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Chairman's Corner

Dave Chase

Hi,

Well I have some good news to report, my MGA coupe is back on the road and the A/C still works. It's been in my garage for five years. I have 13 days to get the bugs out and start my trip. I am joining the Suters and Schneiders on a trip to Ottawa for the NAMGAR get together. Mr. Baum will have the chair for the July meeting.

Many thanks to Paul Osborne for stepping up to take the position of Membership chairman. We're going to miss the Austins who are moving to North Carolina.

It looks like we will have a food truck for the August meeting. This is similar to what we did last year. That's about it for this month don't forget the car show on July 13.

Dave

MGBruce

Don McConnell

We have arrived at July. So far June supplied lots of time to enjoy top down driving, like the tour to Hammondsport. I hope all of you are enjoying those good days. July start an even better month. The two best things come together, food and showing your sports car. I mean cruse-in's. Pardon me while I day dream a little. OK that is enough.

You know there seems to be a lot of recalls in the auto industry lately. It doesn't seem to be just one particular company either. I find myself asking the question "Does any body care anymore?" Looking back to the cars of the 40's 50's & 60's you are left with the impression they cared. Well you can point out we get better news reports or the manufacturing process has changed to produce faster and more autos. The thought is get it out the door and charge lots of money. We talk about Lucas electric and its problems. That is minimal compared to air bags, key switches and sudden acceleration you get the point. I will take an older car with fewer problems. So let adapt a new slogan "Keep those Oldies running" What do you think?

Have a good July. See ya at the next meeting.

Happy Top Down

Don



Activities

By Mike & Sue Harrison

June was a busy month with members racing in Indianapolis, attending the Williamsville EuroCar Day, the car show in Manchester, and various cruise nights. We joined others June 22 in the Rush-Mendon area and took Third place in the GRTTC Deer Crossing Rally.

Our Sports Car Festival at the Elks Lodge on July 13 is the main activity for this month. Be sure to attend if you are not already planning to be working the event that day.

Those interested in driving to Canada for the July 27 Multi-Club Picnic at Queenston Heights Park should get in touch with Leon Zak.

Join other sports car fans on August 10 at Genesee Valley Park for the UK CAR DAY event hosted by the GRTTC.

Dave and Barb Wild are hosting a tour to a surprise location for dinner on Sunday, August 17. See notice elsewhere in this issue for details.

Mark your calendars for the Vintage Race Weekend in Watkins Glen September 5-7 and for the Fall Tour hosted by Jim and Dawn Priestley on October 18.

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Thursday – Sunday August 14-17, 2014

MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Doris Britt

June 19, 2014

Dave Chase opened the meeting at 7:43.

Minutes from last meeting: Doug Scribner said that "Collier" Cup was misspelled. It will be corrected. Marlene Rzepkowski motioned to approve the minutes as corrected and Barbara Zak seconded the motion .

NEW MEMBERS: Kevin Rappenecker with a '73 MGB and Jim Nebinger with an MGTD who rejoins after

a long absence.

GUESTS: Elaine Czora who has some MG parts to sell.

BIRTHDAYS: Carl Prouty

ANNIVERSARIES: Betty and Gil Langswager, 62 years. Dick and Marlene Rzepkowski, 40 years, and Bruce and Cindy Austin.

ACTIVITIES:

REPORTS: Dick Rzepkowski reports that Ted Hershey took 4th place in Indianapolis.

June 8. Euro-Car Day in Williamsville. Dick Powers tells us about it. The group had breakfast in Batavia on the way. There were 150 cars in the event. Winners were: Bob Abels with a Jensen Healey, Roger Gunther with an MGA, Dick Powers with an Alfa Bill Baldwin with a Turner.

June 22. Deer Crossing Rally: George Haynes gave us a heads up about this event. It is put on by the Triumph Club and we are all invited to attend. It sounds like a fun outing.

July 13. Sport Car Festival: Our big event of the year. Everyone should take some flyers about it and pass them around wherever appropriate. July 2

July 27. Qweenston Heights Park picnic (in Canada). Leon Zak tells a bit about this event put on by the MG Multi-Club. It was mentioned that there can be some problems with customs on the return trip.

Aug. 17, Barb Wild's tour and lunch. Starting at Windy Acres Antique Shop 2518 Huber Rd. in Fairport. Appetizers will be served there and then there will be a short tour to the Victor area for lunch. Prices range from \$11 to \$22 for the meal.

