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CORRECTION:

In last month's issue, the car in the cover photo was incorrectly identified as an MGA, when actually it was Paul Wegman's 1965 Austin Healey 3000 BJ8. The on-line copy has been corrected and properly credited, and the editor apologizes for his error. He was just a bit gaga over how great the car looked.

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MG's Corner

By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin

The first term of the new MGCC Board is smoothly underway, as the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic has started, and it seems we're adapting well with new ways to do things. As you read the February meeting minutes, you may begin to get the idea that conducting meetings via ZOOM is an old routine. Our Chairman, Bob Welch, moves the meetings along at a good pace, and our Secretary, Annabelle Tescione, has creatively and cleverly incorporated some nice screen shots into the meeting minutes. With Leon Zak's technical help, we're getting better at connecting electronically, and for much of February's meeting, we even had subtitle captions for those with difficulty hearing. It's great to be able to see each other, even if only on the screen. Of course, we hope that as we move further into the year, the goings-on of the MGCC will be more in-person.

Until then, stay safe and do what you can to stay connected to other members. In that regard, it's helpful to have contributions this month from our Chair, and from Vice-Chair George Heissenberger, and something new from Jay Lockrow. (Maybe next month we'll be better connected with YOU, dear reader, when you finally write that article you've been putting off too long!) You'll also find some information inside about the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival and Vintage Racing Weekend, and it looks like by then, we'll be able to get together in larger groups more safely. Finally, I'm excited to introduce the **2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge** in this issue; looks like it can be a fun driving activity we can all share in. There's a good reason to start early – grab your partner, tripod, selfie-stick (or all three) and get your car out!

As I'm writing this (February 24th), the ground is buried in snow and the roads are salty, but the temperature has rocketed to 55 °F. Too salty to get out for a drive, but maybe 2021 is shaping up. And speaking of shaping up, it's so warm, I'm heading out for a bicycle ride!



KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON *and Safety Fast!*  **MG**

From Sue Harrison:

THANK YOU ALL

It has been so nice to hear from so many of you, our MGCC friends, since Mike passed away so suddenly on January 20. From the MQTD he had in the 50s to his recent MGB he enjoyed working on his cars as well as driving them.

Reading Wendy's article in the February SPOKES I was reminded that we moved back to the Rochester area in 1996 and were able to attend the 40th, 50th and 60th Reunions of the MGCC. We both enjoyed participating in the club activities over the last 20 plus years. I look forward to seeing you in person once we are all safe from this Covid pandemic.

Sue Harrison



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Chairman's Corner

By Bob Welch

We've had some tempting weather recently. Tempting in the sense that it warmed up for a day and may do so again over the weekend. It makes us start to think about driving our MG's and other assorted sports cars. Those who have spent any winters in this area of the Great Lakes know better though. The roads still have salt residue and winter is sure to have a few more gasps. Still, if we're lucky, we may be able to wake up our slumbering vintage cars later in March.

As with January, our February virtual meeting was reasonably well attended. We had a chance to cover Club business and engage in some conversation with old friends again, in a group setting. The positivity rates in the region continue to decline. Also, it looks as though covid vaccinations in our county are continuing to increase and many of us are optimistic about getting together again, in person. We won't do this though until enough of our members say they are comfortable in doing so. We'll see. Summer looks promising, as of now.

Hopefully you have seen Dan Suter's email regarding room bookings at the Seneca Lodge for Vintage Race weekend in September. We have 17 rooms reserved and it's first come, first served. If you plan to go, please let Dan know as soon as possible. End of March is the cutoff.

Today an old friend (we've been pals since age 7) sent me a link to a Hemmings article the thrust of which was MGB GT values are rising considerably. They had lagged well behind roadsters for years. This is good news for people like me who have hung on to their GT's, pouring money into them and waiting for the day of the big payoff! Just kidding. Still, it is positive news. Yes, you may get more money when you sell. But it can also mean extra incentive for making more of an investment in the car than you might have done a few years ago.

