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July 30th Tour Along the Lake

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"And they're off!" – photo by Susan Goodwin, as the Goodwins followed the Mehserles and Stones at the start of the July 30th Tour Along the Lake

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MG's Corner

By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin

This must be the busiest time of the year! Why else would *Spokes* be a few days late? In truth, the Friday that comes a week and a day after the third Thursday (the traditional due day for *Spokes* submissions) was just about a week ago on the 29th, only three days before the 1st of the month, my normal target for publishing *Spokes*. Oh, well. I was indeed busy and having *far* too much fun to get *Spokes* out in time! Part of the fun was in learning a few new things and getting a bit grimy helping a club member get his MG back together. While we all like to help each other out from time to time (after all, MG is known as *the Marque of Friendship!*), I may have had a bit of an ulterior motive – Susan and I don't want to drive our MGB to the west coast *alone* in September! I'll do what I can to help get the Zaks' MGB back on the road! (If my editorial tardiness is a *real* problem with anyone, I will offer to take a fifty percent pay cut this month.).

Last Saturday, I spent most of my day doing what *many* of you did – I drove my MGB on the

tremendously-planned and well-attended "Tour Along the Lake". What a perfect day for a drive, and it was obvious that everyone who took part had a great time. After lunch, Susan and I split off from the group to continue in the B another four hours to our daughter's place in Pine Hill, NY (a small Catskill Mountain community). Visiting with Melissa and her husband Doni is always good fun, but driving there on the curvy, hilly roads in the MGB made the trip better than ever! Sunday we all went to an outdoor production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Monday we drove 4 ½ hours back home, half of that being on fun sports car roads. Where did the rest of this week go? Oh, another day in the garage and a great Cruise Night in Irondequoit with FIVE MGs and ... hmmmmm ...just having too much fun to get the work done! For the rest of the Summer, enjoy yourselves, and...

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Chairman's Corner

By Bob Welch

What a difference a month makes! At the June meeting, I suppose due to inclement weather and a tornado warning, just 15 of us were in attendance. This month the tide had turned, and we had pretty much a full house of at least 33 members, including the Illigs who travelled from North Tonawanda and The Leibles from Lockport - all new to our club!

Membership this month is steady at 135. At this time last year, that figure was 110. Thanks to many of you having done a great job of getting the word out, our club has added 21 new members so far in 2022! As you know, when somebody joins, their spouse, partner or significant other also becomes a member. By attending our meetings and events we all have a great opportunity to make a lot of new friends!

We were treated at the July meeting to a terrific vintage color video of Dave Wild racing his Elva Courier at Watkins Glen in 1963. Dave and Barb Wild have been stalwart members of Western New York Centre since 1959, just a year after our founding! If you missed the meeting, the video is available for viewing anytime at our website, mgcarclub.com.

Speaking of Watkins Glen, all of the rooms we'd reserved at the Seneca Lodge for vintage race weekend have been spoken for. Thanks to Dan Suter for once again acting as travel agent. A reminder: Dan would like to pass this function along to someone new next year so please contact him if you're interested.

In just three months, at the October meeting, our club will nominate a whole new slate of Elected Officers and will accept candidates for several appointed positions. Board members are able to serve two consecutive one-year terms and then must step aside and our two-year terms will end December 31st (with one exception). Current Vice-Chair George Heissenberger has said he'd like to run for Chairperson. As outgoing Chair, I will become one of two Trustees. Paul Osborne would like to run for a second term as the other Trustee.

This leaves the elected positions, as established by our by-laws, of Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Activities Director open for new candidates. Please consider serving your club in one of these capacities. All of these jobs are fun and won't take up too much of your time. A *special note to our new members*: you are not too new to be elected to a position on the board! In fact, we would welcome some new folks, with new ideas, into leadership positions. I'd only been a member for about six months when I was elected Chair the first time and I wasn't run out of town in the aftermath! Think about it.



2021 Vintage Racing at Watkins Glen – photo by Bob Welch

Safety Fast!

RW

Minutes for MGCC Meeting – July 21, 2022

Recorded and submitted by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary

Meeting called to order 7:38



CHAIRMAN, Bob Welch welcomed everyone; we had a nice large group attending the meeting. Two new member couples were greeted, Dennis and Robin Illig from N. Tonawanda and John and Debbie Leible from Lockport. We congratulated people who had recent birthdays or anniversaries with special milestones noted for Allyn and Phyllis Wagner who celebrated their 55th anniversary and Tom LeStrange who celebrated his 80th birthday. The June Minutes were motioned and accepted.

