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Don's Corner

By Spokes editor, Don Welch



This is our nation's month for giving thanks. Thanksgiving is said to have begun with the 1621 harvest feast shared between the Wampanoag people and the English colonists known as Pilgrims. While the generosity of those early immigrants is a matter of some controversy, each of us can make our own Thanksgiving story. A story perhaps of giving thanks for our good fortunes, and of giving to others from our own abundance.

While we're probably not so thankful that we have to put our pretty little cars away for the winter, we can be thankful for the beautiful warm fall weather we've enjoyed, and of course for our many other blessings. One of Jake Barnard's blessings is on our cover this month, getting his hands on his dad's nice MG.

Happy Thanksgiving, my friends!



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Don



The First Thanksgiving 1621 - Jean Leon Gerome Ferris 1863-1930



Chairman's Corner

By George Heissenberger



Hello fellow MG Car Club members! I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful last warm days of fall with your little British cars, now that we've had a few frosty mornings! I have been getting more photos for the club's photo challenge and generally having fun bopping about here and there in the MGB, especially now that the hardtop is on! I got the MG inspected the other day and all was well, except sometimes I have an intermittent connection to the right tail light that requires a bit of wiggling to get it to work before the inspection. I really need to clean the bulb socket and ground connections.



Irish Mafia

We are continuing our club series of appreciation visits to local venues who were 2024 car show supporters, most recently Brewery Ardennes in Geneva, and Irish Mafia Brewing in Bloomfield. The weather didn't cooperate for the event at Irish Mafia last Sunday but the club was well represented and everyone had a great time! Kudos to Nick Leykin for driving his MGB GT to the event in the downpour! Good times with great people!

We had a nice drive to visit Brewery Ardennes in Geneva NY with the club as appreciation for their sponsorship of the car show. Nice turnout of members and good food and beer! Afterwards Dennis Nichol's BGT wouldn't start so after a few attempts to push start it was started with a jump pack from new members Justin and Erin.

*Brewery
Ardennes*



We had good attendance for the October Car Club meeting at the American Legion in Henrietta and we read and discussed the motion that will be voted on at the November meeting. Per the bylaws any amendment to the bylaws must be read at two consecutive meetings, mailed (or emailed) to members and voted on at the next meeting. This has been included in the emails to members and in the minutes as well as Spokes.



Bylaw amendment second reading: "If there is no candidate interested in an elected position whose term is expiring, we will allow a one-year exemption to allow the current office holder to continue in their current position beyond the two-year limit as per current MGCC bylaws."

We did ask for nominations at the past two meetings. Having heard no new nominations for Secretary, Treasurer or Activities we read the proposed amendment to allow those positions to carry over one year past their two year bylaw limit at the September and October meetings, and so we will vote on the proposed motion at the November meeting, followed by the vote for the slate of nominations for 2025, which is: Chairman: Ken Barlow, Vice Chairman: Eric Mehserle, Secretary: Dan Suter, Treasurer: Todd Black, Activities: Dave and Celeste Kray. Trustee#1: George Heissenberger, Trustee#2: Ron Rodman.

This will also have the effect to stagger the board positions in the future, so the entire board is not changed out every two years. It has been my pleasure to serve as your chairman these past two years, and Vice Chairman for the prior two years. Of course, this is my second time around as Chairman and Vice Chairman, having done so before in the mid 1980's!

Upcoming events include appreciation lunches at McCardles restaurant Fairport NY on November 2, Eagle Crest Winery on November 9. There are still lots of events coming up, including the MG Car Club Western NY Centre Holiday Party December 7, 2024 at Glendoveers, 2328 Old Browncroft Rd, Rochester, NY. Cost is \$38 per person. Peggi and I won't be able to attend the Holiday banquet due to a conflict, but I'll give my year end remarks to Vice Chairman Rod Rodman to deliver in my stead.

The next MGCC Western NY Centre meeting will be November 21 at 7:30 pm at Ely Fagan American Legion 260 Middle Rd. Henrietta NY, see you there! Remember there is no December meeting, so the Holiday party is the next chance to see everyone!

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George



MG Club of Western NY Candidates for Office



Ken & Chris Barlow

KEN BARLOW

For Chairman

Hi, I'm Ken Barlow, and that's Chris. club members going on three years. We own four Bugeyes and a Midget, and a few other fun cars, like Chris' 97 Z28.

We have four kids raised in our home in Henrietta where we've lived since 1998, Robert (24) is a computer scientist for the US Navy, Madeline (22) is a database automation engineer number for Paychex. Amelia and Meredith (21) are students at MCC and SUNY Fredonia. Two dogs, a cat, rabbit and four chickens complete the immediate family. My dad, Sylvan was a life long little British car guy, racing a Mk2 Sprite, owning a few MGs like a 1100 sedan and a Morris Minor.

I'm a computer guy by trade and Chris is a BSN. Most importantly, Madeline can drive a standard transmission, and Amelia is standard transmission curious, so clearly I'm doing some things right. The other two I may have to disinherit.

I'm interested in a leadership position because I'm a huge fan of the club and her members. I've come to really enjoy the hobby, the cars, the club and so many members and I believe I can help the longevity of the club, and the enjoyment factor for many members by focusing on engagement with curious bystanders, and by investing some of my own time in doing some chores required to maintain her.



Eric & Dawn Mehserle

ERIC MEHSERLE

For Vice Chairman

Dawn and I dated in our 1st MGA that I drove through college. We joined the MGCC when we moved back to Rochester in 1975, after a stint in Wisconsin. Then I got the Aviation bug and needed to re-join the club when I obtained our 2nd MGA in 2021.

I am a retired Mechanical Engineer. I spent my Rochester years in Project Management for a local Industrial Automation and Material Handling Firm. Dawn's career was split between Banking for 25 years and as Business Manager for Murphy Funeral Homes for 25 years.

I am interested in a leadership position with the club because I feel that Great clubs like the MGCC, benefit from new volunteers. They possess energy, enthusiasm, fresh ideas and are willing to take on the responsibility of office.

