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Gran Prix Festival, Watkins Glen, Sept. 2019

photo by Bob Welch

Safety Fast!



Don's Corner

By Spokes editor, Don Welch



2026! - this is the start of my third year – never thought I'd hang on this long. But now look at our masthead – this is issue number 800! It's our 68th year! Our MG Club is not just a few dedicated members, we are the successors, and benefactors, of many MG lovers who have gone before. One of whom...

We are especially blessed this year to have a detailed account of the early history of our Club, by our friend and (very) long-time member, **Gil Langswager**. Be sure to catch this month's chapters on page 18.

Another new feature is a Book Review by **Alana Roberts**. She's a fan of MGs, and books, so she's generously offered her impressions on reading an interesting book of MG lore. If you like reading like I do, catch her review on page 16.

If you read this Spokes very carefully, you may find **Ken's new Bugeye**.

Our Holiday Party was... Well, if you were there...

What a warm, wonderful way to start the cold winter season. And it was Chairman Ken's birthday too!

Abundant Thank You's to **Celeste & Dave Kray**, to the staff at Glendoveers on Old Browncroft, and to everyone who came and enjoyed each others' company! Some pictures & your comments start on page 11.

For those of you not yet "partied out" **Annabelle** has again reserved Flaherty's in Macedon for a New Years Lunch, January 25th. Make your reservation – see page 8.



Gil & Betty with their '53 TD, May 2021



Happy New Year!

Safety Fast!



Don



I sent out a request for a nice photo for **our cover** this month. Within hours you offered quite a few. I chose one which appealed to me, but there were many good ones. So take a look at page 44 for a photographic treat!

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MEETINGS – Held the third Thursday of each month, except December, at the American Legion, 260 Middle Rd., Henrietta, NY 14467. Board Meetings are held in odd-numbered months and are open to all members. Contact the chairman regarding the scheduling of the next board meeting and to request your item to be added to the agenda, for either the general meeting or Board meeting.

Welcome Our 2026 Officers!



From: toddblack

Sat, Dec 13 at 2:07 PM

Hi Don,

Unfortunately, Donna & I weren't able to attend the wonderful party.

I would like to express my gratitude for being a member of such a terrific club as ours.

It's been an honor to serve as treasurer for the past 3 years.

In many ways, we're just like our MG's & other LBC's: vastly different, yet strikingly similar, and a bit or a whole lot older.

Sincerely & Safety Fast!
Todd & Donna

Chairman's Corner

by Ken Barlow

Welcome to January Spokes! The board nominations and elections went so well in October and November that we decided to throw a holiday party in December, coincidentally it was on my birthday, and for that, I'm grateful. It was a great way to end the day and it will be described properly elsewhere in this issue. My opinion, it was lovely, warm, friendly, we were well fed, the company was great. So many people attended, and it's so rare to be in a room of so many friends, you can't help but enjoy it from the bottom of your heart. Can't wait to do it again. For now, the club stands at rest this month and we're healthy, happy and building energy for the Spring. Let's hit the January meeting (Eric is running it, I'll be in Singapore being attacked by monkeys) with a renewed spirit and get through Saltwinter's Eve on January 29th this year, and hold vigil for the next day, the 30th's, Midsaltide feast and car parts unwrapping ceremonies, and before you know it, it'll be unwrapping day, when we all pull our cars from storage and drive them on salt-free roads for the first time in 2026. See the other article for an explanation.



I do have a few grievances to air, as is traditional with Festivus season after all, and since we are hard upon New Years, why not make a few resolutions too? I feel like I didn't do enough last year? I know that might sound strange, having been to more than one cruise night a week and several car shows, and every Cars and Coffee, most of the car show thank-you drives, the fall tour and about a dozen other events. I didn't fix my speedometer problem, or my tachometer problem, or my gas gauge problem. I only attended one race last year and zero autocross events. So maybe in the new year, we swap out some weekends at home for weekends out of town, skip a few cruise nights and car shows on those weekends, and go racing. In 2026, I'll try and get to a few more races. Specifically, VARAC Vintage Grand Prix in Mossport (Canadian Tire Motorsport Park) the weekend of June 19-21, and it would be good to attend the racing at Lime Rock in May. It makes for a fun weekend, and you get to help out your fellow car club members. As for autocross, I had a hard time locating a properly rated helmet at a reasonable price, is the excuse I use, but most of them were on days I just had a conflict. I think 2026 will include at least a few, hopefully the inaugural event in the Spring, and a few through the season. We will make the drive to Seneca Army Depot and gawk at all the fun cars and fun times, then give it a shot. Hopefully not break anything. Being honest, probably just me solo, unless someone can convince Chris to autocross her Camaro? Our Hagerty Driver's Club membership gives us plenty of towing mileage to get the car home from there, and I can always ride with the tow truck. No problem. Or maybe tow one fun car with another fun car! Tow the Bugeye behind the Camaro! Flat towing with an A frame rigid connection between the two? It worked for my dad towing his Mk2 Sprite for years behind the family station wagon. Heck, nothing bad happened towing until he got a dedicated trailer, then one day after a race weekend a wheel fell off and passed them as they went down the hill into the village of Watkins Glen from the track. Thankfully, some lady's sedan stopped the wheel from reaching terminal velocity. Could have been a real disaster, instead, just a banged up fender and a new wheel axle. Heck, wheels are still falling off our vehicles to this day. Can hardly blame the wheel.

OK all that said, let's get to it. In 2026 we need some resolutions and a plan of action:

- to fix the gas gauge, speedometer, tachometer, dynamator... for real guys, I mean it. It's a new year's resolution, so you know I really mean it.
- drive in autocross
- crew at more race weekends

- the whole club to finish tweaking the bylaws and get them voted into place
- everyone who is staying at the Seneca Lodge registered for the Grand Prix Festival weekend in September 10th through the 13th, with the Grand Prix Festival on Friday, September 11th, 2026 and get your CC #'s to Melissa at the Seneca Lodge to secure your room
- everyone to GET A CAR ON THE ROAD, I won't mention names but if you feel called out, it's because you are being called out. If you need help just ask, I'm happy to turn a wrench and break someone else's bolts off for a change
- everyone with a Sprite or Midget to attend one event (or more), like get them all to our car show? All of them. We can lend out drivers if you want to bring a different car to the show. It'll be fun. I'll bring snacks.

