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John Schwab on his T's XXX

Birthday lunch with Gil

Photo: Annabelle T.

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Don's Corner

By Spokes editor, Don Welch



The lion and the lamb are back this March by popular request (of your editor.)

It's not spring yet in western NY, but you might not convince the animals! Our birdfeeder is alive with doves, cardinals, blue jays, juncos, etc. etc. The squirrels are chasing each other around (for various reasons), and the deer leave tracks in the snow almost every night. So if you've been watching more YouTubes about your favorite cars, and wondering when to start changing oil and polishing, well we're getting close. But I'm not putting away the snowblower just yet.

SWING INTO SPRING at Flaherty's in Macedon has been scheduled! Sunday April 19th, from noon to 3. The flyer and RSVP instructions are on page 8. Thanks Annabelle!

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.

Gil had a birthday February 21st: 95 years old! Went to lunch with some old friends shown on our cover. See also page 9.

IndyKart Racing night, organized by Celeste & Dave Kray, was a high-speed success! See the pictures on pages 18 & 19.



And help make our new treasurer Celeste's job a little easier – pay your dues if you haven't yet. I 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/>

I've been looking over a couple of the many old issues of spokes, especially the very early ones that Dan Suter, our historian, has just added; scanned from Gil Langswager's wonderful collection. Some pictures on the last page, "And Finally."

Stay Warm!

Safety Fast!



Don



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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.

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Chairman's Corner by Ken Barlow

Now that we're solidly past the mid-way point to Spring, we're starting to hear about events at meetings and on the email list, and plan for future enjoyment. Last meeting we discussed the Downtown Canandaigua International Festival & Vintage Car Celebration parade and car show is May 16th. MGCC member and fellow too-many-cars-sufferer Rob Lillis is organizing things. We'll meet at 0900 at Ray's on North Main (just north of Tops, next to Tom Whals) for breakfast in their party room, and then assemble at Tops on the corner of North Main and North Ave at 10:30. First car out at 11am for a tour of the city of Canandaigua and several nursing homes. The residents of these homes come out into the sunlight for the chance to see all the cool cars.



Once that parade is complete, we settle into the show area for a nice tidy car show, right in the heart of downtown Canandaigua. Food and drink are plentiful.

Other than that, Joe Belizia and Eric Mehserle are co-chairing the car show this year, and will need lots of help. We're in the process of organizing the event, and listing the efforts required in discrete jobs for people to volunteer. For example, fetch the signs from storage... return signs to storage...

We're working on valve cover races. More on that in the email as it's unlikely we'll make the deadline for this edition of Spokes with the full details.

Swing into Spring is booked for April as well as the Tech Day at Edison Tech, see the other article about them for details for these two late-April events.

We discussed the bylaws, a few changes have come in as a result of that conversation, but mostly clarifying of rolls and ensuring backups exist for when a single point of contact could stall a process. As in, if the chair isn't handy, who can vote in their place?

The addition of many early copies of Spokes to the website is a lovely treat. I've spent time reading the past issues, enjoying the artwork Doris Britt drew for Spokes. Give them a look, see how many things haven't changed a bit, and some things have. We'll get more on resurrecting those events later.

Membership is climbing, and former and future chairman Robert Welch mentioned how it took a team to build this club, and a team will continue to build it. That means pitching in even in small ways. Let the automobile enthusiasts you meet know about the club, that we're marque agnostic and generally friendly towards any make or model, and invite them to a meeting or event to check us out in person. Take the time to post the car club flyers at events you attend, or hand out car club business cards to anyone who stands still long enough to take one. I usually have a big supply of cards on hand in baggies in my cars, so if you see me out and about, grab some cards. They're cheap and good conversation starters.

If you're interested in a Spring or Summer tour to augment the fall tour in October, speak up. We're happy to attend drives any time of year. The fall tour is on the west side of the region, so feel free to book something up North and East. Maybe a tour to Sodus Point? BBQ in Geneva? Ice cream in Naples? The drive could be a considerable effort and a whole "thing" or just basic directions and destination, take your pick.

A bunch of folks will make the drive up and around the East end of Lake Ontario for MG 103 in August, and a bunch will make the drive due-West to Sandusky for NAMGBR's all-MG conference after that. Though, I just attempted to register

for MG103 Fest and the zip code format checker blocked the registration with "invalid format". I fired off an email to the car club's contact address to mention it. Once I saw that it had sent a confirmation email, which included a link back to the payment page, I clicked that payment link, and it worked, so go figure. If you register and the bad format on the zip code appears, check your email and use that link instead.

We're almost there. Time to start buttoning up any winter projects as you're running out of time for good weather, and I would hate for you to miss out on the fun. Need a hand? Ask on the mailing list, we'll pile into your garage to give a hand.

Safety Fast!

Ken

KB

Our next meeting is
March 19th, 7:30 PM,
American Legion, 260 Middle Rd,
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- Separate checks will be provided
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RSVP
by April 16

Contact
Annabelle Tescione
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Sign-up sheet
will be at next MGCC mtg

Swing into Spring



Hi Don,
If you can fit it in the upcoming Spokes, attached is a photo from a lunch for Gil's 95th birthday (b'day was Saturday, Feb 21). A few of the MGCC gang took him to lunch today (Wed) and we had a great visit. Thanks, Annabelle



From left: Dan Suter, Hollis Hames, Gil Langswager, Annabelle Tescione, Allyn Wagner, Jim Herschell

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

Tip O' The Hat!



