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MG's Corner

By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin

As I'm getting a tad further into my second year as *Spokes* editor, I'm finding the job gets a bit easier every month, though I'm finding each month presents a new challenge. That's a good thing, because the challenge I give myself each month is to find a way to keep our monthly publication fresh and interesting. On one hand, it can be nice if parts of the editing job are automatic each month – certain pages don't change much, or barely change at all. That makes the job easy. And for new material, settling into certain regular style formatting can simplify my job. We all take some comfort in familiarity (just look at the ages of our cars and how many years on average that we've owned them!), but too much comfort can mean we've come to a standstill. Many features of *Spokes* will stay around for a long time (and that's comforting), and it can be interesting to include occasional re-runs of articles or synopses of issues published years ago, but I find the most exciting bits to be the articles that are fresh and new. Thanks to the contributors who keep them coming!

Leon Zak has made digital copies of *Spokes* going back to 2002 available on the website, and on a day that's not suitable for driving, repairing, tweaking or polishing our MGs (because it's just too rainy, snowy, salty, cold, etc.), it can be interesting to go back years and see what was going on. Maybe some of you would like to peruse those old issues (or even older hard copies you might have collecting dust), and send me an article or two you'd like to see re-published.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue, and while we're in this time of year with such uncertain weather, I'm reminded of an adage I've heard a lot among lost-distance hikers (though I'm not so sure it applies to driving little sports cars with their tops off) – **There's no such thing as bad weather, just poor clothing choices!**

Tops up or down, good driving weather is coming!

Safety Fast! 🧑🏻🔧 

NAMGBR MG2021



Are any club members planning on going to MG2021 to be held in Atlantic City, NJ this June? Dates are June 14-17. Details can be found on NAMGBR's home page: <https://namgbr.org/>

Every 5 years all of the national North American MG Registers combine their annual events into a joint meet. The MMM Register, New England MGT Register, MGA, MGB, and MGC Registers and Midget group, and of course the Magnette group all participate.

I have been to a couple of the previous ones, most recently in Louisville in 2016, and they do an excellent job of hosting a fun event with tech sessions, car show, tours of local items of interest, themed dinners, and endless opportunities to walk around the parking lots and meet fellow MG owners.

We can organize a group drive down (on interesting roads) if there are others interested in going. It will probably be less than 7 hours, and around 420 miles each way.

Please contact me at dmesuter - at - [rochester.rr.com](mailto:dmesuter@rochester.rr.com).

Thanks,
Dan



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Chairman's Corner

By Bob Welch

As far as several members, including myself, are concerned sports car driving season has begun! I reach this conclusion after a couple of good, soaking rains to be sure salt residue has been erased from our roadways. Having said that, I haven't fired up my GT just yet. That will happen very soon.

Once again, we had a pretty good turnout on Zoom at the monthly meeting last week. I believe I counted about 24 members. Annabelle will no doubt have a more accurate tally in the minutes.

We have several good things to report. Foremost is our plan to resume monthly meetings at the Legion, on July 15th. This will be a welcome sign of progress as it will have been over a year since we attempted a meeting last summer. As mentioned before, Dan Suter will be planning a road trip, based upon old rally plans. This won't be a rally though — just a challenging drive. More motoring trips will be organized as the year progresses. Ted has confirmed our affiliation with NAMGBR is still active and we still have our liability insurance through them. Vintage races at the Glen are still scheduled to take place this year. Last I heard we still have a couple rooms available at the Seneca Lodge. If interested, contact Dan Suter pronto.

A show of hands survey of the members last week indicated virtually all had received at least one dose of vaccine. By summer, pretty much all of us will have been inoculated. I find this very liberating, and we agreed a celebration of sorts is called for. This will probably manifest as a resumption of our traditional August picnic, but stand by for more on the subject.

Frank reports the treasury is in good shape. He's had his jabs and is now signed on to the bank account. As of today, we have 50 paid members and 11 Brudno winners and Friends. This is an improvement, but it still represents a big shortfall. Please folks, if you're reading this *Spokes* and otherwise benefitting from this Club, pay the \$30 dues.

