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Mid-Atlantic Chapter, North American MGA Register

**June 2009**

## ▲ **Next Up: Caravan to Lunch, June 20<sup>th</sup>** ▲

We have been invited to join the MG Car Club for a jaunt through Frederick Maryland's beautiful Wine Trail in typical "British Style!" What's more, June 20<sup>th</sup> is the day the Queen's birthday is celebrated in England (actual birthday is April 21<sup>st</sup>), so come prepared to toast the Queen with a glass of Maryland's finest!

The Frederick Wine Trail will take you through rolling hills, beautiful farmland and meandering country roads in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. On the trail we will be stopping at four of Frederick Maryland's finest vineyards: Elk Run, Loew, Black Ankle and Liganore. At each winery you will be able to tour the grounds, sample and purchase award-winning wines and picnic in a relaxed atmosphere. Be sure to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with a glass of your favorite wine!

We will meet at Watkins Park, in Mount Airy, MD, at 10:00 am. We will caravan from Mount Airy to the wineries.

### **Directions from I-270:**

- Take the Farther Hurley Blvd. exit, Exit 16, towards MD-27 towards Damascus.
- Merge onto Father Hurley Blvd. (Once you cross Route 355, Farther Hurley becomes Ridge Rd.)
- Stay on Ridge Rd. (Rt. 27)
- In Damascus, you will come to a Y intersection. Stay to the Right towards Route 108.
- At the next light, make a Left. This will put you back on Ridge Rd. (Rt. 27)
- Stay on Ridge Rd. approximately 7.5 miles
- Make a Left onto Center Street (This will be about ¼ mile past the Twin Arch Shopping Center, which is on the Right)
- Make an immediate Right turn into the Watkins Park Parking lot.

If you have questions, please contact Bruce and Liz Woldman at 301-461-0502.

## ▲ Original British Car Day ▲

This year's Original British Car Day, sponsored by the Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG T-Series Register, had everything: Big Band music, bagpipers, picturesque lily ponds, unparalleled sunny skies, Boardwalk Fries, and fender bender drama. (There were plenty of cars, too.)



Bill Marshall, Tran Vi, Keith Kallapos and family, and Jim Mackin met in Centerville to caravan up to the show, and set out with Bill in the lead, the rest of the “A’s” in trail, and Kathy and Kelsey Kallapos protecting the flank with the combined punch of truck and trailer. While the trailer might have come in handy in the event of an untimely breakdown, the real purpose for it was to haul home Kelsey’s ‘new’ MGB – an interim ‘driver’ until her MGA project is complete.

The caravan stopped in Leesburg for a potential rendezvous with other club members, and a chance to avail themselves of the local Home Depot’s facilities. Seeing no latecomers, the group continued down the road, running through several handy pockets of fog along the way – handy in the sense that it gave MG drivers the opportunity to check lights and even heater operation. Say what you will – those heaters CAN actually provide a modicum of comfort, if only for a slight chill! Driving across the bridge over the Potomac River at Point of Rocks, traffic was snarled to a standstill going the opposite direction, making it appear as if the opposite lane was silently deferring to and saluting the Mid-Atlantic “A’s” as they headed north.

At the show all British marques were well represented, and there were a few rare breeds, including a distant relative of the Mini: a rip-snorting Cooper F-1 open-wheeler, which no doubt woke up the late sleepers in the surrounding counties as it arrived, and initially drowned out the “Star Spangled Big Band” that was beginning the beguine in the background.

The Mid-Atlantic A’ers were well represented, as well. Showing cars were Bill Marshall, Keith, Kathy and Kelsey Kallapos, Tran Vi, Jim Mackin, Liz Ten Eyck, Tom Ford, Ruth Arnold (with her MGB), Laurie Lawson (what shade of green IS that Twin Cam, Laurie?), Jack and Sheila Stern, Larry and Diane Newman, and John and Kelly Burns. While Liz graciously took her perennial winner out of competition this year, the club was still recognized in the winner’s circle with Larry and Jim taking home some well-earned pewter hardware.