TREASURY/MEMBERSHIP, Frank Stepanik provided the treasury and membership report. Our bank balance is healthy and we have 135 members in good standing, with several new members added recently.

ACTIVITIES, Dan Suter filled in for Mike Robinson for the activities report. Dan gave us details on the upcoming Driving Tour and a few other happenings. Mike has put together a full calendar of events for the year, as listed below. Bob Welch told us that on July 19 the Board reviewed the menu and options for our upcoming Holiday Party at Eagle Vale Golf Course. We will have a deluxe buffet and the membership will vote on some of the menu selections for that. Leon will setup an online survey to get that input from members. Our thanks to Mike Robinson for getting this big event arranged. Mike has booked a fantastic guest speaker for the event this year, JOHN TWIST!

Susan Goodwin provided an update on the 2022 Motoring Challenge, and she included a nice slideshow of current photo submissions from the last month. As of July 21, Mike Robinson was in the lead with 93 points but there are many other contenders in the running.



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Activity Report from Mike Robinson for July Meeting

- July-
 - 30th Summer Tour sponsored by Dan Suter and George Haynes.
 - Meet at 9:30 for 10:00 AM Start
 - Route starts in Webster, ends in Pultneyville/Sodus area
 - Estimated distance of 70 to 80 miles
 - There is a sign up sheet at the back table.
 - 31st Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00
- August-
 - 13th Wine Tasting at Gallery Vineyards in Rush
 - I have a short 27 mile route planned if you would like to travel as a group. We will meet in the Rand Lodge Parking Lot in Powder Mills Park at 1:00 and take a leisurely drive through Mendon and Honeoye Falls. If you do not wish to participate, meet at the winery between 1:30 and 2:00 PM
 - 21st Car Show at American Legion (Ours)
 - 28th Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00

As always, info provided in report is on the Event Calendar on the website.

- September-
 - WGI Grand Prix Festival 7th – 11th. Not an official club activity but many members attend.
 - 25th Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00
- October-
 - 22nd Fall Foliage Tour “Homage to the Little Lakes”. More info will be provided as we get closer to October.
 - 30th Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00
- November-
 - Possible Garage Tour
 - 27th Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00 (weather dependent)
- December-
 - 17th Christmas Party at Eagle Vale Golf Club, Rt. 250 Fairport. 5:00 PM Drinks, Dinner at 6:00. Menu to be decided but will be a buffet with a target cost of \$30 per person after any club subsidization.
 - Special Guest Speaker this year. We will have John Twist as Guest Speaker, and if one can be set up at a suitable location, John has offered to put on a tech seminar (for a fee to be divided with the club).

As always, the Event Calendar on the website is up to date and is the last word on events, dates and times.

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REGALIA, Joe Bellizia brought assorted items of Regalia, including a dozen golf shirts in assorted colors and sizes with our Club logo embroidered on them. Several were sold right away. He has a dozen hats on order that should be available next month. There are many other items available, see Spokes for additional information or contact Joe directly, he has catalogs showing many options. You may also get your own clothing item embroidered. Contact Joe for ordering or information at blitz7711@gmail.com.



SPOKES, Mike Goodwin reported that Spokes is in good shape, members have been sending in photos and articles and he reminded everyone that new material should be submitted by July 29th, per our usual week-after meeting deadline. He asked members to send him photos and or write-ups on any of the recent Club events, email to spokes@mgcarclub.com. Bob Welch commented that Mike has been doing a great job of getting participation from members for Spokes submissions and we all agreed and thanked Mike for his efforts.

LIBRARY, Paul Osborne was not in attendance so no new update.

WATKINS GLEN REPORT, Dave Wild told us there was no news relating to the Glen and the Vintage Weekend.

WEBSITE, Leon Zak reported that the website is running well and now has a fun vintage video posted of Dave Wild's early racing. He played the video for all of us at the meeting to watch, a wonderful film of Dave racing his Elva Courier in the early 1960s. Watch the video at mgcarclub.com.

