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## MG's Corner

By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin

As I'm wrapping up editing this final issue of *Spokes* for 2022, I'm thinking back on the year, as one is apt to do. I *could* in this column try to recap all the year's MGCC activities and fun (after all, it was a *GREAT* year for the Club), but



no ... we have back issues of *Spokes* available with the ease of a click on the website – one can do that anytime. I'd rather just use pictures to highlight a few moments from our cross-country road trip, and recognize that the MG Car Club has likely given us all some great friendships, some special knowledge of these old cars, and plenty of ways to use our talents and experience to get involved, help each other and have some fun. For many, this is a special time of year - it should *always* be time to strive to be friendly and grateful for what we can give each other.



Many thanks to you all for another good year.

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## Chairman's Corner

By Bob Welch

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In another month the MG Car Club, Western New York Centre moves into its 65th year! How did that happen already?!!!! Several of our current members can remember the early years. Betty and Gil Langswager joined in the founding year of 1958 and Barb and Dave Wild have been members since 1959! We have plenty of people who joined in the 1970s and '80s. Looking through the membership roster I see quite a number of folks who've joined us just in the last couple of years. We have a good mix of great people and that's testimony to the vibrancy of our Club.

The past two years have also gone by quickly and I've been honored to serve as Chairman. We had some challenges, driven by the pandemic and declining membership, but we've overcome all that. No more Zoom meetings. Membership is way up and the new folks are eagerly engaged. Monthly meetings are well attended. The treasury is sound. Activities are fun, diverse and frequent. For all this good stuff, you have my sincere gratitude!

Thanks as well to our outgoing Board members. Each of you has helped to make the Western NY Centre flourish. We have a solid group of members stepping into these roles in January and I'm very confident 2023 will be a spectacular year for the club. In this parting column I must also recognize the excellent work of Mike Goodwin, our *Spokes* editor, Leon Zak, Webmaster, Dan Suter for handling Seneca Lodge bookings and Paul Osborne, our Librarian. While not elected Board members, these folks have all made valuable contributions to our club.

There is still salt residue on our local roads, so it looks as though the sports car driving season has rolled to a halt for this year. That doesn't mean the activity season has stopped though. Our Annual Holiday party is set for December 17th at Eagle Vale Golf Club. So far we have 65 people registered to attend, including our guest speaker, John Twist. There's still plenty of time to sign up. Just follow the link on our home page.

This column started with mention of the good old days. In parting, here are a couple of photos from the mid 1980's. Do you recognize any of the members lounging on a hillside during the 1985 Vintage Races at Watkins Glen (see the back page for answers)? That's Bob Philip with his just-restored 1933 J2 Midget at our 1986 car show.



Can you name any of these 1985 Watkins Glen race fans?

Safety Fast!

RW



Bob Philip with his 1932 J2 Midget

## Vice Chairman's Corner

By George Heissenberger

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Happy Holidays to everyone! I hope to see you all at the Western NY MG Car Club Christmas party in December and am looking forward to meeting John Twist. Thank you for your support as I transition into the club Chairman's position for 2023. I was last Chairman in the mid 1980s so it's not new but has been a while!

I was looking through some old photos recently and came across this photo of my dad's friend's 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB. My dad had a friend at work named Joe, who was very good as a mechanic and used to make a few bucks by buying exotic sportscars from ads in Autoweek that didn't run and needed repair and fixing them up in order to flip them for a profit. He made enough to build a nice detached 2-3 car garage at his house with all the right tools and equipment for car repairs. There was a slow stream of Maserati, Ferrari, etc. he would fix and flip including some nice motorcycles too. He was especially good at fixing Ferrari V-12 engines. There was some common problem, I forget exactly what, that involved needing to pull the heads and replace head gaskets and Joe was a pro at it. Might have been a timing belt or chain, I really don't remember the specifics. Anyway, this was mid 1970s and even at that time I realized what a bargain he bought some of these cars for. Around the summer of 1975 he showed up at our house with his latest repair, a 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB V12 in maroon with butterscotch leather interior and styled knock off disc wheels. It was a drop-dead gorgeous car and looked factory fresh. I took a number of photos of it in our driveway in Penfield. Then Joe offered to take me for a ride. First off, Joe didn't believe in seatbelts, so they had been removed from the car. Second, he drove fast. On regular side streets. I was sliding around the whole trip in the beautiful leather bucket passenger seat which must have been freshly Armor-All'd. We went for about a ten-minute quick trip around Penfield and it was amazing. I remember zooming down Creek street and left on to Browncroft, then he turned sharp right onto Panorama trail at very high speed

