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## Best MG of the Show

Paul Bogdan's 1969 MGC



*The Marquee of Friendship*

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## Chairman's Corner

Dan Suter \_\_\_\_\_

**G**reetings, everyone! It seems like we are enjoying some perfect Sports Car weather during the early days of this summer. Maybe it is simply perfect weather for *my* sportscar, as I have yet to deal with the fuel percolation issue on the H6d carbs on my MGA during hot days. I've found a great article instructing on how to improve the design of my custom heat shield. In the meantime, I have been fully enjoying the many cool, clear days as the A experiences no symptoms!

Perhaps the most unusual trip was to attend the annual Kodak Show-n-Shine car show held one recent lunch hour. It was a strange sensation driving the MGA through the Kodak industrial park, top down, with all the tractor-trailers and trains and overhead pipe structures. Our club was well represented with Brooks and his MGA, Scott Schipper and his MGB, Henry Kron and his V6 MGB, and myself. Also, Rory Raymond brought is '58 Vette which was another favorite. As a pleasant surprise, we also met up with the owner of a green '49 MGTC who promised to join the club!

Thanks to Dan Goodwin for running the June meeting in my absence.

In the department of corrections, it appears that last month I misstated Allen Hess' term as Spokes editor, which appears to have started around yearend 2005.

In club business, we appear to be in good shape at the moment. The Sports Car and Vintage Auto Festival was a great success this year. Our club budget is in place for 2009. As mentioned at recent meetings, now is the time to consider whether you might be interested in working on the board or as Activities Chairs for next year. If you haven't previously held a position, perhaps now might be a good time to consider it.

Enjoy the summer!

--Dan

## MGBruce

Don McConnell \_\_\_\_\_

The Question is am I now a newbie or Not? I have madwe it through my first issue . Is this when you pass from newbie to the next level? It is written and said that the first is the hardest. I hope so!! Thank you to those who have offered encouragement, believe me it helps. My intent was to transition as smooth as possible. Judging by my mistakes in the first issue I am wondering if volunteering to do this was the correct choice. Never fear it gets better with practice. Also thank you all for your patience as I get started and pass from newbie to whatever. The car show was great. I am glad the weather cooperated so all could come and enjoy the show of rolling art.

Bruce wishes he could have come to the show but he needs work. I have started to try welding in patch pieces. That needs some practice too.

This brings me back to the burning question. When are you not a newbie? The judges are still out on that one. Enjoy the next month

Don



## Activities

Mike and Sue Harrison

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The first AUTOCROSS of the season took place on May 31 and was well attended. Thanks to Julia Daykin for managing this 3 part event for the club. Come on out to MCC to watch the next Autocross on AUGUST 30 if you are not competing.

Thanks to Dave and Barb Wild for hosting the Stuffing Party to prepare all the information packets and awards needed for the car show. Many hands made the work go quickly and then it was on to the refreshment tables. Continuing with those who have helped with events this past month, many Thanks to Peggi Heissenberger for hosting the After Car Show Party at their home. And we all give Thanks to George Heissenberger for being the MGCC Chair for the Vintage. Auto Festival on Sunday, the 7th of JUNE. The weather was great and we were pleased to see a record number of cars and spectators.

Saturday, the 13th of June eight cars made the trip to attend the Multiclub Picnic and Valve Cover Races in Queenston, Ontario, Canada. Thanks to Sean and Jessica Seeley for planning the route and leading us there. And Thanks to

Leon Zak and Mike Goodwin for planning the Fun-Khana event in which 13 drivers went thru 5 stations. The crowd enjoyed cheering them on, especially during the blindfold driving event.

Saturday, JULY 25 is the next club event -- LAPS N LUNCH at the Watkins Glen Racetrack. Make your reservations with John or May Murray for a fun day of driving both on the road and and the track.

And looking ahead to AUGUST, be sure to let Mike Goodwin know if you plan to participate in our Road Trip to visit the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, NY on AUGUST 1. More information can be found elsewhere in Spokes.

Thanks to John Murray, you can check our club website for locations and dates for many area Cruise Nights this summer.

