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From the Chairman

Leon Zak

The August Steak Roast is just around the corner, we've had some great driving weather and it looks like more is on the way. A couple weeks ago Allen Hess, John Baum and myself got together at Doug & Laurie Scribner's shop (Mini City) to clean up a few loose ends with the new to them MG. A little brake work, a bit of wiring, a new alternator, a few hot dogs, a couple beers and another MG is back on the road.



The next week same set of people with the appropriate MGs, except for the Baums, theirs is currently going through a complete rebuild, we did it's maiden road trip. A stop for breakfast and then a beautiful ride out to Livonia for the AACA Car Show. It was a nice show. Just over 100 cars of various makes and ages. Model T's, hot rods, and a couple sports cars. One of those sports cars was Marlene and Dick Rzepkowski's Midget. They took two prizes: best sports car and because it was a heavy GM and Ford show, the Best Other kind of car. Also Dick's brother Terry took prizes for his Ford Falcon (great restoration job!) and '55 Chevrolet. Congratulations to them.

It turned out to be a great MG day — good weather, a good time and no breakdowns.

— V8

Classified Ads

For Sale: Pair of SU HS6 1 3/4" carburetors with chrome pots and throttle linkage \$200.00 Dave Asmuth 315-587-2117

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The Herald

Allen Hess

The lazy, hazy, HOT days of summer are here, but that doesn't slow down our MGCC members. In this issue you'll see that since the car show our members have gone to Manchester, Vermont, Gatlinburg, Tennessee and Mosport race track in Canada. Closer to home, the Garden Tour went to Ithaca and the autocrossers were at MCC for the second round. A full report of the Nova Scotia tour will appear in the September Spokes.

If after reading Jay Lockrow's escapades of the Abnormal Ts you feel a certain kinship, e-mail him at Jaylock@localnet.com.

Recently a few members got together to track down and eradicate a few electrical problems. Mission accomplished. Though we had a meter and a lead electrician who knows how to use it, some of the gremlins were deceptively simple. When working on cars that are 30, 40, 50 years old, dirt and corrosion are chief suspects. The four way bullet connectors are prone to breaking and switch contacts just get dirty. Keep a few new connectors on hand; clean the contacts with fine sandpaper and you'll be back on the road.

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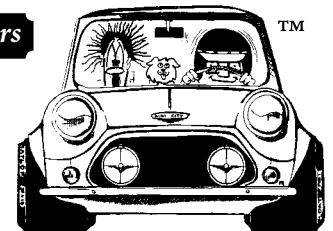
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Activities

Brooks Schneider

Since last month's installment, the 5th annual MGCC Garden Tour has passed. Thanks to Rhonda Rizzo and Elaine Hess for all their effort in organizing both this and the previous garden tours. As a reminder, this was the last year for this event, so there will be time available in the late June 2007 calendar if there is an activity you would like to organize.

Autocross 2 also took place on July 9th with results posted elsewhere in this issue. There are two more autocross opportunities this year, August 13th and September 24th, so come out and have some fun.

Sunday August 6th is, or perhaps more correctly, was the RIT car show, organized by the Genesee Valley Antique Car Society, followed immediately by the MG Car Club Pig Roast at the Rush Firemen's Field. As I'm writing this, we're hoping for a big turnout and cooperative weather.

It's hard to believe that Labor Day is fast approaching, but one consolation is that the Grand Prix Festival and SVRA race weekend at Watkins Glen is coming up also - September 8 - 10. It wouldn't be vintage car weekend without the traditional Saturday night party at the Seneca Lodge log cabin, so please plan to join us. [www.grandprixfestival.com]

Looking a little farther ahead, Bob Abels is organizing the Garage Tour once again this year and this year it will be on the west side of the river. Bob is looking for suggestions for stops

on the tour. Please contact him at glabels@aol.com or call 889-9414. George Heissenberger is also looking for volunteers to help with the Halloween Rallye. If you have an urge to hide in the bushes and scare the bejeepers out of unsuspecting rallyists, please contact George. If that doesn't appeal to you, there are no doubt many other ways you can help.

I'll close with the standing request for activity ideas and organizers. We are already making plans for 2007, so we will be circulating a survey via Email and during an upcoming meeting to try to determine which activities to continue for 2007, what to drop, and to solicit some new ideas. ◀

FALL TOUR 2006 Sunday October 8th

YES...There will be a Tour! YES...We are way behind!

