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## MG's Corner

By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin

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As I put this month's issue together, I recognized pretty quickly that this past month of July seemed to be all about getting out and driving our cars. The July 15<sup>th</sup> Car Club Meeting attendance was a bit low, but the relative number of Little British Cars (they all just happened to be MGs – see page 12) was respectable. One reason given for the lower than normal attendance was that some of members are racers, and they were off racing somewhere (New Jersey? Maybe we'll get an article or some photos for next month's *Spokes*, eh guys?).

A few drivers (most notably the Zaks, this month) took advantage of the fine weather to cover some big miles and accumulate a fair number of big smiles (and points!) in the 2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge. Leon and Barb and I spent a big chunk of a day in our two cars cruising mostly around the west side of Monroe County (and a bit beyond), stopping now and then to smile for the camera, and stopping twice for ice cream. At the original Abbott's location in Charlotte, we met a young (well, younger than us) man with an avid (though not yet materialized) interest in little foreign sports cars – it's his dream to own one. We were happy to try to steer him onto the path toward MG ownership. He ate up our cars while we at up our frozen custard cones.

And while we're on the topic of eating and driving, how about the two recent Cars & Coffee events! I didn't make it to the one at EM Motors in Stanley, but we've got lots of photos herein, mostly from Dick Powers. I counted thirteen of our little cars at the C&C at Free Style Mercantile in Mumford last Sunday morning – again, we've included lots of photos of the cars and folks. If you pay close attention, you'll note that our Vice-Chair, George Heissenberger, seems to be really getting around! His car shows up at every event, and his photos pop up throughout this issue. There certainly have been great opportunities to get out and about, blow the cobwebs out of the carburetors, and catch up on some socializing that we've missed so much during the past year-and-a-half.

With lots of small car shows and cruise nights popping up again, we have many chances in the coming weeks to continue to share the pride and joy of owning and driving our special cars. Remember, MG is the "Marque of Friendship" and keep in mind that while spotless, shiny classic cars are indeed very nice, so is putting on some miles and generating lots of smiles!

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## Chairman's Corner

**By Bob Welch**

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Your Club continues to emerge from pseudo-hibernation following the lengthy public health crisis and subsequent restrictions. We have resumed some activities, our second "live" meeting is behind us, and we are looking forward to our annual August picnic just before the August 19th meeting. Look for a flyer elsewhere in *Spokes* which lists menu items, times and cost (a bargain at \$10 per person).

We must provide the Legion with a headcount in advance. An email will be sent to the membership around August 1st. In the email there will be a link to a form on our website where you will be able to RSVP. Payment will be due on the day of the event.

Guest speakers for future meetings seem to be of interest to members. Discussions are underway to make that happen - stay tuned.

Several of you have expressed interest in getting a current membership list. The Board discussed this at the last meeting and it was agreed, in the interest of protecting the privacy of our members, we would publish a printed list with phone numbers and email addresses. At the meeting last week (see minutes) I asked that any members who wished to opt out of having their info included on the list please notify a Board member. Once this has been completed, if you want a list, come to a meeting and pick one up.

We've been making great strides in improving the membership situation. You might recall a few months ago concerns were raised that paid memberships were hovering below 50. As of the 8th of July, our roster lists 110 current family memberships. Among them are new members, too. Please be sure to make them feel welcome.

As the summer progresses, we continue to learn of more car-related events in the area. We are publicizing those in *Spokes* as we receive information and the events page on our website is also being updated. There are several car shows in the works, including one at the Legion post where we hold our meetings. That one is Sunday, August 22 from 12 to 3. MGCC members get free burgers and hots. Cruise nights are resuming in our area too. They've started again on Fridays at the Shriners on Bay Rd in Webster and on Thursdays at Wegmans in Canandaigua.

Safety Fast! RW

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Dan Suter's 1953 MG TD out in the countryside during its first run of the year – July 7, 2021 – *photo by D. Suter*



## Vice Chairman's Notes

By George Heissenberger

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I have mentioned before that back in High School I had a friend named Harry who owned a 1966 MGB. My neighbor across the street had owned a Midget in the early 70's so this was not my first association with MG's, but Harry's MG gave me the bug to get one of my own. I reached out to Harry to help me fill in my memories of that MGB.

George: This '66 MGB had been a parts car.

Harry: It ran and drove OK, but it had accident damage, RF fender, and rust, a half-assed paint job, and shitty tires.

