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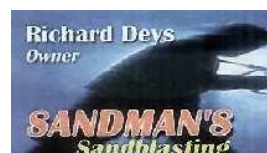
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## Chairman's Corner

Dave Chase

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Greetings good people,

Well, this is the finale for being your chairman for the past two years. I have enjoyed being your chair and think that our past two years have gone well. It was exciting to have the Nuffield trophy for this year and I'm hoping that we can win it back sometime soon. I want to thank my board members and the appointees for the past two years making my job so much easier. John Baum will be taking over as chairman for the coming year and I know that he has plans to make things bigger and better.

This month I am saddened to say we lost three members of our club, Dennis Costich, John Cook and Robert Goodwin. Their names will be placed on the plaque at the MCC auto center. Also a page in memory was placed in the November club minutes for them.

Christmas party coming up on December 20 at Rick's prime rib on Buffalo Road. Please try to attend, it's going to be a very nice party.

Thank you all, friends, it's been an honor to be your chairman

Dave Chase

## MGBruce

Don McConnell

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December is here, which means the end of another year I not to far away. A year that went by fast. It is kind off like watching a race minus the sound, here comes the cars, there goes the cars.

As I write this it is Thanksgiving Day, just waiting for the turkey to cook and the eating to begin. I am also thinking of how thankful I am to have a lovely family, many friends and MG Car Club people as my second family.

This year has been so much fun, with the many events to enjoy. Hope you had the chance to enjoy one of them. I am sure there are many great events coming in 2015. Watch here in Spokes for the event schedule and details.

Also as we head into a new year I would like encourage members to submit articles /reports, that may be technical in nature or about a trip /national event you have attended. They provide information and help to other members in making a decision weather to do that repair or attend the event. I look forward to continuing as editor in the coming year and provide information on the club.

Enjoy your Holidays and see you all at the January Meeting.

Happy Top Down  
Don

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# **MAKE A NOTE NOW!**

## **DUES ARE DUE**

## **FOR 2015!**

## Activities

By Mike & Sue Harrison

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THE FINAL EVENT FOR 2014 IS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20. OUR HOLIDAY PARTY AT RICK'S PRIME RIB WILL START AT 6 PM WITH DINNER TO BE SERVED ABOUT 7 PM. SINCE THE CLUB IS COVERING \$10 FOR EACH MEAL, YOUR COST FOR THE PARTY IS \$14 FOR CHICKEN FRENCH, \$18 FOR PRIME RIB, AND \$19 FOR BROILED SALMON. RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 10, BY MAIL TO MIKE HARRISON. SEE OUR ADDRESS ELSEWHERE IN SPOKES.

OUR FIRST EVENT OF THE NEW YEAR WILL BE THE TRADITIONAL VALVE COVER RACES TO BE HELD EARLY IN FEBRUARY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8. SO GET YOUR RACERS TUNED UP AND READY TO ROLL.

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR 2015 CALENDARS THAT THE VINTAGE SPORTS CAR RACES AT WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL TRACK WILL BE HELD

JULY 23-26 INSTEAD OF IN SEPTEMBER DUE TO TRACK PAVING. SENECA LODGE WILL OFFER THE SAME ROOMS AS IN THE PAST FOR THAT JULY WEEKEND. IF YOU WISH TO BE ON THE LIST FOR A ROOM, PLEASE CONTACT KAREN SALISBURY. THE DATE FOR THE WATKINS GLEN GRANDPRIX FESTIVAL ON THE STREETS OF THE GLEN WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER AS IN THE PAST.

ALSO, THINKING AHEAD TO 2015, IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN EVENT FOR THE CLUB, PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP SO WE CAN GET IT ON THE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES.

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### \*\* VINTAGE RACE WEEKEND JULY 23, 24 and 25, 2015\*\*

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# MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Doris Britt

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## November 20, 2014

Meeting opened @ 7:30 by chairman Dave Chase

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted by Mary Murray and seconded by Rod Rodman

**NEW MEMBERS:** Claude Fedele with two sleeping MGBs which he plans to wake up and work on.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Doug Scribner, Al Costich, Don McConnell, Barb Zak and Betty Langswager:

### REPORTS

**ACTIVITIES:** Sue Harrison gave thanks to Jim and Dawn Priestly for the Fall Foliage Tour and to Gene and Anne Faust for planning the Brunch at the Rochester Yacht Club.

