

T•Talk



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Enroute to Triathlon 8, Dave Schwab discovers his MGB was made by the ACME Car Company.

Fourth Quarter DVC Events - Y'All Gotta Come !!!

Saturday, October 24th
Fall Tour & Picnic—Perkasie, PA
Jim & Diane Sanders

Saturday, November 7th
Perkiomenville, PA
Guy Fawkes Bonfire & Costume Party

Sunday, November 15th
Annual Meeting—Richboro, PA
Dick & Sandy Suffredini

Saturday, December 12th
DVC Holiday Party
Montgomeryville, PA

Mark your Calendars: Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010—DVC Collectibles Show, Pennsburg, PA

Points & Plugs..... Tom Rippert

POINTS & PLUGS

I'm sure everyone has heard by now that the DVC took 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and the Dorothy Wiggins Teapot awards at the British Marque Triathlon in August! I just want to say a special thanks to everyone who attended this year's Triathlon. We had 22 cars drive up to Jiminy Peak in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts - and that number of cars driving that distance is quite impressive. I also want to thank all of you for participating in the DVC's American Bandstand skit - you all had great costumes and did a great job bribing those judges. It's because of you that we won it all this year! I'm sure that you "first timers" will never miss another Triathlon, if at all possible. You only have to attend one and you're hooked. The British Marque does an excellent job of organizing this low key, fun event.

As far as summers go, this was a wet one. But we lucked out with the weather for the Family Golf Day and Picnic and the Pennypacker Mills British Car Show and P3 Party. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather for the Hornsby Rallye coming up in a couple of weeks, and then our Fall Driving Tour in October. This is the best time of the year to drive in an open MG, so don't put those cars away yet, great driving weather is here. Guy Fawkes bonfire is coming up on November 7th at Boorses and our Annual Meeting is on November 15th at Suffredini's. Don't miss the annual meeting - we need you support and help in planning next year's DVC events. Check out flyers in this issue of T-Talk or on the web at www.dvcmg.com.

This year's Christmas Party will be held at Village Caterers in Montgomeryville on December 12th. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss it. Terri Tiley is already searching for the "perfect" raffle prizes. An announcement is in this issue of T-Talk.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next DVC event!

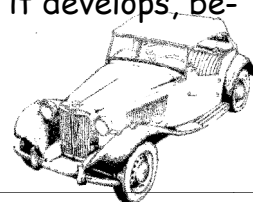
Tom

Full Boost - ALL the Time !! Capt. DVC

CHANGE. Anyone who's been paying attention the past year or so knows that **CHANGE** is the watchword everywhere these days, and of course it's no different here in the DVC. The idea is that with well-planned and executed change, progress is achieved. Soon you'll be getting your reports and photos of recent events, technical and historical articles, and upcoming event announcements and flyers on the DVC's website rather than here in the pages of a newsletter. It will take a little getting used to, like all changes, but with patience and positive thinking you may be surprised at all the advantages the website will make possible. Webmaster Lew Phillips has it all well in hand, with the new website expected to be operational by April, so watch for further news as it develops, beginning with "**The Future of T-Talk**" in this issue.

Please be sure to read it.

Cover photo by Chuck Denlinger



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, and finally, 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 call 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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Saturday, July 11, 2009

On July 11 Waltz's Golf farm experienced a British invasion as multiple examples of MGs and honorary MGs rolled in for the fifth annual P & P Golf and Picnic. Lew Phillips manned the sign-in sheet and directed the participants to their choice of mini-golf, driving range or, for the pros, chip and putt.

After lunch the Non-Rallye master passed out driving instructions for the Non-Rallye, one of the stiffest tests of odometers known to man. One by one the competitors straggled in at the end point, the picnic at Paul and Evonna's house, where cool beverages were on hand to slake the thirst developed from such a grueling tour. Off by 2/10 of a mile, Pat and Carmita Alzamora claimed the Non-Rallye title along with a prize package of a Union Jack lunch box, free passes to Waltz's, and a new driving cap.

With the award ceremony out of the way all settled in for what DVCers do best; Party! A wide assortment of food and drink was on hand to satisfy everyone's tastes.

The following enjoyed the whole day: Lew Phillips (MGB); Lee Wessner (MGA); Paul, Evonna and Logan Phillips (Midget); Dave Schwab (TD); Earl Wanklin; Jim and Diane Sanders (MGB); Jerry and Lee Keller (TD); Tom and Jaimee Rippert (MGA); Bill and Ann McCurdie (MGB); Lyn and Bobbi Hughes with their granddaughter, Rhian; Chuck Denlinger; Pat and Carmita Alzamora (MGB); Warren and Nancy Doerner (MGB); Chuck and Judy Goelz (MGA); and John and Pat Hunt (MGB).

Those who golfed at Waltz's include Erik Fehrenbach with his family and father-in-law Ray along with Rob Hoeflein (TD); George and Joyce Bulwinkle; Donna Bristol and Walt King; and Jeff and Robin Rose with daughter Maddy and her friend Chris, joined in with the rest at the picnic.

Thank you all for making the P and P outing a success.



Pictures by Lee Wesner and Paul Phillips

October Bucks County Tour

John Thompson's Private Car Collection

October 24th, at Diane and Jim Sanders



Arrive at Jim and Diane's (300 Twinbrook Road, Perkasie, PA) after 10:00 AM but early enough for a 10:40 departure to John Thompson's car collection. We will tour his collection from 11:00 AM until noon and see race cars including vintage midgets, sprints, champ cars, and Indy cars spanning from the 1930's to 1990's. His collection also includes street cars ranging from MGs, Morgans, Triumphs, and Bugattis to Corvettes and Mustangs. Many of the restorations are done on site. After the tour, we will take a short drive through Bucks county and then return to Diane and Jim's for food, drink and fun. Weather permitting, the picnic will be outside. As last year, be prepared for a short quiz regarding the day.

RSVP to Diane or Jim (215 453-1564) by October 14th and bringing an appetizer, salad, or dessert would be appreciated.

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 Pit Crew arrived Schwenksville at 7:30 the show field and val of British cars and out. No set up prob- fly's, signs, registra- were in place as the kind and how many year. A total of 82 showing yet, began this steady stream of through registration



Pennypacker Mills, Schwenksville, PA

at Pennypacker Mills in AM on show day to set up prepare for the later arri- bikes after Friday's rain lems were encountered as tion area and the show field Pit Crew waited to see what cars would show up this cars and bikes, our largest arriving at 9:30 AM and vehicles made there way and onto the show field.

