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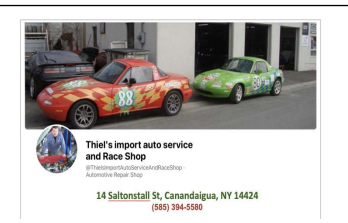
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## Don's Corner

*By Spokes editor, Don Welch*



**Molly & I** have been working on accumulating some more Challenge points this month. I've been wanting to get more with my TD rather than our more comfortable & dependable Miata, so on a nice afternoon last week we decided to head straight south to the village of Wyoming to get our "Village with a W" photo. Molly had to tease her grandma, who at first didn't catch that we were going to the little village south of here - we were not driving the MG to the State of Wyoming!

It was a lovely ride through the farm country that Molly loves, but when we got to the top of the big hill overlooking Pearl Creek, only 5 miles from our destination, there was a huge thunderstorm floating across over the valley ahead. We stopped at the top to let the engine cool, watch the progress of the storm and enjoy the view. On a clear day you can see the buildings in Rochester, but it was too hazy that afternoon.

Grandpa thought the rain would pass to the east and we could still get there, but my TD has no top - weather is an important consideration! When the wind kicked up & it started to sprinkle, we turned tail and ran back north. We quickly escaped the rain, but never got our picture of the MG in front of the Village of Wyoming sign.

That was a pretty long trip for my 73 year old XPAG engine - 60 miles at 4000 RPM, so I guess we'll probably get the Challenge point with our Miata. Oh well...



*Ice Cream with a Friend*

Keep 'em running!

***Safety Fast!***



Don





# Chairman's Corner

By George Heissenberger



*My son, grandson and me in front of our cars at this year's Father's Day car show*

I hope everyone is out and enjoying your Little British Cars this summer! June has flown by in a flash! June brought several car shows, cruises and cars and coffee events. Check the Spokes and online for more information as these happen all summer! Our family has been going to the Sonnenberg Fathers Day car show for several years now and this year was beautiful weather, so drew about 400 cars to the show. I can't guess how many spectators were there, but it was a lot! I took the MGB, my son took his Dart. I'm teaching my grandson to identify all the old car logos. I parked next to Peter Taft in his Sprite, and Larry North in his MG TD and we were joined by John Schwelm in his MG TC, Al Wagner in his MGB GT and Paul and Peggy Stella in

their MGB GT. If there were other club members there let me know! I know others went to the Summit at Brighton for Father's Day and I'll bet there is a report on that in this Spokes!

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



*My wife, daughter and granddaughter joined my son, daughter in law and grandson there and we spread out a blanket for a picnic and made a day of it!*

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.

Of course the big item for our club is our own car show Sunday July 21, at New York Museum of Transportation on River Road West Henrietta. This is a new location and many hands are needed to make things work. We will need volunteers for parking spectator cars, registration, directing cars on the field, regalia sales, basket auction and so much more! Please sign up or let car show chairman Leon Zak know via email that you can help. My wife Peggi and

I will be heading up registration and we will need 4-6 volunteers to help direct cars between pre-registered or day of show registration, registering day of show cars and taking their payment, helping hand out packets to pre-registered cars, tracking registrations and directing cars to the show field. Dan Suter and Ted Hershey are designing the car show layout on the field and this will require the museum to mow a portion of their lot to accommodate the cars. Food trucks have been lined up and also porta potties. Lots of planning is going into making this a success. Many of us have been handing out flyers and placing posters at stores, etc. Unfortunately the second batch of posters were not ready to hand out at the June meeting, but Leon has them so, if you need posters or flyers to hand out, contact Leon.

**Safety Fast!** George



Some of our members joined a cars and coffee event in Canandaigua June 15 at JMD upholstery new location on North Ave just across from the new Sands YMCA. I brought our MGB, Mike and Sue Goodwin in their MGB, Al Wagner in his MGB GT and Peter Taft in his Austin Healey 3000 were among the cars represented. Some of you may recall their previous location on Rt. 332 Canandaigua near the Perri's Pizza. The new location is a nice big shop with multiple bays and they had about a dozen cars on display inside ranging from a 35 Ford Pickup to a 57 Chevy and a 67 Camaro in various stages of interior restoration. Later that same day I attended a gathering of cars at Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua for residents of the MM Ewing Continuing Care Center. It was nice to see the residents being taken in wheelchairs, accompanied by health aides, to see all the cars and reminisce. There was an eclectic gathering of about a dozen cars or so, ranging from a Military Dodge WC to a 50's Kaiser Manhattan, and our MGB of course! Lots of events still to come in July so lets see you out there in your cars!



## 2025 Club Officers needed

Reminder! We are going to need a full slate of officers for 2025 so please consider volunteering. We are all at our maximum two-year terms, so will need a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Activities director. Trustees will include myself and one other past officer. Nominations can be anytime but must be complete by October, with elections in November. Please consider taking on a role leading your club!

- 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.

