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# Barb Wild and Betty Langswager honored for their many years of service to the MGCC WNY

(alas, Betty was not able to attend the festivities)

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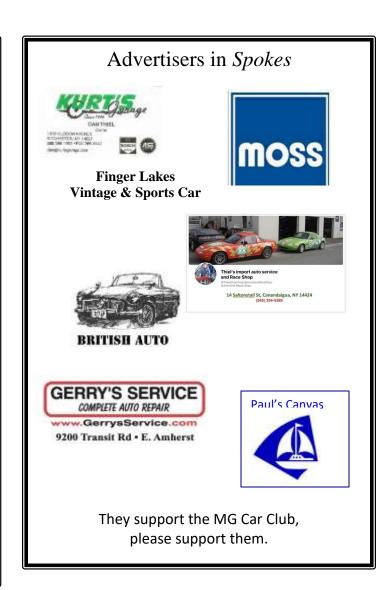
Outgoing Chairman Bob Welch presents special award to Barb Wild at the 2022 Holiday Party (Dave Wild, right). Betty Langswager was likewise honored, but unable to attend. (photo by Annabelle Tescione)

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## MG's Corner

By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin

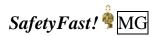
Happy New Year 2023 to one and all! Traditionally (though not for a few of years), the January issue of *Spokes* has taken the form of a calendar, and I think that maybe in 2024, the new editor (*whoever it may be*!) might want to revert to that tradition. But since we had such a grand Holiday Party in December, it seemed to me that a January issue was in order. Waiting until February to share Mike Robinson's recap would be too far off. Plus, we have a whole new roster of officers and appointees (see page 2). Plus, our new on-the-ball Activities Director, Dave Kray, sent me a report that would be rather stale by February. Plus it's never too early to try to get folks thinking about a 2023 Road Trip (see page 9, bottom). Plus, this being my final year as the *Spokes* editor, I figured this would be an early chance for me to



advertise this editorship as an opportunity for someone out there to make a nice contribution of a bit of their time monthly to the club.

While the new year may be full of new beginnings, sadly, we say goodbye to Phyllis Wagner, a long-time member with her husband, Al. When we received the news of Phyllis's passing in early December, Annabelle Tescione remarked for all of us, "She was such a nice person to be around, always a sunny personality that brightened any event."

Let's all look forward to a fun, friendly, prosperous 2023, filled with lots of shiny (or not!) old cars that are driven lots of safe and speedy miles, by cheery drivers with carefree smiles!





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## Chairman's Corner

## By George Heissenberger

Happy New Year from your new Chairman! I hope everyone had wonderful Holidays! I am looking forward to a bright new year filled with plenty of MG driving, car shows and events! I was looking over some information outgoing Chair Bob Welch shared with me, and there was a list of all the past Chairs of our Western NY Centre MG Car club. I was Chairman in 1983-1984, so that means it's exactly 40 years since I was first in this same position with the club! A lot has happened since then! Fun facts about 1983:

- Ronald Reagan was President of the USA
- Unleaded gas was \$1.24 per gallon,
- Sally Ride was the first woman in Space
- The final episode of M.A.S.H. aired on TV.
- Pop songs included "Puttin' on the Ritz" and "She blinded me with science"

By 1983 my wife Peggi and I had sold our 1971 MGB and instead had a 1967 Datsun 1600 roadster that Peggi owned since before we were married. We used to enter the Datsun in a lot of car shows and club rallyes at the time. In 1984, we sold the Datsun and bought the 1973 MGB, that we still have today.

We have some exciting events coming up for 2023! For January we are bringing back the Robert Burns day event, this time at Sticky lips BBQ in Henrietta Sunday January 29, 2023. Thanks to Annabelle Tescione for organizing this. Look for details in this issue and via email.

I'm not sure what is scheduled yet for February, so watch for details to come.

In March we will be having the Valve Cover races back at Bushman Cabin, Henrietta Veteran's Park Sunday March 26. I'll be organizing this but need help with setting up the brackets and track.

Thanks for our event coordinators Dave and Celeste Kray and everyone who volunteers to make these events a success! I hope everyone has a bright and cheerful new year and hope to see you at an upcoming event!

