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That First
Brought You To
The DVC - But
It's The Friend-
ships That Keep
You Coming Back!**



T•Talk



The Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter

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SPRING is Coming — HONEST!!!

Another year is over and a new one is just beginning, as usual with cold weather and roads it would take a very brave MG driver to venture out onto. This is the time for in-

door sports of all types, and the collectibles show in January is just the thing to keep the MG juices flowing through your veins. There's nothing yet planned for February, so think hard and

contact little Tommy Rippert with some ideas. In March, it's our Anniversary Party... and then...it's SPRING... top-down weather again!! All we must do is be patient and maintain our faith in



T-Talk's MG Girl of the Quarter — Megan Waddington

First Quarter DVC Events — Don't Miss 'em!

<p>January 19th</p> <p>Collectibles Show and Swap Meet</p> <p>Harleysville, PA</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Nothing Planned Yet</p> <p>Call Tommy Rippert with Ideas</p>
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May 2 — 4 : DVC Spring Tour

2nd Gear Chatter — Tom Rippert



2007 – gone in a flash, you might say. I'm sure it's my age, but the years go by faster each year! The DVC enjoyed another year of great events, and we appreciate the effort put forth by the folks who volunteered to host these events. We had a good turnout at our annual meeting in November and have come up with another calendar chock full of things to do in your MG. The DVC is really about the people, not the cars. Our MG's are just what brought us together. So to all you "old" members and "new" members, I look forward to spending time

with you again this year.

As always, don't forget Dr. DVC. Any problem you might have that turns out to be just a bit too much for you – the "Dr." is just a phone call or email away. There is a lot of talent in the DVC and there's always time to help a "friend."

As always, new ideas are always welcome. Give me a call (610-287-9325).

Happy New Year!

Tom



Full Boost—ALL the Time !! - Capt. DVC

So there I was in Walleroo, Australia, under the hottest J2 you've ever seen, pan dropped and changing out the mains, when the call came in from the States. My old friends from the DVC need a little help. Naturally, I'm instantly ready to go since my MG roots are with the DVC from many years ago, and all my MG powers originate in the warm glow of my comrades there...who by the way often have a glow on. Flew right out (no plane needed.... did I mention "powers"?) and quicker than I can open a beer I find myself here again in the Delaware Valley, ready for whatever task is calling. What? Someone is needed to edit T-Talk? Roger that, I'm all over that. Well, for now, anyway. All that's involved is a little computer work. I see the job has evolved into a team project these days... well, that's just fine. "Many hands make light work", Mr. Kimber used to tell me while I was emptying his ashtray and trash bucket, "and I've got a factory to run here, so get out." The old man did babble sometimes, you know. Quite.

So what is needed here is a variety of "hands", and it seems we have them. The Dickmann is Taking the Photos and doing the Assembly and Mailing, and Little Tommy Rippert has added Flyer and Write-Up Chasing to his usual duties as Events Chairman. Those two, plus Lew "BigWoo" Phillips on the Website, Chuck "FlyBoy" Goelz on Membership, and of course the intrepid Dr. DVC, all contribute regularly with Columns and Other Interesting Input.

I see that my old friend Geoff Wheatley is still sharing his Penny Farting Thoughts. Good stuff, that, and we're lucky to have Geoff's first-hand recollections of the old days at Abingdon. Not many of us left who actually remember seeing the MGs as they rolled off the line and were run out onto Cemetery Road for the test run. (Of course, Geoff's memories of Abingdon are much more clear and real than mine, which have been mightily enhanced by countless flagons lifted at Abingdon's finest watering hole, the Magic Midget Pub!!) So as I was saying, I see that this T-Talk job is no longer such a daunting task... it's become a team effort, and I'm all for that. All that seems to be missing is YOU. Come on now, be a sport, join the team, there's a good lad and lass. Even if all you do is write a note to the editor with a thought or a thank you, an idea for an improvement or a wish for something to happen. I remember well that DVCers were sometimes a bit reluctant to suggest an event... I see that has changed too, and I'm glad of it. By the ghost of Henry Stone, I say..... it's just SUPER to be back!!