This year our car show was held in conjunction with "In The Good Old Summertime Festival" at Pennypacker Mills Estate just adjacent to the show field. Lots of people, lots of food, lots of British vehicles and fabulous weather made for a wonderful day. Our DVC "Registration Girls" did a great job of moving cars smoothly through registration and our DVC "Show Field Guys" made sure each car was exactly where it was supposed to be. Our Pit Crew members: Bill & Linda Boorse, Chuck Denlinger, Warren Doerner, Chuck & Judy Goelz, Lyn Hughes, John & Pat Hunt, Jerry Keller, Bill & Ann McCurdie, Lee & Liz Niner, Lew Phillips, Logan Phillips, Paul & Evonna Phillips, Tom Rippert, Jeff Rose, David Schwab,

2009 DVC Car Show Winners

Class I- Knut Holzer 1964 - A/H 3000

Class II- Harry Seward - 1960 Sprite Bugeye

Class III - 1st Al Taylor - 1957 TR3
2nd Richard Herwig - 1960 TR3A

Class VII- Steve DeVeber - 1963 Jag XKE

Class VIII- Charles Daily - 1954 Jag MK IX

Class IX- Larry Macy - 2009 Mini Clubman

Class X- 1st Gordon Todd - 1954 MG TF
2nd Ralf Grant - 1953 MG TD
3rd Don Scholl - 1948 MG TC

Class XI- 1st Tom Brobst - 1958 MGA
2nd Mark & Donna McCarraher* - 1959 MGA
3rd Jim Schulte - 1958 Magnette

Class XII- 1st Ken Collins - 1973 MGBGT
2nd Forrest Collier 1967 MGBGT
3rd Dick & Janice Comly* 1970 MGB

Class XIII- 1st Michael Petriello - 1976 MGB
2nd Mark Johnson - 1976 MGBV8
3rd Bob Bodek - 1977 MGB

Class XIV- Alex Grant - 1969 Midget

Class XV- Steve Grote - 1963 Daimler SP250

Class XVII- Joe Marchione - 1959 Lotus Elite Si

Class XIX- Steve Albright - 1971 Triumph Bonneville

Best Attending Club - Philadelphia MG

Diamond in the Rough - Cindy Comly* - 1972 MGB

Ladies' Choice - Andrew Boorse* 1957 MGA Coupe Best of Show - Charles Daily - 1954 Jaguar MK IX

Other DVC'ers attending were Wade Albright, Pat & Carmita Alzamora, Bob & Pat Bodek, Donna Bristle, Pat & Patty Cawthorne, Richard & Janice Comly, Cindy Comly, Ernie Feldgus, Wolfgang Fischer, Walt King, Mark & Donna McCarraher, Rich & Brenda Mooers (all the way from Long Island, NY), Ben & Cyndi Nolan, Hank Rippert (all the way from Tennessee), Dave Sarley, Mark & Jan Scherbekow, Earl Wanklin and Lee Wesner, Thanks to the Pit Crew who helped make this year's car show a success! It's fun to work with nice people. But most importantly, thanks to the many DVC'ers and other British car and bike owners who put their vehicles on the show field, without them there would be no car and bike show! Reminder - The next Pit Crew Meeting is on October 7th at the PC Pub. Check the website for directions and the starting time.

Afterwards it was on to the P3 (Post Pennypacker Party) Party a few miles away in Perkiomenville. Jaimee Rippert and Sandy Suffredini made sure all was ready for us when we descended on the Rippert's house and grounds. It's great way to calm down after a hot and hectic day. Unwinding is what the DVC is really good at doing. The P3 party featured lots of good conversation, lots of really good, cold beer and lots of home made goodies supplied by the attendees. There were more than a few "catch up" conversations as this event has turned into a summertime reunion for DVC'ers. Of course there was a lot of good old fashioned tire kicking as particular under the hood modifications were shown off by their proud owners. Now that the car show and the post car show celebration has been going on for five years, the Pit Crew figures that they've got the formula down pretty darn pat. Heck, the learning curve has just started. Stay tuned for next year's show and party.



Cars entering the Registration Area before proceeding onto the show field.



Suffy distracts the owner while Linda and Paul scheme to steal the Grey Poupon for their hot dogs...























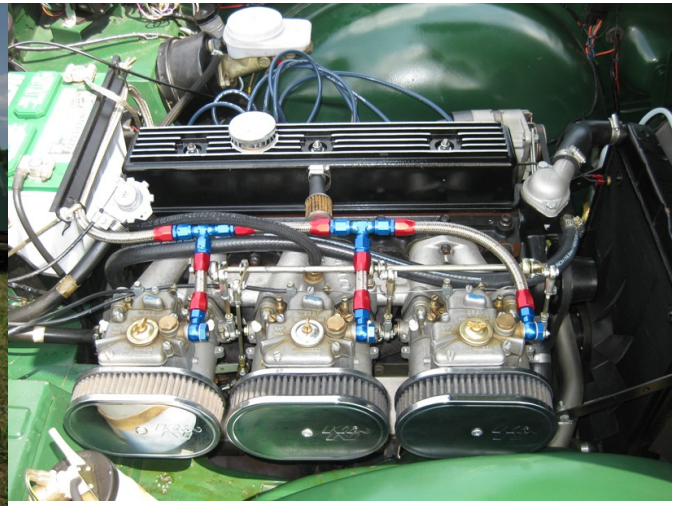






























Dr. DVC Revives *Di's TD*

Di's TD was entered in the Watkins Glen Historic Races this June only to stall on the false grid in the first practice race and never to be started again the entire weekend. Many drivers and mechanics came to her aid but their many ideas and even a new coil could not produce enough spark to get her started. Dr. DVC was present in the pits that weekend and invited Jim and Diane Sanders to take her to his clinic for treatment at the Jersey Shore. They accepted the offer and trailered her to his shore clinic. She was admitted where the good shore doctor began to do his magic. He first stepped back and did a physical examination. He noticed that *Di's TD*, born in 1953 had some work done to her to make her feel younger. In addition to having the engine rebuilt including a racing cam, she had been fitted with a Judson supercharger, an MSD electronic ignition system (with a rev limiter plus a spark retarder attached to the supercharger by a vacuum line) and a high volume electronic fuel pump equipped with a return line to the gas tank. However, she would not start. The good doctor first diagnosed that inadequate spark was being produced from the ignition system. The

spark was too weak to survive compression within the cylinder. The shore doctor removed the MSD, replaced the ignition wires, equipped the distributor with a petronix unit and optimized the timing. Now there was good spark and at the right time. However, *Di's TD* showed no sign of life. Over the weekend, Tom Rippert arrived and consulted with the good doctor about the car. Together, they diagnosed that *Di's TD* was also suffering from a fuel delivery problem. Even dosing her with ether through the carburetor was unable to produce any sign of life in the patient. The good doctor then performed a supercharger-ectomy and 2 SU carburetors were

