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COVER: *The Zaks following the Goodwins on a recent drive along one of the Finger Lakes* - photo by Susan Goodwin

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MG's Corner

By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin

In late 2020, my '78 MGB was leaking a lot of oil. We've all heard all the jokes and witticisms regarding oil leaks in British cars, and while a drip (or three) now and then may be typical and tolerable and no cause for action, my car's case was a bit more severe.

I determined it was the rear main seal, and though I had replaced it several years ago, it was due again, so out with the engine. While the engine was separated from the gearbox, of course it was time to replace worn clutch components, and while I was at it, might as well use this opportunity to give the engine compartment a good cleaning and touch up spray, scrub the engine itself, and how about maybe painting a few engine parts to match the body color? To me, this sort of work that must be done occasionally is part of the deal when you decide to own and regularly drive an old car. It's part of the normal ups and downs.

In 2021, our MGB story is much more about driving than it is about working on the car. We've enjoyed lots of miles out and about – western New York is blessed with good

summertime driving weather; no hurricanes, no wildfires, and the threat of pop-up showers is nothing to fear, in fact, it can make a top-down drive a bit more exciting.

Knowing that a bit of work now and then is just part of the deal, being told your brake lights are out at the start of a long drive (and being unable to fix them on the spot) should elicit nothing more than a minor "Grrrr! Rats!" and a "Let us go first so you guys will be behind us."

The brake lights are fixed now (see below) and we're back on the road. Yippee! But then, alas, two days ago my right rear tire was flat – at least it went flat sitting in the garage. It was just a nail in the tread, easily fixed, and we're rolling again.

I think that owning and driving a classic British car can teach you to "Keep Calm and Carry On". There's no ecstasy without a bit of agony. Breathe easy through life's little ups and downs, and while you're driving, remember...

Safety Fast! 🚗 MG

Brake Switch Repair 101

Part 1: Use 9/16" wrench to loosen the jam nut, so you can remove switch by unscrewing it about 10 turns. This will twist up the long wire leads, but that's okay.

Part 2: Unplug the two wires (bullet connectors) like you should have done first. Untwist the snarled up wire leads. Take the switch into the basement. It's cool there and you can sit down.

Part 3: Notice that the switch looks like someone took it apart before. Scrape out their cruddy old glue.

Part 4: Try to prise the switch open. Feel extra-smart, because you know that "prise" is British for "pry". Since you can't get it apart, dunk it repeatedly in and out of denatured alcohol. Note all the crud that comes out.

Part 5: Hook up your ohm meter. Look for infinite resistance when plunger is depressed (foot OFF the brake case). Look for zero resistance when plunger is released (foot ON the brake case).

Part 6: Reseal the switch with JB Weld, because you want this fix to be permanent, even though you have already ordered a new switch. Reinstall the switch in the car and get your lovely assistant to take a picture while you step on the brake pedal. Breathe easy – you have an MGB and a lovely assistant. What could be better? MG



"...look for infinite resistance when plunger is depressed..."



"...zero resistance when plunger is released..."



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Chairman's Corner

By Bob Welch

We had a great turnout at the annual picnic and August meeting. The folks at the American Legion put on quite a spread! Due to iffy weather, we were unable to dine outside but still, it seems everybody had a good time, and no members went away hungry.

Our membership continues to increase with the addition of new members and renewals from some past members as well. Currently the roster includes 114 member families. Welcome to Dan Asbury and also Ellen and Wayne Newman who recently acquired a Green, 1953 TD. George Heissenberger suggested we create a welcome postcard to be mailed to all new members. This has been implemented and cards will be sent out to those who join our Club going forward.

Tom LeStrange announced he will be escorting charter member and veteran Dave Wild to Washington on an Honor Flight scheduled for September 11th. Sadly though, due to the resurgent pandemic, all Honor Flights have had to be postponed until 2022. We sincerely hope Dave and Tom are able to travel on one of the first flights, when they resume.

We're in the process of arranging for a guest speaker to address the membership at our October 21 meeting. Stay tuned for details.

