



T·Talk



The Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter

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Rain, rain, go away please come back another day!! Preferably between the hours of 10 PM and 6 AM. Wishful thinking on my part and I am sure many others. It would be nice, however we all know it does not work that way. The Spring DVC events went on as planned except the Hornsby Rallye.

The DVC started out this Spring with the Anniversary Party, Tech Session, Spring Tour, Wings and Wheels and the Ice Cream Tour. The Hornsby Rallye was canceled due to weather and is rescheduled for October 12, 2003. The rallye will be held at the same place. Please check future flyers.

Now with Summer officially here we can gear up for the Family Golf, Swim Party, New Hope Auto Show Post Party, The QVR which is our most popular event, and the Triathlon V, (this only happens once every two years).

Last chance for dues. If you have **not** sent your check in, this is your last issue. Please check the front of your newsletter and if the year "2002" is next to your name, send a check made out the "DVC" and send it to Liz Niner. Liz's address is on the back of the newsletter.

Last but not least, I want to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Betsy; I have been in and out of the DVC over the years since I was 12 when Mom and Dad bought their first MG back in 1980's. There have been many changes since I was 12, more events, more children and many more cars. Some things never change and one of them is the long lasting friendships. I have taken over the newsletter from Jerry and would like to say thank you to Jerry for his years of Editorship and a wonderful job that he has done.

I hope this summer brings you much fun and safe driving with the top down.

July, August and September Calendar 2003

Sat. July 12	Family Golf - Phillips
Sat. July 26	Pool Party/Rallye - O'Brien
Sat. Aug. 9	New Hope Post Party- Dougherty
Aug. 22-24	Triathlon V Tour - Suffredini
Sept. 19-21	QVR Weekend

Put these date on the calendar as well !!

Sat. Oct. 12	Hornsby Rallye (retry) - Nolan
Sat. Oct. 25	Badda Bing Badda Bob Tour Tiley
Sat. Nov. 1	Guy Fawkes Night - Goelz
Sun. Nov. 16	Annual Membership Meeting Bernert
Sat. Dec. 6	Holiday Banquet - Alicea

Safety Fast



33RD ANNIVERSARY PARTY - Lee Niner

The DVC held its 33rd Anniversary Party on Saturday, March 29th in Creamery, PA at the clubhouse in The Colony Of Skippack. There were thirty-six members in attendance. Hard to believe but our club was founded in 1970. Liz and I have been members since 1981 but we're about in the middle of the pack for years of membership. The DVC still attracts all different generations for some strange reason – must be that old MaGic! March of each year is when we gather to celebrate the founding of the DVC. Original (“well almost”) members Ernie & Barbara Feldgus and Earl Wanklin were demonstrating the infamous DVC spirit to our newest members Alan & Joan Gerstle.

The event kicked off with an “out of the woodwork” rallye that turned into a MG reliability event as a torrential rainfall pelted our cars and their occupants. The rallye was a thirty-five mile jaunt around the Lower Perkiomen Valley that featured detailed driving instructions along with numerous fill in the blank questions. Couple these demanding instructions and questions with several heavy downpours and the participants had themselves some “divorce court” situations. Proverbial DVC detail freaks and rallye perfectionists Rocco & Louise Grillo (MGBGT) managed to complete the rallye with their usual panache – arriving back at the finishing point in a mere fifteen minutes practicing “silence is golden” with each other. After an hour and a half, all our rallye participants were back at the clubhouse, safe and sound albeit a little wet.

Meanwhile back at the clubhouse, lots of hors d'oeuvres along with an unlimited supply of Old Speckled Hen (yes and some Coors Light for our younger members) and wine helped everybody to renew friendships and make some new ones. Judy Goelz (hubby Chuck was off in California proving anybody that drives an MG can also fly an airplane) is thanked for assisting in the set up and assuring that there always was food a plenty. Walt King and Donna Bristle along with Tom & Anita Shannahan get the distance awards for traveling down from east of Bethlehem, PA. The anniversary party traditionally hands out “O”wards for dubious deeds done by members during the past year. Dick & Sandy Suffredini (MG TD) and Tom & Jaimee Rippert did a fine job in presenting these awards. Receivers of these “O”wards will not be mentioned here to spare them the notoriety of being so honored for their misdeeds. Oh what the heck, here's one, Bob & Terri Tiley (MGB) received a box of No Doz for his passionately detailed presentation on SU carburetors at last year's Tech Session.

