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Remembering a Friend

Safety Fast!



Don's Corner

By Spokes editor, Don Welch



Well, it's still winter in western New York, and I think many of us are still hibernating, although the animals behind our house know **SPRING** is on the way! Squirrels are chasing each other around the trees, defending their territories, and the cardinals are lording it over the bird feeder. I've still got to get my TD over to the repair shop to have him tighten up the front end, and get the trickle chargers plugged in.

But it's "slim pickins" for Spokes this month. So you'll see two actual articles, one by me about my friend John, who is an MG enthusiast, which I've been kind of saving. And Dan Suter sent in fond memories of his TD.

Upcoming events include valve cover races and our own **Valve Cover Races** on March 23, and make sure to save **July 13** for our big annual MG Show.

There are starting to be a few notices of upcoming car shows. See Pages 24-27. If you know of any shows not listed, please send me an email!

MGA owners be sure to check out the new **70th Anniversary grill badges** on Page 30



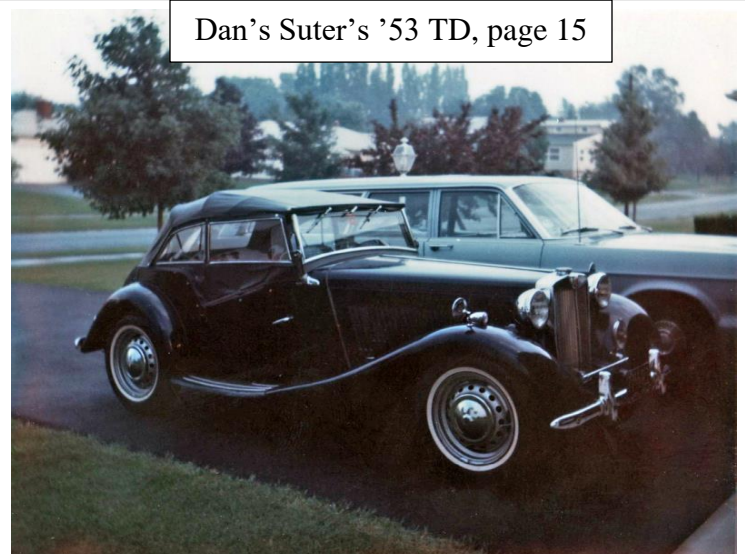
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Don



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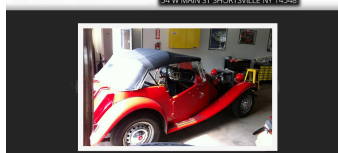
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Chairman's Corner

By Ken Barlow



We used to run Time Speed Distance rallies in the club, the last one just a few years ago, replaced by a tour when interest waned in the competition part of the TSD.

It was brought up again at the January meeting, and Leon whipped up this survey: <https://mgcarclub.com/time-road-rally-poll/>

Take a minute and think about your interest in such a thing in 2025, Fill out the survey and let us know what you think. If we can get the volunteers, and/or use some technology to eliminate things like manned checkpoints by using an app on our phones, then maybe we can add one of these to our 2025 calendar and enjoy driving our cars together one more day this season! Maybe we can invite other clubs to join us?

Again, let us know what you think using Leon's survey above! We can discuss it again in March and make a decision based on willingness to drive and or help out.

How about the other events for this year? The pinnacle for me is our car show on July 13th, of course, and second place for me is Grand Prix Festival weekend at Watkins Glen. Many other events are being planned, enough so that I'm interested in a contest where we simply attend events and accumulate points for each event. We'll discuss it in the next meeting again, but as it stands now, we're thinking points for each event based on the amount of effort required to attend:

- 1 point per cruise night
- 1 point per club based event like cars and coffee, ice cream, lunches, dinners, tune up clinic etc.
- 2 points per car show
- 3 points for competition including our rally or SCCA road rallies and autocross (1 day events)
- 5 points for our own car show
- 5 points for a race weekend as a participant, 1 point as crew!
- 1 bonus point for each event for handing out our car show flyers

Let me know your thoughts on this, you can email me at chairman@mgcarclub.com and give me your two cents!

Safety Fast!

Ken

KB

Reminder: 2025 Dues are Due!