OLD BUSINESS, None

NEW BUSINESS, Bob discussed the slate and election of upcoming MGCC Officers for 2023-2024. At the October General Meeting a new slate is announced and voting takes place at the November General Meeting. Now is a good time to approach members and discuss the possibility of them taking over the various open positions. We have a number of newer members who have been very active and may be good candidates for 2023 officers. Some positions are already filled, pending election outcomes. George Heissenberger has agreed to move up to the Chairman position, as is traditionally done with the Vice President. Bob Welch will move to one of the two Trustee positions and Paul Osborne will continue in the other Trustee slot. There are 2023 openings for Vice Chairman, Treasury/Membership and Secretary. Leon will continue as Webmaster and Mike Goodwin will continue as Spokes Editor for one more year. Mike Robison would like to pass on the Activities Coordinator position to someone new for the coming year. It was agreed that we should all start building a list of potential candidates now.

CARS & PARTS FOR SALE, Desi Benet's 1966 Morgan 4/4 Series V Competition is for sale in the area. Mike Lempert (email: mlempert@buffalo.edu) is managing the sale for Bill Benet and will answer any inquiries on the car and show it to interested buyers.

Bob Welch mentioned that he has a friend looking for a chrome bumper MGB.

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PROJECTS, Leon said he has been cleaning up leaks, making adjustments, adding new wiring and exhaust pieces and hopes to have his MGB V8 back on the road in a few days.

Frank DeMarzo reported that he and George Heissenberger installed a new headlight relay in his MGB.

Mike Goodwin reminded everyone that the Goodwins and the Zaks will be doing a cross-country road trip in their MGBs in early September and invited anyone else who would like to join in for all or part of the trip to come along.

Door prizes were distributed to ticket winners.



Meeting end: 9:05

AT



Attendance for July 21, 2022 MGCC WNY Meeting

Submitted by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary

Robin Allen
Dan Asbury
Ken Barlow
Joe Bellizia
Karl Burkhardt
Alan Costich
Frank DeMarzo
Mike Goodwin
Susan Goodwin
Hollis Hames
Dennis Illig
Robin Illig
Celeste Kray
Dave Kray
Debbie Leible
John Leible
Tom LeStrange

Don McConnell
Eric Mehserle
Dick Powers
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Single Male Under 25

By Doug Scribner

A friend reminded me recently that we grew up with the best cars and the best music. As children of the Greatest Generation, we've been called Beatniks, Beatles, Hippies and now Boomers, but I doubt any of us would trade growing up in the 1950's and 1960's for any other era. We've lived through some amazing history: advances in technology, space travel, communications and, of course, transportation. But it's the cars I want to talk about now.

My parents weren't enthusiastic about cars. They both grew up in big cities (my father in Seattle, mother in Boston) where buses and trains took them everywhere they needed to be. Much like the current generation, they thought of cars as appliances, purely functional transportation. My father's first car was a used Model A Ford, bought after he settled in Massachusetts for his first post-college job at Sylvania Electric. He probably left the car behind when he was recruited by Kodak to move to Rochester and work in their Naval Ordnance Division. He bought a Chevrolet as soon as production renewed after The War. My mother never did learn to work a manual transmission.

Fast forward to about 1960. Here's a typical middle-class suburban scene, my father's 1958 Fiat 600 and my mother's 1959 Oldsmobile. I taught myself to drive with these cars, a couple of years before I could get a driver's license. Initially, I assumed the role of car maintenance person, washing, vacuuming, changing oil, checking tire pressures, etc., for which I naturally had to drive them in and out of the garage, and up and down the driveway. When my parents went out for their monthly bridge club or whatever, I'd sneak out into the road and practice actual driving. Talk about excitement. I dared not even tell my friends about it because they might "tell."



I wouldn't say I was obsessed with cars, but I learned a lot about them. I would read Road & Track at the newsstands (too expensive to buy, not in the libraries) and bring home bags of literature from the auto shows (some of which I still have). In those days, car dealers would make a big deal of unveiling the "new model," keeping it under wraps in the showroom for a while to tease the market. I got to know cars well enough to identify them all, even at night, just from the pattern of their lights.

I wanted a car of my own — any car—for the freedom, independence, and perhaps help in unraveling the mysteries of the hormonal fog I was living in. I remember walking a girl home from school, miles out of my way, but she was cute and the Unknown Force held promise;

Single Male Under 25

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anyway, we're walking along and a car pulls up, some guy driving, a couple of her girlfriends in the car, and she almost instinctively starts running to join them, pausing only to look back with a sheepish grin and a shrug. Ok, that's just the way it is, and I'm thinking, "Desoto, ugh! automatic, mom's car" and off they went. But she forgot I was carrying her books, which I left in a neat pile there on the sidewalk. I never saw her again, I think she became adept at avoiding me in school, but no matter. I knew I NEEDED a car.

