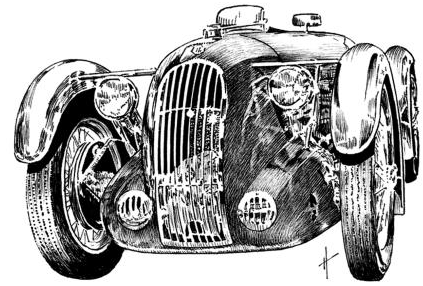


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## ON THE ROAD

*by Doug Scribner, Chairman*

Ah, summer...don't you just love it? If you say no, you're not from around here. And don't complain to me about the heat—I'd rather sweat than freeze any day. Summer's too short. And it happens to be the time when we're most busy with work, so I'm lucky to get out into it only once in a while. It's not often enough. Summer passes WAY too quickly for me.

We had a wonderful weekend recently, driving up to Vermont for the Hildene car show with a big gang of MG Car Club friends, enjoying some terrific meals, relaxing, sitting around the pool under the stars, relaxing...I loved every minute of it. Never mind about the black flies and the caterpillars falling out of the trees like rain up on Mount Equinox. They weren't there last year, and I don't expect them next year. But the Vintage Sports Car Club of America cars will continue the tradition of charging up the mountain in their own fashion, and I hope to be there to watch, again, insects or not. The Rzepkowskis and Chase's brought home well-deserved trophies from the car show, and we had a delightful side trip to the Auto Museum at Saratoga Springs to see a phenomenal collection of Bugattis. All in all, a delightful, long, summer weekend.

Next, we're off to Columbus, Ohio for a Mini Meet, the 30<sup>th</sup> one, actually; sort of an annual reunion for us, but a lot of work. Still, I hope to catch a few rays.

I hope you're all enjoying Summer in your own way, driving your cars and enjoying the company of friends. What could be better?



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## Editor's Notes

*by Joeanna DeBlaere and Eileen McMahon*

Right now is a great time of year to be driving our little fun cars. While you are out and about remember to take some photos for the calendar. We have only 4 photos so we will need more.

If your car has not been in Spokes in a few years take some photos and send them in. It is never too early. Even photos of work in progress is always interesting and we would like to have them.

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## Activities

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June 5<sup>th</sup>, a day without our great Sports Car Festival! Good thing we didn't have a show that day, I think we all would have melted there on the spot. It was a hot day weather wise. There were two activities going on that day, Breakfast at Brenda's & a picnic & walking tour. We hope everyone had a great day. Gil & I went off to Gettysburg, PA for the New England MG 'T' Register Gathering of the Faithful. We drove the Impala, still "babying" my hip. There were about 50 'T' cars there, many were trailered. A lot different than the old days. We renewed old friendships and met some new friends. We had a great weekend! One of our own MG Car Club members, Charlie Searles was made Chairman of the 'T' Register. We wish Charlie lots of luck. We know he will do a great job. Congratulations Charlie & Irene!

Second weekend in June was the big Hildene car show up in Manchester, Vermont. A lot of our club members toured up in our sports cars. I got permission from my surgeon to ride in our TD. I was able to get in and out with no trouble – yippee! It was a very hot weekend, 97 degrees on the way up Friday and 100 degrees on the trip home on Monday – Whew! It was in the high 90's the rest of the weekend. Thank goodness Doug & Cindy Jack took a canopy for us to crowd under to get out of the hot sun. Our club members brought home three trophies. Congratulations to Doug & Laurie Scribner for a first place in their Woolsley Mini, Dave & Nancy Chase for a second place in their MGA Coupe, and Dick & Marlene Rzepkowski for a third place in their MG Midget. There were close to 900 cars there on the field, all sorts of beautiful cars. Competition was very stiff, so being able to win was a great honor! On the way home a few of us stopped in Saratoga at the car museum to see a special display of ten Bugattis. It was a real treat to see those cars, all owned by one man! WOW!!

