



**A Club for ALL European and British Cars**



**The 2 Seater**

**October 2017**

# History Was Made!

At our September General Membership meeting history was made once again. Our board of directors have been tossing around the idea of a club name change for some time now. In order for our club to continue to survive with the sharks and changes in the environment we decided to approach our membership with a name change.

Our membership in attendance voted between two possible future names of our club. With a large spread of votes the following name finished first to drive us into the future. Our new moniker will be **“European Motor Club of Central New York.”** We feel that this will help bring us growth and prosperity the next seventeen years as our original name did the first seventeen years. As most members are already aware of we have a multitude of marques that comprise our club registry. With such a name change we believe it will open many doors for new members to consider participating with our current organization. This will take time for the transition to take place which means this is the beginning of an exciting future for our club.

Cruise nights and car shows are finishing up for the season, however October often has many fall days that afford us the opportunity to take our cars out and enjoy them as we have done so the last several months. Get out and do that one last ride of the season. If you can, get out there again and do an additional one last ride of the season. Who knows how deep into the season you can drive. Don't let the calendar decide when to stop driving your car, it's about how Mother Nature treats us.

Enjoy your continued drives into the fall season.

Mike Mastracco

# Welcome to our MG Car Club Activities!

**Monday, September 25** Board meeting at Bob's Piano Palace at 6:30 pm.

**Tuesday, October 3** Membership meeting at Barbagolos; History of the British Invasion; Dinner 6-7; membership meeting at 7; presentation on the history of the British Invasion (Not the Beatles coming to USA)

\*\*Halloween party/get together – need someone to volunteer to plan this.

**Thursday, October 19** Dinner get together at RFH's. Route 57. Phoenix, NY. Cocktails at 6; dinner at 7; planned by Jamie and Kevin Dix; please sign up on signup sheet at Tuesday, Oct. 3 meeting or email Jamie at [jcurrier0254@gmail.com](mailto:jcurrier0254@gmail.com).

**Monday, October 30**, Board meeting at Bob's Piano Palace at 6:30

\*\*Need a volunteer for our annual fall Run B-4 Sleep, usually sometime in October.

**Tuesday, November 7**, Membership, meeting at Barbagolos.

## November and December Meetings: 50% off sale of ALL club regalia

\*\*Looking ahead – The club usually has an after-holiday party in January. Need a volunteer for this one also.

Other activities: **Sunday, October 8** Second Annual Fall Exotic Car Club Event; 10:30-3:30; Hampton Inn, 25 Lakers Lane, Cazenovia, NY Cost \$20 in advance or day of show; Lynde LaFever, Howlyn Acres, 5308 North Butler Road, Morrisville, NY; [Howlynacres@windstream.net](mailto:Howlynacres@windstream.net); 315-481-7046; Lincklaen House catering; beer and wine tastings; hard cider from Critz Farms; omelet station; desserts by Ladies of the Deli on the Green; fall foliage tour led by President Howard

The club is always looking for someone or two to plan a dinner night (You pick the restaurant and date and time; check with the owner/manager; if you need a head count, then do a signup sheet at the membership meeting before the dinner date.) or pub night (You pick the pub, let them know we're coming and let the club know the date, time and place. This is usually more casual than a dinner night and signup sheet is not necessary. Can be a pub/bar that serves food or just snacks.). Do you have a favorite restaurant or pub you enjoy? Pick a date and let me know and I'll pass the word along.

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**10/1 Gary Mason**

**10/4 Bob Johnston**

**10/7 Jim Cortese**

**10/7 Dee Lynch**

**10/8 Bob Murrett**

**10/11 Don Nelson**

**10/12 Henry Brigham**

**10/12 John Pafumi**

**10/16 Debbie Hearne**

**10/16 Barbara Brigham**

**10/17 Bob Jokl**

**10/19 Bob Trombley**

**10/22 Jim Dean**

**10/23 Brian Bittner**

**10/25 Maryanne McNeely**

**10/27 Robert Brown**

**10/30 Janet Calp**

**10/30 Bruce Sherwood**

A new level of membership, Lifetime Membership, has been designated by the Club Board of Directors. The Board directed that this membership level be awarded to the following:

Howie Lapides	Jan and Dave Wolford	Bruce Fehlman
Patty and John Golas	Dennis Bromley	Susan Beck
Deb and Tom Larkin	Diane and Fred Galster	Paul Andrews
Loie Mechetti		

## *Lifetime Membership*



*The Board of Directors has recommended and approved that  
this Certificate be awarded to*

*In recognition of support for and participation in the  
MG Car Club of Central New York*

