



**September 2008**

**▲ September Drive to Lunch ▲**

Our *Drive* for September will be to the **Virginia Scottish Games & British Car Show** on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 am Sunday 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 am with a planned 30 minute caravan to the Sky Meadows State Park, arriving around 9:30 am.

The British Car Show is an informal display 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 10<sup>th</sup> at [brooks.anthony@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Sunday morning if the weather forecast is in question at 703-271-2361.

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

**FINAL REMINDER.** Len and Ruth Renkenberger have graciously offered to host a gathering of club members on **October 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

Stop what you are doing and **make reservations** today, since that area is still a very popular retreat at that time of year. Reservations can be made at the Days Inn at 7018 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601, (410) 822-4600. Current plans are to caravan down together on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, and return last afternoon on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

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 on Sunday.

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

The MG Car Club will host its 13<sup>th</sup> annual British car show on Sunday, October 12<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 Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

Butch Smith, who won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the MGA class last year, will have his 1960 MGA 1600 on display in the Prince of Wales division open to the first place cars from last year's show.

More information 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. Show field opens at 9:00 am with the awards ceremony held at 2:00 pm.

## ▲ **Moonshine & Moonpies** ▲

Our *Drive to Lunch* for August was a wonderful event organized by Bill & Kathy Wemhoff. We met at the historic Aldie Mill in Aldie, VA to collect our route maps and organize into our caravan for the drive. As this was billed as a *Moonshine and Moonpies Drive*, Kathy also had Moonpies for everyone to enjoy. Joining Bill & Kathy was their son Ryan and his friend Shannon driving the Wemhoff's Triumph TR-6, Steve & Nancy Woodall, Larry Newman with friend Diana and Bill & Karen Marshall, all in MGAs. Doug & Kay Campbell arrived in their Magnette and we were followed about during the day in what we finally determined to be a prototype MG minivan. Sharp eyes noted the MGA hubcap on one wheel of Keith & Kathy Kallapos' vehicle, sporting a paint-to-disguise Toyota color rather than traditional British Green we would expect on an Abingdon product.

Our Drive took us through the community of Aldie into Middleburg where we turned onto Zulla Road and meandered our way towards Marshall, passing Willoughby Farm,

home of Bill & Barbara Scott and also the location of the MGCC Hunt Country Classic to be held this year on October 12<sup>th</sup>. More perfect MGA roads took us around the back side of Warrenton, past South Wales towards Opal. Crossing Route 29 we continued on back roads through Sumerduck to reach Zachary Taylor Highway which took us to our destination of the Belmont Farm Distillery. Upon arriving at the Distillery, we were greeted by fellow chapter member Tom Ford, who had made the drive up from Luray in his MGA.

At the Distillery, we were given a guided tour by head 'shine maker Chuck Miller. Chuck explained the different distilling techniques used to make traditional clear corn whiskey, which is known as moonshine or white lightning and triple grain whiskey, which combines corn, wheat and barley and is aged in barrels for two years to give it a more mellow flavor and its coloring before bottling. While samples were not available for tasting, it was available for sale in the gift shop and numerous bottles of each were seen being tucked away in the boots of the visiting MGAs.

After our visit to the distillery, we reformed our caravan and headed for Culpeper. There we enjoyed lunch at the Hazel River Inn Restaurant. The restaurant is located in the oldest commercial building in the historic district of Culpeper. Reported to be haunted, the building dates to 1790 and over time has been used as a stable, tobacco warehouse, hardware store and numerous restaurants. During the Civil War, the lower level was used as a jail by both armies when they occupied the town. The staff has reported many unexplained events such as lights turning on and off, items being moved from tables and the occasional sighting of ghosts and figures in the restaurant after hours. We were treated to a tour of the building including the lower level area which housed the jail, but Butch Smith did not appear while we were there.

After a fine lunch, our drive was over and while some holding Jimmy Buffet concert tickets for that night sprinted towards home, others remained to stroll the shops of Culpeper before heading back. Our thanks go out to Bill & Kathy for organizing this *Drive*, finding the Moonpies and for arranging the perfect weather to go along with the day.





## ▲ 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 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](mailto:mg.carma@verizon.net)

### **“FOR SALE”**

Two MGB transmissions are for sale because they were replaced with overdrive units. One transmission is a '65 and the other is a '67. Both have very low mileage and were originally rebuilt by Bill Ludtke. For more information, contact Laurie Lawson at 301-253-3305.



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