We all arrived home, hot, sweaty and safe and managed to get home before the big rain storms hit. In all it was a great weekend, especially Dave Chase finding us all the best restaurants in town. Also thanks to Carl Prouty for bringing all the cookies for us to enjoy. We're all signed up for next year!

### UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

July 10 – Autocross II

July 31 – RIT Car Show – Special invitation from  
Genesee Valley Antique Car Club to us. 3  
classes for us. Let's all attend!

Aug 7 – Pig Roast & Rallye

Aug 14 – Autocross III

*by Betty Langswager*

### OTHER CAR ACTIVITIES

#### Cruise Nights

##### – Mondays –

Greece – Baldi's Pizzeria – Elmridge Plaza

Webster – Charlie Riedel's – Empire Blvd. Near Bay Rd.

Greece – Schaller's Drive-in – 965 Edgemere Dr.

##### – Tuesdays –

Fairport – East Lift Bridge Lane, North of Canal

Greece – Overtime Sports Bar – 4670 Dewey Ave.

Gates – Pineapple Jack's – 485 Spencerport Rd.

##### – Wednesdays –

Macedon – Log Cabin – 2445 W. Walworth Rd. 31F

Rochester – Stoney's – 2005 Lyell Ave. near I390

##### – Thursdays –

Spencerport – Sullivan's Charbroil – 4712 Ridge Rd. W.

Gates – Troyer's Speed & Custom – 4555 Lyell Rd.

Canandaigua – Wegman's – 345 Eastern Blvd. Rts.  
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##### – Fridays –

Fairport – Perinton Square Mall – N.E. corner Rts. 31 &  
250

##### – Saturdays –

Penfield – Penfield Hots – 1794 Penfield Rd.

##### – Sundays –

Greece – Ricky G's – 3670 Mt. Read Blvd. Near Maiden

July 9 – Kendall Fire Dept. Cruise In at Carnival – 1:00  
PM until \_\_\_\_

July 20 – Kids' Day at the Glen

Aug 13 – Sampson State Park Fun Days



## MGCC MEETING MINUTES

*by Pat Sangster*

### June 16, 2005 General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. No new members or guests to introduce. Treasurer not able to attend but reported to chairman we are in good shape. Jim Priestly is collecting dues this evening. Many new items in regalia, this month's special promotion is a free bumper sticker with purchase of any piece of clothing.

Activities report by Betty Langswager, as usual Betty opened with a joke. Two corrections to back page of Spokes: July 10<sup>th</sup> is the autocross and the RIT Car Show is July 31<sup>st</sup>. [See article in spokes for list of activities.] Many thanks to Al Costich for his 10 years of hosting the garage tour, feels it is time for someone else to take over. Interested people should speak with Al or George Haynes. George is willing to help out this year so consider volunteering while this valuable resource is willing to show you the ropes. Also – if you live on the East side and would like to share your project as part of the tour please contact George H. RIT car show would appreciate a few MGCC members volunteering to help judge. (Line judging done as cars enter show field.) Interested people should contact Dave Wild. Henry Kron discussed plans for this year's Pig Roast Road Rallye. Henry and Sue Kron always plan challenging, fun tours and this year's should be no exception. Special treat – Betty closed activities with another joke!

Spokes reports articles due one week after meeting, Website has new pictures posted so check them out, continue to forward your favorite car or club event pictures to the web master. No cars or parts were announced for sale. New business included reports of various projects club members have been working on: '55 Austin Healy restoration completed, TD transmission work, fuel injector repair, MGBGT restoration completed, MGTF project almost done. One member sought advice on SU adjustments for a '65 B.

