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*Swing into Spring
Flaherty's Three Flags Tavern*

Safety Fast!



Don's Corner

By Spokes editor, Don Welch



Oh, the season is fast upon us! Sports cars are rolling out of garages, barns & storage sheds, more every day. Both **Mike Robinson's** original Cars & Coffee in Mumford, and the new southeastern one in Bloomfield had a good turnout of MG's (as well as some warmer cars.) If you haven't experienced one, you owe it to yourself! Mumford the last Sunday of the month, Bloomfield the 2nd Sunday. Pictures start on page 30.

Many of us are working on those old cars to get them reliable again. I flushed and refilled my TD's radiator last weekend, which went well, but after I drained the rinse water and put my pretty green friend back into the barn, there was oil as well as water in the driveway. I guess we should never kid ourselves that we're finally all done!

Our annual **SWING INTO SPRING** luncheon at Flaherty's in Macedon was a resounding success! We are all in deep debt to **Annabelle Tescione** for making this happen again. Pictures start on page 15.



Swing Into Spring

We have the sixth installment of **Gil Langswager's** wonderful history of our MG Club this month. It starts on page 28.

Our **New By-Laws** were adopted at our April 16th club meeting. You can see the complete text starting on page 37.

We have many articles and pictures this month – it's a BIG issue! I hope you'll find a few spare moments to savor them all!

Safety Fast!



Don



MAXIM FOR THE MONTH

"How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives." Every moment, of every day, we are spending our finite lives.

Roxanne Gay quoting Annie Dillard in the NY Times, 6/16/24




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Chairman's Corner

by Ken Barlow

The moment we've all been waiting for, breaking your car out of jail for the first drives of the season. We saw Nick Leykin drive his MG B GT to the meeting in March, but rain kept us from a repeat performance this month. I'm sure May's meeting will be well attended with our cars represented as a group. Stephen and I took the Midget out on March 9th, and for Opening Weekend at Watkins Glen April 11th, Christine and I took her Camaro and Stephen and his dad Marc drove the Midget. We enjoyed some lunch at Pudgies with James Derusha and his family, and Jake Barnard shared a slice with us on his way to work, afterwards we drove to the track and after a bit of a delay, got to drive three spirited laps of the track.



In the April meeting, we met and voted to pass the new bylaws. There were no negative votes. I see that as a sign that everyone who had something to say had a chance to say it between November when we first started talking about this until today. Congratulations to the club on the new bylaws, it's a good opportunity to modernize the bylaws and bring the club into the next decades. If anyone wants a copy of the new bylaws in print, doesn't have a printer, let me know and I'm happy to print off copies. You can download the new bylaws on the website.

My dynamator is working and charging my Sprite battery. The secret was putting a resistive circuit in between the little side terminal and the key-on positive voltage feed, like an incandescent indicator lamp... Almost like they're made for that purpose. I struggled with this one, and all I needed to do was trust the process. But she's running great. Which reminds me, I need to put my vacuum line back on the vacuum advance port... Surely the leak isn't helping, nor the lack of advance helping my "eventually" 0 to 60 time in that car.

As mentioned in the previous 6 Chairman's Corners, hopefully at least one of your cars is up and running by now, ready for Swing into Spring (weather permitting, by the time you read this, it'll be history) or the Tune Up Clinic on April 25th, or May 2nd at Genesee Country Village. The events are coming fast and furious now, every weekend, and we'll start to make random runs for dinners or ice cream or cruise nights in between.

Alana and Trevor Roberts suggested we take a drive out to Orbachers in Williamson on 104 almost opposite Wilbert's U-Pull-It for some dinner one of these evenings, I'm fully onboard with that. Maybe we can all pay the \$2 and see if Wilbert's has an MG or a Mini we can dismantle.

Speaking of the May meeting, Pete Fazzio will have an estate sale/moving sale in May, lots of tools for sale, stop by and support the Fazzio family as they head to Italy to begin an adventure! His Mini and Sprite may be gone but the spirit lives on and before you know it, we'll be hearing about some mid-century Fiat, or a late 70s Lada from our friend in Italy. Hopefully Pete writes us some articles on the car scene in Italy!

Safety Fast!

Ken

KB

Our next meeting is
May 21st, 7:30 PM,
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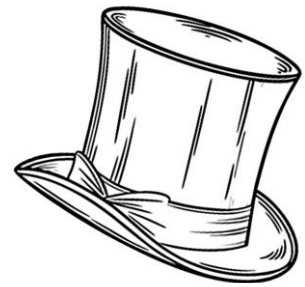
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Thursday, MAY 21**



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

Tip O' The Hat!



To Dan Suter, for filling in for Alana as Secretary at our April 16th Club Meeting.
Annabelle

Big Thank You to Annabelle Tescione for all her work arranging and scheduling our Swing Into Spring dinner April 19th.

Dick would be so proud!

Alana Roberts
Mon, Apr 27 at 4:18 PM
Hi Don, I'd like to add a thank you to Dan Suter for covering for me while we were at the emergency vet with our corgi!
(He is now doing much better, thank goodness)

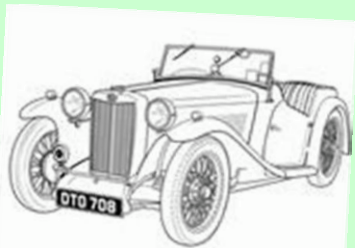
Justin & Erin Foster
Wed, Apr 29

Big THANK YOU to Annabelle for planning a wonderful Swing into Spring event!

Justin & Erin Foster
Wed, Apr 29

THANK YOU, Hollis, for once again putting together our annual Tune Up Clinic!

A well deserved "Tip of the hat" to Jim Herschell for coming out to my house yesterday to help with installing new glass in my TA windshield. It appears that this was the first time it has been done since there was 88 years of rust and dried out rubber gasket to be removed.



Allyn

Reminder: 2026 Dues are Due!

If you haven't paid your dues for 2026, it's not too late! We want you back in our MG Club! Please help make our treasurer Celeste's job a little easier. I did it – it's easy!

lasting admiration and thanks.

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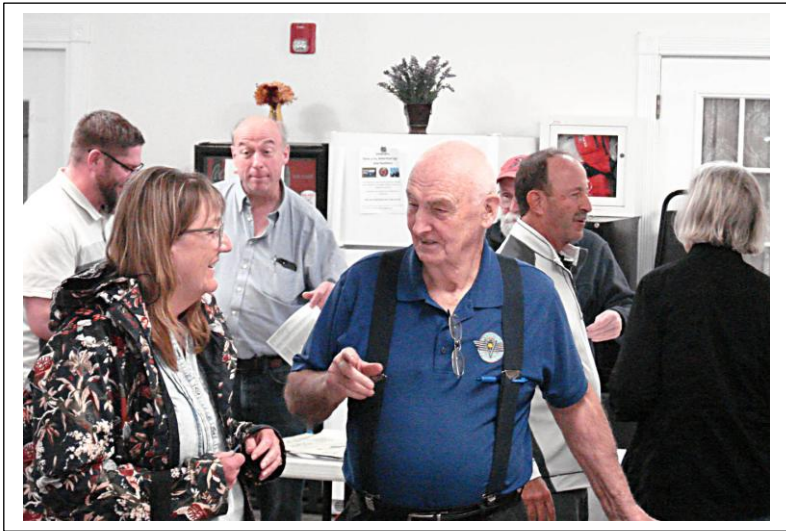
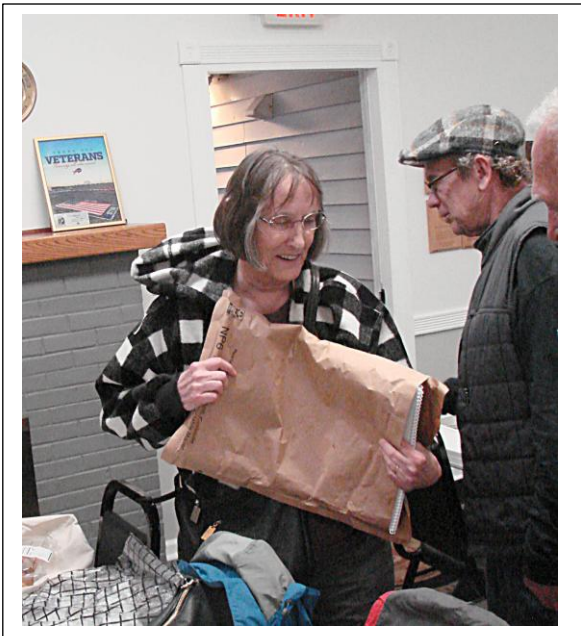


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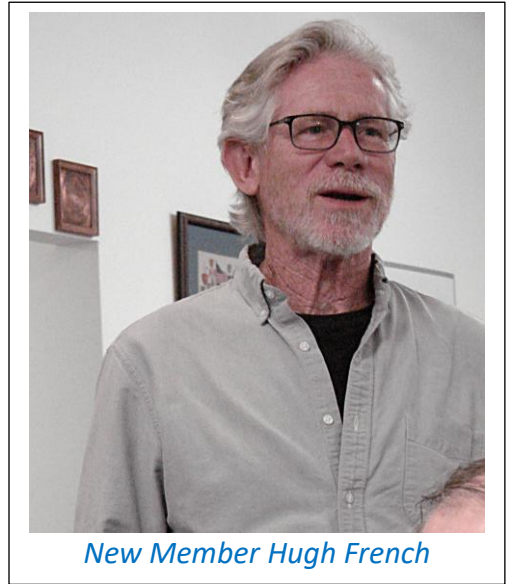




New Member Marty Peck



New Member David Kuhn



New Member Hugh French

Please welcome our newest members!