Thu, Feb 19 at 11:45 PM

Hello -

Thanks to Dan Suter we now have the very first issue and the whole other issues published the first year our club was started - 1958. Go here <https://mgcarclub.com/spokes/> - and take a look.

-Leon Zak

Fri, Feb 20 at 9:06 AM

It's great to see these. Thanks to Dan, and to Gil for saving them.

Cover art by Doris Britt, I believe. She was still a member when she passed in 2020.

Bob Welch

Special thanks to **Dan Suter** for scanning these old issues, and to **Leon Zak** making them available to all of us on our web site.

And Very Special Thanks to **Gil Langswager** for having the foresight to save these priceless old SPOKES!

Thanks to Annabelle for subbing as secretary at the February meeting!

Ken Barlow

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.

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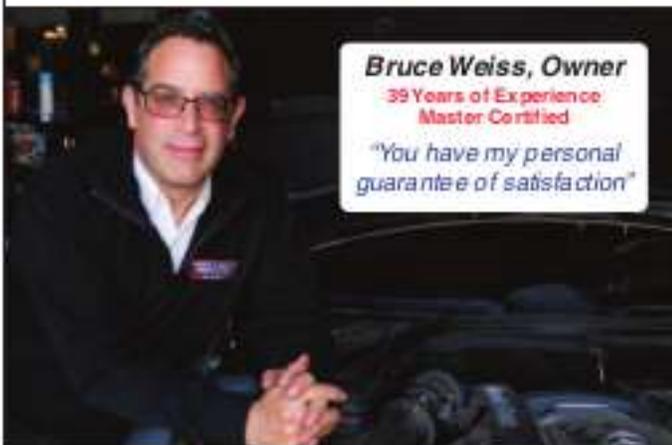
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February Club Meeting February 19th





Door Prizes



The FireSide Grill before the meeting



Minutes for MGCC-WNY Meeting February 19, 2026

Recorded & submitted by Annabelle Tescione, filling in for MGCC Secretary Alana Roberts

Chairman Ken Barlow called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Last month's minutes were approved.

We had 37 members in attendance, no new members or guests

Ken reminded us to keep our email addresses up to date in the Club roster. He also reminded us to take a few of the new MGCC invitation cards to give to other sports car enthusiasts. We currently have 169 memberships, an outstanding number.

This month's birthdays and anniversaries were shouted out and each received a round of applause.

BYLAWS DISCUSSION - Ken discussed that the Club Bylaws are available on the web, along with a new, revised copy for anyone to review and **Chairman Ken Barlow** called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

comment on. Most of the changes are updates to language to reflect current technology, e.g. we no longer mail out paper copies of bylaws and other Club-wide material, it is now distributed by email and website posting. Leon Zak, George Hessenberger and Bob Welch mentioned some miscellaneous specifications. There was disagreement on whether the Club is officially incorporated or just registered, Bob Welch later verified that we were incorporated with NYS in 1958 when the Club was founded (see NYS document below). Bylaws wording will be adjusted to reflect that status.

Next month the Bylaws, with any updates, will be reviewed at the General Club meeting, all members will receive email copies, and they are also available on the website. [By-law Edit Form | MG Car Club Western NY](#) We will vote on changes at the April General Meeting and final copies will be emailed to all paid members.

CAR SHOW - Joe Bellizia and Eric Mehserle have agreed to be this year's car show co-chairmen ONLY IF we can get the main areas of the show covered and managed by key Club members, as in prior years. Some areas now have volunteers, some still need them, see below:

- Registration – Possibly Trevor & Alana Roberts (confirmation needed)
- Show Field Organization and Field Parking - Dan Suter and Paul Osborne
- Visitor Parking – Frank DeMarzo
- Baskets and Drawings - Mike & Maggie Robinson (confirmation needed)
- Ballot Management & Awards – (need to ask those from past years to continue)
- Show Treasury – Celeste Kray (confirmation needed)
- Regalia - (help needed)
- PA and Music – Leon Zak (confirmation needed)
- Sponsor / Vendor Sales

The DATE for the Car Show also needs to be determined as well as the LOCATION. There was strong interest in returning it to the Rush Fire Hall location used a few years ago. Joe has contacted them and is waiting to hear back.

TREASURY & MEMBERSHIP – Treasurer Celeste Kray reported that the treasury is stable and in good standing. We have a current membership of 169, 12 new members so far this year. Dues are due for 2026; reminders will be sent out to any members who have not yet paid for this year.

ACTIVITIES – Activities coordinators Justin and Erin Foster reviewed upcoming and proposed events.

In March, there are preliminary plans for a **Garage Tour**, with Tim Tracey offering to be a stop on the tour. Dan Young also had an idea to look in on a friend's Jaguar restoration.

