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<u>Cover</u>: Halloween Rally – 2007 Photos from our website photo archives (Remember the good old days?)

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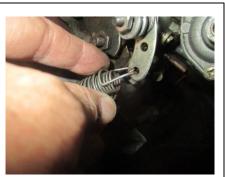
An engraved nameplate is added to the plaque in recognition of donations of \$30.00 or more (engraving fee is \$5.00). This plaque, created by Paul Heaney, is installed in the Monroe Community College Automotive Technology Department. A nameplate can be purchased in the name of the donor for a friend, or as a memorial. There is no requirement that donors of those honored through donations be members of the MG Car Club. If you wish to purchase a nameplate, send a check payable to MG Car Club to:

Frank Stepanik 13 Fiora Drive Fairport, NY 14450 Please indicate exactly how the name should appear on the plaque.

### MG's Corner <u>By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin</u>

You may recall last month I wrote a bit about a car repair I had been putting off – the dreaded leaky

rear main seal. I knew for over a year the job had to be done, but until Susan and I had to stay within our property lines for a two week quarantine, there always seemed to be something better to do.



"10. Removed throttle return spring (picture #3). This is actually..."

Well, I finally had at it. I made some extra space in the garage, checked my supply of

degreaser, set up a temorary tool table/workbench, and Leon dropped off his engine hoist. I got out the Haynes manual, set up a clipboard to make notes, did my best to think up ten or twenty other preliminaries (so I could *constructively* procrastinate just a bit longer), then finally jumped in. I think that once I had the battery disconnected, the bonnet removed, and the oil and the coolant drained, I was finally commited enough to see the job through.

I've done this once before, in May 2008 (more than 12 years but merely 45,000 miles ago). I didn't have to dig into the manual much this time, but I DID take lots of digital picture along the way, just in case I didn't know which way around a particular fitting went, or if I wanted to remember which wire was connected to which sensor on the overdrive, for example.

I made numerous entries on my step-by-step notes on my clipboard, such as:

# Removed throttle return spring (picture #3). This is actually 2 springs, inner and outer.

Such notes and pictures helped me make sure that during reassembly, I didn't leave out any important parts. After all, they're ALL important or they wouldn't be there! While it might not be too bad to find something like a throttle return spring lying on the table when you thought the job was done, finding this next part when you thought the job was done would be cause to scream and swear loudly.

# 62. Un-bent tabs on rear main seal retainer, removed retainer. See picture #26.

Can you imagine finding the seal retainer lying on the bench after the engine and gearbox were reassembled and installed back in the car? Well, call me obsessive if you wish, but that's the reason I wrote out 78 numbered notes to go with my 29 pictures. It was fairly easy to check step-by-step backwards through the instructions from time to time during the reassemby to make sure I hadn't skipped anything. I just drew a yellow-highlighter through each step to indicate



"62. Un-bent tabs on rear main seal retainer.... See picture #26...

that step's action had been reversed.

The job is now done. It took a bit longer than my quarantine, but along with the essential replacement of the oil seal, I replaced the

painted the

engine. It's

prettier and

the car is 80

vears old, it'll

look like new

Hope you enjoy

this month's

again.

cleaner under the

bonnet now. If I

keep on it at this rate, by the time

clutch, pressure plate and throw-out bearing, installed a new clutch slave cylinder (the old one was leaky) a new alternator (the old one had some screamy-squealy bearings), and scrubbed and



"56. Scrubbing. Loks like engine might've been orange then black. Needs repainting."

issue. It's a tad slim, but such are the times. Hope to see you at the Fall Tour (see page 9).

"Safety Fast!" 🍦 мд

The idea for Car Nuts started one evening in 2010 with Annabelle & Bob Tescione.

A large group of car enthusiasts met one night after a cruise night in Fairport. It was a nice, balmy evening, pretty blue sky, on the edge of the canal. We usually went to dinner over to Riki's restaurant. That night about 12 of us went over for dinner. That was fun but a little crowded in their little back room. The following month we all met again on cruise night. The weather was perfect again and more crowded at Riki's, about 22 of us that night. Some of our group had to eat in the restaurant part of Riki's. We didn't all like to be separated, so Bob & Annabelle got talking and went looking for a bigger restaurant for all of us.

Someone recommended Bay Front Restaurant. Bob & Annabelle went down to investigate. The Bay Front people said they could accommodate our group, but it was too far away for after cruise night. So, Annabelle & Bob thought how about breakfast on a Thursday morning? Say the second Thursday of every month. No more Riki's. Hello, Bay Front! We always had a good turnout. Word spread, now we were up to 25-35 every month. They named us the "Car Nuts". Our two waitresses were fantastic. Our cups of coffee were on the tables before we got our coats off. We got our breakfast orders with quick service, made just the way we like it. They soon had us all spoiled. Our cups were always kept filled, hot & delicious. A great way to start the weekend. A great place to eat. And great waitresses. We love you and we love Bay Front Restaurant.