George: I didn't remember about the fender.

Harry: I rear ended a truck maybe two months later and smashed the same fender I had just replaced.

George: That MGB was only 9 years old at that time and in pretty good shape as I recall.

Harry: It was a \$200 POS but I felt like James Bond when I drove it. If you think about it, you really didn't need much of a car at that age. Your whole world was pretty much existed within a five-mile circle.

George: So my friend Harry bought it and we proceeded to work on it to get it roadworthy enough to pass inspection. Parts were available at reasonable prices at junkyards like British Auto, which at that time was located on Rt 250 Penfield, across from where the current YMCA is located now.

Harry: I remember mostly going to a junkyard out 104, maybe Williamson?

George: After procuring parts we went to work wrenching and putting it back together. I didn't know much about cars then.

Harry: My father helped me a LOT.

George: I don't remember all of what the car



needed but one of the things I do remember was that it needed a ring gear replaced on the flywheel. Some teeth were missing on the flywheel, and every once and a while depending on where it stopped, he would hit the starter and hear a zing, but no contact with the flywheel.

Harry: The starter would also get stuck on a broken tooth. You'd have to get out and rock it in gear to get it unstuck.

George: Yes, I remember having to rock it once in a while! So Harry pulled the engine and removed the flywheel and hung it from his garage beams, and got it cherry red with a torch so that after much hammering, the ring gear came off. Having purchased a ring gear for an MGB, we then heated up the ring gear the same way and pounded it on to the flywheel. Pretty much an all day, hot sweaty job. I don't remember if we did a clutch and throwout bearing at the same time, but it would have made sense.

Harry: No clutch but I replaced a leaky rear main seal.

George: Another project was painting the car. My dad had a one lung compressor without a tank and an old spray gun (which I still have) and I thought



we used that, but that may have been on another friend's car.

**Harry: I rented a compressor and spray gun.**

George: We masked off the car and painted it British Racing Green. I think we took turns with the paint gun and all I remember was it was very hard to get it not to run, so we backed way off and ended up with orange peel all over. But it had a fresh coat of paint.

**Harry: In hindsight I should have taken it to Earl Schieb or some such. After renting the compressor and buying the materials I spent more than I would have just getting a cheap paint job. It wouldn't have been show quality paint, but it would have looked better than what I did and certainly good enough for that car.**

George: When we took the MGB out for the first drive Harry's father hung a sprig of leaves on the car's antenna. What's that we asked? He said, "It's mint like the car!"

George: Another time we were going for a drive and the headlight switch shorted out and caught fire.

**Harry: Ground strap to the engine came loose.**

George: Harry pulled the wires under the dash but the switch and some of the wiring under the dash was toast, literally. We could not drive the car, but it happened we were right in front of a bar. So we went in to the bar to use the pay phone to call my

George **GH**

dad for a ride. The bartender had two beers lined up on the bar and said something to the effect "Anybody whose car burns up deserves a beer." Bear in mind we were 16, and 17 years old, and back then the drinking age was 18. But we sidled up to the bar and had a nice cold beer. My dad walked in and said to the bartender, "What are you doing, these boys are underage!", Thanks for the buzzkill dad. I have many happy memories of riding around in that MGB with Harry, learning to shift in that car, holding a keg of beer in my lap on keg runs, summer fun.

**Harry: I took the car with me to Maryland and drove it for a year or two when, by chance, a guy approached me in a parking lot and told me his brother was parting out a '69 MGB with a blown motor. By then, my '66 B was a total rust-bucket, but the motor still ran good. The '69 turned out to be a good solid car, much better than what I had, so I swapped in the motor from the '66, took anything else off it that was any good, and had the rest hauled off to the boneyard.**

George: Harry moved to Maryland in 1975 or '76 but I had caught the MG bug and so I bought my first MG in the summer of 1976, a blaze orange 1971 MGB. I learned a lot about car repairs just keeping that '71 B on the road. I joined the MG Car Club Western NY Centre in 1977 at the Victor Car show and have enjoyed the camaraderie, expertise, rallies and other events ever since.

The view from Dan Suter's TD cruising on Jackson Road. Although we've had record, or near-record rainfall in July, it has been a fine summer to get the cars out on the road.

