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Chairman's Corner

Dave Chase

Greetings to all,

Here we are going into May and still looking for warm weather. May is going to be a busy month, I hope the weather clears up for our different events.

At our April meeting I started a new committee to welcome new members and guests. I am pleased to announce that we already have three members that are going to make up this committee. Please don't leave it all to them to go up to a new member and say hi.

I'm also pleased to see so many members show up for Lloyd Potter's funeral service. Lloyd was a great guy that went to many events of the club and he will be deeply missed.

There has recently been a car show meeting and it looks like the plans are going well. Please see Leon if you know of any business that would like to advertise in the program.

The basket auction went well with about \$300 raised to go to the MCC scholarship fund. For those that were not at the April meeting please be informed that our rent has gone up a extra \$30. We will now be paying one hundred and five dollars per month.

Have a great month.

Safety fast, Dave

MGBruce

Don McConnell

April showers bring May flowers so there will be photo op's with your British car. Nature provides the rain to wash the roads clean and prevent salt damage to those classic British cars. Now that the roads are clean and the temperatures are warm the fun driving season can begin.

May will start that season of many activities. There are National Club get togethers, local club get togethers and car shows galore. Just a lot to do, so many choices !!!! Take that British car and attend any or all the activities. Don't forget a camera to catch the memories (hint share with your friends) and most of all have a bunch of fun meeting new friends.

The Moss Motoring Challenge is also a good way to get out with that car. See there really is a lot to do. For those of us who do not have a car on the road it is our fault see what we missed. Enjoy the month and see ya at the next meeting

Happy Top Down

Don

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Activities

By Mike & Sue Harrison

Many thanks to the following members who donated baskets for the raffle at our last meeting: Cheryl Baldwin, Desi Benet, Doris Britt, Dave Chase, Susan Goodwin, Doug Jack, Betty Langswager, Murrays, Scribners, Rob Shrader, and Barb Wild. The event raised \$380 toward the MCC scholarship and the winners went home happy, especially Leon Zak and Art Salo who each won three times. Photos may be seen elsewhere in this issue thanks to Leon Zak.

By the time you read this many of us will have Swung Into Spring with a fantastic time in Fairport. Thanks to Dick Powers and Laurie Scribner for organizing this great get together.

If you wish to enter the competition for driving your Vintage British car the most miles in 2014, please send Desi Benet a photo of your odometer. The contest will run thru November 30 with the winner announced at the Holiday Party in December.

The Tune Up clinic at MCC is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 and the next day is the Tasting Party at the Langswagers home. Also at the end of that week, on May 10, we will be on the road for the Tour to Hammondsport with stops at several wineries, Watkins Glen, and finishing up at Hammondsport. We will meet at the Burger King on Route 96, Victor at 9 AM to start the day so join us for a delightful ride thru the Finger Lakes.

If you have items to be sold at the Carlisle Import Swap Meet, contact Lane Boughton, George Haynes or Jeff Kath before May 12.

The first week in June several of our racing members will be headed to Indianapolis for the SVRA event. We wish them all good luck and safe travels.

The Triumph Club has invited us to join them on June 22 for their Deer Crossing Rally. This event will start in Rush, NY and finish with a picnic at a cost per car of \$20. More details next month.

We are also working on an event for our club in June but have no firm details yet. Watch your emails for more information as it is available.

MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Doris Britt

April 17, 2014

Dave Chase opened the meeting at 7:45
He mentioned that tonight is our annual Basket Auction and that there would be a break later in the meeting in order to view the baskets.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Moved to accept by Mary Murray and seconded by Gil Langswager.

NEW MEMBERS: none

GUESTS: Paul Tescione, Bob's brother is here.

BIRTHDAYS: Mustang has reached it's 50th year

ACTIVITIES: Sue Harrison thanked everyone for bringing the baskets.

Ten days from now, on **April 27th**, we will open a new driving season at our Swing into Spring event in Fairport . Over 40 people have signed up.

If you wish to enter your British car in the competition for the most mileage in 2014, please send Desi Benet a photo of your odometer. This contest runs through November 30 . Winner will be announced at the Holiday Party in December.

There are several events in May, starting with the annual Tune Up Clinic **May 3**.

May 4: Langswagers hold tasting party in their garage. Just bring your favorite drink and enjoy.

May 10: Second Annual Driving Tour to Hammond-sport and Glen Curtis Museum. Dick Powers was called upon to give us some directions for this event. Start at Burger King on Route 90 at 9am. Same tour as last year with lunch at Bully Hill and dinner at Snug Harbor.