We want to thank Annabelle again for getting Bay Front to invite our group to their restaurant. It is a great place to meet all kinds of car nuts. You don't have to belong to any car club. Whether we are guys or gals, we all speak the same language; "Keep the pedal to the metal, your car right side up, the wind in your hair, etc." So all you car nuts, wherever you are, come join us at Bay Front, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday morning of every month any time 9:30 to 10:00.

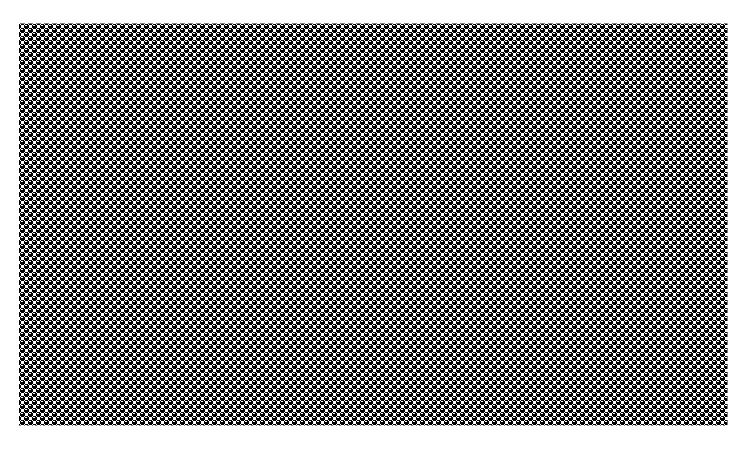
Just us Car Nuts

So here we are, ten years later. Still at Bay Front, happy and still eating a great breakfast! It's still us "Car Nuts".



### Meeting Minutes for MGCC Meeting September 20, 2020 are missing

because the meeting was cancelled.





### Seneca Lodge 2021

Update provided by Dan Suter

I'm pleased to report that the manager at Seneca Lodge has confirmed that our MGCC WNY will get our full allotment of 17 rooms for the 2021 Vintage Racing weekend. I drove down on Friday Sept 11 and stopped in the office to talk with them about this.

Our club did end up with two reservations for this year, despite all the vintage events being cancelled. A red TR6 that is at Seneca Lodge every year was there. Additionally, there was a beautiful red PA-registered TR4 with chrome wire wheels, a silver/red Caterham, a JPS Lotus Esprit, and my black MGA. I'd say they were at about  $\sim 1/3$  capacity this weekend.

Attached are a couple of pictures. [Editor's Note: Well, at least he included ONE photo – I guess he has a favorite. Dan – maybe you can send the rest for next month's issue?]

We will start accepting room reservations for 2021 in January.

Dan DS









Photo by Richard Powers

### The 2020 Fall Tour is a GO!

(from Mike Robinson, Activities Director)

The date is Sunday October 11th, (rain date Sunday October 18) and it will start at the Tops Market Parking lot on US Route 20 in Avon NY. We will have a quick drivers meeting at 11:45 AM to review a few portions of the route, then we will depart at 12:00 noon sharp. Try to be at Tops no later than 11:30.

### Google Maps Link - Tops Market, Avon NY

There is a link to the directions for you to download on the <u>Event Calendar</u>. I will also have printed directions available at the starting point.

From there we will travel all side and secondary roads for a total of 53 miles, with the tour ending near Noble Sheppard in Bristol. The roads have been selected to be nice to our older cars, so let's see those T Series and A series come out to play! Just be aware there are several steep hills that we will be ascending and descending, so make sure your brakes are in good order.

There is an optional meet-up after at Noble Sheppard, which is not part of the official club tour, following <u>mask requirements and social distancing as outlined by the State of NY</u>, or you may simply head home after.

Because of Covid planning difficulties, there is no lunch involved; this is a show and go event. In other words, an exact head count is not important, however if you could drop me a note to say you are going, it'll give me an idea of how many directions to print.



# Sunshine Page



### **October Birthdays**

| 1  | Eileen Makepeace     |
|----|----------------------|
| 3  | David Jack           |
| 4  | Patricia Giambra     |
| 10 | Dick Rzepkowski      |
| 11 | Doreena Hames        |
| 11 | Jim Priestley        |
| 16 | Sue DeVos            |
| 17 | David Leete          |
| 17 | Donald Sweeney       |
| 22 | George Heissenberger |
| 22 | Mary Sweeney         |
| 30 | Suzanne Keppeler     |
|    |                      |

### **October Anniversaries**

| 10 | Barb & Dave Wild        |
|----|-------------------------|
| 14 | Gail & Scott Schipper   |
| 18 | Penny & Ken Heusler     |
| 22 | Eileen & Chris Williams |



**Congratulations!** 



Happy Birthday, everyone!

