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Snow in April? Of course!
~ But now, tra-la! It's May! ~

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MG's Corner

By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin

The 2022 driving season is well underway already, having had a couple of near-record warm days for Western New York in the month of April. We had several cars out for the first Cars and Coffee of the season (see page 19), and Dick Powers noted that five diehards braved the chill and drove their MGBs to this year's 18th Swing into Spring (see pages 14-15). If you check the Activities Calendar (online at mgcarclub.com, or within the minutes on page 10), you'll find we have a few events planned for May. The weather promises to be quite good, I'm sure.

Of course, we didn't all wait for the good weather – a few of us brought our cars out for brief appearances in the snow and in the April showers to claim some well-earned points in the 2022 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge. Susan Goodwin has given us a great list of destinations for the Challenge this year, and you'll find a

sampling of submitted photos and everything you need to know to get into gear on pages 22 – 26.

Each month I wonder how *Spokes* will turn out, who will submit articles and photos, will there be enough material to make up an interesting issue, and I have to say that I haven't been disappointed yet (nor do I expect to be!). All of you who keep *Spokes* going by submitting articles, photos, announcements and whatever else, have kept it all going by sharing a bit of your time and talent. We have great columns from our Chair and Vice Chair this month, and very nice reports of April's meeting and events. You'll find an outstanding article on some interesting cars by Dan Suter (pages 16 – 18), as well as ads and flyers for several upcoming events.

As the editor, I say "Thanks to you all – keep it coming!"

and Safety Fast! 🧑🏻🔧 



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Chairman's Corner

By Bob Welch

I'm writing this from a friend's beach house in Florida. Coming here for a week has been an escape from the on again, off again spring weather in Western New York. Yesterday we went to a book shop which I'm told has been featured in books by both John Grisham and David Baldacci. For sun protection I was wearing my ball cap with MGB embroidered on the front and the woman behind the counter said, with a big smile, "I had an MGB years ago". It was clear from our discussion she still had great memories of that car and all that she associated with it. Makes me think how fortunate we are to still be driving these fun little sports cars!

A couple of weeks ago I moved my GT from the storage garage in Webster to a new place in Bloomfield. Since we moved to the southern end of the county recently this seemed like a sensible thing to do. One thing I'll miss though are those frequent drives along curvy Lake Road and a cruise down to Sodus Point. I can still run that route of course but it will take longer to do so. On the flip side, I'll be exploring new routes closer to the Finger Lakes.

Our MG Car Club continues to be in good shape, gaining new members and with a healthy treasury and robust activities calendar. It's been a long time since we've selected a recipient of the Brudno award. It's been several years, in fact, and it's time that situation was rectified. To that end the Board will meet to start re-activation of the Brudno committee. The committee is made up of past recipients and the deliberations are supposed to be secret. Following tradition, the award or awards, if more than one is selected, will be presented at the year-end holiday banquet. Stay tuned.

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2022 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

Susan Goodwin is running the Challenge this year - look into pages 22 through 26 for some early entries along with info on how to enter!





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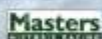
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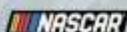
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Vice Chairman's Corner

By George Heissenberger

Happy motoring to you! As I write this column my son is installing a new radio in his 1975 Dodge Dart Swinger. He is installing one of the “Retro Sound” audio heads that appear to be a vintage MOPAR AM style radio as seen in the dash but in fact his new radio has Bluetooth, AM/FM stereo, input for smart phone and can play Sirius, Pandora or Spotify streaming radio. The size of the old AM radio he pulled out is easily 3X the size of the unit that he is installing, although they look similar when installed in the dash. I’m sure the heat output will be 3X smaller too! I am still rocking a vintage 1970’s Craig AM/FM Cassette radio that was in the MGB when we bought it from George Haynes in 1983, and I believe the radio was installed by a female college student prior to his ownership.

Whoever installed it cut a too big hole in the console and butchered up one side, so I obtained a “new” console from British Auto soon after buying the car intending to replace it, but here it is 39 years later, and the “new” console is still in my parts bin and not on the car. The knob cover plates mostly cover the damage. I rarely use the radio anyways, except most often in the late fall or early spring when the hardtop is on and you can actually hear the two 6” x 9” oval speakers mounted on the back bulkhead behind the folded soft top. Sound is decent and the reception is good for AM or FM. I used to use the cassette occasionally and had a few 1970’s cassette tapes in the

glove box. I haven’t used the cassette in years, because the last time I tried it, it ate the Beatles cassette I had used for years. The unnerving thing about the Craig cassette deck is that when you put the cassette tape in the player, and press play, it drops the cassette down into the unit to play. Except when it doesn’t

work, then the tape is down in the unit and the tape is all wound around stuff inside so you can’t get at it. After the tape jammed, I was able to, after much repeated cycling of the play/eject buttons, to get the tape cassette to come up and out trailing a length of tape behind it. I pulled what I could of the tape out and gave up on the player from then on. The radio works mostly fine anyways. Occasionally when I turn it on I get a lot of static, but then after turning it on and off it comes in loud and clear. It just needs working my dad would say. My dad used to be a radio and TV repairman, and often he would spray cleaner into a rheostat or dial tuner and tell me – they just need to work it more often. Okay, Dad. Most of the time I

would rather hear the engine sounds anyway and don’t rely on the radio for entertainment. Plus, when the hardtop is off, the top is down and the radio is audible only when all the way up and by then the distortion is pretty bad so you get a muffled sound at best. What about you? What do you use for a radio? Do you have a radio or just listen to the engine? Let me know next time we meet!