Thinking of my friend, Gary, who now lives in New Hampshire, reminded me of an episode that occurred around 1973 or so. We were headed home on 490, in separate cars, from ... somewhere. Our families lived just up the road from each other so the destination was about the same. I was driving my new Audi 80 (aka. Fox) and he was driving his MG 1100. We were racing. I was winning. Coming up to the long sweeping curve to the old Rt. 47 toward the airport I sensed trouble and slowed down. Gary did not. The cop on the blind side of that curve gave him a speeding ticket. We went to my house where he gave my Dad (who had some "pull") the ticket and that was the last we heard of it.

Safety Fast! RW

Vice Chairman's Notes

By George Heissenberger

Then and Now

I got to thinking this weekend that 2021 will be the 45th year I have owned MG's and since I joined the club back in 1976. I got started in High School as is often the case. We used to hang out at Webster Park after school and one summer night there were a few British cars mixed among the typical American Muscle Cars. I saw a TR-4 there and thought was a very cool car. Next my High School friend Harry got a 1966 MGB that was a parts car and the two of us, mostly him, worked on getting it back roadworthy. Many adventures from first time car repairers ensued.

(That's a story for another day!) In my senior year I started to peruse the want ads and swap sheet for sports cars to replace my trusty 1974 AMC Gremlin X. I had previously had a 1967 Firebird, which I foolishly sold for a 1970 Opel Kadette rallye. I decided it had to be an MG so looked at several cars, from an old clapped out Midget in Penfield, to a black MGA on Marsh Rd, before buying a blaze orange 1971 MGB from an owner on Helendale Drive. I believe I paid \$1500 for it at the time. The car had been driven in winters and came with studded snow tires on very rusty wire wheels. It had seen a good bondo job covering the rusty fenders and rockers and been repainted, so I was

happy. It was a bit weakened from the rust and going over bumps or potholes you could feel the cowl flex, so I named it "The Flexible Flyer". By then Harry had moved south with his family although at one time I think he had two or three MGB's. I had many adventures bar hopping with my High School friend Mike in his Spitfire and the two of us used to do some hair-raising things chasing each other around town, me in the MGB and Mike in his Spit. One particular memory is of the two of us following each other driving in the rain and Mike spinning out the Triumph right in front of me at the intersection of Hard Road and Ridge in front of Hegedorn's Dairy. (Mike adventures are another story for another day!)

My father was reading the paper one day, and he showed me an ad for the "Sports car and vintage auto festival" being held at Victor schools. He suggested I go and if not enter my car at least view the cars on display. So off I went in the MGB and when I arrived, I was waved to bring my car on the field. I did not think my car was show-worthy, so I declined and parked in the spectator lot. But after viewing some of the cars on display I realized my car would have been OK enough to show. I really enjoyed seeing so many cars all grouped by make and model. After walking around a

bit, I saw the headquarters which was inside the school, and the sign outside said, "Join the MG Car Club". So I walked in and introduced myself, filled out an application and the rest is history! Among the first people I met that day were Gil and Betty Langswager, Bob and Annabelle Tescione and Dick Powers. Soon after I attended my first meeting which I think was at the Heritage House in Webster, site of present-day Jade Palace Chinese restaurant. I met Marv Brudno, the Wilds, the Zechman brothers and Gary Newman among others. After my first meeting I brought my friend Mike to my second meeting to see if he was interested. I remember how he

looked at me horrified after the meeting and said "George, these are pillars of the community!" I still laugh about that. I think he was expecting it to be like a So-Cal hot rod club or something. Mike wrecked his Spitfire soon after although he still has it today as far as I know. I was dating my future wife Peggi at the time and we started going to rallies, dinners, club events and car shows together. Later we sold the '71 MGB and bought our current '73 MGB from fellow club member George Haynes and have owned this car for 38 years. Just as today, MG was then and is now "the Marque of friendship" and many lifelong friendships and memories have come about as a result. Safety Fast!

