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WINNERS CIRCLE

#74 Richard Rzepkowski's MG Midget and behind is #37, Ted Hershey's in the winner's circle for the Collier cup ceremony.

Photo by Ken Barlow

Don's Corner

By Spokes editor, Don Welch



It's been an eventful month for the owner of the little green TD you see pictured above. Gary Wilson and I had a very nice parade and car show at the Oakfield "Labor Daze". I was awarded "Best Classic" and even received a substantial check in the mail.

Despite that good fortune, my generator crapped out on the way home; I had to beg a ride the rest of the way from Gary, who graciously brought me to Holley to get my truck & trailer.

At Dan Suter's suggestion, I took the generator, with ruined fan & pulley, to Pro Rebuilders in Gates. They appear to have done a good job refurbishing the unit, with a new armature, for a nominal fee of course. But they were unable to supply a new fan & pulley, which are special to the later TD generators. (The car is a '51, but the generator is a '68.) A new fan was easy, but not the pulley. I still await delivery of a \$60 used one from eBay. As I said in my email, I hope to have it running in time for winter storage...

Late September Gary and I took in a quaint little cruise-in next to Van's store & auto service in Clarendon (just south of Holley, and my official residence). Gary in his beautiful red TD replica, but I had to take my German TD substitute. A free lunch and an enjoyable few hours with fellow car folks, until we got dire weather predictions and skedaddled.

This is another issue of great pictures and articles, shared by some of the nicest folks around. Please set aside some time to enjoy them, and then say "Thanks" when you see them.



Van's Cruise-In

Safety Fast!



Don



"We all know how much money we have in the bank,
but no one can tell how much time we have left"

~ Hassan Gillani



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Our 2026 Officers!



Chairman's Corner

by Ken Barlow

And just like that, we hit 185 members. We were at 181 before the monthly meeting on September 17th, then had two join at the meeting, then had one more join this weekend. We must convert members to participants, thus the member survey was born and is still open, give it a look if you haven't already: <https://mgcarclub.com/club-survey-2026/>

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1st generation. We love these little cars, I bought this 1959 MG A brand new from Sports Car Sales and I want to start an MG Car Club to foster driving, competition and camaraderie.

2nd generation. Dad loved these cars, I like them too, I bought my MG B new from Pacesetter in the 1970s

3rd generation. I inherited grandpa's car, or I bought the car used from someone who owned it, or 2nd owner, or 3rd owner.

4th generation. Grandpa had an MG?



Fading legacy. Each subsequent generation loses that direct connection to the marque and the fun surrounding owning one (For certain definitions of the word "fun" of course). There ARE hooks that will snag the modern youth. The cars are no tech, they're the antidote to constant screen time. Many younger people these days just don't want to be tracked, don't want the car telling them which lane to be in, or what gear to drive in, they long for the car to be an extension of their hands and feet, not the driver being an extension of the computer in the vehicle. They're cool. These cars, as you well know, get looks everywhere they go, even when surrounded by similar cars, heads turn. They're fuel efficient, my cars get the same gas mileage as my modern cars. 25 to 40 depending on how hard I drive them. You can feel the road, road feel is a thing, and when young people feel the road for the first time behind the wheel in one of these cars, they become enamored.

Social media are filled with younger people driving cars like these on long journeys. JonnysGarage on Instagram and YouTube and other places, young German fellow driving a 1932 Austin 7 roadster around Europe. No top. No navigation. Highways, byways, breakdowns and repairs. Go to YouTube and search @jonnysgarage or click here: <https://www.youtube.com/@jonnysgarage> for a good example, but there are dozens of these. So how do we tap into this to recruit new members and turn those members into participants?

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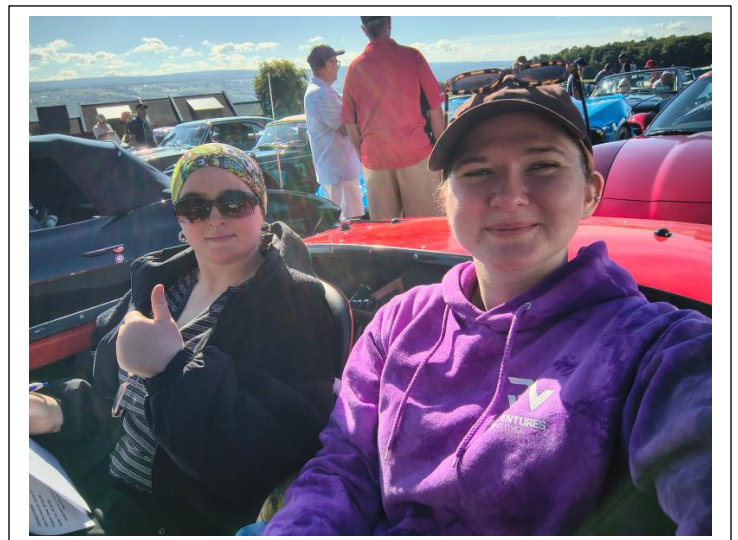
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The question is, what do YOU want to do. These cars aren't meant to sit, survey results thus far break activities down into "drive them", "repair them" and "restore them". So over the winter we'll have carb clinics, engine tear down and rebuild sessions, transmission sessions, even a paint prep session, though it might be hard to finish paint unless I get my heater in my garage, or someone with a large heated garage lets us paint there. I think we have the fall wrapped up well as far as tours go, with Watkins Glen followed by the Gentleman's Drive and the Fall Tour. We'll have to build that momentum up in the spring, so be prepared for opening day at Watkins Glen for laps, and spring tours around the finger lakes.

Here's two of our kids enjoying my Sprite at the Glenora Run in Watkins Glen on Friday, September 11th. They'll join us on the fall tour, along with Maddie's boyfriend Josiah.