## LAP & LUNCH

Saturday July 25 11:30AM      Watkins Glen International Race Track

Three laps on Track \$15.00 per car    Lunch \$17.00 per person  
We need a minimum of 30 for lunch. Sign up deadline is July 16  
Make checks payable to MG Car Club

Call John & Mary Murray (585) 538-4430 E-mail [john.murray@itwfeg.com](mailto:john.murray@itwfeg.com)

For those who want to drive down together, we will leave Eastview Mall from the East side near Macy's at 9:30am. After a brief stop we will leave Wegmans in Canandaigua at 10:15am.  
Or just meet at the track at gate 2.

# MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

Michael Goodwin

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## MGCC Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2009

### Vice Chairman Dan Goodwin called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting was postponed, as there had been a delay in the issuance of *Spokes*.

**New Members and Guests** – Chris Marasco introduced himself. A guest last month, Chris has now joined the club, and let us know that he's working on restoring his '75 MGB with help from Joe DeBlaere.

**Activities** – Mike and Sue Harrison gave the activities report. After the traditional "start-the-report joke" (pertaining to an effective way to get the neighborhood traffic to slow down), they thanked several members for their work on recent activities, including Julie Daykin (Autocross), Barb & Dave Wild (Stuffing Party), Peggi Heissenberger (After-Show Party) and Jessica & Sean Sealey, Leon Zak and Mike Goodwin (Multi-Club Picnic). Leon reported that eight cars made the drive to the picnic, and congratulated the Harrisons for winning the Valve Cover Races. Leon also reported that in the Funkhana, the "pink-hat team" was NOT last!

The Harrisons (with help from event organizers) gave a few details on upcoming events, including Laps and Lunch at Watkins Glen, Cruise Nights, the Road Trip to the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, and MG 2010 in Ontario, Canada. For more detail on most of these upcoming events, please see the Harrisons' Activities column and ads elsewhere in *Spokes*.

John Murray mentioned that Doug & Cindy Jack took first place for their TR6 at last week's Eurocar show in the Buffalo area.

**Treasurer's Report** - Susan Kath reported that the Club's finances are in good shape. For details, contact Susan directly.

**Membership** – Jim Priestley reported that we've recently added five new memberships; four of which were signed up at the Car Show, and one at tonight's meeting.

**Regalia** – Doug Scribner ranted and raved [Secretary's Note #1: in a good way, Doug; I think it's fine to rant and rave for a good cause!] about "Hats! Terrific hats!

Different hats! Ladies' Hats!" and lots more (including the now world-famous L- and R-handed mugs). [Secretary's Note #2: I imagined myself in one of the new MG CAR CLUB emblazoned snap brim caps, and imagined the admirers I'd have if I wore one, and I couldn't resist! I'm wearing it now, as I type! Gosh, I'm now one snazzy secretary!]

*(Secretary Mike Goodwin sports the latest regalia as he types up the minutes)*

**SPOKES** – Editor Don McConnell reported that the latest issue is printed and in the mail. He thanked all who submitted articles, etc., and reminded us that any photos, articles or to be placed in *Spokes* are due one week after the meeting.

**Car Show Report** – George Heissenberger thanked all who helped with the Car Show in any capacity. He said there would be a follow-up debriefing meeting in the next week. Though no figures were available yet, he said he expects high revenue from the show. George and all present gave a special thanks to those who served on the Car Show Committee. He further announced that he had received a lot of feedback about the show (mainly positive), and that there were 579 cars registered in all. Of these, about 300 were pre-registered, and 152 of those pre-registrations came in via the internet (first time that online registration was available). Jim Priestley added that of those 152 online registrations, about 70 % were first-timers for our show. Betty Langswager thanked Georgean Abels and Linda Bethune for help with the T-shirts, and noted that she gave T-shirts to MG Car Club officers in attendance from Sydney, Australia. George summed up that all in all, this was a very successful year, and he invited additional feedback from anyone with comments or criticisms. George received a standing ovation for a job extremely well done.