My parents didn't want me to get a driver's license. They couldn't afford the insurance. At that time, insurance companies imposed punitive rates on "single males under 25" as their greatest risk. I finally convinced them to let me take "driver ed," because it provided a discount on the insurance. But they said it had to be in summer school (on "my" time). No problem. The "instructor" was the physics teacher, working a second job, the car was a cheap automatic loaner from a local dealer, and the other students were all abject novices. Boring. But I got the highest marks, and eliminated another obstacle to getting my license.

The following spring, I finally got to take my road test. I chose the Spring Street course, on the old RIT campus. My father let me use his Fiat. The "official" sat with his knees high, his clipboard in his lap. giving me instructions, "Okay, pull down this street and turn around in the middle of the block." The Fiat had such a tight turning circle that I was easily able to do a neat U-turn, instead of the K-turn he was expecting. He looked up from his clipboard, "Hey, what? Wait a minute. Where are we?" Yes, I passed.

In the sixty years since, in addition to dozens of Minis, MG 1100s, Austin Americas and Morris Minors, I've had the following vehicles:

1 Abarth	2 Land Rovers
1 Alfa Romeo	4 Mercedes Benzes
1 Austin Somerset	2 MGBs
1 Bird Go-Kart	1 Morgan
2 BSA 650 motorcycles	1 Ogle GT (still have)
1 Buick	1 Oldsmobile Cutlass
1 1953 Chevrolet	1 1948 Plymouth
1 1964 Corvette	2 1953 Studebakers
1 Excalibur	1 Vespa scooter
4 Fiats	2 Volkswagen sedans
1 Ford Econoline van	1 Volkswagen bus
2 Ford Mustangs	1 Volvo PV544
2 Jaguars	2 Wolseley Hornets (still have one)

Plus, a fleet of "daily driver/ winter car" Chevrolet Blazers, Suburbans, Tahoes, and Silverados (still have one). Some I never drove, some I bought just to flip for a quick profit, but almost every one has a story behind it. Just putting this list together brought back great memories of people, places and events. Maybe I'll reminisce about some of that at a later time, before the memory fades.

DS

2022 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge Update

By Susan Goodwin

We are back in town from California for just a little while. After the lunch stop on Saturday's (July 30th) "Tour Along the Lake" with the club, Michael and I continued with a little trip in the MGB to the Catskills to visit our daughter and son-in-law. This little trip was a practice run before our long trip across the country with the Zaks. Anyone can join us on this journey - just think of how many destinations you would be able to get from different places across the country!

I have been getting a lot of destination photos over the past few weeks. I am very happy everyone is enjoying themselves finding the destinations on the Challenge list. Sorry I've had to refuse some of the photos and have you redo them, but I think I have to be a stickler to be fair to everyone. I am glad you are all still in it!

Remember, anyone can join in the Challenge at any time. You have until November 1, 2022 to complete the Challenge. There's still plenty of time even if you haven't started yet!

Here are the standings as of August 1, 2022:

Robinson	95	Zak	43	Costich	10
Boughton	80	Baldwin	36	Stone	8
Goodwin	80	S. Goodwin	34	D'Angelo	1
Hames	75	LiMuti	32	Rodman	1
Heissenberger	57	Bellizia	29		
Kray	49	Black	12		

Have Fun and Safety Fast!

SG

Here are a few highlights of the month:



Joe & Patti Bellizia's '78 Midget at #18 - an Irish Pub



Dave & Celeste Kray's '68 MGB at #34 – a Motor Raceway

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The Goodwins' '78 MGB at #19 – an Ethnic Restaurant



Way in the background, the Baldwins' 1955 Jaguar XK 140 at #35 – Your Car in a Parade



Kathy & Lane Boughton's '98 BMW Z3 at #6 – Alongside a Sunflower Field



Maggie & Mike Robinson's '54 MG TF at #7 – Alongside an Apple Orchard – BONUS! With apple farmstand



Lisa & Chad D'Angelo's 1957 MGA at #35 – Your Car in a Parade

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Janet & Klint LiMuti's 1977 MGB at #42 – A Cobblestone House



Barb & Leon Zak's '81 Toyota "Sport" Truck at #35
– Your Car in a Parade



Susan Goodwin's 2013 Mini Cooper S at # 46 – Old Cemetery – BONUS! Established pre-1900 (this one dates from 1863)



Doreena & Hollis Hames' '70 MGB at #12 – at a Dairy Farm – BONUS! With Cows in a Barn (Hollis – couldn't you get any closer?)