rushed to the shore and implanted upon the manifold. Still the car would not start. Then the shore doctor performed a bypass by supplying fuel to the carburetors from a canister, pumped by an old SU fuel pump. The car came to life immediately. Dr. DVC then had to refit the linkage from the gas pedal to the replacement carburetors and synchronize them and adjust the mixture. He then assured fuel was being supplied by the electronic fuel pump and then used this with a fuel pressure regulator to supply the carburetors. The car still would not start. No fuel was coming through the pressure regulator which was promptly excised. After this, she started and ran smoothly but only for 5 minutes when she relapsed and could not be resuscitated. The shore doctor then diagnosed that the fuel return line was inadequate for the volume the pump was supplying. This caused the fuel pump to produce heat, vaporize the gasoline and stop supplying fuel. The shore doctor then re-inserted the old SU fuel pump as a back-up, able to pull fuel through and dissipate any vapor produced by the electronic fuel pump. Finally, *Di's TD* started and ran better than ever. Currently she is able to sustain power and quickly attain near 70 mph in 3rd gear. This is because she has a nifty rear end, a 3.9 working great through the first 3 gears but only holding speed in fourth, much like an overdrive. This may not be optimal for racing, but if this is to be addressed, it is for another day. *Di's TD* is most thankful for the shore doctor's perseverance and ability to work through 3 difficult maladies to bring her to health.



Jim Sanders' Pit Crew

.... Jim Sanders

2010 DUES ARE DUE NOV. 1ST

Dear DVCer,

Hi all! I trust that 2009 has been a good MG year so far for you. It's been a great year for Lee and I. We've enjoyed meeting many of you for the first time and also seeing your MGs. Our club has had some wonderful events this year as have our A, B, and T Registers.

2010 dues are due on November 1st. Please note that there is a self-addressed envelope in this year's notice for your convenience and my piece of mind! Thanks in advance for getting those renewals to me on time so that the bookwork is kept to a minimum and our membership chairman can get out the 2010 membership roster on time.

You can also elect to pay your 2010 dues to me at the annual membership meeting on Sunday, November 15th. Speaking of the annual membership meeting, please come and let us hear what your thoughts are for some special events celebrating the DVC's 40th anniversary in 2010. Thanks.

Liz Niner – DVC Treasurer

New Members

First Name	Last Name	St. Address	City, State	Phone
Doug & Kathy	Yerger	1122 N. Evans St	Pottstown, PA	610-323-3230 74 Midget
Mary Ann & Brian	Graham	50 South Valley	Paoli, PA	570-650-8015 69 MGB
Erik & Anna	Fehrenbach	301 Malin Road	NewtownSquare, PA	610-325-5565 77 MGB
Ray	Sawicki	153 Society Park CT	Emmaus, PA	610-462-6915
Sam & Eileen	Senior	50 Hickory Lane	Chalfont, PA	215-822-1862 72 MGB

A big DVC WELCOME to all these new members. We hope to see all of you at an event soon!! And if your MG isn't quite ready for prime time yet, come out anyway. We would love to meet you!!

DVC CHRISTMAS PARTY December 12, 2009

This year's DVC Christmas Party will be held at Village Caterers, 969 Bethlehem Pike in Montgomeryville, PA, on Saturday December 12, 2009.

Put on your creative thinking caps, we're having a contest for the best "home made" MG themed Christmas Tree Ornament.

Mark your calendars now for December 12th - a separate flyer will be sent out in a few weeks, which will include raffle tickets. Of course, you can buy more raffle tickets at the party.....



NAMGAR's Mac Spears Founder's Award - 2009

The North American MGA Register, NAMGAR, recognizes people who make a difference to the MG community, especially as it pertains to MGAs. An award was created in the name of the first chairman and one of the founding members of the North American MGA Register, McGehee "Mac" Spears. Each year the NAMGAR Board of Directors solicits nominations for this award. Candidates should be someone who is a considered leader amongst his or her peers, taking a leadership role and ensuring that the MG "Marque of Friendship" is not just a slogan but an actual way of life. The nominee should be someone who gives more than he or she receives. Nominees should truly encompass the MG spirit, by actively promoting MGs, their club(s), Chapters or NAMGAR. This award is not necessarily given every year nor do the recipients have to be NAMGAR members. It has been previously awarded eight times since NAMGAR's founding in 1970.

At the GT 34 Awards Banquet at Hot Springs, AR last July, The NAMGAR Board of Directors presented the Mac Spears Founder's Award to Lee & Liz Niner. Their contributions over a thirty year period to MGs and NAMGAR in particular were summarized by NAMGAR Chairman, George Merryweather. "They served as NAMGAR treasurers for ten years working with three chairmen and did much to mechanize and computerize the treasury and financial reporting. They have currently served as NAMGAR Chapter & Interest Group Coordinators for four years and have established an annual meeting and publish Email newsletters which provide the chapters and interest groups a voice and involvement. They also have written a column in MGA! Magazine, 'The As Have It', for many years which many of us can relate to in our daily experiences with MGs. On a local club level, Liz has been treasurer of the Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter (DVC) for twenty-five years and Lee has served as Chairman and Events Coordinator as well as edited the newsletter. Lee & Liz were part of the driving force in getting the DVC to affiliate with NAMGAR and NAMGBR in the 1990's as well as originating their club's annual car show, and memorabilia show. They were requested and readily accepted the responsibility of being the Treasurers for the all MG event "MG 2001" held in Minneapolis, MN. They belong to all three major MG registers and have attended many of their events throughout the years. They love everything MG as evidenced by their extensive collection of MG memorabilia in their home which they fondly refer to 'Our MG Crappola Collection'. Lee & Liz drive and maintain three MGs and in general are wonderful ambassadors for the MG marque and NAMGAR in particular."



Bruce Woodson, NAMGAR Vice Chairman & George Merryweather, NAMGAR Chairman present Lee & Liz Niner with the Mac Spears Founder's Award at GT 34 in Hot Springs, AR last July.

The 'A's Have It!