The PLAN so far...

Start with Brunch in the Monroe/Clover area.

Take some nice roads we have used before.

Take some GREAT new roads we have found!

Leg stretch someplace new and interesting

Drive some more GREAT new roads!

Leg stretch at a Open House at Farm with Crafts
End East of Rochester. Details in next months Spokes!

Tim and Rhonda

2006 Autocross Series

Sunday! Sundaay! Sundaay!

June 18 Novice School

July 9

➔ August 13 ◀

September 24

Course and Technical Inspection 9:30 – 10:15 AM

First car off at 10:30 AM

Monroe Community College
Park in Parking lot M-1, Course on lot G
(the big one-oooh baby!!)

Members \$10

Non members \$15 + \$5 Associate Member Fee

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Tech Inspectors Needed

Contact Phil Parisi 225-3647



Minutes of the Meeting

Marlene Rzepkowski

MG Car Club Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2006

Call to order-7:40 PM

Minutes of last meeting accepted as written and printed in SPOKES.

New members and guests: Vicki Webeck mother of Carl Webeck. Roger Corea, CEO of Harwood Enterprises, one of the sponsors of the MGCC car show this year. Starting around August 13, 2006 this company will be offering local sales and service of classic cars, British cars, roadsters, and exotic cars.

Regalia- Many new items are now being offered. Sale on imprinted T-shirts: 2 for \$10 or \$6 each.

Membership- Joanna DeBlaere was there to handle any membership questions as Jim Priestley was not at the meeting.

Librarian- No Report

Treasurer Report- Accounts are doing well. Car show profits are not included. Specific details can be obtained from Joanna DeBlaere, our treasurer.

SPOKES- Articles are due by next Thursday July 27, 2006. Photos of Hildene, MG 2006 Gatlinburg, Garden Tour, Autocross II, and Mossport will be in the next issue of SPOKES. An article on Hildene is needed for the next issue.

England- George Herschell reported that MG Enthusiast (published in the UK) will donate roughly \$7.60 to our treasury for each person that purchases a yearly subscription to MG Enthusiast. The cost of this subscription is approximately \$66.42 per year if it is sent by surface mail.

Trustee Report- No Report

Activities- Brooks started with a funny true story. A review of the Garden Tour and Autocross I, II was given. See the Activities report in SPOKES for a detailed list of future events.

Dave Wild reported that there was nothing new to tell about the upcoming events at the Watkins Glen Vintage Race weekend.

Car Show- Report given by Dick Powers. Many of the same people will be working again next year on the car show. The show was successful and the club will see some profit as a result. He has received many comments about the show and none were negative. It was noted that the public was pleased with the new location and the return of our car show.

Web Site- There are many photos of the different club events that have been held this year on the web site. More photos are always needed,

Vice Chair- Next month at our MGCC meeting the Robert Phillip Scholarships at MCC will be awarded. There will be two \$600 scholarships given which can be used for anything related to the automotive program they are in. George Herschell will design the award certificates to be given out. Information is still be gathered by the committee formed last month as to whether we should join NAMGAR.

Old Business- No discussion

New Business- No discussion

Cars and Parts- For Sale:

Roger Corea - fully restored, electric yellow 1973 TR6 -\$19,000.00. He also has a 1946 MGTC for sale.

Valerie Zoltner - factory original TR6 hard top in great condition.

Carl Webeck - 1988 Lincoln Town Car, FL car, 82,000 miles, \$1000.

Elaine Hess- Glenora Run ticket for the Watkins Glen Vintage Race weekend in September.

Door Prizes - Awarded

Misc. Comments- MGCC cards (to pass out) and 2006 MGCC membership lists are available.

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 8:21 PM.

