



## **President's Message:**

ATTENTION ALL NEW MEMBERS!  
ATTENTION ALL CURRENT MEMBERS!

Why did you join our club? Here are two of the top reasons why most people join organizations: Inclusion and Affection. Inclusion is the need to establish identity with others with like interests, while affection is the need to develop relationships with people. Groups are an excellent way to make friends and establish relationships and to be included.

Now it's time to get off your duff and participate with one of the most active auto clubs in Central New York. The Pareto Principle, or 80/20 rule as it is known by many, of Italian economist, Vilfredo Pareto, applies here at our club. 80% of the activities are participated by 20% of the populace. 80% of the fun is enjoyed by 20% of the members. We need new ideas, new opinions to keep our club growing and among the strongest in the area. We need you to participate.

We are a club whose members enjoy driving our cars, eating, having fun, and, of course, tinkering on machinery. We go to the North, to the South, to the West and to the East to drive, to eat and to have fun. We set neither limits nor boundaries. We have new members who have indicated an interest in our annual trek to the Adirondack Forest Preserve this September; and, yes, we still have "seats", or beds available on a first come first serve basis.

As most of you know, our annual picnic/meeting was held at Willow Bay Park in Liverpool Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a fabulous day. The weather was on our side, the location was grand, we had a large enough pavilion where our food and butts had room to stretch out, and we had a whole bunch of food which we are known for as a group. We had burgers, dogs, a variety of salads, plenty of munchies, desserts, drink and, of course, plenty of conversation. I was pleasantly surprised that we had five new members join us this particular day. It was an opportune time for us to get to know new members and for them to get an idea what kind of fun we have a club. I thank all new members, husbands, wives, and kids who attended. I hope to see you at a meeting or an event real soon. Do not hesitate to contact me or any other club member if you have any questions or would like information about upcoming events. Remember, we are not just a summer car club, but also a club that stays active all year long. In picnic parlance, a good time was had by all. Thanks to all who attended.

Enjoy your ride. Mike

*MG—Enjoy The Ride!*



## The 2 Seater

Published Monthly by:

The MG Car Club of Central NY  
P.O. Box 1666  
Cicero, NY 13039

Newsletter Editor: Tom Ross—please  
send articles, photos, and gossip to:  
tsavage46@msn.com

Advertising rates/info: Contact  
Dave Winne—622-1230

### Club Officers

President: Mike Mastracco  
635-9335  
V. Pres.: Dave Winne  
622-1230  
Secretary: Sharon DeRusha  
766-9016  
Treasurer: Marty Winne  
622-1230

### Committee Chairs

Activities: Chris Carbone  
Diane Galster  
Regalia: Patty Golas  
687-3849  
Eurocar 2007:  
Russ DeForest/  
Sharon Hartman  
Membership: Loie Mechetti  
598-9187  
Webmaster: Jimmy Hearne  
788-9998



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August -

8/4 - Cortland Arts & Wine Festival - Chair needed.

8/7 - Club meeting at Barbagallo's—eat at 6:00,  
Meeting at 7:00.

8/10 - ? Boys' trip to nowhere—Paul Andrews

8/18-19 - Boots 'n Bonnets British Car Day—Kingston, ON  
Galsters— 638-1889

8/28 - Board meeting—Lock 24—6:30

### September -

9/4 - Club meeting at Barbagallo's—eat at 6:00,  
Meeting at 7:00.

9/9-10 - Watkins Glen Zippo Vintage Weekend

9/15-16 - Toronto British Car Day

9/24 - Board meeting—Lock 24—6:30

9/28-30 - Adirondack Fall Weekend  
Paul & Loie

[www.mgcarclub.com/cny](http://www.mgcarclub.com/cny)



### Disclaimer -

The Club, its officers, the editors, and the author of any piece disclaim any responsibility for damage, injury, or loss connected with use of any technical information provided in the newsletter. Repairs/maintenance/technical tricks/procedures described herein should not be attempted without the proper tools and equipment and should never be attempted by anyone not experienced in the techniques involved