Marty Peck has a '67 Austin Healey Sprite and a '67 Triumph TR4
David Kuhn has a Mazda Miata! (good choice Dave! – ed.)
Hugh French has a '61 MGA

Minutes for MGCC-WNY Meeting April 16, 2026

By Dan Suter

Our April MGCC WNY meeting was held on 4/16. It was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Ken Barlow. This month, we had good attendance including many club members and one new member and two guests.

New Members and Guests:

New member Marty Peck has a '67 Austin Healey Sprite and a '67 Triumph TR4. Guest Hugh French has a '61 MGA, while Dave Kuhn has a 2013 Mazda MX-5. Welcome to all!

Ken also reiterated his reminders for two items: first, to continue to be active and engage British sportscar owners we encounter to ask them to consider joining us; second, to update our e-mail addresses with the club mailing list and to Celeste Kray when changing e-mails.

For April, several birthdays were announced including Naomi, John Thompson, and Dennis Illig. For anniversaries, Dave and Celeste Kray are celebrating 48 years.

The March meeting minutes were motioned, seconded, and approved with no changes.

Car Show: Since Car Show Co-Chairman Joe Bellizia was absent, C-Chairman Eric Mehserle gave the report. The main news is the Rush Fire Department has approved our event and date (Aug 9) on their field. Eric noted the desire to obtain sponsorships for show classes.

You can vote online at our club website for show T-shirt colors for this year. Posters and show logo are underway. All volunteer positions are posted on the website. There will be a conference call meeting of the show committee April 23 (done by the time you read this).

Treasurer and Membership Report: Our Treasurer Celeste Kray gave us both the Treasury and Membership reports. In April, memberships have now reached 151 member families for 2026. Club finances and balances are in good order. Celeste has called or sent post cards to those who did not renew for 2026.

Activities Report –Justin and Erin Foster gave the Activities report.

Past Events (by the time this is published):

- Swing Into Spring at Flaherty's in Macedon.
- April 25 Tune Up Clinic at Edison Tech.
- Cars and Coffee at the Free Mercantile in Caledonia.

Upcoming Events:

- Cars and Coffee "East Side" on May 10.
- Steak Roast and Auction June 7 at the Legion.

Spokes – Don Welch gave us the Spokes update. Don thanked those who have sent photos and articles, and requested that people continue to do so! Deadline for articles and photos is always one week from Friday following the meeting.

Regalia: There was no Regalia report this month.

Watkins Glen: Ken Barlow noted that the BMW club is holding an autocross event at Watkins Glen (see e-mail). Shortly it will be time for members who have requested rooms at Seneca Lodge to contact Seneca Lodge and provide credit card details.

Librarian: Paul Osborne had no Librarian report this month—in fact the tub of club library items that was stored at the Legion remains missing. The search continues.

Website: Leon Zak said that all is well with the website at the moment.

Historian: Dan Suter noted that Leon has successfully set up the Google Drive to store our many club historical photos and that loading of this Drive will commence soon, followed by an effort to put good captions with the photos. More to follow.

Old Business: Please note that our MG Car Club, Inc Western New Your Centre has been engaged in a revision and update of our club By-Laws since late 2025. Per club protocols, these changes have been announced at the Monthly Meetings and in Spokes each of the past three months. The full text of the updated By-Laws was published in our March Spokes. This brings content in our club By-Laws up-to-date.

Per protocol, following this three-month period for review and comment, the club voted on approving these. The vote was proposed, discussed, motioned, seconded, and approved by vote at the March meeting.

New Business: Ken discussed the upcoming event at Genesee Country Museum which will include special parking for classic cars inside the museum grounds. Please show up at 9:30 AM. Please see the e-mails on the club e-mail distribution list for details.

Leon shared some brief anecdotal history of the "Recipes for Racers" over the years as our group of racers has paddocked at Watkins Glen and other tracks. One year Leon prepared Goetta, a German-American breakfast sausage "mush" which proved to be very popular. Leon announced that he is attending the Goetta Festival in Cincinnati on July 23-24-25 this year and welcomed other club members to join him.

Other Announcements: No other announcements this month.

Project Updates:

- Ken discussed progress on town approvals for his garage, and construction start in May.
- Justin has reupholstered seats in his MGA now.
- Hollis has his MGB at Ben for brakes and suspension work.
- Eric is seeking a 29mm socket for a task on his MGA.
- Todd Black thanked Paul Osborne for his work on the TD side screens
- Naomi has finished reupholstering Joe B's seats for his Midget
- Thanks everyone for sharing their member project activities!

Cars and Parts for Sale:

- Hassan has his TD and MGB for sale.
- Greg Kuhn (apologies if Greg's name is not captured accurately) has a green '74 MG Midget for sale.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was closed at 8:18 PM.

Attendance: April 16th Meeting

Bob	Abels	Erin	Foster	Celeste	Kray	Dick	Rzepkowski
Georgean	Abels	Justin	Foster	Dave	Kray	Martene	Rzepkowski
Dan	Asbury	Bruce	Freeland	Dave	Kuhn	Dan	Suter
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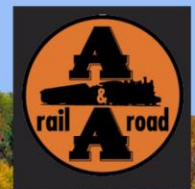
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Swing into Spring

On Sunday, April 19, our MG Car Club of Western New York had its 22nd annual Swing Into Spring event. This year it was a lunch gathering at Flaherty's – Macedon and we had a super turnout of 77 people. There was lots of mingling, chatting and great food. Flaherty's friendly and efficient staff took excellent care of us. OK, the weather could have been better – the morning cold, rain and snow kept the bulk of our sports cars in garages, but the hearty team of John O'Malley/Jen Linton braved it in John's beautiful MG-B. The members who attended ranged from folks who have been in the Club since its first beginnings in the late 1950s (that's Dave & Barb Wild, with thanks to Al & Mary Isselhard for giving them a ride) right up to brand new members who joined over the last few months. All seemed to enjoy our great mix of British car lovers' camaraderie and conversation. The Swing Into Spring event was originated and hosted for it's first 20 years by long-time member Dick Powers, with Laurie Scribner assisting for some of those years. I was happy to carry that tradition forward and especially happy that the Powers Family could join us, as well as the Scribners. Thanks to all who attended and thanks to Don Welch who captured the occasion with some great photos to remember our 22nd Swing Into Spring/Flaherty's event. - Annabelle



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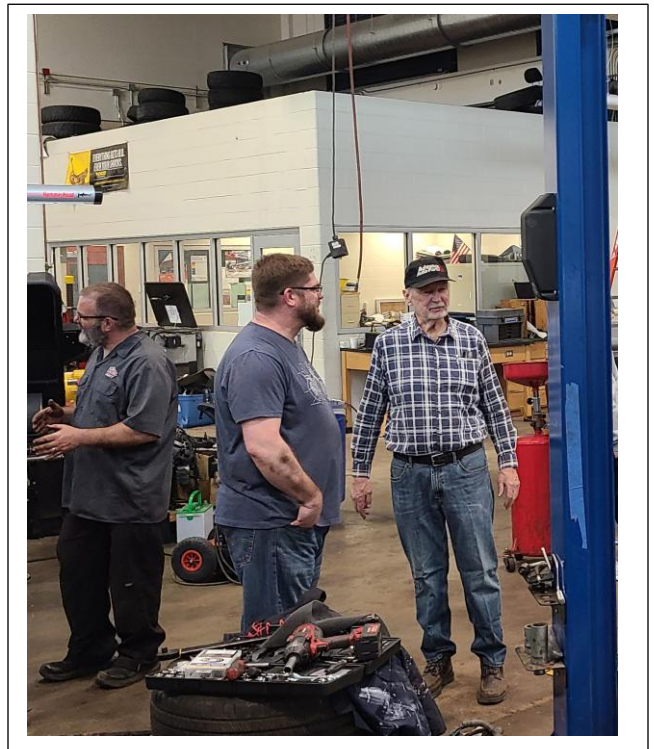
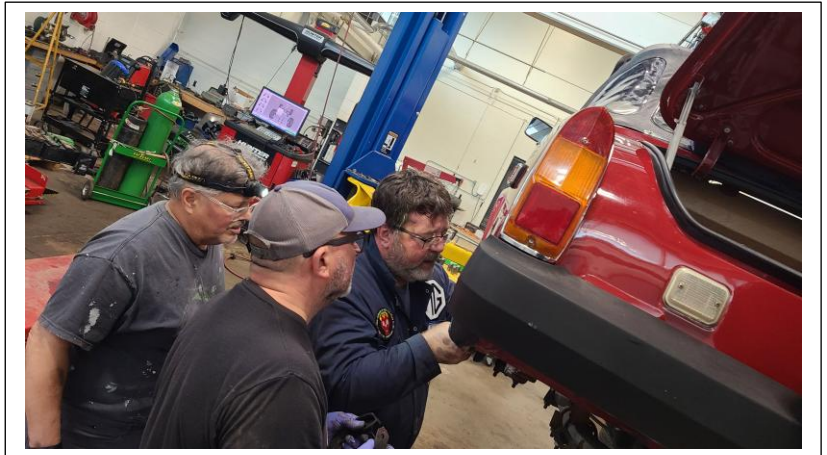


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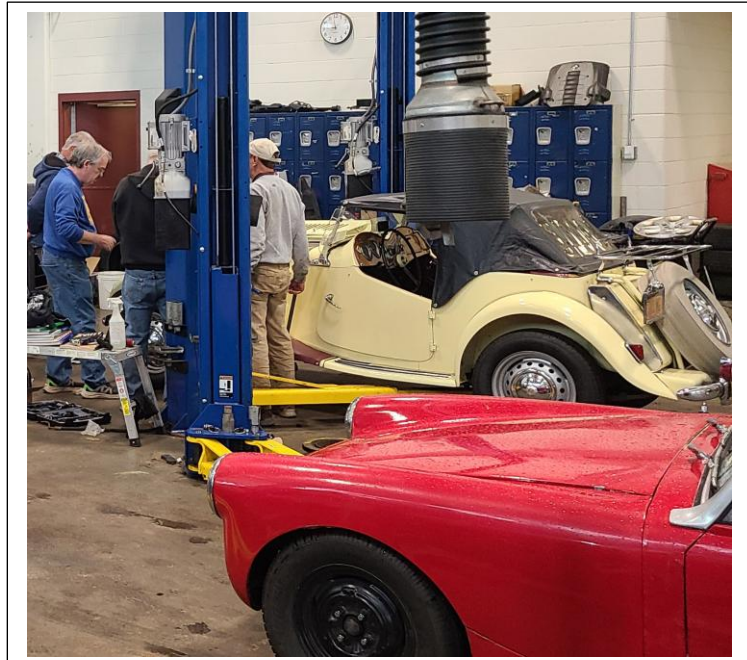
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Car Nuts Breakfast

