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# MG Bruce

By Don McConnell

October is a month for nature to display her beauty. It is a month for all sports car owners to get out with their car and enjoy that beauty. This month the fall tour is one way to do that. Take some time your self and go to your favourite spot and see what nature has to display this year.

Watkins Glen and the vintage racing event are sort of the official close to a summer driving season here in the North East. Just like Memorial day ends Summer.

What if we call Autumn the second driving season?

We are still looking for an editor to take my place. With this new format it is easy for sure. Come give it a try.

See you all at the next meeting Enjoy your autumn trip to see the beauty

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# MGCC Minutes of the Meeting

By Dan Suter

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## September 19, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:27PM by Chairman Ted Hershey. Our long stretch of beautiful sunny weather was noted.

Gene Faust, a long-time contributing member of our club, passed away in Florida. A moment of silence was held.

A motion to accept the August meeting minutes was seconded and approved. We currently have 129 total members. A number of birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

### Reports:

Treasurer's Report was provided by Leon. He shared our current (positive) balance. Please see Leon for details if you are interested.

Activities: Mike Robinson described the upcoming Fall Foliage Tour starting at 8AM on Oct 12 at the Legion for breakfast. Please see Leon for details.

Garage Tour is in planning, possibly for November 17. See Spokes for additional details.

Holiday party is December 14 at the River's Edge party house.

Regalia: Mike Robinson gave a brief report on available items.

Spokes: Don McConnell – the club is still looking for a volunteer to fill the role of Editor. The Sunshine page will now show the current month birthdays and anniversaries only. Don is seeking photos for the January calendar (will be printed and mailed).

Watkins Glen: Dave Wild and Jeff Kath noted that this was a successful year at the festival that featured Triumphs. They described the class winners from the Concourse show. Next year will feature Alfa Romeos. Dan Suter gave a brief update on the Seneca Lodge rooms, and Dan did admit to agreeing to coordinate rooms for next year as well.

Librarian – Al Costich indicated no report.

Website—Leon indicated no report.

Car Show – our MGCC WNY Car Show will be July 19, 2020 at the same Rush Fireman's field. Many elements are in planning already.

Old Business – Nominations for 2020 club officer positions will be accepted at the October meeting. Known open positions include Vice Chair, and Trustee. A discussion followed encouraging more membership. Ideas included a request for volunteers to work on this topic and maybe a small committee.

New Business – no new business this month.

Other Topics – Ted asked for input about dates of events. For instance, would it make sense to move the Steak Roast and Auction later when more club members are back from Florida? What other winter or off-season events would we like to have? There was discussion about how the club might go about bringing in new events. There was a suggestion to gather volunteers to look at this further. Participation in parades was suggested – the Legion has offered to have us join them in their July 4<sup>th</sup> parade participation.

Projects and Trips—Alan Costich related that he is nearly completed with the rewiring project on a '67 E-Type 4.2. Betty Langwager shared that she won 7 ribbons at the British Invasion event at Stowe, VT. Gil relayed the story of their Mini Cooper hitting a piece of metal in the roadway on the way to Stowe, prompting the need to repair the transmission pan.

2020 Budget—Ted shared information about the 2020 budget which has been reviewed and approved by the board. It basically balances incomes and costs at the 120-paid member level. It is a 'pay as you go' budget with the only event costs included are lodges for Steak Roast and Valve Cover races. Details and copies of the budget are available from Ted and Leon.

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## Minutes Continued

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Renewals—Membership renewals will be a focus in the Nov 1-Dec 31 timeframe. We are asking all members to fill out the registration form so that all the contact information can be updated. Payment and renewals will now go to the Treasurer (Leon Zak). Paypal can be used, even if you don't have a Paypal account – it accepts credit cards!

Post Cards will be sent out to people who are NOT already on the discussion e-mail list, to receive a monthly-notification-only of the fact that Spokes has been posted. No announcements, no cars or parts for sale this month. Rob Shrader had 4 free tickets to the Saratoga classic auto auction. Door prizes were awarded, and the meeting was called at 8:39PM.



