

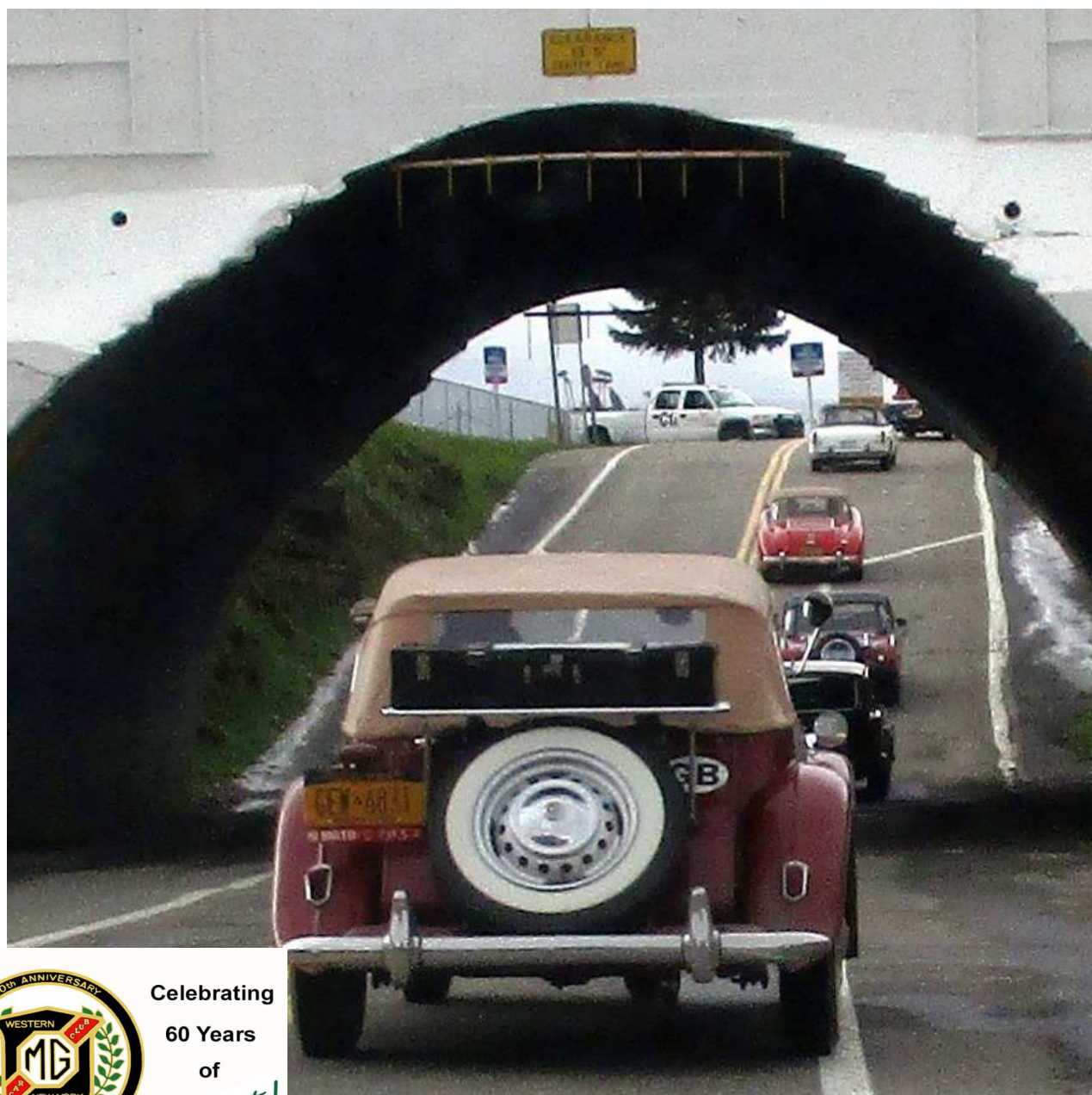
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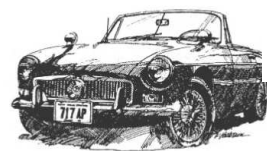
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## Chairman's Corner

By Mike Robinson

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It's late October as I type this, my next-to-last article as Chairman of the MG Car Club of Western NY. I'm concerned about the lack of interest in running for a club office, and I don't mean this to sound like I am scolding anyone, because I'm not. I'm concerned that if we don't have people step up to take the helm, the club will cease to exist next year. I looked through the last edition of our Bylaws to see if there was any guidance on the matter and I couldn't find anything, other than the directive that current officers cannot serve more than two consecutive years. My guess is when the club was new, having reasons for no longer having the club was far from everyone's mind.

