

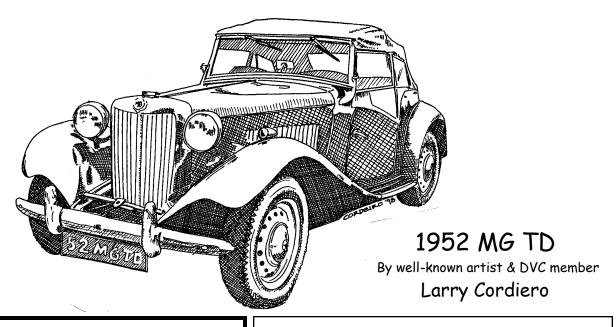
The Delaware Valley Classic MG



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Second Quarter DVC Events Lots of Fun !!!

Fri-Sat-Sun, May 21-23 Wolfi & Gudi's Wildwood Weekend Wildwood, NJ Saturday, April 10th Dave Schwab's Spring Tech Session Pottstown, PA

Sunday, June 13th
Capt. DVC's Summer Party-Mk I
Green Lane, PA

And Coming Up in the Third Quarter

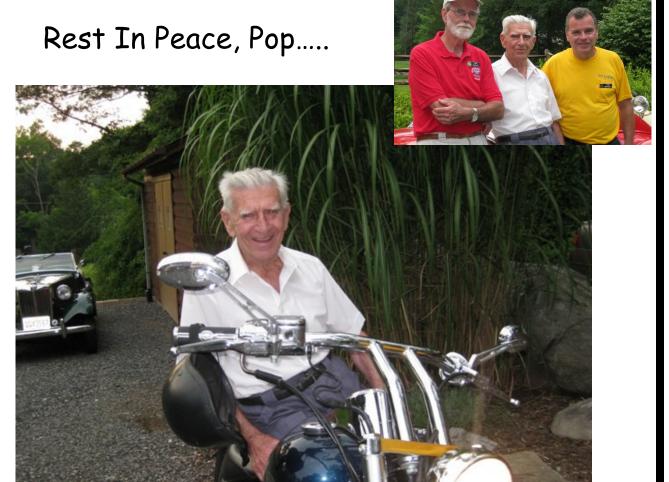
Saturday, July 10th DVC Family Golf Limerick, PA Saturday, August 7th
DVC Car Show & Post Party
Pennypacker Mills, Schwenksville, PA

Mark your Calendars: Sept. 25/26—DVC Weekend @ MG on the Rocks

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to inform you that Henry "Pop" Rippert died peacefully in his sleep over the March 13th weekend. Pop was 92 years old. The father of Hank and Tom Rippert was a DVC member along with his late wife Helen. They attended DVC events at Tom and Jaimee's home... like the DVSki parties andmore recently at the Pennypacker Post Parties. The photos below were taken at last year's August Party... Pop was in rare form, enjoying... and enjoyed by... his two sons.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Hank, Tom and their families.



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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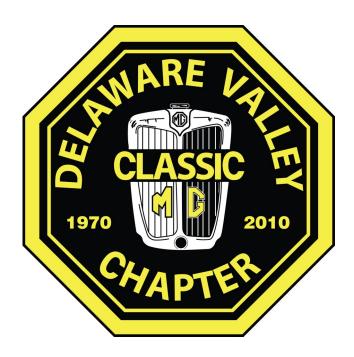
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Gala DVC 40th

Anniversary Party

Saturday, March 27th, 2010

<u>DVC CELEBRATES 40 YEARS......</u> Wow, what a turnout for the DVC's 40th anniversary party at the Inn at Towamencin on Saturday, March 27th! Sixty-five DVC'ers showed up to celebrate this DVC milestone. The evening started off with a cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, while everyone chatted and looked at the wonderful pictures in the photo display. Thank you to everyone who brought pictures along for us to enjoy. They went back to the very beginning of the DVC, and it was really fun to see how different everyone looked 40 years ago. Well, all except Barry Williams he looks the same now as he did then! Dick also had a continuous running slide show going for our enjoyment during the evening.

After a delicious dinner, our MC's Tom and Dick (otherwise known as the Smothers Brothers) were on! Dick welcomed some new DVC members, Mike and Karen Kearns, who recently moved to the area from Atlanta, GA, Phil and Pat Gedney, from West Chester (Phil graciously came up and thanked Dave Schwab for tying his tie for him), Sam Senior, and Faith Lamprey and Bruce Vild of British Marque Car Club News. Faith and Bruce came all the way from Harrisville, RI to attend our party, and came up to the microphone to say some nice things about the DVC. They also presented

us with our plaque for the Dorothy Wiggins Tea Pot Trophy, and they presented Wolfgang and Gudie with a picture of them as Triathlon champions, donning their traffic cone hats.

Each attendee received a very nice leather DVC 40^{th} anniversary key fob. If you weren't able to attend the Anniversary Party and would like to purchase one of these key fobs, we have some that can be purchased for \$5.00 each. Contact Bob Tiley.

With Tom's faltering voice from a cold, he asked if Jaimee would read a letter sent to us by Hank Rippert, our founding chairman. Hank wished that he could be with us all at this time, but since he could not, sent us his congratulations on the past fun-filled 40 years of the DVC and best wishes for many more years to come.