Authorized Distributor for



**Pertronix Electric Ignitions and Coils**

**Vintage Ads**

**Don Hoods**

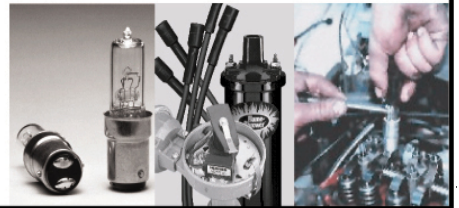
**Mota-Lita Steering Wheels**

**Gunson Tools**

**Moss Motors**

**Halogen Bulbs for Most British and American Cars**

**Plus many others!**



# OUR **SERVICE** PUTS US **A-PART** FROM THE REST.

At Little British, we know who we are and where our business comes from. As a growing company founded in the late 90's, we take pride in giving you high quality customer service. We will have the parts you need, the convenience you want, and at a lower price than you thought you would pay.

By being an online based company, we are able to keep costs low and maintain a flawless ordering system that is quick and user friendly. We have the parts for most British marques and models as well as fun collectibles and other useful items for the British car enthusiast. Log on to [www.LBCarCo.com](http://www.LBCarCo.com) and see why we excel at what we do.



## Little British Car Company [www.LBCarCo.com](http://www.LBCarCo.com)

Jeff Zorn • 29311 Aranel Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
Phone: 248-489-0022 • Toll-free: 800-637-9640  
Fax: 248-489-9665 • Email: [LBCarCo@LBCarCo.com](mailto:LBCarCo@LBCarCo.com)  
Major credit cards accepted



**Get The Good Stuff.**

OVER 310,000 QUALITY PARTS AVAILABLE  
AFFORDABLE PRICES\*GREAT SERVICE

Complete Line of Automotive Paint \* Paint Spray Guns  
Hydraulic Hoses Made While You Wait\*Drums & Rotors Turned  
Small Engines & Parts

**BALDWINVILLE**  
64 E. GENESEE ST.  
315.635.3961

**C. SQUARE**  
3034 EAST AVE  
315.668.6600

**E. SYRACUSE**  
6425 BASILE ROWE  
315.431.9500

**LIVERPOOL**  
7234 OSWEGO RD  
315.457.2292

**N. SYRACUSE**  
605 N. MAIN ST.  
315.452.1661

**SYRACUSE**  
3832 S. SALINA ST.  
315.469.7706

**SYRACUSE**  
475 STATE FAIR BLVD.  
315.474.1295

**SYRACUSE**  
410 N. MIDLER AVE.  
315.437.7151

**AUBURN**  
4 PLAZA DR.  
315.252.7508

## Eurocar 2007

Another Eurocar show has passed, and we can add it to the growing list of increasingly great shows. There were 122 cars which were pre-registered, and 61 that registered the day of the show, for a grand total of 183 cars!

In addition, and new to Eurocar, we had a Premier Class this year, which added 4 beautiful cars to the list. These were cars that have won first in their class 3 out of the 4 past years, which as far back as our records go. They were:

Kevin DeForest -1947 MG TC  
Howie Lapides -1979 MGB  
Dick Stachowiak—Alfa Romeo  
J Rick Schaefer -1966 Mercedes-Benz 230

Many people commented on what a great addition this was to our show. Hopefully, it will continue to grow and be a highlight of future shows.

Also new to Eurocar, was our Memorabilia table. This included many items, some not even MG related, which people could view and enjoy. Each item was assigned a number and everyone could vote on their favorite. The three top winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> place: #13 – Painting of an A  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: # 2 – Original MG paperwork  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: # 6 – an Elvis matchbox

The weather was beautiful, and the Golden Pheasant provided us with good food. Jimmy Hearne provided the music for most of the day, and thanks to his nephew for playing the tunes. Our lunch time entertainment was provided by Elliot Garr (from NAPA, Liverpool), who played and sang bluegrass-type tunes. Many enjoyed his music as well.

The charitable beneficiary for Eurocar 2007 was the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, CNY Chapter. Our friend and long-time club member, Phil DeMatteo, was honored as all proceeds will be donated in his memory. Our day of show donations far exceeded past years, in part due to the Society representatives that mingled and shared our day with us. Two gifts were given from a drawing of donors, which was also a great help in raising funds. We will also be donating about 50% of the profits from the show; with a total of about \$1500 from both sources.