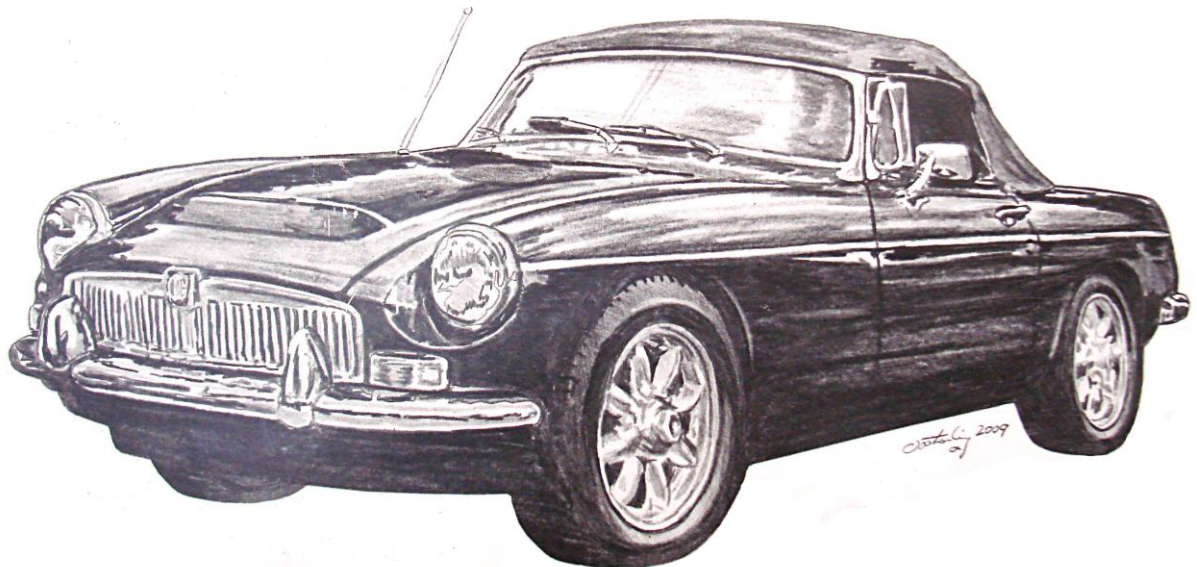
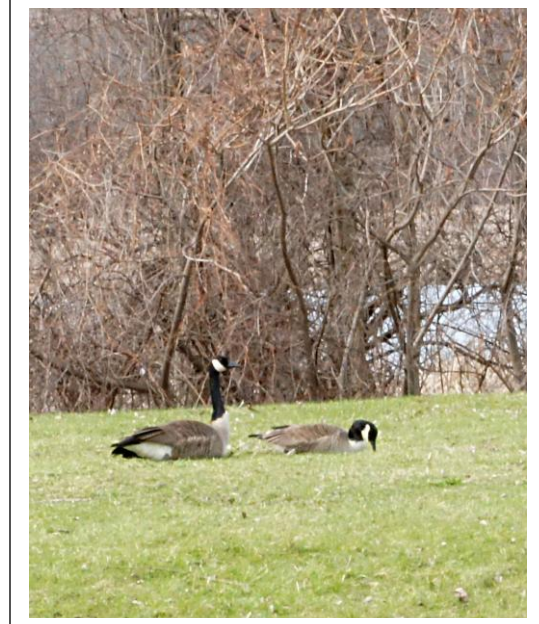
April 9th



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



Car Nuts Breakfast



AI Can Be Useful

By ken Barlow

I use AI all the time for work, mostly ChatGPT and Claude, and mostly as a fancy search engine to avoid garbage results from searching. It's quite useful as a search engine, but is it actually useful for producing things in the real world?

Saturday the 4th of April I reinstalled my dynamator, a generator shaped alternator, on the Sprite and promptly misplaced the "generator adjustment link", the bracket connecting the bottom of the generator to the engine mount, after wire brushing it and grinding a little off one edge to clearance the dynamo fan better.

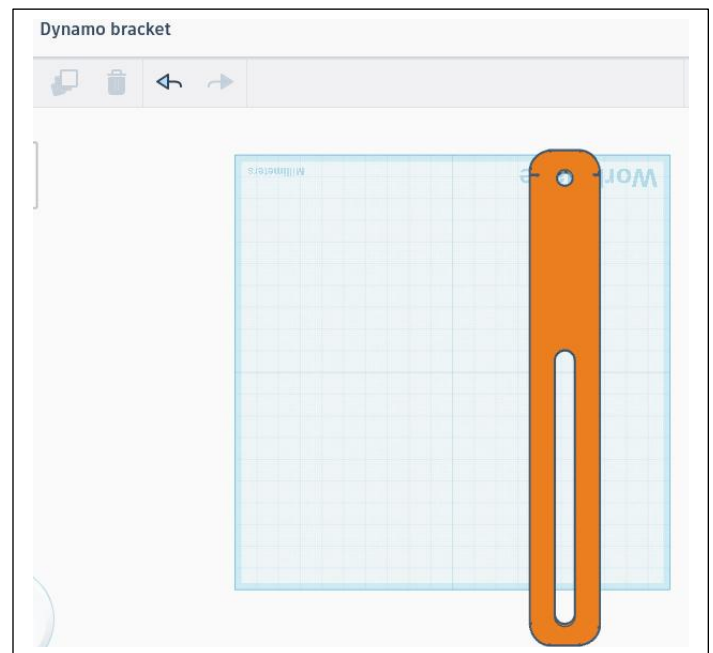
It disappeared. I set it down somewhere, or dropped it, but for the life of me cannot find the thing. Last I knew, it was on the recycle bin lid, with my drill and some other parts. I can find those other things, but not the link. It didn't help that we had three things going on at the same moment, Madeline's 1981 Honda C70 scooter tune up, prepping the house for visitors and prepping the Sprite's charging system.

I lamented about it on the mailing list and was appropriately handled/teased then secured a second one from spares in the hopes of finding the original (of course), but it was too short. Maybe I have an MG B engine in storage? This one matches the size and shape of one off a B. The original is a solid 3 inches longer. On the Sprite, the generator cannot drop much at all, the oil filter system is in the way, so too-short is out of the question.

It's basically a rectangle, 3mm thick of steel plate. I can just cut one out of stock, no? Fab something? Sure. But where's the fun in that?

So I drew it in a tool called Tinkercad. If you're not familiar, it's a free website you can use to design 3d products, and export STL (3d print files) and other formats. The software isn't super sophisticated, you can use primitive shapes and add or subtract to make larger objects, but don't ask for too many shapes/polygons, or you'll run it out of memory and crash your browser. But it's just fine for rectangles with a hole and a slot in it.

Once drawn in Tinkercad, and exported as an STL, I could 3d print it at this point and prototype it (I think a 3d print in plastic would fail on the car) then decide. The part doesn't need that much strength, but it needs to be made out of metal. If I had a water-jet or laser cutter, cut one out of steel or aluminum in 10 minutes and be done. But I don't have one of those, yet.



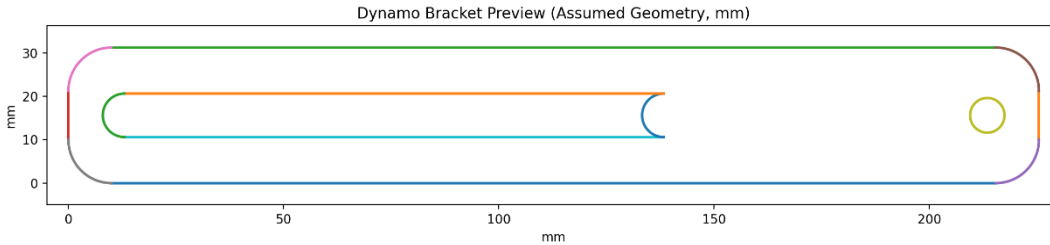
But what I do have is a browser and access to many businesses whose business model is "You send us your drawing, we send you the part." Send Cut Send is one of those, a business advertised by more than a few YouTubers custom fabricating parts for anything from boats to cars to rocket ships.

So I upload the STL to ChatGPT and start ordering it around.

"units is mm, internal cutout and hole must be preserved. It is a bracket, 225.50mm on the long side, 31.23 mm on the short side of a rounded rectangle, the rounded ends radius of around 10mm just enough to soften the corners so they aren't sharp, it is 3mm thick with an 8mm hole 8mm from one of the ends on the flat side of the bar so the center of the hole is 12mm from the end of the bar, and the other end has a slot that begins 8mm from

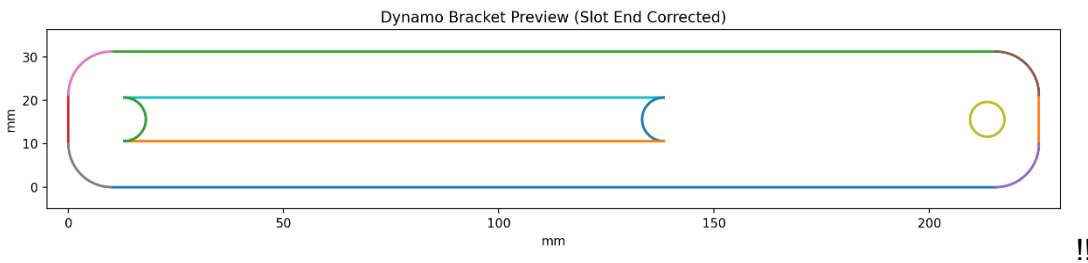
the other end and proceeds to about 60% the length of the bar towards the hole. That slot is 10mm wide and rounded off at each end with a radius of 10mm."

