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Chairman's Corner

Dave Chase

Greetings,

nenball experience.

Just got back from Carlisle and we had a great time. For the first time I actually sold some items. The weather was cool but we avoided any downpours. There was 10 people that went this year. If anyone is interested in going there next year or this Fall to Hershey please let George Haynes or myself know. I want to thank Rob Shrader for filling in for me as chairman at the meeting. John and I promise to not be out of town at the same time again. Some of us are leaving June 6 for Manchester car show which used to be called the Hildene car show. Manchester is a nice little town that has some great restaurants.

We have speakers scheduled for the next two meetings. Our own Doug Scribner will speak at the June meeting on his Can-

Mr. Baum has found two people willing to help him on what we will now call the Out Reach committee. Art Salo and Paul Brown will greet new members and also get into contact with members that haven't showed up for sometime. Thank you Art and Paul for volunteering. John would like a couple more volunteers to his committee if you can help.

I have some good news to report that we will soon again have the birthday and anniversary list in the spokes. I believe our Spokes editor Don Mc Connell is working on this. Several people have asked me about this and I hope Don can do it.

At the last board meeting it was approved to spend funds for running a ad for new members in the Genesee Valley Pennysaver. I'm hoping we get some results.

We have a busy month for June, let's get the cars out and attend a lot of these events.

Dave

MGBruce

Don McConnell

June ?? Seems like April and May went by to fast. Wasn't I just talking about getting those sports cars ready for the driving season? Hope they are ready, but wait if you went to Hammondsport with the club the sports car must be ready. Hope you enjoyed the trip.

I keep hearing voices from my garage. It sounds like this "Let Me Out Of Here". I think Bruce is getting tired of sitting. I can't blame him, soon.

Enjoying an open-air drive on a summer evening is what it is all about. Their are plenty of cruse in's to attend and lots of ice cream places to visit too. I can't forget the regular places to visit other than food. While you are visiting don't forget the Moss Motoring Challenge.

There is a lot to do and lots to see. Oh ya even a story or two from those visits. Go enjoy the driving fun. See ya at the next meeting.

Happy Top Down Don



A bimonthly magazine dedicated to the magic of MG care and the people who love them.

By Mike & Sue Harrison

Thanks to Hollis Hames for organizing the Tune Up Clinic at MCC on Saturday, May 3. Coffee and donuts provided by our club were enjoyed by all who came to work on their cars.

Thanks to Gil and Betty Langswager for hosting a fun time at their garage the next day. We hear they had about 45 in attendance and no one wanted to leave.

Thanks to Dick Powers and Doug Scribner for planning the superb trip to Hammondsport this past Saturday. The weather was just right for the almost 30 members who drove their sports cars up and down the Finger Lakes roads. Those who went to Watkins Glen after lunch at Bully Hill Winery were treated to a special interview with Sam Posey and those who went to Hammondsport enjoyed the soon to be opened Boat Museum as well as the Glenn Curtis Museum. After a nice dinner in Hammondsport, the overnighters lakeside had a terrific day to return home on Sunday.

Good luck to our racing members headed to Indianapolis the first week in June. Remember to sign up for the Triumph Club Deer Crossing Rally to be held on June 22. Cost is \$20 and reservations should be in by June 15.

Additional events coming up for our club are being planned by both Art Salo and Desi Benet.

With nice weather Cruise Nights to meet and greet other car owners have begun. These are also a good place to search for new club members. We believe the Log Cabin, Macedon on Wednesday nights and the Damascus Shrine, Bay Rd, Webster on Fridays from 5-8 PM are already in business. One of our newer members, Irwin Golderg, called to suggest that we could start another such night at his son's Dairy Queen on Jefferson Rd., Henrietta. We will get back in touch with him to set a date since there seemed to be interest in this location.

Fairport Cruise Nights will be held at the Burgundy Basin Inn starting MAY 27.

For additional opportunities to show off your car, be sure to check your emails for the June 1 Kruis for the Kids held at Webster Firemans Field to benefit Golisano Childrens Hospital, the July 19 ZCar Club Motor Fest 2014 screening of Dave Levinson's film of the 1971 SCCA runoffs which will be part of their dinner and concert, and the July 26 car show at Woodbury Vineyards, Fredonia, NY.

