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## MG's Corner

*By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin*

I'm editing this month's *Spokes* from our Tiny House in Mendocino, California. Susan and I thought we'd escape some of the Western New York winter by coming out here in mid-February. Alas! We didn't know that there would be a freak cold snap throughout most of California, with several feet of snow in the mountains, and snow and many inches of rain throughout much of the state. Apart from the inconvenience and immediate danger, the precipitation is very welcome and will help in overcoming the multi-year drought. But c'mon! We've had freezing temperatures overnight (several nights!), and even had a dusting of snow on our deck one morning – we're at an elevation of only about 100 feet and only a mile from the ocean! This just isn't what we flew out here for!

It's not all storms and clouds and chills, however. This past Saturday, we enjoyed a four-mile round trip walk up the Big River in a nearby state park. And we're getting enough sunshine to power our totally-off-the-grid home here. (Okay, it's a small place, but with our six solar panels we still can power a full-size refrigerator, and all the other stuff we need to plug in.)

We canceled a drive to Southern California to visit family – we'll have to re-schedule that for nicer weather. We will be making a Colorado trip from here in about a week-and-a-half, though. Despite having to drive through high Rocky Mountain areas that are prone to big snowstorms, we won't be easily deterred from visiting grandkids! Oh, and even though it's not the MGB, a road trip though the mountains in a Mini is still a pretty good trip to make!



Big River, Mendocino  
Headlands State Park

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# Chairman's Corner

By George Heissenberger

At one of the recent events, I was talking with a club member about how sports cars back in the day were cheap and disposable as there were always a lot available. While I was in High School, a friend's father was into buying and fixing up Datsuns, and he had a SPL311 1600 and a 2000 sports cars, and later a 240Z. I got to see them in various state of restoration whenever I hung out at his house. My school friend drove the Datsun 1600 to school a lot and gave me a ride and I was hooked. Another friend had a

'66 MGB that we both worked on, and I have written about. About this time, I sold my first car, a 1968 Firebird and bought a 1970 Opel Kadette rallye. Not exactly an upward move but it did have factory racing stripes, fog lights and a four speed. I soon sold that for a 74 Gremlin X, costing \$1500. The next year I wanted something fun for the summer besides my Gremlin, so I started looking at ads in the *Swap Sheet* (remember that?) and in the classifieds of the daily paper. I looked at several cars, but only remember a few of them. The first car I saw was a clapped out, chrome bumper midget that was very rusty and the door hinges so worn that the doors practically fell off when I opened them. Besides needing everything, I had a hard time getting comfortable in it, so I avoided that car even though it was cheap, something like \$500. I looked at a beautiful black MGA for \$2500, but that was out of my price range and the owner would not come down. I looked at a few other MGBs, but they were over my budget. Then I found a decent '71 MGB for \$1500 and that was the car I bought. I just drove the wheels off that car the whole summer. The next year, June 1977 I took the MGB to the MG Car Club show in Victor, but, although a decent car, I didn't enter it in the show as I didn't think it was nice enough to show. It was actually about on par with some of the cars I saw in the show,

but I didn't know that at the time. I joined the MG Car Club right at that show! I kept the '71 B for a few more years and then before we were married, Peggi bought a 1967 Datsun 1600 roadster from a neighbor of the



1973 MGB and 1967 Datsun 1600 circa 1984

same high school friend who had all the Datsuns. It was a clean ex-Florida car with zero rust and not much money. We got it repainted and it was a nice car that we took on rallies and club events for several years. So, when Peggi and I got married, we were moving into an

apartment and having two everyday cars and two sports cars, and no garage wouldn't work. So, we sold the '71 MGB just before we got married as the Datsun was in much better condition. A couple of years later we moved into our first house and having the luxury of a one car garage and felt we now could get another MGB! We bought the 1973 MGB from club member George Haynes for \$1500 which I covered in a prior article. We kept both the Datsun and the '73 MGB for a while but faced with the reality of a one car garage and four cars, we sold the Datsun but kept the MGB as it was the better of the two. There's more to the Datsun story I'll save for another day!