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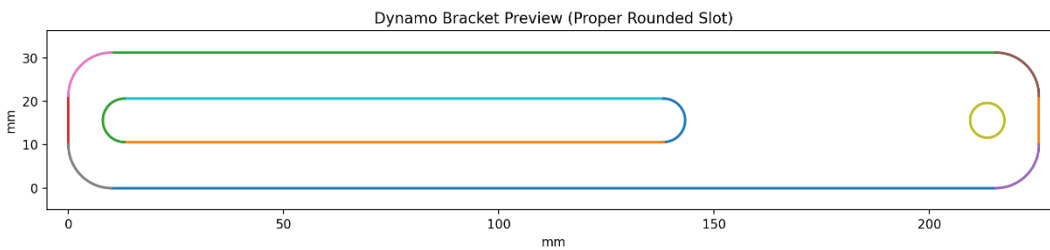


The radius at the end of the slot that is towards the hole is in the wrong direction. The slot should end with convex ends that point away from each other like a long narrow ellipse rather than what is drawn. Just mirror the radius at the end of the slot closest to the hole end of the bar.

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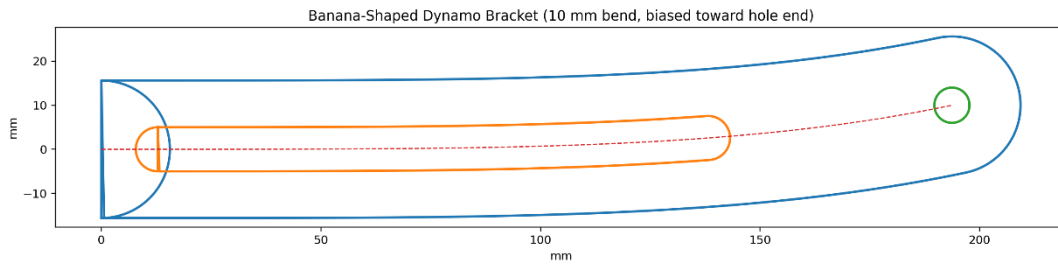
No, you stupid AI: "mirror both ends of the slot now so they point towards each other"



There we go. DXF acquired. \$8.84 from Send Cut Send at 3.2mm thick metal. But I get free shipping with three things.

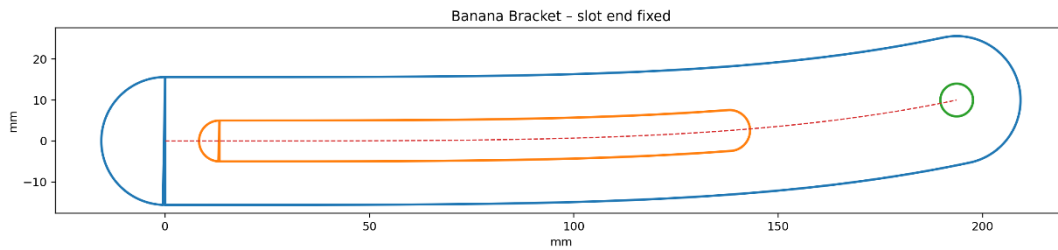
Can I do better?

"now make the shape slightly longer, but also banana shaped so that the total length between the center of the hole at one end, and the center of the other end of the bar are the same length apart, but the bar that connects the two is slightly bent, and the slot follows the new contour of the bent shape. I only need the total bend to be about 10mm, so make the bend around 10mm and make it more at the end with the hole in it, rather than along the entire piece"

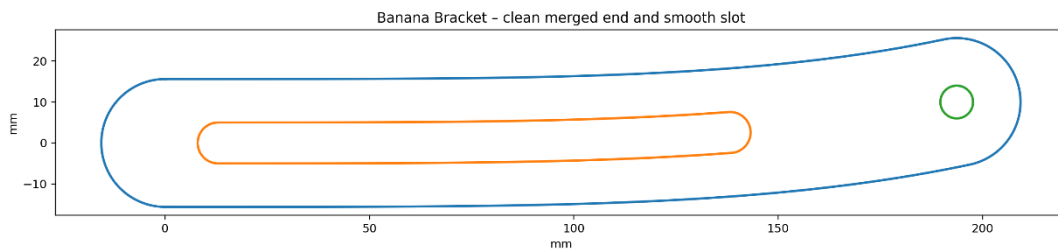


Again, what the hell is that.

Corrected with "close, there's a weird half circle at the slot end that should be popping out of the surface rather than into the surface. It is a good shape other than that weird half circle."

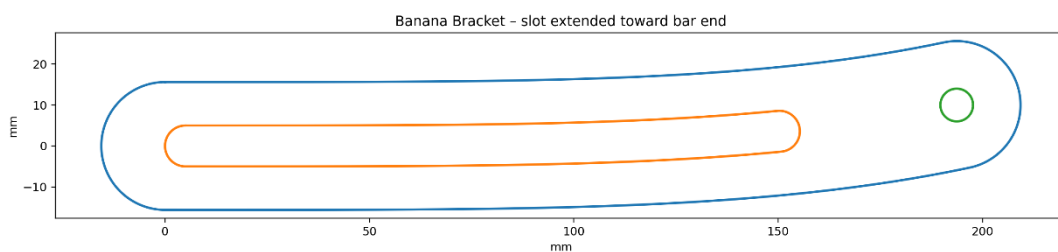


We are close now? Just tell it to merge the shapes, get rid of that little orange bar?



Good enough. But let's

shorten the bulb at the left side with "now slightly shorten the end with the slot OR extend the slot another 20mm or so towards that end so the end of the slot is the same distance from the end of the bar as it was when we first started"

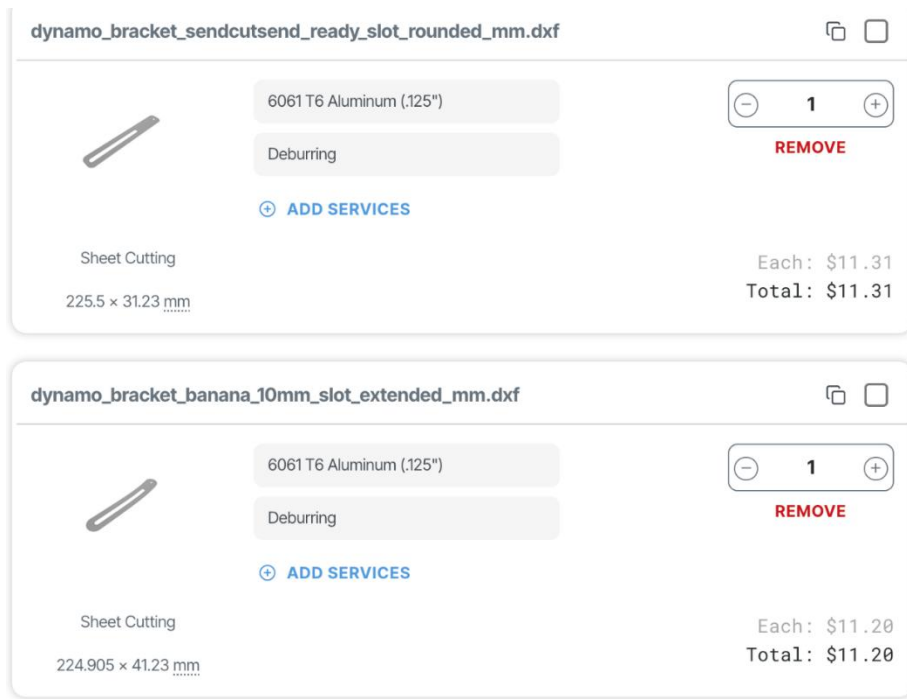


Solid. Now I can print to paper, cut the paper out, if it fits on the car, then send to Send Cut Send.

But first... You can then turn around and ask ChatGPT to fix itself. "How do I write this prompt in the future so that you produce the correct output the first attempt?" And it will rewrite your prompts with requirements, features, etc all in one place for you to copy/modify/paste back in removing ambiguity from your next interactions. If you want the whole prompt it replied with, email me and I can supply it.

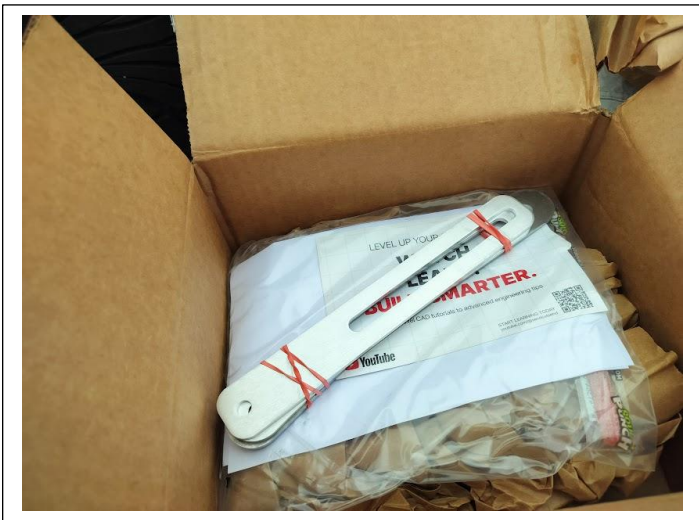
Does it print? Yes. Printing the PNG files prints to scale and cutting them out they fit the car just fine.