We have enjoyed, very much, the friendly nature of the club and look forward to attending as many events as we can.

Thanks to the membership for considering me for office.

Regards,
Eric Mehserle



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From Your Editor

In my drives to and from Home Depot and Lowes (they now know me by first name) I've had time to think about all the things I've learned rebuilding this house, but first, for those that don't understand what this house saga has to do with cars and in particular MGs, let me explain: Over the past year or so (my wife) and I have had this conversation about how large our current home is and how much it is to keep up. I've been complaining that the garage is too small. (duh, which one isn't?). Anyway, we hit on this agreement - we'd move on the condition that the house was smaller and the garage larger, which leads me to the connection of the house to MGs. The smaller the house, the bigger the garage, the more MGs you have room for. A very simple system.

*Only catch was the **house** has to be finished first. (That obviously not MY priority.) So that's the tie in.*

Well I've learned a lot. I now know:

If the roofer says he'll show up Saturday, he won't.

If you want some of the heaviest rains to hit the area that have been around for a long time, take your old roof off.

If the roofer says he'll show up Tuesday before rain, he won't.

You can count up all the 2x4s, you won't have enough.

If the roofer says, "I'll be there Wednesday", He won't.

The new jam proof nail gun isn't.

If the roofer says "I'll be there Thursday", He won't.

The plumber has the roofer do his scheduling.

Multiple Ant colonies can live in the same dwelling.

If the roofer says "I'll be there Friday," He won't.

If you buy 12 1x2's, you'll need 13, buy 13, you'll need 14, you get the picture.

If the roofer says "I'll be there next Saturday", He won't.

If you want it to be over 90 degrees, plan on working on your roof, on the chimney.

If the roofer says "Sunday for sure" - make other plans.

A 40 yard dumpster is not so big after all.

The guy across the street will help you out and cut your

grass for you. Of course he says "It's worth it, watching you guys over there is great entertainment."

My 67 GMC Pickup gets 9.5 MPG - empty or loaded.

Someone passed out cards to everyone that says "When you look at ____'s house the first time say - Boy, you sure got your work cut out for you."

June is one short month.

And July is kicking butt also.

A 67 GMC clutch will last 44,557 miles.

Virgina Creeper has 5 leaves, Poison Ivy has 3 leaves.

If the roofer says "Monday". Poohey.

AND then the things I don't or won't know:

I will never know where the sump pump stuff goes.

I don't know what that hole is in the back yard under the cement thing.

How to pile wood up so it's pretty enough for the town truck to pick it up from the side of the road.

Why I keep forgetting to add 3 inches to my measurements with the tape.

And the Number 1 thing I DON'T know: When the roofer really will show up!

GUESS WHO!! (answer on last page)

Another entry from the same editor:

...I decided I should make a time to handle complaints about mistakes in the SPOKES. And I've decided it should be as we load the SPOKES stuff in your car on your first day as the new editor. (Just joking, it could wait until the 2nd day.)

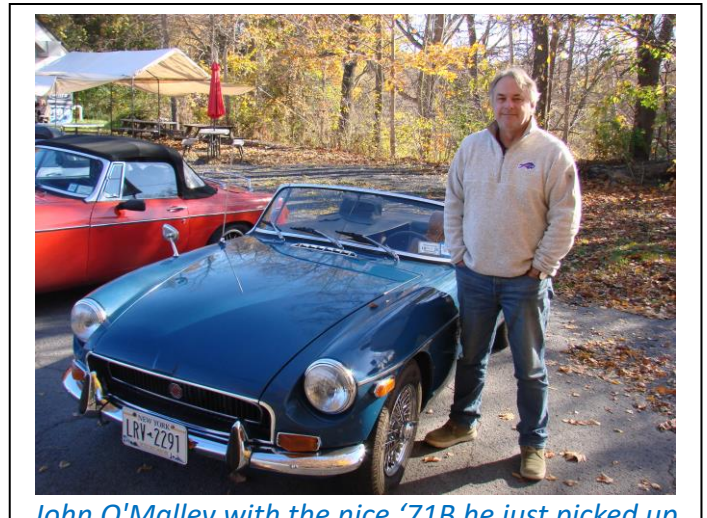
The Last Cars & Coffee

...for this year



Oooh, Deb baked hot blueberry muffins for us!

