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## Chairman's Corner

Dave Chase

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Hi,

Here we are going in to the Fall season, where has our Summer gone. The last few weeks have been perfect for me, I like it in the 70s. When we get into the high 80s I have to turn the air on and stay inside. I hope that we will have a great Fall to look forward to.

We had a great meeting for August with the addition of a food vendor in the parking lot. He had a large variety of food you good buy and I think that everybody was happy with the quality. I haven't heard of any complaints so most likely we will be doing the same thing next year. Coming up for the September meeting our speaker will be our own Bob Welch, That's if he is not in China. Bob has some great pictures of car factories from around the world.

I was very happy to hear of all the money that was raised from the car show. But, Just as pleasing to me was the eight new members that joined our car club . This we need and I urge everybody to please look for new members. I believe that five of these new members were at our August meeting and we were happy to see them there.

I guess that's all for now just get out there and enjoy these beautiful sunny days that were having.

Dave

## MGBruce

Don McConnell

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September brings American football and the end of the racing season for most of the series. F1 will continue till November. Their season has been good so far. We will see how the Lotus team finishes the season.

September also begins to bring the change of colors of the plant life from green to many colors (yellow, orange, brown, red). One thing we like to do at our house is pick a day when the colors look their best and the weather is sunny then take a drive through Letchworth Park. We just enjoy the scenery. One other thing September brings is thoughts of (and I do mean thoughts) preparing our (your) drivable sports cars away for those cold months. My car has been in what I will call hibernation. Maybe I should change his name from Bruce to Rip Van Winkle.

Watkins Glen is always a fun September weekend. Vintage racecars to see and hear plus a festival downtown on Friday. Hope you have the opportunity to attend.

As we head toward the end of the year thoughts of the MG Car Club Calendar are starting to percolate in my thoughts. As I mentioned at the August meeting lets try a theme of the younger generation driving or working on their MG's and see how many entries we get. Hope we can have some fun with this while getting the next generation involved with car collecting.

See you all at the September meeting  
Happy Top Down

Don

# Activities

By Desi Benet

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## MG Car Club Activities Column September 2013

Hi Everyone! Sorry, this will be a short column this month, because, like many of us with vintage cars, I have been at shows, picnics, cruise nights and getting in the last bits of summer with friends and family. (By the way, NOAA and the Farmers Almanac agree—the winter will be colder with more snow. They even agree that there is a likelihood of a major storm in early February—so savor this weather!!!!)

The events for September are well in place. The **Vintage Races** run from September 6-8. Our rooms at the Seneca Lodge are booked, but you can contact the Watkins Glen Chamber of Commerce who keep a list of rooms that become available through cancelation.

The Friday event in the town, The Gran Prix Festival, includes activities commemorating the vintage races that ran through the streets in Watkins Glen. This Festival, as of this writing, may still have some openings in some tours and activities. Check out <http://www.grandprixfestival.com/> for current openings and details. Please let me know if you are planning on being in the Village on Friday evening and if you want to go to dinner. We have several options as a group for dinner.

On Saturday, the focus of the Vintage Races turns to the Watkins Glen Race Track. We again have several of our club members competing in the races on the track, so try to get up to the track to support them. On Saturday night, bring a munchie and your own drinks to the log cabin on the Seneca Lodge grounds where we will once again have our party.

Note that Mini is the car of the year this year for the Vintage Weekend, and with so many in our club owning Minis, it should be a really good event. Note that next year, the MG is the featured car.

For the first time in many years, the **British Car Day**, held in Bronte Provincial Park in Burlington Ontario, does not conflict with the British Invasion in Stowe. (Sunday Sept 15) This is a British only show and is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Every year, in excess of 1000 British cars participate in this event. The Show also hosts a respectable flea market for British Car Parts. There are a number of club members reportedly planning on attending, watch the MG email list for those communications. Note that the Triumph Club in Ontario, the sponsors of British Car Day,

has arranged for accommodation at local hotels. These hotels will allow you to wash your car at their facilities!!! Check out their web site at <http://www.torontotriumph.com/BCD/>

The **British Invasion** is again at Stowe on Sept 20-22. Check out their web site at <http://britishinvasion.com/> for details. This year, the show is featuring Land Rover and Jaguar. Note that our club often brings back a number of trophies, and honorable mentions. We have had a long standing presence at this event—recognized as one of the most prestigious British Car events in North America. The location this year has changed, and although securing a room may present a challenge at this late date, there has no one who has ever been turned away because of no room availability—it just may be a bit of a drive. This show includes a driving tour, a classic car show, a concourse de elegance, a pub night, and an auto jumble. Lots to do!!!