Regarding the bylaw change, we're researching this, as its possible it was already changed to 10% for a quorum from the fixed number of 50 and just wasn't documented clearly so may not need to be changed after all. More to come on that. I saw many of you at the Robbie Burns Day in January and hope many of you got to the Pancake Breakfast on February 19. I'll be hosting the Valve cover races Sunday March 26, so get your valve cover racers ready! With or without a racer, it's a fun day for all so bring a dish to pass and your favorite beverages and I'll see you at Bushman's Cabin, Henrietta Veterans Park on March 26!

Safety Fast!

George

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# Minutes for MGCC Meeting – February 16, 2023

By Dan Suter, MGCC Secretary

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Prior to the meeting, Annabelle provided cookies to the members present.

Our February meeting got underway with a call to order at 7:32PM by our Chairman George Heissenberger. We had 39 members in attendance.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the January minutes. Frank Gordnier from Syracuse is a new member and has a 1980 MGB; Charlie and Toby Cook were present as guests. They have an Austin Healey 3000. Member Hassan Gillani was attending his first meeting.

Treasurer Report: Todd Black provided a report and noted we have 93 members with renewals for 2023 completed, and 47 to go.... Todd and Leon both shared stories of inadvertent on-line renewals to our Centre from as far away as Australia!

Activities: Dave Kray shared an update and gave a brief recap of recent events and highlighted upcoming ones:

- **Completed: Robbie Burns Day. Hosted by Annabelle** in memory of Desi Benet.
  - There was a nice turnout of nearly 30 and it was a fun event.
- **Completed– (will be by the time *Spokes* is sent out for March):**
  - **Pancake Breakfast (Feb 19)**

## UPCOMING:

- **March** –Valve Cover Races, Sunday March 26, 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Henrietta Memorial Park, Bushman Cabin, 595 Calkins Rd, Rochester, NY 14623
  - Bring hors d'oeuvres, appetizers or desserts to pass, your own wine, beer or beverage of choice and your own place setting. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided. Sponsored by George and Peggi Heissenberger. For more information contact: George Heissenberger: [chairman@mgcarclub.com](mailto:chairman@mgcarclub.com) 585-880-5871
- **April – Swing into Spring.** Hosted by Dick and Bethel Powers
  - Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> Location and times to be announced. Richard and Bethel Powers invite you to Spring Into Spring Sunday, April 30th at Mulconry's Irish Pub in Fairport NY. Drinks and Socializing starting at 4:00 PM with Dinner at 5:00.

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



# Minutes for MGCC Meeting – February 16, 2023

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Regalia: Joe Bellizia was not present but please contact him for any regalia needs.

Car Show: Joe Bellizia is heading up our 2023 Car Show committee. The show will be held August 27 and the Rush Fire Dept field has been reserved. The first Zoom committee meeting will be Feb 22. Please contact Joe if you can help with the show effort.



Spokes: Editor Mike Goodwin was not present but can be reached via e-mail. In his report, Mike thanked all those who submitted for the Feb issue. Submissions for next month are due on Feb 24th.

Watkins Glen: Dave Wild noted there wasn't any updates this month. Ken Barlow was unable to attend but provided an update for club-members' Seneca Lodge room requests. Please e-mail Ken per the notice in *Spokes*.

George Heissenberger noted he received a note

from Casey Creamer of the WG Vintage Festival committee seeking a co-chair for the LeMons event (now called Concorso Speciale, and a co-chair for the Concours event. Responses can be forwarded.

Librarian: Paul Osborne noted the library has a new book and some new magazines.

Website: Leon reported "the website still works." He discussed some recent updates.

MGCC UK Renewal: George Heissenberger noted we sent our payment in the October-November timeframe to continue our affiliation with the MGCC UK as an Overseas Centre. George also noted our North American MGB Register (NAMGBR) affiliation is in place but was not listed on their website or handbook. George is contacting them to get us listed for 2023. Our Centre is not currently registered as a Chapter with the North American MGA Register (NAMGAR). Lastly, George noted that the American MGB Association is closing down, following the sudden passing of the club president.

Discussion from the floor: In response to a question, George noted that Frank Stepanik has volunteered to continue coordinating with Monroe Community College regarding our endowed scholarship. Frank intends to invite the 2023 recipient(s) to be recognized at one of our future meetings. Additionally, there was a question from the floor regarding the Brudno award which George agreed to review at the next board meeting.