As said, two big events in the next month round out the year, the Gentleman's Drive, which may or may not take place before this publication is delivered and the Fall Tour in October. I recommend signing up for both, both are excellent opportunities to get your car on the road, or volunteer as navigator for anyone driving them alone, there are several open seats available.



The Gentleman's Drive is described by Chris as "Halloween for adults", and she's acquired some period attire (as have I) including accessories appropriate to a lady on a tour in 1960. She'll appear soigné, debonair, or smartly tailored. I'll be wearing an appropriate suit.

The Fall Tour, while officially starting in Arcade at the Arcade & Attica Rail Road, (<https://www.aarailroad.com>) 278 Main Street, Arcade, NY. DO NOT type in "Attica and Arcade Rail Road" into the GPS, it will direct you to the wrong address, use the 278 Main Street address.

Some members are meeting in the Henrietta area to caravan out to Arcade the morning of the drive. Full tanks, lights on for safety and look for that meeting location and departure time in the mailing list. (probably the legion hall and probably 8:30 AM at the latest. We will take route 15 (West Henrietta Road) South to Lakeville, then West on 20A to Geneseo, through to Leicester, then veer off to take Route 39 when it splits from 20A, through Perry, Castile and continue on 39 to Bliss and on to Arcade. Again, a solid hour and a half drive from Henrietta to Arcade, then a 2 hour train ride, then driving back to Geneseo and Lakeville where the tour ends at Rising Storm in Lakeville. Rising Storm has a full menu, burgers, chicken, wraps, sandwiches, comfort food and is generally considered good food! Last

time we were there, I had their Philly Mac N Cheese, it was excellent, the tuna melt is good, I highly recommend whatever is on special. The drink selection is top notch.

Overall, I'm pretty excited for the winter for the first time in decades. The garage is up and out of the weather. I'll have heat and insulation before the snow flies. I'll have electric and 41 20 amp outlets, and a solid 6 220V outlets. The big compressor. All my tools and car parts in one spot for once. I'm really looking forward to filling it to the brim with multiple parallel projects and stimulating my ADHD genes by flipping back and forth between them. Taking a month in Florida is going to be a difficult decision for once. (not really, still hate snow)

Your chairman (for the next few months)

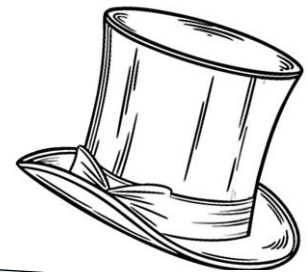
Ken

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

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

Tip O' The Hat!



To Dan Suter & friends, for recommending
Pro Rebuilders to work on my TD generator.
- Don W.

Don,
I need to acknowledge 2 members for their
help after my coolant leak.

#1 Clint LiMutu for gifting me a new radiator
hose as well as delivering it to my
house...with Janet.

#2 Justin Foster for his assistance installing
the hose noted above.

- Frank DeMarzo

Hey Mike,

I'm looking for one more tip for the
page. Would you like to do one for moving
your shelter?

Mike Robinson

To: D WELCH

Sat, Oct 3 at 11:35 AM

Sure. Clint and Janet Limuti, Naomi
Wadsworth, and there was one other
person... Oh yeah... YOU!

It should be noted: Mike fed us some great
cheeseburgers, salt potatoes and his excellent
home-brewed German beer. Pretty nice for 3
minutes of easy work!

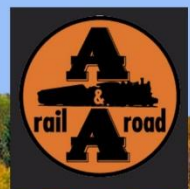
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Saturday, December 5, 2026

Glendoveers

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Our evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar, artisan sliced cheeses, grilled and raw vegetables with dips, vegan bruschetta, bacon wrapped scallops.

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Cookies

Coffee and tea

You may register and pay on online (preferred method) or by using the form below. The member cost will be \$45.00 per person (includes the \$20 club subsidy); the non-member cost will be \$55.00 per person. These prices include the appetizers, buffet, tax, fees and tip.

If you have any food restrictions/allergies or any questions please contact Erin Foster at esfoster82@gmail.com.

RSVP Deadline: November 6th, 2026

Year End Party 2026

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Please make checks payable to **WNY MG Car Club**. Mail this form and check to Justin Foster, 497 W Foster Street, Palmyra, NY 14522.

Hope to see you there!

September

Club Meeting



Dinner at the Fire Side



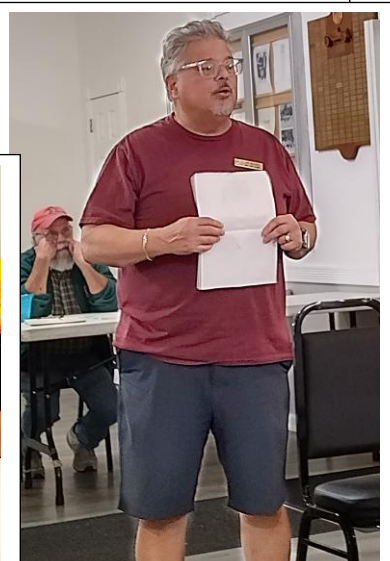
NEW MEMBERS



Scott Fettner



John Evanowsky





We Welcome our New Members!

Mary & John Murray from Scottsville with a MGB 1979 and Lotus Elise 2007

Kyle Leonard from Avon with a MGA 1957

Sue & Jack LeStrange from Macedon with a MGB GT 1973

John Evanowsky

Scott Fettner from Fairport with a '73 Triumph Stag

Minutes for MGCC-WNY Meeting Sept. 17, 2026

By Alana Roberts

Good attendance despite the dreary almost-fall evening. If you are a member and reading this and not a regular attendee, check a meeting out! Third Thursday of each month at the American Legion.

