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Don's Corner

By Spokes editor, Don Welch

Well, the summer weather is rolling in fast! A whole bunch of us drove over to Canandaigua May 18th for their Euro Car Tour & Car Show. A warm, sunny day, all of us lined up along either side of Main Street. We had a great turnout, and fun talking to the passers-by and checking out each others' cars.

Earlier, on May 5th, we enjoyed a terrific Steak Roast followed by an auction of car-related items under the call of auctioneer Ted Hershey and helper Dave Kray. Easy to say a good time was had by all!

Lunch with Cars in Churchville Park on May 19th was a relaxed and fun event for the few of us who braved the predictions of rain, which never came. As Leon explained, the "with cars" meant we could try driving each others' cars, with the owner's consent of course. Mike Robinson came with his pretty black MGB, newly repowered with a Buick V8. What a showpiece! We were all happy to have our friend Hollis there too.



Lunch with Cars, Hollis, Leon, Mike, Todd

There have been some great responses to our requests for items of interest from you. One of my favorites this month is from our mystery writer on page 11. How many of you may remember someone who had to have their mom co-sign for them?

"Summer of 1966, the next door neighbor that I cut his grass and did jobs for, asked me if I was interested in the small car in the garage." See Paul Osborne's sweet memories of his first MG on page 19.

Time to give a big Thank You to Annabelle Tescione for photos of our meetings and members; and for helping your editor keep track of who's who. You're the best Annabelle!

Keep 'em running!

Safety Fast!



Don



Chairman's Corner

By George Heissenberger



May 16 MGCC meeting

Welcome to Summer! We had nice weather for the May Car Club meeting at Ely Fagan American Legion and so several members turned out in their MG's and sports cars. We got to meet the 2024 MGCC MCC scholarship winner Zach Cohen, who is a GM ASEP student and his teacher Eric Strong,

who gave a nice presentation and answered questions about the program. Zach was enthusiastic and told us he has recently purchased a late 70's MGB so, of course he was made to feel right at home. Both Eric and Zach were provided MGCC hats as a token of our appreciation.



Me with my grandson in OUR MG at the Canandaigua Car Show

We had a good turnout of members at the Canandaigua Car Show Saturday May 18, starting with a breakfast at Ray's on Rt. 332 Canandaigua. The weather looked iffy with rain in the forecast a few days ahead and organizers of another show in Lima, actually cancelled their event out of concern for rain. However, although cloudy, as it turned out the weather stayed dry in Canandaigua and the sun even came out! After breakfast we motored as a group the short tenth of a mile or so to the Tops parking lot where we would get our registration packets and begin a leisurely tour through Canandaigua past several nursing homes then finally ending up parking up on both sides of Canandaigua's downtown shopping district.

The route and a map was provided at the beginning of the tour, and we were instructed to simply follow the car in front of you...but not all got the map, and

due to traffic and some slow drivers, the group soon got separated and some wrong turns were made. A whole group of us turned in error down Pearl street, which I knew was not on the route, but then we all turned around in a church parking lot to rejoin Parrish Street and get back on track. I saw a number of cars miss the turn to Clark Meadows and go on to Route 20. I think there may still be a group of senior citizens at Clark Meadows waiting to wave checkered flags for a group of cars that never made it! Eventually we ended up downtown and were able to park and enjoy the rest of the day.

There were many spectators and activities put on by the Canandaigua BID and food vendors and restaurants aplenty. My daughter in law and grandson came to admire the cars and there even was a giveaway of toy wooden cars for kids to decorate

at the Chamber of commerce. I got to try some Thai Chai tea thanks to a coupon for a free tea included in our goodie bags and it was great! This was a great kickoff to the coming car show season! Lots of shows are upcoming including the Sonnenberg Car Show and the nursing home show both on Father's Day. Hope to see some of you at upcoming shows and don't forget to hand out car show flyers!

I was not able to attend the Lunch with cars event put on by Leon Zak on Sunday May 19, but I assume there will be a report elsewhere in Spokes.

The June Meeting of the MG Car Club Western New York Centre will be Thursday June 20, 7:30 PM at Ely Fagan American Legion Post, 260 Middle Road, Henrietta NY. Watch for notices of member meet ups for dinner before the meeting.

Safety Fast! George



2025 Club Officers needed

It's barely mid-way through 2024, however it's not too early to note that all the elected club officers will reach their two-year term limits at the end of this year. That means we will be looking for a new Chairman, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Activities Director. As Past Chairman, I will automatically move to trustee. So please consider thoughtfully if you would like to take on one of these open positions for 2025. We'll talk more at upcoming meetings and nominations are not held until October, with elections in November. I have included the bylaws pertaining to officers for your reference. George

MG Car Club Western New York Centre Bylaws:

ARTICLE II Elected Officers

1. The elected Officers of this Club shall consist of: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, and two Trustees, one to be elected by a majority of the membership at the annual election. The second Trustee shall be the immediate past Chairman of the Club. In the case of the immediate past Chairman declining the position, the second Trustee position will be elected by a majority of the membership at the annual election. The balloting shall be secret.
2. No elected Officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.
3. Nominations for Officers will be made from the floor at the regular meeting prior to the annual election in November.
4. A vacancy in any office shall be filled at the next regular meeting by nominations from the floor and a majority vote of the members present. Exception shall be the automatic promotion of Vice-Chairman to Chairman.
5. The term of office shall commence January 1st following the election of officers.

ARTICLE II Duties of Elected Officers

1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings, to appoint all committees not

otherwise provide for, to enforce the observance of the by-laws and to cast the deciding vote in case of ties.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairman to perform all the duties of the Chairman in his absence, and be the to be a liaison between the board and committee chairpersons.
3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend to and keep a record of all correspondence and proceedings of the Club. He/she shall give each member notice of all meetings, special meetings, all coming events, and such other information as given him/her by other Officers.
4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds. He/she shall keep accurate records of all receipts and expenses and make a report at each meeting.
5. It shall be the duty of the Activities Director to coordinate all events of the Club. No event shall be staged without his/her approval. He/she is to see that trophies or awards are provided as necessary for each event, and to send information of all events to the Secretary that he/she may notify the membership.
6. It shall be the duties of the Trustees to assist the Board with planning and decision making, maintain contact with England and the other MG Car Clubs in the US and Canada, provide history to the Board, and assist the Board with research and Special projects.

MGCC Steak Roast & Auction

On May 5th we had our Steak Roast, hosted by our friends, the Ely Fagan American Legion Post 1151. They served us a great steak dinner, which was followed by a plentiful and raucous auction of car parts & paraphernalia. Ted Hershey was our auctioneer, assisted by Dave Kray as gopher. Todd Black, treasurer, reports that we took in enough to cover the dinner costs, and a little more. A real successful evening!





Our own Hollis Hames's Honor Flight was April 19-21! We are so proud of you Hollis!



Welcome Home Hollis!



Bottom left photo courtesy Todd Black. All others from Honor Flight web site.



Kimber in Old Number One

MY FIRST MG

A 1976 MGB was purchased new from a dealership in Sullivan County NY after my graduation from college. My Mom had to co-sign the loan for the car as I had no established credit.

It is pictured below as originally purchased except for the added roll bar which I bought for \$50.00 from a close friends brother. I painted it flat black and installed it myself. Really just for show as it was bolted to the floor.