No old business. Door prizes were drawn with the theme this week of "Summer Barbeque". {Special note: JB is very happy with his nice little grill.) Member was seeking update on baseball game mentioned at last month's meeting. Chairman promised more information to come – check the website. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

## JUNE 16, 2005 ATTENDANCE

Carl Prouty  
Betty Langswager  
George Herschell  
Nancy Herschell  
Barb Wild  
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Laurie Scribner  
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**Call Betty Langswager @ 385-9956 for pig roast reservations. Please specify how many will attend**

**\* There may be a Funkhana if there is enough interest. We only had 10 entrants last year. It's too much work for so few. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.**

**Trophies for rallye & funkhana. We're all hoping for a great turnout. Both are lots of fun to do. Pray for good weather!**

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*by George Herschell*

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> (which normally would have been the date of our annual Sports Car and Vintage AutoFestival) a group of members from the MGCC and Victor Lions Club met for Brunch at Brenda's in Victor. It was to thank Brenda's for their publicity of our show in the past and also to bring some business in, on a day that would have seen much more if there had been a car show. I hope this wasn't an omen of the coming season as it was a nice day and we had a good time together but it was **H O T ! ! !** We didn't travel with the rest of the group to Chris and Eileen's but rather were to go to a concert for our grandson. Little did we realize that this would be the omen of things to come the following week.

On Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> a group of MGCC members made the yearly trek to the big car show at Hildene in Manchester VT. This was our 10<sup>th</sup> time there and we always have a real good time. It is a fantastic show and gets bigger every year. This year was no exception to the rule and we heard that they had over 900 cars on the field. But more on that later.

After last year we decided to break up into groups of no more than four cars to travel together. It is much easier keeping track of four cars than it is of eight or more. Our group consisted of Nancy and I leading in the B, Doug and Cindy Jack in their TR3, Gil and Betty in the TD and Gene and Anne Faust in their Chrysler (Sebring) MG. We left the house at about 9 and took off for our first leg. Our drive to Baldwinsville was nice but uneventful. After a short stop it was off on the second leg. Every thing was fine and it was a nice warm day. We got to the turn off for Rome and proceeded, noticing that it was getting a little warm. By the time we passed Rome and were heading for Utica it was really getting warm. We decided to stop at Utica for lunch seeing as it was nearing 12 noon. It was really hot when we got out of the cars and we welcomed the air conditioning inside the restaurant. Leaving there after lunch we continued on still traveling in very hot weather. When we got to Herkimer the time temperature clock was reading 97 degrees! It was **HOT**.

By the time we got to Johnstown it had cooled off considerably and there the temperature was only 93. Time for the sweaters? From there it was through Saratoga, Schylerville, Greenwich, Cambridge and finally into East Arlington and we were in Vermont. Another short hop and we were at the Chalet Motel and really welcomed the air conditioning. It had been a hot drive but the cars (all of them) performed admirably and no car overheated. That's more than I can say for their human passengers. We were whooped. It was a long hot drive.

Saturday morning we were up early and off to Mount Equinox for the VSCCA Annual Hill Climb. This has been

another yearly ritual and it is fascinating seeing the cars that people are running up that mountain. There are runs in the morning and then when all the cars are at the top, they bring them down and do the same things all afternoon. Interesting and rare cars always and this year was no exception. The blue Bugatti Type 35 was there again as well as a number of Allards, Bentleys, Porsches, a TC an A, and the Amilcar that won the Round The Houses Race at Alexandria Bay in 1938. Great day and great fun watching them fly up that hill. The Bugatti has the **loooooongest** first gear I have ever heard.

After lunch it was off to the show field. We found our designated spot and settled in for the afternoon. (we thought) It was an absolutely beautiful Vermont summer day with not a cloud in the sky and extremely high temperatures and **NO BREEZE** at all. We lasted for part of the afternoon but it was so hot we opted to go back to the motel for some cooling air conditioning.