New Members/Guests welcomed and applauded.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Reports

Treasurer/Membership – Celeste Kray: a healthy balance reported.

- Membership is currently at 181 members, with 183 after today's meeting!

Activities – Erin and Justin Foster

- Gentleman's Drive, 23 drivers, 10 from the club! Fall tour route from a couple of years ago, lunch @ No BS, ending at 20Deep for a photo opportunity
- Fall Tour – 6 extra tickets because of cancellations, waiting list for \$20 tickets, ending at Rising Storm for dinner
- Sandusky – 20 something members attended, 2027 in Tennessee

Watkins Glen Vintage Festival Recap (and Palmyra Harvest Festival)

- Of last 4 years of Collier Cups, 3x come back to the club, and with the MG races hosted there in the 60s, that speaks to the intertwined history we share
- Doug Faust 2026 winner
- Dick Zackowski/Ted # bronze and silver winners!
- Mike Robinson's MGA won the people's choice award at the vintage concourse! And Frank won the people's choice at the Palmyra harvest festival, along with being awarded best club turnout!

Regalia – Joe Belizia

- Sign up for a name badge if you need one!

Spokes – Don Welch

- Looking for pictures, articles, doodles of Ken
- If you attend events/car shows, especially ones Don is not at, take and send him pictures!
- Tip of the hat page – let your friends know you appreciate them!
- Al Fink: advertising → 7 advertisers; pass along leads

Watkins Glen – Alana Roberts

9/21 6:30pm– Waterloo Library & Historical Society Lecture on Maple Grove Speedway

9/26 8:00-12:00 @ IMRRC Watkins Glen Cars & Coffee; followed by conversation on Modifieds at 1:00

10/15 Cameron Argetsinger Award Gala

11/12 – 11/13 Symposium, a shout out to Joe Tierno and Dave Nicholas for their assistance with the history of the Collier Cup

Library – it works! Use it

Historian – lots of scanning to do to send to Leon, including photos and past issues of Spokes

Website – Leon, it works!

Old Business

- Elections upcoming
- Chairperson, Vice Chair, and Trustee positions open

- Survey - tops were driving tours, cruise nights, car shows, garage tours, Watkins Glen parade laps, and ice cream runs
 - Themes: drive your car, show your car, fix your car
 - Winter suggestions: working on cars (repair clinics)
 - See the tentative survey results in Spokes

New Business

- Annabelle wondering if we move the calendar distribution up to November to make it easier to find homes for them in Nov/Dec, versus January
- Al brought up the Nutfield trophy – time to nominate the club to the Mother club in England

Cars and Projects

- Eric Mehserle neighbor has an MGTF, reach out to Eric for now if interested, it will be on the sales section of the website
- Joe Segal's MGB is still for sale, overdrive, \$10k, Joe Bellizia has more information/contact information

Attendance: Sept 17th Meeting

Bill	Baldwin
Cheryl	Baldwin
George	Barbari
Paula	Barbari
Ken	Barlow
Joe	Bellizia
Karl	Burkhardt
Frank	DeMarzo
John	Evanowsky
Scott	Fettner

Erin	Foster
Justin	Foster
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Susan	Goodwin
Hollis	Hames
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Sue	Herschell
Ted	Hershey
Celest	Kray
Dave	Kray

Dave	Kuhn
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John	Leible
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Paul	Osborne
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Alana	Roberts
Trevor	Roberts
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Leon	Zak

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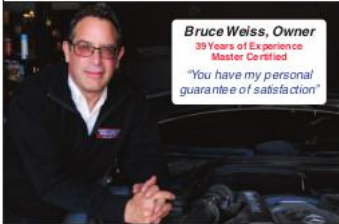
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Hilliard Gran Prix, Watkins Glen

One of our favorite and best attended events every year is the Hilliard US Vintage Grand Prix at the race track, and the village hosts the Grand Prix Festival at Watkins Glen. The Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) hosts the Hilliard US Grand Prix (their title for the vintage race weekend) and several races such as the MG featured Collier Cup race. Thankfully these two events coincide most years, in fact, <https://www.theglen.com/events/hilliard-u-s-vintage-grand-prix/> if you look there, you'll see the event is the same weekend after Labor Day in 2027.

- Photos & story by Ken Barlow



Gil Langswager's MG TD driven by his grandson Eric who trailered it up from Louisiana!



Ted Hershey in his MG Midget race car



Upon arrival Thursday, September 10th, the fun cars were already stacking up in the parking lot of the world famous Seneca Lodge. Here we see a Camaro, Bugeye Sprite and Triumph TR3.



20 members of the club enjoyed dinner Thursday evening at the Seneca Lodge, a good time was had by all (except those directly under the air conditioner).

Hilliard Gran Prix, cont'd



This year's marque of choice was Camaro/Firebird. In this photo, you see Chris' "modern" Camaro Z28 muscle car with the first of many issues that plagued her all weekend long, culminating in the car stalling on track during parade laps. Awkward, but thankfully once she started up again and we made our escape, two other cars were still stuck on track! That made our "drive of shame" a lot less embarrassing, and we exited and returned to the lodge without further trouble (until Sunday's drive home). Note the 1960, a car 37 years older than the Camaro performed flawlessly all weekend long.



Here we see Rob Lillis' MGB and in the background, I believe, is Hollis Hames' B. Is that an MG TD Race car #42?



Amelia Barlow (left) and Madeline Barlow (right) drove Ken Barlow's 1960 Austin Healey Sprite Mk1 on the Glenora Run. Hollis and Hollis Hames and possibly two other club members?

If you're going to register for the Glenora Run or any other run in 2027, register now.



Allyn Wagner drove his Camaro, and Chris Barlow drove hers on the Tour De Marque. Ken Barlow was navigator until the Camaro died and we had to coast into a Napa store to replace another part, which didn't solve the problem.

