



President's Message:

What a great eight months it has been so far. Last month we had our first club "picnic-meeting" with a great turn out. We just happened to pick out the HOTTEST day of the year to enjoy the food and fun our club is known for. More of that inside.

Labor Day has come and gone as has the Great New York State Fair. This means that summer is now officially over. However, fun with our cars is *all* but over with. We still have several events before we put our babies into hibernation. September events include the annual trip down to the infamous Watkins Glen for the Zippo Vintage weekend and then a few weeks later, our annual trek to the great Adirondack Forest Preserve. October is filling up fast with the "Run Before Sleep" and a possible night out at the spooky house. For our new members who have yet to attend an activity, you are all welcome. Contact any board member or club member with questions, and once at an event, we will do our best to get around and introduce you to other members. After all, we have so much in common we are like a big family.

In this month's "The 2 Seater" we are printing our "Tech Squad" volunteer group. If anyone has expertise they would like to share with others, let any of the board members know and we will put your name on the next published list. Any members with questions or in need of help can contact any of our Tech Squad volunteers.



For our newsletter we also welcome any articles, stories, or satire from members who wish to share their experiences, dilemmas, or Chevy Chase type of vacations. Our newsletter is written by members for members.

September is the month that we form a nominating committee for any club board seats that will come up for election this year. Two important seats will soon be vacant, our club Treasurer and our club Secretary. Our October meeting is the time for our general election for these seats, and the people elected take office in 2007. These are just some of the members that make the operations of your club run smoothly.

Clare Woods is our newsperson. If anyone has news to report: a new auto, baby, grandchild, anniversary, wedding, vacation trip or such, give Clare a jingle or an e-mail, we all would like to hear about the adventures and happenings of other club members.

Enjoy your ride!
Mike

MG—Enjoy The Ride!



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Upcoming Events

September -

5 - Club meeting at Barbagallo's—6:30 eat/7:30 meeting

8/9- Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend

15-17 "British Invasion"—Stowe, VT

26- Board meeting—7:00 at Lock 24, Baldwinsville

29-10/1- Adirondack Weekend—Carm Deforest-635-1742

October -

3 - Club meeting at Barbagallo's—6:30 eat/7:30 meeting

8 - Tentative—Run Before Sleep
Bob Carbone @ 699-4701

TBA - Halloween Adventure—details to come.

November -

7 - Board meeting—5:45 Barbagallo's
Club meeting at Barbagallo's—6:30 east/7:30 meeting

28 - Board meeting—7:00 at Lock 24

Check the club web site for other events and updates

www.mgcarclub.com/cny

July -

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Member Profile—Vic Russo

Hello, fellow car club members, my name is Vic Russo, and I have been asked to introduce myself to the rest of the club. I own a 1960 MGA which I've had for about 25 years. I've been a club member since just about the beginning and enjoy all that the club has to offer. I held the position of Social Director for two years, held club picnics for the club at our rural home, and arranged the after-holiday parties for the last two years.

I taught instrumental music in the Jamesville-Dewitt school district for thirty seven years and played on the trumpet section of the Stan Collella Orchestra for thirty two years. With the orchestra I backed up many famous acts at the New York State Fair over the years, including Tony Bennett, Bob Hope, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Suzanne Somers, Rosemary Clooney, and Engelbert Humperdinck. For many years I was also the coordinator of music for many of the venues at the Fair. I am special events coordinator for the Syracuse Invitational Sport Horse Tournament held each October at the OnCenter in charge of all the acts in the arenas. I am on the Board of Directors of the CNY Jazz Arts Foundation which, among other things, is responsible for the annual Syracuse Jazz Fest.

I live in Pompey with my wonderful wife, Carol to whom I have been married for two years. We live on a horse farm with thirty eight acres of land and have three horses of our own. We house one horse for fellow club members and good friends, Rick and Marcia Hoogkamp. Carol is the financial coordinator for Dewitt Community Church, a position she has held for fourteen years. Both Carol and I have two grown daughters, and I have three grandchildren. One of Carol's daughters was married this past month in Buffalo.

Carol and I have made many wonderful friends while in the club. One in particular is Howie Lapedes. He deserves special recognition because he helps pay for my pension and my substitute teacher salary at Jamesville-Dewitt. I'd be on the street corner selling pencils if it weren't for Howie and Sally. See you at the next club event.

Vic



Vic & Carol with their MGA at their Country Estate

August Picnic Meeting A Success!

A nice hot sunny August afternoon it was! It was the hottest day of the year at 95 degrees and it even set a record for August 1st. As many of you know, our August monthly meeting was held at Green Lakes State Park. Over sixty people attended with a good mix of new and current members. Once there, everyone was ready to mingle and have fun. John Golas was our BBQ chef, while Patti Golas and a host of others filled water balloons for an after dinner activity. Of course, food was plentiful with hotdogs, hamburgers, a wide variety of salads, dips, fruit, desserts, and a great "Chicken Wing Cheese Dip" of sorts that came in warm and only lasted a few minutes. Once everyone's appetites were sated, a short meeting took place under the pavilion. Business was brief with the normal reports and news; then it was off to the water balloon toss. Spectators stood by as two dozen courageous people attempted to test their agility and coordination by tossing blobs of water at one another. Several of us got drenched as others were able to stay somewhat dry during the ensuing endeavor. As the evening went on, the sun began disappearing behind the tall pine trees, clean up was quick, and goodbyes started. A fun time was had by all and what a great evening ride home it was!