Annabelle Tescione has locked in Flaherty's for **The Swing Into Spring** event, this year moving the snowed-out Flaherty's Lunch is January to be used as Swing Into Spring on Sunday, April 19 at Flaherty's. Also in April, Hollis Hames is working on arrangements for our **Edison Tech Tune Up Clinic**, tentatively on Saturday, April 25. Hollis will get a copy of our insurance policy to the school, as they require it every year. In May, we have the **International Festival & Vintage Car Celebration – Downtown Canandaigua** on May 16. Rob Lillis discussed the breakfast meetup prior to the show and said the cars will tour through parking lots of nearby nursing home facilities on the way to the show. This allows the residents to see and watch the show cars, as in past years.

WATKINS GLEN – No news except that Ken reported our block of rooms at Senaca Lodge is filled for Vintage weekend and there is a waiting list started. Ken also reported that one of the popular motels in the Glen, the Glen Motor Inn, which for years has had a great display of racing memorabilia, has been sold to new owners and all the racing-related items have been removed, sadly.

REGALIA - Joe Bellizia had a nice display of many of our Club items that are available for purchase. A suggestion for Club logo license plate frames would be a nice addition, and Joe will look into that.

SPOKES – Newsletter editor Don Welch made an appeal to members for photos, articles, Tip O' The Hat notes, etc. Don mentioned that we could use more advertisers in Spokes, it's a great deal, only \$50, and any ad will be in for one year. There is an information sheet available to give to potential advertisers. As always, newsletter submissions are due one week after the general meeting.

LIBRARY – Paul Osborne reported no news regarding our library collection. Two totes of books have been temporarily moved and Paul will check our Club storage locker to be sure those are accounted for.

WEBSITE – Leon reported that all is well with our webpage, email system, etc. He mentioned that there are now some of the Club's first newsletters from 1958 available, with thanks to Dan Suter who got those scanned.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussion of Club bylaws continued, details under Bylaw section earlier in minutes.

NEW BUSINESS – David Kray reported that the Night at the Indykart Raceway & Dinner at MacGregor's Grill & Tap Room on February 17 was very fun. Thanks to Dave and Celeste for putting that together. Nick Leykin and Stephen Lewandowski, our youthful members, won first and second place in all races. Congrats to them!

Hollis Hames was given an interesting piece of Club history when he went to the bar at the meeting. One of the bar tenders used to do restoration work with Warren Riter, a well-known restorer from back a few years. The bar tender had 2 poster boards with mounted photos of the restoration progress on MGCC member Roger Gunther's gorgeous MGA, a frequent show winner. That will be a nice addition to our Club history and archival material.

CARS AND PARTS – Don McConnell knows of someone who may be parting out a 1977 MGB, contact him if interested in following up that lead. There is also a rumor that Joel Siegal is selling his rubber-nosed MGB.

PROJECTS – Al Wagner reported that he is buying lots of MG-TA parts and he is putting personalized plates on the car. The new plates will match the original plates that were on it decades ago. Rob Lillis is busy working on his TD. Joe Bellizia said Naomi Wadsworth is occupied working on the seats for his MGB.

DOOR PRIZES were awarded to ticket winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Attendance: January 15th Meeting

Allen	Robin	Henry	Bruce	LiMuti	Janet
Baldwin	Bill	Herschell	Jim	LiMuti	Klint
Baldwin	Cheryl	Herschell	Sue	McConnell	Don
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Heissenberger	George				

Please welcome our new members who have joined us - September 2025 - February 2026

William Barkley lives in Geneseo has a 1959 Barkeley SE/328 street, 1958 Barkeley SE.328/race and a 1978 Ford Fiesta/race

Rich Booth, from Marion NY, has a 1980 Triumph TR7

Lucas Bowen-Westcott, from Hamburg NY, has a 1973 MGB

Sean Dobbins, from Lyons NY, has a 1961 MGA

David Hertzell from Rochester NY, has a 1976 MG Midget

Gregory Kern, from Canandaigua NY, has a 1959 Austin Healey, Bugeye Sprite

William Kowalewski from Hamburg has a 1977 MGB, 1959 MGA and a Willeys Military Jeep

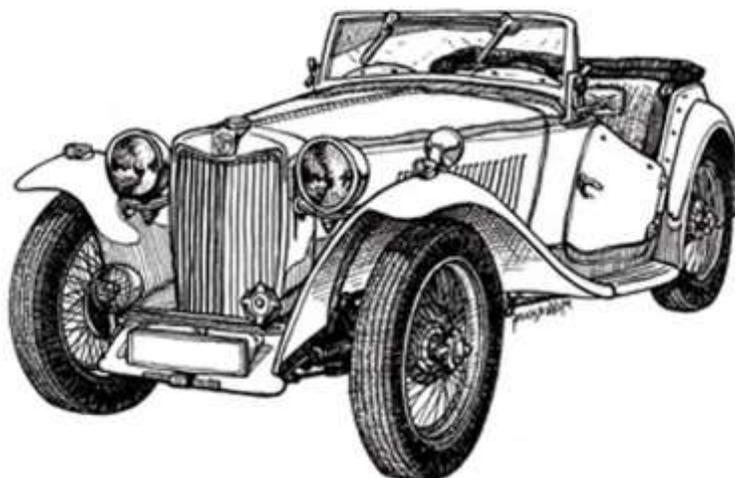
Gerald Landry from Rochester NY, has a 1980 MGB

Len & Lili Lanphear who live in Pittsford. They have a 1979 MG B.