I treated her with loving care as she was as my first new car...and an imported sports car at that. But she was a British car so, even new, challenges were on the horizon.

Given her size I could wax it from my knees as seen in the other picture. An appropriate position as she required my fidelity.

It was my only transportation so I drove it year round...in rain, snow, and even sunny weather.



I got married in 1978 and as often happens our family grew by a boy and a girl. We needed a proper (read family) car. She was sold (the car) in 1980. It was over 40 years before I rekindled my love affair with the MGB!

Who am I?

(Check your answer on the last page of Spokes)



Upping the Ante, part VI - by Mike Robinson

Mike's saga of installing a GM aluminum V8 into his pretty black MGB

In the last chapter I showed the work done to get the engine ready for the first start, so this month's edition will cover that alone, as it was a pretty significant event. The following chapters will cover the four link rear suspension, fuel tank and some other minor tweaks that needed to be done, then finally, the exhaust installation. With any luck, I'll have the car finished by the end of April as of this writing. With everything done as far as the engine, it was time for the first start. My engine builder, Frank Hutchinson of Irondequoit, offered to come down to be there for the first start to make sure everything went smoothly. A note was sent out to the club and a few came by to witness the event. I really appreciated Don Welch coming by with his camera to record all the video and pictures you see in this article, as I was a bit busy tending to the startup. All pictures you see are courtesy of Don.



Here Frank is double checking the distributor install and doing a static timing on #1 cylinder after it snorted and popped a few times the first time we tried starting it. Sure enough the timing was close but not quite.



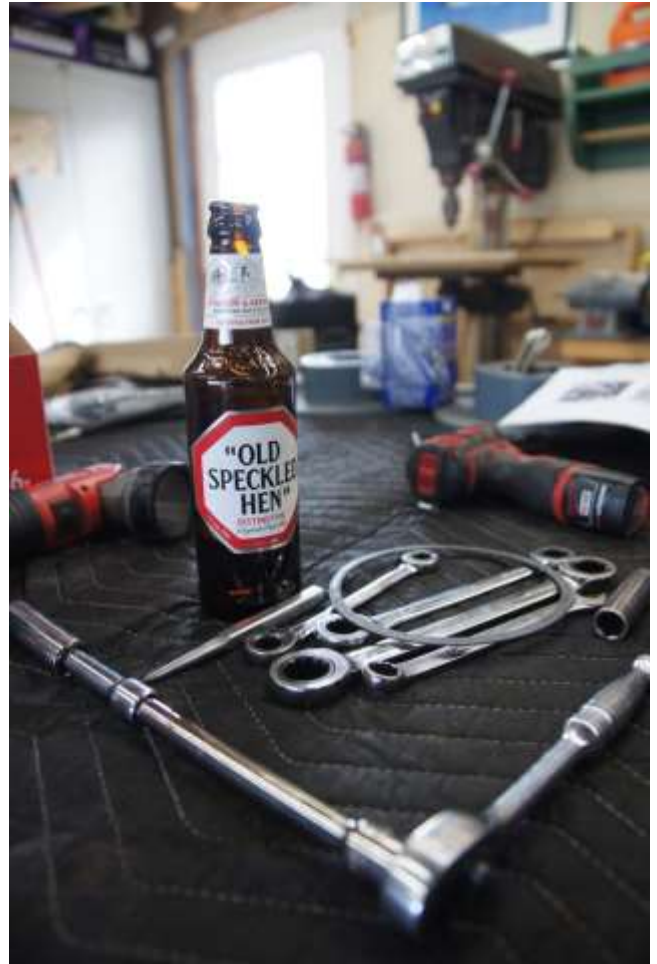
The Man. The Legend. Frank Hutchinson was the person responsible for the engine work. Frank was referred to me by Dan Suter, as Frank had rebuilt the engine for Dan's factory V8 car and had many good things to say about him, and I heartily agree. If you are considering any engine work in the future I would highly recommend Frank.



Yours truly getting his fingers into things by putting the valve cover back on. I couldn't just stand back and watch, I had to do something relevant to the day, and this was deemed harmless enough.



Although it's difficult to tell in a still picture, it is running. After the distributor was reset, it fired right off and ran strong. Frank ran the engine for 15 minutes between 2,000 and 2,500 RPM to break the lifters in to the cam. Afterwards the timing was set at idle and at 3,000 RPM. The only hiccup to the day was when I did not have the radiator cap on all the way and it piddled through the overflow. I chalk that up to being just like a puppy, the car was just excited to have its new engine.



The event was determined to be a success. After the engine settled down into a nice idle, it was time to celebrate. I thought Old Speckled Hen was a good choice to anoint a British car with, so the bottles were passed around.

It's difficult to capture in still pictures the significance of a first start, so here is a video I took after all was done and everyone had left.

V8 First Start



For perhaps the biggest moment of the conversion, it's a short one this month content wise, but next chapter we'll look at the rear suspension upgrades and what was done to accomplish that. Stay tuned.

MR



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Canandaigua Car Show & Tour

May 18th



Frank DeMarzo
Tue, May 14 at 7:35 PM
Got this today. I am preregistered.

We look forward to showcasing you at the 2024 Historic Downtown Canandaigua International Festival, Vintage & Classic Euro Car Celebration This Saturday!

Day of Details:

Car Lineup will be from **10:15 AM-10:45 AM** at
5150 North Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424 (**Front of Tops Parking Lot**).

John Harris Schwelm CTSP
Fri, May 17 at 12:07 PM
I preregistered as well. Looks like very good chance of rain as well.
John

Joseph Bellizia
Fri, May 17 at 5:24 PM
If it isn't raining, I plan to come!
Joe Bellizia

Frank DeMarzo
Fri, May 17 at 6:37 PM
Hope to see you Joe. I will be wearing my rain hoodie!

Harold Rodman
Fri, May 17 at 7:27 PM
Mother Nature's cooperation and I also will be there.

George Heissenberger
Fri, May 17 at 7:18 PM
I am preregistered also. Hope to be there, weather cooperating.
George Heissenberger



Breakfast at Ray's

Michael Robinson
Fri, May 17 at 7:29 PM
I was able to change my entry to the B so unless it's pouring buckets I'll be there sans She Who Must Be Obeyed. She's still under the weather from a cold.
Mike

'D WELCH' via mgcarclub
Fri, May 17 at 9:01 PM
See you folks in the morning, if the crit don't rise
Don W

woodenu2
Fri, May 17 at 9:39 PM
I'm going rain or not, if nothing else to walk around.
paul

Frank DeMarzo
Fri, May 17 at 9:46 PM
Great see you there Paul. Are you going to Ray's for breakfast?



Lining Up at Tops

Canandaigua Car Show, cont'd



Canandaigua Car Show, cont'd



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Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 Downtown Canandaigua Vintage & Classic Euro Car Show!