## Vice Chairman's Corner

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and the car just stuck to the road like glue. Unlike me who was hanging on for dear life in those beautiful but slippery leather seats and loving every minute of it. The sound of the engine was magnificent, and Joe was justifiably proud of the job he had done and showing what the car could do. All too soon, the ride was over, and we were back in our driveway. In the photo you can see my 1968 Firebird in front of the Ferrari. I later traded in the Firebird for a 1970 Opel Kadette Rally (instantly regretted it). The next year I bought my first MG, a 1971 MGB in June of 1976. Joe soon sold the 275 GTB and within a year or two he was working on a Kawasaki Mach III motorcycle. They were one of the first superbikes with a 500 cc three-cylinder engine producing around 60 HP. From what I have read if you kept the bike under 4000 RPM it was docile, but above 5000 RPM it turned into a real beast. Joe took the bike over to our house and besides being wowed by the three cylinders and 70's styling I remember it had a leopard skin seat cover. I've heard Mach III's were called the widowmaker, and that was true in Joe's case. Soon after he got the bike repaired and before he could sell it, Joe was killed when he was riding the Kawasaki Mach III and hit a telephone pole. Rest in Peace Joe.



Stay safe my friends this winter season and I hope to see you soon at an MG Car Club event!

Safety Fast!

George





# Minutes for MGCC Meeting – November 17, 2022

Recorded and submitted with photos by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary

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*Meeting called to order 7:32pm*

**CHAIRMAN**, Bob Welch welcomed everyone and noted the large turnout for our November meeting. We all congratulated people who had recent birthdays or anniversaries, with a big cheer for Al Costich who is having a 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, Celeste Kray who is turning 65 and Hollis Hames, celebrating 80 in December. There were no new members or guests. The October Minutes were motioned and accepted.

**TREASURY/MEMBERSHIP**, Frank Stepanik reported that the treasury is healthy and increasing with 2023 dues payments coming in as well as payments for the Christmas party. We had 134 members in good standing for 2022 and so far have 29 already accounted for looking ahead to 2023.

**ACTIVITIES**, Mike Robinson reviewed details on the Autumn Tour which was a huge success with great turnout and perfect weather. He told us we have 73 already signed up for the Christmas party and announced that children are welcome, under 4 years old will have no charge and under 18 will have a reduced cost. The guest speaker is John Twist and Mike hopes to set up a meet-n-greet before the official start of the party, so watch for emails concerning that. Mike got a BIG round of applause for his work as the Activities Coordinator for the last two years and we all wish the incoming Coordinator, Dave Kray, just as much success and member participation.

## Report from Michael Robinson

- October-
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Fall Foliage Tour
    - 27 cars and 53 people. Largest turnout in recent memory, or at least since I've been planning them
    - Perfect weather with temps in the mid 60's
    - Rising Storm and 20 deep winery were both very happy with the attendance.
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00
    - 7 cars and 9 people braved the chilly morning
    - Great aerial shots taken by Joe B and featured in the Spokes and on the Website.
- November-
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – Bills and Beer
    - Robinson's, Kray's, Baldwin's and Rich Shinermet met at Noble Sheppard to watch the Bills. In spite of our best efforts at mimicking the noise at Rich, the Bills lost to the Jets 20 to 17.
  - 27<sup>th</sup> Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00 (weather dependent)
- December-
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party at Eagle Vale Golf Club, Rt. 250 Fairport. 6:00 PM Drinks, Dinner at 6:00.

- Menu is listed on the Event Calendar and also went out as an email to the membership.
- Cost is \$35 per person for members, \$55 for non members
- We will have John Twist as Guest Speaker.
  - Other clubs are being invited to increase attendance so we can be moved to larger ball room upstairs.
- Sign up Sheet is on the back table and I am collecting money this evening. If you are unable to make the meeting you can pay at the party.

As always, the Event Calendar on the website is up to date and is the last word on events, dates and times.

