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MG's Corner

By Spokes editor, Michael Goodwin

It's the start of July, and the Summer driving season is surely in full swing nearly everywhere. We've been out and about in our MINI (the much more practical but not-so-small MINI Cooper S Countryman that *vaguely* reminds us of the REAL Mini we used to own). Not easily confused, though similarly painted, we happened upon a British Racing Green 1969 MGB with a white hardtop that was pulling into the Mendocino P.O., just as we were about to pull out a few days ago. As MG owners are apt to do (after all, "MG" is the "*Marque of Friendship*", right?), we introduced ourselves to



Used-to-be ours – 1991 Mini Cooper

Corey, its owner, who told us he has a collection of vintage British cars.

We chatted just a bit longer before Susan and I left; long enough to get Corey's okay to snap a photo of his car and get his

permission to include it in *Spokes*, as well as to ensure I was going to spell his name correctly and to make sure he knew

where to look for *Spokes* online. (Hope he remembered – mgcarclub.com is easy enough, isn't it?) It was nice meeting you, Corey!

In previous years everyone asked us about the fires. This year, we expect to be asked about the heat. It has been crazy hot in the west and especially in the Pacific Northwest, but along the coast here, we reliably have only 60 to 65 °F every day for a high, and 50 to 54 °F for lows each night. It's perfect weather for a lot of things, including making new friends and driving fun cars.



Similarly painted, Corey's 1969 MGB outside the Post Office in Mendocino,

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Chairman's Corner

By **Bob Welch**

After fourteen months of no meetings or of meeting virtually on Zoom, your MG Car Club is back - live and in person! It was heartening to see so many old friends in attendance at our first post-lockdown meeting on June 24th. I believe we had at least 32 in attendance. A big thank you to all who were able to join us!

Several members attended the Father's Day car show at the Summit at Brighton and were rewarded with shrimp cocktail and steak dinners for two! It so happened my sister was in town visiting her father-in-law over there. She saw the MG's and remarked how much the residents of the Summit seemed to enjoy the show.

Mike Robinson was good enough to organize a mini-car show and breakfast at the Freestyle Restaurant in Caledonia last Sunday. He reports 10 sports cars were there and about 16 people. The owners were pleased and have invited us back. It now appears this will be a regular event, on the last Sunday each month, during the season. Times are 9 'til noon.

John Schwelm spoke with a representative of the Geneseo air show regarding a little car show during their big event of July 10-11. The person said they're open to it and I had sent around an email asking those interested to respond. So far there has been no interest. This is very short notice and a key element would be whether they'd waive the \$100 per carload admission for us. Without significant interest from our membership there is no point in taking this discussion any further.

Next month we plan to arrange a members' picnic at the Legion, before the meeting on July 15th. An email will go out with more details. Hope to see you there!

Safety Fast! RW

SEARCHING FOR

*MG-TC inquiry emailed to Dick Powers via Brian Woodhams, our UK MGCC overseas director.
Send any information to Dick Powers at mgahmogca@rpa.net*

My father, Denman McIntyre, purchased his TC Roadster in 1948. He was stationed in England in 1943 before going to France with the Third Army in 1944. He was so impressed by the MG's he saw in England that he just had to have one. In fact, he went to pick up his car at the docks in NYC when it arrived. The facts about his car are:

Serial # TC 5113
motor# XPAG 5661
cost \$2365.00
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1135 18th St., N.W.
Washington 3, D.C.
color black
green leather interior
21" dia. wire wheels



Similar TC

My Dad sold his TC in 1965 to someone living in Montgomery County, Maryland. The car was still black with green interior and the large wire wheels. The main change to the look of the car was that he had added dual spare tires on the back.

If you have any information about it, I would like to know if the car still exists, and any other information about the history of the car in the intervening 56 years.

Thank You, Glenn McIntyre

Vice Chairman's Notes

By George Heissenberger

Welcome to Summer! I have been so happy to be able to go to local cruise nights again this year, after a year-long hiatus due to COVID. My local favorite is Twin Elder Brewery in Victor, which holds a cruise night every Wednesday 5-9 pm. It's right around the corner less than five minutes from my house and with live music, beer, and food from either the Pizzeria next door or a food truck, what's not to like! Several cruise nights are starting up again so it's nice to be able to get out and check them all out. You

could go to a different one every day of the week or multiple ones week after week! There is a Facebook page called "Rochester cruise nights and car shows" that lists a number of car shows and cruise nights

going on in our area- it changes weekly so you never know what you will see pop up. So far, I know of the following cruise nights happening weekly:

Tuesdays-Panorama Plaza casual cruise Penfield, Happy Days Webster, Tom Wahls Newark

Wednesdays- Log Cabin Macedon, Twin Elder brewing Victor, Rush Creekside Inn, I square Irondequoit, Silver Lake Drive in (Supercruise once a month)

Thursdays- Baytowne Plaza Penfield,

Fridays-Webster Damascus Shriners (Starts July).