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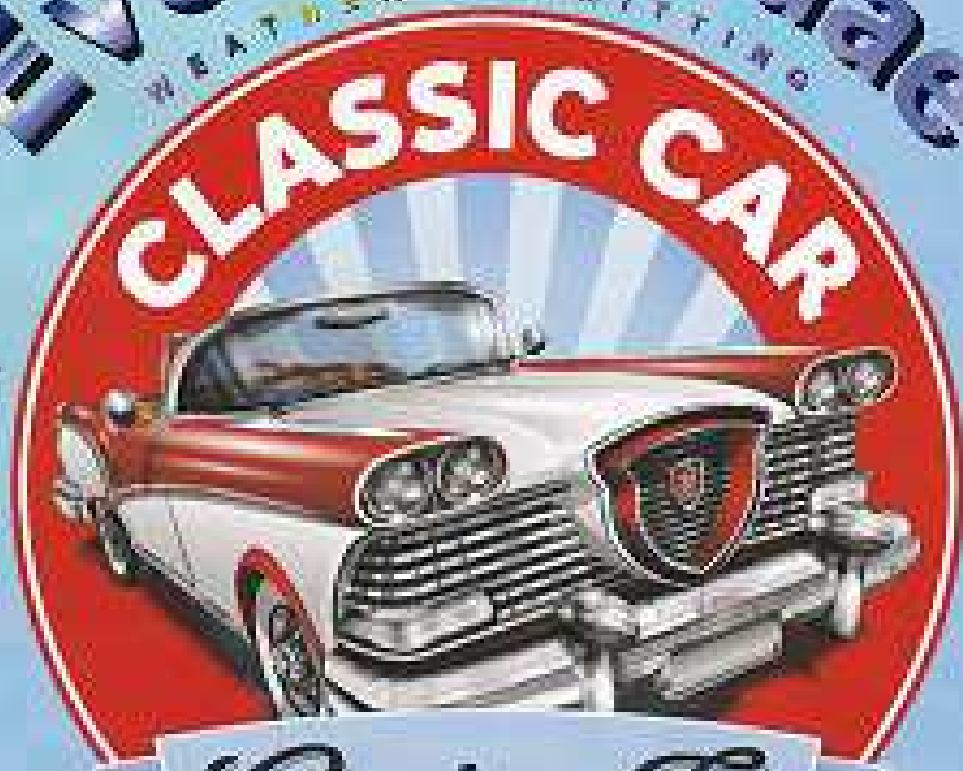
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# Dick Powers Inducted into the Watkins Glen Walk of Fame

By Chuck Woodworth

At the September Watkins Glen Vintage Fest, Dick Powers was inducted into the Watkins Glen Walk of Fame. He joins Dave Wild as the other WNYMGCC member on the Walk of Fame. Dick said this was a real blessing in his life and he was happy to have so many MG and Morgan friends there to help him celebrate, as well as past crew and friends of "222."

Dick's dad took him to his first Watkins Glen race in 1951 when they were still racing through the streets. He remembers ... "seeing daylight under the T series MGs as they bounced over the tracks on the upper part of the original course before heading to the Big Bend."

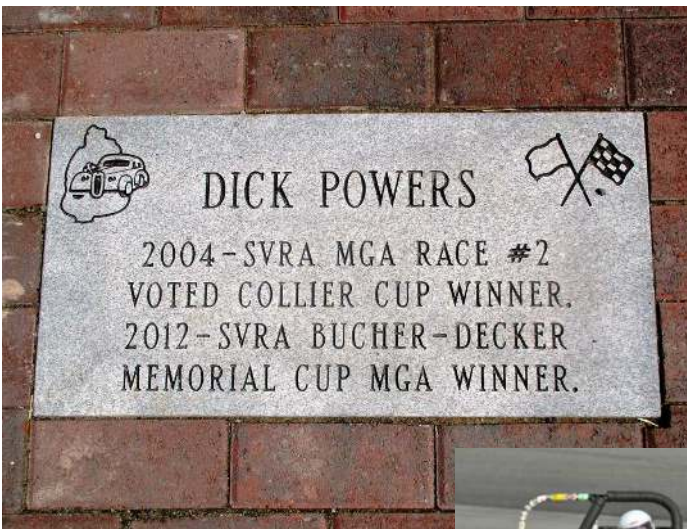
In the 60s and 70s, Dick was a member of SCCA as a corner worker, as the cost of racing his MGB was out of reach at the time. He did autocross that B (he still has it) and found it to be a very good car, in stock form, for that.

Thirty years ago, his friend from SCCA, Bob Burns, called and offered to sell his '62 MGA club racer to Dick, as Bob was moving to California. The only stipulation was that Dick wouldn't race it. For the first 5 years, he kept his promise, but he remembers: "the first time I got behind the wheel of that MGA, I knew if I ever went racing, that was the car I'd race." In 1994, Dick went vintage racing in the ex Burns MGA and has always thanked Joe Tierno for his advice, for keeping MG Vintage Racing going in the 90s and for the example Joe set for other MG racers on and off the track.

