



“The Breakdown”



“Serving all sides of the Marque” 1983-2010

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January/February 2010

Upcoming dates to Remember

- February 8th, BOA meeting at Otto's
- February 12-21 Canadian International Auto Show
- March 8th, BOA meeting at Otto's
- April 12th, BOA meeting at Otto's
- April 18th, Ancaster British Car Flea Market & Car Show

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President's Message

By Joe Puma

It's frigid outside, the wind is howling, and I'm in the middle of fighting with my income tax return. Ugh. January. However, I did manage a little respite from the drudgery - I just got back from a mid-winter car fix. BOA member and good friend Garrett Hoehn recently brought home a rather unusual car to live in his garage alongside his Midget - a 1976 Porsche 912E. As he explains it, a 912E is a 911 with a Volkswagen air-cooled 4-cylinder engine - the same as used in the 914, and was a limited run model to span the gap between the discontinued 914 and not yet released 924 4-cylinder Porsche models. Only about 2000 were imported to this country, and it's in very nice condition with some rare options, so I don't think spring can get here fast enough for him. Or me.

Anyway, a new year has begun, and I hope everyone's holidays were happy and peaceful. We've started making plans for the upcoming car season,

and I guess the big event this year will be the NAMGBR national convention in Belleville, Ontario hosted by our friends at the MG Car Club of Toronto. I'm sure that we'll have many club members attending this event, and we'll probably have a caravan or two going up there so it's not too early to start talking about it and making plans. More information on the event is available at www.mg2010.com.

And, of course we'll have our usual slate of local events, including the June picnic, the ice cream run, hopefully a garage tour, and culminating with the Autumn Sports Classic car show in September and the fall foliage tour in October. As of this writing, only the ice cream run is chaired, so please consider stepping up to lead one of the other events - the club is counting on you and besides, we've been holding these events for so long they practically run themselves and you'll have lots of help.

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Christmas Party 2009

On Saturday December 12th approximately 40 Buffalo Octagon Association members enjoyed the annual club Christmas party. The event was hosted by Lynn and Joe Puma at Pane's Restaurant in North Tonawanda. Club members enjoyed good food, good drink, and great company and camaraderie. During the event, president Joe

Puma bestowed the Herb Bradt Memorial trophy to Lisa Bradt. Lisa was cited for her long time dedication to the club and was recognized for all the hard work she provides to the club in various officer positions and by chairing various committees.

Congratulations Lisa!



January Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Celeste Kray

Meeting was called to order by President Puma at 7:46 pm. Joe asked for minutes of last meeting – Celeste did not have a copy with her. Someone made a motion to accept minutes as printed in last newsletter. Motion was seconded, voted upon to accept November minutes as printed in newsletter motion carried. Lisa read treasurer report – had end of year report showing car show totals and after donating to two charities club is still in the black. Motion was made by Jack Cudmore to accept report, seconded by Dave Kray. Motion was voted on and carried. John Leible reported on membership – dues will be mailed out end of this month.

The questionnaire will still have the four questions that were on last year. E-mail address request, how would you like newsletter sent to you, are you a member of NAMGBR, if you would like your information printed on a roster. Joe let membership know that Chuck Privitera is recovering from eye surgery. Otto's has been booked for the 2010 meetings except for June (picnic), July (ice cream run), August (something outside).

Lisa reported that she received a letter from Hospice thanking us for our donation. There was discussion regarding membership dues – charter members, original members and

why the difference in rates. It was stated that this was in the original by-laws of the club. Discussion about who had a copy of the revised by-laws when Mr. Valvo was president.

There was a motion on the floor made that all members should pay same dues, motion was seconded. Jerry Urban stated that he has a copy of the original by-laws but not a copy of the updated by-laws, will all of membership please look through your copies of newsletters where the updated by-laws were

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President's Message Continued

While I'm at it, we still need someone to fill the soon to be vacant post of regalia chairman. Again, not a difficult job, and it would be really nice to see someone new step up to the plate.