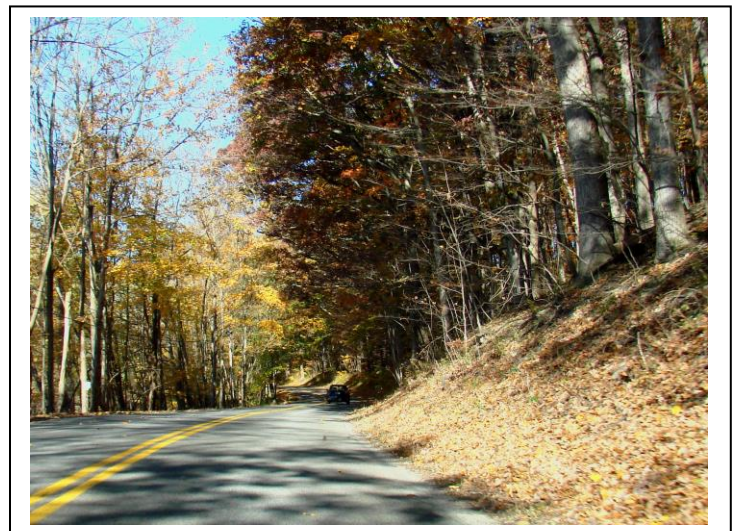




John O'Malley with the nice '71B he just picked up



Coming in from the west on the Oatka Trail

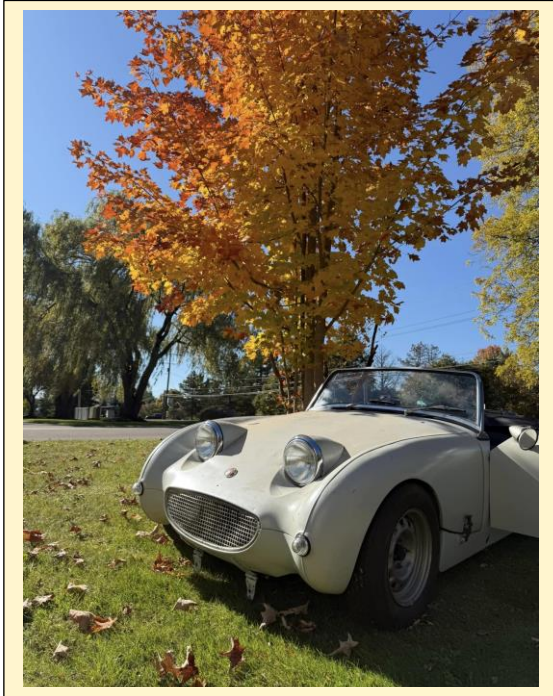


Editor's "truth in story" note: The sun wasn't really in the north that day. I got a late start, so I actually took these Oatka Trail pictures on the way home.



Alana Roberts 10/21/24

Trevor and I got my bugeye out on the road yesterday, first time driven in 40 or so years!



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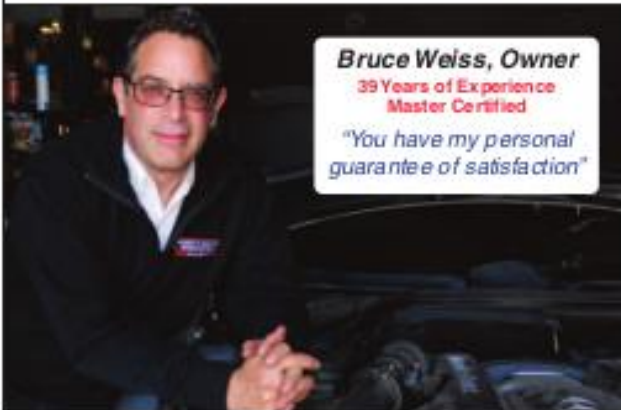
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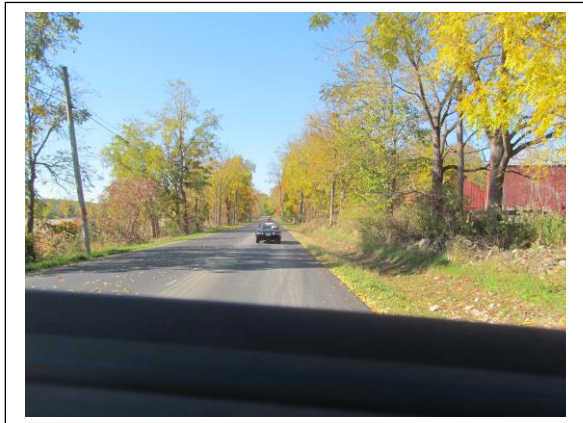
2024 Fall Tour

photos by Al Wagner, words by Mike Robinson

This year's ride is very similar to one we took 7 years ago, but some route changes were made to make it interesting and I believe more scenic.

Our starting location is the Legion where we have our meetings. The date also coincides with the Legion's monthly Sunday breakfast which is optional.

The first leg took us on a ~60 mile ride, starting west through Scottsville towards LeRoy, then headed south, and hopefully the corn will be harvested for some nice views to the east of the Genesee River Valley. The destination at the end of the leg was The Lumberyard Restaurant in Perry for lunch.



After Lunch we headed back to the cars and continued on our route. Leg 2 of the tour is ~54 miles that took us back north and east of Perry for a bit, then heads south and east through Cuylerville, around Geneseo and into Lakeville. From there it's a nice scenic ride to Noble Sheppard and Wizard of Clay, where we ended the tour with a refreshing beer and shopping at The Wizard. This was also an appreciation stop for the basket items they donated to us for the Car Show in July.

Meeting Minutes

MGCC WNY Meeting October 17, 2024

by Dan Suter, Secretary

The MGCC Western NY Centre October meeting was called to order by Chairman George Heissenberger at 7:29 PM. We had 40 members and no guests in attendance.

New Members and Guests:

New member John Eberhardt joined us at the meeting this month. John has a beautiful black 1967 Jaguar XK-E which he brought to the Fall Foliage tour. Several birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

Meeting minutes from September were motioned and approved with no changes.

Treasurer and Membership Report: Treasurer Todd Black provided the Treasury report. Our balances are good, and we have 133 members current. Todd reported he is still working on getting access for all members to the MGCC UK club magazine Safety Fast. Todd will publish an update in Spokes once it is up and running—it will include a specific e-mail and password (one for all to use).

Activities Report –Dave Kray gave the Activities report: Past October events (all past by the time this will be published):

- Thank-you tours continued—several were held in October including Ardennes and Irish Mafia that saw 19 people attend.
- Oct 21 was the very successful Fall Foliage Tour – 23 cars, great weather, a nice lunch stop at The Sawmill restaurant in Perry, and a second leg of the tour to Noble Shepherd.
- Cars and Coffee at the Mercantile in Caledonia

Upcoming Events:

- Thank-you tours will continue including Beers of the World and McArdles, and Eagle Crest Winery. Details will be sent on the e-mail list.
- The Holiday Party will be Dec 7.
- Mike Goodwin gave the update on the Motoring Challenge. The competition closes on Nov 2. To preserve some anticipation, current scores were not shared this month! Thanks to Mike for the update and to Susan for her work coordinating this full-season activity. Winners will be announced at the Holiday Party.

Regalia Joe Bellizia was in the Bahamas, so George Heissenberger gave the Regalia report. George briefly discussed new hats availability, Calloway higher quality golf shirts (embroidered) availability, and possible next steps for less expensive tumbler glasses.