**Drive 'em! It's what they were made for!**



*Photo by D. Suter*

# Minutes and Attendance for MGCC Meeting – July 15, 2021

Recorded and submitted by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary

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## ATTENDANCE

Bob	Abels
Georgean	Abels
Robin	Allen
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Susan	Goodwin
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George	Heissenberger
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Mike	Robinson
Frank	Stepanik
Annabelle	Tescione
John	Thompson
Bob	Welch
Barb	Wild
Dave	Wild



*NOTE: Attendance was low as many members were at vintage races in PA or attending other summer activities.*

# Minutes for MGCC Meeting – July 15, 2021

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**CHAIRMAN**, Bob Welch called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Bob asked anyone who was not vaccinated to please stay 6 feet away from others.

The minutes from the June meeting were motioned and accepted.

Bob mentioned that he would like to line up some speakers for future meetings and suggested some of our advertisers. Other suggestions were Eric Barge and Ben from British Auto.

Bob circulated the newsletter from The North American MGB Register.

**TREASURY/MEMBERSHIP**, Frank Stepanik reported that the treasury is stable and in good standing with a healthy balance. Anyone who wants the precise amount may contact Frank. We have made great strides in getting all of the past year memberships renewed. There is a membership roster available but, for privacy reasons, it will only be distributed to members in printed form and upon request. Any member wishing to remove their contact information from the roster may request that from Frank.

## ACTIVITIES

- The MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge organized by Mike Goodwin has good participation. Mike had dash plaque-like magnets made for participants and the Board has approved a small budget for prizes. Mike reminded folks that they may enter the Challenge at any time and do as many of the individual challenges as they want. New destination challenges are listed in *Spokes*. The Goodwins have disqualified themselves from competing due to the fact that they select all of the destinations.
- Mike Robinson has setup a monthly Cars and Coffee at the Freestyle Mercantile in Mumford NY, this month's is on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 9AM til noon. The June gathering was very popular.
- A Fall Driving Tour will be organized by Mike Robinson. This has been a very popular event in past years.
- Bob Welch will check with Al Costich to find out if there will be a Garage Tour this year, another popular event.
- Many non-Club events are happening in the area, see notices in *Spokes* and email distributions for further information on cruise nights, car shows, etc.

**REGALIA**, Joe Bellizia not present, no report.

**SPOKES**, Bob congratulated Mike Goodwin on the excellent *Spokes* issues that he has been putting together; everyone clapped agreement.

**LIBRARY**, Al Costich was not present, no update. A copy of George Herschell's MG artwork book was donated to the Club by Sue Harrison and, if the Club doesn't already own a copy, it will be added to the library.

**WATKINS GLEN REPORT**, Dave Wild had no news about the Glen Vintage Weekend. George Heissenberger read an update that the Stone Bridge Drivers put out saying most of the events were filled to participation limits but a few spots remain in some events.

**WEBSITE**, Leon Zak was not present but it was noted that the website is up and running well. An issue with one of the website links has been fixed.

**OLD BUSINESS**, none.

**NEW BUSINESS**, none



# Minutes for MGCC Meeting – July 15, 2021

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**CARS & PARTS FOR SALE**, Bob Abels updated us on the sale of his Jensen Healey on Bring a Trailer. He sold it successfully and said he was very satisfied with the BaT sale process. He will be selling his 1975 Saab wagon on there in the next few weeks.

George Heissenberger said he read recently that sales on websites for sight-unseen cars are way up since the pandemic.

There is a red 1959 MGA listed for sale on Craigslist in Victor, NY, \$16K

Mike Goodwin reminded people to keep any Spokes ads for Cars/Parts up to date, delete if no longer needed.

**PROJECTS**, George Heissenberger reported that John Schwelm has made good progress on the MG TC that he purchased recently. George got to look it over and was impressed with the project.

Mike Goodwin asked for any hints to get the full tonneau cover attached to all lift-dot points. A few people had ideas, several mentioned the time-honored trick of only attempting it when it's been sitting in the sun and stretches a little better.

