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Concours at the Glen: Sue Keppeler in her MGA

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## *Safety Fast!*

At the Glen: Sue Keppeler in her MGA



# Don's Corner

*By Spokes editor, Don Welch*



It was a busy, busy September!

My requests for input from you guys seems to have paid off in spades! So I thank you heartily; together we make our newsletter one to be proud of. And from some of the reports and comments I've heard, we are getting noticed – even been requests to reprint some of our content. (If you happen to be one of those requesters, yes you may, as long as you attribute it to Spokes and the MG Car Club of Western NY.)

Many of us have wanted to hear the story of the trip to MG 2025 in Illinois when the Krays' and the Leibles' MGBs were wrecked by a runaway box truck. Thanks to **Celeste Kray** you can "read all about it" on page 20.

There are pictures and a report on the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival by **Bob Welch** on page 15. A nice story by **Mike Goodwin** about his long relationship with MG's – page 25.

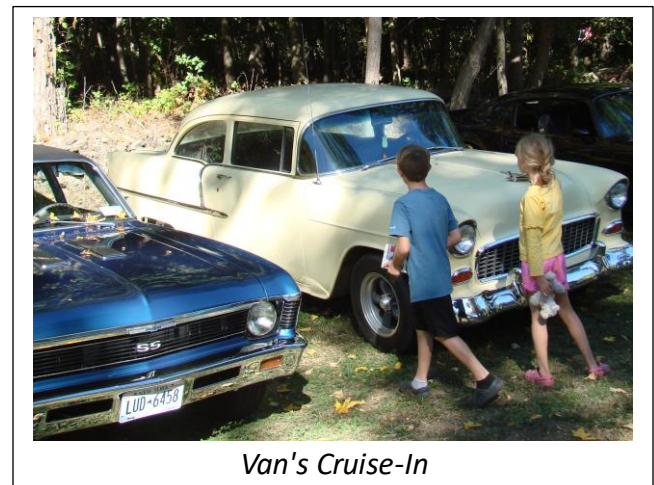
A new feature for Spokes is our "Tip O' the Hat" page – check it out on page 7.

I have always liked "then & now" pictures. You can see a great one on page 36.

Molly and I stopped in to a local convenience store for a free hot dog a couple weeks ago, and stumbled into a local cruise-in on an idyllic afternoon just up the road. I took a lot of pictures of course – some of them are on page 35.

There are many other pictures and features for you in this Spokes – please enjoy them all!

Looks like the Hilton Apple Fest next Saturday is the last full Car Show this fall. Maybe we'll see you there!



***Safety Fast!***



Don



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# Chairman's Corner

By Ken Barlow

I'm writing and submitting this late, right after the Holerhorn Distillery tour which followed the September cars and coffee at Freestyle Mercantile in Mumford on September 28th.

Business first. We need some volunteers for some positions that expire in October and elect into positions in November. Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Coordinator. You get to sit at the big-kids table with Eric and me, and you get a spot on the agenda every month. You help to keep the club alive, and let's be honest, the positions are pretty light-duty a few hours a month at most. ( I did not ask Todd for his input into that estimate)



OK, volunteer-seeking mentioned, cars and coffee in September: we drove our Sprite, our daughters Madeline and Ameila drove our Midget. The parking lot was packed. We had a total of 21 cars, a wide variety of MG Bs, a BGT, As, TDs, a TC, Midgets, our Austin Healey Sprite, a Jensen Healey, an Austin Healey 3000 and a Porsche that looked very much like a jelly bean, in all the best ways. We had some regular cars too, for cars and coffee. A few passers-by stopped in to chitchat, a few cards were handed out, a fellow who used to have a B, a tractor trailer driver, a couple on a motorcycle, etc. As usual, the breakfast sandwiches were excellent, the company better.

The drive to the Holerhorn Distillery followed. Twelve cars, a few from cars and coffee and a few who arrived just for this drive, maybe 18 people met at Mendon Ponds Park and drove a very scenic route, thanks to our rally master Mike Robinson, through Honeoye along East Lake road into the distillery located just uphill from the village of Naples. Their food selection was quite good, burgers, burritos, lox on toast and other options kept us fueled up.

Afterwards, Madeline, driving my red Midget, couldn't get the car started. I know, you're shocked. We thought the root cause was the key tumbler that just about came out of the steering column, but once that was back in place, the car had zero electric activity. Zero. No fuses appeared bad. Justin and Nick diagnosed the negative terminal connection to the firewall as the problem. It was corroded, we twiddled it and were able to get a good enough ground to drive home for a delay of maybe 10 or 15 minutes. Madeline switched to the Bugeye and I drove the Midget just in case something failed. It didn't, she drove fine all the way home. Amelia and I spent the drive discussing the finer points of the mechanics of a standard transmission, as she's just learning how to drive one. You know, friction zones, input and output, gear ratios, etc. I likened driving a stick shift to playing an instrument. She agreed, it sounds like playing a piano with contrary pedals you mostly only ever use one at time, but sometimes you stomp on more than one. Startling how much more power the Midget has than the Sprite. I'm starting to wonder if it's me or Justin's presence that brings out the gremlins in our little cars. We need to start taking score, and make some decisions and the loser buys a flatbed as a chase-vehicle? I shouldn't kid about that, I suspect I know who would be driving that flatbed.

It was a GREAT day for a drive. One for the books. The last good driving days of 2025 are fast passing us by, so be sure to get out there. Madeline is taking one of the cars to a work picnic this week, either one is fine. I got that ground wire sorted out on the Midget just after arriving home, unbolting it, sanding the connections clean, applying a little dielectric grease and reassembling. The Bugeye is fueled up for the drive to her office on Basket Road and back on Tuesday, so either vehicle, take her pick.

Another cool milestone this month is we passed 150 members. It's been more than a few years since we had more. Let's strive for 175 in 2026! We won't get there by sitting on our heels or parking our cars. We'll get there through engagement with the public and attending events. We'll invest some time in festivals in 2026, setting up an MG Car Club booths. If you usually attend some specific festival, let us know and we'll get a booth in it for display. The Rochester Auto Show in February is a great first step, we're working on a display booth now, and I'm happy to show my Bugeye (The irony is not lost on me, that it's not an MG by brand name, so someone with a nicer car than my Midget needs to volunteer to take one for the team and drive to downtown Rochester in February, or trailer your car in?) We'll distribute more business cards. We'll engage more on social media, simply mentioning the name of the group in our posts, maybe a link to the group's website, and mention you're attending the events with the club. We'll attend car shows and cruise nights, dropping cards in candidate vehicles as we see them, and invite personally when we can. Together, we'll grow the club and with growth comes opportunities, additional crew for race weekends, additional race car drivers for the vintage races, time speed and distance rallies, maybe we do a hill climb, maybe we sponsor a class at, and participate in, autocross with some other club (so they can deal with the insurance cost). The more the merrier, and we can't get there without you.

Other than engagement being job 1, my comments this year have also focused on keeping your primary vehicle on the road with routine maintenance, saving the big season-ending repairs for the end of October, the actual season end. If you've been itching to do your valve seats or rings and hone, or swap a head, or seals on the differential, or strip your car down for a repaint, it's almost time to pull the trigger (on a second car so you can start major work on your primary car and not lose any good driving days!!).

But not quite.

The Fall Tour is destined to be an epic journey. It'll be a long one, for us, Henrietta to Watkins Glen to Canandaigua for the buffet. Stephen is driving our Midget (last I checked!), Madeline the Bugeye with Amelia navigating, and Chris driving the Camaro, with me navigating. That's promising to be three hours and over a full tank of gas for most any of our cars. We plan to leave Henrietta around 0900, drive about 1 hour 40 minutes to the gas station in the village of Watkins Glen, then up to the track for the laps by 11 with a full tank and ready for the return trip (or a call to Hagerty Roadside for a tow home, contingency plans are handy). Some of us are spending the night near the track for an easy morning Saturday, some are planning to drive over early. Some plan to take the laps, some plan to just do the tour back. Some are doing the laps and tour, but not the buffet. Take your pick. You can also drive your regular old modern car too. Nothing stopping you, no shame in it. Especially if the weather turns. Fingers crossed.

FINALLY, after the fall tour, you can start to do the major repairs, pull the engine for a refresh, fix that 2nd gear synchro, change the clutch while the engine is out, hose it off, degrease it and paint it, chisel the caked on dirty oil in the engine bay, give it a soaking in degreaser and some good paint, change your wheel bearings for some Timkins, when was the last time you looked at your king pins, send your car off to paint or take this winter to learn how to paint your own car. But keep in the back of your mind, April is going to come before you know it, so ask for help and we'll be there, you supply the donuts and coffee.

**Safety Fast!**

*Ken*

**KB**

**Our next meeting is  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM,  
American Legion, 260 Middle Rd,  
Henrietta, NY 14467**

This page is a great new idea from Ken B. to give us all a chance to publicly thank club members who have lent us a helping hand. Probably one of the best parts of being part of our MG Club is the friendship and encouragement we often receive from our MG brothers and sisters. If you have someone to thank, just send an email, or catch me at a meeting. - Don W

## Tip O' The Hat!



To Justin Foster for helping out Bruce Evener, his father in law, with a stuck starter before the Palmyra car show. And to Klint, Rod, Ken and Stephen for attempting to bump start the TD despite the engine being locked up. - Ken B

Tip of the hat to Justin for giving Ken his battery from his MGA so Ken could get home in the sprite, even though Justin then lost his generator belt and had to stop at his parents! George Heissenberger

The great kindness of Leon to allow me to use his car rotisserie!  
Naomi

Nice! Thank you both for your hat tip! Sorry I didn't understand what this was when we were at 20 Deep. We enjoy helping out when we can.

