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Be sure to check out the coming MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge!  
Also the news of all the upcoming "better-weather" events and shows

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# Don's Corner

By Spokes editor, Don Welch

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This is another issue full of great MG articles, events and stories. Even this early in the year there are lots of spring and summer activities already being planned. Check out the Car Show section – let me know if you have one to add to it.

Gil Langswager had a birthday last month, and several of us reflected on how generous he'd been helping us with our cars. Actually in my case, it was his son Jeff who spent a few hours on my new-to-me TD last spring, showing me how to set up the ignition. Checked the points and distributor timing, using his crank to line up the marks. I never knew about "dwell," but Jeff hooked up his meter and we set it to the proper 49°. After Jeff's tune-up that motor stopped coughing and just purred. (Well as much as an XPAG can purr.) It just shows what a helpful, friendly MG club we have.

In our family we're excited, and overwhelmed, that our granddaughter Molly, who has lived with us since she was 2, will be going to college next fall. How can that happen in such a short time? Molly's excited this week over her new used Toyota Yaris, which grandpa got cheap because my friend's wife backed into something in a parking lot and bent the rear axle. It just came back from the shop this week, is freshly licensed (and tax paid!), and Molly's beside herself with anticipation. She helped put the plates and registration sticker on and off we went. The interesting part is that it's a stick shift – a 5-speed in fact. We went out for our first lesson yesterday - she did pretty well for the first time, even though it was a somewhat jerky and nerve-wracking experience for both of us. (I try to stay positive.) Can you remember when you learned to shift a standard transmission? Was it on the roads, or in a pasture lot? I learned in my brand new '69 VW, my graduation present from college. I can't remember the first time out with it, but fortunately those Beetles had a pretty forgiving transmission.



It's fun to think back on those old times. And now we get to re-live them in our vintage MG's, trying not to grind those valuable old gears. A little early to get the TD out yet, but this nice weather sure gets one antsy for it!

Have a great March!

**Spring's coming!**

**Safety Fast!**



**Don**

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A business card for Kurt's Garage. The logo features the name "KURT'S Garage" in green and black, with "Since 1946" written below it. The owner's name, "DAN THIEL", and title, "Owner", are listed. The address is "1315 HUDSON AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NY 14621". The phone number is "585-266-4992" and the fax number is "266-0942". The email address is "dan@kurtsgarage.com". There are two certification logos: "BOSCH SERVICE" and "ASE CERTIFIED".

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# Chairman's Corner

By George Heissenberger



Hello to all our members and welcome to March! How does the old saying go? If March comes in like a lamb it goes out like a lion? We'll see how things are this month, considering we had the mildest February weather in many years and I saw many motorcycles and a couple of classic cars motoring about. I'm not ready to pull the MGB out just yet, since there is still lots of salt on the roads from the few snowy days we have had.

However, we had a couple of record warm days so I did get the opportunity to drive my Fire Department's 1934 open cab fire truck from Caledonia where it had some work done, back to Bloomfield earlier in the month. Who could have guessed there would be 55 degree days in the middle of February? We had some rain on the way to pick up the truck but it stopped just as we arrived at the repair shop. Sunshine and no rain on the way home, but I did discover that road spray was an issue with only one windshield wiper and windshield washers had not been invented by 1934. Thankfully the farther East we went on 5& 20 things dried out and it was not a big deal.

Get your valve cover racers ready! Four members from the MGB Car Club, Hollis Haymes, Bill and Cheryl Baldwin and myself, participated in the valve cover races hosted by the Rochester Street Rods on February 17. Their track is quite different from ours and no run out track at all. I wrote a story



*Valve cover racing with the Rochester Street Rods. Photo courtesy Cheryl Baldwin*

elsewhere in Spokes so look for that. As a gesture of goodwill we also invited the Street Rods to participate in our races so they can see what a (AHM) proper track looks like. All three of our member's cars sustained track damage to varying extent and you can read about it elsewhere. I've got my car patched up but still need to do some wheel work before the races on March 17.

Our Car show committee under Leon Zak has had a preliminary meeting and we're working on several options for this year's show. More to come as there are many meetings yet to come and lots of details to hash out. Tentative date is Sunday July 21, 2024 so save the date. Many volunteers will be needed!

We had 37 members at the February meeting and several project updates. One change that came up is that the Legion is discontinuing offering dinners before the meeting. The bar will still be available downstairs. Typically we have some snow birds away this time of the year so they may change their minds later in the year. Meanwhile watch your email for dinner choices and locations to meet before the meetings such as Creekside inn prior to future meetings. FYI Vice Chairman Rod Rodman will be running the March meeting as I will be unavailable.

Stay warm, I'll see you at the valve cover races at Bushman's cabin Henrietta Veteran's park at Noon on March 17!

**Safety Fast! George**



## A Reminder from our Chairman:

Hello members! 2024 Dues are now due! We have approximately 95 out of 150 family memberships that have not yet paid their \$30 dues for 2024. That's OK and typical as the new year has only just begun. I would suggest everyone check their paypal or credit card/ checkbook for the last time you paid for your MGCC membership and send in your payment today. If you are not sure of your status you can check with Todd and he will confirm. If we don't hear from you by the end of next month an email/ postcard will be sent to those still not current as a gentle reminder. If you have already paid, I thank you gentle reader.

Dues continue to be just \$30 which has not increased in a really long time. Considering the cost of living increases in the past few years this is a bargain! For all that \$30 you get yourself, spouse/ significant other/ family all as members, the "Spokes" club monthly newsletter, admission to monthly meetings, knowledge, assistance and comradery of fellow British car loving friends, invitation to regular cars and coffees, regular monthly events all year long, impromptu meet ups for ice-cream, beer, lunch or dinners, notice of cars, parts and other offers, my lasting admiration and thanks.

There are three ways to renew your dues!!!

- You can renew and pay \$30 online at: <https://mgcarclub.com/join/>
- You can give your \$30 payment in person to Todd Black, Treasurer, or myself at any meeting or gathering.
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*George Heissenberger, Chairman*

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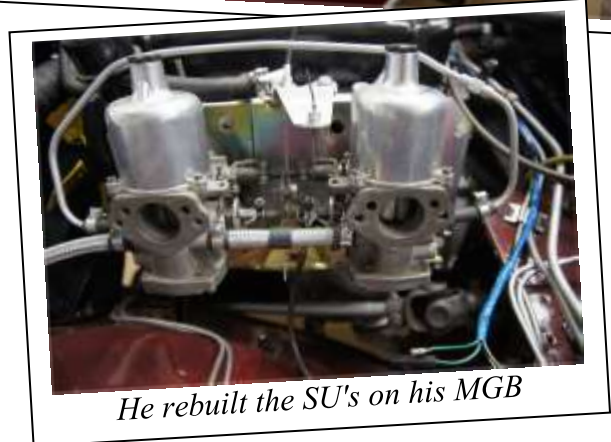
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# A Saturday morning visit to Tim Tracey's shop



*Sweet little Nash Metropolitan*



*He rebuilt the SU's on his MGB*

# A tiny Love Affair!!

By Hassan Gillani



Being no stranger to tiny cars and MG's. I was lucky to pick up a red Midget from the Otts estate sale. This was the same sale where Ken Barlow got his bugeye tub. My original offer was beaten by another couple and I was a little disappointed. 10 days later got a call that the lucky winners had backed out and I was the next highest bidder and could come get the car. They couldn't take my money fast enough.

