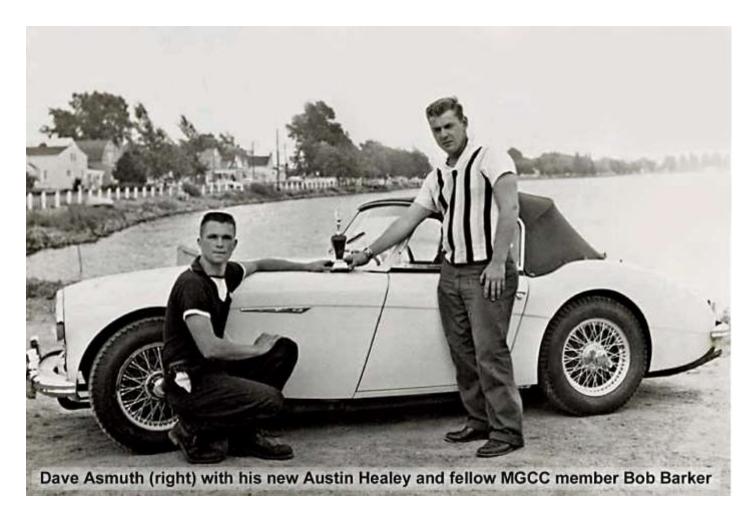


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As I was searching for a photo to use for our cover page this month, I saw again the wonderful picture of Dave Asmuth and his friend Bob Barker, beside Dave's brand new Austin-Healey. Young guys with their flattop haircuts and the whole world ahead of them. Heady times! And sadly, Dave's have run full course. Those times are hazy for many of us, but full of memories. I think in those years I was admiring the new Mustangs, stuff of dreams for a high-school boy. I won't forget a bright red convertible parked on the semi-circular drive of our 1930's WPA-built brick school in Brockport. Only a few years later I was racing my '69 VW Beetle out to Ohio. Courting a pretty co-ed who I'm lucky enough to still hang around with.

Like many of you, I can finally afford the pretty little sports car I only dreamed of then, and have the time to enjoy driving and maintaining it. One of the grey-haired boys-at-heart!

Some of us got together last Sunday for this season's first **Cars & Coffee**. One of the many good times we as a club can enjoy together. Check out the pictures on page 10.

A special **thank you** once again to all of you who have contributed stories & photos to this issue. You make our club one of the best!

Have a great May '24!



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Don



## **Chairman's Corner**

By George Heissenberger





Hello members! By now most of you should have had your sports cars out and about for the 2024 motoring season! Swing into Spring was April 21 at Mulconry's in Fairport and had a good turnout of around 60 festive people for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event! I took some photos of the group enjoying dinner and they will be posted elsewhere in Spokes. A shot of some of the cars in attendance from the balcony taken by my wife Peggi is at the head of this column.

We have a lot of events coming up such as Lunch with cars, The tune up clinic, Canandaigua car show, Club Steak Roast and Cars and coffee the last Sunday of every month are all coming up soon. Check the club calendar for the schedule! I hope to see some of you with your cars at different events as the season gets into full swing. Leon is working on the car show posters, there was a mockup poster shown at the April Car club meeting so when Leon has them ready, we can begin to spread them around at various cruise nights. Cruise nights are starting for the season and most of those that haven't started already will officially start after Memorial Day. I'll try to share cruise night calendars with the club as they are available on social media.

We got OUR MG out mid-April and got a jump on some photos for the 2024 motoring challenge. It's a great excuse to get out and drive your cars getting random photos to meet the challenge questions. Susan and Mike Goodwin put on a nice display for the April MG Car Club meeting and it was nice to see so many member's car photos! The full list of photo challenges is in Spokes so lets see your cars in the challenge!





The May Meeting of the MG Car Club Western New York Centre will be Thursday May 16, 7:30 PM at Ely Fagan American Legion Post 260 Middle Road, Henrietta NY. Watch for notices of member meet ups for dinner before the meeting.

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# **Swing Into Spring 2024!**

#### - by Dick Powers

I never thought, when I did the first **Swing into Spring** event, that we would celebrate its  $20^{\text{th}}$  Anniversary. Over time, the popularity of this event has increased to the point that, this year, we had the largest number ever attending – 62! There were so many attending, that tables had to be set up in every usable space. We also had a few future MG owners there as 4 grandchildren were enjoying the event.

Even the weather cooperated compared to last year's rainy day when only Frank DeMarzo drove his B. This year we had a nice mix of sports cars that included the **Goodwin**, **Heissenberger** and **DeMarzo MGBs**, **Keppeler MGA**, and **Stepanik Healey**.

Events don't just happen by themselves. For Swing into Spring 20, I have to thank **Annabelle Tescione** for once again doing the event and cake "logo". Have to thank **Dave** and **Celeste Kray** for all their help, especially with their food selection system. I'd also like to thank my wife **Bethel** and daughter **Rachel Wilson** for helping olde me once again.



## Swing Into Spring 2024 - Photos by George & Peggi Heissenberger

Just some photos my wife Peggi and I took from Swing into Spring 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Mulconry's restaurant Fairport, April 21, 2024. Organized this year by Richard Powers. Kudos to all involved in putting this on for so many years! Great time and great food and friendship! Enjoyed by so many members of our MG car club!





Views of members enjoying their dinner and friendly conversation!





We were spread out across the entire upstairs event space at Mulconry's.



Some of the Cars from the balcony - Peggi Heissenberger



Delicious cake is always part of the festivities!



Some of the Cars from the balcony – Peggi Heissenberger

#### A Reminder from our Chairman:

Hello members! 2024 Dues are now due! We have approximately 95 out of 150 family memberships that <u>have not yet paid</u> 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: <u>https://mgcarclub.com/join/</u>
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*George Heissenberger, Chairman* MG Car Club Western NY Centre

## Cars & Coffee 2024!



**Cars & Coffee** got off to a fine start April 28, again at Freestyle Mercantile in Mumford. Drivers and passengers of 10 little sportscars met on a sunny Sunday morning for coffee and conversation. Well, it started out sunny...

Ken Barlow came in to show off his brand-new (to him) red bug-eye Sprite. Lifted the bonnet to reveal an engine powerful enough for any lawnmower. Really a pretty car.

Mike Robinson drove his pristine TF in "all the way" from Caledonia with the top down. He and Maggie left a little early to beat most of the rain, but Todd Black and a couple others had a wet ride home!

Breakfast sandwiches and fresh coffee were enjoyed by all!

Oh, and the eagle dutifully watched our little gathering from its perch high in the tree across the road.



## My 1974 MG Midget

by Mike Ruisi

I had a very good friend who bought a 1974 MG Midget from his buddy, and we all worked at Xerox. He had the car in his garage, and whenever I went over, we would play some basketball because he had a net on his garage front, and after shooting baskets, I would go in his garage and I would see this poor little Midget sitting in the corner, no cover on it, but he had his kids bikes on the hood, rakes and shovels in the car, and shop tools on the trunk lid. It killed me to see that. I would gingerly try and take the stuff off the car, and put it somewhere



else, but when I would go back the crap was back on and in the car. I would say John, you have to take care of the car and not abuse it the way you are doing!!!! He just was not a car guy, so after a few months he wanted to know if I wanted to buy the car. Not really, but I felt so sorry for the car, I did!!