## And Beyond September--

In October 13th, Tim and Rhonda Rizzo have teamed up with the Triumph Club for our **Fall Foliage Tour**. This year, we will be attending a fall event at Bristol Mountain, you can bring a picnic or purchase food at the destination. There are a number of activities at Bristol Mountain including chair lift rides. We will meet at the Tim Hortons on West Henrietta Road and Leigh Station Road, start time and distance to be determined. More on this event next month.

Remember to calendar the annual **Yacht Club Brunch** at the Rochester Yacht Club on November 3, hosted by Gene and Anne Faust. The cost is \$23 pp payable to Ann Faust by October 28. Send a check to Anne Faust, 67 Glenwood Drive Webster NY 14580. This is a very elegant brunch, with chefs composing omelets, as well as a full creative breakfast selection.

There may be a garage tour, but it is still not set, so keep an eye on SPOKES as well as the MG Car Club email.

Take care and see you at the meeting.

Desi

# MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Mary Murray

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AUGUST 15, 2013

Acceptance of July minutes.

New members acquired from the Car Show: Julie Bair, David Rubin, Will Seymour, Kent Macafee, Nick Daloisio and Ginger Daloisio.

The club was very happy to welcome back Tim and Rhonda Rizzo and with them they brought a new Fall Festival Tour. So glad Tim is feeling much better.

Always check Spokes for Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Vice Chair- A real big thank you to all the members that worked the Car Show!

And a HUGE THANKS TO LEON ZAK FOR TAKING CHARGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Car Show report-New members volunteered to help Leon with computer cars.

One of those new members also brought cupcakes to the meeting, thank you very much.

Money Spent-\$200.00 vendors

\$180.00 tee shirts

\$120.00 car corral

The Car Show Grossed \$4381.00 and we netted \$1938.80

Chairman asked everyone if they liked the vendor tonight for the Picnic Meeting.

We actually were short his \$300.00 minimum by \$65.00.

Dave Chase also wanted to thank everyone for the get well cards while he was laid up.

Activities-Car Show (Brilliant)

Pultneyville parade (it rained, not a good day)

Multi Club picnic, all who attended said they had a wonderful time.

GVAC show-140-150 cars were there.

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> was the UK Car Show-only British cars and motorcycles

Live concert, food and a concourse class.

Watkins Glen-Mini is the featured car

Friday night dinner is still undecided

Saturday night dinner party is hosted by the Baums and Zaks

Our racers include Dick Rzepkowski, Dick Powers, Tom Glanville, and Ted Hershey.

If you still need a room contact Karen Salisbury.

Bronte Park-30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-at noon, a dogfight with airplanes. Also hot air Balloon flights.

Sept 20-22 Stowe. Scribner's have one route and George Herschell has the Other. Contact one of them if you want to travel with them.

Tim Rizzo and the Fall tour with the triumph club. October 13<sup>th</sup>. Start time and distance will be determined later. Start will be at Tim Horton's on W. Henrietta rd. at Lehigh Sta. Rd. and ending at Bristol Mt. Ski Center. Chairlift rides and the Scottish Festival is also there.

Rob Shrader wanted everyone to thank Leon again for a fabulous job on the Car Show. Thank you also Bruce Austin for bringing in money for new members. The club has left over tee shirts from the show for sale \$10.00 each. Susan Harrison won the guessing time of the rent a wreck, which netted the club \$396.00.

Regalia-Free George Herschell dash plaques. Still have car badges and magnets.

Spokes-last month mention for the calendar, young folks working or driving MG's. As usual, you have 7 days to get information to Spokes to be printed in this month's issue. England-still there.