Sept.5-7 Watkins Glen. MG is the feature car this year. Many VIP's will be present

Gil Langswager reported on his trip to the Manchester show where Betty Langswager won a prize for her tailgate display.

Leon Zak announced a meeting at the Elks Club next Wednesday at 7 PM to go over plans for the car show.

Art Salo told us about some good cruise-in locations and also where to get 91 octane, non-ethanol fuel. Gil Langswager said that Newcombs gas station in Pitsford also sold non-ethanol gas.

Sue Harrison hoped many of us are planning to take part in the activities at Watkins Glen Sept 5-7. Special guests will be attending our Saturday night party at the Log Cabin: Dick Lunney, editor of Classic MG magazine and Robert Goldman, president of Moss Motors. There will also be a representative from the MG United Kingdom and we are looking forward to seeing Louie Le Brun there. Louie is a former MG dealer from Waterloo and will be speaking at our club meeting here in July.

TREASURY REPORT: Rob Shrader gave us a report on our balance which is healthy.

MEMBERSHIP: Bruce Austin said our membership is at 153 and we have 270 members.

REGALIA: Doug Scribner reduced the price on the calendars that are left and showed other items for sale.

UK LIAISON: George Herschell said there was nothing to report.

WEBSITE: Leon Zak said that we were running 10,000 hits.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing

NEW BUSINESS: Bruce and Cindy Austin are leaving the area in August and moving to the south. We will miss them a lot but wish them well. Dave Chase asked for volunteers to take over the membership duties that they have handled so well.

A committee has been formed to make new members and guests feel comfortable. It is called the OUT-REACH COMMITTEE and consists of John Baum, Art Salo and Paul Brown.

John Baum put an ad in the Pennysaver encouraging people to check out our club by going to the website and by attending meetings. He reported substantial hits on the site.

MGCC Minutes of the Meeting Cont

By Doris Britt

Our wonderful speaker tonight was Doug Scribner who gave a very amusing and interesting talk about the Cannonball Run, a 49 hour car race from New York to Los Angeles. He cites the trials and tribulations encountered along the way but made us all wish we had been present along side of him!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM

If you need Help , Dan Goodwin and Hollis Hames are coordinating a "Helpline" for members in need of assistance with car projects. Volunteers are asked to contact them with information on availability and areas of expertise. Dan and Hollis will try to match frustrated mechanics to one or more members from the pool of those with experience

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Meeting Attendance

June 19, 2014

Betty Langswager	Carl Prouty	Bill Baldwin
Gil Langswager	George Haynes	Julie Bair
Roger Gunther	Kevin Ruppenecker	Nick A Kez
Valerie Zoltner	Doris Britt	Leon Zak
John Zoltner	Art Salo	Barbara Zak
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Hollis Hames	Dave Wild	David Schantz
Nick D'Aloisio	Cindy Austin	
Virginia D'Aloisio	Bruce Austin	
Gene Faust	David Leete	Guest
Anne Faust	Ginny Fowler	Elaine Czora
Bob Abels	John Fowler	
Georgian Abels	Cheryl Baldwin	

MGCC Member Performs At The XRIJF

By Dick Powers

Our own **Suzie Keppler** performed at this year's Xerox Rochester International Jazz Fest. Many of you may know Suzie is a very accomplished Bag Pipe player, but that wasn't her instrument of choice. For the XRIJF, she played the Ukulele as part of the 9 piece, Rochester Ukulele Orchestra. Actually Suzie plays two types of ukuleles (there are many types) a banjo style and regular one depending on the arrangement.



RUO did feature numbers too. Not sure if the RUO has a CD, but they should. The RUO doesn't do many gigs, but if you hear of one, Don't Miss It!



The performance was at Bernunzio's Uptown Music on East Ave. near Jazz Street and the RUO played to a *standing room only* 100+ audience who enjoyed every note of their varied and swinging repertoire. Suzie played very "tasty" banjo ukulele solos on *Sweet Georgia Brown* and *I Got Rhythm*, while others in the