The Holiday party, our final event of the year will be held on December 20th at Rick's Prime Rib House and the first event of the New year will be the Valve Cover Races early in February.

The Vintage Sport Car Races at Watkins Glen will be held in July this year instead of September. The dates are July 23-26.

Dave Chase asked if Al Fink would bring his camera to the Holiday Party. Al promised to let him know if he couldn't come so that someone else could take the pictures.

We have recently lost two members of our club. Both Dennis Costich and John Cook have passed away. We will leave a blank page in fond memory of each one of them.

**TREASURY:** Rob Shrader gave us our balance to date and reminded us that dues should be paid by December. He also mentioned the 'freeby' table and the magazines to take as a reminder that we should help ourselves. Rob said that he purchased the Neuvalari DVD for the library and is still looking for the DVD entitled "One".

Dave Chase told us about the speaker we will have for the Christmas party. She is an old member from way back. Naomi Wadsworth has a couple of MGA's and is also into flying. Her father owns the Geneseo Plane Museum. Naomi was one of the pilots that flew a World War two plane to England this past summer in what was called "The Whiskey Seven".

**MEMBERSHIP:** Paul Osborne said that of the 168 members, so far 2/5 have paid their dues.

**REGALIA:** Doug Scribner tells us that there are sweatshirts and long sleeve T shirts as featured items for tonight.

**SPOKES:** Don McConnell said that he is still collecting photos for the calendar.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Hollis Hames told a bit about his Moss Motoring experiences and asked if anyone knew of a local business with the word 'Moss' in it's name.

**ENGLAND:** George Herschell was not present to bring us up to date.

**WEB SITE:** Leon Zak said that there would be a car show next year.

Dave Chase said that the Nuffield Trophy was on it's way to Chicago where the MG club called 'Chicagoland' had won it for the upcoming year. Dave also said that he appreciated having the job of chairman for the past two years and enjoyed every minute of it. He thanked everyone for their cooperation and wished the new chairman well.

Elections tonight presented the following officers for next year:

Chairman	John Baum
Vice Chairman	Rod Rodman
Secretary	Sharon Zinser
Treasurer	Mike Goodwin
Trustee	Leon Zak
Trustee	Dave Chase
Activities	Sue and Mike Harrison (appointed position)

Dave Wild said that we loaned the club scrapbook to the research centre in Watkins Glen. They wanted to copy some of it and the membership agreed that it was ok to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 with Mike Goodwin making the motion and Frank Stepanik seconding it.

Our speaker tonight was Rob Lillus who recounted a delightful story about driving Route 20 from coast to coast with his wife Carol in their MG. His story contained much history and was complete with slides.

We adjourned at 8:50 with a motion by Mike Goodman and a second by Frank Stepanik

## Meeting Attendance

November 20, 2014

Chris Russell  
Rod Rodman  
Anne Faust  
Gil Langswager  
Betty Langswager  
Mike Goodwin  
Carl Prouty  
Sue Harrison  
Mike Harrison  
Lane Boughton  
George Haynes  
Jeff Kath  
Dave Chase  
David Rubin  
Don McConnell  
Doug Scribner  
Laurie Scribner  
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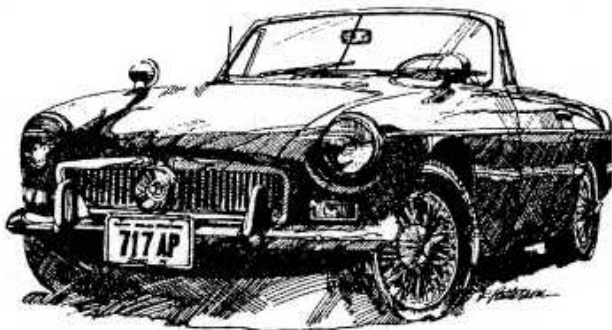
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Guest  
Claude Fedeale

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**NOTE:**

They will not be delivered to the schools until after the Holidays so please try to avoid Santa Claus themes!

