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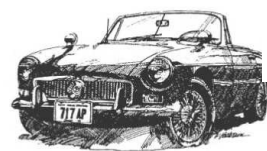
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## MG Bruce

By Don McConnell

As we come to an UNOFFICIAL end to summer. Most sports car drivers look ahead to those September and October trips to view the wonderful colors of fall. We should con- ceder our self fortunate to live in an areas where we have the change of seasons to enjoy.

I have made a little tweek to the Sunshine page . Instead of two months of Birthdays and Anniverserys I would just do one month. what you would see is the present month. In this case it is September. Please feel free to offer any com- ments you have about the change.

I hope everyone has seen the movie "The Art of Racing in The Rain" . My wife and I saw it the first night. We enjoyed it. Lots of clips from Formula 1.

Hope your September driving is fun . see you all at the September meeting.

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# MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Dan Suter

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August 15, 2019

The meeting started at 7:24 following the August picnic at the Legion, with opening comments by Chairman Ted Hershey. 40 club members and one guest were in attendance. The July meeting minutes were motioned, seconded, and accepted. Our guest at the August meeting was Tim Kunz, friend and neighbor of Hollis Hames. Also, brand new member Larry Willoughby attended as well. Welcome to both! A number of birthdays and anniversaries were shared by attending members.

**Treasury** – Leon Zak gave both the Car Show financial report as well as a detailed Treasurer's report with handout. The Car Show was a good success with primary sponsorship from Terry Tree service, as well as much free advertising from Big Dog country radio station.

Leon next moved to the detailed treasury report. He provided an overview of the proposed budget going forward, and how the move to shift to electronic distribution of Spokes will put us back in good financial order. A question was asked about adding the Spokes advertising income to the document which Leon will pursue.

Somehow the discussion wound around to needing a Spokes editor, so I will mention it here. Don McConnell has done a super job as editor for 10 years+, and the club really needs a volunteer to step up to this role. Please contact Don or Ted if interested.

**Activities** – here are upcoming events

- August 18 – Summer Safari –Mike and Susan Harrison described the planned driving tour which will be over by the time you read this.
- Watkins Glen – Dan Suter reported that all Seneca Lodge rooms had a cancellation but has since been filled....
- Sat October 12 – Mike and Maggie Robinson will lead the Fall Foliage Tour. It will feature a 9AM meet-up at the Legion and will end in Livonia and will include a pub stop.

**Membership:** Paul Osborne reported that we have 129 total members including Brudno members.

**Regalia:** Mike Robinson noted that he had coffee mugs, badges, pins, decals, and hats currently. Please contact Mike for any items that you need.

**Spokes:** Joe Bellizia started the Spokes discussion but commenting on what a high value publication Spokes is, based on his experiences in the marketing and advertising community. Don McConnell noted that **e-mail notification of Spokes being posted on the website –no longer will be mailed as hard copy—is underway**. It features a return to a (digital) 8.5"x11" format and will therefore have more space for articles and photos – items are due the Thursday following each monthly meeting. We are seeking a new editor, so please contact Don or Ted if interested.

**Watkins Glen:** Dave Wild reported that Triumph will be the featured marque for the downtown festival at Watkins Glen for the vintage festival, and that a special car will be on display at the motor racing research library.

**Librarian:** Al Costich indicated that there has been a return of a long-term loaned item – the book, "The Art of Racing in The Rain".

**Website:** Leon indicated all is running well with the website.

**Car Show:** Joe Bellizia gave the report. Joe thanked everyone for their hard work to plan and run the show. Joe indicated that additional sponsors have expressed interest for 2020; the club has reserved the Rush Fireman's pavilion and field again for next year as well.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none.

**Other topics:** Ted is seeking a volunteer to take over the running of the winter Valve Cover Races (and Wine and Cheese party). Ted and Nancy have coordinated this for a number of years.

**Projects, trips, and various member updates:**

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## Minutes Continued

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- Dick Rzepkowskishared that he and Marlene had a great time on their 29-day trip to see the National Parks.
- Ted shared about early tune-up and work on his 1929 Ford Model A pickup truck. Ted noted that it makes his TD seem luxurious by comparison....
- Al Costich is rewiring a 1967 XK-E coupe and shared some of the successes getting accessories working.
- Art Salo described the restoration progress on his Triumph TR3. He has purchased a restored TR3 chassis complete with Brembo brakes, ss exhaust, and additional parts.
- Dick Rzepkowski briefly described rolling his MG Midget vintage racer at a recent event. Dick has purchased the ex-Bill Glanville, ex-Tom Glanville racing MG Midget and will have it at Watkins Glen.
- Mike Robinson reported his TF will likely be painted before the end of August

**Cars and Parts for Sale:** I didn't capture any new cars or parts for sale.

Following door prizes and closing comments, the meeting was adjourned after exactly 1 hour, at 8:24PM.