Straighten Out and Fly Right..... Capt. DVC

Hey DVC Member -

Do You Need A Second Opinion?

Then You Better Call on Dr. DVC!

We've all been there... scratching our head after hours under the hood — and the darn thing still won't start!...wanting someone there the first time you try something to tell you that you did it right - after all, brakes are kind of important... wishing that the dog had opposable thumbs so that he could help line this thing up..



Well, now there is help! The DVC is chock full of people with all kinds of experience working on MGs. We have people who can spend an evening debating why you should trim 4/1000" off your dwibble-thwacker, people who can lengthen any short-circuit, and people who can make a car's finish so shiny you can shave in it (uh... sorry, ma'am). And we are always looking for a reason to get together, tinker, talk cars, and maybe down a pint or two. Put that all together and you have Dr. DVC!

Here is how it works... First, you request a house call with a tentative date; next, the doc puts out the call and assembles the team, the doc will confirm your appointment and let you know about how many medics will be coming! We are always looking for 'medics', so how about joining us when the calls comes in! You don't have to be a master mechanic, just come out and join us for a tinkering good time! *Dr DVC*

(Check out the website, www.dvcmg.com, for more info!)

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*Cabin Fever All-British Vehicle
Collectables & Automobilia Show
Buy, Sell, Swap*

Hosted By The Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter

Saturday, January 19th, 2008 - 12 Noon To 4 pm

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3' x 3' Table (one prepaid table per vendor) - \$10

Or \$20/Table On The Day of The Show

(Limit of 2 Vendors At Same Table)

General Admission - \$2.00 At The Door

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- DVD's - Glassware - Accessories*

Any Automobilia Related to British Automobiles

(No Car Parts Please)

Food & Beverages Can Be Purchased From The Pub

*Got cabin fever? Then drive on up to Harleysville and spend the afternoon of January 19th
with your British car friends viewing, buying, selling and swapping automobilia and collectables
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ATTENDING: -----

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: -----

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268 Bloomfield Road

Warminster, PA 18974

DVC SPRING TUNE UP

AT

SCHWAB'S MG GARAGE

POTTSTOWN, PA

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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1401 GLASGOW STREET
POTTSTOWN, PA 19464**

CONTACT: DAVE & GLORIA

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Dig your MG out from under its winter blankets and get it in tip top driving condition for the upcoming summer months. Dave has the perfect MG garage to work on your car, and there may even be a "surprise" guest.

Give Dave and Gloria a call to rsvp and for directions to their place.

The Ales of the United Kingdom

"Give my people plenty of beer, good beer & cheap beer, and you will have no revolution among them".



WychCraft Brewery

WITNEY



WychCraft Blonde Beer

Wychwood Brewery is based in Witney, Oxfordshire, at the Old Eagle Maltings, built more than 150 years ago. Wychwood Brewery hand brews around 50,000 barrels of high quality, traditional ale each year, including a range of seasonal cask and bottled ales. We are the UK's No 1 brewer of Organic Ales.

Established in 1990 in its present location, Wychwood Brewery is named after The Royal Forest of Wychwood which was recorded in the Domesday Book in 1086, and covered much of what is now West Oxfordshire. The artwork and imagery of Wychwood beers pays tribute to local legends and myths associated with the ancient forest of Wychwood, and old traditional folklore of England.

A pale golden potion with delicate red hues, WychCraft has a heady burst of fresh citrus aroma derived from three infusions of Styrian golding hops. A sprig of gentle warming malty flavour finishes with a dry biscuit note and a counterpoise of bitterness.

WychCraft's innovative new recipe includes adding three infusions of Styrian Goldings hops to the copper, to create a highly aromatic brew, bursting with succulent citrus and lime hop character. A light base of delicately flavoured English Fuggles hops, and the use of a lager malt, help retain the signature hop character and create a wonderfully aromatic and fragrant summertime beer. Beguiling to the end...

