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John Schwelm & his T's

***Safety Fast!***



## Don's Corner

By Spokes editor, Don Welch



**February:** It doesn't feel like it, but we're over Ken's "MidSaltide" hump. This winter seems like an exceptionally long time to go without putting a sports car on the road. I go out and charge up a battery once in a while, or even start a car up and let it run for a while – but it's too cold to stay out for long. Maybe the exhaust will give the animals some pause about their choice of winter quarters.

I think we all enjoyed **Gil Langswager's** first chapters on the history of our MG Club. Be sure to catch this month's installment on page 17.

**Alana Roberts** has written us another book review for LBC enthusiasts. If you like reading too, catch her review on page 15.

Our winter get-together luncheon at Flaherty's in Macedon was postponed by... winter weather! It is not rescheduled yet, but we are all huddled by the fire, waiting for word from **Annabelle**.



*In the back corner of the barn, plugged in*

IndyKart Racing night is February 17<sup>th</sup>, organized by **Celeste** & **Dave Kray**. Info is on page 10. Please take some pictures! I'll see you afterwards at MacGregors!

And help make our new treasurer **Celeste's** job a little easier – pay your dues if you haven't yet. I just did it – it's easy! Here's a link: <https://mgcarclub.com/join/>  
See page 9 for more options & info.

Webmaster **Leon Zak** has added a "Favorite Places" page to our web site. Members can share their favorite sources for car parts & services. <https://mgcarclub.com/favorite-places-listing/>

Congratulations are in order for **John Schwelm**, who has been appointed as the Eastern US representative of the Octagon Club (of Britain). More on page 19.  
I'll let him explain the picture on our cover – how he got snow all over his cars!

### Stay Warm!



### Safety Fast!



Don



*6 weeks seems pretty optimistic!*



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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

**February meeting.** Bylaws need review and voted on. Winter driving stinks. Watkins Glen NASCAR is Mother's Day weekend, if you attend the race, write up a report for Spokes in May. And ice racing. All that, and more, in this month's "Chairman's Corner".

We passed the halfway point into the season last week and are on the down-slope run towards Spring, it won't be long, the salt will be washed off the roads, our first intrepid drivers will hit the streets. Smart money for first-drive is on John Schwelm or Justin Foster (I somehow doubt Carol or Erin will want anything to do with that first ride), you folks who smartly moved South don't qualify for this game of chicken with the salt and cold air. Maybe Nick Leykin, his B GT is a good candidate for slushy driving.



Ignore the below-freezing weather this month, the sun is in the sky longer each day, and a big warm-up is right around the corner. Maybe this last round of snow will be gone by the February meeting. In that meeting, we'll review the bylaws changes, and soon we'll vote on them. If you haven't read the new bylaws yet, see the website and take a look. They reflect modern reality and changes are, in my opinion, appropriate and not exactly radical.

Our February meeting will see discussion about the bylaws and won't see many classic cars that night, but I hear it used to.

Fun fact, way far back into our club's history, many moons ago, around 2023, we could earn points for a photo of your car in the snow. We used to drive some of these cars year-round because for many of us, they were our daily drivers. My parents drove an Austin 1000 during the 60s rain, snow or shine and never thought twice about our old Mini in the snow. Our primary vehicle back then was a beat up old station wagon, but these second cars were used extensively.

Our archived copies of Spokes mentions snow a few times here and there. Go take a look at the archived copies on the website. You'll also see gems like the January 1974 edition when Al Isselhard wrote his "Word from the Chair" Chairman's article and included a complaint about the price of admission to the US Grand Prix at Watkins Glen that previous fall. It was \$18 and an additional \$5 for grandstand seating. That's \$131 in today's dollars, plus another \$37 for a grandstand seat!

I agree with Al, that's steep for no frills grandstand seating or trying to find a spot in the grass for your lawn chair. SVRA for the weekend is something like \$85 and go where you please, granted that's no F1 race, in perspective, that's kind of steep. VRG and SCCA are club events, they can be inexpensive to spectate but they don't sell tickets to most race weekends, most are non-spectator events, so you'll have to find someone and sign up as crew or volunteer for the weekend if you want a cheap weekend at the races as a spectator. Be sure to help out the drivers, they can use a hand.