Peggi & George Heissenberger's 1973 MGB at #29 – Town Starting with the Letter "S"

2022 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

HOW TO ENTER

- Send your first photos or photos to Challenge@mgcarclub.com
- With your name
- With the year, make and model of your car or cars you intend to use for the challenge
- Attach your photos, identified with the destination numbers

PARTICIPATION CHALLENGE DETAILS

- Find the completed list of destinations in *Spokes* monthly (*see the following two pages*)
- Drive to the listed destinations
- Snap a picture of your car at the destination preferably with yourself or teammate in the photo
- Send the photos by email with the destination numbers as you complete them to: Challenge@mgcarclub.com
- You can do the destinations in any order except the ones with cut off dates
- All photos due on or before November 1st 2022**
- Enjoy monthly updates in *Spokes* where you'll see yours and other competitors' photos and get updates on the scoring

You will score 1 or more points for each destination. Points vary depending on the difficulty or the creativity required. Additional bonus points are given for some of the destinations, so get the most points possible.

Remember

- All photos are due on or before November 1st 2022
- Have fun!

Special Note: Out of state members can participate. Gear destinations to your state.

If you have any questions,
contact me, Susan Goodwin at Challenge@mgcarclub.com.

SG



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✓	#	Destination	Base Pts.	Due Date	Bonus Description	Bonus Pts.	My Score
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	With snow (this is Western NY)	1	05/15/22	new pictures of old snowpiles are okay		
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Yard with Easter decorations not own yard	1	04/15/22			
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	April Showers (must be in the rain)	1	04/30/22			
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Tree in spring bloom	2	05/30/22			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Tree/Trees with fall colors	1	10/25/22	with splendid fall color	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Alongside a sunflower field	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Alongside an apple orchard	1		with apple farm stand	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Maple syrup business/sign	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Beehive boxes	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	Honey roadside stand	2		buy a jar of honey, include it in photo	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Farmstand	1		show purchased produce	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Dairy farm	1		with cows in barn	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	Horses in a field	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	Winery on Keuka Lake Wine Trail	1		winery sign and lake in background	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	Winery on Seneca Lake Wine Trail	1		buy a bottle hold it up standing next to car	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	Winery on Cayuga Lake Wine Trail	1		picture of grapevines and winery with sign together	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	Oldest Winery in the Finger Lakes/ Sign	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	18	Irish pub	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	Ethnic restaurant	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	20	Burger stand	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	21	Coffee shop with sign	1		w/friend or relative other than partner, both standing next to car - coffee in hand	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	22	Town/County park named after someone	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	23	State park or site with sign	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	24	Village square	1		with a village sign in the square and car in view	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	25	Village sign with the letter H	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	26	" " " " " P	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	27	" " " " " B	1				

NOTE: Clarification for # 25 through 30 – These villages and Towns must START with the designated letter!

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✓	#	Destination	Base Pts.	Due Date	Bonus Description	Bonus Pts.	My Score
<input type="checkbox"/>	28	Town sign with the letter M	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	29	" " " " " S	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	30	" " " " " p	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	31	Out of New York State: State Sign	3				
<input type="checkbox"/>	32	Historical place/site with sign	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	33	Roadside oddity/attraction	3				
<input type="checkbox"/>	34	Motor raceway	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	35	Your car in a parade	1	08/01/22			
<input type="checkbox"/>	36	Cruise night	1		with 2 car friends, all 3 cars in a row, one picture showing 3 cars and each person behind their own car	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	37	Yellow very curvy road warning sign	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	38	Roundabout	1		driving around it	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	39	Antique shop	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	40	Train station used as a train station	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	41	Train station used as something else	1				
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Five Significant TDs in our MGCC Western NY History

by Dan Suter

Our club used to be 'swimming' in TDs! In the early to mid-1980s, it was not uncommon to have 17-24 TDs show up for the Victor Car show in a long line. Among these many cars, a few stood out as belonging to really active participating members or achieving various things such as racing or national show wins.

