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Chairman's Corner

John Baum

I have been a club member for almost 20 years, and have been reading Spokes for that entire time, however I think there is something missing. We should have a "Member Spotlight" published in Spokes on a regular basis. Don McConnell does a great job editing Spokes but he is the editor, not the reporter nor writer. He includes what we send him so for this to happen our members' need to get involved.

With a "Member Spotlight" members can introduce themselves to the club by sharing personal stories. Topics might include when members became involved with the hobby, joined the club, or the experiences members have with their car or cars. If we all shared more of this personal information it would allow everyone to get to know each other a little better. This is a great way for newer members to get acquainted with the more senior members and vice versa. The benefits of this are many. The more we share the more we get. For those of us that are somewhat shy at gatherings, having a small article about you in Spokes is a great conversation starter to make you feel more comfortable. For the not-so-shy, this is a very easy way to share your story with the larger group.

It is natural when gathering as a group to converse more with the people we know the most. By being involved with the "Member Spotlight" we will all get to know each other a little better.

When elected chairman for this year, I and the other board members, each wrote a short biography for Spokes so that everyone could get more acquainted with us. This was a start but now it is up to the rest of the club members to keep it going.

John

MGBruce

Don McConell

Driving season is well underway. There are cruse nights and club events to attend using your vintage British Car. Tours to distant places are also a part of club events. They require lots of time in the drivers seat or even the passengers (navigators) seat for that mater. With all that time driving, your mind has a tendency to wander. I would like to take time to remind all drivers to please pay attention espically to the other drivers on the road. From what I've have seen these days thoes other drivers are not paying attention. Makes me wonder how they got that lisence. I could tell you a couple of stories of other drivers not paying attention. It makes me wonder, why do I drive???

The phrase we are all familiar with is "Safety Fast". I think there is great meaning in those words. First is "SAFETY" meaning drive with no accidents or injuries. "FAST" Drive at a reasonable speed to have fun but not be a danger to others.

Please enjoy your driving season and remember "SAFETY FAST"

See all at the next meeting. Happy Top Down

Don

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Fri/Sat/Sun, August 7/8/9, 2015
The summer party is EARLY this year!
For further details see Universitymotorsltd.com

Activities

By Mike & Sue Harrison

Thanks to Hollis Hames and Leon Zak for organizing the May 2 Tune up clinic at Edison Tech. About 25 members were there to work on their cars or lend a helping hand and advice.

Thanks to Dick Powers and Laurie Scribner for a successful Swing Into Spring in Fairport the next day. It was good to see over 50 members and lots of British cars out for the gathering.

Thanks to Doug Scribner, Jeff Kath and Mike Robinson for planning the Tour to Hammondsport on May 9. Over 30 enjoyed lunch at Bully Hill and over 20 stayed for dinner in Hammondsport.

Thanks to the Langswagers for hosting the Tasting party on the 31.

Coming up in JUNE:

Saturday, June 13 is the car club picnic at John and Ginny Fowlers, 6672 Ann Lee Drive, North Rose on the shore of Sodus Bay. See all the details on another page. Deadline to RSVP is June 1.

Notify Dick Powers if you would like to attend a dinner on June 7 at Bazils with Dick Lunney of Classic MG magazine who joined us at Watkiins Glen this past September. He is on his way to NAMGBR gathering in Niagara Falls.

Also note the June 15 deadline in SPOKES for contacting Karen Salisbury if you wish a room at Seneca Lodge for the September Grand Prix Festival. At last count, she had 7 rooms available, but the Log Cabin is not and we will <u>not</u> be holding a party for club members that weekend.

June 28, instead of the 21st, is the date for the Triumph Club's All British Car Rallye. See details elsewhere in this issue.

Looking ahead to JULY, our own Sports Car Festival will be held on the 12th at the same location as last year and the Vintage Car Races at Watkins Glen will be held the 23-26.

If you have ideas for an activity for the club, please contact us as we always welcome your participation.

MGCC MEMBERS

**** GRAND PRIX FESTIVAL September 11-13, 2015****

Seneca Lodge Room Reservations

Please submit your name for 2015 Seneca Lodge requests by June 15, 2015

Please contact me either by email or in writing at the addresses listed below. Please indicate any room preference (room or cabin #, double or queen bed and whether you would be willing to consider staying in the Log Cabin as a shared residence with other couples.)

