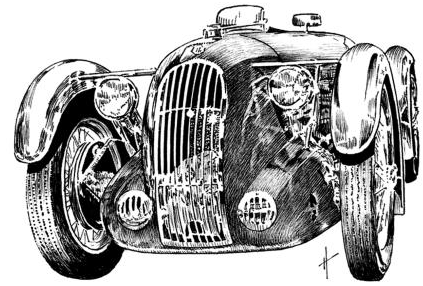


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ON THE ROAD

by Doug Scribner, Chairman

Remember I mentioned the resurfacing of the “can of worms” this summer? And how I wished they’d do the same to the 590 / 104 interchange? Well, guess what? They did just that, this past month; the state’s paving contractors, working again at night, put a few acres of new asphalt over the old concrete, gradually smoothing out a rough section of our daily commute. It’s incredible, especially since all the taxes I’ve paid New York in my lifetime wouldn’t add up to enough to paint the lines on this new road, but I’m glad they did it anyway.

October is the month many of us are rushing to finish projects (or put them away) and get ready for winter. But we had a couple of pleasant breaks, with the Rizzo’s Fall Tour and the Abel’s Garage Tour. The Fall Tour was an excellent adventure, with a few surprises thrown in (Right, Wally and Carl? Did you meet Brock Yates? And thanks, Gil, for our little side trip—sorry, Betty, for making us so late we missed the apple fritters). The Rizzo’s went to a lot of trouble finding great roads on an interesting route, with a terrific lunch and other stops, making for a lovely day’s drive. Thank you, Tim and Rhonda! The Abel’s organized a “compact” (less than 40 miles) Garage Tour of four places in the Webster/Penfield area. This was not only very interesting, but in many ways inspirational. And Kathy and Bill Rampe provided food afterward that satisfied everyone. Thank you Bob, Georgean, Kathy and Bill for providing us with another terrific Club event!

The October meeting was exciting, with a number of people accepting nominations for next year’s officers, and so the upcoming November meeting, our last for the year, will feature an actual election, with multiple candidates to choose from for several board positions. You’ll find details elsewhere in this issue. It’s been a long time since this has happened. I’m encouraged, and thankful, that so many Members have “stepped up” to get involved in running the affairs of the Club, and I’m optimistic about our future.

Hope to see you at the next event!



Tim & Doug at Cannonball Pub



Rearview



Last stop on the tour

Activities

by Betty Langswager

Thank you to the Rizzos, Tim & Rhonda, for another great Fall Tour! 44 cars, almost all sports cars, on tour. It was cloudy & rainy but it didn't dampen our enthusiasm. Lunch at the Springbrook Inn in Caledonia was delicious. There were a couple of mis-adventures, nothing serious, thank goodness!

Thank you Georgean & Bob Abels for the Garage Tour. Every year we always get to see some very interesting garages. When Anne Faust was Activities Director she suggested to Gene, let's have a garage tour. He laughed and said "it will never fly". Look at it now! It's got to be our most interesting thing to do. Thanks, Anne!

Thank you to Kathy & Bill Rampe for opening their home and garage for the Chili Party after the garage tour. Kathy always has lots of good food and some of us don't know enough to go home afterwards, we always have a good time there.

November 13 is the Brunch at the Rochester Yacht Club. Send checks to Anne Faust and made out payable to Anne Faust. See details in Spokes.

Nov. 17 is the Meeting with election of officers. We have two slates so voting will be by paper ballot. Please attend to put your favorite candidate in office.

Nov. 17 at the Meeting, one of our members, Barbara Fink, will talk about her adventures and observations while on work detail down in New Orleans and Mississippi. Our club donated \$1000.00 to the Red Cross effort in support to help the evacuees.

December 3 is the Holiday Party at the Wishing Well on Chili Ave. at I 390. Cost is \$20.00 per person. It's bring a gift, take a gift that's optional, in the \$10.00 range. It makes for a festive evening. If you like the place and the menu from last year please come again this year. See the rest of the details in Spokes.

No Meeting in December

January 22 is the Wine & Cheese Party & Valve Cover Races at Finn Park on Maple Avenue in West Webster. Details are in Nov. & Dec. Spokes.

Prepare your racers now and be prepared for some great competition!