The North American MGA Register hosted its annual "Get-Together" in Hot Springs, AR, July 13-17, 2009. GT Central was the historic Arlington Resort Hotel in the Hot Springs National Forest. GT 34 was well attended by NAMGAR members and friends from all points north, south, east, west, and Canada with about 100 examples of the Marque in a unique car display on the manicured grounds of the Hot Springs National Forest. A highlight of the awards banquet on Thursday evening was the announcement that the "Mac Spears Founder's Award" would be presented. Mac was the 1st official member and co-founder of NAMGAR. Mac and Len and Ruth Renkenberger were early members of *The New England MG'T Register* and in 1973, they proposed that The 'T' Register expand its membership to include the MGA. Their proposal generated considerable discussion during the Natter AGM and finally, Dick Knudson suggested that there were enough MGA's to support a separate Register and, that *The New England MG'T Register* would dedicate space in each issue of *TSO* to help them promote membership. Dick's suggestion and the dedication of Mac and the Renkenberger's worked and the North American MGA Register was established in 1975. In his presentation of the "Mac Spears Founder's Award", NAMGAR Chairman, George Merryweather commented that; "A nominee should be someone who gives more than he or she receives. Nominees should truly encompass the MG spirit, by actively promoting MGs, their club(s), Chapter(s), or NAMGAR." The 2009 recipients are past NAMGAR Treasurer and regular contributors to MGA! with their feature column; The 'A's Have It! - Lee & Liz Niner of Creamery, PA. Lee & Liz #8092 ('52 TD) are long time members of *The New England MG'T Register* and the Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter.

(From Hank Rippert, Founding Chairman, Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter)

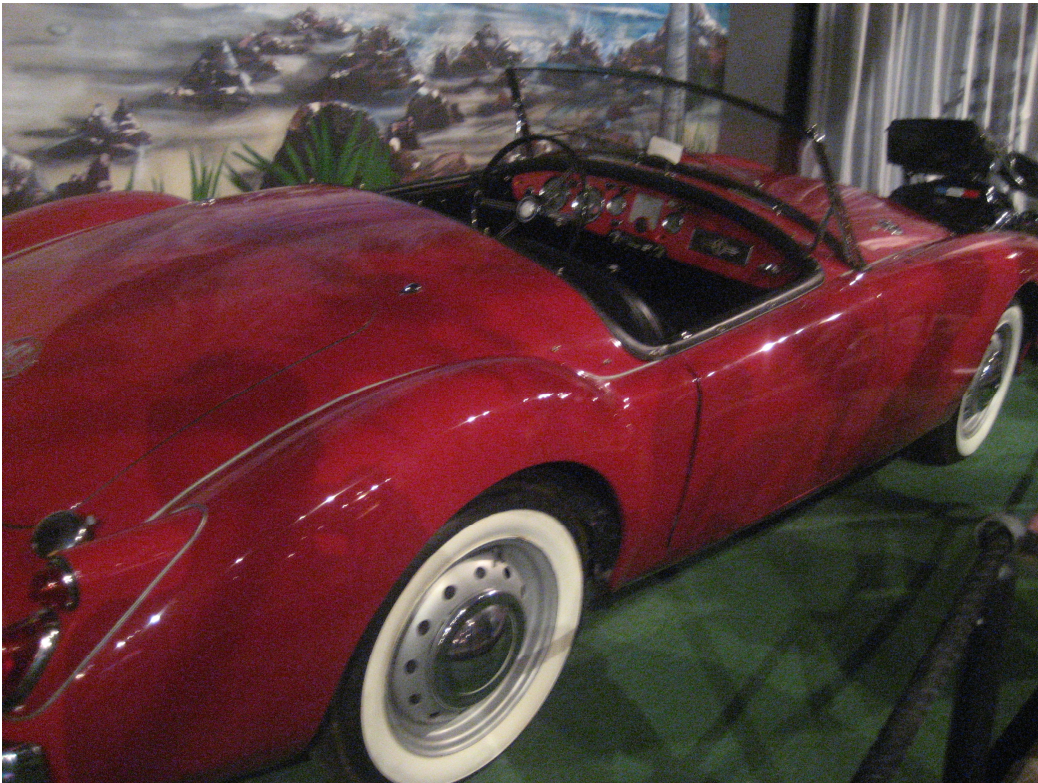
Niner's & Nolan's Odyssey To GT 34

Once again Lee & Liz and Ben & Cyndi decided to throw caution to the wind and travel with each other in their MGAs on yet another trip to another GT. They've been doing it since 1994 when they took their first GT trip together to Winston Salem, NC for GT 19. Past GT's have taken them and their MGAs to Chattanooga, TN, Lansing, MI, Morgantown, WV, Charlottesville, VA, Cromwell, CT and Pittsburgh, PA. The plan for this year's trip was simple. Drive about 1,400 miles each way, try to limit each days driving to 300 or so miles and see as much of Virginia, Tennessee and Arkansas as possible on the way down and then see as much of the rest of Arkansas, Kentucky and West Virginia as possible on the way back. Also in the plan was to link up with Bill & Karen Marshall and Butch & Judy Smith from Virginia who they had met at previous GT's. Very little preparation was needed. Ben & Cyndi just had to completely rebuild their 1500's engine and Lee & Liz had to have new brakes, brake cylinders and a slave cylinder installed. What do you mean its June, they had until the beginning of July to get it done.

OK it's Saturday, July 3rd and Lee & Liz are off to Springfield, VA to spend a few nights with their son and his family before linking up with the Marshall's and Smith's the following Thursday. Ben & Cyndi are trying to put 500 miles on their newly rebuilt engine before departing, oops a freeze plug popped out. No problem, just order a replacement, overnight ship it, take out the engine, reinstall the plug, put the engine back in and then put some more local miles on the engine and depart for VA on Wednesday in order to link up with Lee & Liz. Thursday, July 10th, Liz, Lee and the two couples from VA are 350 miles further away in Abingdon, VA (no problems for us but we hit a terrific downpour about ten miles from our motel) but no sign of Ben & Cindy. Seems they lost another freeze plug and had 4 carb grommets deteriorate somewhere in central VA while trying to link up

with the main group. But hold on, they broke down only a couple of miles from a major British car restoration shop. No problem the shop had them fixed and on the road with only one day of downtime.

Friday, July 11th, Knoxville was 128 miles away and was that day's destination. No problems car wise and Ben & Cyndi joined us late in the day. We went on a riverboat cruise that night and got to bed early as we needed to put 314 miles behind



Elvis's Red MGA 1600 on display at Graceland. Wow, period whitewalls!

us on Saturday. No problems at all the next day after a 7 AM start. The MGAs ran so well and the roads were so clear of traffic that we went to Plan B and decided to continue on another 136 miles to Memphis, TN. Half way into Plan B, the Marshall's MGA conked out and was fixed by readjusting the points. We then continued on for a total of 450 miles and managed our way through a terrible thunderstorm, had really great barbeque sandwiches (you know with Cole Slaw on top) and arrived at our motel about 6:30 PM. Sunday was an off the road day as we spent the day at Graceland and marveled at probably the best marketing effort in America. For every display, there was a gift shop. The good news is we had more barbeque sandwiches for lunch, saw Elvis's MGA 1600 on display and survived the gift shops with very minimal purchases. Once in your life visit Graceland. What a hoot! Later that evening we found a restaurant that offered free rides to it and back in a pink '84 Cadillac Limo. Yea, we had more pulled pork for dinner. We even met a couple from Australia and managed to share the limo ride back with them (5 couples plus the driver!)