Grab some business cards while you're at the meeting. I think Joe Belizia has them? He shouldn't be burdened with them though, he has enough on his plate. Maybe we can get the bylaws changed to have the secretary carry and supply the business cards?

See you in February.

Our next meeting is
 January 15th, 7:30 PM,
 American Legion, 260 Middle Rd,
 Henrietta, NY 14467

Safety Fast!

Ken

KB

Reminder: 2026 Dues are Due!

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

There are three ways to renew your dues!!!

You can renew and pay \$30 online at: <https://mgcarclub.com/join/>

You can give your \$30 payment in person to **Celeste Kray**, Treasurer, or an officer, at any meeting or gathering.

You can mail your \$30 check made out to MG CAR Club to: **Celeste Kray**, Treasurer MG Car Club, 3470 Lacrosse Circle, Canandaigua, NY 14424



MGCC Winter Lunch

Sunday, January 25, 2026
Noon ~ 3:00pm
at

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(That's **Route 31**, a mile east of Lollipop Farm)



- **Seating is in a large private room with our own restrooms**
- **We will be ordering off their full menu**
- **Separate checks will be provided**
- **Handicap accessible**



There will be a SIGNUP sheet at the January 15 MGCC General Meeting

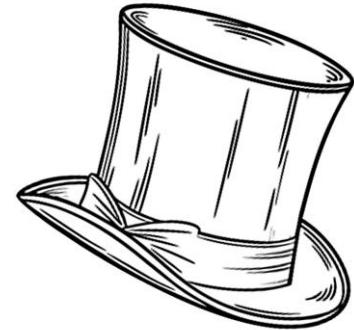
RSVP by Jan 23 to Annabelle Tescione
mogman@frontier.com

This page is a great new idea from Ken B. to give us all a chance to publicly thank club members, and others, who have lent us a helping hand. 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!

Tip of the Hat to **Dave Kray**. Dave and I lost our MGB's this summer going to the NAMGBR convention this summer. Looking for a replacement car I thought I found one in Greensboro, North Carolina. Dave joined me on a trip to look at a 1972 MGB. With Dave being the voice of reason, I declined the purchase. A month later I came across a 1970 MGB in Canada. Again Dave joined me in my journey there to look at it, and I ended up purchasing it. Dave thanks for all your help and support during the process.

- John Leible



To **Bill DeVos** from all of us, for putting together such a fine 2026 MG Calendar! When we each got one at the Holiday Party it sure did quiet down – we were all paging through our new calendars!

Tip of the hat to **Celeste Kray**, and her assistant, **Dave Kray**, for organizing our wonderful Holiday Dinner at Glendoveers. And a special Thank You to **Annabelle** and all of you who made Marlene so welcome at her first event with us. We had a very nice time!

- Don W.

Kudos to **Naomi Wadsworth** as she goes over and above in helping me with my MG leather upholstery Project, as she has made numerous trips to the Rezepkowski's pole barn/shop in Livonia where my Midget is being stored this winter. She came to meet me to pick up the seats & met me again a couple of additional times for bits and today she and her husband removed the tough top door rails to be later covered with leather, before I even arrived! Thanks also goes out to **Dick and Marleen Rezepkowski** for letting us in, always with a smile! :)

- Joe Bellizia



A Night at the Indykart Raceway

Indoor Electric Karting

17 Miracle Mile Drive, (The Marketplace Mall) Rochester NY 14623



Tuesday, February 17, 2026

We will assemble there at 5:30 pm. After racing we will go to McGregor's Grill & Tap Room.

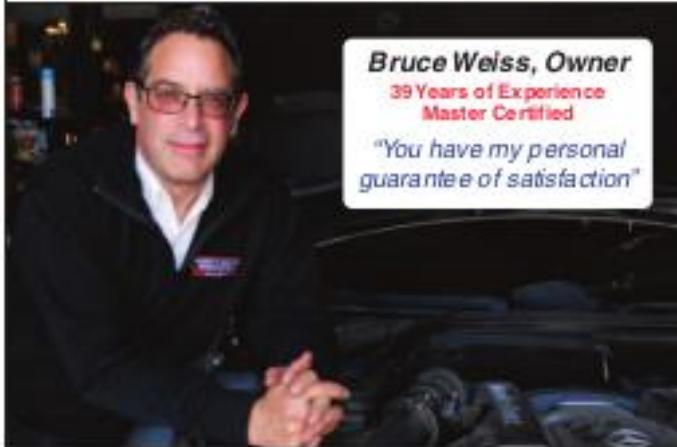
If you do not want to go to the Raceway you can meet us at McGregor's, 2205 Buffalo Road, Rochester NY 14624 at 7:30 p.m.

Price of non-member for two heats \$40.00 plus \$3.00 fee for a headsock (must be worn to utilize our public helmets.) If you have your own helmet, you can bring that with you. Members price is \$30.00 for two races plus your headsock.

If you are interested, please email Dkray1@aol.com, or text Dave Kray at 716-821-9115, so we know how many racers will be coming to the raceway and how many will be coming to the Tap Room afterward. Hope to see you there.



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Our MGCC Holiday Party

Glendoveer's Party House, December 12th



Dan Suter
Sat, Dec 13 at 10:16 AM

Thanks to Celeste and Dave Kray for organizing a really wonderful holiday party for the club last night at Glendoveers.

Thanks to Ken for his ongoing work as Chairman and for his talk last night.

Thanks to Annabelle for distributing the club calendars.

It was a great turnout and very nice to see and visit with many club members.

Dan



by George H.



'NAOMI WADSWORTH' via mgccarclub

Sun, Dec 14 at 6:36 AM

I had a wonderful time thank you so much for organizing another amazing event!!

Naomi



Doreen Wilson

Sat, Dec 13 at 4:45 PM

Wonderful party. Great Hosts in Celeste and Dave. Food was very good and the Glendoveers offered great service. Great company and had a good time.