Al, whatever you do, don't price main grandstand seats for the weekend at the 2026 US Grand Prix. Those with a weak constitution might want to turn your head or skip to the next article. A pair of tickets for turn 1 grandstand seating at the US Grand Prix this summer will set you back \$5,000. Yeah, five thousand bucks. You could buy a well sorted (but needing some cosmetic work) MG for \$5k. General admission is \$466 per person this summer. Open top grandstand seating is literally a grand more per person, covered grandstand is even more.

I might have to take a short break after typing those numbers. The old blood pressure spiked a bit as the wallet clenched tight. \$1400+ for open top grandstand seating per person.

Nascar at Watkins Glen is over Mother's Day weekend this year and those tickets start at \$22, the most expensive seat in the house is \$199. Granted, that's not a VIP seat with an open bar, those are more of course, but \$199 is a good seat. Sounds like Nascar is a bargain these days. Camping is \$388 to start, prices going up from there, and does not include your

general admission ticket. A group of four buddies can camp and party all weekend for less than \$500 not including the cost of beer and hot dogs (or this year, the cost of hand warmers and propane for the RV heater).

Back to the winter driving conversation, growing up, our family's dearest friends, Beverly and Bill Ahart (also life-long friends of the Abels!) and their kids would go camping with us at Watkins Glen, and we would watch as Beverly drag raced all over the area. She sometimes let Bill drive. She autocrossed and snow raced her Cooper S quite a bit too. ( Bill Jr, or Willy to those who knew him when he was young, has that car today and is part-way through a restoration, leaving the chassis as intact as possible, all the tech stickers and event stickers on the rear windows.) I suspect some of our club members are in this super 8 film from 1966 of ice racing that Cooper S on Irondequoit Bay.

Use this URL [https://youtu.be/1iNkyZ0xc9o?si=txwwVmYPP\\_BDarZu](https://youtu.be/1iNkyZ0xc9o?si=txwwVmYPP_BDarZu) that text should be blue or a different color than the rest of this text, and clickable, or point your phone's camera at this QR code, or copy/paste that URL into a browser.

This video leads me to believe some members of this club had zero problem driving their MG in the snow. In it, you can spot Volvos, MGA, Bugeye Sprite, MG B, MG B GT and other cars. A few of them might be Renault Dauphines. One of those Dauphines might be my dad's car. Sylvan (my dad) had a "tomata red" Dauphine he used to race at the time. So surely that's some of our club members driving, that yellow Corvette looks familiar too.



For some reason, can't quite put my finger on why, I don't see many of us lining up to get out on the ice on Irondequoit Bay any time soon these days. I bet it would be fun. Maybe we should. Plenty of dirt bike, 4 wheeler and side by side riders race on the frozen lakes and bays today. I have spare wheels with rotten tires on them if anyone wants to take their Spridget on the ice, you can stud those tires without too much cost. But you have to keep the wheels when you're done. If you did drive your little car in the winter, a bath would be a great idea, certainly pre-treating with thinned motor oil (which came as a feature on all my cars but only protects an area downwind of my rear main seals) or woolwax or fluid film. Those two are lanolin oil-based products, woolwax is formulated a little thicker, fluid film a little thinner, and you use them like an undercoating spray every year. Soak the underbelly, and jam the nozzle into every nook and cranny. It keeps water and thus salt off your steel, preserving your vehicle longer. I should think that and careful inspection every Spring can get you through a winter of casual driving these days. I don't see many people jumping at the opportunity for the same reason I don't see many people jumping at the opportunity to ice race. But maybe we shouldn't be so afraid of snowy roads.

Get your dues in, the club thrives on active membership, the value of membership is undeniable. You can renew via the website or in person at the February meeting. There's a discount for the fall tour if you renew now. That tour will be a blast, we're inviting some other clubs into the train ride portion, which will help prove MG Is the Marque of Friendship. The car show needs a chairman, so look for us to push for a volunteer. We are looking for volunteers to organize a few events, like the Swing into Spring luncheon, and Spring and Summer tours too. Don't be shy, communicate your interests to Erin and Justin Foster, they're eager to help you promote your event with the rest of the club.