On the activities front:

- another Cars and Coffee took place at Free Style Mercantile in Mumford. Thanks again to Mike Robinson for making this happen. This event will continue on the last Sunday of each month, throughout the driving season.
- September 10 is the kickoff date for the Grand Prix Festival at Watkins Glen. The featured marque this year is Alfa Romeo.
- Mike Robinson announced the Fall driving event will take place Saturday, October 16th. This will be a 107-mile run and will include a garage tour. Please sign up and be at the former Denny's parking lot in Victor by 9 AM.
- Al Costich is thinking about a Fall garage tour. More later, after he's given it sufficient thought.

After several years, Dan Suter plans to retire from the job of organizing our block of rooms for the Grand Prix Festival. A volunteer is needed to take over this essential task, so please let us know if you're interested or would like to learn more about it.

Safety Fast! RW

! Save the Date !

Friday, September 10, 2021

Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen

Featuring *Alfa Romeo*

Planning is currently underway
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to hold the Festival safely for all
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*We look forward to seeing you
In September!*

Info: Terrie Sautter alfagirl56@gmail.com

Registration: www.grandprixfestival.com

Vice Chairman's Notes

By George Heissenberger

Well, it's mid-summer so we all should be out and about enjoying our little British cars. I have been driving the MG a lot but unable to get to more than a few more challenge photos, however, there's still plenty of time left in the driving season! I'm excited to see so many more members participating! I hope you all are having a good sports car summer. Our MG has been running great and I took the opportunity to drive back and forth to meet former coworkers for lunch in Henrietta two or three times this month and to some local cruise nights as well as day-to-day errands.

It seems the more often you drive, the better things run when you keep them exercised like the brakes, carbs, etc. There are a few items I do need to address, including the heat shield insulation under the hood (bonnet). I was remarking to a friend that I remember putting it on just a scant 20 years or so ago, and now it's starting to fall down. I guess I'll have to re-glue it. Another fix I have sitting on my workbench is a brand-new Facet fuel pump. There's nothing wrong with the current fuel pump except that I installed it about 18-20 years ago and feel it's something I should do every couple of decades to prevent a future issue. I replaced the 12-volt battery last year with a new one from AutoZone after 12 trouble-free years with the old AutoZone Duralast battery. There wasn't anything

wrong with the old one, but I felt it was time just for preventative maintenance. I'm glad I did, since the old battery had started to corrode at the positive terminal, and I ended up having to replace the terminal with a new one when I changed out the battery. I think I



"I have been driving the MG a lot..." GH

got 16 years out of an Interstate battery in the MG once when the club used to be a distributor for Interstate batteries. I wonder if we still are. I did the front brakes, rotors and new calipers in 2019 and the rear brakes, cylinders and drums in 2018 following a brake system flush

with new front soft lines so they should be good for a while. The master cylinder was done about 25 years ago and is still good. I also had the clutch master, soft line and slave cylinder done about five years ago. I flush the coolant every few years just to make sure it's going to protect the car during the winter and keep it cool for the summer. Around 2016, I had the radiator re-cored and installed new hoses and it's never run cooler so that's up to snuff. I'm also doing minor maintenance on our Fire Department 1934 Diamond T fire engine and while checking the coolant it was nasty rusty. I need to flush that and replace with new coolant in a few weeks. I hope to see you at a cars and coffee or over a pint or two in the coming months, so keep on driving! Safety Fast!

George GH

Minutes for MGCC Meeting – August 19, 2021

Recorded and submitted by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary

*Preceding our August meeting we enjoyed a picnic dinner at the Legion. Here are the Legion staff ready to serve!
(Photo by Annabelle Tescione)*



CHAIRMAN, Bob Welch called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Bob complimented and thanked the American Legion folks who prepared and served the picnic.

The minutes from the July 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. Dick Powers recently asked Eric Barge about speaking and he said he would in October. Bob will follow-up with additional contact.

Ted Hershey introduced his grandson who attended the meeting. He was welcomed along with some new members, Dan Asbury, who owns former member Bob Tennity's MGA MkII, Wayne Newman and Ellen DeLaire who own a 1953 TD. We were also happy to meet Dawn Mehserle who joined her husband Eric for the meeting.