**England** – No report.

**Librarian** – No report.

**Trustee and Website Report** - No report and no report.

**Old Business, Updates, Car Projects, etc.** – Gil Langswager talked about some folks that he and Betty had the pleasure of meeting at the recent New England MGT Register event in Concord, New Hampshire. This couple, from New Zealand, had shipped their car

# Meeting Attendance

June 18, 2009

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George Herschell	Dave Wild	Susan Kath	Dick Powers
Nancy Herschell	Roger Gunther	Joeanna DeBlaere	Lane Boughton
Gil Langswager	Wally Roworth	Joe DeBlaere	Steve Sangster
Betty Langswager	Lyn Smith	Wes Pittenger	Pat Sangster
Carl Prouty	Chuck Schaefer	Don McConnell	Chris Baum
Leroy Hokenson	Becky Schaefer	Doug Scribner	John Baum
Dan Goodwin	Bob Abels	Allen Hess	Dawn Priestley
Anne Faust	Georgian Abels	Elaine Hess	Jim Priestley
Gene Faust	Mary Murray	Hollis G. Hames	Mabel Case
Mike Harrison	John Murray	Al Fink	John Thompson
Sue Harrison	John Fowler	Leon Zak	Ken Heusler
Bob Tescione	Ginny Fowler	Barbara Zak	George Heissenberger
Scott Schipper	David Leete	Chris Marasco	Peggi Heissenberger
Susan Goodwin	Joe Fazio	Dave Chase	
Mike Goodwin	Cheryl Baldwin	Bruce Austin	<u>Guests:</u>
Barb Wild	Bill Baldwin	Cynthia Austin	None

to Chile, drove all the way to Alaska and throughout North America attending events. They'll later ship the car to England and continue their adventure. Gil and Betty mentioned that the couple, estimated to be in their 40's, did as much camping as possible on their trip, and had rigged up special compartments on their car for tools and spare parts (there not being much room in a T-series for stuff like that otherwise).

Ginny Fowler has saved an MG Midget from the crusher, and Mike Harrison will be helping to get it back into driving condition. Susan Goodwin reported on the recent trip she and Michael made to England for the celebration of the Mini's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (read about it in June *Spokes!*). Mike Goodwin sought advice and tips on replacing the parking brake cable in an MGB, and Hollis Hames pointed out that he'd have to remove the passenger's seat to do the job.

[Secretary's Note #3: Mike discovered that Hollis knows his stuff. Since the meeting, Mike completed the job and vacuumed about six years' worth of little junk from the nooks and crannies around the passenger's seat. He found a dollar bill wedged in

there, and so now he'll consider paying Hollis one dollar for his advice.]

**New Business** – None.

**Cars and Parts For Sale** – None.

**Door Prizes** – Hollis Hames took care of raffling the door prizes, which Dan Goodwin announced as a kickoff to summer (cheeses courtesy of Ginny Fowler, charcoal briquettes, a car was bucket, T-shirts, calendars, wine and more).

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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## Multi Club Picnic

Pictures by John & Mary Murray

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Don't be shy come and get the trophy



Testing trust and skill



First place winners



Is this where it goes?





Or does it go here



Missed it by that much



First Place Valve Cover



Or does it go here



I think I have your form here!!!



Girl power or was that horse power ?



Euro Car Day Buffalo  
Pictures by John & Mary Murray

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Interior of the Morgan



Even a Healy



Lots of MG's



Morgan beauty and grace



Clean and neat job on the Morris



Lovely B





First Place Doug & Cindy's TR6



Morris Delivery



The Whole Gang



Fiat 500



Nice TC



Talk about a super beetle



This TC is Better



Ok I have not seen one of these before



## **MGCC CRUISE NIGHT SCHEDULE**

- Friday July 3** Town of Penfield 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence “Eve” Cruise Night 5-10 PM at Harris Whalen Park across from Wegmans at 441 & 250. Features chicken BBQ and food vendors. Music by Bourbon Street Jazz and Yankee Zydeco Company. Info at 340-8655 or [www.penfield.org](http://www.penfield.org).
- Thurs. July 9** Wegmans in Canandaigua – 345 Eastern Blvd. Routes 5 & 20 I have never been to this cruise night but other members tell me it is pretty good.
- Mon. July 13** Schallers Restaurant – 965 Edgemere Drive in Greece Take a cool ride along the lake on a hot summer night.
- Thurs. July 16** Cruise to the MGCC meeting.
- Wed. July 22** Log Cabin Restaurant – 2445 West Walworth Rd., Macedon (Rt. 31F just east of the Monroe/Wayne county line) Largest Rochester area cruise night.
- Thurs. July 30** Barnard Classic Car Cruise In at the Barnard carnival grounds - Pomona Drive off of Dewey Ave. across from the fire station or off of 360 Maiden Lane. 5-9 PM [www.barnardfire.org](http://www.barnardfire.org)
- Friday August 7** Damascus Shrine Center – 979 Bay Rd., Webster (just South of Rt. 104 expressway) 5-8PM [www.radio2fx.com/cruise](http://www.radio2fx.com/cruise) for more information.
- Sat. August 15** Happy Days Restaurant – park & ride lot next to the Hilton Family Diner (downtown Hilton) 5-8PM
- Tues. August 18** Fairport – just East off of Main Street at the lift bridge. Get to this one as early as possible. This is a great cruise night but with limited space available. Music, food and ice cream.

