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MEETINGS

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, except December, at the American Legion, 360 Middle Rd., Henrietta, NY 14467. Board meetings are normally held in odd-numbered months and are open to all members. Contact the chairman for the date, time and location of the next board meeting and to request your item to be added to the agenda.

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MG's Corner

by (who else?) MG

It's March, the month during which we change back to Daylight Savings Time; the month that brings the first day of Spring. I have read that the month is named for Mars, the Roman god of war, as this was traditionally the time of year in which to resume military campaigns that had been interrupted by winter. These days, however, especially for some suburbanites, it has become merely the month to resume the ongoing war on crabgrass and other lawn invaders.

This is the month that some of us *seasonal car drivers* get a bit itchy for springtime activities. It's generally too early to drive the roadster with the top down, probably too early to get the car out of the garage at all since it takes so long for the roads to become reasonably salt-free.



Maybe it's not too early to begin to get the car ready for another driving season. You might find me in the garage changing the MG's oil, checking the tire pressures and looking at the spark plugs (if I wasn't in Tiny House Land, away from the cold and snow!), but then again, I might just be thinking that the garage is too cold (again, if I wasn't in Tiny House Land, away from the cold and snow!).

Maybe you won't get your MG (or whatever seasonal car) out yet, but you will likely have a good time with MGCC folks at the Club's annual Steak Roast and Auction on March 22nd. If the weather's good, a few interesting cars are likely to show up with their owners. I've always endeavored to make the Steak Roast the year's inaugural event for driving the MGB, and I'd be likely to try again this year (yet once again, if I wasn't in Tiny House Land, away from the cold and snow!).

Happy March!





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Meeting Minutes MGCC Meeting February 20, 2020

By Dan Suter, Secretary

Our February meeting got underway with a call to order at 7:28PM by Ted Hershey. We had 24 members in attendance.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the January minutes. Mark Doran from the Triumph club was our guest this evening. No new members present.

<u>Treasurer Report</u>: As Leon could not attend, Ted gave a brief Treasurer's summary.

Activities: Mike Robinson shared an update and gave a brief recap of recent events and highlighted upcoming ones [Ed. Note – the Secretary has done a fine job of incorporating the Activites report in these minutes, so this month, Spokes will not include a separate Activities report]:

- **Completed: Robbie Burns Day.** Hosted by Annabelle in memory of Desi Benet.
 - There was a nice turnout of over 30 and it was a fun event.
- Completed- Wine and Cheese Tasting and Valve Cover Races. Hosted by Al and Phyllis Wagner.
 - Mike listed the winners—overall winner of the day was 5-year old Cooper D'Angelo, and noted what a nice time the 25 attendees had.

UPCOMING:

- March Pancake Breakfast Buffet, hosted by the American Legion.
 - Sunday March 15th, 9:00 AM till 12:00 Noon. \$7.50 per person. Menu will be provided
- March Steak Roast and Auction. Hosted by
 (Open)
 - Sunday March 22nd. Eyer Park in East Rochester. 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM
- **April Tune Up Clinic**. Hosted by Hollis Hames
 - Saturday April 25th, Edison Tech High School. 8:00 AM till 12:00 PM (Tentative)
- May Swing into Spring. Hosted by Dick Powers
 - Sunday May 3rd Location and times to be announced.
- May Hammondsport and Ithaca. Hosted by Jeff and Susan Kath.
 - Saturday and Sunday May 9th and 10th. Further details pending.

- June Summer Kickoff Tour Tillman's and The Cobblestone Museum. Hosted by Mike and Maggie Robinson.
 - Sunday June 7th. 9:30AM departure from the Legion, to Albion, NY for breakfast buffet at Tillman's and then on to the Cobblestone Museum.

Membership – As Paul Osborne could not attend, Ted reported that we have 76 renewals out of 137 members. If you still need to pay your 2020 dues, please send them in!

Regalia: Joe Bellizia and Mike Robinson will meet soon to complete the transfer.

<u>Spokes</u>: Editor Mike Goodwin can be reached via e-mail. Mike thanked all those who submitted for the February issue. Submissions for next month are due on Feb 27th.

Watkins Glen: Dave Wild noted Alfa Romeo will be the featured marque at the vintage race weekend and downtown festival. Dan Suter (your scribe) noted the Feb 23 deadline is approaching for club-members booking for Seneca Lodge room requests. Please e-mail Dan.