Safety Fast! George Heissenberger



### 2022 Holiday Party

By Mike Robinson



Well-known MG expert John Twist addressing the gathering at the 2022 holiday party (photo by Annabelle Tescione)

For the first time since Covid arrived in 2020, we were able to have our annual Holiday Party once again. Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>, eighty-six adults and 2 future members ventured out to Eagle Vale Golf Course to enjoy the festivities, some from as far away as Buffalo and Syracuse! Of course, with the highlight of the evening being the Guest Speaker – none other than John Twist of University Motors, it's not hard to understand why. John gave us a really nice story of his life and the events that brought him to where he became one of the most knowledgeable people in the world of the MG marque. The author also had the privilege of hosting John at our home, and Maggie and I both enjoyed the company.

The food was buffet style with lots to choose from including salad, Chicken French, haddock with shrimp sauce, tortellini and a roast beef carving station. A cash bar provided plenty of holiday libations. There was lots of food, and I don't recall anyone going home saying they were still hungry. The wait staff was great, clearing plates and tending to the buffet to make sure it was always full. Amy and the crew did a great job for us.

We also made up for the past two years by recognizing several people for their contributions to the club. Ted Hershey and Bob Welch were given pewter mugs in appreciation of their stepping up to the helm, but the one that was really way overdue was recognizing Betty Langswager and Barbara Wild for their many years as greeters at the club meetings. Their smiling faces have greeted members for nearly as long as the club has existed.

During the Meet and Greet with John, and during the cocktail hour and dinner, a slide presentation played recapping the various events held during the year. In retrospect we had a great year for activities, and also a banner year with many new members coming aboard. I have no reason to think 2023 won't be as full and productive as 2022.

My thanks to the Board and to the membership for making the planning of the party trouble free and as seamless as possible. I'm looking forward to what Dave has in store for us next year.

Annabelle took some great pictures, and they are accessible at this link - <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/6Tk3XSDbwe7yVCJq8">https://photos.app.goo.gl/6Tk3XSDbwe7yVCJq8</a>



## **Activities Report**

From Activities Coordinator, Dave Kray

Past events not covered at December's meeting:

- November
  - o 27th Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 12:00
- December
  - o 17th Christmas Party at Eagle Vale Golf Club, Rt. 250 Fairport. 6:00 PM Drinks, Dinner at 7:00.
    - John Twist held a Meet and Greet prior to the cocktail hour, then after the meal talked about his history, and all things MG.
    - 87 people were in attendance and the Eagle Vail staff were very attentive, constantly refilling glasses and keeping the food stations filled.
    - A very special thanks to Mike for his hard work to make this event a very special time.
- January -
  - 29th Robert Burns Birthday Celebration at Sticky Lips BBQ, 830 Jefferson Rd Henrietta, 14623. 12:30PM.
    - Separate Checks, and ordering off the full Menu.
    - RSVP by January 25th to Annabelle; mogman@frontier.com
    - Sign-up sheet will be available at the January meeting.
- February
  - No activities planned at this time.
    - Perhaps a Maple syrup pancake breakfast somewhere? See me if you'd like to put one together.
- March -
  - 26th Valve Cover Races
    - More info to follow.

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

This is my first report, and I want to thank Mike Robinson for his help trying to get me up to speed. He's going to be a hard act to follow. Mike told me the membership is very cooperative in helping with events. I've already had members approach me with events for this coming year which is great. If you have an idea, or thoughts about putting on an event let me know and we can find a place in the schedule for it.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Kray





## Be like these guys!



Gas up! Early rumors indicate that there'll be a 2023 MGCC WNY Road Trip to Nova Scotia and beyond! (maybe all the way to St. Johns, Newfoundland!)

2022 Road Trip photo by Susan Goodwin

## From Spokes, November 1970

Submitted by Dan Suter and Annabelle Tescione

These four pages were in an insert in the November 1970 Spokes issue covering the Wagonjack meet held at Dave Wild's farm the prior month.

Dick Knudson of the New England MG T Register attended. Many interesting cars were there as well--on the first page is an Allard that has been in our area for many years.



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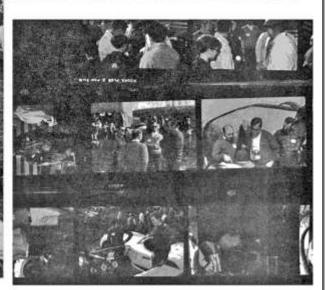
## SECOND ANNUAL

'CLASSIC' MG AND THOROUGHBRED SPORTS CAR MEET



















Upper Left: Bob Kutzenberger and Eric Lundgren admire Jim Ottman's Morgan +4. Kark Wack's Jaguar XK120 is in the background. Upper Right: Mrs. John Coons checks out Jay Lockrow's MGTC. Lower Right: Doug Redmond

(left) shows his MGTC photo album to New England MG'T'
Register Chairman Dick Knudsen (center) and Jay Lockrow
(right). Lower Left: Gil Langswager (center) talks "TD"
with some of the Syracuse contingent.