Its technically a 73 round wheel arch Midget but

just a bar to help tow it around. Lucky for us, the Chrome bumper did come with the car. Hessa promptly took the front bar off and installed the Chrome bumper. It sparked the flame which is slowly turning into a forest fire.

Next issue on the list was the tires and brakes. A lot of searching indicated not many places would be able to mount and balance tires on wire wheels. Enter George Haynes to the rescue, he is still doing this from a



registered as a 74 model in USA with Wire wheels and split rear bumper. The car had been parked and not started in over Seven years. The first challenge from the car was it had no key and the steering was locked. On a cold January 24<sup>th</sup> 2023, evening I had it towed over to my house and started working on the list of items it needed.

First challenge was searching for the right Ignition switch as the wiring on the switch was different from what the Moss motors picture showed; 5 vs 7 prong harness. Thanks to Ken's help I eventually got the wiring diagram and rigged up the new ignition switch with the color coding not matching what was actually on the diagram. Seems this car was put together with whatever was on the shelf back then.

My 10 year old daughter Hessa took to it like flies to honey. It was definitely going to be her car. She loved it from the get go, even when it was dirty and not running. The car did not have a front bumper on it, but

friend's garage in Webster and what an amazing service. I also learnt first hand how to manually remove and mount tires and watched him balance them. Once the wheels were done now to make sure the car would actually stop. A new set of front disk and pads easily shipped from Moss but the Master Cylinder was on back order. As usual my first stop for it was the Barlow garage. The car needed a new Master Cylinder and he had a brand new one on the shelf. Swapping the Master Cylinder was not an issue, getting to bleed the air out of the lines was a major pain. Hessa once again helped with the pumping the pedal and after many trials we got the brakes where they needed to be. Took it for a quick drive and felt good. Now that functionality was restored time to work on cosmetics. By mid May 2023 ; Gave it a first wash and wax after years, with a nice drive around Mendon Ponds



**A tiny Love Affair, cont'd**



*This is her car now and there is no turning back!*



*We did a quick and dirty Gas tank flush and filled it with fresh gas. Oil/Filter change along with a new battery. The oil was more like grease - .looked like it was from back when the car was shipped across the pond. A set of new spark plugs with a squirt of starting fluid and it started right up.. Oh what joy!!*



*On an evening drive I noticed the headlights were very dim and sure enough it got a complete LED upgrade. What a difference those make!*

## A tiny Love Affair, cont'd



*Lastly the cherry on top was when the car made it in the August MG Car Show and thanks to all its gracious members and visitors won the best in show Midget class.*



*Needless to say, as a custodian I will enjoy driving and maintaining this car until it's ready to be passed on to its true owner who will cherish it most probably more than I ever will, as her first car.*

# Let's Go Racing!

A True Account of the Rochester Street Rods Club Valve Cover Races

- by George Heissenberger

Four members of the MG Car Club Western NY Centre, Hollis Haymes, George Heissenberger, Bill and Cheryl Baldwin, joined the Rochester Street Rods club on Saturday February 17 at the Henrietta Moose Lodge for their 2024 Valve cover races.



*Bill Baldwin readies his racer for its first heat.*

In addition to our club the Street Rods had invited the Buffalo Rods and Custom club, so there were three clubs attending.



*Rochester Street Rods Club*

Boy what an eye opener it was! First off, the Street rods rules call for a track of 5' high, and 20' long, with a divider on each side and in between lanes, and a hard stop at the end of the course, padded by two foam cushions. What a hard stop it was! Cars can be up to 10 lbs and 30"

long X 12" wide. Front wheels should not protrude beyond the valve cover. They allowed our cars even though meeting different rules. All the racers drew cards which determined your



*Looking at the course for the first time.*

order of starting. After just two runs, My car split the front wooden axle from hitting the stop at the end. A quick run to the store across the street for electrical tape and it would hold long enough to complete my racing. Their rules are best two out of three races so no double elimination. My car lost both runs and I was soon out. Bill's car did well and he continued to race, and beat his car up little by little, breaking the frame after a couple



## Let's Go Racing, cont'd

of runs. Hollis did well and won his first heat, but his front axle got bent from hitting the stop wall and he had to call pit time to work on his car. Bill and Hollis eventually raced and Bill won. By this time Bill's whole car was damaged and the valve cover entirely broke off the frame, fixed by zip ties and electrical tape. Bill eventually won first place!

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*Buffalo Rods and Customs members*



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# Max, the 1962 Austin Healy Sprite MKII

By Jim Herschell

Growing up with little British cars in the house I did not have much choice but to be blessed, or cursed, by the car bug. A neighbor across from our house had a 1962 Sprite for sale; the price was \$60. The car was pretty rough, but seemed to be all there. I had been saving my allowance and some money from a part-time job I had. I was 15 and Dad convinced me (twisted my arm – it was British ya know) to buy the car. We pushed it across the street and into the garage. The floor boards were almost there and the engine did turn freely, so we started the resurrection. The car was never planned to be a show car. I was 15 and wanted to drive it when I turned 16.



used it as a template and made my own out of walnut. I fit it to the car, drilled it for gauges and knobs, etc., and applied 10 coats of varnish (I got the woodworking thing from my Grandfather and then Dad); he approved.

There was more cleaning and painting (nope not from rattle cans); Dad bought a new compressor and a spray gun. We painted it in the garage... probably should have worn masks. We finished up the car, got it registered and actually drove it to one of the first “Wagon Jack Farm” car shows at Dave & Barb Wild’s place.



*Jim's \$60 1962 Sprite*

With Dad’s help we started pulling it apart. The floorboards were replaced, or should I say covered up with marine grade plywood. We pulled the interior and refreshed it up with Moss parts, of course. I bought some yards of black vinyl to recover the door panels and such.