(If you think you've been mistakenly left off of either list above, check to see if you've paid your dues. If you <u>still</u> think it's a mistake, send a note to the editor at <u>spokes@mgcarclub.com</u>.)

| official Repo | Some of                                | the Current Items Available     |                      |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 10            |  | 50th Anniversary Badge          | \$20.00              |
|               | (Arra)                                 | 50th Anniversary Pin            | \$3.00               |
|               | estern NY                              | 51st Anniversary sticker        | \$1.50               |
| Me Me         | Car Club's                             | MG Stickers Black / Silver      | \$1.50               |
| SUCE SUCE     | IS CAP & AUTO                          | Sticker - front adhesive        | \$1.50               |
|               | 2019                                   | MGCC Mug                        | \$5.00               |
|               |  | Car Badge                       | \$20.00              |
|               |  | Badge Clip                      | \$5.00               |
| Sun           | day July 2151                          | Patch Embroidered               | \$2.50               |
| 2000          | 00000000000000000000000000000000000000 | Key Fob, large Leather          | \$4.00               |
|               |  | Pin, Cloisonne                  | \$3.00               |
|               |  | Dash Plaque - Last years 2019   | \$3.00               |
|               |  | Dash Plaque - 40th Ann          | \$2.00               |
|               | TAN I                                  | Sign Magnetic 10"               | <mark>\$15.00</mark> |
|               |  | Bumper Sticker                  | \$1.00               |
|               |  | Club Name Badge (to be ordered) | \$20.00              |

Joe Bellizia has been working behind the scenes (where else does anyone work these days?) to put together some interesting possibilities for nifty regalia for the 2020 season and beyond. He'd love to have your input and suggestions – particularly for ideas for items that a BUNCH of us want (even if we don't all know it yet)!

### Some great ideas are on the next page!

### MG Club Members Personalized Items we can Order if we have enough interest!



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|--|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| Annual family membership dues \$30<br>All memberships run calendar year January – December                           |           |  |  |  |  |
| Name:  | Birthday: |  |  |  |  |
| Spouse / Friend:   | Birthday: |  |  |  |  |
| Wedding Anniversary (if applicable):   |           |  |  |  |  |
| Address  | City      |  |  |  |  |
| State Zip Phon   | e:        |  |  |  |  |
| E-mail:  |           |  |  |  |  |
| Today's Date   |           |  |  |  |  |
| New Renewal  |           |  |  |  |  |
| Make checks payable to: MGCC of Western NY<br>Mail form and payment to:<br>Paul Osborne 7379 E Main St Lima NY 14485 |           |  |  |  |  |

### **Classified Ads**

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

**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 <u>mgamaniac@gmail.com</u>.

**For Sale:** 1969 Spitfire Mark III roadster. Barn find after 25 years. Clean title. 1300cc engine runs; Solid body, with some work needed to repaint. Will need the usual brake hoses and hydraulic work. Has wire wheels. Missing its seats and front bumper. Inexpensive starter project for \$1000.

Call George at 585-872-6536

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

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

Hubcaps are original/not replacement. - \$30

Contact allyn@mgcarclub.com 585-924-5251

### For Sale: 1973 MGBGT

Solid car with overdrive. In storage for 20+ years

Call Gary: (585) 464-9482

**For Sale:** 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"

For Sale: 1976 & 1977 MGBs, both need work to start them

Contact Claude Fedele @ <u>sfedele@rochester.rr.com</u> or 585-899-9388 For Sale: 1974 JENSEN HEALEY, California car, 53,000. Mi.



Runs great, no rust, never seen salt, undercoated, recent tires and tonneau cover. As is \$6,000.00, Located in Clayton, NY 13624. We have lots of pictures

Contact:

my3crows@hughes.net 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 <u>www.colorwiringdiagrams.com</u>

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

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

### **Classified** Ads – (continued from previous page)

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### For Sale:

1957 One-Owner MGA

White with original red interior; MGA steel wheels and hubcaps;

Less than 27K original miles; original engine Judson supercharger installation in-period, complete with all the hard-to-find Judson components Older body-off restoration, absolutely no rust. Complete with original convertible top, frame, and side screens; jack; spare tire and cover; original carbs and manifold; and some spares. Factory workshop manual, factory parts manual, and original Judson manual and installation instructions

Also available is an MGA 1600 MKI 1588cc engine (16GA).

Asking: \$15,000 or best offer Contact Douglas Hood, 585-727-1198

## For Sale:

### 1969 MGB

33,104 Miles on odometer (Don't think they are accurate) Car is located in Fairport NY. and is posted on Craig's List

Work done all less than 5,000 miles ago:

### interior:

carpets, door panels, Seat Leather, Dash cover.