Then onto the coveted "O-Wards"! Oh my, they were good this year. As Tom and Dick presented the O-Wards, the telltale pictures came up on the big screen for all to see. "O-Wards" are presented to deserving DVC members who maybe did something stupid or funny, or just had bad luck during the past year - and who's there to help you NEVER FORGET WHAT HAPPENED, but Tom and Dick. Recipients of "O-Wards" this year were: Patty Cawthorne & Jan Scherbekow (for their "bad" hairdos at Triathlon); Pat Cawthorne (for his extended tech session because of his lost speedo gear); Lew Phillips (because of his "stuck" key at Triathlon...by the way Lew confessed Saturday night - his key wasn't stuck, he was trying to start his MGB with his Subaru key!); Dave Schwab (for hitting a coyote on the way to Triathlon); Bob Tiley (for a broken clutch cable during the Hornsby Rallye); Jerry Keller (for losing his brakes during the Hornsby Rallye) and continuing without them; Jim Sanders (uh, see Jim, there's just too much to mention); Tom Rippert (for the longest pee ever); and Jaimee Rippert (for the tush powder puff). Why is it we never actually SEE Dick taking these incriminating pictures???

Following the O-Wards, we gave out some wonderful door prizes which were very generously donated by the following vendors: Little British Car Co., White Post Restoration, MG Classic Magazine, Moss Motors, and Hank Rippert.

It was a wonderful evening with lots of laughs. It was great to see some folks we haven't seen in a while. What can we say - keep up the good work, DVC - after all we do have a reputation to uphold............

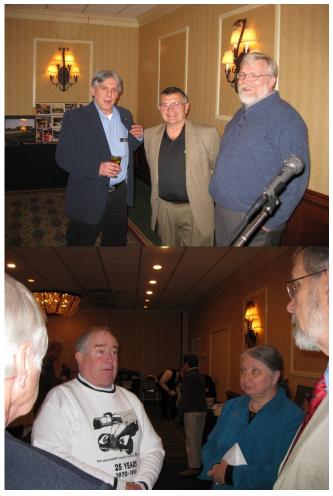
Suffs and Ripps

In attendance were:

Barre Williams... one of the DVC Founding Members...

Very early DVC members Ernie & Barbara Feldgus, Jim & Marie O'Brien, Earl Wanklin, and Tom & Jaimee Rippert....

Sam & Anna Jane Waddington, Philip & Patricia Gedney, Wolfgang & Gudie Fischer, Walt King, Donna Bristol, Chuck Denglinger, Paul & Evonna Phillips, Bob & Terri Tiley, Mike & Karen Kearns, John & Pat Hunt, Bruce Vild, Faith Lamprey, Dick & Sandy Suffredini, Dave & Nancy Sarley, Greg & Janice Lake, Sue Dougherty, Warren & Nancy Doerner, Jerry & Lee Keller, Mark & Jan Scherbekow, Jim & Diane Sanders, Pat & Patty Cawthorne, Bill & Linda Boorse, Sam Senior, John Zemany, Mike Williams, Ben & Cyndi Nolan, Jim & Janet Taylor, Bill & Anne McCurdie, Frank & Sandy Kern, Chuck & Judy Goelz, Lew Phillips, Rita Mandik, Kris Phillips, Damian Shuman, Dave Schwab, Charles Jost.





















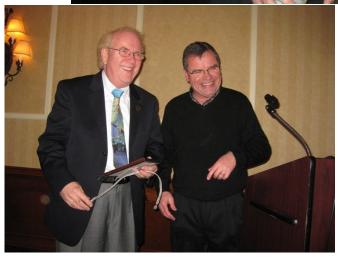






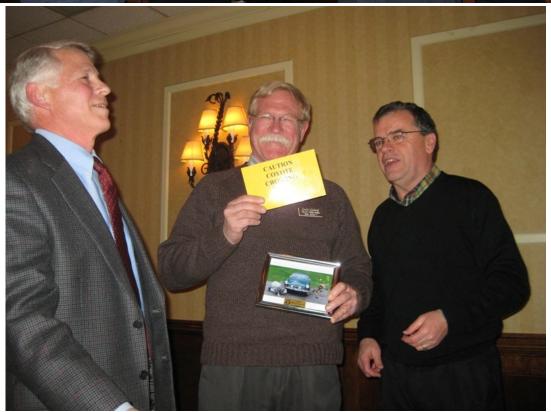




















DVC SPRING TOUR 2010 WILDWOOD, NJ

DATE: Fri., May 21 - Sun., May 23

PLACE: Marlane Motel

4310 Atlantic Avenue

Wildwood, NJ

PHONE: 609-522-7463

RATE: \$75/night (Mention DVC when you call)

Your car should be ready to roll after last month's Tech Session, so pack it up and head on "down the shore."

Arrive Friday and relax in the motel's garden with DVC friends. Saturday morning, a DVC car show right in front of the motel. Then off for a drive through Cape May County, lead by Wolfgang and Gudie Fischer. After dinner Saturday night (maybe Lobster House deck???), we could check out Wildwood's Boardwalk, then head back to the motel garden to end the day.

If you wish, you can come earlier in the week or stay longer (rooms are available). Make your room reservation by May 1st.

