -Susan Kath reported that the Club's accounts are healthy, and reminded all about payment of dues.

Membership – Jim Priestley announced that he's collecting dues, and that the Club has had 60 non-renewals for 2009. If you're among them, please pay up. Memberships (including *Spokes* mailings) will be cut off very soon.

Regalia -Doug Scribner enthusiastically, as always, showed off the Regalia items available, ranging from coolweather togs [Secretary's Note #2: Dough didn't actually

Meeting Attendance

February 19, 2009.

| Betty Langswager | Barb Wild | Mike Goodwin | Marlene Rzepkowski | Dick Powers |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Gil Langswager | Dawn Priestley | Ginny Fowler | George Herschell | Joe Fazio |
| Carl Prouty | Jim Priestley | John Fowler | Nancy Herschell | Gene Dinkel |
| Allen Hess | Frank Stepanik | Chris Baum | Don McConnell | David Leete |
| Bob Tescione | Dave Asmuth | John Baum | Susan Kath | Leroy Hokenson |
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| Dick Giambra | Dan Goodwin | Mary Murray | David Engdahl | GUESTS: |
| Tim Paul | Leon Zak | Wes Pittenger | Jeff Kath | Steve Philip |
| Cindy Jack | Cheryl Baldwin | Dave Chase | Jim Davis | Patty Philip |
| Doug Jack | Bill Baldwin | Laurie Scribner | Allyn Wagner | Mike Yonker |
| Alan Costich | Bob Welch | Doug Scribner | George Heissenberger | Laura Blasko |
| Tom LeStrange | Steve Sangster | Sue Harrison | George Shetterly | Ron Mavity |
| Dave Wild | Pat Sangster | Mike Harrison | Al Fink | Kristy Graves |

utter the word "togs", but it sounds like something he'd say, doesn't it?] to mugs, stickers, etc. He announced a great sale on sweatshirts, and most-enthusiastically urged us all to partake of the 40-gram foil packets of real English grease. "It's just 40 days until Spring!"

SPOKES – Interim editor Allen Hess said that Dan Suter's February article on the history of his MGA has kicked off a series, with another article on the history of someone's car coming in March, and perhaps another for the April issue. He reminded us that there are lots of events coming up, so there will be many things to write about, and reminded us that the due date for submissions is one week after the monthly meeting. [Secretary's Note #3: Allen didn't mention it, but the Club is looking for a new *Spokes* editor. Express your interest to Allen or anyone on the Board.]

Car Show Report – George Heissenberger updated us on the planning for the 2009 Car Show. The committee has met recently, and will meet again soon. Please contact George if you're interested in helping out. Shirts and dash plaques have been ordered. The committee requests everyone's help now, especially to sell ads and sponsorships. George pointed out that regardless of the weather and turnout on the day of the show, the ads and sponsorships generate dollars and interest.

George awarded George Herschell for selling the first sponsorship this year, and Carl Prouty, for selling the first program ad.

England – George Herschell had nothing new to report this month.

Librarian –Al Costich had nothing new to report this month.

Trustee and Website Report - Leon Zak had nothing new to report this month. [Secretary's Note #4: Sometimes, this Secretary job is a piece of cake. Thanks George, Al, and Leon for having nothing new to report this month! I'd like to remind everyone at this point that 2010 is not far off, and we'll be looking for a new Secretary to take over. At times like this, it's so easy, a caveman could do it! Contact me if you're

interested in pursuing your lifelong dream of being a Club Secretary!]

Old Business, Car Projects, and Trip Plans - Jim Priestley brought in a flyer from a company that can rebuild Smith's gauges. Contact Jim if interested. Gil Langswager reported that a group will once again be setting up at Carlisle for the Import weekend in May this year. Anyone interested in joining the group, sending parts to be sold, or asking the guys to look for certain parts to buy should get in touch with Gil. Mike Goodwin announced that he and Susan will be flying over to England for the London to Brighton run for Minis in late May. The Goodwins met some folks from the London and Surrey Mini Owners Club (LSMOC) last year after the Multi-Club picnic, and plan to cram themselves into the back of their Mini for the ride. The event is expecting over 2000 Minis this year. Al Costich announced that (also honoring the 50th anniversary of the Mini), Mossport Race Track will be celebrating the Mini in June.