Safety Fast! RW



Vice Chairman's Notes

By George Heissenberger



As we are thinking of Spring and getting our cars out, I have been going through old photo folders and cleaning up files. I've spent some time deleting old files and those that I don't ever anticipate using. Along the way I found a series of photos I took at the 2009 Vintage Grand Prix festival in Watkins Glen. I usually participate in the "Glenkhana" on Friday off Franklin street with our MGB. I have been participating in the Glenkhana for many years, over a dozen at least, judging by the number of window stickers I have saved in the garage after the event. Each entry is given a window sticker in the shape of the featured marque logo. As you complete the event there, various activities that involve doing something in the car on a very small course, such as driving through a coned course and looping around a cone



while holding a string, doing silly stunts in front of the crowd such as singing or drawing a figure in chalk on the pavement. Always a highlight is running two laps of the old street course. I enjoy the event for the chance to drive the MG in a very fun event with lots of people and cars. The Glenkhana is sponsored by Hector Wine Company and they put on a pre-event breakfast at the winery the morning of the Event. I always enjoy meeting up with old friends and fellow competitors. The whole town of Watkins Glen is alive with people and cars and I always enjoy seeing and meeting up with so many club members along the way during the day. Of course, like so many things the Vintage Festival was cancelled for 2020. Hopefully there will be an event in 2021. Getting back to the point of my article and this photo essay. It rained in 2009 during the Friday festival and during the rain I walked around and took shots of different cars and badges, enjoying seeing the various machines in the rain. Some of the resulting photos are here and I thought it would be fun to see how many you recognize. Of course, they are mostly obvious so you can guess the manufacturer. Some of the photos may be of our club members' cars. Among the various makes and models featured are AC, Aston Martin, Austin Healey, Alfa Romeo, BMW, Corvette, Cobra, Fiat, Ferrari, Jaguar, Jensen Healey, Mercedes, Lotus, Thunderbird, MG, Triumph, Turner, Porsche, Shelby, VW, and more. How many do you recognize?



George GH

Minutes for MGCC Meeting via Zoom, March 18, 2021

Recorded and submitted by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary



ATTENDANCE – ROW 1: Barb & Dave Wild, Annabelle Tescione, Ted Hershey, Dave Chase, Maggie & Michael Robinson

ROW 2: Barb Zak, Susan & Mike Goodwin, Dan Suter, Paul Osborne, Bill & Cheryl Baldwin

ROW 3: Frank Stepanik, Bob Welch, Doug Scribner, Al Wagner, Leon Zak

ROW 4: Dick Powers, Jeff & Susan Kath, Hollis Hames, Al Fink

Audio only: Dan Goodwin and unknown person 717513997

CHAIRMAN, Bob Welch called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. We had a brief show of hands for people who have had at least their first COVID vaccination and every member did; most having received their second vaccine also. We will continue with Zoom meetings for the next few months but have a target date of July for return to in-person meetings if the COVID situation allows.

The minutes from the February meeting were motioned and accepted.

TREASURY/MEMBERSHIP, Frank Stepanik reported that the treasury is stable and checks are still coming in. We are about half paid from the 104 members and also 10 Brudno winners and non-paying club friends.

ACTIVITIES, The Activities Coordinator position will remain open this year and different individuals will setup events. We have several safe events planned that do not require close contact.

- May or June Driving Tour, organized by Dan Suter. Dan will use some of the basic routes from a previous rallye with modifications where necessary. Dan will propose a date to the board.
- Moss-style Safe Driving Challenge organized by Mike Goodwin and Chad D'Angelo. There are currently 7 contestants and Mike will add new destination challenges this month in Spokes.
- Fall Driving Tour organized by Mike Robinson.

Minutes for MGCC Meeting via Zoom, March 18, 2021

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SPOKES, Mike Goodwin told us that members have been coming forward with material for Spokes and it's important that they continue that for future issues. For the next issue Mike said he'd like to put a bit in the April Spokes about what we all do to get our MGs (or other special cars) ready for the driving season. Send him a sentence or two (just a sentence or two!) telling him what you do to make your car ready and safe to drive. It might be as simple as, "I check the tire pressure, turn the key and go!" or it might be more detailed, or even ritualistic.

LIBRARY, Al Costich was not present, Ted Hershey filled in with "no report".

WATKINS GLEN REPORT, Dave Wild did not have any news from the Glen.

