

**It's The MG's
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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T-Talk is the newsletter of the Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter and is published four times a year, in January, April, July and October. Anyone with an interest in MG automobiles is most cordially invited to join. Dues are \$25 per year per family. Membership inquiries should be sent to the DVC Registrar.

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Spring is Here—Summer's Coming Fast!!

We usually talk here about coming **driving** events, but this time it's a different kind of event. T-Talk costs are rising, and the Club leadership has decided to discontinue mailing effective with the January 2010 issue, publishing

T-Talk on the DVC website instead. We'll introduce this with the current issue, available now on www.DVCMG.com, and postal distribution also will continue for the balance of this year. Web-site access will be for dues-paid Members only, and a password

will be required. For now, use **DVCMG** as your password... the password for 2010 will be provided with your dues acknowledgement. One major advantage will be the option of printing a paper copy of T-Talk in **full color**... very likely including **your** trusty old...



T-Talk's MG Cover Girl of the Quarter is Janice Lake.

Second Quarter DVC Events — Get Out There !

<p>Saturday, April 18th</p> <p>Spring Tune-Up & Outlet Tour</p> <p>Dave & Gloria Schwab — Pottstown, PA</p>	<p>May 15th—17th</p> <p>DVC Spring Tour to Hyde Park, NY</p> <p>Goelz & Bottomley</p>
<p>Sunday, June 7th</p> <p>Drive & Picnic</p> <p>John & Pat Hunt—Flourtown, PA</p>	<p>3rd Quarter: Sunday, July 11th</p> <p>Family Golf Day & Picnic</p> <p>Limerick & Royersford, PA</p>

Don't forget Triathlon VIII—Jiminy Peak, MA—REGISTER NOW !!

Points & Plugs — Tom Rippert



Shhhhhh !

Little Tommy Rippert is sleeping ! He's been missing a lot of ZZZZZZ's lately, because he's been working very, very hard on rebuilding his TD's transmission, to get it ready for Spring driving. He's had to take it apart and re-do it many times because he keeps having parts left over. So this is Capt. DVC jumping in here and guest-writing Tom's column to tell you that Tom is going to be

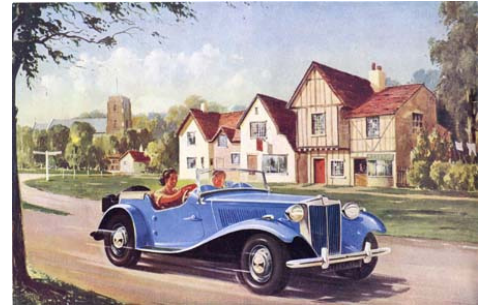
continuing in his leadership role with the DVC... but now, instead of the Events Chairman job which he's been doing, Tom has been promoted to CHAIRMAN.... You know, like Chairman Mao, only he'll be OUR Chairman.

L-T (that's L'ittle Tommy) will be ably assisted and supported by our new Events Chair, Dick Suffredini... as well as all the other board members who will continue in their previous positions.

So let's get out there and

give L-T what he wants most... lots of participation in the DVC's activities this year. OK, L-T ... time to WAKE UP !!!

More pal, Capt. DVC



Safety  *Fast*

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

Another of the DVC's Great Ones has passed on.... Don Short left us on March 14th, while we were celebrating the DVC's 39th Anniversary. Don was a DVC and T-Register stalwart for most of those 39 years, and it is hard to imagine the DVC without Don. He was just always there. He was there at the Rallyes, the weekend getaways to the Glen, and the longer trips too. He was



there on the Spring and Fall tours, and at the parties. He was there at the QVR's, singing those old Irish tunes he loved. Don was there on all of the T-Register's Road Trips... Ocean-to-Ocean, Alaska, Circuit of Britain, Circuit of New England, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Skyline Drive, Great Lakes... dauntless Don drove them all.... the only Register member to make every trip. Besides being an excellent MG mechanic, an avid MG collector, and an eager participant in any sort of DVC activity imaginable, Don was a faithful friend who was always happy to bend an elbow with you and share a laugh or two. Thanks for sharing so much with us, Don... it just won't be the same around here without you.

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



A Toast to Don

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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The Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter Is Proudly Affiliated With These Registers.