Hilliard Gran Prix, cont'd

Meanwhile, Mike and Maggie Robinson entered the MG TF in the concourse car show and took home the popular choice trophy!



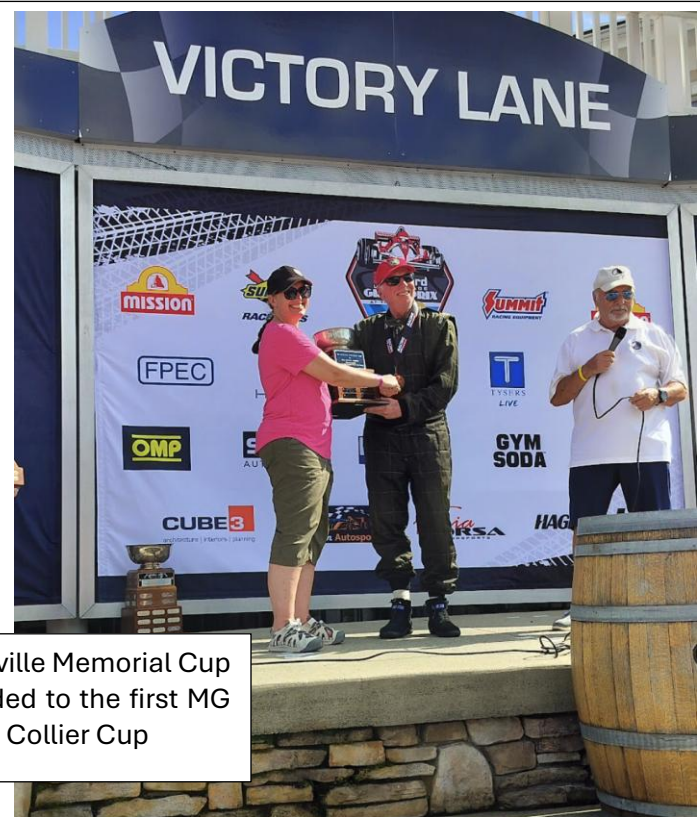
Madeline driving and Amelia navigating in Ken Barlow's Sprite during the laps of the old course.



A group of our driver supporters at the track having Lunch Saturday.



Doug Faust receives the Collier Cup trophy from last year's winner Larry Smith. Larry bowed out of the race with a blown up transmission, Doug retired with problems as well.



Julia Daykin presenting the Bill Glanville Memorial Cup to Pete Uzdevinis, this cup is awarded to the first MG Midget over the finish line during the Collier Cup

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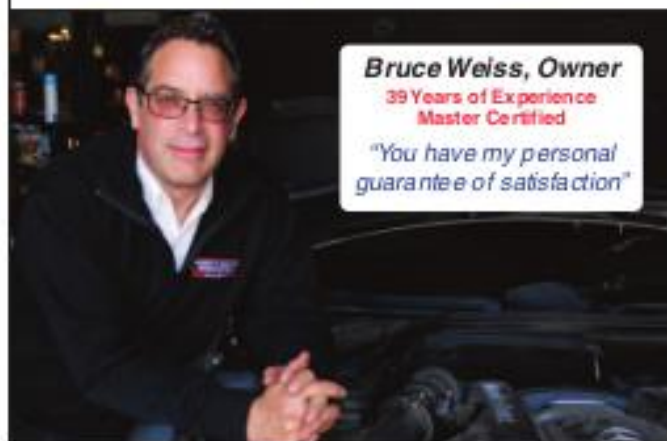


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MG International, Sandusky, Ohio

By Justin Foster

When I saw the chance to drive my sketchy 1957 MGA over 392 miles (around 9 hours non-highway) to Sandusky Ohio this year, I was overcome with excitement!! Driving that sketchy Rust-Oleum green car with the amazing Erin beside has become my main source of happiness. Then when you add getting to make the drive with amazing club members.... what more could one ask for! This is something Erin and I have always wanted to do in a classic car. She said she always knew it would be in a European classic.



After months of planning, working on the car and trying to cram as much as we could in that poor MGA, it was time. Mike Robinson planned the route down for everyone who was willing to leave on August 22nd, and of course I was more than willing to add another day. We met up with Klint and Janet LiMuti and Hollis Hames at Robinson's, very excited for a day of driving the beautiful back roads of America. After creating a group chat, it was time to roll out.

The drive through New York state was beautiful and we even saw quite a few classic cars headed in other directions. I thought "what a perfect day" and smiled at the always lovely Erin. After a few hours of driving, we stopped in a small town which I think was on the edge of the New York state line for gas. Then shortly down the road we stopped at a small diner for a rest and lunch. While at the diner the great oracle (weather apps) let us know rain was in our future. So tops were put up and we headed back out.

We hit the rain close to the Pennsylvania-Ohio border and luckily thanks to multiple club members helping me, Erin and I stayed relatively dry with our new top. We still don't have side curtains but we did fine. Erin said she would have made



the trip even if we still didn't have a top. Then I found out that I didn't tighten down my wiper bezel enough because all the water from my wiper ran directly down on my foot. After what seemed like hours in the storm, we made it to the hotel in Brunswick Ohio for the night.