Dan Suter said he is taking Seneca Lodge room reservations and there will be information in Spokes. So far 13 rooms are filled, and 4 open spots remain.

WEBSITE, Leon Zak, vacationing in Florida, assured us that the Club website is in good condition and urged anyone who has an interest in being more active with it to contact him for training on posting items, photos, etc.

OLD BUSINESS, Ted Hershey updated us on his contact with the North American MGB Register. Their club covers our insurance for free if we maintain 8 paid memberships, which we currently have. Ted gave them our 2021 president's contact information and got answers to some questions from our last meeting. He verified we are listed as associate members of their organization although it appears that we were accidentally left off the previously published list of associates. The insurance is covered by Hagerty and they can provide a certificate of that if needed; Hollis Hames said he would need that whenever we re-instate the tune-up clinics.

This year their National MG meet is a big event, every five years they include **all MG marques** and is a super gathering of MGs that promises to be a fantastic meet. It is being held in Atlantic City at Harrah's on 6/14-6/17. Dan Suter spoke about the event and asked if anyone had plans to attend. He's been to a number of them in the past and confirms it's a super weekend, great for couples and has plenty of assorted activity to please everyone.

NEW BUSINESS, none reported.

CARS & PARTS FOR SALE, none noted.

PROJECTS, Dan Suter spoke about his MGB-GT V8 that is on its way to having a freshly rebuilt engine, the work being done at a local shop that Dan has been very pleased with. This weekend, Dan plans to pull the rear axle from the V8 with the help of Ted Hershey and Mike Robinson and it will be going to Ben at British Auto to be checked and to get a refresh.

Bob Welch had a question about sources for an exhaust for his MGB-GT. Various suggestions were made, Moss Motors' own brand is good quality, Abingdon Spares is also a source. Doug Scribner can get Moss Motors parts and provides a discount to club members. Sports Car Parts on eBay was also mentioned.

Mike Goodwin must replace rear wheel cylinders and asked for help, Mike Robinson volunteered.

Dave Wild reported that he is cleaning his attic and most car-related items will go to IMRRC. Everything related to our club will be retained for our club archives.

Meeting end: 8:27pm

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Lima Engine Show – May 15, 2021

submitted by Paul Osborne (images taken from the Lima Engine Show Facebook page)

Here's an event lots of us may be interested in. It promises to be a nice chance to meet some club members and others in (possibly!) good weather outdoors in Lima, NY.

The 3rd annual show is scheduled for May 15, 2021, on the grounds of Lima Baptist Church, Rt 15 A, Lima NY.

If it has an engine and you would stop and look because it's cool, bring it to the show!

Old engines, motorcycles, cars, tractors, snowmobiles, and more!



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Seneca Lodge Room Requests for 2021 Vintage Race Weekend - UPDATED

From Dan Suter

Hello everyone,

I am writing to let you all know that I will be coordinating room reservations for Seneca Lodge for the September vintage race weekend. I am now accepting room requests. E-mail to 'dmesuter - at - [rochester.rr.com](mailto:dmesuter@rochester.rr.com) is preferred.

Please include any special requests you have. Examples include: extra nights needed (please specify which nights such as Wed-Sat, etc.), 2 beds in a room vs. queen bed (there are only 3 rooms out of 17 with 2 beds); need to be in the main hotel maybe due to mobility issues; desire to be on college row; specific room desired. I will do my best to address these requests. It gets to be a bit like assembling a puzzle with the various pieces.

Please include your contact information: name, address, phone number, e-mail address. There is a 3-night minimum per previous years. There is also a 1-night penalty for cancellations –it was not clear from my last communication how far in advance this applied (was either 1-week or 5-weeks depending on how one interpreted our group of rooms—I will find out and advise!

We have 17 rooms available, the same as last year.

13 of the 17 have been requested! Just 4 remain! Please contact Dan as soon as possible with your request!

I will gather all the requests for a little longer. You must be a current 2021 MGCC member to participate in this first round of room selection. With your request, expect a confirmation note from me (and if you don't happen to get one within a few days of e-mailing me, please chase me).

A few weeks after March 30, I will evaluate to see how supply and demand match up. We will do a drawing if demand exceeds supply, although in the past several years it has been pretty well in balance.

We will also accept requests for rooms from non-club members starting now, along this same timeline, but those requests won't be addressed until after the MGCC member requests through March 30 are met.