"Cabin Fever" All-British Vehicle Collectibles & Automobilia Show

On Saturday, January 25th, the DVC sponsored its annual "Cabin Fever" Show... this year at a new venue, the PC Pub in Pennsburg, PA. We had a room all to ourselves off the main bar, and there was a good turnout. As usual, the collectibles and memorabilia for sale was a diverse lot, ranging from model kits and miniatures to books and bathtubs. Bath-

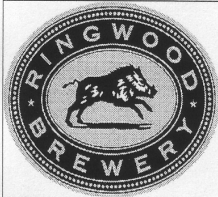




The Ales of the United Kingdom

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

Queen Victoria



Ringwood Brewery

Ringwood, Hampshire
United Kingdom



Old Thumper Extra Special Ale

Beer has been brewed in Ringwood for centuries ever since mediaeval man first mixed the crystal water of the River Avon with the malted barley harvested from the surrounding fertile fields of Hampshire. The market town was a magnet for merchants and dusty drovers who needed their thirst slaked and whistles wetted before they could get down to the business of bargaining and bartering and many a deal was sealed over a draught and a noggin in one of the many taverns, inns and ale houses that gave Ringwood one of the highest pubs per head of population in olde England.

Since Henry VII would travel there to hunt for wild boar, Hampshire in England has been renowned for its strong and wholesome ales. One of the finest examples of this style is Old Thumper from the Ringwood Brewery. Old Thumper has been hailed for its distinctive flavour and has won the coveted prize of Champion Beer of Britain. It has hints of sweetness with apple & fruit aromas, a deceptively smooth texture, as well as a long, dry, hoppy finish.

Old Thumper is now available in the US under a unique arrangement between England's Ringwood Brewery and Shipyard Brewing Co. LLC of Portland Maine. The original recipe is being brewed here under the watchful eye of Alan Pugsley who trained & worked at Ringwood brewery for many years, and is now an award winning brewer in his own right.

Because freshness, without use of preservatives, is essential to the taste & integrity of this fine ale, Shipyard has the famed Ringwood yeast & finest ingredients shipped directly from England to recreate the unique flavours of Old Thumper at the Maine brewery.

Source: Shipyard Brewing Co. LLC & <http://www.ringwoodbrewery.co.uk/>

5th Pennypacker Mills British Car Day



Hosted by the Delaware Valley
Classic MG Chapter



In Association With The Pennypacker Mills
Historic Site's "In The Good Old Summertime" Festival

Saturday, August 1st 2009

The Pennypacker Mills Historic Site, located aside the Perkiomen Creek just below Schwenksville, PA off of Route 73, is an ideal and picturesque location to display your British car. Plan also to attend and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Pennypacker Mills Historic Site's "In The Good Old Summertime" Festival adjacent to the car show field on the mansion's grounds. There's a lot to see and do for the whole family including vintage big wheel bicycles, live music, and Victorian lawn games. Refreshment service is available so you can relax under the stately trees and enjoy both the car show and the festival.

Car show registration opens up at 10:00 AM and voting begins at 12 Noon. Trophies will be awarded by popular vote based on marque and there will also be "Best of Show", "Ladies Choice", "Diamond in the Rough" and "Club Participation" awards.

The entry fee is \$15/car prior to July 15th and \$20/car thereafter and includes a dash plaque. Free T-shirts to the first 40 pre-registrants. Free entry to "In The Good Old Summertime" Festival and a tour of the mansion are included. The Pennypacker Mills' British Car Show pre-registration form is available at www.DVCMG.com or call 610-792-1158 for information. Don't delay, pre-register now. See you on the car show field.

A LITTLE MORE HISTORY ON THE BRITISH MOTOR INDUSTRY

BY Geoff Wheatley

The Second World war had been over for three years but Britain was still be rationed for most of the day by day niceties like food including bread, gasoline, cloths and virtually all luxury goods like a motor car. The waiting time for a new car was between twelve to eighteen months,. Why, because Britain was exporting everything that the world would buy in order to pay off its huge war debt. The principle market was the USA where the mighty dollar was the golden currency throughout the world. In 1945 when the war ended the British pound was worth four US dollars but in order to boost exports the British government took the dramatic step of devaluing the pound by 40%. Exports boomed but imports like food and of course fuel simply became more expensive. In an effort to improve the production of export vehicles and to benefit from the devaluation of sterling both Nuffield and Austin announced, in October 1948, that they had engaged in talks that would result in a ongoing exchange of information on such things as manufacturing economics, purchasing and design. The stated objective was to create maximum standardization between the two companies. The Government encouraged this exchange between Britain's two leading motor manufactures and went further by suggesting a Standardization Committee for the entire industry. The Nuffield/Austin companies held their first meeting in November 1948 at the Longbridge factory and the first order of business was reducing the vast number of electric components used by the two companies.