George 



Minutes for MGCC Meeting via Zoom, February 18, 2021

Recorded and submitted by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary

MGCC ZOOM Meeting February 18, 2021

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ATTENDANCE –

ROW 1: George Heissenberger, Annabelle Tescione, Chuck & Anne Perry, Michael Robinson, Barb & Dave Wild

ROW 2: Ted Hershey, Bob Welch, Leon Zak, Dick Rzepkowski, Rod Rodman

ROW 3: Dan Goodwin, Hollis & Doreena Hames, Susan & Michael Goodwin, Dan Suter, Robin Allen

ROW 4: Doug Scribner, Bill & Cheryl Baldwin, Paul Osborne, Larry North, Jeff & Susan Kath

ROW 5: Lane Boughton, Barbara Zak, Allyn Wagner, Dick Powers, Frank Stepanik, John & Chris Baum (no video)

CHAIRMAN, Bob Welch called the meeting to order at 7:36pm. We had a brief show of hands for people who have had at least their first COVID vaccination and many members did. We will continue with Zoom meeting until there is a change in the pandemic situation and it's safe for gathering, per member input.

We had a test of the new feature in ZOOM, the Live Transcript feature, that does closed captioning of the audio and we found it worked well. Thanks to Leon for setting it up. There is a \$20/month fee for this service but it was agreed to be worth it, for use by the hearing-impaired members in the Club.

The minutes from the January meeting were motioned and accepted.

MEMBERSHIP, per Ted Hershey, Frank Stepanik and Paul Osborne: There are 54 paid memberships plus our Brudno winners out of approximately 105 members from last year. Coordination of the membership roster is underway but, because it requires in-person meeting for things like post office box keys, it is still not completely in one person's hands.

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ACTIVITIES, we are still in need of a volunteer to fill the Activities Coordinator position. We have several safe events planned that do not require close contact.

- May or June Driving Tour, organized by Dan Suter. Dan will use some of the basic routes from a previous rallye with modifications where necessary.
- Fall Driving Tour organized by Mike Robinson.
- Moss-style Driving Challenge organized by Mike Goodwin and Chad D'Angelo. A similar challenge was set up in 2020 but had no participants largely due to the COVID situation. *[Editor's note: Look for details of the revised Driving Challenge in a future Spokes issue.]*

REGALIA, Dan Suter filled in for Joe Bellizia. Our MG logo has been transferred to a regalia company and they are ready to produce Club items. Look for more information in Spokes about items available for sale.

SPOKES, Mike Goodwin told us that members have been coming forward with material for Spokes and it's important that they continue that for future issues. He will not be making any big changes in Spokes in the near future, and it was agreed by Zoom members that the issues have been very nice. Mike encouraged folks to send him a note with any suggestions or contributions. It was suggested that a page or so of "vintage Spokes" items from distant past issues would be fun to include. *[Editor's note: The editor would welcome submissions of such vintage items. They may be sent to spokes@mgcarclub.com.]*

LIBRARY, Al Costich not present, Ted Hershey filled in with "no report".

WATKINS GLEN REPORT, Dave Wild told us that the Research Center is open by appointment only due to COVID restrictions and that historian Bill Green is only there on Wednesdays. A notice from the Center informed us that the September 10, 2021 Vintage Festival is in the works and the featured marque is Alfa.

Dan Suter said he will begin taking Seneca Lodge room reservations and there will be information in Spokes.

WEBSITE, Leon Zak assured us that the Club website is in good condition and urged anyone who has an interest in being more active with it to contact him for training on posting items, photos, etc.

OLD BUSINESS, Club insurance was discussed. We are currently covered for free through the National MGB Association. They require we maintain eight paid memberships, which we have at present. This year their National meet will include all MG marques and promises to be a great meet, being held in Atlantic City at Harrah's. George Heissenberger said he would do a small write-up on this to get the information out to our members.