It was the summer of 1978, and I had a MG Midget, knew nothing about the car, but was going to try and learn some of the trials and errors that came with the car. It had a few. Went thru a fuel pump, alternator, clutch, transmission, high beam switch. I also got new chrome rear bumpers, some new carpet, and wheel bearings!! That was just the start, but I will stop there, just do not want to bore you folks, but I know that you've all been there before!!! Just the way it is.

I entered the car in the Victor car show in the early eighties, and didn't do too bad. That is before I really did any work to the car. The first year, if I remember correctly, I came in I think fourth! After the show an older gentleman came up to me and said, "Son, you have a really nice midget here, and let me tell you a few things to do to make it look better when your show the car." Well that summer and winter I did what he

said, and more. I didn't do everything, but I did my best. The next summer I entered the car and it came in First!! Are you kidding me!! Well, I did a few more things to the car, and the following year I entered the car again, and the judges liked what I have done, and I got first again!! Two vears in a row! Well over the winter I did more cosmetics to the car, put in a few things that I thought were interesting and hopefully the judges liked, I entered the show, and can you believe, came in first again! Wow, three years in a row.

Well the next year came

around and I put the car in the show, it was in the class called MM. I saw a trailer come in with a nice baby blue, I think it was a Bug eye. I could be wrong about the car, but it was in my class. The car came from Buffalo, and it was one of those trailer queens, I think they call it? Well he beat me by a couple of points, and I came in second. Well I had a good run for being a young guy not knowing anything about MG's, or car shows. As of today I get by somewhat, but still learning, but the guys, and women in this club are so intelligent about their cars, and are always there to help you out if you have a problem. They are just a wealth of information, and I thank them for that.

Well that is about it. There is so much more to tell about my story, and my Midget, but I think I got the main issues out, and don't want to bore you gentleman and ladies, so I think I'll just call it a day. Thank you, Mike Ruisi



Editor's note: This is Mike's complete article. I left out the last part last month. Sorry Mike!

## Upping the Ante, part V - by Mike Robinson

#### Mike's saga of installing a GM aluminum V8 into his pretty black MGB

In the last segment I covered the trials of getting the engine finally installed for the last time, and some of the barriers I had to overcome to get there. In this segment, I'll cover installing the accessories and making it ready for the first start. You would think that by now most of my problems would be over, but that is not the case, as you will read about shortly.

I was able to install the valve covers, carburetor, fuel lines, coolant hoses and other items without too much fuss. I've never used stainless braided hoses before, so I was a bit leery of all the coolant connections, figuring there's no way I'll get these all on without one of them leaking. More on those in the captions below. I had already tested my fuel lines from the tank to the pressure regulator before the engine went in, so the only one I had to test was from the regulator to the carb, and it was leak free on the first attempt. In the photo captions to follow I describe the work done and any obstacles that needed to be dealt with.



First items to go on are the valve covers, mainly to keep dirt and crud from finding their way into the engine. The fuel line from the regulator to the carb is fitted but not cut to length yet.



Heater hoses and fittings are installed. As I stated earlier, I've never used stainless hoses before so I wasn't sure what to expect. The finishing clamps also has some pretty anemic looking clamps, so I was a bit apprehensive they would hold.



The long coolant tube for the heater was installed. This is a nice unit from D&D which looks much better than draping a hose all the way to the water pump. I modified a finishing clamp to give the appearance of an AN fitting. You'll notice there is a short hose that goes between the water pump and intake manifold. Murphy's Law states that the hose with the greatest chance of leaking will be the one that's hardest to get to, and this hose followed that law to the letter. I had to remove the intake manifold, install a beefier clamp in the AN style finishing clamps, and retighten the clamps. It worked the second time. The chrome fuel line sticking straight up could not be used, as it reached all the way back to the heater fan. I switched it out to a standard banjo fitting.

#### Upping the Ante, cont'd



You'll notice I also removed the radiator (again). It was discovered I could not install the steering rack with the radiator in, so it was removed yet again. I think I could change out every part on this conversion in my sleep with all the practice I've had. At this point all of my electrical changes are done, and my ignition leads were put on.



The upper and lower radiator hoses proved to be a challenge. I made about three trips to the local parts store in Geneseo to try to find a rubber molded hose that would work. If the shape was close, the diameter was wrong. If the diameter was good, the shape was wrong. I ended up finding these stainless steel flexible hoses at Summit Racing. The reviews seem to indicate they were fairly easy to work with, so I took the plunge and ordered them. Sure enough I was able to make the bends needed, and they made the job easy. Best of all they didn't leak when I added coolant.



I installed items in what I thought was a logical order, only to discover later on that I had to put something else on first. Case in point, the alternator. I discovered I could not remove the bottom bolt to slip through the alternator case, because it was too long and would contact the fan. I had to remove the fan so the alternator could be installed on the brackets. I left it off until I was certain I could put it in without having to remove it again.



I had to remove ignition leads installed earlier because it was discovered they were in the way when putting the alternator in. At this point I learned I could not use the stock factory throttle cable as it was too short to reach the linkage, so a Spectre cable was obtained from Summit and it works really well.



This one had me going. When I went to install the steering rack, it was discovered the driver's side exhaust header was too thick to clear the steering shaft. We're not talking a small amount either, but a rather substantial amount to the tune of 1/2 inch. In chatting with Mark at D&D, he tells me "Yeah we see this on maybe one out of ten cars, just use a big hammer to make the needed clearance. It won't affect the header's performance any". So I marked out where the "adjustments" needed to be made, and armed with the largest ballpeen hammer I have, I gave it a whack. The hammer just bounced off without so much as scratching the powder coat. These things are welded up from some heavy gauge steel, so it was going to take a bit more force. Enter my two pound stone hammer. I gave it a whack, and it made a tiny dent. At this point I realized it was going to take a lot more than flogging it with a hammer, so I used a cutoff wheel to make some relief cuts, and that seemed to help. Once I had it beaten to shape I welded up the cuts and ground them smooth. I wanted to get the headers ceramic coated, but with Swain having a 4 month turnaround time on parts, I hit them with some header paint and put them on the car. and I'll have them done next winter.



The shifter on the new T5 transmission comes out about 1-1/4" inches further forward, so a new close off panel had to be made



Not only the close off panel, but I also had to make a new console finishing panel. I used a substrate of 1/8 plywood for the base, and laminated walnut veneer to that, sealed it, and clear lacquered it to match the rest of the interior wood trim.



With the wood done, a new shift stalk and shift ball, the interior bits are done. I really like the short throw of the shifter, and being a bit farther forward feels much better ergonomically than the stock shifter location.



By this time, everything on the engine itself was on, hopefully for good. I installed plastic wire shielding on all my harnesses, double checked all my circuits to make sure they were OK, and I was confident that except for the exhaust, it was ready for first start. There were no leaks, oil or coolant, so it was time to jack up the car and get underneath.



