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Chairman's Corner

By Mike Robinson

As I write this it's already the end of January (YEAH!) and just starting February (BOO!) which means that there's at least 6 to 8 weeks more of this stuff we call "winter" headed our way. Friday is Groundhog Day, and I'm hoping that little rodent is blind and has on a blindfold so he can't see his shadow. Maybe we can be in for an early Spring and have a somewhat normal summer, rather than the extended 4 month Spring followed by 3 weeks of Summer in October we had last year.

Too cold in the garage to do anything on the car, and I'm sure many of us are in the same boat, judging by the lack of responses at the January meeting. It appears not many of us are bit hard enough by the bug to risk frostbite in our fingers just yet. I don't have a lot to do on mine, just the usual maintenance and fix a few things that have been bugging me since I finished it. I look back when I was younger and this kind of weather didn't bother me or hinder me from working on my cars. I remember changing a clutch and pressure plate on my 67' GTO where I worked when it failed on me. A friend brought his jack and some tools, took me to pick up the parts at the local NAPA and we jacked it up right there in the parking lot in the middle of February at night and didn't think anything of it. Now I look back and wonder "What was I thinking??" I guess as I get older I'm either working smarter, or my tolerance for cold just isn't the same. Probably a mix of the two.

As we roll into 2017, I'm excited about all the events we have planned for the year. Between the 60th Anniversary, a Car Show that is shaping up to be one of our best recent ones, and a Fall Tour that I have something special planned if I can make it work, we have lots of things going on and it's going to be a great summer of activities for us. Thirteen new members and a potential 14th with a young couple that also live here in Caledonia indicate we are doing something right. So all I can say to you all for now is – THINK WARM!

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By Don McConnell

Although it is February the daylight is longer which means the sports car driving season will be her very soon. I hope the repairs on your sports car are just about complete.

This being the 60th year anniversary of the MG Car Club of Western NY Centre. There will be some fun things going on with Spokes. First, all of the front covers coming this year will be those that appeared on Spokes from the first year of the club existence. All the art work was done by Doris Britt our first editor. Copies of the covers were supplied by Gil Langswager. I hope all will enjoy them.

We have been enjoying a history lesson of the MG Car Club as told by Mr Gil Langswager. That will continue with three parts left to come. I would like encourage other long term members to submit your memories of the Car Club from long ago. UI am sure there are some fun stories to be told.

Have a great month and see you at the next meeting

Happy Top Down Don

IMRRC Governing Council Member Marolyn Rogers Dies Jan. 8 in Fla.

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (Jan. 12, 2018) - Marolyn Rogers, a member of the International Motor Racing Research Center's Governing Council for 15 years, died Monday, Jan. 8, in Fernandina Beach, Fla. She was 85.

"Marolyn cared deeply about the Racing Research Center and was always thinking of ways to enhance our success," IMRRC Executive Director Tom Weidemann said. "We at the Racing Research Center will truly miss her."

Rogers worked in registration for IMSA for 13 years, including several years as chief registrar. She retired from IMSA in 1992. Rogers also worked for Bill Warner and the Amelia Island (Fla.) Concours d'Elegance in its first several years and with RM Auctions at its Concours at Amelia Island

Rogers' late husband, Rear Admiral Bob Rogers, U.S. Navy (Ret.), led the initial campaign to raise funds to build the Racing Research Center, which opened in June 1999. She was a significant partner in that effort.

Rogers served on the IMRRC's Governing Council starting in 2001, with a bylaws-required one-year absence in 2011.

Information from Motor Racing Research Center visit their web site for complete details research@racingarchives.org

Activities

By Kristi & Bud Briggs

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!

The year may just be starting, but we have many wonderful activities already planned for the year!

In January, we celebrate Robbie Burns' birthday at McGreggor's. Look for pictures on our website and next month's Spokes.

In February, we have our Wine and Cheese/Valve Cover Races. This will take place Feb. 11th at 1pm at the Bushman Cabin in Memorial Park. Pring hors d'oevres or desserts to pass; your own beverage and place setting.

On March 18th we have our Steak Roast and Auction. Please pay your \$5 deposit to reserve your steak! Upon arrival, you will get your \$5 back~ but We hope to see you at some of all of the upcomif you don't show up, we will use this money to pay for your steak.

More information to come on the rest of the year, but I will list the activities that you have to look forward to...