Thank you for your help in making this run smoothly.

*Best regards,
Dan*

Happy 70th Birthday to the Tescione Morgan Plus 4

March 16th this year was the Tescione Morgan Plus 4's 70th birthday. The car was the 14th Plus 4 made by the Morgan Motor Company in 1951, the first left-hand drive car and in the first batch of three exported to the US at the beginning of what would become an excellent era for British cars in the US. It was purchased at east coast importer Fergus Motors in New York City by a West Point cadet and, decades later, a Red Creek member of the Western New York Morgan Owners Group recounted seeing it blasting all over that campus and surrounding roads when he was an instructor there in the 1950s. It lives a quiet life these days, missing its true driver and care taker, Bob Tescione, but I love it too and make sure it has the occasional outing as its fine British heritage deserves. Below is a little information about the US importer, Fergus Motors, as well as a few "vintage" photos of the Tesciones with the car, including the MGCC 30th Anniversary bash all those years ago. *Annabelle Tescione*



Photo by
Bob Tescione



Photo by
Dick Powers



Photograph, Morgan Motor Co collection

As an interesting aside, Fergus inventory tag 13159, chassis # P 2114 is the Tescione's Morgan. It's very possible that the Morgan in this 1951 Fergus photo could well be our own car - we'll never know for sure but it's really fun to think so!

March 1951, Fergus Motors Showroom, New York City

After WW2, Fergus Motors sold a number of European marques. In 1951, Fergus became the eastern US distributor for Morgan and they widely promoted and advertised the brand. The first 3 cars to be shipped to Fergus were chassis numbers **P2114**, 2115 & 2116 despatched from the factory on March 16, 1951. Fergus continued as a successful dealer and distributor into the late 1960's.

Fergus info from Jake Alderson and Chris Chapman's book "Morgan Sports Cars - The Early Years."

Early 1951 Fergus advertisement

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Getting Our Sports Cars Ready for the Season

(Submissions from several members)

We asked members to let us know what they do this time of year to get their sports cars ready to drive after their winter hibernation (We doubt there are any among us who keep driving our special cars through Western New York's snowy and salty winters.). Here and on some following pages are what they had to say:

Our 1958 MGA has been jacked up for the Winter mainly because it has new tires. To run, I am putting the carbs back on the manifold since Eric Barge had rebuilt them for me. - **Dennis Nichols**



Well, I had brakes for Christmas, so I checked brakes on both TD & B. Also replaced brake cylinders on B. Changed fuel filters on both and also got a new seat cushion for Carol. Cut the paint and polished them - **John Schwelm**



Getting Our Sports Cars Ready for the Season (Continued from previous page)

Here's what I've been doing for quite a while. I've been restoring it with the help of an ancient body and paint guy that prefers to be known as "old man Dave". Paul Osborne is, hopefully, doing the upholstery with a burgundy interior I got as part of a package when another TR3A owner abandoned the project unfortunately listened to his daughter's counsel (but that is another story). The car started life as red, but because red paint is \$1000/gallon it is now a beautiful black and since black paint is a mere \$600/gallon and since it takes two gallons to paint the car with two coats, I saved \$800 which I have sent to Moss Motors for needed new parts, and I'm not nearly done yet. I just bought "unobtainium" steering brackets from British Auto Salvage for \$80 (which is just my latest expenditure there). Thank goodness I live only a few miles from British Auto Salvage (we all are very fortunate to be near such a place). I've been very lonely and very, very stressed working in my garage to finish this project and although friends said it would be fun, it has not proved to be so. I have also been waiting since September 2020 for a green tinted windscreen from Rimmer Brothers in England (and that is yet another story for another time). So, that is what I've been doing to prepare my 1957 Triumph TR3 for this spring, and it may or may not be ready at all this spring. When I finally do finish the project, I may write a more complete story for Spokes about this wonderful little British car that I bought in the mid-sixties for \$450 from a guy that bought it in Orange County and drove it across the United States to Waverly, New York in the middle of winter with no heater (but that is yet another story). I think he was sick of his TR3 and used that \$450 for a down payment on a new Corvette which had a heater and even roll up windows. Now my \$450 investment is becoming at the very least a \$45,000 restoration which will become my daughter's car when I die. And interestingly, she lives in Orange County California where that guy from Waverly bought the car. - **Art Salo**

After winter is over, my usual ritual for the first start of my Triumph TR6 is:

When the engine crashes to life, I get out and go to the rear and listen to the glorious engine blap emitting from the twin Monzas. Then I do an impromptu jig which is similar to the Watusi dance.