If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to contribute, bring mittens, etc to the November meeting or contact Annabelle

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## Valve Cover Racing Rules

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### The Cars:

- The cars shall have no power source. All motive force is provided by gravity.
- Cars shall be based on actual rocker box (cover) or cam cover from an MG or British made automobile engine.
- Wheelbase shall be no more than 24 inches. Note: The staging lane is only 24 inches long.
- Wheel Track shall be no more than 14 inches.
- Cars must have 4 wheels each no more than 6 inches in diameter.
- Cars shall weigh 12 pounds or less
- Car design should allow the front wheels to touch a 2 inch high starting gate.
- Any car changed during the race is subject too inspection

### The Course:

- The course shall consist of a launch incline 8 feet long, followed by a level run of 20 feet.
- Two lanes shall divide the launch incline, each 2 feet wide. The incline shall be 2 feet high at the rear-most part and level with the course at the front edge. The front edge shall be mitered to provide a smooth transition from the incline to the run-out area.

- The official "Starting Line" shall be 2 feet from the rear edge of the of the incline. A mechanized starting gate, which is 2 inches high, shall be provided.
- The Run out section of the course shall consist of 2 lanes, each 3 feet wide. The lanes shall be clearly marked.
- The finish line shall be marked 20 feet from the front edge of the launch incline.

### The Races:

- Cars will run in heats of 2 cars each.
- The cars are to be launched with their front wheels on the starting line. If your car design does not allow for this, it is at a disadvantage. The first car to have its front wheels cross the finish line is the winner. If neither car reaches the finish line, the car going further within its lane wins.
- If the wheels of a car should touch a lane marker, or cross over a lane marker, the car shall be disqualified. The competing car immediately becomes the winner.
- The winner of the round is the first car to win 2 races.
- Lanes are alternated between races.
- Winning cars will advance to the next round until all are eliminated but 1 car. Scoring is double-elimination to the finals. A car is eliminated after losing 2 rounds.

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## The USRRC at the IMRRC

By Dick Powers

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On November 8, members of our MGCC were at the IMRRC for the presentation about the SCCA United States Road Racing Championship. Attending were: **Joe Tierno, Dick Powers, Bill and Sandra Barkley, Dave Wild, Gil and Betty Langswager, Cheryl and Bill Baldwin and Al Isselhard**. In addition to the presentation, it was also **Bill Barkley's birthday** and the **Barkley's Anniversary!** To celebrate, the Barkley's brought their beautifully restored Berkeley to drive around Watkins Glen. When it was parked behind the IMRRC, we all gathered around the Berkeley for a club photo.



While at the IMRRC, Dave and Gil boxed up the Nuffield Cup and Gil and Betty brought it back in their Mini. Sad to see it go, but it's now on its way to the Chicagoland Centre.



## Meet the New Board

By John Baum

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We have elected a new board for the MG Car Club. Some of you know all of us and maybe all of you know some of us, but as a group we want to introduce ourselves.

### John Baum: Chairman



I have had an interest in MGs since high school. My wife Chris and I purchased our first new MG in 1975 and used it as a daily driver through 1979. In 1996 we found our present MG, a 1964 pull handle B in rather rough shape. We drove it, fixed it and replaced parts and pieces over the next ten years. In 2006

with help from some of the members, I dismantled it and replaced all the rusted sheet metal, and put it back into service in 2012.

Since joining the club in 1996, we have developed meaningful friendships with many of the members having common interests and have enjoyed participating in many of the club activities. I have been Vice Chairman for the past two years as well as having held the Treasurers' position.

Chris and I have lived in Webster since 1980. We have two adult daughters and have recently acquired a son in law. We own the Minuteman Press on West Ridge Road in Greece and have operated there for the past thirty years.

Looking forward to being chairman in 2015.

### Rod Rodman: Vice-Chairman



Hello fellow MG Car Club members. My name is Harold "Rod" Rodman. I have been a club member since the early 2000's. I will be your vice chairman for 2015. Thank you for your support, and I

hope to serve the membership well during this coming year.