So, stay warm, peek into the garage once in a while to ward off the winter doldrums and start thinking about the upcoming driving season – it'll be here sooner than you think.

Oh, and you'll soon be receiving your annual dues renewal forms, so please make John's life easier and return them promptly – thanks.

All the best,

Joe



2010 B.O.A. Christmas party

Saturday December 11th

Pane's Restaurant

984 Payne Avenue

North Tonawanda, New York

6:00 PM—10:00PM

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January Minutes Continued

printed to see if anyone has a copy of them. In order to change the cost of the dues it would have to be printed in newsletter and voted upon. This could be in the January/February newsletter and voted on at March meeting. Someone suggested that the President can form a by-law committee, to rewrite the by-laws if we cannot locate a copy of the updated by-laws. It was suggested after much discussion that the motion be tabled until we find a copy of the updated by-laws or form a committee to re-write the by-laws regarding the dues of officers, non-officer positions, charter members, and original members. It was also brought up that when the updated by-laws were printed in newsletter it increased the length of term of the officers from one year to two years if this might be helpful when looking through old newsletters. We should also include the meeting night change when updating the by-laws. Discussion regarding process of us updating the by-laws and the procedure that should be followed. It was determined that we would have to have the new by-laws printed in the newsletter before membership voting on changing the by-laws. The executive committee would decide what changes would be made to the by-laws. First form the committee, committee would decide what by-laws would be

changed, the changes would be published in the newsletter, then membership would vote on changes at the next meeting. There was a motion to table the motion, motion was seconded, voted upon and accepted.

Larry Vito let members know that he will not be in town for the Autumn Sports Classic – so we will need someone to do the pre-registration and registration for the car show. Joe Puma said that his wife, Lynn would be willing to book Payne's for the Christmas Party 2010 the first and second weekends were both available. Suggestion was made that we would like to have a bartender in the room if we do go with Payne's again. Membership was in agreement that we would like to go to Payne's for Christmas Party 2010. TJ suggested that he would look into going to the Flying Bison Tour on a meeting night. Will put on website when he knows what date the outing will be. Jerry Urban said that he would like to put together the January/February newsletter and have it out the last week of the month. Still need a chairperson for the June picnic, Leible's and Kray's volunteered to chair the Ice Cream Run – July 12th. We are in need of a chairperson for the Autumn Sports Classic show (the flyer will have to be put together months prior to the show).

Joe Puma said that he would like someone to put together a garage tour in the south towns, since last year we did the north towns. Made mention that the current slate of officers are in their last year.

New Business: ASC meeting will be in March to decide what car classes to have. The Toronto MG Club will have the multi-club picnic on June 12th, which is two weeks before the convention. Someone made mention that there will be a 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain which has a working relationship with the Air Museum – this will be held June 4, 5 and 6. A good show to go to is the UK days in Rochester which is held in August – more info when it becomes available. Jerry repeated that he will need newsletter articles by the last week in January – so he can send out newsletter first week in February. If you have any tech questions Jerry would like to start a question and answer tech article. Motion was made to adjourn meeting, motion seconded, motion

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Kray

Joe Puma won 50/50 - \$14.00

Pot for Joker game up to \$300 – no winners – Lisa Smiled

Test your Car Knowledge



Can you identify this wheel?

This wheel was a popular aftermarket and dealer option in the 70's. There is currently a campaign underway to reproduce this type of wheel in popular sizes up to 18". Submit your answer to buffalomgevents@gmail.com or check back next issue for the answer.