ABV: 3.8%

Bottle: 500ml

Cask: seasonally

Hops: Fuggles and Styrians

Malts: Lager and Caramalt

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Abby Ales

The Abby Brewery

Camden Row



Twelfth Night Ale

Founded in 1997, Abbey Ales is the first and only brewery in the historic City of Bath for over forty years. Although a relative newcomer, since inception in 1997, Abby Ales flagship ale, Bellringer is now the top selling cask bitter in the World Heritage City of Bath and is as popular with the many visitors to the Georgian City as it is with Bathonians.

Quality ingredients are the key to any successful product and the Abby Brewery is fortunate that, just a short drive away, 1st quality malts are available from Warminster Maltings. Here they specialise in producing high quality barley malts in the traditional way, where, after forty hours of steeping, the grains are spread across vast open floors and left to germinate over four to six days.

During germination the carbohydrates within the the barley undergo a modification which makes it suitable for brewing. This process is completed by kilning with hot air to reduce moisture content and impart the typical malt colour and flavour. The other essential raw ingredient is of course hops. Abby Ales hops come from Worcester, one of the main English hop growing areas, the other being Kent. Hops give beer its characteristic bitterness, flavour and aroma. Only the finest Challenger, Goldings & Fuggles hops are used in Abby Ales.

In addition to our quality malts & hops we preheat our local water overnight and add mineral salts to achieve the right balance for bitter brewing - the process known as burtonising.

Twelfth Night Ale is a very special Christmas winter warmer, ruby in colour & full of malt flavours. An ideal winter brew, perfect for drinking whilst sitting around a real log fire in your local, merrily eating hot chestnuts!

Welcome Aboard New Members — We'd Like To Get To meet You & Your MG.

Steven & Patricia Mayer	23 Putnam Rd.	Monmouth Jct, NJ 08852	732-329-4545	'52 TD
Jim & Janet Taylor	510 St. John's Cl.	Phoenixville, PA 19460	610-917-0780	
Bill & Peg Robinson	370 Blue Rock Rd.	West Chester, PA 19382	484-645-1738	'58 MGA
Pat & Jann Nielsen	135 Glenwood Ave.	Collegeville, PA 19426	610-831-5986	'52 TD
I Jack Saline	1100 Hagys Ford Rd,	Penn Valley, PA 19072	610-617-7882	'55 TF
Jim & Marylou Gaffney	One Old Cabin Rd	Newtown, PA 18940	215-860-2812	'52 TD

Free Lucas Parts Reference Database

Search Lucas part numbers by make / model at
www.BritParts.Avtell.com

Have you sent in your 2008 DUES yet?

DVC Website & Electronic Bulletin Board

The only "official" DVC Website is: www.dvcmg.com and you can access it without having a name tag or being a member. But if you are a paid up DVC member and you register you can then gain access to the DVC Electronic Bulletin Board at [groups.yahoo.com/ group/ dvc-mg-club](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dvc-mg-club). Once you gain access to this members only electronic bulletin board you will learn the DVC's semi-secret handshake and ultra secret

DVC Name Tags Just For You!

Yes they're still available! Wow, 193 have been sold to date. No, it's not too late to order one. *Immediately send \$8 (make check out to "DVC") to Liz Niner, PO BOX 510, Creamery, PA 19430-0510.* Hey Dude, once you get your name tag, don't forget to wear it to a DVC event. No, they will not serve as an ID when you're stopped for speeding, purchasing a gun or borrowing money to fix your MG but at least we'll

DVC REGALIA — IT'S MORE THAN JUST CLOTHES — IT'S A MAJOR FASHION STATEMENT!

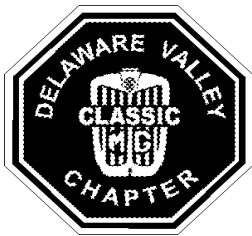
Did you know that we have an agreement with Triple-C Accessories @ 888-854-4081 to apply the DVC logo on all of their shirts, hats, sweaters, jackets, coats or blankets? Now is the time to order that particular DVC piece of regalia that you've been longing for or better yet to surprise your driving partner on his or her birthday or upon their entry into a swapping club (come on - car parts, not what you're thinking!). All you have to do is give them a call and ask for their catalogue or contact them on line at sales@triple-c.com. Their products are top notch and they are quick to fill your order. OK, so at the next DVC event we expect to see shirts, pants, jackets, socks, hats, panties, boxers, bras and whatever else you want to have monogrammed with the DVC logo.