I am a life-long resident of Palmyra, where I reside with Christine, my wife of 40 years. We have three wonderful children; Heather 33, Bryan 28, and Erinn

22. My grandfather, father, and now my brother Terry have owned and operated a service station in Palmyra since 1946. Graduating from Palmyra-Macedon High School in 1968, I then attended Canton ATC and SUNY Geneseo. After graduation, I was employed by the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District as a 6th grade teacher for 36 years. During that time I coached baseball and wrestling at all levels. I retired from teaching in 2007.

I own a 1979 MGB roadster which I bought in 1998 from a gentleman in Canastota, NY (I believe I am the 3rd owner). I had some quarter panel work done and a repaint the year I purchased it. Since then I have replaced some front suspension parts, an alternator, water pump, and fuel tank. All the mechanical work was done at my brother's shop, Curly's Service, in Palmyra, because I know just enough to get myself in trouble (I like to tinker). All in all, it has been a great car and I love driving it (125K+ miles). Taking it to various cruise nights in the area and to the many activities the club hosts is something I really enjoy.

This past summer, many of you participated in some of the outings I tried to organize. I thank all of you that were able to participate. What a blast it was!

It is a really neat thing when a "herd" of LBC's caravan down the road and pull in to a cruise-in or parking lot on one of our tours. The friendships made during these times are a big reason that I enjoy the MG Car Club so much. Hopefully, the 2015 driving season will allow us to do more of these type of activities. I think by getting our cars out there for people to see and enjoy, we may gain more interest from the younger crowd and possibly welcome more members.

I look forward to working with all the other officers and board members in the coming months. I think we can move our club forward and keep "The Marque of Friendship" as it was intended.

### Sharon Zinser: Secretary



Sharon Zinser transplanted from Cleveland, Ohio five years ago and lives in Pittsford with her daughter Kate, a junior at The Harley School. In desperate need of a hobby to give her time away from her job as Chief Financial Officer for Morgan Management, a large apartment owner/manager, she purchased her red 1977 MGB in July, 2014

and attended her first Club meeting three days later. Sharon is looking forward to serving the Club as Sec-



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retary and is excited by the prospect of getting to know well what have already proven to be a very welcoming and interesting group of people.

### Mike Goodwin: Treasurer



Our new Treasurer, Mike Goodwin, had his first ride in an MG as a 10-year-old (it was a bright red MGA), and he was thrilled that there was such a car named with his initials. He bought an MG of his own in 2003, and joined the club shortly thereafter. In his years with the club, Mike has previously served as the club's Secretary, Treasurer and

Vice-chair.

Mike and his wife, Susan, who also own a 1991 Austin Mini Cooper, have lived in Chili since 1992. They have two adult kids; Melissa and her husband Doni live in Brooklyn; Phil and his wife Janelle live in Reno.

Mike is retired from careers in science teaching and engineering, and currently volunteers at the Chili Senior Center and as a hiking trail maintainer.

In addition to driving his MG (a lot!), Mike enjoys gardening and home remodeling work, but Mike's favorite pastimes are backpacking and mountain climbing. He has been hiking and climbing on four continents, has summited the highest points of twenty states and two countries, hiked the entire Appalachian Trail in 2011, and is currently 245 miles of the way through section-hiking the 562-mile Finger Lakes Trail across New York State.

Mike is looking forward to many more miles of hiking and sports car driving and to his upcoming term as MGCC Treasurer.

### Dave Chase: Trustee



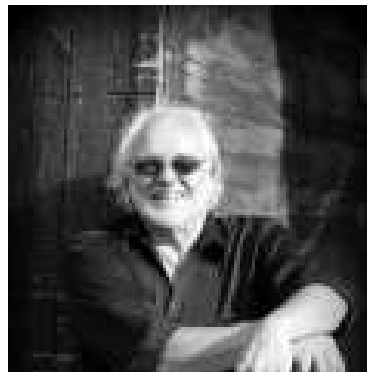
Hi,  
I joined the MG car club in the mid-70s and have tried to keep active with the meetings and activities through the years. I have a 1959

MGA coupe and a 1979 MGB roadster, both blue in color. I also belong to NAMGAR and NAMGBR and try to attend their annual get together's when possible. Also I enjoy the annual trips with several members each year to Manchester Vermont and later in the year to Stowe Vermont for the British Invasion. I also attend with club members to Carlisle in the spring and Hershey in the fall. We go down to set up a booth and try to sell used parts and look around to see if there is something that we need to buy. Because I travel a lot with both MGs I have had the MGA restored to my specifications so that the car is safer to drive and more enjoyable to drive. The MGB is pretty much stock and was purchased from Lane Boughton.