I know there are some on the West side too- if you know of more, drop a note on the MG car club Facebook page or the MGCC email list. Check the Facebook page or MG car club website for events throughout the summer. Also, it's good to see some annual car shows are coming back. By the time you read this the NAMGBR MG International 2021 in Atlantic City will be completed, and there are multiple car shows on Father's Day that



members will have attended including the Sonnenberg Gardens car show and Summit at Brighton. Look for photos in *Spokes!* We also had our first club tour in June, and our first in-person meeting at the

American Legion in June! So great to see everyone in person again.

I also have been continuing to take photos for the MGCC Motoring Challenge. I encourage members to submit photos- it's easy and a fun activity to do in your MGs. Check the *Spokes* back page for a list of destinations, then while you are out and about in your MG at any of the destinations listed snap a photo - it's that easy! I hope to see you out and about this summer in our little British cars! Safety Fast!

George. GH

Minutes and Attendance for MGCC Meeting - June 17, 2021

Recorded and submitted by Annabelle Tescione, MGCC Secretary

MGCC MEETING ATTENDANCE 6/17/2021



Bob	Abels
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Tony	Makepeace
Eric	Mehserle
Paul	Osborne
Dick	Powers
Mike	Robinson
Doug	Scribner
Rob	Shrader
Annabelle	Tescione
Allyn	Wagner
Bob	Welch
Barb	Wild
Dave	Wild
COUNT=	26



Minutes for MGCC Meeting - June 17, 2021

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Pre-Meeting, Lots of conversations and catching up - we all are happy to be back to in-person meetings!

CHAIRMAN, Bob Welch called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. There was lots of applause as we welcomed everyone back after all of the COVID restrictions.

The minutes from the May meeting were motioned and accepted.

We greeted Eric Mehserle, a previous member in the 1970-80s. Eric just drove his newly purchased MGA back to Rochester from Michigan. He is active in aviation and invites the Club to the Williamson Airport Fly-in Breakfast when it is held.

We also welcomed Rich and Sheri Kruse who owned a Midget and Spites in the 1960s and now have an MGB.

Congratulations went out to Gil and Betty Langswager for their upcoming **69th wedding anniversary** on June 21st. WOW!!

TREASURY/MEMBERSHIP, Frank Stepanik reported that the treasury is stable and in good standing. We have 100 of the 125 previous members renewed and active so far this year. George Heissenberger has investigated the remaining non-renewals, tracking down addresses and sending out post card dues reminders.

Paul Osborne has proposed we wait until there are more events before doing any recruitment efforts. Possibly MGCC posters in car parts stores may be an idea to get the word out about the Club.

ACTIVITIES, The Activities Coordinator position will remain open this year and different individuals will organize events.

- Mike Robinson has set up a Cars and Coffee at the Freestyle Mercantile in Mumford NY on June 27th from 9AM until noon. See email notice and contact Mike Robinson for more information.
- The Moss-style Motoring Challenge organized by Mike Goodwin has good participation. Mike will add new destination challenges this month in *Spokes* as well as recently submitted photos from contestants.
- A Fall Driving Tour will be organized by Mike Robinson. This has been a very popular event in past years. The Spring Driving Tour organized by Dan Suter on June 5th was a big success, see photos later in this issue.

REGALIA, Joe Bellizia gave us product updates, showed us hat and shirt samples and asked for counts and colors on hats and shirts. He is working on getting windbreakers made. Our logo has been created by the company that customizes the items so almost anything can be made, quantity orders will lower the price. A show of hands indicated good interest.

SPOKES, Mike Goodwin was away but sent a photo presentation on the Motor Challenge that we viewed on the Legion's large screen TV. He thanked recent Spokes contributors and asked for any suggestions or ideas for Spokes topics in the coming months.

LIBRARY, Al Costich showed us a few new additions to the library. He reminded us that there is an online list of material available on our website, [Library | MG Car Club Western NY](#).

WATKINS GLEN REPORT, Dave Wild confirmed that the Vintage Grand Prix is being held this year on the customary week-end after Labor Day, beginning September 10th. Most of the usual events will be held but on a smaller scale. He mentioned that some Watkins Glen International race events have been cancelled but NOT Vintage weekend ones.

Bob Welch reminded us that Dan Suter is taking room reservations for the Vintage weekend, contact him if you are interested.

Dick Powers noted that the Alfa is the marque of the year, and the Alfa Club has had good response to sign-ups for their events, about 125 cars registered so far.

Al Wagner updated us that the Formula 1 weekend races on July 9-11 are taking place and noted that you can get a small discount on ticket prices if you book online.

Al Costich mentioned that the Sahlen's racing at the Glen will continue to give veterans free tickets with proof of service.

Minutes for MGCC Meeting - June 17, 2021

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WEBSITE, Leon Zak was not present, but it was noted that the website is up and running well. Old issues of Spokes have been added from 2001 forward and the project of scanning issues prior to 2001 was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS, none

NEW BUSINESS, Bob Welch informed us that our UK dues are in good standing, and we are receiving *Safety Fast* Magazine as scheduled.

