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### Cover:

Memories of Doris Britt and her MG TD, Alfie (from Spokes archives, courtesy of A. Hess)

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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:

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# By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin

Did you ever procrastinate over a repair because it just seemed too complicated, or too lengthy, or maybe just because you didn't look forward to getting grimy and having to crawl under the car?

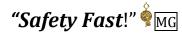
Or maybe you've crossed your fingers, chanted a secret incantation, or considered magical potions (also known as additives) that would make the problem just go away?

If you answered "YES!" then you've been in that land of wishful thinking and denial that I've been in this year with my '78 MGB's rear main seal oil leak. There can be no denying that I've been leaving a trail of evidence wherever I've driven this year. Don't worry, fellow-environmentalists! I haven't leaked much and I certainly won't be winning any driving mileage awards this year. Yes, I've gone for a few cruises around the local countryside, and you might be able to find a trail of drips up my driveway (and even a spot or two in the driveway of our nearest neighborly club members), but for the most part this year, my car has been parked in the garage here in Rochester while we've been out of the state, dodging possible coronavirus spreaders in Nevada and California and especially on our recent flight home. Despite what you might hear from those other Chili, NY members, I haven't driven enough to have leaked all THAT much oil!

Well, Susan and I arrived back in Rochester last Thursday and are being quarantined until a few days after my New York State Driver's License will expire. During this time that we are restricted to remain within our property borderlines, since we can't drive anywhere anyway, I guess I'll be fixing the oil leak. Yep, it'll require pulling the engine – complicated, lengthy, and I'll probably get grimy crawling under the car.

Today, I took the first few steps, committing myself to the project. I've cleared a good spot in the garage, drained the oil and coolant, removed the bonnet, and removed the lower radiator hose. Just a start, but enough to make sure that I might as well go through with it! The good part is that it'll be done in plenty of time to enjoy the late summer and early fall season, and especially, that we should be able to make the Fall Tour (see pages 15 and 16).

On a completely unrelated note, is it a mere coincidence that the guy on the cover of the June 1958 Spokes (see page 8) looks so much like Mike Harrison?





# Dublin's Corners and No BS Brewing Meet-up Bv Mike Robinson

Sunday August 9th had a good turnout of LBC's and members that came in their daily drivers at



Left to right, Ted Hershey's B, Bob Welch's Volvo, Robinson's TF, Larry North's TD, Rzepkowskis' TF, and Mary Donlon's Toyota (photo by the author)

Dublin's Corners Farm Brewery in York NY. It was good to see Bob Welch, Jim and Karen Davis, Dick and Marlene Rzepkowski, Mary Donlon, Larry North and Innrry Tautiva, and Ted Hershey. Dublin's Corners has been very good to the club for the past three years with goodies and items for the car show, so a visit was a good way to pay them back.

Afterwards, the three Ts and Ted's B took a ride over the hill to No BS Brewery in Lakeville to round out the afternoon. It was a great day to have the cars out.



Seated left to right – Dick Rzepkowski, Marlene Rzepkowski, Maggie Robinson, Mary Donlon (in red with back to camera) Innrry Tautiva, Bob Welch directly behind Innrry, Larry North, and Ted Hershey. Jim and Karen Davis had already left *before the picture was taken. (photo by the author)* 

It was agreed that in two weeks, we'd meet at Mortalis Brewery, also in Lakeville, on the 23rd. MR



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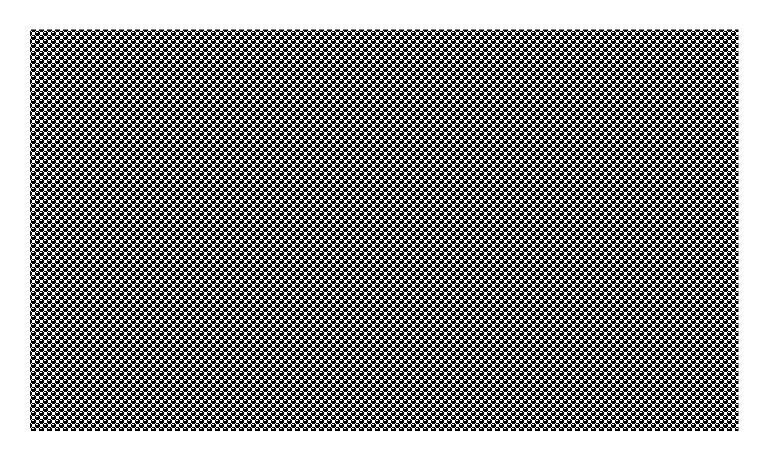




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# Meeting Minutes for MGCC Meeting August 20, 2020 are missing

because the meeting was cancelled.