—MG TF

Attendance

July 20, 2006

Carl Prouty

Barb Wild

Dave Wild

Gayle Schneider

Brooks Schneider

Dick Powers

Laurie Scribner

Doug Scribner

Mike Goodwin

Marlene Rzepkowski

Dick Rzepkowski

Wally Roworth

Al Fink

Allen Hess

Joe Fazio

Frank Stepanik

Sue Harrison

Mike Harrison

George Herschell

Nancy Herschell

Pat Sangster

Steve Sangster

Sue Pittenger

Wes Pittenger

Dan Suter

Carl Webeck

Vicki Webeck

Gil Langswager

Betty Langswager

Leroy Hokenson

Leon Zak

Lindsey Short

Elton Schulz

Chris Baum

John Baum

Joe DeBlaere

Joanna DeBlaere

Gary Sandusky

George Heissenberger

Mark Gibson

Jeff Langswager

Ted Hershey

John MacDonald

Bob Tescione

Valerie Zoltner

John Zoltner

Clifton Jenney

Jeff Kath

David Engdahl

Bruce Kersheuski

Joe Cameron

Ann Glanton

Guests

Roger Corea

Al Costich's Mosport Vintage Race Weekend

Tom LeStrange and Jim Priestley



Ouest or Est?

—Tom LeStrange



We've arrived

—Tom LeStrange



No wake up call needed

—Jim Priestley.



Tom LeStrange, Alan Costich, Jim Priestley



It's a Great Day for Motor Racing!

—Jim Priestley



Mike Kusch and Alan Tosler, paddock mates

—Jim Priestley.



Jim attends to matters of Princely distribution

—Tom LeStrange



—Jim Priestley.



—Jim Priestley.

Hildene Car Show 2006

Allen Hess



*You never know what you might find on the way to Hildene.
Nancy and Dave Chase finally got a bear. —Nancy Chase*



Robert Todd Lincoln's Hildene Mansion. Manchester, Vermont



1935 MG PB



Dick and Marlene Rzepkowski's MG TF



1929 Cadillac



The Hildene Franklin



A Tatra . . .



with a rear engine V8



and what's a B without flames?

Mt. Equinox Hill Climb 2006

Allen Hess



A flathead Ford gets the green flag . . .



Morgan three wheeler



MG TC



Hudson Indy car



Lotus



MGA



TR3

Rhonda & Elaine's Fifth Adventure Really Was Awesome

Elaine Hess

Early on the last Sunday in June, *six chickens* met at Charlie's Restaurant in Victor for breakfast before the Garden Tour 2006. Not only did Charlie's have metal flatware, they also had waitresses, good coffee, good food, and used real butter. They also were very helpful and happy to have us use their facility as a car club tour starting point. If you have a Monday night open, I am sure their Monday Cruise Night will attract cars not usually seen elsewhere.

By about 9:45 the cars of another *18 chickens* had joined us and glistened in the beautiful morning sun. The weatherman had promised that the temperature would be a perfect tops down day. At the appointed time, the *chickens* left Charlie's and headed east and were joined by two *vegetarians* in a bright yellow Lotus. Our group complete, I relaxed to enjoy the weather and the view.

Down the East side of Lake Cayuga, through Kings Ferry (Pancake Breakfast the first Sunday of every month), there were a few hills that could be used for brake and ignition tests (it would be fun to go back to drive on Indian Ridge Road between Kings Ferry and Genoa) and a turn to the south for lunch at Baker's Acres.



As the clouds began to roll in, we ambled to the outdoor pavilion where the chickens and the vegetarians received their dinners in large individual baskets. The only complaint about the food was from a *chicken* who was sure he had ordered prime rib. The famous barbecue sauce recipe, invented by one of the Bakers appears

at the end of this article. Just when we all thought we couldn't eat another bite, trays of excellent pies and a chocolate, chocolate, chocolate torte were brought around. More than one club member said it was the best meal on a tour they had eaten.

In order to walk off lunch, we off to shopping for plants. Fortunately for us, Carl Prouty had driven a Japanese Hoosier car with a large trunk. Unfortunately for Carl, he only saw the small pot when I asked if I could put my purchases in his trunk. He didn't realize that the shrub Allen was carrying was included in the question. Nor did he realize that right behind Allen was Dave Chase, whose MGB couldn't possibly hold the shrub and rose bush he was carrying. As usual, Carl was happy to help.



As the clouds began to thicken we headed South to the Cornell Plantations and as the air became oppressively humid, we started out on our guided tour of the Botanical Gardens. Many of us, myself included, didn't really know what a treasure this educational center is. I think everyone left with an inspirational photo for at least one landscaping idea, most of which began with digging out something major at home. After the walking tour we drove around the Arboretum climbing higher and higher out of the 'bowl' in which the Plantation sits.