The following day we were at the field again and it was overcast so the heat wasn't so bad. Lucky for all of us Doug and Cindy had the foresight to bring along a pop up canopy and we all took shelter under it. When the trophies were awarded we stayed to see who had won in our class (Dave Chase and Dick and Marlene Rzepkowski) and then took off for some shopping. Had dinner that night with Doug and Cindy and retired early. The following morning we had decided to leave by about 9:00 so we could be in Saratoga at The Saratoga Auto Museum for their opening at 10:00. The current exhibit features Bugatti's and it was worth every penny of the admission charge. Where else will you see 10 perfectly restored Bugatti's all under one roof. Eight of the 10 cars are owned by one couple and the most rare was a Bugatti Atlantic Coupe. This car is one of three built and only one of two that remain. The sister car is owned by Ralph Lauren. This car took a best in show at Pebble Beach and one can see why. It is an absolutely flawless restoration done in a beautiful shade of light sliver blue. (Bugatti's were always painted blue as that is the national racing color of France) I can't even begin to think of owning such a car and then, loan it out to a museum for a display? If it were mine I would have it under armed guard 24 hours a day. I would urge any one that can, to visit Saratoga and take in this exhibit. It is a once in a lifetime chance to see this many rare and beautifully restored cars under one roof.

From there we left and headed for home. We stopped in Johnstown for lunch and found the time temperature clock once again in the 90's and figured it must be stuck. But when we got to Herkimer again the clock there was reading **100 !!!** Utica was next and we decided it was time

to get a cold drink. From there it was uneventful and one more stop in Baldwinsville and home we came. We ran into some rain around Cato and Meridian but by the time we got to Route 104 it had stopped and the sun came out again. Still hot though. We got home with no more rain but Gil and Betty did get some before they got to Pittsford. All in all it was a great weekend. The show at Hildene gets better every year and the cars are magnificent. There is a couple from Massachusetts that owns a "fleet" of restored vintage Chryslers and it is fun to see which car they will bring every year. This year was no exception and the chosen car for their travels was a **BIG** 1933 Chrysler Le Baron Phaeton. It was done in two shades of gray (medium and dark) with a burgundy accent stripe, while the interior was also burgundy and the top was back. It was gorgeous but the best part is, they drive every one of their cars to the show. They're great people and we look forward to seeing what they will bring every year. We have never been disappointed. She told me once they have at least 10 of these cars and they enjoy using them. Another interesting car on the other end of the size scale was an Austin Healey Sprite (MK II) that had a Jaguar (straight six) engine installed. It was not quite finished as it had no bonnet and the front fenders were not painted yet but the rest of the car from the windscreen back was finished, and beautifully done. But the engine installation was by far the neatest "swap" I have ever seen and looked like it had been done by the factory. Everything was meticulous and when he started it up the sound was enough to make a grown man cry. This car snerled. I would love to be able to drive that car sometime as it had to be blindingly fast.

So there you have our little journal. 627 miles (on our car) and we all got home safe and sound and all the cars performed beautifully. No problems from any of them. We already booked our room for next year and will be back again. I have to see what that (Chrysler) couple will bring to the show. We have never been disappointed by their choice and it is a pleasure to see them every year.

If you have never been to Hildene in the spring I can't urge you enough to try it sometime. **BUT** if you do plan to go, make some reservations or inquiries now. Things usually book a year in advance. If you can get a room I'm sure you would enjoy the show. It's a fun weekend in a beautiful setting and there are cars you will not see many other places. This year was an exception with the heat, and I can never remember it being that hot. Usually there is a breeze blowing across the meadow but this year I think it was on vacation. We got lucky again with no rain at the field (other than three drops I think on Sunday afternoon) and the rain on the drive home was our free car wash. So everything worked out alright and again I urge everyone if you've never been, you should make an effort to attend.

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*By George Haynes*

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The University Motors Summer Party is primarily for MG's of all ages, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan the weekend of August 20. University Motors is operated by John Twist and his wife Caroline Robinson and is more like a big family reunion.