**Safety Fast!**

Ken



Our next meeting is  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM,  
American Legion, 260 Middle Rd,  
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# MGCC Winter Lunch

**Postponed** – stay tuned

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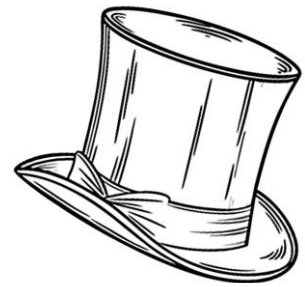


*There will be a **SIGNUP** sheet at the  
January 15 MGCC General Meeting*

**RSVP by Jan 23 to Annabelle Tescione**  
**[mogman@frontier.com](mailto:mogman@frontier.com)**

*This is just a page to thank your friends for doing a good turn*

# Tip O' The Hat!



Fri, Jan 2 at 11:49 AM  
From:alcostich  
To:mogman via mgcarclub  
Cc:Abels, Bob & Georgean,Ares,  
David,Baldwin, Bill & Cheryl, Joe  
Bellizia, Bill Benet

## Stud, Long Rocker Bracket

Anyone have one of these that might  
be superfluous to your needs?  
Preferably used.

Moss # 328-980  
Thanks.  
Alan



STUD, rocker bracket, long  
\$4.20

Fri, Jan 2 at 1:06 PM  
woodenu2  
From:paulosb  
To:'Hollis Hames via mgcarclub

Al, Not sure but will look as I have a drawer  
of head and rocker studs. I'll get back to you.  
paul

Fri, Jan 2 at 1:32 PM  
woodenu2  
From:paulosb  
To:'Hollis Hames' via mgcarclub

Al, Yes I have one  
paul

## 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/>

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## 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](mailto: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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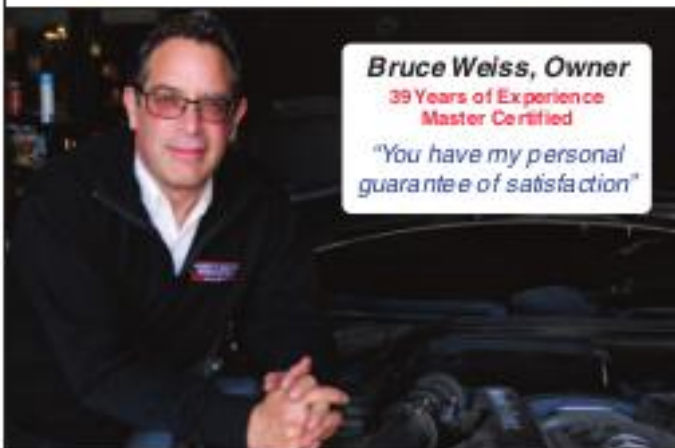
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# January Club Meeting

January 15th

Photos by Annabelle T.



*Vice Chair Eric Mehserle filling in as Chairman*



*New member Sal Maida*

*What a Guy! He brought donuts!*



# Minutes from our January Meeting

By Alana Roberts, Secretary

## MGCC Meeting Notes

### New Members/Guests

- David – 1976 MG Midget
- Sal (Prattsburg/Newark) 76 MGB (shoutout to Sal, he brought donuts)

*Approval of Meeting Minutes* – Approved: you guys are too kind thank you!

### Reports

*Treasurer* – Eric Mehserle reporting for Celeste Kray (there is a healthy balance and get your membership dues paid for 2026 if you have not done so already)

*Membership* – Eric Mehserle reporting for Celeste Kray (get your renewal done!) 164 members, 59 members have paid their dues; 9 new members

### Activities – Justin (and Erin)

- Next Sun 1/25 – Flahertys
- Valve Cover Races
- Go-Kart 2/17 IndyCar Raceway Henrietta Mall 5:30, dinner at MacGregors after → on website
- MG international fest 8/23-8/27
- Fall Tour details to come
- MG 103 Fest – Canada 8/14 – 8/16
- Tune Up Clinic – Details to come from Hollis, aiming for end of April



*Regalia* – Joe Belizia (we hope to see you next meeting Joe and appreciate all you do for us to have cool “swag” as the kids say)

### Spokes – Don Welch

- Looking for pictures, articles, doodles of Ken
- Tip of the hat page – let your friends know you appreciate them!

