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# <u>The Breakdown</u>

Serving all Sides of the Marque since 1983

#### **Letter from the President**

Greeting to All,

My calendar says it's October and therefore fall is in full swing!

What can I say? This summer was a darn-good, dry one with many opportunities for free-ranging your MGs on the many great roads to and from various activities like cruises, cookouts, driving events and car shows This was no doubt one of the best times in a couple years to enjoy the hobby and our British cars.

Perhaps for some, the highlight of the summer was the 2022 Autumn Sports Classic (ASC) in August. The weather was fantastic and quality of our show was as good as ever. Much of the success depended on the help of many volunteers who spared some time before, during and after the event. Thank you everyone who offered your contribution toward making BOA's flagship event a good time for all members and welcome guests.

Especially, thank you, Marvin, for your show sponsorship; Pat for leading the basket raffle effort; Jim (and Marvin, again) for a well-run kitchen; Larry and Janet for a smooth registration process; Linda and Jim for the soundtrack of our show; Joe for the awards; George for cooking the perfect hotdogs; and the cast of characters who milled about under the sound tent for contributing your humor and shade.

#### Letter from the President—*continued*

In addition to offering great food, liquid refreshments, basket raffles, feats of stamina/strength, interesting cars, and loads of fun: the Autumn Sports classic fostered the renewal of old friendships for many!

Fortunately, the fun doesn't have to end there! Heading into the colder months you can look forward to a cookout at Chestnut Ridge Park, the annual Christmas Party, some other gatherings tossed into the mix, and a revamped BOA website

Lastly, please attend the upcoming monthly meetings - <u>as often as possible</u>. We are returning to **The Windsor Park Tavern** on Transit Rd in Amherst and need member participation to be a good patron of that establishment. If you were able to attend our last gathering there in March, you know it's well suited for friends to gather and plot new adventures. Also, continue to dine at Steve's Pig and Ox Roast as opportunities arrive. Steve (aka Marvin) was a great host on every occasion we took over the restaurant from his regular Monday crowd.

Safety Fast and good health with humor to all.

UPCOMING BOA Meetings—Activities

Peter Calabrese (MGcarnut@aol.com)

October 10th — Meeting at Tavern at Windsor Park
8444 Transit Road, Williamsville, NY (Near Kohl's)
Reservation starts at 5:30 for Dinner, meeting at 7.
October 22—Steak Roast and Ride at Chestnut Ridge Park
6121 Chestnut Ridge Park Rd. Orchard Park, NY
Come at noon for lunch and drive our cars through the park afterwards.
Salad and Bottled Water Provided, Bring any other refreshments you
would like.
November 10th — Meeting at Tavern at Windsor Park
8444 Transit Road, Williamsville, NY (Near Kohl's)
Reservation starts at 5:30 for Dinner, meeting at 7.
December 3rd—Christmas Party at Italian Gardens—Arrive at 6 PM
6354 Transit Road, Depew, NY (Across from Tops)
Watch your E-Mail for more details to follow.

#### Editors Column—by Jim Borkman

This quarters newsletter marks a full year of newsletters under my wings. This has been fun, reliving the events of each quartering print and pictures. This quarters edition heavily relies on pictures from our many events, You are what makes this newsletter work. Without your participation and support of these events we would not exist. There were many fun things do this summer and the fall is lining up pretty well too.

This years Autumn Sports Classic was a beautiful, warm day, with 51 beautiful cars on the field. We were able, thanks to the basket raffle, 50/50, registration and food service able to provide a \$1000 check to Wings Flight of Hope. So good job BOA!

I hope you take advantage of our steak roast and driving our cars around the beautiful Chestnut Ridge Park on October 22nd. Let's hope for good weather. Also our annual Christmas dinner on December 3rd at the Italian Village is always a great time. Please sign up!

As time permits drop me a line with suggestions for the newsletter. I am still working on a history article and always welcome an article, your photos or comments. Send submittals to mg@borkmantech.com.

### Feature Photo — Submitted by Jim Trembath Jim's pup Bee



### BOA—Steak Roast and Ride through the park. Chestnut Ridge Part—October 30th



# Saturday, Oct 22, 2022 @ NOON

**Option 1:** \$10/person for first 20 who want Steak and a Baked Potato & <u>YOU</u> bring your own refreshments.

R.S.V.P. (by Oct. 15th) to MGCARNUT@AOL.COM (for payment info. )

**Option 2:** NO COST – <u>YOU</u> bring your own meats and refreshments.

Fires will be provided !!!

\*\*\* Drive through the park after lunch\*\*\*

### Lockport British Car Night



### Wurlitzer British Car Night











Fun times with our British Cars.

## AUTUMN SPORTS CLASSIC The People







George & Peter discuss the finer elements of hot dog grilling.

# How can I help!

# Music by Linda!

# AUTUMN SPORTS CLASSIC Cars, Cars & more Cars









# AUTUMN SPORTS CLASSIC Behind the Scene—Baskets, Kitchen, Registration



lim Borkman's grandson Vincent helping.



### The BOA At Watkins Glen







Some of us met up at Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival

# The BOA At Watkins Glen Amazing Cars

The Featured Marque for 2022 was the Mustang. A very special Bugatti Reunion and Race were added to the weekend spectacle. The annual **Grand Prix Festival**, held on Friday in downtown Watkins Glen, commemorates the early sports car races that took place on a 6.6-mile course laid out on village streets.















BOA Enjoying our Ice Cream Social at Jim & Sharon Trembaths





### SOMETIMES EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Congrats to Dennis Illig who won a large flat screen at a Wurlitzer Cruise Night. Those present had to keep thing quiet with Robin so that Dennis could go home and get his truck. Congratulations Dennis.





It was touch and go for Peter Calabrese and Jim Borkman on the way home from Watkins Glen. Thankfully this Sunoco Station was open and we filled up Pete's Midget with 6.3 gallons. (The tank only holds 7.1 gallons, whew!!!)

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Thank you Steve's Pig & Ox Roast at 951 Ridge Road Buffalo, NY for providing the delicious Pulled Pork Sandwiches and Hot Dogs for our Autumn Sports Classic. Everything tasted great!



