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## Summer 2013

### ▲ From the Chairman ▲

*Submitted by Bill Marshall*

Wow! The pages of 2013 are flying off the calendar and the MGA activities just keep coming. In the last few months our club members have driven to Savannah for the NAMGAR Regional GT held there in April, closed April by participating in Britain On The Green, filled May with Drive Your MGA Day, supporting the MG Vintage Racers at Summit Point and tagging along with our friends at the MG Car Club for their Skyline Drive tour. June started with Original British Car Day and many of us will soon be off to Asheville for GT-38.

The hits just keep on coming with July activities including our Celebrate America Fourth of July social in Manassas as well as our annual 'Ool Party scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> in Great Falls, hosted by Liz Ten Eyck. For our newer members, this is an 'Ool Party because there is no P in the pool! The MGCC has also invited us to join them on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> for their annual Test Drive event held at Bull Run Park. By now it just might be time to change the oil and double check the air pressure in the tires!

Things (may) quiet down for August although we are working on a Drive for Ice Cream sometime during the month, and many of the Saturday morning Cars & Coffee events are going full speed. September brings another Regional GT, this one closer to home in Richmond Virginia and of course, the MGCC's Hunt Country Classic is scheduled for early October.

Our membership continues to grow with Meade & Pam Gwinn of Manassas along with Walter Kulbacki of Fairfax Station joining our family. We expand our Maryland membership as well by welcoming John & Sarane McHugh from Easton, MD. Old MGAs coming back into service include David Decker's and hopefully, Carl & Jean Josefson's will be home from the paint shop soon followed by Toby & Helen Fitzkee's long-running project.

With all of our events, a running MG is not required. Our schedule includes many social events where MGs are optional and 'civilian' vehicles are welcomed at all of our driving events – your Chairman himself humbled to drive the Box on MGA Day.

Elections of "new" officers for our Executive Committee were held at our Annual Meeting in February. We must be doing something right – hey, I hear the snickers! – as the entire Executive Committee was returned to office "unchallenged". What's ahead? Read on.

## ▲ Fireworks in Manassas July 4th ▲



We will celebrate the birthday of our great nation with our annual *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 Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> starting at **4:30 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 Chapter will provide traditional July 4<sup>th</sup> fare on the grill as well as a selection of refreshing beverages. We ask those attending to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to round out the menu.

Please RSVP to Bill & Karen at [manassasmga@gmail.com](mailto:manassasmga@gmail.com) by Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> so that we can plan for the proper number of members attending this celebration of America.

## ▲ Annual 'Ool Party SUNDAY July 28th ▲

*Submitted by Liz Ten Eyck*



It is that time of year again when it's real hot and we have a sizzling 'Ool Party planned. The date, Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> has been selected so that our members for whom Saturday is a work day can join us.

If possible, drive your "A" and caravan with us through parts of scenic Great Falls. The drive will leave promptly at 1:30 pm and the party starts at 2 pm. Don't forget your bathing suit.

Entree and drinks will be provided. Please respond regarding what you plan to bring, so we can ensure a good selection of appetizers and desserts without a lot of duplications. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. Please RSVP to Liz at [bytheoak@msn.com](mailto:bytheoak@msn.com) by July 21<sup>st</sup>.

## ▲ MG Car Club Ride Exchange ▲

Charlie Scott of the MGCC has invited our members to join in their annual Test Drive event to be held Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at Bull Run Regional Park in Fairfax. This is a neat event where a selection of British cars are available to test drive, with the provision being that your British car is available for another vintage owner to experience the thrill of driving your car. The event will start about 9:00 and run no later than Noon.

## ▲ NAMGAR Regional GT September 12th-15th ▲



The *Central Virginia British Car Club* is hosting a Regional GT in Richmond, Virginia to coincide with their annual **Classics on the Green** all-European car show and the New Kent Winery Festival. Special events for NAMGAR participants are planned for Thursday and Friday, merging Saturday with the scheduled driving

tour of historic New Kent and banquet dinner at the winery. On Sunday, along with the display of classic and vintage automobiles, there will be a variety of food, fine arts and crafts vendors, as well as a number of Virginia wineries highlighting the best of Virginia at the Festival. The Festival takes place on the grounds of the picturesque setting of the New Kent Winery.