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 a few recent new or re-joining members, bringing the current roster total to 114 memberships. 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 at froport2@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES

- Various area Cars and Coffee meets have been well attended and continue while the weather is good. See notices in *Spokes* and Club email for updates on these events.
- The 2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge organized by Mike Goodwin has good participation. Mike had dash plaque-like magnets made for participants and handed those out to participants that were at the meeting. The Board has approved a small budget for prizes when the Challenge ends in October, with winners announced in November. New destination challenges are listed in *Spokes*. As of the meeting, no one had the maximum 69 possible points available, but the Zaks were in the lead with 56.

- A Fall Driving Tour is being organized by Mike Robinson. This year's tour is expected to be on Saturday, October 16th, will go down into Amish country, end at a microbrew pub in Honeoye Falls and will be about 107 miles. Mike will adopt the small group method of sending cars off – groups of about six cars with a leader in each group to ensure the tour will be easy to follow. It will also include one garage tour along the way.
- Al Costich is checking into options for a Garage Tour event to several interesting collector car garages, always a 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 had some Club regalia at the meeting and discussed available regalia that can be ordered. He distributed some information on wind breaker club jacket options and also sent that information via the Club email distribution list. Contact Joe for ordering or information at blitz7711@gmail.com

SPOKES, Mike Goodwin reminded everyone to send in articles and photos by August 27 for the next issue. He noted that he's seen lots of Club members snapping photos at assorted car events and urged everyone to share those photos in *Spokes*. Send them to Mike at spokes@mgcarclub.com

LIBRARY, Al Costich had no new library updates. The Board mentioned that a copy of George Herschell's MG artwork book was donated to the Club by Sue Harrison and will be added to the library soon.

WATKINS GLEN REPORT, Dave Wild reported that most of the Vintage Weekend spots in various events are full but there are still a few openings for Concours cars and in a couple of the driving tours. Dan Suter told us that the Seneca Lodge block of rooms reserved for our Club has been filled. Dan asked for a volunteer to coordinate the motel reservations next year.

WEBSITE, Leon Zak noted that the website is up and running well. It was agreed that the online signup for the picnic worked well through the website and it might be a good solution for other future Club event signups.

OLD BUSINESS, none

NEW BUSINESS, Al Fink noted that we have a new ad in *Spokes* for Thiel's Import Auto Service and suggested that our advertisers may be a good source of possible speakers after our monthly meetings. Various upcoming car shows and gatherings were mentioned, see *Spokes* or Club emails for details of future ones and photos of recent ones.

CARS & PARTS FOR SALE, Mike Goodwin has a 30-gallon upright compressor for sale in next-to-new condition, \$200.

Bob Abels updated us on the Bring a Trailer auction of his 1975 Saab wagon.

Al Wagner said he has a new set of MGB 3-wiper style wiper blades available. (*Ed. note...and they are no longer available – Thanks, Al!*)

Dick Rzepkowski mentioned that someone in the Hemlock area has 4 MG wheels available, details about them weren't available at the meeting, but you may find out by responding to the ad (see Classified Ads section of this *Spokes*).

There were numerous Cars & Classics magazines and some t-shirts available on our free items table for anyone who might want them.

PROJECTS, Al Wagner has located his dashboard for his MG TA and plans to start restoration on the car this winter. Everyone agreed it would be great to see the pre-war TA getting back to its former glory.

MISCELLANEOUS, Dan Suter reported that Dave Asmuth had been in the hospital but was expected to be released soon and seemed to be doing well.

Dave Chase ran into former member Franz Zechman who asked him to say hello to all of us.

Tom LeStrange informed us that he and Dave Wild will be participating in the next Rochester Honor Flight to Washington DC on September 11-12. There is a huge Return Home greeting at the Rochester Airport as these vets get off the plane. It would be super to have a group from the car community there to welcome them on Sunday, September 12. **[IMPORTANT NOTE:** As noted by the Chairman (page 6), we have learned that all Honor Flights have been postponed until 2022 – Keep Tom and Dave in mind for 2022!]