Several people said they will be participating in the various car shows that are happening on Father's Day weekend.

CARS & PARTS FOR SALE, Bob Abels will have his white Jensen Healey listed on Bring-a-Trailer soon and, when that's sold, he will be listing his 1975 Saab wagon.

Joe Bellizia has Weber Carbs for sale after he swapped to easier-to-adjust SUs.

There is a red 1962 MGA 1600 MKII listed for sale on Craigslist in Rush, NY.

PROJECTS, Al Costich installed new seat belts in his race car MGB-GT and it was a bear of a job.

Bob Welch got his back-ordered stainless exhaust for his MGB-GT and is very pleased with it.

Bob Welch will be checking into guest speakers and programs for our future meetings. He is also setting up a picnic BBQ meeting at the Legion in their outdoor pavilion in conjunction with our August meeting.

Meeting end: 8:30pm. AT

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Morgan's First Run of the Season

Annabelle Tescione



Highland Park, Pansy Bed



Cobbs Hill, Rochester Skyline

My lawnmower wouldn't start today but the Morgan did! After the aggravation and ether inhalation from the lawn mower, I looked to the side of the garage, got a big grin and started up the Moggie for its first run of the season. Took it around town to some of our favorite places. It was sublime, all a British sports car was meant to be.

The grass still needs mowing, though! 🛠️

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Atlantic City or Bust!

By Suzie Keppeler

On Monday, June 14, Dan Suter and I met early with our twin MGA MkII Deluxes to begin our trip to the all-MG meet in Atlantic City. We were on the road right at 7:30 AM. We had discussed our route choice, which was all thruways and expressways, to best shorten the length of the drive. Six-and-a-half to seven hours is the driving time, but of course we knew we would be slower than that. To best facilitate our driving

comfort, we both got our tires rebalanced by George and I got my front end aligned as well. What a major difference that made to our driving speed! Our cars were able to cruise down the highway going between



60 - 70 mph. Of course, we both have gearboxes with overdrive as well, so that was a major plus.

We decided to stop every 100 - 120 miles to gas

up, stretch (very crucial), and Dan needed to throw some more oil into his leaking tranny each time as well. The trip was 412 miles each way. We were both very happy with our cars' performance on the road. I had just gotten my radiator re-cored, put two rebuilt front shocks in, and rebuilt the carbs. I knew that my carbs were not quite right however, since at low speeds I have had trouble with a fluctuating idle. I

hoped I had sorted it out before we left, but sadly it turned out I hadn't...



Our trip down was long, hot, and got extremely bumpy after we hit New Jersey. I was so thankful I had just put new shocks on my front. The roads were terrible. Poor Dan hit so many potholes that his car developed a drift to the left. I had the unfortunate experience more than once, of hitting a bump so hard that both my doors flew open at once! Yikes!

For most of the trip down, I followed Dan, who had his trusty AAA trip maps that he was navigating with. At one point we got turned around in this small NJ town and he ended up in back of me. We were so turned around that I had fired up my Google Maps on my phone, so I was in lead. I took a left down a small street by a college, and never saw the speed bumps that were the same black tone as the pavement. Boom! I hit one of those babies at speed and once again my passenger door flew open. I barely had time to digest that before I was upon another speed bump...Boom again!! I was swearing a blue streak as I turned the next corner and wondered where Dan's car was? What was that honking I had heard? I slowed down to a creep waiting to see Dan's car turn the corner, which it finally did. We continued on our way through these small towns with the most terrible traffic ever...My car was starting to run rough at the slow speeds and every time I tried to pull the choke because it was starting to stall, my sweaty hand couldn't grip it. I finally grabbed a towel in the front seat and was pulling the choke with the help of that. Dan's car was getting extremely overheated. We finally made our way onto the Atlantic City expressway and gunned our cars to top speed to cool them down.

When we finally made it into Atlantic City, we proceeded to get lost again, so I fired up my Google

Maps again, but turned a corner too fast before Dan could move over to follow me, so we got separated. Traffic was crazy.... we both eventually found our way to Harrah's Casino where the convention was, though poor Dan had to hire a taxi to lead him there through all the crazy city streets. It was around this time when he mentioned that he had my purse..."My purse??? What are you talking about??? My purse is not in my car? On the front seat??? How the hell did you get my purse???" That's when he shared with me that way back when, when I hit that speed bump on that small college street and my passenger door opened, and he took so long to turn that corner and I heard honking noises??? He luckily saw something black shoot out of my door and roll onto the pavement. Thank Goodness he stopped his car to investigate and found my purse, contents scattered all over the place...I had no idea....To call it a lucky catch doesn't quite do it justice....divine intervention was more like it. Dan is my hero...

We couldn't wait to get to our rooms to freshen up and most important, get to the bar for a much-needed drink!! That evening I thought to myself, "This was a mistake...I never should have attempted this....I can't believe we have to go through that same drive back home in just a few short days....So depressing..."