Next stop was the Cornell Dairy



Store which was opened on Sunday for the tour. Equal to the enjoyment from the ice cream was 20 minutes in an air conditioned room. Next time you go to Ithaca definitely go to the Cornell Dairy Bar, the drive through the campus is lovely and the ice cream is wonderful. Just as we returned to the cars raindrops began to fall and those who had not already put up their tops rushed to get the job done. Then, as the deluge began I hoped the instructions from the Store to Route 96 through a city that confuses me on a clear day were clear. Other than a short stop to let someone who had made a wrong turn catch up, we had an uneventful drive home — which is exactly what we had hoped for at the end of our long, but interesting day.

Again, Rhonda and I want to thank everyone who has helped us and joined us over the past 5 years. The tours have allowed us to get to know new members of the club and interesting parts of our area. June definitely needs a new activity. So, it is time for you to act on that idea for a great club activity you have been musing over. If you are thinking of a tour, it is almost impossible to find a road without a view and Seneca Castle is just a town without a Castle.

Now to go plant my shrub. ☺





First stop, stretch your legs and have lunch.



A great summer time lunch of barbecued chicken



"The Wolseley has a trunk" Doug Scribner



Stacy Vandenburg



Cornell Plantation

CORNELL CHICKEN BARBECUE

Professor Robert C. Baker created this popular chicken Barbecue recipe many years ago when asked to prepare a festive meal for a very large crowd. Naturally, he chose chicken—being a professor in the Poultry Science department. Fortunately, his added expertise as a food scientist helped create a simple recipe and method of preparation, important factors to both home cooks and those cooking for large groups.

Because of Bob Baker's long affiliation with Cornell, this barbecue sauce is often called Cornell Barbecue Sauce. So whether you plan to feed 10 around your picnic table or 1,000 at a fund raising event, Bob Baker's Cornell Barbecued Chicken is delicious.

Cornell Barbecue Sauce (for 10 halves)

- 1 cup cooking oil
- 2 cups cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons salt (adjust or eliminate to meet individual health needs and tastes.)
- 1 tablespoon poultry seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 egg

Beat the egg, then add the oil and beat again. Add other ingredients and stir. The recipe can be varied to suit individual tastes. Leftover sauce can be stored in a glass jar in the refrigerator for several weeks.

To barbecue broilers, place the halves over the fire after the flame is gone. Turn the halves every 5 to 10 minutes, depending on the heat from the fire. The chicken should be basted with a fiber brush at each turning. Baste lightly at first, and heavily near the end of cooking.

Cooking time is about 1 hour, depending on the amount of heat and on the size of the broiler. To test doneness, pull the wing away from the body. If the meat in this area splits easily and there is no red color in the joint, the chicken is done.

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MG 2006 Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Gary Sandusky



M Type Midget



M Type Midget



MGB with a B trailer and picnic table



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Autocross II Results July 9, 2006

Wally Roworth assisted by Leon Zak

CLASS	BEST	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
<i>MGB</i>				
Elaine Hess	2:54.8	3:11.8 c	2:54.8	lost*
Allen Hess	2:39.0	2:40.7	2:40.6 c	2:39.0
Mike Goodwin	2:52.2	2:52.8	2:52.2	2:53.8

* "That was brain fade on a massive scale." —David Hobbs

New Mini

Tim Rizzo	2:19.2	2:21.8 cc	2:21.8 c	2:19.2
Phil Parisi	2:21.8	2:25.9 Oc	2:21.8	2:22.3

Under 2 Liter Prepared

Bill Bethune	2:45.5	2:51.2	2:45.5	2:59.5
John Zoltner	2:38.8	2:42.7	2:38.8	2:39.2
Bob Harris	2:32.6	2:32.6	2:42.6	2:32.8
Tim Rizzo	2:28.9	<i>demonstration run, John Zoltner's car</i>		

Over 2 Liter Stock

Rory Raymond	2:38.2	2:38.2	2:48.6 (6c)	2:50.4 c
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Over 4 Liter, Driver Impaired

Name and times withheld to protect the guilty x:xx.x x:xx.x

Overall Times

First	Tim Rizzo	'05 Mini	2:19.2
Second	Phil Parisi	'05 Mini	2:21.8
Third	Bob Harris	'76 Triumph Spitfire	2:32.6
Fourth	Rory Raymond	'9? Subaru SVX	2:38.2
Fifth	John Zoltner	'58 Porsche Spyder	2:38.8
Sixth	Allen Hess	'71 MGB	2:39.0
Seventh	Bill Bethune	'59 A-H Sprite	2:45.5
Eighth	Mike Goodwin	'78 MGB	2:52.2
Ninth	Elaine Hess	'71 MGB	2:54.8

I understand it was a very good day, sorry I missed it. Thanks, Leon.