Grand Prize People's Choice: Susan & Paul Wegmans with their Red 1958 MG A Coupe

1st Place People's Choice: Tim Barry with his White 1968 Volvo 122S Wagon

2nd Place People's Choice: Russell Deveso with his Black 1960 Triumph TR3A

Best of Show: Chuck Goodman with his Willow Green 1954 Jaguar XK120 OTS

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Where It All Started

- By Paul Osborne

I grew up in East Irondequoit, on a quiet suburb street. Knew nothing about engines or mechanics, so self-taught. Trial and error, lots of error, and the public library for reference on how to and not to. Built minibikes from bike frames powered by lawnmower motors. Summer of 1966, the next door neighbor that I cut his grass and did jobs for, asked me if I was interested in the small car in the garage. Now I had been in there a lot and did not know there was a car in there. It had belonged to a friend, lost contact, and had no interest in it, but they were moving, and the garage had to be cleaned. If I wanted it, I would have to clean out the garage, move it, and ok it with my dad.

Tucked in the back of his garage under piles of wood, boxes, a rug and stuff, was a small convertible. After a full morning of taking trash to the curb etc., revealed a 1963 MG Midget. No top, filled with parts? tires, trash, a nest of something in the trunk, 3 flat tires on the car, and covered in thick dust grime, you get the picture. Today we would call it a barn find. To me, a CAR! Little did I know it would take more than a year to make it run and pass NYSI. I hand- pumped up the tires and pushed it home. Mr. Bower transferred the registration to my dad. I did not consider any of that stuff. When it came time, Dad sold me the car for one dollar. He said it would look better to the DMV if there was some money exchanged rather than me given a car from a neighbor that was not his car, and no one knew where the real owner was. Looking back on it now with all the paperwork to license a car today, I guess it was a lot less then.

It was a learning as I went. I figured, it was put together with screws nuts and bolts. I knew enough about small engines; I should be able to figure out what made it work, how to take it apart, get it back together and make it run. I Found the MG dealer in Rochester, Sports Car Sales. Close enough to ride my bike to for parts and maybe help.

The parts guy, that I got to know was a wealth of how-to and what might be the problem. One time he asked if I had a repair manual. No. I remember it was



a lot more than I could afford at the time. The next time I went for parts, he presented me a beat up well used, dirty, greasy ratty no cover shop manual. It was a shop toss out he said. I saved it for you. It was the bible to the car for me. Now I could see and understand what it was supposed to do, what was inside, how it came apart and how it was adjusted to do it. I even hand copied pages that were just too hard to read. Cut out the illustrations and pasted them on my pages. Life before Xerox.

Fast forward about a year. Reading that manual, I guess hundreds of times; I made it run and well. My mom helped with covering the seats. I painted it with Rust-oleum paint. I was not a painter; did not know you need to thin it before you spray it. So, it was orange peel. Oh well. A new set of tires from the local Western Auto; It passed inspection on the first try!

I drove it for two more years and yes in the winter too. Lots of heat in a midget!! Not. The only time it complained was a ski trip to Mt Snow Vermont. That night it snowed a lot, back when it snowed in the winter, and was very cold, it would not start the next morning. It took a full day to warm up before it would start. That was the only time it failed to run.

Where It All Started, cont'd

I sold it in 1969 and went off to college, graduated and returned. Bought a 1970 MGB roadster. Sometime later I thought what happened to the midget? In the late 70s with some digging, I found it! Behind a garage in Webster. I could have it if I wanted it. The owner lost interest in the project. A fully stripped body shell, The parts back there too. Weeds growing up through what was the floors and engine bay, bottom sunk in the dirt. I tried to pick it out, but it broke at the door sill on one side. Set it back down, and looked through the parts. I did not find that old manual though. That really would have been the prize. I took the steering wheel and smiled.



The parts person at Sport Car Sales, which later became Pacesetter Motors, was Al Simonetti, we remained friends, and I would stop in on Lake Avenue to look at the new models and talk cars. He sold me the 1970 MGB roadster and a few years later my 1974 MGBGT that I still have today. In 1976 I joined the MGCC and later found out Doris Britt and her husband, founding members of the club, were past owners of Sports Car Sales. Small world.

Little did I know that a black midget rescued from the neighbor next store to where I grew up, would be the beginning of 58 years of MGs and an entire group of friends that have the same love and appreciation for British sports cars.

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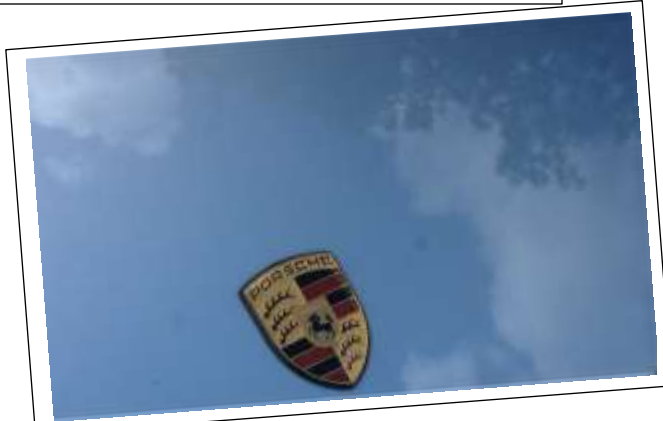
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Lunch With Cars

- Churchville Park, May 19th



Meeting Minutes

MGCC WNY Meeting May 16, 2024

By Dan Suter, Secretary

We enjoyed a beautiful sunny evening for our May meeting. Chairman George Heissenberger opened at 7:31, with 47 members and guests in attendance.

New Members and Guests – Alana and Trevor Roberts have joined the club. They have a '58 Bugeye Sprite project and several Mini Coopers. New member Christian Gehlin also joined us. Christian owns a 1971 BGT in Teal Blue with Autumn Leaf interior—he has owned this car since he was 17! Christian has recently completed the build of a home workshop and is looking forward to moving the car here from storage in NJ. Guests: Eric Strong of the MCC Auto Tech program, and 2024 MCC student Zachary Cohen, winner of our MGCC endowed scholarship also joined us.

Meeting minutes from April were motioned and approved.

Treasurer and Membership Report: Todd Black provided the Treasurer's Report. Our account balances remain good, and that renewals are slowly getting closer to last year's membership levels. 130 out of 154 members have renewed—with approximately 24 who still need to renew following mailed and e-mailed reminders. The board approved renewal of the annual lease for our small storage unit in Bloomfield.

Activities Report by Dave Kray:

Past Events:

- The Tune-Up clinic (May 4) went well. Several members stepped in to help run the event in Hollis' absence.
- The Steak Roast and Auction (May 5) was also well attended, and the auction successfully offset the club support for this event, plus \$185 net.

Upcoming Events:

- The Canandaigua car show (5/18) will be completed by the time this is published; additionally, our MGCC Lunch with Cars event on May 19 will be as well. Cars and Coffee has resumed the last Sunday of each Month—May 26 is the next one. Dave noted that the eagle's nest is active again this year and can be seen from the Mercantile.
- Susan Goodwin sent in a digital slide presentation and update on the 2024 Motoring Challenge for the club, which started in March and runs through October. Many members are participating and have scored points for photos submitted.

George Heissenberger noted that the board is reviewing and updating a standard procedure for club response when a member passes away. The board will report back to the club on this work.

Regalia Joe Bellizia provided an update. The last few name badges from the first order are still being distributed. Joe is accepting orders for a second run – please contact him.

Additionally, hats, shirts, new coffee mugs are available, and he is looking into water bottles and high-quality golf shirts.

Spokes – Don Welch provided a Spokes update. Don noted that he is pleased with the continued submissions. He encouraged everyone to send in pictures of club events or their cars. The week from Friday following the meeting.