I was reminded of this vibrant TD activity when working on my scanning and photocopying project to build a full set of *Spokes*. I have been working my way backward through the early 1980s and back to the early 1970s recently. While doing so, I have learned a couple of important things the Hard Way. First, if I come across something really interesting, I should STOP and scan and copy it immediately. Second, I have learned that this entire *Spokes* project probably starts with a value of 2-3 out of 10 with the creation of the electronic and printed set. BUT, to get that 8+ value out of this project, a full decent index of content (in a searchable database) is going to be required. I foresee a winter project.....

Why do I say this? Because the article that I initially found about three months ago, written by George Herschell back in what I think is the 1979-84 timeframe, has remained elusive when I went back to find it again! So, after two months of intermittently searching, I thought I would instead recreate portions of it in our current *Spokes*, but also to add a brief "where are they now" update for the five cars.

1. The **Herschell TD**. George Herschell purchased this car in the mid-1960s and used it as a commuter car for many years. At one point, he took it off the road and then got started on a full ground-up restoration to a very high standard. Eventually, George won the national award for Best TD at a New England MG T-Register show. One unique feature that George added was chromed headlight



Herschell TD – 2018 at the MGCC 60th Anniversary with George and grandson Alex

guards and a custom-designed matching grille guard. I should mention that George and Nancy took this car on many NEMGTR events and George used to enthusiastically describe how it held 4,000rpm+ going down the Thruway for extended periods coming and going to New England.

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This former national show winner remains resplendent in gloss black with tan interior. Jim Herschell now owns this car, and it remains in our MGCC. He and his family have continued to cherish this car. On several occasions Jim and his son Alex have taken it to attend the vintage races at Watkins Glen in the Fall.



Herschell TD – Jim and Alex at Watkins Glen circa 2018

2. The **Langswager TD (a 1953)** was a fixture in our club for over **63 years**. Gil and Betty *drove* this car everywhere – to New England MG T-Register events all over New England, as far west as Wisconsin, and all over Alabama when they lived there, and many New England Mountain adventures. They became expert at packing the maximum number of items into the available space in the car. Gil always made a point



Langswager TD – at Car Nuts Breakfast May 2021 just before shipping to son Gary in Alabama

to have it on the road every single summer, so repair and upgrade projects were always planned during winter months. Gil modified it using factory-approved stages to make more power including higher compression and exhaust header; he fitted a conversion using taller MGA 4.3 gearing.

The photo at left captures a bittersweet moment in May 2021 when they drove the car to a Car Nuts breakfast just prior to it being loaded and shipped to start its new life with their son Gary in Alabama.

So, this red TD remains part of the Langswager family.

3. The **Philip TD (an early 1950)** was restored by Bob Philip just before the Herschell TD restoration was completed, I believe in the 1970s. Bob and George enjoyed competing in Concours shows against each other in a friendly rivalry.

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The car was purchased by Nona Kraus after Bob Philip passed away. This distinctive early



Nona Krause (ex-Bob Philip) 1950 TD – at MGCC Car Show 2016

TD with gleaming black paint and red undersides, and the 1950-only early solid TD wheels without cooling holes—also red--has still been seen at our MGCC shows as recently as 2016 and also showed up in the spectator parking at Watkins Glen for the vintage race weekend.

4. The **Faust TD (1951)** was purchased by Gene

Faust's father new in 1951, so it has been in their family continuously since new. It is now owned and maintained by Doug Faust, son of Gene and Anne Faust. This car also travelled extensively for MG events including the New England T-Register One Lap of England.

Doug Faust provided this information: "Hi Dan, here are a couple of pictures that may be of interest. One taken in 1951 when the car was new and one taken in 2013 just prior to a GOF. The car was bought new by my grandfather in 1951 and has toured Britain, the Blue Ridge parkway, Nova Scotia, and has made scores of shorter trips in its life. It still sports the original paint and interior and gets regular use during the summer months. The TD is still going strong and is now a source of enjoyment for the 4th generation of the family as my nephews will take it for a spin from time to time."



Faust TD – with Gene *circa* 2013

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Wild TD - number 3 on grid at WNYMGCC All MG Races with others

5. The **Wild TD** was raced extensively by Dave in SCCA racing in the early days prior to his purchase of his Elva Courier, so I believe this would be in the late 1950s up until approximately 1960. Dave raced this TD in our club's second Marque Races at Watkins Glen in summer of 1960. It is still owned and maintained by Dave over 65 years later! It made appearances at the Watkins Glen Vintage Festival show and also the Grand Island Grand Prix tribute event a number of years ago.