Meeting end: 8:15pm. AT

## MGs in attendance at the July Meeting – photos by M. Goodwin



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**On the Cover:** 1959 MGA Coupe owned by Dave Chase for 45 years. The car and its owner were frequently present at MGCC gatherings over the years and Dave drove it to many distant events also like the Stowe, Vermont British Invasion, national MGA meets all over the Eastern U.S. as well as driving tours of New England and Nova Scotia. It's an old friend of our club and has surely honored the MG *Safety Fast* message very well. AT



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# John Schwelm's '48 TC

*(from the Editor, with photos by John Schwelm)*

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In the June 2021 issue of *Spokes*, we brought you a brief article on how John Schwelm acquired his TC, and a little bit about how he started his restoration. John shared these newer photos with the club a few weeks ago, and I'm guessing that with all the recent rainy days, the restoration has progressed even beyond what we see here. We're all anxious to see this one on the road. We can all picture John with his leather cap and goggles rolling into a Cars and Coffee get together soon, am I right? 



# Father's Day Show at Sonnenberg Gardens

By George Heissenberger

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Here are some photos of taken at the Father's Day (June 20<sup>th</sup>) car show at Sonnenberg Gardens. Almost 500 cars were there; they were expecting 350! Members attending include Richard Reynolds, Richard and Marlene Rzepkowski, John Schwelm, and George and Peggi Heissenberger.





## Cars & Coffee at EM Motors - July 18, 2021

(submissions by George Heissenberger and Richard Powers; photos by R. Powers except where noted otherwise)

There was a nice turnout of MG Car Club members and their cars at the EM Motors Cars and Coffee event in Stanley NY on July 18th. Dick Powers reported seven members in attendance, but George Heissenberger said he counted at least ten. Maybe we can recognize their cars among those shown here. According to George, the weather was iffy at first but turned out sunny, another great day for classic cars! EM Motors specializes in British car repair and hosts an annual customer appreciation picnic each September, plus is adding Cars and Coffee events in July and August. The EM Motors website is worth a look – check them out at <https://www.emmotorsllc.com/>.





## Cars & Coffee at EM Motors - July 18, 2021

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# Cars & Coffee at EM Motors - July 18, 2021

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photo by G. Heissenberger



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## Cars & Coffee at the Free Style Mercantile – July 25, 2021

*(with photos by Michael Goodwin, unless noted otherwise)*

On Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, the weather was unexpectedly fine following some overnight rain, and a host of MGCC WNY members, too numerous to mention, turned out for the summer's 2<sup>nd</sup> Cars & Coffee at the Free Style Mercantile in Mumford, NY. All enjoyed the good coffee, breakfast sandwiches, the cars (of course!) and the good company for a relaxing couple of hours. Join us for the next Cars and Coffee at the Mercantile, which will be August 29<sup>th</sup>, from about 9 AM until noon.





## Cars & Coffee at the Free Style Mercantile – July 25, 2021

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*photo by G. Heissenberger*



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## **A few upcoming events:**

The Town of Greece will be hosting  
a **car show** on  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7th**  
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# Bumpers & Banjos Antique Car Show and Bluegrass Festival

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Dates: September 19, 2021

**11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

This is a Blue Grass Festival as well as a car show. The bands playing will be Fiddlers of the Genesee, Kubick's Rubes, Canandaigua Middle School Fiddle Club, and Temple Cabin Band. For those bringing a car to the show there is no charge to attend (although a donation would be appreciated) and drivers do not have to preregister. For those not bringing a car, the price will be \$20 per ticket presale and \$25 per ticket the day of the show. Children 12 and under will be free. There will also be a Rotary Club \$15,000 Jackpot drawing at the end of the show.

Rotary Bumpers & Banjos Festival committee has selected Honor Flight and the Canandaigua Academy Players as the organizations to be supported from this fund raiser. Sonnenberg Gardens will also share in the proceeds from this event.



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# Lyn St. James, Pioneer for Women in Motorsports, Honored with Argetsinger Award

From the International Motor Racing Research Center

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (July 12, 2021) – The International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC) will honor Lyn St. James with the Cameron R. Argetsinger Award for Outstanding Contributions to Motorsports on Sept. 11, 2021. After a hiatus in 2020, the ceremony returns to a new location at the Jack Daniel's Club at Watkins Glen International during the Hilliard U.S. Vintage Grand Prix weekend. Motorsports broadcast journalist Bob Varsha will be emceeing the ceremony.

"Lyn embodies the spirit of the Argetsinger award, which recognizes individuals who have advanced and improved the sport," said John Saunders, chairman of the Governing Council of the IMRRC. "We're thrilled to celebrate her achievements this September."

