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Mid-Atlantic Chapter, North American MGA Register

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▲ Chairman's Message ▲

Submitted by Bill Marshall - Chapter Chairman

As we begin another new year, I would like to take this time to reflect on the past year and to offer our outlook for 2011. We enjoyed a nice blend of social events including a visit to the local Tucker museum organized by Bill and Kathy Wemhoff, our traditional Annual Meeting and Chili Party hosted by Bruce and Jane Zivic, Fourth of July fireworks viewing in Manassas and our most popular summer event, the annual 'Ool Party hosted by Liz Ten Eyck. We ended our year with the now traditional Abingdon New Year's Eve celebration – held at the home of Keith and Kathy Kallapos.

We participated in *Drives to Lunch* (or breakfast) as Keith organized our NAMGAR *Drive Your MGA Day* outing to breakfast at Katie's Coffee Shop, with the MG Car Club to Fredericksburg, VA to celebrate the international MG Car Club's eightieth anniversary, and to Union Bridge, MD for our annual *Side Curtain Fling*.

Our Chapter was well represented at the two NAMGAR Regional GT events held in the spring in Key West, FL and the fall event held in Pocono Manor, PA – as well as GT-35 in Wisconsin in July. Butch and Judy Smith also organized an extended weekend trip to Elkins, WV which was attended by 26 Chapter members. The Mid-Atlantic Chapter was also well shown at local British car shows with awards spread out among a number of our members.

With all these activities, a few Tech Sessions were also required from time to time to help keep our busy MGAs on the road – courtesy of Keith Kallapos, who accepted the role as Chapter Technical Advisor at the Annual Meeting. While Keith violated the unwritten rule of not stepping out for a beverage during the nomination and voting process, Judy Smith raised her hand and volunteered to assume the role of Chapter Secretary/Treasurer – taking over from Martha Ludtke, who was stepping down after 32 years of service in that position. I must have been helping Keith find a bottle opener as I was nominated and reaffirmed as Chapter Chairman for another year, to serve with Liz Ten Eyck, Judy and At-Large member Amy Rothberg on our Executive Committee.

Our Chapter gained new members from Maryland and Virginia, as well as Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and we were somehow able to entice most of our previous members to renew their memberships for another season. Overall, 2010 was a very productive year and we saw many new-yet-somehow-familiar-faces-of-old participating in many of our events. I would like to take

this opportunity to thank everyone that hosted a *Pub Social* or other event, took their time to plan and lead us on a *Drive to Lunch* or contributed an article to the *Distributor* for our reading pleasure. Active involvement from our members is what will continue to make this Chapter successful in the future – and ensure we remain one of a handful of all-MGA NAMGAR Chapters.

This brings us to our goals for 2011. As every chairman of every organization around the world has stated at some point during their tenure, ***this is your club!*** While we plan a similar mix of social and driving events for the upcoming year, we still want and need your input as to what types of activities most appeal to you. For those of you that made events last year, expect more of the same with some new twists thrown in. For those of you that went the year *without* participating in *something*, we need to know what we can do to entice you to join us. A running MGA is not a prerequisite to participate in any of our events.

I would also like to thank Kim de Bourbon for keeping our web site up-to-date and current throughout the year. If you have not visited our website lately, please take a few minutes to stop by www.mga-midatlantic.org. As always, we welcome fresh pictures of your MGA or other British auto – running or in project state.

We also welcome contributions to the *Distributor* with your tales of MG life past and present. Each MGA out there has a history or a story that reflects on your life. There are many veterans of MG experience among us that can enlighten our newer members or perhaps bring groans of remembrance from our more seasoned members. Also, this newsletter is not simply about the dispersal of news regarding Chapter events, but also serves as our “gossip rag” to keep each of us in touch with the comings and goings of our extended MGA family.

On a side note, I have made it my personal challenge to meet each and every member of the Chapter I have not yet met at some point during this year. You can help me achieve this goal by participating in our Mid-Atlantic Chapter events or local British car shows and introducing yourself. If not, perhaps one day when least expected, I'll be standing on your front porch ringing the doorbell!

Safety Fast!

▲ **Chili Party Host Needed** ▲

March will soon be here and thus time for our Annual Meeting and Chili Party. We are looking for a member to volunteer to host this year's event one Saturday evening in mid to late March. This is a potluck affair with the focus on the chili contest, so the host just needs to be prepared with electrical outlets for about 10 crock-pots. Members will bring a selection of salads, appetizers, side dishes, corn bread or desserts to share. The Chapter will provide the beer, wine and other beverages. Possible dates are March 19th, March 26th or April 2nd. This is a popular event for our Chapter and we generally can expect about 30 members to attend.

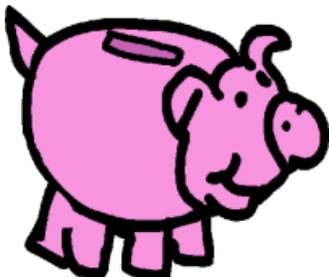


All volunteers please contact Liz Ten Eyck at bytheoak@verizon.net.

