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## Chairman's Corner

Dan Goodwin

The March steak roast and auction were both a big success this year. The steaks were great and the proceeds from the auction will provide a much needed boost to the club treasury. As Doug Scribner pointed out at the April meeting...everything sold but the used Triumph tire. Thanks to our intrepid auctioneers (Doug, Jim and Ted) and to all who contributed the diverse and interesting variety of auction items!

The April meeting featured the presentation of the MCC scholarships. The Philip scholarship and the MG Car Club scholarship went to two very worthy students in the MCC Auto Tech program. Adam E. Kress received the Philip award and Konstantin Sytch was presented with the MGCC Endowed scholarship. The meeting ended with the annual basket auction, which generated nearly \$500 to be added to the MGCC Endowed Scholarship fund. Our thanks go out to Kristy Graves, from MCC, for her continued efforts in managing the student application process for the annual awards.

I forge ahead with the MGA engine rebuild project. In the course of ordering new parts for the engine and related mechanical systems, I have made an interesting observation. While I think of my pride and joy as a "British sports car," the wide assortment of parts I have purchased reveals otherwise. There are, indeed, many parts made in the UK. However, in looking at the packaging, I have noted parts made in the US, Israel, South Africa, India, Australia, Germany and, of course, China. When the project is finished, my MGA will have a new international identity.

The MGB is currently awaiting electrical work...starting with a new instrument panel. The harness has never been checked for continuity, missing accessories or other related factors. Clusters of wire ends spill out from various sections of the body, looking lost and somewhat sad. Ah well, one step at a time.

Get out there and enjoy!

Cheers,  
Dan

## MG Bruce

Don McConnell

Is it May or some other month. It looked like spring a couple of weeks ago. I am sure everyone was preparing their cars for the drive to the Steak Roast or the Swing into Spring get together, but then it got cold. Does this mean it is fall, time for the Fall Foliage Tour or the Yacht Club Brunch? But wait it got warm and back to spring we came. Hold on there was a day of snow (winter, time to put the cars away)? I am so confused. Mother Nature is sure is toying with us. Thankfully the March & April Activities were in doors. While you had fun at the activities I was working. Sounds like I missed a good time. Time to think Warm maybe the weather will cooperate.

Nothing new for a status report on the "B" named Bruce. He is waiting for me to be home more. One night as I came through the garage after work (10:30 pm) I thought I heard whimpering as I passed him. I guess he is lonely.

I hope it is OK to give out assignments. It is to collect photos of the ladies in the Club driving their MG's. These photos will be submitted for use in next year's calendar. I know it is early to think about next year but this will get you thinking as you attend events.

Enjoy the month of May. Happy Mothers Day all you moms .

Happy Top Down

*DM*

## Activities

By Mary Murray and Susan Goodwin

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If you didn't come to the Steak Roast, you missed a great time. (See photos on pp20) With John Baum and his helpers, the steaks and hots were cooked to perfection. Thanks to all the people for bringing the delicious food. But this event wouldn't be the success for the club without all of you bringing your articles to be auctioned off. This year we had a wonderful assortment of goods from fenders to art to Waterford crystal. There was something for everyone. Thanks to the talented auctioneers, Ted Hershey, Jim Priestley and Doug Scribner. The definitely put their personal touches on the items to get the bidding going once, going twice and finally sold! All total, we made \$535 to be added to our treasury. Thanks again to everyone who helped.

Thanks to Laurie Scribner and Dick Powers for arranging the Swing into Spring VIII, which was held April 17, 2011. (Photos on pp 11) We had a new venue this year for the event. It was held at Mulconry's Irish Pub and Restaurant, where we had our own private party room with bartender and wait staff, who were very accommodating to us. According to Dick, there were sixty-two members in attendance at the event, where we all enjoyed a variety of meals and drinks. Some even braved the weather and drove their little

British Cars and at one point we all looked out the window and were very surprised to see snow flurries in the air. Thanks again Laurie and Dick.

