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September 2006

▲ **Pub Night** ▲

The club has decided to have our **Pub Night** at a member's home, rather than at a restaurant, so that we can have more opportunities to socialize with those attending. Butch and Judy Smith have graciously offered to have the first gathering at their home on Sunday, November 5th.

Time: 12:30 pm (Yes, Redskin kickoff is at 1:00 pm)

Food: To be determined

Cost: \$7.00 per head (Still cheaper than eating out and you don't have to tip)

Drinks: Sodas, beer and wine will be provided by the chapter.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE RSVP 'YES' or 'NO' to bjmga@verizon.net so that Butch and Judy can plan on drinks, food, etc.

Directions: 8408 Gambrill Lane
Springfield, VA 22153

The Smiths live off of the Fairfax County Parkway at the Synderstricker/Gambrill Road Exit. Take Gambrill Road. As a landmark, there is a Sunoco gas station on Gambrill Road. For more detailed directions, go to Map Quest or give them a call at **703-569-1508**.

▲ **Drive to Lunch** ▲

The *Drive to Lunch* for September once again had our group heading north towards the Winchester area to take advantage of the wonderful MG roads to be enjoyed as we traversed through bits of Loudoun, Fauquier, Warren, Shenandoah and Frederick Counties towards our lunch destination of The Irish Isle restaurant and pub in Middletown.

Our meeting point was the British Pantry in Lenah where the MGA's of Dick & Cheryl Farwell, Butch & Judy Smith and Bill & Karen Marshall were joined by the BMW (which we assume stands for *British Motor Werkes*) Z3 of Steve & Nancy Woodall.

With dark clouds overhead and scattered showers forecasted, Steve and Nancy chose to keep their MGA, TC and P-type snug in the garage for this weekend's drive.

From the British Pantry, event planners Dick & Cheryl lead us through the Loudoun County hunt country towards Upperville where we turned onto Atoka Road to enjoy the scenery of Fauquier County as we made our way to the town of Marshall. After encountering increasingly darkening clouds and moisture that went from a light mist to heavy sprinkles mixed with rain drops, the group pulled over to decide whether to continue tops-down or make the move to tops-up before we encountered a bout of serious rain. In true MG fashion, the group determined this was going to be a top-down day and thumbed our collective noses at the storm clouds and continued our drive towards The Irish Isle via John Marshall Highway, taking us through portions of Warren County and Shenandoah County and into Frederick County. Arriving in Middletown, we were joined by Winchester-area club members Bill & Martha Ludtke and Warren Arthur in his MGA. The group enjoyed a visit to the *Route 11 Potato Chips* plant and watched as sweet potato chips were produced and munched on samples of the many varieties of chips the plant produces.

Acknowledging the drive had worked up our appetites, we strolled a few doors down to The Irish Isle to dine on their Irish-American fare and partake of their on-draft selections. Properly sated, we prepared to leave but were stopped by a gentleman admiring our British roadsters. It turns out he is the original owner of a 1963 Austin Healey 3000 in the process of being restored and his late brother was an avid MGA owner and autocross racer.

On the road again, we headed back towards our final destination of Reston Hospital Center to visit an ill Bill Ten Eyck being watched over by Liz - clicking off the towns of Stephens City, White Post, Boyce and Berryville along with our final county of the day – Clarke County.

As to be expected of a Dick Farwell-planned *Drive to Lunch*, the rain held off, good food, cold brew and comradeship was enjoyed - and miles of MG roads were traveled in true *Safety Fast* tradition. (*Our thanks to Bill Marshall for the great write-up of the day's adventure*)

▲ Other Upcoming Events ▲

This coming Sunday, 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. For more car show information and registration form, check out www.mgcarclubdc.com. We look forward to seeing you at the car show.

There will not be an October **Pub Night** since the *Hunt Country Classic* will be our club event for October.

Coming in late October or November – *2nd Annual Side Curtain Fling*

More information on this fun event will follow in the next issue of the *Distributor* or by e-mail to members.

▲ New Members ▲

We would like to welcome Toby Fitzkee as a new member of our club. He has a lime green 1956 MGA roadster. We all look forward to meeting him.

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Work phone 703-239 1300

Home phone 703-249-8202

Email- tlfitzkee@hotmail.com

▲ Miscellaneous Information ▲

CHAPTER WEBSITE: <http://mga-midatlantic.org/> Don't forget to check out our new website and send a picture of your car 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 ▲

Joe and Roseann Mercer moved to Dublin, Ohio (just outside of Columbus) on July 1st. Their new house has a 3-car garage, but to fit the cars in Joe purchased a lift so that he can stack two MGs. We will miss seeing their smiling faces at our club events.

*The following article was published in the **MGCC Spark** in August. Please accept my apology for not publishing it in the **Distributor** sooner.*

Hot Rods, Cruise-ins, and Classic Cars A Report from the Midwest Joe Mercer

Roseann and I arrived in Dublin, Ohio on July 1st, and all of our MGs are in their new home. Upon seeing my MGB and MGA in the driveway, our neighbor, a Porsche owner and co-chair of the 24th annual cruise-in and classic car show to benefit the Arthritis Foundation, dropped off an application. This was a weekend filled with all of the cars of song that we grew up with in the 60's: Deuce coupes, GTOs with 3-deuces, 4-speeds and 389s, 409 Impala SSs, Sting Rays, Cobras, 57 T-Birds and customizations such as chopped tops, frenched lights and antennas, and superchargers. The rumble of V-8s through dual exhausts was a frequent sound.

Friday night saw 1,000 hot rods of all makes and models descend upon the Dublin Metro Center for showing and judging. A large number of these came up from among the 6,000 cars in town for the Good Guys PPG nationals car show held at the Ohio state fairgrounds. Some one-hundred six-foot high trophies were given out that evening after the entertainment – a rather good Elvis impersonator. Saturday was a different show, consisting of about 900 classic cars within 30 classes, mostly American cars, but there were some foreign, including a small British contingent. I washed off the road grime and insects accumulated on the trip out here and drove my '80 MGB over to the show. Again, about 100 awards were handed out (albeit not 6-foot trophies) at the end of the day and lo and behold my B won first place among the MGs within the British show class.

The organizers are already planning next years' – the 25th annual – show, and they promise an even better weekend. It is scheduled for July 6 & 7, 2007 – any takers?