### Watkins Glen – Alana Roberts

- HSR 6/11-6/14
- IMSA 6 Hours 6/25-6/28
- Trans Am 7/16-7/19
- Vintage 9/10-9/13
  - o Hotel reservations → talk to Ken
  - o Seneca Lodge will accept reservations

*Historian* – Dan Suter is getting started on the cataloging and picked up items from Dave Wild

*Car Show* – In search of a volunteer chairman (there is a manual..)

*Website* – Lots of fun things to look at and a great way to keep on top of events

### Old Business

Dues are due

By-laws project (form online on front page link)

Tip of the Hat

### New Business

Annabelle – Spokes calendars still available \$10

### Other Announcements

### Cars and Projects

Naomi is in search of a binding machine

Door prizes

## Attendance: January 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Annabelle Tescione  
Bob Abels  
Georgian Abels  
Jim Herschell  
Trevor Roberts  
Alana Roberts  
Dan Suter  
Naomi Wadsworth  
Barbara Zak  
Leon Zak  
Susan Goodwin  
Michael Goodwin  
Justin Foster  
Erin Foster

Greg Kern  
Klint Limuti  
Janet Limuti  
Hollis Hames  
Eric Mehserle  
John O’Malley  
Bruce T. Henry  
Paul Osborne  
Frank DeMarzo

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# "Indy Race and Ritual"

A Book Review by Alana Roberts

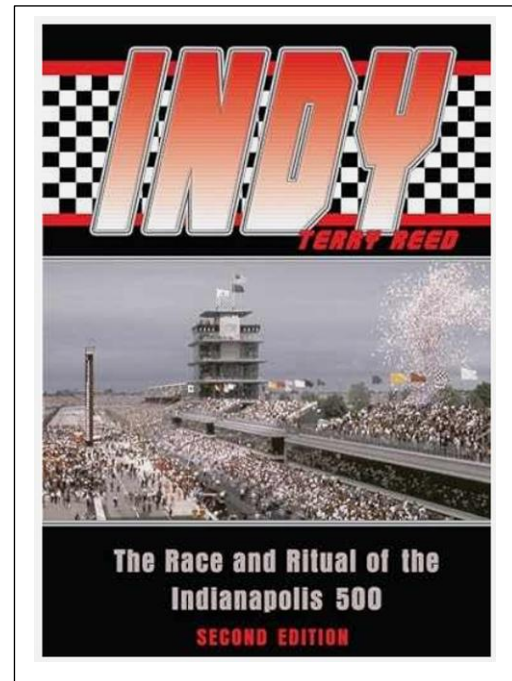
## **The Race and Ritual of the Indianapolis 500 (1980 edition)**

by Terry Reed

**Terry Reed's Indy Race and Ritual** is not a lap-by-lap account of the Indianapolis 500, nor is it a technical deep dive into chassis setups or engine innovations. Instead, Reed seemingly aims for something anthropological: an exploration of the traditions, personalities, and aura that surround America's most famous race. In that sense, the book succeeds, though not without a few yellow flags along the way.

Originally published in 1980, the book reflects both the strengths and limitations of its era. Reed writes with clear affection for the Speedway and its people, capturing the pageantry that makes the month of May feel less like a sporting event and more like a ritual. The familiar elements are all here: Gasoline Alley, the tension of qualifying weekend, driver and crew superstitions, and the weight of history that seems to hang over the Brickyard.

Reed's background as a racing journalist serves him well when recounting anecdotes and behind-the-scenes moments. His interviews and observations give the reader a



sense of intimacy with the sport, particularly in an era when Indy car racing was transitioning from the old guard to a more modern, commercial future.