MG's at the BEACH



Over forty MG Club members joined Marty and Dave Winne at their family's camp on Lake Ontario on Sunday afternoon, August 13. The camp on Montario Point was built by Marty's Grandfather in 1920 and has been in the family ever since. About twenty sports cars- MGs of almost every model and color, a Triumph TR-250, a homebuilt sports car, an Austin Healey 3000, and various family grocery-getters joined the party. The weather was absolutely perfect, the views were great, and the company was even better!!!

BBQ chicken, hamburgers, and hotdogs were the order of the day, and great snacks, salads, side dishes, and scrumptious deserts were brought and shared by all! It was a great family event and a perfect time for everyone to renew old acquaintances and make new friendships. Some of the most serious motorheads had the opportunity to talk with other members and solve their MG ailments. We spotted some heads hiding under MG hoods, and some legs sticking out from under various vehicles in an effort to shield themselves from the afternoon sun.

Swimming was available at the beach ,and we all had a fun afternoon. Marty announced that this should be an annual event, so everyone can look forward to a great time again next year!

Dave Winne

Overdrive—by Clare Woods

Rumor has it that the WOLFORD'S are in town. We are looking forward to seeing them at White Lake, (maybe at the September meeting??)

As most of you know, Dick (Woods) fractured an ankle, is in a cast, and is on crutches which we hope will be gone by the September Adirondack trip. We have missed most of the August activities but hope to return to "action" soon.

If we missed anyone it means we do not have the month and day of your birthday. Please contact me (Clare Woods) at 695-1379 or cmwoods1138@yahoo.com with the information so we can include you next time around.

September Birthdays

9/1 Gary Camp
9/3 Sally Lapidis
9/6 Larry Shipps
9/7 Terri Lavergne
9/11 Jenny LaMott
9/12 Janet Moyer
9/13 Michael Clarke
9/16 Liz Mastracco
9/18 Kate Markham
Dick Speach
9/19 Jerry Davis
Kimberly Gluck
9/20 Pam Mosey
Bob Seager
9/21 Geoff Wheatley
9/23 Pat Christopher
9/27 Dave Wolford
9/29 Jonathan Haney

(Carmella's birthday is In December)

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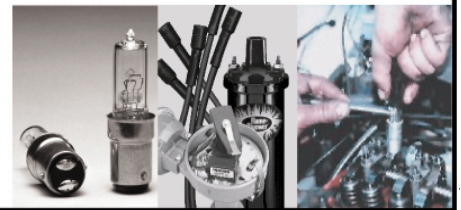
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Anyone for Ice Cream?

- by *Patty Golas*

Saturday, July 30, a bunch of club members who find it impossible to stay away from ice cream went on an ice cream rally. There were 11 of us, though we picked up more later for dinner. We met at Wegmans in Dewitt, and drove to Manlius where we sampled the ice cream at Sno-Top. Then it was on to Pompey Center; Oran; Delphi Falls, and finally into Cazenovia and Kimberly's Ice Cream Factory. We found Tom and Deb waiting for us wondering how we could be taking so long to get there. After all, John was leading the pack, and he was the one who made up the route. Well, this is where I need to interject a little side story.

As owners of British Vehicles we are all aware that there are parts that leak and parts that fall off which we have all grown accustomed to. With the advanced age of our vehicles there are even parts that break. Most of us have experienced one of these moments by now. Well, as we were having a wonderful time driving through the back roads of Madison County, one of those broken parts showed its ugly self. We happened to stop at a spot John knew from his childhood—a natural spring that someone captured into a large hose that deposits the ice-cold spring water into a trough. We were cooling off in the water and filling our water bottles when John said, "I spell gas." After a short sniff at each car, it was determined that Dan and Rosemary's B was the culprit. A hose had sprung a leak somewhere in the rear of the car which is not a good thing on a so hot a day (or any other day for that matter) So, the guys had to make a roadside repair to replace the broken hose, which took about 20 minutes. Then we were on our way. By the time you add up our playing with the water and the car repair, we were probably 30-40 minutes behind Deb and Tom.

Back to our Rally. After Kimberly's, we drove to Delphi Falls, Clockville, and Canastota. The day was beautiful; hot and sunny with a few puffy clouds in the sky. We drove and ate and drove and ate (which for you new bees' is our motto). We stopped to walk in a park, drink from that natural spring, and gaze at the beautiful vistas of Madison County. Our next stop was at Zem's in Canastota where there was also a small farmers market going on. We purchased a few fruits and vegetables, along with ice cream, of course, and then headed the long way to Sylvan Beach. The sky started to look a little ominous so we pulled over to don our hoods, which was a good decision as a few more miles down the road, the heavens burst forth with a torrential downpour, including heavy winds. Just as we turned on to Poppleton Rd., the center wiper of our car jumped off on to the bonnet and sat there as if it were taking a break from its work. John, who was leading the pack, pulled over to retrieve the lazy part when Deb came on the radio to tell us to **move it** because there was tree bark falling on them and the tree didn't appear to be far behind. Well, John was outside of our car so he didn't hear this, but faster than a speeding bullet he retrieved the wiper, put it on the car in its proper place, and dashed off just in time to save us all from falling debris. It was quite an exhilarating end to our drive - we were only a couple of miles from Captain John's Steak House where we were joined by Fred, Chris and Bob for an early dinner.

Funny how a simple thing like getting ice cream can be a fun adventure when you're being led by John, and accompanied by MG car club members. We **always** have a great time when we're together. That's why we are in this club. Happy driving and eating everyone!





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