

MG Car Club, Inc. Western New York Centre By-Laws

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ARTICLE I Name and Purpose

1. The Club shall be known as the MG Car Club, Western New York Centre.
2. The objects of the Club are to promote the sport and pastime of motoring in all its branches, and in particular, to farther the interests of owners of MG cars: to promote, organize and hold motor sport activities, whether athletic or motoring or otherwise; to extend to owners and drivers of MG cars and their friends, and to all persons interested in motoring sport, the hospitality, privileges and conveniences enjoyed in connection with a club.

ARTICLE II Elected Officers

1. The elected Officers of this Club shall consist of: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, and two Trustees, one to be elected by a majority of the membership at the annual election. The second Trustee shall be the immediate past Chairman of the Club. In the case of the immediate past Chairman declining the position, the second Trustee position will be elected by a majority of the membership at the annual election. The balloting shall be secret.
2. No elected Officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.
3. Nominations for Officers will be made from the floor at the regular meeting prior to the annual election in November.
4. A vacancy in any office shall be filled at the next regular meeting by nominations from the floor and a majority vote of the members present. Exception shall be the automatic promotion of Vice Chairman to Chairman.
5. The term of office shall commence January 1st following the election of officers.

ARTICLE II Duties of Elected Officers

1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings, to appoint all committees not otherwise provide for, to enforce the observance of the by-laws and to cast the deciding vote in case of ties.
2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairman to perform all the duties of the Chairman in his absence, and be the to be a liaison between the board and committee chairpersons.
3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend to and keep a record of all correspondence and proceedings of the Club. He/she shall give each member notice of all meetings, special meetings, all coming events, and such other information as given him/her by other Officers.
4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds. He/she shall keep accurate records of all receipts and expenses and make a report at each meeting.
5. It shall be the duty of the Activities Director to coordinate all events of the Club. No event shall be staged without his/her approval. He/she is to see that trophies or awards are provided as necessary for each event, and to send information of all events to the Secretary that he/she may notify the membership.
6. It shall be the duties of the Trustees to assist the Board with planning and decision making, maintain contact with England and the other MG Car Clubs in the US and Canada, provide history to the Board, and assist the Board with research and Special projects.

ARTICLE IV Steering Committees. Appointees, and Assistants

1. A Steering Committee shall consist of all elected Officers and Trustees of the Club.
2. The duties of the Steering Committee shall be to advise the members on important business of the Club, and to appoint additional officers as required.
3. An Officer may appoint assistants as required, subject to the approval of the other Officers.

ARTICLE V Membership

1. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the Club and/or its activities.
2. Membership dues shall be set for the following year at the annual meeting by vote of the membership. If a vote is not taken, dues shall remain the same as in the previous year.
3. Dues paid by new members on or after September 1st will be paid for the balance of the current year and the entire following year.
4. Membership applications with dues shall be presented to the Treasurer by the applicant.
5. It shall be the duty of each member to conduct himself/herself at all times in a manner such that no reflection of misconduct is placed against the Club.
6. Spouses of members will be considered full members with voting privileges.

ARTICLE VI Resignations and Expulsions

1. Resignations shall state reasons, in writing, to the Officers of the Club and shall be accepted by the approval of the Officers.
2. Acts which may be reasons for expulsion shall be brought before the Steering Committee, for a hearing to determine if the offense should be brought to the attention of the membership. If so, expulsion shall be by a two-thirds secret ballot of the members present at the next regular meeting. The member in question will be given an opportunity to be heard by the membership before balloting.

ARTICLE VII Meetings

1. There shall be at least ten meetings scheduled per year.
2. The annual meeting shall be the November meeting.
3. The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting.
4. Notice of the annual meeting shall be sent to each member not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the meeting. Ballots for the election of Officers shall be sent with the notice of the annual meeting.
5. A quorum at any meeting shall be constituted by the attendance of two (2) Officers, and one tenth (1/10) of the members in good standing.
6. The meetings shall be run by Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII General Rules

1. All Club members shall abide by all rules and regulations of the Motor Vehicle Bureau and local communities in which they operate.