Where the book occasionally falters is in focus. At times, Reed drifts between reportage, personal reflection, and cultural commentary without fully committing to any one lane. Some chapters feel more polished than others, and readers hoping for a cohesive narrative arc may find the structure a bit loose. Certain perspectives feel dated, which is understandable given the book's age, but noticeable nonetheless.

**3/5 Octagons**

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# The History of the MG Car Club

by Gil Langswager

## PART III

**First let me tell this.** By this point in our history our newsletter was carrying a regular monthly column by Carol Lee Vorrasi entitled "A Point of Law2. Carol Lee was at that time employed by the motor vehicle bureau. Her column kept us up to date on all the rules and regulations that applied to owning and operating our automobiles. Another column was Baller's "The Pit Stop". Baller was the Louella Parsons and the Walter Winchell of the MG Car Club. He even came close to a couple of libel suits. This was the thing to read for the inside story. Larry Bubel wrote "Let's Get Technical", a comprehensive automotive engineering course that covered everything from timing an engine to roll bars to determining an unknown rear end gear ratio. In addition, there was the Chairman's Corner, later on, Dick Coleman wrote a very good series on rallye navigating. Now we'll get on to our events. At the end of October (what better time?) we had a Halloween party at Bob Clark's house on Monroe Avenue. Trophies were awarded to Doris Britt and Don Stahl for the best couple; they came as an MG Speedometer and tachometer; to Kay Leary who was Jack Wegman's robot and to Bill Baller as the Hunchback of Notre Dame. This was a party in the best MGCC tradition. There was every type of character there, such as a swami, a mad scientist, a couple of babies, Charlie Brown and Lucy of "Peanuts" fame, the lady in red and what was thought to be a real bear but turned out to be only Chuck Heindl in a raccoon coat. The November rallye that year was organized by Gordon Rogers and Bill Baller. They called it the "Fall Frolic". There were 47 entries and the



Bubels drove off with the hardware. A guy by the name of Langswager held a "T.D. owners bullsession" at his house that resulted in an informal "T" series group within the MG Car Club. They had several technical sessions including a Saturday afternoon tune-up clinic complete with Sun instruments courtesy of Sports Car Service Centre. The group faded away for lack of leadership when Langswager decided to be a rallyemaster.

In December we held a dinner meeting at the Nine Mile Point Hotel. This was a real dress-up affair and attracted no less than seventy seven people. There was a very delicious meal and dancing to a live band to accompany the business at hand; the nomination of officers. The results looked like this:

Chairman- Gordon Rogers, Chuck Heindl  
Vice-Chairman- Don Stahl, Hugh Turner  
Secretary- Eben Degrasse, Carol Lee Vorrasi  
Treasurer- Bruce Norton, Jack Sheldon  
Rallyemaster- Gil Langswager, unopposed  
Director of Publication- Doris Britt, unopposed  
Post-rallyemaster- Bill Baller, unopposed

## History of the MG Car Club, cont'd

At that time our constitution called for nominations to be made in December and for elections to take place in February. Those elected where there were two candidates were: Gordon Rogers, Don Stahl, Eben Degrasse, and Bruce Norton.

"Rallye Snowflake" was an excellent map rallye for January laid out by Bill MacGovern and Harold LeBoo. As I remember, you were to measure the distance from turn to turn with a ruler. It was a snap if you didn't misread the scale and could read a map. Tom Croucher and Corky Herendeen didn't and could so they won. The February rallye was unique for this area. Three clubs ran from three different points to a common finish. This was aptly named the "Rallye Conviviality" and brought the MG Car Clubs from Elmira, Syracuse and Rochester together at the Lafayette Inn in Geneva. Each club ran its own rallye and awarded its own trophies but we were one big happy family, cheering for the winners.

Plans were well underway by this time for an MG Marque Race to be held at Watkins Glen under the soul sponsorship and direction of the MG Car Club, Western New York Centre. This was one helluva big undertaking for a year old club of 100 members and a thousand bucks but we were young, innocent and optimistic. Our financial advisers started talking to themselves. More about the race later.