That's why we joined the club, to learn, help others, collect stories and form bonds with other people crazy enough to drive these old cars around. Can't wait until we ride again. - Justin F.

To the club members who assisted me in unloading and loading my TA in Watkins Glen...even when they realized that I had no brakes. Again to Dan and George for coming to my place and helping me put the car away.  
- Al Wagner

And an editor's Tip O' the Hat to all of you for sending these in & making Spokes look good - again! We had so many great submissions of articles and pictures this month. Took me a few extra days to get this all put together. Thanks so much!

- Don W

A big thank you to Ken for well, really all of the time since I have been a member of the club. Letting me practice driving standard on his cars, going with me to Bill Barkleys garage, helping with my car, the constant invitations to events, and all around providing wisdom for any questions I have, and just being a great friend. - Stephen L.





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# Meeting Minutes MGCC WNY Meeting September 18th, 2025

By Dan Suter, Secretary

**For September** with the shortening days, we enjoyed beautiful clear weather for our 9/18 MGCC WNY meeting. It was called to order at 7:25PM by Chairman Ken Barlow. In total, we had 31 in attendance including members and one new member this month.

## **New Members and Guests:**

Guest Larry Heininger joined us and has joined the club as a new member. Larry owns a restored blue Austin Healey 3000 purchased from Mark Voelker, and a canary yellow 1959 MGA 1500 which was originally a CA car and came to Larry via owners that moved from CT to Rochester. Welcome to Larry!

Ken also reminded us of two things: first, to continue to be active and engage British sportscar owners we encounter to ask them to consider joining us; second, to update our e-mail addresses with the club mailing list and to Todd Black when changing e-mails.

Several birthdays were announced for September including Mike Goodwin and Alana Roberts; anniversaries included Bob and Terry Welch (35<sup>th</sup>) and Joe Bellizia celebrating 42 years...with his '78 Midget!

Meeting minutes from August were motioned and approved with no changes. Thanks to Alana for serving as Secretary for August.

**Treasurer and Membership Report:** Todd Black, our Treasurer, provided us with both the Treasury and Membership reports. In September, we registered 4 new members which is continued excellent news! Membership have now reached 150 members for 2025. Todd reflected that the Car Show ended with a positive balance as well. Todd also added that the club recently made a donation to Alfred State in memory of George Haynes. Lastly, Todd noted that dues can still be accepted via PayPal (best method), checks, or cash.

**Activities Report** –Celeste Kray gave the Activities report as Dave was attending the Bills game:

Past Events (by the time this is published):

- Watkins Glen Vintage Festival and SVRA vintage race weekend Sept 4-7
- Thank you tour on Sept 21 to the Brewery at Ardenne
- Sept 28 Cars and Coffee at the Freestyle Mercantile in Mumford and thank you tour to a distillery in Naples.

Upcoming Events:

- Appreciation visits are continuing – see website and e-mails from Mike Robinson.
- The Fall Tour is October 11. Sign up deadlines are fast approaching and members must be pre-paid for Laps at Watkins Glen and the buffet dinner at Irish Mafia.
- The December Holiday Party will be held December 12 (note this is a Friday).

**Regalia:** Joe Bellizia gave us a regalia update. Joe discussed availability and upcoming orders for hats, shirts, coveralls, tumblers and noted the availability of car show T-shirts. Please contact Joe to place your order for any of our club regalia items.

**Spokes** – Don Welch gave us the Spokes update. Please note there was no August Spokes as Don was away out of state. Don requested that people continue to submit photos and articles. Deadline for articles and photos is always one week from Friday following the meeting.

**Watkins Glen:** Alan gave a Watkins Glen report detailing upcoming events at the IMRRC including her presentation on the Collier Cup races with the extensive links to our MGCC Centre. There will be a symposium weekend/film fest in Watkins Glen sponsored by the IMRRC on Nov 21-22. It was noted the downtown festival next Sept at WG will feature the Firebird/Camaro cars.

**Librarian:** Paul Osborne had no Librarian report this month.

**Car Show:** As Leon was absent, there was no Car Show report this month.

**Website:** In Leon's absence, Ken passed along his report that everything is good with the website at the moment.

**Historian:** Dan shared that he would like to launch a project (over the Fall/Winter) to work with club members to gather and caption as many photos from recent years as possible. A note will go out to start this work. Additionally, an inventory will be prepared to create a record of what historical items we have.

**Old Business:** I did not capture any Old Business this month.

**New Business:** Ken noted that business cards have been created and more are on order.

The club is starting a 'tip of the hat' initiative to say thank you to helpful club members.

Annabelle gave a health update on club members Betty Langswager (who was in hospice care on 9/18 and subsequently passed away 9/21). Dave Chase is out of the hospital and is home.

The positions of Treasurer, Secretary, and Activities Chair are all coming due for replacement at the end of 2025. Please consider volunteering to help the club by filling one of these roles. Nominations will need to be made at the October meeting for November election.

Mike Goodwin gave a trip report on their Canadian maritime trip (Mike, Susan, and Dave and Celeste Kray) which sounded like a wonderful trip.

**Other Announcements:** No other announcements this month.

**Cars and Parts for Sale:** None this month.

**Member Projects:**

- Al Wagner indicated his 1938 MGTA is off the road pending brake repairs.
- Mike Goodwin reported that Leon's B V8 is now back on the road with new exhaust headers.
- Trevor is working on a 1275 engine rebuild (sorry I did not capture if this is for the Bugeye or Mini Cooper).

Thanks everyone for sharing their member project activities!

New member Larry Heininger shared some of the history of his Austin Healey 3000 which he purchased from Mark Voelker many years ago! He also shared the history of his canary yellow MGA.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was closed at 8:41 PM.

## **Attendance MGCC Meeting August 21, 2025**

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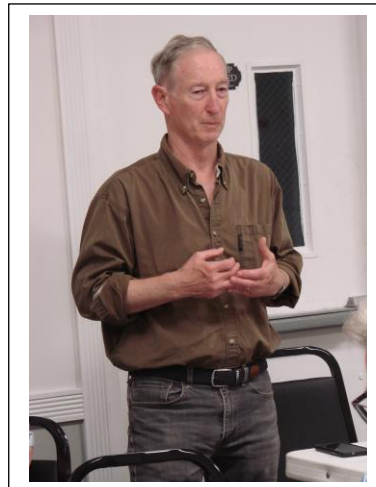
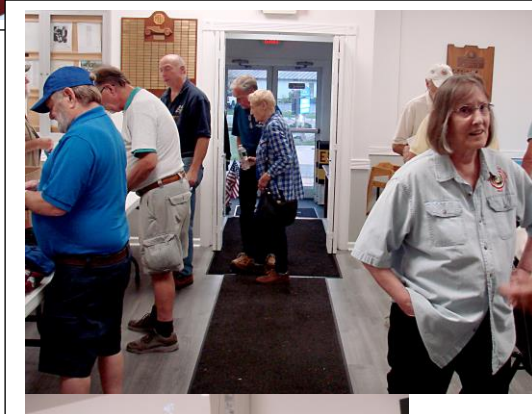
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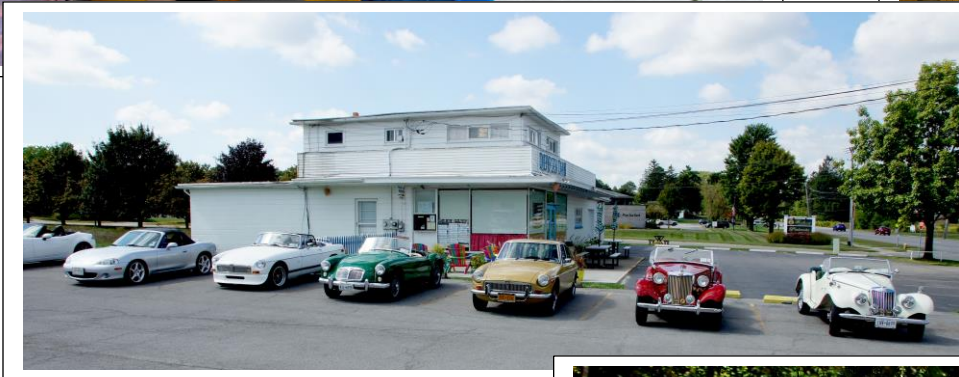
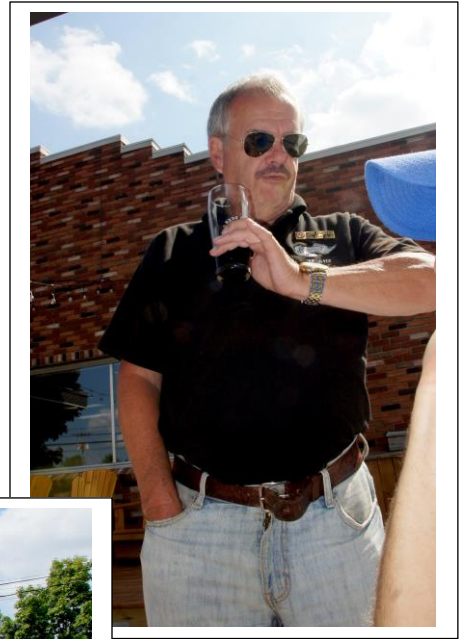


