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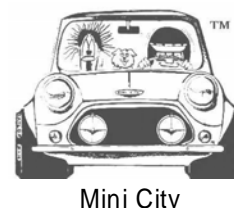
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## Chairman's Corner

Mike Parthum

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Looking in the rear view mirror, these past six months have just flown by. For those of you who have not been able to attend our meetings, you missed out on an excellent speaker last month. Walk Kruger was kind enough to share some pictures and his memories of the All MG race and others at Watkins Glen. To hear the names of those drivers and to see the pictures of those cars brought back a lot of memories to me. There was a large turnout for the meeting with some new (well, new to me) faces in the crowd. At this month's board meeting we would like to continue to find topics and guest speakers that would be of interest to the club. If you have an idea for a topic or know of someone who would be willing to do a presentation for the club, let someone on the board know.

As you all know, without the income from the car show this year, we have been working on reducing our expenses. A number of changes have been done to help reduce our costs, with over 1K being removed from our yearly budget so far. At this point, we have closed one of the bank accounts, doing the Membership Donations at the meeting, changing the type of postage account and taking a page out of the Spokes have all helped to close the gap. The increase in ad revenue for the Spokes has also been a big help in getting us out of the red (Thanks Al), but it's not enough.

This past month a new initiative has been started, with the "Opt-Out Program" for receiving a printed and mailed copy of Spokes. Instead of getting the Spokes mailed to your house, you receive an Email Notification with the link to get your copy. The largest single cost to the club is the printing and mailing of our newsletter, with it being over \$4,500 per year to do so. The newsletter is already published on our website and if half of the current membership volunteers to opt-out of getting a hard copy of the Spokes, we could easily balance our books and get off this "austerity" budget. Currently we have 24 out of 165 members that have signed up for this new program from last month's meeting but we do need more people to sign up.

There are many good reasons to go to the Electronic Version of the Spokes and not get it mailed. 1.) You are sav-

## MG Bruce

Don McConnell

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I cannot believe we have just passed the half way-point of the year. Where did the time go? Speaking of where'd the time go the other day it occurred to me that I am starting my 4<sup>th</sup> year as editor of Spokes. I have had a great time learning about publishing and now I am adding other responsibilities that an editor might perform in his job. I am thinking I will be here a few more years yet. Waa Hoo pardon my joy, hope I didn't scare anyone. I actually have welded patch panels in the left side wheel arch. Now I am starting to get cranked (pardon the pun). Next is to recheck the gaps on the doors and fenders. The inner sill to floor purchased section can be cut and installed. This month we have a pictorial trip to car shows. Something that summer is all about. Hope you enjoy the trip. See Ya at the next meeting.

Happy top down

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ing paper and recycling costs (sustainability). 2.) You can get your newest copy of the Spokes sooner than if you wait for the mail (maybe your delivery person to finish reading it?). 3.) The on line version of the Spokes is in Color, so the pictures look even better, and finally, 4.) it can save the club a LOT of money. I am asking those of you who have not already signed up for this to please consider doing so. If you wish to Opt-Out, you can contact myself, Leon Zak or Jim Priestley and let us know.

I do hope everyone is getting out to enjoy the fine weather we have been having. My MGB is running strong and I have been taking advantage of the "Top Down" weather. A new thing for me on this year's list of things to do is catching fireworks displays in the B. It's amazing the places you can tuck this car into and maneuvering is a breeze. There is a long list of events going on and Desi has been keeping us posted on things to do, so take advantage of the opportunities as we wait all winter for days like this. I hope to see you out on the road or at next month's meeting.

## Activities

By Desi Benet

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Well, the schedule is coming together for the year, see back cover for details.

**July 21** there will be a laps and lunch session see the add in this issue for further details. **July 29** is the multi club picnic.

**August 5** is the GVAC Car Show and **August 26** the UK Car Day Show.

**September 7-9** Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix- always fun to see all those vintage racers and cars.