Because of the Easter Holidays, there was no event in March. We held two events in April. The first was a gymkhana that Norm Baker called "Fools' Delight" and his fiendish mind contrived some clever events. There were 67 entrants beaten by Dave Gitelman in his quick and tidy TD. The second was "The Rough and Ready Rallye" by the two Bills, Bell and Reeves. This was a very good, honest and straightforward rallye run by 45 cars.



*Nine Mile Point Hotel, 1916 (now Hedges)*

May 29 and 30 was the Dunkirk race weekend and we held another tour. Unfortunately this one was enjoyed by only seven cars.

George Gay came up with a new slant on rallying with his June "Rev-Teaser". You drove this one with your odometer covered up. Surprisingly, it didn't seem to make a lot of difference to the winning Robinsons or the other twenty five entrants.

After clues have always bothered people and we'd probably all be happy if we'd seen our last but Norton and Coleman made a whole rallye of them for July. They called it the "Afterthought Rallye" and just to keep you from getting bored with after clues they gave different average speeds to every other car. The result was utter confusion. Somehow, all but 5 of the 34 entrants managed to finish but you should have seen the scores.

This brings us, chronologically, to the MG races -but- that's another story—next month.

Your author,  
Gil Langswager

GL



# A Report from Warmer Climes

by Todd Black

Hi Don, Hopefully you're staying warm!

The Krays stopped by for a visit in Naples, Florida which is located in Collier County.

Dave and I visited The Revs Institute Car Museum which has the second largest personal car collection in the U.S.

Miles Collier the founder of this museum, is the son and nephew of the famous Collier racing brothers.

It includes a 1934 K3 Magnette and a TC that raced at Watkins Glen in 1948.

As many of our members that are knowledgeable about racing history would know,

The Collier name is synonymous with racing and of course The Collier Cup.

Sam and Miles C. Collier were the first to have MG's imported into the U.S. in 1934 securing a deal with Cecil Kimber.

The Colliers are originally from New York State and undoubtedly enjoyed the best scenic areas to drive!  
Just like our members!

Safety Fast!  
Todd



MG 1934 K3 Magnette



MG TC Watkins Glen



MG TC

TB



# New Club Representative for NE USA



## Greetings,

First, a big thank you for this opportunity! I'm John Schwelm of western New York state and looking forward to being the Eastern US representative of the Octagon Club, it'll be fun.

I've lived and worked all over the world and our little British MG cars have been in and out of my life since my first one in Belgium in 1975. I lived and worked in the UK, North Wales for nearly 20 years working as a mountain guide there and in the Himalayas. I owned a small climbing shop in Snowdonia many years ago and was involved with the then HRH Prince Charles, Princes Trust.

I am now retired in the western New York state with my wife Carol. We're members of one of the oldest chartered MG clubs (1958 I believe) with historical ties to the infamous Watkins Glen race track. Our club has a lineage of winners at WG over the decades and will likely continue in that vein.

I still enjoy MG cars at 70 and strive to keep mine running well. The MG Octagon Car Club have been a great help in that department and I thank all for any assistance they have given me.

I would greatly appreciate all members who read this in the Octagon Bulletin, who do reside in the eastern US, to please reach out and say hi. It's a large area for which I can see "volunteer delegates" assisting me on events and happenings. I certainly wouldn't mind knowing who enjoys sharing their mechanical wizardry and experiences with others as well as updates on historical and unique restorations and events.

It's more than a hobby—it's a fascinating lifestyle that we MG folks truly enjoy. Please save my contact information listed under "International Contacts" in the Bulletin, or feel free to reach out via Facebook Messenger with any submissions or news you'd like to share. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to help grow and share our passion with one another and with a new generation.

Cheers,

**John Schwelm - January 2026**

**CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!**



# MG Car Club, Inc. Western New York Centre By-Laws Proposed By-Laws

January 28, 2026

## Name and Purpose

- a. The Club shall be known as the MG Car Club, 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.