Old Business/ By-Laws Change: George read (second reading) of a change to Quorum rules for our MGCC. It had previously read that 10% of membership and 2 officers were required to achieve a quorum. George had record of a change to 50 people and 2 officers required. Former Chairman Ted Hershey provided some input, and it was agreed that Ted and your Secretary would look offline at previous By-Law changes on this topic and provide this to George for the next board meeting.

New Business: Bob Welch reported that two 1968 issues of Safety Fast were for sale in a Webster store. Dave Chase asked about obtaining a current membership directory for sending cards & notes, which he and Nancy do for the club. George commented that once 'membership renewal season' is completed that updated membership lists will be made available to the membership.



# Minutes for MGCC Meeting – February 16, 2023

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Announcements: Dan Asbury shared plans for the GOF Central meet to be held this summer. Todd Black provided a report on the Simeone Museum MG 100 display on 2/11. Members of the Buffalo Octagon Association have contacted us to express interest in reviving the Multi-Club picnic.



Projects: Dick Powers reported his son-in-law Miguel is starting work on Dick's MGA 1500 project; Leon reported his '59 Volvo Duett is getting floors and rocker panels; Naomi Wadsworth noted she has acquired Hollis' MGA 1500 project car; Mike Robinson noted he has purchased a '62 Buick 215 to put into his MGB; Hassan Gillani noted he has acquired the 1974 Midget from the sale of former Dave Ott cars.

Door prizes were raffled, and the meeting was closed at 8:42.

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## Attendance for MGCC Meeting – February 16, 2023

Doug Scribner  
Dan Suter  
Annabelle Tescione  
Barb Wild  
Dave Wild  
John Macdonald  
Allyn Wagner  
Tom Yoki  
Frank DeMarzo  
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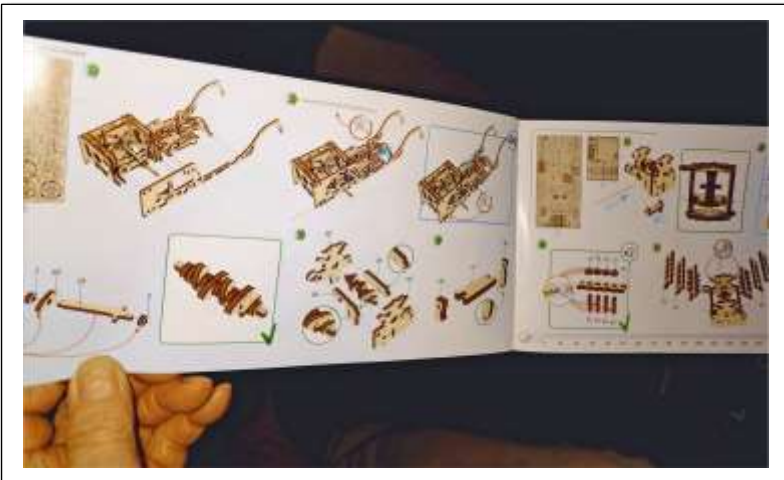
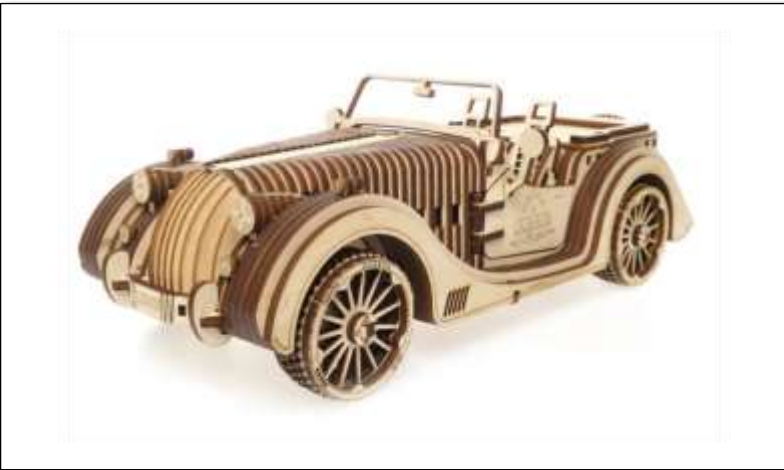
We're pretty sure there'll be a 2023 MGCC WNY Road Trip to Nova Scotia and beyond!  
(maybe all the way to St. Johns, Newfoundland!)