Thank you all that helped 🙏

Gary and Doreen

Harold Rodman

Sat, Dec 13 at 11:49 AM

I couldn't agree more !

Thank you to all the organizers and officers who do yeoman's work for the club

Rod



George Heissenberger
Sat, Dec 13 at 11:59 AM

Hear Hear! Great job by all! Happy Holidays to everyone!

George & Peggy



Holiday Party, cont'd



'ROBERT ABELS' via mgcarclub
Sat, Dec 13 at 1:57 PM
Thanks to Celeste and Dave for hosting a great holiday dinner, and thanks to Ken for a great job of as our leader this year. Bob & Georgean



Cheryl Baldwin
Sat, Dec 13 at 12:34 PM
Dittos! We enjoyed the food and people. Thanks.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Cheryl and Bill



'dkray1@aol.com' via mgcarclub
To:MGCC - All
Sun, Dec 14 at 8:40 AM
It is always so nice seeing everyone dressed up at the Holiday Party. Have enjoyed coordinating with Glendoveers so that it goes smoothly. I know that Erin and Justin will feel the same.
The thanks goes to you wanting to celebrate the holiday together. It's always a wonderful time and too short because we never get to talk to everyone. It's great to see all of our new members along with our long time members having a great time together.
Hope everyone's Holidays are wonderful and that everyone has a healthy and happy New Year. (And make a lot of memorable memories in 2026 on your travels close and far)
Dave and Celeste



Holiday Party, cont'd



Annabelle Tescione

The MGCC Holiday Party was outstanding this year! We had record setting attendance, fantastic food and service and, most of all, old and new friends. Kudos to the Krays and all who worked diligently to pull it all together so successfully. I consider it such a gift to be part of this community of folks, all crazy car lovers, all fun and interesting and a joy to spend time with. As Hollis mentioned in an earlier note, surely those beloved longtime members whom we have lost are smiling down, giving a nod of approval that the MGCC-WNY spirit of enthusiasm and community continues to thrive. Here's to more in 2026!

Annabelle



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Car Nuts Breakfast

Photos by Annabelle Tescione



Car Nuts meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9:30 AM at the Bay Front on Empire Blvd. as always. Y'all are welcome - no reservations, just show up!



Frank DeMarzo

Fri, Dec 12 at 4:36 PM
The bench on the Erie Canal in memory of Jared has finally been installed. Wanted to get some pictures to you all as the club made a donation toward the purchase.
It is just east of the one-way bridge off Liftbridge Lane.
Thank you again from Wendy and myself for the donation.



"They Started in MGs"

A Book Review by Alana Roberts, JD

They Started in MGs by automotive author Carl Goodwin is a richly rewarding dive into the early careers of some of motor-sport's notable (and sometimes overlooked) drivers who cut their teeth behind the wheel of an MG. The book shines a spotlight on the 1950s era when lightweight, affordable MGs such as the TC, TD, TF and MGA provided an accessible entry point into sports-car racing, particularly in the post-war American scene.

What the Book Covers

The book features about 80 driver profiles — from legends to lesser-known racers — who began their motorsport careers in MGs. Among them are famous names like Carroll Shelby, Phil Hill, John Fitch and many others.

For each driver, Goodwin combines firsthand interviews, personal recollections, and period photographs to recreate the atmosphere of early club and track racing, giving life to the small-car beginnings of people who later made big names for themselves.

The book also captures the appeal and ethos of MG cars in that era: lightweight, driver-focused, and relatively affordable. They were simply put ideal for aspiring racers.

What Works Well — Its Strengths

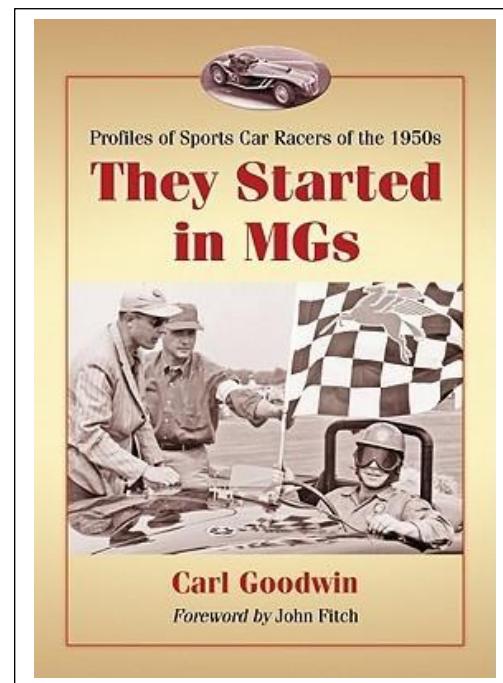
The book offers a wide-ranging view of how MGs served as the proving ground for a full spectrum of drivers, from those who became legends, to those whose names are less well known but whose stories are no less compelling and deserving to be heard.

The use of interviews and contemporary photos gives the book authenticity and texture: it doesn't just recount results. It conveys the passion, uncertainty, camaraderie, and grit of early sports-car racing.

For MG enthusiasts, like our club, a strong sense of why MGs matter historically is provided: not just as fun road cars, but as catalysts that helped launch careers and build a rich racing heritage. Think the discovery of fire and invention of sliced bread.

Where It Is More Limited — A Few Caveats

Because of the large number of short profiles, individual entries are necessarily concise; readers looking for deeply detailed biographies may sometimes wish for more.



However, this also encourages self-guided research into drivers that peak the reader's interest.

The focus is largely on the 1950s transition from MGs to "bigger" cars; the book does not attempt a full history of the marque or of later MG models. Thus, it's best understood as a snapshot — not a comprehensive MG history.

Finally, as with any collection of recollections, some accounts inevitably reflect personal memory, which may blur detail or omit less flattering aspects of racing life.

Overall Verdict — Highly Recommended

For any member of the MG community, particularly in a club like ours, *They Started in MGs* is a rewarding read. It's a celebration of the "grassroots to greatness" story that lies at the heart of MG's sporting legacy. Goodwin's book honors not only the legends whose names are etched in history, but also the many lesser-known racers whose passion and perseverance helped define an era. It's a book that belongs on the shelf of every MG enthusiast.