We had fifteen Baskets for the Basket Auction, which was held at April 21st club meeting. The Basket Auction brought in \$482 to benefit the MCC Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the following for donating a basket: Susan Goodwin, Marry Murray, Cindy and Doug Jack, Jessica and Sean Seeley, Betty and Gil Langswager, Doreena and Hollis Hames, Elaine and Allen Hess, Georgean and Bob Ables, George and Beverly Haynes, Dan and Latty Goodwin, Jim Davis, Barb and Dave Wild, Margaret and Mike Hale, Rob Shrader and Kristy Graves from MCC.

Tune-up clinic May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Beers of the World Tasting Party May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Regular Meeting May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Carlisle 20-22  
Stuffing Party June 1st  
VINTAGE AUTO FESTIVAL June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Regular Meeting June 16<sup>th</sup>  
MG 2011 June 12-18<sup>th</sup>

### Remembrance:

The MG Car Club was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Nancy Herschell. George and Nancy Herschell have been long-time members of the club and major contributors to the club's success. We will certainly miss Nancy and want to extend our deepest sympathies to the family.

### A Huge Thank You

The entire Herschell family would like to extend our thanks to all, for your support and prayers at this most difficult time. You all loved Nancy as much as we did and that love was shown by the support you all offered during the past year. She was a brave lady and held out as long as she could but at the end she just couldn't fight any longer. We can take comfort in knowing she is finally at peace.

Thank you one and all.

George Herchell and Family

# MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Willard Brown

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## April 21, 2011

**Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by Chairman Dan Goodwin.

**Acceptance of March 17, 2011 Minutes** – Minutes were accepted as reported with the correction of Dave Chase and not Dave Wild being the coordinator of the May Carlisle Trip.

### **Guests and New Members**

- Dave Jack – Guest
- Kristy and Jeremy Philip – Guests
- Adam and Sandy Kress – Guests
- Vera and Konstantin Sytch – Guests
- Paul Wheeler – Guest

**Monroe Community College Scholarship Awards** – Introductions by Kristy M. Graves of MCC

- MGCC Scholarship Award – Konstantin Sytch
- Robert R. Philip Memorial Scholarship Award – Adam E. Kress

**Treasurer's Report** – Frank Stepanik = Reported the balances in the club's accounts.

**Activities** – Mary Murray/Susan Goodwin (see Spokes for details of all future events listed)

- May 7<sup>th</sup> = Tune-up Clinic at Monroe Community College from 10: AM – 4:00 PM. There will be 6 – 7 car lifts available. George Haynes is coordinating activity
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Beers of the World Tasting Party at Gill and Betty Langswager's.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> = Carlisle Trip. Contact Dave Chase for lodging. Contact George Haynes to attend or send parts for sale.

- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Car Show packet stuffing party at Dave and Barb Wild's.
- June 5<sup>th</sup> – After Car Show Party on premises. Bring dish to pass.
- June 27-29<sup>th</sup> – Al Costich announced the Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion. Contact Jack Woehrle at (803) 463-5388/jwoesvra@aol.com.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Leon Zak announced the Multi-Car Club Picnic. Admission of \$5 at the door. Will be at the Queenston Heights Park, Ontario/Canada. We will run a Funkhana.

### **Car Show** –George Heissenberger

- Day of show and pre-show registration will be combined.
- Need help with the Registration Tent.
- Car registration is available on-line as well as other show information.
- George and Peggi will handle the show's mailing list data base.
- Tickets are available in \$10 packs for selling by club members.
- Posters and brochures are available and will be passed out to members at meeting tonight.
- Dash plaques have been received from the vendor.
- To date, we have acquired more sponsorships than we have in previous years.
- Judges – Frank Stepanik, Hollis Hames, Dan Goodwin, Bill Baldwin, Jeff Kath, Lane Boughton, Tom LeStrange, Dick Powers, Gene Faust, Gill Langswager, Paul Osborne and George Haynes.  
(Judging Assignments = Bob Tescione)

- The next meeting is April 28th at Victor Denny's at 7:00 PM.

- Member's assignment is to take photos of ladies driving MG's for next year's calendar.

#### **Membership** – Jim Priestley

- Have 3 new members tonight.
- Now have 160 memberships.
- All memberships not renewed by the end of tonight's meeting are considered expired.

**England** – Dan Goodwin for George Herschel = Letter of sympathy was read from Brian Woodhams of the British MG Car Club to George Herschel on the passing of his wife.