Please include your name, address, phone and email. I will contact all members who requested a room following the drawing.

Seneca Lodge is a <u>3-night minimum</u>; prices vary by rooms and cabin units.

E-mail: karenscrows@hughes.net Karen Salisbury P.O. Box 37 Grindstone Island Clayton, NY 13624

MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Sharon Zinser

MEMBER MEETING, 05/21/15

Chairman John Baum opened the meeting at 7:37pm.

The minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting were accepted by Gil Langswager and seconded by Sue Harrison.

NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS: Jon Richter Jake Barnard

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

John and Chris Baum – 40 years Bob Abels – 54 years Bill & Cheryl Baldwin – 50 years on May 29th Sharon Zinser's Birthday

REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES - Sue Harrison

- Saturday, May 2nd Tune-up Clinic at Edison Tech 25 members attended
- Sunday, May 3rd Swing into Spring Over 50 members attended
- Saturday, May 9th Tour to Hammondsport – 30 for dinner at Bully Hill
- Sunday, May 31st Tasting Party at Gil & Betty Langswager's from 2pm – 5pm – Theme is bring your best or worst joke with prizes awarded.
- Sunday, June 7th dinner with Dick Lunney of Classic MG Magazine Dick Powers is coordinating.
- Saturday, June 13th Picnic at the Sodus Bay home of John & Ginny Fowler – photo op by the water
- Monday, June 15th deadline to reserve a room at Seneca Lodge for the September Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival – see Karen Salisbury.
- Sunday, June 29th Rally with dinner look for info in Spokes
- Cruise Nights Carl Prouty mentioned the Burgundy Basin cruise-in starts Tuesday, May 26th. Rod Rodman announced that on June 28th there will be a cruise-in at the Canandaigua Wegmans and a flyer was

circulated for a Hidden Valley Animal Adventure cruise night.

TREASURY: Mike Goodwin was traveling so absent.

John Baum stated that finances are in good shape.

MEMBERSHIP: Paul Osborne

16 members responded to the postcard reminders about past due fees. 45 were mailed. Apologies to anyone who received one after payment was made.

REGALIA: Doug Scribner

Clothing was back with a 10% spring sale discount. 15oz mugs are \$5.00 and there are magnets and badges for sale as well.

SPOKES: Don McConnell, Editor – Absent
John Baum mentioned the deadline for the
June Spokes is May 28th. The Spokes
mailing list was updated and some members will receive more than one copy since
it's to our cost advantage to mail 200 copies. John suggested that newcomers and
visitors to tonight's meeting send their
thoughts and impressions in a write-up to
Don McConnell for inclusion in Spokes.

ENGLAND: George Herschell – Dues are paid.

LIBRARY: AI Costich - No Report

WEBSITE: Leon Zak – No complaints except that Paul Douville pointed out that the address for the monthly member meeting was wrong on the website. Leon has now corrected it.

CAR SHOW: Leon Zak

Registration is now open on the MGCC website. Register by July 8th and it's \$10, after July 8th it goes up to \$20. There are flyers available to pass out at cruise-ins and other locations but don't do it at Wegmans. Also available are the car show booklet advertising rates and a list of awards. John Baum asked that all members participate in the show and help get the word out.

WATKINS GLEN: Dave Wild

The September weekend festival will include a 25 car concourse on Friday with a full turnout of cars. This cavalcade will replace the tour of race cars that typically takes place for this year only. On Saturday Oscar Kovaleski is planning a reunion of ex-racers at the research center and there will be tours. Sunday will include selected tours and the theater will be showing racing films all weekend.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>: Al Fink let the Club know that British Auto has purchased a \$65 ad this year. He wondered why there is no longer the option for a 1/8th page ad. Suggestion was that he talk with Don McConnell as there may be formatting issues that now prevents the use of that size.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Chase suggested the Club might want to run an ad in the Penny Saver (\$30 - \$40) at this time of year (the start of the driving season) letting people with classic sports cars know about the Club and encourage new members. Tough to know if this was a successful way of soliciting new members when done in the past. John Baum suggested maybe it should run in the Auto Trader instead. Tony Makepeace feels we should stay away from the term "antique" and instead say the Club is open to those interested in domestic and foreign-built sports cars. Jim Priestley proposed the Club offer a discounted membership fee to anyone advertising in the car show booklet.

John Baum asked if there was interest in having Mr. B's food cart outside before the August meeting and a show of hands said there was much interest.