Wild TD – during
refurbishment work with
MGCC

This article doesn't capture all the active TDs in our club's history. A few others are worth a mention:

- The Autumn red restored TD of former chairman Phil Culbertson (that unfortunately broke a crankshaft on the way to the 25th Anniversary at Hamlin Park in 1983... but was soon repaired). I believe this one was restored in the late 1970s-early 1980s.
- The bright red restored TD of Alex and Bess Kopen with much chrome plated trim. This car was also a fixture at many of our MGCC events for years through the 1980s.

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- The two-tone Right Hand Drive TD of Steve Fitch that was so active in rallies and trips in the 1980s. My first memory of Steve and this car was getting behind him with our family TD at our first rally in 1981 and having the two TDs cruise down the country roads of the rally route.
- The red TD of John and Cookie Lombino which somehow carried home a huge piece of artistic driftwood from Seneca Lake/ Watkins Glen one year--in a rainstorm--after the vintage races. George and Gil restored this car early in their partnership, "Partners in Grime".
- The cream TD of Irv Black now owned by son Todd Black and seen again recently at club events!

- I always joked with my Dad that our navy-blue TD (a 1953 model) was a 'latecomer TD' to the MGCC when he joined in 1979! Dad had purchased our TD in 1967 from a U of R med school student



Todd Black (originally Irv Black) TD – at MGCC Tune-Up Clinic – May 2022 (R. Powers photo)

whose father learned of his surreptitious purchase and declared "It is either the car or the education!". Around 1988, George Haynes helped us with an engine rebuild, and I have continued to enjoy the car locally each summer.

- Jane Hamilton's restored cream TD at our MGCC car shows, which they had purchased from Bill and Suzanne Glanville also in our club.
- Doris Britt's restored cream TD 'Alfie'. This car was also restored by Gil and George, and Doris subsequently continued to enjoy driving it for many years.
- The RHD TD of Ted Hershey that George Herschell started the restoration on, but Ted beautifully completed and has shown at recent events.

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- The beautiful red TD of John Schwelm often seen at club events in recent years.
- The beautiful primrose yellow TD owned by Jake North and has been seen at club events.
- Bruce and Cindy Austin's beautiful restored BRG TD also seen at club events prior to their move to the Carolinas! This was another Gil and George restoration along the way.

I am fairly certain that a few TDs have escaped me, and I apologize for any oversights, but perhaps this is an opportunity for their owners to write a brief article for Spokes and share their history and a few pictures?

Additionally, I am just starting to gather stories and photos for MG TCs that were in our club and will then also move on to MG TFs. Feel free to contact me with information, pictures, and memories!

DS



Cars & Coffee in Mumford, NY on July 31, 2022

Around 12 cars were there and "it was a nice relaxed time visiting with club members."

(photo by Dan Suter)

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British Auto

July 30, 2022 Driving Tour Along the Lake

By Dan Suter – *(with photos as credited)*

The MGCC Summer Driving Tour was held on a beautiful sunny day on July 30. 22 cars participated including 17 British sportscars. The sportscars included an MGTD, an MGA, a number of MGBs across several years, several MG Midgets, a TR4, a Jensen-Healey, and an Austin Healey.

The route started in Webster and included portions of Lake Road heading east, including a stop at a winery in Williamson in a lovely setting, and lunch in Sodus, before finishing up in historic Pultneyville.

Special thanks to George Haynes who undertook the majority of the design of the tour route and many test drives. Thanks to Annabelle Tescione for creating the event flyer graphics, and to Sue Keppeler who assisted in test driving the route as well.



Winery Stop photo by R. Welch



Winery Stop photo by D. Suter



Winery Stop photo by D. Suter



The Stepaniks photo by S. Goodwin



At Young Sommer Winery by J. Bellizia



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At Young Sommer Winery by J. Bellizia



The Blacks' TD by R. Powers



Before the Start by R. Powers



At the Winery Stop by R. Powers



Leaving the Winery by R. Powers



Coming to a Corner by R. Powers



Bumper Cars? by R. Powers



Chillin' by R. Powers



Go Left! by R. Powers

Sad News



Former long-time MGCC WNY member, Carl Baxter, has passed away. Carl had a 1954 XK120 jag.

Services are to be held privately. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider donations to Wounded Warriors Project or K-9s for Warriors.