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

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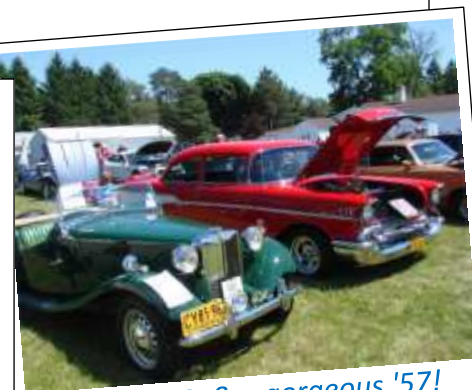
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# Road to the MG Collier Cup

## Al Costich's 1968 MG BGT Vintage Race Car

Article and images by Al Costich and Greg Prehodka, MG Vintage Racers

*(note: portions of this article appeared in the MG Vintage Racers newsletter circa 2014)*

**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, and 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 our club members to cut loose a MG/BGT that he had been storing 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 needed 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 driver's school with Track Time at the Glen, followed by my first race



*BGT vintage racer Al Costich with his car Oil Leak at Cota*

there with it in June 2001 with Historic Sports Racing. I have raced it many times since then and these days I do maybe three vintage races a season with it. I keep trying to race at the many different race tracks that I used to read about in Sports Car Graphic magazine back when I was a kid in high school.

The first MG Vintage Racer's (MGVR) Focus Event I raced in was at Virginia International Raceway in 2003. When I heard that another MGVR Focus Event was going to be held at Grattan, Michigan, in 2012, I knew I had to be part of it too! I had watched racing at that track for a number of years. In October, 2013, I journeyed off to the new mega Circuit of the Americas vintage races in Texas. What an extravagant event that was! Earlier last year I followed up with a trip to the famed Indianapolis "brick yard" race track – for another spectacular vintage race event! Then this September (2014) was the very special US Vintage Grand Prix, with its All-MG Collier Cup race, held by SVRA at Watkins Glen, and supported by MGVR, that I just had to make!

## Road to the MG Collier Cup, cont'd

SVRA's Watkins Glen vintage race weekend in September is always my favorite event of the season. It's a time for me to renew old acquaintances and see some more interesting and beautiful cars in a race venue, which is where they deserve to be viewed, as well as interacting with such a large spectator crowd. It is indeed heart-warming

how MG racers are so willing to help each other out in the paddock with each other's MGs, and socialize together, and yet be so competitive and gentlemanly towards each other while racing on the track! I just wish I could have spent more time this year neighboring with some of the other racers there.

Not to be overlooked this year was the special police escorted trip for selected race cars – especially the featured MGs – from the track back over the original 6.6 mile old street race course to downtown Watkins Glen on Friday afternoon, where the town held a fantastic street party for everyone!

Almost 100 racing MGs – including 30 MGBs – came to compete at Watkins Glen for four days in September. The event included a special MG Vintage Racers' banquet Saturday evening. For me, being able to race with five other MGB/GTs was indeed a rare and special treat! But my biggest highlight, and total surprise, was being singled out by my fellow MG racers to be honored with being awarded the prestigious Collier Cup on Sunday, right after my Collier Cup MG race! This cup has been awarded each year since 1985 to one MG racer in the Collier Cup race, as voted by the MG racers in that race, as "Best Representing the Overall Spirit of MG Vintage Racing" and is unrelated to winning any race!

I've raced at many tracks, and every season I try to add a new one that I haven't raced at before, but Watkins Glen is always a must on my schedule! Next year (2015) I'm looking forward to trying Elkhart Lake's Road America in Wisconsin with the VSCDA. I've never won any races, but I'm not out there to win. I'm there for the cars, for the



*Ted and Al Nelson Ledges 2002 June02 cover of Spokes*

camaraderie with other MG racers, and for racing our valiant steeds with each other. I love racing my MG! (Not to mention that my everyday car is a '71 MGB tourer).

*Additional notes: Al indicates in the years since this article was written, that he has raced at the following tracks: Watkins Glen many times, Mosport, Lime*

*Rock, Road America, Mid-Ohio, Summit Point, Pittsburgh International, Thompson International, Circuit of The Americas, and Indianapolis.*

*In terms of any on-track incidents: I have been hit twice at Summit Point on two different occasions. Grazed the wall at Watkins coming out of turn nine.*

*Upgrades have included: An improved Go-Pro, and installation of a Quaife limited slip unit.*

*Regarding reliability, Al has achieved great longevity from his race engine. Eventually, however: I had holed a piston and broke some rings so did a full rebuild. Also, I did haul the car to Jim Ford Dyno in Fulton NY. Very disappointing--engine produced not much more than stock HP and torque.*



*BGT vintage racer Al Costich believed 2014 Collier Cup- Allen Hess Photo*



## Road to the MG Collier Cup, cont'd

*My most fun race was at WGI with VRG. Over the years I had chased Lorne Fritz's TR3. I could catch him but not pass him until this event. I passed him on the inside going into the bus stop.*

*On the next lap I passed Drew Cullen in his superbly prepared MG BGT.*

*He spun in front of me coming out of turn seven. I missed collecting him up by inches, but, I passed him!*

*Last words from Al : I have attached one of my favorite pics.*

*I'm leading Zipper and Hershey in the 2021 Collier Cup.*

*What makes it one of my greatest races is that I had chased both of them around most tracks and never passed them until this race.*

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Al Costich leads a line of MGs into turn 9  
September 12, 2021 Collier Cup at Watkins Glen  
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## The Summit in Brighton



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Sun, Jun 16 at 6:13 PM

Congrats to Paul Wegman for snagging an award at the Summit show today for his MGA Coupe. Congrats Paul.