*Thank You*

*President, MG Car Club of Central New York*

*Given on:*



## History of the MG Car Club of Central New York

We first got the idea of forming an MG Car Club in the Summer of 1999 from Bob Carbone and Howie Lapidès at the Cruise In at Hoffman Hot Haus in Mattydale. Among attendees were Bob, Howie, Fred Galster, Paul Andrews, and Dave Winne. By Winter of 2000, Dave Winne and Paul Andrews got together at Dave's house and put together the Mission Statement, List of Officers, and draft Bylaws over Dave's dining room table. Our first meeting was held at Tully's Restaurant in North Syracuse in March 2000. The 16 charter members each contributed \$25 toward the incorporation fee for the MG Car Club of Central New York. The first officers were: Bob Carbone, President, Howie Lapidès, VP, Dave Winne, Sec'y, and Kevin Clancy, Treasurer. An article by Kenn Peters in the Syracuse Newspaper helped to skyrocket our membership. As of September 6, 200, the Club had 66 family memberships.

The current club logo was designed by Janice Wolford.

Changes in venues were made to accommodate the club's growing membership. Subsequent meetings were held at The Euclid Hotel, Christo's Restaurant in Bayberry Plaza, Shenanigan's Restaurant and finally Barbagallo's Restaurant.

As of April 12, 2000 – These were the Charter Members:

Bob and Chris Carbone

Howie and Sally Lapidès

Kevin and Mary Clancy

Paul Andrews

Dave and Janice Wolford

Jim and Debbie Hearn

Wayne and Debrah Clarke

Rex and Janet Franklin

Clarke and Olivia Burdick

Dennis and Mary Lagoe

Dave and Kathy Winne

Fred and Diane Galster

Dan and Rosemary Burke

Don and Marybeth Nelson

Tom and Teresa Clonan

Bill Brown

## Membership Meeting at Barbagallo's Restaurant

### MG Car Club of Central New York

September 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order by **President Mike Mastracco** at 7PM.

Mike read Tony Visciglio's thank you note to the club for support during his surgery.

Ray Hevner is recuperating from aortic aneurysm surgery two weeks ago. He is now home and doing well.

Bob Carbone is head of the election committee. There are two elected vacancies- President and Secretary. VP, Treasurer, and Activities are up for one-year renewal.

Apex Magazines are available at the meeting.

Need someone to do the newsletter, as Tom Lynch is retiring. He is willing to mentor someone. It takes about 3 Hours per month. The club is still looking for stories and information for the newsletter.

The club is looking to someone to take over Regalia from Pam Gordnier. Pama is doing double-duty as Membership Chairman.

**Welcome new members** for 2017: Clark Burdick ('71 MGB GT), John and Chandler Duncan, Charlie D'Angelo, and Dave Cortese!

Name Change Vote – European Car Club of Central New York (7) versus **European Motor Club of Central New York** (22). We have a new name!

Don Nelson- things will take time to change. Eg: taxes, website, insurance, etc.

John Van Wie- dba change?

John Duncan- notify other clubs we do business with of the name change.

**Secretary-** Dave Winne- minutes are available in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report-** Don Nelson- we have about \$5000 in the checking account. The board agreed to donate \$500 to Rescue Mission at the next meeting. There was a \$1500 surplus after Eurocar.

**Activities-** Jamie Currier-Dix- the list is available on the tables and by email to members.

Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend next weekend.

Board Meeting September 25 at 6:30 PM at Piano and Organ Center.

Looking for volunteers to set up Halloween Party.

Dinner at RFH Hideaway in October

Board Meeting October 30 at 6:30 PM at Piano and Organ Center.

Looking for volunteers for the Run Befor Sleep.

Looking for volunteers for After Holiday Party in January.

Fall Exotic Car Club Event – check the newsletter

Looking for volunteers to host pub and dinner nights during the winter months.

Looking for new ideas for club activities.

**History of the Club-** presentation by Bob Carbone and Dave Winne

**Club Website Presentation for New Members-** Tom Lynch

Investigating new web design, someone in the club to maintain?

Calendars, classified section in website not currently working.

Tom explained how to use the Bulletin Board.

**Future Presentations for Membership Meetings 2017-2018** – Peter McCarthy

October- History of the British Invasion

November- Services and Suppliers for European Cars

December- Holiday Party

January- Restoring Your Classic Car

February- Garage Safety

March- MGB Seat Recovering

April- Buying and Selling Cars

May- Classic Car Insurance

June- Show 'n Tell in the Parking Lot

**Jim Morris**- Sold his MGB and has '72 Overdrive transmission for sale, also has wheel dollies for \$50.

**Kevin Dix**- Iroquois Auction 23-24 September. Have MGB and Midget at auction.