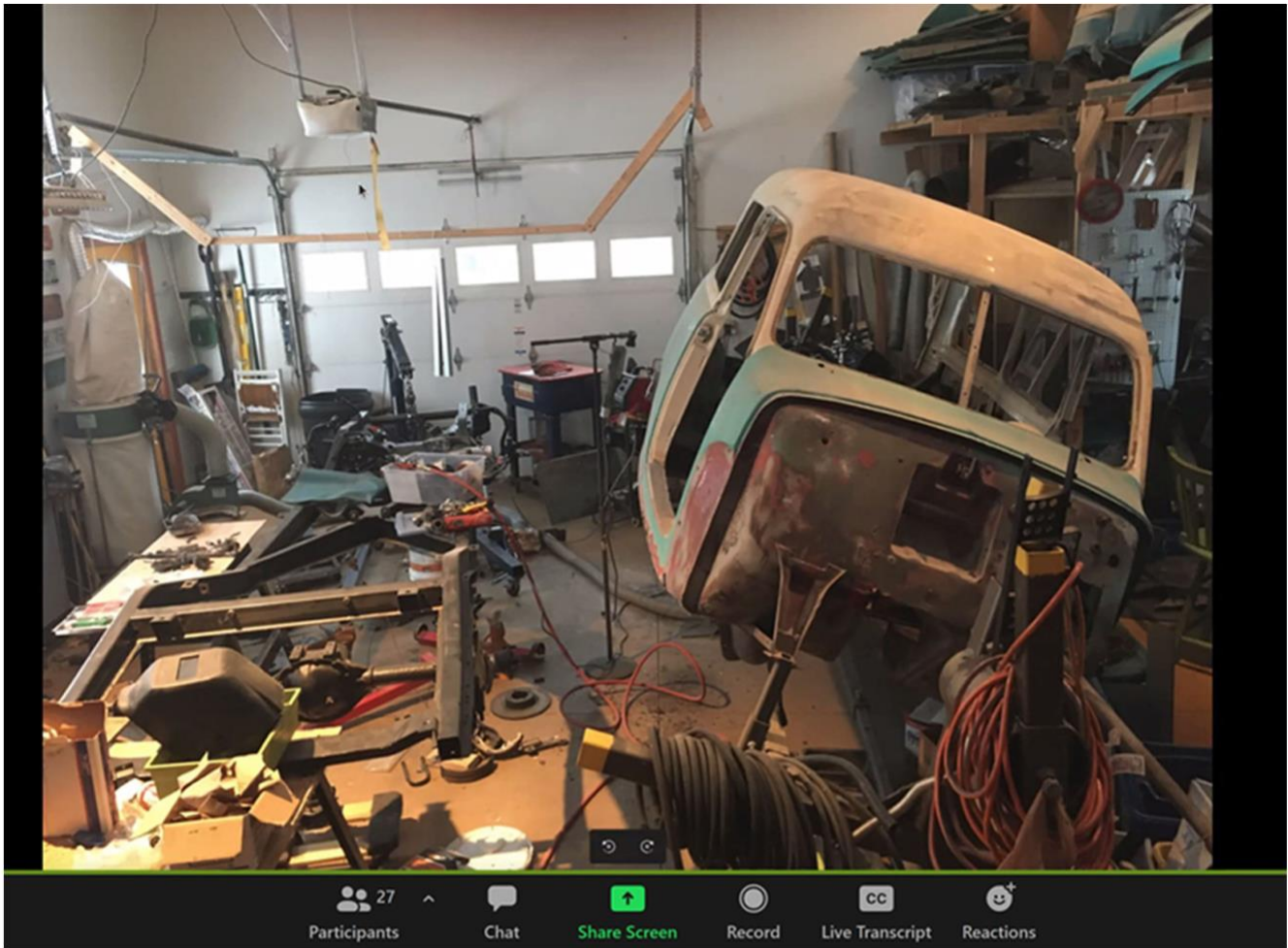
NEW BUSINESS, none reported.

CARS & PARTS FOR SALE, Dick Powers has a 1957 MGA project/parts car for sale. Chuck Perry has an MGTD parts car for sale, mostly complete.

WANTED. Mike Robinson is looking for rebuild kits for SU HS4 carburetors, several suppliers are out of stock of these. Dan Suter suggested he try Berlin Fuel Service in England for good supply and good price. Doug Scribner also said he had the kits in stock.