Sal Maida from Prattsburgh NY, has a 1976 MGB

Richard Portale, from Lewiston NY, has 1954 MG TF, 1967 MGB, 1977 MGB, and a 1979 MGB

David Strobino, from Clayville NY, has a 1960 MGA 1600



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Car Nuts Breakfast

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A Night at the Indykart Raceway **& MacGregor's After!**





Position	Racer	Best Lap	Gap from Leader
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2nd Place:	Racer Nick Slick	Best Lap 25.87	# of Laps 13
		ProSkill SCORE 1245	This Round +/- 4
3rd Place:	Racer Speedy	Best Lap 28.475	# of Laps 12
		ProSkill SCORE 1225	This Round +/- 2
4	Leon Zak	29.059	3.254
5	Bruce Froeland	29.953	4.148
6	Holly Hames	32.122	6.317
7	Al	39.323	13.518

Position	Racer	Best Lap	Gap from Leader
Winner	Nick Slick		
Heat Winner:	Racer Nick Slick	Best Lap 25.242	# of Laps 12
		ProSkill SCORE 1299	This Round +
2nd Place:	Racer Stephen Lewand...	Best Lap 25.483	# of Laps 12
		ProSkill SCORE 1296	This Round +
3rd Place:	Racer Speedy	Best Lap 26.155	# of Laps 12
		ProSkill SCORE 1238	This Round +
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5	Leon Zak	27.753	2.511
6	Holly Hames	28.822	3.580





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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!

The History of the MG Car Club

by Gil Langswager

PART IV

On August 22 and 23, 1959, the First Annual MG Marque Races were held at the Watkins Glen Race Course. Sounds easy enough; let's have a race—an MG race. Put a bunch of MG's together on a track, wave a flag and there it is. Well, there's a little more to it than that, Clyde, a little more than that. Ask Chuck Heindl and then stand back. Ask Gordie Rogers or Larry Bubel, they'll tell you or maybe they'll just turn and walk away with a far away look in their eyes.

Let's start at the beginning, back about eight months, in January, 1959. The race at the fairgrounds last summer was the topic of conversation. It had been a lot of fun and proved to us that it could be done. So how about something in a larger size? It gave us more to talk about and the two noisiest guys got the job of looking into the possibilities. Jack Sheldon and Bruce Norton were going to start by checking out Spencer Speedway down in Williamson. This didn't look too promising, how about the Glen? Watkins Glen with just MG's? They'd never go for it. Suppose they did? Where's the money coming from? Who's going to do it? Just our club? Who wants to watch just MG's? There were 1,001 questions but somebody or other had 1,001 answers and it was voted in. Chuck Heindl got the awesome responsibility of Race Chairman. To help him out the following officials were appointed:

Millard Ripley Chief Steward
Al Ross Course Marshal
Fred German & RCA Communications
Harold Hamm Chief Starter
Bruce Norton Race Secretary
Bill Bailer Paddock Steward
Mert Gundry Chief Ray Hicks Chief Pit Steward



Larry Bubel Grid Steward
Larry Bubel Chief Safety Inspector
Dave Elder Chief of Observers
Bill Bell, Jerry Fogel,
Carrol Hardy Announcers
Dr. Robert Todd Course Physician
Gordon Rogers Tickets

The workers required to fill out these various committees comprised the whole of our club plus wives, girl friends, boy friends and a goodly number from the Seneca Sports Car Association.

The first thing that had to be done was to secure a race course. Watkins Glen? A meeting was arranged with the officials of the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Corporation. They were receptive to the idea, for a price. More meetings led to the signing of a contract that gave them a percentage of the gate and left all the work to us.

You can't go bombing around a race course over two miles long without some sort of control and communication. RCA (Race Communications Association) handles that sort of thing for the Glen races and all the rest in this part of the country. We got them to do it for us.

History of the MG Car Club, cont'd



One thing we had no trouble getting was drivers. Only licensed drivers are permitted to drive in a race for obvious reasons, and yet we wanted to let other capable MG pilots compete. We set up our own licensing procedure for unlicensed drivers and recognized both SCCA and Canadian competition licenses. This turned out very well and there were no complaints from the experienced drivers.

Les Smalley was happy to help us with technical inspection and put his garage at our disposal. Larry's crew saw to it that every car was absolutely safe and qualified to race.

In order to pay for this shindig we had to have spectators, lots of spectators, paying spectators. This meant promotion, ticket sales and gate control. This was the longest, most tiring, most thankless job. As it turned out, the promotion could have been more intensive and we should have worked harder on advance sale tickets. But, after all we were trying something entirely new to us.

There was a lot of work, a lot of heartaches, and a lot of fun leading up to the race weekend and then it really started. Only Chuck Heindl can tell of the load on his shoulders going into that Friday night. This was a big production and an expensive one. We were already committed for several thousand dollars and we had less than one thousand in our treasury.