I am also a member of the Genesee Valley Moose Lodge and the West Henrietta volunteer fire department. I was a active firefighter for 52 years, but now I am not active for going into burning buildings, due to my medical problems. I am however, still a member and have been for several years on the Board of Directors. I have lived all my life in West Henrietta except for the years in the Air Force where I was stationed in Riverside California, Guam, and Plattsburgh, New York. My hobbies have been (beside the MGs ) Stained glass, gardening, and going out to dinner. My wife Nancy is a appointee for the club on cards and letters. If anyone should know of a sickness or death of a club member or relative, Nancy would be the one to notify at 334-6826 . I have a son Andrew, and a daughter Virginia, that both live in the West Henrietta area. I worked for 35 years for the Monroe County Water Authority at the treatment plant on Dewey Avenue, most of the years as a chief treatment operator. I have not traveled as much as I'd like because Nancy still works. There are many places on my bucket list and I attend to get to them soon.

Safety Fast, Dave Chase

### Leon Zak: Trustee



Hello - Within my first year of joining 15 years ago, I was asked if I wanted to run for chairman. I thought being involved would be a great way to meet other club members. That started my first term as chairman. I really enjoyed it and accomplished my goal of



# **My First Car Part 3**

By Dick Powers

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## **Bob Welch**

### **My First Car:**

"My first car was a 1962 Ford Falcon station wagon. My Dad bought it for \$150 at McEvoy Dodge because he thought the '60 Ford I wanted to buy from a friend was a junker. The Falcon wasn't far behind. It did have a cool stealth feature though. When stopped, the car would be enveloped in a massive cloud of oil smoke which emanated from a breather tube below the block. It was sometimes difficult to discern whether the traffic light had changed. I drove this thing until I smacked it up while watching my sister swat a mosquito on the windshield. Which takes me to...

### **My First Sports Car:**

In early 1971 I bought a 1965 MGB roadster, color pale blue with blue top. I got it for \$100 from my neighbor. The first time I "saw" the car it was buried in a snow pile. After clearing a way in, and an opening for the tailpipe, it started right up. I really loved this car and learned to do pretty much all the repairs myself. As I had it through most of my college years I couldn't afford to pay somebody to fix it. I went all over with the B, summer and winter. With snow tires it would go anywhere, including up the notoriously steep Syracuse hills.

One night I came back from Montreal and hit a blizzard on Route 81. The only way I could tell I was on the road was by keeping it between the reflector markers. I could hear snow being compressed by the underbody for 40 miles.

Shortly before graduation I was broadsided by a drunk and the car was totaled. I sold the wreck to Sleazy at Access Auto and pocketed the insurance money. With that meager dough, plus graduation money and with a new job, I intended to buy a brand new '73 B. However I learned they cost \$5,500 at the time so I got a new Audi for just \$3,300."

## **Tony Makepeace**

"My first car was a 1939 Model Standard Nine, four cylinder, side valve, two door saloon. Built by the Standard Motor Company in Coventry UK. Later known as the Standard Triumph Co. Having a car greatly improved my chances of getting a date. Most dates preferred riding in a car seat as opposed to the back of a motor cycle especially if they were wearing mini skirts.

I remember the first time I drove my car alone after getting my license, what a feeling of freedom. The car was in reasonable condition, considering it had survived the Blitz, some rust but not bad. Steering was something of a challenge as you could turn the steering wheel half a turn in either direction before it came into contact with the steering rack.