Score: 5/5 Octagons

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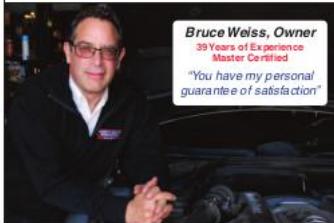
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We were sorry to hear that Simon Pontin
and the crew at Finger Lakes have decided
to retire, and close their shop as of the
first of the year. We in the MG Club wish
them all the best!

We are so fortunate to have this history of the early days of our MG Club, as recalled by one of our early members, Gil Langswager. It'll run for the next several issues. Two months are combined here.

The History of the MG Car Club

by Gil Langswager

Part One

The Western New York Centre, MG Car Club was conceived in the minds of seven hard bitten sports car enthusiasts over a few brews at the Waukesha Lodge in Tupper Lake. That was back in the fall of '57 and those seven hardy souls were Don Stahl, Gordon Rogers, Bill Baller, Bob Clapper, Brad Rising, Roger Jones and Bob Poshta. They brought this brainchild back to Rochester, a fair sized town already blessed with two sports car clubs, and attempted to breath it full of life. They breathed so damn hard that this young upstart grew quickly into a brash, noisy, swaggering, ready-to-do-anything, club-about-town. Drawing upon my complete collection of "Spokes" and my lousy memory, I will ramble on through the next few issues about this club, its activities and its people.



Waukesha Lodge

Before the club could be born application had to be made to the parent MG Car Club in Abingdon-on-Thames, England. At first they looked at a map of the colonies and, seeing that Rochester was barely an inch from Syracuse and about the same from Elmira, decided that things were getting a bit crowded and denied our application. Intervention by the Central New York Centre in Elmira changed their minds, however, and the Western New York Centre was officially born.

The first meeting was held in February, 1958 at the Rochester Gasoline Dealers Association on Franklin Square. This and the March meeting were full of the parliamentary proceedings necessary to the formation of an organization. A constitution had to be drawn up and officers had to be elected. There was a considerable amount of lively discussion about the constitution over such things as mandatory MG ownership. The group was in general accord, however, when it came to the election of officers. The original founders of the club were elected as follows:



Chairman Don Stahl

Vice-Chairman Gordon Rogers

Secretary Bob Clapper

Treasurer Brad Rising

Rallyemaster Barry Budlong

Director of Publications Doris Britt

Post-Rallyemaster Bill Baller

That "Post-Rallyemaster" job was created especially for Bill Baller. He was the official greeter, the toastmaster, the ice-breaker, the court jester—and he was called a few other things, too. How can we ever forget "YOU---OUT!!", "EVERYBODY IN DA POOOOOL!", and "NOW!!!!" Baller won over, or should I say overwhelmed, everyone who came to a club function. His magnetism swelled the membership quickly.

We had to have a club patch and at one of our early meetings several good ideas were presented. The final decision was for one that would closely resemble the official car badge. It had a gray background to emulate the chrome with maroon and white for the detail and lettering. This was as close as we could come to the real thing with embroidery.

The first newsletter was titled "Newsletter???" and offered a free rallye as a prize to the winner of a contest to name the newsletter. The feature article told of our members taking all but second place of the first five at SCCA's "March Hare" rallye. This was the start of a continuing invasion by our people into just about everybody's rallyes. The next month the results of Elmira's "Little 500" rallye had WNYC members first, third and tenth. I could go on and on because after that came Elmira's May rallye, SCCA's Preview, the National Historic and many, many others. It has been said of this club

History of the MG Car Club, cont'd

that it was made up of the hard core of sports car enthusiasts in and around Rochester. As this history unfolds I believe that you will find this proven time and again.

The second issue of the newsletter sported its new name "MG SPOKES," emblazoned above the first of Doris Britt's delightfully original cover illustrations. Ken Handler won the free rallye for this title.

Our first event was the "TOUR TO DUNKIRK" to coincide with the SCCA regional sports car races at the Dunkirk airport May 31st. It was a memorable event not easily forgotten, and certainly never to be duplicated.

Chairman Don Stahl's "Excerpts from Dunkirk" in the June issue of "Spokes," told of 6:00 AM breakfast, Australian disc jockey on the short wave at the first checkpoint, bongo

jockey on the short wave at the first checkpoint, bongo playing on the thruway, dinner at the White Inn, little get-together tonight, pyramid of beer cans, bunny hop at 3:00 AM, the return of McGovern, no showers, no water, next day at the race, rain, twenty under an army blanket, sun, more rain and the end of a real weekend.

There were 18 cars entered. Bill McGovern and Carl Clark took first place.

Well that's how it started—with a bang (or should I say blast). From this point on things began to happen. This club did things that other clubs were trying to figure out before we were even a gleam in Don Stahl's eye.

NEXT MONTH-----GYMKHANA, RACE, AL ROSS, TOUR TO

Part II

Last month I mentioned some of the first happenings in our new little club. I could go on about our "first" gymkhana, our "first" race, our "first" beer blast - but I'll only be repeating myself. Heck, this club was first in just about everything and the things we weren't first in, we did so much better than the last time they were done we might as well have been first.

At one of our early meetings we had David Ash, a worthy representative of BMC, as our guest speaker. He drove a twin cam MGA up from New York for the evening. I believe it was one of, if not the first twin cam in the country. Anyway, we were among the first to put our grimy paws on it and it didn't take Gordy Rogers long to glom onto one.

In July 1958 our officers had dinner with John Thornley, the general manager of the MG Car Company. He is a very British gentleman with a keen wit who is delightful company. I'm sorry to say that I wasn't there to meet him. Our leaders made many, many points with him and, as a result, put us in solid with the parent organization.

About this time Al Ross happened to Rochester. Don Stahl and some of the other boys had met him down in New Jersey. He liked what the boys told him about our club so he joined. Don invited him to spend a weekend with us and he did---what a weekend. I can't really describe Al Ross, you have to meet the guy. He's the focal point of any gathering - something like feeding time at the zoo. He'll monopolize all conversation and you'll love it. But, this still doesn't describe him. Anyway, the weekend started at the monthly meeting on Friday night and wound its way from bar to breakfast to bed to brunch. Then came a lawn party at Don's with beer and hots. When that slowed down it moved to Doris's place on the bay for beer and bongos, mimics and maracas, beer and pizza and---oh boy!!!!!!