## 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*.

## 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.

## 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 through NAMGBR for sanctioned Club events where required.

C. Duties of the Secretary:

- i. Keep the minutes at Club meetings.
- ii. Submit meeting minutes of each Club meeting to the *Spokes* Editor for publication in the next issue of *Spokes*.
- 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 for as long as deemed useful by the Board.
- 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 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. Add the latest *Spokes* to the web site and notify members when it is available.
- iii. 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 a quorum, the combined votes will determine if the proposal is accepted.

Revised 1/28/2026 MG Car Club, Inc. Western New York Centre proposed By-Laws (Draft)



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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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# February Sunshine Page

## Feb. Birthdays

6	Lowell	Briggs
8	Mary Ellen	Suter
11	Douglas	Jack
11	Barb	Wild
12	Allen	Hess
12	Nicholas	Leykin
17	Cheryl	Baldwin
18	Susan	Wegman
21	Gil	Langswager
22	Bob	Lillis
22	Andrew	Whitby
23	Bill	Baldwin
26	Aldo	Gonzalez

## Feb. Anniversaries

7	Walter Genter
14	Dave & Nancy Chase
21	Justin & Erin Foster
22	Charlie & Toby Cook

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.mgcc.co.uk)

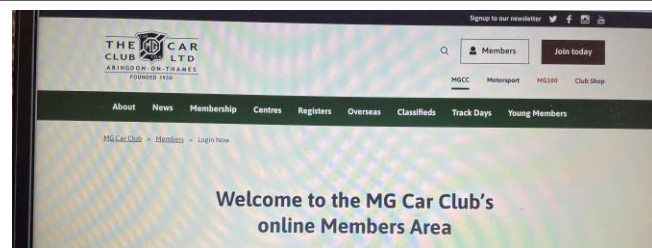
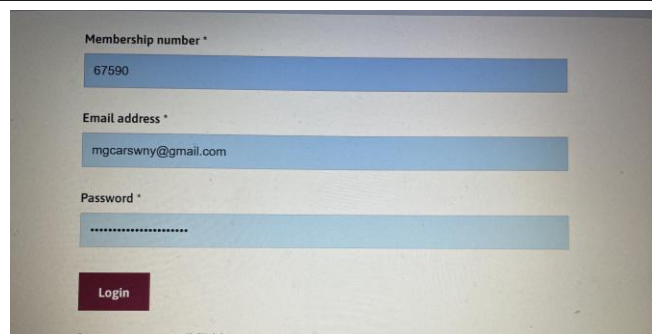
As shown in the login, the membership number and the email address are both defaulted.

(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



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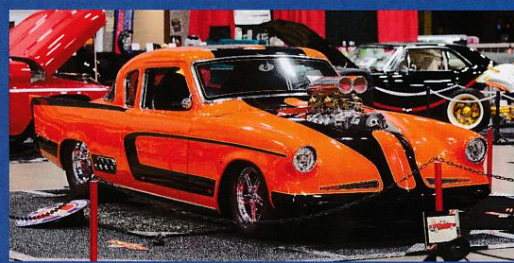
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### Club Insurance

Does your club sponsor a car show, driving event or meeting? Many venues require insurance to hold the event on their property. If your club has 8 NAMGBR members and is a Chapter of NAMGBR...you're covered for free!



### Member Classified

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### Annual Convention

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January 2026



New Name Badge Order  
MG Car Club WNY

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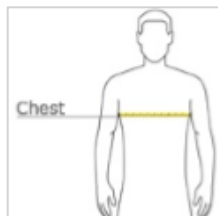
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**Also In-Stock NOW**  
**Various colors to Choose from**



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

Embroidered

**Mark Down** to **Only \$15.** for club members

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

## New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

### MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Hats & Shirt Inventory

Inventory Count as of 12/29/25

#### We have only (7) Golf Shirts left.

- 1 Lg Royal Blue
- 2 Lg British Racing Green
- 1 Lg Black
- 1 Lg Red
- 1 Lg Navy
- 1 XL Navy

#### Hats: we have (15) remaining

- 2 British Racing Green
- 2 Black
- 3 Navy
- 3 Khaki
- 1 Sand
- 1 Royal Blue
- 1 Purple
- 1 Orange
- 1 Red