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Dave Wild  
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Guest: Tim Kunz, friend of Hollis Hames



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# NAMGAR-GT44 MGVR Road America Vintage Races

By Dick Powers

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Last July 10-14, the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR), held its 44<sup>th</sup> annual national gathering in Dubuque, Iowa. GT- 44 was hosted by the Minnesota MG Vintage Racers. Given that MG racers hosted the GT, MGA race cars were featured at the event. Another thing the Minnesota racers did was to schedule GT- 44 the week before the MG Vintage Racers (MGVR) Focus Event at the Road America track near Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. For me, it was nice to have these 2 MG events back to back. Many of my MGA friends from the West were coming to GT- 44 and many of my racing friends were going to be at the MGVR Focus Event. I had raced "222" at the first MGVR Road America Focus Event in 2001, so I was looking forward to being back there with "222" and having Bethel enjoy the MGVR event and hospitality.

As you would expect, GT- 44 had many events including tours into the countryside. One was a ride to the **Field of Dreams** location used in the movie. It's about 40 miles from Dubuque, but the field is just as it was in the movie and touring the original house made for a wonderful afternoon.

The Guest of Honor for GT- 44 was famous international racer, **David Hobbs**. Hobbs and our own Tony Makepeace, are friends as they went to the same school in the UK. For this event, a local winery made special labels with MGs on them and one with Hobbs. We had a BBQ at the winery on Friday. MG race cars were featured and Hobbs was the guest speaker. He signed labels on wine bottles (Racing Riesling) and large posters similar to the labels. From my conversations with Hobbs, I found him to be very down to earth. That came through during his presentation at the BBQ (racing for Jag, in Formula 1, 5000 and at Le Mans, Sebring, Watkins Glen etc.).

Saturday was the car show held in a park adjacent to the Mississippi River. Over 100 cars were entered including some outstanding restorations. There was also an MGA that was used as a Police Car in the UK and 4 Magnette sedans. That night was the banquet and awards. Along with awards, we saw a lovely presentation about GT- 45. It will be in Colorado Springs and we are already making plans to be there and visit daughter Rachel and family too. I'm also planning to "borrow" Rachel's BGT for GT- 45.

GT- 44 was a wonderful event, but after our good-byes, it was time to head to Elkhart Lake, WI and Road America. We got there Sunday in time for dinner at Siebkens. Through the streets racing started at Elkhart Lake in 1951, 3 years after the first Glen race. Siebkens was the natural gathering place, like the Seneca Lodge is at WG, so had to go there.

We got "222" out of the trailer on Monday and had some nice Wisconsin back road rides. Tuesday we went to the Road America track as we wanted to sit in on special Kent Prather (6 time SCCA National Champion in an MGA) How-To-Drive Road America sessions. Kent even gave bus rides showing the correct line and in the afternoon any MG racer who paid \$100, got 3 lead-follow and feedback sessions to perfect their skill.

This was a major Vintage race called the "Hawk" with about 300 vintage cars there along with a Can-Am reunion event. About 30 MGs (Pre-War, T Series, MGA, B, C and Midgets) were racing. Bethel was on Chris Meyers MGA crew and I crewed for Dave Nicholas' very fast MGA called "Honey Bee". The all MG race was on Sunday and there was some good racing in the field, but Kent Prather, in his very highly modified SCCA MGA was first from the drop of the flag. Two MGBs finished behind him and Dave Nicholas was 4<sup>th</sup> and the first vintage MGA to cross the line.

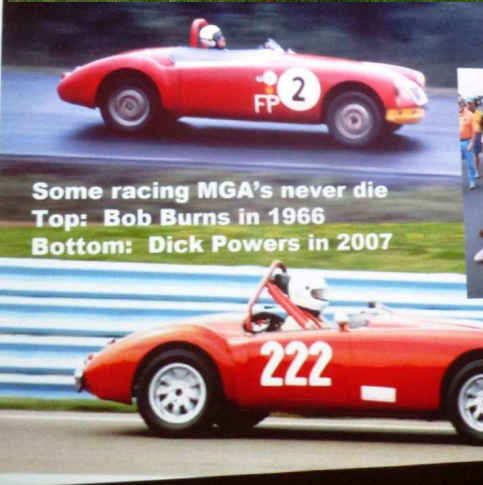
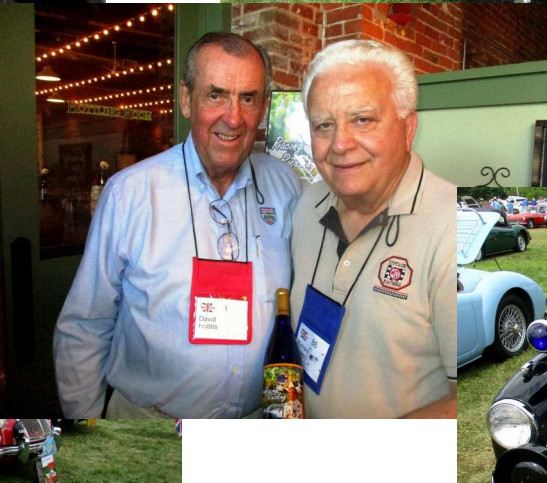
It was nice to be back at Road America again with "222" and the MGVR Focus Event was tops in every way. Along with all the good MG racing, we had great MGVR fun, food and camaraderie that is second to none. **Safety Fast**