A pioneer for women in motor racing, St. James racked up numerous firsts and records for speed over the course of her 20 years as a professional driver. Among those, she is the first female recipient of the "Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year" award presented in honor of her spectacular debut in 1992, the first of seven starts in the series. With a victory in the Serengeti 500 race at Watkins Glen in 1985, she remains the only woman to win an IMSA GT race as a solo driver.

Equally recognized for her many contributions off the track, St. James received numerous awards for

distinguished service to racing, driver education, and as an advocate for women's participation in sports. In 1994, she founded the Women in the Winner's Circle Foundation to provide support, training and scholarships to women in automotive fields. St. James is also an author, sports commentator, and motivational speaker.

"The IMRRC does great work in preserving and honoring the history of motorsports, and it's a privilege to host the

Argetsinger Award ceremony at Watkins Glen this fall," said WGI President Michael Printup. "Lyn's influence in the sport is unmatched and we're honored to help celebrate her."

Tickets are now on sale and all proceeds benefit the IMRRC. Celebrate Lyn's distinguished career in racing by joining us for live music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and an open bar. Sahlen's is the presenting sponsor of the event, with additional support from IMRRC Governing Council Members Greg Galdi, Larry Kessler, Robert M. Newman Jr., and Archie Urciuoli as well as Glenora Wine Cellars, Gorsline Company, Hilliard Corp., SCCA Inc. and Foundation, SVRA, Watkins Glen International, and Welliver. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.



## About the International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC)

Located in one of the premier racing towns in America, the IMRRC's collection spans continents, eras, and race series, embodying the speed, drama and camaraderie of amateur and professional motor racing throughout the world. The Center welcomes serious researchers and casual fans alike to share stories of race drivers, race series, and race cars captured on its shelves and walls and brought to life through exhibitions and special events. The IMRRC is free and open to the public, no appointment necessary, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. More at [racingarchives.org](https://www.racingarchives.org).



# 2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

## Photos by contest participants

**At the time of publication, scoring is as follows:** Leon & Barb Zak (48), Susan & Mike Goodwin (40), Maggie & Mike Robinson (24), Peggi & George Heissenberger (22), Ev and Ron Stone (21), Mary & Tom LeStrange (6), Chris & John Baum (5), Allen Hess tied with Marlene & Dick Rzepkowski (3), and John Schwelm (2)



the Robinson's TF with 3 not-so-old ladies

Since our last update, the Zaks have zoomed, zig-zagging around the area and zipping even into Pennsylvania to boost their score to an even four-dozen pointz. The Goodwins are a tad behind with 40 (but remember, as event organizers, even though they're having fun, the Goodwins' point total will be disqualified).



Leon Zak at the Ice Cream Factory

Lots of qualifying photos were taken by several aspiring competitors at the recent Cars and Coffee in Mumfordsburg, but as of this writing, most of them haven't been submitted – expect the scores to be changing soon! Remember, there are prizes for all participants, ranging from commemorative magnets to goody-stuffed baskets with British beers and Motoring Challenge pint glasses, photo plaques and more. A special honor is being reserved for the last-place finisher! You'll find the newest destinations listed on the last page of Spokes, and the earlier destinations are still handily available on the last two pages. Remember, the older



Emmeline the Bear and the Zaks' MGB

destinations are still valid – they don't expire. But you can score more points by getting the early-bird bonuses. Three of this month's new destinations have early-bird bonus points (any submitted by the 18<sup>th</sup> of August may be shown at the Club's next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>).



Leon Zak and his MGB at the Genesee Brewery



Goodwins' and Zaks' MGBs at the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse

Wherever your little special car takes you this month, remember to **BRING YOUR CAMERA** and **Safety Fast!**

**MG**



M. Goodwin with 3 LBCs



3 LBCs, including Heissenbergers' MGB



Leon at the Windmill Market, Penn Yan



the Zaks found an Orleans County Park



M. Goodwin at Northampton Park



Leon & Barb Zak scored the maximum possible  
on this photo with the garbage truck.  
– Smile and wave!