PROJECTS, Leon Zak reported that he is working on the restoration of his Volvo 210 Duett wagon. He shared photos of the project using Zoom's Share Screen feature. Dan Suter shared a photo of two MGA coupes at the 2012 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. George Heissenberger shared a photo of a vintage fire truck that he did an oil change on. Other possible uses for this Share Screen feature were discussed. The MGCC Capital District used it for a John Twist presentation video, and it was suggested we could do something similar.

Meeting end: 8:17pm AT



Photos shared at February Zoom Meeting

Above and Left, Leon Zak's Volvo 210 Duett restoration

Below, Left, vintage fire truck that George Heissenberger did an oil change on

Below, Right, a photo of 2 MGA Deluxe Coupes at the 2012 Amelia Island Concours, shared by Dan Suter



Bury Me in an Old MOWOG Parts Box

By Jay Lockrow


PUR SANG

Unless you are a Bugatti fan the words above would mean nothing to you. However, Ettore Bugatti himself often would refer to his cars as Pur Sang, or translated "Pure Blood." More than anything he was trying to make his cars the royalty of automobiles. Pur Sang today has an entirely different meaning and if you go on the internet and google Pur Sang you will find the un-imaginal. Cars with the brand name Pur Sang. Not modern cars, no, but available are a brand new 1926 type 35B Bugatti or if you wish, an Alfa Romeo of roughly the same vintage. Yes, reproductions, but I hesitate to use that word, so recreations or better yet, continuations. These cars are exact copies of pre-war Bugattis and/or Alfa Romeos. I believe there are other models also like a type 37, 43 as well as several Alfas.

It seems the builder of these machines was restoring a Bugatti for a client and himself always wanted a Bugatti but was afraid he could never begin to afford one. So while restoring a Type 35 he measured and created and built a new Bugatti for himself. These cars are 99.9% correct and I challenge you to tell a real Bugatti from a Pur Sang. Your humble author the other day was able to view one of these (a type 35B) and with my limited knowledge I would have been fooled except for a few updates. This particular car was a plain bearing crankshaft model, if you wish you can still have the roller bearing crank. The plain bearing lasts much longer and visually you cannot see the crankshaft anyway. This car was also fitted with an electric starter and a cooling fan. Neither of which were available on the original. Other than the updates with better steel and other metals they are correct in every way.

Now many of you know I have been around a few Bugattis over the years so I should know a little about what I'm talking about. Several weeks ago I got a phone call from a gentleman that I have met four or five times over the years. We are roughly the same age but as such things happen, I never knew him really well. He called one evening and asked for me, told me who he was, and after the usual chit chat he wanted to talk Bugatti. I did the best I could with my limited knowledge and told him of the five Bugattis that have been in the Buffalo area over the years. I started with Dr. Ginsburg who, I heard, had a Bugatti but I never saw. Then Bill Milliken, who had a 35A, an ex-ARCA car that he rolled at Watkins Glen and named a corner after himself. Later he had a Type 51 which he ran at Bridgehampton and ruined the gearbox. This is the car that was then equipped with a "Dynaflush" automatic. I saw both of these cars several times. Next was the Type 37 my dad had (I owned about one half of 1% of this car for a bit) and then the Ford B block powered Type 37 that was also an old ARCA car. Long interesting story on this car that is now in the Boston area.

About this time, he mentioned the "NEW" Bugattis that are coming out of Argentina and what I knew about them. I said, very little with the exception Jay Leno has one. Then he hit me with..."I just bought one!" Needless to say, I was speechless for a few seconds but when I regained consciousness, I wanted to know all about it and when would he get it. Fast forward a few days and I told Beverly we are going to take a little ride as it was a nice Sunday afternoon. I just happened to sort of drift toward the lakeshore and points unknown. Now I had been to this guy's shop several years ago with several friends. I knew roughly where it was so with a little detective work, I found it and it was open and there sat the Pur Sang (Type 35 Bugatti). Needless to say, I was out of the car in seconds, and he knew right away who I was. They had just had it out for the first time as it only arrived Friday afternoon. They had taken it for a good run and was letting it cool down. It was getting late, so I left, and since then I went back with the TC. the place was wide open and he was not around. I thought of taking the Bug and let him have the TC, but I didn't think he would approve. I went back again last week and this time I was treated to a ride in the Type 35B. If you think a TC, TD, TF are close quarters try a Type 35 Bug. You should hear this thing when he fired it up, remember it is a straight eight, single overhead cam with three valves per cylinder and blower (supercharger). You would not believe the acceleration from a car of this vintage. I will keep you posted and will try to get him to come to Euro Car Day or the Vintage Festival if we ever have them again. If you have never seen something like this, you are in for a treat.