Send Cut Send accepts the DXF files as-is, showing you a 3d rendering of the product.



One is \$11.31 and the other \$11.20. Price is based on material size and cut lengths.

3.2mm aluminium is cheap, apparently. So I ordered two in aluminum and one in mild steel. They arrived 4 days later. \$33, free shipping.



Some paint and there you go. Custom alternator/dynamo/generator bracket.

If you have an idea for a part that is extinct, let's go. The sky is the limit, you can order bends, holes, slots, you can put tabs and slots into them for alignment, and weld pieces together. A motorcycle company makes an entire motorcycle out of parts from Send Cut Send. If they can do it, we can use tools like this to replace anything that's impossible to acquire. I'll bet they can cut gears if you can get a rendering file for them.

Ken

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The History of the MG Car Club

by Gil Langswager

PART VI

Chuck Heindl was in the driver's seat as we started our third year in 1960. He had both hands firmly on the steering wheel, his eyes focused straight ahead and his foot all the way down—we were going places! He stated in his first “Chairman's Corner” that our policy would be to present a variety of events with an off-beat flavor, putting the emphasis on safety. He backed this up with a schedule that looked like this:

MARCH - Standard Rallye

APRIL - National Type Rallye

MAY - English Trial - Gimmick Rallye

JUNE - Standard Rallye

JULY - Gymkhana

AUGUST - M.G. Marque Races

SEPT. - Night Rallye

OCTOBER - Tour to Placid

NOV. - Map Rallye

DEC. - Christmas Party

JAN. - Standard Rallye

Thirty-nine cars entered Gene Hondorf's Eye-Opener Rallye in March and the contestants were confronted with a real challenge to their wits and eyesight. Bill Hackman and Helen Brown won the trophy with 209 points. Beginner Dick Yaeger had a perfect score - he hit all seven check points more than 50 minutes late - 14,000 points!

Regrettably in April, George Gay had to resign his office of Post-Rallye Master and turn it over to his newly appointed assistant, Dick Coleman. The April event, called the “Little 500”, turned out so well it became an annual event. Of course it was refined and renamed “The Western New York Invitational Rallye”. But that, of course, will be covered in later history. Bill Bell and Danny Lee were a winning team in those days and they upheld their reputation on this one. It



was our first attempt at a “national type” rallye; it was a good attempt with credits and bouquets going to Bruce Norton and John Robinson.

The “Little 200” did indeed warm up our rallyeists and the following week history repeated itself with Western New Yorkers getting the lion's share of the hardware. Don Stahl and Carl Clark picked up all of 5 points for the whole two days and all of those at the first control. Needless to say, they won the thing. It was a rough one, Spring had been terribly unkind to the roads. I was driving Brad Rising's almost new MGA and was having many twinges of guilt, knowing it would never be the same again. But here was a true navigator, dedicated to the job at hand, never whimpering, never looking up, not even an apprehensive touch on the arm, even when the doors came unlatched as the body flexed. Brad Rising is number one on my list of navigators.

The English Trial would have been an excellent event except for one thing - rain. Because of it, there wasn't any trial. Chuck Heindl had laid out a beautiful course and to this day it has not been run. We found this out one week before the scheduled date - what do we do now, Coach? We came up with a rallye - the “Last Minute

Rallye". It was laid out on a map on Sunday night, complete with clues and average speeds (we had good memories) and run for mileage Monday night. Tuesday night was officer's meeting and all officers were recruited for checkers. Course check was Wednesday night, corrections Thursday, monthly meeting Friday where it was announced, and final check Saturday, bringing up more corrections. Sunday it started as scheduled and except for one hitch, came off as well as any Sunday afternoon rallye. This is not recommended procedure, however, you should have at least two weeks. (uh-huh). The club was dealt its first real low blow in the form of a very disappointing turnout for the Gymkhana. This was a joint venture with S.C.C.A. but somehow it fell flat. There was a gross lack of workers and less than twenty contestants. A far cry from our previous gymkhanas.

Our spirits were raised again in July when Bill Hackman and Helen Brown presented the "FYI" rallye. FYI - For Your Information - a different kind of rallye, one with "transit zones" in which to enjoy scenery pointed out by informational paragraphs in the instructions. Transit zones were new to us at that time and were a welcome change, taking some of the pressure out of the rallye. This event turned out 50 entrants with Carl Clark navigating Doris Britt to first Place.

This brings us to the highlight of the year, our second annual MG Marque Races. Chairman Chuck Heindl did his usual superlative job, and profiting by last years experience, made this an even better event than last year. For Chuck and most of the club members it was work - grueling, tiring hard work. But it was worth every drop of sweat, every ounce of energy, every lost minute of sleep, for the satisfaction of doing a perfect job. That was one thing about our M.G. Car Club, anything we undertook to do, we did well. I could go on and on as I did earlier about our first race, but I shall sum it up

this way. It was a terrific event, as good as any in the country, and it spread our reputation far afield. But - it didn't attract a large enough crowd to pay expenses and it was financially too risky for our small organization. We received many pats on the back and did our own patting as well. When it came to the decision for another one next year, we were all torn between idealism and practicality. Some of us chose one and some the other, resulting inevitably in a long and stormy meeting. Practicality had to win this one even though it was the minority. September was also a busy month but a complete change from the races. First was the annual tour to Lake Placid; a leisurely, frolicsome weekend, enjoyed, unfortunately, by only twenty people. Then came something unusual and unlikely for us, the Concours d'Elegance at Watkins Glen. This was steeped in tradition and prestige from the beginning of racing at the Glen But found itself without a sponsor in 1960. Along came the "try-anything-once" M.G. Car Club and it had a sponsor. Now we got it, what are we gonna do with it? We found out and it turned out to be a real money-maker for us. It kind of offset our loss at the race. To finish out the month, we had a rallye, "September Surprise". It was a surprise, alright, but they say you can't win 'em all. I'll close on that note for this month - next month, the Night Photo, Halloween, the Fox's Maze and on into 1961.

Gil Langswooper

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Cars & Coffee

April 26

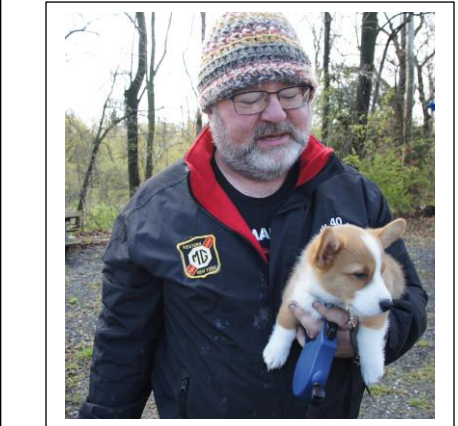


Always the last Sunday of the month, 9AM at FreeStyle Mercantile in Mumford. Come join us!

Pretty chilly April 26th, but we had a good turnout for Cars & Coffee in Mumford. Don saw one of the eagles along Oatka Trail on the way in. Russ has his telescope on their nest across the road.

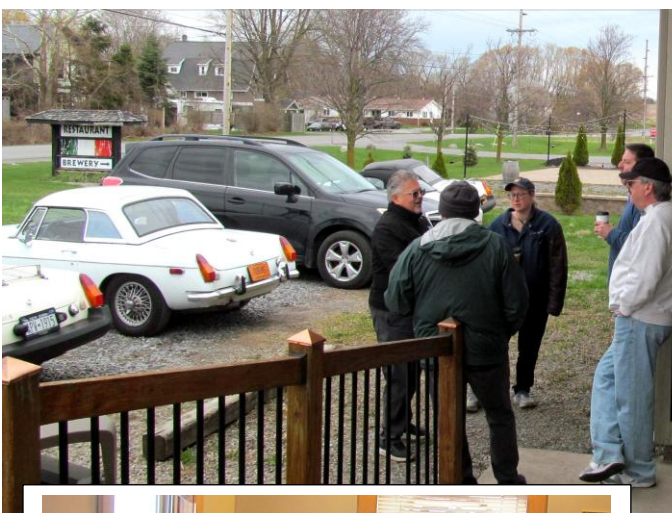


Cars & Coffee



Cars & Coffee - Bloomfield

There's another C & C in Bloomfield the second Sunday in May. Brewed Awakening, corner of Rt 20 & Whalen Rd, next to Irish Mafia.



Ken's Interview with Sir Drifto

By Ken Barlow

Part Two

In our continuing series on YouTubers with MG connections, **we present Sir Drifto!**

Find Sir Drifto on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@sirdrifto> or search for SirDrifto in the YouTube main search bar.

How about local car shows? You have a great video on a car show on your channel, for example. (an aside, I notice there's an AVI-8 logo on that drive-through Denver video, I didn't notice it was sponsored back when it came out. Coincidentally, I wear a powder blue Wingman World Timer automatic from that company. I really like the piece, it's really nice looking, while super affordable.) **We have some amazing car events in Colorado. My favorite as I mentioned earlier was the Glennwood Rally up in the mountains of Colorado. It's a weekend of incredible roads, rally's, hangovers and great stories with friends. We also have another one called the Concours event, which some incredible cars come out for. I do work with AVI-8 on various aviation projects. We tried getting some excitement going with the watch side of things with these cars at one time. We may try again in the near future.**

(This is not an advertisement for AVI-8 (Aviate, get it?) I just like their watches. They aren't terrible expensive and are good visually, have high contrast generally easy to see and often quite fetching. See my new Snoopy watch from them at the next event to match my tattoo which is in homage to the Snoopy painting my mom painted on the rear wings of my dad's 61 Sprite race car. -Ken)

Other hobbies plus YouTube: **I am a man of adventure, I love aviation, and unfortunately it consumes my bank account as well. I fly paramotors, my open cockpit airplane, and I love overlanding with my 1984 Toyota Hilux Camper. I don't like safety, so that usually entails activities of questionable motive. Such as my buddy and I recently flew our paramotors from our home airport to Chick-Fil-A and landed in a field next to the restaurant. We definitely had a crowd watching**



us take off from that delicious pit stop. But to us it was just another day.