Activities 2006

by Brooks Schneider

By now, many of you have heard that Gayle and I will be taking over the Activities Directors' role for 2006. We're all too aware that Gil and Betty will be a tough act to follow but, with your help, we'll try to pull it off. Since 2006 will be here before we know it and one of the first orders of business will be to try to have the calendar as complete and accurate as possible, we'd like to know what activities are of interest to you.

As relative newcomers to the club, we are familiar with the perennial favorites, but not with those that may have come and gone. With ignorance on our side, our bias is to not rule out anything. The club exists because there is a group of people who share the common interest, for reasons even they may not be able to explain, of trying to make/keep old British cars roadworthy and who also like to have fun. Odds are if something is interesting or fun for you, it will be for some other members too. So, especially if you're willing to organize it, why not give it a try? There's no rule that says an activity has to be elaborate, so a couple of simple off-the-wall ideas might be: a slot car racing party (Wouldn't it be great to drive at 2400 (scale) mph on a cold winter day?); go-karts (especially for those of us not ready for SVRA). There's probably a limit somewhere (we can't really picture an MGCC sky-diving outing), but there may be some thrill-seekers who would like to try something like the jet boat excursions on the Niagara River. Please give it some thought and get back to us with suggestions, ideally by the end of November. We can be reached by telephone at 585-225-5251 or by E-mail at: bjsbrooks@aol.com or night10gayle@aol.com.

In the meantime, there are a couple of things that need some immediate attention. In February this year, there was a Mardi Gras excursion to Hammondsport. It sounded like everyone had a great time. Is there interest in doing this again, or perhaps something similar? There was also a weekend trip to Saratoga Springs in April, including a tour of the automobile museum. The reaction was very positive and Cheryl Baldwin is willing to make the arrangements again, but we need some sense of whether there's enough interest. She was able to get some great rates by making contacts in December.

Let's make 2006 a year to remember, in a good way, of course. Thanks.

MGCC MEETING MINUTES

by Pat Sangster

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. Minutes from last month accepted as published in spokes. Treasurer not able to attend but reports we are in good shape. No new members and guests.

Betty Langswager began the activities with the standard joke. Thanks went out to Rizzos for the Fall Tour, Bob and Georgan Abels for the Garage Tour, and Bill and Kathy Rampe for the party after the tour. See activities article for future events.

Laurie Scribner reported new regalia item this month is denim jacket, still have a few fleece blankets, and many shirts to choose from. Spokes articles are due week from tonight. Red Cross thank you letter for the donation was received and will be published in Spokes. Club Librarian reports VHS tapes are in the process of being added to our collection and will be available soon. Webmaster requests send stuff to him and it will be posted on website.

No old business to report. New business this month is nomination of officers. Chairperson opened floor to nominations. Nominated members are listed below. All accepted and nominations were seconded.

Chairperson – Leon Zak

Vice-chair – John Baum and Dan Suter

Treasurer – Joeanna DeBlaere and Steve Sangster

Secretary – Wally Roworth and Marlene Rzepkowski

Trustee – Dave Chase and Bob Tescione

Activities – Brooks and Gail Schneider

Ted Hershey was nominated for trustee but did not accept the nomination. It was also announced Allen Hess will take over Spokes starting with the 2006 Calendar. He would appreciate more pictures.

A review of the voting process was discussed. Positions and the names of those running for the respective positions will be listed in November Spokes and voting will take place at the November meeting as long as the club has a quorum attending. By-laws state that a quorum is 10% of the voting eligible membership and a minimum of 2 officers attending. The clarification was made that the nominees listing in Spokes is listing only, not an official ballot. There was a discussion on accepting votes from members not able to attend November's meeting. Motion was made to accept mailed in ballots that have voter/member names and are received in MG Club mailbox by noon, the Monday prior to November meeting. After discussion on motion, amendment was made to

read: Club to accept mailed in ballots that have voter/member names and are received in MG Club mailbox by noon, the day of the November meeting. Motion was seconded. Discussion held. It was suggested mailed in votes are in double envelope with outside envelope showing member's name and inside envelope containing your ballot. Amended motion was voted on and approved by members. Approved motion: Club will accept mailed in ballots that have voter/member names and are received in MG Club mailbox by noon, the day of the November meeting.

Thanks to Abels for this year's garage tour, shorter distance of the tour was appreciated and suggested the idea continues for future tours. Suggestion for a full treasurer's report (annual report) heard next month, chairman agreed and promised full report will be presented. Request to hear car show report since it has been a few months since one had been given. Dick Powers reported facility the "core" group had been looking at was not available and were now looking at other locations. A final location decision is planned for the end of October. Classes worked out last year will be used, and the artwork is ready. Dick announced he prefers a diverse show so that is what he plans to organize, having as many types of transportation as possible.