Second Place – Larry Newman



Third Place – Jim Mackin

Also in attendance providing strength in numbers and moral support were Warren Arthur, Mike Eaton (with sons, Jonathan and Robert), John Padgett, Bruce and Jane Zivic, and Martha Ludtke, who volunteered as a registration table technician extraordinaire. Conspicuously absent (with good reason) were Dick & Cheryl Farwell as they celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in Williamsburg. Congratulations to you both!

The only jarring note in an otherwise sunny afternoon went practically unnoticed. During the voting, a rumor of tragic proportions began to float around the lily ponds. Unfortunately, it proved to be true: an early departing '54 Jaguar XK120SE was hit as it headed out of the show grounds, suffering a serious crease to the passenger's side. Since it had returned to the grounds to lick its wounds, Bill Marshall and Jim Mackin went to assess the damage. They swear they heard echoes of Marlon Brando's Colonel Kurtz whispering, "the horror....the horror..." It was definitely a sobering, wince-producing sight.

Luckily there was no repeat accident as the last of the club members departed for home, and cool shady roads on either side of the Potomac offered a brief respite from the heat of the day. Totals for the day: Breakdowns: 0. Chapter Attendees: 20-plus. Winners: 2. Weekend: Priceless!  
*Submitted by Jim Mackin*

## ▲ **Mark you Calendars: July 4<sup>th</sup>** ▲

Our Chapter Social for the month of July will be a *4<sup>th</sup> of July* event at the home of Bill & Karen Marshall in Manassas, Virginia. The event will be held conveniently enough on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm and going until the final fireworks explode in the sky somewhere around 10:00 pm. Those attending will have a great view of the firework display presented by the City of Manassas for their *Celebrate America* event in Old Town Manassas. The firework presentation is billed as the largest fireworks show in the Northern Virginia area.

We will plan standard 4<sup>th</sup> of July fare on the grill and welcome the addition of appetizers and desserts from our Chapter members. The Chapter will provide the beverages for the event. Please RSVP, yes or no by June 28<sup>th</sup> so that Bill & Karen can plan for the proper number of guests. The pool is open and sure to be warm if you want to come early and swim a bit.



## ▲ Looking Forward To GT-34 ▲

This summer NAMGAR GT-34 will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, July 13 -17, 2009. Join fellow club members for a fun-filled time at a fabulous venue, with a scenic tour to Mt. Magazine, the highest point in Arkansas, a car show, regalia and vendor concessions, a rally, tech sessions and a sunset cruise/dinner aboard the Riverboat *Belle of Hot Springs*.



## ▲ Mark you Calendars: August 22<sup>nd</sup> ▲

Liz Ten Eyck will host our Annual 'Ool' Party at her home in Great Falls, VA on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 To NAMGAR in the POCONOS ▲

*The Pocono Mountains.* Once one of the most popular honeymoon destinations in America, it's still one of the most popular getaway destinations in the Northeast, with rolling hills and meandering rivers and streams. It is also the site for a new NAMGAR Fall Regional GT in 2009. Coming September 23 - 26, 2009, the British Car Club of Northeast PA (BCCNEPA) will be hosting NAMGAR in the Poconos 2009. Long-time NAMGAR and BCCNEPA members Bill and Carol Shamonsky are co-chairs for the event. For more information see [www.namgar.com](http://www.namgar.com).



## ▲ Chairman's Message ▲

Many Chapter members attended The Original British Car Day (OBCD) event held at Lilypons Water Gardens on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations go out to Chapter members Larry Newman for his 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Jim Mackin for his 3<sup>rd</sup> place showing in the MGA class. Multiple event winner, Liz Ten Eyck, entered her 1962 Mark II as "Display Only" and did not compete for honors this year. We applaud Liz's sportsmanship for her decision to "spread the pewter" among other worthy MGAs in the field.

It was good to see Martha Ludtke working the registration table again on behalf of the Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG "T" Register (NEMGTR). I'm sure Martha's involvement led to the perfect weather we experienced this year. I must also congratulate John Tokar and his group of volunteers for all their efforts to make this show such a wonderful experience for attendees and spectators alike.