Safety Fast! George GH

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Minutes for MGCC Meeting – April 21, 2022

Recorded and submitted by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary

Meeting called to order 7:34

CHAIRMAN, Bob Welch welcomed everyone and we congratulated people who had recent birthdays or anniversaries.

We welcomed some new members, Dave and Celeste Kray, who own a 1968 MGB and returning member Larry Willoughby, who has a 1978 MGB. The March minutes were motioned and accepted.

TREASURY/MEMBERSHIP, Frank Stepanik was not in attendance (Happy Birthday, Frank!) but sent in a report that the treasury is stable and in good standing with a healthy balance after recent bills were paid. The 2022 dues continue to steadily come in for new and returning members. We currently have 15 drops or unpaid members from last year but have 120 paid active members, including Brudno Award winners or Club Friends. The dues reminder cards that George Heissenberger sent out have been very effective in getting dues paid.

ACTIVITIES, Mike Robinson has put together a full calendar of events for the year, as listed below. He discussed several of the events and the group was very pleased with the lineup.

Susan Goodwin discussed the 2022 Driving Challenge and Susan and Mike showed a nice slideshow of current photo submissions for the first several challenges. Off to a great start!



Mike Robinson mentioned that it would be helpful if anyone hosting an event provide a writeup and photos covering it for *Spokes* or arrange with another attendee to provide it. Mike also confirmed that he has booked JOHN TWIST for our Holiday Party!



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Activity Report from Mike Robinson for April Meeting

- March –
 - 27th, Valve Cover Races and Wine/Cheese Tasting was held at the Veterans Park in Henrietta. George and Peggi Heissenberger did a fine job hosting it, 40 people attended and a good time was had by all, with much good-natured trash talking. The race results are posted in the *April Spokes*.
- April –
 - Swing Into Spring. April 10th. Mulconry's Irish Pub in Fairport. Dick Powers provided an account for the 18th Annual Swing Into Spring event. We had 50 people attend, at least 5 sports cars, a custom Wegmans cake and a fun time for all.
 - This coming weekend, the 22nd and 23rd. Kimber Festival, Buffalo NY. Not an official club event but info is on the website if you wish to go. John Twist is a featured guest.
 - 24th Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 AM – 12:00. Kick off C&C for 2022. 80 degrees and sunny forecast! Freestyle Mercantile, North Street in Mumford. See Activities Calendar on website for info. [Editor's note: Mike Robinson ordered perfect weather, and it was a delightful gathering. See page 19 for more!]
- May-
 - May 14th. Classic British Car Show, Onanda Park Canandaigua. (Not a Club Event, but attendance is encouraged.)
 - May 21st - Tune up Clinic. Hollis Hames Sponsor. 8:00 AM till 12:00. Edison Tech. Contact Hollis hdhames@aol.com
 - May 29th Cars and Coffee Mumford, 9:00 – 12:00.

Looking further ahead...

- June –
 - June 12th - Steak Roast/Auction. American Legion where we hold our meetings. \$10.00 per person gets a 10 oz. NY Strip cooked to order, 2 sides, dessert and coffee, tea. Steaks served at 1:00.
 - Auction following immediately after. Please bring automotive or auto related items for auction that are usable (no cleaning out the garage of junk). [See ad on page 20]
 - There is a Sign Up sheet on the back table or contact Mike Robison mrobins1057@twc.com.
 - We are invited to Eagle Vale Golf Course in Fairport for a cars and coffee type event. Date and time to be announced.
 - 26th Cars and Coffee Mumford, 9:00 – 12:00

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- July-
 - Summer Tour Dan Suter and George Haynes. Dates and location to be announced.
 - 31st Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00
- August-
 - Potential Gymkhana Event. More info to come.
 - 13th (or 27th) Wine Tasting at Gallery Vineyards in Rush
 - 21st Car Show at American Legion (Ours)
 - 28th Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00
- September-
 - WGI Grand Prix Festival 7th – 11th. Not an official club activity but many members attend.
 - 25th Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00
- October-
 - 22nd Fall Foliage Tour “Homage to the Little Lakes”. More info will be provided as we get closer to October.
 - 30th Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00
- November-
 - Possible Garage Tour
 - 27th Cars and Coffee Mumford. 9:00 – 12:00 (weather dependent)
- December-
 - 17th Christmas Party at Eagle Vale Golf Club, Rt. 250 Fairport. 5:00 PM Drinks, Dinner at 6:00.
 - Special Guest Speaker this year. There is a good possibility [*now confirmed!*] we will have John Twist as Guest Speaker. More info and confirmation will be made available as I receive it.