**We Double Dare You To Order One Of
These Stink'in DVC Car Badges**



If you're game hombre; first fill out the form below and then make out a check, money order, endorsed social security check or what the heck just put some pesos in an envelope with the form. Hey Cisco, Hey Poncho; allow a couple of weeks and then you too can affix your official DVC car badge to your grille or forehead. The badge is a hefty solid metal casting that is 3" wide with a nifty 1 1/4" wide mounting tab at the bottom. Besides, it's made in Australia (you know, part of the old British Empire) and is an absolute steal at this price. Besides, when you're driving down the street, girls (or guys) will be thinking "Wow is that MG and driver really cool or what!" Order your badge now. The DVC cannot be responsible for wild and uncontrollable behavior when the opposite sex sees that stink'in' badge on your really cool MG with you inside looking like a poor man's James Bond or poor woman's Emma Peel.



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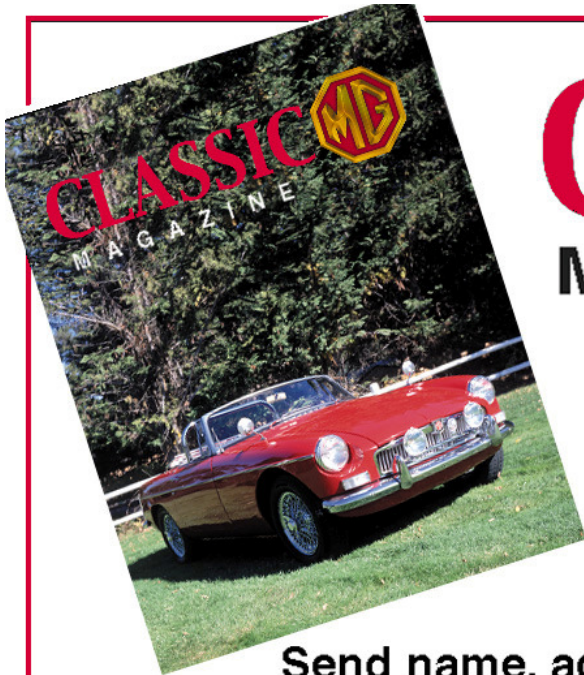
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FALL TOUR TO WATKINS GLEN

On a beautiful October 18th, Thursday morning, 20 intrepid DVC'ers met at the Park-N-Ride Lot at the Northeast Extension Turnpike entrance near Quakertown for the drive to Watkins Glen. Dick and Sandy Suffredini drove their red MG-TD, Tom and Jaimee Rippert were in their clipper blue MG-TD, Gudie and Wolfgang Fischer had their Triumph TR3, with Joe and Sharon Lamondo; Jim and Diane Sanders; Ben and Cyndi Nolan; Pat and Patty Cawthorne; and Jerry and Lee Keller all driving MGBs. On the road we met Sarah Carr and Durland Edwards in their MGC, and Sam and Jane Waddington



joined us at Seneca Lodge in their MG-TF. The main group got to Watkins Glen in the early afternoon, just in time for lunch. The afternoon was spent exploring the village and, of course, there were a few mechanical items to keep us busy. Jerry, Tom, and a few others made a beer run to Walmart. With Jerry needing a jump in the parking lot. Back at the Lodge, there were



other cars being attended to while the ladies got a head start partying on the Seneca Lodge porch. Most of us were too tired to go out for dinner, so we settled for pizza and beer on the porch, a well-established DVC/Seneca Lodge tradition.

Friday was spent touring the wineries that dot the shores of Seneca Lake, whilst dodging a few raindrops here and



there., rounding out the afternoon at Bully Hill and the Glenn Curtis Museum in Hammondsport. Dinner Friday night was at the very crowded but festive Village Tavern Restaurant... good food, and even better company!!