Dick enjoyed racing his MGA (especially in the rain) for 20 years and was fortunate to race "222" at Shannonville, Lime Rock, Road Atlanta, Mid Ohio, Road America, Sears Point, Laguna Seca and Sebring as well as the Glen. Shannonville was Dick's first race and we used my tow vehicle and trailer to get there. I remember 2 things about that race: Dick had very good consistent lap times on street radials and the very large Canadian mosquitoes were trying to eat us alive!

During his 20 years of racing, Dick was part of the team that was responsible for the 2004 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Collier Cup event with 134 MGs racing at the Glen and the 2014 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event with about 100 MGs racing. Also, he and the Western NY Morgan Owners Group were responsible for the 2009 Watkins Glen Vintage Fest honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Morgan.

After the ceremony, Dick told Gary Morgan and Bill Green, who did the presentations, that "being inducted into the Watkins Glen Walk of Fame was a very emotional moment and a real blessing in his life." He also said he knew that the spirit of his Mom and Dad were there too.



# In Memory of GENE FAUST

Photo by Dick Powers

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# In Memory of JOHN FOWLER

Photos By Annabelle Tescione

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## Watkins Glen Vintage Downtown Fest & MG Collier Cup Race

By Dick Powers

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This past September 6-8 was the annual Vintage Fest at the Glen. This year, Triumph was featured downtown and at the track. Many nice TRs were seen around town and in the Concours, including **George Haynes** TR-4 with the surrey top. There were over 40 cars in the Concours, including a few nice MGs.

As usual, our **Jeff Kath** and **Dave Wild** co-chaired the event and Jeff did a good job of giving instructions to the participants about judging and the 2 lap tour of the original through-the-streets course. **Rob Shrader**, **Chris Williams**, **Aldis Lemesis**, **Hollis Hames**, my grandson **Andrew Wilson** and olde me, helped with the Concourse organization and judging. Actually I only helped till Noon when it was time for my induction, along with others, into the Watkins Glen Walk of Fame.

All that said, the real power in the Concours, are the ladies in the information booth. They answer all the questions, give directions to participants and spectators and if that isn't enough, they do all the final numerical tabulations that determine the winners. **Susan Kath** is the team leader helped by **Doreena Hames**, **Mary Issehard**, **Janet Lemesis** and Sue's friend, **Virginia Waytena**.

After the judging and all the sheets were totaled, 8 vehicles were given trophies: **4<sup>th</sup> runner-up** - the Lovejoy XK 140, **3<sup>rd</sup> runner-up** and **Watkins Glen Historical Award** - the Smith ex Ted Rounds MGA Twin Cam, **2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up** - the Schmelyun TR 250, **1<sup>st</sup> runner-up** - the Barns 1955 aluminum Le Mans type body TR 2, **Most Historical** - the Branston ex Paul Newman Datsun 280 ZX ('79 SCCA "C" production champion), **3<sup>rd</sup> Overall** - the Comesu Porsche 356, **2<sup>nd</sup> Overall** - the Hillback 275 GTB/4 Ferrari and **Best In Show** - the 1953 Maserati Spyder.

We had lovely weather on Friday and in general, it continued through the weekend. That was good for racing, including the Sunday Collier Cup race for MGs. This year, that race had an early 9:30 start. Dave Nicholas, in the very yellow # 76 MGA "Honey Bee," had pole position with the very fast Midget of Peter Uzdavinis in second place. Dave and Peter had some close racing all weekend and so the CC race had the potential of even closer racing.

19 MGs were gridded and all our local MG racers made the race. Al Costich in his BGT was 14<sup>th</sup>, Dick Rzepkowski in a new to him car, the ex Bill & Tom Glanville Midget, was 16<sup>th</sup>, Doug Faust 17<sup>th</sup> in his Midget and Ted Hershey was 19<sup>th</sup> in his Midget. At the start, Dave's MGA was leading Peter's Midget by about a car length going into Turn 1. Earlier Dave told me that the Midget could pull along side on the Back Straight and that's what happened. Back in the day, the Midgets could never do that. Going into the Bus Stop, Dave did some very late braking and just got the nose of his MGA ahead as he ran over the rumbles on the right side. Unfortunately he had a little too much momentum and, going over the rumbles on exit, the rear of the A bounced left and Dave was just a passenger as the car slid across the track with the MGA going hard into the tire barrier on the outside. Fortunately, MGAs are strong cars and, even though significant damage occurred, Dave and the MGA were AOK.

Good racing in the ranks was starting to happen, but going into Turn 1, our friend from Canada, Richard Navin in an MGB, had his oil filter housing come loose from the block.

Oil was now coating the racing line going into Turn 1. Fortunately Richard was able to go straight into the runoff area and all the MGs got through the oil without incident, but with a few close calls.

