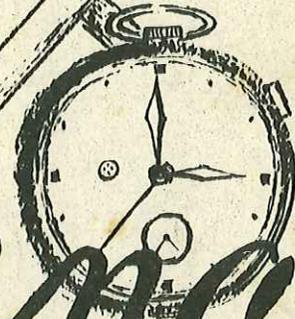
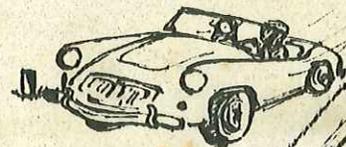
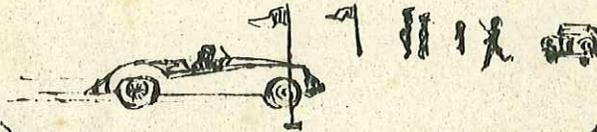
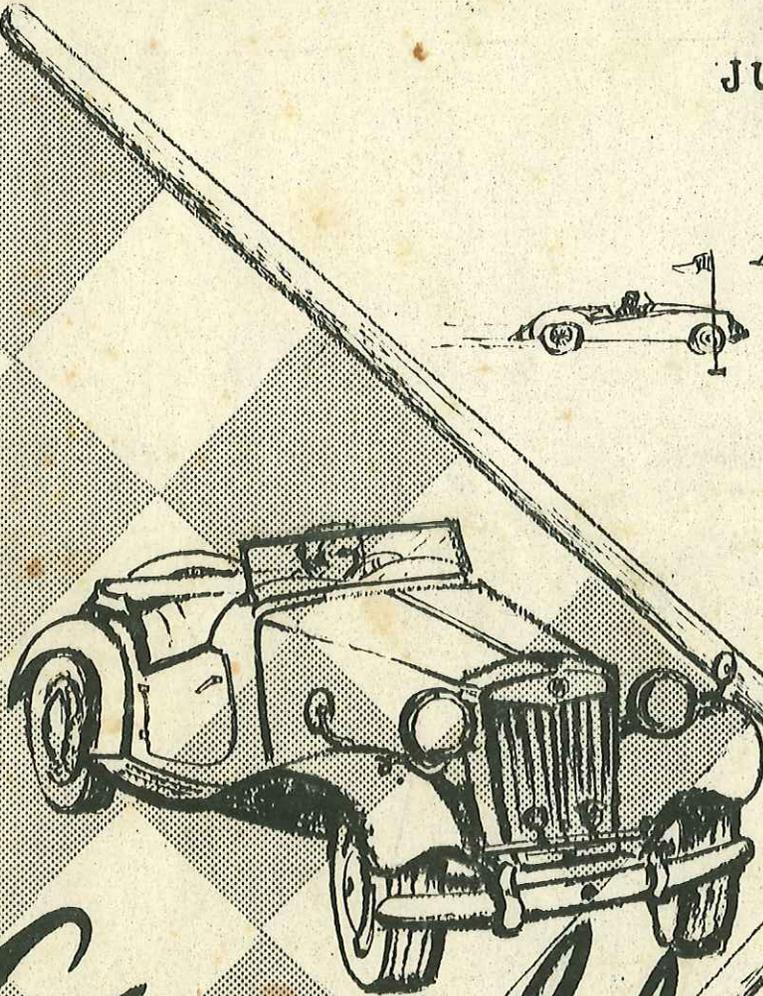




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# Gymkhana!

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# THE CHAIRMANS CORNER by Don Stahl

Congratulations are in order for all three of our racing members after their fine showing at the Glen last weekend. Barry Budlong first, Norm Webb 4th and Beulah Bailey 3rd overall in a race with much larger machinery. Rumor has it that Norm Webb will soon be racing one of the first 135 H.P. MG's in the country. A car like this in the hands of a driver like Norm should really be something to see.