Mike.

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# Upping the Ante, part VII

- by Mike Robinson

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

**So last month** we reviewed the first startup, and this latest, and final, segment will cover some of the other mods that were done to the car, as well as an overview of my impressions since finishing it.

Starting at the front of the car, a big change was made to the brakes, and a minor change to the suspension. For the brakes, I used Frontline Development's Four Pot calipers, and 10 inch vented rotors, along with new stainless brake hoses. For the Suspension, I used Frontline also, this time for their Tube Shock conversion with adjustable dampers. After reading reviews of the Spax and Moss kits, I was glad to read the very positive reviews of the Frontline kit. While I had it all apart I greased the wheel bearings and shimmed the hubs. The captions below the pictures explain the differences.



over the top. So far it seems to be working really well.

Here the front brake kit has been installed. Frontline has replicated the 4 pot calipers as used on the MG RV8 cars. They are very effective with the larger diameter disk. The one drawback to the kit if you can call it that, is you must use 15 inch wheels as they will not clear stock 14 inch wheels. What I really like about them however is pads can be changed without removing the caliper, although if the disks need to be turned or replaced they would have to come off anyways.



As you can see, the front shock is replaced by a hefty aluminum forging and stout welded steel tube wishbones. There is zero flex in this setup, which is a big complaint with the Spax and Moss kits. The kit does require modifying the front crossmember by cutting off the mounting tabs for the bump stops, and adding a bracket to the spring pan. It's a very simple conversion and could probably be done with the crossmember on the car. I have the ride set right in the middle at 6 clicks. At zero it was a very soft forgiving ride, but I wanted it a little firmer, but not

## Upping the Ante, cont'd

Now moving on to the rear of the car, here is where the two biggest changes took place. I got rid of the rear drum brakes and replaced them with Frontline's rear disk brake kit, and also ditched the leaf springs and shocks in favor of Bill Guzman's 4 link kit with adjustable coilover shocks. I also replaced the factory 3:90 gear set with a 3:07 gear set, and installed a Triple J Limited Slip Differential. Captions below the pictures explain the steps, starting with the four link installation.



First thing that needed to be done was remove the rear axle housing, shocks, rear sway bar, and cut away the battery box. Relocating the battery is not necessary. All that needs to be done is trim the inside corner back, but I decided to move it to the trunk anyway for easier access, hence I cut the box away completely. I relocated the battery leads and fuel lines while I was at it.



After I removed all the bits, I installed the upper four link brackets using the original shock mounting

holes, and I put the rear axle housing back in place to use a starting point for the rear axle alignment. I was very fortunate in having a car that tracked straight with an axle that was centered very well in the car, so I figured it was a good reference point to start from.

I taped a sheet of paper to the floor and using a rafter square, centered it on the end of the axle and made a mark, then rotated the square 90 degrees and



made another mark to indicate where the axle ends should be centered. I used a short piece of plywood bolted to the flange and using an angle gauge, set my pinion flange to the recommended 4 degrees. The plywood leg keeps it in position so it doesn't move on me. I then put the upper control arms in place in the brackets.





## Upping the Ante, cont'd

The kit includes 4 plates that need to be welded to the top of the axle tubes. The directions gave the dimensions of where they should be located on the axle, so I inserted the bolts into the plates and through the links and clamped them in place while I adjusted the links to get the tabs where they needed to be. These were then tack welded in place. I do not trust my welding skills enough to do the job, so I took it to a local welder and had them welded on for good.



After I got it back from the welder I power washed the housing and painted it. It was then hauled over to Ben at British Auto to have the LSD and gear set installed, and to have the lash set.



Once I got it back from Ben it was time to install it. First the lower brackets were bolted to the axle, then I jacked it up in place and connected the lower links to the former front leaf spring perch, and to the lower bracket. Then it was just a case of turning the link adjusters until the axle lined up with the marks

I made on the paper earlier. I was quite amazed at how easy the whole process was.



The coil over assemblies were next to go in, and following the suggestions in the instructions, installed in the center holes of the bracket. There is a lot of adjustment possible with this set up for ride height and ride control, and this single change really transformed the ride and handling of the car. There is no rear sway bar, but in truth it's no longer needed. The car corners flat, and I have not had any indications of wandering or bump steer, even on a rough road.



The next big change was the rear brakes. I ditched the rear drums for Frontline's rear disk brake kit. Very easy to install the calipers and disks but the parking brake is a bit fiddly. In fact I still don't have it set up as a reliable parking brake as of this writing but I know what I have to do to fix it. Same as the front brake kit, the pads can be replaced without removing the calipers.

After all of this was done, and after successful first start, the car was taken to The Muffler Shop in Fairport where a custom exhaust system was fabricated and installed using stainless tubes. My mufflers are Thrush Turbo mufflers and the sound is just about perfect. Not too loud until I really get on it. I didn't get any pics of the exhaust system so I'll just leave it by saying they did a really nice job making it fit, and I thought the price was reasonable enough.