REGALIA, Joe Bellizia was not in attendance but sent a reminder that there are lots of regalia items listed in *Spokes*, including Club-logo embroidered jackets, shirts and hats. He said much more is available by order, either on an individual item basis or possibly a group order for some articles, to reduce the price. Contact Joe for ordering or information at blitz7711@gmail.com.

SPOKES, Mike Goodwin asked for articles and photos to be submitted by April 29th, per our usual week-after meeting deadline. Send those photos and articles to spokes@mgcarclub.com.

LIBRARY, Paul Osborne was unable to get into our storage locker to pick up the library items but will try again soon, after confirming the lock combination. He plans to bring a rotating selection of Club library items to every meeting for members to borrow.

WATKINS GLEN REPORT, Dave Wild said there was no news from the Glen but the schedule for the Vintage Weekend is available and published in *Spokes*. Some of the highlights of the weekend were mentioned for those that have never attended.

Dan Suter updated us that he is still taking Seneca Lodge room reservations for the Vintage Weekend and has 5 rooms available. Contact Dan for information or reservations at dmesuter@rochester.rr.com.

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WEBSITE, Leon Zak reported that the website is running well. He reported that we had 2,000 hits last month and that was expected to increase in the driving season months. He informed us that there have been twice as many attempts to hack our site, many Russian-sourced, but he has very heavy security on the site to prevent these types of attacks that are common to all websites.

OLD BUSINESS, None.

NEW BUSINESS, Bob Welch informed us that he has verified our insurance coverage through the North American MGB Register. We do not get a copy of the insurance policy itself, but we can request a certificate showing coverage, which Bob did. That is necessary to show Edison Tech Auto Shop for our work at the Hollis Hames hosted Tune-up Clinic at the school's facility. Bob also reported that Moss Motors has returned as one of our sponsors.

Mike Goodwin has some automotive books that he is giving away to anyone interested. He had them at the meeting and told members to come and take a look.

Bob Abels reported that he and Georgean ran into John and Chris Baum in Florida recently. They spotted each other at a restaurant and had a chat. John has had some serious back surgery and he is making good progress in recovery from that. Bob later went out to the Baums' home to help him with some MGB projects.

Leon Zak has done some garage cleaning and is working on his engine.

Dan Suter has undertaken the project of accumulating a full library of all of our *Spokes* issues from the start of the Club in 1958 through present issues. He will have printed and digital versions archived and Leon will make the digital versions available on the Club website. There are 760 issues published so far and he still has some missing from the 1970s-80s, contact Dan if you have any of those available dmesuter@rochester.rr.com. It was suggested that he send any interesting historical pages to *Spokes* for re-publication.

Eric Mehserle, who is involved with the Williamson Flying Club, told us there will be a May 22nd Pancake Breakfast and we are all invited. Sportscars are welcome and will get special parking.

Leon Zak told us that he and Barb will be joining Mike and Susan Goodwin for a cross-country drive in their MGBs. They expect it will be a 12–14-day trip (each way) with lots of interesting routes and stops along the way. They invited anyone else in the Club to join in for all or part of the drive. Al Costich recommended they read William Least Heat-Moon's book "*Blue Highways*", a great read about travels around America.

Mike Robinson recounted the problem he had with head studs that broke off after tightening. They apparently weren't heat treated and caused lots of extra work. He advises that it is well worth the money to buy the superior quality ones. Dan Suter echoed that idea in relation to head gaskets, noting that the good quality ones are now harder to find.

Hollis Hames reminded us that Al Costich and Dave Wild will be traveling on upcoming Rochester HONOR FLIGHT Missions to visit to Washington DC Veteran Memorials over the next few months. Hollis said it was a very worthwhile experience to greet the returning veterans at the Rochester Airport when they returned - it is a very big welcome home involving large crowds of people, bands and fanfare.

CARS & PARTS FOR SALE, Al Costich has a bucket of used head bolts available if anyone needs any original ones.

PROJECTS, Al Wagner reported that his MGB started right up after its winter hibernation. He doesn't do a lot of winter storage prep, yet it has never failed to start in the spring.

Door prizes were distributed to ticket winners.

Meeting end: 8:51

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Attendance for April 21, 2022 MGCC WNY Meeting

Submitted by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary

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Cheryl Baldwin
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Swing Into Spring 18

By Dick Powers (with photos by the author)

After two years of the pandemic shutdown, we finally had another Swing Into Spring event on Sunday April 10. Again, we were at Mulconry's Pub in Fairport, but this time, Mother Nature didn't give us Happy Hour balcony weather. Still, 50 happy MGCC folks were there along with 5 MGBs. It's hard to believe this is the 18th Swing into Spring, but by all indicators, it was a great success!



Helping with the event were:

Annabelle Tescione

(another great flyer), Doug and Laurie Scribner (getting another great cake from Wegmans), and grandson Andrew Wilson (helping check folks in and future MGCC member).

Thanks to all who attended and made Swing into Spring 18 another great MGCC event!



Swing Into Spring 18

More Photos by Dick Powers



MG-Powered British Specialist Sportscars

By Dan Suter

I recently acquired a book titled “British Specialist Cars 1945-60”, by Chris Rees. It covers the amazing array of small volume, mostly fiberglass body manufactured cars made in the UK during this period. In reading through the book, the MG-powered ones were my greatest interest.

