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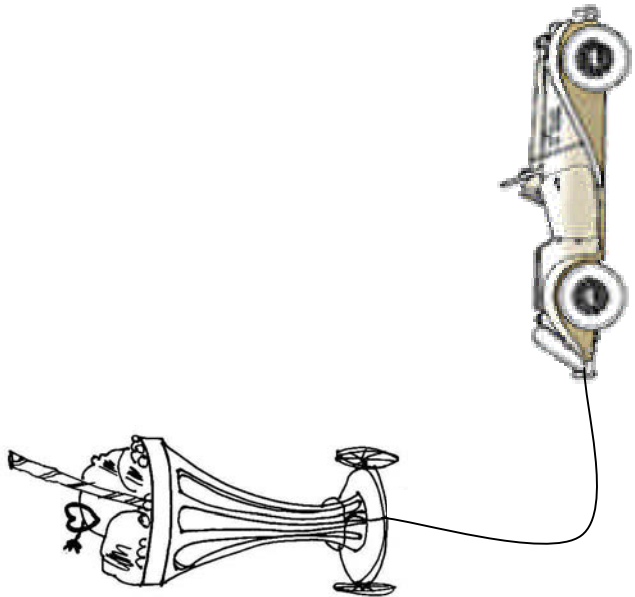


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- Feb. 28: Deadline for Culture In the Country 2005 reservations, see page 9.
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Membership Past Due?

All memberships expire at the end of November. Send a check made payable to **Andrea Fanelli or cash**. (See her address above). All NY/Conn members should also be current members of The New England MG 'T' Register, PO Box 1957, Cary, NC 27512-1957; 919-851-3030; fax: 919-858-0386, email: athomas990@aol.com, or on the web at <http://www.nemgt.org>.

British Marque Car Club News

As a participating club, NY/Conn members are entitled to a discount on subscriptions to the British Marque monthly newspaper; \$11 instead of the usual \$18. The marque features news and events from more than 100 British car clubs and is published 11 times a year. Check them out online at www.britishmarque.com or subscribe today.

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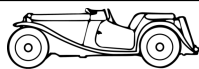
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I have had Fourth Gear Ltd. digitize the NY/Conn logo and they will shortly be adding it to their list of licensed logos and car designs, which includes MG, Triumph, Austin, Austin-Healey and

the Original Mini. We can now (or in the near future) go to their website and select for their complete on-line catalog of shirts, hats, jackets, tool bags, clocks and much, much more and then have it embroidered with the NY/Conn logo for just \$10 more than the price of the garment.

I will have a sample NY/Conn embroidered shirt at Raymond's Sweetheart Sundae. Check it out, then go on line and get your NY/Conn gear.



Highly Recommended—

Quid's Auto Upholstery

Tom Howard, the director of the Nutmeg chapter of NAMGAR, quickly found he needed help when restoring the interior of his E-Type Jag. After numerous fruitless efforts, he finally called Mark & Steve at The Panel Shop (1785 Barnum Ave., Stratford, CT 06497; (203) 377-6208). Quid was the man they recommended. Quid came to Tom's house and they worked together to install the interior. Afterward, Tom said, "It's a rare pleasure to

find someone who actually knows what they were doing, does absolutely top-notch work, and is fair and reasonable with pricing. If anyone out there ever needs interior work—there is only one person to call. I can guarantee you will be extremely happy with Quid!!!"

Quid's Auto Upholstery, 59 Beaver St., Ansonia, CT 06401; 203-732-1910; cell-203-257-5112

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LOW CARB DIETS ARE NOW OUT OF FASHION



Sweetheart Sundae

Date:

Sunday,

February 13

Time & Place:

1:00 PM

Raymond's

12 Old Redding Road

West Redding, CT

Lost:

Raymond's

(203) 438-6865

RSVP:

Dave or Joanne

By

Wednesday,

February 11

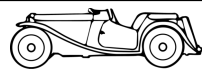
Sweetheart Sundae! Same Time—a Year later! Same Place! Our traditional first event of the year remains, to everyone's surprise, a tradition! Although we had feared the Raymond's would by now have been out of the area, we are pleased that they have graciously agreed to invite the marauding hordes of NY/Conn back into their home. Make sure you're there for one of our most popular events and to kick off another year full of NY/Conn activities.