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MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Doris Britt

May 15, 2014

Meeting opened at 7:30. Rob Shrader stood in for Dave Chase who is out of town. The minutes from last meeting were approved by Laurie Scribner and seconded by Carl Prouty

NEW MEMBERS: Richard Reynolds with a '79 MGB named Penelope.

BIRTHDAYS: none ANNIVERSARIES: none

REPORTS: Dick Powers brought us up to date on Bob Tescione's condition. He is back in the Wilmont Cancer Center. There should be no visitors and no phone calls at this time. Annabelle is staying with him.

ACTIVITIES: Sue Harrison thanked Hollis Hames for organizing the Tune up Clinic.

She also thanked Betty and Gil Langswager for hosting about 45 people in their garage tasting event and Dick powers and Doug Scribner for planning the great trip to Hammondsport this past Saturday. All three events were successful and greatly enjoyed.

Sue wished good luck to those racing members who are heading to Indianapolis early in June.

She shared details and sign up data for the Triumph Club's Deer Crossing Rally to be held on June 22.

Sue then called on Art Salo to talk about a trip he is planning if there is interest. It would be to the North East Classic Car museum at Norwich. It was suggested that they set a date for the trip and present the plan to the club for members to sign up. It would be a day trip. Art said he would do that.

Cruise Nights are starting: The Log Cabin in Macedon on Wednesday nights and the Damascus Shrine on Bay Rd in Webster have already begun. Burgundy Basin starts the 27th of May and Wegmans in Canandaigua starts the 29th. Irwin Goldberg suggested we start one at his son's Dairy Queen on Jefferson rd in Henrietta.

We were told to watch our e-mail for the Kruis for the Kids In Webster, the Zcar Club Motor Fest's screening of the 1971 SCCA runoffs and the car show at Woodbury Vineyards, Fredonia, NY.

Dick Powers told us about the EuroCar show in Buffalo put on by the Buffalo British Car Club. Some have attended in the past and found it worth while and fun. It's held the second Sunday in June and some members have made up a caravan and gone to it for 4 or 5 years. It is judged by popular vote. It will be held on June 8th this year and Dick will send out e-mail regarding the particulars for those who would like to attend. The following weekend is the EuroCar Show in Casanovia, put on by the MG Car Club of Southern NY. It is further to drive than the Buffalo show.

TREASURY REPORT: As of the first of May we have a very healthy balance in our account. We can afford be creative in our activities and be able to subsidize them. "We have money, let's have fun!"

MEMBERSHIP: The Austins are not here. There will be no report but Rob said that according to the Austin's list we have 150 memberships and the total number of members is 273 as of May 15th.

REGALIA: Doug Scribner showed us summer shirts along with sweatshirts and hoodies for top-down cool nights. MG name tags are available both with pins and magnetic clasps. There was a warning that anyone with a pacemaker should not wear the magnetic ones. Calendars are on sale for \$9 now.

SPOKES: Don McConnell said that he has had inquiries about resurrecting the "Sunshine Page". He said that he is in the process of doing that just now. The page will show members birthdays and anniversaries each month and should be included in the June issue of Spokes.

OLD BUSINESS: The Car Show was mentioned as something to discuss. Leon Zak brought handouts but only had about 60. He will get more because it was our best form of publicity and worked very well in the past. He asked us to take them to car events and pass them out. The show is July 13th and Leon said there is the option to name and give an award for anything anyone wanted. It would cost \$50 for each award. It will be held at the Elks Lodge, 1066 Jackson Rd., Webster. We will charge \$2 per vehicle for spectators.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business but Rob told us that Dave Chase, Gill Langswager and Jeff Kath are all at Carlisle and John Baum is in NY.

Dave Wild gave us an update on Watkins Glen. Sam Posey gave a talk at the Research Centre and he is a

MGCC Minutes of the Meeting Cont

By Doris Britt

very amusing speaker and was well enjoyed. About the September Vintage Festival at the Glen: there are 92 cars set up to be racing an all MG event. Many of the events are already full. There are still openings in the Concourse and some in the Glenkhana and possibly one of the tours. This Vintage Festival will also celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Calder Cup race for MGs, the 55th anniversary of the all MG Race Weekend and the 90th birthday of the 1st MG built in 1925

Door prizes were given and the meeting closed at 8:20. People left quickly because of the severe storms predicted soon.