But the next day, I changed my mind. Being surrounded by MG owners like myself, all of us car nuts, turned into such fun! I met so many new friends from all over the place. Of course, I thank Dan most because he took me under his wing and introduced me to all his friends and how wonderful that was! I have to admit that I only made it to one tech session, so I



can't report much about those. But the one I made it to, was John Twist's rolling tech session in the parking garage. I was so excited to see this for myself after hearing so much about it, and I'm a huge fan of John's. I've learned so much from all his videos on YouTube. It had been going for over an hour when I got there. There was a huge line of cars waiting to be seen by him. I made the decision to put my car at the end of the line to see if he could figure out my rough idle.

I was there for another 3 or 4 hours but finally it was my turn. He noticed I had the wrong fiber washers on my float bowl lids, so we replaced them. I had brought my spare carb parts. Then he said they were running too rich so he leaned them up. He was so friendly and sweet. I was flying high after. So excited! Of course the next morning I could barely get my car started....HUH? Finally I got it to chug down the parking garage ramp into the sunlight so I could take a look and try to figure out what was going on. Up wandered an MGA owner who has written tech articles for the NAMGAR newsletter. Very knowledgeable about carbs. He and I fiddled with them and he found all kinds of odds and ends that weren't quite right to point out. He says he has a bunch of NOS parts, so would send me a care package when he got home.

Dan and I went to a showing of the most rare MGs that came to the gathering. They were all staged in a big hall in the convention center and their owners were there to give a little history and answer



questions. It was great to get to see these amazing special cars and hear about their stories.

One of the most fun evenings we spent was when we got invited along to have dinner with the Washington D.C. MG Car Club. There was a slew of them, and they were so much fun. The restaurant was great, it overlooked this amazing harbor filled with beautiful



boats. That was one of the highlights for me, always people to join in with. Everyone was so friendly. Thursday was the car show day. We had to drive 20 miles inland to an old 4H park and it was a lovely spot. The weather all week had been in the mid-seventies, so this made for the perfect temperature for the show. I really enjoyed walking around to see all the cars that



were there and run into the people I had gotten to know throughout the week. After we all returned to the hotel that afternoon, we took some time to walk along the famous boardwalk and see the ocean up close and personal.

The big dinner was that night at the Convention Center. All the different MG Clubs were there at the same time, so it was a lot of fun. One of the highlights of the whole trip for me was meeting John Twist and Cecelia Bruce. Cecelia owns Scarborough Faire. Cecelia helped me out so much last year when I had my MG all apart to get it painted. Then, after I decided to upgrade the gearbox to a five-speed, she was there again to supply another slew of parts. Moss Motors was shut down for this stretch of time due to Covid, but not Cecelia! She saved the day for me and obtained a loyal customer. She's also a total character and is as smart as a whip! I asked John Twist and



Cecelia to pose for a picture with Dan and me and I'm going to get it enlarged and hang it in my garage! What fun! To top off this wonderful evening, Dan was awarded a 1st place award for the best Deluxe in the car show! A truly happy ending to a wonderful last day, but then, we had to turn in early, so we rushed back to our rooms to get some sleep.

The next morning, we met at 5 AM to check out and get on the road!! We wanted to beat as much traffic as possible, and it worked! We cruised along worry free for most of the ride home. We were so happy with the way our cars ran at speed. I noticed that I had some kind of oil on my knee... where could it be coming from? Finally, after feeling the underneath of the firewall, searching for some moisture, I realized it was dripping straight down on my knee from directly above on the dashboard...the oil pressure gauge! I stuffed a bunch of Kleenexes up there to sop up all the drips and kept on going. We made pretty good time and all was good until the last rest stop between Syracuse and Rochester, when my car suddenly

wouldn't start. It was deader than a door nail. Dan decided the only choice was to push me and pop the clutch. Two tries and we got her going...barely. I limped the car over to the gas pumps and quickly filled the tank while the car was still running. Then, off we went to finish our journey in the rain, which had finally started to fall. I couldn't wait to be safe and sound in my garage and turn my car off finally.

I pulled in at 2:30 in the afternoon. Hot, sweaty and a bit frustrated with my car. When I left home there was nothing left on my to-do list. Now the list has four or

five things on it. Dan asked if I had gotten my car to start since I've been home, and no, I told him. I need a break for now. He admitted the same thing. Soon I will be re-energized and get those darn carbs back off to fiddle with, among other repairs waiting. Nothing like a 900 mile shake-down cruise to really test a car!! So much fun was had and it turned out to be a great adventure that I will always treasure! Special thanks to Dan, who came to my rescue time and time again!

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Spring Driving Tour

By Dan Suter

Our MGCC Western NY Centre held a Spring Driving Tour on June 5th. The overall idea was to mimic the super-successful Fall Foliage Tour except for the Spring date.

I have been gathering up prior club rally and tour routes with the idea of re-using them for future tours. Driving tours (with clear and complete written instructions, the ability to travel in groups, and relaxing and non-competitive nature of the event) have proven to be more popular in recent years.

The route for this year's Spring Driving Tour started out from the Rush Town Hall and traveled through some scenic roads around Rush before eventually meandering west to finish in Churchville where the group had lunch at *My Kinda Place*, a friendly family restaurant.