Monday we were off to Hot Springs, AR about 9 AM with our tops up as heavy and severe thunderstorms were expected. Trouble ahead as the Marshall's MGA 1500 conked out but we got it sorted out (somehow the points had managed to stay closed again). As we crossed into Arkansas, we had lunch at "Porky's World Famous Bar-B-Que" and saw several other NAMGAR members on their way to the GT. You just know what we all had for lunch! After 200 miles we at our hotel (with an arrival temperature of 102 degrees) the Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa. We got the MGs unloaded, checked into our rooms and just soaked up the air conditioning. Dinner was at a pub across the street after a tour of the Gangster Museum and of course the hospitality room was in full force later that evening. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were spent at the GT.



DVC'ers attending the GT 34 Awards banquet: Mark & Donna McCarragher, Jim & Ruth Bottomley, Hank Rippert, Cyndi & Ben Nolan and Liz & Lee Niner. Mark & Donna won pewter (2nd place 1500's) and were awarded a 1,000 mile dash plaque, Jim & Ruth were awarded a 1,000 mile dash plaque. Hank won pewter (2nd place Other British). Ben & Cyndi and Liz & Lee were also awarded 1,000 mile dash plaques. That's several thousand miles in DVC MGAs just getting there!

We saw Jim & Ruth Bottomley who traveled all the way down from their home in Poughkeepsie, NY, Mark & Donna McCarragher who traveled down from Boyertown, PA and Hank Rippert (DVC Founding Chairman) who traveled down from his home in TN. The Arlington Resort was a quite opulent and nicely renovated art deco style renovated hotel with large airy rooms and unlimited ice machines that made the outside heat wave seem far away. Between tech sessions, two rallies, hospitality room visits, car show and the awards banquet the time really flew by. We did manage to take a ride in a "DUCK" around greater Hot Springs when the temperature was

105 degrees and we took in a NAMGAR sponsored riverboat dinner cruise, yes it was air conditioned! We also had quality pool time on a couple of afternoons with NAMGAR friends from all over the US and Canada that we encounter at each GT. Butch & Judy Smith had slave cylinder problems and purchased a rebuild kit from Scarborough Faire who had a booth in the vendor's room. Friday, July 17th at 7:30 AM we departed with the same four cars and couples that traveled down.



Does anybody have a jack that we can borrow? No problem, one of the park rangers lent a low profile jack and we were on the road in no time.

We traveled through parts of Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky before pulling into Calvert, KY after traveling 400 miles. No problems, all the cars had been humming right along at 60 - 65 miles an hour. We called out for pizza as we were tired and wanted to get a good night's rest. Saturday, we were on the road early as traveled another 300 miles to our motel in Winchester, KY. Beautiful scenery and great lunches so far. The Smith's distributor bit the dust and was swapped out with a borrowed unit from Lee & Liz. Sunday, another 7 AM departure as we cross over into West Virginia and lots of great mountain scenery

and roads. We traveled 350 miles and stayed at a mountain resort, Cannan Valley, with great views.

After dinner, we said our goodbyes to the Marshall's and Smith's who were leaving at 8 AM the next day for their homes. Monday, after a lazy breakfast, the Niner's and Nolan's went sight-seeing to a waterfall at a state park with plans of driving into central PA. Plan B was put into effect as Ben & Cyndi's MGA had one flat tire and one really bald tire in the front. After replacing the flat tire with his spare tire and moving the remaining bald tire to the rear and placing the rear tire on the front we set off for western Maryland and a tire shop. Alls well that ends well, the tire shop had the correct size tires and two tires were purchased and off we went traveling over to good old PA Route 30 and on over the mountains and into Carlyle, PA to our motel. Departure on Tuesday for home — finally! The Niner's had left the Nolan's after Lancaster and were 25 miles from home when they had a flat tire on an overpass on RT 30 Bypass. No problem, the tire was changed in no time. Ben & Cyndi racked up 3K miles and Lee & Liz racked up 2.8K miles during the trip. Plans are already underway for next year's GT 35 to be held out in Wisconsin. Ben & Cyndi and Lee & Liz will be there - how about joining us?

The Delaware Valley Classic Chapter

Annual Planning Meeting

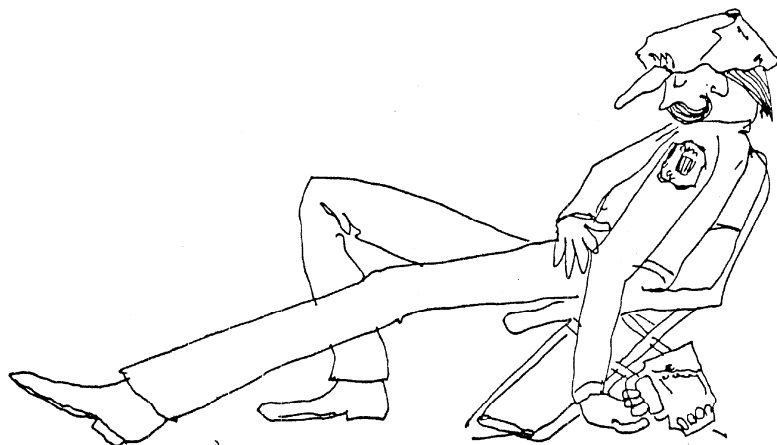
**The one and only planning meeting of
the year**

**Sunday, November 15, 2009,
2:00pm**

**Host: Dick & Sandy Suffredini
46 Robies Court
Richboro, PA 18954**

**Bring your ideas and comments for
the up coming years events calen-
dar. Volunteer to run or help run an
event. We're always looking for new
reasons to enjoy our MG's.**

**If you have an idea and can't make it
to the meeting, call or email ahead of
time and we'll bring up your thoughts
during the meeting.**



THE FUTURE OF T-TALK

There have been previous announcements concerning changes to the T-Talk newsletter, and some confusion has resulted. This article is intended to clarify those matters and answer most of the questions that have arisen by presenting the latest information.