2022 Road Trip photo "Somewhere in Nevada" by Susan Goodwin

# Gil Langswager, Still Building Cars

By Annabelle Tescione

I had the pleasure of visiting Gil and Betty Langswager recently, they send their greetings to all the MGCC folks. Gil showed me a neat mechanical car model that he received from Betty last Christmas. There are several hundred pieces, all numbered, and laser cut into real wood plywood with a multi-page direction book. Gil had already completed the assembly and it was really a cool model – door and hood open, pistons move and it has rubber-band drive in forward, reverse or idle. The front grill is very similar to the famous “waterfall” grill used for decades by Morgan, so it was especially fun for me to see it. The company UGears ( [UGears 3D Wooden Mechanical Model Kits, 3D Puzzles](#) ) is from Ukraine and some of the sales goes to support that country. There are numerous other car models and all kinds of other structures available. Take a look, it makes a great winter project for when the garage is just too cold.



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## Valve Cover Racing & Wine and Cheese Party



MG Car Club

### Valve Cover Racing and Wine and Cheese Party

Sunday March 26, 2023 1:00pm-5:00pm

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## Valve Cover Racing & Wine and Cheese Party (cont.)



### Valve Cover Racing Rules:

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**The Course:** The course shall consist of a launch incline 8 feet long, followed by a level run of 20 feet. Two lanes shall divide the launch incline, each 2 feet wide. The incline shall be 2 feet high at the rear-most part and level with the course at the front edge. The front edge shall be mitered to provide a smooth transition from the incline to the run-out area. The official "Starting Line" shall be 2 feet from the rear edge of the incline. A mechanized starting gate, which is 2 inches high, shall be provided. The Runout section of the course shall consist of 2 lanes, each 3 feet wide. The lanes shall be clearly marked. The finish line shall be marked 20 feet from the front edge of the launch incline.

**The Races:** Cars will run in heats of 2 cars each. The cars are to be launched with their front wheels on the starting line. If your car design does not allow for this, it is at a disadvantage. The first car to have its front wheels cross the finish line is the winner. If neither car reaches the finish line, the car going further within its lane wins. If the wheels of a car should touch or cross over a lane marker, the car shall be disqualified. The competing car immediately becomes the winner. The winner of the round is the first car to win 2 races. Lanes are alternated between races. Winning cars will advance to the next round until all are eliminated but 1 car. Scoring is double elimination to the finals. A car is eliminated after losing 2 rounds.

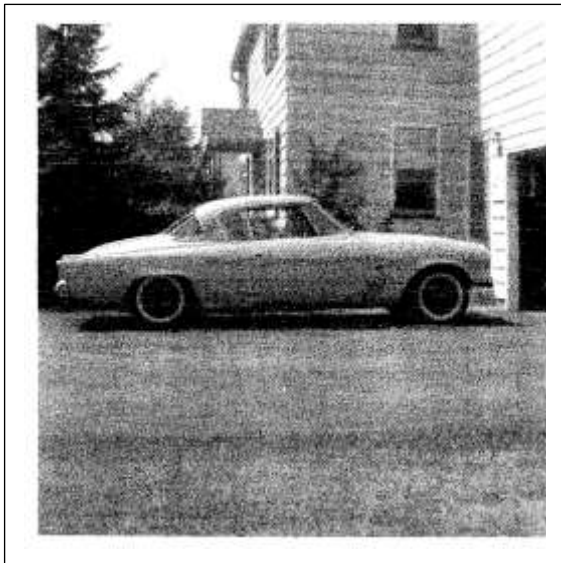
# The Studebaker Saga

By Doug Scribner

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Don't get me started about school buses. I walked to school for twelve years (yeah, I know, "five miles, uphill both ways"). To high school it was only about three miles, and my regular route was through a commercial area: a Key Drug store, a couple of banks, Wegman's, Neisner's 5&10, a soda fountain (lemon-lime phosphates, yum), a variety store (magazines, penny candy, etc.), hardware store, Star Market, the usual assortment of beauty parlors, dry cleaners, etc., and a gas station. The station was run by a couple of mechanics who didn't mind a teenage kid looking over their shoulders whenever they had something on the lift. This was really a service station. I got to observe the inner workings of a variety of American cars, while they did work like overhaul brakes, change clutches and do valve jobs. And all the while they explained what they were doing and why, and showed me how to use tools. Sometimes this reverie would be interrupted by a gas customer setting off the bell, and while the mechanic was wiping his greasy hands on a rag and pumping the gas, I'd spread the bug juice on the windshield and, "check your oil, ma'am?" I'd come around to her window with the dipstick, "you're down a quart, ma'am; I can top it up now, but your oil's pretty dirty, so you should make an appointment to bring it in for a change." The mechanic would give me a little smile and a wink. I was glad they didn't mind me hanging around.