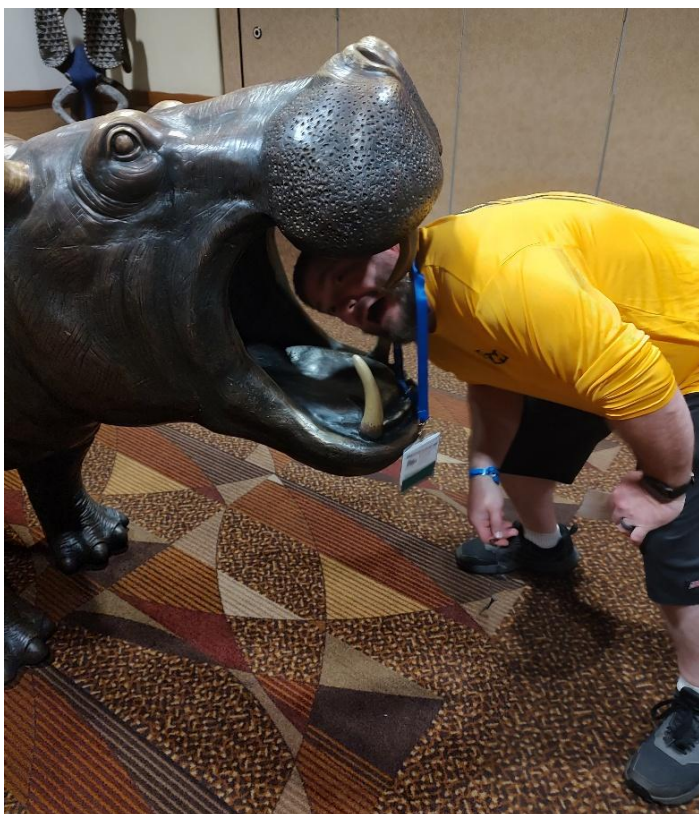


In the morning we ate breakfast at the hotel, dried off the cars, repacked everything, filled up the cars and headed to the Kalahari Resort. It was another beautiful morning with no chance of rain. After the much shorter drive we made it and checked in to the resort; however the rooms wouldn't be ready for a few hours and we were instructed to park with the other MGs around the building. We pulled around the curve and it looked like a car show right there!



We got out of our cars, met some new people and were instantly invited to go on a drive; it was amazing! They were like, "Hey do you like cars? We like cars; let's go!" After an hour or so our group decided to break off and head back to find our rooms. When I entered the resort, I was greeted by a giant lion statue. The inside of the resort seemed to go on forever and was African themed with statues of various animals throughout. We were all supposed to be roomed close to each other but somehow all ended up on different parts of this enormous place. Everyone got settled into their rooms and we met at one of the restaurants inside for dinner. After which there were groups meeting up in the parking lot for drinks.





The next day (Monday) was the day to pick up your packets and we got to check out the vendors. Janet helped Erin and me with our lanyards and schedules, then we bought some hats and looked at car parts. The week was filled with lots of activities including meet and greets, valve cover races, tech sessions, drives and not to mention we were in a resort which had zip lines, water parks, pools, bars, an arcade... and don't forget about a parking lot filled with the most MGs I've ever seen. Every night people would gather in the parking lot to share tales and drinks. It was a great community feeling. Wednesday was the car show at Osborn Park and it was enormous. It took hours to see all the cars and there were so many interesting people.

Since more club members were around for the day of departure different groups went home different ways. I had always wanted to drive 5 and 20 from Ohio to NY since my grandfather told me that was how he used to travel. To my surprise some of the other members were willing to join me on this long journey that Google maps said would only take about eight and half hours. The drive through Ohio wasn't bad then we decided to stop for gas and a potty break. The GPS took us to a sketchy gas station that only had two very fragrant porta potties and they were turning off the gas pumps. Needless to say, we would have to stop again soon.



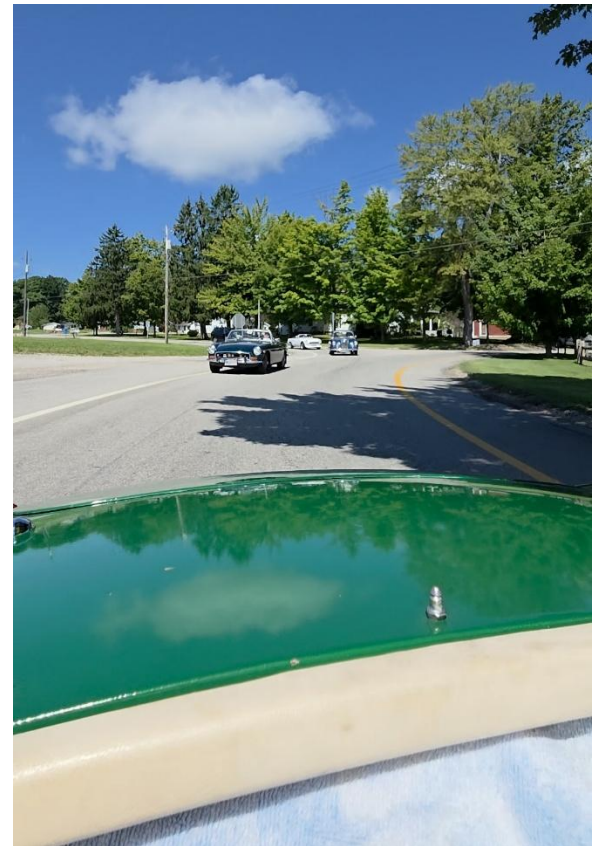


A small portion of the car show at Osborn Park which had over 500 MGs in attendance!

We continued to the Ashtabula area of Ohio where we stopped at a small diner right off the side of the highway. After which we got on 5 and headed through Pennsylvania which was beautiful however I didn't know our route was taking us to the center of Erie on a Friday afternoon (sorry). With a little stress we all made it through and we also picked up an addition to our caravan. A younger gentleman in a silver Pontiac Fiero, when we stopped for a small repair, he told us he was just out for a drive when he saw us. He assumed we were going to something cool and decided to



follow! We told him that we were headed back to NY after the MG convention. These cars really bring people together. He departed our caravan and headed back to Erie. With the repair complete we continued on the route, passing cool ruins of hotels from the past when 5 and 20 were the main



routes. As we continued the drive got longer and we were starting to feeling it. My legs were aching, eyes were dry and I felt as though I had made a bad decision. There was nothing else to do but to continue on the route. Members starting breaking off as we approached their destinations. The sun is now setting and it's well over the eight-and-a-half-hour travel time.