# NAMGAR GT-44 Dubuque Iowa

Photo by Dick Powers





# Minnesota MG Vintage Racers

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# Summer Safari

Photos By Mike & Sue Harrison

After threatening rain we gathered for a fun ride in the sunshine. Deanna Hames was the winner of a safari hat.





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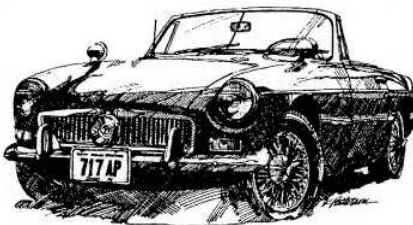
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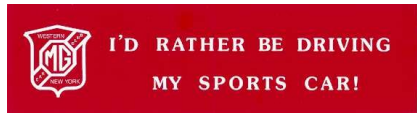
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### Mg Car Club Western NY Centre

Sticker, Black/Silver .....	\$1.50
50th Anniversary Sticker .....	\$1.50
MGCC Mug.....	\$5.00
Car Badge.....	\$20.00
Badge Clip .....	\$5.00
Patch embroidered .....	\$2.50
Key Fob, large leather.....	\$4.00
Pin, cloisonné.....	\$3.00
Dash Plaque, 40th Anniv.....	\$2.00
Sticker, front adhesive.....	\$1.50
Sign, magnetic (10").....	\$15.00
Bumper Sticker .....	\$1.00
Name Badge w/MG.....	\$20.00
Vehicle Log Book .....	\$5.00
Fire Extinguisher .....	\$15.00

50th Anniversary Badge ..... \$20.00  
 50th Anniversary Pin ..... \$3.00



Sticker      Car Badge  
 Patch

Also available is a wide selection of clothing items (shirts, jackets, ect.) embroidered with the club logo. Prices shown are for members only.

All items are available for purchase at our monthly Meeting, or delivery can be arranged.  
**Contact: Mike Robinson 585-748-9901**

## MG Car Club Western New York Center,INC Membership Application

Annual Family Membership Dues \$30

All Membership run Calendar Year Jan - Dec

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/ Friend \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

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## MG Car Club Western New York Centre -- Calendar of Events 2019

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<p>January</p> <p>10 Board Meeting 17 MGCC Meeting Robbie Burns</p>	<p>February</p> <p>10 Wine / Cheese &amp; Valve Cover Racing 21 MGCC Meeting</p>	<p>March</p> <p>14 Board Meeting 21 MGCC Meeting</p>	<p>April</p> <p>7 Steak Roast/ Auction 12-13 Kimber Festival 18 MGCC Meeting 28 Swing into Spring</p>
<p>May</p> <p>4 Tune-up clinic 9 Board Meeting 11-12 Hammondsport Tour 16 MGCC Meeting 17-19 Carlisle Import &amp; Kit Garage Tasting Party</p>	<p>June</p> <p>20 MGCC Meeting 23-26 NAMGBR MG 2019</p>	<p>July</p> <p>11 Board Meeting 10-14 NAMGAR GT44 18 MGCC Meeting 21 Sports Car Festival Multi Club Picnic</p>	<p>August</p> <p>11 UK Car Day 15 MGCC Meeting 18 Summer Safari</p>
<p>September</p> <p>6- 8 Grand Prix Festival / Vintage Races 12 Board meeting 13-15 Brit Invasion Stowe 15 Bronte Park 19 MGCC Meeting</p>	<p>October</p> <p>17 MGCC Meeting 12 Fall Foliage Tour</p>	<p>November</p> <p>14 Board meeting Club Brunch 17 Garage Tour 21 MGCC Meeting</p>	<p>December</p> <p>Holiday Party No Meeting</p>

Next Meeting  
September 19 7:30 PM  
American Legion  
360 Middle Rd  
Henrietta, N.Y. 14467