## CAR SHOW Chairman Report

George & Peggi Heissenberger

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Wow, what a great car show this year thanks to the help of many volunteers and the cooperation of the weather. We had great weather for set up on Saturday and a good turnout from the club members for both Saturday and day of show! Our planning committee met regularly since last fall leaving nothing to chance! This year we tried a few new ideas to control show expenses, vests for car parkers, improved the day-of-show flow in registration and added online registration, which accounted for about half of the pre registered cars. We heard many positive comments about the organization throughout the whole show.

We had a large amount of spectators, quite a variety of make and model cars on the field, many vendors and at one point I counted 50 cars in the car corral. The skies looked ominous at awards time, but it turned out to be a fair weather day and we managed to have a good crowd on hand. There were approximately 600 cars participating between the show field and the car corral. Our final tallies are not in but we should be comfortably in the black for this year's show.

We would like to thank all our committee members from our club, as well as Jeff and Jim Swan and all the dedicated Lions club members participating on the committee. At the risk of leaving anyone out, MG car club members on the car show committee in charge of various show functions included John and Chris Baum, Desi and Bill Benet, Lane Boughton, Joe and Joanna DeBlare, Gene Dinkel, Dave Engdahl, Dan Goodwin, Allen Hess, Leroy Hokenson, Susan Kath, Betty and Gil Langswager, Mary and John Murray, Dawn and Jim Priestly, Carl Prouty, Dan Suter, Bob Tescione, Chris Williams, Arnold Vandenberg, Barb and Dave Wild, Leon Zak and a large number of Club members who signed up at meetings and assisted at the day of show with Registration, Car Corral, vendors and parking the show cars. Thank you all and I apologize if we left anyone out.

Afterwards the club show workers were invited to a lasagna bake off at our house. Eileen and Chris Williams who have had this party for the last several years were not able to because of some unplanned surgery for Chris and they were able to attend the show for a short while. The lasagna chefs (who cooked up some unusual versions of the stuff) were: Sue Harrison, Elaine Hess, Laurie Scribner, Barb Wild and Barb Zack. THANK YOU LADIES – DELICIOUS. The club made a spontaneous car show out on the front lawn – guess you just do what comes naturally. And who knew Jim Priestly could entertain us so well on piano!? I couldn't have done all the little details that I left till the last minute without an angel that showed up at my place by the name of Katie Jones (John Borycki helped a lot too.)

Thanks again to everyone! We look forward to another successful year next year! Safety Fast!  
Peggi and George Heissenberger Car show Co-Chairs.





# Sports Car and Vintage Auto Festival 2009

Photos by Al Fink



We are here



Some beautiful British cats came



Directions on how to register



We even have motorcycles



Some great preparation



Great turnout of T series cars



Even the Morgan came out



A's were in abundance







Nice pair of Alpines



Nice to see Chevy well represented



Very nice Morris Doug



Austin Healey



Who can forget this VW



TR6's to delight



An Allard



# Sports Car and Vintage Auto Festival 2009 Workers

Photos by Al Fink

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Here is just a few of the helpers



It takes many more to put this show on



Pre registration check in



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Dan and Hollis will try to match frustrated mechanics to one or more members from the pool of those with experience.