Door Prizes were given out.

Meeting end: 8:15pm

AT



Above: Cars in attendance at the August 19 MGCC Picnic Meeting – drone photo by Joe Bellizia

Right: Joe prepares to launch the drone for the photo above – photo by A. Tescione



Attendance for MGCC Meeting – August 19, 2021

Recorded and submitted and with photos by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary

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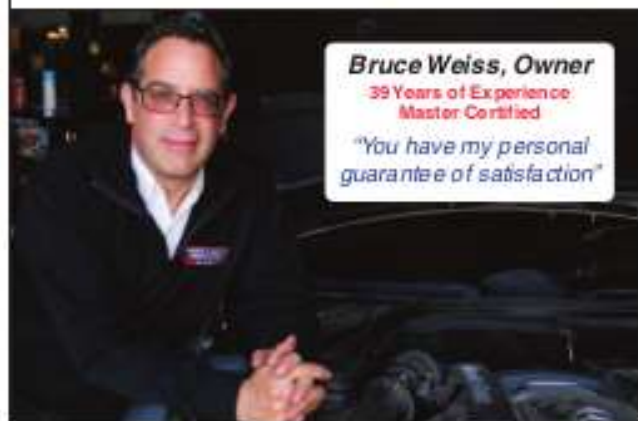


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Event Registration, updates

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Cruising on a Tuesday Afternoon

By Susan Goodwin, with photos by the author

August 24th was a beautiful day for a two-hundred-mile drive in the Finger Lakes. The impromptu drive that was put out on the MG Car Club email list the day before, would start at the meet-up spot, the



at Red Newt Cellars Winery

Ice Cream Factory in Fairport. The Zaks and Goodwins arrived at 11:00, hoping others would be in the parking lot, but alas no one was there to join us, so we moved on. Heading down Rt. 250 to Rt. 96, the Zaks, driving behind us, noticed no brake lights on our car, so into a parking lot we went to see what was going on. After forty-five minutes of



passing farms along the way



"Our travels continued..."

testing connections and bulbs, the brake lights still did not work. The brake light switch was malfunctioning. So, what should we do? We decided to go on with our journey. The Goodwins would lead the way with the Zaks driving behind, anticipating when the Goodwins would brake and/or stop their car.



Even though we were driving for fun, we came across some destinations on the MGCC Motoring Challenge list and were able to check some off. As we were heading down the east side of Seneca Lake

towards Watkins Glen, we stopped for a charcuterie lunch at Red Newt Cellars Winery and drank some good wine.



"...and many things for sale along the roadside."



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Cruising on a Tuesday Afternoon

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"...driving...on winding, hilly, curvy roads..."

Our travels continued to Watkins Glen where we stopped for coffee to help keep us awake after all that wine. Our journey continued up the west side of Seneca Lake until we turned west and headed toward Penn Yan and then over Naples way. Driving in the country on winding, hilly, curvy roads we passed towns and farms, farm-stands, Amish

buggies, nurseries, and many things for sale along the roadsides.

As much as we love driving our

cars, there is never a drive without something happening to those Little British Cars. But an overheating engine on the Zaks' V8 in Ontario County Park and the Goodwins' non-working brake lights didn't stop us from driving on a beautiful day in the Finger Lakes. SG



Safety  *Fast*

Powers' Morgan Wins President's Choice Award

By Dick Powers

It was a real *surprise* when my '58 Morgan +4 was selected as the winner of the **President's Choice Award** at this year's UK Car Day, or "Brits At The Bend" TR club show on Sunday August 22nd. That was the only award given at the show.

Nice to know my old Morgan is still appreciated for its design and heritage, especially when you consider what it looked like when I bought it. Thanks to George Haynes & Gil Langswager (and lots of body work) for bringing it back to life in time for Morgan's 100th birthday in 2009. It lives ageless today and gives great driving pleasure to the old "Walter Mitty" guy who drives it. I wonder if the original owner, Bob Poshva (early WNYMGCC member), enjoyed driving it as much as I do?