Questions: Call Wolfgang & Gudie - 609-465-0267

4TH ANNUAL DVC CABIN FEVER AUTOMOBILIA SHOW

Sunday, January 31st, 2010

Over three dozen car enthusiasts and a half dozen vendors took advantage of the break between winter storms to gather together and reflect on warm summer drives of the past and the upcoming nice weather. The venue was the 4^{th} Annual DVCMG "Cabin Fever" Automobilia Event. This year, we again enjoyed the hospitality (not to mention the food and brews) at the PC Pub in Pennsburg, PA.

As we prepared our room for the event, little did we know that another club was already holding an event of their own... in the next room! Our friends from Old York Road Car Club took the opportunity to hold their annual meeting in concert with our show! Apparently, they had decided to gather together to take care of their business, then come around the corner to enjoy some automobilia, chatter, and a couple of brews with us! What a great idea!

Even though the winter weather seemed to have effected a couple of the vendors, there was still an excellent assortment of goodies for show and sale. Books, posters, toys, parts, pins, badges, and much more awaited us. Even a grill that was redesigned to become a show case. So many goodies that you could smell the will-power burning away. "I really don't need another gizomadoodle, but this one is so nice... Arrrl"

From our post outside the door, Rita and I had a great view of all of the goings-on. Peering into the room we could see lots of conversations and discussions over the items... as well as the ever present war-stories. Arm loads of goodies heading out the door with new owners. Looking around to the pub area there were even more people visiting with old (and new) friends. Catching up on the last few months (or years in some cases). Taking a break and enjoying some car-time.

All together, a great way to spend a nice afternoon and catch a breath between the blasts of winter. See you all again next January!

Lew Phillips





















7th Annual Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter Gathering at Lakeland Farm Battle of the Sexes Playoff Saturday, February 13, 2010

This year we brought it up another notch by hosting the Battle of the Sexes Playoff competition. 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 Playoff festivities began at 5:00pm with members arriving (seriously bundled up and ready for some fun after shoveling out from a huge snow storm earlier in the week) prepared to battle for their respective sex in the Playoff 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 Hershey's Kiss Guess and was given a copy of the "Battle of the Sexes "Playoff" Let The Good Times Roll Fun Stuff". The laughter from reading the "Let The Good Times Roll Fun Stuff" handout, this year chocked full of funny cartoons, 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 Playoff went into high gear.

Greg ran the games, directing contenders to the "emergency supplies" (a box of tissues for excessive crying, Pampers in case of leakage 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 a tie this year (first time in 3 years)! Jaimee won the Hershey's Kiss Guess for the women and a box of Valentine candy for herself by guessing 232 candy Kisses in a jar of 222.

The 52 Trivia Questions ranging from "What is the number of balls on a pool table" to "Kotex was first manufactured during W.W.I. as what" were randomly pulled from a bowl and alternately asked of the men and the women. Since this was the Playoff, some "repeat" questions from previous years were included for our seasoned contenders. One such question, "Why does it take one million sperm to fertilize one egg?", was quickly answered by Jaimee, "They don't stop for directions." Overall, 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" (oh no, this was a "repeat" question) and "Do you have more bones as a baby or an adult". Tom and Patty were great as the Team Leaders, especially with all the hooting, hollering and laughter. This year, the men proved smarter than the women answering 6 more questions correctly and winning the trivia contest.

Next, the randomly selected participants, by names pulled from bowls, were challenged with games of skill. Lee, Jaimee and Patty gave the 8-ball Pool game their best effort, but Dan, Wolfgang and Steve pulled off a win for the men in the final minutes of the game. Pat swept the Darts game for the men, beating Donna who admittedly never threw a dart in her life and ultimately hit everything but the target, including the wall, the suit of armor in the corner, the wood bench and a trophy on a nearby shelf! Thanks for being such a good sport Donna! For the Walnut Toss game, Lisa got a win for the women when she beat Steve as Tom gave the contestants a better target by holding the brass bucket between his legs. "Walt the Pinball Wizard", using only one flipper, pulled off a win for the men with a score of 21,460 to Lisa's score of 3,690. Gudi beat Tom "by a mug" in the Beer Chugging game. They will certainly want a re-match some time! Jaimee and Lisa excelled at the Banana Eating game, beating Tom and Dan by more than a bite. Blind-folded, Patty won the Orange Peeling game with calculated skill over Wolfgang and Jaimee proved her skill as the fastest diaper changer over Wolfgang giving the women two more wins. Pat and Tom beat Patty and Lee in "high stakes" Poker. Dick and Pat were matched against Donna and Lee in the Balloon Challenge. The men popped first! In the Marshmallow Toss, Patty and Annette for the women and Walt and Jerry for the men were a blast to watch compete as marshmallows flew everywhere but where they needed to be (in bucket attached to their partner's waist)! The gals actually got two tosses on target and won the game. The Ball Pop-up game was equally as wild as we watched Pat and Dan for the men and Gudi and Jaimee for the women chase the bouncing balls with the men catching the most! Balance and roll a basketball around the body, well last year, neither Wolfgang and Dick nor Donna and Jaimee could do it, but this year Wolfgang and Tom actually rolled the basketball around each other 3 times beating Donna and Lee with the skill of masters – perhaps they practiced since the last Battle.