A fine dinner was had by all followed by the world's longest MG trivia contest. Attendees were also treated to photo displays and tables of MG crappola. Bill & Evelyn Webb kept wondering what MG crappola was and Roy & Sue Dougherty (MG TD) were only too happy to show them their examples. Jeff & Robin Rose along with Wolfgang & Gudron Fischer were admiring some of the numerous photos that traditionally get displayed (actually, they were trying to spot themselves in the photos). Last year's recipients of the DVC's most coveted and absolutely top secret award, Lisa & Mike Maloney (MGB), presented “The Book” to Betsy Pollock and Steve Novelli (Lotus7 look alike from South Africa). The DVC's official QVR photographer, John Zeman minus Linda was threatening to expand his humble role at this year's QVR. This man's long over due for an “O”ward!

Aside from the rallye downpour, the delayed start to beer consumption due to a mismatched tap and the overwhelming display of MG trivia and MG crappola everyone enjoyed themselves. Special thanks go my navigator, Liz (MGA1600), for doing most of the arrangements to include arranging the menu, Castrol 20/50 center pieces and calming me down when the beer tap didn't fit. Thanks also to everyone for assisting in cleanup. DVC people are something special. See you at the next event!

DVC Tech Session

April 12, 2003

Dick Suffredini

As members arrived at Havis Sheilds, Joe Bernerts' business, several projects were getting underway. Tom was changing the oil line his TD, Alan replaced the flex brake lines on his TD, and Louise was working on the soft-top of her B. Projects on everyone's "To Do" list were discussed and Dicks' Technical library was on hand for any necessary reference. As usual, Donna was collecting the used oil for coating her horse farms fence posts.

Joe had his newly restored supercharged TC on display and employees in the building tell us that Joe's been driving the hell out of it. Isn't that what MGs are for?

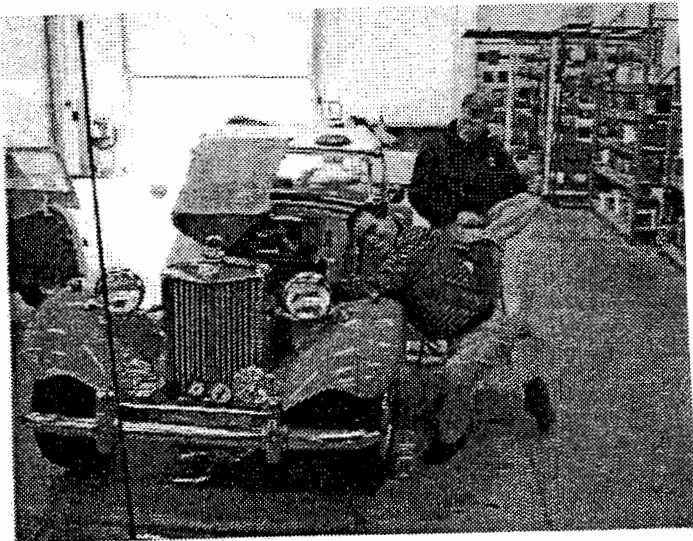
Tom presented a belated "O-Ward" (Oh no, not me!) to Joe Bernert. A magnetic hide-a-key appropriately attached to a wooden octagon plaque. Now Joe will never have to worry about not having a key to his own building!

Tom & Dick unveiled the new "George Melick Memorial Tech Session" plaque. The plaque has an MG badge that was ceremoniously removed several years ago from the wall of George's garage pit. This plaque will be displayed at all future Tech Sessions, probably on the driveway, so that our MGs can drive over it and hopefully drip some oil on it too.

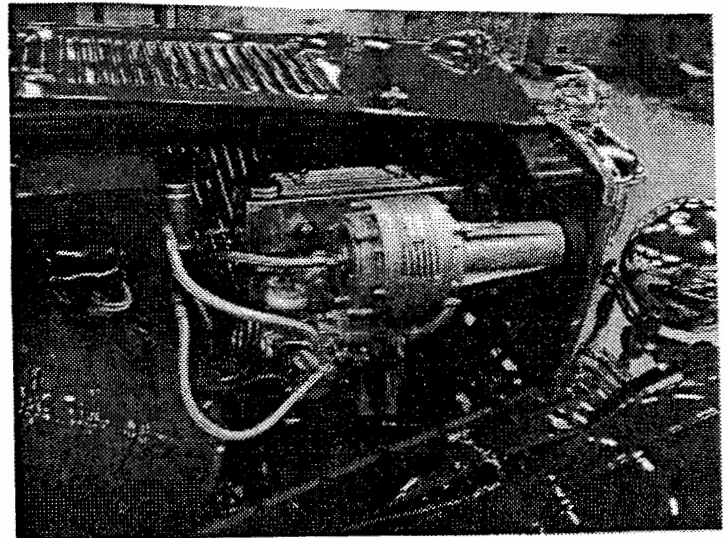
Lew Phillips and his daughter Kris were busying taking digital photos, some of which are shown below.