Your YouTube channel, @SirDrifto, has been around about 12 years? What was the first thing you posted, is there content you cringe over today? Looking back at some of your old videos, the tour of the B52 rotting in a field is pretty amazing. I would absolutely be proud of that content. It aged well. **I think every year I look back and I shake my head over something I did or filmed, but as I get older I realize that I am blessed with all these incredible opportunities. Such as flying some of the coolest aircraft around, or driving various cars. If I can give the audience the experience and education to have them learn something new or potentially pursue a life long dream. Then my work spent capturing these episodes has paid off. I think my early videos were a ton of really questionable flying in my paramotor in conditions that would make just about any full grown male go what we call "code brown". I'm glad I survived that era.**

You are a man of many very cool hobbies like airplanes, classic cars, classic motorcycles, paramotors, what else is in your rotation of fun hobbies? It's always good to see them displayed, they're exotic and fun, and you certainly look like you're having fun while filming. Is it all as fun as it looks? **Honestly it comes down to the incredible people I surround myself with. When you get offered an opportunity to fly a 1943 PBY Catalina from WW2 down the coast of the pacific ocean, you accept that opportunity. Or if you have a friend that buys a questionable Mercedes diesel sight unseen and wants you to roadtrip 1400 miles in the middle of winter in hopes it makes it home in one piece. You accept that opportunity. We are given opportunities every day in various shapes and sizes. The goal is to accept the ones that truly make us grow as individuals.**

Which hobby consumes you the most? Airplanes/flying? **Flying is my love, it always has been and always will be. I feel at peace up there. I also love classic cars and motorcycles. Those two are my life, in a way that it makes me smile when I think of them. I love staying in shape, so working out, being outside and searching for adventure is my objective in life.**



Have you encountered any real danger during an outing? There's RISK of course, flying an old airplane, flying a paramotor, driving an old car, but have you found yourself wondering if you were going to make it? **Lets just say I've put more airplanes in fields or highways than most flight schools have. That just goes with the nature of flying vintage aircraft. I've had my share of grey hairs from flying over the**



years. Being caught in weather that you thought was going to be your last flight and you were waiting for the wings to buckle at any moment. To staring out the window with a dead engine asking yourself, why didn't I stay home and make that steak burger instead of test flying your buddies' very questionable cessna. It just goes with the game, and if you can get in that headspace that anything can happen and handle it logically. You'll be just fine.

What's the family think about the projects and your YouTube channel? Fully support, obviously! But do they know about the Youtube Channel and what's their reaction to it? Do you get support from friends and relatives about it? **It came down to I didn't care if I had approval or not. But what set the benchmark was character, I like character, and every car I owned over the years had just that. I don't like cookie cutter or keeping up with the Jones. I like being the only car of that style and type when I roll up to a car show. My parents were the most supportive, loving fans I could ever ask for. I don't ask for much from them except "hey why don't you come on this adventure, or come hang out at this event" They always show up, and I cherish every one of those moments. I'm picky with my friends, and every single one of them are incredible. Skilled, smart, and they have damn good taste in vehicles. I always say, choose the friends that will come rescue you at 2am with a dead vintage car. My buddy Craig knows that one all too well.**

Do you have a mechanical background, or engineering background, or hobby mechanic? **I learned much of**

my mechanical knowledge from my father. He is about as DIY as Tim Allen from Tool Time. He fixes everything. He is a great role model and has taught me so much. Also many of my friends are incredibly talented mechanically and I've learned from the best.

How many subscribers today? Last I checked was 36K, which isn't huge, but it's the quality not quantity, and the subscribers I've talked to have been incredible, some really talented followers out there. That frankly I should be learning from.

How many views (ballpark) in total? Over roughly how many videos? I've been lucky for having such a small channel to get some amazing exposure on some of my videos. My Piaggio cross country flight was a popular one at just shy of 800,000 views. The Cessna 152 ferry flight was a hit at 300,000. Its just fun, and I don't do it for views but rather documenting all these adventures that I normally was going to do, but I decided to bring a camera with me.

(My wife and drum corps' YouTube channel @ExcelsiorBrigade has been around for something like 19 years, and has just over a million views in all that time, so that makes me an expert (kidding, kidding) but seriously, 300k on a single video is great, 800k is amazing and 35k people interested in fun hobbies like these is wonderful. -Ken)

Did you notice spikes as the videos were recommended to new groups of enthusiasts? Are there some videos you post that do far better than others?



Youtube views and engagement predictability is about as reliable as a case of nitroglycerine on a flatbed trailer going down a washboard dirt road. It's all over the place. I will never understand the algorithm. A great example is, we do dumb touch and goes with the Cessna 150 and people go wild and it gets a ton of views. I go fly a WW2 P40e Warhawk fighter with combat history, and people are less enthusiastic. It's bizarre, and I've come to the conclusion just film what you enjoy doing. Which is exactly what I'm doing.

What inspired you to produce the videos in the first place? I believe we often are given life experiences that many other individuals only dreamed of. If I have the ability to capture those experiences and share it with the world, then maybe I am contributing to society in a way that's beneficial.

Are you happy with the results and with the response from the community? I have fun filming, and I have the editing down to a streamline process. Is it perfect, absolutely not, and there are so many other YouTubers out there that have incredible content. But for the time I spend editing and the ability I have to not burn up all my time editing but rather go out and capture the adventures and experiences. Then I'm doing what works best. Less time frustrated and more time adventuring.

As an engineer in computing, sounds like you have the right way to do it.



Remove the chores from the effort and it suddenly becomes productive and fun.

What's next for the channel? Any new to you classics? Planned adventures? Some of those flights are amazing, any more weird places to land in the boondocks?

More flying adventures, more car reviews and maybe some educational episodes on flying, pilot and automotive realms. I think if I have the ability to teach someone that could be valuable to them. Then I'm happy.

What's the hardest part of youtube? What's the best part? Technical stuff, who edits the videos? **Honestly the editing and capturing is easy. It's how piratical the algorithm is and I have yet to find a way to understand. One video explodes with views, another flatline. It's bizarre and I haven't found the science behind it.**

What camera equipment or other equipment do you use? What software do you use to edit the videos? How many hours of editing do you find yourself doing for the videos? **I primarily utilize GoPros. They're reliable, compact, easy and frankly capture some amazing detail. It makes it simple. I could get more**



cinematic with bigger cameras, but frankly this works just fine.

Anything else you want to share with the club? **Don't keep pushing off the project car, or that adventure you always wanted to do with your ride. Just go do it, and worry about the consequences later; you'll thank me later.**

I know a few club members who will love the aviation content. The car content we'll all love! The scenery in the background is always a bonus. Colorado's scenery is so different from ours. Living along the Great Lakes and the Finger Lakes, shaped by glaciers and largely forested, our steep inclines end after a mile or two. We're practically at sea level here around 400 feet AGL vs 5400 feet and higher? Many of us have relatives in the area where Nathan does his work with Kodak and French's moving factories out there in the early 70s.

Thanks, Nathan, so much for sharing your love of adventure with us, and I know the next videos will be just as interesting as the last ones, keep up the great work!

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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



These new by-laws were adopted at our regular club meeting April 16th, 2026.

**MG Car Club Western New York Centre, Inc.
By-Laws Proposed By-Laws - February 28, 2026**

1. Name and Purpose

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

2. Meetings

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

- f. The minutes of each meeting shall contain accurate recording of any motions or balloting. The minutes shall be submitted to the *Spokes* editor for inclusion of the next issue of *Spokes*.

3. Elected and Appointed Officers

- a. The elected officers and the appointed officers shall be known as the "Board".
- b. The elected officers of this Club shall consist of:
 - i. Chairman;
 - ii. Vice Chairman;
 - iii. Secretary;
 - iv. Treasurer;
 - v. Activities Director;
 - vi. Trustee 1 - to be elected by a majority of the membership at the annual election;
 - vii. Trustee 2 - shall be the immediate past Chairman of the Club. In the case of the immediate past Chairman declining the position, the Trustee 2 position will be elected by a majority vote of the membership at the Election meeting;
- c. No elected officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years unless no member is nominated for that position. In that case the officer may maintain their position for another year.
- d. Nominations for Officers will be made at the General meeting prior to the Election meeting or by email to the Chairman or Vice Chairman prior to the General meeting before the Election meeting.

- e. In the event that there is only one candidate for an elected position the Chairman may cast one vote as the unanimous deciding vote.
- f. A vacancy in any office shall be filled at the next General meeting by nominations from the floor and a majority vote of the members present. Exception shall be the automatic promotion of Vice Chairman to Chairman.
- g. The term of office shall commence January 1 following the Election meeting. The elected term of each officer shall be one calendar year.
- h. The appointed officers shall consist of:
 - i. Librarian;
 - ii. Webmaster;
 - iii. Regalia Coordinator;
 - iv. *The Spokes* Editor;
 - v. Club Historian
- i. Appointments of appointed officers shall be recommended by the Board and approved by a majority show of hands by the membership at a General meeting or Election meeting.

4. Duties of Officers

- a. Duties of the Chairman:
 - i. Preside at all meetings.
 - ii. Appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.
 - iii. Enforce the observance of the by-laws.
 - iv. Cast the deciding vote in case of ties.
- b. Duties of the Vice-Chairman:
 - i. Perform all the duties of the Chairman in his absence.

- ii. Be a liaison between the Board and committee chairpersons.
 - iii. Procure insurance certificates 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.

5. Membership

- a.** Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the Club and/or its activities.