The last events of the evening included an Observation game, the Stick-it game (toilet plunger held between legs rammed through toilet paper roll held between legs) suggested by Chuck and Judy and a big hit at last year's Battle, an Egg Toss game, then a new Behind the Scene game (identify people from behind, blindfolded). Although Dick and Steve did a fair job describing what Lisa and Annette were wearing for the Observation game, the gals provided considerably more details and won this one for the women. Patty and Annette won the Stick-it game for the women, even though it was extremely difficult for Annette to hold the toilet paper without crushing the cardboard holder, but Pat and Dick's performance with side-splitting antics made several people grab for the "emergency supplies", especially since Pat had stick aiming issues! Kudos again to Chuck and Judy for the idea. Double kudos to Pat and Dick for their performance! And, it was a draw for the Egg Toss game and the Behind the Scenes game, because they were just too funny! Thanks to Steve, Dan and Pat for representing the men and Gudi, Lisa, Patty and Annette for being such good sports for these 2 games of the evening; and of course to Janice who switched places with Patty as the blind-folded guys tried to identify the gals!

In addition to Jaimee winning a box of candy in the Hershey's Kiss Guess game, 3 custom designed coffee cups (imprinted with Battle of the Sexes, year, specific award and a picture of Greg's MGTD) and 2 wind-up gag gifts were presented. A custom coffee cup was awarded to Tom for being the biggest male winner of all the Battle of the Sexes games (11 individual game wins in 3 years), a custom coffee cup was awarded to Jaimee for being the biggest female winner of all the Battle of the Sexes games (10 individual game wins in 3 years), a wind-up gag gift was awarded to Wolfgang for being the biggest male loser of all the Battle of the Sexes games (9 individual game losses in 3 years), a wind-up gag gift was awarded to Patty for being the biggest female loser of all the Battle of the Sexes games (9 individual game losses in 2 years) and lastly, Janice was awarded by Dick and Tom a custom coffee cup in appreciation for her efforts in helping to make the 3 Battle of the Sexes events so successful.

To recognize and honor ALL the contestants, each participant was presented with a personalized certificate, suitable for framing and certified authentic by Greg and Janice, stating that they successfully participated, accepted the challenges, performed to the highest unprofessional standards and survived each of the Battle of the Sexes events that they attended at Lakeland Farm and were therefore entitled to all the rights and privileges bestowed upon a DVC member.

As always, the participants took the "DVC Pledge of Secrecy" as to what else happened – To tell everyone!

Final score for 2010 Battle: Men 11 and Women 12.

Final score for 2009 Battle: Men 17 and Women 17.

Final score for 2008 Battle: Men 11 and Women 17.

Overall: Woman 2 / Men 1

Congratulations to all competitors for a Playoff 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, Tom and Jaimee Rippert and Dick Suffredini. **Guests:** Steve and Annette Cozamanis, Dan Cartledge and Lisa Syms.

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

<u>Walt King</u>: "Both Donna Bristol and I had a wonderful time at your home last evening. We and most of the club members look forward to being invited to your home each year. First, because each occasion will be fun and second, you both know how to cheer up everyone regardless of the weather, economic conditions and God knows what! All in the DVC are looking forward to again being invited to your home next year. Just like last year ... my sides are still sore from laughing so much. You are both FINE FOLKS!!!! Loved the Certificate!"

<u>Steve and Annette Cozamanis</u>: "Wanted to tell you how much we enjoyed getting together - a good time to relax since both of us have been very heavy in construction and other work lately it was a good divergence from that and among friends."

 $\underline{\textit{Lisa Syms}}$: "I really appreciate you inviting Dan and I for your event. Had a blast with your friends. Everything was so comfortable and easy."

Thanks to everyone for making the 7th Annual DVC-MG Gathering at Lakeland Farm, Battle of the Sexes Playoff, so terrific.

