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Chairman's Corner

Mike Parthum

Hello Everyone

By the time this issue reaches you, summer will be well underway. That means activities, festivals, cruise-ins, car shows and top down driving which are the things we wait all winter for. Next month's general membership meeting will have a special guest speaker, as Walt Krueger has agreed to give a 20 minute presentation on the all MG race at Watkins Glenn. Some of you may not know this but these races were sponsored by the WNYMGCC in 1959 & 1960. From what I have been told, these were the first all MG races ever done in the US and Walt has some pictures from those races which include some of our current members racing their cars. In the upcoming months we will be looking for other guest speakers and if you have an idea for a topic or know someone who would be willing to give a presentation, please let myself or Desi know.

Besides having a guest speaker for next month's meeting we will also be presenting some ideas on how to reduce the cost of printing and mailing of Spokes. Don McConnell has come up with some excellent ideas which would not only reduce our costs and put us a lot closer to balancing the budget. These ideas need to be reviewed and voted on by the general membership, so now you have three good reasons to attend next month's meeting.

At last month's meeting I asked if anyone would be willing to assist Desi with the activities or possibly become the interim activities director for the club for this year. As many of you already know, Desi's treatments have been going well and the prognosis is very positive for her but at times it also has made it difficult for her to get around. It's more of a coordinator's position as many of our events have individual's who run a specific event, such as Ted with the valve cover races. If you have the interest and are willing to help out, please contact myself or Desi.

I also presented some work our Board did on the development of a rubric to score our meeting location against other alternatives. Although this is still in the development stage, it is a solid starting point and will give us a way to properly assess the strengths and weaknesses of our options. Our present location has many advantages but as has been pointed out on more than one occasion, it is expensive. There have been a number of suggestions to other locations and a list has been started. If you know of a place that would be suitable for our general membership meetings, please let myself or one of the Board members know.

MG Bruce

Don McConnell

June is here and by now all of you who have beautiful British sports cars have them out on the road. We have had some good weather for a top down drive. Maybe some ice cream along the way too.

This month you will find two new advertisers, The Wire Wheel Auto Repair and Kurts Garage. Welcome to Spokes and Thank you for choosing to advertise with us. Be sure to use their services and let them know you saw their ad in Spokes.

I took some time off from yard work to do some welding on Bruce. I have been placing patches in the wheel arch area. After a little work, I was not pleased with the results so I cut out the patch. I have suspected that the grade of steel is not what I need for this application. Now I am in the process of making a new patch with a grade steel that looks more like what is used in the car. This is something I have learned with trial and error. Reading about the different grades of materials doesn't quite click, only working with it and seeing it up close do you understand what the words really mean. So the saga continues. I will keep you up to date. For those with sports cars it is time go for a drive. See you at the June meeting. Happy Top Down

Don

A list of contact information was distributed at our last meeting of all of the MG Car Club members that are willing to help others if you should have a problem with your car. Personally I think this is a tremendous resource to our club and a true "value-add" to being a member. The knowledge that these people have and are willing to share to others is something that I don't think you can put a price tag on. My personal thanks to all of you on that list, which speaks to the type of people that we have as members.

Finally, the third reason to come to next month's meeting which is the social aspect of our club. If you have not been able to attend our meetings lately, you have been missing out on one of the best reasons for being a member, which is to meet new people, share experiences and catch up with what's been going on. Don't be left in the "dust" as life was not meant to be a spectator's sport and mark it on your calendar to attend next month's meeting.

Activities

By Desi Benet

June Events The March meeting of the MG Car Club decided that we would not run the Vintage Auto Festival this year. Instead, the club will hold a picnic at Powdermill Park on that date. The Powderhorn Lodge has been reserved, more details about this event will be made available when the planning for this event is complete. On June 28, the Great Race will be arriving in Fairport New York. There are a number of club members involved and there is a request for volunteers. More details will be provided when they are available.