April- Swing Into Spring

May- Tune Up Clinic, Hammondsport Tour

June- Poker Run-Steak Roast (June 30th)

July- MGCC Car Show (July 15)

Aug- 60th Anniversary Celebration (Aug 12) Sept-

Oct-

Nov-

Dec-Holiday Party

We will also be having some more Cars and Coffee in Geneseo, watch your e-mail and if you are on Facebook we will post it there as well!

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MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Maggie Robinson _

January 18, 2017

By Dan Suter, stand-in Secretary for this meeting

The MGCC monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 by chairman Mike Robinson.

Guests included Gary and Doree Wilson, who are restoring an MG replica and joined the club at the meeting. Their replica project sounds interesting and we hope they will share a brief article and photos in 'Spokes'.

Cards were circulated for signature for George Herschell (in rehab following a fall) and John Fowler who has a serious illness. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to both members and families.

Barb Zak gave the treasury report, noting our current balances and membership renewals continuing to come in on a steady basis.

Kristi Briggs gave the Activities report including:

- Robbie Burns Day event planned for later January (will be complete upon publication of these notes)
- Valve Cover Races and Wine + Cheese party led by Ted Hershey, on Feb 11. Ted provided details of the valve cover racing format.
- March 18th will be the Steak Roast and Auction at Eyer Park in East Rochester.
- Swing Into Spring and Tune Up Clinic and Hammondsport tour are all in the planning stages look in 'Spokes' for updates as details are communicated.
- John Baum announced a Poker Run and steak roast event scheduled for June 30 as part of the 60th Anniversary celebration events this year.
- Your scribe described The 60th Anniversary banquet which will be held at Lakeshore Country club on Sunday, August 12. Dick Powers has led a notable planning effort for this event and agreement with Lakeshore has been signed and deposit made. Look for more details going forward.
- Al Costich described plans for a November 18 Garage Tour event.

Paul Osborne was unable to attend the meeting due to the death of his father. Our condolences to Paul and his family. It was announced that 13 new memberships have been received since Jan 1.

Doug Scribner provided the Regalia report: sales on compact umbrellas, and offerings for key chains, badges, and a special order of 13-row oil coolers were all discussed. Only 3 months until Spring!

Don McConnell gave the spokes report. Don discussed his work to feature historic club photos for the 2018 calendar (January 'Spokes'). Covers during 2018 will feature Doris Britt artwork from the 1958 Spokes which have been scanned for use this year. An address update for our meeting location as shown in 'Spokes' was noted by Walter and Don will make the update.

No Watkins Glen report this meeting.

Librarian Al Costich noted the club now has a DVD of the Bruce McLaren movie available for loan.

Leon Zak gave a brief website update, and noted he will record the availability of the new DVD on the website as well.

Car Show: Ted Hershey is the 2018 Car Show chairman and he provided details of this July 15 event. Car Show patrons will be utilized this year, and MGCC members are being encouraged to participate both themselves (volunteer) and to bring and show their cars at the show. A basket auction will be held at the show again this year.

Mike went through Old Business items: a Motion from (I believe the October '17 meeting) regarding establishment of a new meeting location committee has been tabled. Bob Welch announced that through informal communications with other club members that the improvements in layout and sound systems of the meeting area has rendered the need to seek other meeting locations as unnecessary. Closure of the original motion was made, seconded, and approved.

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Minutes Continued

In New Business, Mike presented Alec Briggs an award held since the Christmas'17 party, for Alec's consistent attendance and help at all club events. Congratulations, Alec, it is well deserved! See Photo on page 11

Also in New Business, Mike indicated that currently only about 74 of the 156 family e-mail addresses participate in the e-mail discussion group. The board has therefore decided to auto-sign up all member e-mails to this communication tool, unless the member *chooses to opt-out by Feb 3*.

Member projects and trips:

- Al Fink gave a safety tip of avoiding leaving flammable items in an engine compartment when fogging cylinders in preparation for winter storage. A paper towel that Al was using to shield oil spatter during cylinder fogging on his golf cart was ignited by the spark plug when he was cranking the engine, causing some excitement of the unwanted sortDick Rzepkowski described ongoing restoration efforts on his 1940 Chevrolet sedan including work to dissemble the beefy front kingpins. Dick also described new SVRA rules and his installation of a fire suppression system in his racing Midget and all agreed that testing it would not be a fun event.
- Your scribe described some upcoming work to correct the gear set-up on the racing limited slip unit in the differential of the '62 MGA Mk II Deluxe.

Door prizes were raffled and the meeting was closed. Following the meeting, some period British advertising and old autocross videos were shown by Al Wagner.

