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Al Costich leads a line of MGs into turn 9
September 12, 2021 Collier Cup at Watkins Glen
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MG's Corner

By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin

Wow! There was a lot going on this month in the Western NY MG Car Club. Susan and I enjoyed the Grand Prix Festival at Watkins Glen of Friday the 10th of September, where we ran into some old friends and former members (Mary and John Murray who were driving their Lotus in one of the tours), as well as meeting up with long-time members and chums Elaine and Allen Hess. We didn't get to the track for any of the racing, but enjoyed the day seeing the cars and meeting up with so many others doing the same.

Some of our members spent that whole weekend in Watkins Glen, both in town and at the track – this issue is loaded with articles and photos of this special weekend.

Our monthly meeting at the Legion was well-attended, and since the weather was good, several nice cars turned out, including those of some new members! See pages 8 – 10 for the usual excellent report of the minutes and attendance and accompanying photos from our Secretary, Annabelle Tescione.

Many of us made it to the monthly Cars & Coffee at Freestyle Mercantile in Mumford. If the weather permits, we'll do it again on the last Sunday of October – don't put that little car

away too early (and don't miss the upcoming Fall Foliage Drive – see page 18 for details).

While we were enjoying Cars & Coffee, a few of us took advantage of the opportunity to score some more points in the ongoing Motoring Challenge. October is the final month of the challenge, so be sure to carefully read the update on page 26! Right now, we seem to have a runaway leader, but several others are in the pack not out of the running (and having lots of fun competing).

With this issue, you'll also enjoy a fine scholarly technical article on overdrives fitted to our Little British Cars (LBCs). Dan Suter has clearly done a bit of research to put this together. (I think next time I crawl under my MGB, I'll verify my suspicion that mine is of the "blue-label" sort. It would be proper for a '78 B.

My MG is due for an oil change and annual NYS inspection but those must wait a bit, because right now it's after 11 PM and I hope soon to be...

Sleeping Fast!  **MG**

DO YOU HAVE IT????



We are trying to locate the **George Herschell Artwork Book** that was loaned out at the July MGCC meeting. We neglected to record who borrowed it. It

is a **LARGE, GREEN, SPIRAL BOUND** book containing many of George's excellent car drawings and car histories. The book was donated by Sue Harrison and will go into the Club's library for anyone who wants to borrow it. If you have it, please let us know so we can properly track it. *Thanks!*



Cloudy Fall Cruising
(photo of the Goodwins by one of the Zaks)

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Chairman's Corner

By Bob Welch

Our MGCC Centre was very well represented at the Vintage Grand Prix at Watkins Glen this month. A sizable number of us were in attendance for the full weekend of racing and activities. Four of our members drove MGs across two of the racing groups. Others showed their cars in the Concours and drove the laps on the old course. One of our longtime members, Joe Tierno, was inducted into the Drivers Walk of Fame. Joe joins Dave Wild and Dick Powers in having received this significant recognition.

If my counting is correct, our membership has grown again to 116 families! At the September meeting we welcomed Frank DeMarzo who owns a 1980 MGB and Pat Weasner with a 1977 B. I hope they'll forgive me if I made a mess of spelling their names. *[Editor's Note – Don't worry Mr. Chairman – You did, but I got your back!]* It really is great to see our Club grow (or re-grow) and especially nice to welcome new folks with a shared affinity for British sports cars, or any sports cars, for that matter.

Like all summers, 2021's has gone by way too quickly! Still, it's nowhere near time yet to park our cars for the winter. There are plenty of activities yet to enjoy. Mike Robinson has planned the fall driving event, to take place Saturday, October 16th. This will be a long drive down into the Finger Lakes area, exceeding 100 miles with a garage tour along the way and food and refreshments at a micro-brewery at the finish. Looking at the signup list so far, there will be plenty of drivers participating. See details elsewhere in *Spokes*.

The 2021 MGCC Motoring Challenge continues. It's not too late to participate although newcomers will have a fair bit of catching up to do. Prizes will be awarded.

We're still hoping for a Garage Tour in late Fall. Plans are not yet solidified.

Our Regalia manager, Joe Bellizia, was unable to attend the last meeting but has asked me to remind everybody we are still looking for member feedback on a club jacket style.

[This is a link to a web page where you can view the options.](#) If you want a jacket or have an opinion, [please share it with Joe.](#)

For our next meeting on October 21st, Eric Barge of EM Motors has been invited to speak. He has tentatively accepted, and I hope to hear from him soon with confirmation. Also, at the October meeting our membership must nominate a slate of officers for 2022. All elected positions are open so please give some thought to anyone you wish to nominate. Election of officers will take place at the November 18th meeting.

Safety Fast! RW



Andrew Moore leads a mixed group in his '65 MGB at Watkins Glen
(photo by Steve Rossini)

Vice Chairman's Notes

By George Heissenberger

Welcome to Fall driving season! My unofficial kickoff to Fall driving is usually marked by attending the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival and vintage races. I heard from several members that they had a great time in Watkins Glen. This year we could not attend as we had made plans earlier this year to go on a week-long car trip to Saratoga Springs, Vermont and New Hampshire.

The weather was perfect for our New England trip and Peggi and I had a great time with a couple of long-time friends shopping in small towns, visiting Country stores and farm markets, exploring restaurants, wineries, distilleries and breweries. We got to go to the top of Mt. Washington via the Cog Railway, what an experience! Temperature was in the 70s with calm winds

at the base of the mountain and low 40s with 40-50 MPH winds at the top!