Closer to home, the event this year was dedicated to the memory of *Bill Ludtke* for his years of service to the Chesapeake Chapter, to OBCD and to all MG enthusiasts whom Bill considered his friends. Bill was a long-standing member of both the NEMGTR Chesapeake Chapter, and our own NAMGAR Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

It looks like this will be another busy summer (see attached schedule) for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter as we have a number of social events planned, Drives to Lunch scheduled, plans for some to attend GT-34 in Hot Springs, Arkansas and quite a few members expressing interest in the September Regional GT to be held in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania. I remind everyone you are welcome to attend all of our events with or without a running MGA! There are a number of members with MGA projects still "under construction," but a good time can be had without a running MGA. We hope to see you soon.

Bill Marshall



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***Mid-Atlantic Chapter***

Washington DC - Maryland - Virginia

# NAMGAR Mid-Atlantic Chapter 2009 Club Schedule/Optional Events

## Month

## Activity

### July

· ***“Fireworks Viewing”***

Date: July 4<sup>th</sup>

Location: Marshall Residence

Host: Bill and Karen Marshall

· ***British Invade Gettysburg***

Date: July 12<sup>th</sup>

Location: Gettysburg, PA

Host: Lancaster County (Pa.) MG Club

Information: [www.lancomgclub.com](http://www.lancomgclub.com)

· ***NAMGAR GT-34***

Date: July 13 -17<sup>th</sup>

Location: Hot Springs, AR

Host: NAMGAR

Information: [www.namgar.org](http://www.namgar.org)

### August

· ***Braille Rallye***

Date: August 15<sup>th</sup>

Location: Burke Lake Park, VA

Host: MG Car Club

Information: [www.mgcarclubdc.com](http://www.mgcarclubdc.com)

· ***“OOL” Party***

Date: August 22<sup>th</sup>

Location: Ten Eyck Residence

Host: Liz Ten Eyck

### September

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

Date: September 6<sup>th</sup>

Location: Great Meadow, Plains, VA

Host: Virginia Scottish Games

Information: [www.vascottishgames.org](http://www.vascottishgames.org)

## NAMGAR Mid-Atlantic Chapter 2009 Club Schedule/Optional Events (Cont.)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Activity</u>
September (Cont.)	<b>·Classics on the James</b> Date: September 20 <sup>th</sup> Location: Richmond, VA Host: Central Virginia British Car Club Information: <a href="http://www.britishcarclub.com">www.britishcarclub.com</a>
	<b>·NAMGAR in the POCONOS 2009</b>  Date: September 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> Location: Pocono Manor, PA Host: British Car Club of Northeast PA Information: <a href="http://www.namgar.com">www.namgar.com</a>
	<b>·Southeastern Fall “Gathering of the Faithful”</b> Date: September 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Location: Lake Chatuge Lodge, Hiawassee, GA Host: Southeastern MGT Register Information: <a href="http://www.SEMGTR.org">www.SEMGTR.org</a>
	<b>· MG on the Rocks</b> Date: September 27 <sup>th</sup> Location: Bel Air, MD Sponsor: MG's of Baltimore Information: <a href="http://www.mgsofbaltimore.com">www.mgsofbaltimore.com</a>
October	<b>· Shenandoah Valley Show</b> Date: October 3 <sup>rd</sup> Location: Waynesboro, VA Sponsor: Shenandoah Valley British Car Information: <a href="http://www.svbcc.net">www.svbcc.net</a>
	<b>· Hunt Country Classic</b> Date: October 11 <sup>th</sup> Location: Bill Scott's Residence, Marshall, VA Sponsor: MG Car Club of Washington, DC Information: <a href="http://www.mgcarclubdc.com">www.mgcarclubdc.com</a>

## NAMGAR Mid-Atlantic Chapter 2009 Club Schedule/Optional Events (Cont.)

### Month

### Activity

November

· *Drive to Lunch*

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Organizer: TBD

· *Pub Day*

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Host: TBD

December

· *“Abingdon New Year”*

Date: December 31<sup>st</sup>

Location: Marshall Residence

Host: Bill and Karen Marshall