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Mid-Atlantic Chapter, North American MGA Register

## February 2007

### ▲ **New Club Leadership** ▲

Our Pub Day on Sunday, February 11, 2007 was a resounding success. Thanks go to Bill and Karen Marshall for hosting such a great event. It was a fun gathering of twenty-three members, who made the difficult decision on a cold February afternoon that they would rather party than work on their cars. We also had the opportunity to meet new members, Carl & Jean Josefson. We missed seeing Bill and Martha Ludtke, who couldn't attend because of health issues, but were with us in spirit. Bill Marshall had the opportunity to show everyone his new detached garage, and Steve Woodall shared photographs of his "Hilton" garage...a building for all seasons. We shared a lot of car-related information and even accomplished important club business. We had the passing of the gavel from Chairman Amy Rothberg to our new Chairman, Bill Marshall. We thank Amy for her past leadership and all of her efforts to get us back to being more of a "driving" club. She also brought us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by devoting a significant amount of her time to develop an improved website that has become such a useful tool for the club.

### ▲ **Chili Party** ▲

Join us Saturday, March 24, at 4:00 pm for our annual Chili Party and Competition. This is a potluck affair. Prepare a crock-pot full of your favorite (and most secret) chili recipe to share with fellow club members and see who wins the members' blind taste vote for Best Chili of 2007. We also encourage members to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, corn bread or dessert to share.

As usual, we will have our old favorite games, the "Car Parts Box" and "Kitchen Box" (where you try to identify the items by *feel*) and our "Collage of MG and Car-related Trivia Questions" for the tactile-challenged. Winners in each category will walk away with amazing prizes provided by the Club.

Bill & Kathy Wemhoff have been kind enough to host the party at their home in Herndon. **To help with their planning needs, we ask each member to respond with a "soft" yes or no RSVP as early as possible and then a firm RSVP by March 20th.** If you plan to attend, please let Kathy know what you plan to bring so we can coordinate the selections. That way we're not overwhelmed with all salads and no desserts, or desserts but no corn bread!

We are looking forward partying with all of our old and new members.

## ▲ **Project Cars of the Mid-Atlantic** ▲

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of NAMGAR is a club for owners, drivers and enthusiasts of the MGA automobile. While our focus has been on the "runners" of the club, we want to extend an invitation to those of you with a project car to show off your MGA in its current state of restoration - or current state of "rest" as it may be for some - on our new web site feature *Project Cars of the Mid-Atlantic*.

We are seeking photographs of project MGA's and welcome your "before" pictures to go alongside your "current pictures - understanding in some cases there may be no discernable progress. We welcome a brief biography of your project: how you acquired your car, how long you've owned it, length of time under restoration and when you expect the rubber to finally hit the road. Please see our first Project Car article (attached) contributed by Butch Smith.

We hope those with MGA's in the latter stages of restoration will provide inspiration to those whose A's are neatly numbered, bagged, boxed and stored about the garage to blow the dust off and get these fine British sports cars headed for the open road again.

Bare frame, box of parts, rolling chassis, primed bodywork or ready to drop in a new battery - we want to showcase your project A! Please e-mail your write-up and photos to [bytheoak@msn.com](mailto:bytheoak@msn.com).

## ▲ **Web Ring?** ▲

Did you know our web site is a member of two different MG web rings? What's a web ring? It's a chain of web sites with a common interest, each containing a link to other sites in the ring so that you can hop from site to site and discover the interesting sites available. Just look at the bottom of our home page and you'll see the links for these web rings. Each site you visit will have a similar link so you can just go exploring and see what interesting MG sites there are out there. You'll see other MG clubs, personal sites, commercial sites, and technical sites. Some are quite sophisticated while others are fairly primitive. All related to MG car and all lots of fun.

## ▲ **Dues are Due** ▲

If you haven't gotten around to paying your dues this year, a form is attached for your use. You can send it to Martha, or pay at the Chili Party.

## ▲ **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](mailto: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 Gambrill Lane, Springfield, VA 22153. Tel: 703-569-1508, [bjmga@verizon.net](mailto:bjmga@verizon.net)

### **“FOR SALE”**

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

*Please forward articles, classifieds, or any information for the **Distributor** to Liz Ten Eyck, 11101 Rich Meadow Dr., Great Falls, VA 22066 or e-mail to [bytheoak@msn.com](mailto:bytheoak@msn.com).*

## ▲ Butch Smith's Project Car ▲

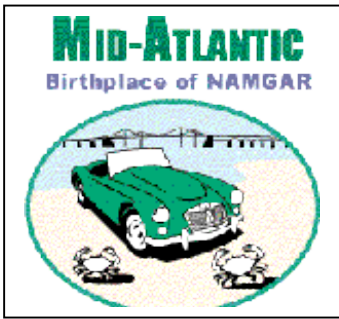
My 1962 MGA 1622 MKII Roadster - GHN2/108734

I purchased this car sometime in the mid-1980's for \$2,500 in Arlington, VA. It was a Connecticut car and rusty. Poor guy's wife was pregnant and she made him sell it. Drove it to Bill Ludtke's and stored her there for about a year. Bill and I towed it to my house and I began the dismemberment of it. That took about one year working on and off. Sometime in the early 90's my friend Richard Carr and I flat bedded her to Louisa, VA for a body-off restoration that took over a year to do. Original color was OEW with red interior and a gray top, solid wheels. I changed out the rear with a wire wheel set up and standard MKII rear end. Front hubs too. Carr painted it Mercedes navy blue and I did the seats in natural leather. Trim to match in vinyl.

Carr replaced a lot rusted metal including the boot floor, rocker panels and door posts. He did a fine job. We brought her home and I installed the plumbing and new floor boards (hand made by me). Bill Ludtke rebuilt the engine and tranny. Believe he had the cylinders bored out to 30 or 40 over.

I haven't worked on the car for many years. My '60 A and my '67 BGT have taken up a lot of my garage time. Retirement is coming and I WILL finish this MKII when I don't have to commute to a job some day. All the parts have been sand blasted and primed or painted and most have been powder coated. I have two brand new, never been on an MGA, left and right front wings! Yeah, NOS baby. Don't ask I won't tell ya. Here's the pic's.





**Membership Application/Renewal Form**  
for the North American MGA Register  
**Mid-Atlantic Chapter**

Washington DC - Maryland - Virginia

New Member

Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Car Information** (please complete to the best of your ability)

1<sup>st</sup> car

2<sup>nd</sup> car (if applicable)

Style (coupe or roadster): \_\_\_\_\_ Style (coupe or roadster): \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Chassis (VIN): \_\_\_\_\_ Chassis (VIN): \_\_\_\_\_

Body Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a national NAMGAR member? : Yes  No

Dues are \$20.00 per year.

Please make checks payable to "NAMGAR, Mid-Atlantic Chapter"

Print this form and send to:

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