- **Doug Jack**

Before the MG's first start of the year, I check tires and fluids, re-connect the battery, turn the engine over a few times with the choke in (to circulate oil), start it up and go for a drive. The late George Herschell once told me of a guy who stored his car on jackstands and when his garage caught fire, he lost the car and suffered severe burns, so I keep the tires on the floor. - **Bob Welch**



How do I get our Roadster ready... first- it's not an LBC it's a '99 Miata, special to me, nonetheless.

First uncover and the battery goes back in, then fire up and pull it out of storage, most often a box trailer / my race car hauler. Check for critters, so far so good after a dozen+ years. She gets put away washed and waxed, so maybe just a dust cloth wipe down. Let air out of the tires, it gets stored at about 40-45 lbs. to minimize flat spots. Check the registration expiration date and schedule a NYS Inspection and a LOF. I have intended the inspection and LOF to move to fall prior to storage, but that hasn't happened yet, it's more of a better practice to keep contaminants from settling out of the oil. That's it, "on the road again" as the song goes! - **Brian Schirano**

Getting Our Sports Cars Ready for the Season (Continued from previous page)

Here are my preparations based on my many years of experience. First, I check the tire pressures, and at the same time look for any puddles or stains around the tires that could indicate leaking brakes. Then I check the fluids and give the under-hood area a look for any evidence of mice activity over the winter. Next, I go through the interior and under hood and trunk and remove the dryer sheets I put out in the winter to deter mice. Next, I turn on the battery cut off switch and turn on the key to let the fuel pump fill the carb float bowls. I test the brake pedal for firmness. If I detect any problems, I stop and remedy the situation. I have had brakes fail over the winter due to leaking cylinders in past years. Then I turn the key to start, and the car usually fires up. I let the car warm up a bit watching the gauges and back the car slowly out of the garage. Once out I give it a quick wash and am ready to hit the road. - **George Heissenberger**

I check the oil. Disconnect the battery tender.
Start her up and go.

- **Hollis Hames**

Normally, I start by taking off the dustcover (sheets I sewed together years ago). I remove the float charger from the battery, and I check the tire pressures and deflate or inflate to the normal pressure. Some years, I have pumped them way up for storage (to avoid flat spots), but I don't always do that. After that, I check the oil, start it up and let it warm up a few minutes before I take it out. That's it, usually, but this year, Susan noticed that my left rear wheel (brake) cylinder had been leaking, so I replaced it, and got some help to bleed the brakes. Then I had to curse a bit, as at that point, the RIGHT rear was leaking! I had to order the part, replace it, and get help again to bleed the brakes once more. Grrrr! But it's good to have a friend to call!

- **Michael Goodwin**



I'm sure I don't do anything different than most of our MGCC members do.

1. Take the car covers off.
2. Check fluids etc. under the hood, oil in the trans (Brit cars leak just sitting there) and air in the tires. I already treated the non-ethanol gas in the fall and filled the tank then as well.
3. If they start, I take them for a short ride of about 20 miles to make sure all is working properly.
4. If they don't start or aren't running well, that's when Bethel usually says something like: "Having fun?"

- **Dick Powers**



2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

Scoring and photos by contest participants

The challenge got off to a good start in April, with



2021-01 Goodwin

(good for a bonus point!) and further, they submitted the photos before the early-bird deadline for another bonus point! That first motoring “destination” may not have required

seven teams jumping in right away. All seven submitted photos of their cars in their driveway or garage, and they all managed to include snow in the picture



2021-01 Heissenberger

much “motoring”, but it gave us a chance to “break the ice” and get things going.

Current and future destinations will



2021-01 LeStrange



2021-01 Hess

challenge you with drives to special places or will challenge you to include something special

in each photo of you and your car. Each month as the competition continues, we’ll list additional destinations – each one is an opportunity to score one or more points. New destinations will be given each month on the final page of *Spokes*, and we’ll include as many previous destinations as can fit on that page. It’s important to know that destinations NEVER EXPIRE! No matter when you enter the competition, you can score points for any of the destinations, going back to #2021-01.