New Business - None.

Cars and Parts For Sale – George Shetterly announced a 1972 Midget for sale, with a newly rebuilt engine and a spare engine. The car has many new parts, but some assembly is required. George won't be finishing the project, and just wants the \$1600 he has into it so far. Contact George at home at (585) 243-0950, on his cell at (585) 245-1226 or at work at (585) 530-8480.

Dave Engdahl is selling the book "How to Power Tune MGB engines" for \$20.

Don McConnell has a contact with two bridge cranes for sale.

Door Prizes – Hollis Hames presented a nice selection of prizes, including small car models, bottles of wine, car care items, and MCC regalia. [Secretary's Note #5: The bottle of Riesling that Hollis himself won seemed popular, with many others trying to get their hands on it.]

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

—MGB

Suing into Spring VII

The Old Toad 277 Alexander St Rochester, NY



Sunday, April 19, 2009, 4:00 PM

Food Selection Deadline Friday April 10th. No money needed in advance, just your food selection. The price listed Does Not include tip and tax. Food selections are below.

CONTACT

Laurie Scribner: MiniCityUS@aol.com or 585-872-5133 Dick Powers: mgahmogca@rpa.net or 585-323-2687

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Soup & Half Sandwich \$7.00

Order off the menue for choices.

Vegetarian selections can be ordered the day of the event.

Want to make a repair to your car, but would like some expert help close at hand? You dream of having a lift?

You would drive across town for free coffee and donuts?

Then come to the MGCC **Spring Tune-Up Clinic**

Saturday, May 9th 10 AM until 4 PM

Monroe Community College Technology Center, near Friendly's on West Henrietta Road (entrance is around behind the building)

Sign-up to work on your car or be a helper—call George Haynes at 585-872-6536 Sign up sheets at the next two meetings





Mike Harrison checks in the cars



Mike Goodwin checks his weight



"It's simple. If lane 1 has one light, but lane 2 . . ."



Out of 13 racers Cheryl Baldwin took 3rd. Bruce Willis 1st. and Hames & Goodwin 2nd. Officials Mike Harrison and Ted Hershey. The winners received specially labeled bottles of wine.



Gil Langswager vs. Hollis Hames





Leon Zak vs. Bruce Willis

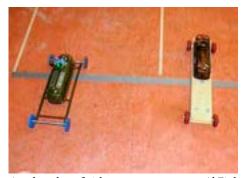
—Al Fink



Ted Hershey vs. Susan Harrison



Jeff Kath & M. Goodwin "catching" —Al Fink



Another photo finish

—Al Fink



Cheryl Baldwin vs. Gayle Schneider



and lots of wine, chesse & food too. —Doug Jack



Leon Zak's Chili Pepper was awarded the "People's Choice" cheese. —Doug Jack



Is the journey as good as getting there?

Then You Need to Go to Carlisle, Pennsylvania! The Import and Kit Car Weekend is May 14th – 17th



As usual, several MGCC members will be operating a Flea Market space and selling our left-over British car parts (well, OK, some of them might not be British). The group will leave on Thursday, May 14th to arrive and get setup before the show begins on Friday. In addition to our own wares to sell, we encourage others to send along any parts they would like to sell, or tell us what we might bring home for you So look around the garage or basement for something which could turn into cash. Let us know your needs.

For more information or to send parts to sell, contact Gil Langswager (585) 385–9956 or mrgil@mgcarclub.com Dave Chase has a block of motel rooms reserved for the weekend, call Dave at 334-6826 by May 1st.

More information at the next MGCC meeting. ◀

THE GREAT TURNER RACE CAR STORY

BILL BALDWIN _



T WAS THE SPRING OF 1960 AND WE were living in Hamburg, NY. My Lafather came home from work and announced he was going to buy a real race car and he asked me to help him choose one. That evening we went into Buffalo and visited a used car dealer who specialized in sports cars. He had two to choose from, a rather tired looking MGA and a spiffy white 1957 Turner. The dealer told us the Turner was a factory team car that was raced at Sebring. It came with a roll bar, a tow bar, a racing wind screen, wheel spacers and 13 and 15 inch wheels and tires. It also had a top ,windshield and side curtains. We bought the Turner. At that time we did not know all the other Turners in the world had fiberglass bodies which weighed less than the steel body on Ray Baldwin at Watkins Glen in the Turner with 13" wheels. Spring 1968 our car.