Please be sure to visit the website – [www.mgcarclub.com/cny](http://www.mgcarclub.com/cny). There are lots of pictures (the link is in the “Our Toys” area - scroll down to Eurocar 2007 on the left), and on the Bulletin Board is a posting from Sean Kuhn who prepared a slide show that is great fun to watch!

We enjoyed our tenure as co-chairs of Eurocar 2007. We owe many thanks to the committee chairs for their ability to organize and direct their volunteers, as well as keeping ahead of the requirements of their volunteer positions. We also want to thank our club members who volunteered their time and talents to make this show such a success. And finally, thanks to all you who participated in the show. We couldn't have done it without your support!

Russ & Sharon  
Co-Chairs, Eurocar 2007

---

### Member Profile—Phil DiMatteo -

*(Ed. Note—Phil wrote this article before his final illness; it was recently uncovered by Shirley who sent it along to me. We publish it now in Phil's Memory)*

Shirley and I met in the summer of 1963, the summer of our junior year. I was there to raise my grade from a B+ to and A. She was there to meet boys. She met me.

In the summer of 1965 I bought my first British sports car, a 1963 Sunbeam Alpine. Shirley bought a new 1965 Mustang Convertible 289 V8, red with a white top. Eight years later, in 1973, I sold the Mustang. She never forgave me for that!!!

By 1979, our family had grown to five - we had three daughters. By then I had been in the automobile business for thirteen years. Shirley was able to stay home to raise our daughters and manage our household and take care of me. (High Maintenance!)

In 1985, I was managing a Buick Dealership and a Subaru Dealership for the Romanos. It was September; someone who was just starting a family had to get a more practical mode of transportation and wanted to dump his 1980 MGB (5 years old). The sales manager of the Buick Dealership was nervous about taking in the car going into the Fall. I assured him we would be able to market the car and make the deal. I thought about that car that night and called the sales manager the next morning to see if he made the trade and took in the MG. He said that

he did so – I told him to put my name on it. I thought it would be a nice toy for my wife when she wasn't hauling the kids around in her mommy car.

I had forgotten 19 years back when she refused to drive my Sunbeam, she wouldn't drive a stick! After numerous attempts to get her to try to learn, I finally gave up and suggested we get rid of the MG and buy her something else. She didn't care for anything but the Mustang, her first love. Over the years I drove the "B" sparingly without my wife. I would offer a dinner date on a warm summer evening, which she was always up for, but when I suggested we drive the MG, she adamantly refused something or other about getting her hair messed up. After a while I quit trying to coax her to enjoy a summer evening cruise in the convertible.

As our family grew up, the driveway got crowded with five cars when all the daughters got cars. I had put the MG away the previous Fall expecting to get it out in the Spring. That was around 1994. The "B" never saw the light of day for five years. It seems we were just too busy; with college costs and all, it just got neglected. In the Spring of 1999 we had to get the MG out of storage because the house it was stored at was sold. I guess I had lost interest in the car, or was just still too busy, so I thought I would sell it. I rolled it out of the garage, pulled back the tarp, and I was taken aback at how good it still looked. I had it towed to the service department where I was working, and the next day, without much effort, the technicians had it purring again. The following Sunday I convinced Shirley to go for a ride, and we cruised to the all British Car Show in Cazenovia. I was like a "kid in a candy store". All those beautiful cars, but I noticed that my "B" was as nice as some of the cars on display and nicer than some! I decided not to sell but to put a few bucks in my car and continue the enjoyment.

Not too long after that, I was driving the "B" on a Wednesday evening. I knew that the "classic cars and hot rods" gathered at the Hot Haus in Northern Lights, so I went over to take a look. It was late and there weren't too many cars when I got there, but I was immediately drawn to an MGA when I parked. I sauntered over and started admiring the car, and after a few minutes the owner came over. We exchanged compliments over each others' cars (he had seen me pull in). We chatted and introduced ourselves. He mentioned the forming of an MG car club and nothing could have excited me more.