The gymkhana was a very interesting event with a turnout of 41 cars. Dave Asmuth won it in his Austin Healey. This event included a blind driving test that was the most difficult and the most fun. Did you ever try to drive a car blindfolded and have somebody tell you, "Straight you idiot!", or "This way" pointing his hand? In those days more than half the cars at our

events were MG's and a goodly number at those were "T" series cars.

Seeing as how we'd tried rallying, touring and gymkhana-ing it seemed logical to next try racing. The fairgrounds were handy, Larry Bubel and Chuck Heindl organized the thing and there you had the sure-enough excitement and thrills of a real race. It was my misfortune to be off a-soldiering for two weeks so I missed it. They tell me it was great. There were 14 cars racing, MG's, Austin Healeys, and Triumphs. Jack Sheldon won the first race for MG's in an "A" with Joe Rizzo second and Doris Britt third. The second race for Healeys and Triumphs was taken by Bill Gard closely followed by Dave Asmuth and Pop Webb. The feature race proved that a dirt stock car oval more suits the MG's than the big stuff when Jack Sheldon and his MGA finished way out in front of Bruce Norton's and Doris Britt's "A"s and much further ahead of the rest. Take note that our favorite girl friend and newsletter editor showed a lot of the boys how it's done. This was just an appetizer though, wait 'til next year.

Our July issue of the newsletter carried a road test; as do a lot of enthusiasts' publications. This one was – well, different somehow. Its title was "Road Testing the Baller Family Jewel". This is so good that it will be reproduced in its entirety in the next issue of "Spokes".

Getting on a bit now to the beautiful month of October and the Tour to Tupper. This was a leisurely tour on highways and byways from Webster to Tupper Lake for a weekend of conviviality. We had good accommodations at the Red Top Motel and our victory banquet at the Waukesha Lodge. The Waukesha is a lively place to spend an evening and we helped make it a little livelier that evening.

Please note that this is where it all started about a year previous which gave us one more reason to celebrate. When this weekend was over everyone agreed that this type of thing should be an annual affair.

A last business type note - the club discussed the possibility of an event every month in the coming year. They then voted unanimously for it. Next Month; more history



The traditional holidays of Saltwinter's Eve and The Midsaltide Feast

by Ken Barlow

The mid-winter holiday was celebrated in ancient times, and is making a comeback.

Ages ago, when our car loving ancestors first spread out salt upon the Earth to melt the ice, they noticed a trend; their cars started rotting with a disease similar to leprosy! Some thought, "this a minor problem", but some, those few most enthusiastic about their vehicles, thought to divide their vehicles into two groups, those to be preserved and those to be sacrificed.

They called them Summer Cars and Winter Cars. In the old German, "Genussvolles Sommerauto" and "Wintertreiber". You could use the Winter Car during the summer, but not the Summer Car during the winter, unless you moved South.

Eventually, a tradition appeared among the most enthusiastic car guys, the Feast of Midsaltide.

Celebrated midway between the first salt fall of autumn, and thus the last day the Summer Cars were allowed on the road, and first cleansing rain of Spring, and thus the first day the Summer Cars were allowed back on the roads, though these dates varied by the local calendar, we finally settled on a single day.

Saltwinter's Eve arrives on January 29th this year, and we'll hold vigil for the real holiday the next day, the 30th's Midsaltide Feast!

Saltwinter's Eve is traditionally celebrated with bourbon while sitting on the stoop to your garage staring at your car under its cover. If the car is parked remotely, you stare at nothing, or you stare at the first unfinished project car, or the second unfinished project car. Sometimes you may stare at the third unfinished project car. But only if the winter thus-far has been extremely deep and cold. The bourbon is optional, the staring is not.

Whether you sip your preferred beverage or not, you must thumb through your favorite parts book, ours probably the Moss Motors Catalog, though some versions of this tradition require Jeggs or National Parts Depot, JP Cycles or the really demented of the followers flip through a tome called "MOPAR Parts Catalog". You work your way front to back examining upholstery, (leather seat covers look, feel and smell nice), disk brake upgrade kits, 5 speed or overdrive transmission kits and circle the ones you really want. When you reach the back of the catalog, you go back to the start and put an X through those you know you can't possibly afford without marital strife, like the leather seat covers, the disk brake upgrade kits and the 5 speed or overdrive transmission kits.

After a few more drinks, and maybe a reorganization of your pliers drawer in your toolbox, it's a mess and you know it, you head back inside to binge watch some Top Gear, saving your



strength for tomorrow. For tomorrow is The Feast of the Midsaltide!

At first light, around 08:36, you grunt and fart your way out of bed and into the bathroom, and about 09:30 you eagerly head down to the garage stoop where you circled all the options the night before. When you fling open the garage door, what do your wondering eyes behold? Boxes and boxes of spares have arrived as if by magic overnight! Boxes filled with those leather seat covers, the 5 speed transmission kit, the disk brake conversion kit and more! You open more and more boxes, uncovering things you forgot you ordered, but somehow they arrived just the same. How many will you remember ordering for yourself? No idea. That's part of the fun!

It's The Feast! Will you get them all installed before the great unsalting in April? Who knows! The important part is that your wife didn't notice the charges in December with all the other bills for Christmas, you managed to slip in all the stuff you wanted to work on before Spring. That new soft top! In mohair! (I don't know how you shave a mo and weave its hair, but it is soft.) That new-to-you set of wheels, they were a great find on Marketplace. That rear sway bar that is so sorely needed, because your car that handles like a go-kart and you drive like an old lady heading to church needed tighter traction on cornering is here too. It's indeed, the Feast of Midsaltide. You'll get to the upgrades soon, for now, the fresh coffee does nothing for the sub-freezing weather in the garage. So with a sigh and a "see you real soon", you head back inside to warm up and prepare your story for how these things all arrived on the same day.

January 20th, The Feast of the Midsaltide comes to a close around noon, with visions of clean engine bays dancing in our heads, we go back to our winter slumber, counting down the next 75 days until April 1st, the day we're allowed to retrieve our cars from storage, though it's usually too cold to drive them anywhere but home.