As a final thought, this is my last report, and I want to thank the membership for your cooperation and for making my job easier the past year. I trust you will show the same to Dave Kray as he takes over the role for 2023. I believe the club's activities are in good hands.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Robinson

**REGALIA**, Joe Bellizia had many samples of our regalia on the back table, including shirts and jackets that could be tried on. Joe has much more available by order and you may also get your own clothing item embroidered. Contact Joe for ordering or information at [blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com). If anyone has ideas for other regalia items, contact Joe.

**SPOKES**, Mike Goodwin told us that *Spokes* is in good shape, and he has received good participation from Club Members. He discussed the January issue which was a calendar in the past. He has discontinued the calendar but will do a January *Spokes* issue if any news or articles come in; otherwise, the first 2023 issue will be February. Send articles, photos, etc. to [spokes@mgcarclub.com](mailto:spokes@mgcarclub.com) for the December issue by November 25<sup>th</sup>. Mike announced that next year will be his final year as *Spokes* Editor and he hopes to have a volunteer come forward soon so that he is able to overlap with that person before he leaves the position.

**LIBRARY**, Paul Osborne was absent, but he sent the report that there were no new items in the library.

**WATKINS GLEN REPORT**, Dave Wild had no update. Dick Powers told us about the recent symposium at the Glen, the first since COVID. It had many interesting topics and lots of audience participation.

**WEBSITE**, Leon Zak confirmed that the Club website is running fine and is up-to-date with information. The Membership page and the Holiday Party signup are both working out well.

**OLD BUSINESS**, Frank Stepanik gave us an update on our Monroe Community College endowment. The endowment is in good standing at the College with a \$13,500 balance. The College gave a \$500 award to someone in the automotive program last spring and plan to award the same this spring. Frank has updated contact information with the College and hopes that the student receiving the funds next spring can attend one of our meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS**, Bob Welch announced nominations for the Club Officers for 2023. The Club voted to accept the nominees and that was seconded. The newly elected officers for next year will be:

Chairman, George Heissenberger  
 Vice Chairman, Rod Rodman  
 Treasurer/Membership, Todd Black  
 Secretary, Dan Suter  
 Activities Coordinator, Dave Kray  
 Trustee, Paul Osborne  
 Trustee, Bob Welch

Bob Welch thanked the outgoing officers for their efforts and said he greatly appreciated the Club members' help and support though the last two years that included COVID challenges, Zoom meetings as well as more typical Club business. He noted that our membership has increased, we have had wonderful participation and that left him feeling good about his time as chairman. We all gave him a round of applause for his fine leadership in 2021 and 2022.

Mike Robinson awarded Don McConnell an appreciation award for his ten years of editing our newsletter. This award was delayed because of the years of COVID but the large round of applause showed that the members still remember and appreciate Don's work and dedication.

Joe Bellizia showed us a brief video that he had compiled of his drone footage taken at some of our car gatherings. It was very fun to see our cars from a different perspective!

Doug Scribner gave a very interesting talk about his time participating in one of the Cannonball Baker cross-country runs. Doug Blue, Laurie's brother, was also on the team. It was fascinating to hear the details of the four-person team as they blasted across the country in a 1970 Monte Carlo, leading all other competitors until a transmission change backed them down a bit. They still finished with an amazing time, despite numerous police chases and speed stops! Look for the full story coming soon, possibly on our website or in a future *Spokes* issue. *(A newspaper article and photos from the time are included on page 14.)*

Dan Suter said he has confirmed with Seneca Lodge that we still have our block of 17 rooms for the Watkins Glen Vintage Festival. Ken Barlow will be taking over the coordination of those reservations and will be sending out information early in 2023. Dan mentioned that the last few rooms have consistently been difficult to fill and are usually opened to non-Club members, so we may want to reduce the number we reserve to 15 in the future.

Al Costich inquired if anyone knew the status of the machine shop in Webster. After a consultation on the web it was learned that Martin Engine Machine shop was closed in July 2022 when the owner retired.

George Heissenberger announced that Kevin, our contact at the American Legion, told us he will have shepherd's pie for dinner at the Legion in January. If there is enough interest, he may add bangers and mash. George will send around information in January to gauge interest in that.