<u>Librarian</u>: Al Costich noted the library has a new book: "Go Like Hell" book about the Ford-Ferrari wars in international road racing.

Rochester Yacht Club Brunch: Dick Powers provided an update which was given by Mike Robinson. The estimated total cost per member will be about \$30. Mike noted some interest among those at the meeting and will provide this info to Dick.

Website: No report this month.

<u>Car Show</u>: Ted Hershey and Mike Robinson will serve as co-chairs of the Car Show, which will be our MGCC Centre's 50th! The Car Show is July 19 at the Rush Fire Department Field. Volunteers are needed so please support the show effort this year!

(Meeting Minutes continue on next page)

Meeting Minutes MGCC Meeting February 20, 2020

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<u>Old Business:</u> none <u>New Business</u>: none

<u>Discussions and Other Topics</u>: The North American MGA Register national meet will be in Colorado Springs, starting June 1. The MGB convention will be in Calgary this year.

<u>Member projects and trips</u>: Al Costich noted he has fabricated a new portion of the exhaust for his BGT race car.

Dan Suter discussed the upcoming Rally to Amelia tour and some success in communicating with former owners of the Elva Courier fastback.

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Door prizes were raffled and the meeting was closed at 8:04.

Meeting Attendance

February 20, 2020

Doug Scribner
Betty Langswager
Gil Langswager
Robin Allen
Chris Russell
Alan Costich
Hollis Hames
Ted Hershey
Tony Makepeace
Cheryl Baldwin

Bill Baldwin
Joe Bellizia
Mike Robinson
Maggie Robinson
Jeff Kath
Barb Wild
Dave Wild

Allyn Wagner Bob Welch

Annabelle Tescione

Frank Stepanik Dan Suter Rob Shrader Al Fink

Larry Willoughby

Guest: Mark Dolan of the

Triumph club



Valve Cover Racing and Wine & Cheese Tasting

February 16, 2020 – Bushman Cabin, Veterans Memorial Park, Henrietta By Allyn Wagner, Race Director

It may have rained on the Daytona 500 this year but it was warm and dry at Bushman cabin for our annual Valve Cover Races. Eleven intrepid

drivers showed up with their cars to race for a coveted gold first place trophy. The track was smoother than last year but that didn't stop the occasional on track collision and a couple of cars that came to a complete stop on course. Some adjustments

<u>Front</u>: Cooper D'Angelo, <u>Rear (L to R):</u> Chad D'Angelo, Mike Harrison, Bill Baldwin, Betty Langswager, Hollis Hames

Fan favorite Cooper D'Angelo performed a come from behind win over the other small bore cars and also won a special award for the "Fan

Favorite" award, a bit of a special birthday gift for her.

The big bore class was filled with the typical bantering among the senior drivers. After some mid race adjustments. Bill Baldwin eventually eked out a win with the fastest car.

were made but it looks like the need for some redesign before the next race.



Submitted by Allyn Wagner, Race Director



<u>2020's Big Winner – Cooper D'Angelo</u> (photo by Allyn Wagner)

Small Bore

1st Place: Cooper D'Angelo2nd Place: Chad D'Angelo3rd Place: Betty Langswager

Big Bore

1st Place: Bill Baldwin
2nd Place: Mike Harrison
3rd Place: Hollis Hames

Runoff winner between Big and Small Bore Cooper D'Angelo

<u>Fan Favorite Car Winner</u> Cooper D'Angelo



Sunshine Page



March Birthdays

Bill DeVos 5 **Richard Powers** 8 Kristi Briggs 9 Janey Wagner 10 Al Fink 11 Lane Boughton 13 Mike Harrison Terry Welch 14 15 John Feligno 15 Vincent Monaco 17 **Dave Chase** 20 **Bruce Austin** 20 Robert Keppeler 22 Laurie Scribner 23 Kathy Boughton 25 Lawrence DiGiovanni 27 Susan Kath 31 Sue Harrison

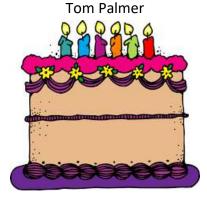
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March Anniversaries

9	Jim & Dawn Priestley
14	John & Laura Feligno
17	Elton & Patti Schulz



Congratulations!



Happy Birthday, everyone!



Bring items to be auctioned. (We like car stuff, especially!)