# Photos from our September Meeting





# Appreciation Visits



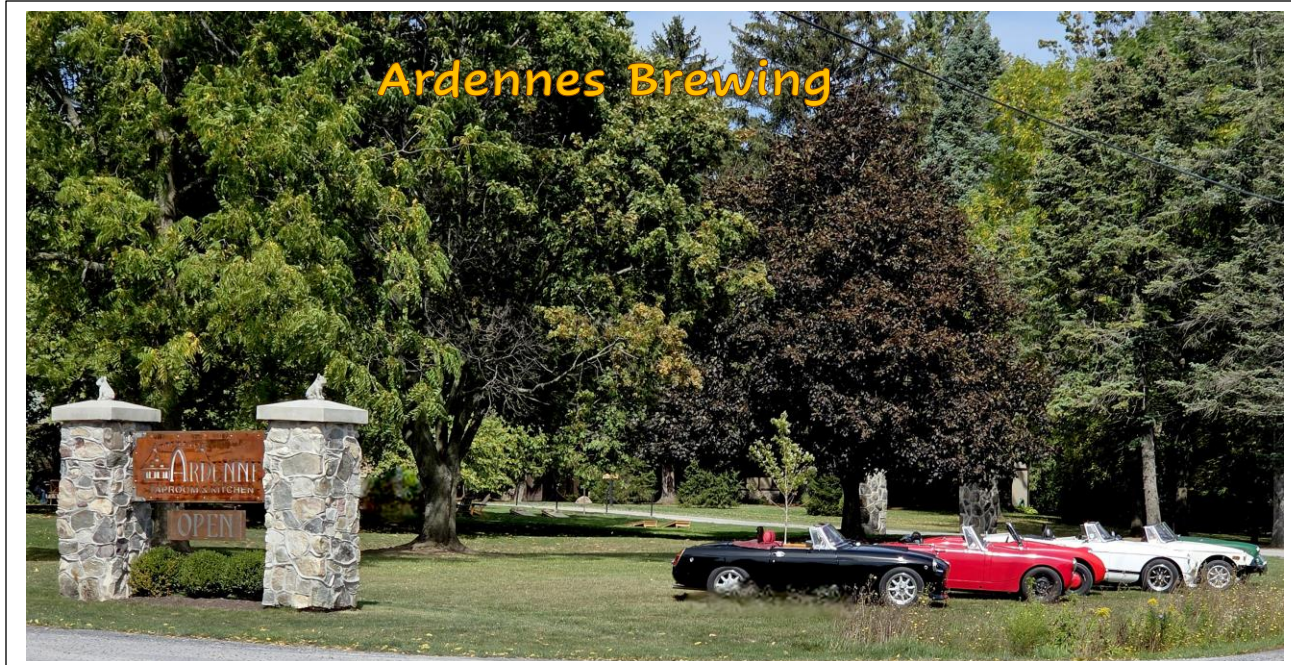
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# 2025 Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival & Vintage Races

by Bob Welch



As many of you know, the Grand Prix festival took place in Watkins Glen on Friday, September 5th, with races running at the track right through to the 7th. This is just a quick summary.

I suppose I could say the Festival started off with a bang, but that would be inaccurate. However, it very nearly did. My old friend, Allyn Wagner had trailered his beautiful 1938 MG TA down to the Seneca Lodge the night before and asked me if I'd like to ride down into town, as navigator, with him Friday morning. He had entered the car in the Concours d'Elegance which takes place in the parking lot of the state park on Franklin Street.

At the appointed time, the cover was removed from the TA, we contorted ourselves into the cabin, Al fired it up and off we went. The first sign something was amiss came as we blew through the stop sign at the intersection of Walnut and Old Corning Roads. The TA has a cosy cockpit so it was easy to notice my friends foot traveling to the floorboards along with the brake pedal. Being a team player, I grabbed the handbrake lever and pulled, with no result.





## Watkins Glen, cont'd

“Best leave it in 2nd gear” I advised though he already knew to do so. Down the hill we went with the engine acting as our brake. As luck would have it, we rounded the bend to find the light at Franklin Street red and a SUV in waiting. Al had his foot on the placebo of a brake pedal but we both noticed an opening in the lot of the adjacent gas station so he swung in there and finally stopped.

With the excitement behind us we proceeded to the Concours without further incident. The return to Seneca Lodge that night was uneventful as it's difficult to have a runaway car, traveling uphill.

The car show itself was more sparsely populated with contestants, compared with prior years. Several cars were newer, though “exotic” to one degree or another. The TA was parked between Sue Keppler's beautiful MGA MkII DeLuxe and a very nice 1935 BMW 315-1. There were two immaculate woodies: a Chrysler convertible and a Chevy wagon. Of course there were muscle cars, one of which was a 2017 Holden. The blue SS with a 417hp V8 is pretty rare in this country, though it was a left hand drive model. Rounding out the lineup there was a nice Volvo P1800, a vintage Rolls, a 1957 Thunderbird with racing history, Ferraris and Porsches.

Throughout the day groups of cars lined up on Franklin Street for runs on the original racing course. Some of these included MGCC WNY members and their machines.

Saturday dawned wet and rainy but the rain abated around noon and I headed to the track with Allyn, Hollis Hames the elder and Hollis the younger. There we met up with Dan Suter, Ken Barlow and others to watch races from the top of the grandstand. Both Ted Hershey and Dick Rzepkowski raced their Midgets though I'm unsure of their results.

All in all it was a great event despite some iffy weather. I'm looking forward to next year, when Mr. Wagner will surely have working brakes again.



RW



# Cars & Coffee sept. 28th

Freestyle Mercantile, Rts.  
383 & 36, Mumford  
Come join us! 9AM, last  
Sunday of the month





## Cars & Coffee, cont'd



There was quite the fleet of our LBC's for a late September Cars & Coffee. Fall leaves on Oatka Trail as I drove my green TD to Mumford – just a perfect morning ride!

We kept Russ madly making coffee, and Deb making breakfast sandwiches and fresh-baked cinnamon rolls this morning!

Joe B. brought his drone for some aerial photos & videos – I think we'll see some soon. Come join us next month!





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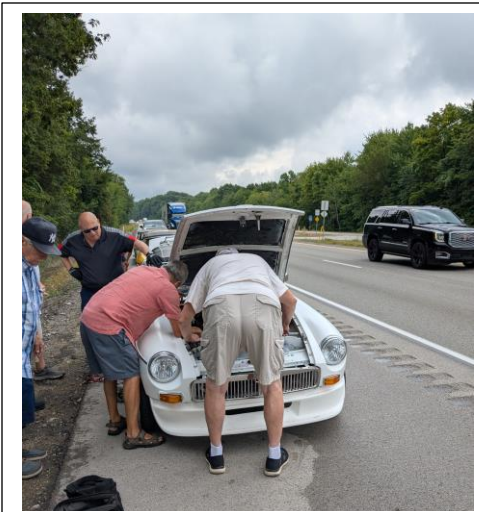


# MG 2025 Crystal Lake, Illinois

by Celeste Kray

## Sunday, July 27, 2025

Started out with meeting club members at Cracker Barrel on Transit Road, Clarence NY. We left there and entered Interstate 90 in Depew. During our drive in Pennsylvania close to Route 215 exit 6, our leader Klint and Janet LiMuti pulled off to the side of the road. Dennis & Robin Illig, John Leible, Dave & Celeste Kray, Joe & Kathy Gioffre (from Buffalo Octagon Association) and George & Paula Barbari followed suit. Klint said the car just quit – the guys all decided it was the alternator, and they would replace it with the one that Dennis had behind his seat. As the cars and trucks were speeding by, early on a Sunday morning at 65+ mph, the guys got to work. I noticed that the majority of the traffic was whipping by, so I decided to go behind the support vehicle and start directing them to the left lane. It wasn't much later that Janet joined me. Majority of traffic did go to left hand lane.



When the job was done the guys had to push start Klint's car so he could pull off at the next exit. We got into our cars and followed him to the exit to make sure everything was ok. It was all good, so we continued on to Ohio. We stopped for gas and then a lunch stop at Pub Frato in Painesville OH, not too far off of Interstate 90.

We continued on thru Ohio and into Indiana. In Indiana the toll road had gates at the toll booths that would only allow one car at a time onto the Interstate 90-80. We would pull over and wait for our group after each toll before continuing on. We spent the evening at Holiday Inn, South Bend.

Dave got up early and wandered out to the cars where he cleaned the bugs off the windshields. While eating breakfast at the hotel, John stated he went out and cleaned the car windshield's which didn't look too bad. After breakfast we loaded up,



checked to make sure the windshields didn't need to be cleaned for a third time, and got back on the road heading west. We continued on Interstate 90-80 and toll booths. After one of these toll booths, we pulled over on the side of the road to wait for a couple of cars to clear the toll booth. While looking in our mirrors waiting for group, Dave noticed that a box truck was coming at us from the left lane and had crossed the white line where we were parked waiting. He said "Hold On"! I was reading my Kindle and don't remember him saying anything. Next thing I know I feel a huge bump and looked up and the convertible top was gone. Found out later that the two cars behind us had seen the whole thing and said they saw the top fly off into the ravine below. George Barbari's car had a dash cam in it so we were able to get a copy of the video later during the convention.



No one was hurt. The cars that were hit by the truck were ours, and John Leible's. Dennis Illig's car was damaged by flying debris from our cars. John Leible's car and ours had heavy damage and were towed to an impound lot. We rented a car, transferred the items from the two damaged cars, and continued our journey to Crystal Lake.