Watkins Glen: Dave Wild indicated there is no SVRA news this month, so no report about the activities. Ken Barlow was absent so no Seneca Lodge updates.

Librarian: Paul Osborne indicated he has no updates for the club library.

Website: Leon Zak noted that the website is “working.”

Car Show: Leon provided an update for The Car Show. The date is July 21, and it will be held at the NY State Museum of Transportation. Leon discussed food provisions, layout, classes, parking, volunteer needs, the fact that registration is open, and other aspects.

MCC Scholarship Award: Frank Stepanik introduced Eric Strong, of the MCC Auto Tech program, as well as Zachary Cohen, an MCC Auto Tech student and winner of our 2024 MCC/Endowed scholarship. Eric provided an excellent overview and answered questions about the Auto Tech

Meeting Minutes, cont'd

program, including the GM, Toyota, and Multi-Make specialties and evolving hybrid and EV curriculums. Eric noted the programs are weighted towards diagnosis and are split nearly equally into mechanical systems and electronics studies.

Zachary spoke about his studies and his recent purchase of a 1976 MGB! Both Zachary and Eric were given MGCC hats by the membership to thank them for joining us.

Old Business: None this month.

New Business: George Heissenberger noted that

donations to the MCC endowed fund and memorial plaques will be done for Doreena, Tom LeStrange, Dave Asmuth, and others. Dave Chase requested a blank page in Spokes for each of the deceased members as well.

Announcements: None.

Cars and Parts for Sale:
None.

Member Projects:

- Al Wagner described that his 1938 MG TA is now registered in his name. Last registration had been John Callahan (one

of our MGCC members) in 1967!

- Dave Kray has completed the front suspension rebuild on his 1980 MGB Limited Edition. Next, he will be installing twin SU carbs on it.
- Alana Roberts described her recent volunteer work at the IMRRC at Watkins Glen and how a Mini racer from Canada donated an excellent thorough history file on that racer.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was closed at about 8:37PM.

Attendance MGCC Meeting May 16, 2024

Paul Osborne
Frank DeMarzo
Dan Suter
Annabelle Tescione
Paul Stella
Alana Roberts
Trevor Roberts
Alan Costich
Naomi Wadsworth
John MacDonald
Leon Zak
Barb Zak
Rod Rodman
Dennis Illig
Robin Illig

Dave Chase
Karl Burkhardt
Allyn Wagner
Barb Wild
Dave Wild
Scott Wild
John Leible
Deb Leible
Todd Black
Dann Valenza
Joe Bellizia
Don McConnell
Cheryl Baldwin
Bill Baldwin
Dave Kray

Celeste Kray
Klint LiMuti
Janet LiMuti
George Heissenberger
Bob Abels
Tom Yoki
Dan Asbury
Al Fink
Jeff Kath
Hassan Gillani
Don Welch
Eric Mehserle
Frank Stepanik
John Thompson

New Members and Guests: Christian Gehlen, Alana & Trevor Roberts – new members
Eric Strong – guest – MCC Instructor
Zachary Cohen – guest—MCC/MGCC Scholarship winner

Scholarship Winner Zachary Cohen



At our May 16th meeting, our club welcomed MCC student Zack Cohen and his instructor, Eric Strong. Zack is the 2024 recipient of our scholarship for a deserving student in automotive tech. Both gentlemen were informative about the MCC tech program, and Zack is very appreciative of our financial support. Congratulations Zack!

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!



Christian Gehlen



Alana & Trevor Roberts

New Member Jamie Suter

Some of you may know my brother Jamie from his attendance in recent years at the Watkins Glen vintage race weekend with me.

I am writing to share that this past week Jamie purchased Scott Schipper's local 1975 MGB V8 roadster conversion (Scott and his wife Gail have been long-time members of our club), and has joined our MGCC Centre today! He has been wanting an MGB V8 for many years. Jamie was instrumental in getting my own factory BGT V8 home safely in 1984 (see Spokes May 2021) and had enjoyed driving my car before I took it off the road.

All credit to Scott for doing a super-nice conversion on this '75 Citron colored car many years ago. There is a funny story about this Rover V8 (Triumph TR8 49-state spec) engine, and also the 5-speed with this car, that maybe can wait for a Spokes article

here are a few small items that will receive some attention and then probably a trip to the Muffler Shop in Fairport and then it will be headed to NJ where Jamie and his family currently live. You can see he brought up plates when he drove up yesterday.



Dan



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Paul's Canvas



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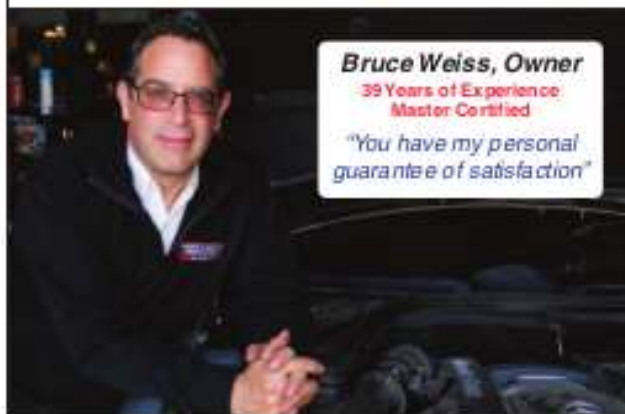
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HOW TO ENTER

- Send your first photo 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
(**not** your everyday vehicle*)
- Attach your photos, identified with the destination numbers

(* Exceptions may be made – contact Susan Goodwin at challenge@mgcarclub.com for details)

PARTICIPATION CHALLENGE DETAILS

- Find the complete (printable) list of destinations on the website or published in *Spokes* monthly
- Drive to the listed destinations
- Please get most of your car in the photo (no shots from out the window please)
- All photos must be taken this year
- 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
- Each destination may be claimed only once, but photos can be replaced with a better one, or one for more points
- All photos due on or before November 1st 2024**
- 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 try to get the most points possible.

Remember

- All photos are due on or before November 1st 2024
- Have fun!



Special Thanks to Susan Goodwin for
putting this great Challenge together!

2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

✓	#	Destination	Base Pts.	Due Date	Bonus Description	Bonus Pts.	My Score
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Waterfall	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Erie Canal Lift Bridge or Lock	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Water Tower	1		Name on Water Tower	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	One Lane Bridge	1		include sign saying One Lane	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Covered Bridge	2		Name on Bridge	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	NYS Fishing Access Site with sign	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	US or State Wildlife Preserve or Management Area	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	NYS Blue/Yellow Historical Marker	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	2nd NYS Blue/Yellow Historical Marker	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	3rd NYS Blue/Yellow Historical Marker	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Town/City/or Village Historical or Landmark Society Building	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Victorian House with Mansard Roof	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	A White Church with Steeple	2		Has Red Front Door	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	Opera House or Play House or Theater (not a movie theater) with name on it	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	Street with a Grassy Tree Lined Boulevard Down the Middle	2		Name of Street in photo	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	Graffiti Art or Mural Painted on Building	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	Cemetery established 1700s must show sign with date	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	18	Art Deco Building (include name of building and/or location)	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	Roadside Oddity/Attraction	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	20	Stone Fence or Stone Wall	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	21	Airport Control Tower (NOT ROCHESTER) tell where it is	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	22	Lighthouse	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	23	One Room Schoolhouse	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	24	Library	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	25	Museum with Sign	1		if it is a Car Museum	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	26	Barber Shop Pole	1				