So... what's it like driving? You may be asking. In short, all I can say is – “ohhhh BABY!”

This is the car MG should have made. The power is effortless. The torque is more than ample. I climbed the hill going into West Bloomfield on Rt. 5/20 eastbound in 5<sup>th</sup> gear without so much as a grunt. With the 3:07 gears, starting from a stop does require a bit more throttle than I anticipated and I have stalled it twice, but now that I am used to it it's not an issue. The only nit I have is the clutch pedal effort is very heavy. It's a linear travel on the throwout bearing, and without the mechanical advantage of a throwout fork leveraging the input effort, it takes a lot of leg to move the clutch pedal. Again, now that I am used to it, it's not an issue, but if you should notice my left leg is considerably more muscular than my right... now you know why.

I'm still somewhat in a break-in stage with the engine so I haven't really gotten on it yet, but the one time I did, I left a couple of nice strips of rubber in first and second gear, a little bit less in third, and I even got a healthy chirp in 4<sup>th</sup>. By then I was pushing 90 MPH and decided to back off. The brakes are VERY effective with no pull or fade evident and hauled me back down to 55 without

breaking a sweat. Maggie was riding with me and she screamed, so I knew it was perfect. ☺

As far as teething issues I have had three. The swivel adapter for the oil filter assembly leaked when the gasket failed, and the second was because yours truly forgot to put the O ring on the distributor before it went into the hole. The third was the limited slip sounded like a dozen ghosts knocking and rattling chains during a séance when cornering at low speed. A quick call to Triple J and they recommended Ford LSD Additive that comes in a four ounce bottle. I added that to the LSD lubricant I put in after Ben rebuilt it, and within 50 feet it was no longer making any noise.

So far I have put a little over 300 miles on the car, and I am amazed at the transformation. I have a few other things to address, namely get rid of the poly suspension bushes and go to V8 rubber bushes, and a different tire size and profile. The ride quality with the four link is superb, however with the narrow tire sidewall and the poly bushes, I feel every grain of sand in the road and it's just too harsh. I am looking for a Grand Touring ride quality more than a zoom zoom race car, so some changes need to be made.

If you are even thinking about doing a V8 or even a V6 conversion on your B, I highly recommend it. Yes it's an expense, but no more than buying another used car, and the grins per mile blows any car of today out of the water. Oh and I'm also getting about 23 miles to the gallon, and turning 2250 RPM at 65 MPH in 5<sup>th</sup> gear. I'd probably get more if I kept my foot out of it but where's the fun in that?

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*Three Musketeers - 1935*



# Car Show Photos

- by George Heissenberger

Sonnenberg Fathers' Day



F F Thompson



# Meeting Minutes

## MGCC WNY Meeting June 20, 2024

By Dan Suter, Secretary

Our June meeting was held in the midst of a June heatwave with 4 consecutive days over 90 degrees. A one-hour pre-meeting of the Car Show Committee preceded the regular meeting. Chairman George Heissenberger opened at 7:32, with 39 members and guests in attendance.

**New Members and Guests –** Dan Miller of Batavia attended as a guest. His wife has owned her 1980 MGB since new. Welcome Dan! Hassan's daughter Hessa attended, on her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday! Several other milestone anniversaries and birthdays were announced.

Meeting minutes from May were motioned and approved without changes.

**Treasurer and Membership Report:** Our treasurer Todd Black gave the Treasurer's Report. Our account balances continue to remain good, and that renewals are slowly creeping higher to last year's membership levels. 135 out of 154 members have renewed. Three new members include Jamie Suter (ex-Scott Schipper MGB V8); David and Mary Humphrey from Bergen; and Brian Henry (apologies I did not catch his town).

**Activities Report** by George Heissenberger for Dave Kray:  
Upcoming Events:

- End of June Cars and Coffee was planned at the Mercantile in Caledonia.

- Susan Goodwin gave a video presentation and update on the 2024 Motoring Challenge for the club, which started in March and runs through October. LiMutis have 78 points(!); Goodwins have 73 points; Don Welch has 66 points; Lane Boughton has 55 points; George Heissenberger has 43 points. Many members are participating and have scored points for photos submitted.

**Regalia** Joe Bellizia provided an update. Joe had remaining 2023 Car Show T-shirts available; Calloway higher quality golf shirts are available now, embroidered. Tumbler glasses will be arriving shortly. Additionally, hats, shirts, and new coffee mugs are available, and he is looking into reusable water bottles.

**Spokes –** Don Welch provided a Spokes update. Don encouraged everyone to send in pictures of club events or their cars. Deadline is one week from Friday following the meeting.

**Watkins Glen:** Ken Barlow was absent so no Seneca Lodge updates.

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

**Safety Fast:** Todd Black indicated the MGCC UK parent club has shifted to all-electronic content for Safety Fast. Todd is working to get us monthly

access to this publication for all club members.

**Website:** Leon Zak noted that the website is working and updated us on Car Show elements on the website.

**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 updates on food offerings, layout, classes, parking, volunteer needs, the fact that registration is open, and other aspects.

