

July 2008

▲ **July 4th Social and Fireworks Viewing** ▲

Our Chapter Social for the month of July was a damp 4th of July celebration at the home of Bill & Karen Marshall in Manassas, Virginia. Despite the on-again / off-again rain showers a good number of members turned out to enjoy the evening. Appetizers and desserts graciously provided by our guests were set up inside and the weather cleared in time to enjoy dinner outdoors. Butch Smith and Keith Kallapos were pressed into duty as grill cooks preparing the chicken and hotdogs and dinner was completed before the drizzle began again just as night was falling.

The City of Manassas celebrates the 4th of July with their *Celebrate America* event held in the old town section a few blocks away. The conclusion of this event is billed as the largest firework display in the Northern Virginia area. We are fortunate to have a wonderful view of the fireworks from our front yard. While the show began under light sprinkles, we were soon huddled on the front porch, sheltered under umbrellas and peering out windows to watch the sky light up with colorful explosions. The show was indeed spectacular with the highlight being “happy face” fireworks filling the night sky. When the City ended their show, the rain was coming down in earnest and we were forced to forgo passing out the adult-sized sparklers that were so popular at last year’s event. Not to worry as plans are being made to incorporate the sparklers with the ‘Ool Party events.

▲ **Next Up: GT-33** ▲

Many of our Chapter members are starting to pack and making final preparations for attending GT-33 in Seven Springs, Pennsylvania. It is unlikely we will have another GT this close to our area any time in the near future so we encourage everyone to attend if possible. *Mapquest* shows the Seven Springs Resort being about a 4 hour drive from the DC area so if you are not able to attend the full week, this is an easy overnight trip to enjoy the car show on Wednesday. Visit www.namgar.com or www.gt-33.com for more information on the schedule for the week.

The Chapter will host dinner on Wednesday evening for all Chapter members attending GT-33. Plans will be finalized once we are at the GT. Call 703-472-9955 to stay in the loop!

▲ Coming Soon: The ‘Ool Party ▲

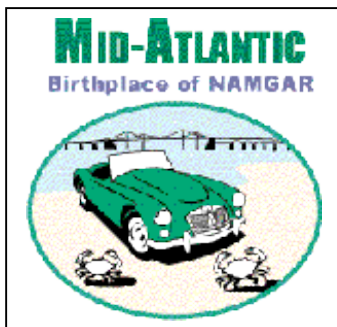
Liz Ten Eyck will host our Annual ‘Ool Party at her home in Great Falls on Saturday, August 9th. The ‘Ool Party is one of our most popular events of the year and is a combined social and driving event. Liz will plan a nice drive through the back roads of Great Falls which are perfect for our MGAs. Bring your bathing suits and remember this is a ‘Ool Party because there is no *P* in the pool! Look for the times, directions and other details in the August *Distributor*.

▲ Looking Forward: Moonshine & Moonpies ▲

Bill & Kathy Wemhoff have put together our *Drive to Lunch* for the month of August. In keeping with the Chapter tradition of incorporating a *Drive* with a source for refreshing beverages once we reach our destination, our sights are set on the Bellmont Farm Distillery near Culpeper, VA. Family-owned and operated, the distillery is dedicated to preserving a national tradition of fresh corn whiskey with their *VIRGINIA LIGHTNING* product – more commonly known as “moonshine”.

Following our tour of the distillery and a visit to their Gift Shop we will continue on to Culpeper for lunch at a local establishment where we hope to find the moonpies.

Circle your calendar for Saturday August 30th and plan to join us at our starting location at the historic Aldie Mill in Aldie, VA at 9:30 am.



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