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## Hope this doesn't happen to you

Story Al Isselhard photo Tom Atkinson

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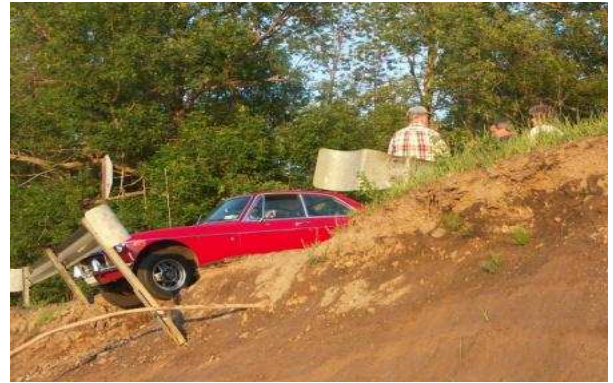
Tom Atkinson, the photographer, happened by just after this little problem

It happened to Mary & I and our BGT and I asked him if he would document the dilemma and forward the photos to me, which he did. He's from the Albany area and I do not know him but he told me he works for SUNY Albany.

This is what happens when you think the car is on level ground and there's no need to use the emergency brake. The problem happened last week in the town where we live - Huron.

Tom requested to know how we got out of the problem and here's my reply -

Thanks so much for the great photos! First thing was 2 tow trucks from Butler arrived and they were both roll backs - not what was needed. The leader wanted to simply hook a cable to the rear axle and pull it out which was not acceptable to me as I thought there would be damage the front end judging by how far down the front wheels were hanging. They told me that was the only way they would do it and I could take it or leave it. I told them no and they left. I then contacted AAA again and they sent another two tow trucks from Alton and these fellows wanted to lift up the front end by placing a huge thick strap around the front of the car to lift up and right which I also rejected. Then one of them suggested using a long steel bar under the "A" frame to lift the front wheels higher while the tow truck operator pulled back - this worked great and there was almost no damage at all to the car - just a little paint loss where it rubbed the guard rail. Someone called the Sheriff and he stayed the whole time as it was well after dark when this task was completed. A couple of days later the town moved the guardrail back several feet and all is ok. So much for an evening pleasure ride.



## Collector Car Legislation

Don McConnell

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In April A few club members attended a GVACS meeting to hear Rep Bill Reilich speak on legislation as it pertains to the antique car buffs. He is a member of the following group State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus a part of Automotive Restoration Market Organization (ARMO) which is also affiliated with Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA).

### ARMO Mission Statement

ARMO is committed to preserving and promoting the automotive restoration industry through its projects, education programs, and by monitoring legislative and/or regulatory issues that may affect our members, thus ensuring the longevity and prosperity of the automotive restoration industry. More...

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## Caucus Corner

Each month Driving Force will feature members of the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus. The SEMA-supported caucus is a bipartisan group of state lawmakers whose common thread is a love and appreciation for automobiles.

## Legislative Quick Hits

California Emissions Tests: SAN-opposed legislation to require annual Smog check inspections for vehicles 15 years old and older was held in the California Assembly Appropriations Committee and is essentially dead for the year. The bill would also have required that funds generated through the additional inspection fees be deposited into an account which could have been used to scrap older cars. Pre-1976 motor vehicles would have remained exempt under the measure. The SAN launched a statewide lobbying campaign to oppose the bill.

California Scrappage: SAN is opposing a California Air Resources Board (CARB) proposal to spend roughly \$30 million annually to augment the State's existing vehicle scrappage program. The proposal would provide incentives for vehicles not currently eligible under the Consumer Assistance Program by removing the existing requirements that vehicles be subject to and fail Smog Check to participate. CARB is specifically targeting for scrappage pre-1976

vehicles that are not currently required to undergo Smock Check inspections. According to CARB, allowing vehicles that are not currently undergoing registration or that have passed their Smog Check to participate greatly expands the vehicle population that can be retired. Participants would receive \$1,000 per vehicle or \$1,500 per vehicle if they meet low-income requirements. The proposal would also establish a pilot voucher program in the South Coast and San Joaquin Valley air basins that targets the highest-emitting vehicles and requires their replacement with newer, cleaner vehicles. Consumers would retire their vehicle at a participating dismantler, receiving an immediate compensation of \$1,000–\$1,500 for vehicle retirement. Consumers could then redeem their voucher at participating car dealerships toward the purchase of a replacement vehicle. CARB is proposing that the voucher compensation be \$2,000 or \$2,500 per vehicle depending on income level.