John Baum asked the Club for suggestions for speakers at future meetings – could be members or non-members alike. See Rod Rodman if you have anyone in mind.

PROJECTS/TRIPS: Mike and Sue Harrison's MGB is back on the road. Thanks to Doug Scribner for sourcing parts and John Hasman and Mike Fowler for their assistance. Leon Zak has a friend with a fiberglass Gatsby with an MG Midget interior looking for someone who can restore the interior. Annabelle Tescione will put a message in Spokes that the Volvo Club is sponsoring the Euro Car Show on June 20th in Ithaca.

CARS/PARTS FOR SALE: John Thompson mentioned that a Street Rod member is selling a 1977 MGB for parts - \$250. There is also a 1979 MGB – 22,000 miles, original owner. Sharon Zinser (585-350-9773) has four 14 inch OE MG wheels free to a good home as three are bent and will need work.

Adjournment was at 8:34 pm

Collector Car Appreciation Day (CCAD) will be celebrated this year on July 10, 2015. At the request of the SEMA Action Network (SAN), this "holiday" has been marked each year since 2010 by a U.S. Senate Resolution recognizing that the "collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States." As in years past, a wide range of automotive events will be held to commemorate the occasion. As this annual event continues to grow worldwide, states, provinces, counties and cities are following suit with their own recognition. SEMA encourages participation throughout the month of July to honor the classics of the past and the future.

Meeting Attendance

May 21, 2015

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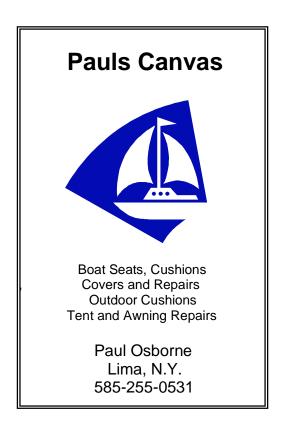
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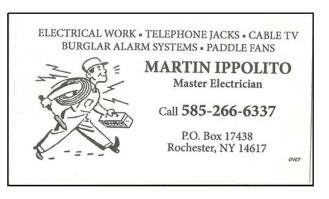
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Val Zoltner







January 1, 2015

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GIL & GEORGE PARTNERS IN GRIME 4 KEN STICKLE'S AUSTIN-HEALEY 100/6 GEORGE HAYNES

At the completion of DeBlaere's MG-TD, Gil and I be required and it was still a 100/6, the least-valuwere looking for another project. No one had approached us and we didn't know whether we were out of business or not. We had restored three T-Series MG's and didn't know of others needing our services. Had we run out of candidates?

Ken Stickle and I had met at Xerox in the mid 1960's. He moved on, while I stayed for another thirty years. Our paths crossed occasionally, and one of those times Ken told me about a 1958 Austin-Healey 100/6 he had stored in his garage for about fifteen years. He always wanted to drive the car again. Following some advice he had been given, he had taken the Healey to Mark Voelckers at British Auto, to get it repaired enough to drive. Mark had fixed the wiring, brakes and other mechanical considerations, so it was almost ready to inspect and drive. The car still had original 48-spoke wire wheels and skinny bias-ply tires on it. We bought 5.5 inch 72-spoke Triumph TR6 wire wheels and fitted new 195/65R15 tires. They looked great on the Big Healey. Ken drove it to my house one nice October day. It was painted brown and cream and looked good. Like most big Healeys, it sounded good, too! We had never worked on a Big Healey before but had our friend Ron Jones to rely on for advice and information. Ron had bought his 1967 Healey new, still owned it, and and knew the car inside and out. He was to become a valuable resource before we were done.

With the car in my driveway, we removed the license plates, Ken took them home, and we begin unbolting.

We had not done much disassembly before determining the ugly truth. The left rear fender had one inch of Bondo in it. The rear shroud - the panel surrounding the trunk lid - was held together with thin aluminum and a bunch of pop rivets. all covered with more Bondo. The trunk floor and all the passenger floorboards were rotted and similarly patched.

No lie, the bottom six inches of this car was rotted and had been patched. Poorly. The gas tank was covered with epoxy resin. We wondered if this car was worth saving, as a lot of work would

able of the Big Healey models. At least it was a two-seat model, justifiably considered the betterproportioned and more desirable version. Ken thought it was worth it, and we proceeded. Leaving the car on it's wheels, we stripped out the engine and gearbox and everything that would come off.