Librarian-no report

Web- over 7,000 visits last month

Old Business-none

New Business-Desi mentioned going on "British Auto Legends" to see special stamps with past drivers.

Vice-Chair stated that the committee with the donated TD will catalog the parts so the club can put it up for sale.

Cars and parts for sale- Dick Powers has a 57 Healy, Al Costich has a 71 midget.

Parts wanted- Julie Bair, a new member, needs a pair of seats for her father's midget.

Door prizes given out

Adjournment at 8:35 PM

## Meeting Attendance

August 15, 2013

Gil Langswager  
Betty Langswager  
Carl Prouty  
Chris Baum  
John Baum  
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Barb Wild  
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Bruce Austin  
Cindy Austin  
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Laurie Scribner  
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Julie Bair  
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Ginger Daloisio  
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## 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.



*Return to the Streets!*

Friday, September 6, 2013

Franklin Street, Watkins Glen

2013 Featured Marque



## Glenora Wine Cellars U.S. Vintage Grand Prix

Watkins Glen International Race Track  
September 6th - 8th

SVRA Race Groups with lots of action on track and a chance to see the cars up close in the padock.

### **NEW LOCATION for 2013**

The **British Invasion** will take place on the **Stowef lake Resort Field**  
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.*







# How Long Will It Run?

By Dick Rzepkowski

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Did you happen to attend the MG Car Club Sports Car Festival this year? Well at the festival this year there was a new attraction... it was a twist on the 50/50 drawing where your \$2.00 ticket selected a time when a donated car would stop running. The premise was simple: Wilbert's U-Pull-it, donated a car, we would drain the oil, start the car, and let it run till it died. The 50/50 winner would hold the time slot when the car stopped running.

For those who don't like to read long articles, I'll cut to the chase and tell you that the car ran for much longer than anyone would believe, but there's more to the story, so please read on.

First let me tell you a bit about the car. It was a 1997 Buick Park Avenue with a General Motors, 3800cc,V6 engine. The car registered 214,584 miles on the odometer so this was a very well used car. A look at the well worn, plush leather interior gave testimony to the fact that the *mileage was accurate*. People came to see the car and bought squares thinking the car would stop running within about 20 minutes. At 12:00 noon, we had sold about 50% of the squares each representing a 15 second time slot in an hour that was on the board. The bottom half of the board beyond 30 minutes was fairly sparse with a few guesses in the over 40 minute range.

To show the disbelievers how well the car ran with 214,000 miles on it, we started it up at noon and let everyone hear it run. It was a quiet running vehicle even with all those miles on it. I shut it off after 2 minutes of running and proceeded to drain the oil while my assistants, Mike Harrison and Marlene Rzepkowski rang up many more sales of squares above 30 minutes. In all we sold 208 of the possible 240, fifteen second time slots. The oil was collected in my drain pan and placed in a clear plastic container in front of the car for all to see. Many asked to have me show them the dipstick, I obliged, and it was dry, the oil was drained.

At 1:00 we started the car and left it idle. The car purred softly and many heads listened close to make sure it was running. Leon got in the drivers seat and proudly announced that the engine oil lamp was clearly lit, the check engine light was clearly on and the car was idling nicely. The temperature rose to just 1 tick above normal and stayed there. The car ran on...and on...and on.

We made the same square good for the second hour as it was in the first. So if you owned the 30 minute square, it would be valid again at 1 hour and 30 minutes.... and the car ran on.

Finally at 3:00 PM after 2 hours of running, we declared the MG Car Club the winner of the 50/50 pot, but added a new twist. At 3:00 PM we dropped a large landscape brick on the accelerator. We changed each 15 second slot on the board into a portion of a minute instead of an hour and would give out a consolation prize to the owner of the seconds represented by the time slot when the car died.