Deer Crossing Rally

By George Haynes

Picture a beautiful Sunday morning, temperature just right with the sunshine beaming down. Lots of cute little cars running around the back roads of Monroe and Livingston counties. They stop and go as the drivers and navigators read signs and look for hydrants, mailboxes and deer crossing signs. In a way it's like a child's game of seek and find but it must be a grown up version if cars are involved. Haven't we all wish to be a child again? Just one more time? We can and we do just that on an innovative run such as the Deer Crossing Rally held on Sunday, June 22. This rally had the flavor of some of the old time runs of long ago, testing our sense of logic and direction. Not really a 'hard clue' rally but one which kept you on your toes mentally. As usual, the route favored roads less trav-

eled and views seldom seen in our current expressway modes. Timing was not a factor and thus a sense of relaxation accompanied the fun of the run. Ending at Mendon Ponds for a picnic was a real plus and everyone seemed to enjoy the camaraderie of an outdoor meal together after the drive. I think that more of the same would be a positive move for our club. Winners were:

1st: Joe and Joeanna DeBlaere
2nd: Andy Paris and son Evin
3rd: Mike and Sue Harrison
POR: Doris Britt and Ruth Rutty

The Deer Crossing Rally was sponsored by the Triumph Club and laid out by George Haynes.

April Basket Auction

Photos By Leon Zak

Pardon the editor as he has forgot these They are the winners of the baskets during our April Basket auction



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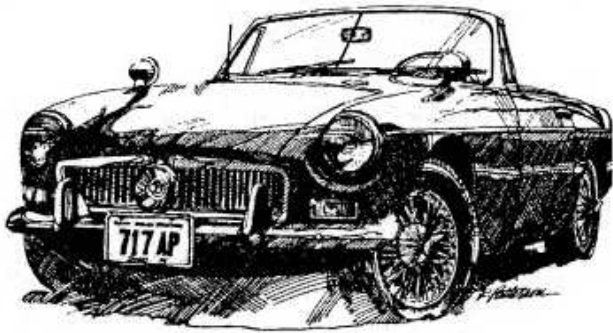
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My Cars 5 / 4WD and Sporty Cars

By Allyn Wagner

Believe it or not, they do go together. In 1991, Phyllis decided she wanted get a new car to replace the big Cutlass Supreme that she had been driving around.

She always liked the Camaro/Firebird but could not quite handle heavy clutch and 4 speed. This was going to be her car so she ordered a Teal Camaro with T tops and an automatic transmission. I still had the Taurus so we had a winter car making sure the Camaro could be used only in the summer. I learned from the Firebird in Vermont that wide tires and snow don't mix.

This plan worked for several years until we both had to change jobs and could no longer ride share. Around this time the Taurus decided to have the heater develop some leaks that "Barsleaks" couldn't fix. It was going to cost me \$700 to replace the heater in a \$1300 rusting old car. That fact made the decision about getting a new car easy.

Some years earlier I had gotten a ride through the woods in Vermont in a Land Rover so I thought that would make the perfect transition away from company station wagons. When I researched the price and delivery time, I found that a Jeep Wrangler would be more in my price range. On a cold February night, I negotiated with a dealer to take my Taurus in trade for the price of sales tax on the Jeep. The Jeep was noisy and rough but I loved every one of the 165,000 miles that I put on that car. I would take the top and doors off in May and not put them back on until October. Just the right car for a sedate grandfather in his sixties!



Phyllis and I again were running into situations where a second car was needed in the winter time. After driving several of the current front wheel drive cars, she really didn't like how they drove. At that point she

started looking at a Jeep for herself but this time it had to be a closed vehicle **and** have an automatic transmission. She liked the Wrangler but could not reach the pedals to drive it. Jeep had just come out with the replacement for the Cherokee so she tried it out and liked it. Her Camaro was traded on the new Liberty.



Now we were the owners of two 4WD vehicles (and the 3 MG's that have been in the garage all along).

This status continued on until I retired and we started thinking about how we wanted to spend the more leisure time we found ourselves with. Through the years, we always wanted another convertible (I know, I know the top went down on the Wrangler). This time we wanted one where you just had to turn a handle and push a button to operate the top. The Jeep usually took 5 to 10 minutes to transition the top. I had promised Phyllis a new convertible for her 62nd birthday but there wasn't anything in our price range that she liked. Chevrolet finally came out with the soft top version of their new Camaro. It still



wasn't in our price range but sometimes you just have to adapt.

This is strictly a summer car even though it has ABS and traction control. Through the past two summers, we have made a tour of New England and a much longer 20 state tour of the United States. Even with over 100,000 miles on it, the Liberty is running great so we still have a winter car for that portion of the year when the Camaro is hibernating.