Phil Parisi



Bill Bethune



Rory Raymond



Elaine Hess



"Wally gets more respect!"



Who is that man behind the mirror?



Tim Rizzo



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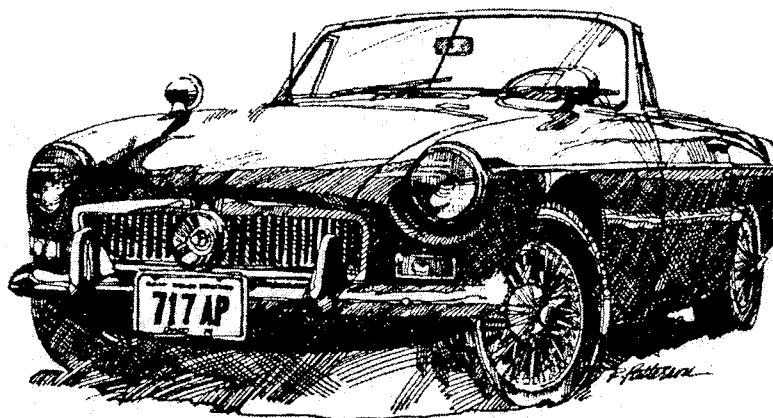
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Wally Roworth

Cover photo: L-1 owned by Gene Ponder of Texas, displayed at Indy '96 Photo by George Haerscheller

Editor's Note: Made E-mail connections with UK. Thank to everyone who serves our club and to those who participate. Without us we wouldn't be having so much fun and summer activities. George Haynes wanted to pat Steve Fitch on the back for the great effort he puts out on the Autocross. We need to help him get back to when he had his "Spin". Thanks to Cindy and Vince for monthly excellence. Good Samaritan John Thompson helped Al Costich at Autocross Sunday, allowing Al to get the Midget back on four wheels and on course where he generated a lot of large grins.

Letter from Internet: Mike Hawke, Chairman of MGCC UK wants to include more of our information but Safety fast is to full. He is willing to reproduce this at the MG Web Site www.mgcars.org.uk who republishes for MGCC, MGOC, NAMGBA and MG Club de France.

Word from the Chair by Phil Parisi: Commented on driving smells, sounds and feelings. Started the upgraded B after three years and drove around the block twice. Car Show tickets have been sold successfully. Victor Central School is expanding but they assure us we will have new space. Our Club is the best single day show East of the Mississippi.

Reels & Wheels need help at George Eastman House. Music all day and small parade of cars Brock Yates speaking on Perils of Cannon Ball Run movies.

Minutes by Dan Suter. He reported slow progress due to a broken finger. Phil reported for Matt Ribis: finances all in order. Anne Faust on the Activities: Rally and Steak Roast successful (100+ people). July Autocross was successful. Desi Benet reported on Sept. 6-8 Watkins Glenn Vintage Car Race Weekend. September will have an Autocross. George Herschell reported that the Mt. Equinox Hill climb dates were changed. Labor Day weekend

will see Buffalo Octagon Association in Como Park. Spokes reports its new scanner is being used on photo's and art work. A new Home Page on Internet as part of UK MG Car club page (www.mgcars.org.uk). Jim Priestley reported on post August meeting activities, including Dave Wild on Automobile History and Games night. Next month Movie night. Jim is looking for short car-related videos. Phil's chairman report Existing Officers will probably serve again. Membership cards will be printed shortly.

Twenty Five Years Ago by Mr. Gil: Remember the "Tin Lizzie" for raffling at Wild's Wagonjack Farm in October. We felt the hitch on our TD should be used to show it off at several events. Hilton Fireman's Parade and Carnival. Shiny TD pulling a Model T. Club Artist Bob Kutzenberger made attractive signs for the trailer. Sold tickets at the carnival. East Rochester's parade - it rained and the signs became psychedelic. Netted soggy \$ bills. "Pumpkin Hook" (Farmington), then Canandaigua (Nichols Shopping Center) and then Warsaw. Sold a lot of tickets and had fun too. At the car shows our club trophy hunters Bob Philip and George Herschell competed with their TD's. Cars for Sale: 1951 TD- \$1550.00 and 1968 MGB roadster \$1,000.00. Dave Wild wanted a '57-'58 MG Magnette sedan condition unimportant but need papers. He got a '59-60 MG Magnette MK III sedan Why? Because they need someone. Dave got what he wanted.

