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Chairman's Corner

Dave Chase

Greetings,

Well, I guess most know that I had a little mishap. I want to thank everyone for their cards, Calls And visits. I have missed most all of the activities for July And am very disappointed about that, Especially missing the famous Lloyd Potter car show, And all the good eats from Susan that followed

I should be home by the 25th and after a couple weeks at home I should be ready to go again. I understand that the speaker for July Haggerty insurance turned out to be very interesting. We are looking towards having a picnic for the August meeting but we haven't confirmed everything yet. I guess we will have to send out notices by email if we are able to have a picnic.

I am very happy from what I've heard about our car show. I understand that everything ran very well except that darn car ran two long. Leon gets a big thank you for doing a great job. I'm sure that at the August meeting we will get filled in on how much we made and then we will discuss whether we would want to do the same next year. I see it as a great boost for our finances and a good chance to get our club known for putting on a great show.

I will let Desi fill in all the past and future activities that we are having And look forward to being able to attend most of them. Let's all have a great top-down summer.

Take care, Dave

MGBruce

Don McConnell

I can't believe it is August. Where did the summer go? No sense worrying about it, just need to enjoy it while it's here. After thinking about it, I believe we had a partner for the car show. The partner as none other than mothernature she provided the great temperature and sunshine. We provided the sports cars.

As we head toward the end of the year I am beginning to think about a theme for the 2014 MG Car Club Calendar. I came up with a thought. Because we are always looking at the younger generation to carry on this British car collecting hobby. How about photos of younger people in a British car.

Well time to enjoy the sports car. Hope to see you at the August meeting.

Happy Top Down Don

Activities

By Desi Benet

MG Activities Report—August

We have had a very busy summer so far— the multiclub picnic, the Pultneyville Parade and our Car Show were enthusiastically supported by the club. Check out SPOKES recounting these events.

If you think we were busy in July, it doesn't slow down in August and September!

August finds two major car shows that our club has actively supported.

The **Genesee Valley Antique Car Club** show is on August 4 at Roberts Wesleyan College, 2301 West-side Drive. It runs from 9:00-3:00, and this year features the year 1955. This show is an institution in the vintage car community and we are continuing to support it. Check out their web site at http://www.gvacs.com/ or email Don Dear at cdchrisdear1@gmail.com or call (585) 872-4141

On August 18, the **UK Car Day** is the all British Show sponsored by the Triumph Club is again being held in Genesee Valley Park from 10:00-4:00. This show highlights the British Cars and Motorcylces, and is a full day of our favourite cars, music and activities. Check out the web site at

http://www.rochestertriumphclub.org/ukcarday/

Registration is from 10:00-12:00, judging is from 12:00-2:00. The cost of registration is \$15.00 or \$10.00 pre registration. (check the web site for details) Spectator admission is free. The Pat Paulson Band is performing, food is available and there are prizes and door prizes.

September is a month with a lot of focus on driving and motorsports.

The **Grand Prix Festival and Vintage Race** at Watkins Glen features MINI this year on the weekend of September 6. Our rooms at the Seneca Lodge are fully booked and it appears that we will have a big turn out from our club. We will again have our Saturday night party at the Seneca Lodge in the Log Cabin, bring a munchie and beverage to pass. Check this event out at http://www.grandprixfestival.com/ for

the Friday Grand Prix Festival in the town and the track http://www.theglen.com/Tickets-Events/Events/2013/US-Vintage-Grand-Prix.aspx

British Car Day in Bronte Park in Burlington Ontario is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year on September 15. This huge show will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the TR2, MGTF and the Austin Healey 100. This show yearly draws over 1000 cars, and there is no pre registration, so pre planning is key. This show provides a number of flea market vendors, primarily focusing the needs of British Car Owners.

Check out their web site at http://www.torontotriumph.com/BCD/

The **British Invasion** in Stowe Vt is being held this year on Sept 22-23. Our club has always sent a large group of cars. You must pre register your car, there are varying costs to register depending upon which events you chose. NOTE that this event is at a new location this year at Stoweflake Mountain Resort and Spa.

Check them out at http://www.britishinvasion.com/index.html

See you at the club meeting and picnic this month!

Desi

MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Mary Murray ___

JULY 18, 2013 AT 8:35 PM

June Minutes were approved.

New Member-Bud Stets

Activities-Belmont-12 MG people showed up. A good turnout.

July 20-Pultneyville Parade

July 21-car show

July 28-Multi club picnic

August 4-GVAC Show

August 15-MGCC Reg. meeting

August 18-UK Car Day

Sept 5-Board Meeting

Sept-6-8- Watkins Glen

Sept 15-Bronti Park

Sept 19-MGCC Meeting

Sept 20-22 Brit Invasion Stowe

Car show report-Chris and John Baum are hosting an after show party.