The featured MG this year will be the MGB-GT, and featured speaker will be Peter Thornley, son of John Thornley, former manager of MG and founder of the MG Car Club worldwide. For more details for this event call University Motors at 616-682-0800 or check their website at:

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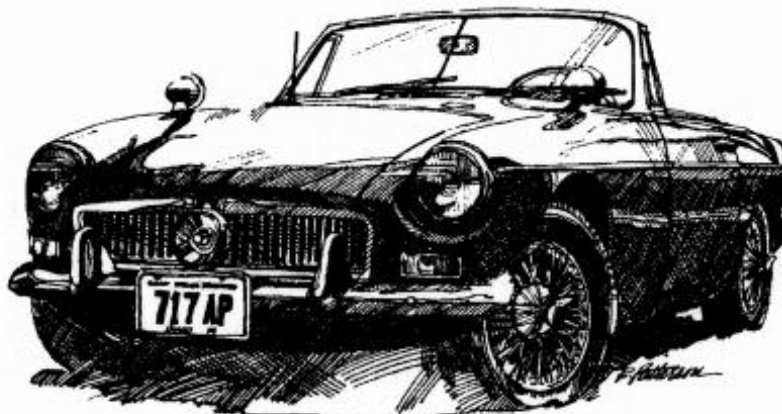
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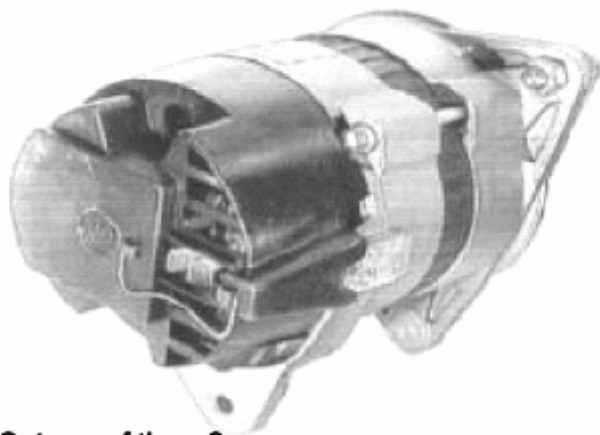
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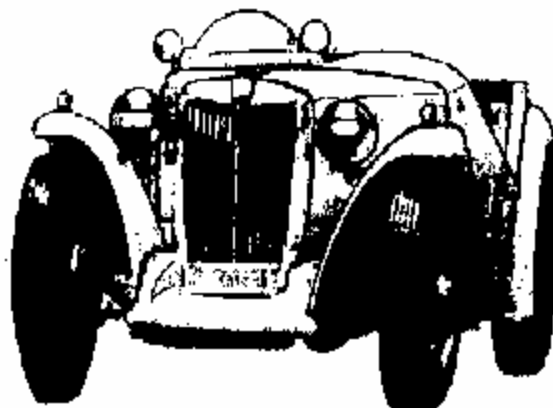
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## BURY ME IN AN OLD MOWOG PARTS BOX



*Jay Lockrow*

This has been a rather sparse season so far. First of all I missed the annual flea market at Ancaster Ontario. I did manage to get to the big flea market at Dunkirk where I added another radiator mascot to my collection and my friend got a British Seagull outboard motor. After that, I was getting my thoughts together to go to the MG Car Club Auto Festival at Fingerlakes racetrack when that was cancelled. The next event on the calendar was Euro Car Day by the British Car Club of Western New York. Would you believe I missed that also because that was the weekend that my daughter graduated from Union College in Schenectady? I guess I might be having withdrawal symptoms but hopefully an event this weekend will prove fruitful.

As I went forward I kept thinking how I could make some of these non automotive weekends fun. On the way over to my daughter's graduation I decided to see how many interesting cars I could spot on the interstate. This can be fun but I saw relatively nothing of any great interest. I counted about seven or eight Minis (the new one) on the way over. Also in the count were two Porsche Boxsters the new BMW two seat sports car and one Mercedes coupe.