When it came time for the dashboard, if you know my Dad, you know I could not just repaint it or recover it, and my Dad had lots of walnut. So I pulled out the old dashboard,



## Max, the 1962 Austin Healy Sprite, cont'd



I was out for a ride with one of my friends, he was driving his Dad's car. We pulled over to talk with a couple of girls, cute car was discussed followed by – want to go for a ride? The cute blonde was Sue Bielski. She was 15 and I was 17 at the time. I am very blessed and honored to say that this year we will celebrate our 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Still got the girl and the car. Drove the heck out of the little car, lots of crazy runs down Lake Road and Pellett Road in Webster. On one such run Sue and I had stopped to buy her Dad some cigarettes and as we were flying through a curve, she was so busy hanging on with her right hand she lost her grip on the cigarettes and they went flying out of the car; top was down. We took a trip to Vermont early on and found out never to pack the top under the luggage. It is no fun sitting under an overpass getting sprayed trying to find and then put the top up. We started having compression issues with the car about 1991 and Max was put away. Family life, kids,



house, etc; and the car sat. Finally, the car is back on blocks for its second go around at the rebuild. Motor is almost ready to go back in, brakes are in the works (Sue likes brakes☺) and the wood floor board patches are getting a metal replacement.



*Watkins Glen SVRA the year Healey was the feature marque*

I hope to have the car back out after its very long nap as I am retiring the end of this month, so I am out of excuses for lack of time.

JH





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## Meeting Minutes MGCC WNY Meeting February 15, 2024

By Dan Suter, Secretary

Chairman George Heissenberger opened the February meeting promptly at 7:30, with 35 members in attendance at the meeting. George noted that the Legion has announced that we need at least (16) dinners to make serving dinners viable, and our last two months have been in the 11-12 range. Therefore dinners will not happen in the next several months but will be reassessed when attendance increases in the Spring.

Meeting minutes from January were motioned for approval.

**Guests** – there were no guests or new members this month. We had several birthday announcements including Cheryl Baldwin celebrating a birthday, and Barb Wild celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this week.

**Treasurer Report:** George gave the Treasurer's Report as Todd Black was away. George indicated that our account balance is good, and that renewals are continuing to come in. 92 out of 154 members have renewed—so please renew if you are if you are among the 62 who still need to renew, please do so! Reminders will be mailed out shortly. With the upcoming cancellation of our PO Box, Frank DeMarzo noted that our business cards have the PO box number on them, so please cross out that address until new cards are made.

**Activities Report** by Dave Kray:

Past Events:

- Dave thanked Tim Tracey for hosting such a nice Garage Tour on Feb 10.
- The Rochester Street Rod club has invited us to participate in their valve cover races on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. (By the time this is published, it will be a 'Past Event').

Upcoming:

- On March 17, our MGCC will hold our valve cover races at Bushman Park in Henrietta.
- April will feature the Swing into Spring event on April 21 at Mulconry's in Fairport.
- May will include the Canandaigua car show, our MGCC Lunch with Cars event on May 17, a Hammondsport tour, and Steak Roast, and Tune Up Clinic, tentatively May 4.
- Susan Goodwin gave an update on the launch of the 2024 Motoring Challenge for the club starting in March and running through October.

**Regalia** report by Joe Bellizia. Joe noted he has free 2023 show booklets, and gave an update for hats, shirts, an impending order for new coffee mugs, and status of the orders for magnetic name badges, at \$26 pre-paid as a single group order.

**Spokes** – Don Welch thanked everyone for their encouragement and nice feedback following his first two issues as Editor. Don also said to thank all who sent in articles, and encouraged everyone to send in pictures of club events or their cars. Deadline is one week from Friday following the meeting.

**Watkins Glen:** Ken Barlow provided a recap of the 'split schedule' for vintage events at Watkins Glen for 2024. The SVRA races will be the weekend of August 21-24. HOWEVER, the downtown Vintage Festival will remain on the Friday after Labor Day (believe Sept 6). Seneca Lodge is holding rooms for us for both weekends; 3-night min for August, and 2-night min for the September date. See Ken as rooms are going fast.

**Librarian:** Paul Osborne indicated there is no Librarian report this month.

**Website:** Leon was en route south but shared with George that all is good with the website.



## February Meeting Minutes, cont'd

**Car Show:** George indicated some early progress is being made on the Car Show. Leon Zak is serving as Chairman for this 2024 Car Show. We considering (possibly/tentatively) July 21. Stay tuned for more Car Show information.

**Old Business:** None this month.

**New Business:** George Heissenberger announced a \$25 donation will be made from the club to Honor Flight, in memory of Tom LeStrange who recently passed away. It was also announced that former member Bill Rampe passed away as well.

**Announcements:** Tim Tracey thanked everyone for coming out and supporting the Garage Tour at his shop.

**Cars and Parts for Sale:** There were no new Cars or Parts for sale this month.

### Member Projects:

- Al Wagner described recent work with his MG TA at EM Motors. The oil pump is not working which will require investigation. The engine has been run with an external oil pressurization source and it holds great oil pressure when running, which is encouraging.
- George Heissenberger described driving his Fire House's 90-year-old classic fire truck back from Caledonia to Victor/Farmington following some work.....in the exposed cockpit, in January! He said the weather cooperated and he drove it back safely.
- Dan Suter described going to NorthEast machine shop in Tonawanda to get the crankshaft for the new Magnette (3-main B) engine reground. NorthEast has a capable and impressive machine shop and is glad to do machine work on our engines (I asked).
- Stephen Lewandowski described his recent work on his '69 Midget including installing window regulators and working on the wiring.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was closed at about 8:20PM.

### Attendance MGCC Meeting February 15, 2024

Hollis Hames  
Dave Kray  
Celeste Kray  
John Leible  
Deb Leible  
Dennis Illig  
Robin Illig  
Alan Costich  
Bob Welch  
Klint LiMuti  
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*Cecil Kimber in Old #1*

# 2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

There's no better way to celebrate the 100th anniversary  
of the MG than by doing the  
**2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge**

## HOW TO ENTER

- Send your first photo or photos to [Challenge@mgcarclub.com](mailto:Challenge@mgcarclub.com)
- With your name
- With the year, make and model of your car or cars you intend to use for the challenge  
(**not** your everyday vehicle\*)
- Attach your photos, identified with the destination numbers

(\* Exceptions may be made – contact Susan Goodwin at [challenge@mgcarclub.com](mailto:challenge@mgcarclub.com) for details)

## PARTICIPATION CHALLENGE DETAILS

- Find the complete (printable) list of destinations on the website or published in *Spokes* monthly
- Drive to the listed destinations
- Please get most of your car in the photo (no shots from out the window please)
- All photos must be taken this year
- Snap a picture of your car at the destination preferably with yourself or teammate in the photo
- Send the photos by email with the destination numbers as you complete them to:  
[Challenge@mgcarclub.com](mailto:Challenge@mgcarclub.com)
- You can do the destinations in any order except the ones with cut off dates
- All photos due on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**
- Enjoy monthly updates in *Spokes* where you'll see yours and other competitors' photos and get updates on the scoring

You will score 1 or more points for each destination. Points vary depending on the difficulty or the creativity required. Additional bonus points are given for some of the destinations, so try to get the most points possible.

## Remember

- All photos are due on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024
- Have fun!



Special Thanks to Susan Goodwin for  
putting this great Challenge together!