Dues continue to be just \$30 which has not increased in a really long time. Considering the cost of living increases in the past few years this is a bargain! For all that \$30 you get yourself, spouse/ significant other/ family all as members, the "Spokes" club monthly newsletter, admission to monthly meetings, knowledge, assistance and comradery of fellow British car loving friends, invitation to regular cars and coffees, regular monthly events all year long, impromptu meet ups for ice-cream, beer, lunch or dinners, notice of cars, parts and other offers, my lasting admiration and thanks. **There are three ways to renew your dues!!!**

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Meeting Photos by Annabelle & Ken February 20, 2025



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RICHARD POWERS

We've received the very sad news that our friend Dick Powers passed away early this morning. Dick had a lifetime interest in sportscars and was an active and enthusiastic member of several area car clubs including the Western New York MGCC, Morgan Group, Alfa Club and Corvair Club. He raced an MGA in vintage races and was involved in a great many car-related activities. He was also a knowledgeable music lover, especially of jazz. He will be long remembered and missed by all who knew him.

Information concerning services will be available in the coming days.

Below is the address if you would like to send condolences to his wife Bethel and his daughter Rachel and family.

Annabelle



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Joe Tierno:

The best way to remember Dick is to hear in his own words his thoughts on vintage racing. His best day of racing came on his wedding anniversary, which makes this video very significant. We should all remember him for his kindness and humility and emulate those qualities as best we can.

Dick Powers interview at Watkins Glen. <https://youtu.be/1yUeypoYLO0?si=UzhSqPB00VwCn9T6>

MG Friends:

Joe got it right on Richard's Kindness and Humility. I recall the Day that Richard won the Bucher-Decker Cup in his MGA # 222. The group in the stands included Bethel and the weather was horrendous.

When Richard took the checker, I was so happy for him that I was jumping up and down in the wet Grandstands. Bethel noticed my antics and asked what was going on. I excitedly said " Richard just won the Cup. Later, Richard was very humble about his race and was quick to give credit to the other drivers for running a clean race.

It was and is our honor to call Richard & Bethel our friends!

Dave & Chari Smith
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A Delivery to the Smokies

by Don Welch



Not long after we moved to Holley, I found that we were neighbors of my old friend John - we'd become friends at Massawepie Scout Camp when we were 16. John and I and our circle of Holley friends spent many years cutting firewood, making maple syrup, building and paddling canoes, and sharing many a cold beer. Those were good times!

Several years ago John and his wife moved to the hills of western North Carolina, and John developed an interest in classic MG's (perhaps obsession is a better word!)

Last fall I learned that his son had an old MGB in his garage, which he'd scrounged in a junkyard for his father; and he was after his dad to get it out of there so he could work on his '56 Chevy project. In order to encourage family tranquility, and as an excuse to visit my old friend, and since I have a trailer which I used to haul my own classic MG home, I offered to

carry the junkyard B down to North Carolina. A trip to the foothills of the Smokies in the fall, and a visit with John, revolving around our interest in classic MG's – sounded pretty good to me!

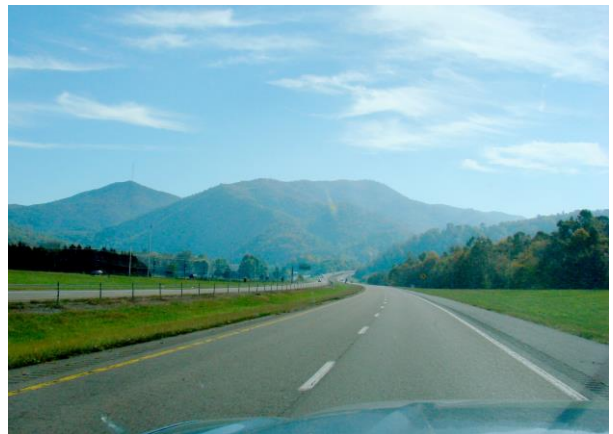


New River Gorge, W. Va.

Delivery to the Smokies, cont'd



I-77 tunnel, Bluefield, W Va.



I-26 NE Tenn. – Getting Smokier!



This must be the place!



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Delivery to the Smokies, cont'd



He let me drive his B



He has a Mini "for his wife"



John built himself an MG trailer!



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A visit to a repair-recycler of sports cars



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Delivery to the Smokies, cont'd



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History

from Alan Isselhard

Hi Don,
I have 2 old time MGCC photos I'd like to send to you for Spokes.

One photo has Dick Power, Steve Fitch (deceased, I was at his funeral), Marv Brudno (deceased) and I'm not sure of the 4th person, but someone suggested it might be Glen Lenhard who moved to Florida years ago and started a successful car repair business.

The second photo I have no idea who he is.

I'm sure I took the photos but I have no idea where or when.
Looking through old issues of Spokes should get the answers.

Please give the photo to the historian for placement in a club album. I'd suggest writing the names of the gents on the back of the photos.

Also would you kindly note "Photo by Al Isselhard in small text if the photos are published in Spokes.
Thanks.

Best regards,

Al Isselhard
Wolcott, New York



Dick Powers, Steve Fitch, Marv Brudno, (Glenn Lenhard?)