Photo by D. Suter



Photo by D. Suter

18 cars participated including 2 Austin Healeys, 2 MGAs, an MGTF, Jensen-Healey, Lotus 7, 2 BGTs, a Toyota MR2, a Midget 1500, a TR6, an MGB V8, and 5 MGBs.

With a warm, breezy, sunny day it proved to be a beautiful day for the Tour. An optional fun game was held to tally the number of Deer Crossing signs and their total miles. Ron and Evelyn Stone won this as they were closest to the total of 13 signs and 14 1/4 miles.

Special thanks to George Haynes for all his work in preparing and refining the route directions.



Photo by D. Suter



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Spring Driving Tour

(more photos from participants)



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Cars & Coffee at the Freestyle Mercantile

Article & Photos by Mike Robinson

Several weeks ago I took the TF out for a ride and stopped at the Freestyle Mercantile where I have been getting breakfast sandwiches for the better part of a year, but this was the first time I took one of the MG's. The lady that does the cooking in the kitchen saw the TF and had to come out and look it over and take pictures. She made a comment to the effect of, "I really like this car and hope you bring it around again" to which I replied, "I could bring a whole bunch of them here if you would be interested," and of course she said yes, but there was one minor problem. The parking lot was still pretty much dirt and gravel at this point in time and dust was everywhere whenever a car pulled in or out. I mentioned this to the owners and they said they had good news – the parking lot was going to be paved early this summer and to contact them after it was completed. Fast forward a few weeks to mid-June and sure enough, the parking lot was paved and dust was no longer an issue. I suggested the last weekend in June, they



agreed, and the rest, as they say, was history.

We had a good turnout of ten cars and sixteen people, and by all accounts everyone enjoyed it. The breakfast sandwiches and coffee were well received, and the owners Russ and Karen Free (hence "Free" style Mercantile) were thrilled with the turnout. In attendance were Dick and Marlene Rzepkowski with their V8 MGB, Doug and Cindy Jack with their TR6, Leon Zak with his V8 MGB, new member Mobey (and I apologize for not getting the last name) with his TC, Lane Boughton in his BMW, Bob and Georgean



Abels in their Healey, Paul Osborne in his B GT, Rod Rodman in his B, John Schwelm in his TD and yours truly and Maggie in our TF. Tony and Eileen Makepeace also showed later on in their Beamer.

In addition to good food and coffee (and shade!), there were several passers-by that stopped to just look over the cars and talk to us, one of them commenting, "I didn't think there were this many MGs around anymore." All in all, it was a great kick off to what will be a monthly event for as long as the weather is nice enough to get the cars out. The plan is the fourth Sunday of each month will be C&C Mumford day, 9:00 AM till noonish, so mark your calendars accordingly.



A few upcoming events:

Hello- Our non-profit organization, the historic Williamsville Train Depot, 86 S. Long St., Williamsville NY 14221, is having a car cruise on Saturday, July 17 from Noon-4 pm.

There are no registration fees, best in show trophy awarded, all proceeds from will benefit the restoration of the depot. We would like to invite your members to attend.

Can this be included in your event calendar?

*Thank you!
Paul (716) 445-1411*

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Father's Day Car Show at the Jewish Home

or

Free NY Strip Steaks Bring Out the Cars of the MGCC

Article and Photos by Dick Powers (unless credited otherwise)

Last Sunday, June 20, many MGCC members were part of the Father's Day Car Show at the Jewish Home. Our club, and others, received an invitation to attend and those taking part would receive **2 NY strip steak dinners** (including shrimp cocktail and cheesecake).



The show was small with 30 cars of all types, and they were nicely arranged around the pond and fountain in front of the Jewish Home. Of the 30 cars, 11 were from our MGCC.

They included a TF, 2 MGAs, 3 MGBs, a Midget, Bug Eye Sprite, Lotus 7, XKE and a Morgan +4. There was another "foreign" car there I don't think anyone in Rochester had ever seen, a Nissan Figaro.

We were there from 11-2 and during that time, the residents and car entrants were also part of a picnic. They served us popcorn, hots, burgers, drinks, ice cream and floats! All at no cost and there was no entry fee for the show. This, along with the 2 delicious strip steak dinners, was a car show like no other I had ever been to. Many of us hope they do this again next year.

There was one MGCC member at the show that deserves a special mention. It's **Paul Wegman**. The day before, Paul was at a show in Old Forge, NY with his lovely MGA coupe. At that show, he won a People's Choice award! At about 5:30 AM on Sunday, he hopped in his trusty MGA and drove 145 miles to be part of the Father's Day show at the Jewish Home. Congratulations on winning a People's Choice award on Saturday and thanks for driving all that way on Sunday to be part of our MGCC gathering at the Father's Day Car Show at the Jewish Home.