A couple of years later I was passing by the station and saw a 1953 Studebaker Commander "Low Boy" coupe with no license plates sitting next to their building. I had long admired the style of these cars, a product of the imagination of designer Raymond Loewy. This was my first exposure to one in the flesh, so to speak, and while I was admiring it the mechanic asked, "Do you want it?" Before I could respond, he said, "Free. No charge. We'll even deliver it." He went on to explain that "it has a lot of problems" and the owner had abandoned it when he heard what it would cost to fix. I was excited to take on the project of making this car roadworthy, but I had a problem with where to do the work. I was living in my parent's house at the time; I had an apartment lined up, but it was a week or two away from being vacated by the current tenant. Oh, well... all I had to do was tell my mother a plausible story about helping a friend and then dodge the inevitable Twenty Questions. It worked, but only because the arrangement was temporary.



The battery was good, so a little cleaning and adjusting of ignition and fuel systems was all it took for me to get the car running. Driving it to my new home revealed the three- speed automatic transmission wouldn't shift, the brakes were iffy, it needed an exhaust system and tires... but the real

## The Studebaker Saga (continued from previous page)

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problem was rust. This car had rust with a capital 'R'- no, make that all caps: RUST. Unbelievable. Only 10years old. There were places on the body you could press with your fingers and hear crunching noises and see a pile of rust powder accumulate at your feet. The paint was holding this car together. One day I opened the driver's door and it fell off...ka-boom! The door's lying there in the dirt with what looked like brown paper scraps wiggling on the hinges. I couldn't help but laugh.

About this time the landlord, who lived in an apartment in the "main" house, started whining about city regulations, unlicensed vehicles, etc., so I had to get rid of the car. There was no market for it. even for parts. and I would have had to pay somebody to take it away. The solution? My buddy Paul brought over his double-bladed woodsman's axe and we proceeded to chop the car up and drag the pieces out to the curb and let the trash men take it away. It was easy. After a few beers it was even fun. Even the frame was softer than wood. I think the only time I used any tools was to remove the wheels and separate the engine and transmission.

Meanwhile, a girl I was, um, courting found out I had a '53 Studebaker and she said, "So do I. And you can have it. Please." It had been her grandparents' car, given to her when they stopped driving. A four-door model, very clean, in excellent condition... but... it was a '53 Studebaker 4-door. The only car more embarrassing to be seen in was a Nash. I met her father when I picked up the car; he was a real ball-buster, "You can baby-sit my daughter anytime you get a Dollar an hour and all you can eat. Har. Har. Har.

"Oh, daddy..." (At the time, I was only thinking about what might be in the refrigerator). Not much later, one of the men in the crew that was repaving my street walked down the driveway, "Dat you car? Give you \$75 for it." Good deal. Trade for a month's rent and another problem solved. DS



Body's almost gone. Note the can of Jaguar Malt Liquor on the dash-our energy drink at the time.



Paul getting in the last chops. In the background, my apartment--an old-fashioned chauffeur's quarters, 3 rooms over a 2-car garage with a grease pit (\$75. per month including all but telephone)-and the 4-door.



# Kettle Ridge Farm Pancake Breakfast

By Activities Director Dave Kray

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, several MGCC WNY members enjoyed fresh maple syrup and a pancake breakfast at Kettle Ridge Farm in Victor, NY. The maple syrup, and maple glazed donuts were really good.



Todd and Donna, Frank, Dave, Al, and his family and friends



Paul and Susan Wegman

# MG - 100 Year Anniversary Celebration at Simeone Museum in Philadelphia

*Article and photos by Dan Suter*

On Saturday February 11, 2023, the [Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum](#) in Philadelphia opened their annual Best of Britain display focused on MG's 100-year anniversary. The display included approximately thirty-five examples of significant MG sports cars from a 1933 L2 factory rally car to a 1996 MGF that had been privately imported.