This committee continued to meet well into 1949 with some success; however, what the Ministry of Supply who encouraged this activity, did not understand was that the two leading figures in this attempt at co-operation were hardy on speaking terms. Lord Nuffield and Leonard Lord had fallen out in 1936 when Nuffield virtually sacked Lord as CEO of the Morris Company after only a years tenure. They did nothing to encourage the work of the committee, and never attended one meeting. Because of this by the end of 1949 it was obvious that any idea of a merger between the two companies was not on the cards and a press announcement stated that despite the success of the committee no further confidential information would be exchanged. This did not please the Government but little could be done at that time due to a pending election

For the first and last time in the British motor industry the two leading companies had started on the road of sound economic policy with the prospect that both costs and quality could be improved resulting in better and less expensive products. However, as stated this was short lived and it would take another year or two before the British Motor Corporation was formed under the Direction of a new Conservative British Government who also purchased an interest in the merger to enable a Civil Servant to sit on the board and in theory guide the progress of the merger.

Of course this never happened. There was no cooperation between the two companies each one operating exactly as it did before. No joint research teams, no design co-operation, no new production developments just two companies one in the North and the other in the South working independently.

In fact it was the stated policy of the new CEO who was an Austin man that this would continue in the interests of individual development. Even the pay rates for the workers in each company were different which in time led to the industrial strikes that plagued the industry. Nuffield retired soon after the creation of the BMC and this did not help the imposed merger. He was always viewed by his workers as one of them which in reality he was, starting work at the age of fourteen and creating one of the largest motor companies in the world and acquiring a king's ransom for his troubles. Even during the depression years of the 1930's Nuffield never laid off any workers. His policy was to reduce the work week when required for a few weeks or months but he made sure that every worker went home with something in his pay packet. The general moral in the Morris Empire certainly dropped when it became the BMC and it is interesting to note that until that time there had never been a strong union component within the company, a situation that was soon to change. As governments changed between 1945 and 1970, the virtual end of the British Motor Industry, more and more tax dollars was poured into the industry including of course the Thatcher investment in the Delorán project that cost the Government around \$45 million. There can be little doubt that this fiasco had an influence on the decision by the Blair government not to save Rover/MG a few years later. Today there is nothing left of a once creative and successful industry, well almost nothing, there is still the Morgan Company that was started a hundred years ago and still in business. To my knowledge they never accepted a cent of the taxpayer's money, guess there is a moral to that somewhere.



Chuck Denlinger's lovely red TD on a snowy road this winter. The intrepid Chuck laughs at the cold...HA-HA-(brrrrr)

6th Annual Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter

Gathering at Lakeland Farm

Battle of the Sexes "The Rematch"

Saturday, February 14, 2009

This year we brought it up another notch by hosting the Battle of the Sexes "The Rematch" competition on Valentine's Day. There were an assortment of activities which pitted the men against the women in various games of knowledge and skill.

The Battle of the Sexes "The Rematch" festivities began at 5:00pm with members arriving (some already fueled up) prepared to battle for their respective sex in the "The Rematch" competition and bearing covered dishes of gourmet food and libations that were consumed throughout the evening. Many thanks to all for the tasty selection of food! Valentine's Day decorations were in place to show love was in the air notwithstanding the battle was to commence.

While music played in the background and hors d'oeuvres were consumed, the game room was alive with activity (men practicing) and conversation abounded in the family room and kitchen (women strategizing). To start the competition, everyone was asked to participate in the Candy Heart Guess and was given a copy of the "Battle of the Sexes "The Rematch" Valentine's Day Fun Stuff". The laughter from reading the "Valentine's Day Fun Stuff" handout caused sides to ache and eyes to tear! Little did the members know that this was just the beginning of an evening that would have a lot more of the same reaction! After the fireplace in the dining room was lit and an outstanding buffet was enjoyed by all, "The Rematch" went into high gear.