2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

✓	#	Destination	Base Pts.	Due Date	Bonus Description	Bonus Pts.	My Score
<input type="checkbox"/>	27	Billboard	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	28	Dilapidated Derelict Run Down Barn	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	29	Barn with Silo	1		1 point for each silo over one in same photo	?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	30	Ice Cream Shop with Sign	1		Eating ice cream with friend	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	31	Your favorite Micro Brewery with sign	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	32	Your favorite Finger Lakes Winery with sign	1		Buy a bottle of wine - hold in picture	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	33	Dandelion Field or Yard Full of Dandelions	1	05/31/24			
<input type="checkbox"/>	34	Wild Flowers Along Roadside	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	35	Pumpkin Field	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	36	Farm Stand	1		Purchase Produce	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	37	Halloween Decorations in Yard	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	38	Fall Foliage	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	39	Silhouette Cut Out Figure	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	40	Rail Road Crossing Sign	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	41	Cow Crossing Sign	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	42	Bear Crossing Sign	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	43	Finger Lake with Sign (not Canandaigua Lake)	1		if lake shows in picture	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	44	Culvert Road Tunnel (Medina NY)	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	45	Women's Right National Historical Park (Seneca Falls NY)	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	46	Diner with Sign including the word Diner in it	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	47	Your Car with a Motorcycle	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	48	Your Car with a Red Pick Up Truck	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	49	Your Car in front of a Lumber Mill	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	50	Ski Slope with Snow	2	04/30/24			
<input type="checkbox"/>	51	Cruise Night	1		Next to another British Car	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	52	MGCC Tune Up Clinic	1		Someone under the car	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	53	Cars and Coffee	1		Cup of coffee in hand next to your car	1	

2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

✓	#	Destination	Base Pts.	Due Date	Bonus Description	Bonus Pts.	My Score
<input type="checkbox"/>	54	Town/ Village or Small City with Diagonal Street Parking in the Downtown Shopping Area (show storefronts with the parking)	2		If name of Town/Village or Small City is in photo	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	55	County Name Starting with a: C	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	56	" " " " " O	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	57	" " " " " S	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	58	Town Name Starting with a: G	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	59	" " " " " A	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	60	" " " " " C	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	61	Village Name Starting with a: W	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	62	" " " " " T	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	63	" " " " " M	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	64	Out of New York State Sign	3				
<input type="checkbox"/>	65	If you capture 3 or more destinations in a single photo you will receive not only the stated points for those 3, but you will	x			5	

Come and join the thirteen participating challengers already in the 2024 Motoring Challenge. You can join the Motoring Challenge at any time; find all the information you need in Spokes and send it to me at challenge@mgcarclub.com.

Destination #33 Dandelion Field or Yard full of Dandelions ended May 31st. I received many nice dandelion pictures.

Some challengers have come across the same location for Destination #26 Barber Shop Pole, where they were lucky enough to come across two barber shops in close proximity to each other. Even if there are 2 or more barber poles in your picture, you only receive 1 point for Destination #26. This is unlike Destination #29 where you get an extra bonus point for each additional silo.

Motoring Challenge standings as of May 18, 2024:

LiMuti - 57

Heissenberger - 43

Goodwin - 39

Welch - 28

Illig - 26

Costich - 25

Robinson - 13

Hames - 12

McConnell - 10

Kray - 6

Zak - 5

Barlow - 1

Boughton - 1

Any questions? Contact me, Susan Goodwin at challenge@mgcarclub.com.

HAVE FUN

SAFETY FAST

Motoring Challenge Photos



Destination #1 – Waterfall - Hames



Destination #19 – Roadside Oddity -
Heissenberger



Destination #33 – Dandelion Field - LiMuti



Destination #34 – Wildflowers Along Roadside -
Goodwin



Destination #18 – Art Deco Building - Costich



Destination #16 – Graffiti Art or Mural
Painted on Building - Illig



Destination #52– MGCC Tune up Clinic - Zak



Destination #28 – Dilapidated Derelict Run-Down
Barn - Welch

TUNE-UP CLINIC

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May 4th

Thanks Hassan for all the nice pictures!



Race Cars in our MGCC

An Introduction - By Dan Suter

This issue kicks off a series featuring race cars in our MG Car Club Western NY Centre, both past and present. This month we feature Dave Wild's Elva Courier which he raced in SCCA E-Production from approximately 1960-1968. Additionally, we are featuring Al Costich's 1968 MGB/GT which he has rebuilt and raced from the 2001-2 timeframe and is still racing!

In this series, we will hope to cover additional race cars including many more of our current competitors such as the Midgets of Ted Hershey, Joe Puma, Doug Faust, and Dick Rzepkowski. In terms of former race cars, we will seek to include the Bob Burns/Dick Powers MGA 1600 MKII, Dave Wild's MG TD, and hopefully Ken Barlow's dad's Sprite. If anyone knows of cars and owners that can be added to this list, please contact me.

Enjoy!

--Dan

Elle Va, The story of a 1959 Elva Courier - By Dave Wild

A contraction of the two French words,

"Elle va," meaning "she goes" formed the name of Elva Engineering founded by Frank Nichols of Great Britain. They began producing performance parts for English Ford engines. The first Elva car was built in 1955 solely as a race car. They continued building sports racing cars with Coventry Climax engines and Formula Junior cars with Austin and DKW engines.

The Elva Courier was introduced in 1958 as a dual-purpose sports car that could be raced or perhaps a race car that could also be driven on the road. The Courier was introduced to the United States at the 1958 New York Auto Show.

In 1961, Continental Motors of Washington, who had been one of the main importers of Couriers in the USA, ordered (30) additional Couriers but later canceled the order. Frank Nichols supplied all the parts and engines for that order and money was tight. He ended up selling the rights to the Courier to Trojan, Ltd later that year. Trojan was a

manufacturer of power lawnmowers, go-carts, Lambretta scooters and had also been building an English version of the Heinkel "bubble" car.

Trojan Ltd built Couriers from 1962 to 1965, then was building McLaren-Elva V8 powered race cars. Ken Sheppard Sports Cars built the last 26 Couriers.



88 Elva Courier Al Wagner & Dave Wild

A total of approximately 620 Couriers were built MkI, II, III, and IV. The MK IVs had independent rear suspensions and MGB 1800cc engines. Some MK I and II cars were sold as kit cars with and without engines. Engines used were mostly 4-cylinder BMD 1500 'B' blocks as used in MG, Morris, Riley, Austin, and Wolseley. Some were equipped Coventry Climax 1100cc and 1500cc

engines. A few later MK IV T-Types were equipped with Ford or BMW engines.

We visited the Trojan factory in July 1962 while attending the British Grand Prix at Aintree. The production line at Trojan, just Southeast of London was basic with about six Couriers being pushed along manually as construction was going on.

Elle Va, cont'd

Ours is the 16th Courier built by Elva Engineering. It is registered as a 1959 but I believe it was built in 1958. We obtained it from Ripley Motor Co, Ithaca, NY. It probably came from Chuck Deitrich who was the early East Coast distributor, based in Ohio.