#### **Regalia** – Doug Scribner

- Thanks for donation of items for the Steak Roast Auction. It was the first time that all items on the table were auctioned-off.
- Have a stack of Octagon Magazines for anyone who would like to have them.
- There will be a full complement of Regalia for sale at the May meeting.

#### **Spokes** – Dan Goodwin for Don McConnell

- April Issue has been distributed.

#### **Old Business**

- Al Fink request that patrons check to see if *Spokeads* are due for renewal.
- Tim Rizzo was the winning bidder on the sign trailer.
- A bid has been received for the sign frame.

#### **New Business** – None

**Announcements** – Allen and Elaine Hess are moving to Bucks County, PA, and they plan to join one of the MG car clubs in the area.

#### **Adjournment** – At 8:25 PM

## ***Car Show Stuffing Party***

**Date:** Wednesday June 1st

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** Dave and Barb Wild's

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**Assemble Trophies**

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## Meeting Attendance

April 21, 2011

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Gerogean	Abels	George	Haynes	Rhonda	Rizzo	GUEST	
Chris	Baum	Bev	Haynes	Tim	Rizzo	Paul	Wheeler
John	Baum	Hollis	Hames	Rob	Shrader	David	Jack
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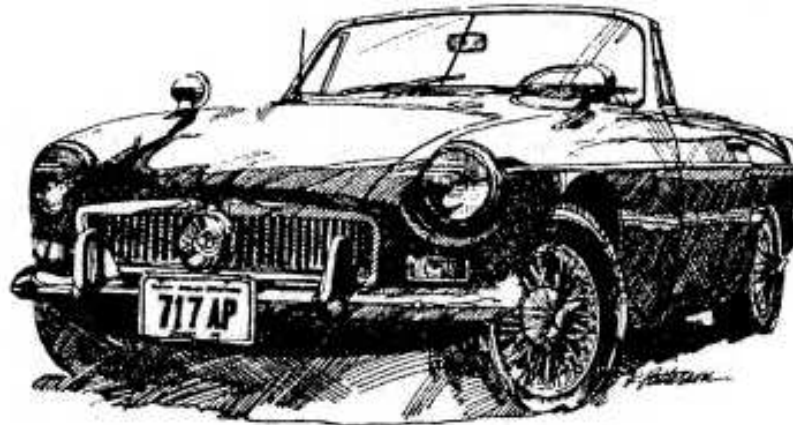
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## THE LOST RULES OF MEMBERSHIP (SIMPLIFIED)

From the "Member's Dues Recommendation Committee"

(Jim Priestley, Ted Hershey, & Leon Zak)

February 17, 2011

### ALL MEMBERS, PLEASE READ



1. All memberships run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. The yearly membership fee is currently \$30 per family.
3. Spouses/Partners of members are considered full members with voting privileges.
4. **NEW** members joining on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> will be paid for the balance of the current year and the entire following year.
5. Special "Car Show Membership" is offered to **NEW** members for \$15, only at the car show!
6. The MG Car Club's liability insurance coverage covers all **current members** and family at our events.
7. All memberships **MUST** be renewed by December 31<sup>st</sup> or you are **NOT** a current member!
8. If your membership has expired and you wish to attend an MG Car Club event, you must pay at the event a one day membership fee, per adult (\$5 each), **or** you must pay your membership renewal amount (\$30). All persons at our events must be covered under our liability insurance. Children under the age of 18 are always covered when accompanied by a member.
9. For the official committee report please see the 2/17/11 meeting minutes, in March issue of "Spokes".

**FOR THIS YEAR ONLY, (2011): ALL 2010 MEMBERSHIPS WILL EXPIRE AT THE APRIL 21<sup>st</sup> MEETING.**

# Swing into Spring

Photos By Dick Powers

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## California Racin' and Lots Of Sunny Days

By Dick powers

### MG Vintage Racers Second West Coast Focus Event

Some of you may remember that 3 years ago I was fortunate enough to race my MGA at the First MGVR West Coast Focus Event at Laguna Seca near Monterey, CA. We were also supposed to race at Sears Point-Infineon, near Sonoma, CA. That couldn't be arranged, so a Second West Coast Focus Event was held at Sears Point-Infineon this past April 1-3 as part of CSRG's 44<sup>th</sup> season opening event.

