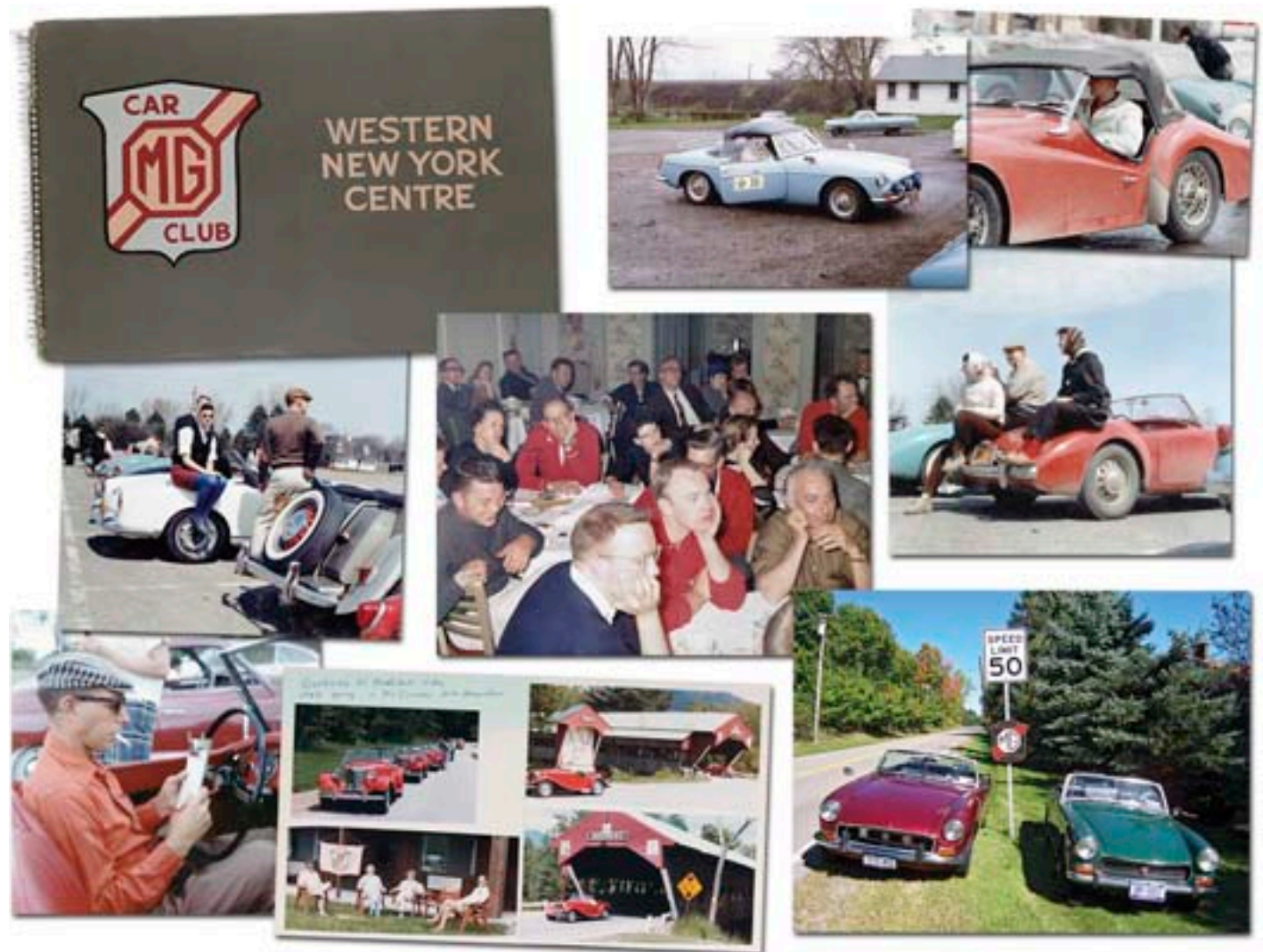


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Fifty Years. 1958–2008.