We registered the car for the road in the summer of 1960 in order to get used to its characteristics, then prepared it for competition. It has since only been used in competition. I found it to be precise and delightful at speed with neutral handling.

The 1489cc 4-cylinder engine in our car was sourced from a Morris Oxford or Austin Cambridge sedan and brought to MGA specs, originally at about 70bhp. I modified it within SCCA rules using 10:1 compression pistons and ported, polished, and relieved the intake and exhaust. It is fully balanced with a radiused crankshaft and set up to tolerate an occasional 6000rpm. The clutch is "beefed" up with heavier springs. It is equipped with two Bendix electric fuel pumps to keep it fed at the high end. I experienced some brake fade with the drum brakes so I drilled holes in the front brake backing plates and added small air scoops to cool them. Later cars had disc brakes.

Our Courier has a round tubular ladder type frame with a fiberglass body. By virtue of its light weight (about 1300lb) it will accelerate with a street Corvette up to about 50mph! Top speed is about 120mph but with today's technology they will do about 140 and they are still competitive in vintage racing!



Wilds with Elva MGCC 30th Anniversary

Our Courier came equipped with Pirelli tires which were difficult to balance and created bad vibration. Since I had previously raced our MGTD on Michelin tires with good results, I replaced the Pirellis with Michelin X and had no further trouble.

I experienced two incidents at the Glen with the Elva that could have ended badly but did not.

Running at full throttle up the hill from the old Start/Finish line after the "90", I met with a bird going in the opposite direction (closing rate maybe 90 to 100mph). He hit me square in the face bubble shield, knocking my helmet sideways and twisted it to cover one eye. All I saw was black feathers. I guess it was a crow but it felt like a pterodactyl !

The second incident is a bit of a long story. It had been raining for several days, and continued for race day. The false grid where they formed us up before moving us out on the starting grid for the race was a sea of mud and oil leaks from British cars that had gone before. We were doing standing starts at that time. I had pulled a good starting position in the second row behind a couple of Porsches. Everyone was on open treaded "wet" tires.



Dave Wild 1959 Elva Watkins Glen 1963

As the starting flag dropped, the Porsche spun his tires and unloaded the sticky greasy mud directly on my face shield, eliminating any chance of my seeing anything. It takes two hands to unsnap and move the face shield and I was busy at full throttle shifting and grasping at any water to clear the shield. I let off the

Elle Va, cont'd

throttle for an instance but then realized that there were 30 cars behind me at full throttle, so put my foot back into it. I had been racing the Glen for many years by then and knew the course well. I managed to clear the bend at the start, go up the hill to the slight curve and onto the straight on instinct and luck without hitting anything before getting my visor cleared. I did not tell Barbara about that until several years later for fear that would be the END of my racing! At the end of the day, I had a moment to think Holy S___ what did I just do!

DW

Additional notes: Dave worked with a partner to film portions of the 1963 SCCA racing season, filming his race entries at Dunkirk and Watkins Glen. They later submitted this film to a WXXI competition. It can still be viewed with a link on our MGCC website. It is called "A Look at Sports Car Racing." In it, one can see how popular Elva Couriers were in E-Production, as 4-5 others are visible in the events.

Dave raced at several tracks in the Northeast including Watkins Glen and Dunkirk, NY. The website Racing Sports Cars captures at least a partial record of results for Dave from the 1959-65 period with both his MG TD and Elva. I believe Dave raced the Elva through 1968, so this resource can only be considered as a partial record for Dave's racing.

https://www.racingsportscars.com/driver/archive/David%20B._-Wild-USA.html



Al Costich's Road to the Collier Cup

My story starts in the mid-60s. My brother bought a Triumph TR3. I loved that car! Back then I was attending high school in Watkins Glen, New York, and went to the race track there to watch Can-Am, Trans Am, and Formula One races. Years later when I returned from Vietnam in 1971, I asked my brother for advice on buying a car. Apparently he and his Triumph did not part on friendly terms! He suggested that I look for an MGB instead, because it had a more sophisticated suspension. So I bought a used chrome bumper MGB. That MG stood me in good stead until I got married.

After my marriage was concluded, I got a well-used '73 MGB/GT. With it, I learned how to weld by replacing the sills and passenger floor, as I also garnered some mechanical abilities by replacing the clutch and various other bits and pieces it needed. Meanwhile, I volunteered at SVRA's tech inspection during their vintage race weekend at Watkins Glen every September. On those race weekends, I would spend Saturday evenings on the cabin porch of the nearby historic Seneca Lodge, with members of the MG Car Club - Western New York Centre, where



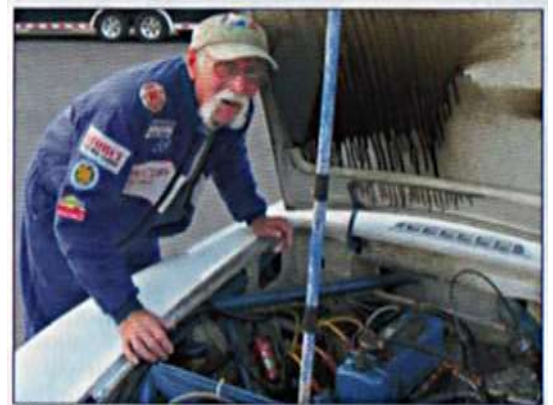
some of us would share a few drinks and bench talk about "What car would you build and race if you had the financial wherewithal?"

For those ten years or so I had been badgering one of their members to cut loose a MGB/GT that he was holding hostage in his barn. Long story short - he needed money for a new well pump and I had just been laid off from Hewlett Packard with a wad of cash in my pocket! A deal was struck and I now owned a bare-bones MGB/GT racecar tub with a roll cage welded in it. It took me the better part of a year to source the parts that I need for it, and to build a race motor, as I transformed it into a real race car.

Then it was off to a two-day school with Track Time at Watkins Glen, followed by my first race with it in June of 2001 with the Sports Racing. I've raced it many times since then and these days I do