If you need Help, Dan Goodwin and Hollis Hames are coordinating a "Helpline" for members in need of assistance with car projects. Volunteers are asked to contact them with information on availability and areas of expertise. Dan and Hollis will try to match frustrated mechanics to one or more members from the pool of those with experience

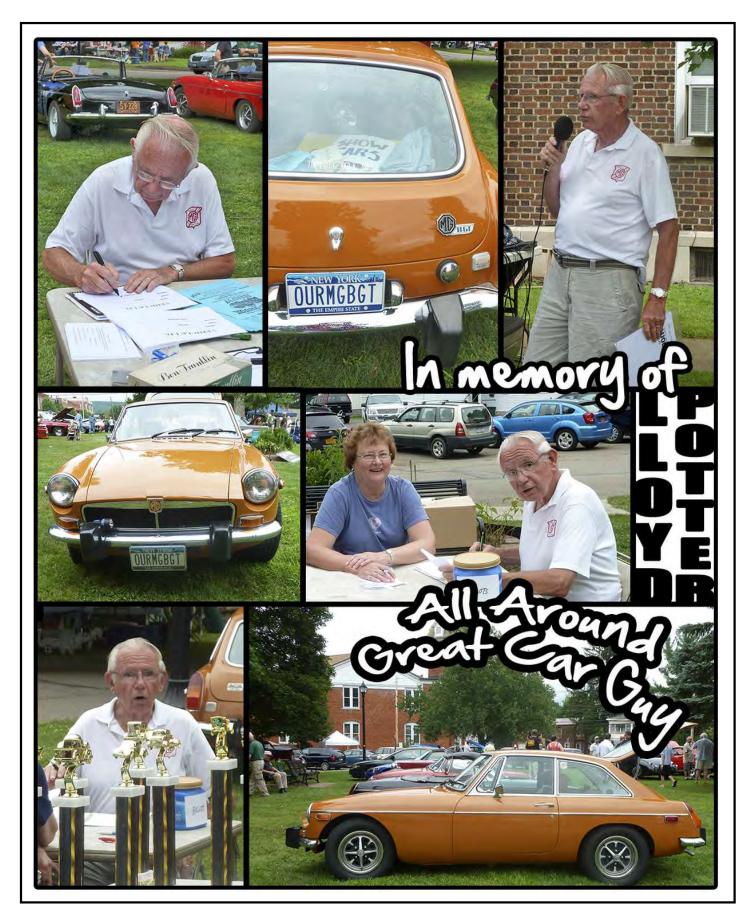
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Meeting Attendance

May 15, 2014

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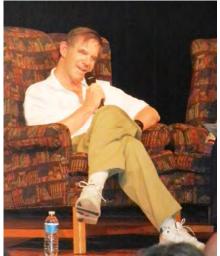




Second Annual Tour To Hammondsport

By Dick Powers

We had perfect weather for our Second Annual Tour To Hammondsport. 18 cars left Victor for the scenic ride to Bully Hill Winery for lunch overlooking Keuka Lake.



After lunch, 6 cars (Benet, Baldwin, Harrison, Fowler, Shrader, Powers) departed for the International Motor Racing Research Center in Watkins Glen. Club members Dave Wind, Joe Tierno and Art Salo joined us there to hear a presentation by racing great Sam

Posey. Because the IMRRC knew we were coming, they reserved special parking spaces for our sports cars!

Those not going to the IMRRC went to the Curtiss Museum for Engine Starting Day and a tour of a soon to open wooden boat museum.

In the evening, 20 went to Snug Harbor for delicious hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

The weather was again perfect on Sunday. No events were scheduled so those on the tour could plan their own Mothers Day activities. Bethel and I decided to have breakfast in Bath and then our little Alfa took us to wineries on both sides of Keuka Lake before heading home after another wonderful Tour to Hammondsport.





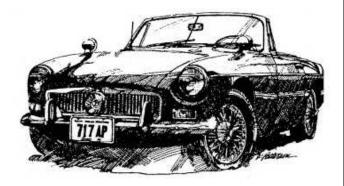




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My Cars 4 / Company Cars

By Allyn Wagner

The position that I took here in Rochester required that I have a company car to drive. We were able to keep this car for 60,000 miles or 3 years, whichever came first and we were able to use the car for personal transportation as long as we paid for the gas used.