IDON'T THINK IT OCCURRED TO ANYONE—but all the contributors to this calendar issue of Spokes and myself have the distinction of kicking off the Fiftieth Anniversary year of the MG Car Club Western New York Centre.

The 2008 Spokes Calendar is a mix of old and new. Some pages look like other years—great photos of great cars by MGCC members. For other pages some members searched and found old photos of their cars and themselves. Additional old photographs are from the MGCC scrapbooks. More of these will be featured throughout the year. [I still need your contributions for future issues.]

This year's calendar photos are from: Leroy Hokenson, Doug Jack, Dave Wild, Dave Asmuth, Gary Sandusky, Richard Powers, Gene Faust, Mike Harrison, Jim Priestley, Bill Baldwin, Dave Engdahl and George Herschell.

This year we take some time to look back, but it will also be much like other years. We will work on our cars, drive our cars, work on our cars and all of that makes us a little hungry. So, on behalf of the board and myself, we look forward to seeing you at the first event of the Fiftieth Anniversary year, the Wine and Cheese Party. Happy New Year 2008!

— ALLEN HESS

MG Car Club Wine and Cheese Party featuring The Value Cover Races

*Sunday January 13, 2008
1:00 PM*

Finn Park on Maple Drive (N. of Rt.104)
West Webster, NY

Bring hors d'oeuvres or desserts to pass; your own wine or beverage and place setting. Coffee will be provided.

Gravity is expected to be working well that day, so it's time to fine-tune those creations or maybe build something new. It's fun to watch, but even more fun to race. Come and join us.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and a special
"People's Choice" award



For more information:
Sue and Mike Harrison (315) 483-0368

It's Winter – Let's Go Racing! Indoor Go Karts

Battery powered go-karts on an
indoor road course.

Sunday February 10, 2008 1:30 PM



\$15 per person — two rides, pizza & soda

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775 Elmgrove Road**

Rochester Technology Park (Kodak Elmgrove)
1st entrance South of Rt. 531, at the traffic light,
left after the median.



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Leroy Hokenson's 1980 MGB

—photo by Leroy Hokenson

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3 MGCC Board Meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Wine & Cheese, Valve Cover Races	14	15	16	17 MG Car Club Meeting	18	19
20	21 <i>Martin Luther King Jr.</i>	22	23	24	25	26
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Doug Jack's 1976 TR6 and 1958 Triumph TR3A. Inset: 1954 Jaguar XK120M, later traded in for the 1959 TR3A "Greased Lightning".