Susan Goodwin announced the winners of the year's Motoring Challenge and awarded prizes for all who participated. We all thank Susan for her work on this, it was a lot of fun. We saw a slideshow of contestants' photo submissions and the entire Challenge was a great source of fun and camaraderie throughout the driving season. It brought out great spirit and some good-natured "trash talking" that provided lots of laughs to participants and non-participants alike at the several Club meetings when Susan gave us updates and showed the current month's submissions. Here's hoping there will be another challenge in 2023!

**CARS & PARTS FOR SALE**, Mike Goodwin offered a free speed sensor for a cruise control unit that should work on most cars. He purchased it for his MGB, but it didn't fit; there wasn't enough room where the unit attaches.

**PROJECTS**, Dan Suter discussed his project of restoration of MGA Deluxe and Twin Cam wheels, recently getting a tip from Al Isselhard that a shop in Mexico, NY may have the required skills. Dan and Al will make a trip there to discuss what's needed. Dan also mentioned that he got some hard-to-find oil filters at a local business, Oil Filter Services on Saginaw Drive behind the Post Office.

Joe Bellizia told us that after he hit a bad pothole in his MGB, the turn signals have not been working correctly. There were numerous suggestions of what to do that may fix the problem, some of them highly improbable but you never know with British cars! Hopping around the car on one foot was suggested but we may need to consult with John Twist to establish which direction works best to remedy the situation!

Door prizes were distributed to ticket winners.

*Meeting end: 8:59*

**AT**

*(more photos from the meeting appear on the following page)*

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## Attendance for November 17, 2022 MGCC WNY Meeting

Ken Barlow  
Joe Bellizia  
Todd Black  
Lane Boughton  
Karl Burkhardt  
Dave Chase  
Alan Costich  
Chad D'Angelo  
Mike Goodwin  
Susan Goodwin  
Doreena Hames  
Hollis Hanes  
George Heissenberger  
Ted Hershey  
Suzie Keppeler  
Celeste Kray  
Dave Kray  
Janet LiMuti  
Klint LiMuti

Don McConnell  
Eric Mehserle  
Bethel Powers  
Dick Powers  
Mike Robinson  
Rod Rodman  
Dick Rzepkowski  
Doug Scribner  
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# Cannonball Baker Sea-To-Shining-Sea Memorial Trophy Dash - 1972

(Material provided by Doug Scribner)

## Four Rochesterians enter Cannonball Baker race

Given good driving, good weather, and perhaps a touch of good luck, four eastside Rochester residents may win the second annual Cannonball Baker Sea-to-Shining-Sea Memorial Trophy Dash, which starts November 19 and runs over public roads from New York City to Redondo Beach, California.

The drivers, Doug Blue, Tom Carrozoni, Sam Lincoln, and Doug Scribner, have entered a modified 1970 Chevrolet Monte Carlo in the race, and together they comprise the only team entered from the Rochester area. Also entered are 34 other teams from around the country, many of whom are race drivers, professional people, and other drivers experienced at high-speed cross-country touring.

SCCA racers Fred Kepler, Brad Niemce, and past Continental Champion Tony Adamowicz are running, along with Terry Cosik, editor of Hot Rod Magazine; Edsel Ford, son of Henry Ford II; eminent European motorsport journalist David Phipps; and Bruce Yates, senior editor of Car and Driver and unofficial promoter of the event.

Yates, along with former Grand Prix driver Dan Gurney, won the first Cannonball last year in a Kirk White sponsored Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona. Together they made the 2900 mile trip in less than 36 hours, averaging 80 mph despite nine fuel stops and a speeding apprehension.

Rules for the race are minimal, and the winner is the team with the shortest elapsed time over any chosen route between the Red Ball Garage in midtown Manhattan, and the parking lot of the Puerto Rico Inn in Redondo Beach.

Types of vehicles entered range from an Austin Healey 3000 and a 1951 Studebaker up to the inevitable 240Z's, Corvettes, and Porsches. Numerous vans and two motor homes are running, along with a Cadillac limousine, a bus, an Excalibur classic Mercedes replica, and reportedly the Chappan-2J "Vacuum Cleaner" Can-Am car.

Preparation on the Rochester entry, which was put together by Lincoln and Carrozoni in Lincoln's Sunoco station on Monroe Avenue in Brighton, was done with an eye toward increasing the mileage covered between fuel stops, and enhancing the car's high speed cruising capability.

Lincoln fitted an extra fuel tank inside the trunk, bringing total fuel capacity up to 45 gallons. Giant Cibie Super Oscar driving lights were mounted to the front bumper, along with Cibie quartz iodine conversion units in the normal headlight sockets.