#### Engine/drivetrain:

Engine painted and tuned. Clutch and flywheel installed Air pump removed. Stainless steel exhaust system installed carbs rebuilt, all oils changed including rear diff., brake system rebuilt (wheel calipers rebuilt etc..)

New distro cover, wires and plugs

Electrical: Battery cables changed and Battery replaced

#### Wheels/Tires:

all 5 tires and tubes replaced

#### Exterior:

Body Painted, New front and rear bumper and bumperettes and bumper holders, new chrome trim, New Top in box, New windshield and frame, trunk painted and battery box painted

#### Spares and other parts included:

Spare bumpers, bumperettes, bumper holders and hardware. Spare body trim, spare Windshield and frame. Spare exhaust system, Spare top.

original parts: tonneau cover, tonneau cover brace, folding top brace ashtray, air pump, misc other spares.

#### Asking \$12,900. OBO

Call Bill Coyle at (419)204-6960

**For sale**: 1952 MG TD, number 16166, XPAG TD2/16658. It's a 20 year old restoration and is presentable, but will need some brake work and a good tune up and a few other repairs. It also comes with extra parts. Asking price is \$22,500 but willing to negotiate to sell the car. The car belonged to former member Doug Elam, who passed away in December 2018. If interested, call Doug Elam, Jr. at 315-654-4007.

### Pop's TD

After WWII 'Pop' (Charles Elam, formerly a carburetor engineer with Rochester Products) was a young man watching vets driving around in these really cool little British sports cars. From that point on he always wanted a T-Series MG. About 20 years ago he found one in PA with enough right with it to run and enough wrong with it to keep him busy.

From that point on the TD was commonly known as *His Mistress*. Instead of just cleaning it up and calling it good, it 'needed' a 12-volt system. Then it was the fuel system; that really did the trick. Those were nice, but, boy wouldn't a new paint-job be great! Not to do anything halfway, all the sheet metal came off and each piece was painted individually. By the time he has done, it was a complete off-frame restoration with all the chrome being sent to Buffalo for refinishing. Every part was labeled with a tag and the smaller pieces placed in zip-lock bags. (While detailing the MG we found one of the tags and left it under the dash for posterity.)

Pop died in December of 2018 and since then we've been downsizing his estate. My sister and I had planned on keeping the TD, but recently came to the conclusion to sell the car as she needed someone to love and pamper her. May the next owner enjoy this beautiful machine as much as Pop did! It will turn heads wherever you go.

1952 MG TD Parts List

- Convertible top with side screens (needs rebuild)
- 2 'Classic Gold' Overriders
- Pad Set for Clutch & Brake Pedals
- Fuel Line Hose (about 10')
- Packing Set
- Crosland Oil Filter
- Oil Filter Adapter Kit with Fram Filter
- Fuel System Parts
- Alternator (6-volt?)
- Starter (6-Volt?)
- Shoebox filled with 'Extra MG Parts'
- 4 Repro Hubcaps

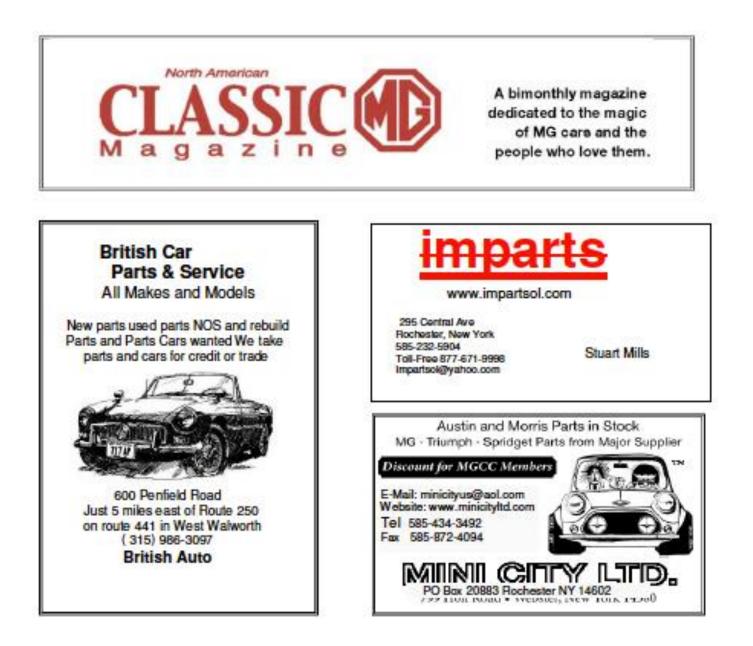


More photos available on request from the seller



# North American MGB Register

We are now affiliated with NAMGBR.





Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, most events and meetings have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. Thus, monthly publication of the calendar in *Spokes* has been suspended.