For those that have hesitated to attend a Regional GT due to the travel distance, this is a wonderful opportunity to attend a Regional in our own backyard. More details on the activities and registration form will be distributed in early July as they become available.

## ▲ Vintage Restorations 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ▲

**Vintage Restorations Limited**

Fellow Chapter member and Vintage Restoration Ltd. owner John Tokar will be hosting an open house event at his shop in

Union Bridge, Maryland on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> as a means to say "thank you" to their customers and welcome those interested in the restoration process of our classic British cars an opportunity to tour the shop. Details regarding the time and related events will be shared when available.

## ▲ Looking Forward: Hunt Country Classic ▲

In October the vista is an artist's palette of breath-taking color. This is the setting for the MG Car Club, Washington, D.C. Centre's Hunt Country Classic British Vehicle Show held at the Scott's farm in Marshall.



Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> has been selected as the date for this year's show. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

## ▲ As Seen In The Rearview Mirror ▲



The Chili Party competition heated up this year with MG-themed awards being crafted by Charlie Adams for winners of the Chili and Parts Box challenges. A note of thanks also goes out to Toby & Helen Fitzkee of *Five Star Jewelers* in Burke for providing the engraved plates that designated the prize. The ladies took the top three prizes in the Chili Cook-Off with Shelia Stern taking home the award for Best Chili, followed in order by Liz Ten Eyck and Pattie Shields.

The Parts Box challenge was prepared by last year's winner Jim Mackin. Each year I am amazed that so many members are able to tell a part just by feel. Michael Eaton took top prize, followed by Butch Smith and Keith Kallapos.

The results of the Kitchen Box Challenge were somehow fed through the Cuisinart and all I know is Karen brought home the Kitchen Box which means she had the most correct answers and has to prepare the Box for next year's challenge. Both congratulations and my apologies to those in the runner-up spots!

We would like to thank our hosts for this event, Bill & Kathy Wemhoff, for opening their home to our members and for providing all the bits & pieces required for the various competitions. With two challenges, the Chili contest and Annual Meeting going on, there is a lot to keep track of. Come to think of it, this went so smoothly perhaps we should make the Wemhoff's the permanent home of the Chili Party!



NAMGAR gave us an opportunity to explore a new destination with the spring Regional GT being held in Savannah, GA this year. Regional GT events provide an opportunity to meet new MGA friends and renew old friendships in a setting that promotes camaraderie due to the smaller size of the group.

Getting us there via excellent MGA roads were route organizers Bill & Kathy Wemhoff. Using old fashion paper maps, modern GPS and perhaps a cooperative discipline that only years of marriage can produce, they led the caravan of Liz Ten Eyck, Betty Ann Johns, Larry Newman, Bill & Karen Marshall, New Jersey members Ben & Cyndi Nolan and Canadian friends Mike & Cathy Finch safely to Savannah to be greeted by New York members Ken & Melon Doris - along with the other Regional participants. While in Savannah, we enjoyed many of the entertainment and historical sights of the city – well organized outings planned by NAMGAR Vice Chairman Carol Shamonsky. After the event, that cooperative discipline was still intact as we raced ahead of tornado warnings to reach our Friday hotel destination before the skies opened, completing our journey home uneventful on Saturday.



The Capital Triumph Register hosted their 16th annual British car show **Britain On The Green** on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the show's new home at Gunston Hall – home of patriot and “Father of the Bill of Rights” George Mason. Congratulations to Chapter members Liz Ten Eyck, awarded first place in the MGA class with her 1962 Mark II and Ned and Pattie Shields who accepted third place in the chrome bumper class with their 1968 MGB.

With the completion of the May *Drive Your MGA Day* event, Bill & Kathy Wemhoff have been officially excused from hosting, planning or leading any more Chapter events for the balance of



2013! Taking the lead on this was their third big undertaking of the year – and as expected, they prepared another exceptional event for us.