Watkins Glen, H Production class, Summer 1965

It fell to me to prepare the car for each race. This consisted of removing the bumpers, windshield and muffler and then installing the roll bar, racing wind screen, straight exhaust pipe and numbers. We had a system for tuning the engine for maximum power which was great fun. There was a long steep hill on a back road near Hamburg where we would go to make final adjustments. We would start at the bottom of the hill at 50 mph, floor the gas and start a stop watch at a mark. We would then roar up the hill to a mark near the top and check the time and speed. The next step was to go back down the hill and diddle with the timing or points and make another run to see if we had achieved any improvement.

There was one bit of race preparation we learned about at our first race at the Watkins Glen. Taping the doors shut. The early Turners had suicide doors which opened under hard cornering. Very embarrassing.

There were many memorable times with the Turner. A ride home from the Dunkirk airport race, late at night, absolutely freezing, no windshield or muffler, trying to snuggle down to find a warm spot, all the while rushing through the night just about as fast as the poor little car would go. There was the night Cheryl and I spent in a hotel room over a bar in Lime Rock, Conn. The shared bathroom was a long walk down a hall and Cheryl was completely pregnant and due any day. We spent time the next day trying to stick the car back together after a trip into a ditch at the end of the main straight. —continued next page



Cheryl and Bill at Lime Rock, Fall 1965



Turner with 15" wheels at Watkins Glen, Fall 1968

Another memory was a Friday tech inspection at Watkins the year they required clutch scatter shields. We did not have one. The tech people would not pass the car even after our usual line "that's just the way we like it". So we headed for Smalley's Garage and Smalley himself torch cut a piece of 1/8" thick sheet metal which he bent and welded to the transmission cover. That shield got us through tech. It is still in place and gives me great piece of mind. Another memory that stays with me was when after a race at Watkins Glen, I asked my father how fast he was running the engine on the back straight. He got real serious, looked me in the eye and said "I don't know, I just rev it 'till the valves float and then back off a little."



Racing Lotus Sevens at Lime Rock, August 1964

We raced the Turner in SCCA events until 1969. We ran it many times at Watkins Glen and Lime Rock. We also raced it at Dunkirk three times, Harwood Acres, Connellsville and Nelson Ledges. The first few years we had to run in F production and had trouble keeping up. Later the class was changed to H production and we were much more completive. When we stopped racing my father used it as a street car until he gave it to me in 1990.

I pondered things for a few months and then started a two year restoration. Beside the usual things, I replaced the rear shock absorbers (front shocks from a 1950's Jeep station wagon fit perfectly). I had to make a new torsion bar for the rear suspension. I removed all the refrigerator white paint and spent a lot of time smoothing the hand made body panels. The workmanship on the body is amazing. There was no rust. It's a great car to drive, with light responsive handling, the raspy and willing Austin 948 engine and a beautiful view through the windshield of the louvered hood and swoopy front fenders.