Brian Smith wanted to thank the members for their camaraderie and the good times because he and Julie are returning to mid-west.

Jim Priestley wanted to remind everyone it is not too soon to pay your 2006 dues and has already received a payment.

Cars and parts announced along with a few project updates. Door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Barb Wild	Nancy Herschell
Dave Wild	Brian Smith
Pat Sangster	Julie Smith
Steve Sangster	Tim Rizzo
Alan Costich	Rhonda Rizzo
Dick Giambra	David Engdahl
Dave Chase	Jim Padula
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Chuck Swarts	Carl Baxter
Mark Gibson	Joe DeBlaere
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Doug Jack	Gene Dinkel
Barbara Zak	Hollis G. Hames
Lane Boughton	Marlene Rzepkowski
John Thompson	Bob Tescione
Laurie Scribner	Dan Suter
Doug Scribner	John Baum
Dan Goodwin	Jim Priestley
Cheryl Zonneville	Dawn Priestley
David Leete	Leon Zak
Bob Abels	Wally Roworth
Georgan Abels	Ted Hershey
George Haynes	Sue Keppeler
Dick Powers	

Classifieds

Parts For Sale: 1968 rear axle, (only item from the 68) 1964 transmission, control console, interior hardware, lights , dampers, (I stripped the car after parking it under a guard rail), lots of odds and ends. This stuff NEEDS a new home. I don't want it to be a dumpster. Carl e-mail: ngbrew@hotmail.com Parts are in Windsor, NY (Broome County, near Binghamton)

For Sale: 1963 Austin Healey 3000 BT7 2+2, 69k miles, stored 20 years indoors, asking \$10,000
Call 585-586-8465

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For Sale: 1963 Mercury Comet convertible, black with red interior. Six-cylinder, automatic and power top. New tires (5) and front end rebuild. This is a very correct, original car that has been well maintained over the years. Includes car cover and Shop and Owner's manuals. Not a perfect car but a very nice one. I drove it to Hildene in June. It's easy to drive and a real head-turner. Sadly, there are still too many cars in the stable and something must go. Asking \$13,000.
Call George Haynes 585-872-6536



Recreation of an ad for MGA's that the factory used about 1957. Dick Powers on left and the ex David Ash/Ted Rounds in the center.

Fall Tour 2005: No Particular Place to Go

by Rhonda Rizzo

I said to Tim, why don't you write the Fall Tour article for Spokes this year. His reply:

What's there to tell except that Wally Roworth had an off road excursion, he and Carl Prouty, his navigator, are ok and the car has minor damage.

My reactions to this statement were: But what about the weather? Tim had the top down as I was getting ready but put it back up before we left the house and it stayed up all day. It was definitely a top up day for everyone since it was cold and drizzling.

People would want to know that we had 21 cars and 46 people on the tour.

Wouldn't you want everyone to know that the start of the tour was on Kings Highway, your all time favorite sports car road? It's the road you grew up driving on while dreaming of the day you would have a sports car.

Did the tour enjoy the extended View of Lake Ontario as we all pulled over so I could run a copy of the route instructions back to Wally and Carl who arrived at the meeting spot just as the tour pulled out.

Surely not everyone knows that the Brookwood restaurant had the wrong time for our arrival. That their refrigerator malfunctioned and froze all the vegetables for the kabobs. That they had to run to the store and buy more. That they gave us the bill for a different party and we had to straighten out the bill before paying. Thankfully the food was great which almost made the 1 1/4-hour wait worth it.

There must have been a cosmic plan at work since Doug Scribner had on his Cannon Ball Run jacket without the knowledge that we planned an autograph session for Brock Yates book "Cannon Ball! Worlds Greatest Outlaw

Race" at the Cannon Ball Pub in Wyoming and that the appearance of Brock Yates and Dick Powers (who was returning from a race at Lime Rock) was not planned by us!!!!

I wondered out loud as to when people started drifting off the tour. Only a few cars pulled in behind us at Zarpentine Farms. We learned that the Scribner's waited one gas station to long to fill up. I guess we need to put back into our drivers/navigators talk to always start a tour with a full tank and an empty bladder.