The major purposes of our newsletter are:

- a. Provide timely news and information about Club and other events, past and future
- b. Present the views of the Club leadership and membership
- c. Provide a forum for discussion of issues and technical advice
- d. Act as a force for uniting and motivating the membership
- e. Foster camaraderie and enhance enjoyment of our MGs

The DVC is not immune to the forces of change that we see all around us. As we approach our 40th year, and with an eye on the future, your DVC Board has determined that the functions described above can be better performed by the Club website. This decision modifies the earlier plan to keep the newsletter "intact" but present it on the website rather than distributing it in paper form. As the changes were being made, it became obvious that these functions needed to be completely re-worked to take full advantage of the new, more extensive capabilities of the website.

Some of the advantages are:

1. Event announcements can be presented and accessed more quickly on the website. Changes and corrections can be made promptly.
2. Event reports can be presented on the website in a more timely manner. Instead of waiting up to 3 months for the next newsletter, articles and photos can be up on the website in days.
3. More information, of better quality and usefulness, can be presented more quickly and more easily, freeing up scarce resources to provide more benefits to members.

Based on the above, a new website is now being constructed which will integrate the features and functions of the newsletter into the website format. The timetable for full implementation is 2nd quarter of 2010, or as soon as our webmaster can adequately prepare the new website. In the meantime, the existing website will continue to serve us, and copies of the conventionally formatted newsletter will be available there beginning Jan. 1st. This is consistent with the earlier announcement that the October 2009 issue you are now reading is the last that will be distributed on paper.

The transition to electronic format, however, will now be accomplished in two phases. Phase 1 will put a conventionally formatted newsletter on the website, with access to members only by means of a password. Detailed instructions will be on the website, and (if necessary) assistance in accessing it will be available. After Jan. 1st, 2010, simply visit www.dvcmg.com and click on the "CURRENT T-TALK" button. You will be prompted to enter the password information that will have been made available to you by then. As soon as the new website is available, Phase 2 will begin to take full advantage of the potential of the website format.

Questions concerning these changes can be emailed to the editor at ttalk@dvcmg.com.

Problems accessing material on the Club website can be addressed to the webmaster at webmaster@dvcmg.com.

Your Board sincerely believes these changes will give us a better, more informed Club. In turn, this will result in more fun and more benefits for us all. Thanks for your attention, cooperation, and patience while we make these important changes.

Safety Fast,

The DVC Board -

British Marque Car Club News
Triathlon VIII
August 28th - 30th 2009
Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort, Hancock, MA

The drive to our starting point on Thursday morning was very overcast, with a few sprinkles, but the weather forecast was for a beautiful day and we were holding them to it. Well, before we pulled out of the parking lot of the Turkey Hill at 9:30, it was raining pretty steady and all the tops quickly went up. It rained off and on for a couple of hours and by noon it had actually turned out to be a beautiful day. We stopped for lunch at The Nibble Nook Diner in Stone Ridge, NY. What a great lunch stop - the food was delicious and plentiful and the people were very friendly. After lunch we stopped at the Wurstboro airport to put our tops down, and received a very warm welcome from the airport manager. We arrived at our Thursday night destination, the Beekman Arms in Rheinbeck, NY about 3:00 p.m. This Inn is the oldest operating inn in the US, and is very beautiful. Some scouted out the town, and some hung in the beautiful old bar in the Inn quenching those "powerful thirsts" brought on by the drive up in an open car. We reserved a few tables in the dining room where everyone gathered for dinner at 7:30. We enjoyed a delicious meal, another drink at the bar, and then everyone headed for their rooms, tired from the day's drive.

Friday we awoke to very overcast skies. We left the Beekman Arms at 10:30 and drove to the Rhinebeck Aerodrome, where we had a tour guide waiting for our arrival. He is 89 years old and still flies whenever he can. He gave our group a very nice tour of the Aerodrome. We left the Rhinebeck Aerodrome in time to get to our lunch stop at Gigi's Trattoria and Farm Market in Red Hook, NY. Another great lunch place! The food, again, was delicious. While we were having lunch, the Friday group pulled in to join us. We broke up into three groups to travel the remaining distance to Jiminy Peak, and this is when the trouble started..... Lew Phillips took his key out of the ignition at a gas station right near Gigi's and couldn't get it back into the ignition. After a little while, they figured out a good whack with a hammer was just the right fix. While Lew was having the ignition problem, Dick Comley's MGB, which was being driven by his sister, Cindy and boyfriend Bill, experienced electrical problems and had to be flatbedded to Jiminy Peak, where it was repaired on Saturday by Pat and Bill. [Dick and Janice had to cancel their trip to Triathlon, as Janice's mother passed away suddenly]. After these problems were resolved and this group was on their way, Dave and Gloria Schwab, who were leading this group, hit a Coyote, that's correct - a Coyote. Thankfully, no major damage was done to his car. That was one group. Our group was approximately 25 miles from Jiminy Peak when Jim and Diane Sanders car had trouble. We pulled to the side of the road in front of a Veterinary Clinic. It was quickly diagnosed as a broken rocker arm. The guys knew

the drill, as the same thing happened to Jim's car in May when we went on the Spring Tour to the Hudson River Valley. It soon started raining, and the girls huddled around Jim's car with umbrellas trying to keep the guys dry while they worked on Jim's car and got it to run on 3 cylinders so he could make it to Jiminy Peak. The third group made it with no problems. We checked in to the hotel and registered for Triathlon, and when we told Faith about our car problems, she immediately offered her Mini so these people could compete on Saturday. After dinner on Friday night, we all met in our hospitality room to go over our American Bandstand skit for Saturday's car show. It wasn't a late night, as everyone was very tired from the trip up, and we wanted to rest up for a big day on Saturday.

It poured all night long, and continued raining through the hill climb up Mt. Greylock and the rallye, which took us into Massachusetts, Vermont and New York. By the time we returned to the hotel for lunch, the rain had stopped, but still looked very threatening. With the threat of rain, the car show was held a little differently this year. The skits were set up in a little courtyard, and each team drove their cars up one at a time to be judged under a tent. It worked out very well, as everyone was gathered around the tent and could see everyone's bribes and interaction with the Judges. Our American Bandstand skit was a huge success. We want to thank everyone for participating. You all did such a good job on your costumes. The DVC was in a time warp - it looked as though we had just stepped out of the 1950's. It was great fun for all of us, and the Judges (especially Jan Scherbekow and her "special" Judge). By the way, at lunch the first place and last place teams were announced. The DVC's Wolfgang and Gudie Fischer were in first place, wearing the ever so lovely traffic cone hats, and the DVC's Jim and Diane Sanders received the coveted cow tail hats. They must wear these hats till the awards presentation that night, when they would get passed along to the final winners and losers of the Triathlon.