# 2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

✓	#	Destination	Base Pts.	Due Date	Bonus Description	Bonus Pts.	My Score
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Waterfall	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Erie Canal Lift Bridge or Lock	1				
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<input type="checkbox"/>	16	Graffiti Art or Mural Painted on Building	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	Cemetery established 1700s must show sign with date	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	18	Art Deco Building (include name of building and/or location)	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	Roadside Oddity/Attraction	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	20	Stone Fence or Stone Wall	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	21	Airport Control Tower (NOT ROCHESTER'S) tell where it is	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	22	Lighthouse	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	23	One Room Schoolhouse	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	24	Library	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	25	Museum with Sign	1		if it is a Car Museum	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	26	Barber Shop Pole	1				

# 2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

✓	#	Destination	Base Pts.	Due Date	Bonus Description	Bonus Pts.	My Score
<input type="checkbox"/>	27	Billboard	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	28	Dilapidated Derelict Run Down Barn	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	29	Barn with Silo	1		1 point for each silo over one in same photo	?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	30	Ice Cream Shop with Sign	1		Eating ice cream with friend	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	31	Your favorite Micro Brewery with sign	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	32	Your favorite Finger Lakes Winery with sign	1		Buy a bottle of wine - hold in picture	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	33	Dandelion Field or Yard Full of Dandelions	1	05/31/24			
<input type="checkbox"/>	34	Wild Flowers Along Roadside	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	35	Pumpkin Field	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	36	Farm Stand	1		Purchase Produce	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	37	Halloween Decorations in Yard	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	38	Fall Foliage	2				
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<input type="checkbox"/>	40	Rail Road Crossing Sign	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	41	Cow Crossing Sign	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	42	Bear Crossing Sign	2				
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<input type="checkbox"/>	45	Women's Right National Historical Park (Seneca Falls NY)	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	46	Diner with Sign including the word Diner in it	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	47	Your Car with a Motorcycle	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	48	Your Car with a Red Pick Up Truck	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	49	Your Car in front of a Lumber Mill	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	50	Ski Slope with Snow	2	04/30/24			
<input type="checkbox"/>	51	Cruise Night	1		Next to another British Car	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	52	MGCC Tune Up Clinic	1		Someone under the car	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	53	Cars and Coffee	1		Cup of coffee in hand next to your car	1	

# 2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

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<input type="checkbox"/>	54	Town/ Village or Small City with Diagonal Street Parking in the Downtown Shopping Area (show storefronts with the parking)	2		If name of Town/Village or Small City is in photo	1	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	64	Out of New York State Sign	3				
<input type="checkbox"/>	65	If you capture 3 or more destinations in a single photo you will receive not only the stated points for those 3, but you will receive an additional 5 bonus points	x			5	
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# Empty Nesters and the story of Maggie, our '77 MG Midget

by Richard Rzepkowski

The story behind our 1977 MG midget starts when my daughter heads off to college in 1997. Marlene and I were not prepared for the quiet in the house and the time on our hands. We had suddenly become “empty nesters”. That sudden change from daughter at home to schedules which were open with no commitments on weekends got us to discussing things that we can do now that we couldn't do before. Bubbling to the top of the list was a realization that owning a 2-seat sports car would afford us a nice diversion with the top down and driving to the various wineries in the finger lakes. And so the idea changed from a thought to a hunt for a 2 seat sports car.

Now mind you, I had never owned a 2 seat sports car, nor had my parents, nor had my wife, nor had her parents, we were truly neophytes to the concept of owning a 2 seat sports car but the thought of owning and driving one was exciting. At first, the only 2 seat sports car I could readily identify was the Chevrolet Corvette. There were several listings for used Corvettes in the local “Swap Sheet”, so we called on a few of the ads and made arrangements to go look at some used Corvettes. I soon learned that the condition of the used Corvettes varied widely. Some we looked at we could not test drive because there would be some “minor” work required before anyone dared to drive it on the road. But we did find several serviceable and drivable Corvettes, however lesson 2 about Corvettes is that they rode like buck boards. My thoughts about relaxing drives through the finger lakes to the next vineyard for wine tasting seemed to get distorted by harsh handling and bumpy rides. Now remember, I was paying for my second child in college, so I wasn't looking at very expensive corvettes and most were well flogged by their previous owners. So maybe this sports car idea wasn't so great after all.

But as luck would have it, we passed a small rural car dealer on our way home from another disappointing look at a well-used Corvette. There on his lot was not one, but 2, small sports cars. There was an MG Midget and a Triumph TR7 sitting in the front row of this rural dealer so we pulled in to check things out. I asked if both vehicles were drivable, and he said they were. Never having driven either of these types of cars I asked if it was possible to test drive both of them, he said yes if I surrendered my driver's license to him which he would hold until I returned the car. He had no dealer plates either, so



*It still rides the roads with a smooth ride and the performance is peppy enough to enjoy the drive on the twisty back country roads*

this was going to be a short test drive for each vehicle. I liked the looks of the Midget and thought the Triumph TR7 was a bit on the ugly side. Marlene and I got into the Midget and drove down the road a little ways. The car was surprisingly comfortable and peppy. Hmmm, this might be interesting. I drove back to the dealer and we took the TR7 down the same road. WOW, the TR7 was not nearly as comfortable and seemed twitchy on the road. I didn't think it was a big improvement over the Corvettes I'd been testing. Back at the dealership we talked price for the Midget, he showed me it was a true barn find and the car had been stored with the top down. The top was so dry and torn there was no way it could be put up in the shape it was in, I must buy and install a new top. Knowing nothing about the availability of new tops for MGs or the price point for such a repair, I took the dealer's information and went home to think about the deal.



## The story of Maggie, cont'd

Back home I did some internet searches and found 2 places that sold MG Midget tops, Moss Motors and Victoria British. The good news is that these seemed to be comprehensive parts suppliers for a car I knew nothing about. So with my research completed I called the dealer on Monday and he told me the car was SOLD. He said that a young guy had made the deal after I test drove it and would be bringing a down payment to the dealer later that day. We talked about the price he had agreed to with the young man and I boldly said, well if the deal falls through, here is my info and I will buy it at the price he had worked out with the other party. I also assured him I was an all-cash purchaser and I wouldn't be looking to make a down payment or get financing.

I don't know where the other deal fell apart, did the young guy never produce the down payment or did the rural dealer recognize that I was offering cash in hand. But come Tuesday, the dealer called me and said the young man he had sold the car to couldn't come up with the money so the car would be mine once cash was exchanged.



*The engine bay would need repainting with the rest of the car.*

Well after exchanging cash for paperwork, I registered the car and received plates for it. Marlene and I drove down to pick it up and drive it home to Penfield. On the way home I discovered problem number 2, overheating at constant highway speeds. This issue did not show up in our short initial test drive but now merrily driving it on the 390 expressway for about 20 miles, the temperature gauge had climbed well above normal. I slowed the car from 65 mph down to 50 mph. The temperature dropped enough for me to get the car home and into my garage. Disaster averted.