For power, the red and black Monte

Carlo relies on a hefty 454 cubic inch Chevrolet engine, fitted with Hooker headers, Crane solid-lifter cam and valve-train, a cast aluminum Edelbrock "taramula" intake manifold, and a 1150 cfm Holley four-barrel carburetor. Lincoln estimates available horsepower at 475.

Behind the engine is a three-speed Turbo 400 automatic transmission with special modifications to the valve body. Lincoln also fitted a long-legged 2.75 Positraction rear axle, which together with the engine gives the car an estimated top speed of 150 mph.

The car is also fitted with heavy duty suspension components and Koni shocks along with Goodyear HRT70 Polysteel radial tires supplied by Red Kowinski's Speed Shop in Scottsville. Beyond that the car looks quite normal; in fact, probably more normal than the other cars running the event.

As for driving experience, both Lincoln and Carrozoni bring past involvement in late-model stocks and drag racing to the team. Carrozoni is an employee of Rochester Telephone.

Blue, owner of Racing USA, a retail and mail order sports car accessories outlet in Pittsford, brings past experience in auto-crossing and several major rallies to the team. Scribner, owner of Mini City, a mail order supplier of imported Austin Mini parts on Rochester's east side, is a competitor in SCCA amateur small sedan racing.

The team members hope their combined experience, aligned with a strategy of four drivers, and co-ordinated fuel stops will give them a decided advantage in the coast-to-coast race.

by R. J. Hughes

### Corvoir rally set

November 19 is the date the Corvoir Owners Club of Rochester will stage another in its monthly rally series, "Turkey Trot Too," starting from the Westgate Plaza parking lot at Chili Avenue and Howard Road.

The rally will cover about 90 miles and finish with trophy presentations at the Top Hat Restaurant in Scottsville. Registrations and tech inspection are at 11 a.m. and first car off will leave at 12:01.



Cannonball entrants Doug Blue and Doug Scribner stand in front of their Chevrolet Monte Carlo along with Sam Lincoln, also co-driver, who owns and built the car. Not pictured is Tom Carrozoni, fourth co-driver on the team.





# 2022 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

By Susan Goodwin

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The 2022 Motoring Challenge has come to an end. We had eleven dual teams and four individuals participating in the event. There were fifty-three destinations to find, totaling one hundred points.

We had two first place winners getting all the destinations and points.

There were three special awards given: Most Artistic Photo given to Donna and Todd Black, Most Dramatic Composition given to Doreena and Hollis Hames and #1 Driving Assistant to Cooper D'Angelo. (see photos next page)

Thanks to everyone who participated.

## THE SCORES

	POINTS	PLACE
Zak, Leon & Barb	100	1st
Goodwin, Michael	100	1st
Robinson, Mike & Maggie	98	3rd
Hames, Hollis & Doreena	97	4th
LiMuti, Clint & Janet	95	5th
Kray, Dave & Celeste	93	6th
Boughton, Lane & Kathy	85	7th
Heissenberger, George	72	8th
Black, Todd & Donna	48	9th
Baldwin, Bill & Cheryl	49	10th
D'Angelo, Chad & Lisa & Cooper	33	11th
Bellizia, Joe & Patti	29	12th
Costich, Al	20	13th
Stone, Ron & Ev	8	14th
Rodman, Rod	1	15th

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# 2022 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge



Most Artistic Photo by  
Donna and Todd Black



#1 Driving Assistant Cooper D'Angelo



Most Dramatic Composition  
by Doreena and Hollis Hames

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6	Jim Herschell
6	Brian Rodwin
7	Beverly Lockrow
11	Georgian Abels
12	Ken Barlow
12	Dick Giambra
18	Betty Langswager
19	Hollis Hames
24	Robert Abels
25	Bill Donish

## December Anniversaries

12	Janey & Michael Wagner
21	Janice & John North
31	Kristi & Lowell Briggs



***Congratulations!***

***Happy Birthday,  
everyone!***

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# January Sunshine Page



## January Birthdays

2	Virginia Fowler
3	Dennis Nichols
6	Dan Suter
10	Michael Wagner
15	Leon Zak
18	Sue Herschell
21	Cindy Jack
22	Joseph Pagano
23	Brian Shirano
30	Paul Osborne
30	Jake Voelckers
31	Rob Shrader