We also went on a scenic train ride through North Conway NH, but the leaves were not quite changing color at that time. Weather was beautiful throughout our trip except for the last hours of our drive home, when we hit torrential rains in Western Vermont.

I've been busy catching up on our club's photo challenge contest and have had fun driving to and taking photos of various destinations. It's very

enjoyable to see so many other members also starting to submit photos so that we have many members involved. At the September Club Meeting we had a nice presentation from Mike Goodwin on the MG Club photo challenge. Check out the details elsewhere in *SPOKES*.

There are always other opportunities to get out and drive such as the monthly cars and coffee in Mumford. Mike Robinson is organizing a driving tour and were still expecting great weather ahead so

there are lots of opportunities to drive our little British Cars for quite some time yet.

I'll usually wait for colder weather to set in before installing the factory hardtop, but once I put the hardtop on it extends the season for me by quite a bit. The hardtop changes the car into a cozy coupe and due to the way it tightens the whole car structurally, makes it feel like a whole different driving experience. I have installed the

hardtop as early as August but most often prefer to wait until the temperatures really inhibit top-down driving. Keep on driving!

Safety Fast!

George Heissenberger GH



"I've been busy catching up on our club's photo challenge contest and have had fun driving to and taking photos of various destinations." (photo by the author)

Safety  Fast

Minutes for MGCC Meeting – September 16, 2021

Recorded and submitted by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary

(Photos by Annabelle Tescione)



CHAIRMAN, Bob Welch called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

The minutes from the August meeting were motioned and accepted.

Two new members were introduced and welcomed, Patrick Weasner and Frank DeMarzo, both own very nice MGBs. Bob reported that he had talked with Eric Barge about speaking at our meeting and he is tentatively scheduled for the October meeting.

September birthdays and anniversaries were announced, cheers and congratulations were offered by everyone. Bob reminded us that the SUNSHINE PAGE should be checked – if your information is missing, verify that you are current with dues and contact *Spokes* Editor Mike Goodwin spokes@mgsccarclub.com if any discrepancy or omission.

TREASURY/MEMBERSHIP, Frank Stepanik was absent but sent in a full report prior to the meeting for Bob to read. He reported that the treasury is stable and in good standing with a healthy balance. We have enough seed money for the 2022 Car Show and all expenses are up-to-date and paid. Anyone who wants the precise amount may contact Frank. The MGCC Board will discuss ways to use the available funds that will benefit the membership.

We have a few new or re-joining members, bringing the current roster total to 116 memberships. The printed membership roster will be available at the October meeting. For privacy reasons, it will only be distributed to members in printed form and upon request. It will contain Name, Phone and Email, no address information will be printed. Any member wishing to remove their contact information from the roster may request that from Frank at froport2@gmail.com or use the online Op-Out link that was sent earlier through the club email.

ACTIVITIES

- A Fall Driving Tour is being organized by Mike Robinson. This year's tour will be held on Saturday, October 16th. The tour will start in Victor and tour through Ontario County with a total of about 100 miles. The route will have 3 legs, a drive south to a Garage Tour stop, another 60 mile drive to a lunch stop, and a return route to a Craft Brewery. See the detailed information later in the newsletter or on the Club website events page. Mike will also send out additional information via email a few weeks before the event. He is taking sign-ups now.
- Various area Cars and Coffee meets have been well attended and continue while the weather is good. Eric Barge will have a Customer Appreciation Picnic in Stanley, NY this week-end and the popular Mumford Cars and Coffee are a few examples. See notices in *Spokes* and Club email for updates on these and other events.
- The Moss-style Motoring Challenge organized by Mike Goodwin has good participation. Mike showed a super slideshow with music on the Legion's big screen TV showing folks' most recent submissions. As of the meeting, the high score was held by the Zaks with 83 points.
- Many non-Club events are happening in the area, see notices in *Spokes* and email distributions for further information on cruise nights, car shows, etc.

REGALIA, Joe Bellizia was absent, no new information concerning regalia but Joe has lots of items available, Contact Joe for ordering or information at blitz7711@gmail.com.

SPOKES, Mike Goodwin reminded everyone to send in articles and photos by September 24 for the next issue. He urged the people who had photos and articles on the recent Watkins Glen Vintage Festival to send those in to Mike for *Spokes* at spokes@mgcarclub.com. Mike is also hoping to find a newsletter apprentice to possibly take over the editorship in the future.

LIBRARY, Al Costich had no new library updates.

WATKINS GLEN REPORT, Bob Welch discussed some of the Vintage Weekend happenings at The Glen for this year. Racing MGCC members this year included Al Costich, Ted Hershey, Doug Faust and Dick Rzepkowski, all who participated in the MG-centered Collier Cup Race. In the village, Sue Keppeler had her long-owned, newly restored MGA MkII Deluxe in the Concours. Past member Joe Tierno was inducted into the Walk of Fame with a stone plaque placed in the Village sidewalk.

WEBSITE, Leon Zak noted that the website is up and running well. We had 400 visitors to our website this month and a good number of views of the Cars and Parts for Sale, which also includes items from the Central New York Club.

OLD BUSINESS, none

NEW BUSINESS, Hollis Hames reported that he has joined NAMGBR, The North America MGB Register, and is pleased with the help list and various information they provide. Ten of our MGCC members also maintain memberships in NAMGBR, which keeps us within the eight members minimum needed for our insurance to be covered by NAMGBR. As an affiliated club, Bob Welch cast a vote for two NAMGBR officer positions, both with only one candidate running.

