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▲ Pub Night ▲

There will be a Pub Night on Tuesday, July 25th at new location *PJ Skidoos* in Fairfax and to avoid the rush hour we will meet at 7pm. *PJ Skidoos* is located at 9908 Lee Highway, Fairfax VA 22030, 703-591-4515. Hope to see you there.

▲ MG International 2006 ▲

The club had a good showing in Gatlinburg with the following members attending: Ruth Arnold, Mike and Jennifer Ash, Mike and Lisa Eaton, Ron and Rosemary Eaton, Tom Ford, Bob and Jane Schoepflin, John and Linda Wright, Terry and Martha Anne King, Bill and Karen Marshall, Butch and Judy Smith, Bill and Liz Ten Eyck. Judy Smith did a fantastic job of planning and executing the caravan for the last four couples listed. We took the scenic roads to include the Blue Ridge Parkway, staying at the Peaks of Otter, Blowing Rock and Asheville on the way down. The scenery was outstanding and the roads were made for MGAs. Once our path was blocked by a fallen tree and over one mountain of hair pin turns we advanced four miles after a hour of driving. Of course, we included a stop at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville and a few antique marts along the way. We all decided that the Biltmore was definitely not your typical house. Similar to all car shows, it's not just about the cars but rather the people. We were all able to renew old friendships and make some new ones. Being in the Smoky Mountains, we expected Gatlinburg to be cool. However, to our surprise, it was hot as "Hell" breaking all historic records with a few days topping 100 degrees. We braved rain storms, multiple morning pit stops, frantically looking for a gas station, poor restaurant service and the police trying to arrest us for not paying our dinner bill. Fortunately, Butch Smith is such a believable character, that the police let us go. Gatlinburg reminded all of us of a boardwalk by the beach except there was no beach...and there was no water. The car show was held in Cosby, Tennessee. Can you imagine, over 1000 vintage cars packed tightly into Farmer Jones's holler. When we asked directions to Cosby, we were told "it's just over yonder." Liz Ten Eyck demonstrated excellent engineering skills in the use of a GPS, the only problem was she forgot to download the map for North Carolina. Bill Marshall was overheard saying "What the hell did Karen and I get into?" We survived the trip with only one generator giving up the ghost, one broken axle, and one hard impact on a rear bumper. The only things we did not see were Jim Bowie's knife and Dolly Parton's breasts. However, we all had a great time and a memorable trip.

▲ Flying Circus ▲

On July 16th a number of club members joined the MG Car Club for their annual picnic at the Flying Circus in Bealeton, VA. The weather was perfect for a day of flying and a number of MG enthusiasts went up in vintage biplanes. We enjoyed an air show of stunt flying, wing walking and vaudeville in the air. We had the pleasure of meeting Bill Marshall's adventuresome mother, who we learned celebrated her 70th and 80th birthdays by parachuting out of a plane at the Bealeton field. We each also got the opportunity to have a picture taken of our car along side one of the beautifully restored biplanes. A great time was had by all.

▲ 'OOL' Party ▲

Mark your calendar and don't miss this one!!! **AUGUST 5, 2006:** Bill and Liz Ten Eyck will again be hosting our club's 'OOL' PARTY. 'OOL'? That's because there is no 'Pee' in the Ten Eyck's pool. More details about the event will follow shortly.

▲ Other Upcoming Events ▲

September 24 - [Meeting of the Marques](#)

Spend a day (or the weekend) at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, PA

September 30 - [MGs on the Rocks](#)

Hosted by the MGs of Baltimore Club

October 8 - The 11th annual *Hunt Country Classic* features all British marques and is held at the picturesque Middleburg, Virginia estate of Bill and Barbara Scott, owners of Summit Point Raceway. This car show and family outing is without equal in the area. If you only attend one car show a year--this is the one.

▲ Miscellaneous Information ▲

CHAPTER WEBSITE: <http://mga-midatlantic.org/> Don't forget to check out our new website and send a picture to Amy so it can be posted in the gallery. Check our website for recently posted pictures of past outings.

"TECH SESSIONS FROM MGA" book is available from NAMGAR, e-mail regalia contacts Bruce and Carol Woodson at: cvmga@aol.com. The price is \$45.00 plus shipping and handling. This is the real 'Bible' for MGA articles.

"CLASSIFIEDS"

Rear tube shock conversion kit for your MGA, TD, TF and all chrome bumper MGB's. Later model B's without a rear sway bar. \$60.00 plus shipping. For an extra charge I can supply the shocks, but they are available at any auto parts store. I get them at Fairfax Auto. Butch Smith, 8408 Gambrell Lane, Springfield, VA 22153. Tel: 703-569-1508, bjmga@verizon.net

“FOR SALE”

Various MGA parts available, call (540-272-4264) or e-mail (tomowog@adelphia.net) for information.

