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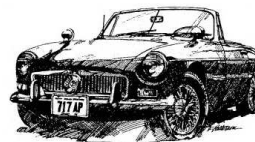
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Chairman's Corner

Mike Parthum

I am hoping by the time this issue of Spokes finds you the weather will be warmer and "Top Down" driving will be the order of the day. I have always liked the changing of the season's (Spring & Fall being my favorite) with this year being no exception. Along with the driving season comes the event season with a growing number of things to do. If you are about to, or have already unpacked your car from its winter slumber, please don't forget to give it a good "once over". The Tune Up clinic is an excellent opportunity to do this and have fresh eyes looking over your ride too. As I get older (and even sometimes wiser) I find some of the old sayings that my Dad and Mom used to tell me are lessons learned. "An Ounce of Prevention is worth a Pound of Cure" being the difference between Proactive and Reactive, which does relate to owning an older car. Doing the maintenance to keep a car running is necessary but with an older car doing the extra things before needed (breaking down) is that ounce of prevention that can save you a lot of headaches. One thing that I really enjoy about driving my MG is that it sounds, feels and drives like a car should. There are so many types of cars out there that will give different experiences to the driver but I find that most of the newer cars of today have so much sound proofing.. etc.. that it almost seems sterile and the driving experience is not the same. In the short time (18 months) that I have had my MGB, I have had some interesting adventures and met a number of really nice people. I think that's the common thread amongst classic/antique car owners is a spirit of adventure, not to just sit on the couch and watch the world go by but to be out in the world going with it. Regarding my own MGB, I had "upgraded" to a newer radio, one with all the latest technologies, like USB, SD Card reader, Auxiliary input.. only to have the #\$%& thing's tuner adjuster stop working so I can't change radio stations anymore, so much for "new and improved". Now my problem is that the Jaguar radio that was originally in the car has four speaker outputs (which was wired incorrectly) but there are only two speakers currently in my MGB. All I have to do is figure out where to put two other speakers without altering the car too much. I still need to get the new top installed but that can wait until I get some time off in the summer. I hope to see you at the May meeting or at one of our upcoming events, till then, Happy Motoring.

MG Bruce

Don McConnell

It's May and there should be a lot of flowers and flowering trees out in bloom right now. If this is your first year with your car out on the road or you have had it on the road for several years, get some pictures with those beautiful blooms. What a great way to show off your car.

Hopefully the temperatures in May will moderate just a bit, those up and down temperature swings of March and April have been crazy.

By now everyone has had a chance to see the April Spokes with 4 less pages. This puts it back to the page count of 2005 and prior. While decreasing the page count I have tried to maintain the same content as you are use to, hope it worked. Please feel free to voice your comments or concerns with the Spokes to the Editor I am always looking for feedback.

This month we have an account of the MGA and its racing at Sebring. 50 years ago they raced their last race. You will also find an update of the British Touring Car Championship as there are now MG's racing in that series after some years of being absent. There is also a schedule of the Speaker Series at the International Motor Racing Research Center in Watkins Glen. They will be talking about Americas Great Tracks.

With May being car preparation time it is also yard and garden preparation time for the growing season. We have been doing a little yard preparation around the house so welding is on the back burner for the next couple of weeks but will continue soon. So far the couple of patches I made and tacked into place look good and will be fine in the end. Time to enjoy the nice weather. Go out for a drive and enjoy the top down .See you at the May meeting.

Happy top down
Don

Activities

By Desi Benet

May Events There is quite a busy activity schedule in May. The first event is the MG Car Club Tune Up Event at Monroe Community College, Automotive Tech Department organized by George Haynes and Hollis Haines on May 5, 10:00-4:00. Since space is limited it is important to sign up beforehand. The sign up sheet will be at the April meeting. See announcement in this newsletter. There is a Beers of the World Tasting Party at the home of Gil and Betty Langswager on May 13, 2012 from 2:00-5:00 pm at 46 Stonington Drive Pittsford NY 14534. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to pass as well as interesting beer or wines for a tasting. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting or call Betty or Gil at 585 385 9956. See announcement for this event in this newsletter. And of course, we can't forget Carlisle!! So make sure if your car isn't on the road, to go over it and either attend the event yourself or let George Haynes know what you need and see if those who are attending can find your specific part. Let me tell you, I know personally that this event has been a lifesaver in finding parts, wheels and sundries for my Morgan. See George at the April meeting for further details and see the announcement in this newsletter.