- b.** Membership dues shall be set for the following year at the Election meeting by vote of the membership. If a vote is not taken, dues shall remain the same as in the previous year.
- c.** Membership renewals shall be the full year dues amount no matter what time of year they are paid. New members who join after September 1st get the following year included.
- d.** Membership applications and dues renewals shall be presented to the Treasurer by the applicant. Dues may be paid on line through the Club website or in person to a Board Member at a Club-sanctioned event.
- e.** It shall be the duty of each member to conduct himself/herself at all times in a manner such that no reflection of misconduct is placed against the Club.
- f.** Members' partners/spouses are full members with voting privileges.

6. Resignations and Expulsions

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

7. General Rules

- a. Announcements of sanctioned Club activities shall be:
 - i. Posted on the Club website.
 - ii. Posted in the *Spokes* magazine - if there will be a publication before the date of the activity.
 - iii. Sent at least once to the Club email list by the Activities Director.

- b. Alcohol of any kind shall not be purchased by the Club for consumption at Club events. Alcohol that is not to be consumed at the event may be purchased by the Club for prizes or giveaways at Club events.

- c. Voting shall be done using one or both of the following methods:
 - i. **In person** show of hands or in person paper balloting.
 - 1. If any member objects to a show of hands, paper balloting will be used.
 - ii. **Online** form on the Club's website or email collection.

- d. All presentations and any collections made for non-Club purposes or causes that take place at Club meetings and Club-sanctioned events shall be approved in advance by the Club's Board.

8. Amendments, Revisions and Alterations

- a. To amend, revise or alter the By-laws, the proposed change will be read by the Chairman at a meeting that shall be known as the "Proposal" meeting. Within seven 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.

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FOREIGN LEGAL NAME:	FICTITIOUS NAME:
ENTITY TYPE: DOMESTIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION	DURATION DATE/LATEST DATE OF DISSOLUTION:
SECTION OF LAW: -	ENTITY STATUS: ACTIVE
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EFFECTIVE DATE INITIAL FILING: 05/19/1958	INACTIVE DATE:
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May Sunshine Page

April Birthdays

5	Nona	Kraus
10	George	Conboy
11	Lisa	Kolmer
12	Paula	Barbari
15	Jamie	Suter
15	Sylva	Valentino
15	Gary	Wilson
16	Nancy	Bauder
18	Deb	Leible
23	Bill	Benet
25	Ellen	Filreis
25	Jan	Langswanger
26	William	Kowalewski
27	Harold	Rodman
28	Dan	Young
30	Mac	McCampbell
31	Neil	Hoselton

April Anniversaries

1	Dick & Patricia Giambra
16	Joe & Patti Bellizia
20	Bob & Georgean Abels
21	Jeff & Jan Langswager
22	Doug & Susan Avery
27	Frank & Wendy DeMarzo
27	Jamie & Erica Suter
28	George & Paula Barbari
28	Mike & Susan Goodwin



Happy Birthday



If you think you've been mistakenly left off either list above, first 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 May 2026

by Justin & Erin Foster

• May

- **May 2th**
 - Genesee Country Village Museum car show; be there by 9:30AM
- **May 10th**
 - Cars and Coffee at The Brewed Awakening in Bloomfield from 9 AM to Noon
- **May 16th**
 - International Festival & Vintage Car Celebration – Downtown Canandaigua from 11 AM - 4 PM
 - Registration is now open; the registration link may be found on MG Club Events page for this event
- **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

• June

- **June 7th**
 - Steak Roast at American Legion in Henrietta from 12-6
 - Member cost is \$20.00; non-Member cost is \$30.00
 - Signup on the website by Thursday, May 21st
- **June 21st**
 - Eurocar Show 2026 on June 21st, 9am to 3pm - LaFayette Apple Festival Grounds, Corner Route 20

• August

- **August 9th**
 - MG Car Club Western NY Car Show - Rush Fire Department Field
- **August 14th through 16th**
 - MG 103 Fest – 1000 Islands, Canada
- **August 23rd through 27th**
 - MG International 2026 – Sandusky, Ohio

• October

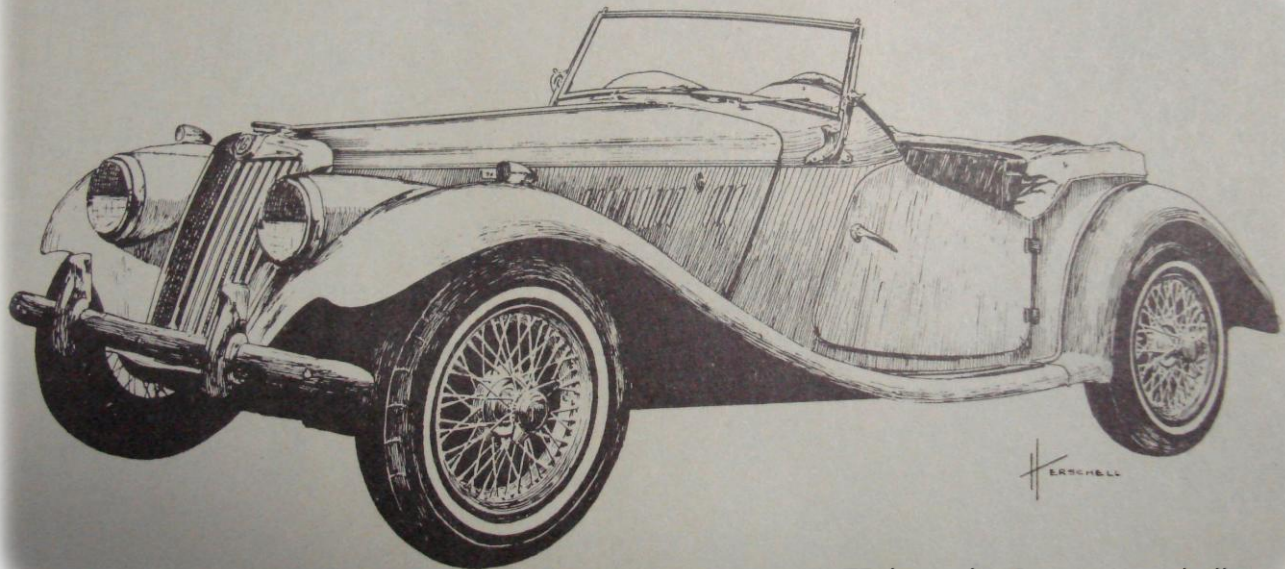
- **October 18th**
 - 2026 Fall Tour at Arcade and Attica Railroad at 10 AM
 - If you paid your annual club dues by February 15th, your cost will be \$20. If you paid your dues February 16th or later, then your cost will be \$23 per person

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

2026 CAR SHOW CALENDAR

Please let me know of any others, & send flyers to Spokes@MGCarClub.com

SHOW	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Antique Show	May 2	10-4	Gen. Country Museum, Mumford
Vintage Euro Car Show	May 16	11-5	Canandaigua Downtown
Camp Haccamo Car Show	June 6	8-3	Greece Ridge Mall
Albion Strawberry Festival	June 12-13	9-3	State St, Albion
Manchester Car Show	July 11	10-3	Griffin Park, 1 West Ave
WNY MG Club 53rd Car Show	Aug 9	9-4	Rush Firemens Field
MG 103 Fest	Aug 14-16		Gananoque, Ontario, Can.
MG International 2026	Aug 24-27		Sandusky, Ohio

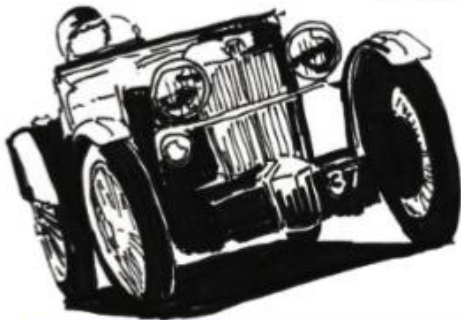


TF drawn by George Herschell



Western NY MG Car Club's

53'd Annual Sports Car & Auto Festival 2026



MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!

Sunday August 9th 2026

Register Your Car at www.MgCarClub.com

Register Now for \$10. per car / \$20 Day of Show

Rush Fireman's Field

1971 Rush - Mendon Road, Rush NY 14543
(near intersection of Route 251 & 15A)

Gates Open at 9am

Judging at 1pm

Awards 2pm

**Great cars of all makes, food, music &
fun for the whole family!**

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.



International Festival & VINTAGE AND CLASSIC EURO CAR Celebration

SAVE THE DATE & REGISTER TODAY!

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
11:00AM - 5:00PM**

Join us on Main Street in Historic
Downtown Canandaigua for an International
Marketplace, Food, Live Music, & Dancing.

CAR CRUISE BEGINS AT 11:00AM

CARS WILL BE LINING THE STREET AT 11:30 AM
COME SEE CLASSIC AND VINTAGE CARS MANUFACTURED
IN ENGLAND, EUROPE, AND JAPAN PRIOR TO 2000.

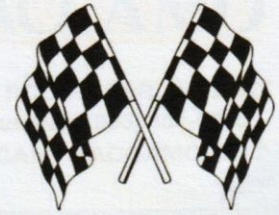


**REGISTER
YOUR CAR
HERE TODAY**

WWW.DOWNTOWNCANANDAIGUA.COM



Camp Haccamo's 13th Annual



Car, Truck & Cycle Show



Saturday, June 6, 2026
Rain date – Sunday, June 7
Gates open @ 8:00 am.
Awards shortly after 1:00 pm



The Mall at Greece Ridge
Behind the former Sears store

\$15 Pre-registration

\$20 Day of Show

\$3 Spectator Donation

50/50 Raffle

Vendors Music

Food

Door Prizes



2025 Best of Show: 1957 Chevy Pickup

Judging:

50 "People's Choice"

16 Special Awards

Trophies for All Winners

Car Show Contact: Chuck Krause
ckrause613@gmail.com. 585-703-0918

Registration & Sponsorship forms:
www.camphaccamo.org

38th Annual Albion Strawberry Festival

2026 DATES

JUNE 12-13

SEE YOU THEN!!!

