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MG Car Club Wine and Cheese Party and Valve Cover Racing aka Rocker Box Racing

Sunday February 5, 2017 1:00 P.M.

Location:

Bushman Cabin, Memorial Park

595 Calkins Road Rochester NY 14623

Bring hors d'oeuvres or desserts to pass; your own wine or beverage of choice and your own place setting. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided. Gravity is expected to be working well that day, so it's time to fine-tune your Rocker Racers or maybe build something new. Rocker Racing is fun to watch and even more fun to race. Come and join us. For more information contact: Ted Hershey (THershey@frontiernet.net) or 585-727-9000

Valve Cover Rules

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 to 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.



Al Wagner set to enjoy a drive no matter what the weather

Photo by Al Wagner

December 2016

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February

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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Full Moon MGCC Board Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 MGCC Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 New Moon	28
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Al Costich is looking for his MGB.

Photo by Al Costich

February

January						
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March						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Ground-hog Day	3	4
5 Valve Cover Races	6	7	8	9	10 Full Moon	11
12	13	14 Valentines Day	15	16 MGCC Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 New Moon	27	28				



Al Costich at Watkins Glen ready for racing but

Photo by Al Costich

February						
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April						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 MGCC Board Meeting	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Amelia Island Concours	11 Amelia Island Concours
12 Full Moon Daylight Savings Begins Amelia Island Concours	13	14	15	16 MGCC Meeting	17	18
19	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 New Moon	28	29	30	31	



Bob & Georgean Abels on their way to Swing into Spring

Photo by Bob Abels

March						
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May						
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April						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fools Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Full Moon	12	13	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter	17	18	19	20 MGCC Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26 New Moon	27	28	29
30						



Allen Hess found this shot in New Zealand

Photo by Allen Hess

April						
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May

June 2017						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 MGCC Board Meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10 Full Moon	11	12	13
14 Mothers Day	15	16	17	18 MGCC Meeting	19 Carlisle Import Nationals	20 Carlisle Import Nationals
21 Carlisle Import Nationals	22	23	24	25 New Moon	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			



Laurie Scribner's Wolseley catches some shade in the summertime."

Photo by Doug Scribner

May						
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July						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Full Moon	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15 MGCC Meeting	16	17
18 Fathers Day	19 NAMGAR GT42	20 NAMGAR GT42	21 Summer Begins NAMGAR GT42	22 NAMGAR GT42	23 New Moon NAMGAR GT42	24
25 NAMGBR MG 2017	26 NAMGBR MG 2017	27 NAMGBR MG 2017	28 NAMGBR MG 2017	29	30	



Gil & Betty enjoy a mid summer drive

Photo by Gil & Betty Langswager

June						
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August						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 MGCC Board Meeting	7	8
9 Full Moon	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 MGCC Meeting	21	22
23 New Moon	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Kristi & Buddy Briggs and Roger Gunther show what the driving season is about

Photo by the Briggs & Roger Gunther

July 2017						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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September						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Full Moon	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 MGCC Meeting	18	19
20	21 New Moon	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Dick Powers enjoys a warm fall drive

Photo by Dick Powers

August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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October						
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29	30	31				

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6 Full Moon	7 MGCC Board Meeting	8 Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival	9 Watkins Glen Vintage
10 Watkins Glen Vintage	11	12	13	14	15 British Invasion Stowe	16 British Invasion Stowe
17 Bronte Park British Invasion Stowe	18	19	20 New Moon	21 MGCC Meeting	22 Autum Begins	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Mike & Maggie Robinson take a tour

Photo by Mike Robinson

September						
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November						
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26	27	28	29	30		

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Hershey AACA Eastern	5 Full Moon Hershey AACA Eastern	6 Hershey AACA Eastern	7 Hershey AACA Eastern
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 New Moon MGCC Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				



John Baum's MGB enjoying a fall tour

Photo by John Baum

November

October

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December

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 MGCC Board Meeting	3	4 Full Moon
5 Daylight Saving Ends	6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16 MGCC Meeting	17	18 New Moon
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Al Fink celebrates the holiday

Photo by Al Fink

December

November

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January 2018

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Full Moon	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 New Moon	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31						



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12 Board Meeting 19 MGCC Meeting	5 Wine / Cheese & Valve Cover Racing 16 MGCC Meeting	2 Board Meeting TBD Steak Roast & Auction 16 MGCC Meeting	20 MGCC Meeting/ Basket Auction TBD Swing into Spring
May	June	July	August
TBA Tune-up clinic 4 Board Meeting 18 MGCC Meeting 19-21 Carlisle Import & Kit TBD Garage Tasting Party	15 MGCC Meeting 19-23 NAMGAR GT42 25-28 NAMGBR MG 2017	6 Board Meeting 20 MGCC Meeting TBD Multi Club Picnic TBD Sports Car Festival	17 MGCC Meeting TBD UK Car Day
September	October	November	December
7 Board Meeting 7-10 Grand Prix Festival Vintage Races 15-17 Brit Invasion Stowe 17 Bronte Park 21 MGCC Meeting	TBD Fall Foliage Tour 19 MGCC Meeting	2 Board meeting TBD Yacht Club Brunch 16 MGCC Meeting	Holiday Party No Meeting

Next Meeting
January 19 2017 7:30 PM
Knights of Columbus
70 Barrett Dr. Webster, New York



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