Okay, onto Saturday night and the awards dinner. The suspense was killing all of us. The DVC had 22 cars. The Cape Cod chapter started off with 17 cars, but recruited 5 cars and ended up with 22 cars too!! Could the DVC keep the Dorothy Wiggins Teapot for another two years??? Who would be the Grand Champions of the Triathlon??? Wolfgang and Gudie were ahead at lunch, but could they hold onto that lead??? Finally, time for the awards....the suspense is over. The DVC "rocked" - Wolfgang and Gudie are the Triathlon Grand Champions, (I know, we can't believe it either.....), Rich and Brenda Mooers came in second, and Pat and Patty Cawthorne came in third! And yes, the DVC keeps the Dorothy Wiggins Teapot award, beating out the Cape Cod Chapter again this year. I guess we don't have to mention that it was party time in the DVC hospitality

room Saturday night! A couple of the Cape Cod chapter members actually came to our party to join in the festivities. It's all fun, friendly competition between the two chapters. (But we really want that Teapot!).

More rain on Saturday night, but we awoke to a rain-free Sunday, which soon turned out to be beautiful. We all broke up into little groups for the drive home. Some stayed on another day, some went highways, some went back roads. All we can say is, it was a perfect, top-down, MG driving day.

We all had a blast this year! We can still picture all the girls in their poodle skirts and bobby socks and the guys with cigarette packs rolled up in their sleeves, hair slicked back - just jitterbugging away..... If you missed it this year, don't miss it next time, it's the most fun you'll ever have.

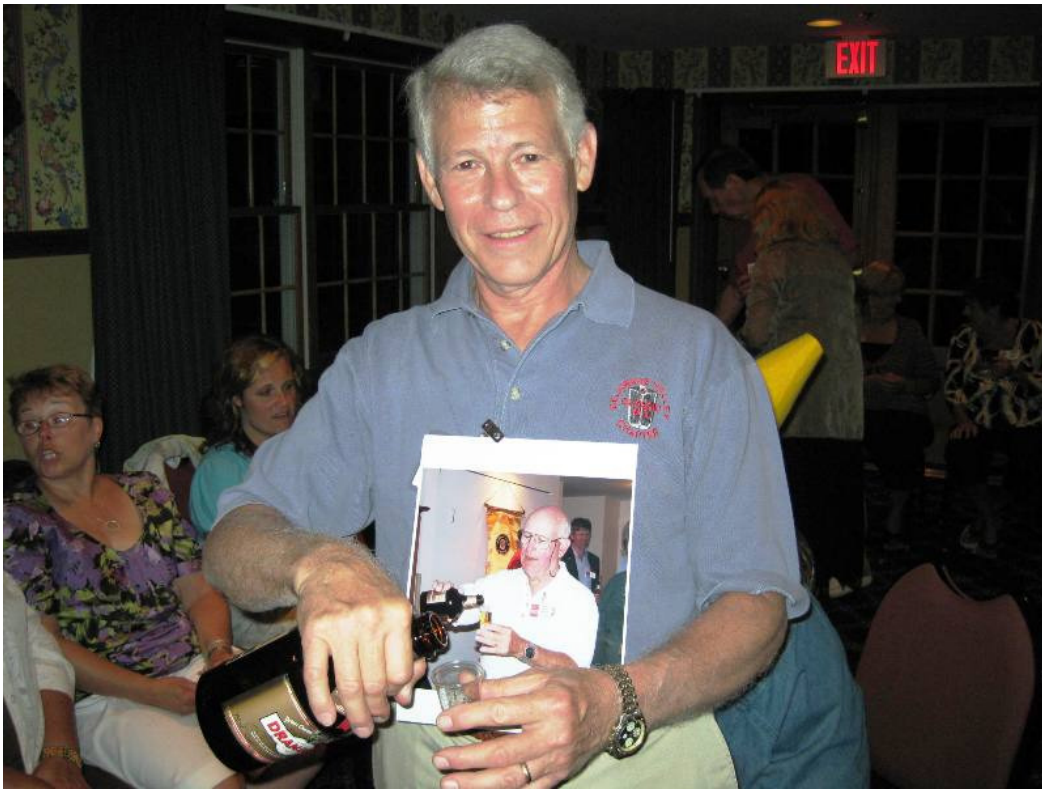
The following is a list of DVC participants, including their team number, address and car:

8	Jerry & Lee Keller	Green Lane, PA	1953 MGTD
9	Dale & Stephany Wright	Baltimore, MD	1961 Daimler SP250
15	Wolfgang & Gudrun Fischer	CMCH, NJ	1960 Triumph TR3A
16	Tom & Jaimee Rippert	Perkiomenville, PA	1953 MGTD
18	Dick & Sandy Suffredini	Richboro, PA	1952 MGTD
20	Geoff & Dana Wheatley	Hilton Head Is., SC	2003 Jaguar
23	Jim & Ruth Bottomley	Poughkeepsie, NY	1959 MGA 1500
25	Lee & Liz Niner	Creamery, PA	1960 MGA 1600
31	Lew Phillips & Chuck Denlinger	Spring City, PA	1980 MGB
35	John & Pat Hunt	Flourtown, PA	1973 MGB
41	Dave & Gloria Schwab	Pottstown, PA	1973 MGB
43	Pat & Patty Cawthorne	Warminster, PA	1958 MGA
47	Mark & Jan Scherbekow	Bridgeton, NJ	1973 MGB
48	Ben & Cyndi Nolan	Elmer, NJ	1953 MGTD
60	Cynthia Comly & Wm. Stinson	Horsham, PA	1970 MGB
72	Rich & Brenda Mooers	Dix Hills, NY	1955 MG ZA
76	Jim & Diane Sanders	Perkasie, PA	1953 MGTD
77	Jeff & Jan Zorn	Farmington Hills, MI	2002 Mini Cooper
78	Bill & Evelyn Webb	Sellersville, PA	1974 $\frac{1}{2}$ MGB
81	John & Donna Cawthorne	Doylestown, PA	1977 MGB
83	Sue Dougherty & Lisa Maloney	Southampton, PA	2009 Mini Cooper
88	George & Bonnie Kress	Gibsonia, PA	1962 MGA

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P3 PARTY

It was another beautiful, hot August day for the Pennypacker Mills British Car Show and P3 Party at the Ripperts. Everyone started arriving hot and tired after spending the day on the show field. It didn't take long for the hors d'oeuvres to be put out and the beer to be tapped. It's a great way to unwind, relax and enjoy DVC comradeship after the show. As you all know, the DVC has wonderful cooks, so we enjoyed many delicious dishes that were brought to the party. The following is a list of attendees.