Only a few club members were there to see the confused look on our face when Mary Strang came out with a message for us to call the phone number written on a piece of paper she handed us. After we found a cell phone (I can hear you all laughing. Yes as unbelievable as it sounds we don't have one.) the phone number got us through to Bethel Powers. That's how we found out about Wally and Carl. Dick Powers stopped to help and called home to have Bethel call us with the news. A special thanks to all who over the years have stopped to help in a time of need.

Why was it that Zarpentine Farms ran out of Apple Fritters when we called ahead to let them know that 50 people would be stopping at 4:00?

I heard of a few missed turns. But I didn't hear of anyone who got really lost. It was suggested we include course workers and flaggers on the next tour!!!!

But Tim, we always want to tell everyone how much we appreciate the feedback we receive. Thanks to everyone who participated, sent thank you cards or thanked us in person. After Tim patently listened to all this he added and I whole hearted agreed, we sincerely hope you all enjoyed the day.



Finally after too many years, the notorious “Vermont Bermuda Triangle has been conquered (again) but this time it was done, once with help, and once without (well almost). But I’m getting ahead of myself. The third weekend in September is always our annual trek to Stowe Vermont for the British Invasion. This year was no exception and it is a trip we look forward to every year. Except for the dreaded “Vermont Bermuda Triangle”. As you may remember a number of years ago we got on to this short cut through Vermont from the Ferry to Stowe without using Route 89. Rt. 89 is a wonderful route but it is fast and furious and more than once I have had the sickening feeling that I was going to be run over by a trailer truck or something else moving at the speed of light. I really don’t mind being on that road in the large family car, but in the MG it can be a bit intimidating. So some years ago as I said we found out about the alternate route. The very first time we tried it we got THERE fine, but on the return trip we got (not quite hopelessly) lost and almost ended up in Burlington. We tried it a number of times afterwards and always seemed to get mixed up somewhere and found some other nice roads that really didn’t take us where we wanted to go but did show you another side of Vermont. When trying to get to and from a destination seeing the rest of Vermont is not really high on my priority list so last year I asked Gene and Anne Faust if they would lead. They did and everything worked out fine and we got through with no problems at all. This year I thought that seeing as it worked last year I would pressure them to lead again. Graciously they consented and we again had a wonderful drive and got where we hoped to go with no mishaps. Thanks again to them for this help.

Our group consisted of the: Langswager’s (TD), Jack’s (TR3A), Abel’s (Jensen Healey), Faust’s (Sebring “MG”), and Carl Prouty driving sweep in his family sedan and ourselves in the MGB. We left here on Thursday and the plan as usual was to drive to Lake Placid for the night and drive to Vermont the following morning. The first day was fine with a beautiful sunny day and great driving weather. I took the lead again because the MGB has traveled that route so much (at least 14 times) it knows its way and I can catch forty winks while we go. Not too hot just right for traveling. We did our usual rest stops and

arrived late Thursday afternoon. On Friday when we left for the Ferry across Lake Champlain and Vermont, the weather was cloudy but no rain. When we got to the other side, I relinquished the lead to Anne and Gene and we were off on another adventure through the “triangle”. When we got to Route 2 they handed the lead back to me and it was off to Stowe, but not without our yearly obligatory pre lunch stop at Ben and Jerry’s. This also is a tradition and if we didn’t stop there would be no living with Betty or Gene.

We got to the hotel, checked in and went over to the field to register. Apparently there had been some rain overnight because there were a number of puddles on the field and the road in was a bit “soupy” shall we say for lack of a better word. We went our separate ways and Nancy and I had been invited to a cook out by the B Register at the Sun and Ski Motel. It had started to rain and the cook out was held under canopies out back and although a bit damp we had a good time and watched videos of their trip to Olympia Washington from NJ. We turned in early that night and listened to the rain (HARD) and wondered what the field would look like on Saturday.

We found out and it wasn’t pretty. There was a lot of mud to drive through to get on the field but if you were careful you could weave and avoid most of the puddles. There were fewer cars than last year and we wonder if it was due to the weather or the price of gasoline. However, the cars that were there, were fantastic. MG, by far, had the largest turnout but Singer made a really good dent with their display and had there area set up like a dealers showroom complete with a dealers sales and service sign. Rolls Royce had a dealers tent set up and I got to see the new Rolls Royce. UGLY!!!! The grille looks like it belongs on a huge “Mack Semi” and there is nothing beautiful or graceful about that car anymore. It is a tank in every sense of the word. However, the Bentley Azure drophead was absolutely gorgeous and if I ever win the lottery I will give serious consideration to one. But I don’t think I have to worry about that. Aston Martin was the featured car and the display of those made ones eyes water and some serious drooling was noticed. Of all the new cars that I have seen the Aston Martin is one of only a few that has retained the look of an Aston Martin without going off the deep end

styling wise. It is really a beautiful car, and maybe if the lottery is large enough I'll get one of those too.