I really don't want to go down in History as the last Chairman of the MG Car Club, especially after we just celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I'm hoping that someone will read this article between now and the November meeting and decide the club is worth saving and will do what needs to be done to ensure it does. Who that person is I have no clue. I can think of at least a dozen people that would make excellent officers and would be a great contribution to the Board. Being Chairman isn't that difficult. Frankly, I thought being Activities Director was more work. Being Chairman doesn't mean you have to run the show. You orchestrate it with the Board and with a good Board behind you like I had, the rest is easy. Perhaps the hardest part is getting up in front of the group once a month, but even that becomes second nature after a couple of months.

I really hope to impress on the membership the gravity of the situation. Without officers we have no club. With no club we lose the comradery and fellowship we have formed over the years. Without the comradery and fellowship, we are singular in our enjoyment of our cars and we are no longer living the MG slogan – The Marque of Friendship.

Please think about it, and search your conscience these next few days. If you think you can contribute, please let know directly. I can fill you in on the points of the job, both good and bad. And don't think you have to be a seasoned member to hold office. I've only been a member 3 years, and I know one individual who was elected Chairman in his first year with the club and did a fine job.

Thanks and we'll see you in November.

Mike

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## MG Bruce

By Don McConnell

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The gals of November cometh. So the sports cars Goethe into hibernation. Sadly we say good bye to the driving season . It gives us time to make the necessary repairs to those sports cars.

To those who might be brave enough, there will be the odd warm sunny day to bring out the car for a quick drive. This could help pass away the winter months.

For the car person in each of us, who like a good story, I would suggest if you have the opportunity to read the Wall Street Journal. On Wednesday there is an article "MY Ride" written by AJ Baime. Each week he writes about motor vehicles. There have been some interesting cars appear in his articles. Even some MG's have shown up plus cars I did not know were made. If you can check it out.

Enjoy your November. See you at the meeting.

Happy Top Down  
Don



## Activities

By Kristi & Bud Briggs

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Happy fall, Y'all!

We have in November a Garage Tour being planned for 11/18/18, and our Christmas Party on 12/15/18.

Kristi, Buddy and Alec Xander

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# MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Maggie Robinson

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Acceptance of the September 2018 Meeting Minutes

Moved–Ted Hershey

Seconded–Mike Ruisi

Identify new members and or guests

Chris Cornett

Steve Figueiredo

Don Obrien

Ask for birthdays and anniversaries

Steve Figueiredo 10/10

Ducj 10/10

59 years guy from the glen

Mike's the 4<sup>th</sup> off October

Operation Build Up Donation

Guest Speaker – Justin Cogswell

Operation Buildup repairs and makes safe, older vehicles and donates them to local veterans in need.

Currently based in Avon

Looking for donations to obtain permanent facility in Connecious.

Wounded warrior project we are also involved in.

Club passed the hat and collected \$265 and with an additional \$100 from Club Funds, we were able to give

Justin a check for \$365.00

Reports

Treasurer: Barbara Zak

We have 2100 in the checking account.

It's dues time. We made a profit of 1200 dollars for car show.

We are doing OK as long as people pay dues

Activities: Kristi Briggs

Bookmarks on Table

Garage Tour November 18<sup>th</sup> organized by Al Costich

We are going to see operation build up and 4 other places, final stop in Lancing NY. No sign up or directions.

Christmas Party – Sign-up sheet on table

Same Venue as last year – River's Edge Party House in Henrietta

Cost \$20.00 per person

Menu to be announced later but very similar to last year with buffet and carving station.

Fall Tour

30 people and 17 cars made the trip

12 cars ran the laps in the rain

29 people met at The Glen Club for lunch after

Rainy weather in morning followed by partial clearing

Rained again during the lap portion

Great pictures taken by Jorge Samper from RIT – works with Maggie.

Sunday the honor flight returning at airport at 1:00am

Membership: Paul Osborne

Accepting dues for next year

Regalia: Doug Scribner

Usual assortment of neat MG related items.

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## Minutes Continued

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Spokes Don McConnell

Don is stepping down. It's easy to do and he will be happy to help you. He is collecting photos for January. New format as every other month starts next year in Feb and March. Fall and winter pictures are accepted to put together calendar. Any event pictures accepted. Shoot me pic with dates and location.

Watkins Glen: Dave Wild

70 anniversary 2 weeks ago.

Speaker from NASCAR indicated in the next 5 years the research center will be double in size and pushing for money for this.