**Old Business:** Leon has located a 2007-era document created by our then-MGCC board regarding a standard procedure for the board to use for club response when a member passes away. Leon is sending this to George and the board, and we will report back to the club on this work.

**New Business:** Kurt's Garage has relocated from Hudson Ave to Webster and has announced they will reduce focus on repairs for classic cars.

**Announcements:** None.

**Cars and Parts for Sale:** None.

**Member Projects:**

- Dan Suter shared that he recently visited Precision Balancing in Weedsport, NY. The owner Tim is 80+ years old and indicates he has balanced over 8000 engines in



## Meeting Minutes, cont'd

his career. He was pleased to accept Dan's 1964 MGB 3-main components for full balancing and appears ready to do a quality job.

- Dave Rubin helped George Heissenberger balance the wheels and tires for George's

1973 MGB. George thanked him for doing this.

- Al Wagner described that his 1938 MG TA should be ready by July 1!

Two videos of early-2000s era MGCC car shows were shown

with thanks to Bob Welch who found and shared them. Very fun to see various members and cars at the shows!

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was closed at about 8:25PM.

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### Attendance MGCC Meeting May 16, 2024

Joe Bellizia  
Eric Mehserle  
Rod Rodman  
Notch Miyake  
Kevin Noaker  
Frank DeMarzo  
Janet LiMuti  
Klint LiMuti  
Barb Zak  
Leon Zak  
Ted Hershey  
Alan Costich  
Todd Black  
Jim Herschell

Susan Goodwin  
Michael Goodwin  
Allyn Wagner  
Annabelle  
Tescione  
Dann Valenza  
Mike Ruisi  
Don Welch  
Don McConnell  
Doug Scribner  
Dennis Illig  
Robin Illig  
David Rubin

John Leible  
Deb Leible  
George Heissenberger  
Karl Burkhardt  
Dan Suter  
Hassan Gillani  
Hessa Gillani  
Al Fink  
Stephen Lewandowski  
Tom Yoki  
Christian Gehlen  
Dick Rzepkowski

**New Members and Guests:** Dan Miller - guest



*Guest Dan Miller – Dan is from Batavia and his wife has a 1980 MGB that she bought new*

## Meeting Photos by Annabelle Tescione



*Hassan & Hessa (her birthday!)*



*Driver Challenge photo presentation*



*Door Prizes*



*Cars in parking lot*



## Club Meeting Photos by Stephen Lewandowski







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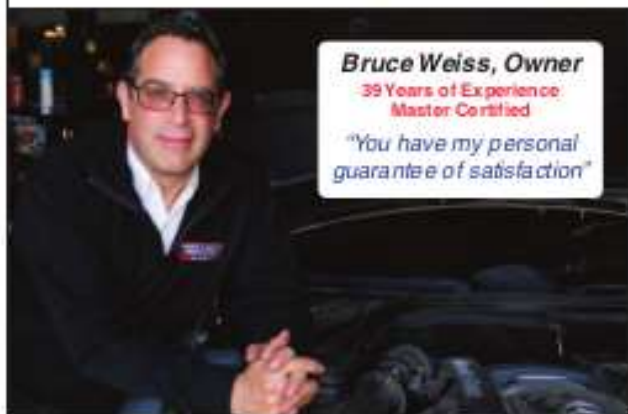
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# 2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

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**2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge**

## HOW TO ENTER

- Send your first photo or photos to [Challenge@mgcarclub.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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	

If you haven't already joined the MGCC Motoring Challenge you can join at any time. Look in Spokes or on the website for details.

With all the good weather we have been having lately, many of the challengers have taken advantage of it and are sending me some very nice pictures of the numerous destinations from the list. The only deadline left in the Motoring Challenge is the end of the 2024 Challenge, which is November 1, 2024. So, there is plenty of time to continue knocking off the destinations from the list.

Remember, if your car is in parts or not running at all, and you want to participate in the Challenge, use your everyday vehicle to join in the fun. If you are already in the Challenge, and your vintage vehicle breaks down, you can use your everyday vehicle to continue and complete the challenge.

Motoring Challenge standings as of June 23, 2024:

LiMuti	87	Robinson	29
Welch	73	Stone	15
Goodwin	71	Hames	12
Black	57	Barlow	11
Boughton	55	McConnell	10
Heissenberger	43	Kray	08
Illig	42	Zak	05
Costich	33	Bellizia	01

Any questions? Contact me, Susan Goodwin at [challenge@mgcarclub.com](mailto:challenge@mgcarclub.com). HAVE FUN SAFETY FAST