CARS & PARTS FOR SALE, Dan Asbury has an aluminum trailer for sale. He will put an ad in *Spokes* and on the Club website with details.

There were numerous automotive magazines on our free items table for anyone who might want them.

PROJECTS, Dan Suter told us that his MGB-GT V8 engine rebuild is almost done and he is very pleased with the work done by Frank Hutchinson. He also has his Magnette on the road with a new gas tank installed and enjoyed having it at Watkins Glen for the Vintage weekend.

George Heissenberger told us that John Schwelm continues to make good progress on his TC restoration and there are photo updates on our Club's Facebook page, [MG Car Club Western New York Centre | Facebook](#).

MISCELLANEOUS, None

Wine and fine chocolate Door Prizes were given out
Meeting end: 8:35pm



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Attendance for MGCC Meeting – August 19, 2021

(Photos by Annabelle Tescione)

Bob	Abels
Georgian	Abels
Robin	Allen
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Cheryl	Baldwin
Alan	Costich
Ellen	DeLaire
Frank	DeMarzo
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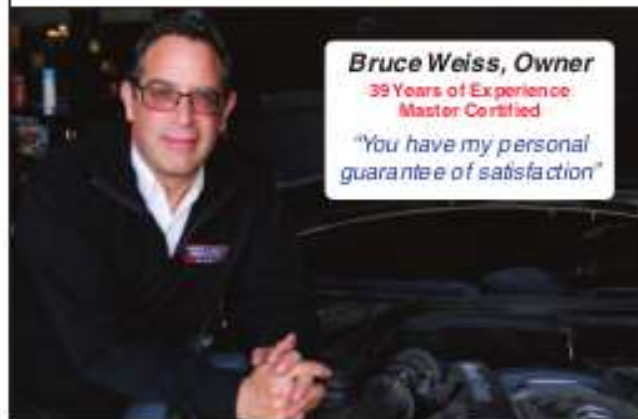


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By Dan Suter



Several members in our MGCC have overdrive gearboxes in their MGBs and GTs, Triumphs, Volvos, Healeys and Jags. From conversations I have had with these owners, everyone pretty much loves their overdrives! Quieter operation at expressway speeds and better fuel economy are two main benefits, but maybe best of all is the satisfying feeling when the overdrive engages and the tachometer settles down.

The Laycock overdrive was invented in the UK and started to become available as an option on various cars in the 1950s. It is essentially a planetary gearset that is triggered by a solenoid (thus ‘electric overdrive’). When engaged, the planetary gears offer a gear-reduction of about 22-28% depending on which model is used. It bolts on the tail end of gearboxes. It was a relatively inexpensive way for manufacturers to offer an extra ‘gear’ without the cost and effort of redesigning and retooling gearboxes to go from 4-speed to 5-speed for instance.

In the beginning, there were only two models offered: the large A-Type, which was used on a wide variety of large-engined and big torque-producing cars from Triumphs through Austin-Healeys, Jaguars, etc. Smaller cars used the D-Type – Sunbeam Alpines, early Triumph Spitfires, early Volvos, and MGBs through 1967 when using the 3-synchro MG gearbox. Later, the overdrive models proliferated a little more. Identifying an overdrive unit is usually as simple as reading the Laycock data plate located on the unit. However, there are some nuances associated with the units that were offered on numerous cars. For instance, a Triumph J-Type has a different application code than an equivalent Volvo J-Type. I believe in most cases these alternate versions will bolt up to their gearbox, but might have some variation in terms of speedo output gearing, or actual overdrive reduction (might be a 25% unit instead of an original 28% unit).

While true applications tables have been pretty hard to locate online, I have started to create a chart of all the applications numbers I have found online whenever someone posts about their overdrive unit or has one for sale on the auction sites. It is now about a 2-page table and I believe from the patterns that have emerged that I can identify many versions of these gearboxes by the application numbers.

Overdrive Type	Applications
A-Type	TR3-early TR6; Austin Healeys; Jaguar XKs through 1960s saloons; Aston Martins and even some early Ferraris(!)
D-Type	MGB 1962-67 (3-synchro gearbox); early Spitfire, Sunbeam Alpines, Volvos through approx. 1968
LH-Type	MGB 1968-80, MGC, MGB GT V8
J-Type	Mid TR6, GT6, other Triumphs, many Volvo models through 1980
P-Type	Late Volvos (lacks speedo cable drive)
Compact A-Type	Late 1960s-late 1970s Jaguars mostly saloons

I believe that Laycock overdrives faded away by the early 1980s. A division of the original company still provides rebuild services and parts in the UK.

A few points on MGB versions: the D-Type (1962-67) had a special vacuum switch and relay mounted on the firewall. The LH-Type that was introduced with the 1968 MGB originally came in a ‘black label’ version. These are associated with 1968-74 MGB gearboxes that also retained a gearbox dipstick, and 1280 turns-per-mile speedo output. The ‘blue label’ versions are more associated with the later cars which had a side-fill plug for gearbox oil, and had a 1000 turns-per-mile speedo output.

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Laycock De Normanville Overdrive ...