Spokes – Don Welch provided the Spokes update. Don thanked everyone for submitting articles, and asked club members to keep sending articles and photos. Don suggested perhaps we can add a section for Letters to the Editor. Deadline is one week from Friday following the meeting.

Watkins Glen: Ken Barlow is setting up 2025 Seneca Lodge reservation requests. The normal schedule (SVRA and downtown festival after Labor Day) will resume next year.

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

Website: As Leon Zak was absent, George H shared that all is in order with the website.

Car Show: There is no Car Show report this month.

Old Business: Al Fink reported that Joe B and Leon helped establish a new simplified ad form and ad payment structure for our advertisers. They now include a Spokes-only ad for \$65, and a \$125 ad including website and hot-link.

The club will need to elect new officers and elected positions this November.

George gave the second reading of the following statement as a revision to our MGCC Bylaws: **“If there is no candidate interested in an elected position whose term is expiring, we will allow a one-year exemption to allow the current office holder to continue in their current position beyond the two-year limit as per current MGCC bylaws.”** Once this was read at this meeting, George proposed the change to a vote which was motioned, seconded, and approved.

New Business: Alana shared that she will be giving a talk at the Watkins Glen Media Center as part of an IMRRC weekend on Nov 1-2.

George Heissenberger read the slate of candidates for election scheduled for the November meeting:

Chairman – Ken Barlow

Vice-Chairman – Eric Mehserle

Treasurer – Todd Black

Secretary – Dan Suter

Trustee 1 – George Heissenberger (outgoing Chairman)

Trustee 2 – Rod Rodman

Activities – Dave and Celeste Kray

October 17th Meeting, cont'd

The extension of Treasurer, Secretary, and Activities will build in a helpful stagger into future elections so the entire board does not get replaced in one fell swoop.

There was continued discussion about when the Activities Chair position was converted to an elected position. Your secretary (Dan S) looked this up and determined it was a By-Laws change put into place in March, 2007. An e-mail was sent around on the club distribution list describing this event with the exact wording extracted from Spokes of 2007.

- Alana and Trevor shared that some MG Midget and Sprite parts are available from a location in Mt Morris. Please see them for details.

Member Projects:

- Frank DeMarzo discussed his temperature gauge issues and ultimate repairs with Ben at British Auto.

Announcements: Annabelle announced that Gil Langswager has shared that he is moving to the Grandview assisted living facility in Greece. He will be holding a 1-day garage sale on November 9. Your secretary (Dan S) brought up that there may be several or many items of historical nature to our MGCC Centre and the club briefly discussed, motioned, seconded, and voted to use up to \$200 in club funds to purchase these. Dan and Annabelle will work on this with Gil.

Cars and Parts for Sale:

- Stephen gave an update that Ken worked with him on his Midget calipers and now the brakes are functioning.
- Trevor and Alana shared that they have started their Bugeye for the first time as they progress on the restoration project – congratulations!

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was closed at about 8:29 PM.

Attendance MGCC Meeting October 17, 2024

Frank DeMarzo
Dan Suter
Trevor Roberts
Alana Roberts
Tom Yoki
Alan Costich
Todd Black
Dennis Illig
Robin Illig
Bob Abels
Georgeann Abels
George Barbari
Paula Barbari
Dave Kray
Celeste Kray

Allyn Wagner
Dan Asbury
Annabelle Tescione
Rod Rodman
Mike Robinson
Paul Osborne
Cheryl Baldwin
Bill Baldwin
Michael Goodwin
John O'Malley
Don Welch
George Heissenberger
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Dann Valenza
Ken Barlow
Jeff Kath
Eric Mehserle
Mike Ruisi
Stephen Lewandowski
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New Members and Guests:

John Eberhardt – guest



Club Meeting Photos - Oct. 17



A Few More Club Meeting Photos...





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Making More Room

- by Don Welch

June 25

In the beginning: I should have taken a before picture. Those old Boy Scout canoes in the background were stacked in the rear of this space beside the barn, an old truck cap was in the middle covered with weeds, and there was a muddy parking spot in front for our pop-up camper.

Our neighbor Pete cleared out the brush, leveled it with some fill, and bored the post holes. The horizontal 2 x 4's are just to stabilize the posts.



July 20-28

The rafters. I decided to raise everything about a foot. Attached a 2 x 10 to the side of the roof, to fasten the rafters to, and raised the headers at the top of the posts – made for a better ceiling height. 2 x 4 purlins across the tops of the rafters. August we went on vacation.



Sept. 11

The roof. Putting up the metal roof panels was the worst part of the job for me. Just steep enough to make it slippery, so I screwed them all down from the top of the step ladder. Up & down a million times. Could've used a helper. But once it was on, I thought "It wouldn't be so hard to put a wall on. I could work from the ground." So here you can see the wall purlins, and I've framed in the windows and doors.



Sept. 21

The walls. The side wall was pretty easy. All panels the same height. I bought a carbide-tooth metal-cutting skilsaw blade – made a lot of hot sparks but cut the panels easily.



Making More Room, cont'd



Sept. 22

The front & rear panels were a lot more challenging. I made a template of hot-glued lath sticks for the top panel against the barn where it's all angles & notches. It worked. Needed a gutter – some of the fill was already washing away. I dug in a 4" PVC pipe to route the drain into the hedgerow. Pick & shovel – hard work for an old guy!



Sept 30

Finishing up. I cleaned up and installed some old windows from our house. They're at least 100 years old – one of them has wavy glass. I made some racks to store the extra boards, and put up some temporary lights. Covered over the rear door frame – garage doors will be next year. I've spent enough already!



October 6

It's done for this year. Made a door out of decking boards. Marlene likes it so much she wants one for the back door of the house! Trimmed out the door and windows and planted some grass. This started out as just a shed roof on the side of our barn. I think we had "mission creep." We're pretty happy with the results though. But I'm not sure if any of my cars will get a spot in the new space!