At home the top was placed on order with Moss Motors and I researched radiator shops to boil out the radiator. While I was a newbie to owning MGs and 2 seat sports cars, I was not a stranger to used cars. My Dad helped me with the first car I ever owned back in high school, a 1965 Rambler American with a 3-speed manual transmission. I learned a lot from my Dad working on that car, and that experience would pay off over the years of owning MGs. So before the car ever got inspected, the radiator was removed, boiled out and re-installed. (Radiator service done at Browncroft Garage.) While the radiator was out, the top came in. Marlene and I followed the directions very carefully to ensure the top would be as well fitting as possible and the first top we installed is still the top that we use on that car today.

Marlene has always named our cars. This car was "Damask Red" a dark red, nearly maroon, from the factory and we have kept it true to the original factory color when it was repainted in a full restoration in 2001. Marlene wanted to keep the MG name within the personal name she gave the car, and so she selected Maggie. A woman's name seemed to be fitting for a red car. By coincidence, Margret Thatcher was the first female prime minister of Great Britain and she was often referred to in the press as Maggie. That seemed like a great name for our first British sports car and the name has stayed Maggie since she was first brought home.



*The engine bay would need repainting along with the rest of the car.*

## The story of Maggie, cont'd

One final note is since I didn't know anything about MGs, how did I find the MG Car Club? Well I have Barry Christ (a car club member and MGB owner) to thank for that. I worked at Harris Corporation and was driving the MG Midget into work. Barry, who also works at Harris, saw it in the parking lot at Harris (now L3Harris) and left me a note in the car letting me know there was an MG Car club in town. After getting some more info from Barry, Marlene and I attended our first MG Car Club meeting in the fall of 1997 and we have been members of the MG Car club ever since. So if you ever see an MG in a parking lot, drop in one of the info cards and let them know there is an MG Car Club in town that they can belong to.



*Next change a badly rusting front door to a much better front door obtained from British Auto and ship the car off to the painter.*

First remove everything from the body of the car, including the engine. The engine goes off for a total rebuild at TW Automotive in Fairport (TW is no longer in business). At the painter's facility (Barry Brown at Riter's Restorations in East Rochester) more issues were discovered and dealt with.

In the end, the result was a pristine MG Midget that we were proud to take to various car shows as well as take on various club outings. We also took those relaxing drives through the finger lakes. We even drove it all the way to Stowe Vermont and entered it into the British Invasion. In 2023 we took it on a 200 mile day trip through the finger lakes stopping at a winery and eating dinner at a restaurant in Canandaigua. My body is no longer as comfortable in that car since I have aged. My leg cramped while trying to hold the accelerator steady and I realized that I have gotten used to Cruise Control in my modern cars. The car is harder to get into and out of as we have both aged since the original acquisition, but it still rides the roads with a smooth ride and the performance is peppy enough to enjoy the drive on the twisty back country roads.

Like most cars that have been restored, the cost of restoration will never be recovered in the value of the finished product, just drive it and enjoy it while you can.

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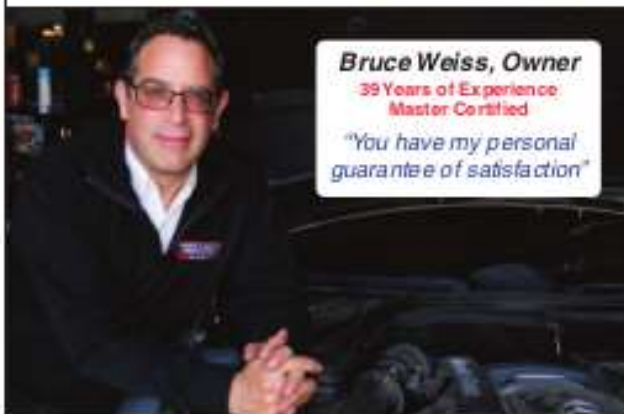
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**Event:** Traditional Car Show  
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Registration 9:00am - noon  
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## Cobblestone Museum plans events during April 8 solar eclipse, including Car Show



Gary and Doreen Wilson of Albion expect to bring this MGTD 1952 replica to the car show at the Cobblestone Museum during the Solar Eclipse weekend in April.

CHILDS – The Cobblestone Museum is ramping up activities in preparation for the much-anticipated total solar eclipse on April 8.

Orleans County is in the direct path of this historic event and a big influx of visitors is expected to the region, assistant director Sue Bonafini reported in the winter edition of the “Cobblestoner.”

“The Cobblestone Museum is hopeful that members of the Cobblestone Society, friends of the Museum and visitors from near and far will join us for some planned events between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday through Sunday and from 10 a.m. until the ‘main event’ concludes Monday afternoon (April 8),” Bonafini said.

An auto show will take place from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoon (weather permitting), featuring a variety of classic, antique and sports cars parked on the grounds, where visitors can see them up close and talk to their owners.

The Cobblestone Museum complex is located in Childs, NY, at the intersection of Ridge Rd. W and NY Route 98, approx. 30 miles west of Rochester.

**Car Show Sat. April 6, 12 – 3, rain date Sun. April 7**



**2024 Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen invites all MGs as the Featured Marque – September 6, 2024**

- 2024 Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen featuring ALL MG makes and models and years!
- “Return to the Streets” of Watkins Glen as one of the final celebrations of the 100<sup>th</sup> Centenary of MG Cars.
- **Two Stone Bridge Driver events make MG the star in September 2024!**
- ❖ **Thursday, September 5 the FLX MG Journey** – includes a car show in Lafayette Park from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., followed by a rallye/tour with a stop at sponsor Lakewood Vineyards for wine-tasting/tours & a complimentary bottle of Lakewood wine. The Journey enjoys dinner at the Main Deck Restaurant in Penn Yan on beautiful Keuka Lake.
- ❖ **Friday, September 6 - Grand Prix Festival Tour de Marque featuring MG** – begin at Chateau Lafayette Reneau Winery. This restructured event includes rallying on the area’s best sportscar roads, lunch at Watkins Glen State Park, two laps of the 6.6-mile Old Course & display parking in Lafayette Park.
- More weekend events are being developed and will be shared as details firm up!
- ❖ **Consider making Watkins Glen a destination for your MG Car Club(s) to hold a 100<sup>th</sup> Centenary Event** on Saturday or Sunday; please reach out to us before scheduling for suggestions and assistance we may be able to offer.
- **Reserve your place NOW in the FLX MG Journey and the Tour de Marque featuring MG;** they will fill soon.

**Contact Watkins Glen Promotions to register now.** Use the form on the website for both events: [www.grandprixfestival.com](http://www.grandprixfestival.com) (contact Michaela at 607-535-3003 for registration assistance, or me TDM Chair Bruce Coulombe at 607-793-3426 or [BCoulombe@geiconsultants.com](mailto:BCoulombe@geiconsultants.com) for details/info.