But wait! About three miles from our destination of my stepmothers I saw a lonely Mercedes Benz 190 SL with the top down and the guy smiling. Around the corner from that I always look in the backyard of this one resident because over the years he has had a variety of interesting cars parked there. Once there was a Berkeley looking lost and abandoned for some time and also a mid 60s Rover. His usual transport is an elderly Land Rover which was there. Once several years ago when we were in town there was a lovely MG TC in the yard. I walked up and chatted with him for a few minutes and he told me he used to restore them and this one quit on the owner and that was why it was there. I didn't have much time as folks were waiting so I had to hurry on. One of these days I will get back to him and find out more.

The trip was fun (beastly hot that weekend) and the graduation lovely. What I am wondering is where are all the interesting cars. There was a time you could take a trip like this and usually see several interesting older cars but this time zip. I understand that a good number of these cars are in enclosed trailers now but it is discouraging nevertheless. I guess I will have to get more off the beaten path to see unusual stuff.

Anyway the other weekend I was invited to ride along to a motorcycle show and flea market up in Paris (no not France) Ontario. I don't really know a great deal about motorcycles but I recognize names and makes. There were

some really unusual motorcycles at this event and I was happy that I went. One very unusual motorcycle that was there was a Neracar which was really strange but most interesting. There were also many basket cases ready for rescue along with parts galore.

Of course there was a good number of Hardley Davidsons and a great number of the early Japanese bikes. What held my attention were the early British bikes in particular two beautifully restored AJS, a couple of Rudge motorcycles, a four cylinder Indian (American), several BSAs and one of my favorites a Royal Enfield. Over in one corner of the field there was one Brough Superior that was holding everyone's attention. Also on the lot was an Ariel Square Four. Ariel made wonderful simple bikes and very reliable, the Square Four however, was not one of them. They suffered from cooling problems because the front two cylinders would get the air and rear two did not. Hence there was always warping and the valves would get out of whack in a hurry. Interesting to look at but purchase one at your own peril.

The single cylinder and twin cylinder Ariel on the other hand were reputed to be excellent cycles. In fact we came home with a single cylinder Ariel engine that will be put on a frame and a good cycle made from it.

Anyway as you read this it will be July and I will be looking forward to a car show one of these weekends. I need a fix pretty bad so I guess I might take a quick ride in Cecil before it gets dark. The next step with the cars is to get them inspected so we can stay legal.

A closing note on inspections. If you happen to have a car that is recalled be sure to take it to a dealer and have it repaired or checked even if you do the repair yourself. If you don't, big brother is watching with his computer and you might not be able to register your car next time around.



## Ten Years Ago

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by Wally Roworth

**THE COVER** is of a New England Covered Bridge with Vince Cappaccio's MGB.

**EDITOR** Cindy Cappaccio this was the month that Dave Johnson "retired" and the Palermo's took over. This was the month that Jim and Wendy Priestley took over the changes of residency and such matters like dues and memberships. (Jim still is doing this job). And Cindy thanked George Herschell for his New England Tour and wants to participate on the ones in the future.

**VICE CHAIR** Phil Parisi. His Sergeant kept saying: "Preparation, Preparation, Preparation, Execution, Successful Formula." Our new meeting place, The Elks Club has offered a Spaghetti dinner for our July meeting. Phil thanked George Herschell for his Blue '69 MGB Roadster.

**JULY MINUTES.** Phil Parisi started meeting at 7:35pm. Minutes accepted as printed. New members introduced and two new MG's.

**ACTIVITIES:** The Palermo's (known as Mr. & Mrs. Kharna). Aided by Desi Benet Gourmet at Captain Yogis, August 27. Steak Roast Rally, Sunday August 6th starting at the Elks Lodge and winding up at the Langswagers on Atlantic Avenue, Penfield. Non rallyers at 3pm. A list of Rally necessary equipment and the comment that few separations resulted from this activity. September show at the Eastman House and the "100" car parade from the Academy of Medicine down East Avenue. Cars will be shown on the semicircle in front of the Eastman House. Help will be needed.