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. I will be addressing these events at our next club meeting. 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 :**Antique Toy Car Talk** by Dave Wild, Fairport Museum 18 Perrin Street Fairport NY April 17 **Elva:** to be honored at Racing Research Center, Racing Research Museum Watkins Glen NY April 21 and 22. Refer to pg 12 in March 2012 Spokes for specific details or **The winning 1975 McLaren M23** will be on display at the International Motor Racing Museum in Watkins Glen through April. See March 2012 Spokes pg 13 for specific detail or **Kimber Festival:** Norwich New York April 20-21 **Kendall 2012 Cruise In—** Celebrating our 200 years. May 19 2012 at the Kendell Fire Hall Rt 237 north of route 18, south of Lake Ontario State Parkway in the Town of Kendall NY 14476. The event includes a Pancake Breakfast from 8-10 am (\$5 pp), and Steak Roast 11:00-2:00 (cost unk) Kendall Lions Garage Sale 9-3 and a Cruise In from 8-3. For further detail, contact Cahir of the Cruise In Community at 585 800 0185. **MG 2012 NAMGBR:** Annual Gathering, Dillard Georgia June 6-10, 2012 <http://mg2012.webs.com/> **NAMGAR GT-37** Dayton Ohio July 9-13 (Call Dan Suter at 585 377-1877 or email dmesuter@rochester.rr.com) **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.

MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Mary Murray

April 19, 2012

Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Mike Partham.

Acceptance of March 15th minutes were passed.

New Member- Bruce Smith owns a 1967 grey MGB/GT.

Activities- Desi was absent, so Chairman Mike reminded us that Swing into spring is this Sunday, May 5th is the tune-up clinic. May 13th is the beer and wine party at the Langswagers. May 17-20 is Carlisle. A complete listing of activities is in Spokes.

Treasurer- Mike Goodwin stated that the three big expenses are Spokes printing, mailing, and rent. Otherwise doing fine in balances but keep trying to make events pay for themselves.

Membership- Jim Priestley absent

Regalia- Doug Schribner said that MAGNETS are back for \$15.00 each.

Spokes - Don McConnell informed us that he has cut Spokes back to 24 pages from 28. Also, don't forget to get Spokes Submissions in by Thursday the 26th.

England- George Herschell stated everything is fine.

Librarian- Al Costich- no report

Trustees- No Report

Website- Leon continues to inform us that it is here!

OLD BUSINESS- A new motion was made not to spend money on cards but to inform people from previous Car Shows electronically that there won't be a show this year.

Update on Picnic- It will be held at Powderhorn Lodge at Powder Mill Park. Theme is "PICNIC". With card playing, bocce, etc., people's choice awards. Club provides coffee and charcoal. BYOB. John Baum will coordinate notifications for Spokes and Website. \$5.00 fee applies for guests for insurance purposes.

Open Discussion- New places were discussed to have meetings at. Art and Paul were thanked for stepping up to help the committee reach their decision on the picnic.

MCC thanked the people involved for their \$160.00 for the Endowed Scholarship Fund. Mike Krenzer zChuk festival is July 15th. ZCCR.net. George Haynes says British Auto is still taking phone calls for parts. 986-3097. Dave Chase stated that the parts car and the coupe are the only cars left in the Franz Zechman collection. Willard Brown would like to thank all the veterans for their articles and added that he is selling his 1990 red Miata with 32,000 miles for \$8995. Any questions concerning this pristine vehicle contact Willard. Last but not least, April is basket meeting month and with your generous donations again we had a very successful event. Thank you all again for the baskets as well as for the ticket purchases.