The evening we got to Crystal Lake they had a Blues Brothers tribute band. It was optional to come dressed as the Blues Brothers and there were many attendees who were, including our members. The band was comprised of 11 members, including a singer who sounded like Aretha Franklin. Several of us gals got up and danced a line dance and stayed up there for other songs.

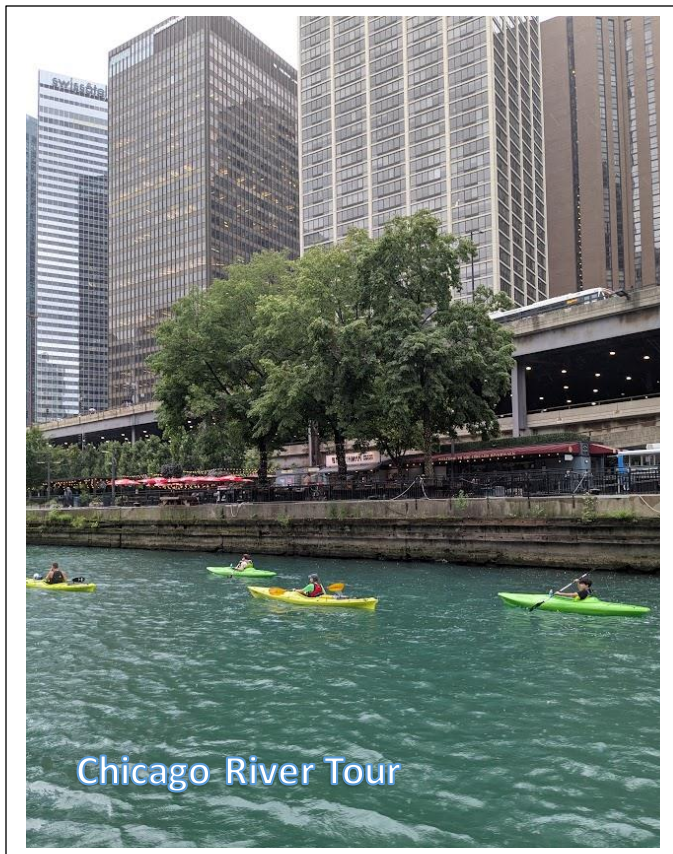
On Tuesday the guys went off to a couple of tech sessions, so the girls went into the town of Crystal Lake for window shopping and lunch. That evening we had signed up for the Medieval Times dinner and show. We were on the red and yellow knight's team and cheered him on. Unfortunately, the green knight won that evening. Many from our group were first timers and enjoyed the evening along with the returning guests.

Wednesday morning the girls had signed up for a boat tour of Chicago. We boarded a bus and the driver was very familiar with the traffic of the city. We boarded the boat and our docent was very knowledgeable about the architecture and history of the city. After the boat tour the bus driver took us past the street that Route 66 starts on, and the art sculpture "The Bean" where they were setting up for Lollapalooza which is a musical festival that was beginning the next day.

The guys went to the Volo Museum which was a car and much more museum. The museum consisted of multiple buildings. A couple of the buildings contained cars, including cars used in making various movies. Another building included early arcade games, early juke boxes, and coin rides that were commonly found outside the 5 & dime stores when we were kids. Another building had early (mid 1930's) travel trailers. Outside were some restored train cars that they walked through. They never made it other buildings that contained everything from farm equipment, to a building dedicated to the Titanic.

For dinner we went to Portello's, which came highly recommended by the local Chicagoans and Janet and Klint LiMuti, everything was delicious.

On Thursday was the car show with many classes for the different MGB's, including classes for other MG's and



other British cars. In the hotel parking lot, they had Dairy Queen bars, and root beer floats available. Just inside the hotel doors there were hot dogs and hamburgers for sale at lunch time.

That evening was the banquet with the award ceremony following. John Twist sat at our table for dinner, and we had a delightful evening. In our group a longtime member of the Buffalo Octagon Association was awarded a prestigious award for having a car he purchased new from Abbington along with a wife that he brought back to America from England, Joe and Kathy Gioffre. When the class that the LiMuti's were in was announced, Klint and Janet had placed fourth. Dennis and Robin Illig's car received first place in his class.

Everyone who went from our club enjoyed their stay in Chicago and are excited about the convention that will be held next year in Sandusky, Ohio, home of Cedar Point Amusement Park. That convention will have all MG marques. Hope that you can join us on our trip there.

CK

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## Events Report for September, 2025

- **September**
  - **Cars & Coffee – Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 12:00**
  - **Basket Auction Sponsor Appreciation – Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 -? Hollerhorn Distilling in Naples \*\*. Mike has the route details finalized. We will meet at Mendon Ponds East Parking lot on Douglas Road between 12 and 12:30, departing at 12:30 for what is a 35-mile ride to Naples and Hollerhorn Distillery.**
- **October**
  - **Fall Tour, Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>, Meet at Watkins Glenn gate #2 no later than 11:00. Three laps for \$33.30 (per car) Paid to the club prior to Sunday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. Advance purchase only, for the laps at Watkins Glen. After the 3 laps and photos we'll head back, stopping at Keuka Spring Winery in Penn Yann. Followed by an all you can eat dinner at Irish Mafia in Bloomfield. Menu includes; Hamburger, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chicken Patty Sandwich, Salmon Patty Sandwich. \$35.00 includes the Dinner and gratitude at Irish Mafia. You can Sign-up and pay on the club web site for one or both; Laps at Watkins Glenn, and the Dinner at Irish Mafia\*\*.**
  - **Basket Auction Sponsor Appreciation – Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 6:00. NAPA in Honeoye Falls, and McArdle's Restaurant in Fairport. \*\***
  - **Cars & Coffee – Sunday, October, 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 12:00**
- **December – “Save the Date”**
  - **Holiday Party – Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 10:00, Cash bar 6:00, dinner at 7:00.**

**Note - \*\* requires head count a few days prior to the visit.**

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



# Appreciation Visits, Sept. 28

Photos by Mike Robinson, Justin Foster, Nick Leykin



Justin Foster  
Sun, Sep 28 at 6:39 PM  
The drive was absolutely amazing!  
Thank you so much!

Mike Robinson  
Sun, Sep 28 at 5:45 PM  
Just a quick note to thank everyone who came out today for the ride to Naples and Hollerhorn. The weather was perfect, good food and drink, and they were pleased with the turnout



Richard Reynolds  
Mon, Sep 29 at 12:01 PM  
It certainly was a lovely drive. I was Sad 😞 Penelope ( the MGB) wasn't up for the ride.



'fdvjustme@aol.com' via mgcarclub  
Sun, Sep 28 at 11:06 PM  
Thank you Mike for organizing, wonderful drive, food was great too.  
Ken, did you get the midget started?  
Dann



jlimuti2@rochester.rr.com  
Sun, Sep 28 at 7:07 PM  
It was a great drive, perfect weather, good food and beverages, and awesome company. And, not a bit of traffic. 😊 Thanks for organizing it Mike.

Ken Barlow

Mon, Sep 29 at 10:08 AM

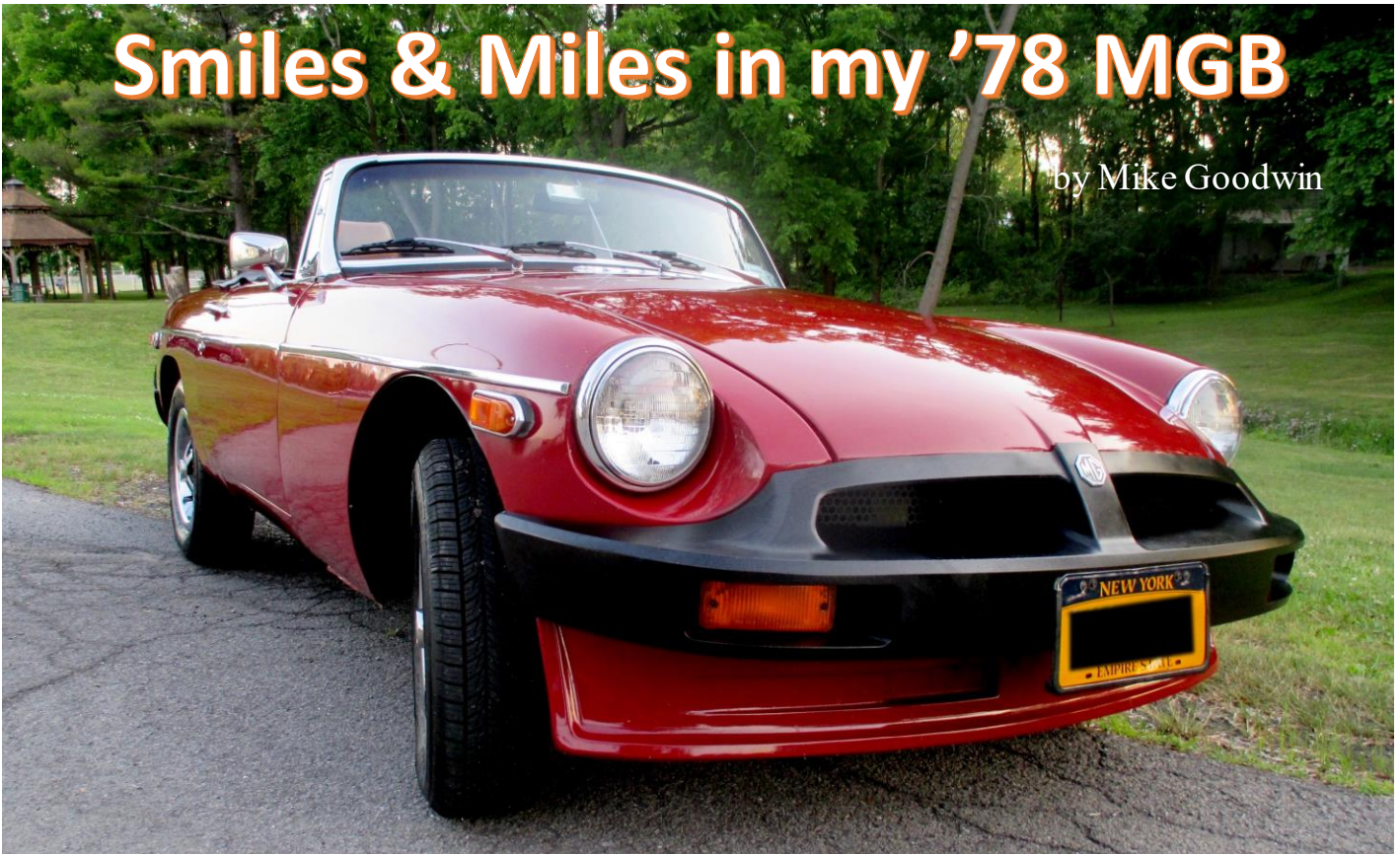
Yup! Justin and Nick and I finally figured out it was total power failure and quickly tracked it down through the fuses to the negative ground wire from the battery to the firewall was corroded preventing any amps from leaving the battery. A little twiddle of the cable connected enough to get home and I sanded the connection and applied a little dielectric grease and it's good as new.