**TREASURER** Wendy Priestley reported July 20th, 344 members and 199 memberships of which 10 were new.

**REGALIA** Dave Chase showed the first "Computer Chip Logoed" items. It can even be done on your pj's and is a nice touch on the "T" and Sports shirts.

Phil Parisi complemented the SPOKES staff on another great job. August Board Meeting 7pm on the 2nd Thursday at Greece Arcadia (Down Back)

**NO OLD BUSINESS:** Steve Fitch noted that Gymkhanas were slated for Monroe Community College in parking lots M & N. He was looking for help. The RIT Auto Show finished about the same time as the Gymkhana. Steve thought that all participants should meet at McGregor's on Brighton Town Line Road.

**MOTIONS** Another of Al Costich's infamous motions. No support so it was laid to rest.

**ATTENDANCE** All attendants were listed 72 members and one guest, Nancy Vickers.

**PHIL RICHER** a long time Director of the MG Club Ltd and member of the Western NY Centre passed away Wednesday June 30, 1995 in the UK. Declining Health, over a year, caused by a Motor Neural Disease. September 16th 1986 we held a Spring House Dinner in his honor. He then was Overseas Director of MGCC. He came to pick up the North America Nuffield Trophy which we had held for "Safe Keeping". Another story. He was a very likeable fellow. That night the Nuffield Cup was filled and passed around with Champagne and later a fine single malt provided by Phil, guest of honor. In January 1988 Phil called to say that WNY Centre had been awarded the cup for the third time. Sometimes on Georges English visits he would stay with Phil and Gladys at their home in Bromsgrove, Worcester and Phil would take pride in saying that George's room was the one used by Count Johnny Luriani, legendary Mille Miglia racer. They visited Phil's stored Twin Cam. Family and total devotion to things MG. He sold the Twin Cam and then had two GT's and a rocket like B. And he had a large diverse collection of MG things. George Herschell said, "I think all who knew him will attest that Phil Richer was a most interesting, kind and pleasant gentleman. He will be missed". Survivors, wife Gladys, daughter Zoe and two sons Tony and Alex. Services were held Friday, July 7 in Reddich, England.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** Marcia, sister of Dave Johnson, passed away after a long illness. She owned a 1964 1/2 Austin Healey Sprite for over ten years and it was dearly loved. John McDonald got most of the parted car, her car lives on as does her most precious memories.

**THE GOURMET CLUB** visited Captain Yogi's on East Lake Road on Canandaigua Lake. Good food, good prices and limited space Desi Benet set it up. The Captain had owned a Morris Minor and was a big old car buff.

**TEN YEARS AGO** Sue Keppeler. She wrote about the Toronto MGCC 30th Anniversary Bash at Collingswood, Canada. Sue & Bob K., Dick, Bethel and Rachel Powers,



## Ten Years Ago *continued*

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Desi and Bill Benet. Greatest activity was a Jacuzzi. And how we took possession for the whole weekend. (Hot Tub Hogs). A rainy Rally was passed up by Bob and Annabelle Tescione, but the hardier souls stuffed the holes with paper toweling and had a towel on their laps. Before coming home a go-cart park was visited and they had a go at it and what a great time. George Heisenberger penned an article about replacing 2-6 volt batteries with one 12 volt battery. The successful car show (873 cars-most yet) led to Bob Tescione volunteering for Chair. This was the month of Allyn Wagner (1967 MGB-GT) and Vince and Cindy Cappaccio (1980 MGB & 1969 VW) joining the club.. Car sale a 1969 MGC-GT Fully restored, ex cond. and a Deal at @\$3,600-Liverpool, N.Y. On the Toronto Tour her MGA used 6 quarts of oil in 280 miles which portended an engine job..