Gil and I can weld but didn't think we were capable of doing all the welding required and be assured that everything would align and bolt up properly in the end. Many a naive body man had gotten in over his head with a Big Healey and found fenders and doors didn't fit properly, if at all. We were skeptical, but Ken found a local shop that could blast the body free of rust and weld in all the new sheet metal. A reasonable price was agreed upon by Ken and Chuck, the proprietor.

Ken paid the whole amount up front. At my discounted prices, I purchased over a thousand dollars' worth of fender patch panels, door bottoms, A and B pillars, passenger floorboards, trunk floor, etc. The entire bottom six inches was being replaced! Soon blasting was completed and welding began.

Meanwhile, word was getting around that the shop owner was falling on hard times. Work on the Healey stopped. His painter quit. Some media blasting work on a customer's Corvette was done poorly and Chuck was being sued for it. He was behind on the rent. RG&E shut the power off. The fate of Ken's Healey was unclear and there wasn't much we could do about it. Everyone had a bad feeling.

One early Spring evening, I drove to the shop about dark and discovered Ken's car being loaded onto a U-Haul truck! It's a good thing I showed up when I did! Embarrassed, Chuck said he was closing his shop and taking the car to a shop on Lake Avenue in Rochester, where he would work on it when he wasn't driving school bus for Webster. The shop was one of those that did wild lowering and customizing on modern cars. Tony was the guru there and he turned out to be as helpful as he was talented.

After a week or so, I visited Tony and asked about the Healey. It was there alright, but Tony said Chuck had come by only once to work on it. I explained the situation and said I would drop by again to check progress. Tony was doing Chuck a favor and not charging any rent - and he probably wouldn't have received any if he had. On the third visit, I brought my tow dolly and towed the Healey to my house. Fine, we had the car back, but Ken was out his money and very little welding had been done so far. Some minor damage was done when Chuck moved the car on the U-Haul truck.

I called our favorite painter for a consultation. Paul Winslow had painted several cars for me and two for the "Partners."

He had a friend who was very capable of doing the welding. When it was complete, Paul would paint the car for us. I trusted Paul. The price quoted was reasonable and we might be out of a serious jam. Ken agreed. Whew! We towed the very sad Healey to Paul's shop in Williamson.

Meanwhile, Gil and I worked on the engine and running gear. Mark Voelckers had mentioned very low oil pressure and suggested we look for a cause. First thing was to remove the rocker cover and oil pan. The pan was so caved in that pounding out the dents probably added a couple quarts of capacity to it. Main and rod bearings were all at .040" undersize, meaning no more could be removed from the crank. It ran OK, but the engine was as worn as the body!

Doing the job right meant finding a new crankshaft and a complete rebuild. With the previous setbacks, the money didn't seem to be there. We fitted new 040" rod bearings. All the rocker arms were sloppy on their shaft, so a new shaft and rocker bushings were fitted. We hoped our upgrades would improve the oil pressure and buttoned it back up.

Ugly as the gas tank was, it didn't leak and we chose not to spend any more effort or money to make it better.

We just painted it black.

Tim the welder did a great job putting the Healey back together, basically saving a car which may not have been worth saving. Paul had achieved nice, even door gaps. It was nearly ready for paint when I told Paul to stop, as I wanted to take the car home first. I had heard nasty rumors about Big Healeys sagging when the 750 pounds of engine and overdrive gearbox were dropped into the chassis. Our friend Ron said they even sagged a little from new! It's a pretty big chunk of driveline to drop through the small hood opening, but it went in and settled down onto its mounts. Suspicions confirmed: the doors wouldn't even begin to close! Crap!

Engine out again and Paul got it back. Tim the welder quoted another price to reinforce the insides of frame using 3/16" plate. No other game in town. Go for it.

With frame reinforcing done, I brought the car home and fitted the engine a second time. Success! Doors still fit nicely! Paul got it back for his painting expertise. The "new" Healey would be British Racing Green with a tan interior and top. The paint looked great!

Reassembly began, the fun part! It didn't take long to discover that the SU carbs had badly worn throttle shafts, the heater was AWOL and we needed quite a bit of chrome for this car. Rebuild the carbs; procure a heater; buy the chrome. Ca-ching! Ca-ching! The bill was going up.