## January Anniversaries

5	Renee & Jon Neff
11	Nancy & Charles Bauder



**Congratulations!**

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## MG Car Club of Western NY Available Regalia 2022 Catalog



## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



Note: Key is just to show size

In between meetings feel free contacting Joe B at [blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com)



## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



50<sup>th</sup> Ann. Badge  
\$20.00



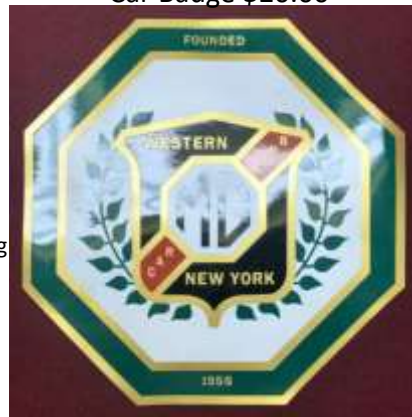
Car Badge \$20.00



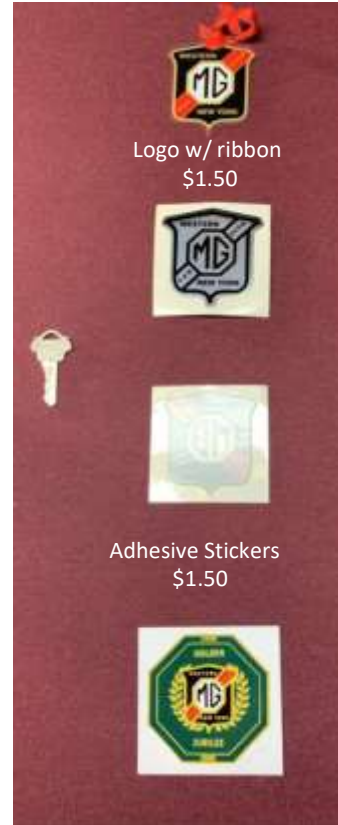
Octagon Key Ring  
\$1.50



Embroidered patches  
\$2.50



10" Magnetic Sign \$15.00



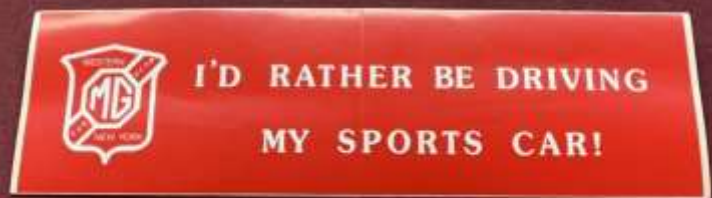
Logo w/ ribbon  
\$1.50

Adhesive Stickers  
\$1.50

## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Bumper Sticker & Coffee Mugs



Coffee Mug \$5.00



Bumper Sticker \$1.00 / 3 for \$2.00

## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

Port Authority Shirts \$25.00 embroidered



Shirt Sported by our new member Frank DeMarzo  
Frank modeling our NEW Club Shirts for us!



Closeup of Actual Embroidery  
of Logo

Color Choice: Not all colors may be available do to supply chain shortages.  
Feel Free in emailing me if you have a color you want me to check on at [blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com)

## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

Hats \$25.00 embroidered  
(price goes down the more we order)



Note: This is the Logo we are  
had digitized to fit on the hats.  
It is 2" high

Includes Embroidery: \$25. Delivered

## Club Jackets with our Logo Embroidered



**\$65 Delivered**



**\$75 Delivered**



**\$85 Delivered**

Color Choice: Not all colors may be available do to supply chain shortages.  
Feel Free in emailing me if you have a color you want me to check on at [blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com)

These Jackets are available to see and try on, just contact Joe B at  
[blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com) or at 585-749-9263.  
We are looking for other examples as well.