Greg and Janice Lake Jamison, Pennsylvania





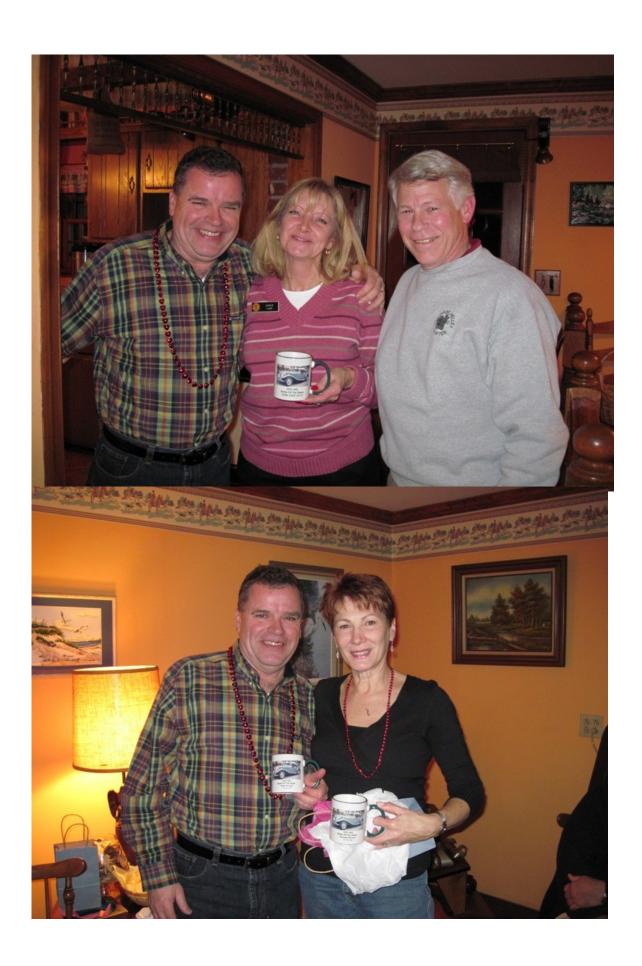












2010 Noggin n' Natter

The New England MG "T" Register held its annual business meeting last January 29th - 31st at the Molly Pitcher Inn located in Red Bank, NJ. The inn was less than two a two hour ride from our house and is a splendid example of late 1920's hotel architecture that exudes character and charm. Upon our arrival and after checking in, we caught up with "register' friends in the inn's elegant grand lobby complete with a massive fire place and a roaring fire. This was really nice as outside temperatures were in the low teens. Once warmed up, we adjourned to the wood paneled bar and proceeded to see even more later arrivals as we all caught up with each other's lives and of course our T's. Dinner was a few miles away after a ride through the town of Red Bank at an authentic "down home" barbeque and ribs place.

Saturday dawned sunny and even colder. We skipped breakfast and decided to do a motor tour of Red Bank and it surroundings after which we would do an early lunch at a brew pub. Red Bank is relatively close to NYC by commuter standards and is on the water so the size and extravagance of the homes which are more like mini-estates captivated us. Our ride took us on a grand tour lasting just under three hours and had us in amazement at all those beautiful and stately homes to say nothing of the Jags, Bentley's, Rolls' and an Astin Martin or two. We worked up a powerful appetite gawking at how the fat cat New York bankers live so we drove back into Red Bank proper for lunch. Fish and chips with some India Pale Ale did us fine. We made it back to the inn in time for the 1 PM business meeting.

The NEMGTR's membership stands at 1,829 members. The treasury is in good shape with revenues from dues, advertising and GOF's keeping pace with expenses. Jan Hurd, who many of you remember from past register road trips has stepped up to be the new Registrar. DVC Founding Chairman and The Knudson-Churchill Scholarship Trust Coordinator, Hank Rippert, reported that the fund is approaching \$100K in assets and that scholarships were awarded in '09 and will be awarded in '10. Hank further stated that the raffle of a fully restored #9918 TC is progressing as scheduled. Chairman Charlie Searles next announced that GOF MK 87 will be held in Oneonta, NY during May 5^{th} – 9^{th} and that GOF MK 88 will be held in Mystic, CT during September 22nd - 26th. Charlie further announced that the "Great Unwashed Car Shows" will proceed again with the "rules" strictly enforced! Kathy Ahrendt spoke about the web site and then presented her vision for future plans. The site has already been updated and more member specific items will be added to include tech articles and photos. Lastly, Dick Knudson announced that the 50th anniversary of the register is approaching in 2014 and that a planning committee chaired by the DVC's Hank Rippert has been established to both plan out the two GOF's in 2014 with a 50th anniversary theme and to coordinate with Dick's and long time Canadian member, Gord Whatley's, plans to do a "War of 1812 Great Lakes Tour". Dick stressed that the tour will be limited so if anyone is interested to watch both TSO and the web site for details.

Post meeting had us back in the bar where we met up with DVC'ers Tom and Anita Shannahan. They're both fine and wanted us to give their best wishes to everybody in the DVC. Dinner was next followed by after dinner drinks and goodbyes back in the bar. If you belong to the NEMGTR and you've never been to a Noggin n' Natter or to a GOF, then you're missing an essential part of your MGT experience. Heck, half the fun, besides being with T series people and seeing T series MGs is getting to visit all different locations in North America that you would probably never contemplate touring. Lee Niner

SOURCES.....Sarah Carr needed some new tires for her 71 MGB-GT and asked what other DVC members have been buying. Bob Tiley replied that the last tires he got... July 2005... were from www.gearworksmfg.com. He paid \$235 for 4 peerless 165R-15 tires and 5 tubes. That price included shipping to his door.

Bob also tells us that Jim Pesta at Autographics@hotmail.com is again a source for TD and TF covers for the top and side curtain areas. Price is \$95 plus \$8 shipping. Bob bought one if anyone cares to see it. Autographics phone is 513-591-0910, and Bob can be reached at 215-355-1992

Saturday, May 1st. has been proclaimed "Drive Your MGA Day".... From Lee & Liz Niner

Congrats to our webmaster Lew Phillips who is now "officially old". Lew attributes his new status to the birth of his first GRANDCHILD... a BOY.... on February 4th. George Lincoln Hilehoffer weighed in at 9 lbs, 2 oz, and 20.5 inches.



Longtime DVC members remember fondly the good times every year down in Wildwood at the Queen Victoria Run. Newer members... it was plenty of fun, believe it.... Many of the events that were typical of the QVR have lapsed, and if you're like me, you miss them and would like to see them revived somehow. We wracked our brains for an idea and came up with...