No stopping now. Ron helped us assemble the interior. The instruments were functional, so they just got a cleaning.

Sidebar: The Healey's seats had been taken to a shop in Batavia for upholstering. One day I opened the D&C to the Obits and saw the name of the upholsterer. I cautiously called and asked if the Obit was my upholsterer. Sadly, it was. Jerry was only 58 and died quickly of a massive heart attack. His daughter suggested I come out to identify and retrieve my seats, which I did. With some persuading, my buddy "Stinky" agreed to complete the upholstery job for us. Another

bullet dodged! What I didn't realize at the time was that Jerry had a partner, MGCC's very own Paul Osborn. Paul worked part-time with Jerry but was now out of business, too. He helped the family close down Jerry's business.

The Grimy part was over, and "The Partners" carried on. Finding the mounting bracket for the front sway bar rotted through, we fabricated a replacement and called John Thompson to weld it in place. John's welder required 220 volts and we didn't have 220 volt service in the shop. I did, however, have a portable generator with a 220-volt output. The generator supplied the necessary current for John to weld the new bracket in place.

We saved the car! When completed, Ken's big Healey was beautiful in BRG and a cinnamon tan interior with a tan top. And like all early Healey's the new stainless exhaust sounded spectacular.

Not much of a mechanic, the car quit on Ken a couple times, and he never trusted the its reliability. The problems were minor, like those expected when a car is completely rebuilt, but Ken became discouraged and offered the Healey for sale. I don't know who bought it, but Ken passed away a couple years ago so we'll probably never know. It wasn't appeared locally so must have gone some distance away.

Following these wild experiences with a Big Healey, Gil and I swore we would never restore another one. At this stage, I might consider doing one but it would have to be in <u>much better</u> condition to start with. It was while Gil and I were working on this car that he had a quiet conversation with Marlene Rzepkowski. Gil can tell you about that in his next segme **nt**.



Photo by Doris Britt

Swing into Spring By Dick Powers

Our 12th annual Swing into Spring, at Mulconry's Irish Pub in Fairport, was another wonderful event. Fifty of our club members drove 24 sports cars on a day that was just about perfect. The food was very good and so was the service. Laurie Scribner worked closely with the new hostess at Mulconry's to insure we had more timely food service than in the past. All in all, the 12th Swing into Spring was the best one ever. Laurie Scribner and I want to thank all who were there for making this event the great success it was!





Hammondsport Tour Photo By Dick Powers















SUNDAY - JULY 12th - ALL NEW SPORTS CAR FESTIVAL 2015

Same great location as last year:

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All members are welcome to help the day of the show. The show opens at 9am so for setup we'll be getting there by 8am. We'll need people to help with parking, directing cars on the show field, setting up tents and more.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

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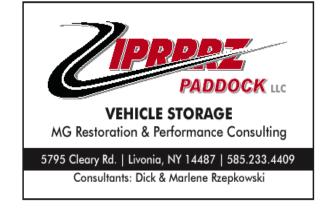


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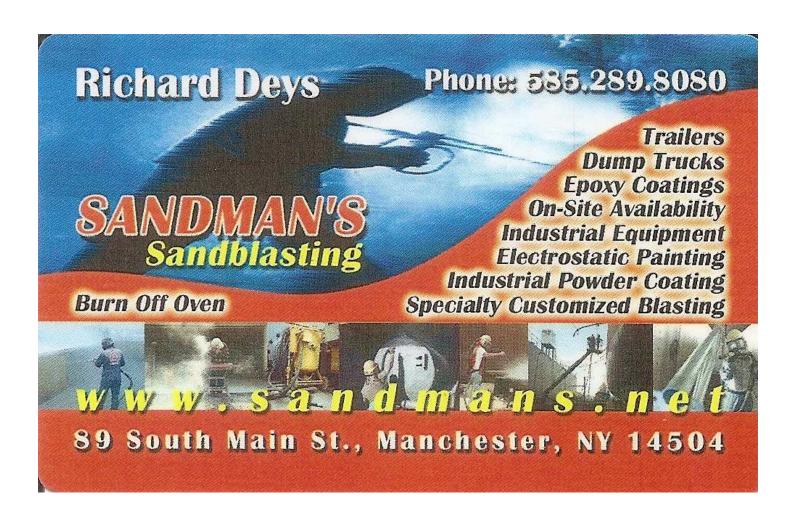
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