Beyond June Well, the schedule is coming together for the year, see back cover for details. **July 21** there will be a laps and lunch session see the add in this issue for further details. **July 29** is the multi club picnic **August 5** is the GVAC Car Show and **August 26** the UK Car Day Show. Note that we are trying to resurrect the Bent Camshaft Award, but we need your ideas on a strategy to do that. Maybe at the Ice Creme Rally? On a personal note, many thanks for the cards, emails, flowers and good wishes from members of the club during my recent medical issue. I

cannot tell you how much this meant to me. Now, although this medical issue has slowed me down a bit, I am certainly very good and up and about –and I am healing very very well. Again, I cannot begin to express how much your care and concern meant to me.

Take care Desi

Other Car Club community activities: Although these events are not specifically WNY MGCC organized activities, they are of interest to many members in our British Car Community : **MG 2012 NAMGBR:** Annual Gathering, Dillard Georgia June 6-10, 2012 <http://mg2012.webs.com/> **NAMGAR GT-37** Dayton Ohio July 9-13 **Pittsburgh Gran Prix:** Schenley Park, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania celebrating **MG** July 21-22 July 20-22: Pultneyville Homecoming & War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration: Antiques, exhibits, reenactment, strolling 1812 characters, vintage cars, parade, fireworks, games, 5K, Gilbert & Sullivan production, International Peace Garden Dedication on July 21 at 4:30pm, Star Spangled Concert, and much more. (315) 589-9892, www.w-phs.org. Pultneyville, NY. **MG Vintage Racers Focus Event:** Grattan Raceway, Gratten Michigan August 17-19 **Stowe Vermont British Car Show:** (Singer and Mini are featured this year) Stowe Vermont September 14-16 <http://www.britishinvasion.com/> **Bronte British Car Show**, Burlington Ontario September 16 **Fireball Run:** A run from Independence Ohio run to Bangor Maine Sept 21-29
This is the info available to me as of 3/25, Send other events of interest to Desi Benet @aol.com for inclusion in this newsletter.

We will have a guest speaker at the June meeting.

His name is Walt Krueger

He will be doing a slide presentation about the:

1959 All MG Races at the Glen

1959 Sebring 12 Hour

The 1959 All MG Races at the Glen were put on by our MGCC and were The First All MG Races run in the United States!



MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Mary Murray

May 17, 2012

Call to Order-meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Parthum at 7:33p.m. With 47 in attendance, including Board Members, Mary Murray, Dan Goodwin and Dan Suter. April minutes were accepted by members.

New Members- Jim and Wendy Taylor MGB. of Rochester with their 1970 MGB and Gary DeBolt from Livonia with his 1972 MGB.

Mary Murray read a note from Jim and Gail Colegrove, thanking the club members for being so thoughtful at this time during their tragedy.

REPORTS-----

Board-Notify people of Board meeting.

Activities-Desi was absent so the Chairman took over and announced the upcoming events that are the back page of Spokes. Dick Powers stated that the 9th annual Swing into spring hosted by him and Laurie Schribner was another success with 50 people attending. They also surprised 3 members with a Birthday cake for dessert. Betty and Gil Langswager's 2nd annual Garage Gathering was also a success with 30 people. Dan Suter was passing around a signup sheet for the picnic on June 3rd to get a count on how many will attend.

Treasurer-Mike Goodwin read his resignation. He has returned back to work and he will not be able to attend meetings. He said the balance in the checkbook is good.

Membership-Jim Priestley brought with him for handouts, up to date membership lists and roadside help list for the now 298 members.

Regalia-Doug Schribner was giving out a free valve cover with every off the rack purchase. He still has left and right handed mugs and also dash plaques designed by George Herschell.

Spokes-Don McConnell reminded everyone next Thursday is the cutoff date for articles for Spokes. Al Fink also has signed up 3 new advertisers. The Wire Wheel at 742 Clinton Ave, Kurt's Garage at 1315 Hudson Ave. and Aratari Auto Finishes at 995 Carter St.

England-George Herschell reported that it is STILL THERE.