On Saturday, Dick had arranged for a Caravan tour of the "Old Track" which



winds through the hills above the Village of Watkins Glen, complete with turn-by-turn CB radio broadcast!! This was followed by a visit to the International Motor Racing

Photo credits: Dick Suffredini

Research Center, which turned out to be a "hidden gem"... if you haven't visited it, it's a must-see next time you're at the Glen. In the afternoon, we went out to the modern track to watch the Vintage Racing.



Through the efforts of our host, Dick Suffredini, we were allowed free access to the paddock and pits to watch the Vintage Racing Group (VRG) as they ran several races. There were many MGs of varied vintages, but they were all exciting to watch. Lurk-



ing just beneath the surface of many street MG drivers is a vintage racer struggling to surface, and a few DVCers were overheard discussing the possibility of future MG racecar prep and getting out there on the track. No names yet, but don't be surprised to see the DVC logo on a few more MG racers, as the bug seems to have bitten! After the VRG group had left, some of our guys managed to get Dickmann's TD into the Winner's Circle for a great photo op. Yep, the bug has definitely had a meal here!



The evening found us back at the Seneca



Lodge, initially to search ... alas, in vain...for the DVC badge that lives somewhere on the wall behind the bar...and then for a fine dinner in the Lodge dining room. Finally, we adjourned back to the porch for more DVC Hospitality (that means more BEER!!)

Sunday we all went to breakfast and then said goodbye to the Glen until next time.

Yes, the DVC will definitely be back.

Our hosts Dick and Sandy Suffredini did their usual fine job of organizing everything in advance, and their meticulous hard work paid off....everything went just as planned. Many thanks to the Suffys for a wonderful weekend, and thanks also to the Ripperts who are always there, lending a hand.

Did I mention that the Kellers were driving the very comfortable MGB kindly loaned to us for the occasion by the brave and generous Lew Phillips? Thanks, Lew!! The ride home was one of the best in recent memory, as it stayed top-down-warm all the way, even though we arrived home at 9 pm on a late October night!!

Jerry & Lee Keller



2007 Annual Planning Meeting

The annual planning meeting was held at the home of Dick and Sandy Suffredini on Nov 18th. The party was interrupted while we did a quick review of the club finances and then proceeded to planning the schedule of events for the coming year. Then it was back to the snacks and beer! It's always great to chat with fellow members about where we have been, where we would like to go, and how to keep our machines running. The schedule of events that we came up with is presented elsewhere in the newsletter so I won't repeat it here. Check it out! As seen below check for last minute changes on the DVC web site, WWW.DVCMG.COM.

The meeting was originally to be held at the home of Pat and Patty Cawthorne, however a little ongoing kitchen renovation necessitated a change of venue. We managed to get the word out to most people, however, we must apologize to anyone that made the trip to the wrong location. We always enjoy seeing fellow club members and meeting new ones, so we really hate to leave anyone out in the cold. I especially need to apologize to Ben and Cindy who tried to reach me on my cell phone only to be discovered later in the dreaded message queue.

A special note of thanks to Dick and Sandy Suffredini for volunteering their home for the meeting on short notice.

Those that managed to attend were:

Pat & Patty Cawthorne	Dick & Sandy Suffredini
Tom & Jaimee Rippert	Roy & Sue Dougherty
Dave & Gloria Schwab	Jerry & Lee Keller
Chuck & Judy Goelz	Jim Sanders
Ernie Feldgus	Bill Boorse
Bob Wagner	Lew Phillips
Donna Bristol	Walt King



Thanks to all that came for their ideas and effort, and we'll be looking for you on the road,

Pat & Patty Cawthorne

HORNSBY RALLYE — OCTOBER 28, 2007

The weather on Sunday, October 28th turned out to be sunny and “crisp” for the Hornsby Rallye - after a week of gloomy, wet weather. Thirteen cars showed up at the Gateway Shopping Center to try their luck at one of Jim O’Brien’s legendary rallyes. It was nice to meet some of our new members who came out to see what a DVC rallye is all about. A very familiar black TD showed up with Rob and Maryellen Hoeflein behind the wheel. Rob is the son of Bob and Evie Hoeflein and inherited their beautiful TD. I



The object of our desire....
The Tom Hornsby Memorial Trophy.