Most of our members saw very little, if any, of the races, there was too much to do. The ticket and gate committee, especially, were far removed from race activity. They did a good job on those gates, so good that the chairman of the Grand Prix Corporation, Cameron Argetsiger, [sic] was turned away by Betty Langswager and Shel Hinckley because he didn't have his credentials

The paddock and pit areas were so well organized that they drew comments from veteran drivers. All our hard work paid off. We were putting on a professional show in every sense of the word. We did ourselves proud on the trophies, too, and these were awarded to the deserving winners.



The MG Marque Races were over, or had they just begun? People were asking about next year's race. Drivers were full of praise for the way it was handled. Here we were, a fledgling car club with a full scale sports car racing event to our credit. We gambled and won—could we do it again?

Your author,

Gil Langswager

GL

My first MG in Winter

by Allyn Wagner

In December of 1965 I decided to buy a new car. I had been out of college for a few months and had a regular job. During school, I had ridden in a number of classmates sports cars so decided to look at MG's. There was a British car dealer not far from where I was living in Syracuse, so I stopped there to take a look. Since the XKE was way out of my price range, I decided on an MGB.

Now being just out of school, I didn't have much money, so I borrowed the down payment and financed the rest of the car. With the help of a cosigner (my mother) the loan went through with no problem, so I picked up the car on January 3. I spent the next week getting used to a vehicle that I had never driven before. Remember, wintertime in Syracuse.

At the end of the month, I drove the car to my parents' home north near the Canadian border. No real problems getting around so I started to drive back south on Sunday afternoon.



It started snowing harder the farther south I drove, so I stopped in Adams to visit family. Still snowing so by the time I left it was a full-fledged blizzard. I didn't get more than a few miles before I was involved in an accident with a snowplow. Head on with my brand-new MG! I survived the crash, but the whole front end of my car did not. Because of the blizzard, it took hours to get the car towed to a garage. A couple of days later, I went to assess the damage and retrieve my luggage. By that time there was so much snow that I had to dig down 2 feet just to get to the top of the

car. The good news was that all of the damage could be repaired (for a price) and the car was salvageable. It took a couple of months before everything was fixed and I could get the car back.

You would think that would be the end of my wintertime horror story.... NOT. I had been transferred in my job to IBM in Endicott and I was dating a girl in Massena, so I was still driving Rt. 81 every weekend. One Friday night, actually a Saturday morning, I was headed north on 81 through Syracuse when I came across a couple of GI's hitch hiking. Now when I was in college I did a lot of thumbing rides to get around (I know DUMB) so I had to pick them up. Remember I am driving a MGB with two passengers and luggage.

Would you believe, we ran into a springtime blizzard about 20 miles north of Syracuse. For the next 20 miles or so, we were following a truck and trying to stay in his tracks in all of that snow. We came to a town (Adams...the town I had just had the accident) where I knew there would be a restaurant open and wait for sunrise before continuing on. After the sun came up, we continued our journey without a problem.



By the way, I eventually married that girl I was dating and we went on our honeymoon in that MGB and moved to Vermont in a later winter.

AW

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 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.

Public Inquiry 12/16/23, 8:40 PM

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Entity Details

ENTITY NAME: THE M G CAR CLUB, WESTERN NEW YORK CENTRE, INC.	DOCS ID: 111104
FOREIGN LEGAL NAME:	FICTITIOUS NAME:
ENTITY TYPE: DOMESTIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION	DURATION DATE/LATEST DATE OF DISSOLUTION:
SECTION OF LAW:	ENTITY STATUS: ACTIVE
DATE OF INITIAL DOCS FILING: 05/19/1958	REASON FOR STATUS:
EFFECTIVE DATE INITIAL FILING: 05/19/1958	INACTIVE DATE:
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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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March Sunshine Page

March Birthdays

1	Bryan	Henry
1	Tom	Quinn
2	Frank	Gordnier
4	Bill	DeVos
7	Joe	Puma
8	Kristi	Briggs
9	Lizzie	Leykin
9	Janey	Wagner
10	Al	Fink
11	Lane	Boughton
12	Jacob	Barnard
13	Steve	Churchill
14	Celeste	Kray
14	Terry	Welch
15	Frank	DeMarzo
17	Dave	Chase
20	Bruce	Austin
20	Robert	Keppeler
22	Laurie	Scribner
23	Kathy	Boughton
27	Susan	Kath
27	Dawn	Mehserle

March Anniversaries

17 Elton & Patti Schulz



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

Events Report for March 2026

by Justin Foster

- **March**
 - **March 19th**
 - Monthly Club Meeting at American Legion in Henrietta. Doors open at 7, meeting starts at 7:30 PM

- **April**
 - **April 16th**
 - Monthly Club Meeting at American Legion in Henrietta. Doors open at 7, meeting starts at 7:30 PM
 - **April 19th**
 - Swing Into Spring at Flaherty's Three Flags Inn – Macedon from Noon to 3 PM
 - **April 26th**
 - First Cars and Coffee of the year at Freestyle Mercantile in Mumford from 9 AM – Noon 😊