We ran into club members Elaine and Allen \* Hess who now live in Bethlehem, PA and had a nice visit with them. They are doing well and said to say hello to everyone.



*1933 MG K3 Magnette Race Car*

Cooperstown, NY. My car was purchased to become an SCCA racer, while the 'perfect' car went straight into a collection from new, and to this day has only 16,000 miles on it and fully original paint, interior, chrome, and trim! For many years it was owned by Dr. Carl Meyer near Albany, NY and it did attend our MGCC Victor show on several occasions. Alas, a yardstick of perfection!

Automotive journalist and my friend Jonathan Stein gave a presentation outlining MG's presence in the US market. Interestingly, he had

unearthed information regarding the formal importation company set up in the 1930s by Sam Collier and others to import various MG models.

The talk continued through the post-war T-series years, the boom years of the MGA, MGB, and Midget right up until the closure of Abingdon.



*Deluxe 108591 – those are reflections, not flaws in the paint!*

One MGA of note was a black MK II Deluxe that I refer to as the 'perfect sister' to my Deluxe. My car is 108593, and this 'perfect' car is 108591, making it exactly two serial numbers before mine. Both cars were delivered new in identical colors and specification to Morris Garages in



*MG 100 presentation on MGs in America*





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My weekend in Reading and Philly included visiting Jonathan, who arranged for several fun classic car activities for us. We first went to his friend Jerry's place, and I got a chance to inspect Jerry's 1969 TVR Vixen S2 up close. I have always wondered about how challenging TVRs are for ingress/egress and I was glad to see this car, the first of the long-wheelbase TVRs was decent in that respect. This fiberglass specialist car is just fantastic – light-weight fiberglass over a fully independent tube chassis, great handling, and sporty styling.



*TVR Vixen (at Watkins Glen Car Show)*

We next visited a great restoration and specialist shop near Reading called Proper Noise, run by Ed Sweeney. There we saw a number of Jags, Healeys, TRs, a Morgan, and two AC Ace Bristols undergoing various project work.



*Factory 1974 MG GT V8 at MG 100*

Lastly, we visited Dave George at DL George Historic Motorcars in Cochranville, PA. This rural PA restoration shop is simply world-class. On the day we visited, I counted no less than SEVEN pre-war Alfa 6C 1750 cars in the shop; two pre-war BMW 328s; various Ferraris and one-off specials. Dave's enthusiasm, knowledge, and talented staff were off the chart. Cars from all over the USA, Canada, and even Europe are sent here for the specialist work. A big transporter rig was there picking up several classics that were en route to go to the [Amelia Island](#) show in Florida in early March.

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# March Sunshine Page



## March Birthdays

2	Marlene Babchak
2	Frank Gordnier
4	Bill DeVos
5	Richard Powers
8	Kristi Briggs
9	Janey Wagner
10	Al Fink
11	Lane Boughton
14	Terry Welch
15	Frank DeMarzo
17	Dave Chase
17	Patrick Walter
20	Bruce Austin
20	Robert Keppeler
22	Laurie Scribner
23	Kathy Boughton
26	Joseph Valenti
27	Susan Kath
27	Dawn Mehserle
30	Ila Schuler
31	Tom Palmer