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Our 1953 MG TD

by Dan Suter



The last time I wrote an article about our MG TD was I believe for the November, 2004 Spokes! At that time, my parents were still living in Florida and the car had been here in storage until I got it out and running again. Dad and Mom decided that it was not going to be practical to ever move it to Florida, so my Dad signed it over to me, and this long-time family friend was now mine.

This little 1250cc MG (#26830, a fairly late example in the run of TDs) has been a part of our family since my Dad bought it from a U of R college student in the fall of 1967. Some of his early projects included fixing brakes and rewiring the entire car –with a JC Whitney aftermarket harness that didn't exactly match the original factory color codes for wires....

While we may not have quite the longevity in the club that the Hershells, Wilds, Langswagers, or Faust's TDs have, we have managed to rack up about 58 years and counting in the same family.

Still carrying the original engine and all major components (engine rebuilt in 1988 with key assistance from George Haynes!), it simply doesn't qualify as a show car. It came to us as, and remains, a non-original shade of midnight blue. The maintenance records are fairly complete and show amusing little things like the consistent failure of the LR axle seal like clockwork every 3 years. possibility of a bent axle shaft. It's on the list.

Such a little car carries many memories along with a few reminders of its history. It has a wonderful late 1960s Les Leston aftermarket wood-rim steering wheel that was a gift from my grandfather to my dad. I've had people come up to me at shows to say how nicely restored that steering wheel is, and I am glad to reply it has never been restored!

There is the dent on the very front of the RF fender from the time when I, as an impatient 12 year old, decided to push the car out of my grandmother's garage where we stored it winters. We had started the car for the first time in the Spring, and I wanted to get going to head home, so I pushed it out of the garage. I recall to this day the panic I felt as I realized I hadn't factored in the slope of the driveway as the car started to roll. The poor TD built up a fair amount of momentum before coming to rest on the bumper of Mom's Ford LTD wagon. There is the buckling paint along the RF fender from the 'leaking carb' years of the late 1970s and a number of minor scratches caused by mini bikes, bicycles, wagons, footballs, and who knows what else.

Probably some things I remember best include: riding in the car with my Dad, engine singing at high RPM, as he downshifted and up shifted his way through the curves on the roads near Durand Eastman park in Irondequoit; taking it on dates with Mary Ellen the summer before we went away to college; taking it on road



c. 1972 in front of the house in Irondequoit

rallies in the first year we joined the MGCC, and driving it quite a bit in the last 4-5 years before the MGA restoration was completed. Mindful of my own memories of riding in the TD to baseball practice, I used to make a point of taking my 7-year old son John to little league in the TD every chance I got. It looked a little lost in and among the SUVs and



Garage Tour, Langswager & Suter TD's 2005

minivans but I still enjoy the idea of using it as a real car. I use it to run errands around our town, and it even made the journey to Watkins Glen to watch the vintage races several times. All of us in this car club own our sports cars for a variety of reasons: we have show cars and restoration projects as hobbies in themselves, daily drivers, touring cars, autocross and vintage racers. I think this one little MGTD is going to continue to be seen cruising around on fun roads for many summers to come.

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Meeting Minutes MGCC WNY Meeting February 20, 2025

By Dan Suter, Secretary

Chairman Ken Barlow opened our February meeting with a call to order at 7:35 PM. We had 29 members and one guest in attendance.

New Members and Guests:

There were no new members or guests at this meeting. I did not capture any birthdays but we did have an anniversary – Erin and Justin are celebrating their 21st anniversary.

Meeting minutes from January were motioned and approved with no changes.

Treasurer and Membership Report: Treasurer Todd Black was absent this month and we did not have a Treasury and Membership report. Ken noted that dues for 2025 are now due and can be accepted via PayPal (best method), checks, or cash.

Activities Report –Dave Kray gave the Activities report:

Past Events:

- None reported this month.

Upcoming Events:

- March 23rd will be our valve cover races event. George and Peggi Heissenberger are coordinating. It will be from 1-4PM.
- There is early discussion about having Swing Into Spring in late April. Stay tuned.
- We are planning on having ‘dedicated cruise nights’ where the club chooses a variety of cruise nights to attend; the Canandaigua International Car Show will be May 17 this year
- NAMGAR will be holding GT-50 in Traverse City, MI June 2-6; MG2025 will be held at Crystal Lake near Chicago.
- MG102 will be held by the Canadian groups in Western Ontario in August. Our club will likely have a group going.