I wrote this and sent it into Spokes, Breakdown and Oil Spot back in September or October. For some reason neither of said publications printed it but since editors are asking for material, I decided to resend the story. There is one large update to the story, however. The friend that owned the type 35B has since passed away and I have no idea what has become of the Bug. He had several other cars including a 1908 Buick we took to lunch one day, an early model Rolls Royce and several more. 

Join NAMGBR - The National MGB Register!

By George Heissenberger

Did you know that our MG Car Club Western NY Centre is an affiliated club with NAMGBR, the North American MGB Register? NAMGBR provides our club with insurance as long as eight or more of our members are dues-paying members of NAMGBR. In addition, NAMGBR is an affiliate of the MG Car Club of England.

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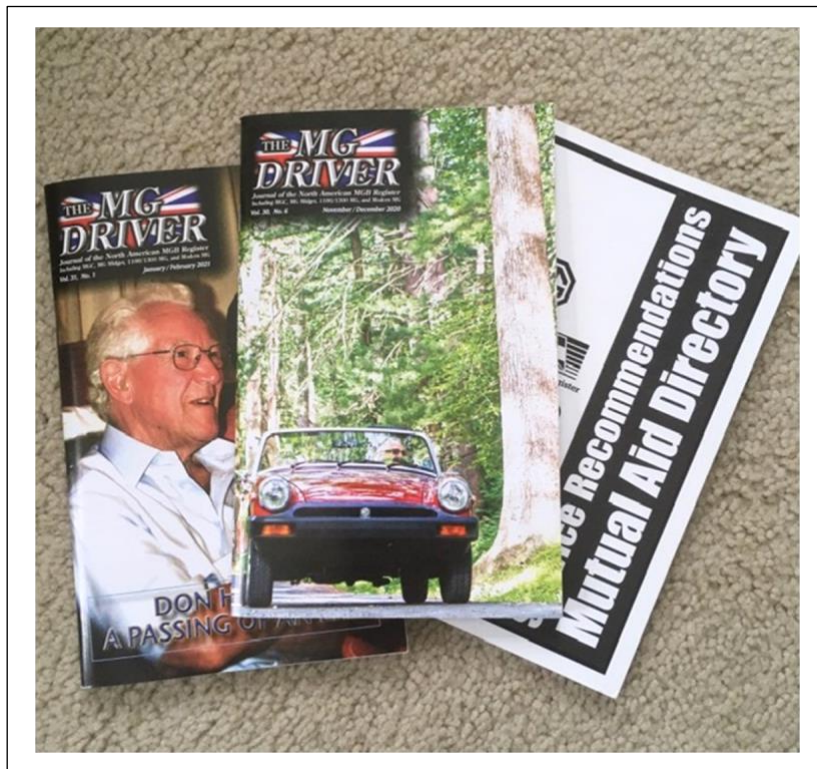
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indicating membership. Third, they produce a beautiful full color magazine “MG Driver” every other month. Inside you will find updates from the club officers, plus from each of the various registers, also photos of readers rides and tech tips. There is a question-and-answer column featuring various MG pros such as John Twist and until his recent passing, Don Hayter. I enjoy

reading the MG Driver and look forward to its arrival. They also host an annual car show which this year is called MG 2021, to be held in Atlantic City June 14-17 2021. Last year’s event was unfortunately postponed due to COVID-19 but it’s a national gathering and really top-notch show that they hope to resume this year. Lastly, they also provide a handy glove box Mutual Aid Directory listing technical helpers and local LBC-friendly garages state by state so if you are traveling in your MG and something

breaks, help is as near as the closest member listed. Dues is \$30 per year. To join go to www.NAMGBR.org, or call toll free 800-NAMGBR1 (800-626-4271). If you have any questions give me a shout and I’ll be happy to answer them! GH



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Seneca Lodge Room Requests for 2021 Vintage Race Weekend

From Dan Suter

Hello everyone,

I am writing to let you all know that I will be coordinating room reservations for Seneca Lodge for the September vintage race weekend. I am now accepting room requests. E-mail to 'dmesuter - at - [rochester.rr.com](mailto:dmesuter@rochester.rr.com) is preferred.