Librarian-Al Costich was absent

Website-Leon Zak was absent

Trustees-Dan Goodwin and Dan Suter/no report

OLD BUSINESS-----

Willard Brown stated that it would be appropriate for the tribute to the servicemen that a Full Page article in Spokes be written. Everyone agreed. Look for it in Spokes.

NEW BUSINESS-----

There are 2 board positions open: Treasurer and due to Desi's illness, she would like someone to take over activities until she gets better.

Dan Goodwin nominated Frank Stepanik for treasurer-he accepted. All members voted yes.

No nominations at this time were made for activities director. Please think about it until Desi gets back.

George Heissenberger reminded everyone about the Pittsford Car Show and Dick Powers reminded everyone about Euro Car Day in Buffalo on the 17th. Dick Rzepkowski mentioned that the SVRA in Lexington, Ohio on June 21st weekend.

If you want to be on the MG car list you MUST notify Leon, otherwise you won't receive any information on the internet.

Doug Schribner wanted to know if and when we should reserve Farmington for next year. The answer was first someone has to step up to be Chairman of the Show first.

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE-----

Doug Schribner's 1972 MGB Chrome bumper \$5,000.00

Dan Suter has car parts for A's

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June 21 2012 Adjenda

CALL TO ORDER (after 7:30 pm)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

GUEST SPEAKER – WALT KRUGER

- Topic: 59 & 60 all MG Races at Watkins Glenn

OLD BUSINESS

- None

OPEN DISCUSSION / COST DOWN SUGGESTIONS – SPOKES

- Don McConnell

NEW BUSINESS

- Updates from members: Trips, Projects, etc.
- Announcements & Information Sharing
- Cars & Parts for sale

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ADJOURNMENT

Here are some Michael DiPleco Photos Of 222 At Sebring that were inadvertently omitted from the "Third Time is a Charm" article in the May issue of Spokes.



SAVE THE DATE

July 29, 2012

Multi Club Picnic

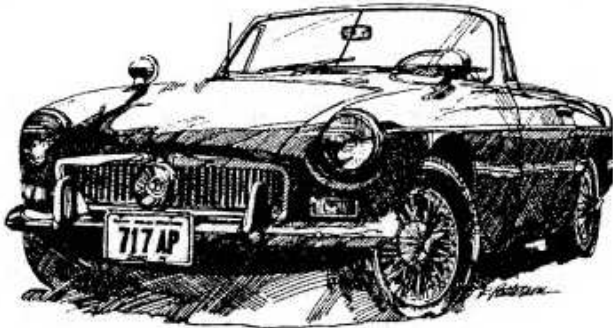
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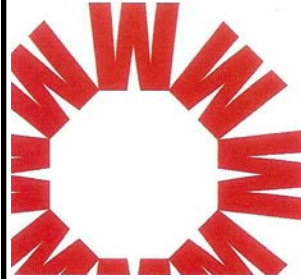
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April 29th at Thruxton

Jason Plato in MG6

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Race 1 3rd
Race 2 2nd
Race 3 4th

Andy Neate in MG6

Qualifying 16th
Race 1 16th
Race 2 16th
Race 3 19th

After three rounds the BTCC Driver
Standings have

Jason Plato in the MG6 first with 129 poits

This is a good start to the season for the
MG team keep it up.

5th Annual Speckled Hen Run at the Kitzhof Inn.

We just wanted to send out a reminder about the Speckled Hen Event being held here October 5-7. It's a fun-filled weekend with planned drives, points of interest, and of course the stop at Man of Kent Pub for a Speckled Hen! We have put together a package including:

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Thanks Rob Shrader for the updates



Vintage Au Grattan
MGVR Focus Event with VSCDA
August 16-19, 2012



SAVE THE DATE

LAPS & LUNCH

Saturday July 21st, 11:00 AM

Watkins Glen International Race Track

Three laps and lunch at the track

Sign up at the June meeting or contact

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Contact Dan: (585) 223-9584 e-mail dlgipk@rit.edu
 Hollis: (585) 271-7754

Dutch Treat Breakfast at the Glen

By Dick Powers

Last April, 12 WNYMGCC members, who also belong to the WNY Morgan Owners Group, had breakfast at the Glen track with 42 folks who brought their Morgans, Healeys, a TR-3 and an MGF over from Europe for a 3 week tour of the US. It was very nice of them to invite us to breakfast at the Suites at the track. Fortunately for us, they all spoke very good English.