There is also activity at Watkins Glen Racing Research Center on the same day and some of us are going there after lunch . It's not far as a side tour. Hopefully we will get to see Sam Posey, a commentator for formula 1 races and a legend at the Glen. Around 3pm we'll leave the Glen for Snug Harbor for cocktails and dinner with the rest of the group.

May 15-18 Lane Boughton told us a bit about the trip to Carlisle, Pa for the Swap Meet .Some are going and have extra vehicle room. Lane said they would be happy to carry parts for others if needed.

June 8: Alan Costich said a bunch were going to Indianapolis in June for a vintage race. First weekend in June.

June 22. We are invited to join the Triumph club for their Deer Crossing Rally.

Sue said that we are looking for an event for June. She asked for suggestions.

Mike Goodwin spoke briefly about the Moss Motors Challenge. He described a few of the trips he took for this event and said that Canandaigua or Bristle are good areas for some of the requirements

Sept 5-7 Dick Powers said the vintage weekend in Sept. is the 60th anniversary of the Collier Cup . 92 Mg's are signed up for racing there. It is a major MG event. Some are even coming from England and Australia for this event..

Dave Wild told us of some unusual and even rare cars that will be at this event including MGF's and MGTX'S

TREASURER: Rob Shrader told us he wants tonight's Basket Auction to beat last years totals.

MEMBERSHIP: We picked up two new members

REGALIA: Doug Scribner talked about Swing into Spring coming up in Fairport next Sunday

SPOKES: Don McConnell tells us that articles for Spokes are due one week from today

LIBRARIAN: no report

WEBSITE: Leon Zak reminds us that we are going to have our car show on July 13. Meeting regarding same will be held next Tuesday at Minute Man Press on Ridge Rd West. All are welcome to come and help plan it.

Mike Claprood is having surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital on the 22nd of April

Jim Priestley is also at Strong having a shoulder surgery.

:OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Chase said that it has come to his attention that we have recently lost a couple of new members who felt that we were not friendly to them. He said that he has asked us in the past to greet new members after the meetings and make them feel welcome but saw that this was not happening. He, therefore is forming a new, hopefully volunteer, committee comprised of 2 or 3 people who will work with the vice chairman in getting the new members name, address and car type as well as to sit with them at meetings and encourage them to attend some of our events. If you will volunteer for this position please see John Baum after the meeting tonight.

Dave also informed us that he has been notified by the Knights of Columbus that we are not spending enough money at the bar during meetings and therefore \$30 will be added to our rent to make up the difference.

MGCC Minutes of the Meeting Cont

By Doris Britt

Mike Goodwin asked for the financial results from the Steak Roast held on March 16. The auction proceeds from that event totalled \$852.25. The expenses for the Lodge and food was \$545.63, leaving the club with a net of \$306.62.

11 Barb Wild
12 Rob Shrader

We took in \$380 from the Basket Auction, all of which will be donated to the MCC Endowment Scholarship Fund .

Break to begin the Basket Auction:

Sue Harrison managed the drawing and called the winners.

Steve Sangster made the motion to adjourn. Lane Boughton seconded the motion

Donations to Auction:

- 1 Betty Langswager
- 2 Cheryl Baldwin
- 3 Dave Chase
- 4 Doug Jack
- 5 Desi Benet
- 6 Doris Britt
- 7 All the Murrays
- 8 Dave & Laurie Scribner
- 9 Sue & Mike Harrison
- 10 Susan Goodwin

Meeting Attendance

March 20, 2014

Betty Langswager	Jeff Kath	Al Fink
Gil Langswager	Lane Boughton	Tom LeStrange
Dan Suter	Alan B Costich	Ned Paulsen
Art Salo	Barb Wild	Mike Harrison
Rod Rodman	Dave Wild	Sue Harrison
Jim Davis	Cheryl Baldwin	Rob Shrader
Doug Jack	Bill Bldwin	Bob Tescione
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Cindy Jack	Georgian Abels	
David Jack	Leon Zak	
Carl Prouty	Dick Powers	Guest
Hollis Hames	Mike Goodwin	Paul Tescione
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We Urge You to Contact Members of the Assembly Transportation Committee (Contact Info Below) Immediately to Request Support for A.B. 6469

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- The funds collected under the bill would be used to help provide emergency services.