I didn't want to fire up a brand new engine with just open headers. I wanted to be able to listen for an abnormal noise or anything unusual. Open headers would not allow that. Unfortunately, off the shelf exhaust systems for these kinds of conversions are not available, and I didn't want to trailer it to Fairport to have an exhaust made just yet, so I rigged up this temporary contraption using Walker flex tubing, some reducers and adapters, and the 2 Thrush Turbo Mufflers I will eventually use for the final exhaust. *Getting the adapters was a challenge. Apparently* some people cannot read a ruler and the concept of Inside Diameter and Outside Diameter was lost on them. It took four trips to Fairport and local parts suppliers to get the needed adapters I needed to go from the 1 5/8" Header tubes to the 2" tubes the main exhaust will be made from. Once I had those sorted, I came up with the mess you see hanging down here. The Walker tubing would not bend to the tight radius I needed, so the pipes just had to lay on the ground. No big deal, it's not like I really wanted to drive the car anyways...



So this concludes this installment. Part 6 will cover the exciting (and nerve wracking for me) first start of the new engine. Stay tuned.





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## **1951 MG Purchase, Care and Feeding**

- By Chuck Kenyon, submitted by Don McConnell

Bill, my brother, had tried to interest Dad in installing a dual exhaust system on our only car, a 1951 Studebaker with a V-8 engine. He had a few charts showing increased fuel economy etc. Bill failed to mention the throaty purr from the glass pack mufflers which were considered cool at the time and a part of the package. Since modifying the family car didn't work, Bill badgered Dad for some time to purchase an additional car so it would be easier for the family to attend the increasing number of school events and social activities. Dad was probably thinking about another sedan, but Bill convinced him a sporty convertible car would be fun. The bright red MG was purchased for the sum of \$ 1,100 in the summer of 1953. The car was only two years old but had seen some "spirited driving" at changed frequently and the RPM had to be kept at certain levels until the entire break-in period was completed.

Bill wanted a special parking spot at Charlotte High School for the MG since there were no locking doors and of course no ignition lock on the steering wheel. If Bill had parked in the small lot at school or the unauthorized empty lot across from the school it was feared someone would "borrow" the car. It was most fortuitous that the owner of a home next door to the high school was the Scoutmaster of our Boy Scout troop in Charlotte. Dad had helped him find employment at Kodak for which he was most grateful . Arnold, "Happy" Holzworth was employed for several years after returning from WWII in a denture lab. Happy lived with his sister and she was at home each

the hands of a military officer stationed in the Virgin Islands. During the fall of that year Bill and I would occasionally have to drive to a post box at the North Greece Post Office Branch for mail related to the evergreen plantations located

at the farm in Hilton NY. Bill noticed that the oil pressure was quite low -. i.e. about 20 lbs./sq. in. at road speed and nearly zero at idle.



day to check on the car. We did drive the MG in the winter and we were able to put up with the poor heat. side drafty curtains and a long very engine warm up period, but one problem nearly stopped us using the car for a few days. The brake and clutch both went down through the

floor and pivoted on a poorly weather proofed bearing surface. After a few weeks of use in the snow and slush the pedal would not return - thus continually engaging the clutch. We managed to get home by reaching down under the dash with each gear change and Dad asked about the problem. Dad and Bill had the car on blocks and could see the problem - lack of lubrication. The only "tool" which would separate the bearing surfaces enough to allow lubrication was an old "church key" with a very pointed end from a local brewery. Dad was cussing about the poor design and offered the observation that it's no wonder we gained independence from Britain with such equipment design philosophy. He threatened to have a similar church key chrome plated at Kodak and send accompanied by a letter recommending the following tool be included in the tool kit to the MG Works on Abbington.

#### Now it was time to have some fun with the car.

As many of you know Bill was great friends with Dave Morse whose father owned several service stations in

After consulting the owners' manual we found that the pressure should be about double our readings. Bill happened to drive by the Farr Bros. service station on Dewey Ave. near Britton Rd. and saw a sharp new 1953 MG-TD in black with green hides sitting outside. He inquired about the owner and was told the owner Frank O'Hare lived nearby and was a master mechanic on these vehicles. Bill soon appeared at Frank's door and saw his home was on a hillside with the basement enlarged to accommodate about 12 MG's. Frank checked the motor quickly and said that indeed it needed major engine work - probably at least crankshaft main bearings and a valve job. He told Bill these engines were based on a stationary pump engine which was made to run at a constant speed - not constantly revved up and down as in normal driving. He also said premium parts and balancing the weight of pistons, rings, etc. made the engine last longer - along with a very long engine break-in period- about 1,500 miles as I recall. Well later sometime the engine was rebuilt and ran beautifully. We spent many hours making drives in the cool part of the day to keep the temp down as the car had no pressurized cooling system. Oil and filters were

#### 1951 MG Purchase, cont'd

Rochester. There were five boys in the family and the third and fourth boys were employed at the stations.

They were also expert at tuning foreign cars. One summer evening after the car was tuned with the rebuilt motor running well, Bill and I headed west from the house on Edgemere Drive over 'Zweigle's Hill" toward some wonderfully twisty roads. After enjoying some "spirited driving" we headed home. A day or so later a Greece Police car drove up the driveway and ask to see Bill just as we were sitting down to dinner. Dad was not about to let anything interfere with dinner so he let Bill talk with the officers. Bills version of the story: apparently they did begin to follow us and were considering stopping us but they were having trouble keeping up with us and more urgent calls came in. There were few sports cars in the area so they knew where to find the owner. Bill said he looked over at the 1953 Plymouth sedan with an anemic six cylinder engine and gave them a wry smile. They did give him some advice about his driving style and a warning. As I recall Dad asked if everything was all right as Bill rejoined us for dinner - and Bill reported all was well. End of incident. One of Bill's math teachers, Miss Doehler, known as "Big Red" for both her partially colored hair to cover the gray and dominant personality, was kidding Bill about the car and said wouldn't it be fun to ride in it. Miss Doehler enjoyed a good joke in class, but she was very serious about maintaining academic standards and maintaining discipline. Bill took her up on the offer on a nice spring day and after classes ended for the day they went to the Lake Ontario Beach Park for an Abbott's custard cone. Several students walking home reported seeing them riding back toward school - Miss Doehler with one hand holding on her hat and the other holding a cone as they drove back toward the school. We did zip around Irondequoit a bit, going north from Titus Ave. on King's Highway, probably about 50 but seemed much faster. Dave Heinrich from the Heinrich Chevrolet auto family was a student at Charlotte during those years and Bill showed him how the MG could corner better then the first generation 'Vette -around the Pinegrove and Colebrook Dr. area. Background: (Charlotte High had students from the City, Irondequoit and Greece. Irondequoit was building a new school on Cooper Rd. after demolishing the smaller one on Titus Ave. across from the House of Guitars and Greece had no schools. Greece divided the Town in four quadrants. In the north east part, they sent students to #38 school on Latta Rd or #42 school & then Charlotte High. Some went to elementary schools around the south east area and then to Marshall High. The west area was split between the Hilton and Spencerport School. Hard to believe with all the schools in Greece now.)

Bill let me shift from the right seat as I was only 14 at the time. Later I was allowed to drive it "properly" on a few deserted roads. Much better from the left seat!! My Dad enjoyed driving the car especially with the top down. Sports cars weren't too numerous then and he liked to pull up to a stop light and strike a long match on the pavement to light his cigarettes.

