



**October 2007**

## ▲ **September Drive to Lunch Report** ▲

Our *Drive* for September was a shared event with the MG Car Club to the **Virginia Scottish Games & British Car Show**. The MGCC arranged to gather at the Historic Aldie Mill in Aldie, VA for our starting point before caravanning to the Games from there. After partaking of the coffee and doughnuts provided by our hosts, we joined the group of about 15 British cars headed for the Games along picturesque Route 50 through the towns of Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville before reaching the entrance of Sky Meadows State Park, home for this year's Games. A thank-you goes out to Bryan Sieling of the MGCC for taking the lead on this outing and getting us to the Games on time.

Caravanning with the group were the MGAs of Carl Josefson, Steve & Nancy Woodall, Bill & Karen Marshall, Warren Arthur - who actually drove *past* Sky Meadows on his way to Aldie to join us - and Keith & Kathy Kallapos driving an MGB GT for this event while Keith continues to ponder the just-proper shade of green for his MGA project. Meeting us at the show field in their MGAs were Butch & Judy Smith and Tom Ford, showing how he spent *his* summer vacation by unveiling a freshly painted and polished look for his long-serving MGA.

The British Car Show is an informal event at the Scottish Games and the cars were displayed for the pleasure of the crowd with Bentleys parked beside Minis and the occasional Rolls Royce providing shade for an MG. This is a show where the focus is on the cars and not on the amount of polish provided by their owners! About 75 British cars were in attendance with Austin-Healey, Bentley, Jaguar, MG, Mini, Morgan, Rolls Royce, Triumph and both ends of the Riley spectrum - from a tiny Elf Mark II to Doug Campbell's beautiful 1950 right-hand drive 2 ½ liter Drophead – represented. Our view overlooking the mountains and valleys was outstanding as was our field location, central to the events of the day.

The light-hearted show judging was by selected members of the Scottish Games. The first award given was the Clan Chieftain award selected by Gwen Graham and presented to Jack Triplett for his Bentley 3.5 convertible. The second presented was the Mayor's award – traditionally judged by the Mayor of the City of Alexandria, home of the Scottish Games for many years. With the move to Sky Meadows, no city officials were present this year and the honor of selecting a recipient went to Scott Innis as head of Clan Innis, which sponsored the award. Scott judged his selection based on the "car which I'd most like to tour Scotland in" and selected an Austin-Healey 3000 Mk II.

The final award was the President's Trophy which is judged and presented by the current President of the Games. Tom Wright selected a Jaguar XK-120 based on the car's beautiful lines, its very sympathetic restoration and the fact the car was clearly a "driver" and enjoyed by its owners.

In addition to the British Car Show, there were traditional Scottish athletic competitions to watch, bagpipe, fiddle and Highland dance competitions, pipe & drum corps, many colorful Clan displays and a wide selection of traditional Scottish fare to keep one going throughout the day. Did I mention bagpipes? There were more pipers piping throughout the show field than this scribe has ever witnessed and after 5 hours on the field, I believe every British car enthusiast knew all nine notes produced by the bagpipes and many, many, many of their possible combinations!

We would like to offer a special note of thanks to Tony Books of the **Virginia Scottish Games** for his fine efforts in the organization and running of the British Car Show and for allowing us to be a part of the event.

## ▲ **October Eastern Shore Club Drive** ▲

**Final reminder:** Our *Drive to Lunch* for October will be to the home of Len and Ruth Renkenberger on **October 7<sup>th</sup>**. They will still have their pool open and hopefully the weather will be nice as it usually is at this time of year.

Many of us are heading down on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to enjoy the weekend in St. Michaels. There may be room in our caravan for those late in deciding or members are welcome to come down Sunday for the day. We do request an **RSVP** in advance so the Renkenberger's can properly plan for their guests. Those interested can contact Bill Marshall via e-mail at [manassasmga@gmail.com](mailto:manassasmga@gmail.com) to **RSVP** and for directions to the Renkenberger's.

For those interested in joining us on Saturday, you may see if rooms are still available at The Best Western in St. Michaels (1228 S. Talbot St., St. Michaels, MD, 410-745-3333, <http://www.bestwesternmaryland.com/hotels/best-western-saint-michaels-motor-inn/>).