The full obituary may be found at:

<https://newyork.funeral.com/2022/07/27/obituary-of-carlton-dorr-baxter/>

August Sunshine Page



August Birthdays

1	Patti Bellizia
7	Chris Hershey
8	Mary Isselhard
9	Jeffrey Kath
9	Karen Rapp
14	Elaine Hess
14	Marlene Rzepkowski
16	Cheryl McCampbell
16	Innrry North
17	Patti Schultz
19	Gail Schipper
21	Ken Heusler
22	Clifford (Jay) Lockrow
25	Linda McConnell
27	Karen Hanggi
29	Anne Faust
29	Anne Perry
29	Joe Tierno



*Happy Birthday,
everyone!*

August Anniversaries

4	Mary & Tom LeStrange
5	Mary & Alan Isselhard
7	Beverly & Jay Lockrow
7	Patricia & John MacDonald
16	Peggi & George Heissenberger
16	Cheryl & Mac McCampbell
17	Christine & Harold Rodman
26	Maggie & Mike Robinson
28	Sue & Jim Herschell
29	Kathy & Lane Boughton



Congratulations!

*If you think you've been mistakenly left off 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@mgsclub.com.*



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MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



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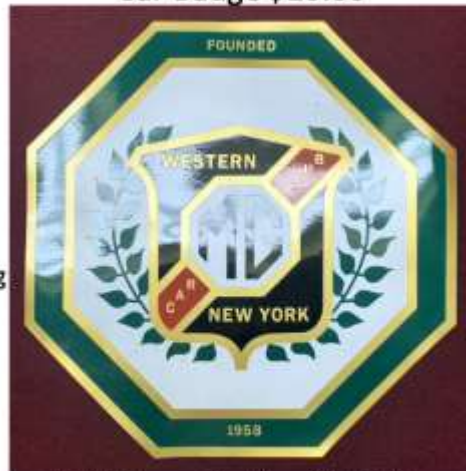
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MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Bumper Sticker & Coffee Mugs



Coffee Mug \$5.00



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In between meetings feel free contacting Joe B at blitz7711@gmail.com

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Classified Ads

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

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
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For Sale: Edelbrock 4025 Uni-Syn Carburetor Balancing Instrument



\$15.00 or BO. Contact Bill Clicquennoi, Magnolia La, Webster, NY 585-202-5992 wjc@rochester.rr.com

FOR SALE: MG Steering Wheel, Excellent Condition. From 1979 MGB switchout.



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For Sale: 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.

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CARS FOR SALE:

1960 MGA Twin Cam: 18,000 miles, Red with black/red piping interior, Show Quality paint, Raced when new, Right fender replaced with original factory fender. Spare engine block. Asking \$55,000 - offers.

1972 MGB: Restored 10 years ago. BR Green, Wire Wheels, Good tires, Electronic Ignition, Weber Carb, Stainless Exhaust, Good Driver, Needs a little TLC. Asking \$9,000 or best offer.

1971 Datsun 240Z: 55,000 miles, Original Owner, No Rust, No Winters, Bob Sharp slotted aluminum wheels, Good Tires, MSD Electronic Ignition and comes with original ignition. Silver repaint with black interior. Asking \$50,000 - offers.

1979 VW Scirocco: German Specifications, Moon Roof, No Winters, 130K miles, Sport Exhaust, Good Tires, Gold/Beige interior, Runs well. Asking \$10,000 - offers.

Cars are in Western New York. For more information contact Roy Bergman at 716-941-5535.

FREE: A nearly complete set of *Spokes* from 1996 – 2016. I have been working on collecting a complete set of *Spokes* and these are now duplicates to me. Dan Suter,
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Pine Hill, NY Railroad Bridge (photo by Melissa Goodwin)

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MG Car Club Connection

By Dave Wild

The Democrat & Chronicle newspaper recently published an article on actor and Oscar winner Gene Hackman and his Rochester connection. Upon receiving his Oscar in 1993, Gene dedicated it to his uncle, William Orin Hackman of Rochester, who had died the day before. William, who several of us knew as "Bill" Hackman, was a reporter for the D & C and a fellow member of our MG Car Club. Bill was an active member, a car enthusiast and wrote a weekly column in the newspaper covering early hot rod and sports car activities in the area. Bill organized a "bootleg" hillclimb near his home in which several of us took part. The following year with Bill we attempted to establish a more formal, larger hillclimb event on a twisting hill near Wayland, NY. We tried for weeks but failed to get the necessary permits to hold the event in time! Bill enjoyed driving his BMW 700 sport coupe to various activities.