Prior to starting, commemorating Greg and Janice's 1st Place and Hornsby Cup win at the Hornsby Rallye, Dick and Tom placed the official plaque onto the cup's base.

Greg ran the games, directing contenders to the "emergency supplies" (a box of tissues for excessive crying, adult diapers in case of leakage (suggested by Bob and Terri Tiley last year) and his Law Office business cards in case divorces were needed). Janice kept score along with keeping order (especially of the boys) with her riding crop.

The first event, Following Instructions, was won by the women again this year, no surprise here. Jerry won the Candy Heart Guess for the men and a box of Valentine candy for himself by guessing 888 candy hearts in a jar of 897. Tom won another point for the men and blew us away with his answer that The Carved Indian in the "What Is It?" contest, a Rallye point in the Hornsby Rallye "Cigar Store Indian" controversy between Greg and Donna, was an Indian squeezing a breast.

The 25 Trivia Questions ranging from "*The bubbles in Guinness beer do what*" to "*Kotex was*



first manufactured during W.W.I. as what" were asked of the men, and then 25 Trivia Questions ranging from "Why are manhole covers round" to "What are the fastest growing hairs on the human body" were asked of the women. Members were not easily stumped, except by a few questions such as "What is the largest cell in the human body and what is the smallest cell in the human body". Jerry and Lee were great as the Team Leaders, especially with all the hooting, hollering and laughter. This year, the women proved smarter than the men in winning the

trivia contest, even with a complaint that the men's questions were easier.

The 6 Bonus "Funny" Questions, new addition for "The Rematch", had contestants in hysterics. Sandy's quick wit gave the women a clear advantage for this game! Example, *"Why does it take one million sperm to fertilize one egg?"* To wit, Sandy immediately answered, *"They don't stop for directions."*



Next, the randomly selected participants, by names pulled from bowls, were challenged with games of skill. Lee and Patty gave the 8-ball pool game their best effort, but "Dick the Stick" and Steve pulled off a win for the men in the final minutes of the game. Jaimee swept the darts game for the women, beating Pat, and did an outstanding job for the women in the button sewing game, completing the task before Dick could get the needle threaded! Lew got a win for the men when he beat Evelyn in the memorizing ten cards game. "Gudi the Pinball Wizard", pulled off a win for the women with a score of 14,680 to Wolfgang's score of 6.210. Lew beat Gudi "by a drop" in the beer chugging game. They will certainly want a re-match next time! Evelyn excelled at the banana eating game, beating Walt by more than a bite. Sandy won the orange peeling game with calculated skill but Jerry busted her in the candy heart stacking. Sandy also proved her skill as the fastest diaper changer giving the women another win. In a husband and wife, head-to-head contest, Pat beat Patty in the horseshoe toss. Later in the evening, Pat and Patty were randomly drawn to compete against each other again in the fishing game (ring hung from cue stick over bottle) and Pat won again! Annette beat Jerry "hands down" in 5 card draw poker and Lee out-tossed Tom in the dice roll. Watching Tom "prepare" (removing belt and pants) for the balloon challenge, then seeing Bill try to pop a balloon in Tom's lap and Gudi pop one in Evelyn's lap had everyone rolling on the floor with laugh-





ter. The women popped first! In the straw pushing peanuts game, Annette pushed more peanuts in a bowl than Lew. In the marshmallow toss, Gudi and Annette for the women and Tom and Bill for the men were a blast to watch compete as marshmallows flew everywhere but where they needed to be (in partner's mouth)! The guys finally got one toss on target and won the game. The ball pop-up game was equally as wild as we watched Steve and Lee chase the bouncing balls with Steve

catching the most! Balance and roll a basketball around the body, well neither Wolfgang and Dick nor Donna and Jaimee could - perhaps seals for this one next time.