We started with brunch at the Dutch's Daughter restaurant near

Fredrick Maryland. After brunch Bill & Kathy led us on a two hour drive through the scenic Catoctin Mountain and Cunningham Falls State Park areas. Enjoying the fruits of the Wemhoff's work were Liz Ten Eyck, Jack & Shelia Stern, Bill & Karen Marshall, Larry & Diana Newman, Toby Fitzkee, John & Laura Casey, Ryan & Shannon Wemhoff and Charlie & Alana Adams.



Every year the **“MG Vintage Racers”** chose one special vintage car race event as their **“Focus Event”** for the year, where all MG racers from North America are encouraged to attend, and special MG races and activities are put on. For 2013 they chose the **Vintage Racer Group's (VRG) “Jefferson 500”** at Summit Point Motorsports Park in West Virginia, east of

Washington DC, from May 16-19th.

The Mid Atlantic Chapter joined with the MGCC to turn out in force to support these MG racers in their focus event. Mid Atlantic members attending were Charlie Adams, Warren Arthur, Liz Ten Eyck, Brice Henderson, Bill Marshall, Bob Vitrikas and Bruce Zivic.

Receiving awards in the Judges Choice competition were Liz, Warren, Charlie and Bruce.

Warren was also kind enough to use his clout as a Berryville resident and member of the Clarke County Fairgrounds to arrange “staging parking” for the MGs in Berryville, which then caravanned to Summit Point and arrived in a triumphant (can I use that word with respect to MGs?) entrance.



The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG “T” Register held their 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of **The Original British Car Day** on Sunday, June 2nd. The MGA class was well represented with 17 MGAs registered for the event. Returning first place winner Liz Ten Eyck showed her Mark II as “display only”, with Don & Mary Kesler earning first place this year, followed by Lou Hegler, Susan Snyder and Chapter member Larry Newman receiving Honorable Mention.

Special thanks go out to members Charlie Adams and Steve Woodall – a well as all the other volunteers - for showing their cars and working on the field set-up Saturday and parking show cars on Sunday. These events would not happen without the efforts of those who support our British car hobby.

## ▲ MGA Down Under (Mathews, VA Report) ▲

*Submitted by Butch & Judy Smith*

This article and photo is being submitted at the request of your chairman from your southern-most Chapter member. Just so you know, BIG antique car show today in Mathews, VA - where Rosemary Eaton and Terry & MA King live.



Anyway, there had to be at least 275 cars there. In the Brit class about 8 or 9. Including three XK's - one 120 and two 140's all coupes and seriously not in good shape. Three B's, a Midget and yours truly. It ain't NAMGAR pewter but still nice to be recognized. Maybe next year Judy and I can get some of you down here for the show.

Here is the newspaper article on the show from last week. The weather was perfect. Looking forward to the GT with those going. See ya in Martinsville.

*Rain or Shine: This show will be brought to you from Vintage Gallery by Mac & JC & Vintage TV. It will be held in beautiful historic downtown Mathews, Virginia. Come step back in history, walk the streets of a part of Virginia time has forgotten. All Classic, Exotic, SuperCars, Hot Rods, Restomods, American & European cars/trucks will be there.*

*This event will be a town benefit with 100% of the proceeds going to Mathew's Rescue-Ambulance squads, Sheriff's Department, Volunteer Fire Department & the town of Mathews for special projects. This event will be filmed by Vintage for their National TV Show on that Saturday 6/1/13; come out and see if you or your ride make it on National TV! This Event should be a must on all Car lovers calendars. The Vintage Girls will be there plus celebrity guests and a celebrity concert to end the show, estimated times are 10:30AM to 5:30PM (Trophy presentations at 4:30PM) with the concert starting at 5:30 and ending around 7:00PM. For more details and space availability or to register please contact Mac at (570) 350-1422 or email: jaycee6@verizon.net. There will be a Baseball Hat giveaway from one of our sponsors "McG" while supplies last. Come checkout the future home of Vintage Auto Gallery in Downtown Mathews too!*

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