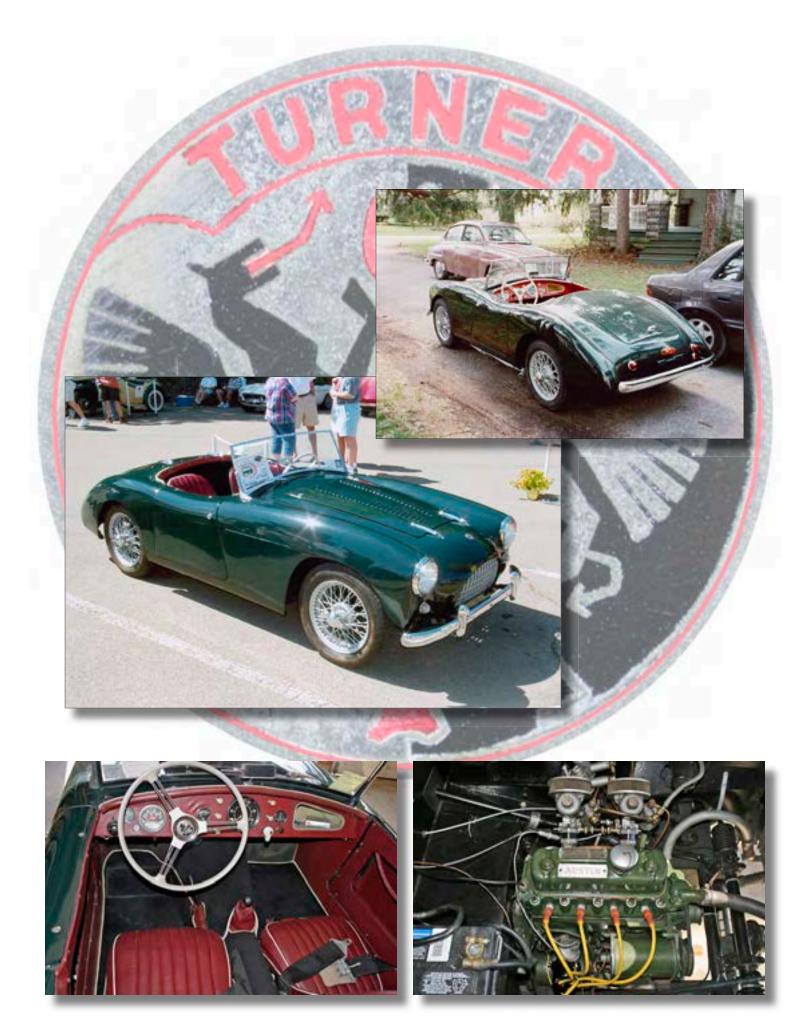
When the restoration was all done I took my father for a ride. I think we both enjoyed that ride very much. ❖







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Opening Day at Watkins Glen International will feature a two-day tribute to Mark Donohue and his cars. Highlights of the weekend will include; the first release of the new Donohue biography, Mark Donohue: Technical Excellence at Speed, from David Bull Publishing, authored by Michael Argetsinger, a display and tribute laps with historic Donohue race cars.

On Saturday, April 25th Mark Donohue racing enthusiasts will have a chance to get up-close with Argetsinger during the monthly "Center Conversation" hosted by the International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC) from 1 to 3 pm. Michael Argetsinger is the son of Cameron Argetsinger, the man credited with bringing road racing to Upstate New York. The talk will focus on Argetsinger's new book and will feature comments and recollections by some of the people who were part of Donohue's career including; Karl Kainhofer, Malcolm Starr, Jerry Kroninger, Walter Czarnecki, John Woodard, Don Cox, Daniel Luginbuhl and Mark's oldest son, Michael Donohue. Admission to this event is free and several of the former Donohue racecars will be on display before and after the presentation.

On, Sunday, April 26th, Watkins Glen International will be the place to be for every Mark Donohue race fan. The new Donohue biography will be available for purchase and race fans will have the opportunity to have the book autographed by the author and several Donohue personalities. From 12:00-12:30 pm fans will also be treated to tribute laps by some of the race cars that were driven by Donohue including: a Lola T70 Can Am car, an Eagle-Offy that raced in the 1973 Indianapolis 500, a 1968 Trans Am Camaro, Donohue's first race car-the 1961 National Championship winning Elva Courier, and the 1965 Shelby GT 350R that he drove to win the 1965 SCCA North East, B production championship. Immediately following the tribute laps, the cars, drivers and many of the people associated with Donohue's career will conduct a meet-andgreet in the Gatorade Victory Lane, offering fans a chance to see the cars up close, take photographs and another chance to have their copy of the Donohue book signed by Argetsinger and the many personalities who will be in attendance.

Opening Day at WGI will once again offer fans the opportunity to drive The Soul of American Road Racing. For only \$20 fans will be able to drive three laps around the same turns as Mark Donohue and many other motor sport legends. Gates will open at 9:00 am, with laps starting at 10:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm, including a half hour break for the Tribute Laps at noon. Sunday will also be the final opportunity for race fans to purchase tickets at Advance Sale discount prices. Further event and ticket information for the 2009 season at Watkins Glen International can be found at www.theGlen. com or by calling the ticket office at 866.461.RACE