The car came with Bendix cable brakes. No matter how often you adjusted them they had a mind of their own. Press the brake pedal the car turned left or right, rarely pulling up straight. As for braking in reverse this only happened if you were going up hill. The window steamed up when it rained, there were the odd electrical (Lucas) problems, but at that time I thought this was normal.

I spent many evenings working on the car listening to the radio which was reporting on the early space flights from Cape Canaveral of Alan Shepard, John Glenn and others. Little did I know that a few years later I would make the USA my home and buy my first American car, a 1957 Pontiac Chieftain. But that's another story."

## **Hollis Hames**

"My first car was a 1959 Corvette. Black on black with red leather interior and a white rag top and black hard top. It had a 283 engine, 3 speed, 411 rear, and posi-traction.

I sold the car in 1964 after receiving my letter to report for a physical for the USA army. I joined the Air Force and went to England. There I bought a 1966 MGB with overdrive and an after market hard top.

In 1968 I shipped it back to the states before being discharged and kept it until 1972 when it was hit behind the left front wheel that bent the frame. Then I bought a 1972 MGB that I garaged while I was living in Brooklyn. The next year I moved to Rochester. Since it was the only car I owned I had to drive it for awhile until I could get a winter car. That was its demise. The undercarriage rusted and rotted. I then put it in a barn where it remains. I now drive a 1970 MGB and still use the hard top from my first one."

## **Annabelle Tescione**

"The instant I turned 16 in 1970, I ran down to the local Motor Vehicle Office to get my learner's permit. I had studied the book and passed the written test with flying aces. Over the next few weeks my mom took me out and taught me how to drive on what was our family car at the time, a green (BRG!!) 1967 Mercury



Cougar. I got the hang of it right away and, in a few weeks, signed up for my road test. Although I

when it was banged up a few too many times, NEVER when driven by me, I might add! There's a nicely restored one that shows up frequently to the Rochester area cruise nights and I always wax nostalgic whenever I see it.

No article for Spokes from me on this subject would be complete without mentioning the first real sports car that I ever remember noticing and giving a thorough look-over. I was just a kid at the time, way before my Cougar days, when I was sitting in a small parking lot while my dad dashed into a store to pick up something or other. A few spaces over, carefully parked in a corner spot, was a blazingly shiny, brand new red sports car. I had no idea what a sports car even was, but I knew this vehicle was special and very intriguing. *Where were the door handles? How did you get in the car?* Very curious and very cool. The driver would have to be the coolest person ever! I can still picture the car in my head to this day and now know it was one of England's finest and fondest, the MGA. I didn't know then what a huge part the MG and all British sports cars would play in my life....but I'm sure glad they have. And, I was absolutely right about sports car drivers being the coolest people anywhere, too! Drive on..... Safety Fast."

was pretty nervous, I passed it with a flawless performance. My older brother and sister were out of the house by then and I soon became the family driver. I drove about 20 miles to high school and to where my dad worked and back again. This was in the foothills of the Adirondacks so I had to develop my snow and ice driving skills really fast. My high school friends all got rides in the Cougar; many times setting records for how many would fit in the car. Many of our best adventures had the Cougar in the center or at least as the transportation and it is hard to think of my high school years without the car coming to mind with a smile. Alas, the Cougar eventually met its demise

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## Fall Foliage Tour 2014 Recap

By Jim & Dawn Priestley

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Well, the day started out cool and rainy, however, most of the entrants showed up. We began with 15 cars, but only six sports cars. We met at the Tops market in Canandaigua under a 10 x 10 popup tent. All attendees were in good spirits for the Driver's Meeting and we left at 9:30. The rain pretty much let up soon after we left and the sun was in and out often. The traffic was almost non-existent due to the tour being mostly back roads.

The colors of the trees just kept getting better the further south we went. The group had one short delay due to the group getting split up but our tail runner (Hollis Hames) thankfully got everyone back on track without much hassle. The tour managed to skirt numerous towns like Honeoye, Naples, Prattsburg, Hammondsport, Bath, Campbell, Monterey and Second Milo.

Late morning the tour stopped at the Bath Fish Hatchery located on Fish Hatchery Road outside of Bath, NY. Everyone really enjoyed that stop and the employees were very informative. It seemed like it was the first time most of the tour people had ever vis-

ited a fish hatchery. We spent about an hour there and then headed to lunch.