**Happy Birthday,  
everyone!**

## March Anniversaries

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Patti & Elton Schulz



**Congratulations!**

*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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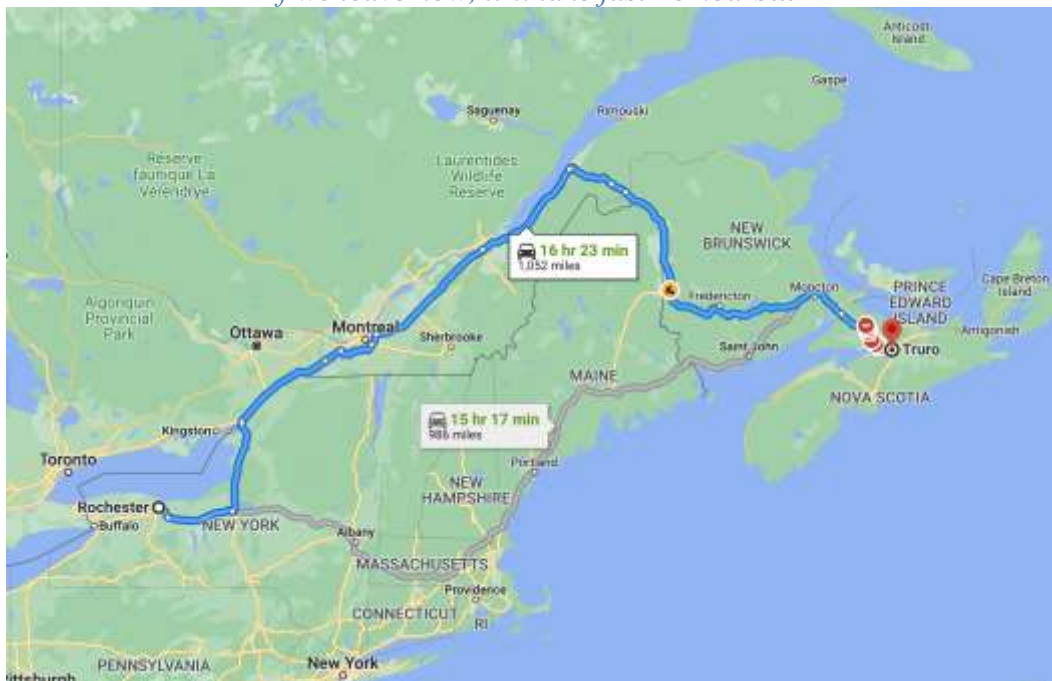
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*We've heard there's a 2023 MGCC WNY Nova Scotia trip in the works. Stay alert for details as they develop!*



## MG Car Club of Western NY 2023 Regalia 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)

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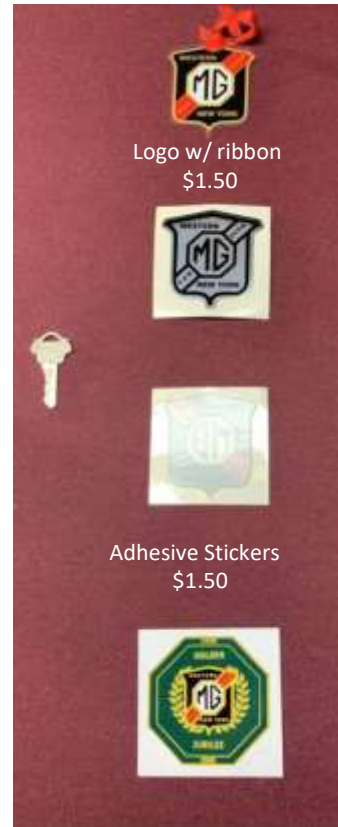
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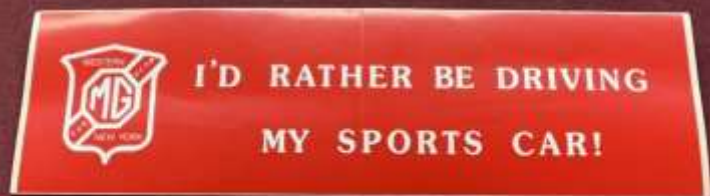
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## Classified Ads

*(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

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



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



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

If interested, contact Dick Powers: [mgahmogca@rpa.net](mailto:mgahmogca@rpa.net)  
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**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

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

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## And finally...

Here's a newspaper reprint that appeared in the June 1973 *Spokes*. Dan Suter has been collecting and archiving past *Spokes* issues, and regarding this item Dan notes, "I was impressed when I saw what this event entailed. For a competitive rally like this, it seems like the driver and navigator had to quickly establish effective communications and both were very much contributing members of the team. I also liked that they ended the event with a dinner where the participants could socialize."

### MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



**HANDS THAT "SEE"**-Mary Gryo of Buffalo, a student at the New York State School for the Blind, Batavia, acts as the navigator for MGCC driver Vern Bragg of Lockport in the 16th annual Braille Rally that was sponsored Sunday by the Lockport Sports Car Club Center, Inc., and area Lions Clubs. Looking on is Tom Mills of Buffalo, rally master. Nearly 50 students participated, by reading instructions and directions printed in braille. The rally started at the school and ended with a dinner at the Bethany Center Fire Dept. Recreation Center.