Most of the Morgans were +8s and the Healeys all 6 cylinder "Big Healeys". A car that looked a little out of place, given all the vintage stuff, was the mid engine MG. That said, this MG looked very comfortable and had AC. Even my wife liked it.



After breakfast, they did 3 laps of the Glen track before heading to Niagara Falls on a back roads route set up by Bob Tescione. The Abels, Baldwins, Benets, Isselhardts, Powers and Tesciones enjoyed the Dutch Treat.





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Formula One at Watkins Glen'
Wins IPPY Award
(for immediate release May 17, 2012)



WATKINS GLEN, NY – Michael Argetsinger's acclaimed book about the 20 years of Formula One racing at Watkins Glen has been awarded a gold medal in the 2012 Independent Publisher Book Awards, the IPPY awards.

The top-place honor was awarded in the transportation category.

"Formula One at Watkins Glen: 20 Years of the United States Grand Prix, 1961-1980" was a joint venture by Argetsinger, the International Motor Racing Research Center and David Bull Publishing of Phoenix, AZ.

The IPPY honors were awarded to books produced by smaller publishers in more than 70 different categories.

"I'm especially pleased at the recognition the book has received because it serves a good cause. All proceeds from sales benefit the International Motor Racing Research Center at Watkins Glen, an invaluable archive of information and materials on racing history," David Bull said.

The book was released in June 2011 as part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first Formula One race at Watkins Glen, which would become known as the home of the U.S. Grand Prix.

American World Champion Mario Andretti wrote the forward for the book.

The 160-page, hardcover book includes approximately 250 color and black and white photographs. The vivid narrative chronicles the action and events of each year's race, and it also tells the story of the organizers who brought Formula One to Watkins Glen and the forces that led to its eventual demise.

The cost of the limited-edition book is \$49.95. Supplies are dwindling, and it will not be available for much longer.

The Independent Publisher Book Awards were conceived in 1996 as a broad-based, unaffiliated awards program open to all members of the independent publishing industry. The awards are intended to bring increased recognition to the thousands of exemplary independent, university, and self-published titles produced each year, and reward those who exhibit the courage, innovation, and creativity to bring about change in the world of publishing.

This year's entry totals were the biggest ever, with 4,813 print book entries, 390 e-book entries and an average category size of 50, all from more than 2,400 independent authors and publishers.

"Formula One at Watkins Glen: 20 Years of the United States Grand Prix, 1961-1980" can be purchased by calling the Racing Research Center at (607) 535-9044 or by emailing max@racingarchives.org. An order form also is available at the Center's website at www.racingarchives.org.

All profits from the sales of the book go directly to the Center.

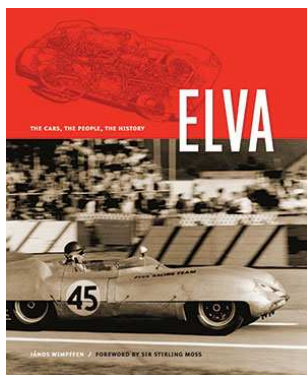
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Elva – *She Goes!*

By Dick Powers

This past April, many club members went to the International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC) at Watkins Glen., for a presentation about Elva cars by Janos Wimpffen. He's the author of the award winning book: *Eva: The Car, The People, The History* (David Bull Publishing). One of the "people" mentioned in the book is our own **Dave Wild**.

For many years, Dave raced an MGA powered Elva Courier and still has it. After the author's presentation, Dave shared a few memories of racing his Elva including one from the Glen when, at the start, a Porsche flung a clod of mud directly onto Dave's face shield! Dave made it all the way through the Esses before pulling over on the front straight. Porsches are always at fault.