## Motoring Challenge Photos



Destination #2 – Erie Canal Liftbridge or Lock - McConnell



Destination #4 – One-lane Bridge - Barlow



Destination #7 – Wildlife Preserve - LiMuti



Destination #16 – Graffiti Art or Mural on a Building - Stone



Destination #19 – Roadside Oddity/Attraction - Costich



Destination #19 – Roadside Oddity/Attraction - Robinson



## Motoring Challenge Photos



Destination #20 – Stone Wall – Black



Destination #21 – Airport Control Tower - Goodwin



Destination #18 – Art Deco Building - Welch



Destination #27 – Billboard - Illig



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



Destination #33 – Dandelion Field - Kray



## Ah, the Fuel Pump!

Further adventures of Don & his '51 TD

**After the delightful morning** with a few of you in Churchville Park last month, I headed for home in my '51 TD. No sooner had I cleared the lane onto the road, the engine died. Reminiscent of last year when I had vapor lock problems on 80 degree days. But it had run just fine on the 15 mile trip to the park earlier, and it had just sat for several hours – the engine was not hot, and the carbs were cool to the touch. Nevertheless, breaking the fuel line right after the fuel pump and then immediately reattaching it got the engine started again. I drove on a mile or two, and it stalled again. Disconnected the fuel line, reconnected, and I was off for another couple of miles. An hour later, and about a dozen repeats of this, got me home. (After several come-get-me calls last summer, my wife says she would not look forward to having to rescue me any more.)

So what could be the problem? When I turned the key first thing in the morning, the pump ticked away like always. But each time I stalled out, it seemed as if it was hanging up. Thinking about it that night, I hit upon the idea of testing the pump by running the gas into a container, with the engine off, so I could hear if the pump hung up.

A great idea I thought, but the pump tested fine. I still suspected it though – it hadn't been tested with a back-pressure load like it would get with the engine running. And it was one of those darn intermittent problems where you never know for sure. I ordered a rebuild kit from Abbingdon Spares.

DW



*I blew out the fuel line to make sure it wasn't plugged at the tank outlet*



*Testing the pump: pumping fuel into a gas can, engine not running. No failure – it worked perfectly for several gallons.*



*Disconnected the fuel lines, the 2 power wires, and unbolted it from the tool box. Darn Whitworth bolts.*



*Ready to go. On my workbench, upstairs in the barn*



*The tape covers the joint between the plastic cap and the iron solenoid housing*

## Ah, the Fuel Pump, cont'd



*Right: the solenoid housing with the diaphragm & gasket still attached*

*Center: aluminum spacer with clearance for the diaphragm*

*Left: the lower housing with suction screen and check valves*

*Top: The kit comes with detailed instructions, which you must follow to the letter!*



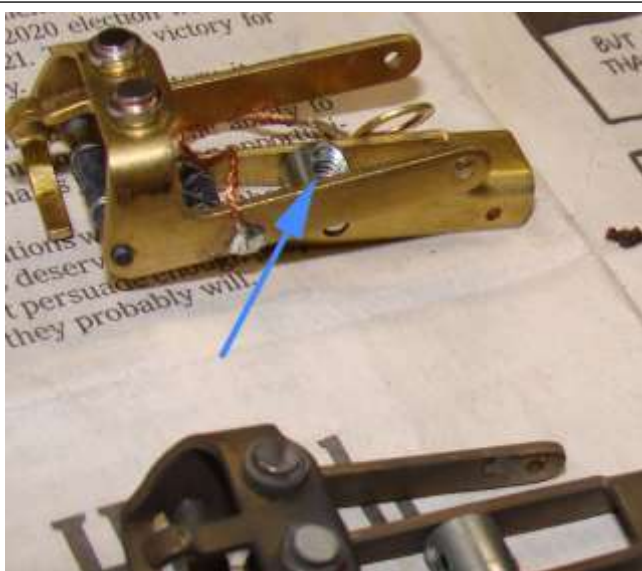
*The kit came with all the moving parts, and gaskets*



*I took lots of detail pictures so I'd remember where everything went!*



*Rocker mechanism & wiring assembled and screwed to the top of the solenoid housing.*



*The new "rocker" device with points on top. The diaphragm stem screws up into the threads of the little center crosspiece*



*The new varistor replaces the old capacitor. The twin-point contact blade must be spaced with a feeler gauge.*



## Ah, the Fuel Pump, cont'd



The lower assembly with the old strainer to the right of the lower aluminum housing, & one of the brass check valve discs to the left. Fuel flows in lower left, thru strainer, out left.



All ready to screw back together. Bottom of the diaphragm spacer & gaskets on right. Old check valve parts above.



Paragraph 9c: "the pump is now ready for testing" - and it clicks away as soon as I turned the key!



Pump is screwed onto its bracket, bracket bolted back onto the tool box. Wires & fuel lines all hooked up.



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## 4th Annual Manchester

### Car Show

**Date:** Saturday, July 20, 2024 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Location:** Mike Griffin Memorial Park  
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**Event:** Traditional Car Show  
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# 2024 CRUIZE'N TIME CAR SHOW SCHEDULE



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7/22 Steuben Center FREE CRUISE IN  
Bath NY

8/1 Next Level Open House AND Car Show  
Dansville NY

8/11 Springwater Gala Car Show  
Springwater NY

8/17 Wallace Fun Fest Car Show  
Wallace NY

8/31 Prattsburgh Old Home Days Car Show  
Prattsburgh NY

9/14 Howard Old Home Days Car Show  
Howard NY

9/28 Fall Windmill Car Show  
Penn Yan NY

10/6 Cohocton Fall Festival Car Show  
Cohocton NY



Good evening, gentleman,

The Highlands at Pittsford is hosting our annual car show on Thursday, August 8 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. We would like to invite your members to show their cars this year. Space is limited so I ask that you respond to this email if you would like to participate.