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Maybe we can coordinate a few important spares among us, including things like fuel pump, distributor parts, tools, etc.

Please e-mail or call Dan Suter at dmesuter@rochester.rr.com, or 585-377-1877. Thanks!"



Meeting Attendance

April 19, 2012

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Bill Baldwin
Cheryl Baldwin
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Don Sweeney
Bob Tescione
John Thompson
Arnold Van Denburgh
Stacey Van Denburgh
Allyn Wagner
Barb Wild
Dave Wild
Leon Zak

May 17 2012 Adjenda

CALL TO ORDER (after 7:30 pm)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE APRIL MINUTES

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

- None

OPEN DISCUSSION / BRAINSTORMING – TOPICS

- Fundraising

NEW BUSINESS

- Updates from members: Trips, Projects, etc.
- Announcements & Information Sharing

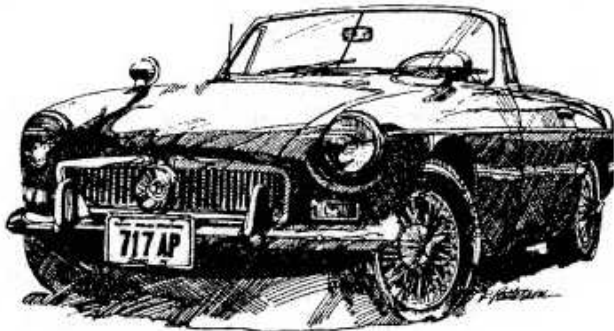
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Here are the results of the MG6 racecars in this years British Touring Car Championship. Results are for the first two rounds

Round 1 at Brands Hatch April 1

Jason Plato	MG6	Qualifying	6 th
		Race 1	4 th
		Race 2	3 rd
		Race 3	1 st
Andy Neate	MG6	Qualifying	19 th
		Race 1	12 th
		Race 2	14 th
		Race 3	14 th

Round 2 at Donington Park April 15

Jason Plato	MG6	Qualifying	1 st
		Race 1	4 th
		Race 2	17 th
Andy Neate	MG6	Race 3	2 nd
		Qualifying	23 rd
		Race 1	16 th
		Race 2	12 th
		Race 3	DNF

Round 3 at Thruxton April 29

After the first two rounds the Championship points are as follows

01/ Jason Plato/	MG6	84/
02/ Matt Neal/	Honda Civic	80/
03/ Andrew Jordan/	Honda Civic	76/
04/ Robert Collard/	BMW 320si	72/
05/ Gordon Shedden/	Honda Civic	70/
06/ Mat Jackson/	Ford Focus	60/
07/ Jeff Smith/	Honda Civic	52/
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10/ Tony Gilham/	Honda Civic	33/

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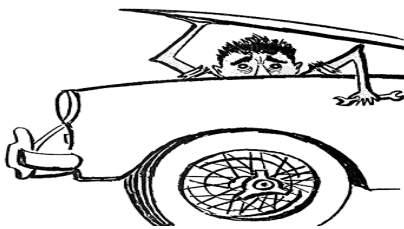
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Thanks Rob Shrader for the updates



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



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The Third Time Is The Charm

Sebring at 60, Works MGAs at 50 & One More For 222

By Dick Powers

Some may remember that I raced at Sebring in 2003 and 2007. Both were "Birthday Presents" as the Sebring 12 Hour is a few weeks after my March 5th birthday. All went well in '03, and Chuck Woodworth and the Baldwins were there as crew, but I was just learning Sebring then. In '07 we had our first Sebring MGA reunion and were fortunate to have Gus Ehrman and Jack Van Driel there. In '57, they, along with David Ash, took the #51 MGA to second in class and 27th overall. I had the motor of 222 "freshened" for that race and found it wouldn't run well above 3000. Not the best Sebring.