My interest in learning more about these unusual sportscars all started around 2016 after we purchased our 1955 MGZA Magnette for my Dad. That summer, Dad and I enjoyed going to a number of car shows with the Magnette and my black MGA. Typically, I would have both cars at my house, give them a wash and chamois dry on Saturday evening, and then have them ready to go when my Dad arrived early Sunday morning. Before our MGCC show that year, I happened to have a few minutes in the morning before he arrived, so I started both cars and let them warm up for 5 minutes in the driveway. I found it to be very amusing that such different cars were both making what is to my ears are “MGA sounds” (since the Magnette uses essentially an MGA 1500 engine). After that, I got wondering what else used the ‘BMC B-series’ engine. A list I prepared totaled about 26 cars using MGA engines, and 8 using MGB engines. The list includes many mundane saloon cars and a few small commercial trucks (and one boat), but the specialist sportscars looked more interesting!

The specialist world really picked up momentum in the UK in the very early 1950s with the creation of

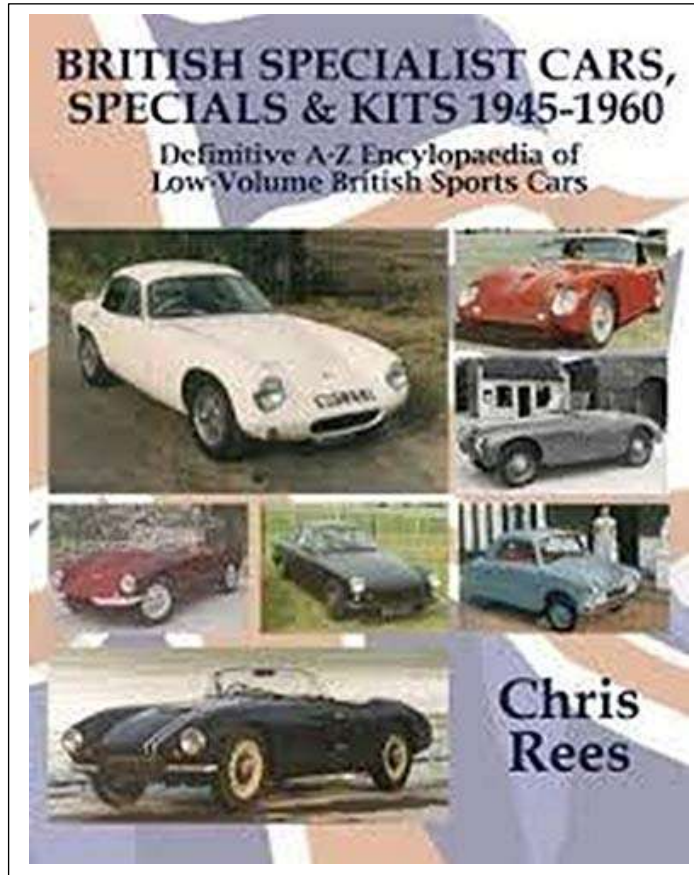
fiberglass bodies to fit on postwar British Ford Populars, Morris 8s, and early Austin chassis and running gear. Some of the kits were crude: for instance, the owner/builder had to cut out the doors, bootlid, and bonnet from the shell. The resulting cars were often poorly built and had nearly the same abominable performance as the worn-out donor car.

However, as things progressed, some higher quality and more thoroughly engineered cars appeared on the scene that could be purchased complete with new chassis and modern suspensions and full interiors for home assembly to avoid Purchase Tax. First and foremost, I have to mention the names! While many small manufacturers used initials or portions of the creators’ names, there were some outstanding car names as well: who wouldn’t want to own an Edwards Brothers (EB) Debonair? Or a Tornado Typhoon or Tornado Talisman?

From here, I will concentrate on (3) of these producers that used the BMC B-series (MGA/B) engines:

The first and probably most well-known is TVR. The launch of the Grantura around 1959-60

featured a choice between a small Ford UK engine, a racing but temperamental Coventry Climax engine, or an MGA 1500 engine.



1966 TVR Grantura (photo by the author)

MG-Powered British Specialist Sportscars

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These early TVRs featured a Volkswagen torsion bar suspension and a super-short wheelbase with short doors making getting in-and-out a chore, and a buckboard ride. Between bankruptcies (yes, several) TVR settled down and upgraded to the MGA 1588, 1622, and then eventually the MGB 1798 3-main, then 5-main engines by 1965. One technical highlight: TVR was probably the most prolific user of the HRG Derrington aluminum crossflow head for the MGA/B engines. Also, TVRs were often fitted with the MGA close-ratio gearboxes during this period. Both of these modifications (the 'good stuff') notably improved performance! Front vertical links and brakes were Healey 100-6/3000 initially, then switching to Spitfire and GT-6 by 1963. It is believed that 400+ Granturas were produced, most with MG power. By 1967 the car evolved into the Vixen with a move to Ford 1600 power. I am skipping the chapter on the Ford 289-powered Griffith here, but it is an exciting chapter as well.