Librarian: Al Costich

No report

Website: Leon Zak

Leon made changes to email. Any problems let Leon know. Phone/Email for Leon is in the spokes.

Car Show 2019: Ted Hershey

No report

### Old Business

60<sup>th</sup> anniversary article in the MG Car Club magazine. Nice articles.

Brian was diagnosed with cancer but doing ok. Keep in prayers.

Still have dash plaques for sale.

### New Business

#### Elections

Terms expiring this year for Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary and one Trustee.

Accepting nominations for all offices:

Chairman –accepting nominations/volunteers

Vice Chair –accepting nominations/volunteers

Secretary –Dan Suter

Treasurer –Leon Zak

Trustee #1 –Ted Hershey

Voting to take place at November Meeting.

#### Other topics

Ginny Fowler update on John. If you want to visit John in the Pittsford Memory Center, see Mike.

#### Updates from members of projects and trips

Mike Robinson – TF Tub is mocked up and doors fitted, left wing and hood side panel separated at the bulge.

Dick Powers MGB back on road soon.

Dick Rzepkowski got his car back with engine in it. (the one that was dropped) It does over heat, still figuring that out. No leaks, and the story will continue.

#### Cars and parts for sale

MBA for sale nice shape. B engine. See Dick the price is in the 20's

#### Door Prizes

#### Closing Comments

#### Adjourn

## Meeting Attendance

October 18, 2018

Gil Langswager  
Betty Langswager  
Doug Scribner  
Tom LeStrange  
Mike Robinson  
Maggie Robinson  
Alan Costich  
Chris Russell  
Hollis Hames  
Cheryl Baldwin  
Bill Baldwin  
Bob Abels  
Georgian Abels  
Don McConnell  
Allyn Wagner  
Cindy Jack  
Doug Jack  
Dick Rzepkowski

Leon Zak  
Barbara Zak  
Chris Baum  
John Baum  
Dan Suter  
Bob Welch  
Lane Boughton  
Mike Ruisi  
Barb Wild  
Dave Wild  
Mike Goodwin  
Susan Goodwin  
Ted Hershey  
Annabelle Tescione  
Jeff Kath  
Dick Powers  
Dave Chase  
William Donlon

Guests  
Justin Cogswell  
Chris Cornett – Joined as a new member

New Member  
Don Obrien  
Steve "Fig" Figueiredo



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# Western NY Centre MG Car Club Fall Tour

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## More MG Car Club Fall Tour

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# Save the Date for the Holiday Party



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## Just Stopped By for a Visit

Photos By Dick Powers

Club Members stopped to visit George Herschell



# BURY ME IN AN OLD MOWOG PARTS BOX!

By Jay Lockrow

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FALL 2018

It has come to my attention that I have not written a MOWOG column for some time. I really don't have an excuse except that as time goes by the hours, days and weeks between months and years seem to get shorter. Anyway I thought I better show that I am still alive and able to shift gears and apply acceleration or brakes. Yes I am still here but I must admit I have missed a few outings that I really wanted to attend but because of company or some such thing, I have been amiss in my attendance.

A few weeks ago I was in the basement soldering some wires together after putting a new switch in a radio. The original switch was a piece of junk and fell apart when I took the radio apart. I wired in a toggle switch from the hardware store and it now works better. Anyway when cleaning up I noticed an old computer that I used to use for MOWOG or flyers for the various doings of the clubs. I thought I would see if it still worked so I sat down and fired it up. Sure enough it started but within three minutes it crashed. Tried again and same results. I had the thing about twenty years and it was a freebie to the club from someone before that. I think its original owner may have brought it over on the Mayflower. Anyway it has gone to computer heaven.

When cleaning up after disposing of the old wreck I discovered a file I had put together at one time of fan mail from my vast array of international fans. Now don't laugh, I've had fan mail from England, Australia, Canada and a few other spots. Mostly commenting on how they enjoy MOWOG or making suggestions when I asked for ideas a few times. Even now I recall one from Wendy Priestly and one from Gary Newman. Always fun to read and I did again after who knows how many years have passed. I had totally forgotten about the file as I now use a "new" computer upstairs where it is warmer and I'm not tripping over MG TC steering columns or gearboxes. But on to the subject at hand.

A day or so ago I was visiting "From the Frame Up" on the computer which is a parts supplier for the MG TC and other vintage MG's. They don't have everything but sort of specialize in hard to get items like correct screws or top snaps, carpet snaps and hard to find "correct" hardware. On the website was available a copy of the book by Don Stanford called "The Red Car" This story is about a teenager, named Hap, in about 1950 or so that rebuilds a wrecked MG TC and learns to drive it and winds up racing it in a local event. This is a book for say a twelve to sixteen year old or "young adult." It is simply written but the one feature it has that you don't find anywhere else is that, Hap, is taught to drive the car by a local mechanic named "Frenchy," who immigrated to the states and opened a garage.

