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Mid-Atlantic Chapter, North American MGA Register

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▲ **Chili Party** ▲

Keith and Kathy Kallapos hosted this year's Chili Party just in time for the spring cherry blossoms. The Kallapos menagerie of 2 dogs, 3 turtles, numerous goldfish, the Union Jack and a rescued Pig, welcomed us for an afternoon of Chili tasting.

After a long winter apart, greetings and libations were the first order of the day. Steve and Nancy Woodall, Ruth Arnold, Butch and Judy Smith, John Padgett, Bill and Kathy Wemhoff, Bill and Karen Marshall, Martha Ludkte, Ken and Joyce Lawrence, Liz Ten Eyck, Dick and Cheryl Farwell, Amy Rothberg, Helen and Toby Fitzkee mixed and mingled as they set up chili and side dishes.

Early on, a few of the men disappeared to Keith's basement shop to view his project car, a 1958 1500 Roadster. It didn't take long for the whole party to descend into the shop to see Keith's very first car, "The Mistress", with her fenders on and a new paint job. There were oohhs and ahhs over the professional looking paint job and the final selection of the color, a custom British racing green, which even met with Karen Marshall's approval. The restoration has come along way since we saw it on last summer's project car tour. Clearly, there is more to be done. Keith seems to think that just a few marathon tech sessions with rotating shifts over long holiday weekends ought to finish it up nicely for GT-33 at Seven Springs this summer. Please call Keith to volunteer for a shift!!!! Long time club member Butch Smith thinks that GT-34 is a safer prospect. Will we see "The Mistress" in Seven Springs this July???

Yearly activities were on the agenda. The position of Drive Coordinator will be split with different members taking on each of the 4 proposed chapter drives. White Lightning, covered bridges and a brewery tour are themes for the drives. Kathy Kallapos and Amy Rothberg have volunteered to prepare a Drive Coordinator Check List to help our old and new coordinators with the task.

GT-33, July 14-18, 2008 at the Seven Springs Resort in Western PA will be a big NAMGAR event this summer. Several chapter members are planning to attend. It's not too late to sign up: <http://www.gt-33.com/mainpage.html>

The Marshall's have volunteered to host an "Abingdon New Year" on December 31, 2008. It's the perfect New Years celebration with the New Year arriving at 7:00 PM EST. That will give those with early turn in times and those with teenagers to celebrate the New Year and be home in time for bed or overseeing teenage revelers! What a great idea! Thanks Bill and Karen.

Now on to the main events!!! Chili tasting, trivia quiz, kitchen and parts box guessing, eating, drinking and catching up with each other!

This years chili entries were a mixed bag of flavors, from mild to 2 alarm with a white chicken chili rounding out the field. A tie for first place was broken by John Padgett's last minute vote. The much-surprised Nancy Woodall narrowly dethroned long time reigning chili champion Butch Smith. Butch was required to cook chili with one hand behind his back while blindfolded under the "BS Rules of Engagement" put forth by Chapter President Bill Marshall. Amid cries of "The King is dead, long live the Queen!" the coveted 1st place title was conveyed to Nancy, Butch snagged 2nd place and Kathy Wemhoff finished 3rd. Each winner received a bottle of wine to celebrate or commiserate!

Avid car buff?? Kathy Kallapos devised the Chili Party Cook Off, Take No Prisoners Trivia Quiz. A challenging quiz comprised of 30 questions and obscure facts designed to separate the "buffs" from the "obsessed." Butch and Judy Smith took first place, Dick and Cheryl Farwell 2nd, and John Padgett clinched 3rd place.

Equally mystifying was this years Kitchen box with an odd collection of kitchen and household items from the Kallapos kitchen. Since Kathy doesn't do much cooking, the box was interesting to say the least. First place winner was Helen Fitzkee, who single handedly (really!) beat out the competition. Karen Marshall came in 2nd and Liz Ten Eyck claimed 3rd place. What was that twisted piece of metal anyway???????

John Padgett brought his custom made MG logo box filled with assorted parts and pieces from his abundant collection of "A" parts. Keith Kallapos came in 1st place, claiming that he had been intimate with most of those parts in the past 3 years of his restoration. Dick Farwell took 2nd place with long time club member Butch Smith finishing 3rd.

The evening ended with much laughter and merriment as the prizes were awarded. Many thanks to Butch and Judy Smith for buying the prizes for this years games! (Is it just me or did Butch win a fair amount of those prizes???)

We are all looking forward to another year of fun events with old and new friends and hopefully, perfect top down weather! [*The editor would like to thank Keith Kallapos for this article.*]

▲ Annual Meeting Minutes ▲

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of NAMGAR held their annual Chili Party and Business Meeting on March 29, 2008 at the home of Keith and Kathy Kallapos. We had a good turn out with 21 members attending and bringing lots of chili, appetizers, salads and desserts.