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▲ **Interesting Articles** ▲

Import Carlisle 2006

By John Wright

I would like to bring to you an observation about Import Carlisle this year. I usually go Fridays only and just run in and run out, staying for only 3 or 4 hours. I run down the lanes of vendors picking a few good deals and stopping to talk to old friends, some who I only see at Carlisle, once a year. Always the topic of conversations comes to how the event compares this year to last, or the years before. Always the tone is one of wondering how long Carlisle Events organization will continue this event, which I assume is the smallest in their calendar. I would like to suggest to our members to be aware of this possibility and to ask that we all try to support this event as much as we can. Attendance as a vendor or buyer is most important, but talking the event up to your friends is helpful too. Tell them about what makes Carlisle an interesting event and why we should be supporting it. There are still many good parts and deals at Carlisle. But in addition, there are the vendors inside with the toys, models, rare books and seminars put on by John Twist of University Motors. Tools for good prices, vintage tires, cars for sale and your old friends roaming about the fairgrounds. Plenty of food, on site parking and an easy drive from our areas.

In years past, with the advent of Ebay, many of us predicted the demise of the traditional flea market. I am now saying that after several years of Ebay, maybe it does not offer all that we need for this aspect of our hobby. Carlisle is a social event posing as a flea market. So please, continue to support this event but bring someone new with you next time. Oh yea, and sometimes it rains!

John

REVIVAL OF MG BRAND ANNOUNCED AS PART OF NANJING MOTORS GLOBAL INITIATIVE

New global business model encompasses Asia, Europe and North America, private and public sector investors.

July 12, 2006 (Oklahoma City, OK) --- Senior officials of Nanjing Automobile (Group) Corporation (NAC) today announced the revival of the historic MG brand of vehicles, as well as plans to build a new MG product in Oklahoma, with the formation of MG Motors North America, Inc., in ceremonies held today in Oklahoma City.

MG vehicles will not only be built in Nanjing, China, (NAC's home), but also at the Longbridge assembly plant near Birmingham, England and at a new American assembly plant to be built at the Ardmore Air Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Headquarters for MG sales, marketing and distribution (outside of Asia) will be located in Oklahoma City. Research and development will be in Norman at the University of Oklahoma.

Following the successful efforts to sustain such historically significant English automotive brands as Aston Martin by Ford Motor Company, Bentley by the Volkswagen Group, and MINI by BMW, Nanjing Motors has recruited a seasoned American auto executive, Duke T. Hale, to be the new company's President and Chief Executive Officer responsible for the revival of MG in the U.K. and Europe followed by the re-launch of MG in North America.

"The prospect of using 25 years of executive experience at Volvo, Mazda, Isuzu and Lotus to restore MG to the automotive landscape is an opportunity I just couldn't turn down," said Mr. Hale. "Now that we've finalized the important financial, manufacturing and product planning details of this new venture, I'm well along in recruiting a team of experienced auto industry executives to join me. A key ingredient in that effort has been to find the right home to build a completely new model for a global automotive enterprise," said Hale. "I'm confident that Oklahoma fits that description perfectly."

Joining Mr. Hale at the announcement ceremony were two senior executives from NAC, Mr. Yu Jianwei, President, and Mr. Wang Hong Biao, Vice President.

"Nanjing Motors is fully committed to the restoration of the MG brand to markets around the world. This will be the key component of our Nanjing's effort to join leading automakers in the manufacture and sale of high quality, high character automobiles," said Mr. Yu Jianwei, President, NAC. "As we finalize the installation of MG assembly lines in our new Nanjing plant, we are pleased to confirm plans to build the TF roadster once again in Longbridge, U.K. and the new TF Coupe at a completely new facility in Ardmore, Oklahoma, USA. We will have even more to say about our plans during our press conference next Monday, July 17, at the London Motor Show."

BREAKTHROUGH GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP BRINGS MORE THAN \$2 BILLION IN FINANCIAL BACKING

The creation of the new MG Motors is the result of extensive planning and collaboration among a number of partners who share a common vision of putting modern MG sports cars and sedans back on the road, while extending availability of the historic English brand to new markets around the world.

Joining NAC in this effort are Oklahoma Sovereign Development, LLC; Davis Capital, LLC; the State of Oklahoma; the City of Oklahoma City; and the City of Ardmore. The collective capital investment pledged by these parties exceeds \$2 billion, including NAC's new MG plant in China, re-starting production of the roadster in Longbridge and building an assembly plant and parts distribution center in the southern Oklahoma city of Ardmore.

MODEL LINEUP WILL APPEAL TO CONSUMERS WORLDWIDE

While final details will be made available in the months ahead, MG Motors plans to offer a full range of sports cars and sedans to consumers. The three sedans will be built at Nanjing's facilities in China, while the MG TF roadster will be built at the factory in Longbridge, U.K. A newly-designed TF Coupe will be built at the Oklahoma facility in Ardmore.

According to MG Motors officials, approximately 550 jobs will be created in Oklahoma, including headquarters operations, assembly operations, parts and distribution operations and research and development.

The company expects to start construction of the Ardmore assembly facility early in 2007 with production to start by the third quarter of 2008.

MG Motors North America, Inc. (MG Motors), is a joint venture with Nanjing Automobile (Group) Corporation (NAC) and will be solely responsible for the sales, service, parts and distribution of MG vehicles in the U.K., Europe and North America.