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It is fairly easy to mix and match to get everything set up correctly. All MGBs from 1968 onward used the same driveshaft, so nothing needed there. The MGC used the black label LH-Type. I was surprised when looking at the overdrive on my BGT V8 that it was a red label. It turns out they were beefed up a little for the V8 application—they had stronger internal springs and a stronger internal clutch material but are otherwise the same.

How did I happen to get into this research? I am looking to add overdrive to my Daimler SP250 restoration. The Daimler essentially used a close-ratio version of the Triumph TR3 gearbox but never offered overdrive, and an A-Type conversion will literally bolt up to the gearbox. However, that bulky early A-Type version will cause installation problems in the car (transmission tunnel, handbrake interference, even interference with the seats). It turns out that the later Triumph or Volvo J-Type can be adapted to the Daimler gearbox and is strong, and a much better fit, so that is what I am pursuing, with thanks to those who have researched and shared their experiences.

If you have an MGB, or TR that was offered with overdrive but you don't have one, is it worth pursuing one? I say Absolutely Yes. It will raise the value of your car in addition to providing nice operation in service. There are several local options including Ben at British Auto in Macedon who is very skilled with gearbox repairs and rebuilds, so it is very feasible to find a used overdrive gearbox, have it rebuilt for you, and then you can install it and enjoy.

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Vintage Grand Prix Weekend

By Bob Welch, with photos by the author

For many years, starting in the mid 1980's I attended the so-called "Vintage Races" at the Glen every September.

Then, demands of the job got in the way. After the summer months when

nothing much gets done in Europe, I was usually somewhere across the Atlantic right after Labor Day. I did go down for a day in 2019 but only to the events in town, including Dick Power's induction into the Racing Walk of Fame. Retirement

has its perks though and this September I went to the races again, for the entire weekend, for the first time in years.

Never fancy, the Seneca Lodge seemed to be a little more tired but it was reasonably clean, the restaurant is good and a lot of old friends were staying there too.

As much as I enjoyed the cars, the events, and the racing, seeing old friends

was a high point for me. The first night I had dinner with Dan Suter, Brooks Schneider and Bill Benet. After the meal, Bill and I went out on the deck to smell up the place with cigars. It wasn't



long until a guy came over, convinced that Bill was really George R.R. Martin, the author of *Game of Thrones*. Ever gracious, Bill told him he was not that guy but posed for a selfie with him anyway.

Friday was a day to spend in town where there was a parking lot full of great cars, all entered in the Concours d'Elegance. A



very wide range of vehicles were on display. I can't list, or even remember them all.

Among them was a 12-cylinder Mitchell racer, a nicely restored 1970 Datsun 240Z, a Porsche C-Type 1600 Super and a rare and unrestored 1954



Packard (owned by Dan Suter's brother-in-law). Though not a foreign or sports car, I mention the Packard because the

first car I ever rode in was my Dad's Navy Blue 1950. He had a '54 as well. Sue Keppler showed her MGA 1600



Mk II Deluxe, fresh off her second restoration. It



was a wonderful car before and is even better now! There were many more including a Volvo P1800, a '53 Morgan and a really nice Jaguar XK120. A few appear in the accompanying photos.

Later on Friday were runs on the old course and the introduction of this year's Racing Walk of Fame

inductees including long-time member, Joe Tierno. Alfa Romeo was the featured marque



this year and a nice, rare 1970 Montreal was parked on the courthouse lawn. The oldest Alfa there, as far as I know, was Dick Powers' '57 Giulietta Sprint, pictured here.



Our club was well represented on the track too. Dick Rzepkowski was there racing his 1962

Midget. Also competing in Group 1 were Ted Hershey and Doug Faust in their '72 Midgets while Al Costich and his 1968 GT were in



Group 3. All of them raced in the Collier Cup featured race on Sunday morning. I burned a lot of calories lugging a DSLR camera and heavy telephoto lens

around Saturday and managed to get some shots of some of them on the track.



In between all the car stuff there were more chats and meals with old friends. It was a great weekend, with good weather and lots to see and do. I'll be back next September. RW