DW

2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

I want to thank all of you who participated in the 2024 Motoring Challenge. I hope you all enjoyed searching for and finding the destinations, discovering new roads and areas of Western New York and beyond.

There were seventeen competitors trying to find 65 destinations with base points equaling 86 and 20+ bonus points totaling a minimum of 106 points if you reached every destination. Many of you are way beyond the 106 points (because of the possibility of multiple silos on destination #29), fighting for that first place position.

You have all sent me some very nice pictures depicting the destinations. I had to reject some destination photos from most of you (some more than once!) to meet the destination requirement. So, you may have argued with me, or secretly called me names, but I had to be tough in this fierce competition.

Here are some highlights from this year's Motoring Challenge. Who knew some of the hardest destinations to find would be #41 Cow Crossing Sign and #42 Bear Crossing Sign, followed by destinations #17 Cemetery Established in 1700s. We have many old cemeteries around, but many are not marked with dates. Next came the Covered Bridge #5 as there are not too many covered bridges left standing, but seven participants found three different bridges, the Newfield Cover Bridge, the Cannon Covered Bridge and Thomas Kelly Covered Bridge. Seven challengers found #21 Airport Control Tower (not Rochester's) well outside of the Rochester area.

We learned a lot about our New York state history and local history with the three NYS Blue and Yellow Historical Marker #8, 9, and 10. We saw the beautification of buildings with #16 Graffiti Art or Mural Painting on them. I was amazed seeing all the different Roadside Oddities #19 you came across, as well as #14 all the different kinds of Opera Houses, Play Houses and Theaters we have in our small towns, villages and cities. It's amazing how you just come upon #65, Three or more Destinations in one Picture, and lo and behold you received 5 bonus points. The destination that gave most of you the most points and put you in the fierce competition towards first place was #29 Barn with Silo, with one point for every silo over one in the same photo. Someone found a barn with 25 silos! I especially liked #18 Art Deco Building and if you researched this one you found out that Buffalo and the Buffalo area have the second most Art Deco buildings after New York City in our state.

But most of all, I liked the destination pictures that had multiple club members traveling together to find the destinations. That's what it's all about; common interests, friendships and having a good time.

Remember, awards will be given and place standings announced at the Holiday Party, December 7, 2024. If you are unable to attend, let me know ASAP so I can deliver your award to you prior to my leaving for California on November 9th.

Thank you all once again for participating.

Susan

SG

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2024 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge



Destination #38 – Fall Foliage - Zak



Destination #37 – Halloween Decorations - Black



Destination #38 – Fall Foliage - Boughton



Destination #37 – Halloween Decorations - Boughton



Destination #38 – Fall Foliage - Welch



Destination #39 – Silhouette Cutout Figure - Barlow



Destination #37 – Halloween Decorations - LiMuti



Destination #37 – Halloween Decorations - Heissenberger



Destination #37 – Halloween Decorations - Welch



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Destination #37 – Halloween Decorations - Zak

Member News

Good news from Dick Powers

Sun, Oct 27 at 4:49 PM

Great news! Dick was released from the hospital today after a week recovering from a bad fall. He passed all of this neuro and PT tests and will be getting additional PT at home. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be back on his feet very soon. Keep up the good work, Dick!
Annabelle



Hi Friends,

Gil asked me to let you know that today he moved to assisted living and his new address and phone number is below. He will no longer have access to email but would love for Club members to give him a call and drop by for a visit.

Gil and Betty Langswager are FOUNGING MEMBERS of our MGCC and Brudno Award life members. Gil is sharp and enthusiastic and is a delight to talk with about anything, so give him a call or stop in for a visit. It's a good idea to call him before you visit just to be sure he'll be in his room and not off at one of the many activities.

Betty would love visitors or cards also, see her address below. She is in a nursing care facility and Gil has asked that, if you visit, please don't mention that Gil has moved so as not to upset her. She is in good spirits, would love visitors but has some memory issues.

Let's keep them both in touch with their life-long car community! Annabelle



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EVENTS REPORT – November 2024

- **November**

- **Beers Of the World** – Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 2:00, 2599 E. Henrietta Road, Henrietta NY
Basket Auction Sponsor Appreciation.
- **McArdle’s Restaurant** – Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 3:00, 1355 Fairport Road, Fairport NY
Basket Auction Sponsor Appreciation.
- **Eagle Crest Winery** – Saturday, Nov, 9th, 1:00, 7107 Vineyard Road, Conesus, NY. **Basket Auction Sponsor Appreciation.** (Mike needs to give the winery a headcount of how many to expect on Friday the 8th.)
- **Cars & Coffee** – Sunday, November 24th, Weather Permitting, 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.

- **December**

- **Holiday Party** – Saturday, December 7th, 2328 Old Browncroft Rd Rochester, NY 6:00 cash bar, Dinner at 7:00. Flyers will be at the November meeting, or sign-up on the web site (coming soon)

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

How to get SAFETY FAST magazine:

Here is the process of accessing the website of the M.G. Car Club of U.K.

The website is: www.mgcc.co.uk

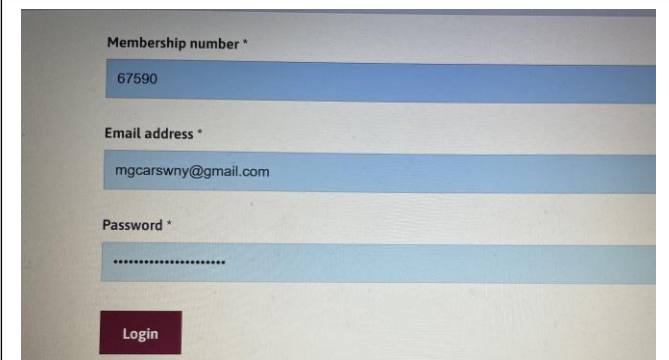
As shown in the login, the membership number and the email address are both defaulted.

(I had to create an email address for the club members to access, as it wasn't a transferable link).

The Password is: MorrisGarage1923-2023!