Mike Goodwin and his MGB at the Port of Rochester Marina



Zooming through Pennsylvania with the Zaks





M. Goodwin with 3 "old "women



M. Goodwin at Brindle Haus Brewing in Spencerport



at the original Abbott's



L. Zak, Hartwell Hall, SUNY Brockport



a bit of the Robinsons' MGB got just close enough to Mendon Ponds Park



L. Zak at the Port of Rochester Marina



L. Zak with 3 LBCs  
(Thanks, Mike Robinson, for letting us score points in your front yard!)



Leon at Lugia's Ice Cream, Spencerport



L. Zak, Griff's Brewery



Eating more ice cream at Lugia's in Spencerport



M. Goodwin at Hartwell Hall, SUNY Brockport



L. Zak found another brewery



L. Zak at the original Abbott's, Charlotte



L. Zak, Jell-O Museum (w/ bonus Jell-O)



M. Goodwin with bonus Jell-O at the Jell-O Museum in LeRoy



3 kids taking turns driving Leon Zak's MGB





Leon asked for “experienced” women to pose with his MGB – who knew he’d find them at the Jell-O Museum?



In the background, a barn with TWO silos (the second silo gets the Zaks a bonus of absolutely nothing)



Barb & Leon Zak at the Brockport Village Courthouse



At Creative Inking tattoo parlor in Brockport, NY



An electric car-charging station



At Northampton, a Monroe County Park near Spencerport

## 2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

Throughout the 2021 driving season, we are continuing to run our new Motoring Challenge for all members, and it's easy to jump in and have some motoring fun that will last through the driving season. We started in March, but **it's not too late to jump in**. We'll wrap it up around the end of October and announce the winners and **prizes** shortly thereafter. (Not a MGCC member? See elsewhere in Spokes or on the website regarding how to become a member – it's quick, easy, inexpensive, and you need not own an MG to join.)

To participate in the **Motoring Challenge**, simply:

Find the list of destinations elsewhere in *Spokes*.

- Drive to one or more of the listed destinations.
- Snap a picture of your car there, *preferably* with yourself or your teammate in the photo. (We need **AT LEAST ONE** photo that includes a good likeness of you. Let's get to know each other, eh?)
- Send the photo(s) by email to [challenge@mgccarclub.com](mailto:challenge@mgccarclub.com).
- Enjoy the monthly updates in *Spokes*, where you'll see yours and other competitors' photos, and get updates on scoring along with the challenges for the new month.

You'll score 1 or more points for each destination. Points may vary, based on the difficulty or the creativity required. Additionally, early-bird bonus points may be given occasionally for photos received before a certain date, so pay attention monthly to get the most points possible. (Late photos won't get the early-bird bonus, but they aren't worthless, just worth a bit less!) There's no monthly cut-off date, (we'll accept March destination photos in September, for example!) but all photos will be due before the final tally sometime around November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Some of the destination photos will have special requirements. Any such requirements will be listed each month. For example, if the destination is "Your Favorite Restaurant", we may require that the photo include a sign showing the name of the restaurant. Or, if the destination is "Outside of NY State", we may require a sign (like WELCOME TO NEW JERSEY) or other clear evidence (like the Gateway Arch or Grand Canyon, for example) be shown in the photo.

Rather than filling out a form or marking a checklist, each month, one or more destinations will be listed in *Spokes*, and each will be identified with a destination number. When you submit your photos, be sure to include the corresponding destination number for each. Remember, each photo must:

- show your car
- show the destination (and/or other requirement) clearly

Though not always REQUIRED we'd like it if you include yourself in each photo)

Some of you might have more than one special car you'd like to use in the Motoring Challenge. This is permitted, but we strongly encourage participation using only your special car(s). The point is to encourage driving and having fun with these special cars; it is NOT our intention to award points for driving around in your daily-driver 2019 RAV4 or your 2017 Honda Accord or your 2013 Ford Focus.

HOW TO ENTER: No forms to fill out, just email us your first photo(s)! We need:

- 1 – Your name(s)
- 2 – Year, make, and model of the car(s) you intend to use for the challenge
- 3 – Attach your photos, identified with the DESTINATION NUMBER.

That's it! It's easy to get started! Jump right in!  
Safety Fast!

**(You'll find this month's destinations on the last page of *Spokes*.)**

One last note - the MG Car Club WNY Centre reserves the right to use your photo(s) in Spokes and on the club's website – and we look forward to doing so!