The darker it gets the faster I'm going, I thought I have got to get out of this car. As we approach Avon Janet messages Erin to let us know to slow down because troopers are usually up a head. We slow down and sure enough they're right in front of us. Thank you, Janet!! Past Avon we pick the speed back up, finally making it home around 8PM and taking about twelve hours.

When we awoke the next day, we were shocked to discover we still had an urge and passion to drive that sketchy Rust-Oleum green car together. We are so glad that we found a support group that understands this odd addiction.

Thank you to Mike and Maggie Robinson for planning the route down.

Thank you to the crew that faithfully followed us back from Ohio: Klint and Janet LiMuti, Dennis and Robin Illig, and the amazing Hollis Hames, who told us this was his last long trip. We are honored that we got to be part of it. Hopefully we made it a memorable one.

It was a trip like most are with ups and downs, good smells and bad. I personally can't wait until I'm able to do it again... maybe a little differently... maybe with side curtains but probably not.

There may or may not be a video of someone trying to climb on a lion that is pretty amusing...



For those who are interested:

- The MGA used one quart of engine oil on the way down and one on the way back.
- Engine stayed around 190 degrees when cruising at speed and about 165 while in the rain.
- Drum brakes did amazing.
- The gear box sweated out about a half quart.
- I was getting around 22.8 miles per gallon with the original four speed and a 3.9 rear end.
- Made it up and down the hills with no problems.
- We have a 67 MGB engine that has been bored 60 over, your results may be different

more MG International

From Mike Goodwin



The cool guys at Vermillion Lighthouse
(a stop on the self-directed lighthouse tour)



The cool guys at Port Clinton Lighthouse



Some of the MGBs at the MG International Car Show



Lineup of a few of the Valve Cover Racecars



Mike Goodwin racing in Round 1



Suzanne Keppeler racing in Round 1



Hollis Hames racing in Round 1



Leon Zak racing in Round 1



Leon vs. Hollis face off in Round 2



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Appreciation Visit

Sept 6th



photos by Richard Reynolds

Watkins Glen 2026

Some great photos from Bob Welch



WIX Filter Differences for the MGB

by Dave Kray

The other day John Leible called asking what oil filter I use on the MGB. I told John I use the Wix brand filters both for their superior quality, and the fact that they're black and matches the MGB engine color after 1968. As I was talking to him, I walked out the garage to get the filter number off the filter recently installed the 1980 B engine sitting on the engine stand. The Wix filter number was the 51068, which is what John had. He stated it looked shorter than the one currently on his car. He was concerned, as we'd heard about short filters causing low or no oil pressure. As we talked about the short filter, I noticed the one on my engine did appear shorter than I remember previous filters. I told John to hang on, let me check the couple new filters I have on the shelf.

Well to my surprise the two new Wix 51068 filter boxes on my shelf were not the same size. One box was about 1" shorter than the other one. Opening the boxes revealed that the filters were about 1" difference in height.

I went to the Wix site and looked up the filter for the MGB, 51068, and the filter specs. The height is listed as 4.338 which matched the taller of the two filters. Next step, I found a "Contact us" on their web site, so I filled out their form listing my question of the 51068 filters being two different heights. Within a half hour I received an email from their Tech



department asking for the date code that is printed on the top of the filters. I sent photos of the date codes and the photo showing the different heights of the filters. Shortly, I received a call from their Tech department. He was very knowable on his company and the technical side of the filters. He stated any company with multiple plants there's always consolidation and movement of production. The production of filters gets moved between plants and tweaked to fit different applications. The taller of the two filters was the last produced in 2024. The shorter filter is its replacement. The taller filter box states; Made in the USA. The shorter filter box states; Assembled in the US.

I express my concern that the short filter might restrict the oil flow as the filter housing has a stand pipe protruding from it. As I was talking to him, I spun off the short filter from the engine on



the stand and sent him a photo of the stand pipe. He was surprised that the filter is sitting in the inverted position. He said the filter is equipped with an anti-drain back valve, but without the stand pipe the oil would just drain out the center. The height of the stand pipe is 2" measured for the sealing surface of the filter adaptor. Measuring inside the center of the filter to the seal surface is 3" which provides plenty of room for oil flow. He stated the shorter filter will work just as well as the outdated taller filter. The Wix company is over 80 years old, and has been part of the German group MANN + HUMMEL for over ten years.

When I first noticed the different filter size, I was a little worried that Wix had outsourced their production to some third-party manufacture in Asia or I had received a counterfeit product. After receiving a quick response, and talking to their long tenured technical representative, I'm still a Wix customer.



Car Nuts Breakfast



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!

Cars & Coffee - Bloomfield



C & C in Bloomfield the second Sunday of the month. Brewed Awakening, corner of Rt 20 & Whalen Rd, next to Irish Mafia.





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



Frank's Radiator Hose

An adventure recorded in e-mails

Frank DeMarzo
Sun, Sep 6 at 2:31 PM

Well it happened on the way home today.
Anyone got one laying around?

Richard Reynolds
Sun, Sep 6 at 5:27 PM

Sorry to hear that Frank. I trust you made it home alright?

Sun, Sep 6 at 5:29 PM

Yeah, it blew out as I pulled into my garage! So that was good.

Justin Foster
Sun, Sep 6 at 3:37 PM
I thought it looked like it was going to rip.

In my opinion I think you should just get the metal elbow then we can just cut the hose you have. Fusing rubber or silicone lines like that doesn't seem like it would ever last long.