A few years ago, some of us realized that 2012 would not only be the 60th Anniversary of the Sebring 12 Hours, but also the 50th Anniversary of the last works MGAs to race there (and the 50th year for 222). My friends David Harrison and Bob Watkin started working on the Sebring MGA 50th Anniversary, then announced that the Sebring MGAs would also be honored at the Amelia Island Concours. Cosmic timing was aligning everything MGA, so my 3rd time racing at Sebring would be 2012.



Many of the works MGAs at Amelia the previous week came to Sebring for the MGA 50th Anniversary. Some were honored in a special 60th Anniversary display that included the '59 Twin Cam of Michael Eaton, the '60 Twin Cam of Steve Woodyard and the '62 Sebring Deluxe Coupe of John Wright. The last 2 were awarded 1st and 2nd, respectively, at Amelia and the Woodyard car was one that came to Buffalo after the '60 Sebring race. Guess Ehrman and the daughter of the late Jack Van Driel were also honored.



I helped Larry Smith and David Harrison get Hugh Burruss '62 works MGA coupe from Amelia to Sebring. This is the *only* Sebring MGA still being raced and Larry would be driving it. I looked forward to racing with him as he is a very capable racer (MG Midget). 222 is set up like a racer from the 60's, so I hoped for good racing with the '62 works coupe. Other cars in that performance range were a '59 MGA Twin Cam of Michael Zbarsky, a '59 MGA "tribute" Sebring coupe of Carl George and a '62 Sunbeam Alpine works Sebring racer of Steve Alcala. We weren't going to be at the front of a modern vintage pack, but if you wanted to see racing like it was 50 years ago, we were it!

BERG Racing got 222 to Sebring, and when I went to Tech, I was greeted by **Dennis and Mary Costich**. Soon after, the **Baldwins** arrived to wish me luck. I checked everything before leaving for Sebring, so all I did before practice was check the mixture. After practice, I checked the color of the tailpipe opening and it was the color grey I wanted (lead fuel), so I left things alone. 222 ran very well this third time at Sebring.

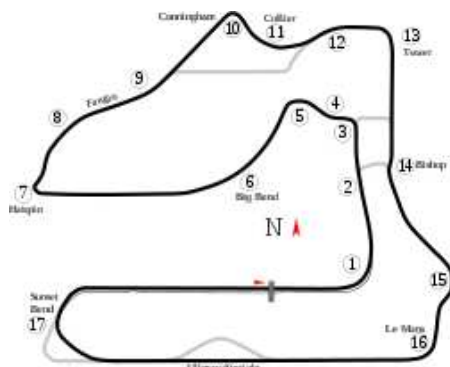


The town of Sebring has a downtown fest, "A Taste Of The Race" that all vintage cars are invited to. The cars are placed around the circular park at the center of town



and food vendors are spaced in the circle. All vintage drivers are given a voucher for a free lunch. This is a fun event and much less commercial than at the Glen. There's also a larger party called the "Sebring Gala" that's thrown for all the Vintage and Sebring 12 Hour teams. I did meet *Miss 12 Hours Of Sebring 2012*, but this year, Larry Smith and Hugh Burruss got in the picture.

To say I like racing at Sebring is an understatement. I love racing at Sebring! Possibly it's the history of Sebring and all the works MGAs that raced and won there. Possibly it's the bumps in Turn 1 & 17 or driving at speed in 4th gear from before Start/Finish through Turn 1 all the way to Turn 3. Possibly it's drifting through both apexes in Turn 14 in 4th with foot on the floor. Words fail here, but I'm smiling all the way.



I entered every practice and race, and 222 did well staying ahead of cars from its era with similar performance. This year, SVRA had 84 cars in the Enduro, a lot of cars even for a 3.7 mile track. There was a surprise in that 3 Audi R8 prototypes (they won the Sebring 12 Hour 2000 – 05) were entered! Their performance is staggering with about a 3 second overtake of just about anything on the track and they made the cleanest passes I saw all week. I had one close encounter. Saw an R8 in my mirrors as I went through 1. I moved far to the right, the R8 went by just before 3 and I followed it through 3&4 to 5. Saw its tires spin, a plume of hot air and the next thing I knew, 222 was sliding off 5, over the curb and into the grass. I was a passenger at that point, but no damage. The next day, observers came over and said a Miata was dropping oil and the combination of that and the hot rubber from the R8 tires, made it feel like driving on ice. I'll blame the Miata.