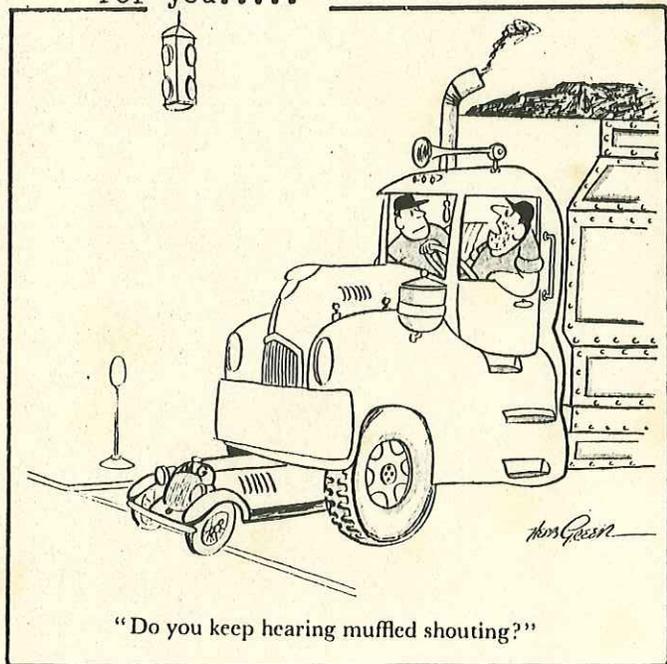
In the rallying dept. our members who turned out for the SCCA Historical Rallye in Syracuse had a terrific weekend. Our all girl team of Doris Britt and Louise Rogers came home with the ladies trophy. Bruce Norton and Ann Piacintini took 2nd place in the precision driving circuit. There were also five other cars from our centre along for the ride. It's hard to figure how we could get so lost when Doris had time to stop and draw pictures and punch dogs in the head and still stay on course. Must be women's intuition.

NEXT MEETING  
FRI. JULY 18th  
R.G.D.A.  
8:00 P.M.

On the 10th of this month the officers of the club are having dinner with Mr. John Thornley. Mr. Thornley is the General Manager of the MG Car Company. A full report on this meeting will be in the next newsletter.

In the past few weeks quite a few people have told me they think we should have an event every month. We would like to know what the feeling really is. If anyone has any definite ideas on this, I would appreciate it if you would drop me a line.

I hope everyone is saving the 19th of July for our get-together. Al Ross, our member from Trenton, N.J. and a swell guy, will be my house guest for that weekend, and is hoping to meet all of you. Lets all turn out to greet our "farthest away" member. We'll be looking for you.....







WESTERN N. Y. CENTRE

# Gymkhana!

THE WESTERN N.Y. CENTRE OF THE MGCC WILL PRESENT A GYMKHANA ON SUNDAY, JULY 27TH. TECHNICAL INSPECTION WILL BEGIN AT 12:30 PM WITH THE 1ST CAR AWAY AT 1:00 FROM THE WEGMAN PARKING LOT - CORNER OF FAIRPORT RD. (ROUTE 31F) AND MARSH ROAD PITTSFORD.

THE LADIES OF THE CLUB WILL PREPARE A PICNIC SUPPER FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AFTER THE GYMKHANA.



*Send application and fees to:*

Don Stahl - 1191 Jay Street - Rochester, New York

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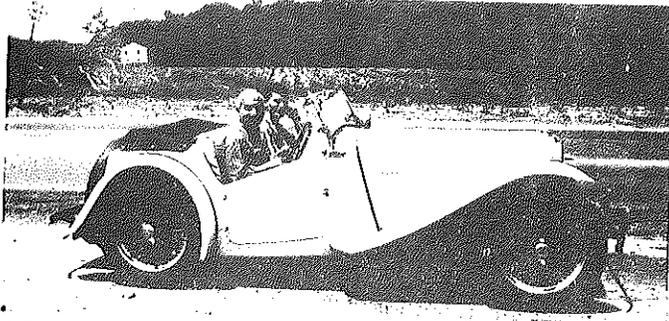
Dinners (\$2.00 each)

Entry (\$1.00)

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES- THUR. JULY 24<sup>th</sup>

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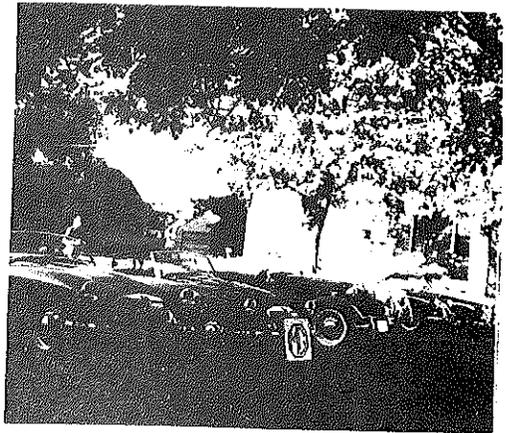
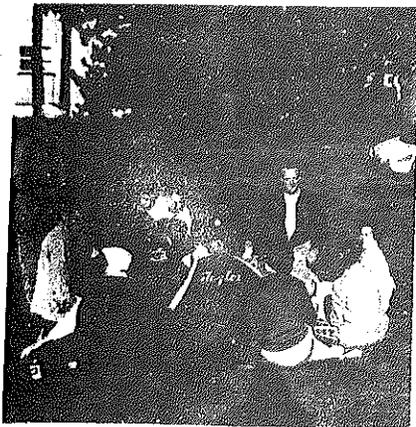