Regalia Joe Bellizia gave a regalia report. Joe discussed new shirt orders in several materials, new hat orders in multiple colors. Also Joe is coordinating a club purchase of MGA 70th anniversary badges and pins from the MGCC UK. Lastly, Joe gave an update on new choices for tumblers at competitive prices.

Spokes – Don Welch was absent so we did not have an update regarding Spokes. Deadline for articles and photos is always one week from Friday following the meeting.

Watkins Glen: Dave Wild was absent so no Festival update. Ken Barlow confirmed that 2025 Seneca Lodge reservations for the club allotment of rooms is basically full. Please contact Ken to be added to a waiting list. The normal schedule (SVRA and downtown festival after Labor Day) will resume for 2025.

Librarian: Paul Osborne indicated he has no report this month.

Website and Car Show: Webmaster Leon Zak shared that he has opened registration for our 2025 car show and we have some early registrations already. July 13 is our 2025 Car Show date! The color maroon won the show T-shirt poll. Joe B requested that we look at separating the Midgets and Sprites into two classes. Your scribe agreed to look at registrations and report back. There was also a discussion about whether last year’s class winners should be ineligible to win their class again this year. We will look into recent winners by class and report back on this as well.

Old Business: Chairman Ken reported back that from the poll regarding a Time-Speed-Distance rally that 12 are interested. Ken noted that there are several apps that can be used to plan a route and also serve as digital checkpoints, making volunteer checkpoint stations unnecessary. More to follow.

Health updates were provided for several members:

- Mike Ruisi shared with Ken that he has been diagnosed with a serious illness
- Dave Chase – an update was provided on Dave as he continues in physical therapy rehab.
- Dick Powers – an update was provided but please note Dick passed away on Feb 24.

New Business: Ken discussed our renewal of affiliation with NAMGBR (North American MGB Register). To provide insurance coverage and chapter designation, NAMGBR needs us to have a minimum of 8 members—it turns out we have at least 14.

Other Announcements: none.

Cars and Parts for Sale:

- Dan Young has (8) 15” wire wheels for sale—most 48-spoke and a couple of 60-spoke.
- Bob Welch asked about availability of a Rostyle wheel paint mask. John Leible shared that he has one but ended up individually masking his wheels for an improved quality paint job.

Member Projects:

- Bob Welch shared an update on his 1972 BGT is being repainted in New Racing Green at EM Motors.
- Dan Suter gave a brief update on the front suspension for the 1964 Elva Courier fastback—the suspension parts are all gathered and the suspension is nearly ready to assemble.
- Dave Kray gave an update on his 1980 MGB LE project. The front suspension is done, the engine is out to enable him to paint the engine bay, and he is working on the OD gearbox.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was closed at about 8:27 PM.

Attendance MGCC Meeting January 16, 2025

Naomi Wadsworth
Dan Young
Justin Foster
Erin Foster
Al Costich
John Thompson
Dan Suter
Hollis Hames
Ted Hershey
Paul Osborne

Dave Kray
Allyn Wagner
John Leible
Deb Leible
Dennis Illig
Robin Illig
Janet LiMuti
Klint LiMuti
Annabelle Tescione
Frank DeMarzo

Joe Bellizia
John O’Malley
Barbara Zak
Leon Zak
Michael Goodwin
Susan Goodwin
John Eberhardt
Bob Welch
Ken Barlow

New Members and Guests:
None this month

Events Report for February, 2025

• March

- **Valve Cover Races / Wine and Cheese Party** – Sunday March 23th, Noon – 4:00, Bushmen Cabin.
- Bring hours d'oeuvres, appetizers or desserts to pass, your own wine, beer or beverage of choice and your own place setting. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided.
- Get your Valve Cover Racers ready or maybe build a new one! Valve Cover Racing is as much fun to watch as it is to race! Come out and join the fun!
- Details are listed in the “Events” section of the web site.

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

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Mark Brogan
Steve & Valerie Churchill
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John Eberhardt & Lynne
Steve Filreis
Justin & Erin Foster
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Bryan & Julie Henry

Dave & Mary Humphrey
Jason Murphy & Kelly Pawlak
John O'Malley
Alana & Trevor Roberts
Jamie & Erica Suter (Dan's brother)
Walter Genter-(former member that rejoined)
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The Course: The course shall consist of a launch incline 8 feet long, followed by a level run of 20 feet. Two lanes shall divide the launch incline, each 2 feet wide. The incline shall be 2 feet high at the rear-most part and level with the course at the front edge. The front edge shall be mitered to provide a smooth transition from the incline to the run-out area. The official "Starting Line" shall be 2 feet from the rear edge of the incline. A mechanized starting gate, which is 2 inches high, shall be provided. The Runout section of the course shall consist of 2 lanes, each 3 feet wide. The lanes shall be clearly marked. The finish line shall be marked 20 feet from the front edge of the launch incline.