I also thought that the facility manager AI did an excellent job on clearing snow from all the stairs, ramps and sidewalks which was helpful to the membership.

Submitted by Dan Suter.

MG Car Club Wine and Cheese Party and Valve Cover Racing aka Rocker Box Racing

Sunday February 11, 2018 1:00 P.M. Location:

Bushman Cabin, Memorial Park
595 Calkins Road Rochester NY 14623

Bring hors d'oeuvres or desserts to pass; your own wine or beverage of choice and your own place setting. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided. Gravity is expected to be working well that day, so it's time to fine-tune your Rocker Racers or maybe build something new. Rocker Racing is fun to watch and even more fun to race. Come and join us. For more information contact: Ted Hershey (
THershey@frontiernet.net) or 585-727-9000

Meeting Attendance

January 18, 2018 __

Gil Langswager
Betty Langswager
Alan Costich
Rod Rodman
Gert Masline
Glenn Masline
Tony Makepeace
Michael Goodwin
Susan Goodwin
Gary Wilson
Doree Wilson
Chris Baum
John Baum

Bob Welch

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Holiday Party Photos By Dick Powers _

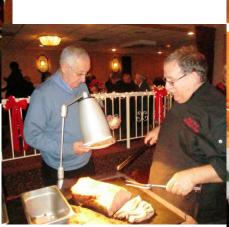
The Holiday party was a very enjoyable get together. Here are some photos of the party and our guest speaker Bill Green from Watkins Glen



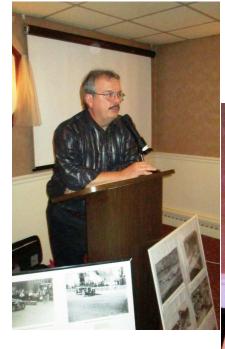


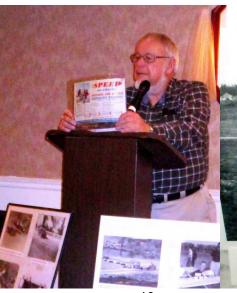














Sixty Years Ago

By Allyn Wagner _

Being that this is our clubs 60th anniversary, I thought it might be interesting to reflect on any car stories that we might remember from back then. Some of us were not old enough to even drive at the time and there are even others that were not born yet. Don't let that stop you, just see what you can come up with.

In the mid 1950's my father started working on the St. Lawrence Seaway project. Since this was going to be a long term position (more than three years) he decided to buy a mobile home and move the family. Living in a trailer in the north country can be real interesting in the winter when the ambient temperature can often drop to well below zero. With no garage and walls on the trailer being only 2" thick, it can get real cold on both autos and people.

One January morning we awoke with no heat in the trailer. After gettingthe furnace restarted and warming up the rest of the house with the gas range, my father decided to go to work. Obviously the one car we had would not start. The official temp that morning was -52 so the poor Chevy stove bolt six would not even turn over.

The first thing that we tried was to put a cover over the hood and put hot coals under the oil pan. That helped a little but still no start. Next my dad took out the battery to warm it up inside and put a quart of oil in a pan of hot water to get some heat inside the engine. After a couple of hours, we had the only ungaraged car in the area running.



Some interesting things about this photo. I obviously am the smallest and the warmest dressed there, on the right is my father, and on the left is my older brother who had just arrived after serving three years in Newfoundland. Notice that he is not even wearing a hat!He almost lost an ear that day. That was one tough Chevy because it lasted long enough for me to learn how to drive on it and take my road test some 4 years after this.

Special Award Photo By Leon Zak







THE History of The MG Car Club part 4

By Gil Langswager

August 22 and 23, 1959, the First Annual MG Marque Races were held the Watkins Glen Race Course. Sounds easy enough; let's have a race--an MG race. Put a bunch of MG's together on a track, wave a flag and there it is

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Let's start at the beginning, back about eight months. in January, 1959. The race at the fairgrounds last summer was the topic of conversation. It had been a lot of fun and proved to us that it could be done. So how about something in a larger size? It gave us more to talk about and the two noisiest guys got the job of looking into the possibilities. Jack Sheldon and Bruce Norton were going to start by checking out Spencer Speedway down in Williamson. This didn't look too promising, how about the Glen? Watkins Glen with just MG's? They'd never go for it. Suppose they did? Where's the money coming from? Who's going to do it? Just our club? Who wants to watch just MG's? There were 1001 questions but somebody or other had 1001 answers and it was voted in. Chuck Heindl got the awesome responsibility of Race Chairman. To help him out the following officials were appointed:

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Mert Gundry
Ray Hicks
Larry Bubel
Larry Bubel
Dave Elder
Bill Bell, Jerry Fogel
Carrol Hardy
Dr. Robert Todd
Gordon Rogers

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Communications
Chief Starter
Race Secretary
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Chief Timer
Chief Pit Steward
Grid Steward
Chief Safety Inspector
Chief of Observers

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Tickets.