Bring your own place setting, appetite and a dish to pass.

Steaks will be grilled to your liking by John "Grillmeister" Baum.

Sign up at the meeting or by contacting Mike Robinson.









A Trip to Naples, Naples Florida That Is

By Dick Powers

Every few years, Bethel and I get to Naples Florida in January for some sun, great food, a visit with **Georgean and Bob Abels** and Cars. Yes, Cars. This year was no exception and the warmth of Naples was a welcome change from the Rochester cold and snow. Even the food at the restaurants we like in the Old Town area of Naples and on Sanibel Island seemed better. But the best time we have is when we go to dinner with MGCC members, Georgean and Bob Abels, who have a winter home there.

This year, they selected a British pub called the



Georgean and Bob Abels and Bethel Powers at the British Onen Puh near Nanles. FI.

"British Open". I know we have Brit and Irish pubs here, but the British Open is *Royalty* by comparison. It's a place with great food and for having fun with great friends.



Bob and Georgean, Bethel and Dick

And yes, I did mention Cars. Naples, Florida is the home of the Miles Collier Collections, now managed by the Revs Institute. It's possibly the largest and best-displayed collection of sports and race cars in America and one of the top collections in the world. Naples, Florida is in Collier County, an area developed by the Collier family many years ago and named for Baron Collier in 1923. That's the same family the All MG Collier Cup race at the Glen Vintage is named for.



The Collier/Revs Collection is housed in a specially designed three-story building. There are "airlocks" at the entrances and the HVAC system is so good, they never have to dust the cars!



This collection and building are not new. The late Bob Philip told me about it 40 years ago and our first visit was in the 1980s. Not long after that, it was closed to

the public. (article continues next page)

A Trip to Naples, Naples Florida That Is (continued from previous page)

In the late 90s, when it was closed, a few of us, who were Collier Cup awardees, could get private tours. Not anymore as all have to pay to see the collection that's on multi levels and has an entire wing devoted to Porsche.



a view of the Porsche wing



1971 Porsche 917-019

There are also many British, Italian and American cars on display. They include a K-3 MG and the famous specially bodied MG PA/PB "Leonidis" that you may have seen at the Glen during some of the vintage race weekends. There's also a nice collection of Bentleys and Jags as well as some lovely Alfas, including a Sprint like mine, and a priceless 8C 2900B similar to the Alfa that won the first Watkins Glen Grand Prix in 1948.





1934 MG K3 Magnette – front and side views



1950 Cadillac that was raced by Miles and Sam Collier to a 10th place overall finish at LeMans

They also have a very stock looking 1950 Cadillac that raced at LeMans, finishing 10^{th} over all. Along with the many special road cars, there are many cars designed just for racing. (article continues next page)

These include a fabulous 1939 Mercedes W-154 GP car, a BRM GP car, Gurney Eagle, Scarab, Ford GT 40, a Ferrari 250 LM and numerous Briggs Cunningham racers that won at places like Sebring and the Glen. There's also a Made In Rochester 1920 Cunningham V3 Speedster that in its day, had the largest V-8 of any American car and set three world speed records. All this from a Rochester company that usually made luxury cars for the ultra rich and hearses! By the way, all the cars run, except the all-original 1961 Maserati "Birdcage", and are driven on the road or track. I know this is true, because as I was leaving, one of their Bentleys passed me at speed.



"...one of their Bentleys passed me..."

The Revs institute also has a full research library as well as a complete restoration/maintenance shop.

I've just scratched the surface of all they have, but if you haven't been there, it's a must see if you are near Naples or just traveling through Florida.

The collection is only open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10AM-4PM. They suggest it will take



1.5-2 hours to see the collection and if you'd like, they also have knowledgeable docents that lead tours. You can check them out online for tickets or a virtual tour or call (239) 687-7387. The Collier/Revs collection is located at 2500 Horseshoe Dr. South, in Naples, Florida.

I've been there six times and always enjoy being around those lovely cars.

[Ed. note: see more of the collection on the following page.]





Racing World Mourns Passing of Peter Argetsinger, IMRRC Leader, Champion Racer, Driving Coach - International Motor Racing Research Center

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (Feb. 11, 2020) – Peter O. Argetsinger, a member of the International Motor Racing Research Center's Governing Council and an international racing champion and respected driving coach, is being remembered across the industry for his talents and joy in the sport.

