



September 2007

▲ September Drive to Lunch ▲

Our *Drive* for September will be to the **Virginia Scottish Games & British Car Show** on Saturday, September 15th. This year's Scottish Games will be held at Sky Meadows State Park in Fauquier County near the intersection of Route 50 and Route 17, midway between Middleburg and Winchester. Once again this month's *Drive* will be a shared event with the MG Car Club, Washington DC Centre. The MGCC plans to meet at the Historic Aldie Mill in Aldie, Virginia at 8:30 Saturday morning, with the Club providing coffee and donuts for early arrivals. The Mill is located on Route 50 just a few miles west of Gilberts Corner. Departure will be at 9:00 with a planned 30 minute caravan to the Sky Meadows State Park, arriving around 9:30 am.

The British Car Show is an informal event and will be held from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, with light-hearted trophies awarded at 2:00 pm. This is a show where the focus is on the cars and not on the amount of polish provided by their owners!

Important Note: Due to this event being held at a State Park, all cars entered in the Show ***are required to pre-register to gain admittance*** to the show field. Stringent vehicle access to the show grounds require that show organizers know in advance that you are coming.

Please contact Tony Brooks prior to September 10th at brooks.anthony@gmail.com to let him know what type of British vehicle you are bringing and a pass will be waiting for you at the gate. If you are not pre-registered with Tony, your car will not be allowed on the show field.

In addition to the British Car Show and traditional Scottish athletic competitions, there will be musical entertainment, Highland dance competitions, pipes & drums, games for the kids, colorful clan displays and a wide selection of traditional Scottish fare to keep you going throughout the day.

As always, we request an RSVP for those planning to meet at the Aldie Mill so we don't drive off and leave anyone. Please contact MGCC member Bryan Sieling via e-mail at bryan.sieling@verizon.net or by telephone at 703-486-2439. If rain is highly forecasted, the caravan may be cancelled. Please contact Bryan via his cell phone Saturday morning if the weather forecast is in question at 703-577-4708.

▲ October Eastern Shore Club Drive ▲

Final reminder. Len and Ruth Renkenberger have graciously offered to host a gathering of club members on **October 7th**. The Renkenberger's have indicated there are lots of things to do in their area, especially in St. Michaels. They will still have their pool open and hopefully the weather will be nice as it usually is at that time of year.

Len & Ruth, along with John & Linda Wright and Mac & Billie Spears were founding members of NAMGAR. We can look forward to tales of the early years when membership numbered in the hundreds, newsletters were typed key stroke by key stroke, all mailings were hand addressed and each and every postage stamp had to be licked!

Stop what you are doing and **make reservations** today, since that area is still a very popular retreat at that time of year. The Renkenberger's have recommended 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/>) as a least expensive one; however, it fills up early for holiday weekends. Our selected date, October 7, is during the Columbus Day weekend and you might have Monday off. Current plans are to caravan down together on Saturday, October 6th, and return according to club member's individual schedule either late on Sunday, October 7th or on Monday, October 8th.

While we plan to caravan down on Saturday, the Renkenberger's home is easily reached for those who prefer to make a long day of it Sunday.

▲ Hunt Country Classic Car Show ▲

The MG Car Club will host its 12th annual British car show on Sunday, October 14th. This has long been considered our "home" car show of the season with most of the MGAs on display being members of our Mid-Atlantic Chapter. We are proud of Chapter members Liz Ten Eyck for her Top MGA award last year as well as perennial event winner Dick Farwell.

Early Registration fee is \$20.00 prior to September 30th and Late Registration is \$25.00 after that. More information can be found at www.mgcarclubdc.com.

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

▲ Project Cars ▲

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 the club's website www.mga-midatlantic.org. We are also interested in the story of how you came to obtain your MGA and adventures (that you can share) you've had with it.

▲ 2007 'Ool Party Recap ▲

We had a change in venue for our Chapter's annual 'Ool Party, but not a change in the spirit of the event. Long hosted by Bill & Liz Ten Eyck at their home in Great Falls, we moved across the county to the home of Steve & Nancy Woodall in Fairfax Station so as not to impose on the Ten Eyck's while Bill continues to convalesce at home. The Ten Eyck's tradition of the 'Ool Party continued in that there was to be no *P* in the 'ool for the duration of this event!

After a week of HOT temperatures and OPPRESSIVE humidity, we were greeted with a wonderful mid-80's day with little or no humidity that allowed us to enjoy the pool and lounging facilities at the Woodall's. At every Chapter event, you can be sure the attendees are well supplied with appetizers to nibble on courtesy of our Chapter members and the coolers were well stocked with appropriate beverages to quench our thirsts by the Woodall's. Steve & Nancy were spared the burden of slaving over a hot grill while others soaked in both sun and water as Nancy had earlier made the decision to utilize a local sandwich shop for their chicken wings and submarine sandwich offerings. This ensured no mustard stains on the front of Butch's tee shirt this year, but perhaps did lead to some barbeque-encrusted steering wheels as Steve corralled us for a drive through the countryside moments after the wings arrived!

While the women stayed close to the pool, Steve lead the way in his TC (yes – we enjoy *all* MGs) escorting the MGA caravan of Bill Wemhoff, Butch Smith, Dick Farwell and Bill Marshall with Keith “*my MGA is still in a thousand pieces*” Kallapos taking over the driving duties of Bill's A for a tour of the MG-perfect back roads of Fairfax Station. We meandered our way through the winding roads to the historic town of Clifton as they celebrated *Clifton Day*, giving those attending that event a good look at our cars as we slowly cruised past the crowds before making our way back to the Woodall's and our awaiting lunch.

After lunch, we took a moment to pass on Bill & Liz's regrets that they were not able to host or attend this year and noted they are very grateful for all the cards and prayers sent Bill's way. At least one in attendance pondered if the change in venue was to avoid a repeat of the mysterious *P* that floated in the Ten Eyck's pool at last year's event

We continued to view the progress being made on Steve's new Taj-Garage and Nancy showed us landscaping plans with many octagons incorporated in the design. We look forward to Steve & Nancy hosting the Chapter for a Pub Night when the garage and landscaping projects are completed. As noted in a previous *Distributor*, neither a new zip code nor new area code has been issued by local authorities despite the size of the new garage.

The 'Ool Party has long been one of our most popular and well attended Drive & Social Events and this year was no exception. The Chapter was well represented by members from the Farwell's, King's, Kallapos - who sported an MGA grille on their minivan – the Lawrence's, Marshall's, Rothberg's, Smith's, Wemhoff's, our gracious hosts Steve & Nancy Woodall and we were very pleased to have Bill & Martha Ludtke able to join us, making the drive from Winchester, VA to attend.

▲ 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 contact Dennis Urick at: 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.

“CLASSIFIEDS”

Rear Tube Shock Conversion Kit for all MGAs and MGBs without a rear sway bar. Shocks not included. I recommend a Monroe #330033. \$60.00 plus shipping. Butch Smith, 8408 Gambrell Lane, Springfield, VA 22153. 703-569-1508; bjmga@verizon.net

“FOR SALE”

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

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