**October 7** Fall Foliage Tour- great for checking out the color of the trees

Note that we are trying to resurrect the Bent Camshaft Award, but we need your ideas on a strategy to do that. Maybe at the Ice Creme Rally? On a personal note, many thanks for the cards,

emails, flowers and good wishes from members of the club during my recent medical issue. I cannot tell you how much this meant to me. Now, although this medical issue has slowed me down a bit, I am certainly very good and up and about –and I am healing very very well. Again, I cannot begin to express how much your care and concern meant to me.

Take care Desi

**Other Car Club community activities:** Although these events are not specifically WNY MGCC organized activities, they are of interest to many members in our British Car Community : **NAMGAR GT-37** Dayton Ohio July 9-13 **Pittsburgh Gran Prix:** Schenley Park, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania celebrating **MG** July 21-22 July 20-22: Pultneyville Homecoming & War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration: Antiques, exhibits, reenactment, strolling 1812 characters, vintage cars, parade, fireworks, games, 5K, Gilbert & Sullivan production, International Peace Garden Dedication on July 21 at 4:30pm, Star Spangled Concert, and much more. (315) 589-9892, [www.w-phs.org](http://www.w-phs.org). Pultneyville, NY. **MG Vintage Racers Focus Event:** Grattan Raceway, Gratten Michigan August 17-19 **Stowe Vermont British Car Show:** (Singer and Mini are featured this year) Stowe Vermont September 14-16 <http://www.britishinvasion.com>/**Bronte British Car Show**, Burlington Ontario September 16 **Fireball Run:** A run from Independence Ohio run to Bangor Maine Sept 21-29 This is the info available to me as of 3/25, Send other events of interest to Desi Benet @aol.com for inclusion in this newsletter.

## Road Trip to

**26th Annual Amity Daze  
Car , Truck & Motorcycle Show  
July 14th 2012 11am - 2pm  
Entry Fee: \$5 early Bird \$7 Day of Show**

A caravan will form at McDonald's at 4840 West Henrietta Road ( RT 15 just South of Leigh Station Road) Leaving promptly at 8:30 am. Route is 15 to 20A to 39 to 19. The caravan will stop briefly at McDonalds on Rt 20A (4162 Lakeville Road ) just East of Geneseo to meet other members who wish to join the caravan. Wear your car magnets! We'll see you there

# MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Mary Murray

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June 21, 2012

Call to order at 7:31p.m. by Chairman Mike Parthum with 45 members and 1 guest. Board members present were Dave Chase, Frank Stepanik, Mary Murray, Dan Suter, absent was Dan Goodwin.

Guest speaker was Walt Kruger.

Old Business-Thanking Frank Stepanik for taking treasurer job

Activities-Laps and Lunch on July 21<sup>st</sup>, contact Mary Murray 729-7795 if you want to attend. Pultneyville, July 21<sup>st</sup> check Spokes or online for details. Don't forget UK Car Day on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Check Spokes calendar on back for more activities. Also, don't forget National Collector Car Day on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Drive your sports cars.

Membership-One New Member and one renewal of membership was paid.

Treasurer's Report-Club is doing ok. Keep activities paying for themselves .

Regalia-hats, plaques with designs by George Herschell are still available. Larger assortment will be here next month.

Spokes-maybe downsize Spokes to sheets stapled together and mail out, not in book form like it is now. Also recommended maybe doing it online to cut costs even more.

England-George Herschell reported that Safety Fast is not here yet.

Librarian-Al Costich absent-no report

Trustee-no report

Website -Leon reported that we have about 16,000 hits a month on the club's website. We also have, at this time about 25,000 to 30,000 pictures. Don't forget that if you want to get on the members list to receive all the mail the club gets, you must e-mail Leon to get your name on it.