With a 10 pound brick on the accelerator the engine roared to max RPM. The electronics tried to limit the RPM and the car sounded like someone was in it revving the engine then pulling back a little and revving it to max again. Vroom, Vroom, Vroom , Vroom.... After a minute or 2 at this breakneck pace, the smoke began to billow. It was coming from various places in the engine compartment and also from the exhaust system under the car. At about 5 minutes of running with a brick on the pedal, fires under the hood erupted and Doug Scribner provided a fire extinguisher to keep things in control. With the fires out the car still ran on. Blasts of red hot molten stuff began to shoot from the exhaust, a minor grass fire erupted at the tailpipe and was again extinguished with the remainder of the donated fire extinguisher.

Finally at about 7 minutes, the car slowed significantly, but the brick was still on the accelerator. Cough, sputter, wheeze.... thinking it was about to die we got ready to hit the stop watch, then it sprang to life again as the electronics said to the engine, "giddy-up old boy." Finally after a couple of valiant tries, the engine died at 2 hours, 8 minutes and 19 seconds. Sue Harrison was the consolation prize winner as her pick at 19 minutes turned out to be good at the 2 hour, 8 minute and 19.0 second mark.

What is the moral of the story? First and foremost, Buick makes a heck of an engine. Please let everyone at Wilbert's U-Pull-It know we appreciate their donation to "how long it will run". Maybe next year they will donate again and we will drain the oil AND the coolant? Maybe it will die sooner? Hopefully I'll see you at the car show next year with a slightly different twist on "how long will it run?".



# **Leaf Peepers Fall Tour**

## **Sunday Oct. 13th., 2013**

Joint Tour with MGCC & GRTTC.

Tour is FREE, but you pay for your own food at Festival at end of tour at Bristol Mt. Ski Resort, or BYO food/drink. Chair Lift Rides Available. ( \$7 ).

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Navigators Meeting: 9:15  
Depart Time: 9:30

Route Distance Approx. 90 miles. 3 hour drive including rest stop.

I think it would be safe to say the group has multiple options for end of tour food. As there is a fall festival, there will be food vendors outside there as well as a sit down restaurant available.

### **OPTIONS INCLUDE:**

- A.)** Pack & bring your own picnic basket to enjoy at the top (or bottom) of the chair lift ride(~\$7). Yes you can BYO wine or beer.
- B.)** Use the restaurant, a la cart, pay as you go. 1st lever includes-- Hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage stations, 2nd level has more "sit down" space & cash bar--fresh pizza (or by the slice) and a "special" which was chicken & biscuits last year (this year TBD 'till we get closer).  
There will be picnic tables outside at bottom & top of the chair lift. Top of lift will also have Warming Hut open to stay out of inclement weather.  
That should give you a feel for what you may want to do. No money collection necessary for any of the choices, BYO or pay as you go.
- C.)** OR...Continue north past Bristol Mt. and stop at Lock's Stock & Barrel on the LEFT 0.8 miles  
BBQ

### **Scottish Highland Games During The Fall Festival**

The Buffalo Heavies are putting together the best Scottish Highland Games during the Bristol Mountain Fall Festival on Sunday, October 13th, from 10am-5pm. Events to watch for are the Caber Toss, Stone Put, Scottish Hammer Throw, Weight Over Bar and Sheaf Toss. To top it off you will see big, burly guys competing in kilts. All of this plus our Fall Festival activities which will include Sky Rides, live music, beer and wine tastings, a variety of vendors, face painting, caricature artist and arts and crafts table.

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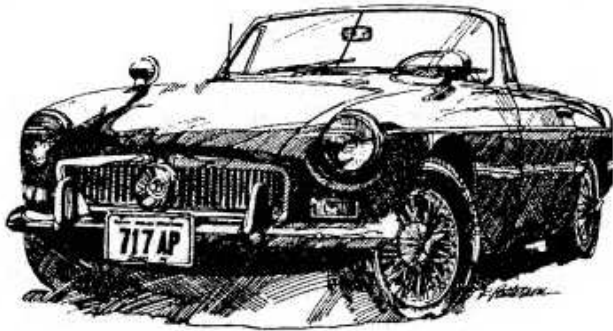
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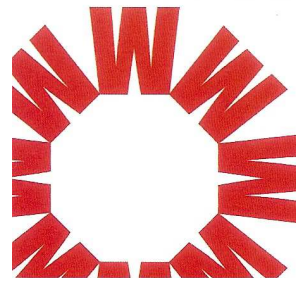
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## "What Have I Done?"

by Joe DeBlaere

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Here is a reprint of the first parts of a story from 1998-1999

I bought a basket case. That is, I bought a 53 MGTD that came in boxes like a jigsaw puzzle. It is apart. It is a rolling chassis with tires, engine, tranny and the body tub but the rest is in pieces and parts packed in boxes. I brought it home on a trailer and the rest filled the back of the van. When I excitedly tell people of my deed they don't know whether to congratulate me or share condolences. I'm excited.