I had been searching for a club to join, but the closest MG Club was in Webster, NY. This new club would be perfect!! I couldn't wait to tell Shirley when I got home. She wasn't all that thrilled to get windblown on a ride to the Euclid Hotel! Big night out! We eventually made it to the meeting, which by then was at Christo's in Bayberry Plaza. I was greeted by the guy I had met a couple of months back at Hot Haus. He was the president of the club and a great advocate for it. It was his congenial personality and great enthusiasm that convinced me to join. He, Bob Carbone, along with Howie Lapides, Dave Winnie, Fred Galster, John Golas, and all the other charter members made it so much fun for us that now Shirley gets disappointed when I have to work and can't make the fun events. We look forward to a time when we can be more involved. We will always be members of this great organization.



Skaneateles Antique Boat Show-

By: Mike Mastracco

Skaneateles is famous for good food, music, boating and taxes. Several boating sightseers decided to experience some of these things on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. First things first, which meant breakfast at the Hilltop diner, ('ole bowling alley to some) and then off to the show. I with my TR250, Jerry with his TR7, Bob with his MGA, Joe with his new Porsche (two days new) and Johnny D. rounded out the display of cars under the sun. Seconds after we parked and chucks behind the wheels the show turned from boats to classic cars. People were stunned at the variety of autos presented. Each one of us had sightseers telling us "I had one of those" or I used to own a '73 something or another. Several people wanted their pictures taken standing next to the cars, and just as many people simply wanted pictures of these fine autos.

A walk through downtown, which of course included lunch, was enjoyable. We all checked out the antique boats in the water as well as the ones that were on dry land. A rare Amphicar was also on display. I say rare, as slightly over 3,000 of these unique cars were imported from Germany between 1961 and 1967. About twenty minutes of rain drizzle slowed a few people down, but not for long. The sun came back out and the tops went back down as it warmed very nicely. Overall it was an enjoyable and relaxing day.




Cars in Skaneateles

**C&A**  
**CASWELL & ASSOCIATES**  
**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, P.C.**

---

436 MAIN STREET • P.O. BOX 27  
 PHOENIX, NEW YORK 13135-0027 (315) 695-2061

*Prompt Service Since 1942* 

**ROBERTS APPRAISAL SERVICE**  
 Auto — Heavy Equipment — R.V.'s

F.O. BOX 15215 SYRACUSE, N.Y. 13215  
 JAMES ROBERTS (315) 492-1000  
 FAX (315) 492-4152

315-463-4519  
**DAN CEDRONE**

*The Secret Service*  
 121 Ashdale Ave., Syracuse, NY 13206

*Automotive & Marine Interior Design  
 Commercial & Residential Upholstery & Related Services*

**FEHLMAN BROS.** AUTOMOTIVE  
**AUTO SERVICE**  
**7AM-6PM M-F**  
**WWW.FEHLMAN.COM**  
**(315) 463-5888**



**YOUR BRITISH CAR EXPERTS**  
 SERVICE FOR ALL MAKES & MODELS

**2004 & 2005 AAA TOP SHOP AWARD**

**116 S MIDLER AVE.**  
**SYRACUSE, NY**



**KASSIS SUPERIOR SIGNS, INC.**

DESIGN/MANUFACTURING  
 INSTALLATION/SERVICE & REPAIR

- Illuminated Signs
- Neon Channel Letters
- Letters / Logos & Carved Signs
- Illuminated Awnings
- Banners / Vinyl & Custom Graphics
- Neon Signs
- Architectural Signs

**463-7446**  
 FAX - 463-7449

6699 Old Thompson Rd, Syracuse

## Sylvan Beach Adventure -

By: Mike Mastracco

Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, was a short cruise to Sylvan Beach for food and cars, what else? Carl G. and I with our Brit cars, along with Johnny D. and John L with their domestics, headed east to meet up with Lynn and Janet in Bridgeport along with Terri and Rick on Terri's bikes. A few miles down the road in Lakeport, Cliff E. jumped on board; then Tom & Dee along with Wayne & Carol met us at the corners of Routes 31 & 13. Tom and Deb, coming from the North country, met us at the grassy beach. After parking our cars, we took a leisurely walk to check out many classic cars we do not normally get to see in the Syracuse area. Eddie's was our dinner destination. Our food was good as was the conversation. We got back to the beach to check out a few more cars before seeing a sunset fit for a "wish you were here" postcard. Our ride home was most enjoyable as it was a great night to ride with the tops down.