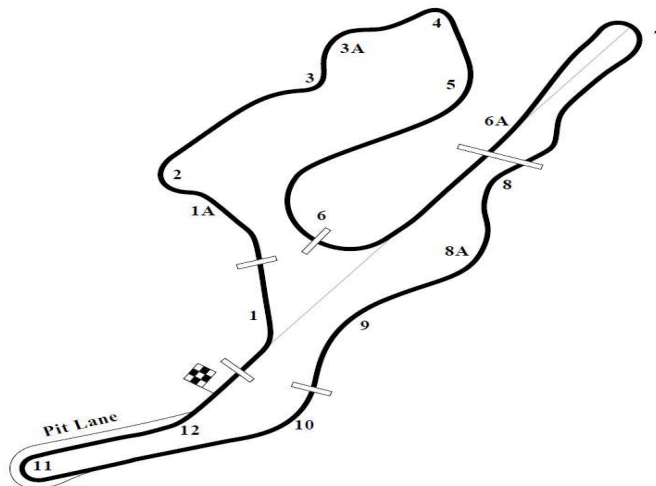


For this second event, 18 MG racers traveled from Eastern and Southern US and from Canada to make a total of 35 MG's registered. The MG's were in two groups and included every type of MG from pre-war N types to MGB's. A few MG "Specials" were entered: the '34 NE of Pete Thelander (George Herschell did a drawing of this car), the '49 TC Special of Dan Leonard, the '50 Von Neumann TD Special of Don Martine and the '59 Byers MGA Special of Jim Weissenborn. A very nice group of MG's, grander than any that had raced at Sears Point before!

Going out this time was made much easier, since our transporter, Berg Racing, is at the same location in Webster as my MGA. Also, they have a very professional car hauler like the arrive & drive racers use. There was room for 4 MG's, so 2 other MGA's (Bob Schoepfle from VA and Chris Meyers from CT, now owner of "029") and the '49 TC Special of Dan Leonard of MD (ex-Dave Raymond Special) all found their way to Webster to start the trip West.



Most of the 35 MG's arrived on March 31<sup>st</sup> and we were met with blue skies and a temperature of 85. Many of us took part in Friday afternoon practice sessions to begin to learn our way around. I had wanted to race at Sears Point for 20 years but as a spectator, I never realized how technical the 12 turns are. This track has everything a racer would want: a long 4<sup>th</sup> gear uphill climb into a blind and off camber turn 2, just after turn 5, there's a blind uphill section where you turn to the left at the top and then it all drops away as you fall into the long 3<sup>rd</sup> gear "Carousel". There are two hairpin turns that used for late braking passing opportunities. And there's the long, downhill 4<sup>th</sup> gear section as you leave the Esses and fly through turn 9 and then approach the "kink" or turn 10. This one looks easy, but really gets your attention because even in my low powered MGA, I'm approaching it at near 100 mph! Everything gets narrow too with little runoff area to the left, just a wall. I like Sears Point. Not super wide like the Glen and no guard rails, just lots of grass and elevation changes. It's more like racing on public roads and took me back to my days of "racing" through our county parks.



Sears Point: 2.5 Miles, 12 turns

Friday evening included a tour of Huffaker Engineering that has a spacious shop at the track. For more than 50 years, Huffaker has been building SCCA, Trans-Am and other series winning cars. From 63-67, they built the MG Liquid Suspension Special that raced at Indy. This car used the MG 1100 suspension. Joe Huffaker Jr. gave the tour and that brought back memories of first meeting him 20 years ago when Bethel, Rachel and I were on vacation in Sonoma. Joe senior even remembered me and we recreated a photo we took back then, that now included Joe the 3<sup>rd</sup>.



On Saturday, we started our timed qualifying sessions and races. My MGA was in Group A that had 9 Alfas, including a '34 Tipo 8C-35 Grand Prix car, a Type 59 Bugatti, 2 Jag 120's, Loti, Porsches, Elvas, 2 Byers Specials (one Volvo powered and one MGA), all the MG Specials, T's and many MGA's. It was a vintage car show on wheels with good, close clean racing. At night we had our MGVR banquet at the Inn Marin, with about 200 attending. Jim Weissenborn (Byers MGA) did a great job setting this up. The wine, food and MG friendship were tops in every way.