The workers required to fill out these various committees comprised the whole of our club plus wives, girl friends, boy friends and a goodly number from the Seneca Sports Car Association.

The first thing that had to be done was to secure a race course. Watkins Glen? A meeting was arranged with the officials of the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Corporation. They were receptive to the idea, for a price. More meetings led to the signing of a contract that gave them a percentage of the gate and left all the work to us .

you can't go bombing around a race course over two miles long without some sort of control and communication. RCA {Race Communications Associations} handles that sort of thing for the Glen races and all the rest in this part of the country. We got them to do it for us.

One thing we had no trouble getting was drivers. Only licensed drivers are permitted to drive in a race for obvious reasons, and yet we wanted to let other capable MG pilots compete. We set up our own licensing procedure for unlicensed drivers and recognized both SCCA and Canadian competition licenses. This turned out very well and there were no complaints from the experienced drivers,

Les Smalley was happy to help us with technical inspection and put his garage at that our disposal. Larry's crew saw to it every car was absolutely safe and qualified to race.

In order to pay for this shindig we had to have spectators, lots of spectators, paying spectators. This meant promotion, ticket sales and gate control. This was the longest, most tiring, most thankless job. As it turned out, the promotion could have been more intensive and we should have worked harder on advance sale tickets. But, after all we were trying something entirely new to us.

There was a lot of work, a lot of heartaches, and a lot of fun leading up to the race weekend and then it really started. Only Chuck Heindl can tell of the load on his shoulders going into that Friday night. This was a big production and an expensive one. We were already committed for several thousand dollars and we had less than one thousand in our treasury.

Most of our members saw very little, if any, of the races, there was too much to do. The ticket and gate committee, especially, were far removed from race activity. They did a good job on those gates, so good that the chairman of the Grand Prix Corporation, Carneron Argetsiger, was turned away by Betty Langswager and Shel Hinckley because he didn't have his credentials.

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British Racing Green, 4 cyl/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. & 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



For the Oil Can petroleum collector. I have available two 1 gallon OILZUM Gear oil cans in mint condition. Auction estimate (just looked it up) \$100-\$200, make serious offer. Last time I checked there was a banged up one with a big dent \$78. My two are pristine, also have several OILXZUM grease cartridges for grease gun, several 1lb cans of multi purpose lubricant(grease) possible other stuff. The two gallon cans are empty the rest are new unopened

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50th Anniversary	Badge	\$20.00
50th Anniversary	Pin	\$3.00

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Sticker, Black/Silver	\$1.50
50th Anniversary Sticker	\$1.50
MGCC Mug	\$5.00
Car Badge	
Badge Clip	
Patch embroidered	\$2.50
Key Fob, large leather	\$4.00
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Car Badge Sticker Patch

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All items are available for purchase at our monthly Meeting, or delivery can be arranged.

Contact: Laurie Scribner 585-244-2993 (weekdays).

MG Car Club Western New York Center,INC Membership Application

Annual Family Membership Dues \$30

All Membership run Calendar Year Jan - Dec

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May 3 Board Meeting 6 Swing into Spring TBD Tune-up clinic 17 MGCC Meeting 18-20 Carlisle Import & Kit TBD Garage Tasting Party	June 21 MGCC Meeting 13-17 NAMGAR GT43 17-22 NAMGBR MG 2018 30 Poker Run & Steak Roast	July 5 Board Meeting 15 Sports Car Festival 19 MGCC Meeting TBD Multi Club Picnic	August 6 UK Car Day 12 60th Anniversary Dinner 16 MGCC Meeting
September 6 Board Meeting 7-9 Grand Prix Festival / Vintage Races 14-16 Brit Invasion Stowe 16 Bronte Park 20 MGCC Meeting	October 18 MGCC Meeting TBD Fall Foliage Tour	November 1 Board meeting TBD November Brunch 15 MGCC Meeting 18 Garage Tour	December Holiday Party No Meeting

Next Meeting FEBRUARY 15 2018 7:30 PM American Legion 360 Middle Rd Henrietta, N.Y. 14467