New business-Chairman Mike passed around an opt out list to members to sign if they would consider their Spokes be available to them only online. If you weren't at the meeting and want to opt out on mailing Spokes, e-mail Mike Parthum remember, you will be saving club money, getting Spokes sooner, in color, and last but not least saving trees.

Dick Powers introduced our guest speaker, Walt Kruger, with a wonderful presentation of a slide show of some racing from 1959 at Watkins Glen. It was enjoyed by all. No doubt Walt will be asked back and bring more slides with him. Some of our own members recognized themselves driving. Thank you very much Dick for making the meeting extra special.

In Announcements, Gil informed the club that his son's MGA is finished and on the road. Also Rob Shrader has Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the Budget Motel in Watkins Glen that he can't use for the Vintage Weekend. If you are interested contact him .

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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## July 19 2012 Adjenda

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**ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES**

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Spokes Opt-Out Program - Status

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Updates from members: Trips, Projects, etc.
- Announcements & Information Sharing
- Cars & Parts for sale

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## A SURPRISE PARTY AT TOM WAHL'S



Photo by Bob Tescione

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 was our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. As usual a whole gang of us with the MG Car Club eat at Tom Wahl's before the monthly MG Car Club meeting. Anna-belle & Bob Tescione gave us a big, beautiful cake for our anniversary. She brought plates, forks, a knife & a cake server. She & I served every club member there a piece of cake. A delicious surprise! Then Dave & Barb Wild walked in with a big, beautiful vase of flowers, pink roses and various other flowers. These flowers were from the members who attend the Tuesday cruise night at Fairport. Gil & I were totally overwhelmed with the cake, flowers, cards & best wishes from so many MG Car Club friends. Thank you all so much! You all made memories for us to last a life time. We love you all!

Betty & Gil Langswager



## ANNUAL MULTI-CLUB PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2012

This year - ON THE U.S. SIDE!!!! (We don't need no stinkin passports!)



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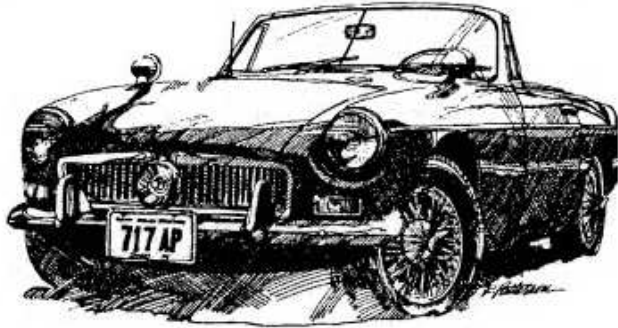
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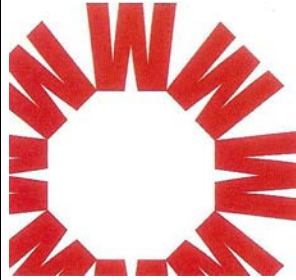
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# Euro Car Day - We Did It Our Way - Take III

By Dick Powers

Last June 10, many from our club went to Williams-ville, NY for the British Car Club's Euro Car Day. The Langswagers (TD) Ned Paulsen (TR-3) Tesciones (Mazda) and olde me (Alfa), toured together, with a stop in Batavia for breakfast, and then mostly along Rte. 5 to the show. The Baldwins (Lotus 7), Gunthers (MGA) and Murrays (Lotus) met us and Jay Lockrow (TR-6) there.



2012 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MGB. About 20 Bs, BGTs and MGCs were there and had the place of honor in the front row of the show. They have classes for every type of European car, but one unusual MG class combines T Series and MGAs. There were good numbers of MG, Jag, TR, Lotus, Morgan, Alfa, Fiat, Volvo and Porsche including a Porsche tractor. New Fiats and Minis were also there in the sponsors section.