Look for your Saltwinter's Eve card in the mail mid-January.

-Ken

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MG Car Club, Inc. Western New York Centre proposed By-Laws (Draft)

1. Name and Purpose

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

2. Meetings

- a. There shall be at least ten meetings scheduled per year including a meeting in November. The meeting in November shall be known as the "Election" meeting. The meetings in other months shall be known as "General" meetings.
- b. Notice of the Election meeting shall be posted on the Club website calendar not less than ten days prior to the meeting.
- c. A quorum shall consist of two elected officers and one-tenth of the members in good standing.
- d. A quorum shall be required when voting for By-laws, Motions or when electing Club Officers.
- e. The election of officers shall take place at the Election meeting.
- f. The minutes of each meeting shall contain accurate recording of any motions or balloting. The minutes shall be submitted to the *Spokes* editor for inclusion of the next issue of *Spokes*.

3. Elected and Appointed Officers

- a. The elected officers and the appointed officers shall be known as the "Board".
- b. The elected officers of this Club shall consist of:
 - i. Chairman;
 - ii. Vice Chairman;

- iii. Secretary;
- iv. Treasurer;
- v. Activities Director;
- vi. Trustee 1 - to be elected by a majority of the membership at the annual election;
- vii. Trustee 2 - shall be the immediate past Chairman of the Club. In the case of the immediate past Chairman declining the position, the Trustee 2 position will be elected by a majority vote of the membership at the Election meeting;

c. No elected officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years unless no member is nominated for that position. In that case the officer may maintain their position for another year.

d. Nominations for Officers will be made at the General meeting prior to the Election meeting or by email to the Chairman or Vice Chairman prior to the General meeting before the Election meeting.

e. In the event that there is only one candidate for an elected position the Chairman may cast one vote as the unanimous deciding vote.

f. A vacancy in any office shall be filled at the next General meeting by nominations from the floor and a majority vote of the members present. Exception shall be the automatic promotion of Vice Chairman to Chairman.

g. The term of office shall commence January 1 following the Election meeting. The elected term of each officer shall be one calendar year.

h. The appointed officers shall consist of:

- i. Librarian;
- ii. Webmaster;
- iii. Regalia Coordinator;
- iv. *The Spokes* Editor;
- v. Club Historian

i. Appointments of appointed officers shall be recommended by the Board and approved by a majority show of hands by the membership at a General meeting or Election meeting.

4. Duties of Officers

a. Duties of the Chairman:

- i. Preside at all meetings.
- ii. Appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

- iii. Enforce the observance of the by-laws.
- iv. Cast the deciding vote in case of ties.

b. Duties of the Vice-Chairman:

- i. Perform all the duties of the Chairman in his absence.
- ii. Be a liaison between the Board and committee chairpersons.
- iii. Procure insurance certificates thru NAMGBR for sanctioned Club events where required.

c. Duties of the Secretary:

- i. Keep the minutes at Club meetings.
- ii. Provide the *Spokes* Editor and Webmaster notice of all meetings, special meetings, all coming Club sanctioned events, and such other information as given him/her by other Officers for publication in either the *Spokes* or the Website and if applicable posting to the Club email list.
- iii. Update and maintain a copy of the By-laws document including revision date and details of any changes or additions.

d. Duties of the Treasurer:

- i. Receive and disburse all funds.
- ii. Keep accurate records of all receipts and expenses.
- iii. Make a summary financial report at each General meeting and a detailed financial report at the Election meeting.
- iv. Be responsible for maintaining the Club membership roster.

e. Duties of the Activities Director:

- i. Coordinate all Club-sanctioned events. No Club-sanctioned event shall be staged without the Activities Director's approval.
- ii. See that trophies or awards are provided as necessary for each event if required.
- iii. See that Club-sanctioned events will be published in the *Spokes*, published in the Website and sent to the Club email list.

f. Duties of the Trustees:

- i. Assist the Board with planning and decision making
- ii. Maintain contact with England and the other MG Car Clubs in the US and Canada.
- iii. Provide Club history to the Board.
- iv. Assist the Board with research and special projects.

g. Duties of the Librarian:

- i. Maintain the Club library items.
- ii. Maintain a list of the library items available to members.
- iii. Oversee the loaning and return of library items to the members.

h. Duties of the Webmaster:

- i. Update and add pages to the website as requested by the Board.
- ii. Maintain and update the website mechanics.

i. Duties of the Regalia Coordinator:

- i. Maintain and track Club regalia items available for sale.
- ii. Provide the accounting of purchases and sales of regalia items to the Treasurer.

j. Duties of the *Spokes* editor:

- i. Collect articles and information about Club activities.
- ii. Do their best to provide a monthly publication which minimally includes the minutes of the preceding meeting.
- iii. Provide the Webmaster with an agreed upon format of the *Spokes* for publication in the website.

5. Membership

- a. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the Club and/or its activities.
- b. Membership dues shall be set for the following year at the Election meeting by vote of the membership. If a vote is not taken, dues shall remain the same as in the previous year.
- c. Membership renewals shall be the full year dues amount no matter what time of year they are paid. New members shall pay a prorated amount based on the month they join.
- d. Membership applications and dues renewals shall be presented to the Treasurer by the applicant. Dues may be paid on line through the Club website or in person to a Board Member at a Club-sanctioned event.
- e. It shall be the duty of each member to conduct himself/herself at all times in a manner such that no reflection of misconduct is placed against the Club.
- f. Members' partners/spouses are full members with voting privileges.

6. Resignations and Expulsions

- a. Resigning officers shall state their reasons, in writing or by email, to the Officers of the Club, and the resignation shall be accepted upon approval of the Officers.
- b. Acts that may warrant expulsion shall be brought before the Board for a hearing to determine whether the matter should be presented to the membership. If so, expulsion shall require a two-thirds vote by ballot of the members present at the next General or Election meeting. The

member in question shall be given an opportunity to be heard by the membership prior to balloting.