Also, the SVRA race usually held the weekend of the Grand Prix Festival has been moved to August 21-25. Check [www.SVRA.com](http://www.SVRA.com) for details on the 2024 SVRA Watkins Glen SpeedTour.

## **International Festival & Classic Car Show** **CITY of CANANDAIGUA**

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM 10:00 AM

There are plans to expand the show area to include parking on Main Street and will begin with a tour including a drive-by at senior living facilities. There are plans for international vendors.



# 2024 CRUIZE'N TIME CAR SHOW SCHEDULE



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|--|---|
| 5/27 Memorial Day Car Show at The Windmill<br>Penn Yan NY          | 8/1 Next Level Open House AND Car Show<br>Dansville NY    |
| 6/1 Dairy Festival Car Show<br>Steuben County Fairgrounds, Bath NY | 8/11 Springwater Gala Car Show<br>Springwater NY          |
| 6/8 Crazee Daze Car Show<br>Canisteo NY                            | 8/17 Wallace Fun Fest Car Show<br>Wallace NY              |
| 6/15 Minnehans Spring Car Show<br>Lakeville NY                     | 8/31 Prattsburgh Old Home Days Car Show<br>Prattsburgh NY |
| 7/6 Hammondsport Fireman's Carnival Show<br>Hammondsport NY        | 9/14 Howard Old Home Days Car Show<br>Howard NY           |
| 7/22 Steuben Center FREE CRUISE IN<br>Bath NY                      | 9/28 Fall Windmill Car Show<br>Penn Yan NY                |
|  | 10/6 Cohocton Fall Festival Car Show<br>Cohocton NY       |

**Albion's 8th Annual**

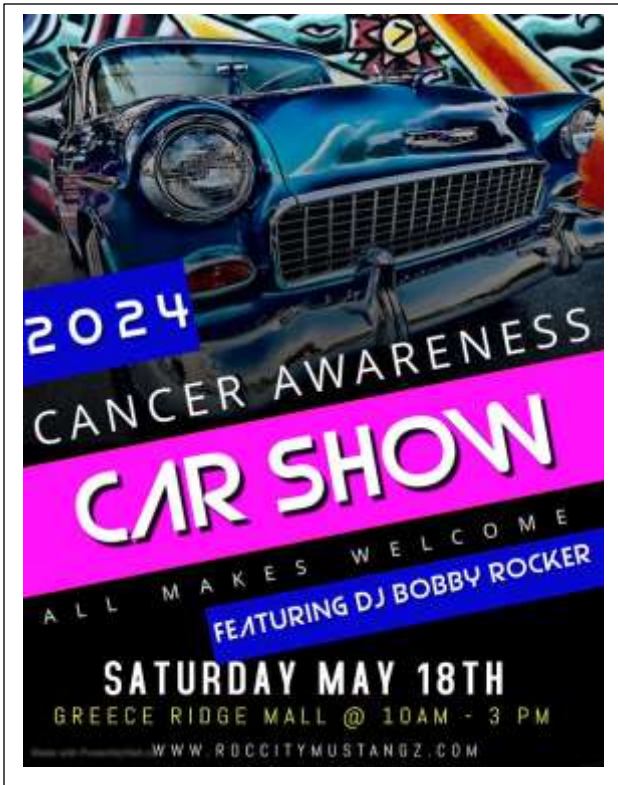


**SAT., SEPT. 11 • 1-4 P.M.**  
**Bullard Park • Rte 31, Albion**  
**Registration 11 am. - 1 p.m.**  
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**CAR SHOW DETAILS**  
 Entry Fee - \$15 Day of show  
 \$10 Pre-registration available until June 20th  
 When - Show Time 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
 Registration 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
 Where - Ontario Beach Park  
 Beach Avenue, Rochester NY  
 Contact Larry for more info - (585) 505-2515  
 revoncarvents@aol.com or felianelarry@gmail.com  
 Award Presentation & Door Prizes at 3:00PM

**\*Show Car Entrance\***

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 AT 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**



**RocTuned 2024**

Rochester Institute of Technology

You guys loved last years' car show, therefore RocTuned is back by popular demand! Bring out the cars, trucks, bikes and show them off. As always we'll have music, vendors and food trucks. We'll also have entertainment such as giveaways and low car limbo. You don't want to miss this one. Tickets will be online soon and the categories will be announced as soon as they become available.

**AN INVITATION:**

*Hi everyone, I am passing along this invitation below from the MG clubs of Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, who have invited members of the Western NY MG Car Club, Buffalo Octagon and Ontario T register to their MG 101 gathering in Belleville Ontario in August 23-25 2024.. Leon has said he plans to move the date for our car show (TBD) so there would not be a conflict with our own show, however that is the same weekend as SVRA has moved the vintage races at Watkins Glen International. The Grand Prix Festival is still the Friday after Labor day September 6, 2024 so does not conflict. Watch for more details in the coming months such as a potential group caravan to this event.*

*George Heissenberger, Chairman MG Car Club Western NY Centre*



Hello there MG club Presidents,

You're receiving this email because I have some exciting news to share.

Last summer, the MG clubs local to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto came together in mid-August to celebrate the 100th anniversary of MG. We had a great weekend, which we called MG100Fest, in the Kingston, Ontario area and as a result of the success of this meet, we have decided to proceed with making this an annual gathering.

We have discussed the idea and would like to extend an invitation to the **Ontario MG T Register**, the **Buffalo Octagon Association** and the **MG Car Club of Western New York** to join us for....**MG101Fest!**

This weekend event will take place August 23-25 (Fri-Sun) in the Belleville, Ontario area. We have secured a



group rate at a local hotel and are in the process of finalizing our programming for this gathering. Tentatively we have planned a Friday evening pizza party in the hotel parking lot.

Saturday we will likely tour the Prince Edward County area with a lunch stop.

Saturday evening we will have a fun pub night style activity.

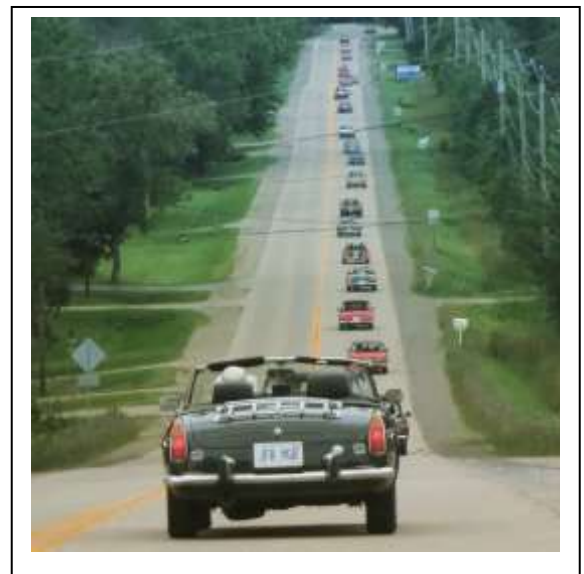
Sunday we are debating on hosting a car show with awards. Another possibility is to organize a funkhana and possible valve cover racing before we head our separate ways.