All the group races were on Sunday including the All MG race that was the last race. I think this had to be the closest and best race of the day. Racing for the lead were 2 A's, 2 B's and a Midget. A little further back were 3 B's, then 5 A's including the "029" of Chris Meyers. I was in the next group with the MGA Twin Cam of Ralph Zbarsky. Behind us was a B, the Byers MGA Special, Bob Schoeplein's MGA, Dan Leonard's TC Special and a number of T's and pre-war Specials. For the record, Harry Gentry was first in a Midget, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Brown in an A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim LaMantia in a B, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed LaMantia in an A and 5<sup>th</sup> Scott Fohrman in a B. Chris Meyers in 029 was 9<sup>th</sup> and I was happy with 15<sup>th</sup> after a race-long dice with the Twin Cam.



After the MG race, Vickie Leonard and the other wives, set up another wonderful feast for all the MG racers, family and friends. Our Berg Racing transporter, with its large awning, became the gathering point for the MG family. While reliving the MG race, a few of us commented on a kind of sad feeling we had during the last lap. We all liked racing at Sears Point with our MGVR gang, but realized this was the last time many of us would be racing there.

Everything about the MGVR Second West Coast Focus Event was the best. The weather. . .perfect, CSRG. . .a great group to race with, Sears Point. . .challenging and rewarding, the food and California wine. . .fit for a king, and the East meets West MG friendship. . .beyond category!

Once again, God has blessed me and my MG real good.

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**Racing Research Center Celebrates the Start of the  
Watkins Glen Racing Season with Milliken 100th Birthday Party,  
Talk by Michael Keyser  
and a Step Back in Time with Iconic Movie “Grand Prix”**



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The day will include a 100th birthday party for Bill Milliken, a keynote talk by Michael Keyser and a special showing at a local theater of MGM’s iconic motorsports movie, “Grand Prix.”

This special day coincides with the first of two days of opening weekend activities at Watkins Glen International, when the public is invited to drive the famed race track for a fee that will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Keyser will bring to the podium a motorsports resume that includes author, filmmaker, photographer and race car driver. Keyser has been one of the Center’s strongest supporters since it opened in 1999, and his inaugural talk is highly anticipated.

Keyser will discuss his experiences, including Formula One, and show some of the greatest photographs from his collection. The talk will be at 3 p.m.

The day actually kicks off at 9 a.m. with a continual showing of a documentary about the making of “Grand Prix” at the Center, getting race fans ready for a viewing of the film later.

At 1 p.m., the Center staff and all present will join in a very special birthday party, helping Bill Milliken, a founding father of racing at Watkins Glen, celebrate his 100th birthday.

Last year, the Center proudly hosted a 99th birthday party for Milliken. This year is even more special for many reasons, not the least of which is Milliken’s instrumental role with Formula One at Watkins Glen as chief steward for the United States Grand Prix from 1961-70, after which he was technical advisor to the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Corp.

Keyser’s talk will follow the birthday party at 3 p.m.

Keyser had been working as a reporter and a freelance photographer when he attended an SCCA drivers school in 1969. Starting in 1970, he competed in IMSA and FIA events, finishing third in the 1972 IMSA Camel GT Challenge series in a 2.5 liter Porsche. When not racing he was shooting photos that comprised his 1973 book “The Speed Merchants,” followed by a documentary film by the same name.

He placed second in the Camel GT Challenge series in 1973, third in 1974 and eighth in 1975, driving a number of different Porsches. After more victories and driving for numerous teams, he retired from active racing in 1981, devoting himself to motorsports photography, books and film.

A special presentation of the movie “Grand Prix” will cap the day’s activities at 6 p.m. The movie will be shown at the Glen Theater on Franklin Street in downtown Watkins Glen, a beautifully restored historic theater.

“Grand Prix,” starring James Garner, Eva Marie Saint and Yves Montand, won three Oscars. Directed by John Frankenheimer, this 1966 MGM film is considered by many to be the best movie about racing ever made.

The \$5 admission to see “Grand Prix” will be donated to the Center.

For more information about the Center’s plans or about the yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of Formula One at Watkins Glen, visit the Center’s website at [www.racingarchives.org](http://www.racingarchives.org) or call (607) 535-9044.