This is likely to be the first quarterly report on my progress. I'm guessing this is a 3 year project to get it back on the road. Why did I do it? To save an old MG from the scrap yard and just the dream of driving her again. I'm targeting the Halloween Rally 2001 for her debut (yeah right!). At the moment, the only parts it seems to be missing are the keys, hand crank, spare tire and steering wheel. The rest appears to be there somewhere in different states of disrepair. Fools rush in ...

Joeanna has informed me we now own his and her MG's. Hers is the white 74 MGB, you know the one that runs. Mine is the other thing taking up the rest of the garage I just introduced you to.

My plans are to start with the frame, then coachwork, then engine, then interior. Sounds easy enough.

I've never had a TD before so I'm going to need lots of help. That is where this club really shines, in sharing their expertise. One of the first things I've been suggested to do is have an inventory party, to tag and bag all the various parts. I'll miss the next meeting being in Florida on vaco but I'll call around and set a date for it soon. If you'd like to help let me know.

Sooooo here we go starting on an exciting journey.

Who knows where it might lead. That is what life is all about. Only 11 more quarterly reports and I should be finished (yeah, right!).

What have I done?

What have I done? The meaning of this question has literally, unintentionally, evolved from questioning my own sanity, upon purchasing the old TD "in a box", into what have I accomplished lately towards its restoration. The first step in any trip is a vision of where your going. My vision is a frame up restoration I'll be proud to drive.

I have spent most of the last few months planning, getting organized, finding out what parts

are there (and not there) and where they go. The first inventory session went well with lots of interesting tidbits found. So far, I'm only missing the steering wheel, starter hand crank, keys and the spare tire & wheel.

Everything else does appear to be there!!! I've had lots of help from the more knowledgeable members of the club( who is almost everybody because I know very little about TD's, as yet). I had to start somewhere.

I cleaned out the garage!

Actually, I have spent most of my time getting the garage in shape to do this job. I added a 5 horsepower air compressor which had to be hard wired on its own 220V 15 amp. line. I bought some air tools (grinders, impact wrench, sanders, etc.), and basically got my act together. I borrowed a wooden subframe (on wheels) to put the car onto so I don't break my back reaching down all the time and can move it around the garage more easily.

I discovered a neighbor two doors away that has a '52TD in a similar state of disassembly!!!! They just moved in. He's had it for years and he has the frame done and is doing the body work now. Currently, it is being used as a couch in his basement to watch TV. But, that is another story.

The front end will be rebuilt at British Auto Salvage, the shocks are off and sent for rebuild also. The frame and wheels are being sandblasted. I have ordered 5 new tires and tubes. I just noticed one of the rear leaf springs is broken. The brake lines, shoes, master & slave cylinders are all being resleeved, rebuilt or replaced. The seals on the differential are on order. Plan is to paint the frame and reassemble all of the above before the end of the year. I am also looking for an MGA or Magnette differential (4.33 or 4.55:1) so I can change the gear ratio. Anyone out there have one they are willing to part with???

I went to Carlisle, for my first time, and there I acquired 4 hubcaps, a couple of rims, a steering wheel in need of repair, a rear leaf spring and a frame paint kit. I just missed out on an MGA gear set. It was fun looking for the stuff, although the rain slowed us down a bit.

I found a hand crank in California, acquired from another club member who contacted me after



reading my first article about the restoration. Thanks Dan.

The interaction with the people during the rebuild is just as much fun as the interaction with the machinery. I've met so many nice people who share their experiences while doing this job. It still amazes me. MG people are just great!