# Sunshine Page



## August Birthdays

1	Patti Bellizia	
9	Jeffrey Kath	4
14	Elaine Hess	7
14	Marlene Rzepkowski	7
17	Patti Schulz	16
19	Gail Schipper	17
21	Ken Heusler	28
22	Jay Lockrow	29
23	William Dexter	
25	Linda McConnell	
29	Anne Faust	
29	Joe Tierno	



*Happy Birthday,  
everyone!*

*If you think you've been mistakenly left off of either list above, check to see if you've paid your dues.  
If you still think it's a mistake, send a note to the editor at [spokes@mgcarclub.com](mailto:spokes@mgcarclub.com).*



## August Anniversaries

Mary & Tom LeStrange
Beverly & Jay Lockrow
Patricia & John MacDonald
Peggi & George Heissenberger
Christine & Harold Rodman
Sue & Jim Herschell
Kathy & Lane Boughton



*Congratulations!*



Official Regalia

## MG Car Club Western NY Centre

### Some of the Current Items Available



50th Anniversary Badge	\$20.00
50th Anniversary Pin	\$3.00
51st Anniversary sticker	\$1.50
MG Stickers Black / Silver	\$1.50
Sticker - front adhesive	\$1.50
MGCC Mug	\$5.00
Car Badge	\$20.00
Badge Clip	\$5.00
Patch Embroidered	\$2.50
Key Fob, large Leather	\$4.00
Pin, Cloisonne	\$3.00
Dash Plaque - Last years 2019	\$3.00
Dash Plaque - 40th Ann	\$2.00
Sign Magnetic 10"	\$15.00
Bumper Sticker	\$1.00
Club Name Badge (to be ordered)	\$20.00

**Notes** Also available a large selection of clothing items (shirts, jackets, caps, etc) with our club logo embroidered on them, by letting us know what you would like. Most specialty items are available with a small order of only a dozen. Please contact Joe Bellizia with any questions by calling (585) 749-9263 or emailing me at [blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com)

Joe Bellizia has been working behind the scenes to put together some interesting possibilities for nifty regalia for the 2021 season and beyond. He'd love to have your input and suggestions – particularly for ideas for items that a BUNCH of us want (even if we don't all know it yet)!

**Some great ideas are on the next page!**



## MG Club Members Personalized Items we can Order if we have enough interest!

Would You Order One of These??



Customized Water Bottle approx. \$20.00  
(includes Shipping & NY Tax)



MG Club New Era Cap \$25.00  
(Embroidered w/ our  
logo as shown)



MG Club Member's Personalized Water Bottles  
(W/ Club Logo & Your Name & Individual Picture)  
25oz Stainless Steel Bottle with Screw top & Carabiner

**Notes** I am including a New Feature in Spokes showing New Items we could order if we get member input and start a pre-order commitment list started. Bottles have a (48) Minimum Order and hats (12) minimum as they are Custom to our Club and YOUR Car!

Contact Joe Bellizia with any questions by calling (585) 749-9263 or emailing me at blitz7711@gmail.com

## MG Car Club Western New York Centre Membership Application

Annual family membership dues \$30  
All memberships run calendar year January – December

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse / Friend: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: MGCC of Western NY

Mail form and payment to:

Membership – MG Car Club, PO Box 92556, Rochester, NY 14692

## Classified Ads

*(Please inform the editor when your ad should be removed)*

### **For Sale:** MGTD parts.

- Windshield frame including side supports and cowl brackets \$225.
- One pair of chrome headlight buckets and rims with medallions \$75.
- Original false nose (re-chromed) and MG medallion \$75.
- Red & Green dash light lenses and accessory switch \$15.
- Hood strip \$20.
- Lucas NOS windshield wiper blades \$12.
- Lot of Miscellaneous fasteners & fittings \$35.

Will email pictures on request.

Contact: John at [ross@frontiernet.net](mailto:ross@frontiernet.net) or 585 248 5361

### **For Sale:** 1957 MGA "project" car for restoration or parts.

Car is complete having 1500 motor, transmission, rear end and has wire wheels. Included are new rockers and a vinyl interior for the seats.

For total restoration or parts - asking \$2000.

**Also,** MGB 3-main short block - asking \$250

If interested, contact Dick Powers: [mgahmogca@rpa.net](mailto:mgahmogca@rpa.net) or at 585-410-4500.

### **For Sale:** Color Wiring Diagrams 11x17 size; many cars to choose from \$17.95. Further details at

[www.colorwiringdiagrams.com](http://www.colorwiringdiagrams.com)

**For Sale:** 1969 Spitfire Mark III roadster. Barn find after 25 years. Clean title. 1300cc engine runs; Solid body, with some work needed to repaint. Will need the usual brake hoses and hydraulic work. Has wire wheels. Missing its seats and front bumper. Inexpensive starter project for \$1000.