By now there were double yellow flags being displayed by the corner workers, so no passing anywhere. This lasted for a few laps and, once the Nicholas A was off the track after the Bus Stop and oil dry down going into Turn 1, that only left time for 2 more laps and a total of only 4 for the Collier Cup race. **Jeff Devine was 1<sup>st</sup> in an MGB**, **Peter Uzdavinis 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Midget** and **Bob Eagleson was 3<sup>rd</sup> in an MGB GT**. Our local racers all finished with **Al Costich 9<sup>th</sup>**, **Dick Rzepkowski 12<sup>th</sup>**, **Doug Faust 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Ted Hershey 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**This year, our Bill Glanville Memorial Trophy went to Peter Uzdavinis, for being the first MG Midget to cross the line in the Collier Cup race. Suzanne Glanville and family were there to present the trophy to Peter.**

**The final trophy, always given during the CC race awards, is the Collier Cup.** This trophy is not won on the track, but is awarded by votes from the MG drivers who are racing that weekend. This weekend the **Collier Cup** was awarded to **Dave Nicholas**. Unfortunately, Dave was still tending to his damaged MGA and wasn't at the ceremony. Eventually it did get to his paddock area, and he had it proudly displayed on "Honey Bee," his MGA.

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# Watkins Glen Grand Pix Festival

Photos By Dick Powers

All in all the Vintage Festival was a good one for the Friday Downtown events and the SVRA races. The weather cooperated, our racers all had good, safe racing and they and their MGs made it home AOK.

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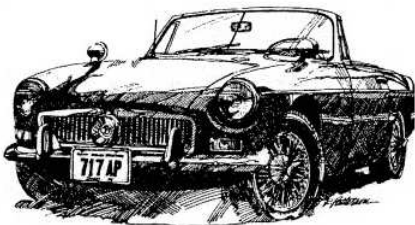
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1	Liz Haahr
3	Colleen Genter
3	David A Jack
4	Patricia Giambra
5	Kim Gehlen
8	Bob Murrett
9	Will Salisbury
10	Dick Rzepkowski
10	Brian Smith
11	Jim Priestley
11	Doreena Hames
16	Gail Colegrove
16	Sue DeVos
17	David Leete
17	Donald Sweeney
21	Chuck Sewart
21	Deb Hein
22	George Heissenberger
22	Kim Frost
22	Mary Sweeney
26	Bob Hamilton
27	Katie Fuller
28	Barb Nichols
28	Bridget Tierno
30	Suzanne Keppeler
30	Bruce Sherwood
31	Bill McCool

Happy Birthday  
Everyone



OCTOBER  
ANNIVERSARIES

1	Brooks & Gayle Schneider
10	Dave & Barb Wild
13	Brian & Julie Smith
14	Scott & Gail Schipper
18	Ken & Penny Heusler
22	Chris & Eileen Williams
24	Len & Lili Lanphear

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**MG Car Club Western New York Centre -- Calendar of Events 2019**

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<p>January</p> <p>10 Board Meeting          17 MGCC Meeting          Robbie Burns</p>	<p>February</p> <p>10 Wine / Cheese &amp;          Valve Cover Racing          21 MGCC Meeting</p>	<p>March</p> <p>14 Board Meeting          21 MGCC Meeting</p>	<p>April</p> <p>7 Steak Roast/ Auction          12-13 Kimber Festival          18 MGCC Meeting          28 Swing into Spring</p>
<p>May</p> <p>4 Tune-up clinic          9 Board Meeting          11-12 Hammondsport Tour          16 MGCC Meeting          17-19 Carlisle Import &amp; Kit          Garage Tasting Party</p>	<p>June</p> <p>20 MGCC Meeting          23-26 NAMGBR MG 2019</p>	<p>July</p> <p>11 Board Meeting          10-14 NAMGAR GT44          18 MGCC Meeting          21 Sports Car Festival          Multi Club Picnic</p>	<p>August</p> <p>11 UK Car Day          15 MGCC Meeting          18 Summer Safari</p>
<p>September</p> <p>6- 8 Grand Prix Festival /          Vintage Races          12 Board meeting          13-15 Brit Invasion Stowe          15 Bronte Park          19 MGCC Meeting</p>	<p>October</p> <p>17 MGCC Meeting          19 Fall Foliage Tour</p>	<p>November</p> <p>14 Board meeting          Club Brunch          17 Garage Tour          21 MGCC Meeting</p>	<p>December</p> <p>Holiday Party          No Meeting</p>

<p>Next Meeting          October 17 7:30 PM          American Legion          360 Middle Rd          Henrietta, N.Y. 14467</p>	
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