As it snowed outside, the last events of the evening included 2 observation games, a convince me to be your Valentine game, a new stick-it game (toilet plunger held between legs rammed through toilet paper roll held between legs) suggested by Chuck and Judy which won them the "best game idea" prize and then F.B.I., a couple touch and know game. Although Jerry and Sandy tied in their observation of what their partner was wearing, Bill was more observant than Lee in the second observation game of what Greg and Janice were wearing. Steve and Tom won the stick-it game for the men with side-splitting antics which made several people grab for the "emergency supplies", but Annette and Jaimee's performance was extremely entertaining too and certainly worthy of mentioning, especially since it was very difficult for Annette to balance the stick! Kudos to Chuck and Judy for the idea. Double kudos to Steve and Tom for their performance! And, it was a draw for the F.B.I. (Feel Body Identify), the blind-folded couple touch and know game, because it was just too funny! Thanks to the volunteer couples, Dick and Sandy, Tom and Jaimee, and Jerry and Lee for being such good sports; and of course to Janice who switched places with Tom (who already "molested" three participant women and half the onlookers in the previous contest) as the blind-folded Jaimee groped the three "men" to decide which was her husband!



The participants took the "DVC Pledge of Secrecy" as to what else happened - To tell everyone!

Final score: Men 17 and Women 17 - The "Rematch" was a TIE.

Congratulations to all competitors for a "Rematch" well played!!

Members in attendance: Donna Bristol, Pat and Patty Cawthorne, Wolfgang and Gudi Fischer, Jerry and

Lee Keller, Walt King, Greg and Janice Lake, Lew Phillips, Tom and Jaimee Rippert, Dick and Sandy Suffredini, Bill and Evelyn Webb. **Guests:** Steve and Annette Cozamanis, Dan Cartledge.

Some of the post Rematch comments from the evening's competitors include:

Walt King: "I think I will have to go to the hospital after last night. My sides are still aching from all the laughter!!! You both did it again. A wonderful and warm feeling for the DVC crowd. Everyone had a great time. How do you think up all the bright ideas? Thanks again for inviting all of us. You are wonderful hosts."

Tom and Jaimee Rippert: "Thank you again for another hilarious "hurt your face from laughing" Battle of the Sexes party. You two really do a lot of work for this and I think it's pretty evident everyone loves it. Hope the 90th was a success! Thanks again!"

Jerry Keller: "Thanks again for a great time!!"

Dick and Sandy Suffredini: "Thanks for a great evening and for the great pics, some worthy of blackmail photos. Did Greg's mom find anyone sleeping under the pool table on Sunday?" (The Farm was already decorated for Greg's Mom's 90th Birthday Party the next day.)

Thanks to everyone for making the 6th Annual DVC-MG Gathering at Lakeland Farm, Battle of the Sexes "The Rematch", so terrific. We hope to see you all back next year!!

Greg and Janice Lake

Jamison, Pennsylvania



The Lewes Chamber of Commerce Presents...
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Saturday, MAY 2, 2009*

11:00 a.m. Till 3:00 p.m.

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Lewes, Delaware

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Prizes in 8 Categories & Best of Show



I—Up to 1956

II—1957-1962

III—1963-1968

IV—1969-1974

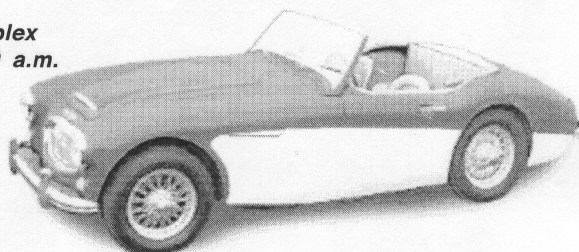
V—1975-1980

VI—1981-2000

VII—Austin-Healey 3000

**Premier Class—For past Motorcar Show
First Place & Best of Show winners.**

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Celebrating its 50th anniversary

Austin-Healey 3000-Featured Marque

The Austin-Healey 3000 was introduced 50 years ago in 1959 and continued to be manufactured until 1967 by the British Motor Corporation (BMC). Often referred to by enthusiasts as the 'big' Healey, the 3000 won its class in many European rallies in its heyday and is still used in classic race competition today. The car succeeded the Healey 100-6 and was originally to be called the "Mille Miglia" after the famous Italian sports car race, but the new engine displacement-based 3000 cubic centimeters designation stuck instead. Austin-Healey came into being in 1952 when Leonard Lord of Austin and Donald Healey met at the Earls Court Motor Show. As a result, the Healey 100 as it was entered became the Austin-Healey 100. The Austin-Healey 3000 was introduced to the public in March, 1959.