The Races: Cars will run in heats of 2 cars each. The cars are to be launched with their front wheels on the starting line. If your car design does not allow for this, it is at a disadvantage. The first car to have its front wheels cross the finish line is the winner. If neither car reaches the finish line, the car going further within its lane wins. If the wheels of a car should touch or cross over a lane marker, the car shall be disqualified. The competing car immediately becomes the winner. The winner of the round is the first car to win 2 races. Lanes are alternated between races. Winning cars will advance to the next round until all are eliminated but 1 car. Scoring is double elimination to the finals. A car is eliminated after losing 2 rounds.



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Don,

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Thanks,
Rob Lillis

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The MG Car Clubs from Ottawa and Toronto invite you to

MG102Fest.

Join us for a weekend of fun and camaraderie in beautiful Muskoka.

Muskoka is located in Central Ontario.

This weekend gathering of MGs is open to all enthusiasts.

We would love to see you there!

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Tailgate Pizza Party

Group Scenic Tour

MG Car Show

Pub & Trivia Night

Register at tinyurl.com/mg102fest

AUGUST 22 - 24, 2025





Chicagoland MG Club
On the Road Since 1976



MG2025 is supported by, the Chicagoland MG Club. This is a multi-day celebration of all things MG and a gathering of MG enthusiasts from around the globe.

The MG2025 annual convention is being hosted in **Crystal Lake, Illinois from July 28th to 31st 2025**

Monday, July 28: Welcome and first-timers' reception—it is going to be a blast!

On **Tuesday**, the fun continues with more registration, silent auctions, all-day tech sessions, and some unforgettable activities. Highlights include:

- **Sanfilippo Estate:** A 44,000-square-foot wonderland of restored musical instruments and antiques.
- **Volo Auto Museum:** Classic cars, movie vehicles, and nostalgia galore—it is like stepping into automotive heaven.
- **Anderson Japanese Gardens:** Serenity meets beauty in this tranquil, waterfall-laden paradise.
- **Illinois Railway Museum:** Steam engines, diesels, and streetcars—railway fans, rejoice!
- **Chicago Architecture Boat Tour:** Stunning views and riveting stories of Chicago's skyline from the river.
- **Pizza-Making Session:** Get your hands doughy and learn to toss like a pro—you will leave with more than just memories (and a marinara stain or two).
- **Drive-In Movie Night:** Grab your popcorn, roll down the windows, and enjoy a classic flick under the stars, car speakers optional but encouraged.
- **Car Show:** Show off your ride or marvel at others—there is no better way to celebrate our shared love for these iconic vehicles.

Not feeling those? No worries—take a scenic drive to charming towns like St. Charles, Geneva, or Woodstock for strolling, shopping, and some top-notch lunching. There is truly something for everyone! So, what are you waiting for? Register now because this event is HOT.

QUESTIONS? email to: info@mg2025.org

<https://mg2025.regfox.com/register>

TECH SESSION SPEAKERS

Steve Skegg Hall of Shame – Tales from the Fix-it Garage

10:00AM – Wednesday

Mark Huff H Series SU Carbs

9:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00 Tuesday -and-

9:30-10:30 & 11:00-12:00 Wednesday

John Twist Speed Tuning

3:00 – 4:00 Tuesday

John Twist John's ROLLING TECH SESSION

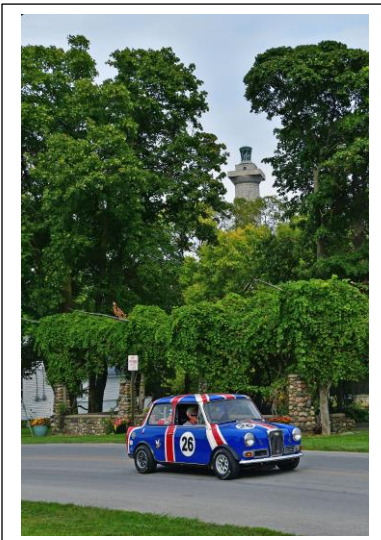
9:30 – 2:00 Wednesday

Registration for 2025 Put-In-Bay Sports Car Races is Now Open!
Event to Feature Elva 70th Reunion and Austin Mini



Put-in-Bay, OH – January 1, 2025 -- Organizers of the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2025 event. Registration materials can be found at the event's official website: www.pibroadrace.com. "Featured marques" for the 2025 Put-in-Bay races (September 16-18) have a decidedly British accent:

- The event will be the host of the 70th anniversary of **Elva** which was founded in the U.K. in 1955. The Elva brand was a consistent winner at the original Put-in-Bay Road Races in the 1950s.
- **Austin Mini** (and its various derivatives) will take on "Spridgets" (Austin Healey Sprites and MG Midgets) in the "Mini-vs.-Spridget Challenge."