Early on this meant your basic 4 door sedan like the Chevy Malibu that I chose. Some time in the early eighties, they changed the list to include the front wheel drive cars with a standard transmission that Detroit was beginning to produce. For some strange reason, they also included the Mustang/Capri model. A lot of us went for the Capri hatchback with the 4 speed. It only had a 4 cylinder engine but it was still a good little car to get around in. The one limitation was its size even with the hatchback. Getting all of the tools and supplies that I needed for work was sometimes a challenge. Even with that limitation, I took a number of long trips and even some tent camping vacations with that car. It was also one of the cars that I taught my son how to drive on.



My company finally listened to its employees and bought us station wagons to use. We had to carry loads of gear around to customer sites and sometimes passengers. My first of these wagons was a Chevy Celebrity. I was soon to find out that this wasn't the best choice. This car suffered from a fuel delivery problem from day one. If there was a quarter tank or less of gas, it would not start on a hill and would stall in a hard right turn. GM couldn't seem to fix it so we eventually dumped the car with less than 25,000 miles on it.

My next white wagons were both Fords, first an LTD and then the Taurus. This was quite a jump for me because I had previously driven mostly GM products and I really didn't like the K cars that were on the list. In 1989, I changed jobs and thus lost the use of a company car. The Taurus was ready to be turned in so I decided to buy it from the company. I ended up driving that car for another 60,000 miles and used it like a truck sometimes



son and all of his junk off to college.

This car ran very good for the years I drove it but it was rusting bad and starting to cost me money. One cold winter night in 1995, I traded it in on the next phase of driving...a 4WD Jeep Wrangler.

Fourth Year Tasting Party

By Betty Langswager

Our fourth year at our Party Room (garage) has come and gone. It was a great success again. Thanks to all of you that attended, bringing interesting bottles to drink and delicious plates of food to eat. It's a well known fact this Club likes to eat and talk and visit. We set up chairs in half the garage and with plates of food and drinks in hand, they were never empty. Some tell me it's a lot of work, but I tell them it's a work of love. I start a week in advance after the ping pong table and chairs are brought up from downstairs thanks to son Jeff and grandson Chris. Each day I do a little more to prepare the garage to look like a party room. I cover up all of Gil's work benches and tools with table cloths and plastic sheets. This year we added a new rug for the floor. This past winter made a mess of the floor, so to make short work of repairing it, we covered it all up. Actually it made it a lot easier to stand on and gave it a cozy look.

We hope everyone had a good time. Everyone stayed later than expected. Some even told me they want to come and live in our garage. A clean up committee came forward and everything was almost back to normal. Thank you one and all for all your help. I even got gifts, a big jar of home made jam and a pretty begonia plant. Now you see why we like to host the party every year. It's a great club, with great people, good food and drink and chit chat. Lets hope we can do it again next year. Time will tell!







Swing into Spring Photos By Dick Powers _

Always a hit to start the driving season. Well attended too.











Dear Friends and Family, **Great news! The DVD** of the presentation I made about Tazio Nuvolari is now available through the International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC). This video is the result of three years of research and hundreds of hours of work. There are rarely seen video clips and photographs that will make this video one you will want to watch over and over again. Contained in the first two DVDs is a comprehensive look at Nuvolari's life and the times in which he lived. You will learn of great friendships and personal loss as well as magnificent triumphs. You will also hear from Otto Linton, the legendary racer who has more first-hand knowledge about auto racing than anyone I know. He is believed to be the last of the drivers who raced through the streets in 1948. His stories are endless, and when he speaks, you are hearing from someone who made the history we can only read about. There is a third Bonus DVD that you will most certainly enjoy. It contains video clips of very rare films. Some are without sound, so appropriate music has been added. Also included are many outstanding family photos taken by Nuvolari. Some of this media could not be included in the presentation because of time, so they are presented here for your enjoyment. The

price for four hours of automotive entertainment is just \$30, all of which goes to the IMRRC. Everyone on this email list is a long-time motor sports enthusiast who appreciates the great history that is being recorded and nurtured at this world-class facility. For your investment, you will be sustaining the treasured memories that so many of us have witnessed. Even if you attended the presentation, you will not be disappointed if you buy the DVD set. Ron Hills has done a magnificently professional job of producing a high quality product. The videos you saw at the presentation have been recreated on the DVDs to a much higher quality than the source material I gave him. I don't know how he does it, but if you should see him, by all means thank him for his efforts. If you are pleased with your purchase, please encourage others through social media or club newsletters to buy a copy. I would ask that you not make copies for others as it would undermine my effort to raise funds for the IMRRC.