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Letter from Rhonda

By Rhonda Rizzo

Dear friends,

It's not possible for me to adequately thank the club in general or to personally thank everyone individually for the love and support Tim and I received during his illness and that I continue to receive. There are simply too many things people did and too many people to thank. Then my memory is so foggy because Tim's condition progressed so quickly I am afraid I will forget something or someone important. So please accept this letter as a thank you to each and every one of you.

It was truly an overwhelming expression of friendship that so many of you came to the funeral home to say farewell to Tim and to share your expression of sympathy with me. I say share, because we are **ALL** grieving because Tim was taken from us way too soon.

Unfortunately, because of the storm many of you were unable to attend Tim's celebration of life service. What you may not know is that I almost didn't make it. My family and friends from out of town did not tell me their cars lacked snow tires until we were half way up the 2nd hill when their cars just wouldn't make it over the hill. Thankfully a gentleman with a truck **PULLED** us over the hill with a tow strap. Then half the people who were supposed to speak canceled. Lifelong friends Tony and family got half way to the funeral home, mistakenly heard that the service was canceled and went back home only to have to start out again to be there. If you didn't know before, let me tell you now that **EVERY** time Tim is out of town we have a MAJOR weather emergency.....did he or didn't he have the last laugh on us???????

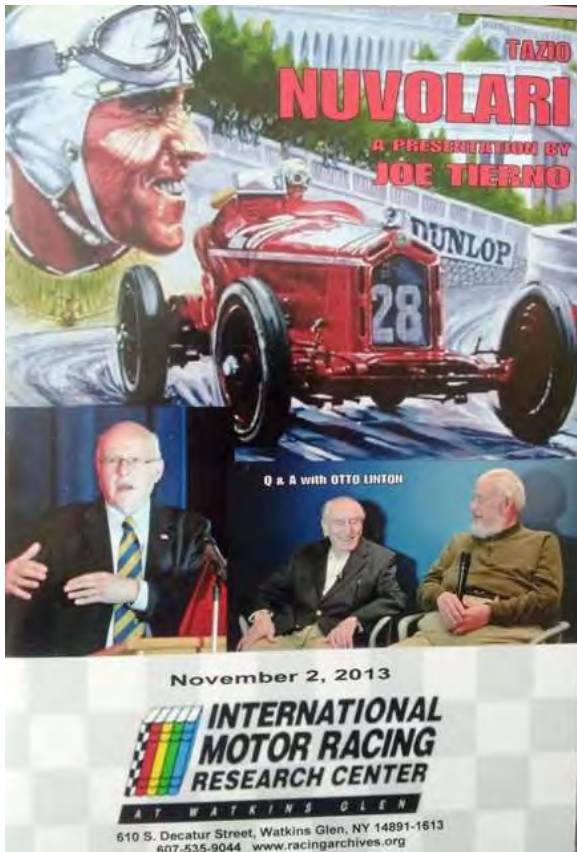
In the days since losing Tim the love and fellowship continues for me. People continue to phone, e-mail and visit. The reoccurring question is, are you OK? My reply has been, I think I am doing OK. I am sleeping and eating well, I often go out with friends and family, I took a much needed vacation to Maine, I am using my nervous energy to reclaim the yard and it's responding to the TLC and I have started to participate in car events.

Enjoy the attached biography of Tim's lifelong love affair with vehicles. I could think of no better way for us all to remember Tim than through our mutual love affair with vehicles. Motor on Tim.....and there better be racing in heaven or Tim will be **VERY** disappointed!!!!

Love and thanks to each and every one of you.
Rhonda

Tazio Nuvolari DVD

By Joe Terno



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Thank you, Joe Terno

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Dear Friends and Family, Great news! The DVD of the presentation I made about Tazio Nuvolari is now available through the International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC). This video is the result of three years of research and hundreds of hours of work. There are rarely seen video clips and photographs that will make this video one you will want to watch over and over again. Contained in the first two DVDs is a comprehensive look at Nuvolari's life and the times in which he lived. You will learn of great friendships and personal loss as well as magnificent triumphs. You will also hear from Otto Linton, the legendary racer who has more first-hand knowledge about auto racing than anyone I know. He is believed to be the last of the drivers who raced through the streets in 1948. His stories are endless, and when he speaks, you are hearing from someone who made the history we can only read about. There is a third Bonus DVD that you will most certainly enjoy. It contains video clips of very rare films. Some are without sound, so appropriate music has been added. Also included are many outstanding family photos taken by Nuvolari. Some of this media could not be included in the presentation because of time, so they are presented here for your enjoyment. The

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