THE DVC SUMMER PARTY

MARK I of this NEW event will take place on Sunday, June 13th ... and in the event of bad weather, on the following Saturday, June 19th)

"Seat-of-the-pants" FUN RALLYE, by the DVC's own Jim Taylor. Begins in the Shwenksville area, first car off 1:00 PM. No special skills or equipment required. MGs encouraged, any vehicle welcome. The rallye will end at the Party site, home of Jerry & Lee Keller in Green Lane.

Ben Nolan's Famous Valve Cover Races... see the following pages for the Rules governing Cars and Races. Form your own Teams and race for the glory on Ben's special Racing Track.

Barbeque !! Dogs, Burgers, and soft drinks will be furnished.... And you may bring your own more exciting beverages if you like (as long as you don't drink and drive). It would be nice to also bring a salad, side dish, casserole, or dessert .. to share. Also bring your deck chairs, sunscreen, and cameras!!

There will be other surprises, of course, ending with a **Bonfire for Lord Stokes**, where we will burn an effigy of His Nastiness as is always appropriate at a gathering of MG enthusiasts.

Please RSVP no later than June 1st with the car you'll drive in the Rallye, the name of your Valve Cover Race Team, and what dish you'll bring ... to Jerry & Lee at (215) 234-0846 or k3bz@arrl.net... Don't be late, we'll need to mail you a Summer Party Registration Package.

RULES FOR BUILDING A VALVE COVER RACECAR

- 1. Cars shall have no power source. All motive force is provided by gravity.
- 2. Cars shall be based on an actual rocker cover or cam cover from a British automobile engine.... Preferably MG, of course.
- 3. Wheelbase shall be no more than twenty-four (24) inches.
- 4. Wheel track shall be no more than fourteen (14) inches.
- 5. Cars must have four (4) wheels, each wheel no more than six (6) inches in diameter.

Valve Cover Racers may be painted or decorated as desired. Originality and creativity are encouraged. Let's have some fun!!!

RULES FOR THE VALVE COVER RACE COURSE

- 1. The course shall consist of a launch incline eight (8) feet long, followed by a level run of twenty (20) feet.
- 2. The launch incline shall be divided into two (2) lanes, each two (2) feet wide. The incline shall be two (2) feet high at the rearmost part and level with the course at the front edge. The front edge shall be mitered so as to provide a smooth transition from the incline to the run-out area.
- 3. The official "starting line" shall be two (2) feet from the rear edge of the incline. A mechanized starting gate may be provided.
- 4. The run-out section of the course shall consist of two (2) lanes, each three (3) feet wide. The lanes shall be clearly marked.
- 5. The finish line shall be marked twenty (20) feet from the front edge of the launch incline.

6th 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 7th 2010

CAR SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _	Email:
Address:	Club Affiliation:
City:	State: Zip Code:
Car:	Model: Year: Color:
	(Need trailer parking space? Yes No)
	Pre-registration fee received by July 16 th : \$15.00 - Make checks payable to: DVC
	(Received from July 17 th on: \$20.00)
	TOTAL Amount Enclosed \$
Fre	X-Large or Large T-Shirts to first 40 Pre-registrants: Size Requested: XL L
	Send checks to: Paul Phillips, 257 Old State Road, Royersford, PA 19468 Additional information: <u>www.DVCMG.com</u> or call 610-791-1158
	ither my heirs nor I will hold the Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter liable for any personal injuries or damages sustained Party or my car while traveling to and from this event and while participating in this event.
Signature	:: Date:

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Historic Site's "In The Good Old Summertime" Festival

Saturday, August 7th 2010

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 17th 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 Penny-packer 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.

John Twist Seminar at Motorcar Garage News Release

Motorcar Garage in Maple Shade, New Jersey will be hosting John Twist, nationally renowned MG mechanic and expert for one of his informative technical seminars. In addition to owning and operating University Motors LTD since 1975, John has been performing his famous rolling Tech Sessions at MG-related events throughout the country for decades. In addition John has hosted service seminars at his shop in Ada, Michigan, and many of you have seen his work on his now famous youTube videos and DVDs.

John is taking his business in a new direction and offering to share his tremendous knowledge with MG enthusiasts through a series of shop tours across the country, and Motorcar Garage is proud to be on his schedule.

The dates are April 24 and 25th

The cost is \$100. per person, per day

We provide the setting, the car, the tools, visual displays, morning refreshments and lunch.

<u>Saturday session</u> (9:00AM to 5:00PM) Topic will be the "Complete Tuneup" covering carburetors, ignition, emissions equipment

<u>Sunday session</u> (9:00AM to 3:00PM) Topics will include complete lubrication, Lucas electrics and toolbox tips

You will learn a tremendous amount about your car and boost your own skill level to help maintain it for years to come.

While John is an MG expert, this event is open to and appropriate for the owner of any British car, as the mechanical systems are generally identical.

SPACE IS LIMITED

TO 20 participants per day

Please call 856-667-6657 with any questions and to reserve your spot for this very special and informative event.

www.motorcar-garage.com www.universitymotorsltd.com

The Future of the MG Sports Car Looks Dim!