This is a very nice show. We provide live music and great food. Drivers are allowed to bring guests and enjoy all that The Highlands offers. There is no registration fee.

One of your members dropped by our show last year and requested an invitation. I look forward to hearing from you.

Take care,  
Maria

Maria Sommerville, Director of Marketing and Community Outreach  
Office: (585) 641- 6381

[www.highlandsatpittsford.org](http://www.highlandsatpittsford.org)



**2024 Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen invites all MGs as the Featured Marque – September 6, 2024**

- 2024 Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen featuring ALL MG makes and models and years!
- **“Return to the Streets” of Watkins Glen** as one of the final celebrations of the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.SVRA.com) for details on the 2024 SVRA Watkins Glen SpeedTour.



# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottsville Car Show



**August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**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**



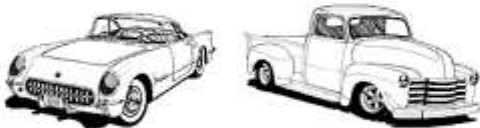
## RocTuned 2024

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.

## 2nd Annual CRUISE IN Saturday July 13th

**4PM-7PM!!!**



**AT THE KENDALL, NY VOL. FIREMAN'S Field Day's**

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Chicken Barbeque 5pm

Carnival is located behind the Kendall Fire Hall at  
1879 Kendall Road (Rt. 237) Kendall, NY 14476

For information

<http://kendallfire.com/events/>

**Parade Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7 P.M**



# CAR SHOW CALENDAR

SHOW	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Kendall Cruise In	July 13	4-7	Rt 237, Kendall Fire Field
Manchester Car Show	July 20	10-3	Griffin Park, 1 West Ave.
<b>MG CAR CLUB</b>	July 21	9-4	NY Museum of Trans.- East Riv. Rd.
Highlands at Pittsford	Aug 8	6-7:30 PM	100 Hahnemann Trail
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

### • July

- **Manchester Car Show** – Saturday, July 20, 10:00 – 3:00 One West Ave, Manchester 14504. Pre-register by 7/13 for \$10.00, after 7/13 \$15.00
- **MG Car Club Western NY - Car Show** – Sunday July 21th, 9:00 – 4:00 at the NY Museum of Transportation, 6393 East River Rd, Rush NY. If you have not already done so, please contact Leon to donate your skills to help ensure another successful show.
- **Geneva Cruise night** – Friday July 26th, 5:00 – 10:00. All vehicles must arrive/register between 4:00 – 6:00pm on South Exchange Street to receive your registration packet. Vehicles will remain in their designated spaces until 9:30pm for safety reasons.
- **Cars & Coffee** – Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### • August

- **The Highlands at Pittsford** - Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. annual car show. We provide live music and great food. Drivers are allowed to bring guests and enjoy all that The Highlands offers. There is no registration fee. Space is limited, Email; [Maria\\_Sommerville@URMC.Rochester.edu](mailto:Maria_Sommerville@URMC.Rochester.edu) to let them know you'll be attending.

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

## 51<sup>st</sup> MGCC CAR SHOW

**JULY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

*New Location:*

**NY Museum of Transportation**

East River Rd, Rush NY

Trolley Rides, Indoor & Outdoor Exhibits

Boy Scout breakfast & chicken BBQ

Lions Club hots, burgers, sausage

(& hopefully Ice Cream!)

**\$3 Parking fee, lots of space**





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# July Sunshine Page

## July Birthdays

2	Patricia Sangster
3	Cindy Austin
4	Peggi Heissenberger
7	Joe Bellizia
7	Bob Welch
11	Chris Pascuzzo
13	Christine Barlow
13	Thomas Yoki
14	David Rubin
14	Dave Wild
17	Mercedes Gonzalez
20	Trevor Roberts
24	Debi Russell
30	Susan Goodwin



## July Anniversaries

3	Bob & Carole Lillis
8	Todd & Donna Black
13	Bill & Sue DeVos
14	Paul & Marsha Osborne
19	Don & Linda McConnell
20	Tom & Anne Quinn
23	Don & Mary Sweeney
24	John & Carol Schwelm
26	Dennis & Robin Illig
27	Eric & Dawn Mehserle



*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](mailto:spokes@mgcarclub.com)*





## Regalia News Corner July 2024

### New Name Badges – did you get yours?



Yes, our new Name Badges have been in for two months! Of the (39), there are a few that have not been picked up at an event or meeting by their owners.

**Just a reminder** to please arrange to get yours from me if you are on the below list.  
Thanks!

- Dan Asbury
- Chris Pascuzzo
- Jake & Melissa Barnard
- Larry North & Innrry Kunes

### Last Years Show T-Shirt Blowout

We have @ (10) XXL remaining.  
ONLY \$5. each



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## New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

"NEW" Callaway embroidered shirts

**ORDER your New Shirts!**

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Callaway Opti-Dri technology transfers moisture away from the body to keep you cool & dry w/ UV block.

