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▲ **Mark Your Calendars: July 4th** ▲

Our Chapter Social for the month of July will be a *4th of July* event at the home of Bill & Karen Marshall in Manassas, Virginia. The event will be held on Sunday, July 4th starting at 5:00 pm (please note new time) 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 4th 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 28th 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.



▲ **Original British Car Day** ▲

This year's Original British Car Day, sponsored by the Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG T-Series Register, was held on a gloomy, overcast day but that didn't dampen the spirits of the attendees. The day had everything: Big Band music, bagpipers, picturesque lily ponds, and Boardwalk Fries. (There were plenty of cars, too.)

Bill Marshall, Keith, Kathy and Kelsey Kallapos, Charlie and Alana Adams 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, until Keith's "A:" hiccupped with a bad condenser and had to return to the garage.

The caravan stopped in Leesburg to rendezvous with Craig Allison, Chris and Cheryl Kintner and Liz Ten Eyck, and a chance to avail themselves of the local Home Depot's facilities. The group continued down the road. After driving across the bridge over the Potomac River at Point of Rocks, traffic slowed to a snail's pace as we followed an Austin Healey to the show grounds that thought the speed limit was 25 instead 45. At the show all British marques were well represented.

The Mid-Atlantic A'ers were well represented, as well. Showing cars were Charlie and Alana Adams, Craig Allison, Ruthie Arnold (with her MGB), Doug and Kay Campbell (with their Magnette), Kelsey Kallapos (with her MGB), Chris and Cheryl Kintner, Bill Marshall, Jack Stern, Larry Newman and Diana Campbell (both gray and red), and Liz Ten Eyck (displayed only). Diana Campbell also helped with registration. Member John Tokar did an outstanding job of coordinating the event. We missed seeing Martha Ludtke, who may have been impacted by the weather, and Bob Schoeplein, who was recovering from surgery.

Also in attendance providing strength in numbers and moral support were Ruth and Len Renkenburger and Mike Eaton (with son Robert).

At the end of the day Larry Newman's gray car won 1st Place, new club member Craig Allison, who bought Bob Samuelson's red "A," won 3rd Place and Larry Newman's red 1961 1600 won Honorable Mention.

▲ Looking Forward To GT-35 ▲

Organized by the Milwaukee and Great Lakes MG Motor Car Group, this summer NAMGAR GT-35 will be held in Delavan, WI, July 26 -29, 2010. Join fellow club members for a fun-filled time at a fabulous venue, a car show, regalia and vendor concessions, a gimmick rally, valve cover races, tech sessions and various tours options to special sites in the area.

Besides the cool resort venue up North in July, what else would make this such a special Get Together? MG3 with the Z Magnette Group, ZMG, will be featuring the Magnette. This is your opportunity to see what could be the largest gathering of this special car that is part of our registry and learn more about it.



▲ Mark Your Calendars: August 28th ▲

Liz Ten Eyck will host our Annual ‘Ool’ Party at her home in Great Falls, VA on Saturday, August 28th. 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 2010. Coming September 29 – October 2, 2010, the British Car Club of Northeast PA (BCCNEPA) will be hosting NAMGAR in the Poconos 2010. If you missed last year's event, You have another chance to experience a great regional GT. Long-time NAMGAR and BCCNEPA members Bill and Carol Shamonsky are co-chairs for the event. For more information see www.namgar.com.



▲ Katie's Coffee Shop ▲

Every Saturday, from 7-9 am, through October classic cars converge at Katie's Coffee Shop in Great Falls, VA, for an informal gathering called "Cars & Coffee." Katie's is located at 760 Walker Road, behind BB&T Bank and the post office, off Georgetown Pike. Weather permitting, upwards of 50-75 cars of all types roll into the parking lot.

Charlie Adams, accompanied by his son, Sean, and Liz Ten Eyck enjoying some coffee and the event on a recent Saturday morning . All club members are encouraged to bring there cars out and have some coffee and fun.



▲ Motor Oils Reformulated Again ▲

Provided by Bob Schoeplein

In 2004, API SM/GF-4 licensed oils hit the marketplace, and about 12 months later articles and technical bulletins began to appear warning consumers of the risks of using low Zinc Phosphorus API SM? GF-4 rated oils in flat tappet engines.

Today, the word is out – motor oils are changing again. This time, consider yourself forewarned. **API SN – ILSAC GF-5 licensed oil will hit the shelves in October of 2010**, and this new oil specification places greater emphasis on protecting catalytic converters than previous oil standards and lowered film strength. To meet API SN – ILSAC GF-5 standards, oil marketers must (further) reduce the Phosphorus, Sulfur, and Zinc levels in their oils, and they must use more polymers and aggressive detergents. Older push rod engines and high rpm race engines need just the opposite: higher levels of Phosphorus, Sulfur, and Zinc as well as lower levels of polymers and detergents.”

We've been through this subject in the past few years. You thought that you were getting 100% maple syrup. Now you're getting colored water. If you are concerned, the good news is that perhaps as many as a half-dozen refiners formulate a motor oil that is just right for our MG needs. The cost per quart for our niche market may be \$2-3 more than the discredited stuff off the shelf, but as we wags say, "Oil is the cheapest part of racing (and motoring)." The bad news is where to buy it. You won't find it at your favorite haunts. I use a popular semi-synthetic 20W-50 racing oil with lots of all the good properties, and I now am using it in all 4 of my MGs. I change the oil in our street MGs twice a year. The distributor is in Woodbridge, and he either will send it to me by the case or deliver it to his Manassas office. Ask around the Club at our next function; other members may have other brands. Or give me a call at 703-390-1188. I'll describe my oil and give you the distributor's phone number. No, I don't get a commission.



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