There is a link to the monthly edition of Safety Fast Magazine as well as much more goings on in the MG world.

If you have any questions, you can contact me. – Todd Black



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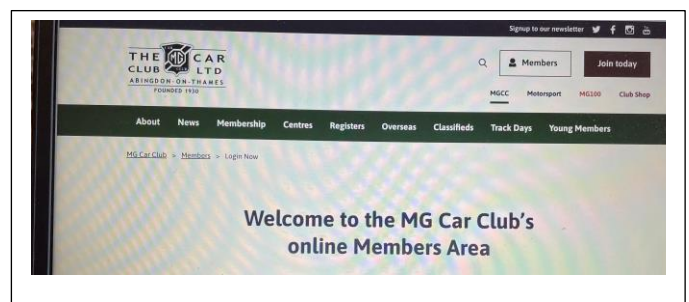
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WNY MG Car Club 2024 Holiday Party
Saturday, December 7, 2024
Glendoveers

2328 Old Browncroft Road, Rochester NY 14625

Our evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar, artisan sliced cheeses, grilled and raw vegetables with dips.

This will be followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. which is a buffet:

- Chef Carved Roast Sirloin
- Chicken French
- Campanelle Pasta
- Marinara and Alfredo sauces
- Herb Roasted Potatoes
- Fresh Vegetable Medley
- Greens Salad
- Ranch & Italian Dressings
- Rolls and Condiments

- Cookies
- Coffee and tea

Hope to see you there. You can sign up on-line on our website (please sign up each person separately) or by using the form below. The member cost will be \$38.00 per person, the non-member cost will be \$40.00 per person. These prices include the appetizers, buffet, tax, fees and tip. If you have any food restrictions/allergies or any questions please call Celeste Kray at 716-425-2701. Please have your confirmation in attending in by November 30, 2024.

Holiday Party 2024

Name(s) _____
Please Print

Number of People attending _____ @ \$38.00 per person members \$ _____
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Please make checks payable to WNY MG Car Club. Mail this form and check to David Kray, 3740 Lacrosse Circle, Canandaigua NY 14424.



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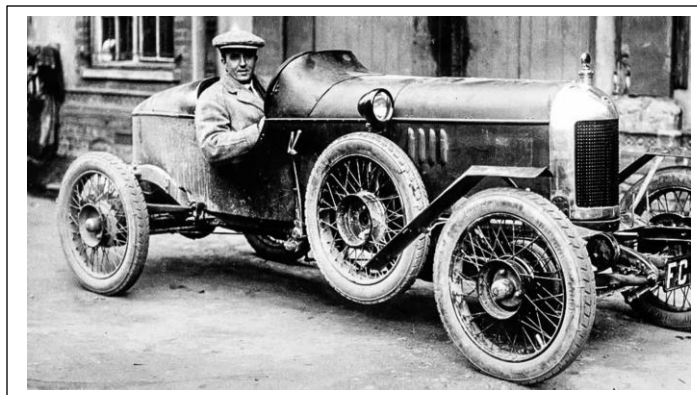
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November Sunshine Page

November Birthdays

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6	Steve Sangster
8	Chris Williams
9	Alan Isselhard
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15	Carol Schwelm
18	Lynne Puma
19	Alan Costich
19	Carl Webeck
20	Katie Borycki
20	Lisa K'Angelo
21	Carole Lillis
25	George Barbari
25	Don McConnell
28	Doug Scribner
28	Barbara Zak
29	Dave Kray
30	Cheryl Kelley

November Anniversaries

4	Steve & Patricia Sangster
7	Joe & Lynne Puma
13	Bill & Sue Donish
21	Gary & Doreen Wilson
26	Jack & Cindy Douglas



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@mgarclub.com

Regalia News Corner OCTOBER 2024

2024 Car Show T-Shirts

We have some T-Shirts remaining. Pick up a backup or pick up one for a relative or friend for only \$10. each!
Or (3) for \$25.

MANY SIZES available, even Female!



Notes: See the next Pages for what we have in stock and for what we can order!

We are now taking orders for our Original Woven Port Authority Golf Shirts (see page 3) as well as the newer Callaway Shirt!

blitz7711@gmail.com / (585-749-9263 / Joe B.
updated 10/15/24

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Hats

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre
\$18. each Port & Co & New Era – all are embroidered



Closeup of Actual Embroidery
of Logo for Hats

Only a few Hats In Stock but we'll be ordering more!
Let me know for a specific color is desired

We still have (5) hats remaining
(2) Grey New Era w/ mesh back
(1) Khaki / Tan Port & Co.
(1) Navy Blue - Port & Co
(1) Sandstone - Port & Co.



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

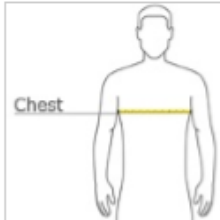
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New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

Original Heavier Woven Port Authority Shirts at \$25.00 embroidered

Various Colors to Choose from & Available in most Sizes

HOW TO MEASURE



CHEST WIDTH

Measure under the arm and around the fullest part of the chest with arms down, keeping tape horizontal.

SIZE CHART

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL	7XL	8XL	9XL	10XL
Chest	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57	58-60	61-63	64-66	67-69	70-72	73-75

COLOR INFORMATION

Please note: PMS code information is shown only when an exact match is available.