From the Membership Chairman

By John Leible

My first year as membership chairman went by very fast. Now we can only hope the snow and single digit temperatures go by just as fast. Then we can turn our attention to putting the tops down on our little British cars and take our rides and plan our events. To recap the past year we lost 5 members for various reasons. The good news is we have 14 new members in 2009, for a net gain of 9 members for a total of 89 members. The new members for this past year are Kevin Rodgers, Thomas Murray Jr., Mike Gallo, Bob Schroeder, Dean Creed, Ed Werick, Eugene Jarembek, Roy Rogers, Bill Wiser, John Maher, Ted Cheney, Mike Bettcher,

William Hanna and Joe McConaughy. Our club is only as strong as its membership so we encourage all our members to be active and join us at our meetings.

Also as membership chairman it is my job to send out membership renewals and by the time you receive the Club news letter you should have received your renewal form for 2010. It would be appreciated if you would promptly fill out and answer the questions on the renewal so we can update our records. If you have any changes in your info such as phone number, E-mail address, new MG cars acquired please note it on the

questionnaire before returning it. I look forward to seeing everyone and our monthly meeting at Otto's.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Leible

For Sale

1976 MGB, body in excellent condition, no rust, many new parts, too numerous to list. Brand new engine never run. **Some assembly required!**
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The Buffalo Octagon Association needs your help!

By Jerry Urban

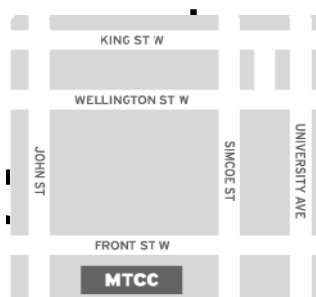
We are currently in search of quite a few things and could use your help in finding some of them.

1. We need a chairperson for the 2010 Autumn Sports Classic.
2. We need to find a person to take over regalia as we approach Chuck's departure to the "Sunshine State".
3. We are looking for a copy of the By-Laws.
4. We appear to be missing a volume of the club's photo archive and we are hoping that a current member has it or knows where it is.
5. We are compiling a complete set of "Breakdowns" for archival purposes and we would love to
6. I would love to start the lending library back up and while we have some things, we could always use more. Please keep it MG related for now.

have any that people no longer want.
Please let me or an officer know if you can help with any of these needs. Thank you.

International Auto Show in Toronto

The Toronto Auto show is on at the Toronto Convention Center from February 12th-21st. I am willing to lead an expedition to the car show on either Saturday the 13th or Saturday the 20th. Here is how it would work. We would meet at the "GO" train station in Niagara



Falls Ontario or somewhere close by in Niagara Falls U.S.A.. We would board a bus to the station in Burlington Ontario

where we would transfer to a train. The train would drop us off at Union Station, which is a 5 minute walk to the convention center. Admission to the car show is \$20.00 adult and the bus/train ride is \$30.00 round trip. Let me know if there is any interest at the next meeting, or give me a call.

MG2010 In Belleville, Ontario

Hosted by the MG Car Club of Toronto

Each year, the [North American MGB Register](#) holds a major convention. The first such was held in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada in 1992 and was hosted by the MG Car Club of Toronto (MGCCT). The programme for the event was published as part of the summer issue of the Club's magazine, the Octagon. For those interested in this historical document, a scanned copy may be viewed online here: [Octagon Summer 1992](#). MG '92 was an overwhelming success and contributed to the MGCCT be-

ing awarded the Nuffield cup.

The MGCCT is proud and honoured to be able to announce that it has again been selected to host NAMGBR's annual convention, MG 2010, on June 23 - 27, 2010, in Belleville, Ontario, Canada.

This will be a gathering of approximately 300 - 350 MGB'S for an extravaganza of driving events, a car show and parties...

For those able to spend more time in the area or arriving

early, you might like to also consider attending the [MG Vintage Racing](#) event being organized by [VARAC](#) at [Mosport Speedway](#) on the weekend before MG 2010.



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Don't forget to check out the club's website at;
www.buffalomg.com

We also have a message board and forum that can be reached through the website or directly at;
<http://buffalomg.proboards.com/index.cgi?>

Dues for 2010 will be going out shortly. Please send yours in as quickly as possible.