It was a sad day when Dad said it was time to replace the MG with a second four door sedan. As I recall Bill traded the MG to a dealer near Swarthmore College for the 1953 Ford. Bill later saw the car on campus which had been poorly painted in a gold color. He kept the ignition key and thought about moving it around the school parking lot - just for fun of course.

In later years Bill often talked about the fun he had "motoring around" Rochester.





## YouTuber Interview – Andy Devine of England

#### - By Ken Barlow

Our second installment of YouTubers for Spokes is from Andy Devine of Andy's MG Adventures channel! Andy's channel is focused on his time with Margo, a right-hand-drive (which to Andy is "normal") white 1972 RWA 1275 powered chrome bumpered Midget maintained and upgraded over the course of the arc of the channel. Andy features comedy as his primary hook, and it works, cracks me up every time. Spread out over 39 episodes over a little over 2 years, we follow Andy's adventures with Margo, through his sad sale of Margo and rejoicing over the purchase of Mirabel, an '84 1275 powered convertible Mini.

You can find Andy's MG Adventures by searching YouTube or clicking this link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/@AndysMGAdventures</u>

#### Enjoy!



Andy, thank you for participating! Where are you based and what sort of workshop did you do your project in?

Based just outside of Bristol in the UK. Fortunate enough to have an integral garage to the house, with a workbench and JUST enough room to wriggle around bikes and tools!

**Q** What's the family think about the project? Fully support, obviously! But do they know about the YouTube Channel and what's their reaction to the success?

Everyone was hugely supportive, including my father in law Dave who was instrumental in so much of the work. As for the YouTube channel, my dad Martin really did support with the development of it as a sounding board, and Dave featured in them quite a bit!

(You remember Dave. <insert cowboy music here>, trust me, just watch a few episodes, you'll get the aside. - Ken)

**Q** Was Margo your first little British sports car? Yes she was.

**Q** Do you have a story about them from earlier in your life, like so many MG and other Little British Car (LBC) owners do?

I grew up being taken to various car events. My dad is a huge fan of the Morgan Motor Company, and so that was always present in our house. The Midget really only came into my life when I started thinking about owning a fun classic that would fit in a standard UK Single garage!



#### **Q** How long did you spend on

the Midget project to get to the point you could drive it? Or was she a running example, and you worked to take care of deferred or delayed maintenance?

She was running just fine with a recon Ivor Searle engine. But there were some obvious oversights and bits left ash needed attention. Interior was very tired, servicing hadn't been done very well and her bodywork was a bit ropey. Perfect car for me to learn on!

 ${f Q}$  How many miles did you put on the Midget? How about the Mini since you swapped cars?



#### Andy Devine Interview, cont'd

I put only around 10,000 miles in my 5 years of ownership! The Mini has had to have quite a bit of work, so I have only covered about 600 miles on that in the last year or so.

Q Ballpark, do you know how much you spent on the Midget for the basic maintenance work you did, or the larger projects? or would rather not say.

I did work this out once. I believe it was about £2,000. With the bulk of the cost being the interior respray and cosmetic stuff plus some new stem seals. Everything else on these cars is "cheap as chips!"

**Q** Would you do it again?

I would 100% say yes, the wife might beg to differ.

**Q** Would you do a different make/model?

Later in life maybe an MGC, something with a couple more or double the cylinders!

**Q** Would you shoot video in the future of the new project?

I wish I could say yes, but I can't say for sure!

**Q** Do you have a mechanical background, or engineering background, or hobby mechanic?

Complete "noob", never had any background in it. The Midget is a terrific car for learning on it really is.

Q How many subscribers today? 2229

Q How many views (ballpark) in total? 193,000

What inspired you to produce the videos in the first place? It greatly complicates the process, how much overhead did filming for YouTube add to the process?

I work in Television and film, and since I had experience in that field, I fancied coupling that with my love and interest on learning how to fix up the MG. I would say it at least doubled the time it took for each job to film it. Probably more than doubled. However, that is only because I wanted every take to be as perfect as possible!

**Q** Are you happy with the results and with the response from the community?

I really am. On the whole, the Midget community are a great bunch. And as soon as you say you are a beginner, people go a bit easier on you!

**Q** What other projects did you complete? I remember brakes, valve adjustment, shackles/bushings, thermostat, seatbelt, but looking at your video list, you did quite a bit of stuff! Which of those did you find most beneficial? Easiest? Hardest?

#### Andy Devine Interview, cont'd

Tough question really. For me, overall the hardest bit was that I didn't have ANY background knowledge on working on cars. Which ALSO means I didn't have any real understanding of the basics of using tools either. So for me, EVERY job had a sort of "common sense" required that I was severely lacking and resulted in a bit of a struggle each time. Most fun and easiest to make was the MG Midget buyers guide alongside the jacking up and roof removal.

Hardest were the shackles and rear suspension plus the clutch slave!

**Q** Did you have any help with the Midget work?

Good old "Dave" my trusty father in law.

**Q** What's next for the channel? You have a new car, a cute little Mini?

Yup, Miracle the 1984 Mini with a 1275 A+ Series engine. She's great. But sadly, after some work with Dave. She is just about running perfectly So no need to make any content yet! I'm not sure on the direction I want to go with the YouTube stuff yet, kind of need inspiration from the community!

**Q** Are you now or have you been a member of the MG Car Club in your area? Other car clubs?

I was a member of the MG Car Club. But for some reason I found I didn't quite click with the club, so I then joined the Midget and Sprite Club (MASC)- You won't find a better group of car club people. Check them out.

**Q** What's the hardest part of YouTube?

The editing at the very end. I wanted a polished feel, and it takes so long to cut together sequences and get it running smooth.

**Q** What's the best part?

The community, and knowing that I might be helping someone even a tiny bit when they work on their Midget!

**Q** Technical stuff, who edits the videos? What camera equipment or other equipment do you use? What software do you use to edit the videos?

So, I use a Sony ZV1 for filming along with a go pro hero 9 for the tight spots. I also use a Rode Wireless GO for my mic so I can not be stringing leads around when working on the car. I then used Final Cut Pro on a MacBook to edit with, and then finally did the post production sound on Pro Tools at work!

**Q** Anything else you want to share with the club?

Always fire away any questions, if I can help I will!

Thank you, Andy, I appreciate your journey and learned much from your videos. The quality and comedy and repairs were eagerly anticipated every week hoping for a new episode.

#### Meeting Minutes | MGCC WNY Meeting April 18, 2024

By Dan Suter, Secretary

Chairman George Heissenberger opened our April meeting at 7:29, with 46 members in attendance. George noted the welcome sight outside of (3) British sports cars in the lot, a sure sign that Spring is underway.

**New Members and Guests** – We had a new member join us: John Opp came with his 1967 Austin Healey 3000; he also owns a 1952 MGTD that he purchased at a garage sale at his winter place in Florida. Welcome John! We had several birthday announcements – Maggie Robinson, Klint LiMuti, Todd Black, Frank DeMarzo, Dennis Illig; anniversary announcements this month included the Traceys, the Krays, and Stepaniks.

Meeting minutes from March were motioned and approved.