- **May**
 - **May 16th**
 - International Festival & Vintage Car Celebration – Downtown Canandaigua from 11 AM - 4 PM
 - **May 21st**
 - Monthly Club Meeting at American Legion in Henrietta. Doors open at 7, meeting starts at 7:30 PM
 - **May 31st**
 - Cars and Coffee at Freestyle Mercantile in Mumford from 9 AM – Noon

- **August**
 - **August 14th through 16th**
 - MG 103 Fest – 1000 Islands, Canada
 - **August 23rd through 27th**
 - MG International 2026 – Sandusky, Ohio

- **October**
 - **October 18th**
 - 2026 Fall Tour at Arcade and Attica Railroad at 10 AM
 - If you paid your annual club dues by February 15th, your cost will be \$20. If you paid your dues February 16th or later, then your cost will be \$23 per person

Please keep in mind the Event Calendar on the website is up to date and is the last word on events, dates and times.

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

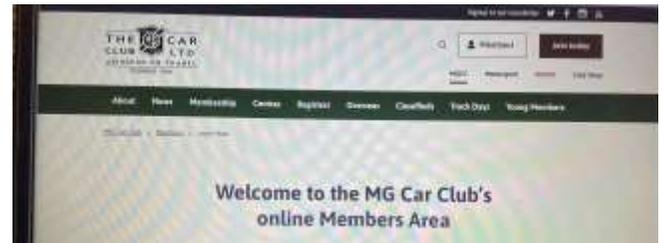
As shown in the login, the membership number and the email address are both defaulted.

(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 going on in the MG world.

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



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A collage of vintage cars including a white hot rod, a red hot rod, a blue classic car, and a red classic car.

The 4th annual Downtown Canandaigua International Festival and Car Show

will take place Saturday May 16th, 2026. The show is open to all cars made in the U.K., Europe, Asia, Scandinavia, or anywhere outside the U.S. before 2001. As in past years, the opening car tour, with police escort, will cruise through beautiful downtown Canandaigua and past several senior living facilities before display parking on Main Street. There will be dash plaques, goodie bags, and people's choice awards in several categories. The International Festival will include music, food, and displays from many countries. There will be activities for the entire family including race car painting and free smoothies for children.

Information and registration can be found at www.downtowncanandaigua.com. You can also contact Rob Lillis at roblilliseval@gmail.com.

As in past years, MGCC members can meet for breakfast at Rays Restaurant on Rt. 332 just north of Canandaigua, 5 minutes from the tour starting point.



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SAVE THE DATE & REGISTER TODAY!

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Add your name, car make and model, year and 2026 MMRA Car Show in the
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North American MGB Register

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Thank you for your inquiry into the North American MGB Register. We are the official register for MGB, MGB/GT, MGC, MGC/GT, MG V8, Midgets, MG 1100/1300 sedans, and all Post Abington MGs.

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Dash Plaque

To commemorate your membership in NAMGBR, you receive a dash plaque to display in your car, home, office or where ever.



Window Sticker

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



Mutual Aid Directory (MAD)

Many members list their contact information to help fellow NAMGBR members in the event they break down in their area.



Annual Convention

In conjunction with a NAMGBR Chapter, we sponsor a convention highlighting a different part of the United States or Canada. This 4 day event features driving tours, a car show and a taste of the local food and drink. In 2026, MG2026 International will take place in Sandusky, OH



100,000/200,000 Mile Register

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



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

NAMGBR offers a free classified section in both the MG Driver and the website. Have an extra MG or parts you want to sell? Target your advertising to the people you know are buying MG.



Regalia

We have a number of ways you can show your NAMGBR membership to the public.



Car Insurance

NAMGBR is the first MG Register to offer members the 5% Hagerty Collector Car Insurance Discount. Being a member of NAMGBR can save you money on your insurance

Do you want to know more about the North American MGB Register? Check out our website at: www.namgbr.org

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February 2026 Edition
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February 2026



New Name Badge Order
MG Car Club WNY

Next Order for 2026 – min (12) needed

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2. RICH BOOTH
3. JAMES DERUSHA

The below name badges are in! Contact me to pick up!
Please pay on- line on our website (PayPal allows you to
charge to a CC as well) or mail a check to our treasurer
(see on website too).

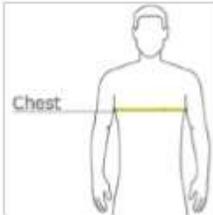
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COLOR INFORMATION

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

 Banana PMS 1345C	 Black PMS BLACK C	 Bright Lavender PMS 2635C	 Burgundy PMS 7428C	 Charcoal Heather Grey PMS 7540C	 Clover Green PMS 7763C	 Coffee Bean PMS 475C	 Cool Grey PMS 7539C	 Dark Green PMS 5467C	 Deep Berry PMS 7650C	 Gold PMS 143C
 Hibiscus PMS 2348C	 Kelly Green PMS 341C	 Light Blue PMS 7451C	 Light Pink PMS 196C	 Lime PMS 2285C	 Meroon PMS 504C	 Mauve Blue PMS 2200C	 Mediterranean Blue PMS 2118C	 Navy PMS 533C	 Orange PMS 172C	 Purple PMS 7679C
 Red PMS 187C	 Royal PMS 3597C	 Steel Grey PMS 7540C	 Stone PMS 452 C	 Strong Blue PMS 2133C	 Sunflower Yellow PMS 109C	 Teal Green PMS 7715C	 Texas Orange PMS 7584C	 Tropical Pink PMS 2452C	 Turquoise PMS 3015C	 Ultramarine Blue PMS 7455C