We all had a great feast at a restaurant near Campbell, NY called Champs. The lunch choices were BBQ chicken or BBQ ribs and many choices of side dishes. Wine, beer and soft drinks were also available. There was much raving about the food, which made the owner and servers very happy, not to mention Jim and Dawn. In a follow-up message from the owner, he indicated "the waitresses said this group was the best bunch they had ever served!" Finding good eats on a MGCC event is always a good thing!

Following our dinner we headed back to Canandaigua. With still almost two hours of touring left, we cruised past the lakes of Lamoka and Waneta. We managed to avoid Dundee and Penn Yan and the west edge of Geneva. We arrived at Wegmans in Canandaigua around 4 o'clock to many thanks for our tour.

Jim and Dawn Priestley

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## Meet the Board from page 12

getting to know many other club members plus I got to work with a great set of board members.

Since 1982 I've been self-employed running a small computer programming and Internet Company. After joining the club of course I asked where the web site was? There wasn't a web site so I grabbed the name MGCARCLUB.COM and off we went. It is now an extremely active site - especially the cars and parts for sale. We get many visitors from all over the world. Another part is our private email list - it has become one of our clubs main communications methods. (I sometimes am able to sneak in totally selfish ad's about where one of my bands is playing.) We also offer free email accounts to club members.

Onto cars - I've got a couple, well I guess a few. I had a Triumph Spitfire and a Sunbeam when I was younger. When I later got the urge to get another sports car Barbara and I looked around and found a TR7 that needed a bit of work. It wasn't in terrible shape but need quite a bit of help. I fixed the engine and Barbara totally stripped it completely down to the metal. We put it all together and had a great paint job applied. Once it was done we drove it for about one month and came to the conclusion it was an under-powered hot box and neither of us liked it. Back to the swap sheet it went.

One of my early cars was a Sunbeam Alpine - so I thought a Sunbeam Tiger would be a good choice. While searching for one I ran across an ad for an "MGB V8 basket case". Sounded perfect. But it wasn't really a basket case because much of it was in boxes - and bags. I got it together after a few years

and love it. A 1975 B with a 1963 Oldsmobile V8. Immediately after joining the club I got a bad case of car envy - Bob Tescione's 445 Volvo was going to be my next car. Well, not his because there was no way he would part with it - I asked a few times. So the search was on. I found one on the then early internet - much to the owner's surprise. I called the phone number and he said it's great, come on over and take a look. That's when I told him I was in Rochester NY - he was in New Mexico. He didn't know his local paper was one of the early internet adopters that posted their ad's online. I bought it and had it delivered. I call it Volveeta - the previous owner's kids named it. I had it on the road for about 10 years and took it off two years ago. Right now it's on the rotisserie I built getting a rebuild with the current target to get it back on the road next year.

I was very pleased to be asked to be a Trustee for next year's board. The thoughts that I'll be keeping in mind as trustee:

The spirit of the club is not maintained with written rules - the spirit of the club is passed informally from member to member through articles in the Spokes and conversations at our various events and social gatherings.

The main goal of the club is to be a place to have fun, meet people and have a good time.



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<b>May</b>  3 Tune-up clinic 4 Garage Tasting Party 7 Board Meeting 10 Hammond sport Tour 15 MGCC Meeting 16-18 Carlisle Import & Kit	<b>June</b>  15-19 NAMGBR MG 2014 19 MGCC Meeting 22 Deer Crossing Rally	<b>July</b>  2 Board Meeting 13 Sports Car Festival 17 MGCC Meeting TBD Multi Club Picnic	<b>August</b>  10 UK Car Day 17 Windy Acres Tour 21 MGCC Meeting
<b>September</b>  3 Board Meeting 5-7 Watkins Glen 19-21 Brit Invasion Stowe 18 MGCC Meeting	<b>October</b>  16 MGCC Meeting 18 Fall Foliage Tour TBD Garage Tour	<b>November</b>  5 Board meeting 2 Yacht Club Brunch 20 MGCC Meeting	<b>December</b>  20 Holiday Party  No Meeting

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