Since the Chinese purchased the MG Company from a under funded and totally impossible British consortium the question of the future of this Sports Car dynasty has been questionable. Today that question seems to have been answered. All production has been centered on what is left of the Longbridge factory and that ain't much as about 70% of the original site is now being developed for a commercial New Town activity with Condo's, shops and all the other delights of any twenty first century development. From August 2008 through to November 2008 about 250 MGTF cars were produced. Then nothing happened until May 2009 when another 400 vehicles came out of Longbridge. Since then there has been no further production but it is rumored that a final batch of another 400 cars will be ready for the market in 2010.

If my calculations are correct that makes a total of just over a thousand cars in three years. After that there are no plans to produce any more MG Sports Cars. In fact the powers that be have indicated that the market for such cars is now over supplied by the US and European competition.

In a way that's understandable, the MGTF is now sixteen years old, almost identical to the life span of the MGB which was out of date after its first ten year run! Today the MGTF has no chance of competing with the new modern sports cars that are available to the market even if you are as old as me and remember the launch of the MGTD!

However, for those of us who still have the spirit of MG running through our veins be assured that the name will continue in the form of some rather nice two and four door vehicles designed for the Chinese business man and his shopping wife. The sales of such vehicles have been increasing each month in China.

Kimber must be turning in his grave but perhaps not as he always wanted MG to be a name associated with both family and sports cars. At least he has achieved 50% of his dream.

Geoff Wheatley

I got stopped for speeding yesterday. I thought I could talk my way out of it until the officer looked at my dog in the back seat....... Dave Schwab



Bill McCurdie reports that our own Tom Rippert is thinking of being the first to install this accessory in his MGs....



Fellow British car enthusiasts,

Happy New Year! As we move into 2010 I wanted to invite you and your club members to the Northeast Georgia mountains in September of this year for our all British car show. The dates are Sept. 24-26th and I've attached a save the date flyer which can be added to your web sites, printed and passed out at your meetings, or shared via your club email lists. Additional details will be posted to our club web site in the near future and can be found @ www.peachtreemg.com.

Our host hotel will be The Dillard House, <u>www.dillardhouse.com</u>, and has some of the best food in Northeastern Georgia. We'll have tours, valve cover races, tech sessions, a hospitality suite, regalia, and oh, a car show on Saturday. Of course there is the always present story swapping and "how did you do that" sessions which aren't scheduled.

Please look over the information to see if you would like to join us for a great weekend. If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me @ mgbnut1973@yahoo.com.

Best Regards and happy motoring,

Larry Norton
Vice President
Peachtree MG Registry

DVC SPRING TUNE UP AT SCHWAB'S MG GARAGE POTTSTOWN, PA

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Dave & Gloria Schwab

1401 Glasgow Street Pottstown, pa 19464

Contact: Dave & Gloria

Phone: day: 610-858-6978

Eve: 610-323-8745

E-MAIL: Schwabfam1@gmail.com

Meet and greet all those ready and willing to get their cars ready for all the driving events the DVC has to offer. Bring those cars that won't start also, push, pull.... or trailers are available for pickup if needed.

We intend to have guest vendors of services and goods to stop by to meet the club. RSVP with ideas for Pot Luck lunch overlooking the beautiful Manatawny Valley.

Guys, work on your car without all the pain and trouble of "I've fallen and can't get up" - it'll be an uplifting experience with Dave's "lift." Bring a covered dish to share after working on the cars.

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 40^{th} 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 reworked 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 webmas-red ter@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 -





The perfect summer event for the whole family! Saturday, July 10, 2010 - 11AM-??

RSPV by 7/1 to paulandevonna@verizon.net (610-792-1158)

<u>First...</u> we'll be meeting Lew Phillips at Waltz's Golf Farm for some golfing fun.

- > Special featured parking area right out front! Show off your wheels.
- > Reserved picnic table area (in the shade)
- > DVC Party Pass \$14 person gets you a round of golf and lunch (miniature golf at either the Castle or Farm course, a Par-3 chip and put, or a small bucket for the driving range; a hot dog or hamburger, chips, and unlimited soda)

Then off on a Rally around the Spring-ford area en route to a...

<u>Picnic</u> at Paul and Evonna Phillips' house (257 Old State Rd, Royersford, PA 19468)

Come join us for a swinging time!!!

(If you can't make the whole event, just join us for what you can make!)



Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA 610-489-5133

Donna Bristol's Excellent (MGTD) Adventure

On the Hornsby Rallye 2008, I blew my engine on my MGTD.



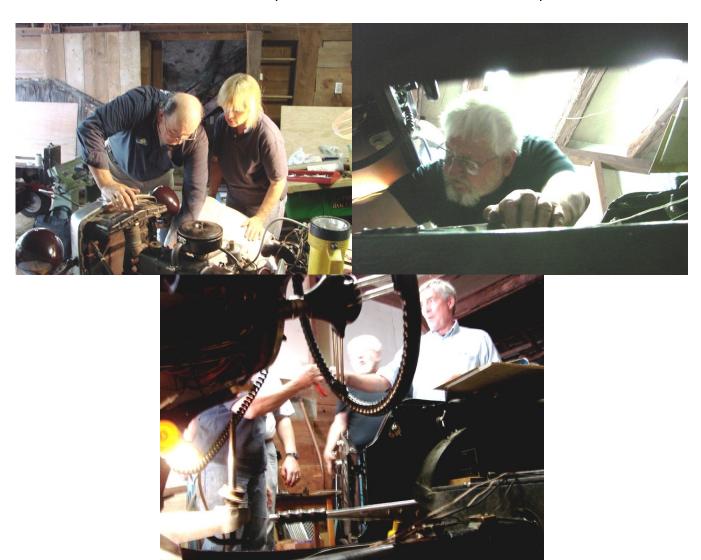
My neighbor helped me to take it apart and it really didn't look good.