Michigan Inoperable Vehicles: A version of SEMA-model legislation has been reintroduced in the Michigan State Legislature that would outlaw local zoning ordinances that prohibit the hobby of collecting and restoring motor vehicles. Junked, wrecked or inoperable vehicles, including parts cars, stored on private property could still require screening from public view by fencing, vegetation or other means. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

Ohio Street Rods/Customs: SEMA model legislation to create a vehicle registration and titling classification for street rods and custom vehicles and provide for special license plates for these vehicles has been reintroduced in the Ohio State Legislature. The bill defines a street rod as an altered vehicle manufactured before 1949 and a custom as an altered vehicle at least 25 years old and manufactured after 1948. The bill allows kit cars and replica vehicles to be assigned a certificate of title bearing the same model-year designation that the body of the vehicle was constructed to resemble.





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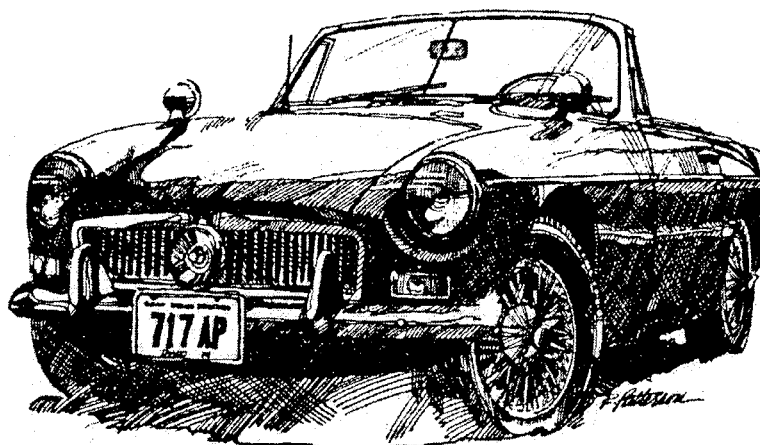
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Over the years I have mentioned outboard motors and that category fits well into this column. These are gasoline powered of both two and four cycle design and the number of makes is mind boggling especially if you go back a few years.

If you want to get interested in marine engines this is another world. The mere size of some of these units is amazing. I have seen marine engines that are bigger than my house. Once these are installed I doubt if they are ever removed. One night I was with my brother in law and we were down near Delevan N.Y. He took me into a building that had about six huge Worthington industrial engines. These are used to generate electricity and the heat from the engines was used to heat the nearby school. One of the engines was partially dismantled and the pistons were out on the floor. They must have been close to twenty four inches in diameter. Later on he managed to give me a valve from one of the engines and the head was as

big as a coffee cup saucer and the stem a bit larger than a quarter and over a foot long. I recall asking one of the guys working on the engine how they were able to get the piston out of the bore. "Overhead crane" was the simple answer and they were dismantling this particular engine because it had a bent crankshaft. These guys said yes they could have it straighten but the thing was as big as my MG.

This afternoon I was having a discussion with a friend and the subject of Crosley automobiles came up. These were built back in the late 40's and early 50's. There are a few around but they were way ahead of there time and people wanted "Big Cars" and as gasoline was cheap in those days Crosley never really had a chance. However the engines of these cars wound up in a good number of specials as they were very light four cylinders with an integral head like an Offenhauser or Bugatti. Many of the early Siatas in the early 50's were fitted with Crosleys. They would wind to a high rpm and were fairly reliable. A good number of these engines also wound up in race boats also as the high rpm made them competitive.

Engines are totally captivating if you start to study the different designs and ideas used over the years. It is also interesting to see who stole what idea from whom. For example a couple of Miller 91's were once taken to Europe to run at Monza at the Italian Grand Prix. These were oval track cars and were not made for a road course. They tried anyway and at least one of the two Millers cracked the front wheel drive gear casing. The cars were sold by Leon Duray to Ettore Bugatti and not long after the type 57 Bugatti appeared with an engine that was almost a total copy of the Miller. Fast forward to 1964 and the Millers were discovered in a Bugatti factory warehouse with a large assortment of Bugattis. They were purchased by Griffith Borgeson and one is in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum (ex Leon Duray car) and the Packard Cable Special is in the Smithsonian Institution. Miller engines alone are fascinating study and several books alone have been written on the subject. But let's save that for another time.

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