ARTICLE IX Amendments, Revisions, and Alterations

1. To amend, revise or alter the by-laws, the proposed change will be read at two (2) consecutive meetings and a copy of the proposal will be sent to each member at least seven (7) days prior to balloting. Balloting will take place at the next regular meeting with absentee ballots to be accepted. The proposal will be accepted, if approved by a majority vote of the membership.

Revised March 15, 2007. Article II, Section 1, Section 6. See Spokes February 2007

Revised March 1, 1995

Motions Of The MG Car Club Western New York Centre
Years 1992 thru 1997 Compiled by George Haynes

Motion 1. November 20, 1997: The MG Car Club shall donate \$500 to “purchase” a 12” x 12” brick for the Watkins Glen Motorsports Library expansion project.

Motion 2. November 20, 1997: The slate of officers proposed for 1998 were elected by single vote.

Motion 3. September 18, 1997: Denver Cornett was made an honorary life member of the MG Car Club, Western New York Centre.

Motion 4. July 17, 1997: The “Steve Fitch Memorial Driver of the Year Award” was approved, to be awarded to a MGCC member by the Board following input from event coordinators of various driving events such as rallyes, tours and autocrosses.

Motion 5. July 17, 1997: The MG Car Club shall donate a portion of its charitable giving equal to \$200 per year for the next three years to a charity chosen by Bess Kopen in honor of Alex Kopen.

Motion 6. June 19, 1997: The club shall purchase a new canopy tent for \$200. This will be 10 ft. x 20 ft. and will have heavy duty support poles.

Motion 7. June 19, 1997: The club approved the cost of a pizza party for the University of Rochester staff that publishes SPOKES.

Motion 8. May 15, 1997: To have one blank page in the June 1997 SPOKES meeting minutes, in honor of Steve Fitch.

Motion 9. May 15, 1997: The club shall establish a Money Market account for club savings.

Motion 10. April 17, 1997: The club shall discontinue purchasing coffee and cookies snacks from the Elks Lodge.

Motion 11. April 17, 1997: The amount of \$389 plus tax was approved for SPOKES upgrade: Windows ‘95, Office ‘97 and additional memory.

Motion 12. March 20, 1997: The club approved a charitable donation to John Marshall High School in memory of former MGCC member Bob Moran, who was music director there.

Motion 13 January 16, 1997: Tom Fitch, of Monroe Community College, was approved as an honorary member of MGCC.

Motion 14. November 21, 1996: The entire slate of officers for 1997 was approved.

Motion 15. May 16, 1996: A donation of \$100 will be made to the Webster Fire Department (for use of their building for our Winter Steak Roast.)

Motion 16. May 16, 1996: Approved \$740 for a scanner for SPOKES, including an optical character generator, bundled software, Dobie Print Shop feature and usable as a fax machine and printer.

Motion 17. March 21, 1996: Approved the purchase of four (4) new 2-way radios for the Car Show.

Motion 18. February 15, 1996: To increase the amount of the MCC Scholarship fund from \$600 to \$1200 per year.

Motion 19. November 16, 1995: To accept the entire slate of officers nominated for 1996.

Motion 20. August 17, 1995: To send an Absentee ballot in SPOKES (only) in the event of a contest (more than one contender) for any office in the election of 1996 officers.

Motion 21. May 18, 1995: Monthly Business Meetings of MGCC shall begin at 7:30 PM, rather than 8:00 PM.

Motion 22. March 16, 1995: Voted NOT to sell the club's trailer-mounted MG sign, despite offers for it.

Motion 23. February 16, 1995: Accepted the report of a committee on the Cash Reserve Policy. This concerns the establishment of a (Car Show) Rainy Day fund and how it may be used in the event of loss of income from the car show. Motion 24. November 17, 1994: The executive council investigate the "Rainy Day" Fund, specifically to fund a rain-out of a car show and how it can be absorbed in the future.

Motion 25. November 17, 1994: The MGCC set up a "Rainy Day" fund, within the next three years, to come from the treasury and be put into a separate account/ which can be used to fund the club's operations and charities.

Motion 26. November 17, 1994: Set up a committee to establish the rules of money use and distribution (of the Rainy Day Fund). Chairman to appoint committee members. They are: Wendy Priestley, Dave Richards, Dan Suter, Joe Tierno and Al Wagner.