**Treasurer and Membership Report**: Todd Black provided the Treasurer's Report. Our account balances are good, and that renewals are slowly getting closer to last year's membership levels. 124 out of 154 members have renewed—with approximately 31 who still need to renew--please do so! Reminders will be mailed out shortly. Please direct mail directly to Todd, as the cancellation of our PO Box is complete. Todd noted he had learned that Karen Rapp, wife of member Bill Clicquennoi has passed away. Also Todd received a card from Mary LeStrange, thanking the club for our donation to Honor Flight.

It was announced that Hollis Hames will be participating in the April 20-21 Honor Flight to Washington, DC. He joins prior club members Al Costich, Dave Chase, and Dave Wild who all served and participated in Honor Flight trips.

#### Activities Report by Dave Kray:

Past Events:

- By the time this is printed, Swing into Spring on April 21 will be completed. 60+ members were signed up for this popular event. Thanks to Dick and Bethel Powers for running this event.
- Upcoming Events:
- May will include the Tune Up Clinic (5/4), Steak Roast and Auction (5/5, at \$10/person with the club subsidizing costs beyond that), Canandaigua car show (5/18); additionally, our MGCC Lunch with Cars event on May 19. Cars and Coffee has resumed the last Sunday of each Month.
- The Hammondsport Tour has been postponed until 2025 due to scheduling conflicts with the intended hotel. Other area shows were noted.
- Our MGCC Holiday party will be held on Dec 7 at Glendoveers.
- Susan Goodwin gave a great photo presentation and update on the 2024 Motoring Challenge for the club, which started in March and runs through October. Hames, Heissenbergers, LiMutis, Don Welch and Goodwins have all submitted photos.

**Spokes** – Don Welch gave a Spokes update. Don noted the great number of submitted articles for the April issue – 57 pages! Don also thanked all who sent in articles, and encouraged everyone to send in pictures of club events or their cars. The A-H Sprite and MG Midget feature series will finished up with the April issue. Deadline is one week from Friday following the meeting.

**Regalia** report by George Heissenberger for Joe Bellizia who was absent. The first order of approximately (30) name badges is in-process and are expected in about 5-6 weeks. Additionally, hats, shirts, an impending order for new coffee mugs are available.

**Watkins Glen**: Dave Wild was absent this month, so no report about the activities. Ken Barlow noted that he has our reservations completed and will be collecting credit card numbers for the submission in the next month.

#### Meeting Minutes, cont'd

Librarian: Paul Osborne indicated he has no updates for the club library.

Website: Leon Zak indicates all is good with the website.

**Car Show**: Leon provided a thorough report for The Car Show. The date is July 21, and it will be held at the NY State Museum of Transportation. Leon discussed food provisions, layout, classes, parking, volunteer needs, the fact that registration is open, and other aspects.

**MCC Scholarship Award**: This item was tabled until May, when Frank Stepanik will present the 2024 winner.

Old Business: None this month.

New Business: None this month. .

Announcements: None.

**Cars and Parts for Sale**: Ken Barlow is selling the white restored and painted Bugeye that he had previously purchased from the Dave Ott collection, as Ken has purchased a completed red Bugeye from the Endicott, NY area. Congratulations Ken!

#### **Member Projects**:

- Al Wagner showed a brief video of his MG TA running for the first time in 55 years!
- Mike Robinson described his recent work installing the 4-link rear suspension in his MGB V8 conversion, and conversion with Ben to install the 3.07 gears and limited slip unit. The video of his engine start was shown also.
- Tim Tracey announced that he has started his newly rebuilt MGB engine, and further tuning is underway.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was closed at about 8:47PM.



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#### 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

-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 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

-You can do the destinations in any order except the ones with cut off dates

- Each destination may be claimed only once, but photos can be replaced with a better one, or one for more points

-All photos due on or before November 1st 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 1st 2024 -Have fun!



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

✓	#	Destination	Base Pts.	Due Date	Bonus Description	Bonus Pts.	My Score
	1	Waterfall	1				
	2	Erie Canal Lift Bridge or Lock	1				
	3	Water Tower	1		Name on Water Tower	1	
	4	One Lane Bridge	1		include sign saying One Lane	1	
	5	Covered Bridge	2		Name on Bridge	1	
	6	NYS Fishing Access Ste with sign	1				
	7	USor State Wildlife Preserve or Management Area	2				
	8	NYSBlue/Yellow Historical Marker	1				
	9	2nd NYSBlue/Yellow Historical Marker	1				
	10	3rd NYSBlue/Yellow Historical Marker	1				
	11	Town/City/or Village Historical or Landmark Society Building	2				
	12	Victorian House with Mansard Roof	2				
	13	A White Church with Steeple	2		Has Red Front Door	1	
	14	Opera House or Play House or Theater (not a movie theater) with name on it	2				
	15	Street with a Grassy Tree Lined Boulevard Down the Middle	2		Name of Street in photo	1	
	16	Graffiti Art or Mural Painted on Building	2				
	17	Cemetery established 1700s must show sign with date	2				
	18	Art Deco Building (include name of building and/or location)	2				
	19	Roadside Oddity/Attraction	1				
	20	Stone Fence or Stone Wall	1				
	21	Airport Control Tower (NOT ROCHESTER'S) tell where it is	2				
	22	Lighthouse	1				
	23	One Room Schoolhouse	2				
	24	Library	1				
	25	Museum with Sign	1		if it is a Car Museum	2	
	26	Barber Shop Pole	1				

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	27	Billboard	1				
	28	Dilapidated Derelict Run Down Barn	2				
	29	Barn with Silo	1		1 point for each silo over one in same photo	?	
	30	Ice Cream Shop with Sign	1		Eatingice cream with friend	1	
	31	Your favorite Micro Brewery with sign	1				
	32	Your favorite Finger Lakes Winery with sign	1		Buy a bottle of wine - hold in picture	1	
	33	Dandelion Field or Yard Full of Dandelions	1	05/31/24			
	34	Wild Flowers Along Roadside	1				
	35	Pumpkin Field	1				
	36	Farm Stand	1		Purchase Produce	1	
	37	Halloween Decorations in Yard	1				
	38	Fall Foliage	2				
	39	Silhouette Cut Out Figure	2				
	40	Rail Road Crossing Sign	1				
	41	Cow Crossing Sign	2				
	42	Bear Crossing Sign	2				
	43	Finger Lake with Sign (not Canandaigua Lake)	1		if lake shows in picture	1	
	44	Culvert Road Tunnel (Medina NY)	1				
	45	Women's Right National Historical Park (Seneca Falls NY)	1				
	46	Diner with Sign including the word Diner in it	2				
	47	Your Car with a Motorcycle	1				
	48	Your Car with a Red Pick Up Truck	1				
	49	Your Car in front of a Lumber Mill	1				
	50	Ski Slope with Snow	2	04/30/24			
	51	Cruise Night	1		Next to another British Car	1	
	52	MGCC Tune Up Clinic	1		Someone under the car	1	
	53	Cars and Coffee	1		Cup of coffee in hand next to your car	1	

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	<b>)</b>	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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The 2024 Motoring Challenge is off to a good start. Please enter the Challenge if you haven't already. The Motoring Challenge ends November 1, 2024. All destination photos must be submitted by that date. You can find the instructions and list of destinations in Spokes monthly until the end of the Challenge, or on the MG Car Club web site. You can print those out for your convenience. Keep a destination copy in your vehicle so it will be handy at all times - you never know when you will happen upon a destination.