Bill Marshall, our Chairman, called the meeting to order and asked if there was anyone that wanted to make a change in the officers. No one volunteered and a motion was made by Kathy Kallapos and seconded by Joyce Lawrence that all officers stay the same. Our Officers for 2008 are:

Chairman - Bill Marshall

Vice Chairman - Liz Ten Eyck

Secretary - Treasurer - Martha Ludtke
Executive Committee - Amy Rothberg
Newsletter - Liz Ten Eyck
Drive Coordinator (Events) - Keith & Kathy Kallapos

Martha Ludtke gave the Treasurer's Report that we have a balance of \$1,452.87 as of March 15, 2008. Despite our Nation's dismal financial forecast, our club remains strong and solvent with a healthy balance sheet. There was discussion about dues payment and how to handle "past due" members on our roster. Amy Rothberg suggested we have a tech session with a check list for winterizing our cars and a spring check list for dusting the cars off for spring. Ken Lawrence and Liz Ten Eyck are going to put a list together and decide on a place and time for a tech session. Liz Ten Eyck has a video of Bill Ludtke doing some work at a previous tech session that will be put in a format for viewing by interested club members. Ken Lawrence asked if anyone was interested in a HBLP Paint System he has and there were a couple of interested members. We all visited Keith's car project in his basement and it really looks great.

Bill Marshall passed out a schedule of proposed club activities for the year and some additional ones were added at the meeting. Amy Rothberg volunteered to plan a drive for May. In July, Bill and Karen Marshall will have a 4th of July get together. In August, Liz Ten Eyck will host a "ool Party and the Wemhoff's are planning a White Lighting Drive. For September, Liz Ten Eyck is planning a Covered Bridge Drive to lunch. In November, Steve and Nancy Woodall are planning a Pub Day get together and Keith and Kathy are planning a drive. In December, Bill and Karen Marshall would like to have an Abington New Year's Eve get together. Sounds like a lot of activities for 2008. [*The editor would like to thank Martha Ludtke for this article.*]

▲ MGCC Winter Romp ▲

For those who believe the driving season stretches beyond the accepted May through October months, we decided to join the MG Car Club for their annual *Winter Romp* held this year on March 9th. Brisk temperatures and a brisk wind kept the MGAs parked in their garages as only Chapter members Ruth Arnold and Bill Marshall ventured out to participate in the 150 mile scenic Drive to Lunch. While one brave MGCC member ventured out in his MG TC, sans side curtains even, Ruthie arrived in her 1974 MGB GT and Bill chose the warmth of his 1967 MGB GT for the event, figuring there must be a purpose to owning a 'winter car'.

Our rendezvous point for the drive was the Starbucks in Leesburg, Virginia. Leaving promptly at 10:00 am, the MGCC caravan headed north on Route 15 towards Lucketts, then selected a series of wonderful MG roads taking us through the villages of Waterford, Hillsboro and Round Hill to our first pit stop location of High's Hill Top store. Refreshed, and with Steve briefly thawed and ready to go forth in his TC once again, we headed west on Route 7 to Berryville where we turned onto Route 340 towards Boyce and our second pit/defrosting of Steve stop. With Steve once again just numb we continued on Route 340 past the famous White Post Restorations shop, also passing Dinosaur Land and crossing Interstate 81 as we entered into Stephens City. There we found Route 11, which took us to our lunch destination at the historic Wayside Inn in Middletown, Virginia.

After a wonderful Sunday Brunch, a few of our caravan, including our fridged TC driver, headed back towards 'The City' while the majority of us continued on course with a route through the George Washington National Forest to Luray and then east over the Blue Ridge to Sperryville. From there, now thoroughly lost but hanging close to our leader, a few jigs and jags took us to Flint Hill and onto our long-favorite MG road. Crest Mill Road runs from Flint Hill to I-66 near

Marshall and is about 15 miles of perfect driving conditions with a speed limit of 45 MPH interspaced with many 20 MPH twisties. Smooth pavement, one stop sign and light traffic make this road a perfect ending to any MG day. Once on Interstate 66 each was on their own as we headed towards home. While the temperatures were chilly this year, the drive would not have been uncomfortable in an MGA with top up and side curtains in place. We encourage everyone to think about expanding their driving season and joining us next year as the MG Car Club plans once again be the first club out of the starting blocks. [*The editor would like to thank Bill Marshall for this article.*]

▲ **Tech Session** ▲

It's time to put her back together! Keith Kallapos' first tech session will be on Sat. April 19th , 9AM till 5PM. Keith reports that he will be rebuilding the front and rear suspension - maybe even throw on some new brakes or wheel cylinders. Everything is apart and cleaned up so it just needs to go back on the frame - should be a minimum grease event but who knows? Stop by to help, watch, or just see an A transmission completely disassembled. Directions to the Kallapos house at 6703 Rock Fall Ct. Clifton. VA can be found in the March **Distributor** under Chili Party or you can call me at 703 830-5998 with any questions. Safety Fast!