										
Banana PMS 1345C	Black PMS BLACK C	Bright Lavender PMS 2635C	Burgundy PMS 7428C	Charcoal Heather Grey PMS 7540C	Clover Green PMS 7763C	Coffee Bean PMS 476C	Cool Grey PMS 7539C	Dark Green PMS 5467C	Deep Berry PMS 7650C	Gold PMS 143C
										
Hibiscus PMS 2348C	Kelly Green PMS 341C	Light Blue PMS 7451C	Light Pink PMS 196C	Lime PMS 2285C	Maroon PMS 504C	Maui Blue PMS 2200C	Mediterranean Blue PMS 2118C	Dark Navy PMS 533C	Orange PMS 172C	Purple PMS 7679C
										
Red PMS 187C	Royal PMS 3597C	Steel Grey PMS 7540C	Stone PMS 452 C	Strong Blue PMS 2133C	Sunflower Yellow PMS 109C	Teal Green PMS 7715C	Texas Orange PMS 7584C	Tropical Pink PMS 2452C	Turquoise PMS 3015C	Ultramarine Blue PMS 7455C

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Closeup of Actual Embroidery of Logo

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Colors (top to bottom): Blue Atoll, Bright White Silver, Salsa Red, Parachute Purple, Magnetic Blue, Peacoat Navy, Quiet Shade, Black.

Note: This is the Logo we are had digitized to fit is 2" high

Color Choice: IT'S TIME FOR A NEW ORDER, LET JOE B KNOW WHAT COLOR & SIZE YOU WOULD 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 Available Regalia 2024 Catalog
(updated 10/15/24)

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



MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



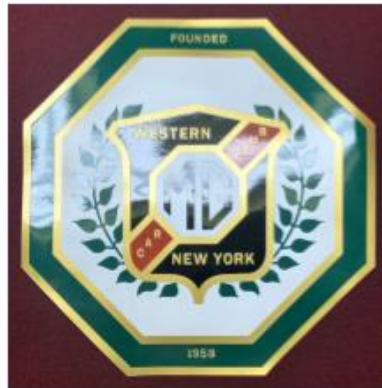
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In between meetings feel free contacting Joe B at blitz7711@gmail.com

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins

Limited Supply – 2 left

10" Magnetic Sign \$15.00



One Left



Embroidered patches
\$3.00



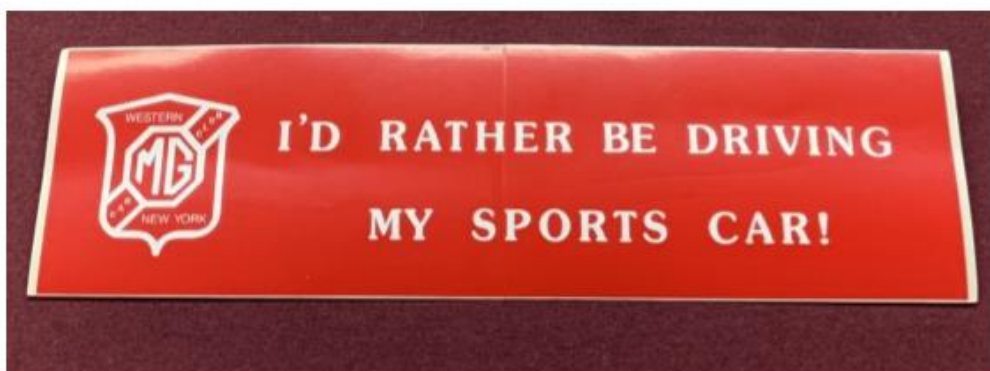
LIMITED SUPPLY
Octagon Key Ring
\$3.00



Logo w/ ribbon
\$2.00

Adhesive Stickers
\$2.00

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Bumper Stickers only \$1.



Bumper Sticker \$1.00 / 3 for \$2.00

ONE Sticker FREE with any purchase over \$20.

Family Funster

The MGB is a car corral staple, but this 1977 roadster, with subtle modifications, stood out



WORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARK J. McCOURT

Even 44 years after the last examples rolled off the assembly line in Abingdon, the MGB remains the most visible, best-loved classic British sports car of all time. Hundreds of thousands of these reasonably priced two-seaters found homes in America through the model's 18-year run, and while many have been lost to attrition, a good portion remain on the road in fair-weather use. It's not uncommon to find open-top MGBs for sale in car corrals like the one at New York's annual Rhinebeck Car Show. There were two late MGBs present during that event in May, and one really stood out.

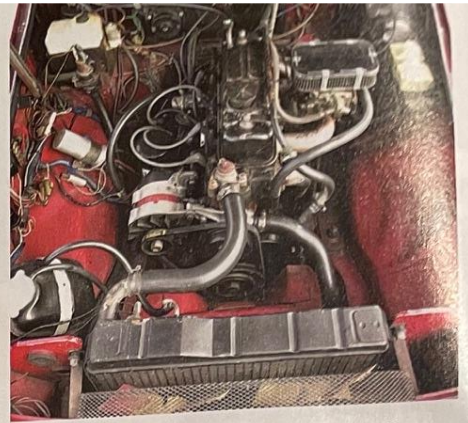
It was a 1977 "Tourer" (A.K.A. convertible) model, one of 15,825 examples built for North America that model year. Our feature B wore burgundy paint that looked similar to MG Damask Red, with a black vinyl soft top and trunk-mounted luggage rack. This "rubber bumper" car turned heads thanks to distinctive 15-inch Panasport-style alloy wheels with gunmetal gray centers and machine-finished rims that were wrapped in 205/50-15 performance radials. That dark metallic gray color was echoed in slender twin racing stripes that ran over the center of the car, starting behind the MG octagon on the front bumper. This B also sported a pair of clear-lens headlamps with subtle LED rings that double as daytime running lights.

Inside, the car looked pleasingly stock with the correct vinyl seat upholstery and

four-spoke steering wheel; custom touches were limited to an MG-crest knob atop the four-speed manual shifter, a modern aftermarket CD stereo with door-panel speakers, and bright-metal sill plates. The six-dial dashboard design—new for this model year—included one alteration: it was retrofitted with a T-handle manual choke, indicating a change in the engine bay.

Lifting the B's bonnet revealed a clean and tidy-looking 1,800-cc B-series four-cylinder that, when it left the factory, had a single Zenith-Stromberg carburetor with an automatic choke. That power-robbing, if smog-compliant, carb had been replaced with a two-barrel Weber DGV downdraft unit. All the sheetmetal under the hood was a similar shade of red as the exterior body, but a bit of blue overspray on the VIN plate in the driver's door jamb indicated this car had once worn a very different paint color.