After a month and a half of abstinence, as we've all held fast to our new year's resolutions, its time to belly up to the desert table for our most decadent feast of the year.

Whip up a heaping batch of Granny's old recipe Double-Dutch death-by-chocolate brownies topped with ice cream and a thick layer of hot fudge sauce or some other favorite recipe to share with all.

RSVP: Be sure to let Joanne or Dave know of your intentions before next Wednesday, February 9, at **(203) 438-6865**.

Directions: See page 6



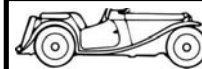
February 2005

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27	28					

Schedule of Events (NY/Conn events in bold)

- **February 4-6: NEMGTR Natter n' Noggin**, Sheraton Danbury Hotel, Danbury, CT. Charles Searles, FAX 585-586-7293; csearles@rochester.rr.com
- **February 13: Sweetheart Sundaes!** The sweetest day of the year. Details—page 3
- April 2nd—Winter Park, FL—21st Winter Park All British Car & Cycle Show at Mead Gardens. 8:30AM to 4:00PM. Contact Rick Frazee, 407-620-0507; mog4@earthlink.net or Donna Smith, 407-521-5730; dsmith3@cfl.rr.com
- April 8th-10th—Sebring, FL—The Gathering of the Faithful XXXIX South. This event will be held at the historic Kenilworth Hotel and will feature parade laps around the Sebring Raceway, a classic auto and aircraft museum tour, a 50s style sock hop and banquet with auction/raffle. Visit: www.ranjos.com/britcars/index.htm for details.
- April 9th-10th—West Springfield, MA—Big Block Shows presents the 7th Annual Spring Classic Indoor Car Show at the Big E Fairgrounds. This is not an All British event by any means but if you like Custom Classics, this is a good one. Custom Car Legend, George Barris will be on hand along with his creation, the Original Batmobile. Info at <http://bigblockshows.com/> or call 603-352-3100.
- April 16th—Pensacola, FL—Panhandle British Car Association's Annual Beach Bash and All British Car Show. Visit: <http://www.pbcal.com/showform.htm> for details.
- April 20th-24th—Carlisle, PA—Spring Carlisle; Visit: www.carsatcarlisle.com/
- **April 23rd—North Salem, NY—Francis Tuoti—NY/Conn Event**, Brunch at Tuoti's followed by a cruise to The Golden Age of Trucking Museum in Southberry. Rain date: 4/24. RSVP to Francis at 8 Elizabeth Drive, North Salem, NY 10560; (914) 669-5020; ftuoti@aol.com by April 18th.

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JOIN THE CIA

Culture In The Country XII



Date:

11:30AM
Saturday,
Oct. 22
Rain or
shine

**RSVP BY
Feb. 28, 2005**

\$10 per person
deposit required!

Check to:
Judy Johnson
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Sommers, NY 10589
(914) 277-5480—Home
(914) 277-4571—Work
(914) 844-7199—Cell

Because group luncheon reservations are booked 9 months in advance, it was necessary for Judy to book and pay a deposit for our reservations for the Culinary Institute of America's luncheon set for October 22, 2005 at 11:30AM. Judy has reserved 25 places for this event and paid a \$250 deposit to guarantee our reservations. These reservations are offered on a "first-come—first served" basis. If you would like to attend this event, please send your check in the amount of \$10 per person to Judy as soon as possible, but no later than February 28th. You will pay the balance of your lunch bill at the restaurant based on what you order.

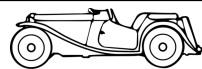
American Bounty Restaurant

The wealth and diversity of America's cultural heritage is brought to life by the imaginative cuisine of this student-staffed restaurant in Roth Hall. A recipient of the prestigious Ivy Award, the Bounty features regional specialties prepared with ingredients harvested from the riches of the Hudson River Valley. "This cooking school restaurant gets an A+" enthuses the *Zagat Survey*, which also found it "perfectly presented, excellent food."