# VEHICLE STORAGE

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Consultants: Dick & Marlene Rzepkowski

# **Doris Britt 1932 - 2020**

It was sad new to learn of the passing of Doris Britt, one of the founding members of the MGCC Western New York Centre. You may read a bit about Doris at <a href="https://www.legacy.com/obituaries">www.legacy.com/obituaries</a>.

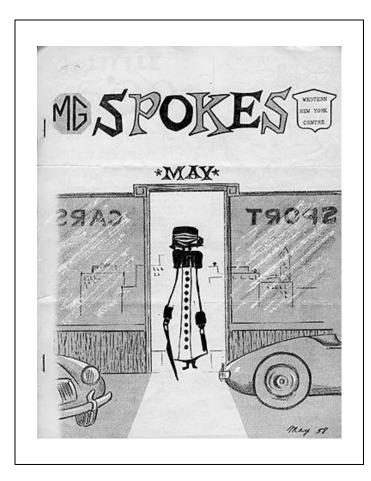
Dick Powers shared a few photos from the MGCC WNY 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with us all, and those of us who knew Doris (even just a little) must agree with Dick's sentiment,

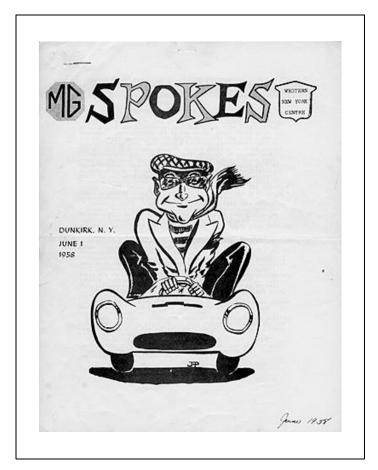


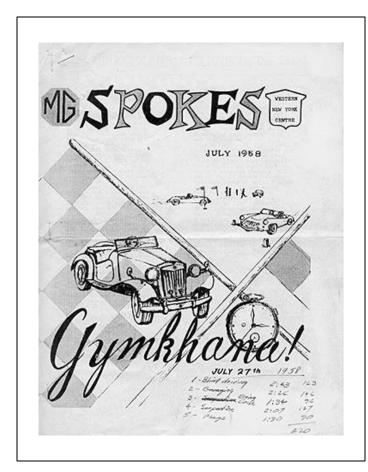
(Top left photo by Al Fink, others by R. Powers)

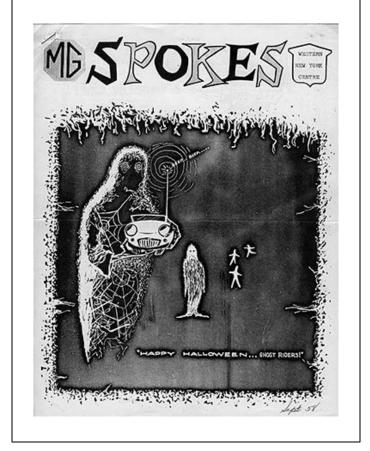
"We were truly blessed to have her with us in our Western New York Centre for so many years."

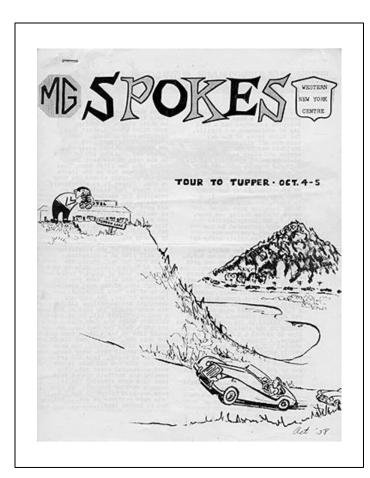
On the following four pages, we've reproduced some of Doris's covers from early (1958 – 60) issues of *Spokes*. Doris was the first *Spokes* editor, having been elected "Director of Publications" during the formation MGCC WNY in early 1958. (*Doris Britt Spokes covers submitted by A. Hess – Thanks, Allen!*)