Motion 27. October 20, 1994: The MGCC Board of Directors would like to Cosponsor a September 1995 Car Show with the Eastman House Council.

Motion 28. February 17, 1994: The MGCC Chairman will contact the WNY British Car Club for the purpose of coordinating a joint event in the Fall.

Motion 29. February 17, 1994: The MGCC Chairman will contact Autoweek (magazine), by fax, and inform them that the WNY Centre is definitely in favor of having BMW produce MG roadsters for sale in the USA.

Motion 30. February 17, 1994: The MGCC will donate \$300.00 to Joe Tierno in support of his Watkins Glen Collier Cup effort.

Motion 31. October 21, 1993; A quorum to enact official business be set at 50 members. This would be more in keeping with the normal attendance at meetings.

Motion 32. April 15, 1993: Persons who sign up for an activity will be asked to pay at that time. Anyone who cannot make the activity, for whatever reason, can cancel up to 48 hours before the event. The fee will be forfeited after that.

Motion 33. April 15, 1993: The club will purchase 100 of the new 35th Anniversary Car Badge, to be sold at \$25.00 each.

Motion 34. April 15, 1993: The club shall charge \$7.00 per meal for the meeting night suppers and the club will subsidize the balance (of the cost).

Motion 35. March 18, 1993: The club shall continue meeting at the Green Lantern Inn for the next six months.

Motion 36. January 21, 1993: The club shall buy an annual postal permit for \$25.00 and try 3rd Class mail at \$.11 per piece. (An option is 1st Class at \$.19 per piece).

Motion 37. June 18, 1992: Treasurer will pro-rate the annual dues based on number of months of first year of membership. (i.e. join in July and pay \$10.00 the first year.)

Motion 38. June 18, 1992; MGCC of WNY will support the proposed MG Car Club of North America in its effort to provide better service to MGCC centres and members. Amendment: WNY Centre shall write a Letter of Support to (the home club in) Abingdon.

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**Motions of the MG Car Club
2002 - 2008**

October 2002 - motion to donate \$1000.00 to our Endowment fund.

September 2003 Motion to buy box of MGCC Business cards.

July 2004 - motion to donate \$250 to buy placards for Watkins Glen Historic Racecars.

July 2004 - motion for board to send a letter to Spokes to not include figures in the treasurer's report.

March 2005 - motion to have librarians report at the next meeting.

August 2005 - Motion made that at time of deceased, club makes donation and framing copy of letter notifying family (printed on MG letterhead).

October 2005 - motion to allow librarian to purchase MGB refurbished video.

November 2005 - motion- Club will accept mailed in ballots that have voter/member names and are received in MG Club mailbox by noon, the day of the November meeting.

June 2006 - Institute an associate membership for \$5.00 that extends for length of event and is non-voting.

April 2007 - unanimously approved and the following changes to the MGCC By-Laws will be made:

- Combine the language of Article II number 6 into Article II number 1 of the MGCC by-laws for clarification and continuity. Article II number 1 will be written as follows: The elected Officers of this Club shall consist of: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, and two Trustees, one to be elected by a majority of the membership at the annual election. A second Trustee shall be the immediate past Chairman of the Club. If the immediate past Chairman declines the position, the second Trustee position will be elected by a majority of the membership at the annual election. The balloting shall be secret.

- Rewrite the wording for the duties of vice-chairman. The wording will be as follows: It shall be the duty of the vice-chairman to perform all the duties of the chairman in his absence and to be a liaison between the board and committee chairpersons.

April 2007 - motion to create a trophy named the "Bill Glanville Memorial Cup for MG Midget Racers" to be awarded at the Watkins Glen Race

August 2007 - motion to top off the amount of money in the MCC Endowment Fund so it will begin paying out to the scholarship next year.

November 2007 - motion to donate \$1000 to Medical Motor Service to buy car seats for use in their vehicles.

August 2008 - motion to retain the MG Sign for future discussions.

November 2008 - motion to make a donation to the Strong Memorial Burn Trauma Unit in memory of Jerney Sangster