For those not familiar with the Put-in-Bay it unique:

- Today's annual **Put-in-Bay Vintage** from a modest 2009 "reunion" event Road Races participants came for a their stories. A couple of annual "reunions" later and small-bore vintage sports car racing was revived on the island, and events have been running annually (except the 2020 COVID year) ever since.
- Today's event is renowned for its relaxed atmosphere and its "competitive but respectful" vintage race environment – much like it was back in the 1950s. It takes place on Ohio's South Bass Island, a 20 minute ferry ride via the Miller Ferry which operates out of Catawba Island (near Port Clinton, Ohio). www.millerferry.com
- Vintage racing takes place at the Put-in-Bay Airport whose runway and taxiways provide a challenging and competitive 1.2-mile hay bale lined course that rewards precise braking and nimble handling. It's a pristinely maintained surface that offers good grip, numerous passing opportunities and varieties of racing lines. Fun to drive as well as watch!
- **Race entry options** are available for qualified under 3-liter vintage sports cars, sedans and open-wheel cars primarily built prior to 1973. There are also race entry options for larger displacement cars (by application) and for appropriate cars produced as late as 1990 that meet vintage racing preparation rules.
- There is an **Exhibition class** which provides track time for drivers seeking a track experience without all the demands of a race setting.
- There are also **entry options for non-racing entrants** with "Heritage street cars" (street versions of the race cars) and for "Guest street cars" (later sports cars and sporty sedans).
- Rules and requirements for all the above are available at www.pibroadrace.com.
(more)
- Besides two days of racing (on September 17 & 18), there is also an all-entrants' car show, police-escorted tour-laps of the original '50s era road course, "spirited" pace-car led touring laps of the airport race-course

event, here are a few things that make

Sports Car Races event evolved where original '50s-era Put-in-Bay brief visit to see old friends and share

for the non-racing entrants, social gatherings including a wine & cheese reception at Heineman's Winery, an optional non-racers/guests luncheon, and the highly competitive and entertaining "rocker cover races" at The Goat Soup & Whiskey.

- And finally entrants and spectators are encouraged to get into the spirit of the event by wearing vintage-inspired attire, however they interpret that to be.

See www.pibroadrace.com for answers to "FAQs", further details about eligibility, and registration materials (both mail-in and online options are available).

And finally, to participate in the ongoing conversation about the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races, please join our the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races page on Facebook (easy to find).

Early registration discounts expire June 1, 2025.

For further info, contact:

Manley Ford, Event Coordinator / Media Contact -- manley776@yahoo.com / 734 502 2435

Kurt Byrnes, Web Master/Registrar/Track Wizard kdb@kbyrnes.com / 412 400 9156

Richard Hahn, Lead "PIB Island Contact"/ putinbaytr3@yahoo.com / 216 226 2323

Bob and Mary Kansa, Vintage Attire Advisors / swindrace@aol.com / 330 714 3740

Joe Teplitz, Race Director / jdteplitz@gmail.com / 646 258 4000

2025 CAR SHOW CALENDAR

Please let me know of any others, & send flyers to Spokes@MGCarClub.com

SHOW	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Cavalcade of Cars	March 22-23		Syracuse Fairgrounds
Motorama	March 28-30		Buffalo Convention Ctr.
Vintage & Classic Euro Car	May 17	11 - 5	Downtown Canandaigua
Spring Car Show & Swap	May 17	10-4	Holley Public Square
Lockport Car Show	June 7		
Camp Haccamo Car Show	June 7		Greece Ridge Mall
WNY MG Club Show	July 13		NY Museum of Trans.
Syracuse Nationals	July 18-20		Syracuse Fairgrounds
Orchard Park Show	July 26		
NAMGB MG2025	July 28-31		Crystal Lake, Ill.
MG102 Fest	Aug. 22-24		Muskoka, ON
Put-In Bay Races	Sept 17-18		Put In Bay, Ohio

How to get SAFETY FAST magazine:

Here is the process of accessing the website of the M.G. Car Club of U.K.