I know the late Bob Philip, long time member of our MGCC, enjoyed driving his Morgan (and MGs). In a way, this award is his too, because I have to thank Bob for introducing me to the wonderful world of Morgan. **RP**



photo by Al Fink



*My Morgan after accident 8-28-78
Photo by R. Powers*



photo by Al Fink

**More photos of
UK Car Day – Brits at the
Bend
can be found on the following
page**

More Photos of UK Car Day – Brits at the Bend

By Dick Powers





OCHS to host an Ontario County History Ride (Auto-tour)

Tickets: \$40/person. Tickets available online at OCHS.org or at the museum

Tour starts at the museum at 10 A.M. Saturday September 18

CANANDAIGUA, NY - The Ontario County Historical Society (OCHS) is hosting an Ontario County history driving tour on Saturday September 18. The driving tour is a roughly 150-mile loop through Ontario County, which will highlight many important pieces of the county's history.

In addition to the route booklet, the tour includes two other experiences. The first is a lunch at Warfield's Restaurant, lounge, and bakery in Clifton Springs. The second experience, which will follow lunch, is a visit to the Foster Cottage, which is a part of the Clifton Springs Historical Society.

Tickets, which include the route guide, lunch, and your visit to Foster Cottage are \$40/person. The tickets can be purchased at 55 North Main Street, Canandaigua NY in our museum or on our website: OCHS.org.

This is a fundraiser for the historical society, so the proceeds go to the operations of our museum. Support for this event is greatly appreciated.

This event and others can be found on the Ontario County Historical Society website – www.OCHS.org.

***About Ontario County Historical Society:** The Ontario County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 Not for Profit Corporation that was established in 1902. It owns and operates a Community History Museum located in the Heart of the Historic District in Canandaigua, New York and is part of New York State's Path Through History. The Society is not affiliated with any government agency and operated on public donations, membership dollars, and limited public and private grants.*

Save the Date! September 18!

Preston Pierce, Museum Educator

A "once-in-a-half-century" opportunity just around the corner! It's a chance to get out into our beautiful countryside; enjoy learning about our local history; and enjoy the company of other history buffs. Our annual history ride tour and dinner could not take place last year. However, it is coming back in just a few weeks—bigger and better than ever! Mark your calendars for September 18.

The history ride this year will reprise the 1976 historic circle tour of the county written by former museum director and county historian, Clyde Maffin. Created as part of our local celebration of the American Revolution Bicentennial, the tour has been largely forgotten over the past forty-five years. Revised to account for a few changes in our road system, the new edition of our Historical Circle Tour touches every town in our county and includes a few new sites not mentioned in the original. Driving the new Circle Tour may take you to sites you have never seen.

The Circle Tour route passes through historic communities, big and small. Along the way you will see the burial sites of a Basque explorer from the 1600s and the one of the first three recipients of the Purple Heart. You will learn about the missionaries from Rushville who took their faith to Hawaii and Oregon and introduced the printing press to those remote areas in the early 1800s. Tour participants will pass cobblestone houses; an octagon house; a church that still has no electricity or running water; and the hidden observatory of "Professor Brooks," the Hobart "comet finder." The tour also passes one of the most significant Native American sites in the Northeast; a place where spring water appears to burn; and a former Prisoner of War camp from World War II. There are many more important and intriguing places, as well.

A four hour, self-driving tour, starting and ending at the museum in Canandaigua, each participant will receive the usual booklet telling them what to look for and where to turn. It is ideal for those who want to drive with passengers on board to read the script, talk about the sites, and keep the driver on course. The tour starts at 10:00 AM. Everyone should be able to complete the tour, including lunch, by 3:00 PM. Of course, that depends on how long you stop to take in some breath-taking historic sites.

At about the half-way point on the tour, we will stop for a special lunch at Warfield's Restaurant in Clifton Springs at Noon. After lunch, participants will complete the tour. While we enjoy that scenic village and the wonderful examples of historic preservation that abound there, we will also have the opportunity to enjoy a special tour of the historic Foster Cottage. Just a few doors away from Warfield's; adjoining the scenic park and Sulphur Creek; the Foster Cottage was the home of Dr. Henry Foster, founder of the Clifton Springs Water Cure and later, the Sanitarium. The house now serves as the museum of the Clifton Springs Historical Society.