For the latest update on the rules and how to enter, see the next page. For the list of destinations and details on ways to score, see the final page of *Spokes*.

More photos on page 18



2021-01 Stone



2021-01 Rzepkowski



2021-01 Zak

At the time of publication, scoring is as follows: Mike & Susan Goodwin (6), Tom & Mary LeStrange (6), Ron Stone (6), Leon & Barb Zak (5), George Heissenberger (3), Allen Hess (3), Dick Rzepkowski (3)

UPDATE!

2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

Throughout the 2021 driving season, we are continuing to run our new Motoring Challenge for all members, and it's easy to jump in and have some motoring fun that will last through the driving season. We've started in April, but **it's not too late to jump in**. We'll wrap it up around the end of October and announce the winners and **prizes** shortly thereafter. (Not a MGCC member? See elsewhere in Spokes or on the website regarding how to become a member – it's quick, easy, inexpensive, and you need not own an MG to join.)

To participate in the **Motoring Challenge**, simply:

Find the monthly list of destinations elsewhere in *Spokes*.

- Drive to one or more of the listed destinations.
- Snap a picture of your car there, *preferably* with yourself or your teammate in the photo. (We need **AT LEAST ONE** photo that includes a good likeness of you. Let's get to know each other, eh?)
- Send the photo(s) by email to challenge@mgccarclub.com.
- Enjoy the monthly updates in *Spokes*, where you'll see yours and other competitors' photos, and get updates on scoring along with the challenges for the new month.

You'll score 1 or more points for each destination. Points may vary, based on the difficulty or the creativity required. Additionally, early-bird bonus points may be given occasionally for photos received before a certain date, so pay attention monthly to get the most points possible. (Late photos won't get the early-bird bonus, but they aren't worthless, just worth a bit less!) There's no monthly cut-off date, (we'll accept March destination photos in September, for example!) but all photos will be due before the final tally sometime around November 1st.

Some of the destination photos will have special requirements. Any such requirements will be listed each month. For example, if the destination is "Your Favorite Restaurant", we may require that the photo include a sign showing the name of the restaurant. Or, if the destination is "Outside of NY State", we may require a sign (like WELCOME TO NEW JERSEY) or other clear evidence (like the Gateway Arch or Grand Canyon, for example) be shown in the photo.

Rather than filling out a form or marking a checklist, each month, one or more destinations will be listed in *Spokes*, and each will be identified with a destination number. When you submit your photos, be sure to include the corresponding destination number for each. Remember, each photo must:

- show your car
- show the destination (and/or other requirement) clearly

Though not always REQUIRED we'd like it if you include yourself in each photo)

Some of you might have more than one special car you'd like to use in the Motoring Challenge. This is permitted, but we strongly encourage participation using only your special car(s). The point is to encourage driving and having fun with these special cars; it is NOT our intention to award points for driving around in your daily-driver 2019 RAV4 or your 2017 Honda Accord or even your 2013 Ford Focus.

HOW TO ENTER: No forms to fill out, just email us your first photo(s)! We need:

- 1 – Your name(s)
- 2 – Year, make, and model of the car(s) you intend to use for the challenge
- 3 – Attach your photos, identified with the DESTINATION NUMBER.

That's it! It's easy to get started! Jump right in!
Safety Fast!

(You'll find this month's destinations on the last page of *Spokes*.)

One last note - the MG Car Club WNY Centre reserves the right to use your photo(s) in Spokes and on the club's website – and we look forward to doing so!

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More photos by contest participants



2021-02 Stone



2021-02 LeStrange



2021-02 Goodwin



2021-03 Zak



2021-03 Goodwin



2021-03 Stone



2021-03 LeStrange

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April Birthdays

6	Penny Heusler
7	John Schwelm
13	Jane Hamilton
14	Phyllis Wagner
17	Marsha Osborne
21	George Haynes
21	Dawn Priestley
21	Frank Stepanik



*Happy Birthday,
everyone!*

April Anniversaries

3	Latty & Daniel Goodwin
19	Rosemarie & Frank Stepanik
30	Barb & Al Fink
30	Suzanne & Robert Keppeler



Congratulations!