Please include any special requests you have. Examples include: extra nights needed (please specify which nights such as Wed-Sat, etc.), 2 beds in a room vs. queen bed (there are only 3 rooms out of 17 with 2 beds); need to be in the main hotel maybe due to mobility issues; desire to be on college row; specific room desired. I will do my best to address these requests. It gets to be a bit like assembling a puzzle with the various pieces.

Please include your contact information: name, address, phone number, e-mail address. There is a 3-night minimum per previous years. There is also a 1-night penalty for cancellations –it was not clear from my last communication how far in advance this applied (was either 1-week or 5-weeks depending on how one interpreted our group of rooms—I will find out and advise!

We have 17 rooms available, the same as last year.

I will gather all the requests between now and March 30. You must be a current 2021 MGCC member to participate in this first round of room selection. With your request, expect a confirmation note from me (and if you don't happen to get one within a few days of e-mailing me, please chase me).

A few weeks after March 30, I will evaluate to see how supply and demand match up. We will do a drawing if demand exceeds supply, although in the past several years it has been pretty well in balance.

We will also accept requests for rooms from non-club members starting now, along this same timeline, but those requests won't be addressed until after the MGCC member requests through March 30 are met.

Thank you for your help in making this run smoothly.

Best regards,

Dan

Regarding the 2021 Grand Prix Festival

From Casey Creamer – Stone Bridge Drivers Google Group

Hello fellow Stone Bridge Drivers,

The Grand Prix Festival Committee has been meeting regularly albeit via Zoom, and are busy planning the 2021 Grand Prix Festival including plans for the Grist Iron Brewing Grand Tour on May 15th.

What will the 2021 GPF look like? At this point your guess is as good as mine. It might look completely normal, or we might have to make some changes based on the prevailing conditions. Time will tell. I assume the Grist Iron Brewing Grand Tour will look a little different. We are working on that scenario right now and I will let you know when we know.

Refund policy:

You should know that when you sign up for any of our Stone Bridge Driver events we have a no refund policy because our expenses are the same whether you show up or not. If we have an event and for whatever reason you don't show up, you will NOT see a refund.

On the other hand if we don't have an event for you to show up to, we WILL refund your registration fee or roll it over to the next year if that is your preference.

For Canadians, if we have an event and you can't show up because the border is still closed, then you WILL indeed be entitled to a refund even if we put on the event without you.

By the way, we are still going ahead with Alfa Romeo being the Featured Marque for 2021. So now is the time to save a spot in the Grand Prix Festival by signing up. http://grandprixfestival.com/documents/all_events_form.pdf

Wear a mask while keeping up with the car ahead of you,

Casey

2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

This year, we are issuing a new Motoring Challenge to all members, and it's easy to jump in and have some motoring fun that will last through the driving season. We're starting now and we'll wrap it up around the end of October.

To participate, simply:

Find the monthly list of destinations elsewhere in *Spokes*.

- Drive to one or more of the listed destinations.
- Snap a picture of your car there with yourself or your teammate in the photo.
- Send the photo(s) by email to challenge@mgccarclub.com.
- Enjoy the monthly updates in *Spokes*, where you'll see yours and other competitors' photos, and get updates on scoring along with the challenges for the new month.

You'll score 1 or more points for each destination. Points may vary, based on the difficulty or the creativity required. Additionally, early-bird bonus points may be given occasionally for photos received before a certain date, so pay attention monthly to get the most points possible. (Late photos won't get the early-bird bonus, but they aren't worthless, just worth a bit less!) There's no monthly cut-off date, (we'll accept March destination photos in September, for example!) but all photos will be due before the final tally sometime around November 1st.