—photos by Doug Jack

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					1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>
3	4	5 <i>Mardi Gras</i>	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7 <i>Chinese New Year</i>	8	9
10	11	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16
Indoor Go Karts						
17	18 <i>President's Day</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23
				MG Car Club Meeting		
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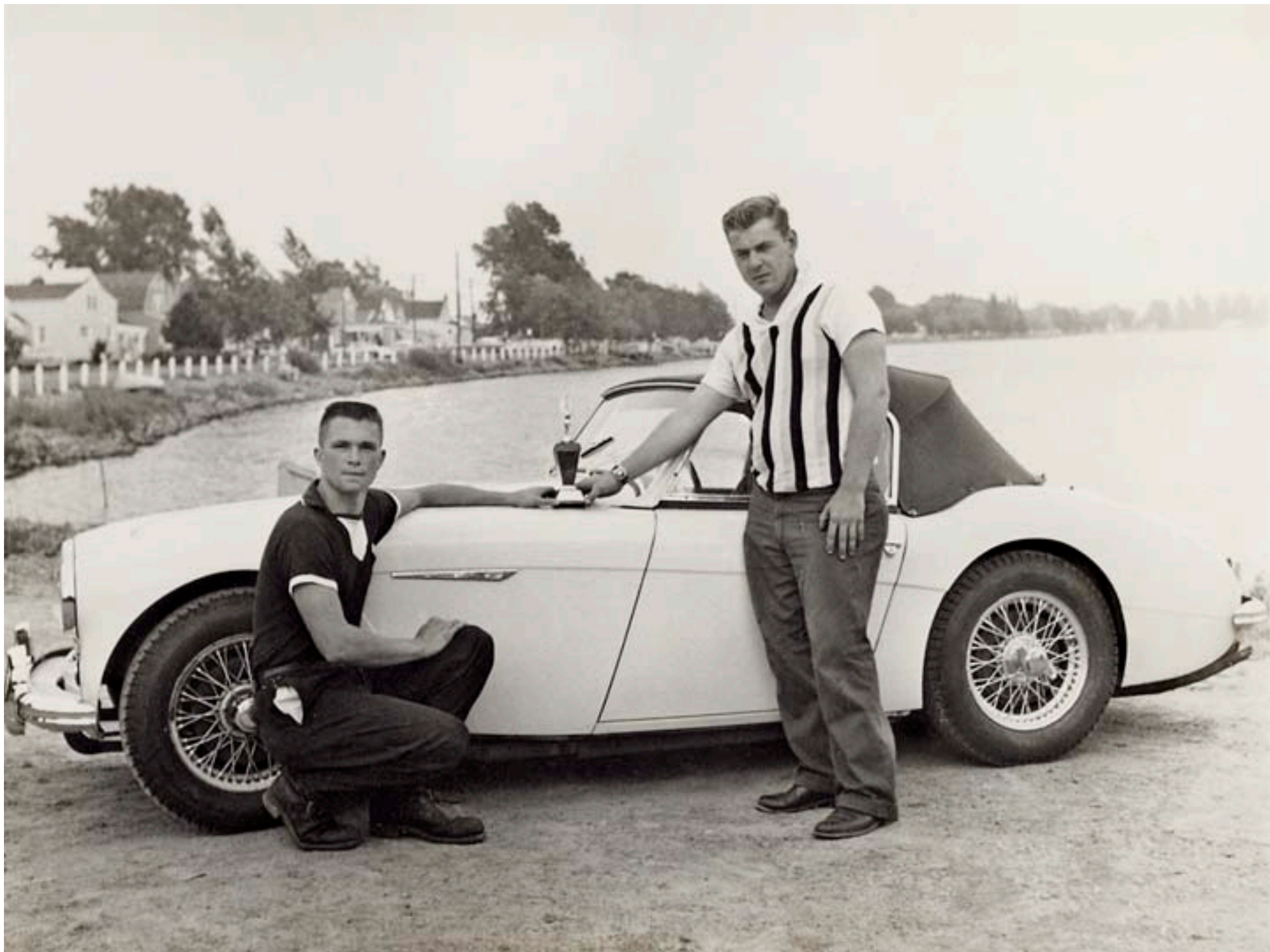
Dave Wild's 1959 Elva Courier. top left: Dave and his brother Ken, 1960. right: Ken's Thunderbird tow car. lower left: Dave at Watkins Glen.

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Steak Roast & Auction			MGCC Board Meeting			
9 <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20 <i>Spring Begins!</i>	21 <i>Good Friday</i>	22
				MG Car Club Meeting "Ode to Spring" by Doug Scribner		
23 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Swing Into Spring	31					



Bob Barker and Dave Asmuth. Austin Healey 100-6

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20 <i>Passover</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>MG Car Club Meeting</i>	25 <i>Arbor Day</i>	26
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Gary Sandusky' 1958 MGA

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			TBA Channel 13 TV spot Live In The Lot, sometime week of the 19th	1 MGCC Board Meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Tune-Up Clinic at MCC
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13	14	15 MG Car Club Meeting	16 Carlisle Flea Market Carlisle, PA 16th - 18th Sprite Jubilee Carlisle, PA 16th - 20th	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Memorial Day Observed</i>	27	28 Car Show Stuffing Party	29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31