### Available Sizes

Men's S – 4XL

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Colors (top to bottom): Blue Atoll, Bright White Silver, Salsa Red, Parachute Purple, Magnetic Blue, Peacoat Navy, Quiet Shade, Black.

Note: This is the Logo we are had digitized to fit is 2" high

Color Choice: IT'S TIME FOR A NEW ORDER, LET JOE B KNOW WHAT COLOR & SIZE YOU WOULD LIKE. EMAIL OR CALL me if you have a color you want me to check on at

[blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com) / (585-749-9263)



# New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

## New Regalia Items for review

- New Beverage Tumblers (I have these samples to see).

Notes: We need to make a minimum order of (36)

We can have our Logo engraved on these except #4 we can also decide to have our logo printed



### 1. #5790 20oz. Himalaya Tumbler

Pros: Stainless inside and out, Keeps up to 6 hours, Comes in various colors

Variables: No non slip soft bottom, Shipping and Set up included  
Est. Price: \$21.56 + 8% NY state Tax \$1.58ea = **\$23.14**

### 2. #5390 20oz Velvet Himalayan Tumbler

Pros: Stainless inside and out, Keeps up to 6 hours, Rubberized finish, Non-Slip Bottom, Seems a better quality

Variables: Only two colors choices **Black or White**, Shipping and Set up included  
Est. Price: \$25.51 x (36) + 8% NY state Tax \$1.90ea = **@\$27.41**

### 3. #50122 20oz Ridgeton Himalayan Tumbler

Pros: Stainless inside and out, Keeps up to 6 hours, Non-Slip Bottom

Variables: Only two colors choices **Blue or Black**, Shipping and Set up included  
Est. Price: \$19.40 x (36) + 8% NY state Tax \$1.41ea = **@\$20.81**

### 4. #55448 20oz Full Color Wellington Stainless Steel Tumbler

Pros: Stainless inside and out, 360 wrap available with logo all-round in a pattern, Rubberized Cork like bottom.

Variables: Doesn't say it keeps up to 6 hours, Comes in **Black, Gray, Silver or white**. (Says don't go light color when wrapping). Shipping and Set up included  
Est. Price: \$25.07 x (36) + 8% NY state Tax \$1.86ea = **@\$26.93**

## MG Car Club of Western NY Available Regalia 2024Catalog (updated 6/27/24)

(1) Remaining Grille Badges Are in Short Supply Supply as seen on page 2



## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins

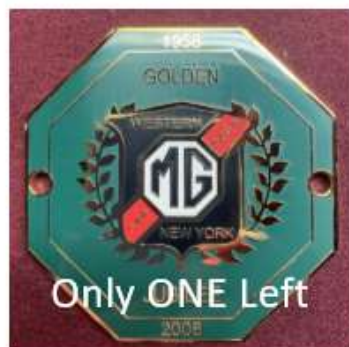


Note: Key is just to show size

In between meetings feel free contacting Joe B at [blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com)



## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



50<sup>th</sup> Ann. Badge  
\$20.00



Centenary Car Badge  
Only ONE Available  
\$40.00



Embroidered patches  
\$2.50



Octagon Key Ring  
\$1.50



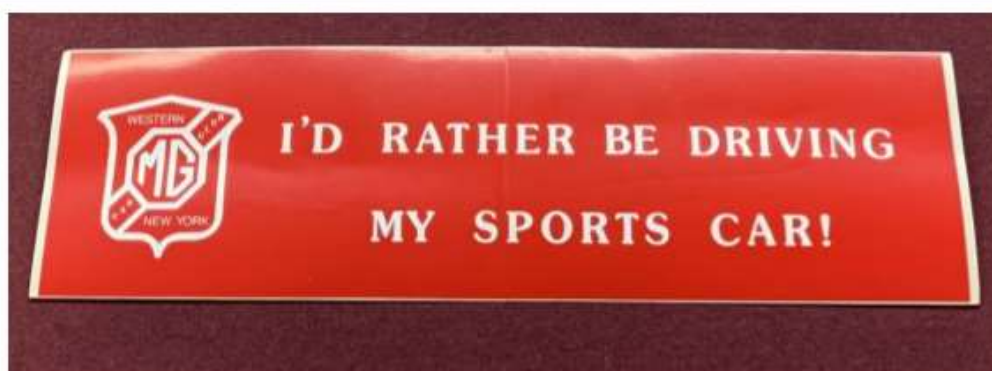
10" Magnetic Sign \$15.00



Logo w/ ribbon  
\$1.50

Adhesive Stickers  
\$1.50

## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Bumper Stickers only \$1.



Bumper Sticker \$1.00 / 3 for \$2.00

ONE Sticker FREE with any purchase over \$20.

## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

### Hats



Closeup of Actual Embroidery  
of Logo for shirts

## 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)

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

(2) are the original Port & company ones;  
(1) red, (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  
WOULD 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



# 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](http://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](mailto:sfedele@rochester.rr.com) or 585-899-9388

For Sale: MGB 3-main short block – asking \$250  
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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

**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](mailto: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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**You do not HAVE to be on the mail list - but there are many announcements, especially impromptu cruises, that are only announced by way of the list.**

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