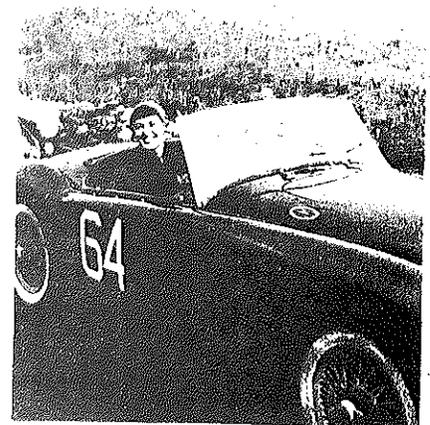
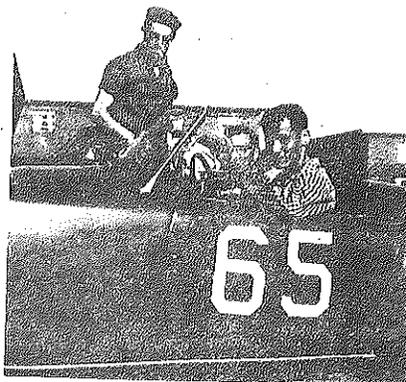
FROM TRENTON N.J. - AL ROSS, HIS NAVIGATOR AND HIS MGTB - AL'S STORY ON THE CAR APPEARS IN THIS ISSUE.



"WHEELS" EDITOR BILL HACKMAN



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"TROPHY HUNTERS"  
NATIONAL HISTORIC RALLYE  
JUNE 21-22



# LETTER FROM TRENTON

by AL ROSS

It all started in the Spring of 1954. In March I had bought a new Pontiac Custom Star Chief Catalina - the biggest, plushy-mushy thing they made, with an interior of beige and white leather, saniflush transmission, and all the gadgets including hot and cold running blonds. With this thing brand new, I simply don't know what gave me the idea that I wanted another car, but somehow or other I got the bug to pick up something and restore it, and frankly, I was looking for a '36 or '39 Ford roadster, or a '39, '40 Or '41 Cadillac or LaSalle convertible. (You can see that was before I was "educated") -but I am told the Lord looks over the poor and dumb, and since I am pretty much of each, He took double care of me!

A friend of mine dropped by one night just as I was about to check on a '39 LaSalle I had seen advertised. He mentioned that a dept. Head at Princeton had a pre-war MG-TB that he wanted to sell for \$300. This car was licensed, running but shamefully neglected.....This was the first time a foreign car entered my mind and an MG-TB meant no more to me than yesterdays newspaper. A week later I was informed the MG was \$150.....two friends and myself drove down to look at the TB. Shabby as it was, it "grabbed" me. I told my friends I'd buy it if they would help me restore it. Needless to say they were willing.. so I became the owner of an MG-TB.

After two and a half months of brainwork, sweat and patience it was ready for the paint shop, and believe me, I know every nut and bolt in that car by its first name!After all the

coach work was done, I had the engine overhauled locally... not satisfied, the car is now in Princeton being done properly.

There was an awful lot of work involved but also an awful lot of fun. I have often wondered, however, if I'd ever have the courage to do it again!

What did you say? - oh, the Pontiac! Well, before that was very old, I was driving the MG and quickly learned the true facts of (motoring) life. I kept the Michigan monster - actually forced myself to keep it until I could stand it no longer, and when it had only 19,000 miles on it, I traded it in on the Austin Healey!

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#### \*NOTE

On July 19th the MGCC will play host to Al Ross. We are planning an informal (casual dress) lawn party at 1191 Jay Street to welcome our N.J. member on his visit to Rochester. In the event of rain, the gathering will be transferred to 1044 Sunset Trail (on the bay) where everyone will crowd around the bongos and maracas to wait out the storm. Write down the date and plan to attend - for entertainment we will have Al Ross - for those who have met him, nothing more need be said!

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SAVE THE DATE-- SAT. JULY 19



## ROAD TESTING THE BALLER FAMILY JEWEL...

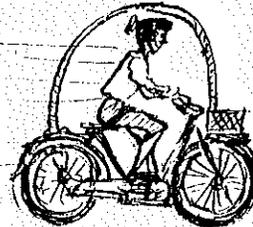
From Milford St. Comes word of a recent import which soon may set up a new standard of luxury transportation in this country. The vehicle is of the two wheel type and the body style affords a sense of relief from the present fad of fins, chrome, cupola's and modern dynamic tailpipes. We are fortunate indeed to have as our Post Rallye Master, the one person who can give us the complete data on this exciting little speedster.