▲ **MAY 17th Drive** ▲

Reserve Saturday, May 17, for the first club drive of the season, coordinated by Amy Rothberg. This year we will venture across the Potomac into Maryland. The details haven't been nailed down yet but the plan is to go on a fun "Observation" car rallye through the Patuxent Valley and, tentatively, end up at the new National Harbor.

▲ **MAY 18th Open House** ▲

Vintage Restorations Limited has relocated and John Tokar has invited our club members to attend an Open House at his new shop in Union Bridge, Maryland on Sunday, May 18th. This event will be held in conjunction with Depot Day, an annual activity sponsored by the town of Union Bridge. As part of this celebration they will be holding a classic car display on the grounds of Vintage Restorations Limited. Our club has been invited to display our cars and participate in the open house. Depot Day will include a BBQ Cook Off of chicken, ribs, pulled port, and pulled beef. There will be tours of the Train Museum, craft and food vendors, live entertainment and a 1/8 scale live steam locomotive on display. Looks like it will be an opportunity to have a great drive in the Maryland countryside, see John's new shop, and enjoy the charm of Yesterday in the town of Union Bridge. Vintage Restorations Limited is located at 52 North Main Street, Union Bridge, MD. 410-775-0500.

▲ **Britain on the Green** ▲

The Capital Triumph Register is sponsoring "Britain on the Green", the first major car show of the year in the area this Sunday, April 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is a "not to miss" event. Dust off your "A" and enjoy a fantastic spring day. The setting for the event is the historic

and beautiful Collingwood Library and its surrounding grounds and gardens on the bank of the Potomac River. For more information and a registration form, please go to www.capitaltriumphregister.com. Collingwood is located in Alexandria, VA, on the river side of the George Washington Parkway, approximately halfway between the Beltway and Mount Vernon. Please be aware that *THE GEORGE WASHINGTON PARKWAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7:00 AM TO APPROXIMATELY 11:00 AM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 27*, the day of BOG. Please see attachment for driving instructions.



Mark your calendar!! This year's NAMGAR's 2008 Get Together (GT) will be held in Seven Springs, Pennsylvania. GT-33 will offer a wide range of activities for all to enjoy. There will be something for racing enthusiasts, twin cam followers, originality specialists, and Altered A addicts. If you're into American history, the surrounding area is abundant. If it's golf that strokes your fancy, or just soaking in the atmosphere of a huge pool, come to Seven Springs Resort and you'll "Experience the Magic of GT-33!"

If you are into vintage racing, you may wish to make plans to take in the Historic Races at BeaveRun, just north of Pittsburgh on Saturday, July 12th and Sunday, July 13th.

GT-33 will begin as you arrive at Seven Springs on Monday, July 14th with a celebration of the MGA Twin Cam's introduction. This 50th year reenactment at noon promises to be a very entertaining, as well as educational event. A fantastic luncheon will be served following the reenactment. Plan your vacation to include this historic event! Please see www.namgar.org for additional information.

▲ **2008 Chapter Events Schedule** ▲

Our schedule of events for 2008 is listed at the end of this Distributor. Please review the schedule and mark your calendars to save these dates. Once again we have scheduled an active year with Drives to Lunch, Car Shows, Member Events and Pub Days.

▲ **Dues are Due** ▲

Final call for membership renewal form for 2008. Dues are once again \$20.00 for the year and checks should be payable to NAMGAR Mid-Atlantic Chapter. See Membership Application/Renewal Form attachment to *Distributor*. Individuals who have not paid their dues by May will

be removed from website and will not receive future copies of the *Distributor*. Please mail your check to:

Martha Ludtke
114 Wickham Terrace
Winchester, VA 22602

▲ **Miscellaneous Information** ▲

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.mga-midatlantic.org Don't forget to check out our website and send a picture of your car to Bill Marshall so it can be posted in the Gallery. Check our website for recently posted pictures of past outings.

“DRY STORAGE”

Dry garage storage facility for runners or future projects located on Route 50 in Middleburg, VA is available. Short, long term or just winter storage is available according to your needs. Current rates are \$85/month long term (4 months or more) or \$100/month short term (less than 4 months). For more information or to arrange a visit please contact Michael Eaton at 703-242-1768 or via e-mail at mg.carma@verizon.net

*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.*



Membership Application/Renewal Form
for the North American MGA Register

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Washington DC - Maryland - Virginia

New Member

Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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

1st car

2nd 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: Martha Ludtke
114 Wickham Terrace
Winchester, VA 22602