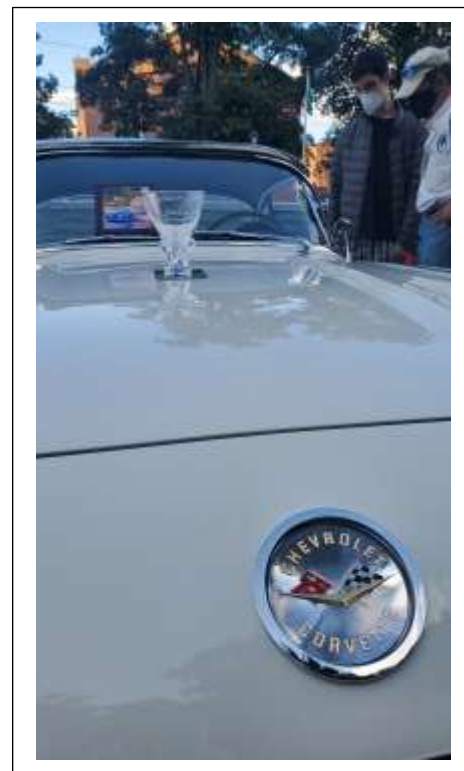
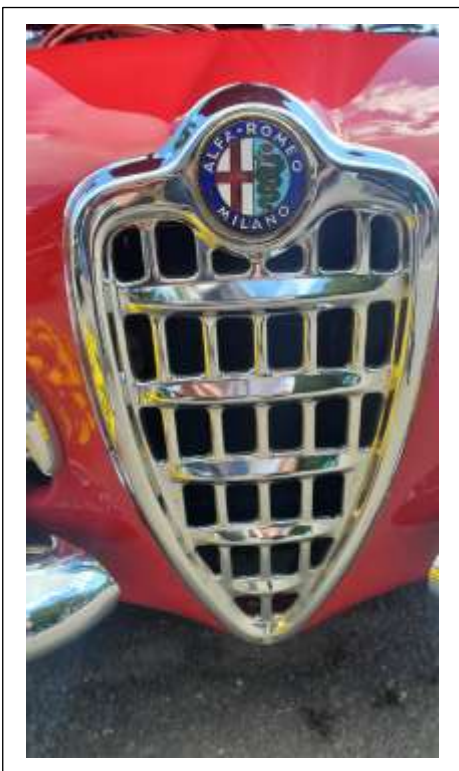
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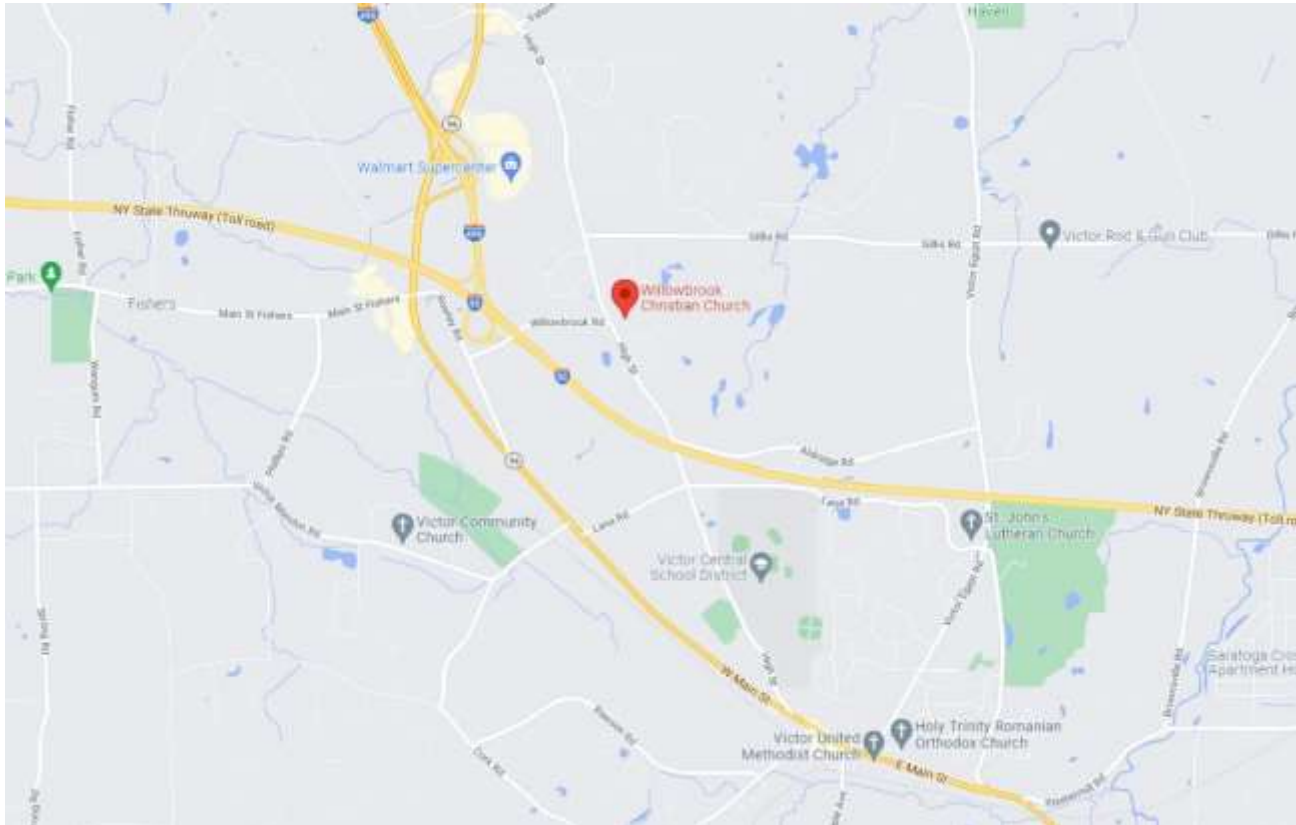
UPCOMING - Fall Tour 2021

Submitted by Mike Robinson

Saturday October 16th is the club's annual Fall Tour. This year's route starts in Victor and heads east and south for a garage tour at one of our "Spokes" sponsor's repair shop. From there, we proceed further east and south thorough Mennonite and Amish country, ultimately stopping in Naples for Lunch. From Naples we proceed north, finishing the route at a fairly new craft brewery in Honeoye.

Our starting point is the Willowbrook Christian Church, 619 High Street, in Victor.

Google Maps Link - <https://goo.gl/maps/iufy224jHHD1raZQ9>



Plan on arriving between 8:00 and 8:30. The church will be open for restroom use and we might even have a few visitors come to look at the cars. We will have a quick drivers' meeting at 8:40, then leave the church at 9:00 AM.

