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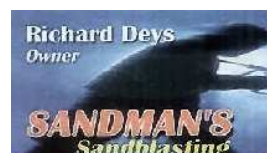
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Chairman's Corner

Dave Chase

Greetings

This will be a short note as my computer is down and I will have to call this in to Don.

October was a busy month. First there was the Mini trip to Old Forge, and then our annual Hershey trip. Got home from that then off to the Fall Foliage Tour. All three were in the rain but we made the best of it and had a good time.

Now it is time to think about winter storage. Where has the year gone?

I will close with one more request for someone to take the position of secretary for 2014ng. This requires taking notes at all of our Board and Monthly meetings. There were no hands pop up at the last meeting, so I hope someone reading this will volunteer.

On the bright a side, we did get volunteers for Activities Chair—Sue and Mike Harrison agreed to take Desi's job. Thank you for taking this important job. I believe it is the activities that keep the club going and I am sure the Harrisons will do a great job.

Best to all

Dave

MGBruce

Don McConnell

November is here. The majestic colors of September & October have past those little British Cars have dawned their covers for the winter. Hope all of you enjoyed the fall foliage tour. Based on the two stories in this issue it sounds like everyone had a great time.

Speaking of articles/stories, I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all who have submitted articles during this year. Without the articles/stories there would not be a newsletter. Keep up the good work and Thank You again.

Not a lot to report on my restoration of my MG named Bruce. Home repairs to my roof and burnt holes in the car metal have have caused the project to be placed on the back burner. I am trying to accomplish the task in time to take it to Watkins Glen next September. That is a tall order.

Remember any photos for the calendar can be submitted any time. I am trying a theme of youngsters in a British car. Have a good month of November and see you at the meeting.

Happy Top Down
Don

Activities

By Desi Benet

November 2013

Take care and see you at the meeting.

Thinking about putting the car up for the winter?—not so fast!!! We still have activities and a fairly decent weather report for the remainder of 2013.

Desi

October welcomed us with warmer than normal weather, so many of our cars were out and about. Our October event was a great fall foliage run—a 90 mile run to through the back roads to Bristol Mountain. Many thanks to the Tim and Rhonda Rizzo of the MG Car Club and the DeBlaires of the Triumph Car Club for all of the coordination on developing the route and the logistics.

REMINDER: SEND IN YOUR LONG DISTANCE MILEAGE TO DESI BENET, 84 BRUNSWICK ST, ROCHESTER NY 14607 OR DESIBENET@AOL.COM BY NOV 30.

Our next event is the Yacht Club Brunch, Sunday November 3, 11:30 am at the Rochester Yacht Club, 5555 St Paul Blvd. Rochester NY, again, hosted by Anne and Gene Faust. This is a really incredible brunch, including made to order omelets, and a full brunch buffet. This year, Ann is reinvigorating the “bring your toy car” activity to complement the Brunch—an event that is being restored to this event. See flier later in this newsletter.

Our Year End Party is being held on Saturday Dec 28 at Ricks Prime Rib Steak House. Our menu will include a sit down dinner, with a choice of prime rib, chicken French, or salmon. Wine will not be included, but there is a bar tender if you chose to order a drink. We are still working on our program but our yearly awards will be presented as well as a review of this year’s activities. More to follow--

Next year, Ted Hershey has come forward to again run the Valve Cover Races, again to be held at the same site as last year.

REMINDER: If you registered for the **Long Distance Mileage Award** this year, please send a photo or verification of your year end mileage to me by November 30 to be eligible for the award.

Thanks so much to Sue and Mike Harrison who have come forward to run Activities next year. My term has ended and , because of professional commitments, I was unable to continue in the role beyond my term. The Harrisons have run the Activities in the past and will carry on the activity traditions of the club.

MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Mary Murray

October 17,2013

Web-we had 8,000 visitors last month.

Meeting started at 7:33pm

Acceptance of September-approved

New Members and Guests-none

Birthdays-none

Reports:

Activities-Stowe report was that many of our members brought home trophies. Ted Hershey hosted a very nice party in his suite. There were 675 cars that attended.

Thirty-three cars attended the Fall Foliage Tour hosted by the Rizzo's. This year the Triumph Club joined us. All had a great ride and meeting up at Bristol Mt. for the end of the 90 miles. Thank you Rizzo's!

The Yacht Club Brunch will be held on November 3rd. A model car display will also be there. Notify Anne Faust if you would like to attend.

December 28th is the Holiday party. It will be at Rick's Prime on Buffalo Road. 6:00 Cocktails, 7:00 Dinner. Contact Desi Benet if you wish to attend.

January will again bring the Valve Cover Races at Henrietta Town Park. Byob your own wine and cheese and a snack to share.

March is the Steak roast and auction.

April we will Swing into Spring.

July is the Car Show.

Six members went to Hershey for a very wet weekend. John Thompson sold his Riley for what he was asking.

Treasurer-balance is good

Membership-Bruce Austin says due are due in Nov. or Dec. for January 2014. New membership lists are available. Contact Bruce if you want one.