The second is Elva Courier. The Courier was introduced in 1958 as a roadster with the MGA 1500 engine, and this car also evolved through the MGA 1588 and 1622, and then to both MGB versions before production wound down at the end of 1964. This included the early roadsters with side screens, then the coupes (see Spokes, July 2020) and finally the Mk IV convertible model with wind up windows courtesy of using the doors from the newly introduced Triumph Spitfire. A few of the last ~100 Couriers were UK Ford powered. Again, the front suspension migrated to the Triumph Spitfire design starting with the MK III cars of 1962-3. About 610 total Couriers of all types were produced.

The one that really caught my eye recently is the Rochdale Olympic. The outstanding feature of this small coupe is that the main bodyshell is a full fiberglass monocoque construction, with molded in steel sub-frames for front suspension and engine mounts, and rear suspension. It arrived on the scene in 1959, about two years after the ground-breaking Lotus Elite (Type 14) was introduced as the first full fiberglass monocoque construction. The Rochdale Olympic was extensively tested over 30,000 miles of

rough roads, and it is widely agreed that the Rochdale product overcame many of the structural shortcomings of the Lotus. Rochdale, based in the town of Rochdale outside of industrial Manchester, had been a successful builder of high-quality fiberglass bodies with the Rochdale GT probably the most



Barb and Dave Wild with their 1958 Elva Courier at our club's 30th anniversary in 1988 (photo by Bob Tescione)

famous. Interestingly, the Olympic was named when the design team was at a Fall 1959 design review meeting, and no one could agree on a name. Someone mentioned the preparation work for the upcoming 1960 Olympics and suddenly that became the name for the new car.

Mechanically, the Olympic Phase I models used Riley 1.5 running gear: the uprated torsion bar suspension and drum brakes that the Riley had inherited from the Morris Minor, the Riley rear axle, and also the Riley 1.5 (again, MGA 1500) engine. The Riley 1.5 itself was very much a then-current offering, so the lighter and nimbler Olympic was really an up-to-the-minute sportscar. The front-end styling is incredibly like a Porsche 356 of the era, while the rear looks somewhat

MG-Powered British Specialist Sportscars

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like a smaller Jaguar E-type coupe. As it transpires, chief designer Richard Parker's father ran a Porsche 356 as his everyday car. Following a devastating nighttime factory fire in 1961 where thankfully no one was hurt, production subsequently restarted with the Phase II model featuring a generous rear hatch, and a conversion to UK Ford 1500cc power and Spitfire front suspension. It is estimated that 350-400 total Olympics were produced. There seem to be a few over here in the USA (Phase I and Phase II) according to the club.

Looking across these (3) specialist makers, one can see a real trend. In the 1958-64 timeframe they heavily used BMC components, especially engines, front suspensions and rear differentials or full axles. However, it really appears that the 'hot ticket' was to migrate to Triumph Spitfire front suspension

(gaining nice geometry and compact lighter weight disc brakes suitable for these lighter weight cars), and once the Ford 1500 pre-crossflow and then the Ford 1600 crossflow head engines became available, to move rapidly and permanently in that direction.



a Rochdale Olympic at a car show in the UK
(photo by the author)

It is interesting that some of the most successful specialist sportscars in the UK during this time period all used BMC or MG mechanical components. Today, it gives MG enthusiasts some interesting and unusual choices, while still maintaining familiar mechanical components under the bonnet.

A future article will look at some of the

more successful BMC A-series powered specialist cars such as the Turner Sports, the Mini-based Unipower GT, and others.

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Cars and Coffee Kickoff – 2022

By Mike Robinson (photos by the author)

Nine cars, one “sports truck”, seventeen members and one dog braved the 80-degree summer-like temps April 24th for the 2022 kickoff of Cars and Coffee Mumford. As usual the company was good, the sandwiches and coffee were good, and the weather was perfect. Todd Black came with his '51 TD that has been in his family since 1961 to round out the oldest car there, and my '80 B was there as a representative of the newest, with “newest” still being 42 years old.

From what I was able to witness everyone enjoyed the outing, some challenge pictures were taken during (and afterwards by some sod who shall remain nameless) and good conversations had by all.



Good conversations going on while Ginger the Wonder Dog checks for any potential crumbs left over.



Todd Black's '51 TD and a line of “modern iron” behind it. There was a new face there I didn't recognize but heard he owns a Bug-eye and a Midget. Possible new member?

The next C&C will be May 29th, same location and time. For info refer to the Event Calendar on the club website.

MR



Zaks' Sports Truck, Abels' Porsche and Lane Boughton's Beemer represented the non-British cars.



MGCC STEAK ROAST & AUCTION

JUNE 12, 2022

Sunday 12-6pm

American Legion Hall

**260 Middle Road
Henrietta**



For the AUCTION please bring any auto or auto related items that are in good usable condition that can be auctioned. This has been a MAJOR FUND RAISER for the club in the past, and it was always a lot of fun to boot.

This year the steaks and cooking will be taken care of by the American Legion, and we will host the auction as normal with Ted "The Gavel" Hershey as Auctioneer.