Finally they got the Concours de Elegance right this year and the judging was as fair as I have ever seen it. They had teams of judges and each team judged the same part of every car. The same as we do at Watkins Glen and by doing it this way the results were fine. Best in Show went to a 1948 Healey Westland that had been owned by Donald Healey and was the car he and his son drove from New York to California in 1948. The present the owner is going to retrace that route with his son in the same car. There was a beautiful MGB (66 or 67) that had won before and was in Best of Winners class and from what I heard, he received an offer of \$35,000 for the car and sold it on the spot. It is a beautiful car and perfectly done but \$35,000 ?

Stowe is a great show and even with the muddy field it is worth the visit by all sometime. We left the field a little early to avoid the rush in the restaurants and while we were having dinner that night with the Jack's it POURED.

On Sunday Nancy and I decided not to go to the field as it was only the Tail Gate Competition and seeing as how the Langswager's were not competing this year, we went into the town proper and walked around a bit and did some Christmas gift shopping for our daughters in law. That has also become a tradition. We met the rest of the group at the Cabot Cheese shop and we were on our way back to Lake Placid. This is where it got testy because Anne and Gene decided they were going to take a different route so we were on our own. It was: Nancy and I, the Langswager's, the Jack's and Carl. We got to Route 2 and headed for Richmond. This part of the route is easy but after Richmond it gets confusing. We made the turn on to the "triangle" and only once did I stop to check with Gil as to if we should go straight or turn. He assured me we were correct and lo and behold we made all the other turns correctly and were at the ferry in no time with no miscues at all.

The drive home Monday was the most beautiful day one could imagine with clear sunny skies and not a cloud in sight. Other than some road construction in downtown Watertown, the roads were great and clear for the most part. It was a day you wanted to bottle up and save for another time. So maybe (I hope) the Vermont Bermuda Triangle has been tamed. It was this year and I hope we can repeat the trip next year.



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Wally and Carl's Fall Foliage Tour-2005

by Wally Roworth

It was suggested that Carl Prouty should co-pilot the tour with me. It came to happen. Neither of us brought the plan sheet-we knew the other one would bring his. So we spent the first half hour looking for open malls. Finally on the way back going east we saw the sports cars starting to swarm. We followed the Wild's and spent many stretches in the 70's, playing catch up. All went well and we stayed reasonably close to the group and made it to the Spring Brook Restaurant for a tremendous Dinner.

After the dinner we followed the parade to the gift shop and bar. We left, driving at the end of the line. We found out later that Dick Powers had driven in from Lime Rock and Binghamton to join the group and that he followed us. We were trying to catch the string of cars and after making the turn onto Webster Road and climbing the hill I found that I hadn't gained enough speed for two passengers. (I have been driving single for too long) I tried a double clutch and missed. So I stopped and started up shifting again. As we were gaining speed we topped the sharp peak and I didn't see the road. Even my cushions weren't enough. I did see a post with a sign on it that I couldn't read and went to the right of it (wrong side it turned out). There we were headed into a farmers field and sliding, skidding down toward a valley. We had slowed down some but it took a massive thistleweed border to stop us. We slid in a little deeper than the cars length. But no bumps, bangs or crashing. The weeds did their job well and quietly. I shut the engine down from its idle, pulled on the emergency brake and left it in gear. Carl got out and saw Dick Powers go by. A little later Dick came back to see where we were. He didn't know we were playing hide and seek. I got out through an impacted bunch of weeds and thistles. And with Carl stood in back of the opening. Carl had left his phone in his car and I don't have one. Then we saw Dick go up the grade and turn around. He came back and we joined him on the road. Dick said that when he had made the next corner and saw the 2nd car ahead. He had to come back and be sure we were ok. There was NO DAMAGE TO THE CAR OR EITHER CARL OR