Donna Briston, Walt King, Chuck Denlinger, Jeff Rose, Hank Rippert, Henry Rippert, Pat & Patty Cawthorne, Dick & Sandy Suffredini, Wolfgang Fischer, Wade Albright and Jill, Steve Albright, Rich & Brenda Mooers, Jan & Mark Scherbekow, Earl Wanklin, John & Pat Hunt, Paul & Evonna Phillips, Chuck & Judy Goelz, Lin & Bobbi Hughes, Pat & Carmita Alzamora, Ben & Cyndi Nolan, Warren & Nancy Doerner, Dave & Nancy Sarley, and last but not least, Bill & Ann McCurdie.

Many thanks to the boys and girls who helped with the food prep and cleanup!!

Our apologies if we missed anyone.

Jaimee & Tom



P3 was also Ripperts3.... Hank, Henry, and Tom







Guy Fawkes Bonfire and Costume Party (& Rally)

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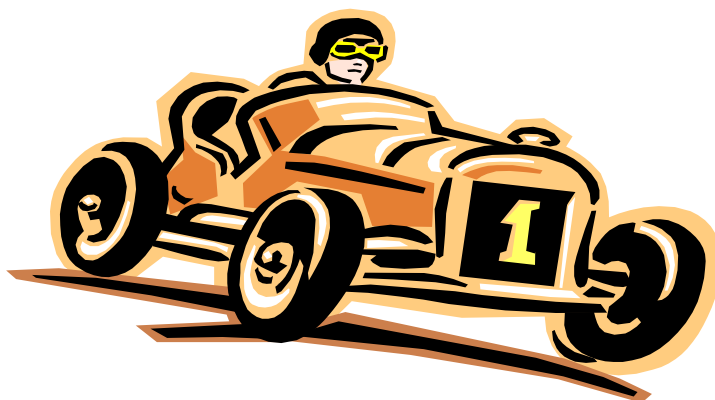
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DVC – HORNSBY RALLYE



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

We had 18 entries this year. The rallye was the popular "gimmick" type, but this time all the questions were of the "yes/no/how many" sort, which was easier to record whilst underway while just as difficult to get right. All the cars completed the course, although some shortcuts .. intentional or otherwise... may have been taken. General reviews from the teams were good to excellent.... everyone seemed to enjoy the course and the wonderful weather in the 70's. The roads were challenging, the views spectacular. Some of Rallyemaster Jim Taylor's best laid traps were handled without fuss.... yet simpler matters, such as road signs, seemed to give trouble to some of the teams. Jim says "It was a lot of work, but a lot of fun too. I tried to present a clean and fair event to challenge the teams and the cars without compromising fun or safety. It appears to have worked... everyone finished... Rallymaster's Commendations (for Pressing On Regardless) to the Tileys for finishing with no clutch, and to the Kellers for running the last half of the course with no brakes."

Awards:

First Place Pewter and the Hornsby Cup: Bob Tiley Sr. and Bob Tiley Jr. in Sr's MGTD with a failing clutch cable!

Second Place Pewter: Chuck & Judy Goelz in their MGA

Third Place Pewter: Paul & Evonna Phillips in their MG Midget

Other entries: *Dick & Sandy Suffredini, Jerry & Lee Keller, Pat & Patty Cawthorne, Mike & Lisa Maloney, Lew Phillips and Rita Mandik, Jim & Diane Sanders, Tom & Jaimee Rippert, Bill & Evelyn Webb, Sue Dougherty and Maddie Maloney, Wade Albright and Jill Roesch, Wolfie & Gudie Fischer, Donna Bristol & Walt King, Dave & Gloria Schwab, Bill McCurdie & Peter Palma, and Earl Wanklin.*







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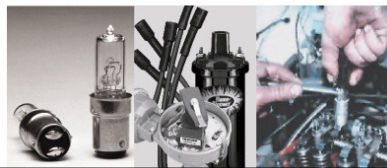
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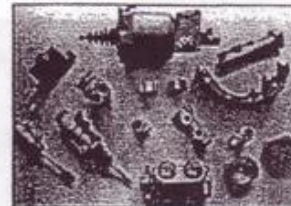
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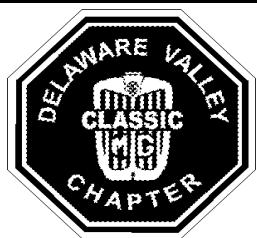


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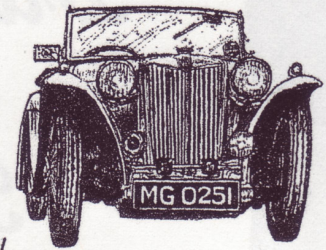
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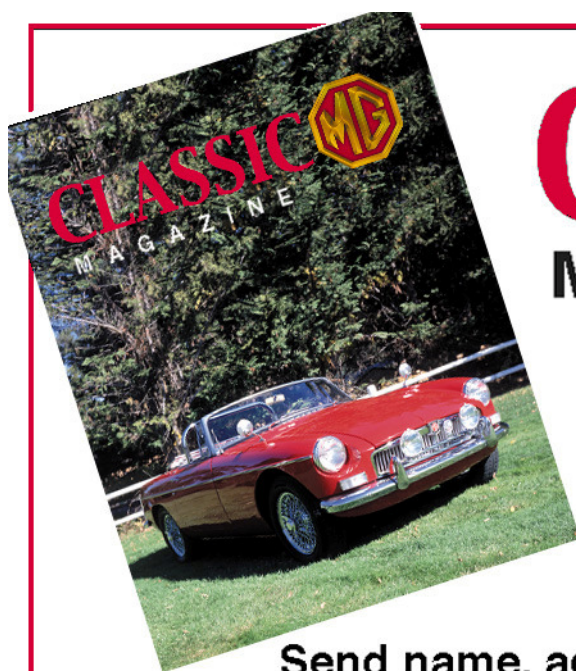
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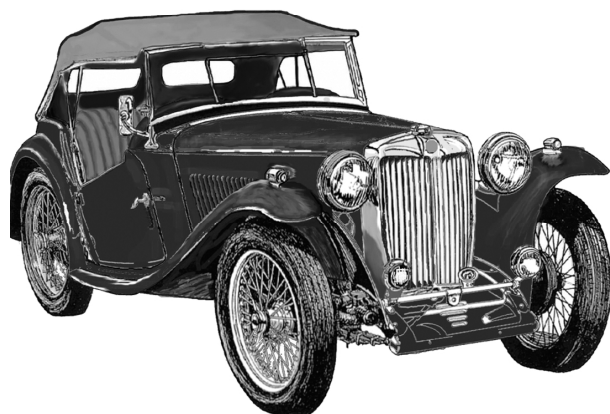
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