What he teaches is how to get the most out of a car by utilizing the tachometer, gearbox and rpm range where the car gets the most performance. Sounds easy but it is explained in simple detail and shows that a car with a small engine driven correctly can keep up with a car with a larger engine by using the skill of the gearbox and rev counter. I have tried to explain this many times to people who drive big V8 cars with automagic gearboxes why, and how, this is done. Not easy when people learn to drive on cars with automatics. This is all done for them in that maze of clutches, tubes, and fluids under the floor. The difference here is that the one using the car with a gearbox and tach learns to drive a car where the one using the V8 auto learns to operate, not drive, operate. This is why a person driving an old 36 horsepower VW bug can keep up with the person driving the V8. Yes he will get passed on the hill or long straight but switch the drivers or cars and watch what happens. I have ridden with people driving a standard and have watched them lug a smaller engine car up a hill when the simple answer to the lack of performance would be to downshift. With almost 100% use of automatics today I guess I'm just wasting paper.



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# IT's Back

## Garage Tour

### November 18th



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Rush 9am

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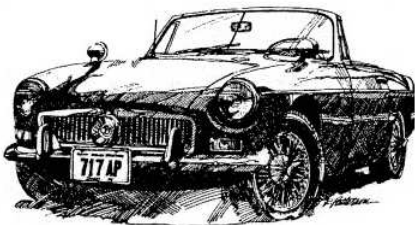
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8 Chris Williams  
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11 Ed Ozimek  
13 Mary Donlon  
14 Evelyn Stone  
14 Mat Zabinski  
16 Joseph Schultz  
18 Julie Salo  
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19 Carl Webeck  
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23 Margaret Cook  
25 Doug Green  
25 Don McConnell  
28 Doug Scribner  
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30 Cheryl Kelly Melcher  
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NOVEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES

4 Steve & Pat Sangster  
8 William & Sandra Barkley  
12 Paul & Ginny Wheeler  
13 Bill & Sue Donish  
15 Jerry & Marlene Babchak  
21 Gary & Doreen Wilson  
26 Doug & Cindy Jack  
30 Ed & Janice Ozimek

Congradulations



DECEMBER  
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12 Mike & Janey wagner  
19 Mike & Sue Harrison  
26 Dezi & Bill Benet  
28 Charles & Irene  
Searles  
31 Kristi & Lowell Briggs

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DECEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS

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3 Chris Baum  
6 Nancy Chase  
7 Beverly Lockrow  
7 Dan Whaley  
9 Jaclyn Dimino  
11 Georgean Ables  
12 Dick Giambra  
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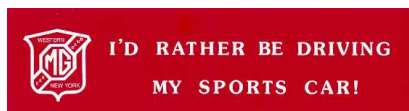
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Annual Family Membership Dues \$30

All Membership run Calendar Year Jan - Dec

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<b>January</b>  4 Board Meeting 18 MGCC Meeting 28 Robbie Burns Day	<b>February</b>  11 Wine / Cheese & Valve Cover Racing 15 MGCC Meeting	<b>March</b>  1 Board Meeting 16 MGCC Meeting 18 Steak Roast & Auction	<b>April</b>  13-15 Kimber Festival 19 MGCC Meeting/
<b>May</b>  3 Board Meeting 6 Swing into Spring 5 Tune-up clinic 17 MGCC Meeting 18-20 Carlisle Import & Kit TBD Garage Tasting Party	<b>June</b>  21 MGCC Meeting 13-17 NAMGAR GT43 17-22 NAMGBR MG 2018 30 Poker Run & Steak Roast	<b>July</b>  5 Board Meeting 15 Sports Car Festival 19 MGCC Meeting TBD Multi Club Picnic	<b>August</b>  6 UK Car Day 12 60th Anniversary Dinner 16 MGCC Meeting
<b>September</b> 6 Board Meeting 7-9 Grand Prix Festival / Vintage Races 14-16 Brit Invasion Stowe 16 Bronte Park 20 MGCC Meeting	<b>October</b>  18 MGCC Meeting TBD Fall Foliage Tour	<b>November</b>  1 Board meeting TBD November Brunch 15 MGCC Meeting 18 Garage Tour	<b>December</b>  Holiday Party No Meeting

Next Meeting  
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