ON COLLECTING Chris Williams having been flat bedded home once, set new ways of keeping his cars on the road. Preventive maintenance. Then to have proper tools to repair anything that might happen. Then to buy tools that would do the job and not break the bank. Then what finally happened-move out and build a proper and spacious garage and get more electrical and/or air tools. Having the extra space allows for more tools, as needed. Repairing isn't work it's FUN.

BURY ME IN AN OLD MOWOG PARTS BOX Jay Lockrow. Contacted Don Koleman about visiting and having a tour of his facilities. It was arranged. Don was out the day I called but his assistant Don Bragg was agreeable to giving me a tour. Just inside the door a beautiful Delhaye being prepared for the seasons vintage activity. Then an Indian Motorcycle. Then Bugatti engines in various stages of repair. As we were starting out for the tourists tour Don Kohlman came in. He invited us into his home. Surprise, there in the Living Room was a 51 Grand Prix Bugatti. With radiators, tin toys, books magazines and even an Offenhauser engine. Visited the Visitor Center in Old North Bridge. Both things free compared to the many expensive things we did and far more interesting.

A GREAT SPRING SHOW Mark Kaplan. Bob Tescione had been trying for a long time to stir up some interest in the ME Ohio Healey show. I drove my Healey the 500 miles to Richfield, Ohio. Over 200 British Cars including a Jowett Jupiter. The flea market is

outstanding. May it hasn't been scrounged through as yet and had all kinds of interesting parts for all the British type cars. Of course a 500 to 600 mile trip can point out some interesting problems.

FROM THE PASSENGERS SIDE Nancy Herschell A VERY INTERESTING THREE PAGE ARTICLE WHICH IS AVAILABLE.

PRINCE of WALES & OBAN TOUR Desi Benet. AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ON THE FIRST SPRING ACTIVITY, ALSO AVAILABLE.

NEW ENGLAND MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE MK III George Herschell An article with a lot of thanks and interesting facts. Also being photographed for the Green Granite Promotional and that tie in with ESPN. Apologies to the guys who had to find space for all the stuff the girls bought. Mark even tied packages tied underneath his car.



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 14 Dave Wild  
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| <b><u>January</u></b><br><br>6 Board Meeting<br>16 Wine & Cheese Party/Valve Cover Races<br>20 <b>Meeting</b>   | <b><u>February</u></b><br><br>5 Mardi Gras Party<br>17 <b>Meeting</b>                                | <b><u>March</u></b><br><br>3 Board Meeting<br>6 <b><u>Steak Roast &amp; Auction</u></b><br>17 <b>Meeting</b><br>20 English Pub | <b><u>April</u></b><br><br>21 <b>Meeting</b><br>23—24 Overnite—Saratoga                 |
| <b><u>May</u></b><br><br>5 Board Meeting<br>8 Autocross (& Driver School)<br>14 Tune Up Clinic (10-4)<br>15 Brunch Run<br>19 <b>Meeting</b><br>19-22 Carlisle | <b><u>June</u></b><br><br>10—12 Hildene Car Show<br>16 <b>Meeting</b>                                | <b><u>July</u></b><br><br>8 Board Meeting<br>10 Autocross II<br>21 <b>Meeting</b><br>31 RIT Car Show                           | <b><u>August</u></b><br><br>7 Pig Roast/Rallye<br>14 Autocross III<br>18 <b>Meeting</b> |
| <b><u>September</u></b><br><br>1 Board Meeting<br>7 Vintage Weekend @ Glen<br>13 <b>Meeting (TUESDAY!!)</b><br>24 Tune Up Clinic<br>25 Autocross IV           | <b><u>October</u></b><br><br>9 Fall Foliage Tour<br>20 <b>Meeting</b><br>22 Halloween Rallye & Party | <b><u>November</u></b><br><br>3 Board Meeting<br>6 Garage Tour<br>13 Brunch Run<br>17 <b>Meeting</b>                           | <b><u>December</u></b><br><br>3 Holiday Party<br>No Meeting                             |

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