## ▲ **Hunt Country Classic Car Show** ▲

The MG Car Club will host its 12<sup>th</sup> annual British Car Show on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. This has long been considered our "home" car show of the season with most of the MGAs on display being members of our NAMGAR Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

Early Registration fee is \$20.00 prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> and Late Registration is \$25.00 after that. More information on the show can be found at [www.mgcarclubdc.com](http://www.mgcarclubdc.com).

The show will once again be held on the grounds of Bill & Barbara Scott near Marshall, Virginia. The show field opens at 9:00 am with the awards ceremony held at 2:00 pm.

The MGCC always welcomes volunteers to help with the layout of the show field and needs numerous parking attendants throughout the day to direct British cars to their show locations and to help direct spectators to their parking area. Also, assistance at the end of the show to return the field to pre-show condition is also appreciated. Please contact Nelson Wilson at 703-723-1419 or [venuskid@aol.com](mailto:venuskid@aol.com) if you are able to volunteer an hour or so of your time to assist the MG Car Club in hosting another successful event.

## ▲ Remembering Bill Ten Eyck ▲

Chapter member Bill Ten Eyck lost his battle with cancer Monday morning, September 10, 2007. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Liz as we share her loss of our dear friend. Though not necessarily a “car guy”, Bill supported Liz’s passion for the MGA and was an active and enthusiastic member of our Chapter – a perfect representative of the NAMGAR axiom that “One comes for the cars but stays for the people”. Those of us that knew Bill know he was passionate about life and the people surrounding him and his presence in our Chapter will be greatly missed.

It was Bill’s wish that a memorial service be held when most convenient for out-of-town guests to schedule and travel so as not to impose on them. This thoughtfulness is classic Bill Ten Eyck. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10550 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA at 11:00 am. Memorial contributions may be made to the Reston Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 10610 Sunset Hills Road, Reston VA 20190.

## ▲ Project Cars ▲

It seems the month of September was the official unveiling month for recently completed project cars. Tom Ford surprised everyone with his newly completed “secret” renovation of his MGA, a project few, if any knew Tom had undertaken. Also, Laurie Lawson unveiled the completed results of his long-running Twin Cam restoration. Both you guys owe us a “project car” story and photos to add to our web site’s *Project Cars of the Mid Atlantic* feature.

Whether your MGA is undergoing renovation or simply sits parked in your garage, we know there is a story behind it other chapter members would love to hear. We won’t name names at this point, but we know of an original-owner Twin Cam parked in an Alexandria garage, as well as another Twin Cam that bears the NAMGAR #1 distinction. More than one Sebring MGA graces our membership roster (four actually) and there is a yellow honey bee of an A that still lays down quick lap times at local road courses.

We would love to hear about your project car and we know that there are more of them stored away somewhere. Read about other projects cars on our club’s website [www.mga-midatlantic.org](http://www.mga-midatlantic.org). We are also interested in the story of how you came to obtain your MGA and adventures you’ve had with it.

## ▲ Find-The-Word ▲

This word puzzle was one of the challenges at our annual Chili Party held in March. For those that were not able to attend the Chile Party, we thought we would give you the opportunity to play along at home and see if *you* are smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> grader!

Across, Up, Down & Backwards – no Diagonal words  
Some letters may be used more than once

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TWIN CAM  
TWINKIE  
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WING  
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VINTAGE  
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## ▲ November Pub Night ▲

Our first post-season **Pub Night** will be held Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Toby & Helen Fitzkee in Fairfax Station, VA. This will be an informal social gathering with plans to order pizza delivery as we've done in the past. Starting time for this Pub Night will coincide with the 1:00 pm kick-off of the Redskins/Cowboys game – which Toby promises to be viewable on a TV screen nearby!

## ▲ Miscellaneous Information ▲

**CHAPTER WEBSITE:** [www.mga-midatlantic.org](http://www.mga-midatlantic.org) Don't forget to check out our 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 contact Dennis Urick at: [durick@hmausa.com](mailto:durick@hmausa.com). The price is \$45.00 plus shipping and handling. This is the real 'Bible' for MGA articles. This and other regalia can also be ordered directly from the NAMGAR website [www.namgar.com](http://www.namgar.com).

### **“CLASSIFIEDS”**

Rear Tube Shock Conversion Kit for all MGAs and MGBs without a rear sway bar. Shocks not included. I recommend a Monroe #33033. \$60.00 plus shipping. Butch Smith, 8408 Gambrill Lane, Springfield, VA 22153. 703-569-1508; [bjmga@verizon.net](mailto:bjmga@verizon.net)

### **“FOR SALE”**

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

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