Ten Years Ago by Sue Keppeler. Skinny 1986 Spokes. The Renaissance Faire trip canceled -Rain but rescheduled. Tri Club Weekend with Buffalo and Toronto canceled for lack of interest. Steak Roast / Rallye in Mendon Ponds Park. Invited to join in on Webster Good Neighbors Day Parade and also the Autumn Sports Classic in Lancaster. Sixteen members at meeting. An interesting article by George Eyston on Triple Centurion.

Steve Fitch and his merry band of Auto Crossers had beautiful day

and Bob Volk was human pylon at end-he just stared them down. 25th annual Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Competition, largest in the world. Over 200 competitors (20 States, Canada and Europe). Antique vehicles from tiny pony carts to huge road coaches drawn by multiple horse teams will be in all phases of the competition. Sunday we participate in the AM Pleasure Driving to Mendon Ponds Park then back to Walnut Hill. Picture of Philip Scholarship Recipient Ryan McNally. Then: Les Smith, MCC, Ryan McNally, MCC, Phil Paisi, MGCC, Ruth Philip, MGCC.

What Moron Put That Gate There?? by "The MORON". I just don't understand it. I designed the course, thought about at the office, set up cones in morning, drove the course many times to check it out and had a successful run the first time. So how the @&%* could I miss that 2nd gate? Saw 3 drivers miss it before me. Not Speed or tight corner. Just too hard to take. Retire? And laugh at other unfortunate drivers or have a cold lemonade and talk with Scorers Dorie and Wally Roworth? 34 Drivers participated and raced all day. Lots of spectators too. We had beautiful weather even with the MG balloon tent. Car mix: Dale Master's beautifully restored 1955 Morgan, to Martin brothers 1966 Mini Pickup, later model of MG's, various British, assorted German, Japanese, American and even Swedish cars showed their presence on the course. We know each event will be successful for the support I get from participants. Wally and Dorie spend the whole afternoon at the scoring table to keep us in line. What a wonderful job they do! George Haynes is the Autocross expert. I so look forward to his course critiques, his smile, when he thinks we have a "winner". Nick Manuele spent entire event on hot pavement and Alex Horvath of Finger Lakes Porsche Club timed the 2nd run group.

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Betty and I planned backroads to the gathering. Rt 39 from Avon to US Rt 62 into Pennsylvania along the Allegheny River and to Ohio. West of Canton State Road 93 to Coshocton. This gathering hosted by the Ohio Chapter of NEMG T Register.

WEDNESDAY morning- A tour through Amish country. Parked near buggies and took pictures then drove to Berlin. More exploration black buggies and "Helping Hands (40 of them) Quilt Shop" Drove through Walnut Creek (First Amish Settlement in Ohio). Drove to Sugarcreek (Replicates a Swiss Village). All of this is another world- no malls, interstate highways, big rigs, just country roads villages, black buggies, MG's occasional cars and pickups. After dinner dancing to 50's and 60's live music. THURSDAY: Leisure tour to Dresden and the Longaberger Basket Factory. Betty signed up and made one later. Lunch at hilltop highland- a low gear hill climb for MG T cars. Each T was cheered on getting to the top.

After lunch a tour of the Basket

factory. As an old Process engineer I found the process interesting. Then chicken & ribs barbeque dinner. Then the Auction, Betty bought a rare Watkins Glen 60's scarf, an MG Book and a picture frame. FRIDAY: Show Day. MG's lined up by Model on Main Street. 98 cars displayed. Vendors, photo and crafts displays. Lunch at the Methodist Church and then the Field Trials like they did in England. For instance old MG books like Lands End trials with Cecil Kimber in "Olde Number One". Appropriate name Paddy Fork. Special attire was desired. 3 events- Funkana, Gymkhana and the hill climb. Awards were large Hurricane Lamps on octagonal wood bases, chimnies etched with event logo. How would one get carried home in a T?