Voting is by participants' choice and a beautiful '48 Jag was awarded Best of Show. From our club, **Jay** took a 3<sup>rd</sup> and **Ned** a 2<sup>nd</sup> in their respective TR classes, the **Gunthers** and **Langswagers** tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in that combined T Series/MGA class, the **Baldwins** took a 1<sup>st</sup> with their Lotus and I got a 1<sup>st</sup> with my Alfa. Given our numbers, our MGCC was mentioned and thanked, during the awards ceremony, for supporting the show.



The author would like to thank the Tesciones for some of the photos.



## Father's Day In Cazenovia The Central NY MGCC Car Show On the Green

By Dick Powers



On Sunday June 17, Father's Day, some from our club went to the Central NY MGCC car show in Cazenovia, NY. The Jacks (TR-6) Paulsens (TR-3), Powers

(Alfa) and Tesciones

had perfect weather to travel to the Lorenzo State Historic Site, the location for the show. This location is home to the Lorenzo mansion and has a sloping green that overlooks Cazenovia Lake. The mansion and its gardens were open to the public and the view of the cars with the lake in the background was exquisite.

The featured car of the show was Fiat and many old and new were there. Two that are rarely seen are the Abarth "Double Bubble" coupe and the Fiat 8V. I have seen a few of the Abarth coupes and an SCCA friend raced a 750 SS version. The 8V or "Otto Vu" in Italian, is a very different story. Only 114 were made from 1952 to 1954 and the name 8V was used because Fiat thought Ford had trademarked "V8". The car did well in racing, but wasn't a commercial success. The owner of 8V also brought along his Blower Bentley!



The show had 200+ cars with a good showing of MGB models, but only a few T series. One MG surprise was the number of MGAs. There were 14, (yes 14) and that included a MkII Deluxe and a Twin Cam! I can't remember seeing that many MGAs in one place other than at NAMGAR events.

They use participant judging at this show and Ned Paulsen took a 3<sup>rd</sup> with his TR-3.

Many of us are already planning on coming back next year as the setting is spectacular, with great cars and good *Safety Fast Fun* with our friends in the Central NY MGCC.

The author would like to thank the Tesciones for help with some of the photos.



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George S. Leopard  
United States Army 1969 –  
1977  
Foreign Service: Germany

Clifford J. Lockrow  
United States Navy  
1963 – 1965

Donald R. Lovell  
United States Army 1953 –  
1954  
Foreign Service: Korea

John MacDonald  
United States Army 1965 –  
1969  
Foreign Service: Vietnam

Donald M. McConnell  
United States Air Force  
1972 – 1976  
Foreign Service: Northern Italy

James B. Priestley  
United States Navy 1963 – 1966  
Foreign Service: Vietnam

Tim Rizzo  
United States Coast Guard  
1969 -1992  
Foreign Service: Saudi Arabia

Frank Stepanik  
United States Army 1967 – 1969  
Foreign Service: Vietnam

Robert Tescione  
United States Air Force  
1966 - 1970

Dave Wild  
United States Army  
1956 - 1958

Brian Fallon  
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## MG Car Club Picnic

Photos By Arthur Salo, Bob Tescione & Dick Powers

The first Sunday in June was the picnic for the MG Car Club here are some photos of the event



Photos by Arthur Salo



Photos by Dick Powers



Members who attended had a car show and voted on the Best Car of Show. Here Dick Powers hands out the Award for Best Car of Show to Dan Suter.

Photos by Bob Tescione



# British Bash in Louisville, KY

By Mike Goodwin

I went to the British Bash in Louisville, KY., an all-British show put on by British Sports Car Club of Louisville. The weather was great, the turnout was good, and I wished that I had my MG! The wooden cars in the center are the trophies for each class.

Mike Goodwin





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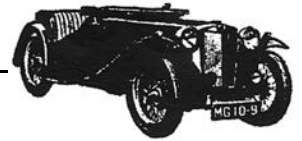
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# Bury Me in an Old Mowog Parts Box

By Jay Lockrow



Reprint from June 2000

The other day the postman brought an interesting envelope from Joe and Sally Genco. Inside was a fascinating article from the New York Times about automobiles that famous individuals own.