We are confident that MG101Fest! will be well attended from members of our 3 local clubs but we want to extend an invitation and hope that your respective clubs will support, help to advertise and attend this event.

Please let me know if your club might be interested in participating. We would be happy to add your club logo to our flyer that will be released shortly.

If you have any questions I will do my best to answer. I have attached a couple of photos from MG100Fest.

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# Upcoming Events – March - April

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- **March**

- **Valve Cover Races** - Sunday March 17, 12:00 - 3:00 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 Heissenberger, with assistance from the Goodwins. For more information contact: George Heissenberger chairman@mgcarclub.com 585-880-5871.

- **April**

- **Swing into Spring** – Sunday April 21, Happy hour at 4 – Dinner at 5 at Mulconry's Irish Pub in Fairport, 17 Liftbridge Ln E, Fairport, NY 14450.
  - Contact; [mgahmogca@rpa.net](mailto:mgahmogca@rpa.net) or Cell (585) 410-4500 for your selection
  - Food selections;
    - Shepherd's Pie \$18
    - Fish & Chips \$19
    - Bangers & Mash \$19
    - Chicken French \$24
    - Corned Beef & Cabbage \$20

- **December**

- Holiday Party – Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 at Glendoveers, 2328 Old Browncroft Rd, Rochester, NY 14625
  - More info coming

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

Respectfully submitted  
Dave Kray

*Save the Date:*  
Tune Up Clinic at Edison Tech May 4





# MULCONRY'S IRISH PUB

17 Lift Bridge Lane, Fairport

**Sunday, April 21st**

4PM start time

Social Hour before 5:00 Dinner

## MENU

### Shepherd's Pie

Ground beef baked in casserole with peas, onions, carrots, topped in homemade mashed potatoes. \$18.00

### Fish & Chips

Atlantic cod filets beer battered in Harp's lager and served with french fries and cole slaw. \$19.00

### Bangers & Mash

Irish pork sausage served with homemade mashed potatoes and Irish baked beans. \$19.00

### Chicken French

Boneless chicken breast battered in egg, pan fried and finished with a sherry, lemon, butter sauce and served with mashed potatoes and vegetables. \$24

### Corned Beef & Cabbage

Tender corned beef brisket served with steamed cabbage, carrots and potatoes. \$20.00

★Tax & Gratuity NOT INCLUDED  
in above prices.

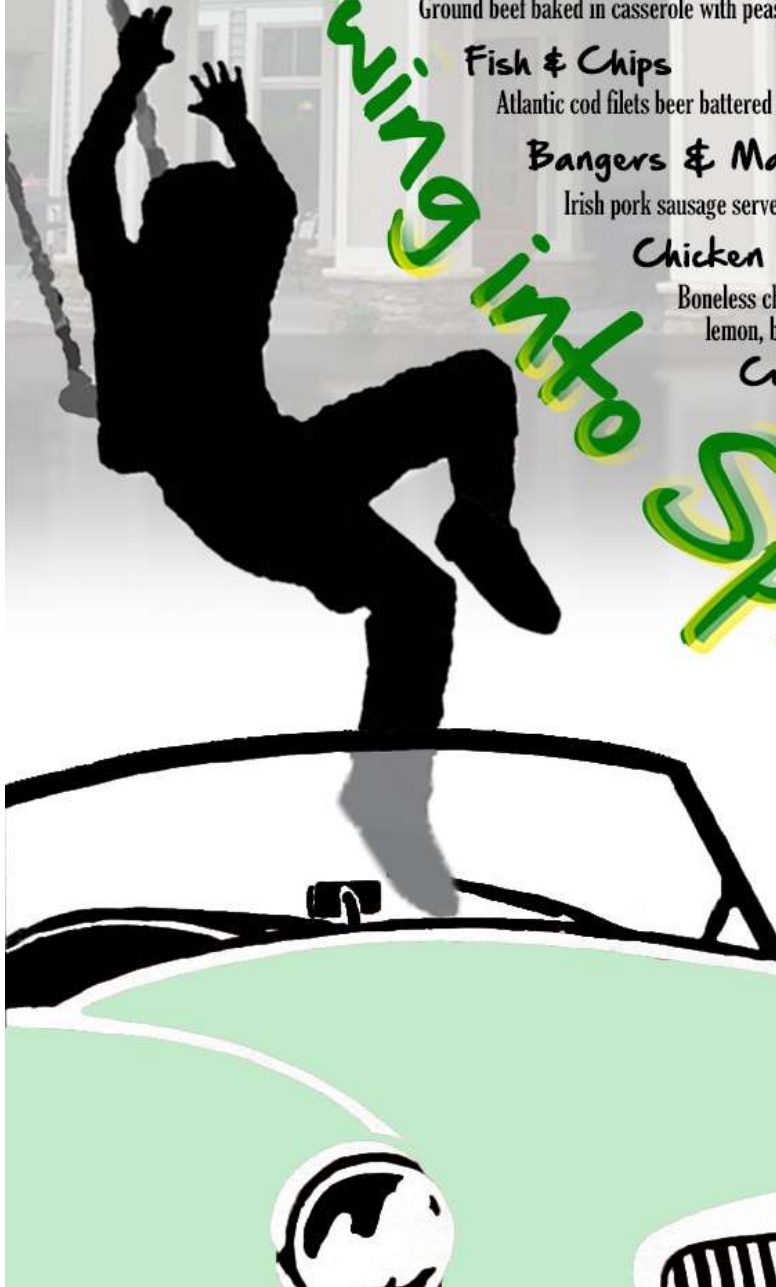
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mgahmogca@rpa.net  
(585) 410-4500

Swing into Spring



**2024 MG Car Club Western NY Centre  
Valve Cover Races / Wine and Cheese Party**



**Noon-4:00pm Sunday March 17, 2024**

**Bushman Cabin, Henrietta Veteran's  
Memorial Park**

**595 Calkins Rd. Rochester, NY 14623**

Bushman's cabin is the same familiar location as used for many years. Bring appetizers or desserts to pass, your own place setting, wine, beer or beverage of choice. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided. Bring your Valve cover racer or make a new one! Valve Cover Racing is as much fun to watch as it is to race! Come out and join the fun!

**RACE! CHEER! EAT! DRINK\*!**

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George Heissenberger [chairman@mgcarclub.com](mailto:chairman@mgcarclub.com) \*Drink responsibly!