Leon stated that the ad for the show made the front page of the Webster Post. We also have 65 pre-registered cars as of the meeting tonight. Saturday there will be a meeting with Leon at 10:00am about the car show. If you are going to work the show be there at 7:00 am to meet Leon. Thank you Carl Prouty for selling so many advertising spots. Mike Goodwin will bring trophies to the show. New member, Paul Brown, had Rowe Photo as a sponsor also. A big thank you to Leon Zak and John Baum for doing all they did for the show.

Treasury-Healthy balance again this month.

Membership-274 members, 149 memberships

Regalia-Doug has new stuff on the rack x-Large to

2xL. There will be more new things next month along
with the key fobs, mugs, and magnets. Thank you also
Laurie for making the regalia a good place to shop.

Spokes-send trips to the Spokes that you went on this
summer. Would you like a theme for the calendar this
year?

Articles are due 1 week from tonight as usual.

England-it's still there

Librarian-no report

Web-6400 visitors last month

Old Business-none

New Business- Six members went to pick up our free 1952 MGTD. It was given to the club to raise money.

Check it out. It has a rolling chassis with tube. No engine, no transmission and boxes and boxes of parts. It is at George Leopards garage. Miles 18,861 built in August 1952. Paul Shotese has the paperwork and will get it to the club. The club plans on putting it on E-bay.

Al Fink went to the Geneseo Air Show and said to remember it for next year. If you drive your vintage you can get in for free and park on the tarmac.

Cars and parts for sale-none

Chris Vanderburg from Hagerty Insurance was the speaker for the evening. He was also very kind to bring out many free handouts for the members. He had a very interesting program and after he was finished, many questions were asked. He did a wonderful job of answering them.

Door prizes were given out.

Adjournment at 9:06 pm

Meeting Attendance

July 18, 2013

Bruce Austin Jeff Kath Bob Tescione Chris Baum Betty Langswager John Thompson John Baum Gil Langswager Barb Wild Desi Benet Dave Wild David Leete Lane Boughton Don McConnell Nancy Wilder Doris Britt Mary Murray Leon Zak

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

Hollis: (585) 271-7754

DISTANCE AWARD FOR 2013

It is sign up time for the Steve Fitch Distance Award for 2013.

This circulating award is presented to the club member each year who <u>drives the most distance</u> in their Vintage British Car.

To register in the competition for this award, please see Desi Benet at the April club meeting to record your milage or send along a digital photo of your odometer by no later than May 1 to to be eligible for this award.

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2 miles north of Stowe village on

2 miles north of Stowe village on Route 108 and Cape Cod Road.

September 20-22 2013

Jaguar and Land Rover are the featured Marques for 2013.



PICNIC at the AUGUST MEETING

There will be a picnic at the August Meeting Mr V's Vending will be in the parking lot starting at 6:30 pm Here is a menu for you to read before you get there.

Or check out the menu at www.mrvsvending.com





Sports Car Festival 2013 Photos By Al Fink

July 21 was a great day for a car show on. The shone bright and the cars came out to show themself's. Here are photos off the winners of the trophys.













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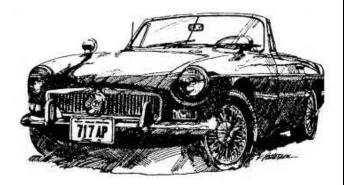
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the MG Sedans - all years, all models, from the pre-war saloons to the Ys, Zs, Farinas,11/1300s - all those models you've read about but have rarely seen. The featured guest is Peter Thornley, son of John Thornley who was the MG factory manager for 20 years.

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Multi-Club Picnic 2013

By Leon Zak __

The day started with the reminder that we live in the Rochester area - overcast, a good amount of wind, that slight dotting of rain drops here and there, the beginnings of a beautiful fall day. But it was July 28th! Still not cool enough to force the top up, but chilly at 50 mph. Got to the meeting place - the Golden Goose Gas station in Spencerport only to find the gas prices were \$2.39 for regular - what a bargain - but they had obviously been closed for quite a while.

A few people had already arrived. We waited a few more minutes for the rest of the brave ones to arrive and started our trip to Albion. We got to the Erie Canal Bed & Breakfast about 8:30 and were met by Lou & Jeri Becker. You may recognize the names - they've been to some of our events over the years through George Haynes.