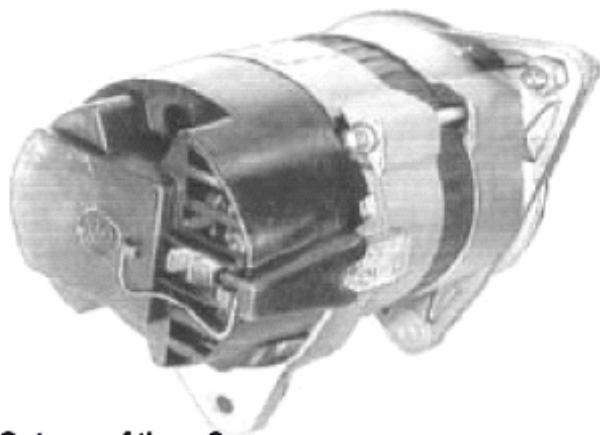
ME. He called AAA for us and we snuggled down in his van for three-quarters of an hour; The Tow Truck came and backed down the line that we had made going down the grade-Two wet dirty tracks. He hooked on, I climbed in and released the emergency, put it in neutral and turned the key on so the wheel would steer. A little pull, a steering correction and we were clear. He unhooked all the cables and I tried to back up the grade. No, go-too slippery for my tires even with the three of them pushing. So he surveyed the bank up to the road. That was a horizontal run to the bank so we decided that that was the way I should attempt to escape. I started slowly and built a little speed and when I made the bank I cut a little to the right and went up diagonally. Really smooth. I was proud of the B and me, despite what had happened. There were a lot of leaves that blew off, later. The bumper had picked up a batch, which was removed. The Tow Truck left and Dick got back into his van that was towing his 222 racer. We decided that the wait had put you through the next stop so we headed home with no problem except following the right roads north. And working our way around 490 which was closed down. We did get to 390 and home. The car ran smoothly all the way, Temperature had not changed and the oil pressure held its normal level. You'd never know we had gone through what we did. A good sign is needed that will tell the story simply and be clearly visible half way up the Webster Road hill.

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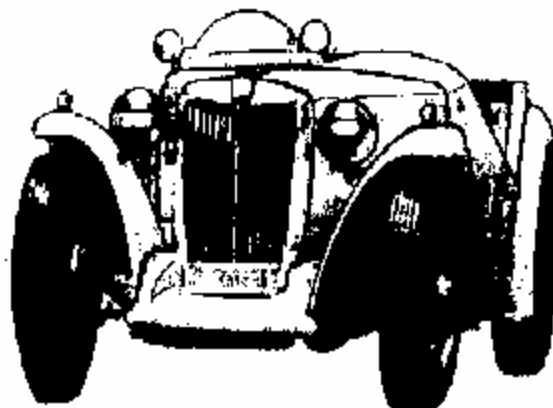
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Jay Lockrow

Toot! Toot! Full steam ahead. Ok lets get serious for a minute. This month we are going on a tangent and not talk about cars but about steamboats. Last August around the 18 of the month a good friend of many years called me. He asked if I wanted to go with him with his steamboat down towards Rochester so that he could explore a few miles of the canal. This is the same chap that once had several MG TC's and I drove one to Texas with him, sold him my dad's car and he had at least two others. He gave up MG's and got into steamboats. (I'll give an update on my dad's old car shortly) Anyway always one for a bit of a mechanical adventure I said sure. I arrived at his house at about 8am and proceeded to help put the steamboat together. In order to get the steamboat in his garage he has to remove the smoke-stack and the frame that holds the canvass cover or awning. We also had to install the whistle, blow off pipes and several other bits and pieces. Most important is to put some water in the boiler, as you sure don't want to start a fire before there is anything to heat. This accomplished we headed for Macedon NY where we put the steamer in the water.

First of all it's a little more involved than that. You have to put on the canvass top to keep sparks and ashes off the passengers. Then you put in things like paddles, life jackets, bundles of wood, mooring lines, bell, hook up the whistle and about forty minutes of preparation before you can really put it in the water. The last thing you do before launching is start a fire in the boiler. (Remember that I said it is important to have water in the boiler) Once the gauge is off the peg its time to see if it will float. This time it did, on the maiden voyage a few years back it didn't sink but the engine quit and we had to get a tow home. He knows much more about steam now. When running a steam engine there is always some adjustment or fitting to tighten.