The estimated total time for the tour including lunch and garage tour is 5 hours. However long you stay at the brewery is up to you, and of course you can leave the route at any time if you have constraints. Total driving time will be about 2.7 to 3 hours, with a total mileage of roughly 97 miles. Every effort was made to find restroom facilities on the second leg between the garage and lunch, but there is nothing on the route that is suitable, so please be sure to use the facilities at the church and the garage.

This is a rain or shine event due to the restaurant and garage requirements. In the case of inclement weather bringing the daily driver is perfectly acceptable if you do not want to get the sports car wet.

I will need a final headcount for you and your navigator by Wednesday October 13th for the restaurant, garage and brewery, so please email me before the 13th at mrobins1057@twc.com if you plan on attending. At this writing (09/23) there are 19 people and 11 cars signed up. I will send an email out about a week prior with names that I have. Please check the email for accuracy and get back to me at the above address with any changes needed.

MR

Alfas at The Glen 2021 --- The Glen Vintage Fest Is Back

By Dick Powers

As you know, the 2020 Glen Vintage Fest had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Fortunately, conditions were much better this year and everything, from the Friday Downtown Festival to the weekend racing at the track, was back for 2021.

In 2020, Alfa Romeo was the featured Marque, as it was Alfa's 110th birthday. A lot of work went into the planning for that event and MGCC member **Dick Giambra** (he races a '72 Alfa GTV) and I were on the planning committee. Happily, for the Alfa community, Alfa was the featured car again in 2021. There was an Alfa Tour de Marque and Alfa display on Franklin Street on Friday and special Alfa paddock (about 50 Alfas racing) and an All Alfa race (Governor's Cup) on Sunday.

Given that Alfa was featured, Bethel and I drove to the Glen in our '58 Giulietta Sprint. On Friday,



Dick & Bethel's Alfa at the start of the Tour de Marque
(photo by R. Powers)

we entered the Tour de Marque that lasted till after 2 and ended at Lafayette Park just in time for the Legends Speak presentation.

This year, the featured speaker was **Brian Redman**. I met Brian in 2003 when I did my first race at Sebring.



Featured speaker Brian Redman
(photo by R. Powers)

He hasn't changed a bit, and his racing stories are better than ever.

Given all the earlier activity, I didn't get to the Concours till about 4:30. From what I

saw, we only had one MGCC car entered and that was **Sue Keppeler's** lovely '62 MGA MkII Deluxe. Many years ago, she restored this very rare MGA and last year, did new paint and a few tasteful things that make it look like an MGA racer.



Sue Keppeler's '62 MGA MkII Deluxe
(photo by R. Powers)

There was another MGCC connection in the Concours, not an MG but a Packard. **Dan Suter's** brother-in-law entered his historic '54 Packard Cavalier and was given



award-winning '54 Packard Cavalier
(photo by R. Powers)

an Honorable Mention award. Historic indeed! It once belonged to the exiled princess of Serbia who was residing in Greece! You may have seen this car before at our 2017 MGCC car show.

A very special event that also happens on Friday is the induction of chosen racers into the **Watkins Glen Walk of Fame**. The nominees' contributions to racing and ties to Watkins Glen are closely reviewed. Not every nominee is selected. This year, our MGCC member **Joe Tierno** was inducted into the Watkins Glen Walk of Fame. This honor is LONG overdue as Joe has done more for MG



MGCC WNY's Joe Tierno at his Walk of Fame induction
(photo by Bill Green)

vintage racing and preserving racing history than anyone I know.

The weekend was full of some great MG, Alfa, and Triumph racing. We have racers in our MGCC that don't race MGs.

Brian Schirano races a very

fast TR GT6+ and his son Aaron is also a racer. Our local Alfa racers are **Dick Giambra**, **Steve Rauh** and **Chris De Minco**. Dick and Steve were on the Alfas at The Glen planning committee and had a major role in making the Alfa event a great success!

The **Collier Cup** race, for all MGs, was Sunday Morning. Our MGCC members racing were: **Al Costich**, **Dick Rzepkowski**, **Ted Hershey**, and **Doug Faust**. They finished in that order, with Al in his bigger and heavier MGB GT finishing 9th overall, ahead of all the local MG Midgets.



Awards after the Collier Cup Race
(photo by Steve Rossini)

The Collier Cup race has many awards. The **Denver Cornette Jr. Cup** is for first overall and was won by MGB racer Kenny Williams. He also won the **John Targett Trophy** for the highest placed MGB. The **Jack Archibald T-Cup** was won by 8th over all Russell Lane in his very fast MG TD. The **NAMGAR Bucher/Decker Cup** for the highest placed MGA was won by 6th overall Eric Russell. He was also voted the Collier Cup winner.

Our **WNY MGCC Bill Glanville Memorial Cup** for the highest placed MG Midget, was won by 3rd over all Peter Uzdavinis. It was nice that **Suzanne Glanville** and her daughter **Julia** could be there to present the trophy to Peter.

All in All, **Alfas at The Glen 2021** was a great weekend. We had near perfect weather and 3 days of wonderful vintage sports car events. **The Glen Vintage Fest is back!** RP



Dick Giambra (34) and B. Martinez (22) in the All-Alfa race
(photo by R. Powers)

Che Sorprese! - Surprises at Alfas at The Glen 2021

By Dick Powers

Alfas at The Glen 2021 was a great event, but we were surprised to discover that our old '58 Giulietta Sprint was the only Sprint there. I know there are others around, even if they started to rust on the way over from Italy. A few are still being raced, but ours was the only one there and the oldest Alfa driven to and around all weekend.