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Check appropriate box. (Only Original British-made vehicles 2000 model year or earlier. Replicas, kits, reproductions NOT accepted):

☐ I—Up to 1956 ☐ II—1957-1962 ☐ III—1963-1968 ☐ IV—1969-1974 ☐ V—1975-1980

☐ VI—1981-2000 ☐ Healey 3000 (Featured Marque) ☐ Premier (Past 1st Place/Best of Show)

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For more info contact the Lewes Chamber of Commerce (302) 645-8073 or
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WHUTT IZZIT ????

There were guesses submitted by Chuck Denlinger, Walt King, Jim Finne, Lyn Hughes, Dick Suffredini, and Tom Rippert. Some of the suggestions were: (Photo 1) motor mount pad, hockey puck, brake cylinder rubber seal... and of course, it is indeed a rubber seal from a brake cylinder. (Photo 2) TD Pedal Rod, chap stick dispenser, brake cylinder piston, tip of rocker end of an inlet valve. Several entries got one right.... Only one entry got both right... and Dick Suffredini is our winner of a Ratcheting Metric Hex Key Wrench Set. Thanks, Dick, and thanks to all who entered.



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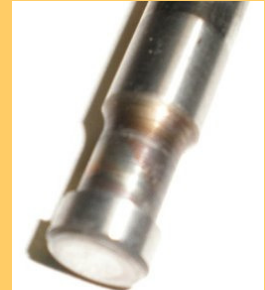


Photo 2



Greg & Janice Lake report seeing this sign on the Sunset Strip, near Whiskey a-GoGo... apparently intended to cut down on cruising the Strip.... Ahh, how times have changed...

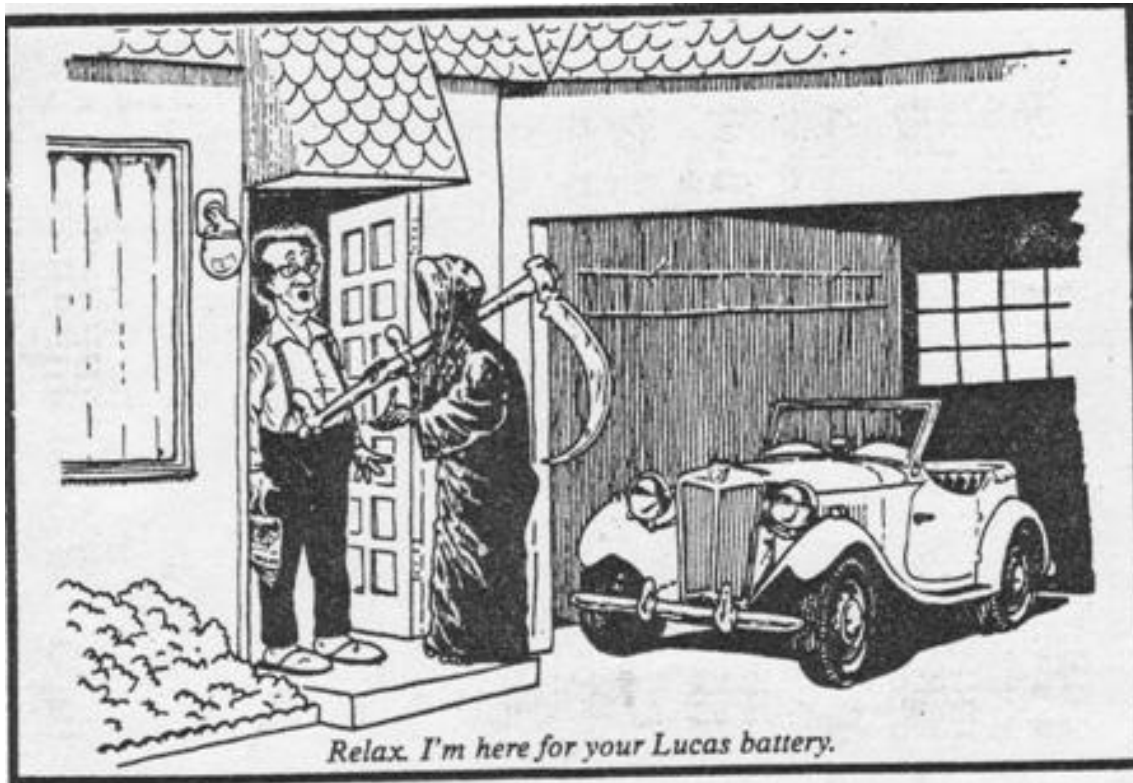
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WANTED... FOR LAUGHS: Volunteers to perform in DVC skit at Triathlon VIII. If you're going, step up and be part of this hilarious undertaking.... Script and direction by our own Sandy Suffredini and Jaimee Rippert. Call them and let them know you're IN.... Sandy: (215) 355-3053 Jaimee: (610) 287-9325

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AND CARS SENT OFF BY TWOs SEPARATED BY 5-10 MINUTES.