(If you think you've been mistakenly left off of either list above, check to see if you've paid your dues. If you still think it's a mistake, send a note to the editor at spokes@mgcarclub.com.)



Official Regalia

MG Car Club Western NY Centre

Some of the Current Items Available



50th Anniversary Badge	\$20.00
50th Anniversary Pin	\$3.00
51st Anniversary sticker	\$1.50
MG Stickers Black / Silver	\$1.50
Sticker - front adhesive	\$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, Cloisonne	\$3.00
Dash Plaque - Last years 2019	\$3.00
Dash Plaque - 40th Ann	\$2.00
Sign Magnetic 10"	\$15.00
Bumper Sticker	\$1.00
Club Name Badge (to be ordered)	\$20.00

Notes Also available a large selection of clothing items (shirts, jackets, caps, etc) with our club logo embroidered on them, by letting us know what you would like. Most specialty items are available with a small order of only a dozen. Please contact Joe Bellizia with any questions by calling (585) 749-9263 or emailing me at blitz7711@gmail.com

Joe Bellizia has been working behind the scenes (where else does anyone work these days?) to put together some interesting possibilities for nifty regalia for the 2021 season and beyond. He'd love to have your input and suggestions – particularly for ideas for items that a BUNCH of us want (even if we don't all know it yet)!

Some great ideas are on the next page!

MG Club Members Personalized Items we can Order if we have enough interest!

Would You Order One of These??



Customized Water Bottle approx. \$20.00
(includes Shipping & NY Tax)

MG Club New Era Cap \$25.00
(Embroidered w/ our
logo as shown)



MG Club Member's Personalized Water Bottles
(W/ Club Logo & Your Name & Individual Picture)
25oz Stainless Steel Bottle with Screw top & Carabiner

Notes I am including a New Feature in Spokes showing New Items we could order if we get member input and start a pre-order commitment list started. Bottles have a (48) Minimum Order and hats (12) minimum as they are Custom to our Club and YOUR Car!

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Annual family membership dues \$30
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Wedding Anniversary (if applicable): _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Today's Date _____

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Make checks payable to: MGCC of Western NY

Mail form and payment to:

Membership – MG Car Club, PO Box 92556, Rochester, NY 14692

Classified Ads

(Please inform the editor when your ad should be removed)

NEW!!

FOR SALE: MGTD parts.

- Windshield frame including side supports and cowl brackets \$225.
- One pair of chrome headlight buckets and rims with medallions \$75.
- Original false nose (re-chromed) and MG medallion \$75.
- Red & Green dash light lenses and accessory switch \$15.
- Hood strip \$20.
- Lucas NOS windshield wiper blades \$12.
- Lot of Miscellaneous fasteners & fittings \$35.

Will email pictures on request.

Contact: John at ross@frontiernet.net or
585 248 5361

For Sale: 1969 Spitfire Mark III roadster. Barn find after 25 years. Clean title. 1300cc engine runs; Solid body, with some work needed to repaint. Will need the usual brake hoses and hydraulic work. Has wire wheels. Missing its seats and front bumper. Inexpensive starter project for \$1000.

Call George at 585-872-6536

For Sale: Miscellaneous XPAG engine parts and 2 hubcaps for MGTD. Intake and Exhaust manifolds. Both cleaned and painted. - \$20

Starter motor. Working but could use a rebuild. Moss Motors gets a \$200 core charge for a new motor. - \$100
Hubcaps are original/not replacement. - \$30

Contact allyn@mgcarclub.com 585-924-5251

For Sale: 1973 MGBGT

Solid car with overdrive. In storage for 20+ years

Call Gary: (585) 464-9482

For Sale: 1976 & 1977 MGBs, both need work to start them

Contact Claude Fedele @ sfedele@rochester.rr.com
or 585-899-9388

For Sale: 1974 JENSEN HEALEY, California car, 53,000. Mi.



Runs great, no rust, never seen salt, undercoated, recent tires and tonneau cover. As is \$6,000.00, Located in Clayton, NY 13624. We have lots of pictures

Contact: my3crows@hughes.net
or 1-315-408-1836

For Sale: 1957 MGA "project" car for restoration or parts.