Dress Code: Business or country club casual (collared shirt and dress or Dockers®-style slacks) attire is preferred. No jeans, sneakers, or sandals please.

The CIA was honored twice in the 2003 *Best of the Hudson Valley* poll of *Hudson Valley* magazine readers.

Check it out at: <http://www.culinaryschools.com/schools/249.html>



Welcome New Members

Please join me in welcoming the following new members into our MG family:

Ed Cook. Ed lives in Suffield, CT, with his finance, Dale O'Neill. Their wedding date is set for May in the Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory on the Connecticut/Massachusetts border. Ed just got his British racing green 1952 TD in July and joined NEMGTR. As a bag and pipe player, Ed belongs to the CT. St. Andrews Society in Goshen, CT. He loves fly fishing. His father was from Scotland and Mom from England and so he comes by his love of all things British quite naturally.

Fort, Barbara and Sarah DiRenno. The younger DiRenno's also live in Ossining, NY along with Dick and Ann. If you didn't get a chance to meet them at the Christmas Party, be sure to introduce yourself at the next NY/Conn event.

Robert (Robin) and Elizabeth Montgomery. Robin & Elizabeth live in Norwalk, CT. Robin writes, "A 1949 TC has owned me for the last year. It is in shabby but sound condition, and a lot better now than when I bought it." The Montgomery's

also own a 1965 MGB roadster. They were introduced to NY/Conn by Wayne Ely. Also members of NEMGTR (#6120).

Ralph & Janet Gilnack. Ralph recently bought a 1953 TD and then started looking for a club to join. He found NY/Conn listed under the NEMGTR and joined us at the annual Holiday Party. The Gilnack's live in Middlebury, CT.

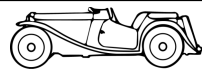
Guy & Laurie Towle. Guy & Laurie are already familiar to many NY/Conn-ers as they joined us last summer for the Fanelli's tour of Van Cortlandt Manor. As we caravanned back to Fanelli's, we stopped by the Towle where we were treated to an outstanding collection of automobiles. In addition to a beautiful TC, the set included, my personal favorite, a Dino Ferrari, Porsche, Corvette, a couple of Fords and several Jags.

This influx of new members is terrific so keep spreading the word and be sure to reference our fantastic website.



Schedule of Events (Continued)

- April 23rd—Williamsburg, VA—Colonial Vintage British Cr club's 6th Annual All British Marque Car Show "On The Green" at Walsingham Academy. Rain or Shine. Field opens at 9 AM. Voting ends at 1 PM. Awards at 2 PM. Visit: www.williamsburg-bcc.com or e-mail ColonialVintage@aol.com with questions.
- May 7th-8th—Rhinebeck, NY—Custom car & rod show-5/7 & Antique car show-5/8; Car corral both days.
- **May 15: NY/Conn Event: Friedler's Thumbs-Up Tour**, Bedford, NY
- May 20th-22nd—Carlisle, PA—Import/Kit Car/Replicar Nationals. Visit: www.carsatcarlisle.com/
- 5/28-6/5—British Car Week. British Car Week is an awareness week. It is an annual week intended for all owners of classic British cars to roll their favorite car out of the garage and drive it throughout the streets and byways of their communities. By doing so, it will help spread awareness of these exciting machines of the past, and will in turn help support the clubs and businesses that help support our very fulfilling hobby.
- **June 1st-5th—Gettysburg, PA. GOF Mk 78**, Eisenhower Conference Center & Resort, NEMGTR, Charles Searles, 585-586-2806; csearles@rochester.rr.com
- June 3rd-5th—Dare To Be British; www.britisofthehudson.org
- June 4th-5th—Greenwich, CT—Greenwich Concours d'Elegance, www.greenwichconcours.com
- June 5th—Waterford, CT—British By The Sea 2005. Harkness Memorial State Park. www.ctmgclub.com.
- June 5th—Great River, Long Island, NY—12th Annual "The British Are Coming!!!" held on the grounds of Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Rte. 27A, 1/4 mile east off Southern State Parkway.
- June 5th—Perrysburg, OH—Lake Erie British Car Club presents, "The British Return to Fort Meigs". Contact Tony Shoviak tenntony@worldnet.att.net or 419-878-2041.
- June 11th-12th—Manchester, VT—Hildene Antique & Classic Car Show. Pre-register by June 6—\$10. <http://www.manchestervermont.net/carshow/index.html>
- June 12th—Cape Cod, MA—British On The Green, www.capecodbritishcarclub.org
- June 12th—Hellertown, PA—12th Annual British Motorcar Gathering, <http://www.keystonemg.com>
- **June 18th—Monroe, CT-Sommers, NY—NY/Conn Progressive Dinner**, Ed & Marion Callo (48 Crestwood Road, Monroe, CT 06468; (203) 261-2432; mapacallo@aol.com) & Judy Johnson (75A Heritage Hills, Sommers, NY 10589; (914) 277-5480; JlsMG@aol.com).
- June 26th—Bridgewater, CT—Housatonic Valley Region Antique Automobile Club of America (HVRAACA) 2005 Antiques and Classic Auto Show. <http://pages.cthome.net/esigns/carshow.html>