During our interview, Mr. Baller disclosed that he made the purchase as a gift for his mother so that she too might enjoy the true super-sport feeling that we in the club have all experienced. Further pointing out the true nature of our Post Rallye Master I would like to expound on an act of completely unselfish generosity that our Mr. B. casually let slip out in his own modest way during his discourse. Showing no regret for the lost time, Bill gave up one of the best rallies of the year on Mother's Day to stay home and install the roll bar on his mother's bicycle so that she might ride in safety on the one day in the year when they let her out on her own! This must have been a joyful moment indeed for Mrs. Baller and we're all proud of you Bill.

As to date, here are the latest calculations on the Bavarian import: Standard equipment includes a single stroke crank chain with automatic pant guard. Two sure-grip mounted hard rubber pedal covers, (foam rubber available for summer barefoot driving) and a black wrought iron basket-weave luggage booty mounted on the single, one piece handle bar. Brakes are of the "quick stop and reverse hard" type and the upholstery is genuine leather. There is no data as yet on the cornering ability of

the vehicle as Mrs. B. is not allowed to travel off her own street. Optional equipment includes a tachometer which is red-lined somewhere around the ankle bone and a single beam headlight completes the modifications. Spoke wheels are standard on all models.

For any further information contact Bill Baller, 51 Milford St. - you will find him most willing to babble on for hours (even days) on the subject of this little gem!



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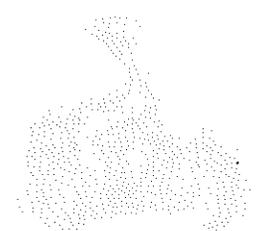
FOR SALE: - Halda Speed Pilot  
excellent condition - \$75.00  
Don Stahl-1191 Jay Street

FOR SALE: - Rebuilt water pump  
kit for MGTD -\$5.00  
Doris Britt - 1044 Sunset Trail  
(Webster)

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THEY JUST USE  
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## NATIONAL PREVIEW RALLYE

Ten cars from the MGCC entered SCCA's National Preview Rallye Sunday, June 15th. Buffalo's region played turn-about from our last trip up there by copping first place in the timed to a second run which was pattered after the national events.

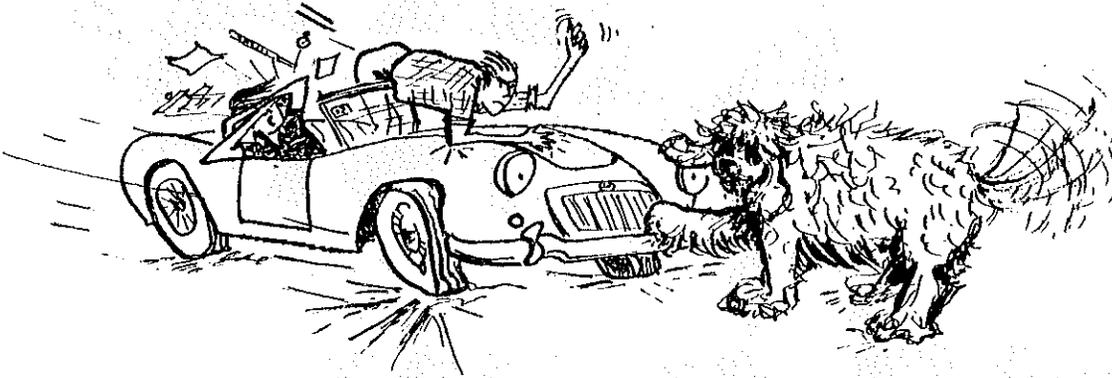
Awards were announced after the dinner at Valley Echo. MGCC members placed as follows:

### OVERALL POSITIONS:

3rd.....Clark and Bailey  
4th.....Stahl and Rogers  
13th....Bubel and Bubel  
16th....Hicks and Hicks  
22nd....Norton and Piacentini  
23rd....Rogers and Britt  
24th....Gervais and Gervais  
30th....Reeves and Berry

### GUESTS:

6th....Monahan  
12th...Tuttle



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### COMING EVENTS

July 12 - 13--Drivers School at Watkins Glen.

Competition -\$15(roll bar required)

Non-Competition-\$10(roll bar not required)

Race Controls-\$5

Box lunch included in fees.

contact: Kent Partridge  
101 Plymouth Ave.  
Mattydale 11,N.Y.