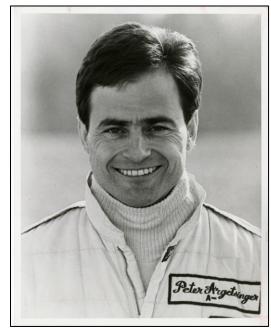
Argetsinger died Thursday, Feb. 6, at his home in Watkins Glen after a fight against cancer. He was 69.

As the son of Jean and Cameron Argetsinger, who was the founder and organizer of the first races in Watkins Glen, motorsport was an important part of his life from early on. Maintaining a home in Watkins Glen, as well as Sebring, Fla., Argetsinger was involved with the IMRRC since it opened. He joined the Governing Council in 2018.

"Peter was an incredible racer and beloved racing instructor, but most importantly he was a good friend," John Saunders, senior advisor at NASCAR and chairman of the IMRRC Governing Council, said. "The world of motorsports is richer for his dedication to developing young talent and growing the sport's future. Pete will always be considered family to the International Motor Racing Research Center, an organization to which he devoted much wisdom and guidance."

Watkins Glen International President Michael Printup, also a member of the IMRRC's Governing Council, noted Argetsinger's dedication to the sport and Watkins Glen.

"Peter was an important part in carrying on the legacy and tradition that his father, Cameron, and family started here in Watkins Glen," Printup said. "He will be remembered for his passion for auto racing and his continued desire to make this community a worldwide staple as an international racing destination."



Peter Argetsinger in 1980, the year he won the British Kentagon Formula Ford Championship. Photo from the Randy Barnett Collection/IMRRC

"I met Peter this past summer in between his coaching sessions at Watkins Glen International. It was a real pleasure to meet him," said Dan DeRusha, who was appointed IMRRC executive director last June. "Peter was a constant advocate of the Center, sharing our mission with other racers and carrying on the legacy of Cameron and Jean, who was one of the driving forces behind the creation of the IMRRC."

Argetsinger pursued a 47-year career as a professional road racing driver until his health failed last fall. He was a member of the Road Racing Drivers Club and had successes on the world's major courses, initially in Europe and then in the U.S. and South America.

Watkins Glen International was naturally on the list of tracks at which he raced, and in 2011 Argetsinger was inducted into the Watkins Glen Drivers Walk of Fame, a project of the IMRRC. He was introduced by his brother Michael Argetsinger, an award-winning motorsports author. Michael died in 2015.

Argetsinger was named German Rookie of the Year Formula Ford 1974 and set the series' fastest lap at the famous Hockenheimring, helping his Team Royale clinch the European FF Title. After moving to England, he captured the 1980 British Formula Ford Championship and was voted British Driver of the Year. Competition in Formula Three, sports cars, sedans, as well as IMSA and Daytona prototypes, followed.

Argetsinger coached many successful professional drivers at the start of their careers, including 1996 Formula One World Champion Damon Hill, Indy 500 winners Juan Pablo Montoya, Ryan Hunter-Reay and Alexander Rossi and others including James Hinchcliffe, Graham Rahal and Gabby Chaves.

Additionally, he instructed at the Skip Barber racing school, tutored private clients and was chief instructor of the Formula BMW young drivers' series in the U.S. and in Europe. The U.S. State Department's Anti-Terrorist Division also used his talents.

Up until his final days, he was sought after for the 2020 season as a driver and coach, family members said.

Argetsinger is survived by Sjoukje Schipstra, his beloved wife of 45 years, and his children Kimberley Argetsinger of New York City and J.C.G. Argetsinger of Los Angeles.



IMRRC 2020 Focus: Women in Motorsports

(from THE LOGBOOK - News from the International Motor Racing Research Center)



The IMRRC (International Motor Racing Research Center, at Watkins Glen, New York) will celebrate the contributions of women in motorsports behind the wheel and behind the scenes in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of American women's suffrage. The project explores the experiences of pioneering and current women drivers as well as the role women have played in organizing races, overseeing timing and scoring, managing race tracks, owning teams, improving safety, and designing and engineering racecars.

Exhibitions: The primary exhibition will be at the Research Center, with smaller complementary displays in other venues in Watkins Glen.

Lecture Series: The theme of women in racing will also be reflected in IMRRC's regular lecture series, "<u>Center Conversations</u>," with free public programs featuring prominent women in the industry in May and October. Dates will be announced soon.