Remember, if your car is in parts or not running at all and you want to participate in the Challenge, use your everyday vehicle to join in the fun. As well as if your vintage vehicle completely breaks down during the Motoring Challenge you can use your everyday vehicle to complete the challenge.

There are three destinations with end dates coming up soon:

Destination #50 Ski Slope with Snow ended April 30th.

Destination #52 MGCC Tune up Clinic. The event is May 4th - don't miss your chance!

Destination #33 Dandelion Field or Yard Full of Dandelions ends May 31st.

Motoring Challenge standings as of April 18, 2024:

Heissenberger	35 points	D. Welch	17 points
Goodwin	31 points	Hames	12 points
LiMuti	28 points	Zak	2 points

Any questions? Contact me, Susan Goodwin at <u>challenge@mgcarclub.com</u>. HAVE FUN SAFETY FAST A few pictures from March and April are on the next page.

#### **Motoring Challenge Photos**



Destination #2 – Erie Canal Lift Bridge Susan & Michael Goodwin



Destination #8 – NY State Blue Historical Marker Susan & Michael Goodwin



Destination #13 – White Church with Steeple (Bonus for red door) George Heissenberger



Destination #65 – TRIPLE FEATURE BONUS! Includes #16 – Mural, #24 – Library & #46 - Diner Don & Molly Welch



Destination #11 – Historical Society Building Janet & Klint LiMuti



Destination #50 – Ski slope with Snow Leon Zak



Destination #27 – Billboard Doreena & Hollis Hames

## PROJECT REPORTS

#### Al Wagner's TA project:



#### 4/1/24

After more than 55 years of being stored in garages, barns, basements, and more garages mostly in parts, TA2600 finally started this afternoon. It is still a way from going down the road on its own, but at least the engine started and ran for a couple of minutes today. A short video with sound will be at the meeting.

#### 4/19/24

Stopped by to drop off some parts for the TA today and found it in some good company. Magnum had left by the time I got there.



#### Tim Tracey's MGB project:



4/10/24 Wheels restored. Running remainder of new brake lines and then possible start up. Unsure of fuel pump. May have to remove to inspect.

#### 4/15

First start up in 45 years with a temporary fuel pump and line. Only runs with the choke pulled almost all the way out. Any suggestions where I should start? Currently only the headlights are working also. Ugh.



(Electronic fuel pump from Limora) Fits in the same bracket. Have to adapt for the banjo fittings. 113 euros, about \$120.00 delivered with tax and freight.

#### Hassan's new 1950 TD project:



#### 4/24/24

Here is the new project: 1950 TD

Not been on the road for nearly 2 decades and had an engine swap to Volvo 16b.

Will be interesting to see what it will take to get it running again. Plan to make it a driver rather than concourse.

Wish me luck 😅

Thx Hassan





### Dash Plaques from George Heissenberger's collection



## NEWS

Moss and Rimmer Bros. have been bought by Radial Equity, a New York private equity investment firm that works in the aftermarket industry. Here is their press release:

Goleta, California | Lincoln, United Kingdom, April 12, 2024 -

Radial Equity Partners ("Radial") today announced simultaneous investments in Moss Motors ("Moss") and Rimmer Bros ("Rimmer Bros") to form a leading, global specialty supplier of restoration & replacement parts focused on British vehicle brands.

Moss is a U.S.-headquartered aftermarket supplier of parts for British cars, including Austin-Healey, Jaguar, MG and Triumph, as well as the Mazda MX-5. Founded in 1948, Moss offers a broad portfolio of over 50,000 SKUs to a variety of retail customers, wholesalers, and service operations worldwide. The company is headquartered in Goleta, CA and operates six facilities across the United States, United Kingdom ("UK") and France.

Rimmer Bros is a UK-based supplier of replacement parts for UK marque vehicles, including Jaguar, Land Rover, MG, Mini, Rover and Triumph. Founded in 1982, Rimmer Bros maintains a comprehensive product library of over 50,000 SKUs sold primarily on a direct-to-consumer basis. The company operates a single site in Lincoln, UK.

Ed Moss, President of Moss, said, "We are pleased to partner with Radial, an experienced vehicle aftermarket investor, as we transition Moss from its third generation of family ownership. The Moss team is thrilled to be combining forces with Rimmer Bros to create a leading global supplier of replacement parts for British vehicles."

Bill and Graham Rimmer, founders of Rimmer Bros, commented, "The merger of these highly complementary businesses creates a global business with immense R&D, sourcing, marketing and distribution capabilities to better serve our loyal customers."

"We are excited by the opportunity to carry on the great legacies of these two family-owned businesses," said Jim McDonough, Partner of Radial. "We are committed to continuing to provide leading service to customers as well as expanding the offering of parts solutions across existing British brands as well as new vehicle marques."



Radial is a private equity firm focused on investing in middle-market businesses serving consumer and industrial markets. Radial invests in businesses where the firm can apply relevant prior experience and a network of industry relationships to support its management teams. More information about Radial is available at <u>www.radialequity.com</u>

## LOSSES IN OUR MG FAMILY

Only days after Hollis returned from his Honor Flight to Washington DC, we learned that his lovely wife Doreena had passed away. Such heartbreaking news. Her obituary is printed below

#### **DOREENA R. HAMES**

April 24, 2024. Predeceased by her parents, Ralph and Louise Maina; brother, Michael Maina; brotherin-law, J. Kent Campbell. She is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Hollis Hames; children, Erica (Drew) Tomasko, Hollis (Christina) Hames; sister, Kathie Campbell; sister-in-law, Virginia Maina; grandchildren, Andrew, Carter, Emery, Andrew; several nieces and nephews. Doreena was an avid reader and loved birdwatching and music. She was a member of the Flower City Jazz Club and MG Car Club.

Editor's Note: We will have the article on Hollis's Honor Flight in next month's SPOKES



#### DAVE ASMUTH

Long-time MGCC WNY member **Dave Asmuth** passed away several days ago following a brief stay in the hospital.

Dave had been an enthusiastic member of our club since its earliest days. We believe his membership dates to 1958, our founding year.

The below photo shows Dave with life-long friend Bob Barker along with Dave's Austin-Healey (I believe a 100-6).

Dave was a formidable autocrosser in that car for several years. Along the way, Dave also owned an MG TD, a Kelmark GT (Ferrari Dino styled kit car) and a 1964 MGB among others.

Dave and his wife lived for many years on Sodus Point and were longtime friends with Bob Barker and Mike and Susan Harrison. Around 2006-9 timeframe, they all put on the Apple Blossom Rallies for the club which introduced my son John to sports car rallies.

Following his wife's passing, and with Dave's worsening mobility issues, Dave moved around 2018 to Greece to live near his daughter.

I spoke with Dave regularly and he remained enthusiastic and upbeat and always interested in my various MG projects. Dave will be missed.