Photo by Michael DiPieco

Racing at the 60th Anniversary of Sebring was great. The weather was perfect, 222 ran flawlessly, great races with similar cars and being there with so many works Sebring MGAs, made this Third Time The Sebring Charm.

Once again God has blessed me and my MG **Mighty Good!**



2012 BASKET AUCTION

By Sue Goodwin

Seven lovely baskets were donated to the auction this year, and a grand total of two hundred and ten dollars was collected.

Donators	Basket Name	Winners
Betty and Gil Langswager	Coral Bell Hardy Azala	Chris Baum
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Susan and Mike Goodwin	British Delights	Carl Prouty
Cheryl and Bill Baldwin	Picnic	Allyn Wagner
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IMRRC Speaker Series 2012 – America's Great Tracks



The 2012 International Motor Racing Research Center speaker series will focus upon “America's Great Tracks,” highlighting the great tracks at Daytona, Riverside, Indianapolis and Road America. This year's Series kicks off Saturday, May 19th with J.J. O'Malley's talk on the Daytona International Speedway, followed by Sports Car Digest contributor William Edgar's conversation about Riverside International Raceway on Saturday, June 23, Donald Davidson's Indianapolis Motor Speedway presentation on Saturday, August 25 and the Road America series on Saturday, October 13 conducted by Tom Schultz. The “America's Great Tracks” series continues the mission of the International Motor Racing Research Center to preserve the history of motorsports in all series, at all tracks. All sessions are free and open to the public. The Racing Research Center is located at 610 South Decatur Street in Watkins Glen, New York.

America's Great Tracks Speaker Series 2012 – Schedule

Saturday, May 19 at 1 p.m., Daytona International Speedway

J.J. O'Malley, senior editor of publications for the International Speedway Corporation, is an appropriate speaker about a race track he knows well. Among his eight books on racing is “Daytona 24 Hours: the Definitive History of America's Great Endurance Race.” The race celebrated its 50th anniversary in February this year. Since opening in 1959, the track has been the home of the Daytona 500 NASCAR race. The track features multiple layouts including the primary 2.5-mile, high-speed tri-oval; a 3.56-mile sports car course; a 2.95-mile motorcycle course; and a .25-mile karting and motorcycle flat-track.

Saturday, June 23 at 1 p.m., Riverside International Raceway

William Edgar, a prominent historian and contributor of articles and photography for automotive magazines, will speak about early postwar racing in southern California and the Riverside, CA, race track that his father, postwar sports car racing team pioneer John Edgar, helped develop. Riverside operated from 1957 through 1989. The road course hosted NASCAR, IMSA, SCCA, USAC, CART, Formula One, NHRA and AMA.

Saturday, August 25 at 1 p.m., Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Donald Davidson will speak about the famed track for which he has been historian since 1998. He attended his first race there in 1964. The next year, he was hired by the United States Auto Club as statistician, a position he held for 31 years. Indianapolis hosts the renowned Indy 500 race, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2011. The 2.5-mile oval track opened in 1909.

Saturday, October 13 at 1 p.m., Road America

Tom Schultz has been track historian at Road America, in since 2000 and knows all of the classic track's great stories. He has authored two books about the track in Elkhart Lake, WI: “Road America, Five Decades of Racing at Elkhart Lake” and “Road America, Celebrating Fifty Years of Road Racing.” Road America hosted its first SCCA national race weekend in 1955. Millions of dollars in improvements have been made over the years, but the original 4.048-mile, 14-turn configuration has never been altered.

For more information about the Center and its work, visit www.racingarchives.org

Swing Into Spring IX

By Doug & Laurie Scribner and Dick Powers

It's hard to believe that this is our 9th Annual Swing Into Spring. 50 happy club members were there enjoying good food and drink, great camaraderie and a *milestone* birthday for Bob Tescione. Frank Stepanik and George Haynes also had birthdays on the same day as Bob and we sang Happy Birthday to all.