Thank you, Joe Terno

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27	Tony Makepeace	22	Jeff & Janice Zorn	23	Laura Feligno, Sr.
27	Tim Murray	24	Michael & Jerri Schiff	24	Debi Russell
28	Bruce Henry	29	Dick & Marlene	25	Hermey Lovell
30	David Asmuth		Rzepkowski	30	Rory Raymond
30	John MacDonald	30	Chad & Lisa D'Angelo	30	Susan Goodwin
30	Valerie Zoltner		-		
,	HAPPY BIRTHDAY		CONGRATULATIONS!		HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!! CONGRATULATIONS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY <u>EVERYONE!!</u>

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Allyn & Phyllis Wagner
- 5 Joseph & Lee Marasco
- 13 Bill & Sue DeVos
- 14 Paul & Marsha Osborne
- 19 Don & Linda McConnell
- 23 David & Jane Schantz
- 23 Donald & Mary Sweeney
- 24 John & Carol Schwelm
- 25 Bill & Linda Bethune

CONGRATULATIONS!



Mg Car Club Western NY Centre

Sticker, Black/Silver	\$1.50
50th Anniversary Sticker	\$1.50
50th Anniversary Pin	\$3.00
MGCC Mug	\$5.00
Badge Clip	
Patch embroidered	\$2.50
Key Fob, large leather	\$4.00
Pin, cloisonné	\$3.00
Dash Plaque, 40th Anniv	\$2.00
Sticker, front adhesive	\$1.50
Sign, magnetic (10")	\$15.00
Bumper Sticker	\$1.00
Name Badge w/MG	



Sticker



Patch

Also available is a wide selection of clothing items (shirts, jackets, ect.) embroidered with the club logo. Prices shown are for members only.

All items are available for purchase at our monthly Meeting, or delivery can be arranged.

Contact: Laurie Scribner 585-8725133 (weekdays).

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Membership Application

Annual Family Membership Dues \$30.00 — All memberships expire December 31st.

Name						Birthday	У	
Spouse			Friend			Birthday	У	
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State	Zip+4		Today	's Date	New New	or Renev	wal 🗖	
Cars owned & Y	Tear							
Club Interests:	Racing \Box	Gymkhana 🗖	Rallye 🗖	Restoration	Car Show 🗖	Social 🗖	Touring \Box	Other \Box
Other hobbies,	etc.							
Occupation				E-mail address				
Available for Ro	oadside Help	? No ☐ Yes ☐	Days [☐ Evenings ☐	Nights 🗖 🛝	Veekends 🗆	1	

Make checks payable to MGCC of Western NY, Inc. Mail form and payment to:

Jim Priestley 3326 County Road 40 Bloomfield, NY 14469

Bruce & Cindy Austin 166 W Church St. Fairport, NY 14450



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January	February	March	April	
8 Board Meeting 16 MGCC Meeting	2 Wine & Cheese/ Valve Cover Races 20 MGCC Meeting	5 Board Meeting 16 Steak Roast & Auction 20 MGCC Meeting	17 MGCC Meeting/ Basket Auction 27 Swing into Spring	
May	y June		August	
3 Tune-up clinic 4 Garage Tasting Party 7 Board Meeting 10 Hammond sport Tour 15 MGCC Meeting 16-18 Carlisle Import & Kit	age Tasting Party Ird Meeting mmond sport Tour GCC Meeting 2014 19 MGCC Meeting 22 Deer Crossing Rally		10 UK Car Day 17 Windy Acres Tour 21 MGCC Meeting	
September	September October		December	
3 Board Meeting 5-7 Watkins Glen 19-21 Brit Invasion Stowe 18 MGCC Meeting	16 MGCC Meeting 18 Fall Foliage Tour TBD Garage Tour	5 Board meeting 2 Yacht Club Brunch 20 MGCC Meeting	20 Holiday Party No Meeting	

Next Meeting
June 19, 2014 7:30 PM
Knights of Columbus
70 Barrett Dr, Webster, New York