In addition to a really nice continental breakfast they walked us around the building. The downstairs walls are decorated with old photos, paintings and various art work fitting of the schoolhouse theme. A lot of natural materials where used throughout. Very tastefully done.

Up stairs is another story - like it says on the website it is an Exhibition Hall - where history comes to life. http://www.eriecanalschoolhouse.com/

There is the Hudson Miniature Carnival - It's a collection of folk art in the form of recreated carnival rides. Then the history of the little known Christmas Park and Santa Clause School is alone worth the trip. http://santaclausoath.webs.com/ Started by Charles Howard in 1937, I remember seeing remnants of the structure in the early 70's when my brothers family first moved to Albion. The B&B have created a great presentation around the school.

The Becker's put the old auditorium stage to great use - there are, if I remember correctly, 6 vintage Lionel train sets running - villages, Christmas trees and other setups - and - that smell of old train oil and ozone from the sparking tracks will, if you're of age, right back to Christmas day with your first Lionel.

Leaving there we did the about 1 hr. drive out to the Wilson Tuscarora State Park. It seemed like the more we drove the better the day got. By the time we got there to meet the others from the various

MG Clubs - Buffalo, Niagara, Toronto - the day was perfect. A reminder again that we live in Rochester - if you don't like the weather, wait a minute! It was good to see friends from last year and to meet new ones.

To me the most remarkable car was a black chrome bumper MGB. As Dan and I were standing out front talking I noticed it from way at the beginning of the park entrance. There was just something about it that caught your eye - it just had that "perfect" shine about it. Turns out it was owned by (my apology, I'll probably get this wrong, but close) Jerry Sowaski(?) from Buffalo - he is just finishing his last job before retirement from his body shop. Who else would have an absolutely beautifully finish on his car. Talked with him a bit about it and after painting he uses the 3M series of polish, compound and glaze - no wax or anything else.

The grill was fired up and everyone was just enjoying the cars and conversation so much we decided that we didn't need to do the Funkhana or Valve Cover races so the previous reigning International Valve Cover Champion continues. Awards (Haggerty Insurance bags and Castle windshield washer) were awarded to those that brought valve covers as default prizes.

Following this was an absolutely perfect drive home along the lake road - a cloud here and there, blue skies, that dark green northeast vegetation, fields of corn and hay - Yup, living in the Rochester area with an MG definitely has its advantages.

Thanks a Bunch

by Philip Culbertson _

Reprint from Sept 1999

Our Editor has asked for articles for printing in the "Spokes". After thinking what could I use as the plot for my article, I have had a love of cars for many years; it started way back when.

I know the title sounds a little odd, but stick with the article, and I will try to relate to it.

Around the world cars have been manufactured for a long time. Companies in this business have used various ways of identifying their product, such as a name, letters and numbers.

I am starting out with an American manufacturer, who used the word "Model" followed by a letter. Today the word concept is popular in car lingo, the Ford Model "T", would probably be called a pedal and lever car. A Model "T" used a two-speed planetary transmission, which was operated by what were called bands; thus the need for pedals. The left pedal was low, high and neutral. The middle pedal was reverse and the right pedal was the brake. On the left of the driver was a lever corning up through the floor. When it was upright it was the brake, when forward put the transmission in drive. Under the steering wheel, the right lever operated the throttle; the left was for advance and retard of the ignition. Production of the Model "T" started in 1908 and ended in 1927.

December 1927, the Model "A" was launched in various cities around the USA and was an immediate success. By the first of 1928 there were orders for over a half million cars. The year 1929 saw the car on the road with changes; the H.P. went from 20 to 40, and using a 3-speed sliding gear transmission. It had a top speed of 65 M.H.P. very good at that time for small cars. Also the body designs were more in line for the time, 1932 saw the end of production of the Model "A".

Model "B" was made only in years 1904 - 05, way before my time.

As I stated early in the article. cars were built using various ways of identifying them. The Ford Motor Co. built the "T", "A", "B"; so using these letters, the title "Thanks. a Bunch" evolved.

Starting almost a century ago, the Ford motor Co., has given millions of people fun and happiness, with reliable and cheap transportation, and I for one say "thanks a bunch", for there have been a few Fords in my life.

In the spring of 1949, I read an article in a magazine. It was about the Sports Car Races at Bridgehampton, Long Island and it stated that if you lived within a two to four hours drive of Watkins Glen, by all means attend the 1949 Sports Car Races.

As I stated earlier in the article, I had a yen for cars, I knew where Watkins Glen was but very little about sports cars.

So in September 1949, my wife and I set out for Watkins Glen, to satisfy my curiosity.