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#### WINNER'S CIRCLE

#### Left to Right

Dave Wild, Chairman of the MG Car Club, Western New York Centre, presents the trophy for best MGTF to Bob Moran.

#### Looking on are:

Dick Knoblock (best antique-Bently) Eric Karley (best "thoroughbred sports car"-Allard), Doug Redmond (best MGTC), George Herschell (best MGTD) and Jim Roth (best contemporary sports car-Triumph TR3).

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here today.

Among the more than 30 cars on display were the 1958 Deutsch Bonnet of Herb Miller, the 1953 Allard K3 of Eric Karley, a 1923 Pierce Arrow limousine belonging to Jim Ottman, 1935 Bentley 3.5-liter owned by Richard Knoblock plus a large selection of MGs.

Probably the rarest car shown was the 1937 Mercedes, said to be the forerunner of today's VW
"bug" and one of only two in the
U.S. This not too handsome looking car belongs to Dave Wild and Gil Langswager.

In addition to entries from Rochester and its suburbs, a number of cars from Buffalo and Syracuse were in attendance.

Winners in the six catagories were selected by popular vote of spectators and contestants.

MG CAR CLUB SECOND ANNUAL TREGISTER AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW, WESTERN NEW YORK CENTER, ROCHESTER, N.Y., OCT. 25, WINNERS: Best Antique - Richard Knoblock, Bentley 35-liter; Best Contemporary Sports Car - Jim Roth, TR-3; Best Thoroughbred Sports Car - Eric Karley, 1953 Allard; Best MG TF-Bob Moran; Best MG TC - Doug Redman; Best MG TD - George Herschell.

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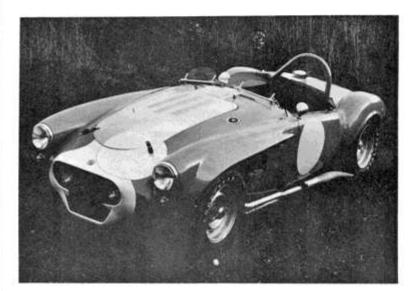
Left: Dave Wild's mini-show-1937 Mer cedes-Benz 170H (co-owned by Gil Langswager), a 1952 MGTD and an ELVA Courier.

Right: Bob and Marsha Moran admire George Herschell's MGTD.

Below: Bert Patenall (right) discusses MGTC lore with Dick Knudsen and Jay Lockrow.







Above: Ace Bristol? Allard? ALFA? Wrong - Jim William's MGA.

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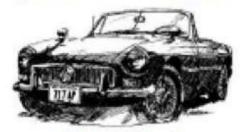
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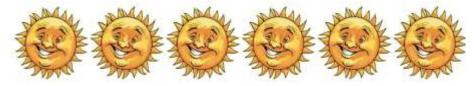
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## January Birthdays

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3	<b>Dennis Nichols</b>
6	Dan Suter
10	Michael Wagner
15	Leon Zak
18	Sue Herschell
21	Cindy Jack
22	Joseph Pagano
23	Brian Shirano

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## January Anniversaries

5	Renee & Jon Neff
11	Nancy & Charles Bauder



Paul Osborne

Jake Voelckers Rob Shrader



Congratulations!

## Happy Birthday, everyone!

If you think you've been mistakenly left off either list above, check to see if you've paid your dues.

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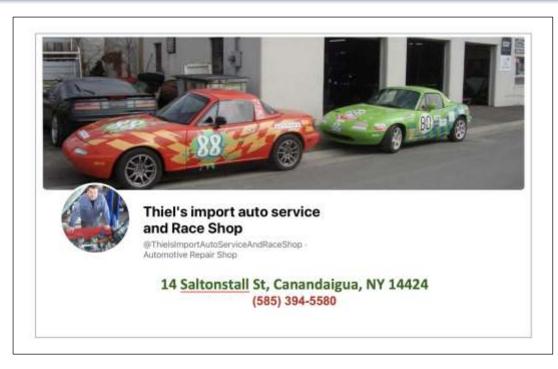
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