The cost of the Circle Tour will be \$40 per person which includes the special lunch. It will also help raise a bit of money for the support of our museum. Registration will open shortly. Be ready!

Cars & Coffee at EM Motors – August 15, 2021

There was another good turnout of MG Car Club members and their cars at the EM Motors Cars and Coffee event in Stanley NY on August 15th. Once again, the weather was superb for the event. Dick Powers documented the event with lots of photos – these are all his except as noted for a couple sent in by Ron Stone.



Cars & Coffee at EM Motors – August 15, 2021
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photo by Ron Stone



photo by Ron Stone



More Upcoming Events

MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre, Inc. Presents

Britfest 2021

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When

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Preregistration before 8/15/21: \$20

After 8/15/21 and at the gate: \$25

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Horseshoe Lake Park

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Prizes awarded at 2pm

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Directions:

From I-80 East: Take exit 28 to Ledgewood Exit,
Route 10 East. Route 10 East to Eyland Ave.

See below (from Route 10).

From I-80 West: Take Exit 43 to I-287 South, I-
287 South to Exit 39, Route 10 West,

See below (from Route 10).

From Route 10: Take Eyland Ave South to Roxbury
Recreation Complex, follow signs.

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Register Online at: <http://my.cheddarup.com/c/britfest>



Bumpers & Banjos Antique Car Show and Bluegrass Festival

Presented By: Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park

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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Photos by contest participants


At the time of publication, scoring is as follows: Leon & Barb Zak (63), Susan & Mike Goodwin (53, but disqualified), Ev & Ron Stone (43), Peggi & George Heissenberger (33), Maggie & Mike Robinson (24), Marlene & Dick Rzepkowski (13), Mary & Tom LeStrange (6), Chris & John Baum (5), Doreena & Hollis Hames (4), Allen Hess (3) and John Schwelm (2)

Since our last update, the Motoring Challenge driving and photography activity has ballooned, but the Zaks have maintained their lead for a while now. While the Goodwins have a bunch of points, they are disqualified because they're the ones who set the destinations. Second place has see-sawed between the Heissenbergers and the Stones, but it looks like Ev and Ron Stone have upped their driving game a bit lately, and so now have a pretty tight grip on second place. The Robinsons' score is unchanged this month (holding steady at 24 points), but Marlene & Dick Rzepkowski have moved up substantially, jumping from 3 points to 13, and from second-last into 5th place!

We still have September and October to go (the competition will wrap up on the last day of October), and this month there are six new destinations with lots of points available. If you haven't entered, there's still time left, and remember (!) all the old destinations are still valid. If you think ahead and plan a drive carefully, you might be able to photograph your car at a dozen destinations or more all in a single day's drive!

With **over 50 photos submitted this month**, I've decided to publish **just a sampling** this time. There are a couple from each participant who submitted something, and I've tried to get a good sampling of the numerous destinations. I'm planning to put **all** of the photos from the Challenge together into a slideshow for presentation at the November meeting, when we expect to award the prizes.

For now, while the weather is still good, take your little car out and...

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



2021-01 Hollis Hames with his MGB in the driveway



2021-28 Leon Zak and his MGB at a gazebo

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More select photos by contest participants



2021-02 Marlene Rzepkowski in the TF at a barn with a silo



2021-19 Ron Stone (with bonus Jell-O) at the Jell-O Museum, Leroy, NY



2021-33 Susan Goodwin at New York's only National Forest



2021-11 Dick Rzepkowski's race car, outside NY State



2021-29 Leon Zak with his MGB at a coffee shop



2021-06 Hollis Hames' MGB and three old men

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a few more select photos by contest participants



2021-24 Ron Stone at B. Forman County Park (Wayne County)



2021-15 Mike Goodwin and his shined-up MGB with faulty brake lights at the Ice Cream Factory, Fairport



2021-16 Ron Stone eating ice cream for a bonus at the original Abbott's in near the lake in Charlotte



2021-25 George Heissenberger in his MGB at a marina



2021-27 George Heissenberger at the Ontario County Fairgrounds



2021-32 Susan Goodwin at a Cruise Night with a BONUS pre-1940 car included

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.
- 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 1st.