Busy Bee Pub for a bite to eat and some liquid refreshments (and to warm up). It wasn’t long until Jim and Marie had tallied the score sheets and the pewter was ready to be presented by Tom Rippert.

1st place went to new members, Jim and Janet Taylor in their 1967 Mini Cooper.

2nd place to Pat and Patty Cawthorne in their 1977 MGB.

3rd place to Paul and Evonna Phillips in their 1976 MG Midget.

The Hornsby Cup went to Dick and Sandy Suffredini, in their 1952 MG TD. (I believe this is the eighth time the name “Suffredini” will be engraved on the Hornsby Cup)!!

Other new faces were Ken Church (friend of Bill and Peg Robinson), in a 2004 Porsche Boxter, Dan Shimberg and daughter in a 1974 MGB, and Lenny Casper and Navigator in a 1967 MGB. Other DVC

I believe Bob bought his TD in 1957, so it’s been in the Hoeflein family for many years. We’re happy to see Rob and Maryellen enjoying the car. Two other new members were Bob and Pat Bodek in a 1977 MGB and Jim and Janet Taylor in a 1967 Mini Cooper. “Prospective” new members, Bill and Peg Robinson, were in a beautiful 1958 MGA. Hopefully you all enjoyed the rallye and we’ll see you at future DVC events.

The rallye route took us through beautiful Chester and Lancaster counties, and the scenery was absolutely breathtaking. We ended up at the quaint Stottsville Inn, where we gathered in the



There are rules to follow. Our Rallyemaster, Jim O’Brien, gives instructions to the Competitors.



Some new faces... Jim and Janet Taylor... receive the 1st Place award from Tom Rippert.



Pat Cawthorne accepts the 2nd place award from Events Chair Tom Rippert.



Was Paul Phillips suprised or what?
Hey, 3rd place is nothing to sneeze at !!



Sandy and Dick Suffredini accept the Hornsby Cup from Jim O'Brien.

members, not previously mentioned, were Tom and Jaimee Rippert (1953 MG TD), Chuck Denlinger (1953 MG TD), Donna Bristol and friend (1952 MG TD), and Wank (Porsche) stopped to say "hello."

We're sorry to report that Donna's TD broke down in the beginning of the rallye and had to be flat-bedded back to Hellertown. We believe the engine may have seized up, but we're hoping it's not that serious.

Thank you Jim and Marie for another beautiful Hornsby Rallye. We appreciate the time and effort you put into this event.

Tom and Jaimee

DVC HOLIDAY PARTY

December 8th, 2007

Hosted this year by DVC stalwarts Roy & Sue Dougherty, the Holiday Party was held downstairs at the Olympia Restaurant, the same very nice venue as last year. Forty-eight of the DVC faithful were present this year to enjoy the excellent food and drink, as well as to tote home the many wonderful door prizes arranged this year by Terri Tiley (with a little assistance from Bob). Lots of door prize tickets were sold, and as usual, those who bought the most tickets seemed to win a big share of the prizes. The evening began with cocktails and conversation.... A chance to renew



acquaintances with some members that haven't been seen much this past year. It was great to see Don Short, Bob Wagner, Louise Grillo, Wank, John Short... plus some of the newer members as well as all our "old" pals. A fine dinner followed, and was topped off by a surprise Birthday Cake made by those marvelous Dougherty girls, Lisa and Stacy. Their Mom, Susie Dougherty, and Jerry Keller, were celebrating.....Susie the day before, and Jerry celebrating his 64th that very night (Susie, of course, is much, much younger). In fact, Jerry said he appreciated the huge birthday party, and was happy that the DVC could celebrate theirs at the



same time.