Shirt Sported by Frank DeMarzo



Closeup of Actual Embroidery of Logo

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

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

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

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

Embroidered Only \$25. for club members

New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

NOTE: Hats – See next pages for Inventory availability

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre
\$15. each Port & Co– all are embroidered



Product Description

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

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

Also In-Stock NOW
Various colors to Choose from



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

Embroidered

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 February 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 / (585-749-9263 / Joe B.
updated 12/29/25

MG Car Club of Western NY Available Regalia 2024 Catalog
(updated 12/29/25)

(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

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



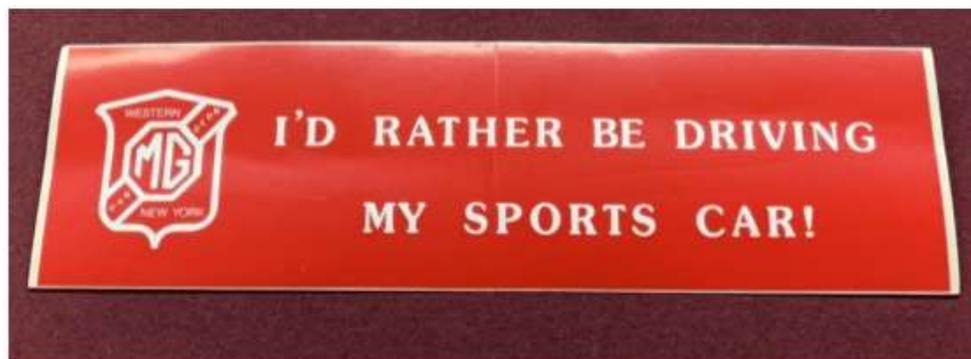
Member NAME Badges
Order Yours Today!
\$26.00



Logo w/ ribbon
\$2.00

Adhesive Stickers
\$2.00

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre
Bumper Stickers only \$1. or Get Yours FREE w/ \$20 Order



Bumper Sticker \$1.00 / 3 for \$2.00

ONE Sticker FREE with any purchase over \$20.

Cars and Parts For Sale

Please inform the editor when your ad should be removed

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

FOR SALE BY OWNER

MG CAR CLUB Of WNY Member

Contact: Joel Siegel

Cell: (585) 314-9067



1980 MGB w/Overdrive VIN: GVVDJ2AG518858

Paid 14K last year and put in some money for various tidbits and had a Ceramic Coating! In storage buy can arrange a visit. 55K miles, came from Nevada and I am it's second owner. Very Clean! Contact me Today! Asking 14K



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



For sale: 1975 MGB roadster V8 conversion. Citron with black interior and quality black convertible top. This car was converted by our club member Scott Schipper in the 2006-8 timeframe using all high quality parts. Low mileage 1980 Rover V8 engine, Rover 5-speed gearbox, aluminum radiator, the better performing header exhaust, MGC 3:31 rear end, quality 15" VTO alloy wheels with newish tires, Edelbrock(Carter) 4-barrel carb, brake booster, front and rear Sebring valences, really nice quality ~2015 paint in the original color of Citron. Modern gauges. This car is fully sorted and drives beautifully.

In 2024 after local purchase, Ben at British Auto went through the car and did a full hydraulic brake rebuild, tuning, rear shock links, and rear wheel bearing replacement. The Muffler Shop in Fairport put a beautiful full new system on the car including dual resonators that has just the right sound (this alone was \$2K). \$11,500 or Best Offer. Car is in NJ but can be delivered here. Please contact Jamie Suter (member of our MGCC WNY Centre) at 973-508-6714 or contact Dan Suter at 585-645-5645 for additional details.



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.](http://280DeweyAve.com)
[Rochester, NY 14608](http://RochesterNY14608.com)
585-458-2500



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

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

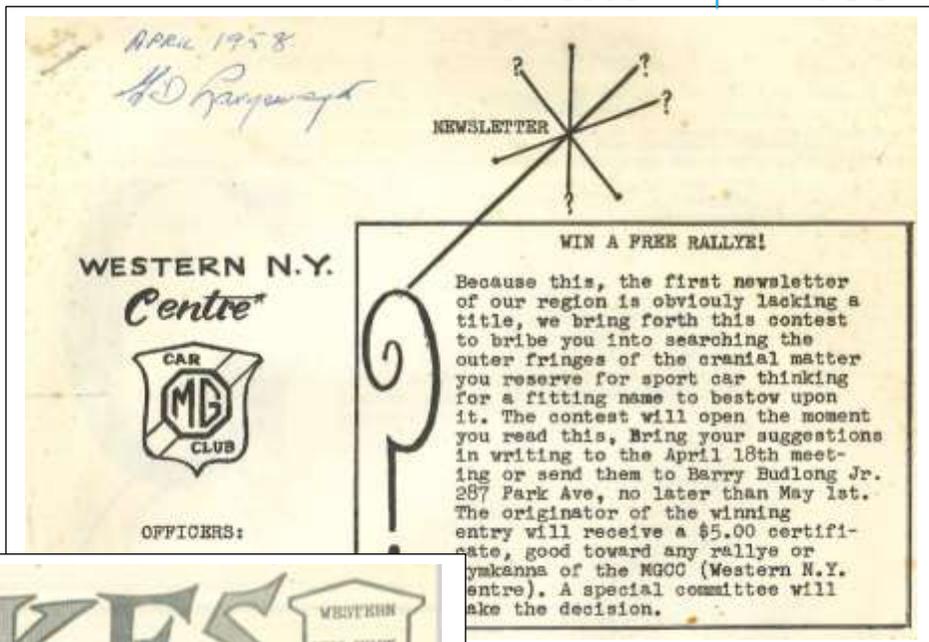
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- No - include on list