7. General Rules

- a. Announcements of sanctioned Club activities shall be:
 - i. Posted on the Club website.
 - ii. Posted in the *Spokes* magazine - if there will be a publication before the date of the activity.
 - iii. Sent at least once to the Club email list by the Activities Director.
- b. Alcohol of any kind shall not be purchased by the Club for consumption at Club events. Alcohol that is not to be consumed at the event may be purchased by the Club for prizes or giveaways at Club events.
- c. Voting shall be done using one or both of the following methods:
 - i. **In person** show of hands or in person paper balloting.
 1. If any member objects to a show of hands, paper balloting will be used.
 - ii. **Online** form on the Club's website or email collection.
- d. All presentations and any collections made for non-Club purposes or causes that take place at Club meetings and Club-sanctioned events shall be approved in advance by the Club's Board.

8. Amendments, Revisions and Alterations

- a. To amend, revise or alter the By-laws, the proposed change will be read by the Chairman at a meeting that shall be known as the "Proposal" meeting. Within 7 days following the Proposal meeting the Chairman will send the proposal to the Club's email list and to the Webmaster so the proposed change will be posted as a vote collecting form in the Club's website with notice of the online posting sent to the group email list.
- b. At the meeting following the Proposal meeting, called the Balloting meeting, an in person vote will be held. The votes shall be counted and combined with any online voting. If the combined number of votes reaches quorum, the combined votes will determine if the proposal is accepted.

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Veterans Outreach Center Cruise-In

We're working with the Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) in Rochester to participate in a car-related fundraising event in 2026. Our goal is to support the VOC by coordinating our club and other local car clubs to attend one of their events—ideally one with a venue suitable for a car gathering. The VOC would charge a modest entry fee, helping them raise funds. One possible event is their annual 5K race, which was held last August in Honeoye Falls.

Our responsibilities would include sending virtual invitations, promoting the event on social media, and showing up with our own vehicles. With even modest participation, we hope to help the VOC raise money through entry fees, flag sales, donations, or similar activities.

We're also considering offering the VOC a booth at our car show so they can connect directly with attendees and further their mission of supporting veterans in our community. If you're interested in helping coordinate this event with other car clubs, step up now, and we can start documenting a list of other clubs and social media sites on which to promote participation. -

Ken Barlow
Rochester, NY





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15	Leon	Zak
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18	Sue	Herschell
20	Justin	Foster
23	Brian	Schirano
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Jan. Anniversaries

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Happy Birthday



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

If you still think it's a mistake, send a note to the editor at spokes@mgcarclub.com

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

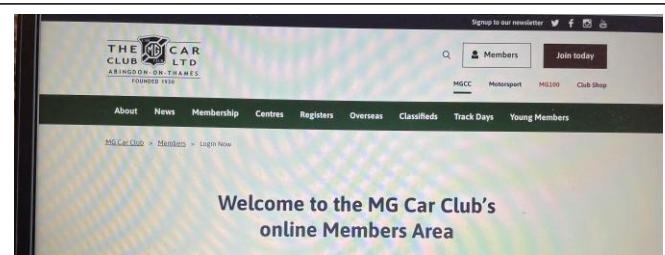
As shown in the login, the membership number and the email address are both defaulted.

(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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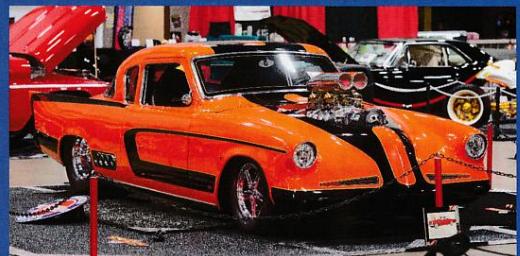
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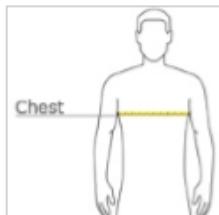
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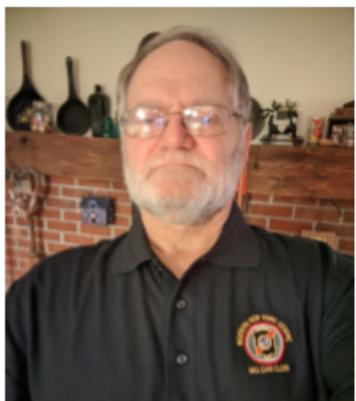
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2 Lg British Racing Green
1 Lg Black
1 Lg Red
1 Lg Navy
1 XL Navy

Hats: we have (15) remaining

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3 Khaki
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1 Purple
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(1) Remaining Grille Badges Are in Short 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

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

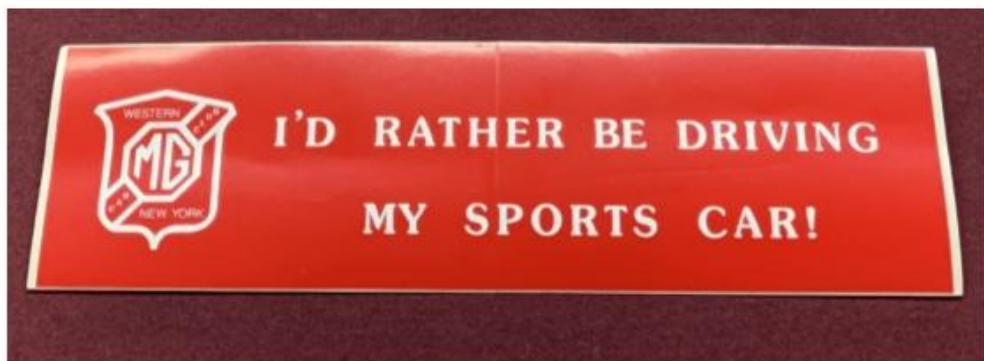


SOLD OUT



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.

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!

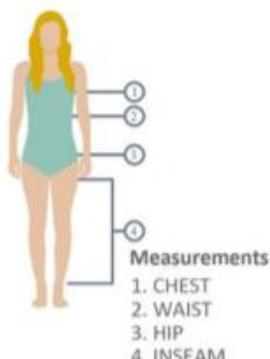
Product Description

- 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.



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.