At Milikens Corner, it was very interesting and exciting to see the cars come down the long hill, through the corner and then the 90-degree corner onto Franklin Street.

There were several makes of the so called Sports Cars racing but one in particular impressed me very much. I found out it was MG TC. We continued going to Watkins Glen, on the original course, than to the interim course, and the course that is now being used. During this time we saw the appearances of the MG TC, TD, TF, A and B, and my son and daughter became Sports Car enthusiasts.

All the models mentioned in the preceding paragraph were made by the MG Car Company Limited at Abingdon which is in England. So we find a foreign country, making cars and being classified with the letters "T", "A", and "B". Again the title "Thanks a Bunch", is derived from the cars manufactured by the MG Car Company Limited.

These cars have given an inconceivable number of people fun and happiness and entertainment. In this group is myself and family and will continue on with TAB.

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BLUE GHOST

by Jeff Miller

Reprint from February 1998

Last night. It was crisp and dry with winds out of the north east at about 20 mph. I opened the garage door and saw the blue ghost. It came to life without complaint. The light outside was dim. It was 6:18pm on the 24th of October

Along the freeway through the city, the traffic was moving at speeds gusting well in excess of the posted limit. Leaves and paper were soaring wildly and you could feel the occasional cross-tug of wind on the steel, glass, wood and rubber Its 30 year old eyes cut a path through the flying debris as I eased it up to 80 mph. The aging grand machine seemed to be whispering, "We're only jauntily prancing, why don't you take us for a real gallop"!! I could not resist

the siren's call. We pulled ahead smoothly. The exit ramps and underpasses \vere going by with the frequency of an impulse through a synapse as the melancholy sky looked on. unmoved, while it cast its last orange, blue and pink hues east\vard.



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Sticker, front adhesive	\$1.50
Sign, magnetic (10")	\$15.00
Bumper Sticker	
Name Badge w/MG	



Sticker



Patch

Also available is a wide selection of clothing items (shirts, jackets, ect.) embroidered with the club logo. Prices shown are for members only.

All items are available for purchase at our monthly Meeting, or delivery can be arranged.

Contact: Laurie Scribner 585-8725133 (weekdays).

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Membership Application

Annual Family Membership Dues \$30.00 — All memberships expire December 31st.

Name						Birthday	<i></i>	
Spouse		Friend		Birthday				
Home Phone		Work Phone		Wedding Anniversary				
Address					City			
State	Zip+4		Today	's Date	Nev	or Renev	wal 🗖	
Cars owned & '	Year							
Club Interests:	Racing	Gymkhana 🗖	Rallye 🗖	Restoration	Car Show 🗖	Social 🗖	Touring \Box	Other \Box
Other hobbies,	etc							
Occupation				E-mail address				
Available for Ro	oadside Help	? No ☐ Yes ☐	Days [☐ Evenings ☐	Nights 🗖	Weekends 🗆		

Make checks payable to MGCC of Western NY, Inc. Mail form and payment to:
Bruce & Cindy Austin
166 W Church St.
Fairport, NY 14450



MG Car Club Western New York Centre -- Calendar of Events 2013

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January	February	March	April
3 Board Meeting 17 MGCC Meeting	3 Wine & Cheese/ Valve Cover Races 21 MGCC Meeting	7 Board Meeting 8-10 Amelia Island Concours 21 MGCC Meeting 24 Steak Roast & Auction	18 MGCC Meeting/ Basket Auction 12-14 Kimber Festival 20 British Auto Day 21 Swing into Spring
May	June	July	August
7 Board Meeting 4 Tune Up Clinic 11 Curtis Museum Tour 16 MGCC Meeting 17-19 Carlisle Import /Kit 26 Garage Party	2 MG Club Picnic 9 Laps & Lunch 10-14 NAMGBR MG 2013 20 MGCC Meeting	2 Board Meeting 17-21 NAMGAR GT 38 18 MGCC Meeting 20 Pultneyville Parade 21 MGCC Sports Car Show 28 Multi Club Picnic	4 GVAC Show 15 MGCC Meeting 18 UK Car Day TBD Cars for Cancer
September	October	November	December
3 Board Meeting 6-8 Watkins Glen 15 Bronte Park Show 19 MGCC Meeting 20-22 Brit Invasion Stowe	9-12 Hershey AACA East 13 0 Fall Foliage Tour 17 MGCC Meeting TBD Garage Tour	5 Board meeting 3 Yacht Club Brunch 21 MGCC Meeting	28 Holiday Party at Ricks Prime Rib No Meeting

Next Meeting
August 15, 2012 7:30 PM
Knights of Columbus
70 Barrett Dr, Webster, New York