Jim Acquilano and his
homemade pasta
(photo by R. Powers)

Another surprise and perfect for Alfas at The Glen 2021, was having a homemade pasta dinner in the paddock at the track. Jim Acquilano (who used to race an MGB but now races a Big Cobra) has been doing this for the last 5 years. He makes his own sauce and pasta

and serves it with a salad, garlic bread, dessert and of course, vino. Jim had meatballs, sausage and *bracirole* (Italian stuffed and rolled flank or round steak) in his sauce. That was enough to make me think I was back in my grandmother's kitchen. But when he brought out the fresh pasta he had just made and started rolling it and then cutting it, I knew

my grandmother must be at the track. Everything was "*delizioso e perfetto*"!!

Jim, your sauce and pasta made Alfas at The Glen 2021 even better for this old Sicilian. **RP**



'58 Giulietta Sprint
(photo by R. Powers)



Pasta dinner at the track
(photo by R. Powers)



Jim Acquilano in his '65 Shelby Cobra
(photo by Steve Rossini)

In a note to me about his article, “Alfas at The Glen 2021 --- The Glen Vintage Fest Is Back” (see prior pages), Dick Powers sent me this email note about Bethel’s and his 49th Anniversary. How fortunate that they get to celebrate their anniversary along with enjoying a favorite pastime! Dick said it was okay to include his note; and he provided a few pictures to go with it. MG



Possibly one of the best Glen weekends we've had since I stopped racing my MGA in 2014."



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Cars and Coffee at Free Style Mercantile – September 26, 2021

Photos by Allyn Wagner and George Heissenberger



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2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

At the time of publication, scoring is as follows: Leon & Barb Zak (83), Susan & Mike Goodwin (72, but disqualified), Ev & Ron Stone (60), Maggie & Mike Robinson (51), Peggi & George Heissenberger (50), Doreena & Hollis Hames (49), Marlene & Dick Rzepkowski (13), Mary & Tom LeStrange (6), Chris & John Baum (5), Allen Hess (3) and John Schwelm (2)

Since our last update, the Zaks have managed to keep their lead, and the disqualified Goodwins are not far behind – no surprise, since the Goodwins always get the early scoop on what all the destinations are! There has been a lot of jostling up and down in the next four places, but Ev & Ron Stone (60) have maintained a slightly comfortable lead over the next three teams who are currently running neck and neck (and neck!) since Doreena & Hollis Hames have surged this month from 4 points all the way to 49! I think the Robinsons (51) and Heissenbergers (50) will both need to be strong in the stretch to keep ahead of the Hames team. Only a month to go in the Challenge, so October could be exciting if the weather stays driveable.

With just October to go (all submissions due by October 31st), we're adding just a few new destinations this month. Along with those new opportunities, you are all encouraged to review your earlier scoring and see if you can improve your standing by upgrading your photos. My garbage truck photo, for example, earned 2 points, but if I would resubmit one that includes a worker waving to the camera, it could earn me 2 more points! Perhaps your flower garden photo didn't earn a bonus – you could re-take that photo at a lovelier garden! Maybe we'll have pleasant driving weather and you can plan a day or half-day route to clean up some of the odds and ends destination you may have missed.

SPECIAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY: The final challenge (2021-44) is a single photo (no photoshopping allowed!) combining as many as possible of destinations 2021-01 through 2021-43. **This photo must include (nearly) YOUR ENTIRE CAR.** Your score will be determined by adding up all the qualifying points you include. I can imagine your car with a waving garbageman next to his truck (4), holding a pumpkin (1) alongside a lovely flower garden with 4 types of flowers (3) and all the neighbors' kids in the picture (2) for a **total of 10 points!** Think ahead on this one!

For any newcomers: It's not too late to start! Even with just a month to go, you can join in and have some fun (and be able to claim AT LEAST a nifty Motoring Challenge magnet; see page 32) with a bit of driving and a camera.

For rules and other details, see page 27 of the September Spokes issue.

With **77 photos submitted in September**, I've decided to publish **just a sampling** again this month. Since we enjoyed the early-September photos at the last Club meeting, you'll find a selection from only the most recent submissions. I'm planning to put **all** of the photos from the Challenge together into a slideshow for presentation at the November meeting, when we expect to award the prizes.

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For now, while the weather is still good, take your little car out and wherever your little special car takes you in October, remember to

BRING YOUR CAMERA

and Safety Fast! MG

2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

A selection of photos by contest participants



2021-07 George Heissenberger's MGB with 3 lovely ladies



2021-07 The Hameses' MGB with those same lovely ladies



2021-15 Hollis Hames at the Ice Cream Factory



2021-28 Susan Goodwin at a gazebo in Spencerport



2021-31 a very cool George Heissenberger at (WHAT??!!) a WINERY?



2021-09 Hollis Hames's MGB with a waving worker and garbage truck (nice bonus!)