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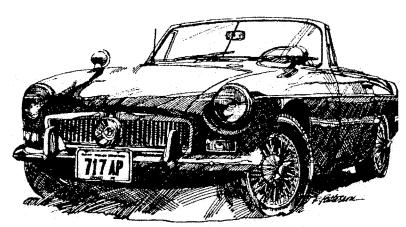
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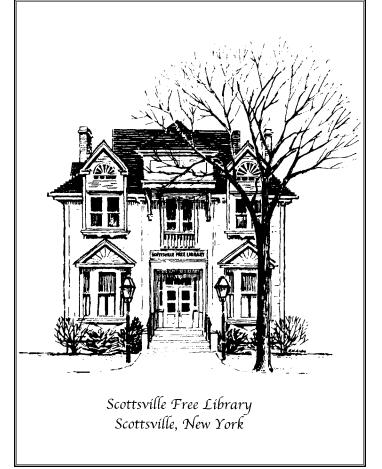




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Jay Lockrow_

Before we get into the main part of this months MOWOG there are two items that I want to get into publication before I totally forget and leave them out entirely.

The first is a new British Car Show called "UK Car Day" being put on by the Triumph Touring Club of Rochester. This new show will be Sunday, August 23 at Riverbend Lodge at Genesee Valley part. I looked this up on a map and it is located in the southwest corner of Rochester. All British Cars and Motorcycles are welcome. This will be a judged show and it looks to be quite interesting. For information call (585) 872-6536 or go to www.UKCarDay.com. The featured marques will be Morgan at 100 years and the Mini at (believe it or not) 50.

The other event is also Triumph related. Seems some Triumph owners want to spend the summer driving back and forth across the United States. Anyway go to Triumph-Transamerica.org.uk and get all the answers. They start sometime in June in Florida and come up the coast and are in Montreal in July. From there I don't recall but they do go across the United States so if you are interested, fire up your computer and sign up. I think my Triumph might make it but I don't think I could. I crossed the US from North to South one June in a TC and that was forty years ago and that was enough. I also did it in a Lotus a few years later and from Phoenix back to Western New York in a pickup truck in 1984 and I'm still recovering.

Returned late last night from a visit to the Toronto Auto Show. If you want to see just about any car that is in production you may want to take in this extravaganza. If you go next year be sure to take a good pair of walking shoes as you are on your feet the best part of the day. We had a good car full and we arrived at the Rogers Centre about 10:30, we parked the car underneath and went up to the top floor. We walked and looked at cars, cars and more cars until about 5:00 when we decided to call it a day and have some dinner.

Like I mentioned, there is just about one of everything that is in production from Smart Cars to Rolls Royce. Unfortunately, you can't get near the Rolls, Aston Martin or Bentley type stuff but there is plenty more to look at. I found some of the spokespersons at various displays quite attractive also. Over all I particularly liked the Mercedes Benz SLR



sleek two-seater with retro styling looking a good deal like the Mercedes Benz 300SL of the mid 50's. It cost a good deal of pocket change so I'm going to have to cross it off my list. There is a very nice Mitsubishi coupe that that I was quite fond of. It was sporty looking and not really a big car. Just right but then I really don't need another car at the moment.

I have never been a big General Motors fan but I thought the Pontiac Solstice coupe was particularly attractive. I have heard that GM is dropping this model in the near future which is



a shame because I really liked the looks of this little coupe.

The Ford Mustang I have always thought to be a very attractive car and if it was not for the fact that I like cars that get very good mileage I might consider a Mustang in the future. The retro styling of the 65 fastback coupe is just a good looking car. If only it was a little smaller and with a four cylinder. I just can't see feeding a big V8 with today's gas prices and this economy.

Where the automotive world is heading is a mystery to me. There were all kinds of hybrid vehicles but I am still not convinced this is the way to go. Battery technology still has not come to the point where cars will run for days on end without recharging. At present, there is no alternative energy source so the automakers can play with there electric vehicles if they want but I'm going to stick with the petrol engine for a bit longer. The big question with one of these hybrids is... "What happens when you need to replace the batteries?" These things are really expensive! What are they going to do with the old batteries? Talk about a possible pollution catastrophe, these batteries are not normal acid batteries they have such wonderful stuff like sodium and other neat stuff in them that I'm sure the environmentalists will love.

I think the motorcar will be here for a bit longer so let's just keep our sports cars going for a few more years. Besides, of all the cars I looked at and admired at the auto show the display I liked the best was from the Toronto MG Club with a nice assortment of British and Italian cars for your viewing pleasure. •



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