The website is: www.mgcc.co.uk

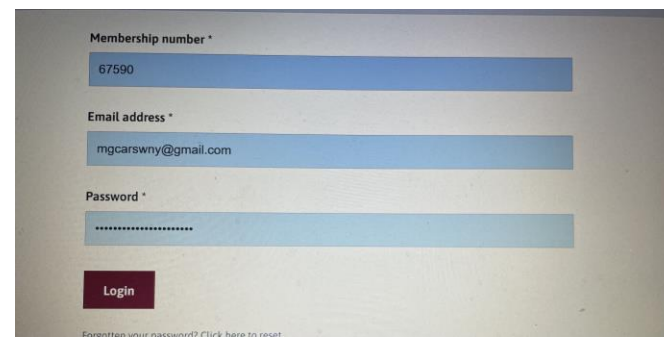
As shown in the login, the membership number and the email address are both defaulted.

(I had to create an email address for the club members to access, as it wasn't a transferable link).

The Password is: MorrisGarage1923-2023!

There is a link to the monthly edition of Safety Fast Magazine as well as much more goings on in the MG world.

If you have any questions, you can contact me. – Todd Black



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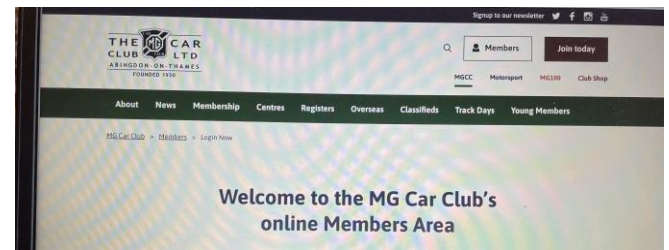
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March Anniversaries

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Happy Birthday



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

MGA 70th Anniversary Badge

The MGA was launched in 1955 meaning that next year will be the marque's 70th anniversary and to celebrate this event the MGA Register has commissioned a very special grille badge from British company Dragonfly. The badge measures 85mm X 51mm.



MGA Pin Badge
33mm wide

MGA Prices:

- **Grille badge only = £25.00 + p&p = \$31.00 US**
(Currently £2.70 – Royal Mail 2nd Class)
- **Grille badge + pin badge = £26.00 + p&p = \$32.50 US**
(Currently £2.70 Royal Mail 2nd Class)
- **Pin badge only = £3.50 + p&p \$4.40 US**
(Currently £2.00 for up to 5 Badges)

<https://www.mgcc.co.uk/mga-register/merchandise>

Regalia News Corner February 2025

2024 Car Show T-Shirts

We have some T-Shirts remaining. Pick up a backup or pick up one for a relative or fiend for only \$10. each!
Or (3) for \$25.

MANY SIZES available, even Female!



Notes: See the next Pages for what we have in stock and for what we can order!














We are now taking orders for our Original Woven Port Authority Golf Shirts (see page 3) as well as the newer Callaway Shirt!

blitz7711@gmail.com / (585-749-9263 / Joe B.
updated 10/15/24

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

Hats

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre
\$20. each Port & Co– all are embroidered

 Black	 Carolina Blue	 Hunter	 Khaki
 Light Pink	 Maroon	 Navy	 Orange
 Purple	 Red	 Royal	 Stone
 White			

Product Description

The great classic look and lightweight feel make this cap an all-around favorite.

- Fabric: 100% brushed cotton twill
- Structure: Unstructured
- Profile: Low
- Panels: 6
- Closure: Self-fabric slide closure



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. / (585-749-9263

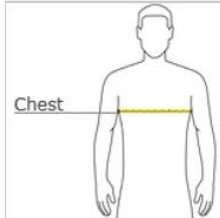
Note: This is the Logo we are had digitized to fit on the hats. It is 2" high

New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

A Original Heavier Woven Port Authority Shirts at \$25.00 embroidered

Various Colors to Choose from & Available in most Sizes

HOW TO MEASURE



CHEST WIDTH

Measure under the arm and around the fullest part of the chest with arms down, keeping tape horizontal.

SIZE CHART

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL	7XL	8XL	9XL	10XL
Chest	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57	58-60	61-63	64-66	67-69	70-72	73-75

COLOR INFORMATION

Please note: PMS code information is shown only when an exact match is available.

Banana PMS 1345C	Black PMS BLACK C	Bright Lavender PMS 2635C	Burgundy PMS 7428C	Charcoal Heather Grey PMS 7540C	Clover Green PMS 7763C	Coffee Bean PMS 476C	Cool Grey PMS 7539C	Dark Green PMS 5467C	Deep Berry PMS 7650C	Gold PMS 143C
Hibiscus PMS 2348C	Kelly Green PMS 341C	Light Blue PMS 7451C	Light Pink PMS 196C	Lime PMS 2285C	Maroon PMS 504C	Maui Blue PMS 2200C	Mediterranean Blue PMS 2118C	Navy PMS 533C	Orange PMS 172C	Purple PMS 7679C
Red PMS 187C	Royal PMS 3597C	Steel Grey PMS 7540C	Stone PMS 452 C	Strong Blue PMS 2133C	Suntlower Yellow PMS 109C	Teal Green PMS 7715C	Texas Orange PMS 7584C	Tropical Pink PMS 2452C	Turquoise PMS 3015C	Ultramarine Blue PMS 7455C

Shirt Sported by Frank DeMarzo



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- 5-ounce, 65/35 poly/cotton pique
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Machine Wash Cold With Like Colors. Do Not Bleach. Tumble Dry Low. Cool Iron, if Necessary.