Little Tommy Rippert did his Master of Ceremonies act, ably assisted by Mike Maloney, Jeff Erwin, Lisa Maloney, and Jerry Keller. Terri Tiley explained how the last door prize... a big "mystery box" containing who knows what wonderful treasure... would be "handled a LITTLE BIT different this year"... whoever won it would either get to keep it SIGHT UNSEEN... or.... Could choose instead to trade it to any other door prize winner for their prize. Patty Cawthorne won the "mystery box" and chose to trade it with Sandy Suffredini for the "Tiniest MG Enthusiast" child's tee-shirt. Of course that made Sandy's Dick very happy indeed, as the "mystery box" contained a lovely bottle of Laphroaig single malt SCOTCH !!



The evening's participant list included: Dave and Gloria Schwab; Bill and Ann McCurdie; Jeff Erwin; Dick and Sandy Suffredini; Greg and Janice Lake; Mike and Lisa Maloney; Rick and Stacy Ruth; Jim and Marie O'Brien; Larry and Connie Cordiero; Louis and Marian McAllister; Jim and Diane Sanders, Joe and Sharon Lamondo; Louise Grillo; Chuck and Judy Goelz; Earl Wanklin; Bob and Terri Tiley; Pat and Patty Cawthorne; Bob Wagner; Ernie and Barbara Feldgus; Jeff and Robin Rose; Don Short; John Short; John and Pat Hunt; Tommy and Jaimee Rippert; Jerry and Lee Keller; and our wonderful hosts Roy and Sue Dougherty. It was fine night indeed, and many thanks are due to Susie and Roy Dougherty for hosting, Terri Tiley and Bob for arranging the door prizes, and of course, Lisa Maloney and Stacey Ruth (the Dougherty girls) for making an excellent Black Forest Cake which was enjoyed by all. (Especially Jerry)

Of course, as usual, Dick Suffredini's photos tell the story... enjoy!!

Jerry Keller



1. John and Pat Hunt converse with Wank Wanklin and Don Short
2. Terri Tiley assembled a really nice assortment of door prizes.
3. One of Terri's "mystery prizes" - a can of Tired Old Ass Soak
4. Somebody needs a step-stool to reach the necessary... but who?
5. Sandy and Jaimee ... all dressed up and BFF.
6. Jerry and Lee Keller pose for a new DVC badge prototype.

MG / E-BAY SCAM

Like many other owners of classic cars I often review the Ebay section of Vehicles for Sale usually looking at the MG range with special interest in the T.Type. My interest is simple; what's for sale and how much?

I recently saw a 1953 MGTD in nice condition offered for \$5,900. (Five thousand nine hundred dollars) You don't have to be an expert to know that this seems a rather low price for such a vehicle especially as the price included transport to my garage. Thinking that there had to be an error in the printed price I contacted the seller, Victoria Peterson @yarhoo.com and asked if that price was correct. I received a reply telling me that the car had belonged to her late husband who had recently passed away and she simply wanted the car out of her home as it brought back too many memories. She estimated the sale price from an offer she got from a local garage. As I had been the first to contact her the car was mine and an official Ebay Invoice came about an hour later on my computer screen. It directed me to obtain a Money Gram from my local Wal-Mart Store and send it to Natalee Matthews San-Jose CA Zip 95125. I contacted the seller asking why a Money Gram was required and she referred me to another Ebay contact aw-confirm/cgi4-ebaymotorspurchase.com. Their response was that to stop fraud they chose an Ebay contact who would forward my payment to the seller and a receipt would be filed back to me for reference. The Email was printed on Ebay headed paper and had all the professional appearance of an official invoice from Ebay.

However there was no reference number in respect to the purchase which I found strange and in order to get this number I returned to the MGT car section of Ebay to find that the car had been withdrawn from the auction.

Question: Was this because I had agreed to purchase? However the fact that Ebay was requesting that I use a Money Gram when they always recommend Pay Pall seemed strange so I contacted Ebay Security asking why this change in policy. Within two hours the reply came back. **THIS IS A SCAM DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY. EBAY NEVER ISSUES AN INVOICE OR GETS INVOLVED WITH THE PURCHASE OF ANY ITEM.** My reaction was swift, the purchase was off!