"another 'foreign' car...a Nissan Figaro"



Paul Wegman's MGA Coupe at the Old Forge Car Show with other People's Choice winners – photo by P. Wegman



L to R: Dave Ruben, Bill & Cheryl Baldwin, Don & Mary Sweeney, Hollis Hames, Mabel Case, and John Thompson

Father's Day Car Show at the Jewish Home

More photos by Dick Powers



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Photos by contest participants

At the time of publication, scoring is as follows: Ev & Ron Stone tied with Maggie & Mike Robinson (21), Peggi & George Heissenberger (20), Susan & Mike Goodwin (18), Mary & Tom LeStrange (6), Chris & John Baum tied with Barb & Leon Zak (5), Allen Hess tied with Dick Rzepkowski (3), and John Schwelm (2)



M. Robinson's TF mirror clearly included

There were no brand-new participants this month, but in a fun-filled burst of destinational driving delight, Maggie and Mike Robinson have zoomed from last place into a tie for first with Ev and Ron Stone! Peggi and George Heissenberger may have briefly taken the lead early in the month, but fell back to second when Ev and Ron picked up 6 points with two shots; one that included three children and another shot that scored a total of 4 points – two for a garbage truck and two bonus points awarded for not only including the garbage man, but *for getting him to wave to the camera!* The Goodwins have kept plugging away with

their MINI, picking up a few points, but never seriously challenging the leaders. They'll be returning home in early July, so they'll be storing the MINI and getting the MGB out again for more summer driving.



M. Robinson's MGB with garbage truck (and worker – 1 bonus point!)

You'll find some new destinations listed on the last page of Spokes, and I've kept the earlier destinations handily available on the second-last page. Remember, the older destinations are still valid – they don't expire. But you

can score more points by getting the early-bird bonuses. Two of this month's new destinations have early-bird bonus points (I need those photos by the 14th, so I can share them at the next meeting!).

Wherever your little special car takes you this month, remember **Safety Fast!**



M. Robinson in his MGB with Emmeline the Bear



George Heissenberger and his MGB at Twin Elder Brewing



Robinsons' MGB at Max Ink tattoo parlor

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More photos by contest participants



Susan Goodwin's MINI at a brewery in Fort Bragg, CA



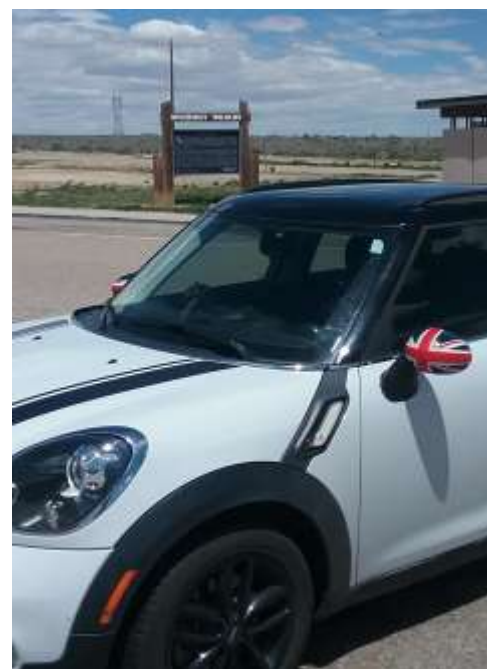
The Robinsons' MGB at a courthouse



George H. with his MGB and a bunch of kids



The Stones' MGB with friends' grandkids



The Goodwins' MINI in Wyoming, way out of NY State, and even out of its California home



Maggie Robinson (and a box of Jell-O!) at the Jell-O museum in LeRoy, NY



George at Irish Mafia Brewery



Maggie and the MGB at Rising Storm Brewery



Robinsons' B at No BS Brewery

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Even more photos by contest participants



Mike Goodwin and his MINI at another brewery in Fort Bragg, California



Mike Robinson in his MGB (too late for snow!)



The Robinsons' 3rd brewery – Mortalis Brewery in Avon, NY



Four-point photo! Ron Stone with his MGB and a waving garbage worker



George Heissenberger at the Ice Cream Factory in Fairport in his MINI



The Goodwins' MINI at a charging station



The Robinsons' MGB with the neighbors' kids



Mike & Maggie's TF with other LBCs

2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

Throughout the 2021 driving season, we are continuing to run our new Motoring Challenge for all members, and it's easy to jump in and have some motoring fun that will last through the driving season. We started in March, but **it's not too late to jump in**. We'll wrap it up around the end of October and announce the winners and **prizes** shortly thereafter. (Not a MGCC member? See elsewhere in Spokes or on the website regarding how to become a member – it's quick, easy, inexpensive, and you need not own an MG to join.)

To participate in the **Motoring Challenge**, simply:

Find the list of destinations elsewhere in *Spokes*.

- Drive to one or more of the listed destinations.
- Snap a picture of your car there, *preferably* with yourself or your teammate in the photo. (We need **AT LEAST ONE** photo that includes a good likeness of you. Let's get to know each other, eh?)
- Send the photo(s) by email to challenge@mgcarclub.com.
- Enjoy the monthly updates in *Spokes*, where you'll see yours and other competitors' photos, and get updates on scoring along with the challenges for the new month.