First volunteer wins!

▲ Dues are Due ▲

Please find attached a Membership Renewal Form for 2011. Dues are once again \$20.00 for the year and checks should be payable to **NAMGAR Mid-Atlantic Chapter**. Please mail your check to our treasurer, Judy Smith, at the address on the form.



As a part of our association with NAMGAR as an affiliated chapter, we are required to provide NAMGAR with our membership numbers as well as the number of chapter members that also hold NAMGAR membership. If you are a member of NAMGAR, please indicate this and if possible, include your car's NAMGAR registration number as well.

For our newer members – those that joined our Chapter after September 1, 2010 – your membership dues at that time included your first full year with the Chapter so no additional dues are requested at this time. If you are in doubt as to when you joined – or when you last paid your dues – please contact Judy at bjmga@verizon.net

Those of you that are not NAMGAR members, we would encourage you to consider joining the national organization. With your membership comes a subscription to the bi-monthly magazine *MGA!* The magazine alone is worth the cost of admission. For those that have not enjoyed a recent copy of *MGA!* please contact me at manassasmga@gmail.com and I will send a copy for you to enjoy.

▲ Abingdon New Year's Eve Recap ▲

You know you have hit on a good idea when the comic strips start imitating life! Our Abingdon New Year's Eve celebration attracted 22 Chapter members who rang in the New Year with the popping of the champagne corks, horns, party hats and confetti promptly as the clock struck 8:00 pm – slowed an hour from Abingdon time by suspected Lucas electrical bits in the official Chapter timepiece.

We would like to thank Keith, Kathy and Kelsey Kallapos for hosting the Chapter this year and to all those who brought the fine selection of salads, appetizers, desserts and hearty covered dishes for us to enjoy.

Sally Forth



▲ January Pub Social recap ▲

We would like to thank Bill and Kathy Wemhoff for inviting us to their home for a *Pub Social* on January 22nd. This was a combined event with members of the *Capital Triumph Register* joining us – or perhaps we joined them – for a tour of Bill's garage and new lift system designed for extra parking space for those with too many cars.



While there was plenty of time for conversation, catching up and swapping stories with the Triumph folks, much of the attention was on the lift and determining the needed clearances for functional use. Wheels were clearly turning as Charlie Adams noted a quick garage measurement would be in order as soon as he and Alana returned home.

We were also able to get an update on the progress of Toby Fitzkee's MGA project (slow) and Larry Newman's (just a few working weeks away) as well as catch up with one of our Matthews, VA members Terry King, who made the trip up for the *Social*.

▲ That night, Charlie had a Dream ... ▲



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SALE**

For Sale: HEADS 1500, 1600, early B (1622, also fits earlier) \$110 per head, guaranteed. Contact Bob Schoepfle 703-390-1188 or bobandjane2@comcast.net

We welcome your *For Sale*, *For Trade* or *To a Good Home* listings. Please e-mail your items to mga@mga-midatlantic.org

▲ Charleston Spring Romp Update ▲

Submitted by Liz Ten Eyck

We have achieved our goal of ten cars to travel to Charleston, SC in April for our *Spring Romp* – feeling this would be the maximum number to organize for sightseeing and dinner reservations. We are still seeking feedback from those attending as to what activities we should schedule while in Charleston. We are also exploring plans for alternate routes back that will allow for a possible visit to a vintage car museum on the return trip. Please review the options provided on the *Charleston Update* e-mail and respond to have your preferences counted.

▲ Looking Forward ▲



For those not able to participate in the full *Rallye to Reno*, we are exploring the option of organizing a Chapter outing to the Ocean City area on Friday, June 3rd - then joining the start of the *Rallye* Saturday morning, June 4th and travel with the *Rallye* to the first stop in Winchester Saturday evening. An option would be to leave the *Rallye* at a point convenient to your home along Route 50.

A volunteer to organize this is needed!



*Note Revised dates of
September 28th to October 2nd*

*The Mid Atlantic Chapter of NAMGAR is pleased to announce that the Fall Regional GT of the North American MGA Register, **NAMGAR at Solomons Island**, will take place September 28 to October 2, 2011.*

This will be a driving event around the shores of the Chesapeake Bay in southern Maryland.

You will have the opportunity to visit historic and operating light houses, discover the maritime heritage of the Chesapeake Bay at the Calvert Marine Museum, take a boat ride on an 1899 oyster dredge boat, as well as see many other interesting venues.

Mark your calendars so that you will not miss this memorable nautical event. Unfortunately this event will have to be limited to 30 cars, so watch for the upcoming registration information.



Membership Application/Renewal Form
for the North American MGA Register

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Washington DC - Maryland - Virginia

New Member

Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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

First car

Second 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

If yes, NAMGAR car registration number(s) _____

Dues are \$20.00 per year.

Please make checks payable to "NAMGAR, Mid-Atlantic Chapter"

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