On Sun, Sep 6, 2026, 4:36 PM
Klint LiMuti wrote:

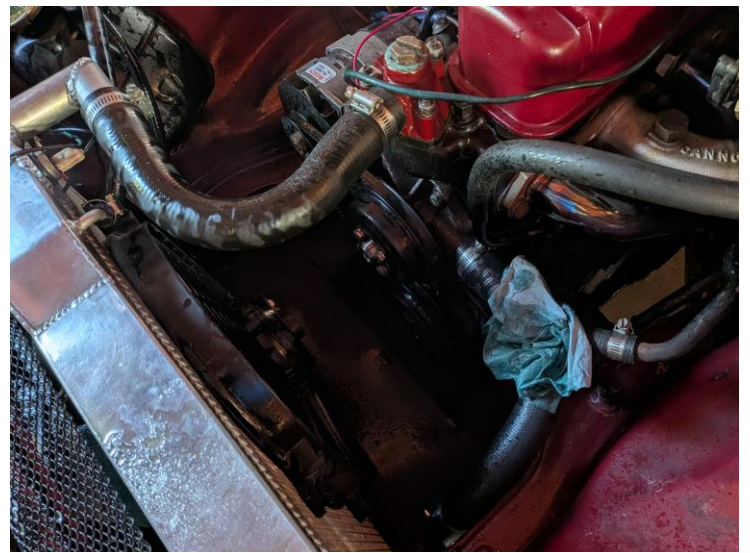
I have a hose .

Frank DeMarzo
Sun, Sep 6 at 5:54 PM

I'll take it!

On Tue, Sep 8, 2026 at 12:40 PM
Frank DeMarzo wrote:

Justin and I fixed it today! I'm back on the road.
Thanks for the hose Clint!



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Qty: Remove



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heater is fitted)

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\$16.99

Qty: Remove



PIPE, water branch

470-040

\$31.75

Qty: Remove

Frank DeMarzo
Sun, Sep 6 at 4:08 PM

Don't see how this attaches?
Justin, that part is listed in the MGA catalog?

Justin Foster
Sun, Sep 6 at 4:21 PM

It's in there for early Bs and As. We cut the hose you have and use hose clamps to hook it up



Two members at the airport waiting for the **Honor Flight** return on Sunday September 20th. Both gentlemen are former Honor Flight honorees. If you haven't gone to welcome returning honorees you gotta go. It is an amazing event.

Hollis Hames & Al Costich

Frank DeMarzo,
Thanks for sending this!

*(I have the same size thumb that
you have!)*

HARVEST ON THE CANAL | Wayne County Fair - Palmyra, NY

On Fri, Sep 11, 2026 at 9:27 AM, Harold Rodman wrote:

Hi Folks

To all that are planning on going to the Harvest on the Erie Canal show Saturday: We are meeting at 7:15-7:30 for breakfast at Yellow Mills Restaurant and going to the show from there. If you're planning on coming ,shoot me reply so if I get time today I can kind of give them a rough idea how many to expect. I'm thinking that we may not be the only group meeting there.

Thanks

Rod



Justin Foster
Sat, Sep 12 at 4:21 PM

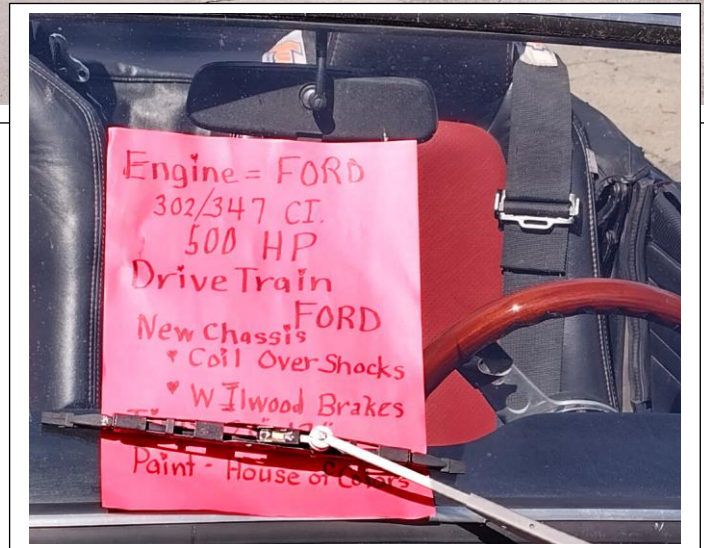
The club won an award !!

David R. Kuhn
Sat, Sep 12 at 7:49 PM
It was a fun afternoon.
Dave Kuhn

R.C. Booth
Sat, Sep 12 at 6:31 PM

The ultimate "Participation Award"!
Great going guys!!!
RCB

Oakfield Labor Daze car Cruise



Oakfield Labor Daze cont'd



October Sunshine Page

Oct Birthdays

1	Deborah	Henry
1	David	Humphrey
1	Eileen	Makepeace
2	Lawrence	North
2	Erica	Suter
3	David A	Jack
4	Patricia	Giambra
4	Mike	Robinson
5	Kimberly	Gehlen
6	Margaret	Miyake
8	Therese	Galusha
10	Anne	Quinn
10	Dick	Rzepkowski
13	Donna	Black
14	Robin	Allen
15	Sean	Dobbins
15	Julie	Henry
16	Sue	DeVos
17	Donald	Sweeney
21	John	Leible
22	George	Heissenberger
22	Mary	Sweeney
23	Robin	Illig
26	Bob	Hamilton
26	Andrew	Wells
27	Martina	Asbury
27	Arlene	Mann
28	Barb	Nichols
30	Suzanne	Keppeler
30	Tere	Murphy