- Dan Suter





Dave Asmuth (right) with his new Austin Healey and fellow MGCC member Bob Barker





# **CAR SHOWS!**



### **DO YOU HAVE A CAR SHOW WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?**

Please eMail Editor at spokes@mgcarclub.com





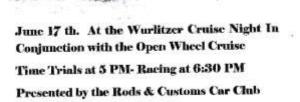
# 2024 CRUIZE'N TIME CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

- 5/27 Memorial Day Car Show at The Windmill Penn Yan NY
- 6/1 Dairy Festival Car Show Steuben County Fairgrounds, Bath NY
- 6/8 Crazee Daze Car Show Canisteo NY
- 6/15 Minnehans Spring Car Show Lakeville NY
- 7/6 Hammondsport Fireman's Carnival Show Hammondsport NY
- 7/22 Steuben Center FREE CRUISE IN Bath NY

- 8/1 Next Level Open House AND Car Show Dansville NY
- 8/11 Springwater Gala Car Show Springwater NY
- 8/17 Wallace Fun Fest Car Show Wallace NY
- 8/31 Prattsburgh Old Home Days Car Show Prattsburgh NY
- 9/14 Howard Old Home Days Car Show Howard NY
- 9/28 Fall Windmill Car Show Penn Yan NY
- 10/6 Cohocton Fall Festival Car Show Cohocton NY



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The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual *Vintage & Classic Euro Car Tour & Show* will be held in **downtown Canandaigua**, New York May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The event will feature a car show for vintage vehicles manufactured before 1999 from the U.K., Europe, Japan, or any foreign country. The event will include a tour/drive in which registered vehicles will cruise down historic Main Street Canandaigua, past senior living facilities, and through some of Canandaigua's beautiful historic neighborhoods before reaching the show field in downtown. People's choice awards will be given in several categories. The downtown International Festival will feature family activities and special treats for young car fans. A variety of international food will be available from downtown restaurants and delivered to your table in the Central on Main outdoor dining venue. This event will also feature music and vintage car and travel related vendors and displays. All entries will receive a commemorative dash plaque and welcome packet. For information or to register a car go to <u>https://www.downtowncanandaigua.com</u>.



# Camp Haccamo's

# Car, Truck & Cycle Show



Saturday, June 1, 2024 Rain date – Sunday, June 2 Gates open @ 8:00 am. Awards shortly after 1:00 pm





The Mall at Greece Ridge Behind the former Sears store

\$15 Pre-registration \$20 D \$3 Spectator Donation

\$20 Day of Show

Food

### 50/50 Raffle

Vendors Music

**Door Prizes** 



2023 Best of Show: 1961 Chevrolet Biscayne

Camp Haccamo is supported by 13 dedicated Rotary Clubs: Brighton, Brockport, Fairport, Gates Chili, Hilton, Honeoye Falls- Mendon, Irondequoit, Monroe South, Penfield, Pittsford, Rush Henrietta, Spencerport, and Webster.

### Judging:

50 "People's Choice"

16 Special Awards

### **Trophies for All Winners**

Car Show Contact: Chuck Krause. <u>Krause.chuck@pml.com</u>. 585-703-0918 Registration & Sponsorship forms: www.camphaccamo.org



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: <u>www.grandprixfestival.com</u> (contact Michaela at 607-535-3003 for registration assistance, or me TDM Chair Bruce Coulombe at 607-793-3426 or <u>BCoulombe@geiconsultants.com</u> for details/info.

Also, the SVRA race usually held the weekend of the Grand Prix Festival has been moved to August 21-25. Check <u>www.SVRA.com</u> for details on the 2024 SVRA Watkins Glen SpeedTour.





### Wheels In Motion Car Show SATURDAY - JUNE 22, 2024

Presented by **Enjoy Harbor Fest Celebration** =Rev-On Car Events follow as an I Thank you to the Ontario Beach Park Program Committee Thank you to our provid sp WHEELS IN MOTION CAR SHOW Van Bortel LEGENDS102.7 COMUNICASION OF you to flow to Show Car Entrance CAR SHOW DETAILS Entry Fee \$15 Day of the registration available until June 20sh C + Pi Show Show Time 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Registration 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM re - Ontario Beach Park Brach Avenue, Rochester NY Contact Larry for more info -(585) 505-2515 revoncarevents@sol.com or fairtanetarry@gmail.cs and Presentation & Door Prizes at 3:00PM

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 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.









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### 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.

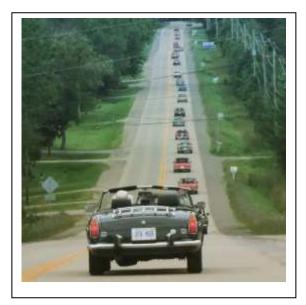
Saturday evening we will have a fun pub night style activity.

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.

**Safety Fast!** Jeremy Holdsworth, Duncan Taylor, Trish Adams, Jordan Jones



# CAR SHOWS by date

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SHOW	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Spring Motor Show	May 4	10-2:30	RIT Lot H
Canandaigua Show & Tour	May 18	12-5	N. Main & Downtown
Cancer Awareness Show	May 18	10-3	Greece-Ridge Mall
Camp Haccamo Show	June 1	8 AM	Greece-Ridge Mall
Albion Strawberry Fest	June 8	9-3	E. State St.
Sons of Liberty Show	June 15	1-5	Brockport Vets Club
Fathers Day Car Show	June 16	11-4	Sonnenberg - Canandaigua
Wheels in Motion	June 22	9-3	Ontario Beach Park
Wurlitzer Cruise Night	June 17	5PM	Valve Cover Racing
Freedom Fest	June 29	10-3	Darien Center
Manchester Car Show	July 20	10-3	Griffin Park, 1 West Ave.
			NY Museum of Trans East Riv.
MG CAR CLUB	July 21	9-4	Rd.
RocTuned 2024	Aug 10	10-4	R.I.T.
Scottsville Car Show	Aug 10	9-4	Johnson Park
MG 101	Aug 23-24		Belleville, Ontario
Gran Prix Festival	Sept 6		Watkins Glen
Albion Car Show	Sept 11	11 AM	Bullard Pk, Rt. 31



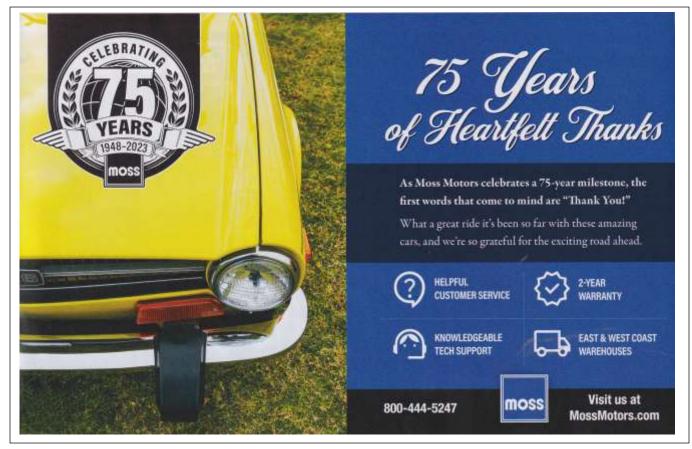
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# **COMING EVENTS!**

### • May

- Tune-up Clinic @ Edison Tech Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 Noon.
  - Come to get your car ready for the season, or just come to enjoy the coffee and donuts.
  - Coffee and donuts will be available. Contact Hollis if planning to attend; <u>hdhames@aol.com</u> or cell 585-271-7754
- Steak Roast & Auction Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 12:00 6:00 at the American Legion. The Board has agreed to subsidize \$10.00 of each club members meal, keeping the cost of the dinner at a low \$10.00.