After the event concluded, I spoke with Doug Calli—this car's seller—to learn more about the MG and if it was successful in finding a new home. He told me it had been in his family for about 35 years, purchased by his father-in-law as fun runabout and later gifted to his wife. By the time it joined his household about 15 years ago, the 1977 MGB had lots of servicing documentation but was tired, with body and mechanical issues needing attention. Doug had a British sports car specialist firm go through it front to back, rebuilding the engine (which



was a replacement installed years earlier; the 23,912 miles showing on the odometer didn't reflect the car's true mileage) and repainting the body in a similar shade of burgundy as his father-in-law had chosen years earlier. It was Doug who'd added the wheels and other custom parts.

He said that the little roadster drove great and garnered a lot of positive attention, but it wasn't really his cup of tea and wasn't being used as much as it should. That's what prompted him to bring it to Rhinebeck with an asking price that—while dearer than the \$8,701 that classic.com reports are the average public sale price for a 1977 MGB and the \$12,304 the site assigns this model as a Classic Market Benchmark—reflected what J.D. Power considers "Average Retail." While the MGB received numerous compliments in the corral, it didn't sell that weekend. Happily, he reported, just a few days later it found a new local home for his full asking price. 🚗



1977 MG MGB

Asking price: \$15,000 OBO

Seller description: None

Known issues: None

Why buy? This car appeared to be well cared for and looked extra-sporty outside with its racing stripes, alloy wheels, and modern headlamps. MGBs are some of the easiest classic cars to maintain and enjoy, so it should offer decades of fun driving to come.

Price new: \$5,150 (\$26,700 in 2024 dollars)

Value now: \$7,000-\$30,000

I believe this is/was Doug Jack's car, but there was no copy sent with this page from Hemmings – ed.

From [Jeffrey Langswager <mgamaniac@gmail.com>](mailto:mgamaniac@gmail.com) on 2024-10-17 17:59

Hi Don.....Hope all is well with you. It's been a while since we talked, and a lot has happened since then. My Mom, Betty, is in a Nursing Home now and my Dad, Gil, will be moving into an Assisted Living Facility very soon. Soooo....Their house will be cleaned out.

Would you please put the following ad into the November Spokes:

**Gil and Betty's MG Memorabilia and Household items.
A 70 year collection!!!**

Now it's your turn to enjoy it! Please bring a few boxes.

Saturday November 9th, 2024 from 1 to 4 pm.

Address.: 46 Stonington Dr. Pittsford, NY 14534

Questions: Please call Jeff at (585) 727-7129

Thanks so much. Jeff.

And from Annabelle:

On SATURDAY, Nov 9 from 1-4PM, Gil will be opening his home and garage just for the MG members to clean out many treasures from his extensive collections of MG and British items, all at very reasonable prices. In true garage sale style, there will be a big assortment of stuff – some tools, books, model cars, memorabilia, etc. You will be free to roam the house and anything there will be available for you to give it a new home. In addition to the car stuff, there is a huge collection of Betty's ceramic teapots featuring all kinds of different "themes", those would make great hostess or Holiday gifts, take a few home! Who knows what other treasures you may find!

The address is 46 STONINGTON DR., PITTSFORD.

Because there is also a Basket Appreciation Day at Eagle Creek Winery on Saturday, the sale may continue Sunday if there are enough items left to justify it. Gil and son Jeff will make that determination and send out an email update. C'mon out for the sale!



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

For Sale: Four (4) spoked wheel rims for an MG (no other information given)
9580 Big Tree Road, Hemlock NY.
Please call Rhonda at 585-919-9719

For Sale: 1978 MGB - 47,000 original miles, been in dry storage the last 8 years. \$8,500 OBO
Please call Mike Sidell at 585-404-1219



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: mgahmogca@rpa.net or at 585-410-4500

CARS FOR SALE:

1960 MGA Twin Cam: 18,000 miles, Red with black/red piping interior, Show Quality paint, Raced when new, Right fender replaced with original factory fender. Spare engine block. Asking \$55,000 - offers.

1972 MGB: Restored 10 years ago. BR Green, Wire Wheels, Good tires, Electronic Ignition, Weber Carb, Stainless Exhaust, Good Driver, Needs a little TLC. Asking \$9,000 or best offer.

1971 Datsun 240Z: 55,000 miles, Original Owner, No Rust, No Winters, Bob Sharp slotted aluminum wheels, Good Tires, MSD Electronic Ignition and comes with original ignition. Silver repaint with black interior. Asking \$50,000 - offers.

1979 VW Scirocco: German Specifications, Moon Roof, No Winters, 130K miles, Sport Exhaust, Good Tires, Gold/Beige interior, Runs well. Asking \$10,000 - offers.

Cars are in Western New York. For more information contact Roy Bergman at 716-941-5535

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 www.mgcarclub.com and click on:

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Renewal

Last Name - Primary Member *

First Name - Primary Member *

Email - Primary Member

Birth Month/Day - Primary Member

Last name - Partner

First name - Partner

Email Address

Birth Month/Day - Partner

You do not HAVE to be on the mail list - but there are many announcements, especially impromptu cruises, that are only announced by way of the list.

Phone 1 (member or primary) *

Phone 2 (partner or secondary)

Anniversary month/day (mm/dd)

Street Address *

City *

State *

Zip *

Put on group email list?

Yes

No

Omit phone/email on distribution list

Yes - omit from list

No - include on list

**MG Car Club Western NY Centre
Membership Application**

Annual family membership dues \$30

Make checks payable to:

MGCC of Western NY

(or use PayPal on our web site, MGCarClub.com)

Print and mail form and payment to:

Membership – MG Car Club

6 Featherstone Ct.

Pittsford, NY 14534



And Finally...

Who's the Mystery Editor?



Here's a clue!



The Vintage Spokes article on page 10 was written by Leon Zak, Spokes editor in 2002

See you next month!