Happy Birthday

Oct Anniversaries

9	Aldo & Mercedes Gonzalez
10	Nick & Lizzie Leykin
10	Dave & Barb Wild
22	Chris Williams & Eileen McMahon
26	Len & Lili Lanphear



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@mgsclub.com

Events Report for October 2026

by Justin & Erin Foster

- **October**
 - **October 4th**
 - Ardennes Basket Donor Appreciation at 1 PM
 - **October 10th**
 - Gentleman's Drivers Group Tour at 11 AM *New Date*
 - Starting at Mendon Ponds Park, stopping at No BS Brewery for lunch, and ending at 20 Deep Winery
 - **October 11th**
 - Cars and Coffee at Brewed Awakening in Bloomfield from 9 AM – Noon
 - Hollerhorn Distilling Basket Donor Appreciation at 2 PM
 - **October 15th**
 - Monthly Car Club Meeting at 7 PM
 - **October 18th**
 - 2026 Fall Tour at Arcade and Attica Railroad at 10 AM
 - **October 25th**
 - Cars and Coffee at Freestyle Mercantile in Mumford from 9 AM – Noon
- **November**
 - **November 8th**
 - Cars and Coffee at Brewed Awakening in Bloomfield from 9 AM – Noon
 - **November 14th**
 - McArdle's Basket Donor Appreciation at 2 PM
 - **November 19th**
 - Monthly Car Club Meeting at 7 PM
 - **November 29th**
 - Cars and Coffee at Freestyle Mercantile in Mumford from 9 AM – Noon
- **December**
 - **December 5th**
 - Year End Club Party at *Glendoveers* at 6 PM
 - *Keep a lookout for more information to be published on the website soon*

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



Bob Welch photo

2026 CAR SHOW CALENDAR

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

SHOW	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Hilton Apple Fest Trunk or Treat	Oct 3 Oct 11	8-4 4PM	100 School La. Hilton Mark's Pizza, 430 Hamlin-Clarkson TL Rd.



This is a BIG show! Over 1000 cars there last year. 8AM - 3 PM (no entry after 12noon)

45th Annual

Hilton Applefest Auto Show

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Village Elementary School (100 School Lane, Hilton NY 14468)

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1969-1972 Stock
1973-1991 Stock
1992-Present Stock
0-1934 Street Rods
1935-1948 Street Rods
1949-1961 Street Machines
1962-1966 Street Machines
1967-1972 Street Machines
1973-Present Street Machines
1960-1969 Muscle Cars
1970-1974 Muscle Cars
LOWRIDERS
2008-Present Charger/Challenger
1953-1982 Corvettes
1984-2013 Corvettes
2014-Present Corvettes
Trucks/Stock
0-1972 Trucks/Modified
1973-Present Trucks Modified
Sports Cars
Kit Car/Miscellaneous/Race Cars
1964-1973 Mustangs
1974-2004 Mustangs
2005-Present Mustangs
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*All vehicles will be assigned to a class by a tech at registration

*Decision of Tech is Final

***ALL VEHICLES WILL BE PARKED BY CLASS. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

*Judging from 12 Noon to 2pm

*1st, 2nd and 3rd place plaques awarded for each class

*Registration from 8 am to 12 Noon. Awards at 4 pm

*No vehicles admitted after 12 Noon. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

*All display vehicles must be removed from trailers

*Ample trailer parking will be available near by

***NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS**

*Any misconduct will not be tolerated or you will be asked to leave

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from Joe B!

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Various Sizes – Lime Green

(1) Small, (3) Med, (4) Lg, (18) XL, (14) 2XL, (1) 3XL = (41)

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Green 2024 (1) remain

(1) Small Tee Shirt



Maroon 2025 (12) remain

(1) Adult Small
(7) Adult Medium
(3) XL Women
(1) Lg Women

How to get SAFETY FAST magazine:

Here is the process of accessing the website of the M.G. Car Club of U.K.

The website is: www.mgcc.co.uk

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

(I had to create an email address for the club members to access, as it wasn't a transferable link).

The Password is: MorrisGarage1923-2023!

There is a link to the monthly edition of Safety Fast Magazine as well as much more goings on in the MG world.

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

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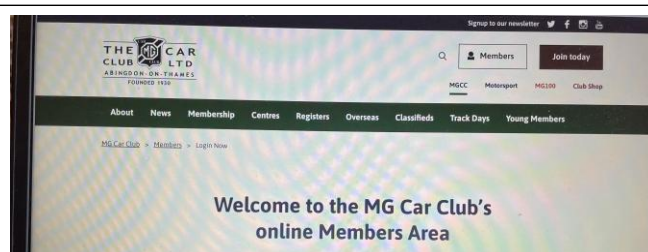
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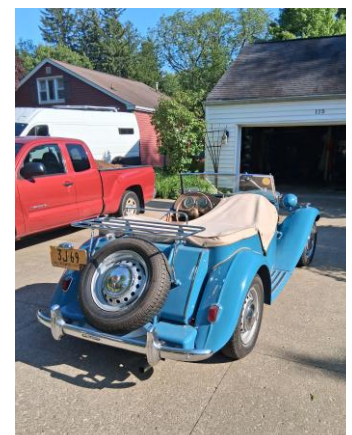
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MGB GT Attached is a picture of a good friend TJ Brad dad's car. It was an active member of SCCA and the BOA car is in mid condition and it's for sale. You can reach me George Barbari 716-694-7366 if you like information to reach TJ - thank you



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Van's Cruise-In, Clarendon



And Finally

I ran into J (Jay), the son of my old friend John, the MG fan in North Carolina, at Van's Cruise-In in Clarendon last month. J told me his father gave him this '69 Camaro as a project when J was 18. It sat for over 30 years until a few years ago when J finally decided to restore it. Took him several years - he did a perfect job. It's just a spectacular car!



See you next month!