# MGCC WNY Official Valve Cover Racing Rules

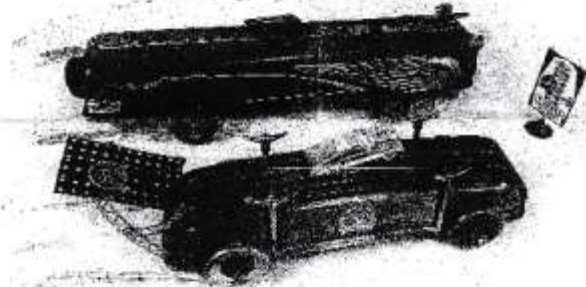


**The Cars:** The cars shall have no power source. All motive force is provided by gravity. Cars shall be based on an actual valve cover, rocker box or cam cover from an MG or other British made automobile engine. Wheelbase shall be no more than 24 inches. Note: The staging lane is only 24 inches long. Wheel Track shall be no more than 14 inches. Cars must have 4 wheels each, not to exceed 6 inches in diameter. Cars shall weigh 12 pounds or less. Car design should allow the front wheels to touch a 2-inch high starting gate. Any car changed during the race is subject to inspection

**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 rearmost 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.

# Valve Cover Drag Racing



**June 17 th. At the Wurlitzer Cruise Night In  
Conjunction with the Open Wheel Cruise  
Time Trials at 5 PM- Racing at 6:30 PM  
Presented by the Rods & Customs Car Club**



The Official British Leyland Inspection Sheet



1. Place this sheet under your MG's engine. Leave overnight.
2. Remove and inspect this sheet before driving your MG.

-If the MG Logo above is covered in oil drips, check your oil level and top up. Now go for a drive!

-If the MG Logo above is clean, do **NOT** drive your MG! The oil sump is **EMPTY!**

Note: This sheet can also be used with the gear box, rear differential, or anywhere else fluid flows in your MG.

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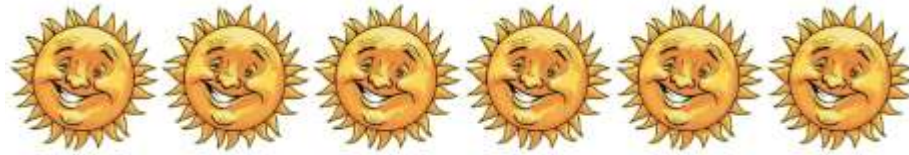
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# March Sunshine Page



## March Birthdays

2	Marlene Babchak
2	Frank Gordnier
4	Bill DeVos
5	Richard Powers
7	Joe Puma
8	Denise Livingstone
8	Kristi Briggs
8	Oralia Keiling
9	Lizzie Leykin
9	Janey Wagner
10	Al Fink
11	Lane Boughton
12	Jacobe Barnard
14	Celeste Kray
14	Terry Welch
15	Frank DeMarzo
17	Dave Chase
17	Patrick Walter
18	Patricia Reinhard
20	Bruce Austin
20	Robert Keppeler
22	Laurie Scribner
23	Kathy Boughton
26	Joseph Valenti
27	Susan Kath
27	Dawn Mehserle

## March Anniversaries

17 Elton & Patti Schulz



**Congratulations!**



**Happy Birthday!**

*If you think you've been mistakenly left off either list above, check to see if you've paid your dues. If you still think it's a mistake, send a note to the editor at [spokes@mgcarclub.com](mailto:spokes@mgcarclub.com)*

This blank page is in memory of Tom LeStrange, July 7 1942 – January 22, 2024



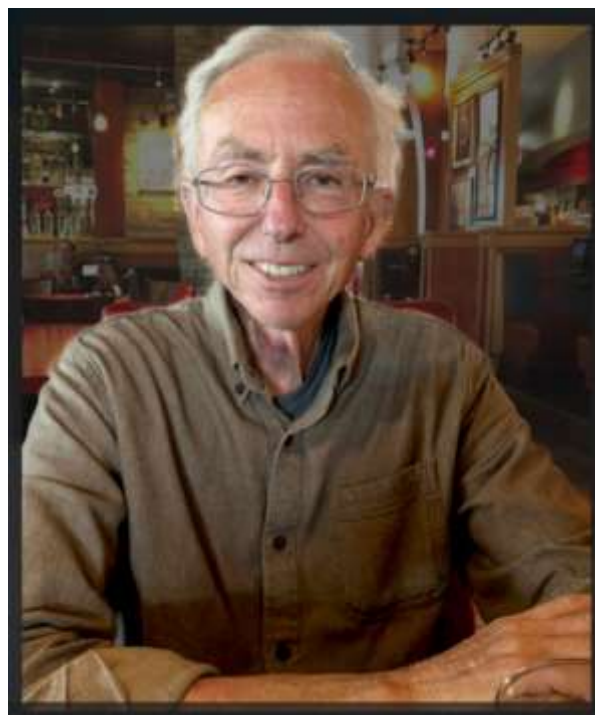
# William Rampe



Our friend and former MGCC member **Bill Rampe** passed away on February 13, 2024. Bill and Kathy Rampe were previously members of the MGCC and, more currently, members of the Triumph Club as well as active members in the greater Rochester area sportscar community. Bill enthusiastically raced a Triumph Spitfire for 10 years at various Northeast tracks and his beautiful TR3 was often an award winner at car shows. He retired as a general contractor 4 years ago and had been dealing with health issues in recent times. He will be missed by all who knew him.



all photos courtesy of Frank Calandra



*Bill Rampe 1949 - 2024*



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Once you click submit and go to the PayPal page, scroll to the bottom for non-member credit card processing. If you have any questions you can also use the contact form on the web page or email [info@mgcarclub.com](mailto:info@mgcarclub.com)

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Remaining Grille Badges Are in Short Supply Supply as seen on page 2



## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



Note: Key is just to show size

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## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



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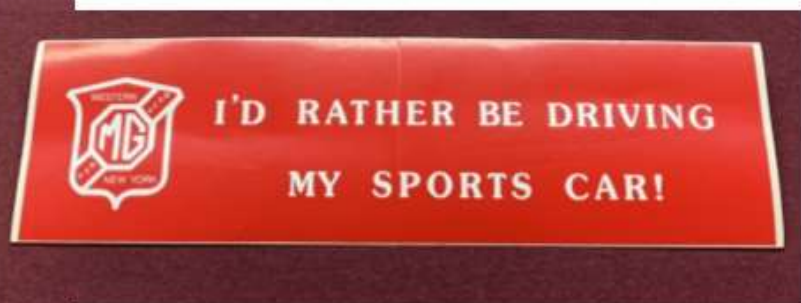


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MG Car Club Western New York Centre  
Membership Application

Annual family membership dues \$30

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or 585-899-9388

I know the whereabouts of an **MG TD & MGTF**. They are in the Lockport area. I have seen the cars. The TD is together, and I think with a good fettle and scrub down fore and aft you might get a presentable driver. I think it has been sitting about four years. The MG TF is a total basket case, but I believe it is all there. You would need to look over all the bits both in the garage and basement. It will be a good project. Both cars have engines in chassis as well as some spares.

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