Call George at 585-872-6536

**For Sale:** Miscellaneous XPAG engine parts and 2 hubcaps for MGTD. Intake and Exhaust manifolds. Both cleaned and painted. - \$20

Starter motor. Working but could use a rebuild. Moss Motors gets a \$200 core charge for a new motor. - \$100

Hubcaps are original/not replacement. - \$30

Contact allyn@mgcarclub.com 585-924-5251

### **For Sale:** 1973 MGBGT

Solid car with overdrive. In storage for 20+ years

Call Gary: (585) 464-9482

**For Sale:** 1976 & 1977 MGBs, both need work to start them

Contact Claude Fedeale @ [sfedeale@rochester.rr.com](mailto:sfedeale@rochester.rr.com) or 585-899-9388

The Motoring Challenge commemorative magnets (business card size!) are in. These are being given to all the participants – Claim yours at the next meeting! They include actual images from this year's challenge, and look like this:





# 2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

Destination Number	Description (pts.)	Special Requirement or Special Note	Early-bird bonus point?
#2021-01	In your garage or driveway (1)	Snow in the picture (1 bonus)	
#2021-02	Barn with a silo (1)		
#2021-03	* Any Erie Canal lift bridge (1)		
#2021-04	* Emmeline the Bear Monument – Geneseo (1)		
#2021-05	* Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse (1)		
#2021-06	Picture including 3 old men (1)	Define “old” at your own risk!	
#2021-07	Picture including 3 old women (2)	Define “old” at your own risk!	
#2021-08	Picture including 3 children (2)		
#2021-09	With a garbage truck (2)	Include the sanitation worker for an extra point (1 bonus pt.; If he/she is waving, 2 bonus pts)	
#2021-10	* At the Windmill Farm and Craft Market in Penn Yan (1)		
#2021-11	Outside of NY State (2)	Sign required	
#2021-12	At any tattoo parlor (1)	Sign required	
#2021-13	With 3 Little British Cars (including yours) (2)	The 3 cars must all have separate owners	
#2021-14	* At Lugia’s Ice Cream shop (Spencerport) (1)	Include yourself eating ice cream for a bonus (1 bonus)	
#2021-15	* At the Ice Cream Factory (Fairport) (1)	Include yourself eating ice cream for a bonus (1 bonus)	
#2021-16	* At Abbott’s Frozen Custard (1)	At the original in Charlotte (1 bonus); eating ice cream (1 more bonus)	
#2021-17	At a courthouse (1)		
#2021-18	At an electric car charging station (2)		
#2021-19	* Jell-O Museum, LeRoy NY (2)	Holding a Jell-O package; must be clearly visible (2)	
#2021-20, -21, -22	At a brewery of your choice	up to 3, (1 pt. each)	
MORE DESTINATIONS ON NEXT PAGE!			

# 2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

(continued from previous page)

Destination Number	Description (pts.)	Special Requirement or Special Note	Early-bird bonus point?
2021-23	* At a Monroe County Park (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-24	* At a County Park <u>OTHER THAN</u> Monroe County (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-25	At a marina with boats (1)		
2021-26	* At Hartwell Hall on the SUNY Brockport Campus (2)	If the bell tower is fully included in your photo, 1 point BONUS	
<b><i>Eight <span style="color: red;">NEW</span> Destinations below!</i></b>			
2021-27	At a fairgrounds (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-28	A gazebo (NOT rectangular, 6 or more sided or round!) (1)		1 if by August 18
2021-29	At a coffee shop (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-30	At a winery of your choice (2)	Must include a sign	1 if by August 18
2021-31	At a second winery (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-32	At a car show or cruise night (2)	Your car <u>with</u> a pre-1940 vehicle, 2 point BONUS	
2021-33	At a National Forest (2)	Must include a sign	1 if by August 18
2021-34	At your favorite restaurant (1)	Must include a sign	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Look for the highlighting for new chances for BONUS POINTS</b></p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Questions? Address them to the Challenge-masters at <a href="mailto:challenge@mgcarclub.com">challenge@mgcarclub.com</a></p>			

**\* SPECIAL NOTE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE AWAY FROM THE WESTERN NEW YORK AREA:**

You may substitute similar destinations from your area. Please do your best to convince the Challenge Masters and other participants that your substitution is VALID.