## Regalia News Corner January 2026

### 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  
....and they are going fast!

[blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com) / (585-749-9263 / Joe B.  
updated 12/29/25



## MG Car Club of Western NY Available Regalia 2024Catalog (updated 10/28/25)

(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

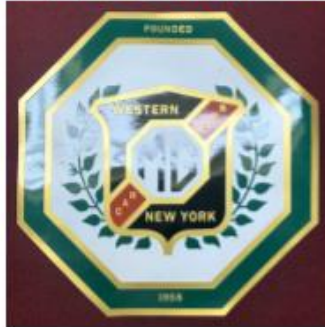
In between meetings feel free contacting Joe B at [blitz7711@gmail.com](mailto:blitz7711@gmail.com)

## 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



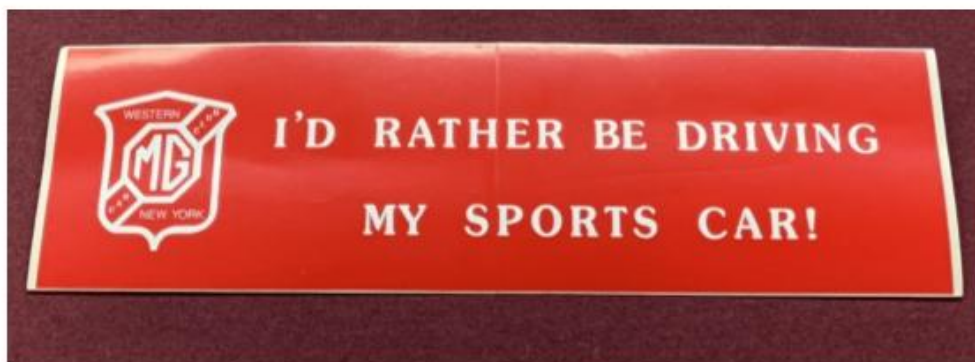
SOLD OUT



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.



## 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!



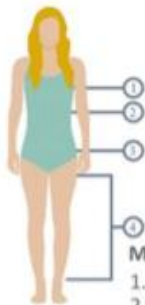
### Product Description

- 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.



# 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](http://www.colorwiringdiagrams.com)

On Wed, Nov 26, 2025, 9:48 AM <[drcontant@icloud.com](mailto: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.](http://280DeweyAve.com)  
[Rochester, NY 14608](http://RochesterNY14608.com)  
585-458-2500



**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)

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](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...

## REFLECTIONS ON GETTING OLDER, Jan. 2026

As I was struggling up the hill to our porch the other day, with our daily load of firewood, I was thinking that this year it has become more apparent to me that I have gotten older. And as I reflect on that now undeniable fact, I think of some of the things I miss, and some that I don't miss:

### THINGS I MISS

- o The strong, flexible, and relatively painless body I once had.
- o A flat stomach, 170 lbs., and a true six ft. of height
- o The 20-20 eyesight and acute hearing I had at 35
- o My almost photographic memory - I can't remember when I lost it
- o Our two little boys. (We have college-age grandchildren now). Racing them up the stairs at bedtime to brush our teeth. They always won.
- o Summer vacation in the Adirondacks with our boys, camping on the shore of Rollins Pond
- o Building my first canoe in our still-being-remodeled kitchen (Marlene will not forget!)



### THINGS I DON'T MISS

- o Driving old second-hand cars because that's all we could afford
- o Having so little time to spend with my family & friends because of running a small business, a Scout troop, and trying to keep up with maintaining an old house.
- o Having to go to work every day, even in the winter; going to work in the dark, coming home in the dark
- o The horrifying embarrassment while eating in a restaurant, when our little kid put his food down the back of the lady in the booth behind us. (I swore off restaurants until he got a little older.)
- o Not understanding the power of positive reinforcement, and the harmful effects of negative reinforcement on young minds (I'm sorry Josh)
- o Not having the tools I needed, or at least good tools, or a place to store them where they wouldn't get rusty
- o Going through one lousy chainsaw after another before I spent the money for a Stihl



See you next month!