THE TOUR ENDS AT OUR HOME FOR A PICNIC.

JOHN AND PAT

Letters to the Editor....

Dear Capt. DVC,

I hope you can help me. I drove my MG to work yesterday and only a mile down the road the engine conked out and I couldn't get it restarted. I walked back home to get my husband's help, and I was shocked to find him in the bedroom with our neighbor lady making mad passionate love to her.

When I confronted him, he tried to make out that he went into the back yard and heard a lady scream, had come to her rescue but found her unconscious. He'd carried the woman back to our house, laid her in bed, and began CPR. When she awoke she immediately began thanking him and kissing him and he was attempting to break free when I came back. But when I asked him why neither of them had any clothes on, he broke down and admitted that he'd been having an affair for the past six months.

I told him to stop or I would leave him. He was let go from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant. I don't feel I can get through to him anymore. I'm 32, my husband is 34, and we've been married for 12 years.

Can you please help?

Sincerely,

Betty Lucas

Dear Betty,

An MG stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. There's a filter in the S.U. fuel pump that is often neglected and should be cleaned. Remove the fuel line from the carburetor and try pumping a little fuel into a container... it should run steady and clear. If these approaches do not solve the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty. If not fuel, it could be spark. Remove a plug wire, place it close to the engine block, and turn the engine over with the ignition on...is the spark fat and bright? If not, suspect the rotor ...or perhaps the coil. I hope this helps.

Capt.DVC

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The 39th DVC Anniversary Party

On Saturday, March 14th, 29 loyal DVC members gathered at Mike's Bar & Grille in Warminster to celebrate the 39th Anniversary of the founding of the Club in 1970. It was another fine luncheon at Mike's, with excellent food served buffet style in our own private room upstairs. Present were our hosts, Pat and Patty Cawthorne, Mark & Jan Scherbekow, John & Pat Hunt, Dick & Sandy Suffredini, Paul & Evonna Phillips, Ernie & Barb Feldgus, Chuck & Judy Goelz, Bob & Terri Tiley, Tom & Jaimee Rippert, Dave and Gloria Schwab, Greg & Janice Lake, Jerry & Lee Keller, Donna Bristol, Chuck Denlinger, Walt King, Earl Wanklin, and Bob Wagner.

Our new Chairman, Tom Rippert, served in his usual role of Master of Ceremonies, and together with our new Events Chairman, Dick Suffredini, presented the Annual DVC O-wards to several deserving recipients. Chuck Goelz was recognized for Driving Safety for his dented MGA fender; Jan Scherbekow was cited for Best Suspension—Nose Fork Division for her performance on the Spring Tour; and Tom Rippert received the Broken Teeth O-ward for his fine transmission work. Then Jaimee Rippert made a special surprise tee-shirt O-ward to Tom and Dick (Frick & Frack).

Along with the requisite warnings, caveats, and instructions, "The Book" was presented by last year's recipients, Pat & Patty Cawthorne, to another fortunate couple, Mark & Jan Scherbekow, who received it with appropriate trepidation, respect, and awe.

The customary Door Prize drawings resulted in a dozen happy winners of such items as MG pins, patches, keyfobs, and caps, tickets to the Carlysle Import Show, dashpot oil, a beer glass set, and a 12V car blanket. Nice job, Pat & Patty !!









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We'll meet locally with our co-hosts Chuck & Judy Goelz at 10 am Friday morning and motor up the Hudson Valley to Hyde Park, NY with a stop for lunch. We'll stay for two nights at the Quality Inn, with dinner Friday evening at a surprise local venue.