Regalia-nice soft warm new fleeces, sweatshirts, wrangler denim shirts,all sizes. Magnet, 2 left and right handed mugs left. Car show tee shirts,two 50th anniversary badges.

Spokes-Yes it's here. Calendar, events, send dates for national and local events. They are due in 7 days.

Librarian-No Report

Old business-John Baum will put TD on E-Bay tomorrow. Al Wagner offered extra parts. To be on E-bay for 30 days. Put in to MG Experience. Put on MG website.

New Business-Al Costich has CD movies of Vintage Racing. Bob Toulis is mentioned along with Dr. Robbins place in Webster.

Trips and Projects-Next Wednesday is the Circuit of Americas in Austin,Texas.

Mike Goodwin attended a car show in Millinocket, Maine. It was 699 miles from Chili Center. Mike took 2nd place on British Car. "Trails Lend Festival Car Show" is the name of the show. Joe Tierno id going to do a presentation on November 2,2013 at the research center at Watkins Glen at 1:00pm. Meeting at Sewards for vreakfast at Watkins Glen.

Dave Wild states that the "MG" will be the 2014 Car Show Car.

Dick Powers won the Collier Cup.

Parts-TR3 parts-in -in Pieces-See Bruce Austin.

Nominations-

Activity Chairpersons-Mike and Susan Harrison

Vice Chairman-John Baum

Chairperson-Desi Benet

Trustees-Gil Langswager and Allyn Wagner

Door Prizes given

Adjournment 8:35pm

Meeting Attendance

October 17, 2013

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Georgean Abels
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A BIG THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone in the Car club that sent me beautiful cards, emails, phone calls, flowers & gifts while I was laid up for half of September & almost all of October with all these abscesses under my arm pit. I'm not out of the woods yet, but I'm getting there. All your best wishes for a speedy recovery made it easier to bear.

Thank you all again so much
Love,
Betty Langswager

From Stowe Vermont British Invasion

Some members of our club have for many years attended this event. This Year Bruce & Cindy Austin's MGTD received a first place in their class.

Congratulations



Photos By Doug Jack

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 drives the most distance 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 be eligible for this award.

Popular British Sports Car Production

Fall 2002 British Motoring

Here is some interesting information from British Motoring, The Fall of 2002 issue.

It shows Popular British Sports Car Production. This is the second of the series, showing Jaguar.

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2013 FALL TOUR (aka Leaf Peepers Tour)

By Tim Rizzo

Sunday Oct. 13th started out clear and crisp as 30 + cars gathered for a joint tour with the MG Car Club Western New York Centre and the Greater Rochester Triumph Touring Clubs. Some people got their route instructions and started out before the pack, which made us feel good, since this is YOUR tour, and you should do it the way that pleases you most!

It was reported that one of the cars had an oil problem, and several cars stopped to help, and offer up their oil to help. Seems like most people in old British cars carry extra oil...go figure ! Thanks to everyone who helped out. Marquee of Friendship indeed!

Our rest stop was at Tom Wahal's in Canandaigua. One person commented that they hadn't known there was a Tom Wahal's there. Makes us feel good to introduce people to new things. The sky was beginning to darken, and some put their tops up at this point. The second part of the tour introduced many people to roads they have never been on before. At one point, we passed an Amish family in horse and buggy on the road. We hit some "sports car roads", and some downhill sections that tested the brakes of some. The sky grew ever darker, and we had a few spits of rain, but not enough to put our top up. As we headed down toward Naples, you could see rain to the west. Heading up out of Naples the rain really started to come, and several of us pulled over to put our tops up. From there, it was a short drive to the end point at Bristol Mt. Ski Resort. We were amazed at how popular their Fall Festival was! Our Clubs had reserved parking, while others drove around looking for a place to park. Our cars drew the attention of several people, and many pictures were taken.

There was a lot to do at the Fall Festival, and it seemed everything was sampled by one club member or another. There was an inside restaurant, outside food vendors, wine tasting, chair lift rides, and the Highland Games. Some people stayed, some continued on to Lock's Stock & Barrel to get out of the rain, and others headed home.

A dry finish would have been nice, but the drive down, with the colors out, and seeing all those sports cars on the road made for a great day.

None of this would have been possible without the

considerable help of Joe & Joeanna DeBlaere from the Triumph Club who made the arrangements with Bristol Mt., and pre-ran the route twice, found a closed road, and then verified it re-opened the Friday before the tour. So a HUGE effort on their part.

John & Chris Baum from the MG Club printed the route instructions for all of us.

Rhonda Rizzo, who was also my navigator and scribe, deserves a big thanks for juggling maps, note pads and Milo while we worked on the tour route.

Thanks to everyone who brought out their cars, for without you, there would be no tour!