Most are aware, for example, that Jay Leno is an avid enthusiast owning 60 automobiles and 58 motorcycles. (He should know Brian Neri) For example he has several Duesenbergs, along with a Morgan three wheeler. The article brings mention that Ralph Lauren, the fashion designer, has several Ferraris and a Mercedes Benz SSK, which has been shown at Pebble Beach. (the ex Count Trossi Mercedes named after its original owner.) He also owns one of the rare (two built) Bugatti Atlantic Electron Coupes. Which of these he wound up with I am not aware of, but one of these cars (ex Lord Rothschild) was or is owned by Dr. Peter Williamson a neurologist from Connecticut who had or has a whole bevy of Bugattis. I once had a quick two minute conversation with Dr. Williamson telling him I had admired his Type 35B the evening before. I also complimented him on his purchase of the Atlantic Electron Coupe that he had purchased just a few months earlier in a three minute auction for \$59,000. This was about 1972 or so so I am not sure if he still owns the car

These are up to date owners and we will get back to them. First lets go back several years and cover a few that were not mentioned in the article.

Remember Clark Gable and Gary Cooper? These two actors were both avid car people but had the famous cars when they were new and used them daily. Cooper had

several Duesenbergs, one of which is a magnificent dual cowl phaeton in the Sandwich Plantation Museum in Sandwich Mass. Gable also had at least two Duesenbergs plus a good number of Packards and such. He had one of the first Jaguar XK 120s in California as well as one of the first Mercedes Benz 300SL Mercedes in California.

Remember Eddie Anderson? Eddie was the gravel voiced butler (Rochester) that was on the Jack Benny show. Eddie had several cars including Ferraris and one car that he had custom built by someone like George Barris. I never did see a picture of this car finished, but I remember a magazine article about its construction years ago. Often wondered whatever happened to it and if it survives. Also wonder what it was based on.

The Today Show back in the 50s was at one time hosted by Dave Garroway. Garroway had and raced in early SCCA events with a SS 1 00 (Jaguar) that was fitted with a later XK 120 engine. From what I understand the car is now in Colorado. Look back through some early SCCA magazines and you will see Garroway and the SS 1 00 in action. I don't know if he was ever successful but he did run it for several seasons.

Morticia on the Adams family at one time was played by Yvonne DeCarlo. She once had an MG TC but Charles Adams who was the originator was an avid enthusiast. I knew Charles slightly and one time sat next to him at the American Bugatti Club luncheon at LaChanteclair in New York. We had a very interesting chat and at the time he had a Aston Martin LeMans, a Type 35B Bugatti plus a modern Bentley Silver Spur. If you attended the Tour de Project you may have

noticed the original

Charles Adams cartoon on the garage wall and the framed note and photo of his then Mercedes Benz S taken at Watkins Glen in 1948 on the wall in the hallway. Charlie told my dad and I that he was given the Mercedes Benz model S during the war by a friend. The guy was afraid to drive it because it was a German car and we were at war with Germany.

Through the article Sally and Joe sent I discovered that David Letterman owns at least one Ferrari, an early 1951 212 Inter coupe. Not the prettiest Ferrari ever built (that title has to go to the 250 Lusso) but a very rare and interesting car. Clive Cussler, the well known author, owns a Avions Voisin, a Hispano Suiza, an L29 Cord plus several others totaling some 90 automobiles. Can you imagine trying to maintain a collection like this? I have trouble keeping up with two.

One personality that was a real surprise was Nicolas Cage. I have seen him in several movies but had no idea that he was an automobile enthusiast. Mr. Cage has a Lamborghini Miura, a racing D type Jaguar and a Bugatti, probably a Type 50.

We covered only a few of the famous people who have owned great automobiles. There are surely hundreds more. We mentioned Eddie Anderson and Jack Benny but I failed to mention Jack Benny's famous car, his Maxwell.

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