2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

a few more select photos by contest participants



2021-37 George H. in his MGB at a cemetery



2021-27 Susan Goodwin and the MGB at the Livingston County Fairgrounds



2021-40 George Heissenberger at a lovely flower garden



2021-24 Hollis Hames at a Genesee County Park



2021-12 Hollis Hames in his MGB at his favorite tattoo parlor



2021-39 Bonus close-up of NYS Roadside Historic Marker, from George Heissenberger

Sunshine Page



October Birthdays

1	Eileen Makepeace
2	Lawrence North
3	David Jack
4	Patricia Giambra
4	Mike Robinson
10	Dick Rzepkowski
11	Doreena Hames
11	Jim Priestley
14	Robin Allen
16	Sue DeVos
17	David Leete
17	Donald Sweeney
22	George Heissenberger
22	Mary Sweeney
26	Bob Hamilton
28	Barb Nichols
30	Suzanne Keppeler



*Happy Birthday,
everyone!*

*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.*



October Anniversaries

10	Barb & Dave Wild
14	Gail & Scott Schipper
18	Penny & Ken Heusler
22	Eileen McMahon & Chris Williams



Congratulations!

Regalia

At our August meeting, Joe Bellizia presented some information about regalia that may be available from a couple of vendors. Here's the information Joe sent to *Spokes*. You can click on the link to see all the details. (If clicking on the link doesn't work for you, copy and paste it into your browser.)

Here is the info on the Options for the Jackets and pics and video. Click on the Google drive link to get the files.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PiiNnB5FJvCFwCvzrgZJ0CoUwFrCoEZ0?usp=sharing>

I have included both pdf & MS PowerPoint slides for the jacket selection.

As you can see there is multiple choices with (2) vendors.

The first selection shows 7 different jackets, all are water & wind resistant with hoods concealed with options 1-5. Options 6 & 7 are water repellent/waterproof with exposed hoods. This grouping of 7 we can mix and match jackets, sizes and colors but need a minimum of (12) if we want the price to include **YOUR** name embroidered on them. We can order less and **OUR Club Logo will still be embroidered** on them. The price shown included the club logo and state tax included, but shipping not included and dependent on how many we order.

The second selection **includes our Club Logo embroidered** on them and state tax. As you might notice the price is less and I found another vendor. If we buy at least \$250. worth we can take advantage of low or free shipping.

NOTE: ALSO, if members wish to have the Large MG Octagon printed on the back as per the older version jacket that Hollis has, PLEASE indicate and I will obtain an estimate to add that to the jacket prices.

JB



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The Motoring Challenge commemorative magnets are in. These are being given to all the participants – Claim yours at the next meeting! They include actual images from this year's challenge, and look like this:



Classified Ads

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

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: 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: Four (4) spoked wheel rims for an MG (no other information given)
9580 Big Tree Road, Hemlock NY.

Please call Rhonda at 585-919-9719

For Sale: Craftsman Compressor 30-gallon, 150 max p.s.i., upright style on wheels, has had very little use - \$200

Call Michael at 585-360-6885

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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)	
#2021-02	Barn with a silo (1)		
#2021-03	* Any Erie Canal lift bridge (1)		
#2021-04	* Emmeline the Bear Monument – Geneseo (1)		
#2021-05	* Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse (1)		
#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	
#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)	
#2021-16	* At Abbott’s Frozen Custard (1)	At the original in Charlotte (1 bonus); eating ice cream (1 more bonus)	
#2021-17	At a courthouse (1)		
#2021-18	At an electric car charging station (2)		
#2021-19	* Jell-O Museum, LeRoy NY (2)	Holding a Jell-O package; must be clearly visible (2)	
#2021-20, -21, -22	At a brewery of your choice	up to 3, (1 pt. each)	
2021-23	* At a Monroe County Park (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-24	* At a County Park <u>OTHER THAN</u> Monroe County (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-25	At a marina with boats (1)		
2021-26	* At Hartwell Hall on the SUNY Brockport Campus (2)	If the bell tower is fully included in your photo, 1 point BONUS	
MORE DESTINATIONS ON NEXT PAGE!			

2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

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Destination Number	Description (pts.)	Special Requirement or Special Note	Early-bird bonus point?
2021-27	At a fairgrounds (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-28	A gazebo (NOT rectangular, 6 or more sided or round!) (1)		
2021-29	At a coffee shop (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-30	At a winery of your choice (2)	Must include a sign	
2021-31	At a second winery (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-32	At a car show or cruise night (2)	Your car <u>with</u> a pre-1940 vehicle, 2 point BONUS	
2021-33	At a National Forest (2)	Must include a sign	
2021-34	At your favorite restaurant (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-35	in or alongside a cornfield (1)	with crow (1), with scarecrow (2), with both (4)	
2021-36	at a farmstand or farm market (1)	holding some produce you bought (1)	
2021-37	at a cemetery (1)	if your car is in the shade (1)	
2021-38	showing a building of 5 or more stories (2)		
2021-39	*at a blue & yellow NY State roadside historic marker (2)	add a second photo (close-up of the sign without your car) for 1 bonus point	
2021-40	with a lovely flower garden (1)	CLEARLY showing 3 or more kinds of flowers in bloom (2)	
New destinations below!			
2021-41	with a tree or trees with Fall color (1) if color is just so-so	BONUS (1) if color is SPLENDID (really, find a really good one!)	Yes (1) by 10/20
2021-42	with a pumpkin (1)	BONUS (2) with 12 or more pumpkins, AND showing your WHOLE CAR	Yes (1) by 10/20
2021-43	with a train (2)	BONUS (2) with the train passing through a crossing (including gates and/or lights)	No
2021-44	One photo (no photoshopping allowed!) combining as many as possible of destinations 2021-01 though 2021-43. This photo must include (nearly) YOUR ENTIRE CAR. Score determined by adding up all the qualifying points you include.		No
Questions? Address them to the Challenge-masters at challenge@mgcarclub.com			