The big clue was that even shorting over the starter relay wasn't producing any sparks at all. Which lead us to "does anything work?" Which was no, then immediately fuses, battery connections etc



# Smiles & Miles in my '78 MGB

by Mike Goodwin



**In 1965, the year I turned ten,** my family moved to the Rochester, NY area from suburban Chicago. My oldest sister, Beth, was away at college at the time, and so didn't move with us. She moved in very temporarily the following summer, as she was getting married that August of 1966. The wedding was a somewhat small affair, with only a few locals, a handful of relatives from out of town, and the bride's and groom's attendants from Chicago, or maybe from their college towns. I was only ten, not quite eleven, so I don't remember all the details. I *do* know that Jim, the guy who sang at the wedding, drove to Rochester from Chicago in a bright red two-seater convertible sportscar. My ten-year-old self was impressed, to say the least. Here was a guy I thought was very cool when I knew him back in Chicago. I looked up to him; he was athletic and musically talented, and he had been my second sister's "steady" for a couple years of high school. To see him pull into our driveway in that shiny roadster sharpened my admiration. To top it all off, the car had my initials on it – MG! "Wow!" I said to myself, "I've *gotta* have one of these someday!" After the wedding at the church, Jim told me he needed me to ride with him to the reception. "I need someone to beep the horn all the way, and I can't do it while I'm driving. It's that big round button in the center of the dash." That clinched it. One day, I'd have an MG.

In the ensuing years, my folks owned a series of rather boring cars. A Chevy sedan, another Chevy sedan, another (really!) Chevy sedan, but this one with a black vinyl top. (Wow! Very sporty.) There was certainly no further sports car influence or encouragement happening. Then I needed basic transportation in high school and college, and the MG idea had faded away into the recesses. Susan and I got married even before we graduated, and a year and a half later we had our first kid. No sports car! A hand-me-down rust-bucket Ford Torino, followed by a couple of Chevy Chevettes (you probably *still* don't get much on a starting teacher's salary!), eventually a station wagon to haul the kids and their friends around, and it wasn't long until our kids needed their own cars! One practical car followed another while we made the mortgage payments and helped the kids with their college expenses. The MG idea was deeply asleep. Almost forgotten, but really just put on hold. For a while, we lived in Norwich, New York, and we'd frequently drive the back roads back and forth between there and Rochester. Passing through Georgetown, New York, we'd see an MGB GT in a front lawn with a for sale sign on it that was there so long, it had nearly become a piece of statuary.

After a couple years of driving by, each time reminded of the MG dream, I finally called the number and arranged to have a closer look. It turned out that the guy selling it didn't quite own it. He had been storing it for someone for several years, who eventually abandoned it, moving out



*Along the coast in New Brunswick*

of state and quitting his storage payments. The guy explained to me that it last ran when he parked it in his front yard (a few years back), and that there was likely a way to submit certain paperwork and get it registered, but I walked away, unwilling to shell out the money for the car unless I was more certain I could get it on the road. It was time to forget the MG idea again for a while.

Forgotten again. That is, until one fine day after moving back to Rochester, Susan and I were cycling somewhere in the Finger Lakes, and as we crested a



long hill, parked in a grassy front lawn, there was an MGB. The grass had grown long around it, and the phone number on the For Sale sign was fading. The car's paint was mostly faded and chalky, and there was rust-through in the usual places. The chrome trim rings and bumpers were pitted and a bit rusty. You might be thinking that this must be the car I bought and restored, but no. I wasn't looking for such a big project.

I mentioned it to some folks at work, and one day in the break room, a workmate showed me an ad in the paper (yes, newspaper ads were still commonplace in 2003). It was for a 1978 MGB that sounded pretty good, and at a fair price. It needed tires so badly that

I had the seller put the car on blocks and give me all four wheels so I could get new tires and drive it home. That very day, as soon as I got home, I replaced the horn and a few minor lights (brake lights, side markers) and drove it someplace for a New York State inspection. No glitches with the car, but I had to show the inspector how to beep the horn (by pressing in on

the turn signal switch) and turn on the headlights (on a big flat toggle switch on the column hiding behind the left side of the steering wheel).

That would be twenty-two years ago now, and I've reached several milestones with the car. The first might be when my cost of repairing and maintaining it exceeded the purchase price. We've nearly all been there. I remember telling someone that the car cost me \$5000, and that I had put another \$5000 into it. He suggested that after that, it would be worth about \$5000. Nearly true! That didn't matter to me – it had become *my* MG, not just an MG I bought. If you've done much work to your car, you can appreciate the difference.

The next milestone might be the first "long" trip I attempted. It was only supposed to be from Rochester to Utica and back, but around Geneva, the water pump gasket went, and the MG had its first tow home. I was only a tad embarrassed as my neighbors watched it come off the flatbed in my driveway.

In 2004, I took the car to the Britfest car show, put on by the MG Car Club of Central New Jersey, a round trip of over 600 miles; to Syracuse, NY, another 200-mile round trip; and to and from Watkins Glen twice in one weekend – at over 100 miles each way, another 400-plus miles. It had become clear to me that my greatest enjoyment of my MGB would come from driving it, and driving it a lot. (Oh, I shouldn't forget that becoming a member of the MGCC WNY has been another great pleasure of owning an MG!)

In early July of 2005, a month shy of two years of ownership, another milestone! I turned the odometer over 100,000 miles - or maybe 200,000? The previous owner couldn't really say, but that meant I'd put about 11,600 miles on it myself in that time, averaging about 6,000 miles per year. There would be (and will continue to be) many thousand more during my





At a car show

ownership. We drove to the Britfest again in 2005, as well as to the British Invasion in Stowe, VT. Over the next few years, we would drive the MG to Indianapolis in 2009 and to car shows in Cazenovia, New York and to Stowe, Vermont and New Jersey again, as well as to the Toronto area twice. (Some of you may recall that I put the MG away for most of 2011. It was out of sight, but not out of mind – see this link: <https://melandmikehike.com/?p=412> ). In both 2013 and 2014, the MGB made its way to and from Millinocket, Maine (look that one up on a map – the round trip is about 1300 miles!), returning once quite cautiously with a non-functional master brake cylinder and a careful reliance on a properly-functioning handbrake. I would advise against this, but if you must, slow down early and step on the brake pedal to light up your brake lights while you downshift, downshift, downshift and hand brake! I enjoyed another drive to Indianapolis in March of 2014, but the weather turned icily cold for the drive home. I'm no longer tempted to jump the gun on the driving season. In May of 2015, I drove to Hampton, Tennessee and Damascus, Virginia to celebrate Appalachian Trail Days, and then in June to and from Wisconsin for my cousin Mark's wedding. I thought that Mark Goodwin, another "MG" should have an MG at his wedding. Unfortunately, the MGB was rear-ended in Chicago, and so we had to coax the boot open with a pry bar so I could change clothes for the event! In 2016, I again made the trip to Virginia for Appalachian Trail Days, as well as smaller trips to Niagara Falls, Utica and Norwich, New York.

Several short to medium-length trips followed in the years until 2022, when, along with Barbara and Leon Zak, in their V-8 modified 1977 MGB, we drove across the country to Seattle, down the west coast to south of San Francisco, through Nevada, and (after

parting ways with the Zaks, who took a *longer* way home), we returned via Colorado and those many flat states across the middle of the country. When that trip started, we had slightly under 167,000 (267,000?) miles on the car, and when we finished, we had added nearly 7,600 miles, achieving an average 28.1 mpg. I think that's not bad for a 44-year-old car.

The next year, 2023, we took another road trip with the Zaks, aiming for the Canadian Maritime provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia but having to bail out short of the mark with clutch problems and hurricane threats, reaching St. John, New Brunswick, having covered a round-trip total of merely 1,534 miles.