You'll score 1 or more points for each destination. Points may vary, based on the difficulty or the creativity required. Additionally, early-bird bonus points may be given occasionally for photos received before a certain date, so pay attention monthly to get the most points possible. (Late photos won't get the early-bird bonus, but they aren't worthless, just worth a bit less!) There's no monthly cut-off date, (we'll accept March destination photos in September, for example!) but all photos will be due before the final tally sometime around November 1st.

Some of the destination photos will have special requirements. Any such requirements will be listed each month. For example, if the destination is "Your Favorite Restaurant", we may require that the photo include a sign showing the name of the restaurant. Or, if the destination is "Outside of NY State", we may require a sign (like WELCOME TO NEW JERSEY) or other clear evidence (like the Gateway Arch or Grand Canyon, for example) be shown in the photo.

Rather than filling out a form or marking a checklist, each month, one or more destinations will be listed in *Spokes*, and each will be identified with a destination number. When you submit your photos, be sure to include the corresponding destination number for each. Remember, each photo must:

- show your car
- show the destination (and/or other requirement) clearly

Though not always REQUIRED we'd like it if you include yourself in each photo)

Some of you might have more than one special car you'd like to use in the Motoring Challenge. This is permitted, but we strongly encourage participation using only your special car(s). The point is to encourage driving and having fun with these special cars; it is NOT our intention to award points for driving around in your daily-driver 2019 RAV4 or your 2017 Honda Accord or your 2013 Ford Focus.

HOW TO ENTER: No forms to fill out, just email us your first photo(s)! We need:

- 1 – Your name(s)
- 2 – Year, make, and model of the car(s) you intend to use for the challenge
- 3 – Attach your photos, identified with the DESTINATION NUMBER.

That's it! It's easy to get started! Jump right in!
Safety Fast!

(You'll find this month's destinations on the last page of *Spokes*.)

One last note - the MG Car Club WNY Centre reserves the right to use your photo(s) in Spokes and on the club's website – and we look forward to doing so!

Sunshine Page



July Birthdays

2	Cindy Austin
2	Barb Fink
4	Peggi Heissenberger
7	Joseph Bellizia
7	Tom LeStrange
7	Bob Welch
14	David Ruben
14	Dave Wild
24	Debi Russell
30	Susan Goodwin



*Happy Birthday,
everyone!*

July Anniversaries

1	Phyllis & Allyn Wagner
3	Carole & Rob Lillis
8	Mary & Bill Donlon
13	Sue & Bill DeVos
14	Marsha & Paul Osborne
19	Linda & Don McConnell



Congratulations!

If you think you've been mistakenly left off of 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.





Official Regalia

MG Car Club Western NY Centre

Some of the Current Items Available



50th Anniversary Badge	\$20.00
50th Anniversary Pin	\$3.00
51st Anniversary sticker	\$1.50
MG Stickers Black / Silver	\$1.50
Sticker - front adhesive	\$1.50
MGCC Mug	\$5.00
Car Badge	\$20.00
Badge Clip	\$5.00
Patch Embroidered	\$2.50
Key Fob, large Leather	\$4.00
Pin, Cloisonne	\$3.00
Dash Plaque - Last years 2019	\$3.00
Dash Plaque - 40th Ann	\$2.00
Sign Magnetic 10"	\$15.00
Bumper Sticker	\$1.00
Club Name Badge (to be ordered)	\$20.00

Notes Also available a large selection of clothing items (shirts, jackets, caps, etc) with our club logo embroidered on them, by letting us know what you would like. Most specialty items are available with a small order of only a dozen. Please contact Joe Bellizia with any questions by calling (585) 749-9263 or emailing me at blitz7711@gmail.com

Joe Bellizia has been working behind the scenes to put together some interesting possibilities for nifty regalia for the 2021 season and beyond. He'd love to have your input and suggestions – particularly for ideas for items that a BUNCH of us want (even if we don't all know it yet)!

Some great ideas are on the next page!

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Notes I am including a New Feature in Spokes showing New Items we could order if we get member input and start a pre-order commitment list started. Bottles have a (48) Minimum Order and hats (12) minimum as they are Custom to our Club and YOUR Car!

Contact Joe Bellizia with any questions by calling (585) 749-9263 or emailing me at blitz7711@gmail.com

MG Car Club Western New York Centre Membership Application

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Membership – MG Car Club, PO Box 92556, Rochester, NY 14692

Classified Ads

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

For Sale: MGTD parts.

- Windshield frame including side supports and cowl brackets \$225.
- One pair of chrome headlight buckets and rims with medallions \$75.
- Original false nose (re-chromed) and MG medallion \$75.
- Red & Green dash light lenses and accessory switch \$15.
- Hood strip \$20.
- Lucas NOS windshield wiper blades \$12.
- Lot of Miscellaneous fasteners & fittings \$35.

Will email pictures on request.

Contact: John at ross@frontiernet.net or 585 248 5361

For Sale: 1957 MGA "project" car for restoration or parts.