\$10.00 per person gets a 10 oz NY strip steak or Split chicken breast, Garden salad, Salt Potatoes, Corn, Coffee, Tea, and desert. Steaks served at 1:00. Pay on the club website (mgcarclub.com) or mail check and selection to Dave Kray 3740 Lacrosse Cir Canandaigua, NY 14424.

• Auction following immediately after. Please bring automotive or auto related items for auction that are usable (no cleaning out the garage of junk). The auction proceeds go directly to the club.

• Canandaigua Car Show – Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 5:00 Downtown Canandaigua.

As I did last year, I reserved a separate room and tables for MGCC members to have breakfast at Ray's before the Downtown Canandaigua Car Show. This year the show starts at 11:00 so I will make the room available starting at 9:30. Ray's is on route 332 just north of Canandaigua (next to Tom Wahls's).

- The car show will start with a drive-by through downtown and then through the bus loops at two senior citizen facilities. Last year the residents loved seeing cars. Parking will be downtown. The show is part of the Downtown Canandaigua International Festival and will include music, food, and vendors.
  - Show cars will meet at the Top's parking lot just south of Ray's. We will pull out at 11:00 sharp. Information and registration at... <u>Pre-Registration Canandaigua Business</u> <u>Improvement District</u>
- Sharing Lunch with Cars Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 4:00 at Churchville Park. Hot dogs will be the lunch if you want to let another member tryout your sports car that would be ok that's the "with Cars" part. It's an opportunity for camaraderie about cars and maybe a chance to try that model you've always wanted to try. Please let Leon know if you plan to attend.
- **Cars & Coffee** Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 12:00, at Freestyle Mercantile 2659 Scottsville Mumford Rd, Mumford, NY 14511. Great coffee, great breakfast sandwiches, and best of all, great cars and company.

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



# 51<sup>st</sup> MGCC CAR SHOW JULY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

*New Location:* 

NY Museum of Transportation East River Rd, Rush NY

Trolley Rides, Indoor & Outdoor Exhibits Boy Scout breakfast & chicken BBQ Lions Club hots, burgers, sausage (& hopefully Ice Cream!)

\$3 Parking fee, lots of space

Flyers & Show Car Registration soon

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# May Anniversaries

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## **Congratulations!**



May is a special month for anniversaries. Happy memories to Pete & Ruth Welch, May 27, 1942

*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* 





# REGALIA - from Joe B.



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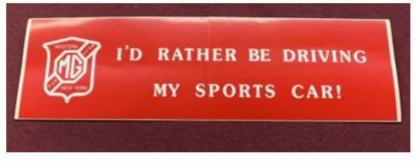
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In between meetings feel free contacting Joe B at blitz7711@gmail.com

### MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



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



Bumper Sticker \$1.00 / 3 for \$2.00

ONE Sticker FREE with any purchase over \$20.

### MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Port Authority Shirts \$20.00 embroidered

### ONE Burgundy XL in Stock! (Let's Start an order, let me know color and size)



Frank modeling our Club Shirt for us!



Closeup of Actual Embroidery of Logo

Color Choice: IT'S TIME FOR A NEW ORDER, LET JOE B KNOW WHAT COLOR & SIZE YOU WOLD LIKE. EMAIL OR CALL me if you have a color you want me to check on at blitz7711@gmail.com. / (585-749-9263

## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

Hats \$12.00 for Port & Co \$15.00 for New Era – all are embroidered

(price goes down the more we order)



### (9) Hats In Stock

(5) are the original Port & company ones; (1) red, (1) Black, (2) royal Blue, (1) Navy \$12. ea.

(4) are the New Era; (2) are the Greg w/ mesh backs, (2) black w/ normal backs \$15. ea.

Note: This is the Logo we are had digitized to fit on the hats. It is  $2^{\prime\prime}$  high

### Quality Grille Badge for MG is available



### 3" MG Centenary Grille Badge

These 3" Grille Badges are available for purchase by our club members.

If we order a minimum of (10) we will receive free shipping. The club will place an order if we get to the minimum number.

Please contact George Heissennberger if you would like to order one, as Joe B will be out of town. (at this time, there are 20 available)

These Grille Badges are a hard enamel finish, with gold plating and individually numbered.

The cost is \$40.00 each Note: no sales tax

Size: (3) Inches

Vendor: Quality Lapel Pins, Inc. Gary Konwinski - Owner



# New Regalia Items for review

- We are getting quotes for Travel/ Coffee Beverage Mugs.
- I'll have some samples by our May meeting and will send out email blast with details and pictures first.
- Below: these 25oz aluminum water bottle that we have put out to membership in the past can also be personalized with your name and a photo of your MG & club logo!



These personalized stainless steel bottles are perfect for Our club to show our pride and help keep your bottle from getting lost or picked up by someone else!

> Each bottle will have our club Logo in it, their name **and** a picture the member supplies. As seen here, I put my info on the example or what ever they desire!

> > Estimate @ \$16 - \$20. each. Shipping for 2 dozen \$50. & 8% NY sales tax.

Product Color:	White
Product Size:	2-3/4"w × 10-7/8"h
Product Options:	Personalization: Add Text: \$0.40 (G), Image & Text: \$ 1.25 (G)
Imprint Area(s):	8" w × 5.625" h

# **Cars and Parts For Sale**

Please inform the editor when your ad should be removed

**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: Color Wiring Diagrams 11x17 size; many cars to choose from \$17.95. Further details at www.colorwiringdiagrams.com

### TIRE AND WHEEL SERVICE:

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

For Sale:Four (4) spoked wheel rims for an MG<br/>(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



For Sale: 1976 & 1977 MGBs, both need work to start them Contact Claude Fedele @ sfedele@rochester.rr.com or 585-899-9388 For Sale: MGB 3-main short block – asking \$250 If interested, contact Dick Powers: <u>mgahmogca@rpa.net</u> or at 585-410-4500

#### CARS FOR SALE:

<u>1960 MGA Twin Cam</u>: 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.

<u>1972 MGB</u>: 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.

<u>1971 Datsun 240Z</u>: 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.

<u>1979 VW Scirocco</u>: 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

**1976 MGB For Sale** Low mileage – Rarely driven and has been sitting unused in a garage since 2017. Part of an estate- anybody in the Binghamton area that would be interested or could help on getting this car to a good owner?

Asking @ 6K but negotiable davekeyes@aol.com



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.

There is also a MG B engine in the garage. If you or anyone is interested in any or all of the above I can give you a number to call who will set up a visit, Jay Lockrow 716-648-0533

Join Our Club! Use this form (if you like paper) or go on-line to <u>www.mgcarclub.com</u> and click on:

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Last Name - Primary Member *	
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# And Finally ...

# Jake Barnard's V8 MGB - almost finished!





Hailee & Caleb are ready! Is this the best use ever for a classic MGB?

See you next month!