We've since made a couple of trips to the Catskill Mountains, and to the MG 101-fest in Belleville, Ontario (big enough trips to count, I suppose!), and this year, we attended the MG 102-fest in Huntsville, Ontario with fellow club members Paula and George



Cars & Coffee - Geneseo

Barbari, Donna and Todd Black, Celeste and Dave Kray, Deb and John Leible, and Janet and Klint LiMutu. After the MG 102-fest, along with the Krays, we continued through Ontario, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, before parting with the Krays in Freeport, Maine, and heading home via our friends' place in Monkton, Vermont after a total of seventeen days of travel. This time, we tallied around 3,400 miles and averaged 29.3 mpg! It's not (just) getting older – it's getting better!

I could easily write another article on the work I've done to keep the car reliably driveable over these years, but I'll just hit some highlights; after all, I've had the car 22 years now and driven it over 98,000 miles (really over 103,000 miles when one corrects for the five percent speedometer/odometer error).



*Pulling the engine in my garage*



at Artpark, Lewiston, NY



*Polishing crew at MG102, Huntsville,*

Of course, in that time, all the maintenance and parts replacements one might expect have been done.

Tires, brakes, bearings, plugs and wires, an electrical switch or two, fuel pump, alternator, heater valve, distributor, coil, headlights, tie-rod ends, and probably more that are just not coming to mind.

I replaced most of the interior (upholstery, carpets, interior door panels, etc.) the first year I had the car. It's showing some wear again, especially the cheap set of carpets I installed. I've replaced the original Zenith-Stromberg carburetor with a Weber downdraft. The catalytic converter fell by the wayside at that time, and I've since replaced the exhaust system again, this time going fully stainless steel. I pulled the engine (my first time taking on such a then-daunting task – *another milestone!*) in 2008, in order to replace the rear main seal. Since then, I've had the engine out a couple more times; once again for the rear main seal and also for clutch replacement. These afforded me opportunities to do a good cleaning under the bonnet, with a bit of paint touch-up.

I enjoy keeping the car reasonably presentable (I've received a few car show awards, though my MGB is *far* from being a show-car), while mainly keeping it reliable as a daily and long-trip driver. It's had a few

minor customizations to help keep road trips more pleasant,

such as added elastic pockets for sunglasses, etc., cup holders, an additional 12-volt outlet for charging a phone or GPS, and most significantly, the addition of cruise control, just before the 2022 cross-country trip. There's nothing like stretching out my long legs beyond the pedals, avoiding the cramping that's otherwise inevitable when you're over six feet tall and the gas pedal is positioned for someone much shorter. Cruise control has definitely improved the driveability on road trips more than anything else, and I'd recommend it to anyone (there are places to stealthily hide it, if you feel you must).

We all enjoy our MGs a bit differently, I'm sure, but for me, the whole package of enjoyment comes from the upkeep and repair aspects of the hobby, sharing in the socializing and in the pride of ownership, but most of all, it's driving the miles that brings on the smiles! I've driven my MGB through thirty-one states and five Canadian provinces so far, and I'm hoping for many more miles and many more smiles down the road ahead.

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Artpark, with the Baums & Zaks, 2018





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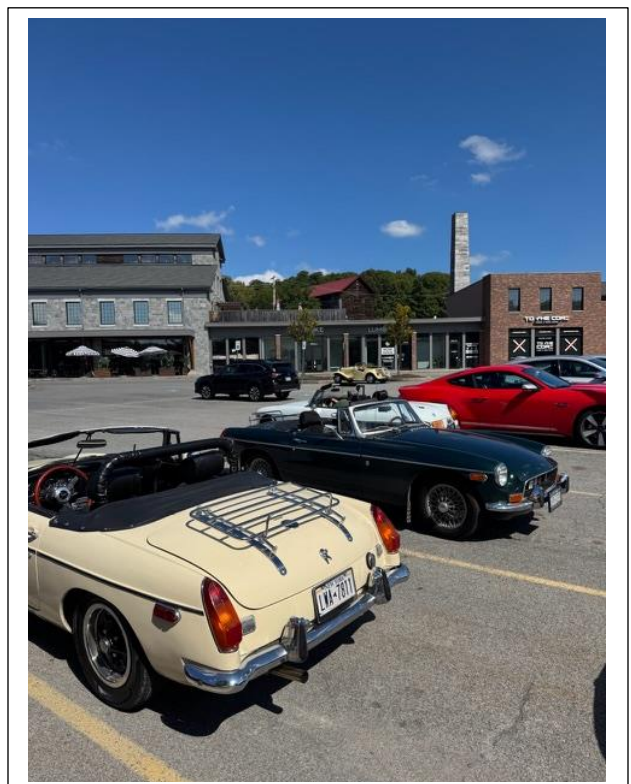
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# MG Guys Luncheon



Such great Camaraderie in our club! Pics from MG Guys Luncheon this past Monday, 9/15th.  
"Neil, George, Frank S, Dave, Klint, Frank D, Todd, Richard, Joe & Hollis!"  
We started out as a foursome each month for over a year and it has bloomed to ten this month!





# Pictures from the Collier Cup

by Alana Roberts



*Cup Cars*



*Collier Cup*



*MGB Cup*



*T Series Cup Car*



*Tin Cup Teamwork*



# Our Members at the Glen

Sue Keppeler with her red MGA, Al Wagner with his '38 TA (photos by Al Fink)



*Selfie by Ken B.*



noticed on the way to Cars & Coffee...





# October Sunshine Page

## Oct. Birthdays

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27	Arlene	Mann
28	Barb	Nichols
30	Suzanne	Keppeler

**Happy Birthday**



## Oct. Anniversaries

9	Aldo & Mercedes Gonzalez
10	Nick & Lizzie Leykin
10	Dave & Barb Wild
22	Chris Williams & Eileen McMahon



*If you think you've been mistakenly left off either list above, check to see if you've paid your dues.*

*If you still think it's a mistake, send a note to the editor at [spokes@mgcarclub.com](mailto:spokes@mgcarclub.com)*



## Betty Langswager 1931 - 2025



Sun, Sep 21

We received the very sad news that BETTY LANGSWAGER passed away today. Betty and Gil Langswager were Car Nuts devotees from our very first one in 2009 and, of course, widely and enthusiastically involved in many British car clubs and events throughout the last seven decades. They were ever-present in their red TD at all area gatherings and hosted many themselves. We've lost a legacy British car enthusiast who will be greatly missed.

The Langswagers have two sons, Jeff (wife Jan), who is an active MGCC-WNY member, and Gary (wife Paula), who lives in Alabama. Both are British car lovers and have passed that on to their own children. Betty's Memorial Service will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 3000 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY 14616

Safety fast and smooth roads, Betty. ~ Annabelle



*At our 2019 Car Show*



*Gil & Betty with their '53 TD at breakfast, 5/13/21. They owned this car for 64 years before it went to their son Gary in Alabama.*



# Photos of Betty Langswager & Her Family - courtesy of Annabelle





## Thoughts of Betty, from her friend, Annabelle Tescione

On September 21, our British car community lost one of its most faithful followers, **Betty Langswager**. Betty, with husband Gil, had been active in the sportscar world for at least 70 years. They were part of the small handful of people that founded the Western New York Centre chapter of the MG Car Club back in 1958. What a pedigree that is! Betty's enthusiasm was boundless, the Langswagers attended every event, arriving in an MG, usually their red 1953 MG-TD, regardless of rain or shine. And Betty wasn't just a passenger, she drove the cars as much as Gil until her knees gave out. They attended events, planned events, worked on events and hosted events, always willing and ready to help. In the Club's early days, Betty typed up all the articles for Spokes, laid out the pages and then used an old mimeograph machine in their basement to copy them, then collate, address, stamp and mail them all out. That level of commitment to the Club continued throughout the years. They travelled to car events far and wide, about 50 of the T-Register's "Gathering of the Faithful" events, they ran rallies, toured in Club "Mountain Adventures", hosted a very popular "Garage Party" yearly at their home, they were Brudno Award winners...on and on. Betty really loved spending time with our British car community and the two of them set the standard for our "Marque of Friendship" MGCC slogan.

Betty and Gil were originally from the Hilton area and knew each other from second grade. They married in 1952 and they have two sons, Jeff (wife Jan), who is an active MGCC-WNY member, and Gary (wife Paula), who lives in Alabama. Both are British car lovers and have passed that on to their own children. Many of the cars that Gil and Betty owned are now in the loving hands of sons and grandchildren, including the red 1953 TD.

Many words have popped up from friends as we all remember Betty, here are just a few: **sparkly outfits, teapots, octagon jewelry, chicken French, square dancing, ice cream, tailgate displays, fancy hats, homemade pies, tea parties, well-done bacon, car event T-shirts, smiles and bubbly laughter.** We'll miss all of those and so much more.