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



September Birthdays

7 Dan Goodwin
7 Michael Goodwin
12 Sue Donish
20 Charles Perry
25 Allyn Wagner
27 Christine Rodman
30 Sara Webeck



*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.*



September Anniversaries

3 Sara & Carl Webeck
8 Anne & Charles Perry
9 Bethel & Richard Powers
10 Gert & Glenn Masline
12 Elaine & Allen Hess
13 Mary Ellen & Dan Suter
15 Barbara & Leon Zak
25 Doreena & Hollis Hames
29 Terry & Bob Welch



Congratulations!

Regalia

At our recent meeting, Joe Bellizia presented some information about regalia that may be available from a couple of vendors. Here's the information Joe sent to *Spokes*. You can click on the link to see all the details. (If clicking on the link doesn't work for you, copy and paste it into your browser.)

Here is the info on the Options for the Jackets and pics and video. Click on the Google drive link to get the files.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PiiNnB5FJvCFwCvrzgZJ0CoUwFrCoEZ0?usp=sharing>

I have included both pdf & MS PowerPoint slides for the jacket selection.

As you can see there is multiple choices with (2) vendors.

The first selection shows 7 different jackets, all are water & wind resistant with hoods concealed with options 1-5. Options 6 & 7 are water repellent/waterproof with exposed hoods. This grouping of 7 we can mix and match jackets, sizes and colors but need a minimum of (12) if we want the price to include YOUR name embroidered on them. We can order less and **OUR Club Logo will still be embroidered** on them. The price shown included the club logo and state tax included, but shipping not included and dependent on how many we order.

The second selection **includes our Club Logo embroidered** on them and state tax. As you might notice the price is less and I found another vendor. If we buy at least \$250. worth we can take advantage of low or free shipping.

NOTE: ALSO, if members wish to have the Large MG Octagon printed on the back as per the older version jacket that Hollis has, PLEASE indicate and I will obtain an estimate to add that to the jacket prices.

Attached in the link is a folder of some pictures and video from the other night's meeting!



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 or 585 248 5361

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 Fedele @ sfedele@rochester.rr.com or 585-899-9388

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 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

For Sale: Four (4) spoked wheel rims for an MG (no other information given)
9580 Big Tree Road, Hemlock NY.

Please call Rhonda at 585-919-9719

For Sale: Craftsman Compressor 30-gallon, 150 max p.s.i., upright style on wheels, has had very little use - \$200

Call Michael at 585-360-6885

The Motoring Challenge commemorative magnets 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:



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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)	
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	
MORE DESTINATIONS ON NEXT PAGE!			

2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

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Destination Number	Description (pts.)	Special Requirement or Special Note	Early-bird bonus point?
2021-27	At a fairgrounds (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-28	A gazebo (NOT rectangular, 6 or more sided or round!) (1)		
2021-29	At a coffee shop (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-30	At a winery of your choice (2)	Must include a sign	
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	
2021-34	At your favorite restaurant (1)	Must include a sign	
Six new destinations below!			
2021-35	in or alongside a cornfield (1)	with crow (1), with scarecrow (2), with both (4)	
2021-36	at a farmstand or farm market (1)	holding some produce you bought (1)	1 bonus if received by 9/15
2021-37	at a cemetery (1)	if your car is in the shade (1)	
2021-38	showing a building of 5 or more stories (2)		1 bonus if received by 9/15
2021-39	*at a blue & yellow NY State roadside historic marker (2)	add a second photo (close-up of the sign without your car) for 1 bonus point	
2021-40	with a lovely flower garden (1)	CLEARLY showing 3 or more kinds of flowers in bloom (2)	1 bonus if received by 9/15
Look for the highlighting for new chances for BONUS POINTS			
Questions? Address them to the Challenge-masters at challenge@mgcarclub.com			

*** 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.