FALL TOUR PHOTOS

By Tim Rizzo & Dick Powers



Leaf Peepers

By Doris Britz

Sometimes there comes a day you'll always remember. One that has special memories ..with the magic of the season and good friends all mixed in...one that takes you back to youth and fun for fun's sake..Sunday, October 13th was such a day. Kudos to Tim and Rhoda Rizzo and Joe and Joeanne DeBlaere for the amazing tour, the hills and dales, the amber countryside with up close visions of russet and reds and the occasional horse and buggy! It was the most fun I've had driving a car in at least 40 years! Some of the back roads and hidden turns were reminiscent of the rallies of yesteryear (when we were almost always lost) . But that devil's own Flint Road took the cake. I had been following Dessi and Bill for some time because I didn't know enough to bring a navigator (my bad 1) and earlier I had noticed how very, very small the tail lights on a Morgan are - like little red quarters....all fine and good on the open road but I wonder if anyone heard me yelling "BRAKES, BRAKES, BILL, BRAKES!" . It was the most amazing feat of driving I've ever seen ..all the way down that steep and winding trail without ever touching the brakes! I never saw them once ! Must be I need to get some glasses because they made it to the bottom just fine! Phew! There's something wonderful about driving in a group - like minded youngsters of all ages cueing up for a day of fun together, driving our favorite vehicles, all kinds and colors. I drove the scruffiest one there, a 1952 TD, my beloved 'Alfie', who seemed happy to be out and ran exceptionally well....that is until he ran out of oil! (my bad 2) The needle dropped , my heart fell and using both feet I braked to a stop on the shoulder of the road. Evidently we were in monkey see, monkey do mode because everyone behind me stopped too and Desi and Bill made a U turn and came back - watching out for our own. What a great feeling to be on the receiving end of that kind of kinship: half loving the help and attention and half melting away in humiliation, I accepted quart after quart of oil from everyone's back seat but my own! Emergency over, we drove onward and somewhere along the way, Bruce Austin's TD sputtered to a stop and refused to go on until Dr. George Haynes arrived on site with his little medical bag and vast knowledge. It seems it was a problem with the points closing up. George soon had the little green beauty running again and as we all headed back to our cars I heard Dessi exclaim that the TD Devils were out in force today! Along our way we passed many little clusters of people out walking and got a whole collection of thumbs up for our joint efforts. We also passed some Amish horse and buggies and I have to say that it was the only time on the trip that everyone tried to keep the engines purring softly for fear of scaring those beautiful horses - no revving or snorting near the buggies! Of course, into each tour some rain must fall, and we got our share on and off but the Rain-X worked well, we pulled on our hats and tooled our way through it. This

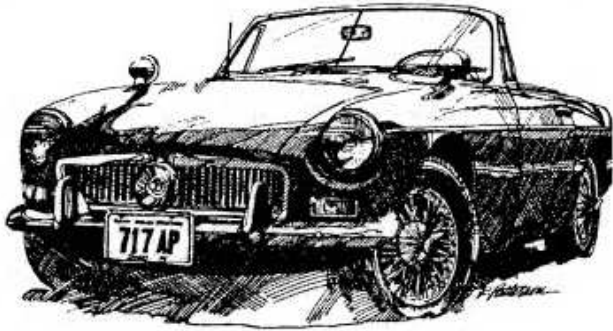
tour was very well organized and laid out. I know the instructions were good 'cause I got to read them later - it didn't seem prudent to read while driving that route so I just kept following the Benets as if tied to their bumper. While the tour totalled 89.7 wonderful miles, Alfie and I only made it to mile 89.6 before running out of gas (my bad 3 and out). Dave Wild drove me to the nearest petrol place where I was able to obtain a 2 gallon tank of the necessary nectar and we returned to find a lonely little Alfie sitting on the side of Rt. 64 almost in front of Bristol Mountain.. I had promised to return the fuel can to the station right away and so, for the first time in almost 90 miles found myself driving alone - cold turkey - and it was bad! Evidently the grit from the bottom of the fuel tank got sucked up into the carbs, shutting one of them down. It was a sorry sight that we made, coughing and sputtering, on the shoulder of the roads that led to home in Webster, average speed hovering around 21 mph. We made it to the corner of Empire Blvd. and Bay Rd, only 3 miles short of home when Alfie sputtered, put his wheel down and said "No More"! Shades of Bruce's problem, the points closed and wouldn't open again. The TD Devil was back! On a more positive note, this gave me an opportunity to test the mettle of my new Haggarty's insurance system. I called the number on the keytag and sure enough, was assured that a flat truck would arrive at my location in a short period of time . It did indeed arrive as promised and a nice young man (I swear he wasn't more than 18 years old) arrived and did all the necessary things to get Alfie up on the truck and take it to George's garage. On the way he mentioned his wife and child and finally convinced me that he was 28 years old. Boy, was I wrong! Does that make it 'my bad 4'?



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by Ron Howard

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HUNT

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Witnesses representing oil, fuel and petrochemical, livestock, automotive, food, biofuel and environmental organizations testified before a U.S. House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on whether the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) should be repealed or scaled-back. The RFS mandates that an increasing amount of biofuels be blended into gasoline each year. It is the driving force behind the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to permit sales of 15% ethanol in gasoline (E15) in order to achieve the RFS mandates. Federal Committee leaders have stated that full repeal of the RFS is unlikely but reform is a viable option. The SEMA Action Network (SAN) supports reducing the RFS mandates and banning the sale of E15.

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

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