Community Collaboration: Journalist and motorsports photographer Kathie Meredith's work will be on display at the <u>Arnot Museum</u> in Elmira, NY from March 24 through June 27.

Kathie Meredith

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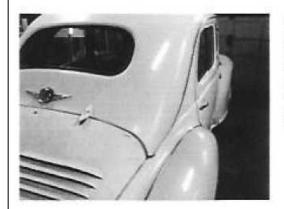
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For Sale: 4 MGA 15" wire wheels, the wheels are powder coated the correct warm silver and still in good shape. Three of the wire wheels are mounted on Kuhmo 16580R15 tires that have tread left. One wheel is mounted on a Michelin XZX 16515R tire. The matching Kuhmo tire is available. Asking \$40.00 for each wheel/tire combination. Price Reduced to 20.00 for each wire wheel/tire combination.

Please contact Jeff Langswager:

cell: 585 727 7129 or mgamaniac@gmail.com.

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 ts seats and front bumper. Inexpensive starter project for \$1000.

Call George at 585-872-6536

For Sale: 1952 MGTD, it does run repainted white; Estate of past member Charlie Elam.

Call Doug Elam at 319-654-4007

If unable to reach Doug, call Charlies's wife Norma at 585-346-5044

For Sale: Miscellaneous XPAG engine parts and 2 hub caps for MGTD. Intake and Exhaust manifolds. Both cleaned and painted. - \$20

Starter motor. Working but could use a rebuild. Moss Motors gets a \$200 core charge for a new motor. - \$100

Hub caps are original/not replacement. - \$30 Contact allyn@mgcarclub.com 585-924-5251

For Sale: 1973 MGBGT

Solid car with overdrive. In storage for 20+ years

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For Sale: 1967 MGB GT. Overhauled engine and body. 4-year old restoration. Runs better than new. Headliner is all that's left to repair. Dennis Gaebel.com"

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them

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or 1-315-408-1836

For Sale: Special frame designed for all MGB components. This frame was originally designed for the TF 1800 that was made in Farmington. All MGB mechanical components fit the frame and I was going to make a "Special" with all the extra MGB parts I have and fabricate a Lotus 7 type body around it. Asking \$150.

Contact Dick Powers: mgahmogca@rpa.net or at 585-410-4500.

For Sale: Completely restored 1973 MGB Tourer. Black Tulip exterior with light grey interior and top. This MG has a Borg-Warner automatic transmission like the factory produced in the 1972-1974 period.

Call Bill Rampe at 330-1661 or wmrampe@yahoo.com

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

For Sale 1979 MGB convertible, British Racing Green, 4cyl/4speed. New tires and brakes last season. Runs good an drives good. Solid, tight car.

Asking \$6,500 or Best Offer. I have owned it for 17 years and live 1/2 mile from British Auto so they took good care of it. 120,000 miles. I can be reached at kester05@aol.com or 585.784.0072.

and live in West Walworth, Macedon NY

For Sale: 1962 MGA 1600 Mark II This car is in very good condition located in VA.. Verona Red with tan top and interior, no rust, original 1622 motor, good tires, mechanically sound. Asking \$25K.

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January 16 - Meeting 26 - Robbie Burns Day	February 16 - Wine & Cheese and Valve Cover Races 20 - Meeting	March 3 - What if Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day 15 - Pancake Bkfst. 19 - Meeting 22 - Steak Roast and Auction 26 - Board Mtg.	April 11 - AYCE Pancakes @ Cartwright's 16 - Meeting 25 - Tune-up Clinic
May 3 – Swing Into Spring 9 – Hammondsport Tour 10 – Garage Tour 14 – Board Mtg. 21 - Meeting	June 7 – Summer Cruise 14 – Euro Car Day, Williamsville 18 - Meeting	July 9 - Board Mtg. 16 - Meeting 19 - MGCC Sports Car Festival	August 16 – American Legion Car Show and Chicken BBQ 20 - Meeting 23 – UK Car Day at Genesee Valley Pk.
September 3 – Board Mtg. 11 – 13 Grand Prix Festival and Racing at Watkins Glen 17 - Meeting	October 15 - Meeting 24 – Fall Foliage Tour	November 12 – Board Mtg. 15 – Garage Tour 19 - Meeting	<u>December</u> T.B.A. – Holiday Party