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Pictured are George Haynes, Doris Britt, Gil Langswager and Dick Powers

hoisting glasses of champagne to toast the fact that 'Alfie' no longer leaks oil! After pulling the engine and reworking the innards more than a few times, George and Gil have done the undoable and rendered a T series MG un-leakable! In addition to that amazing feat, the car sounds terrific and looks better every day! The "GG Team" is doing magnificent work on the old boy and it will be great to have him back on the road again!

IMRRC Model Car Show and Panel Discussion

By Dick Powers

From April 11-13, the International Motor Racing Research Center, in Watkins Glen, hosted a Model Car Show. The idea came from former WNYMGCC member, Al Isselhard. Al had models on display along with some from myself and a few others, including the award-winning model designer and builder, Tom Clark. There were also 2 very large model displays.

One was from the German based CMC company whose American headquarters are on Jefferson Rd. in Rochester. Their models are usually 1:18 scale and are detailed in every way just like the original sports and race cars. One model I really liked was their 1960 team Camoradi Birdcage Maserati. The model has 1140 parts and is an exact replica of the Nurburgring 1000 km winning car driven by Moss and Gurney. It cost about \$400, so I didn't even touch it.



The other large display was by our own **Dave and Barb Wild**. It was made up of models Dave has been collecting for many years, including some he played with as a young boy. They brought so many models, that there weren't enough tables to hold them all.

On Saturday, a panel discussion about modeling and collecting took place.

Dave was on the panel along with Tom Clark, Rich Chernosky, organizer of the Friday Model Car Concours at the Glen Vintage Festival and Anthony Madison of CMC model cars. The program was well attended with nearly 100 in the audience.





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Tour To Hammondsport

By Dick Powers

Saturday May 10, 2014

9 AM: Meet at Burger King on Rt. 96 before you get to Victor, when coming from Rochester. Same as last year.

9:30: First Car Off

11: Bully Hill Lunch/Wine Tasting

Noon: Depart for Sam Posey presentation at the IMRRC

OR

Curtiss Museum Engine Day

6: Cocktails at Snug Harbor

6:30: Dinner at Snug Harbor

We hope many MGCC members can make the tour. Please let us know if you plan on taking part even if you are not staying overnight.

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My Cars 3 / Pony Cars

By Allyn Wagner

Now that I was a family man, the MG would not support a child seat and all of the extra baggage that comes along with a toddler. By this time, we were living in Burlington Vermont so the thought was to go for a car that would handle winters. Since I was still in my early twenties, a lack of common sense made me go down the street to the Pontiac dealer and look at a Firebird. I told the salesman what I wanted so we went out on the lot and he showed me an Autumn Bronze beauty with wide oval red stripe tires. Before I even got in it, I knew that I had to have it.

Since it was going to take a couple of days to confirm the payoff for the MG loan and check my credit, Phyllis and I got another weekend to say goodbye to the B. Being that this was September in Vermont, it was a perfect time to take a last drive through the Green Mountains in a sports car.

Early the next week, I went to pick up my new Firebird. It was clearly not the practical car that I needed. The trunk was small to start with and it had a full sized wide oval spare tire that pretty much filled it. On the other end of the car was a 350 CID V8 mated up to a Hurst close ratio 4 speed gear box....but there was a back seat with room enough for a baby seat!



My job at the time required that I was on call 7 by 24. This wasn't bad in the autumn but when winter came, the Firebird was not the best to get out on snowy streets in Burlington. During the first big snow storm, I bought a set of chains to put on those wide snow tires. It wasn't the best combination but at least I was able to get around town OK. There was one blizzard that first winter that saw me being about the only vehicle on the streets except for the plows and snowmo-

biles. My customer was AT&T so they took no excuses for not showing up at work.

Early in 1970, I was transferred to Massachusetts. Over the previous two years, we had acquired more possessions so I required more space to move things. Since renting a truck was not in our budget, I decided to put a trailer hitch on the Firebird and use a Uhaul trailer. The car had plenty of power so pulling it was not a real problem. The hitch came in handy a year or so later because I acquired a pop up camper. We pulled that camper all over New England on various trips.

Even though I really liked that Firebird, in 1972 I was again looking for another new car. My idea was to order a car this time instead of just taking something off the lot. I put down a deposit on a new Firebird with all of the options that I wanted, again a V8 with a 4 speed. After what I considered a long period of time, my car had not come in. The dealer finally told me that the plant was on strike and he didn't know when I was going to get the car I ordered. He looked around for a close match but could not find what I wanted.