Dick Power's MGA racer was sold new by Don Stahl, a founding member, to Bob Burns (100th member of WNYMGCC). Bob raced it as a "club racer" and drove it on the street to many club events. Dick Powers has raced it for another twenty years. Photos: Bob Burns at Watkins Glen; Dick Powers at the Glen 2001; Dick and Bob Burns at Watkins Glen 2003 —photos col. Dick Powers

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1 <i>First Sunday in June</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
MGCC Vintage Auto Festival						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>
					Manchester Antique & Classic Car Show Manchester, VT 14th-15th	Multi-Club Picnic Queenston
15 <i>Father's Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Summer Solstice</i>	21
				MG Car Club Meeting		
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			MG 2008 25th - 29th Valley Forge, PA			
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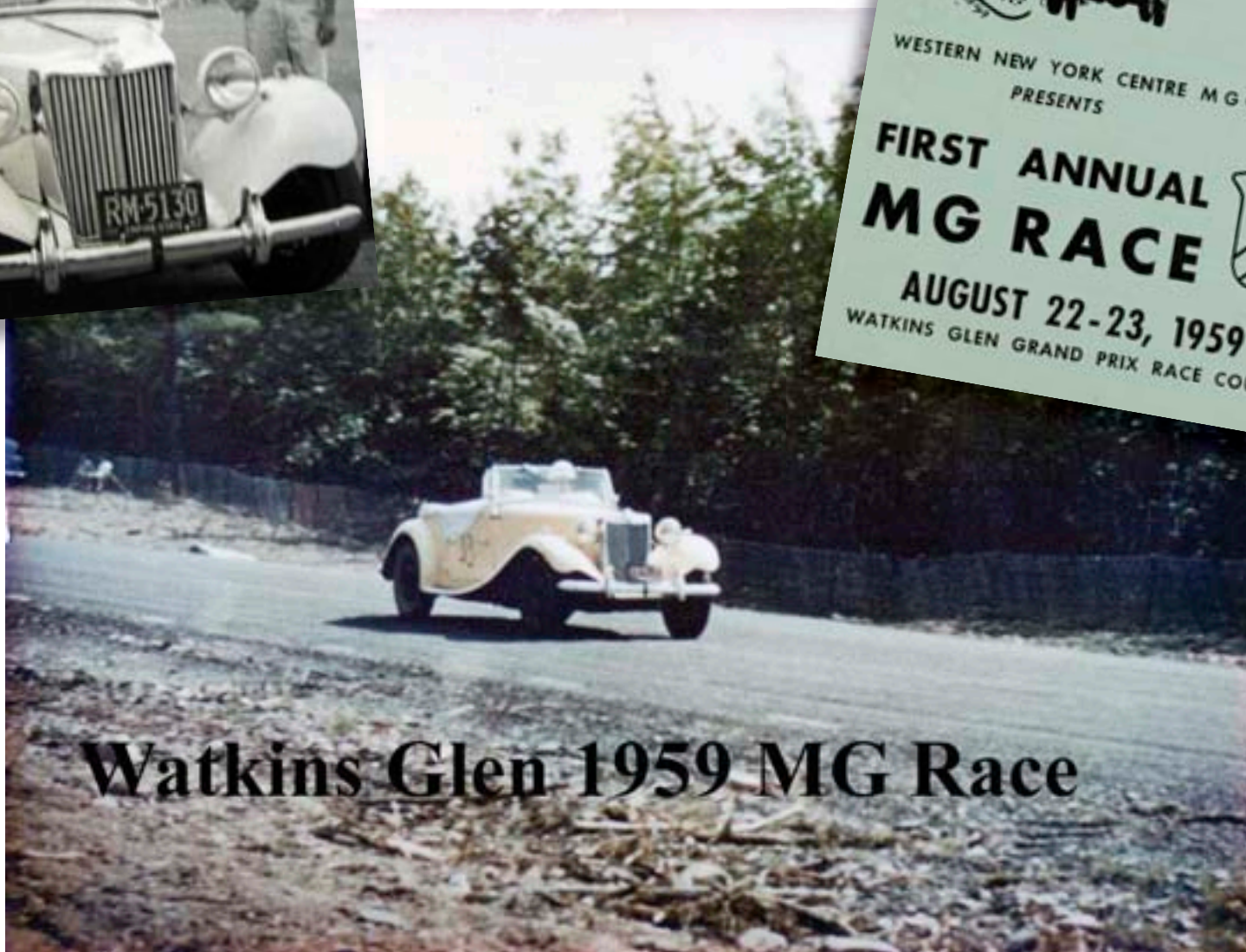
Gene Faust's MG TD. "Our MG TD was purchased new by my father in June of 1951. He bought it from Lenz Motors in Niagara Falls for \$1,985. At the time Lenz was the closest MG dealer to Rochester." Inset: Gene Faust with the TD.
—photo by Gene Faust