Health Update—Rita Houser

As most of you probably know by now, Rita Houser ended up in the ER shortly before Thanksgiving due to some chest pains. She had had all manner of tests the previous week and was told her heart was fine!! Further testing in the ER revealed she had a blockage. She is now on the long road to recovery. The following is paraphrased from Dave's emails.

Dave advised that not only did she have angioplasty but the doctors inserted a stent in the left artery. By mid-Dec. she started walking and doing other activities. The doc cut some of her meds and has her scheduled for another stress test right about tax day.

Rita still gets some pain but it is getting

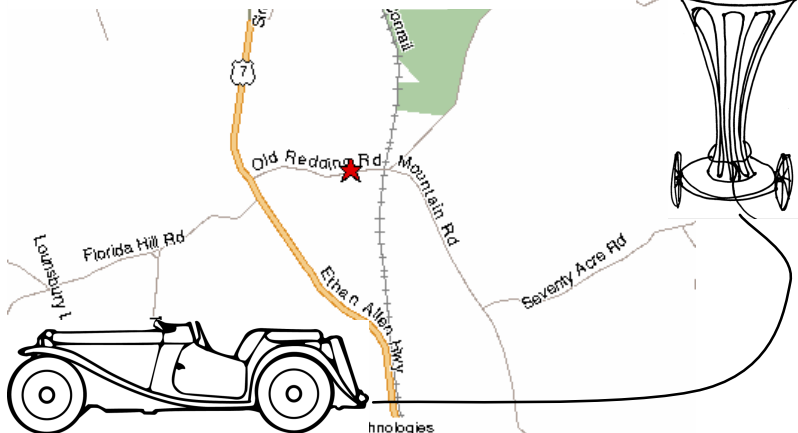
better each week. She is gaining back her strength although she still is tucked out by around 3pm. It used to be about noon, so progress being made. In fact, we are heading over to the gym now so she can get into a walking schedule on the Life Cycle machines. She looks Great, though.

We're enjoying our friends down here and are looking forward to visits with Norm Jambard and Pauline who are down here in the Villages for 3 months. Also, just got an email from Scotty and Polly who are down in Venice for 2 months. Talking with George Re and Michele who may plan a visit this spring, too. So well' get a chance to see some MG friends from the north.

All the best, Dave .

Directions To Raymond's

Head south on Route 7 from Exit 3 off of I84 (same exit as for the Danbury Fair Mall) for 7.5 miles. Turn left onto Old Redding Road. Go 0.2 miles and turn right into Raymonds driveway.



How To Survive a Stroke or Heart Attack

Stroke

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, this lack of awareness can spell disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- Ask the individual to smile.
- Ask him or her to raise both arms.
- Ask the person to speak a simple sentence.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February.

Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.



Heart Attack Self-Help

Let's say it's 6:15 p.m. and you're driving home (alone, of course) after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home. Unfortunately, you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far. You have been trained in CPR, but the guy that taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