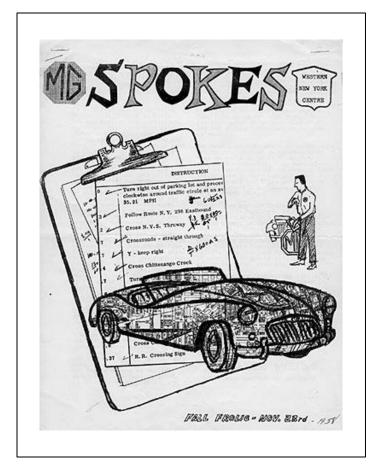


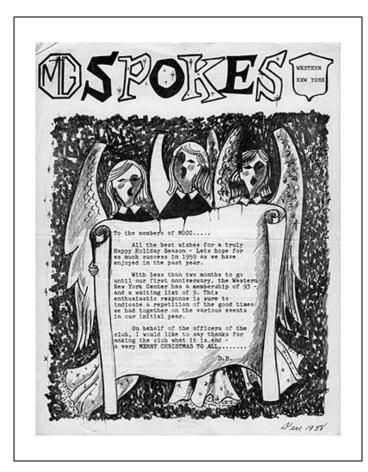


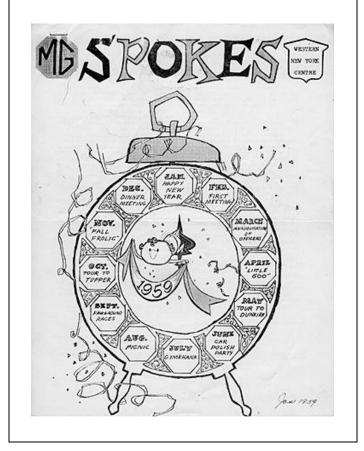


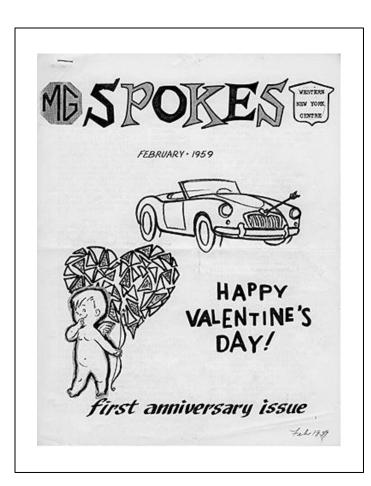


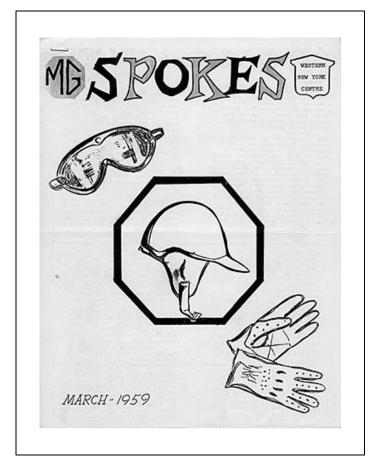


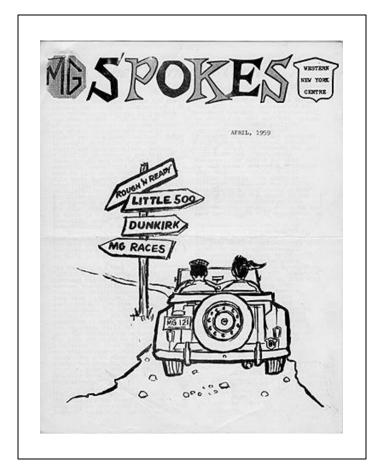




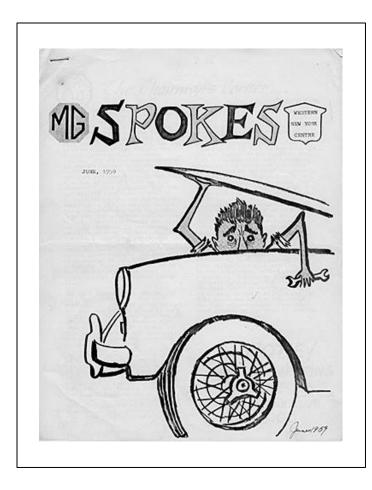


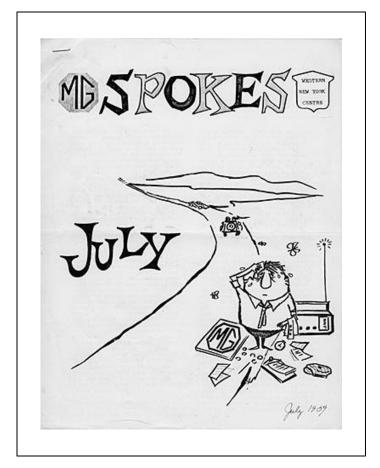


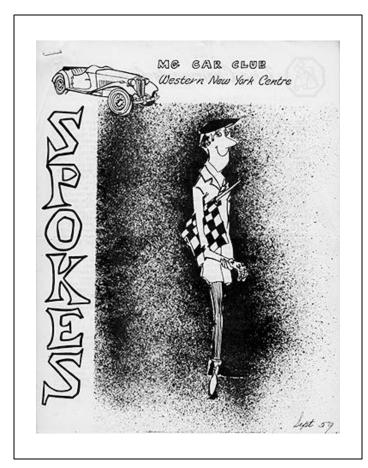


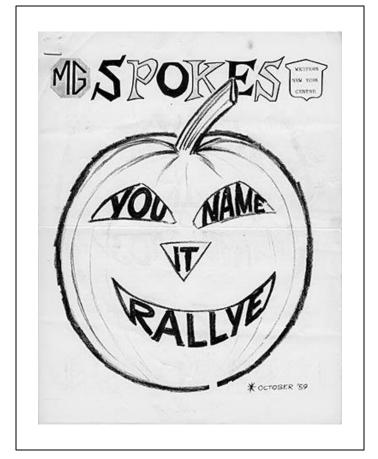


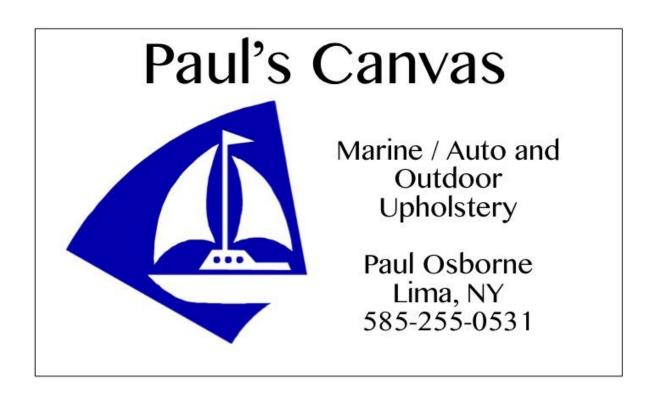












# Legion Car Show - August 16, 2020

# Photos and text by Dan Suter

The American Legion in Henrietta, NY put on a car show and take-away BBQ chicken event on Sunday August 16th. About 10 cars showed up from our MGCC Western New York. Initially, ominous black clouds were gathering and then harmlessly moving east, but after about an hour the rain opened up on the attendees which somewhat brought the show to an end.

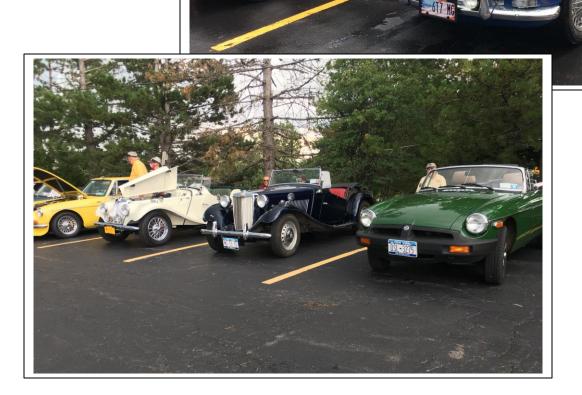






# **Legion Car Show - (cont.)**







# 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 mask requirements and social distancing as outlined by the State of NY, 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



# September Birthdays

7	Daniel Goodwin
7	Michael Goodwin
12	Sue Donish
25	Allyn Wagner
27	Christine Rodman

# September Anniversaries

9	Bethel & Richard Powers
10	Gert & Glenn Masline
12	Elaine & Allen Hess
13	Mary Ellen & Dan Suter
15	Barbara & Leon Zak
25	Doreena & Hollis Hames
29	Terry & Bob Welch





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>)



# MG Car Club Western NY Centre

# Some of the Current Items Available









50th Anniversary Badge	\$20.00
50th Anniversary Pin	\$3.00
51st Anniversary sticker	\$1.50
MG Stickers Black / Silver	\$1.50
Sticker - front adhesive	\$1.50
MGCC Mug	\$5.00
Car Badge	\$20.00
Badge Clip	\$5.00
Patch Embroidered	\$2.50
Key Fob, large Leather	\$4.00
Pin, Cloisonne	\$3.00
Dash Plaque - Last years 2019	\$3.00
Dash Plaque - 40th Ann	\$2.00
Sign Magnetic 10"	\$15.00
Bumper Sticker	\$1.00
Club Name Badge (to be ordered)	\$20.00

Notes Also available a large selection of clothing items (shirts, jackets, caps, etc) with our club logo embroidered on them, by letting us know what you would like. Most specialty items are available with a small order of only a dozen. Please contact Joe Bellizia with any questions by calling (585) 749-9263 or emailing me at blitz7711@gmail.com

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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Notes I am including a New Feature in Spokes showing New Items we could order if we get member imput and start a pre-order commitment list started. Bottles have a (48) Minimum Order and hats (12) minimum as they are Custom to our Club and YOUR Car!

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# **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 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 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 www.colorwiringdiagrams.com

**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

# $\pmb{Classified \ Ads}-(\text{continued from previous page})$

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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

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

manifold; and some spares.

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



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# 2020 Calendar of Events

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.