For late April, the weather wasn't very Spring-like, but four sports cars braved the weather along with three new Minis including one "Land Crab". All in all, this may have been The Best Swing into Spring ever!



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Sunday June 3, 2012

11:30 AM til?

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Sign up at the May meeting or contact Dan Suter

Get In On the Celebration of "Collector Car Appreciation Day!"

July 13, 2012 Belongs to the Automotive Hobby

Summer is around the corner and that means Collector Car Appreciation Day is quickly approaching! Events ranging from informal garage gatherings and barbeques to highly organized events like last year's Lowe's Cruisin in Abingdon, Maryland (pictured above) will be held in support of this annual celebration. Is your local event on our list? As always, the SEMA Action Network welcomes any level of participation in honor of this occasion.

Individuals, car clubs and business owners interested in publicizing events of any size should contact SAN Director Colby Martin at 909/978-6721 or san@sema.org. The official logo and flyer are available for download from the homepage to help promote this special day. If you are unable to celebrate on Friday, July 13th, the SAN encourages events to be scheduled throughout the month of July.

As many of you are aware, this is the third year in a row the SAN is seeking the support of a U.S. Senate resolution to help launch national Collector Car Appreciation Day. By taking part in these events around the country, automotive enthusiasts and related businesses are coming together to ensure that their passion continues to be honored and recognized.

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FOR SALE: MGA Parts:

A long time member of the Rochester MG Club is selling (sale will be May 17 to 19) his many many MGA parts. The number of parts is too many to mention but include to date: Many MGA books and manuals, MGA 1500 high compression motor on stand (#15GB-U-H-46082), engine blocks, new exhaust pipes, starters (new and reconditioned), five wire wheels and tires, two good pair of bucket seats, pair of bucket seats to recover, grill, winged wheel nuts, four radiators, two reconditioned gas tank, convertible top, convertible top frame, assorted window and door panels for convertible and coupe, door parts, complete windshield, fuel pumps, lamps, lights, gas petal covers new and used, bumper, bumper parts, positive ground car radio, carpet and seat parts, head rest, distributor caps, exhaust system accessories, multiple switches, rearview mirror, lead substitute (many cases), many quarts of Dot 5 Cartel silicone brake fluid, tire tubes, SU reconditioned carburetor, SU carburetor tuning tools, cooling fans, clutch, exhaust manifold, luggage rack straps, weather stripping, aluminum door sills, hydraulic swing arm shock absorbers, MG and MGA emblems and badges, many new and used electronic parts, and many more.

Additionally there is a coupe listed for \$14,000. Additionally we will be listing the three chasis, one body and multiple body parts with an engine block.

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(From page 21)

There are many one of a kind items on display, including a bicycle believed to have been made right in Orchard Park

One or the most interesting sections to me was the bicycle racing section. Did you know for example, that 100 years ago bicycle racing was one of the biggest spectator sports in the country? Of course you didn't but it was. Here is a wonderful collection of photos, medals, racing jerseys, bicycles, plaques, and item upon item of bicycle racing history. When I was young my dad had a couple of friends in Buffalo that were old bicycle racers. Before they passed on the owners were lucky enough to get many of their stories on tape so they would not be lost. These men are mentioned on plaques and some of their medals are on display.

Like the automobile hobby many of these items were found in someone's attic or basement, and were lucky enough to find their way to this fabulous collection.

As you wander near the end of the museum you are greeted with modern bicycles as we know them today. However be aware that some you might think common are really pretty rare. A brand that we all once poo-pooed are now rare and unusual. Schwinn for example was a pretty common make and some models are much sought after. However, when was the last time you saw a J. C. Higgins? So get your bicycle out of the attic and go and enjoy some Pedaling History. Incidentally my wife and daughter found the place fascinating just as I told them it would be.