Rotary
Albion, NY



Albion, NY



6th Annual Manchester *Car Show & Swap Meet*

Date: Saturday, July 11, 2026 10:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Mike Griffin Memorial Park
One West Avenue
Manchester, NY 14504

Event: Traditional Car Show & Swap Meet
All Vehicles Welcome

Registration 9:00am - noon

Many Prizes and Awards

Operating O-Gauge Model Railroad

Food, Vendors, Ice Cream Truck,

Raffles, Restrooms



Sponsored by the
**Manchester
Model Railroad
Association**

Spectators Free

Entry Fee for Car Owners:
\$10.00 pre-register by 7/8/26

\$20.00 at the gate

**Dash
Plaques
for first
100 cars**

**For Vendor Space
call**

Mike Buttaccio

(585) 478-4269

To pre-register by check, send \$10 payable to **Manchester Model Railroad Association**.
Mail to Mike Buttaccio, 24 North Avenue, Manchester, NY 14504.

To pre-register online, PayPal email is team4mare@gmail.com and the account is

"Manchester Model Railroad Association"

Add your name, car make and model, year and 2026 MMRA Car Show in the
What is it for? box.



**NORTH AMERICAN
COUNCIL OF
MG REGISTERS**

**Invites ALL MG Owners
to join us August 24-27, 2026
in the Sandusky, Ohio / Lake Erie area
for the every-five-year ALL-MG Event
mginternational2026.org**

SHORES & ISLANDS OHIO
CEDAR POINT SANDUSKY PUT-IN-BAY

**Registration opens
year-end 2025**





Gananoque, Ontario
August 14 - 16

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

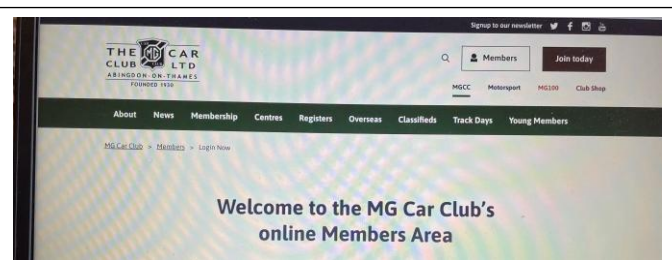
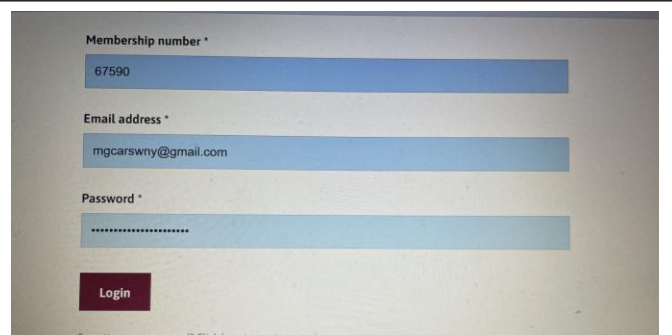
As shown in the login, the membership number and the email address are both defaulted.

(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





North American MGB Register

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

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.

As a member of NAMGBR, you will receive:



The MG Driver

This bi-monthly magazine is packed with over 60 pages of useful information with the right mix of Technical and Member information.



Technical Help

NAMGBR has assembled a group of technical experts to answer your questions



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

Do you want to be a member in the largest club in North American dedicated to the MGB, MGB/GT, MGC, MGC/GT, MG V8, Midget, 1100/1300 Sedans and Post Abington MGs?

Go to the website and either download a PDF membership form and mail with a check or instantly join via Credit Card



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

New Name Badge Orders Being Taken
MG Car Club of WNY
APRIL 2026



New Name Badge Order

MG Car Club WNY

Next Order for 2026 – min (12) to Order – (5) more needed

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. FRANK GORDNIER | 7. JOE BELLIZIA |
| 2. RICH BOOTH | 8. _____ |
| 3. JAMES DERUSHA | 9. _____ |
| 4. ALEX WAGNER | 10. _____ |
| 5. FRANK DEMARZO | 11. _____ |
| 6. SAL MAIDA | 12. _____ |

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).

Joel Siegel, John & Tere Murphy, Mary Gong Sweeney, Greg Kern.

Building Order NOW So get on the List Today!!

New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY
APRIL 2026 Edition

**Great Way To Show YOUR CLUB PRIDE
Get Yours Today!!!**

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

Or

12oz Hot or Cold Drink Trail Mug

Club member price \$15.00 each!

TWO FOR \$25.

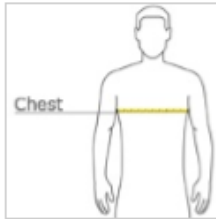


Perfect for Hot or Cold Beverages!

New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

A Original Heavier Woven Port Authority Shirts at \$25.00 embroidered
NOTE: See next pages for Inventory / color & size availability
 Various Colors to Choose from & Available in most Sizes

HOW TO MEASURE



CHEST WIDTH

Measure under the arm and around the fullest part of the chest with arms down, keeping tape horizontal.

IN STOCK NOW
Various sizes and colors

SIZE CHART

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL	7XL	8XL	9XL	10XL
Chest	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57	58-60	61-63	64-66	67-69	70-72	73-75

COLOR INFORMATION

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

 Banana PMS 1345C	 Black PMS BLACK C	 Bright Lavender PMS 2635C	 Burgundy PMS 7428C	 Charcoal Heather Grey PMS 7540C	 Clover Green PMS 7763C	 Coffee Bean PMS 476C	 Cool Grey PMS 7539C	 Dark Green PMS 5467C	 Deep Berry PMS 7650C	 Gold PMS 143C
 Hibiscus PMS 2348C	 Kelly Green PMS 341C	 Light Blue PMS 7451C	 Light Pink PMS 196C	 Lime PMS 2285C	 Maroon PMS 504C	 Maui Blue PMS 2200C	 Mediterranean Blue PMS 2118C	 Navy PMS 533C	 Orange PMS 172C	 Purple PMS 7679C
 Red PMS 187C	 Royal PMS 3597C	 Steel Grey PMS 7540C	 Stone PMS 452 C	 Strong Blue PMS 2133C	 Sunflower Yellow PMS 109C	 Teal Green PMS 7715C	 Texas Orange PMS 7584C	 Tropical Pink PMS 2452C	 Turquoise PMS 3015C	 Ultramarine Blue PMS 7455C

Shirt Sported by Frank DeMarzo



Closeup of Actual Embroidery of Logo

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

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

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

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

Embroidered Only \$25. for club members

New Regalia MG Car Club of WNY

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

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 3/19/26

We have only (7) Golf Shorts 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 (14)

- 2 British Racing Green
- 2 Black
- 2 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 3/19/26)

(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

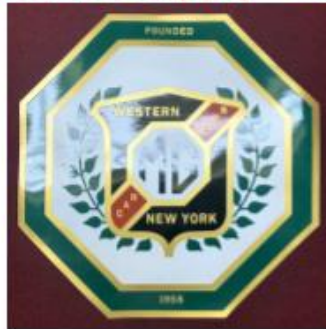
In between meetings feel free contacting Joe B at blitz7711@gmail.com

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



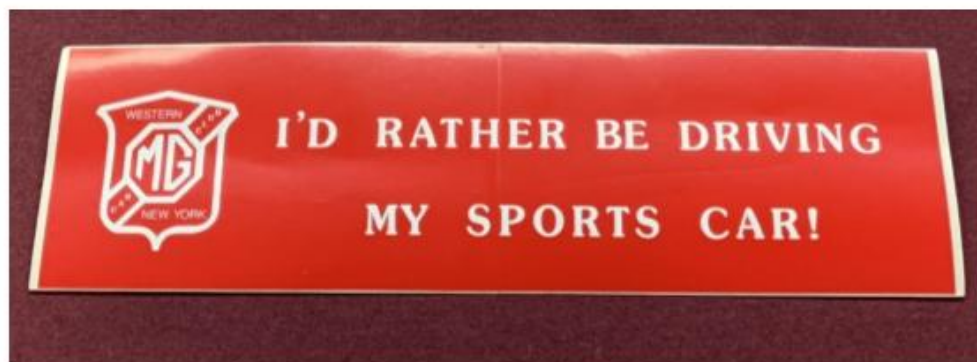
Member NAME Badges
Order Yours Today!
\$26.00



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://Rochester,NY14608.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

**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

3740 Lacrosse Cir

Canandaigua, NY 14424

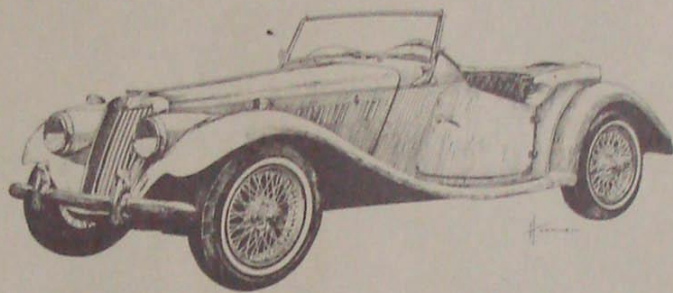
And Finally...

An old poster Dan Suter brought to our April meeting.

MG Car Club & Victor Lions Club

Present

SPORTS CAR AND VINTAGE AUTO FESTIVAL



SUNDAY, JUNE 4

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOL

**Victor, N.Y.
Rte. 96**

Flea Market
*
Arts - Crafts
Antiques
Car Parts

Car Show
*
Sports Cars
Race Cars
Antique Cars

DOOR PRIZE

Donation 1.00 Children under 12 - Free

Information: (716) 223-1065 663-3319 473-6580

See you next month!