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JULY

	1 <i>Canada Day</i>	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5
6	7	8	9 <i>Mini Meet East Bethel, ME 2nd - 6th</i>	10 <i>MGCC Board Meeting</i>	11
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Watkins Glen 1959 MG Race



Mike Harrison and his MG TD 1958 (top left), Mike Harrison in the 1959 MG races, "I'm either way ahead or way behind." Program cover First Annual MG Race.

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	VTR North American Triumph Challenge Ypsilanti, MI 4th - 8th				9
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Jim Priestley's 1970 MGB and Dawn Priestley's 1971 MG Midget

—photo by Jim Priestley

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	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6
				MGCC Board Meeting	Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix thru the 7th	
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					<i>"Aargh" Talk like a Pirate Day</i>	
		MG Car Club Meeting		Yes, it's on Tuesday	British Invasion Stowe, VT 19th - 21st	
21	22 <i>Autumn Begins</i>	23	24	25	26	27
						50th Anniversary Banquet
28	29	30 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>				



Bill and Cheryl Baldwin with daughters Kristina and Shelley in the 1955 Jaguar XK140 at a Wagonjack meet.

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5	6	7	8	9 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	10	11
Fall Foliage Tour						
12 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13 <i>Columbus Day Observed</i>	14	15	16	17	18
				MG Car Club Meeting		
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Nick Zuck's 1966 Volvo PV 544 G, the last of the 544 series produced by Volvo in late 1965. The G model differed from its predecessors in that it had a more powerful engine by a whopping 7 horsepower and a slightly different interior. This particular car has only 33,450 original miles and has never been restored. Rather it has been maintained as close to new as possible by its previous owner and me. It has been repainted once, and worn items replaced, but it is truly a remarkably original example. A two time winner (2003, 2005) at the Chemung Concours at the Watkins Glen Vintage race weekend.

—photo by Dave Engdahl

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Yacht Club Brunch						
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				MG Car Club Meeting		
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A selection of MG Christmas cards over the years by George Herschell.

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7 <i>Pearl Harbor</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21 <i>Winter Solstice</i>	22 <i>Hanukkah</i>	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27
28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>			

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May 1 Board Meeting 10 Tune-up Clinic 15 Meeting 16 Carlisle 28 Stuffing Party	June 1 Vintage Auto Festival Autocross & Novice Sch. 14 Multi-club meet, Canada 13-15 Hildene Car Show 19 Meeting	July 3 Board Meeting Autocross 2 17 Meeting 27 GVACS Car Show (RIT)	August Steak Roast and Rallye Autocross 3 21 Meeting
September 4 Board Meeting 5-7 Watkins Glen Autocross 4 16 Meeting 27 50th Anniv. Banquet	October 5 Fall Foliage Tour Garage Tour 15 Meeting 25 Halloween Rallye	November 6 Board Meeting 9 Yacht Club Brunch 20 Meeting — Elections	December 13 Holiday Party No Meeting

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