Some of the destination photos will have special requirements. Any such requirements will be listed each month. For example, if the destination is "Your Favorite Restaurant", we may require that the photo include a sign showing the name of the restaurant. Or, if the destination is "Outside of NY State", we may require a sign (like WELCOME TO NEW JERSEY) or other clear evidence (like the Gateway Arch or Grand Canyon, for example) be shown in the photo.

Rather than filling out a form or marking a checklist, each month, one or more destinations will be listed in *Spokes*, and each will be identified with a destination number. When you submit your photos, be sure to include the corresponding destination number for each. Remember, each photo must:

- show your car
- show yourself OR your teammate (if you have one)
- show the destination (and/or other requirement) clearly

Some of you might have more than one special car you'd like to use in the Motoring Challenge. This is permitted, but we strongly encourage participation using only your special car(s). The point is to encourage driving and having fun with these special cars; it is NOT our intention to award points for driving around in your daily-driver 2019 RAV4 or your 2017 Honda Accord or even your 2013 Ford Focus.

HOW TO ENTER: No forms to fill out, just email us your first photo(s)! We need:

- 1 – Your name(s)
- 2 – Year, make, and model of the car(s) you intend to use for the challenge
- 3 – Attach your photos, identified with the DESTINATION NUMBER (there are three this month; "2021-01", "2021-02" and "2021-03").

That's it! It's easy to get started! Jump right in!
Safety Fast!

(You'll find this month's destinations on the last page of *Spokes*.)

One last note - the MG Car Club WNY Centre reserves the right to use your photo(s) in *Spokes* and on the club's website – and we look forward to doing so! (If you wish to share your photo(s) on Facebook or any other media, feel free to do so!)

Sunshine Page



March Birthdays

2	Marlene Babchak
4	Bill DeVos
5	Richard Powers
8	Kristi Briggs
9	Janey Wagner
10	Al Fink
11	Lane Boughton
14	Terry Welch
17	Dave Chase
20	Bruce Austin
20	Robert Keppeler
22	Laurie Scribner
23	Kathy Boughton
27	Susan Kath



*Happy Birthday,
everyone!*

March Anniversaries

9	Dawn & Jim Priestley
17	Patti & Elton Schulz



Congratulations!

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



Official Regalia

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 2021 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!

Would You Order One of These??



Customized Water Bottle approx. \$20.00
(includes Shipping & NY Tax)

MG Club New Era Cap \$25.00
(Embroidered w/ our
logo as shown)



MG Club Member's Personalized Water Bottles
(W/ Club Logo & Your Name & Individual Picture)
25oz Stainless Steel Bottle with Screw top & Carabiner

Notes I am including a New Feature in Spokes showing New Items we could order if we get member input 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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Annual family membership dues \$30
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Make checks payable to: MGCC of Western NY

Mail form and payment to:

Membership – MG Car Club, PO Box 92556, Rochester, NY 14692

Classified Ads

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

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 alyn@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: 1976 & 1977 MGBs, both need work to start them

Contact Claude Fedele @ sfedele@rochester.rr.com or 585-899-9388

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: 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: 1957 MGA "project" car for restoration or parts.

Car is complete having 1500 motor, transmission, rear end and has wire wheels. Included are new rockers and a vinyl interior for the seats.

For total restoration or parts - asking \$2000.

Also, MGB 3-main short block - asking \$250

If interested, 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 wrampe@yahoo.com

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

www.colorwiringdiagrams.com

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 was 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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2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

This month's destination(s):			
Destination Number	Description	Special Requirement?	Early-bird bonus point?
#2021-01	In your garage or driveway (1)	Snow in the picture (1 bonus)	YES (if sent by 3/26/21)
#2021-02	Barn with a silo (1)		No
#2021-03	Any Erie Canal lift bridge (1)		YES (if sent by 3/26/21)
Questions? Address them to the Challenge-masters at challenge@mgcarclub.com			