NAMGAR Mid-Atlantic Chapter 2008 Club Schedule

Month

Activity

April

· ***Regional NAMGAR GT 2008***

Date: April 23-26,

Location: Key West, Florida

Host: Suncoast Classic MG Club

· ***Britain on the Green***

Date: April 27th

Location: Collingwood, Alexandria, VA

Host: Capital Triumph Register

May

· ***Caravan to Lunch***

Date: May 17th

Location: Southern Maryland

Organizer: Amy Rothberg

· ***Vintage Restorations Limited Open House***

Date: May 18th

Location: Union Bridge, MD

Host: John Tokar

June

· ***Original British Car Day***

Date: June 1st

Location: Lilypons Water Gardens,
Adamstown, MD

Host: Chesapeake Chapter of the N.E. MGT
Register

Information: www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com

· ***British Motorcar Gathering***

Date: June 8th

Location: Hellertown Reservoir Park, Bethlehem, PA

Host: Keystone Region MG Club

Information: www.keystonemg.com

· ***Brits on the Bay***

Date: June 15th

Location: Norfolk, VA

Host: Tidewater Triumph Register

Information: www.tidewatertriumphs.org

July

· ***"Fireworks Viewing"***

Date: July 4th

Location: Marshall Residence

Host: Bill and Karen Marshall

· ***Historic Races at BeaveRun***

Date: July 12th - 13th

Location: Big Beaver Borough, Pennsylvania

Host: Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

· ***NAMGAR GT-33***

Date: July 14 -18

Location: Seven Springs, PA

Host: NAMGAR

Information: www.namgar.org

· ***Braille Rallye***

Date: July 19th

Location: ??

Host: MG Car Club

Information: www.mgcarclubdc.com

August

· ***“ool” Party***

Date: August 9th

Location: Ten Eyck Residence

Host: Liz Ten Eyck

· ***“White Lightning” Drive to Lunch***

Date: ??

Location: ??

Host: Bill and Kathy Wemhoffs

September

· ***“Covered Bridges” Drive to Lunch***

Date: September 13th

Location: Frederick County, Maryland

Organizer: Liz Ten Eyck

· ***Virginia Scottish Games and Car Show***

Date: September 13 -14

Location: Sky Meadows and State Park,

Delaplane, VA

Host: Virginia Scottish Games

· ***MG on the Rocks***

Date: September 27th

Location: Bel Air, MD

Sponsor: MG's of Baltimore

Information: www.mgsofbaltimore.com

October

· ***Hunt Country Classic***

Date: October 12th

Location: Bill Scott's Residence, Marshall, VA

Sponsor: MG Car Club of Washington, DC

Information: www.mgcarclubdc.com

· ***"Eastern Shore" Car Drive***

Date: October 18th

Location: Easton, MD

Organizer: Len and Ruth Renkenberger

November

· ***"Side Curtain Fling"***

Date: November ?

Location: TBD

Organizer: Keith & Kathy Kallapos

· ***Pub Day***

Date: November ?

Location: Woodall Residence

Organizer: Steve and Nancy Woodall

December

· ***"Abingdon New Year"***

Date: December 31st

Location: Marshall Residence

Organizer: Bill and Karen Marshall

Driving Instructions to *Britain on the Green*

April 27, 2008

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From MD or VA beltway (Points North):

- **From the Capital Beltway from MD**, take Route 1 South (toward Ft. Belvoir). At first opportunity, turn LEFT, cross over Route 1 onto Huntington Avenue (skip next instruction).
- **From the Capital Beltway from VA**, exit at Telegraph Road South. Continue STRAIGHT at traffic light onto Huntington Avenue (do *not* turn onto Telegraph Road). Continue STRAIGHT across Route 1.
- Turn RIGHT onto Ft. Hunt Rd. for about 4 miles, make a left onto Collingwood Road.
- Follow Collingwood Rd. to the GW Parkway. Go straight across the parkway, and Collingwood is on your right.

From Points South:

- Drive North on Route 1 approximately 3 miles further north from the intersection with Mt. Vernon Parkway (Woodlawn).
- Turn RIGHT onto Sherwood Hall Lane.
- In approximately ½ mile, turn RIGHT on Parkers Lane. Parkers Lane turns into Collingwood Road.
- Continue STRAIGHT across Fort Hunt Road to the GW Parkway. Go STRAIGHT across the parkway, and Collingwood is on your right.

We ask that you PLEASE do not arrive before the gates to the show open at 9:30 AM. If you do arrive early and/or if there is a barricade at the Parkway, there are still runners passing. Pull over and be patient. We'll get you across as soon as possible.

Because of continuing construction at the intersection of the Beltway and Route 1, we recommend

that you check our website for updates before the show.

The address for Collingwood Library is: 8301 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308-1399. If you'd like, access MapQuest.com for more possible routes.

If you have any questions, please send a note to bog_2008@capitaltriumphregister.com.

Please pass the word along to others that may be attending.