Al's '73 MGB GT



Alan Costich



This page in honor of Doreena R. Hames

This page in honor of Dave Asmuth



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Canisteo NY | 8/11 Springwater Gala Car Show
Springwater NY |
| 6/15 Minnehans Spring Car Show
Lakeville NY | 8/17 Wallace Fun Fest Car Show
Wallace NY |
| 7/6 Hammondsport Fireman's Carnival Show
Hammondsport NY | 8/31 Prattsburgh Old Home Days Car Show
Prattsburgh NY |
| 7/22 Steuben Center FREE CRUISE IN
Bath NY | 9/14 Howard Old Home Days Car Show
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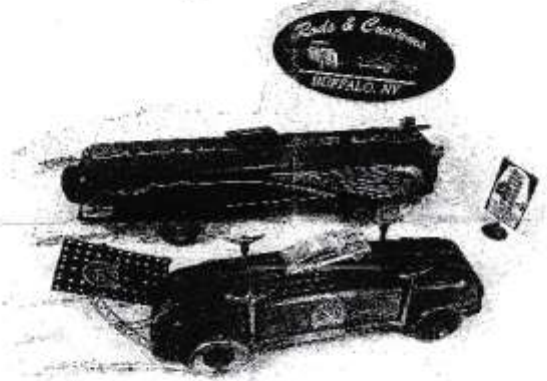
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- **“Return to the Streets” of Watkins Glen** as one of the final celebrations of the 100th Centenary of MG Cars.
- **Two Stone Bridge Driver events make MG the star in September 2024!**
- ❖ **Thursday, September 5 the FLX MG Journey** – includes a car show in Lafayette Park from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., followed by a rallye/tour with a stop at sponsor Lakewood Vineyards for wine-tasting/tours & a complimentary bottle of Lakewood wine. The Journey enjoys dinner at the Main Deck Restaurant in Penn Yan on beautiful Keuka Lake.
- ❖ **Friday, September 6 - Grand Prix Festival Tour de Marque featuring MG** – begin at Chateau Lafayette Reneau Winery. This restructured event includes rallying on the area’s best sportscar roads, lunch at Watkins Glen State Park, two laps of the 6.6-mile Old Course & display parking in Lafayette Park.
- More weekend events are being developed and will be shared as details firm up!
- ❖ **Consider making Watkins Glen a destination for your MG Car Club(s) to hold a 100th Centenary Event** on Saturday or Sunday; please reach out to us before scheduling for suggestions and assistance we may be able to offer.
- **Reserve your place NOW in the FLX MG Journey and the Tour de Marque featuring MG;** they will fill soon.

Contact Watkins Glen Promotions to register now. Use the form on the website for both events: www.grandprixfestival.com (contact Michaela at 607-535-3003 for registration assistance, or me TDM Chair Bruce Coulombe at 607-793-3426 or BCoulombe@geiconsultants.com for details/info.

Also, the SVRA race usually held the weekend of the Grand Prix Festival has been moved to August 21-25. Check www.SVRA.com for details on the 2024 SVRA Watkins Glen SpeedTour.

11th Annual Scottsville Car Show



August 10th

Gates Open at 8am

Johnson Park, 3 Browns Ave. Scottsville, NY 14546

Gates open at 8am, registration ends at noon, awards at 3:30 sharp

\$20 for show entries, all proceeds go to "Children's Burn Unit"

Spectators Free, donations are appreciated!

This is a family event with a variety of vendors!

DJ Bobby Rocker will be there from 10am-4pm!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

10:00 am – 4:00 pm



RocTuned 2024

Rochester Institute of Technology

You guys loved last years' car show, therefore RocTuned is back by popular demand! Bring out the cars, trucks, bikes and show them off. As always we'll have music, vendors and food trucks. We'll also have entertainment such as giveaways and low car limbo. You don't want to miss this one. Tickets will be online soon and the categories will be announced as soon as they become available.

Sons of Liberty MC

2nd Annual Car and Bike Show

Event to be held June 15th, from 1-5 pm at the

Brockport Area Vet Club 222 West Ave.

Brockport NY 14420

Registration starts at 12:30

1st 2nd & 3rd place Plaques

for Fan Favorite

Entry fee for Motorcycles is \$10 and Cars \$20.

Admission Fee \$10

Kids 10 and under free

Vendors, Food, Music and 50/50.

All proceeds go to the Honor Flight of Rochester



Sonnenberg's Father's Day Car Show



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Sunday,
June 16, 2024
11:00am—4:00pm

Trophies for Best in Show AND Special People's Choice Award!

Show Car Entry Fee
\$10 in Advance
\$15 at the Gate

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* Finger Lakes Wine & Beer *

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For more information contact:

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CAR SHOW DETAILS

Entry Fee -
\$15 Day of show
\$10 Pre-registration available until June 20th

When - Show Time 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Registration 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Where - Ontario Beach Park
Beach Avenue, Rochester NY

Contact Larry for more info -
(585) 505-2515
revoncarevents@aol.com -or- fairlanelarry@gmail.com

Award Presentation & Door Prizes at 3:00PM

Show Car Entrance



CAR SHOW CALENDAR

SHOW	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Camp Haccamo Show	June 1	8 AM	Greece-Ridge Mall
Dairy Festival Car Show	June 1	8-3	Bath
Albion Strawberry Fest	June 8	9-3	E. State St.
Crazee Daze Car Show	June 8	9-3	Canisteo
Sons of Liberty Show	June 15	1-5	Brockport Vets Club
Minnehans Spring Show	June 15	8-3	Lakeville
Fathers Day Car Show	June 16	11-4	Sonnenberg - Canandaigua
Wheels in Motion	June 22	9-3	Ontario Beach Park
Wurlitzer Cruise Night	June 17	5PM	Valve Cover Racing
Freedom Fest	June 29	10-3	Darien Center
Manchester Car Show	July 20	10-3	Griffin Park, 1 West Ave.
MG CAR CLUB	July 21	9-4	NY Museum of Trans.- East Riv. Rd.
RocTuned 2024	Aug 10	10-4	R.I.T.
Scottsville Car Show	Aug 10	9-4	Johnson Park
MG 101	Aug 23-24		Belleville, Ontario
Gran Prix Festival	Sept 6		Watkins Glen
Albion Car Show	Sept 11	11 AM	Bullard Pk, Rt. 31

AN INVITATION:

Hi everyone, I am passing along this invitation below from the MG clubs of Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, who have invited members of the Western NY MG Car Club, Buffalo Octagon and Ontario T register to their MG 101 gathering in Belleville Ontario in August 23-25 2024.. Leon has said he plans to move the date for our car show (TBD) so there would not be a conflict with our own show, however that is the same weekend as SVRA has moved the vintage races at Watkins Glen International. The Grand Prix Festival is still the Friday after Labor day September 6, 2024 so does not conflict. Watch for more details in the coming months such as a potential group caravan to this event.

George Heissenberger, Chairman MG Car Club Western NY Centre



group rate at a local hotel and are in the process of finalizing our programming for this gathering. Tentatively we have planned a Friday evening pizza party in the hotel parking lot.

Saturday we will likely tour the Prince Edward County area with a lunch stop.

Saturday evening we will have a fun pub night style activity.

Sunday we are debating on hosting a car show with awards. Another possibility is to organize a funkhana and possible valve cover racing before we head our separate ways.

We are confident that MG101Fest! will be well attended from members of our 3 local clubs but we want to extend an invitation and hope that your respective clubs will support, help to advertise and attend this event.

Please let me know if your club might be interested in participating. We would be happy to add your club logo to our flyer that will be released shortly.

If you have any questions I will do my best to answer. I have attached a couple of photos from MG100Fest.

Safety Fast! Jeremy Holdsworth, Duncan Taylor, Trish Adams, Jordan Jones



Hello there MG club Presidents,

You're receiving this email because I have some exciting news to share.

Last summer, the MG clubs local to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto came together in mid-August to celebrate the 100th anniversary of MG. We had a great weekend, which we called MG100Fest, in the Kingston, Ontario area and as a result of the success of this meet, we have decided to proceed with making this an annual gathering.