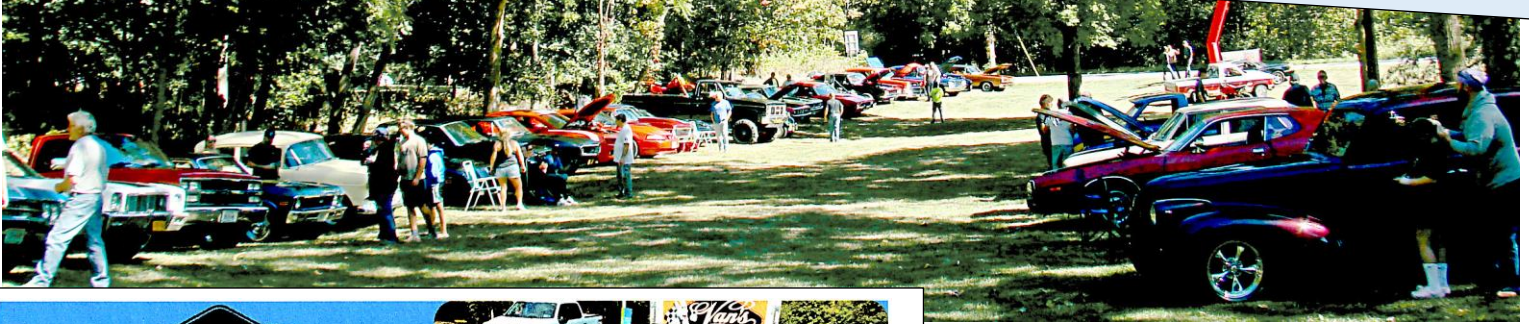
Safety fast and smooth roads ahead, Betty.





# Van's Cruise-In

Clarendon, NY – yeah, that's where Don lives, out west of Brockport. This was a wonderful cruise-in. Van has a lovely walnut grove beside a creek. There were 40-50 cars & trucks on a warm summer afternoon. You can probably guess whose was the only LBC there.



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SATURDAY 9/20

CAR & BIKE CRUISE 2 - 6 PM

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# PALMYRA HARVEST FESTIVAL

9 of us met for breakfast at the Yellow Mills diner in Palmyra before the Harvest Festival car show on September 13th. We caravanned to the show after breakfast and met Hollis Hames in his MG B, and Patti and Elton Schulz in their gorgeous green Austin Healey 3000. Pictured front row right is Erin and Justin Foster's MG A, Janet and Klint LiMuti's MG B, Stephen Lewandowski drove our MG Midget, back row is Rod Rodman's white MGB, Chris and Ken Barlow's red Austin Healey Sprite Mk1 and Erin Foster's father, Bruce Evener's MG TD. The TD suffered a breakdown after breakfast, we attempted to bump start her, but the rear wheels locked up when letting the clutch out, leading us to conclude the engine had seized, but later in the day they diagnosed a starter problem and were able get the car started at home after the car show. - Ken



*Breakfast at the Yellow Mills Diner*



## Then & Now



Don,  
RE: Anniversary of owning my MIDGET from 1983 to present - 42 years!  
W/ my lovely wife of 28+ years, Patti.

Joe Bellizia





# Bulletin



John Harris Schwelm CTSP

Sat, Sep 6 at 3:04 PM

Hi,

It was nice that the club mentioned Kevin's passing. He was a regular in my barn with his Union Jack MGB.

On another note I received this in the post today. Both my TC and TD appear on the Autumn cover of the the UK Octagon Clubs Bulletin.

Totally out of the blue but I'll take it.

By the way someone mentioned the 3d printed bonnet holders for square rigger MGs. Another mentioned some TD group has them for sale. Its the TD group on Facebook I started 5+ years ago. I and another created them and gave the file folder to a Philly Eagle Scout that my buddy knows. He has been making them solely for our 2000+ owner/ members.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/437492560683745/?ref=share&mibextid=NSMWBT>

I thought it a cool picture that was cleaned off my profile page maybe a year ago.

Enjoy

John Schwelm

## How to get SAFETY FAST magazine:

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

The website is: [www.mgcc.co.uk](http://www.mgcc.co.uk)

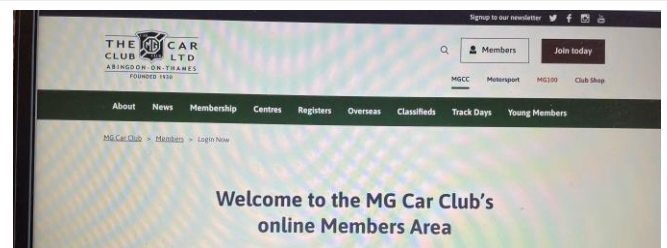
As shown in the login, the membership number and the email address are both defaulted.

(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 going on in the MG world.

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



# 44th Annual Hilton Applefest Auto Show

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Village Elementary School (100 School Lane, Hilton NY 14468)

Featuring our "Muscle Car" Classes!

Proceeds to benefit local charities - (\$6500 donated in 2024)

## The Classes

0-1960 Antique Cars  
1961-1965 Stock  
1966-1968 Stock  
1969-1972 Stock  
1973-1991 Stock  
1992-Present Stock  
0-1934 Street Rods  
1935-1948 Street Rods  
1949-1961 Street Machines  
1962 - 1966 Street Machines  
1967-1972 Street Machines  
1973-Present Street Machines  
1960-1969 Muscle Cars  
1970-1974 Muscle Cars  
2004-Present Muscle Cars  
2008-2024 Dodge Charger/Challenger  
1953-1982 Corvettes  
1984-2013 Corvettes  
2014-Present Corvettes  
Trucks/Stock  
0 - 1972 Trucks/Modified  
1973 - Present Trucks Modified  
Sports Cars  
Kit Car/Miscellaneous/Race Cars  
1964-1973 Mustangs  
1974-2004 Mustangs  
2005-Present Mustangs  
1967-1981 Camaro/Firebird  
1982-2002 Camaro/Firebird  
2010-Present Camaro  
Motorcycles  
Modified Compact Cars/Trucks

## Special Awards For:

Club Participation  
Best Overall Vehicle of Show  
Best Muscle Car of Show

RAIN OR SHINE!!!

- \*Goodie Bags and Dash Plaques for the first 500 entries.
- \*Vehicle being registered must be present to receive credentials.
- \*\$100 Bills will not be accepted**
- \*All vehicles will be assigned to a class by a tech at registration.
- \*Decision of Tech is Final.
- \* ALL VEHICLES WILL BE PARKED BY CLASS. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- \*Judging from 12 Noon to 2pm.
- \*1st, 2nd and 3rd place plaques awarded for each class.
- \*Registration from 8 am to 12 Noon. Awards at 4 pm.
- \*No vehicles admitted after 12 Noon. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
- \*All display vehicles must be removed from trailers.
- \*Ample trailer parking will be available near by.
- \*NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS.
- \*Any misconduct will not be tolerated or you will be asked to leave.
- \*We are not liable for damage to vehicles or missing or stolen items.
- \*Vendor Spaces available \$25 Fee or equal amount door prize.
- \*Shuttle Bus to and from Applefest.

For Information, to volunteer, or for a Vendor Space:

Email: [info@hiltonapplefestautoshow.org](mailto:info@hiltonapplefestautoshow.org)

Website: [WWW.hiltonapplefestautoshow.org](http://WWW.hiltonapplefestautoshow.org)



Hiltonautoshow



**\*\*Music by "Dan The Music Man"**

**\*\*PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY, AND EXPECT HEAVY TRAFFIC**

**\*\*TO AVOID HEAVY TRAFFIC, COME IN FROM THE WEST**

**\*\*As you near Hilton, follow Auto Show signs**

**\*\*Show results will be posted on website!!**



**\*\*Pre-Register online at <http://www.hiltonapplefestautoshow.org/pre-register>**

----- Mail Lower Portion -----

**\*\*Please make checks payable to "Hilton Applefest Autoshow" \*\***

Fee: \$15 before 9/27/2025, \$20 Day of Show - Vendor Spaces \$25 or equal value door prize

Mail To: Hilton Applefest Autoshow, P. O. Box 55, Hilton, NY 14468-0055

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of your car: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_





## North American MGB Register

P.O. Box 876  
Downers Grove, IL 60515-0876

We are the official MG Club for MGB, MGB/GT, MGC, MGC/GT, MG V8, MG Midgets/AH Sprites, MG 1100/1300 sedans, and all Post Abingdon (MGF, MGTF, MG RV8, etc) MGs.

As a member of NAMGBR, you and your local MG or British Car Club can receive the following benefits:



### The MG Driver

This bi-monthly color magazine is packed with useful information with the right mix of technical how tos, member stories and club updates and information.



### Mutual Aid Directory (MAD)

A by state, by city directory of NAMGBR members willing to help another member in the event they break down or need assistance while traveling away from home.



### Club Insurance

Does your local car club sponsor a car show? Do they have drives, events or regular meetings? Many venues require insurance to hold the event on their property. If your club has at least 8 NAMGBR members and is an affiliated Chapter of NAMGBR, then the club is covered with liability insurance for free! Director & Officer insurance is also available for local club officers.



### Member Classified

NAMGBR offers a free classified section in *The MG Driver* magazine. Have an extra MG or parts you want to sell? Target your advertising to the people you know are looking to buy an MG or may need the parts you have.



### Annual Convention

A multi-day celebration of all things MG and a gathering of MG enthusiasts from around the globe. Some fly in, some drive their MG or other British car or some bring a car on a trailer. This event features driving tours, a car show and a taste of the local food and drink. MG2025 will take place in Crystal Lake, IL.



### Regalia

We have a number of ways you can show your NAMGBR membership to the public. Clothing, bags, key rings or license plate frames are just a few examples.



### Car Insurance

NAMGBR is the first MG club to offer members the 5% Hagerty Collector Car Insurance Discount. Being a member can save you money on your insurance! Perhaps more than the cost of your membership.



### Dash Plaque

To commemorate your membership you receive a dash plaque with your personal membership number.