For more information about opening weekend activities at Watkins Glen International, visit the track’s website at [www.theglen.com](http://www.theglen.com).

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The Racing Research Center is noted for the quality of its monthly speaker series, Center Conversations, and the 2011 list promises Formula One fans some fascinating sessions.

The talks will kick off on Feb. 26 with Center historian Bill Green and motorsports author Michael Argetsinger. They will set the stage for Formula One in Watkins Glen with a look at Formula Libre, the precursor races, and then focus on Oct. 8, 1961, through film and slides.

**April**

Celebrated motorsports writer Pete Lyons will speak on the 16th, discussing his years working in Europe covering Formula One.

**May**

On the 7th, racing great Bobby Rahal will talk about his racing experiences in Formula One and at the

Indy 500, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

**July**

In July, the Center pays homage to the American drivers who competed at Watkins Glen, with a talk by Kevin Hughey, a Watkins Glen native and race historian in his own right.

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Tributes to Mario Andretti and Phil Hill, America's World Champions, will be among other programs during the year. Details will be announced as they are confirmed."

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## OFF THE CLOCK

By Rebecca Dudley

News-Tribune Editor/Publisher

My ex-husband had this annoying habit of bringing greasy old carburetors and things into the house to work on. So, last week, when my friend called to tell me this story, my first response was, “Where did this guy live?”

Now reassured that I was never related to him by marriage, this really is too hilarious not to share.

The way my friend told it, this guy pushed his motorcycle from the patio into his living room, where he began to clean the engine with some rags and a bowl of gasoline. When he finished, he sat on the motorcycle and decided to start it to make sure everything was still OK. Unfortunately, the bike started in gear, and crashed through the glass patio door with him still clinging to the handlebars.

His wife had been working in the kitchen. She came running at the noise, and found him crumpled on the patio, badly cut from the shards of broken glass. She called 911, and the paramedics transported the guy to the emergency room.

So far, the story is humorous – in a “that is what you get for geing a big enough lout to bring your motorcycle into the house” kind of way.

But here is where I really split a gut.

Later that afternoon, after many stitches had pulled her husband back together, the wife brought him home and put him in bed. She cleaned up the mess in the living room, and dumped the bowl of gasoline in the toilet.

Shortly thereafter, her husband woke up, lit a cigarette, and went into the bathroom. He sat down and tossed the cigarette into the toilet, which promptly exploded because the wife had not flushed the gasoline away. The explosion blew the man through the bathroom door.

The wife heard the explosion and her husband’s screams. She ran into the hall and found him lying on the floor with his trousers blown away and burns on his buttocks. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

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<b>January</b>  6 Board Meeting 20 MGCC Meeting 30 Wine & Cheese, Valve Cover Races	<b>February</b>  17 MGCC Meeting 27 Bowling Party	<b>March</b>  3 Board Meeting 17 MGCC Meeting 27 Steak Roast & Auction	<b>April</b>  21 MGCC Meeting\ Basket Auction 17 Swing into Spring
<b>May</b>  5 Board Meeting 7 Tune-up Clinic TBA Apple Blossom Rallye 15 Beer Tasting Party 19 MGCC Meeting 20-22 Carlisle TBA Autocross	<b>June</b>  1 Stuffing party 5 Vintage Auto Festival 16 MGCC Meeting 12-18 MG 2011	<b>July</b>  7 Board Meeting 21 MGCC Meeting 23 Multi-club Picnic 24 Wagner Vineyards/ Genny Lee Restaurant	<b>August</b>  TBA GVAC Car Show (RIT) 18 MGCC Meeting Need an Event 21 UK Car Day
<b>September</b>  1 Board Meeting 8-11 Watkins Glen 13 MGCC Meeting (Tues) 16-18 Brit. Invasion Stowe 18 British Car Day, Toronto	<b>October</b>  9 Fall Foliage Tour 20 MGCC Meeting 22 Garage Tour TBA Halloween Party	<b>November</b>  3 Board Meeting 6 Yacht Club brunch 17 MGCC Meeting	<b>December</b>  3 Holiday Party No Meeting

Next Meeting  
May 19 2011 7:30 PM  
Burgundy Basin Inn  
1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford, New York