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Join the Club! Use this form (if you like paper) or go on-line  
to [www.mgcarclub.com](http://www.mgcarclub.com) and click on:

Join/Renew

☐ New Membership

☐ Renewal

Last Name - Primary Member \*

First Name - Primary Member \*

Email - Primary Member

Birth Month/Day - Primary Member

Last name - Partner

First name - Partner

Email Address

Birth Month/Day - Partner

**You do not HAVE to be on the mail list - but there are many announcements, especially impromptu cruises, that are only announced by way of the list.**

Phone 1 (member or primary) \*

Phone 2 (partner or secondary)

Anniversary month/day (mm/dd)

Street Address \*

City \*

State \*

Zip \*

Put on group email list?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Omit phone/email on distribution list

☐ Yes - omit from list

☐ No - include on list

MG Car Club Western New York Centre  
Membership Application

Annual family membership dues \$30

Make checks payable to:  
MGCC of Western NY

Print and 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)*

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**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](mailto:sfedele@rochester.rr.com)  
or 585-899-9388

**For Sale:** Edelbrock 4025 Uni-Syn Carburetor Balancing Instrument



\$15.00 or BO. Contact Bill Clicquennoi, Magnolia La, Webster, NY 585-202-5992 [wjc@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wjc@rochester.rr.com)

**FOR SALE:** MG Steering Wheel, Excellent Condition. From 1979 MGB switchout.



\$45 or BO. Contact Bill Clicquennoi, Magnolia La in Webster 585-202-5992 [wjc@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wjc@rochester.rr.com)

**For Sale:** MGB 3-main short block - asking \$250

If interested, contact Dick Powers: [mgahmogca@rpa.net](mailto: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](http://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:** 1978 MGB - 47,000 original miles, been in dry storage the last 8 years. \$8,500 OBO  
Please call Mike Sidell at 585-404-1219



## Classified Ads – (continued)

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### **CARS FOR SALE:**

1960 MGA Twin Cam: 18,000 miles, Red with black/red piping interior, Show Quality paint, Raced when new, Right fender replaced with original factory fender. Spare engine block. Asking \$55,000 - offers.

1972 MGB: Restored 10 years ago. BR Green, Wire Wheels, Good tires, Electronic Ignition, Weber Carb, Stainless Exhaust, Good Driver, Needs a little TLC. Asking \$9,000 or best offer.

1971 Datsun 240Z: 55,000 miles, Original Owner, No Rust, No Winters, Bob Sharp slotted aluminum wheels, Good Tires, MSD Electronic Ignition and comes with original ignition. Silver repaint with black interior. Asking \$50,000 - offers.

1979 VW Scirocco: German Specifications, Moon Roof, No Winters, 130K miles, Sport Exhaust, Good Tires, Gold/Beige interior, Runs well. Asking \$10,000 - offers.

Cars are in Western New York. For more information contact Roy Bergman at 716-941-5535.

**FREE:** A nearly complete set of *Spokes* from 1996 – 2016. I have been working on collecting a complete set of *Spokes* and these are now duplicates to me. Dan Suter, [dmesuter@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dmesuter@rochester.rr.com), 585-645-5645

**WANTED:** Any *Spokes* issues from the mid-1970s and earlier. Dan Suter, [dmesuter@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dmesuter@rochester.rr.com), 585-645-5645

### **TIRE AND WHEEL SERVICE:**

Mounting and dynamic balancing of tires on steel and wire wheels for British cars. Powder coating service available. I stock inner tubes and valve stems. Reasonable prices. Many satisfied MGCC members. My equipment is in Webster. Contact George Haynes at [ghaynesTR4@aol.com](mailto:ghaynesTR4@aol.com) or call 585-872-6536

### **MGA Parts For Sale:**

Call Dave Bertch at 585-738-4320



## Photo Caption Contest Results

*This photo was presented in last month's Spokes seeking captions for a chance to win a \$10 Wegmans Gift Card (donated anonymously).*

*There was a limit of two entries per member.*



Winning entry: "Fresh Restore – Only 1 New York Winter"  
(winner: Ken Barlow)

Runners-up (in no particular order):

"MGA, needs minor restoration work. Make offer. Fast, sight unseen sale preferred."

"Wow, good thing my back end isn't my better half!"

"Half Price Sale on an MGA"

"MGA for sale, needs rear end"

"Sorry- not shown is the rear half (I didn't have photos). But trust me- it is in PERFECT condition."

"For Sale = 1/2 interest in MGA project"

"Drove my ass off to get here."

and finally... who's who among 1985 Watkins Glen race fans?

(see Chairman's Corner, page 6)



Left to right - George Haynes, Shirley and John Forrester, Desi Benet, Bill Benet, Ann Faust