CONTACT Mike Robinson to sign up or for more information:
mrobins1057@twc.com

More Details closer to the event

SAVE the DATE May 14

Several People's Choice Awards including favorite MGB in honor of the 60th anniversary.
Dash plaques for all entries.
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<https://www.ochs.org/event/ochs-classic-british-car-show-at-onanda-park/>
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2022 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

The 2022 Motoring Challenge is off and running, brought to you by Speedy Raceway Downs. In the lead by a length are Leon and Barb Zak with 39 points. Can the Zaks hold onto that lead? They are followed by Hollis and Doreena Hames with 32 points just a nose ahead of Mike Goodwin, catching up with 31. Coming up on the outside are George and Peggi Heissenberger with 20 points. A few lengths back are Mike and Maggie Robinson, running neck and neck with Bill and Cheryl Baldwin, both with 16 points. Late out of the starting gate are Lane and Kathy Boughton catching up with 4 points. Our long shot, trotting along with one point, is Al Costich. I'm rooting for you, Al. Long shots bring in big wins! The driving challenge can go any way and we may need a photo finish November 1st to determine the winner.

Come join in the challenging fun. See the rules and instructions on pages 24 – 26.

If you have any questions contact me, Susan Goodwin, at challenge@mgcarclub.com.

Here are a few pictures so far:



Hollis & Doreena's 1970 MGB at a Roadside Oddity



Mike Goodwin's '78 MGB at a pre-1900 Cemetery



Kathy & Lane Boughton's '98 BMW Z3 with Horses in a Field



George Heissenberger's '73 MGB at an Irish Pub

2022 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge



Alan Costich's 1968 MGB GT with snow



Cheryl & Bill Baldwin's 1962 Lotus Super 7
with a Tree in Spring Bloom



Mike Robison with Leon Zak in front of Mike's 1980 MGB
at a Coffee Shop



Leon Zak's 1981 Toyota Truck
at a Cobblestone House

2022 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

HOW TO ENTER

- Send your first photos or photos to Challenge@mgcarclub.com
- With your name
- With the year, make and model of your car or cars you intend to use for the challenge
- Attach your photos, identified with the destination numbers

PARTICIPATION CHALLENGE DETAILS

- Find the completed list of destinations in *Spokes* monthly (***see the following two pages***)
- Drive to the listed destinations
- Snap a picture of your car at the destination preferably with yourself or teammate in the photo
- Send the photos by email with the destination numbers as you complete them to: Challenge@mgcarclub.com
- You can do the destinations in any order except the ones with cut off dates
- All photos due on or before November 1st 2022**
- Enjoy monthly updates in *Spokes* where you'll see yours and other competitors' photos and get updates on the scoring

You will score 1 or more points for each destination. Points vary depending on the difficulty or the creativity required. Additional bonus points are given for some of the destinations, so get the most points possible.

Remember

- All photos are due on or before November 1st 2022
- Have fun!

Special Note: Out of state members can participate. Gear destinations to your state. If you have any questions, contact me, Susan Goodwin at Challenge@mgcarclub.com.

SG



2022 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

✓	#	Destination	Base Pts.	Due Date	Bonus Description	Bonus Pts.	My Score
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	With snow (this is Western NY)	1	05/15/22	new pictures of old snowpiles are okay		
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Yard with Easter decorations not own yard	1	04/15/22			
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	April Showers (must be in the rain)	1	04/30/22			
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Tree in spring bloom	2	05/30/22			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Tree/Trees with fall colors	1	10/25/22	with splendid fall color	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Alongside a sunflower field	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Alongside an apple orchard	1		with apple farm stand	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Maple syrup business/sign	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Beehive boxes	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	Honey roadside stand	2		buy a jar of honey, include it in photo	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Farmstand	1		show purchased produce	1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Dairy farm	1		with cows in barn	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	Horses in a field	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	Winery on Keuka Lake Wine Trail	1		winery sign and lake in background	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	Winery on Seneca Lake Wine Trail	1		buy a bottle hold it up standing next to car	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	Winery on Cayuga Lake Wine Trail	1		picture of grapevines and winery with sign together	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	Oldest Winery in the Finger Lakes/ Sign	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	18	Irish pub	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	Ethnic restaurant	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	20	Burger stand	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	21	Coffee shop with sign	1		w/friend or relative other than partner, both standing next to car - coffee in hand	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	22	Town/County park named after someone	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	23	State park or site with sign	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	24	Village square	1		with a village sign in the square and car in view	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	25	Village sign with the letter H	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	26	" " " " " P	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	27	" " " " " B	1				