Car is complete having 1500 motor, transmission, rear end and has wire wheels. Included are new rockers and a vinyl interior for the seats.

For total restoration or parts - asking \$2000.

Also, MGB 3-main short block - asking \$250

If interested, contact Dick Powers: mgahmogca@rpa.net
or at 585-410-4500.

For Sale: Color Wiring Diagrams 11x17 size; many cars to choose from \$17.95. Further details at
www.colorwiringdiagrams.com

For sale: 1952 MG TD, number 16166, XPAG TD2/16658. It's a 20-year-old restoration and is presentable, but will need some brake work and a good tune up and a few other repairs. It also comes with extra parts. Asking price is \$22,500 but willing to negotiate to sell the car. The car belonged to former member Doug Elam, who passed away in December 2018. If interested, call Doug Elam, Jr. at 315-654-4007.

Pop's TD

After WWII 'Pop' (Charles Elam, formerly a carburetor engineer with Rochester Products) was a young man watching vets driving around in these really cool little British sports cars. From that point on he always wanted a T-Series MG. About 20 years ago he found one in PA with enough right with it to run and enough wrong with it to keep him busy.

From that point on the TD was commonly known as *His Mistress*. Instead of just cleaning it up and calling it good, it 'needed' a 12-volt system. Then it was the fuel system; that really did the trick. Those were nice, but, boy wouldn't a new paint-job be great! Not to do anything halfway, all the sheet metal came off and each piece was painted individually. By the time he was done, it was a complete off-frame restoration with all the chrome being sent to Buffalo for refinishing. Every part was labeled with a tag and the smaller pieces placed in zip-lock bags. (While detailing the MG we found one of the tags and left it under the dash for posterity.)

Pop died in December of 2018 and since then we've been downsizing his estate. My sister and I had planned on keeping the TD, but recently came to the conclusion to sell the car as she needed someone to love and pamper her. May the next owner enjoy this beautiful machine as much as Pop did! It will turn heads wherever you go.

1952 MG TD Parts List

- Convertible top with side screens (needs rebuild)
- 2 'Classic Gold' Overrides
- Pad Set for Clutch & Brake Pedals
- Fuel Line Hose (about 10')
- Packing Set
- Crosland Oil Filter
- Oil Filter Adapter Kit with Fram Filter
- Fuel System Parts
- Alternator (6-volt?)
- Starter (6-Volt?)
- Shoebox filled with 'Extra MG Parts'
- 4 Repro Hubcaps



More photos available on request from the seller

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Destination Number	Description (pts.)	Special Requirement or Special Note	Early-bird bonus point?
#2021-01	In your garage or driveway (1)	Snow in the picture (1 bonus)	EXPIRED
#2021-02	Barn with a silo (1)		No
#2021-03	Any Erie Canal lift bridge (1)		EXPIRED
Destinations below are <u>new</u> this month – older destinations are still valid!			
#2021-04	Emmeline the Bear Monument – Geneseo (1)		YES (if sent by 4/23)
#2021-05	Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse (1)		YES (if sent by 4/23)
#2021-06	Picture including 3 old men (1)	Define “old” at your own risk!	
#2021-07	Picture including 3 old women (2)	Define “old” at your own risk!	
#2021-08	Picture including 3 children (2)		
#2021-09	With a garbage truck (2)	Include the sanitation worker for an extra point (1 bonus pt.; If he/she is waving, 2 bonus pts)	
#2021-10	At the Windmill Farm and Craft Market in Penn Yan (1)		
#2021-11	Outside of NY State (2)	Sign required	
#2021-12	At any tattoo parlor (1)	Sign required	
#2021-13	With 3 Little British Cars (including yours) (2)	The 3 cars must all have separate owners	YES (if sent by 4/29)
#2021-14	At Lugia’s Ice Cream shop (Spencerport) (1)	Include yourself eating ice cream for a bonus (1 bonus)	
#2021-15	At the Ice Cream Factory (Fairport) (1)	Include yourself eating ice cream for a bonus (1 bonus)	
Questions? Address them to the Challenge-masters at challenge@mgcarclub.com			

SPECIAL NOTE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE AWAY FROM THE WESTERN NEW YORK AREA:

You may substitute similar destinations from your area. Please do your best to convince the Challenge Masters and other participants that your substitution is VALID.