Cars and Parts For Sale

Please inform the editor when your ad should be removed

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

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

On Wed, Nov 26, 2025, 9:48 AM <drcontant@icloud.com> wrote:

I am giving up trying to get title for my car. ('76 Midget)

Ready to sell for parts.

Located at Fab-Weld, corner of Dewey and Bloss (between Lyell & Emerson)

Denis Contant
Fab-Weld Corp
280 Dewey Ave.
Rochester, NY 14608
585-458-2500



I found two 1275 engines in Pennsylvania. Ended up picking them both up on Saturday along with a 73 Midget. Willing to sell the car with or without the engine and transmission.

Timothy Tracey
Tracey Door Co.
20 Hytec Cir.
Rochester, NY 14606
585-426-6060



Got some parts, or car, you'd 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 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

**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

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

Ken Barlow

Thu, Dec 25 at 2:36 PM

Madeline knitted this yesterday. It even has just one review mirror like my sprite, 😅 she's not taking orders, took too long to make



Annabelle

Thu, Dec 25 at 4:50 PM
Outstanding!

Justin Foster
Thu, Dec 25 at 6:22 PM
Wow

Hassan Gillani
Thu, Dec 25 at 7:11 PM
Amazing!!

jake barnard
Thu, Dec 25 at 7:12 PM
That is so cool

Suzanne Keppeler
Thu, Dec 25 at 11:02 PM
Adorable!!

Stephen Lewandowski
Thu, Dec 25 at 8:05 PM
I'll take 20!

Don Welch
Thu, Dec 25 at 8:05 PM
Knit or crochet Ken? It sure is neat!

Ken Barlow
Fri, Dec 26 at 7:33 AM
She said it took about 8 hours to complete, lol, she's can't even give you the pattern because she just winged it.

And Finally...

A few of the photos received after my December request



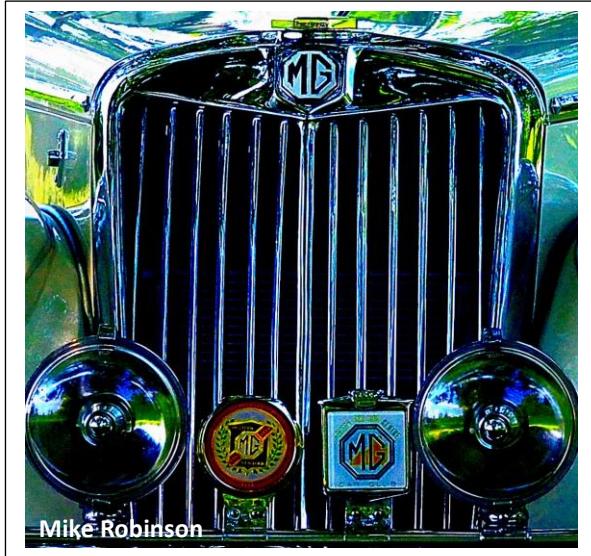
Don,
It was taken, I believe, just before the start of the Glenora Run at the Grand Prix Festival in Watkins Glen. Capture date was September 6, 2019 at 2:12PM. I'm looking south on Franklin St, near 8th St. Somewhere in there is Bill Benet, driving Desi's blue Morgan.
Best regards,
Bob



Don,
Found this picture of my grandson Alex taken a number of years ago. He is now 20 and learned how to drive on this car. - Al

THANK YOU!

To all of you who
answered the call



See you next month!



But Wait! There's more:



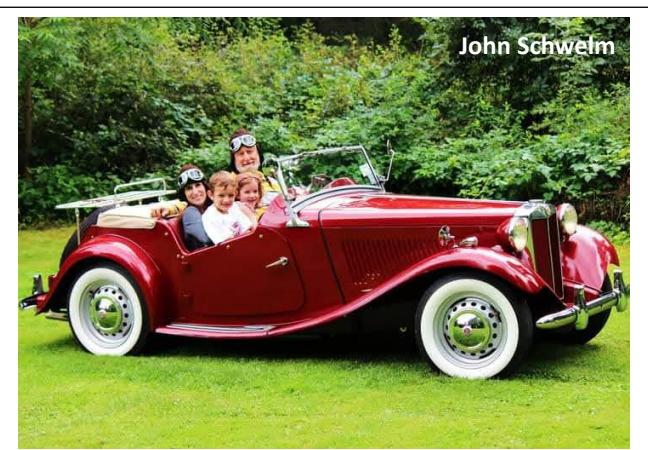
Gary Wilson



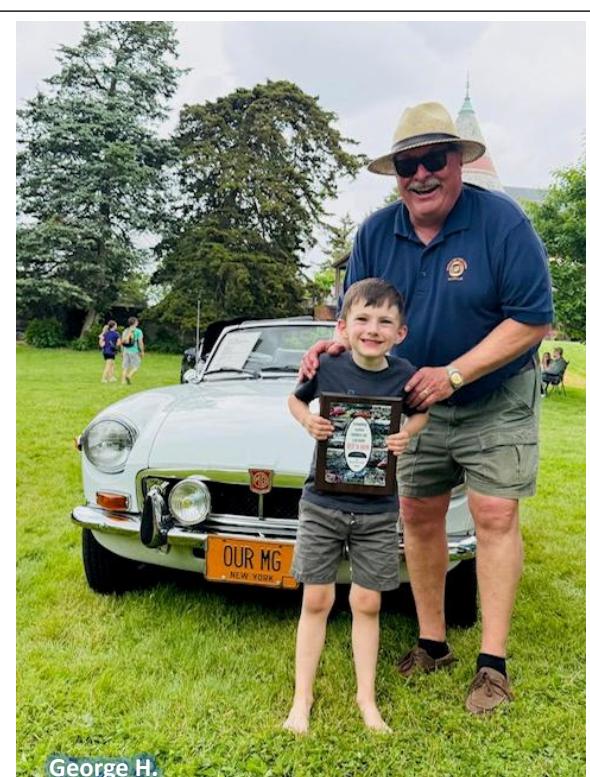
Rob Lillis



Bob Welch



John Schwelm



George H.

Don, Here is a photo of OURMG with my grandson and myself after we somehow won a best in show at the Sonnenberg Father's Day car show this past June.



John Schwelm



Bob Welch