Car is complete having 1500 motor, transmission, rear end and has wire wheels. Included are new rockers and a vinyl interior for the seats.

For total restoration or parts - asking \$2000.

Also, 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: 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: 1952 MG TD, number 16166, XPAG TD2/16658. It's a 20-year-old restoration and is presentable, but will need some brake work and a good tune up and a few other repairs. It also comes with extra parts. Asking price is \$22,500 but willing to negotiate to sell the car. The car belonged to former member Doug Elam, who passed away in December 2018. If interested, call Doug Elam, Jr. at 315-654-4007.

Pop's TD

After WWII 'Pop' (Charles Elam, formerly a carburetor engineer with Rochester Products) was a young man watching vets driving around in these really cool little British sports cars. From that point on he always wanted a T-Series MG. About 20 years ago he found one in PA with enough right with it to run and enough wrong with it to keep him busy.

From that point on the TD was commonly known as *His Mistress*. Instead of just cleaning it up and calling it good, it 'needed' a 12-volt system. Then it was the fuel system; that really did the trick. Those were nice, but, boy wouldn't a new paint-job be great! Not to do anything halfway, all the sheet metal came off and each piece was painted individually. By the time he was done, it was a complete off-frame restoration with all the chrome being sent to Buffalo for refinishing. Every part was labeled with a tag and the smaller pieces placed in zip-lock bags. (While detailing the MG we found one of the tags and left it under the dash for posterity.)

Pop died in December of 2018 and since then we've been downsizing his estate. My sister and I had planned on keeping the TD, but recently came to the conclusion to sell the car as she needed someone to love and pamper her. May the next owner enjoy this beautiful machine as much as Pop did! It will turn heads wherever you go.

1952 MG TD Parts List

- Convertible top with side screens (needs rebuild)
- 2 'Classic Gold' Overriders
- Pad Set for Clutch & Brake Pedals
- Fuel Line Hose (about 10')
- Packing Set
- Crosland Oil Filter
- Oil Filter Adapter Kit with Fram Filter
- Fuel System Parts
- Alternator (6-volt?)
- Starter (6-Volt?)
- Shoebox filled with 'Extra MG Parts'
- 4 Repro Hubcaps



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Destination Number	Description (pts.)	Special Requirement or Special Note	Early-bird bonus point?
#2021-01	In your garage or driveway (1)	Snow in the picture (1 bonus)	
#2021-02	Barn with a silo (1)		
#2021-03	* Any Erie Canal lift bridge (1)		
#2021-04	* Emmeline the Bear Monument – Geneseo (1)		
#2021-05	* Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse (1)		
#2021-06	Picture including 3 old men (1)	Define “old” at your own risk!	
#2021-07	Picture including 3 old women (2)	Define “old” at your own risk!	
#2021-08	Picture including 3 children (2)		
#2021-09	With a garbage truck (2)	Include the sanitation worker for an extra point (1 bonus pt.; If he/she is waving, 2 bonus pts)	
#2021-10	* At the Windmill Farm and Craft Market in Penn Yan (1)		
#2021-11	Outside of NY State (2)	Sign required	
#2021-12	At any tattoo parlor (1)	Sign required	
#2021-13	With 3 Little British Cars (including yours) (2)	The 3 cars must all have separate owners	
#2021-14	* At Lugia’s Ice Cream shop (Spencerport) (1)	Include yourself eating ice cream for a bonus (1 bonus)	
#2021-15	* At the Ice Cream Factory (Fairport) (1)	Include yourself eating ice cream for a bonus (1 bonus)	
#2021-16	* At Abbott’s Frozen Custard (1)	At the original in Charlotte (1 bonus); eating ice cream (1 more bonus)	
#2021-17	At a courthouse (1)		
#2021-18	At an electric car charging station (2)		
#2021-19	* Jell-O Museum, LeRoy NY (2)	Holding a Jell-O package; must be clearly visible (2)	
#2021-20, -21, -22	At a brewery of your choice	up to 3, 1 pt. each)#	

MORE DESTINATIONS ON NEXT PAGE!

2021 MGCC WNY Motoring Challenge

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Destination Number	Description (pts.)	Special Requirement or Special Note	Early-bird bonus point?
2021-23	* At a Monroe County Park (1)	Must include a sign	
2021-24	* At a County Park <u>OTHER THAN</u> Monroe County (1)	Must include a sign	1 bonus if by 7/14/21
2021-25	At a marina with boats (1)		
2021-26	* At Hartwell Hall on the SUNY Brockport Campus (2)	If the bell tower is fully included in your photo, 1 point BONUS	1 bonus if by 7/14/21
<p>Look for the highlighting for three new chances for BONUS POINTS</p>			
<p>Questions? Address them to the Challenge-masters at challenge@mgcarclub.com</p>			

*** SPECIAL NOTE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE AWAY FROM THE WESTERN NEW YORK AREA:**
 You may substitute similar destinations from your area. Please do your best to convince the Challenge Masters and other participants that your substitution is VALID.