July 13--GVASC Trial & Tour Rallye

July 20--SCCA Team Rallye

July 27--MGCC Gymkhana

### NEW MEMBERS

The Western New York Centre is happy to welcome the following new members to the MGCC and looks forward to their participation in coming events:

Richard H. Coleman  
15 Florence Ave., Rochester, N.Y.

H. Hugh Turner  
116 Elm Dr., Rochester, N.Y.

Edward Corey  
447 Wilder St., Rochester, N.Y.

Steve Tuttle  
120 E. Elm St., E. Rochester, N.Y.

Dick Schuler  
423 Saganaw Dr., Rochester, N.Y.

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THAT OTHER RACE COURSE  
By Willi Hackman

Rolling across Wisconsin's dairy-land around 5 ayem on a Sunday morn, I found out the Badger State is one of milk and beer but no open gas stations. Not that I needed one, but the Alfa darned near wound up towing two Hillmans, both full up, all the way to Elkhart Lake and the Road America races.

I had decided to take one week of my vacation and pay a duty call to the old home town - Danville - in Illinois. I hadn't been back in four years; with changing times I had only a brother, a family and a few friends there. But how wrong I was; I had a ball, never stopping, always gabbing. I did 2,600 miles in the nine days, 800 in one, and I thought I spent most of the time sitting down.

Travel info - the Ohio Turnpike has a top speed of 65 but the folks do 85 and 90 without a pause. I didn't want to get picked up so I held the Little Jewel right up at 75 - and got buzzed all the way across the state. The young bloods and their gals would pull alongside in their hot Chevs and Fords, pause for a half a mo, and then drag right through Sunday traffic. Then they'd drift back and have another try, but I wasn't having any. But if it had been a winding side road.....!

While I didn't see any police action in Ohio, the troopers were very much alert in Indiana and Illinois. One busy Indiana road is patrolled from the air, with observers clocking cars through marked miles and phoning down to pickup cars whenever they spot a speeder. Watch out for any Indiana road that has its highway number painted on the concrete in big yellow figures. Those are the mile markers!!

The home town proved to have an independent sports car club and a lot of individual members in the SCCA. In a week or so the SCCA region is holding a gymkhana there and this is expected to draw a big turnout.

The Illiana Club gang talked me into going with them to the Road America races. They didn't have to talk hard - not after I realized the track was only 300 miles away. I had a date with a most interesting girl Friday night and we almost made the trip to Wisconsin together. But she couldn't shake her boy friend and we had to pull out at 0100 Sunday.

Everybody in the club had gone by that time, except for three couples and myself and a couple of stray individuals. The pace setter was an old hand on this route; he's one of the mechanics at the sports car agency and had been to Road America many times. Two Hillmans were used, carrying four each, and the Alfa had myself and another fellow.

The pacesetter really rolled (his Hillman had oversize jets) and the other followed me. But about 5 we lost the #2 at a junction. I circled back and after 7 miles found the Hillman dry as a bone. We scrounged around the crossroads community, found two drunks in a burned-out Plym, convinced them they weren't going anywhere, and bummed two gallons. Then we were off to the races, but in a couple of miles #1 ran dry - they were getting around 23 mpg - and #2 had to tow #1 while I guarded the rear. Happy day when we finally spotted an open gas station.

And so to the races, beer, sujburn, Suzy Dietrich, those Lister-Jags, a bored blonde in razzmatazz getup, leaky water hose - and finally home!

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# NATIONAL HISTORIC RALLYE

"Everybody in the pool!"  
The cry was heard echoing throughout the enclosed parking area at the beautiful Syracuse Sheraton Motel the weekend of June 20th - for there really was a pool - indoors and just off the cocktail lounge- umbrella covered tables and potted palms - the almost total absence of light being broken only by the underwater beams which cut through the water and reflected in the glass enclosing the area. Too Much? It almost was. I personally think it was an added form of handicap for the contestants of the National Historic Rallye - a perfect spot to relax after a hot days driving in the sun. An 81 car entry threw together almost 300 rallying people for the two days and three evenings- people from as far west as Chicago and as far south as Georgia. As is

usual everyone was congenial and gregarious throughout the weekend and the motel provided a soothing tonic for frayed nerves and tired minds after a day of timed to the second rallying.  
The rallye?- Excellent from both the driving and navigation standpoint - routes having been laid out to keep up constant interest with scenery which would delight even the most fervent Sunday driver! The instructions included timely pauses and detailed descriptions of the historic points of interest along the way and sweep cars were frequent to aid those who strayed too far off the beaten path. Needless to say the whole weekend was considered a huge success by those who attended!

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