Elva courier racing with an Alfa Giulietta spider



Dave Wild, John Mac Donald and Rob Shrader looking at an Elva Courier



Elva was started by Frank Nichols in 1955 and lasted till about 1966 when what remained became part of the McLaren organization. The name Elva was suggested by Nichols' partner Bill Murphy and came from the French "elle va" or *she*

goes!



Elva Courier flyer

WNYMGCC folks attending were the Baldwins, Barkleys, Glanville, Isselhardts, MacDonald, Shrader, Tesciones, Wild and olde me. The author would like to thank the Tesciones for help with some of the photos.



MG CAR CLUB PICNIC

Sunday June 3, 2012
11:30 AM til?

Powder Horn Lodge in Powder Mills Park of Route 96 in the Town of Perinton

Club will provide Coffee and Charcoal for grilling, so bring your picnic meal and a dish to pass.

Feel free to bring a game such as horseshoe,
bocce ball, lawn darts.

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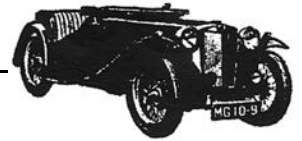
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serviced and see the long dollar these people are charged.

Years ago I was at a car show somewhere when a stranger came up to me while I was fiddling with the M.G. He asked me with a absolutely straight face "What year Morgan is that" I told him that it wasn't a Morgan it was an M.G. He then told me that M.G. stood for Morgan Garages. I was so taken aback by the statement that I was speechless. I had never heard it before and it just caught me off guard. The strange thing is that I was at an MG Car Club picnic a few years back and a member's wife actually said to me. "I thought that's what MG stood for, Morgan Garages" I just sort of hung my head in disbelief, In the M.G. Car Club for gosh sakes!

The one about Morgan's having a wood frame has happened to me a couple of times. Once in the cafeteria at work, I was having a conversation with a couple of characters from another department and one character stated that he knew someone that had a Morgan and he couldn't register it because it had a wooden frame. I told him Morgans don't have wooden frames and never did. He would not believe me. Just last summer at EuroCar Day a character said to his friend. "Joe, did you see the Morgan with the wooden frame?" I had to interrupt him and tell him Morgans do not

have wooden frames. We had a lengthy discussion and I think I may have gotten through to him but I doubt it. I did tell him that Morgans use a wooden body frame and that is probably where the confusion results. Somehow I feel that if I go next year and he is there the story will not have changed. I can still hear him "See the Morgan, Wooden frame!"

The BMW representing British Motor Works statement was from a gal at work and I wrote a column about the incident several years ago. She was so sure about the fact that BMW stood for British Motor Works. She was confused with BMC. British Motor Corporation and never realized that BMW's are made in Germany. I even told a few people around the office and they all said, "Sure, BMW stands for British Motor Works." I then casually asked then why are they made in Germany?

The opinion about the steering wheel being on the wrong side is an old favorite. I have been asked so many times about it that I truly forget the number. The incident that usually comes to mind was at Victor a good number of years ago when a man and his young son came up to me and asked if it was legal to have a car with a right hand drive. I asked them how do you think I got the car to Victor and if what they asked is true, why

would I have license plates on the car?

Where such beliefs get started are probably just as much a mystery as the myths themselves. The one about the Rolls Royce sealed engine is one that I'm sure the factory secretly loves along with the story about the broken axle. This amounts to unsolicited publicity. I have seen plenty of Rolls Royce engines in the buff and no seals are present, some cracks in the aluminum heads but no seals.

The one about M.G. standing for Morgan Garages is another dandy. I told this to a fellow enthusiast one day and he replied "Oh! You came across that character too" I check this one off as someone who is trying to impress you with his vast knowledge about the automobile world but has never bothered to pick up a book or magazine and do a little research on the subject. Most of the auto books I have read cover both M.G. and Morgan and only a total uninformed person would think they are one in the same.

The story about the wooden frame on the Morgan is a real falsehood.

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