2022 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

✓	#	Destination	Base Pts.	Due Date	Bonus Description	Bonus Pts.	My Score
<input type="checkbox"/>	28	Town sign with the letter M	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	29	" " " " " S	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	30	" " " " " P	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	31	Out of New York State: State Sign	3				
<input type="checkbox"/>	32	Historical place/site with sign	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	33	Roadside oddity/attraction	3				
<input type="checkbox"/>	34	Motor raceway	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	35	Your car in a parade	1	08/01/22			
<input type="checkbox"/>	36	Cruise night	1		with 2 car friends, all 3 cars in a row, one picture showing 3 cars and each person behind their own car	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	37	Yellow very curvy road warning sign	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	38	Roundabout	1		driving around it	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	39	Antique shop	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	40	Train station used as a train station	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	41	Train station used as something else	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	42	Cobblestone house/building	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	43	Medina Sandstone building	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	44	Speciality/Special Interest Museum	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	45	Stained glass art studio or window	1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	46	Old cemetery	1		established before 1900 - show sign	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	47	Stone arched bridge	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	48	Railroad bridge	1		trestle railroad bridge	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	49	Windmill farm (show 3 or more windmills)	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	50	Old movie theater with marquee	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	51	Prominent/famous person's house with sign	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	52	Monastery/abbey	2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	53	If you capture 3 or more destinations (from the list above) in a single photo you will receive not only the stated points for those 3, but also you will receive an additional 5 bonus points				5	
<input type="checkbox"/>	54						



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Seneca Lodge Room Requests for 2022 Vintage Race Weekend

From Dan Suter

Hello everyone,

I am writing (once again!) to let you all know that I will be coordinating room reservations for Seneca lodge for the September vintage race weekend. I am now accepting room requests. Please e-mail to dmesuter – at – Rochester.rr.com.

Please include any special requests you have. Examples include:

- extra nights needed (please specify which night such as Wed-Sat, etc.).
- 2 beds in a room vs. queen bed (there are only 3 rooms out of 17 with 2 beds);
- need to be in the main hotel maybe due to mobility issues;
- desire to be on college row;
- specific room desired;
- if you wish to bring a pet, please note these are only allowed in the cabins and might be subject to a cleaning charge equal to one night's stay.

I will do my best to address these requests. It gets to be a bit like assembling a puzzle with the various pieces, but usually always works out!

Please include:

- your contact information: name
- address, phone number
- e-mail address.

There is a 3-night minimum as in previous years. There is also a 1-night penalty for cancellations 7 days or less from check-in date.

We have 17 rooms available, the same as last year. All are on my credit card at the moment!

UPDATE: As of the date of this publication, most of the 17 rooms have been requested, but there are still a few available. Don't delay too long!

You must be a current 2022 MGCC member to participate in this first round of room selection. With your request, expect a confirmation note from me within 2 days (and if you don't happen to receive a note from me within a few days of e-mailing me, please chase me—I want to be absolutely certain we connect when you make a request).

We will also accept requests for rooms from non-club members starting now, along this same timeline, but those requests won't be addressed until after the MGCC member request cut-off date. A good comment: the last several years, we've had a few rooms available after meeting all our needs, and several MG vintage racers from other areas have been able to use them within our block of rooms. To a person these MG vintage racers have been helpful, friendly, and great guests.

Thank you for your help in making this run smoothly.

Thanks,
Dan

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During the summer of 1992, hundreds of MGs converged on scenic Peterborough, in the Kawartha Lakes region of Ontario, for the inaugural convention of the North American MGB Register. Thirty years later, we are going back to where it all began. Come join us June 19th to 23rd to honour our history and celebrate the future. We will have a slew of activities for enthusiasts of all ages including a car show, tech sessions, lift lock tours, funkhana, local rally, self-directed drives, a parking lot party and an awards banquet with a very special guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you in Peterborough at THE MG event of 2022!

JUNE 19 - 23, 2022



May Sunshine Page



May Birthdays

1	Joanie Palmer
5	Nona Krause
14	Jon Neff
15	Gary Wilson
16	Nancy Bauder
19	Ron Stone
23	Bill Benet
24	Chris Russell
25	Bill Clicquennoi
27	Harold Rodman
28	Dan Young
30	Mac McCampbell

May Anniversaries

1	Patricia & Dick Giambra
14	Donna & Peter Papandrea
16	Patti & Joseph Bellizia
20	Georgian & Robert Abels
24	Chris & John Baum
27	Wendy & Frank DeMarzo
28	Susan & Michael Goodwin
29	Cheryl & Bill Baldwin



Congratulations!



*Happy Birthday,
everyone!*

*If you think you've been mistakenly left off either list above, check to see if you've paid your dues.
If you still think it's a mistake, send a note to the editor at spokes@mgcarclub.com.*



MG Car Club of Western NY Available Regalia 2022 Catalog



MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Pins



Note: Key is just to show size



50th Ann. Badge \$20.00



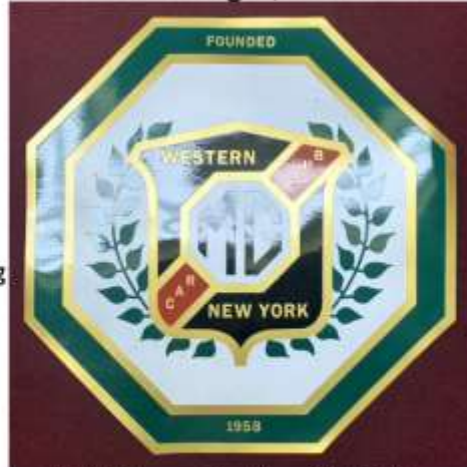
Car Badge \$20.00



Embroidered patches
\$2.50



Octagon Key Ring
\$1.50



10" Magnetic Sign \$15.00



Logo w/ ribbon
\$1.50

Adhesive Stickers
\$1.50

Adhesive Emblem
\$1.50

Note: Key is just to show size

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre Bumper Sticker & Coffee Mugs



Coffee Mug \$5.00



Bumper Sticker \$1.00 / 3 for \$2.00

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

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

Port Authority Shirts \$25.00 embroidered



Shirt Sported by our new member Frank DeMarzo
Thanks Frank! You were the first one to buy one.