On Saturday morning after breakfast we'll meet with a group from co-hosts Jim & Ruth Bottomley's home club, Brits of the Hudson, for the short ride to Springwood and our guided tours. Lunch will be at the Beekman Arms, oldest tavern in the US, and in the afternoon we'll motor through the mountains with a stop at a local winery. Dinner at the Hyde Park Brewing Company will round out the day, and on Sunday morning we'll depart for home.



Please make your reservations with a call to the Hyde Park Quality Inn (845) 229-0088. Rooms are \$129 + tax, and there are 10 rooms set aside for our group until April 15th ***(you absolutely must call by April 15th and mention the Delaware Valley Chapter to reserve one of these rooms)***. A Continental breakfast is included.

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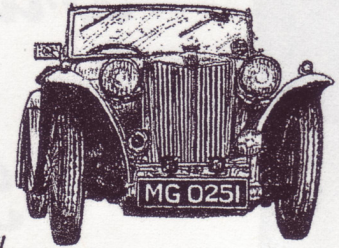
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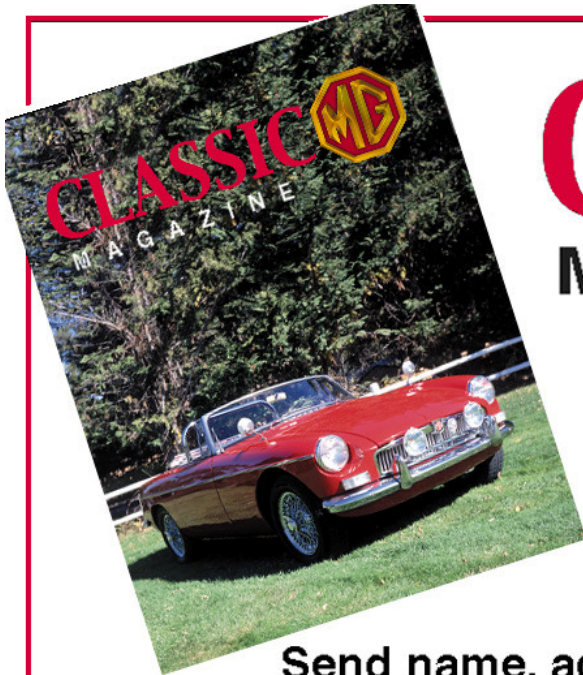
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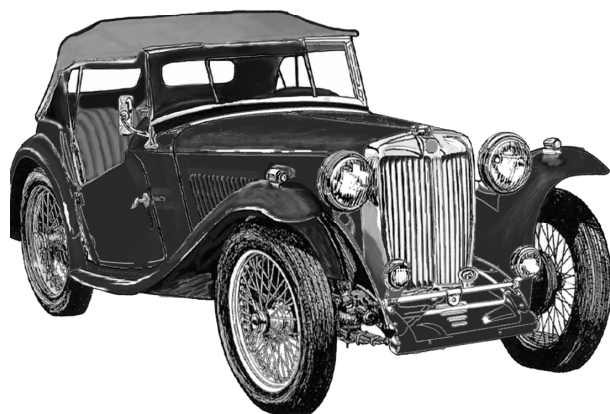
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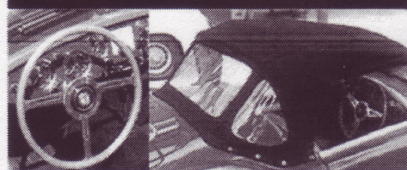
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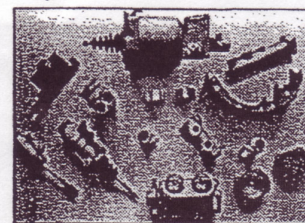
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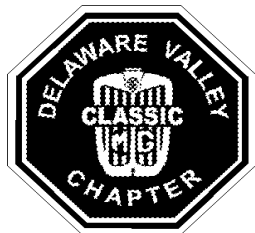
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The Motel will furnish a Continental Breakfast each morning in the lobby. Our famous Hospitality Room will be open Friday at 10:00 AM along with Registration. There are numerous nice restaurants available for lunch on Friday and Saturday before the afternoon activities start. Self guided tours on Friday and a guided tour on Saturday will be offered. See our schedule for all activities.

We encourage all "new" MG owners to bring their car, regardless of condition, for our First Timers Car Show on Friday. We welcome all MG's from A to Z.

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