But! I was lucky to find a mechanic who does nothing but rebuild engines for vintage racing cars. He does 50 engines in a year. The great thing was he only charges \$400 plus parts. (Parts and machine work can be very expensive though). I had rented a hoist from a guy for only \$20 to take the engine out and he brought the hoist back and helped me put the engine back in.

Now the hard part came, where does everything go? The guy with the hoist said, "Well it don't look like a Corvette engine." He knew about as much as I did, da! When I did a ground-up restoration of the body several years before, Walt King

and I used the Moss catalog for ordering parts to figure out where everything went (yeah, I know we had a few extra parts left over, stove bolts etc. I don't know how they got in the box). Oh well, anyway, it was obvious ,it was an experts job. So I contacted a guy who did restorations. Yeah, I know, he wanted an arm and a leg. He told me he was leaving on vacation and didn't want to haul the car to his shop before he left , to call him in a week on Monday when he got back. Well I thought I should give him a couple of days to settle in after his vacation and I would call on Wednesday. His shop burned to the ground on Tuesday. Wow! That would have been my TD in his shop. Everything was destroyed including customers cars.

I thought well that's that, my car will never be on the road again and I have had such great fun with the club and on the rallys over the years. Bummer! Then I started emailing back and forth to the guys on Dr. DVC. They told me what to do and I would follow instructions but it got to the point where they were talking a language I didn't understand. It's difficult when you don't understand the vocabulary.



It was time for a visit from the good doctors. With a lot of help from many members of the club, one day we connected parts to the engine with the guidance of Jerry Keller, chief surgeon of the day. We weren't able to finish the project because I had to order more parts. When the parts came in, Earl came and helped and it looked like everything was together but it still wouldn't start. Then the wonder boys came Jerry Keller and Chuck Goelz (the surgical team) ...and within an hour the TD started. Thanks also to Walt King, Earl Wanklin, Dave Schwab, Lew Phillips, and Bill McCurdie.. (hopefully haven't forgotten anyone... so many helped).



I was so beside myself, I couldn't stop saying thank you. Because of help of all of the crew of Dr. DVC, I will see you out on the road this summer.

(ed. Note: "wonder boys"??)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!!

A big DVC hello to the following new members:

Bob & Doris Logan of Wyomissing, PA-1953 MG TD

Faith Lamprey of Harrisville, RI—1980 MGB



Online Car Show Registration Now Open

Registration for the 2010 Mid-Iowa Brit/Euro Car Classic is now available via our updated web site at www.midiowacarclassic.com. Make plans now to attend. Organizers expect a record number of fine classic sports cars from England and all parts of Europe.

This year's extravaganza will take place on the first Saturday in June. Make plans now to spend June 5th with us as we celebrate our passion for British and European automobile craftsmanship.

This year's show will be bigger and better than ever. The destination is the beautiful West Glen Town Center in West Des Moines, Iowa. Truly a premiere location that compliments the style and grace these fine classic sports cars. See the map on our website for directions.

There's more room for more cars and people. Many shops, restaurants, hotels and entertainment will surround our classic car show. Everything to make your trip to beautiful central Iowa exciting and memory filled.

Don't miss the best car show in the Midwest. The 2010 Mid-Iowa Brit/Euro Car Classic will be the premier event for all enthusiasts of fine British and European automobiles. Registration is now open via our web site for this exciting show. We are always adding new information so check back often.

Feel free to forward this information to all of your car club friends. We would love to see them and their classic car at the show. We look forward to seeing you on June 5th at The 2010 Mid-Iowa Brit/Euro Car Classic.

Get the latest information on our website: www.midiowacarclassic.com







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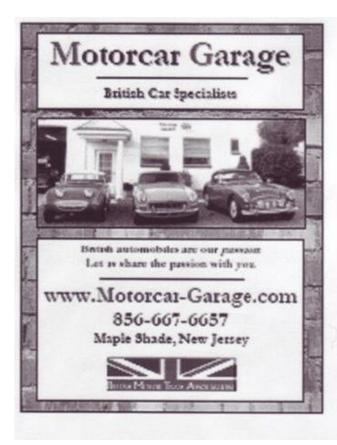
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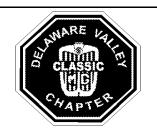


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We Double Dare You To Order One Of These Stink'in DVC Car Badges

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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DVC Name Tags Just For You!

Yes they're still available! Wow, nearly 200 have been sold to date. No, it's not to late to order one. Immediately send \$10 (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 know your name!

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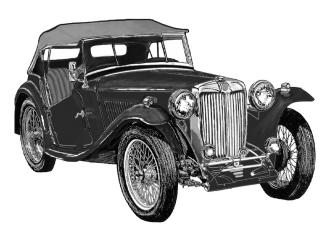
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