We have discussed the idea and would like to extend an invitation to the **Ontario MG T Register**, the **Buffalo Octagon Association** and the **MG Car Club of Western New York** to join us for....**MG101Fest!**

This weekend event will take place August 23-25 (Fri-Sun) in the Belleville, Ontario area. We have secured a

EVENTS REPORT – JUNE 2024

• June

- **Dairy Festival Car Show** – Saturday June 1st, Steuben County Fair Grounds, Bath 8:00 – 3:00 Open Car -Tractor-Motorcycle Show. No Classes. Dash Plaques-Door Prizes
Registration is from 8am-12:30. Parade is at 10:30. Registration fee is \$15.00
Awards at 3pm. Cars, trucks, motorcycles enter using Elm st.
- **Craze Daze Car Show** – Saturday, June 8th, Canisteo, NY (Hornell) 9:00 – 3:00 Open car show at the Canisteo Craze Daze. Reg is from 9am-12. Awards at 3pm
Dash Plaques and door prizes. Registration is \$15 day of show
Pork Bellies BBQ along with carnival food vendors and craft vendors will be there.
- **Minnehans Spring Car Show**, - Saturday June 15th, Lakeville 8:00 – 3:00 - No Classes at Minnehan's Fun Center, 5601 Big Tree Rd. Dash Plaques-Door Prizes. Breakfast and lunch available. Half price go cart rides, Mini Golf. Registration 8am-12. Awards at 3pm
\$15 day of show.
- **Sonnenberg Gardens Car Show** – Sunday June 16th, 11:00 – 4:00, Pre-sale \$10 through 3PM Friday, June 14th at; <https://www.sonnenberg.org/show-car-registration/> Registration is \$15.00 day of the show.
- **Cars & Coffee** – Sunday June 30th, 9:00 – 12:00, at Freestyle Mercantile 2659 Scottsville Mumford Rd, Mumford, NY 14511. Great coffee, great breakfast sandwiches, and best of all, great cars and company.

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

Respectfully submitted
Dave Kray

51st MGCC CAR SHOW

JULY 21st, 2024

New Location:

NY Museum of Transportation

East River Rd, Rush NY

Trolley Rides, Indoor & Outdoor Exhibits

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June Birthdays

2	Vlastimil Poborsky
2	Annabelle Tescione
3	Kathryn Reynolds
6	Latty Goodwin
7	Gerald Babchak
10	Patricia MacDonald
11	Phyllis Schirano
11	Doreen Wilson
12	Ted Hershey
12	Richard Shineman
13	Wendy DeMarzo
13	Rosemarie Stepanik
15	Chad D'Angelo
20	Gert Masline
21	Glenn Masline
22	Toby Cook
25	Eileen McMahon
26	Mark Mann
26	Simon Pontin
26	Peggy Stella
27	Don Welch
29	Moby Burton
29	Paul Wegman
30	John MacDonald



June Anniversaries

2	John & Deb Leible
4	Paul & Susan Wegman
5	Brian & Phyllis Schirano
6	Notch & Margaret Miyake
7	Ken & Christine Barlow
7	Bill Dexter & Patricia Reinhard
10	Ron & Evelyn Stone
12	Doug & Laurie Scribner
13	Jeffrey & Susan Kath
16	Dennis & Barb Nichols
17	Bruce & Cindy Austin
20	Bob & Jane Hamilton
21	Gil & Betty Langswager
26	Marie Calvaruso & Simon Pontin
28	Frank & Pamela Gordnier
29	Dick & Marlene Rzepkowski
30	Chad & Lisa D'Angelo



*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@mgcarclub.com*

MG Car Club of Western NY Available Regalia 2024Catalog

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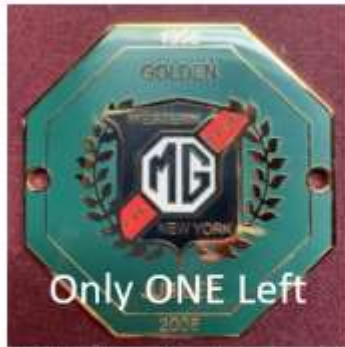
MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



Note: Key is just to show size

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

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



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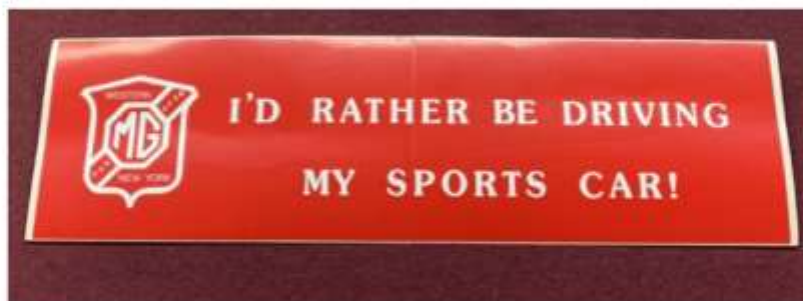
Logo w/ ribbon
\$1.50



Adhesive Stickers
\$1.50



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



Bumper Sticker \$1.00 / 3 for \$2.00

ONE Sticker FREE with any purchase over \$20.

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Hats



Closeup of Actual Embroidery
of Logo

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

Hats \$12.00 for Port & Co \$15.00 for New Era – all are embroidered
(price goes down the more we order)

(7) Hats In Stock but we'll be ordering more for car Show,
So Put YOU ORDER IN TODAY for a specific color

(3) are the original Port & company ones;
(1) red, (1) Black, (1) Navy \$12. ea.

(4) are the New Era;
(2) are the Greg w/ mesh backs,
(2) black w/ normal backs \$15. ea.

Color Choice: IT'S TIME FOR A NEW ORDER, LET JOE B KNOW WHAT COLOR & SIZE YOU
WOLD LIKE. EMAIL OR CALL me if you have a color you want me to check on at
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Note: This is the Logo we are had digitized to fit on the hats. It is 2" high

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New Regalia Items for review

- We are getting quotes for **Travel/ Coffee Beverage Mugs.**
- I'll have some samples by our June meeting and will send out email blast with details and pictures first.
- Any other items desired, please let Joe B know.



Cars and Parts For Sale

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: Color Wiring Diagrams 11x17 size; many cars to choose from \$17.95. Further details at www.colorwiringdiagrams.com

TIRE AND WHEEL SERVICE:

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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: 1978 MGB - 47,000 original miles, been in dry storage the last 8 years. \$8,500 OBO
Please call Mike Sidell at 585-404-1219



For Sale: 1976 & 1977 MGBs, both need work to start them Contact Claude Fedele @ sfedele@rochester.rr.com or 585-899-9388

For Sale: MGB 3-main short block – asking \$250
If interested, contact Dick Powers: mgahmogca@rpa.net or at 585-410-4500

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

1976 MGB For Sale Low mileage – Rarely driven and has been sitting unused in a garage since 2017. Part of an estate- anybody in the Binghamton area that would be interested or could help on getting this car to a good owner?
Asking @ 6K but negotiable
davekeyes@aol.com



I know the whereabouts of an **MG TD & MGTF**. They are in the Lockport area. I have seen the cars. The TD is together, and I think with a good fettle and scrub down fore and aft you might get a presentable driver. I think it has been sitting about four years. The MG TF is a total basket case, but I believe it is all there. You would need to look over all the bits both in the garage and basement. It will be a good project. Both cars have engines in chassis as well as some spares.

There is also a MG B engine in the garage. If you or anyone is interested in any or all of the above I can give you a number to call who will set up a visit, Jay Lockrow 716-648-0533

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And Finally...

So, who was it??



Hey Don, I have crafted a submission for Spokes as we discussed in Canandaigua. BTW it was nice to meet you at the show.

- Frank DeMarzo

See you next month!