So once in the canal we decided to head towards the town of Fairport. From where we started it was about four miles to Fairport. At the blistering speed of around five miles per hour it took us about an hour and twenty minutes to make the trip. Now you don't just sit and drink tea on a steamboat you pay attention to the mechanics. First there is stoking the boiler which must be done every ten or fifteen minutes so the fire keeps the water boiling. Then the water level in the boiler must be maintained so it does not boil away. If it does you can ruin the boiler and you have to paddle home. There is a vertical tube about six inches long and about one inch in diameter that shows you the water level. Anyway there are several systems for maintaining water level, an electric pump, a hand pump, and a pump run off engine power. Most use the

electric pump because there is also an electric system for the running lights. You are still not done. You must keep an eye on the oilers so that they don't run dry. This means every half-hour or so you take your oil can and fill them up with the proper weight oil, which is about 90-weight gear oil. Sometime during the trip you might have to stop the engine and lubricate the nipples on the bearings so you won't have any problems there. All this time you are also steering the boat and looking out for oncoming craft, having your lunch and carrying on a conversation about steamboats, sports cars, and dozens of other topics. If all else fails there is always plenty of brass to polish and steamboats have lots of copper too.

Once we arrived in Fairport we tied up for a minute and decided to go for an ice cream cone. This was all accomplished and when we arrived back at the boat there was always someone with questions about the boat. The cruise boat Colonial Belle came by and we must have had our picture taken about fifty times from that boat alone. If any of you folks from the Rochester area see my picture in the paper send me a copy.

The trip home was pretty much the same as the trip down with one big exception. The trip to Fairport was with a following wind and this makes a huge difference in boiler pressure. The return trip was into a slight wind and the draft made the fire much hotter so we actually picked up possibly a mile an hour.

Once returned to shore it is basically a reverse of the procedure of putting it in the water. However you do let the fire go out slowly so things will not contract too quickly and crack. But the boat must be emptied of the paraphernalia that you put in and when you return home the stack has to come down again as well as the frame for the canvass top as well as all mentioned above so it will fit back in the garage. I told him to get a bigger garage but all I got was a "yea right" What is humorous are the guys that come along with an outboard, stuff it in the water, jump in and are off before we even get the fire started. Whatever suits your fancy though steamboats are really a bit different and a lot of fun but I'm going to keep my TC.

If anyone is interested next summer (2006) around the 20th of June there will be a steamboat meet at this marina on the canal in Macedon. Write it on your calendar and bring your brass polish.



Garage Tour



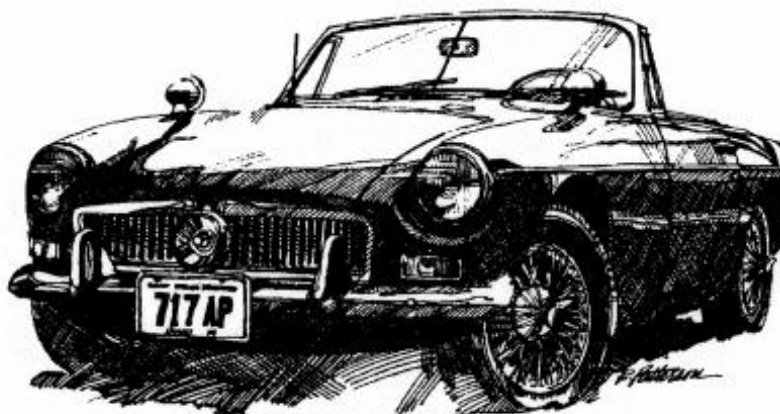
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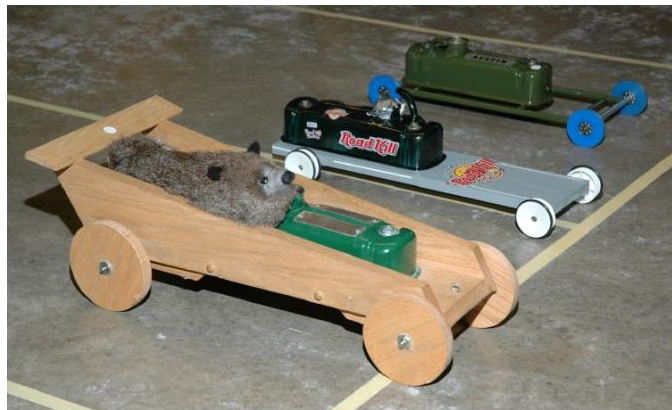
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