### 100,000/200,000/300,000 Mile Register

Has your MG gone the distance, and traveled 100,000, 200,000 or even 300,000 miles? NAMGBR honors this achievement with a special dash plaque your car can wear with pride.



### Window Sticker

Proudly proclaim your membership in NAMGBR with this attractive two-sided window sticker.



We look forward to having you as a member of NAMGBR!

## Regalia News Corner September/October 2025

MG Car Club of WNY – Name Bades  
order going in as soon as we get to 12 orders

Limited Time Left to Get in this order

**YOUR Attention Please**



**Order YOUR MG Car Club Name Badge**

Size: 3"L x ¾"W (less than 1/98" thick)

**Note: We have requested New Badges have WNY on them.**

*Thanks Janet Limuti for the suggestion.*

**MG Car Club WNY**

**Features a Magnetic plate to put behind your shirt to hold, no pin!**

Price is ONLY \$26.00 delivered (based on previous orders)

### SO FAR ON LIST AS OF 9/18/25

1. **GEORGE E. BARBARI**
2. **PAULA BARBARI**
3. **ANDY WELLS**
4. **NEIL HOSELTON**
5. **BRUCE FREELAND**
6. **LIZ FREELAND**
7. **JANET LIMUTI**
8. **KLINT LIMUTI**
9. **JOEL SIEGEL**

Send Joe B and email ASAP if interested



## New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

They are in!  
**Get Yours Today!!!**

20oz Hot or Cold Aspen Tumbler  
w/ plastic slide lock opening

Or

12oz Hot or Cold Drink Trail Mug

Club member price \$15.00 each!



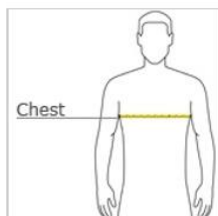
Perfect for Hot or Cold Beverages!

## New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

**A** 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.

**IN STOCK NOW**  
**Various sizes and colors**

### 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	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

Shirt Sported by Frank DeMarzo



Closeup of Actual Embroidery of Logo

An enduring favorite, our comfortable classic polo is anything but ordinary. With superior wrinkle and shrink resistance, a silky soft hand and an incredible range of styles, sizes and colors, it's a first-rate choice for uniforming just about any group.

- 5-ounce, 65/35 poly/cotton pique
- Flat knit collar and cuffs
- Metal buttons with dyed-to-match plastic rims
- Double-needle armhole seams and hem
- Side vents

#### CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Machine Wash Cold With Like Colors . Do Not Bleach. Tumble Dry Low. Cool Iron, If Necessary.

Embroidered Only \$25. for club members




## New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

### MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

#### Hats

### MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

\$20. each Port & Co– all are embroidered

	Black		Carolina Blue		Hunter		Khaki
	Light Pink		Maroon		Navy		Orange
	Purple		Red		Royal		Stone
	White						

#### Product Description

The great classic look and lightweight feel make this cap an all-around favorite.

- Fabric: 100% brushed cotton twill
- Structure: Unstructured
- Profile: Low
- Panels: 6
- Closure: Self-fabric slide closure

**Also In-Stock NOW**  
**Various colors to Choose from**



We Have Many Hat in Various Colors in Stock right Now!

**Embroidered Only \$15. for club members**

Note: This is the Logo we are had digitized to fit on the hats. It is 2" high

## Regalia News Corner September 2025

### 2025 & 2024 Car Show T-Shirts

We have some T-Shirts remaining. Pick up a backup or pick

**2025 only \$10. each!**

**2024 only \$5. each!**

MANY SIZES available, even Female!



Notes: Get Yours TODAY before they are all gone!

[blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com) / (585-749-9263 / Joe B.  
updated 10/15/24



## New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

Coveralls from Opentip On-line – shown in Navy  
Depending on # ordered /delivered @ \$40.



We are taking a Poll to  
See Who is interested and  
to get pre-orders.

Please let Joe B know if  
interested and your size!



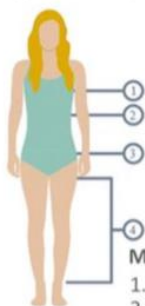
### Product Description

- Durable and Breathable, machine wash
- Long-sleeve work coverall features a generous-fit back and an elastic band at waist, permitting freedom of movement
- Neck and waist snap in front to conceal the two-way-zipper closure, giving you a professional look and avoiding paint on your clothes
- Work coverall in twill comes with seven spacious pockets - 1 ruler pocket, 2 chest pockets, 2 hand pockets in front and 2 large back pockets
- This product can be added with company's name, logo or message. Optional customization methods include heat transfer, embroidery, etc. Please upload your custom content and start designing your own unique clothing. We've got the solution that will exceed your expectations

TOPTIE has been concerned with work apparel manufacturing for a long time. We make a mass of prophase preparation before marketing. We design, tweak and mass-produce. By continually expanding and updating its selection, now we offer garments ranging from reflective vests and work vests to items such as chef coats, work coats, and coveralls. Whatever you do, there is always one for you. This is the goal that we have been working on.

### HOW TO MEASURE

The products should be ordered according to your chest, waist, hip measurements and inseam. The tape measure should be pulled snug, not tight. Take all measurements in inches. If your measurement are between sizes, then order the larger size.



#### Measurements

1. CHEST
2. WAIST
3. HIP
4. INSEAM

Size/Inch	Chest	Waist	Hip	Inseam (Regular)
S	34 - 36	30 - 32	35 - 38	30
M	38 - 40	34 - 36	38 - 41	30 1/2
L	42 - 44	37 - 39	42 - 45	31
XL	46 - 48	41 - 43	45 - 48	31
2XL	50 - 52	45 - 47	48 - 51	31
3XL	54 - 56	49 - 51	52 - 55	31

#### CHEST

Measure around the fullest part of your chest, keeping tape under your armpits and around your shoulder blades. Hold tape level and firmly but not tight.

#### WAIST

Measure around the narrowest part of your waistline, keeping the tape comfortably loose.

#### Hip

Make sure the tape is over the largest part of your buttocks. Measure the circumference of your hips.

#### INSEAM

Use a coverall that fit you well and measure from the crotch to the bottom of the leg.

## MG Car Club of Western NY Available Regalia 2024 Catalog (updated 09/18/25)

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



## MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



Note: Key is just to show size

In between meetings feel free contacting Joe B at [blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com)

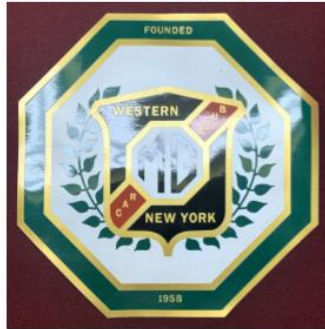


## MG Car Club of WNY - Badges, Patches, Pins & Stickers



Jubilee Grille Badge  
\$20.00. (1 left)

Limited Supply – 1 left



10" Magnetic Sign \$15.00



Embroidered patches  
\$3.00



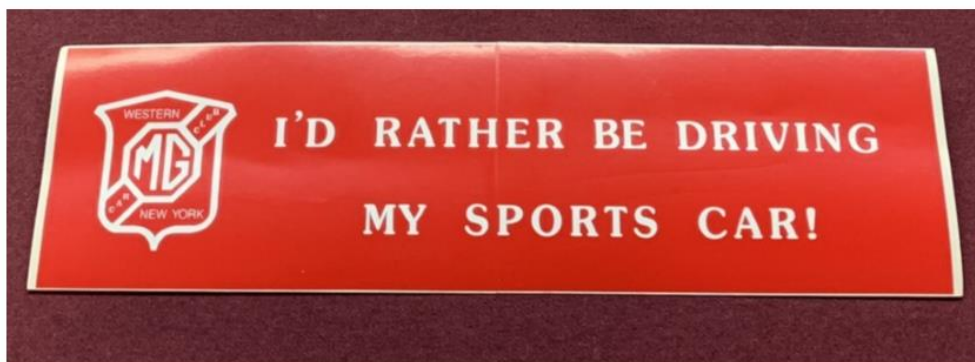
LIMITED SUPPLY  
Octagon Key Ring  
\$3.00



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.

# Cars and Parts For Sale

*Please inform the editor when your ad should be removed*

## NOTE:

Ads will run for **90 days** and then be removed.

Unless of course, you contact us asking to continue.

As always, there is no charge for these.

Commercial enterprises wishing to run a half or full page ad, please contact Al Fink, [alcycle@hotmail.com](mailto:alcycle@hotmail.com)

**For Sale:** Color Wiring Diagrams 11x17 size; many cars to choose from \$17.95. Further details at [www.colorwiringdiagrams.com](http://www.colorwiringdiagrams.com)

**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



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**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](mailto:davekeyes@aol.com)



**Got some parts, or car, you like to get rid of? Send a photo & an ad. It's free!**



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

Join/Renew

☐ New Membership

☐ 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...



# Bugeye Bingo

## (Frogeye in the UK)

It's so cute!	Honk!	Nice car!	Nice Bugeye!	Why is it so loud?
Head turns to watch you pass.	What is it?	Like a Go-kart!	How do you fit?	Nice Sprite!
Is that an MG?	Can you make it louder?	<b>Free!</b>	How fast does it go?	Zero to 60 eventually
My dad had one!	My first car was a Sprite!	I had one, it was a 67...	What is that thing?	Wanna race?
What's that ticking noise?	It's so small!	Where are the door handles?	Where is the wind up key?	It's smiling!

imgflip.com



See you next month!