First rain on Saturday. We retraced in reverse the route but changed for Chatauqua. We found a nice motel and restaurant, spent the night and drove up to the Genesee Country Museum to meet club members and look at more history. We drove the TD over 1,000

miles in six days, a truly remarkable driving experience.

It Was a Hot Time In Indy! By George Haynes. It was hot all right! Billed largest gathering of MGs ever to be held in the US the mega event lived up to its PR. HOT! In the 90's. Eight from MGCC WNY Centre. Chet Holmes and son Jon from Massena, Ted and Kathy Hershey, Dick and Bethel Powers, Gil and Betty Langswager, Bill and Suzzane Glanville, Dave Chase and Nancy Virkus, Joe and Linda Fazio, George Haynes, Bob and Nedra McElroy from Bath, NY. Herb, Marcia and Tom Brat drove from Buffalo in their MG's I logged 1,693 miles for the entire trip. Combined car shows MGT, MGA, MGB, MGC and MMM. Registers and other clubs drew most of the 1206 pre-registered and additional. I was impressed by the pre war MG's, the 50 - 60 MGC's and 151 MGA's Two factory correct V-8's 17 of these in North America per Dan Suter. They are featured this year. Dave Chase sure knows where the best food is and we sure enjoyed it. ◀

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In the Western New York area we have a small, very informal group called the "AbnormalT's". This group is made up entirely for MG owners that have the T series MG's. We have TF's the last T series built, TD's the model before that and also several TC's. I know the whereabouts of a TB (It might be a TA I just don't remember) in the area but I don't believe the car has been on the road in years. We would also like to have some pre war cars like the P series etc but the only one I ever knew of in the area is long gone. We did track down a J2 several years ago but that has also disappeared. This is a very loose organization. We have no officers, no dues, no charter only a list of owners that are contacted two or three times a year for an event.

These events usually include a picnic of some sort and possibly a short tour of maybe an hour or so. One must remember that these cars are now 50 some years old and the older models are fast approaching 60 years of age. The basic engine design of the TB, TC, TD and TF is really a pre war design of about 1938. Some folks run them hard and they do pretty well. If I was a better engineer possibly I could build up a car that would cruise at 70 but I just don't feel comfortable at that speed in a car that old. If they do break spares are available but are getting pricy and the extra funds are not as plentiful as they once were. Most of us prefer short runs as most of us are a bit older than the cars and spares and service for us are getting pricy also.

It has always been my contention that sports cars are for fun and should be driven. I appreciate a beautiful restoration but what fun is a car that is kept in a plastic bag. I say use it but don't abuse it, keep it out of the salt, foul weather and keep it well serviced. For example my TC was painted almost 40 years ago. The paint is a bit dull but the car is clean, presentable and well

maintained. Nuts to the plastic bag restorations.

Car shows are fun but after looking at the same cars you have seen several times before I find myself looking for something else that is interesting. Loud music is not one of them. This is the reason that we have these short tours. Simple directions to follow and possibly a few questions to answer just to keep people interested. The tour run last weekend (late June) had a surprise at the end that most people thought humorous, fun and a clever idea. This, for my nickel, is what we should be doing to create a little interest.

In my collection of trash hanging on the wall of my garage I have a genuine sign that says "Vehicle Testing Station Approved By the Ministry of Transport" It has three large white triangles on a blue background and the afore mentioned copy at the bottom. As I said it is the real thing! My friend Brian



Neri (who's home the tour ended at) last fall acquired an authentic English policeman's tunic. When we set up the tour we decided during the tour we would have an official MOT check and hand out tickets for violations. I made up some official looking tickets and had such things as ... "Littering the highway with old MG parts", "Expectorating on the Queens highway", "Out of date MOT sticker." and several others items that were really just nonsense. On the bottom of the ticket was a fine of \$2 payable to Jack Cudmore who prints and mails the flyers to cover printing and postage.

The MOT check was set up almost at the end of the run and as the cars came over the crest of a hill we signaled them over to the berm and "inspected" the car. Everyone received a ticket but the official looking Bobby uniform, genuine black Ariel motorcycle and MOT testing station sign really wowed them. Everyone thought it was clever and fun and most importantly "Different!"

Wheels are already turning for the event in September of this year. We have an idea but it is not developed yet. If you have a T series MG or know someone that does. Get yourself or them on the list. Who knows you might get a MOT violation ticket. ◀



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