If we Order at least (12) shirts we should be able to have them and embroidered delivered @ \$25. Delivered.

Put your Order in today!

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

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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

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MG Car Club of Western NY Available Regalia 2024Catalog (updated 10/15/24)

(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

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Patches, Pins & Stickers

Limited Supply – 1 left

10" Magnetic Sign \$15.00



One Left



Embroidered patches
\$3.00



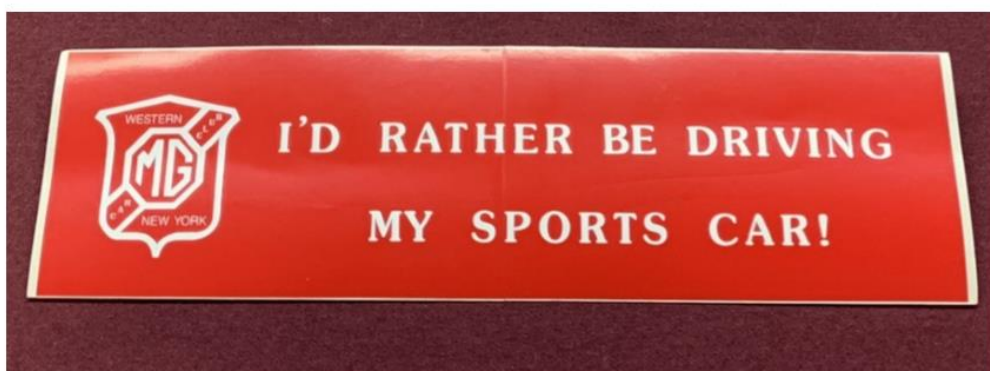
LIMITED SUPPLY
Octagon Key Ring
\$3.00



Logo w/ ribbon
\$2.00

Adhesive Stickers
\$2.00

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.

Cars and Parts For Sale

Please inform the editor when your ad should be removed

TRAILEX aluminum sports car carrier.
Weighs less than 775 lbs. (pull with minivan) 3100 lbs. capacity.
Bolted extruded anodized aluminum, no welds.
Surge brakes, no brake controller. \$1850 obo
Bob Abels, Churchville, NY 239-220-7037

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

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

Join Our Club! Use this form (if you like paper) or go on-line to www.mgcarclub.com and click on:

Join/Renew

☐ New Membership

☐ Renewal

Last Name - Primary Member *

First Name - Primary Member *

Email - Primary Member

Birth Month/Day - Primary Member

Last name - Partner

First name - Partner

Email Address

Birth Month/Day - Partner

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.

Phone 1 (member or primary) *

Phone 2 (partner or secondary)

Anniversary month/day (mm/dd)

Street Address *

City *

State *

Zip *

Put on group email list?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Omit phone/email on distribution list

☐ Yes - omit from list

☐ No - include on list

**MG Car Club Western NY Centre
Membership Application**

Annual family membership dues \$30

Make checks payable to:

MGCC of Western NY

(or use PayPal on our web site, MGCarClub.com)

Print and mail form and payment to:

Membership – MG Car Club

6 Featherstone Ct.

Pittsford, NY 14534

Reminder: 2025 Dues are Due!

Dues continue to be just \$30 which has not increased in a really long time. Considering the cost of living increases in the past few years this is a bargain! For all that \$30 you get yourself, spouse/ significant other/ family all as members, the "Spokes" club monthly newsletter, admission to monthly meetings, knowledge, assistance and comradery of fellow British car loving friends, invitation to regular cars and coffees, regular monthly events all year long, impromptu meet ups for ice-cream, beer, lunch or dinners, notice of cars, parts and other offers, my lasting admiration and thanks. (George Heissenberger)

There are three ways to renew your dues!!!

You can renew and pay \$30 online at: <https://mgcarclub.com/join/>

You can give your \$30 payment in person to Todd Black, Treasurer, or an officer, at any meeting or gathering.

You can mail your \$30 check made out to MG CAR Club to: Todd Black, Treasurer MG Car Club, 6 Featherstone Ct. Pittsford NY 14534

And Finally...



See you next month!