It just dawned on me I'll have to name her soon. I'll have to ask for some suggestions from my mother-in-law (who was born in Leicester, England) for some traditional British names. She'll like that. The character of the car, as she goes together, will ultimately tell me what to name her.

What have I done???? .

The ongoing saga of a frame up restoration of a '53 MGTD.

The TD's frame is off being sandblasted, finally. The front end was rusty and required lots of heat to take it apart. Removing the cotter pins was time consuming, until I got a tip - they are soft and can be torqued off. The ball joints and pickle fork had lots of interaction and came loose after a few choice words were spoken. The rack & pinion assembly looks good, even the rubber end caps are not cracked. One of the rear leaf springs was broken and I had to cut the bolts off with a hack saw (and took out a little of the frame mount which now needs to be welded). Luckily, one of the club members found two rear TD springs at Carlisle and is willing to sell them to me for what he paid for them. The front coil springs both broke when I took them off, too. I have ordered new ones. The steel sleeves on the A arm pivot are rusted solid and won't release the bolt - I suspect they will have to be cut off also. I now have 6 steel wheels that run true. The shocks are sitting in a box waiting to be sent for rebuild. I have been bagging and tagging all the parts.

Wife, Joeanna, ordered a TD restoration book which finally arrived after we reminded someone at Watkins Glen that we indeed had sent the money but hadn't gotten the book. Small world. Also while at the Glen we saw many TD's and have decided on a color scheme. It will be two tone, along the lines of the "Cream & Crackers" racing team with a cream body and reddish brown fenders (to match the red interior).

Then the storm hit. To help clean out the garage we had decided to build a 8' X 10' storage shed out back. The shed went up quite nicely on a Friday, the storm flattened it on Sunday of Labor Day weekend. The tree was 5 feet in diameter and 80 feet tall,

the shed was no match for it. It took over a month to get the trees cut up, removed and the shed back up. That is why this article is a month late. I've gotten way behind schedule ( no surprise there). I have a recovery plan, however. I am installing (with lots of help from the club) a downdraft furnace to heat my garage. This should enable me to continue on the project over the winter months and actually increase the clockspeed of the car getting onto the road.

Future plans include resleeving the brakes cylinders, painting the frame and rebuilding the brakes, including stainless steel lines. I may also change the rear gears while the differential is out. TBD.

Other distractions include my son's jet ski & 4 wheeler and collecting parts for my next project, a V8 *MGBiGT*. So far I have a 5 speed tranny, a line on 74 MGB/GT and lots of little pieces. Still looking for a 215 aluminum V8. I guess I'm hooked.

The main thing is we're still making progress.

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## Writer Compares Man's Life to the Life of an Automobile

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This article was written in Ann Landers column  
1993 and submitted to

Spokes by Betty Lanswager in 1998

Dear Ann Landers:

It has been said that the most difficult task of a woman's life is to give up her kitchen. For men, it's giving up an automobile. Being a male, here's the way I see it.

Man is like an automobile. As it gets older, the differential starts slipping, and the V-joints get worn, causing the drive shaft to go bad. The transmission won't go into high gear and sometimes has difficulty getting out of low. The cylinders get worn and lose compression, making it hard to climb the slightest incline.

When it is climbing, the tappets clatter and ping to the point where one wonders if the old bus

will make it to the top. The carburetor gets fouled with pollutants and other matter, making it hard to get started in the morning.

It is hard to keep the radiator filled because of the leaking hose. The thermostat goes out, making it difficult to reach operating temperature. The headlights grow dim, and the horn gets weaker. The memory chip drops a few bytes, and the battery needs constant recharging. But if the body looks good with no bangs, dents or chipping paint, we can keep it washed and polished, giving the impression that it can compete with the newer models and make one more trip down the primrose lane before the head gasket blows. Gentlemen, start your engines. - Pinging Like Crazy in Tulsa



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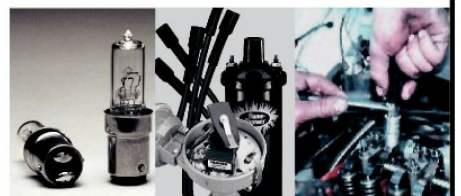
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