I sent all the various Emails that I had received to the security people at Ebay and sincerely hope that they catch these people before they try the same thing again on some other poor individual. It was only because of my awareness of Ebay requirements that saved me from being \$5,900 out of pocket, also the fact that a 1953 MGTD would never be sold for such a price. But I must admit was tempted to send the money.

Every document I received from the scammers looked correct and professional, like the phony checks from overseas banks purchasing your car for more than you asked etc.

I always said that I would never be silly enough to be taken in by such a hoax. How wrong can any one be!

Geoff Wheatley December 7th 2007

Bob Holbert, racing legend

By SARAH LARSON
COURIER TIMES

The folks at Holbert's car dealership in Warrington have a saying: The only person who doesn't consider Bob Holbert a racing legend is

Bob Holbert.



Bob Holbert

That legend has passed into history. Holbert died Monday at the age of 84.

Friends and family spent Tuesday remembering

the former road racer and businessman as a modest, unassuming man who loved cars. If he had not left car racing to tend to the family business, race fans around the world would have known Holbert's name as well as that of Mario Andretti, they say.

Indeed, Holbert and his son, Al, who died in 1988, were inducted in 2004 into Sebring International Raceway's Hall of Fame, along with the legendary Andretti and several others. Bob Holbert held a record six class wins at Sebring, including second overall in 1960 and a historic GT class win in 1964, according to a history of his car dealership.

"He was an amazing man," Holbert's longtime friend and employee Vince Evans said Tuesday. "He was the very first road-racing champion. There's probably nothing that he didn't win in the days he drove for Porsche."

Bob Holbert's love of wheels started with two wheels, the bicycles that he liked to fix as a boy. His parents owned a hardware and general store, Holbert's Hardware, in then-rural Warrington at Bristol and Easton roads. During World War II, he put his expertise at mechanics to work maintaining the engines of PT boats.

In 1951, he opened Holbert's Mobil gas and service station next to his parents' store. But it was the following year that would change his life, and, admirers say, the face of car racing, forever.

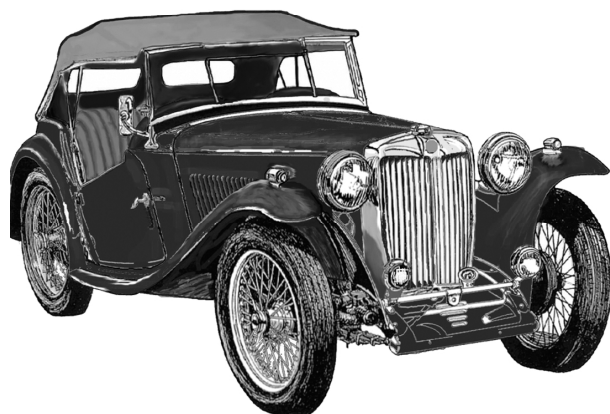
In 1952, the 30-year-old Bob Holbert bought his first racecar, an MG TD. The rest truly is history.

"He was one of the earliest racers, when road races really were on the road," Evans said. "He was always about cars."

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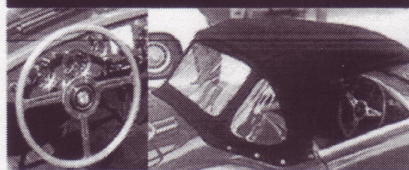
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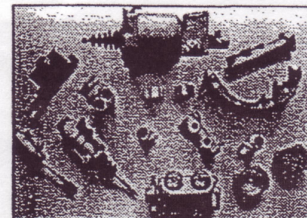
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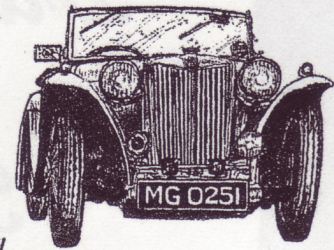
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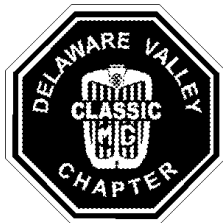
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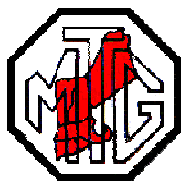
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