Hollis's Shirt

Color Choice: Not all colors may be available do to supply chain shortages.
Feel Free in emailing me if you have a color you want me to check on at blitz7711@gmail.com

MG Car Club of Western NY Centre

New Era Hats \$25.00 embroidered

(price will go down if we order over a dozen)



NE201
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Note: This is the Logo
we are having digitized
to fit on the hats. It will
be 2" high

Includes Embroidery: \$25. Delivered

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Jackets with our Logo Embroidered

As seen at our March Meeting!!!!



Tri-Mountain Performance
W/ mesh lining & hood
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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

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Membership Application

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Print and mail form and



Classified Ads

(Please inform the editor when your ad should be removed)

For Sale: 1969 Spitfire Mark III roadster. Barn find after 25 years. Clean title. 1300cc engine runs; Solid body, with some work needed to repaint. Will need the usual brake hoses and hydraulic work. Has wire wheels. Missing its seats and front bumper. Inexpensive starter project for \$1000.

Call George at 585-872-6536

For Sale: Miscellaneous XPAG engine parts and 2 hubcaps for MGTD. Intake and Exhaust manifolds. Both cleaned and painted. - \$20

Starter motor. Working but could use a rebuild. Moss Motors gets a \$200 core charge for a new motor. - \$100

Hubcaps are original/not replacement. - \$30

Contact allyn@mgcarclub.com 585-924-5251

For Sale: 1973 MGBGT

Solid car with overdrive. In storage for 20+ years

Call Gary: (585) 464-9482

For Sale: 1976 & 1977 MGBs, both need work to start them

Contact Claude Fedele @ sfedele@rochester.rr.com
or 585-899-9388

For Sale: Edelbrock 4025 Uni-Syn Carburetor Balancing Instrument



\$15.00 or BO. Contact Bill Clicquennoi, Magnolia La, Webster, NY 585-202-5992 wjc@rochester.rr.com

FOR SALE: MG Steering Wheel, Excellent Condition. From 1979 MGB switchout.



\$45 or BO. Contact Bill Clicquennoi, Magnolia La in Webster 585-202-5992 wjc@rochester.rr.com

For Sale: MGB 3-main short block - asking \$250

If interested, contact Dick Powers: mgahmogca@rpa.net
or at 585-410-4500.

For Sale: Color Wiring Diagrams 11x17 size; many cars to choose from \$17.95. Further details at www.colorwiringdiagrams.com

For Sale: Four (4) spoked wheel rims for an MG (no other information given)
9580 Big Tree Road, Hemlock NY.

Please call Rhonda at 585-919-9719

For Sale: Exhaust Header – Peco - for MGB Moss Part # 459-045 (no longer available) –used for a few low mileage years – very solid, great shape (I have replaced the whole system with stainless, so I no longer need this). **\$50 --- PRICE LOWERED!**



Call Mike Goodwin at 585-360-6885

Classified Ads – (continued)

(Please inform the editor when your ad should be removed)

FREE: A nearly complete set of *Spokes* from 1996 – 2016. I have been working on collecting a complete set of *Spokes* and these are now duplicates to me. Dan Suter, dmesuter@rochester.rr.com, 585-645-5645

WANTED: Any *Spokes* issues from the mid-1970s and earlier. Dan Suter, dmesuter@rochester.rr.com, 585-645-5645

I am a member of the Grand Strand British Car Club, and the owner of a 1953 MG TD. It has become necessary for me to offer this beautiful car for sale, so I am reaching out to other Club members with this opportunity, before attempting to sell the vehicle on the open market.

The previous owner of my car purchased the TD in 1953 new and had kept this car in his collection of antique vehicles. He had been offered several collectable cars and needed room in his facility to accept these new antique vehicles. He therefore found a high-end seller to purchase a part of his available collection. This dealer put the MG TD for sale in its showroom, and I purchased it.

Last important note concerning the 1953 TD is the car offered has been completely gone over and given an A+. This is a complete vehicle with no modifications. Original mileage is listed at 4,808 original miles verified by the previous owner.

Asking price for this 1953 MG TD is \$29,900. Please contact me with any questions or to request additional information.

Phone 610-209-9916 or kfishlinger@gmail.com

Keith Fishlinger



and finally...

... if you decide to join the Zaks and Goodwins for their cross-country MGB drive in September 2022, you will likely be rewarded with some great views like these when you reach the coast of Northern California!



(A View of Mendocino from the Headlands - *photo by Susan Goodwin, 4-30-22*)



(Looking Down on the Beach at Mendocino - *photo by Susan Goodwin, 4-30-22*)