Just around the corner from where I lived was a Volvo dealer. I had seen the new 1800 ES on the lot and decided to see if that could replace my pony car. The car listed for about a thousand dollars more than what I could afford so I went down the street to a Chevy dealer to see if they could find a Camaro that was close to my liking. What I got was yet another off the lot car but wasn't all that bad except for the color..."Sea Mist" green.



Again I put a trailer hitch on the car so it would tow my camper. When I moved into my first house, the Camaro also had to tow other trailers. To save money I put in a wood stove and cut wood myself to burn. The only problem was that I had to get the car and trailer into places where it shouldn't have gone. The result was a burned out clutch. I replaced it one Saturday afternoon in my driveway with the assistance of a friend and some jack stands. It was a real show for the neighbors since we didn't have a proper lift for the transmission and we had to manhandle it out from the car just using our hands.

All in all it was a fairly good car. I put almost 100,000 miles on it before I was transferred back to New York State with a company car to drive. I ended up selling it outright to a used car dealer for a very good price.

Through the years that I owned the Camaro, several other cars floated through my ownership. Phyllis had gotten her license (after three learner's permits in three states) and needed a car to drive to work. These included a really beat up '66 VW and a couple of Chevy Novas.

About a year before I moved, I learned of another MGB for sale at a good price. I looked at the car on a Tuesday and drove it home the next day. It felt really good to be back in an MG even though it was a GT.

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Save the Date

A Tasting Party

When: May 4, 2014

Time: 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

**Where: Gil & Betty Langswager's Garage (party room)
46 Stonington Drive, Pittsford, NY**

**Bring: 2 or 3 bottles of your favorite beverage that's sort of unusual;
Beer, wine, Pepsi or Coke
– we'll taste them all!**

**Also: If some of the ladies could bring hors d'oeuvres to pass around,
that would be very much appreciated. Coffee & tea will be provided.**

**If: The weather is chilly, dress accordingly as it is in the garage. We
do have a heater!**

**Sign up: At the club meeting or contact Betty or Gil @ (585) 385-9956 so
we know how many will be attending.**



Mg Car Club Western NY Centre

Sticker, Black/Silver	\$1.50
50th Anniversary Sticker	\$1.50
50th Anniversary Pin	\$3.00
MGCC Mug.....	\$5.00
Badge Clip	\$5.00
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Sticker



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Also available is a wide selection of clothing items (shirts, jackets, ect.) embroidered with the club logo. Prices shown are for members only.

All items are available for purchase at our monthly Meeting, or delivery can be arranged.

Contact: Laurie Scribner 585-8725133 (weekdays).

MG Car Club Western New York Centre, Inc.

Membership Application

Annual Family Membership Dues \$30.00 — All memberships expire December 31st.

Name _____ Birthday _____

Spouse _____ Friend _____ Birthday _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Wedding Anniversary _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip+4 _____ Today's Date _____ New ☐ or Renewal ☐

Cars owned & Year _____

Club Interests: Racing ☐ Gymkhana ☐ Rallye ☐ Restoration ☐ Car Show ☐ Social ☐ Touring ☐ Other ☐

Other hobbies, etc. _____

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MG Car Club Western New York Centre -- Calendar of Events 2013

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January 8 Board Meeting 16 MGCC Meeting	February 2 Wine & Cheese/ Valve Cover Races 20 MGCC Meeting	March 5 Board Meeting 16 Steak Roast & Auction 20 MGCC Meeting	April 17 MGCC Meeting/ Basket Auction 27 Swing into Spring
May 3 Tune-up clinic 4 Garage Tasting Party 7 Board Meeting 10 Hammond sport Tour 15 MGCC Meeting 16-18 Carlisle Import & Kit	June 15-19 NAMGBR MG 2014 19 MGCC Meeting 22 Deer Crossing Rally	July 2 Board Meeting 13 Sports Car Festival 17 MGCC Meeting TBD Multi Club Picnic	August 10 UK Car Day 17 Windy Acres Tour 21 MGCC Meeting
September 3 Board Meeting 5-7 Watkins Glen 19-21 Brit Invasion Stowe 18 MGCC Meeting	October 16 MGCC Meeting 18 Fall Foliage Tour TBD Garage Tour	November 5 Board meeting 2 Yacht Club Brunch 20 MGCC Meeting	December 20 Holiday Party No Meeting

Next Meeting
May 15, 2014 7:30 PM
Knights of Columbus
70 Barrett Dr, Webster, New York



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