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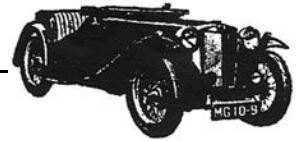


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Bury Me in an Old Mowog Parts Box

By Jay Lockrow



Reprint from February 2000

Anyone researching the history of automobiles would quickly discover that many of the early makers started out in the bicycle business. For example, locally there was Pierce bicycles that later became the Pierce Arrow Motor Car Company. The same is true with Thomas Flyer. A friend of mine has a Thomas motorcycle that is very rudimentary transportation. It is really nothing much more than a bicycle with a one cylinder engine attached. So it is with several others, just start doing that bit of research and you will understand what is being said. Many of the inventions required for the automobile were originally created for the bicycle,

With this in mind a few weeks ago it was decided that it was time to take my wife and daughter to Pedaling History Bicycle Museum in Orchard Park. I had been trying for some time but couldn't seem to crank up any interest. Now before any of you exclaim "Oh whoop de doo, a bicycle museum," think back a little farther than the 1950 balloon tyre bicycles that as kids we all rode.

The first bicycle was really sort of a scooter (called Walkabouts) that you sat on and sort of walked along while coasting down small hills and gentle grades. These had no brakes of any sort other than your feet. They were made completely of wood and are very rare today. Pedaling History has a reproduction of one of these and with a few minutes of study you wonder why the bicycle didn't end right there. It didn't, and a few of the examples built about the same time or shortly thereafter are what are now called "Boneshakers." There

is one all wood bicycle that was made in Warsaw, NY. This is one of the few exhibits in the museum that is on loan. The builder was at one time a lumber merchant in Warsaw and used materials on hand.

Eventually someone thought of building a bicycle with a metal tube frame and putting pedals on the front wheel. These were called Standards, better known to us as Pennyfarthings. The idea was that a person pedaling one of these bicycles with the huge front wheel could keep up with a trotting horse. The big problem with these were what was called "taking a header." If for some reason you hit an object like a rock, stick or dog you would go over the handlebars and land on your noggin. Hence the term "taking a header." These high wheelers were difficult to mount but once you got the hang of it, it became easier. If you are game, there is one in the museum you can

climb aboard. The owner and his family go all over the country to bicycle meets and ride these high wheelers along with other bicycles. They have wonderful fun. Believe it or not some people actually do some acrobatics on board some of these high wheelers.

Eventually someone invented the chain drive or the shaft drive and the bicycle as we know it today was developed. The evolution from that point sometime in the late 1800s to the present is quite amazing. There are bicycles with bent wooden frames and wood rim wheels. These are rare because of the fact that they can easily deteriorate. There are tandem five place bikes, side by sides, and almost everything in between.

I was examining one interesting high wheeler that was a side by side sociable. You sat next to another person between two large five foot wheels and steered with a tiller to a small front wheel. There is even an extension out the rear with a tiny wheel so that in case of a "wheelie" you and your friend don't go over backwards. There are several variations of this type of machine, and like today's bicycle come in different sizes. Many of the machines in this Museum came from all over the United States. As mentioned earlier, many companies got their start in the bicycle business. Ever hear of a Harley-Davidson or Indian Bicycle? They exist right here in this fascinating collection.

There is also a division devoted to unusual bicycles. For example there is an 1880 floating marine bike. This is the only one known to exist. Would you believe in a pair of underwater bicycles that had flotation gear while most of the contraption was underwater? How about a early 1900s bicycle still in the original packing crate never opened? If that is too old for you there are World War II folding paratrooper bikes and the list goes on.

But it doesn't end there. To begin with there is a children's section with children's bicycles and many of these are as interesting as the high wheelers. Some very early tricycles, and even an Irish Mail. (I had one of these when I was young and it was more darn fun) Nicely displayed with the bicycles are many period costumes and club jerseys, memorabilia like carbide lamps, tools with makers names on them, advertising items galore, buttons, pins, and badges from bicycle clubs long gone. It is by far one of the best collections in the country and possibly the world.

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