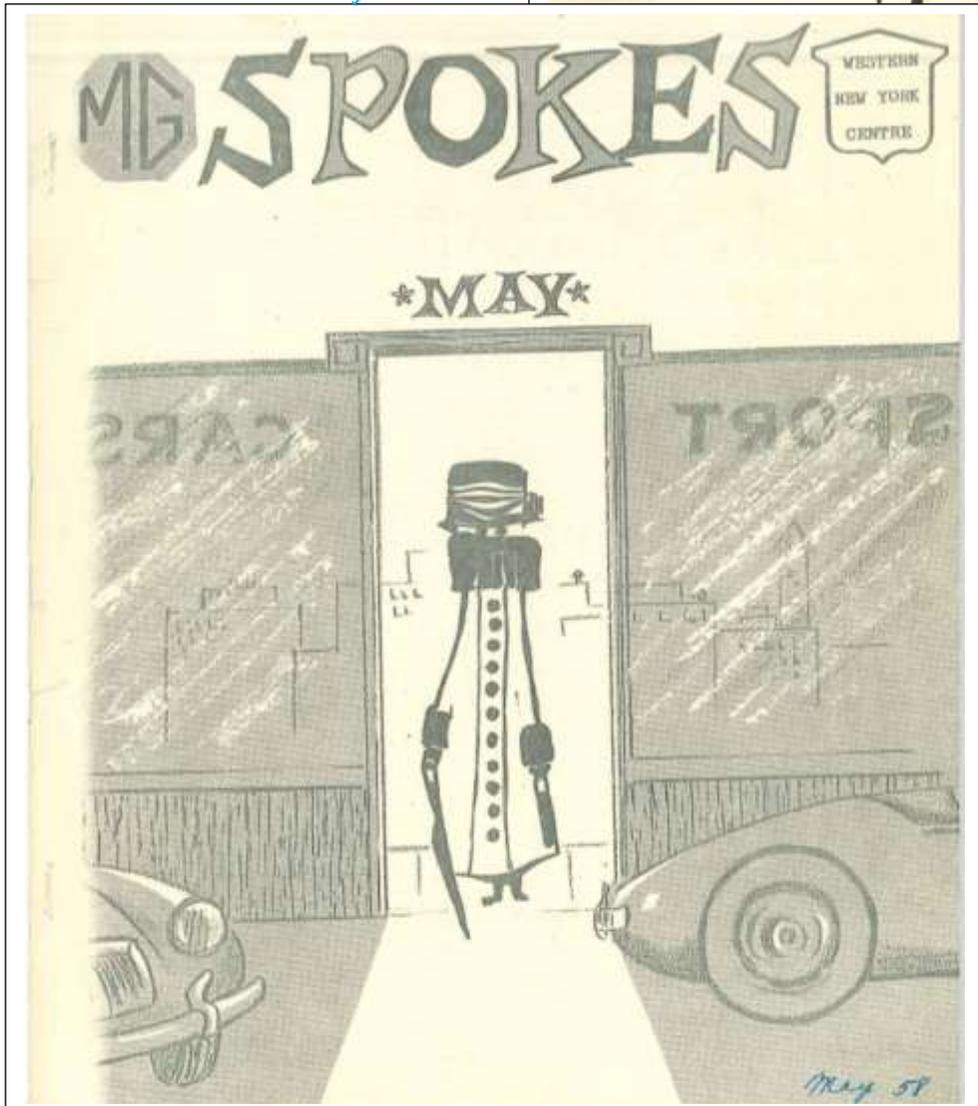
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And Finally...

How our newsletter became SPOKES!



Second issue - May 1958



Ken Handler won the \$5 gift certificate, "good toward any event of the MGCC." He suggested "MG Spokes."

Doris Britt did all of the artwork on those very early Spokes, she was an artist by trade. She and Don Stahl, her husband at the time, owned Sports Car Sales and they were founding members of the MGCC. The Jaguar company gave them one of the first E-type Jags as a wedding gift when they got married around 1961 and they used it on their honeymoon. She was out of the area for many years but rejoined our Club a few years before she died, had a long-owned TD that was restored by Gil Langswager and George Haynes. A very cool person. Annabelle



See you next month!