MG Car  
Club  
At Sylvan  
Beach



## August Birthdays -

- 8/3 John Klucsik  
Mary O'Reilly  
Susan Sanborn**
- 8/5 Joanne Schoonmaker**
- 8/7 Kelly Harter**
- 8/8 Sean Kuhn  
John Nahor  
Barbara Yorton**
- 8/9 Larry Koch  
William Germer, Jr.**
- 8/12 Bill Pestell  
Toby Shields**
- 8/13 Richard Paniccia  
John Smith**
- 8/15 Ann Skowron**
- 8/16 Bob Bunch  
Linda Hevner  
Louis Spina**
- 8/18 Jeff Ilich**
- 8/23 William Goode, Jr.**
- 8/30 David Holloway**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!!!**

## Wolcott Parade (Strutting our Stuff)

By: Loie Mechitti


On July 14<sup>th</sup>, under slightly moist skies, two Tom and Debbie Larkin cars, and one each from Paul Andrews, Sharon and Jim DeRusha, John and Patty Golas and Mike and Liz Mastracco headed northwest to Wolcott where we joined up with Ann Skowron to chaeuffer local officials in the Bicentennial Parade. Although there was a light rain, the town folks turned out in great numbers to cheer the paraders on. After dark, a second parade occurred where the floats were lit up. Of course, we didn't stay to see that because we had more important things to attend to. The DeRushas led us all off to Weedsport where we happily stuffed ourselves at Devaney's Restaurant. Um-m good.

**THE BROOKLYN PICKLE**

GIANT SANDWICHES . HOMEMADE SOUPS . CATERING

EAST - 2222 BURNET . 463-1851  
WEST - 1600 W. GENESEE . 487-8000

**KEN SNIPER**  
Owner  
463-6220




**Franklin & Co.**  
AUTOMOTIVE RESTORATIONS

*Quality, Courteous, & Correct.*

Providing the Automotive Enthusiast with These Services:


Complete Autobody Repairs      Show-Winning Restorations

Expert Color Matching      Premium Motorcycle Painting



Towing Available • Rental Cars Available • Insurance Claims Handled Promptly

122 Plum Street • Syracuse, NY • 315-478-1103



Tel: (315) 478-3138  
Fax: (315) 478-3148

**ROBERT L. JOKL, JR.**  
*Attorney at Law*

THE ATRIUM  
2 CLINTON SQUARE, SUITE 210  
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13202-1025

***PLEASE SUPPORT  
OUR ADVERTISERS***



Major & Minor Auto Repairs  
Valve Work - Engine Overhauls  
British Auto Parts - Towing

**Pennellville Garage**  
MG - TRIUMPH - AUSTIN HEALY  
CARS - PARTS - SERVICE

Dave Quintal      Pennellville, N.Y. 13132  
315-695-6076

**MOSTLY BRITISH**



**FOREIGN AUTOMOTIVE SPECIALIST**  
IN REPAIR, RESTORATION, USED, NEW & NOS PARTS

**FREDERICK J. PETROSKE**

P.O. Box 438 ■ 12101 NYS Rt. 12E ■ Chaumont, NY 13622  
315-649-2861 ■ FAX: 315-649-4100  
E-Mail: petroske@gisco.net ■ www.gisco.net/mbrish

Airplane - Helicopter - Marine  
Instruction - Maintenance - Annual Inspections - Engine Rebuilding  
Jomic Aviation Service, Inc. d.b.a.  
**JOMIC AVIATION & MARINE**

**MICHAEL L. CHETWIN**  
Syracuse - 315-652-7211  
9171 Riverside Rd., Clay, N.Y. 13041

FAA Licensed      U.S. Coast Guard  
Airline Transport Pilot      Licensed Master  
A & P Mechanic, I.A.      Fax 315-598-8111

**[www.mgcarclub.com/cny](http://www.mgcarclub.com/cny)**

MGCCCNY  
P.O. Box 1666  
Cicero, NY 13039