Thanks to Joe for the use of his facility and for the snacks and liquid refreshments.

Those in attendance: Alan Gerstle MGTD, George Bulwinkle, MGB, Tom Rippert MGTD, Dick Suffredini MGTD, Roy Dougherety MGA, David Schwab MGTD, Wolfgang Fischer MGBGT, Joe Bernert MGTC, Louise Story MGB, Don Short, Mike Maloney and sons, Donna Bristol, Walt King, Lew Phillips and Kris, Richard Heberkern and Gil Goldstein.



Here's Trouble!!!



I'm glad someone knows what this is!!!

Wings and Wheels

May 28, 2003 - Jan & Mark Scherbekow

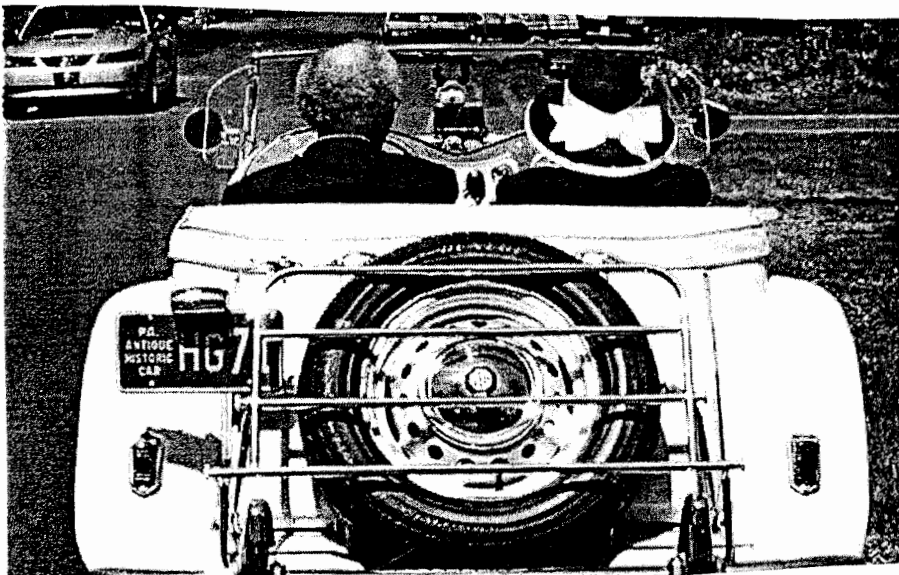
There's definitely something special about picnicking under umbrellas and snacking out of an MGB trunk! Since Hurricane Schwartz said rain for May 17th, I, the event co-ordinator moved our event day to a very wet Sunday the 28th. Hurricane said sun and it probable was at 20,000 feet above the air show! Nevertheless, the show went off without a hitch with all the intrepid DVCers and guests under our umbrellas in winter attire enjoying the aerial acrobatics and precision flying of the Canadian Snowbirds and the US Blue Angels. Despite the rain we enjoyed the show and the many aircraft on display along with the other 50,000 folks braving the miserable weather. Anyone interested in next year's show with reserved great weather let me know. Thanks to those who attended: Cocciolones, Dougherty's, Ripperts, Suffredinis, Assorted Nolans and friends, Greg Lake and friend, Tileys, Fischers and Gabriela, Harrons, Roses and Scherbekow Kids.

Ice Cream Tour

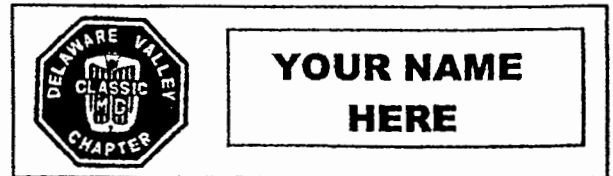
June 8, 2003 - Ernie Fledgus

Nine cars assembled at the Feldgus' home in New Hope, PA and after enjoying some coffee, bagels, and cake, we "explored" the memorabilia in the Feldgus' barn. YES!, there really is a full-size MG billboard inside that barn!!! We than enjoyed a nice low-key tour of part of Buck County, PA, Hunterdon and Mercer Counties in Central New Jersey. We visited two ice cream restaurants also serving food and discovered some beautiful road in the area.

Participants included Dave and Gloria Schwab - MGB, Sue and Roy Dougherty - MGB, Lee and Liz Niner - MGTD, Terry and Bob Tiley - MGB, Betsy Pollock and Steve Novelli - Lotus Replica - NICE, Tom and Jaimee Rippert - MGA, Dick and Sandy Suffredini - MGTD, Donna Bristol and Walt King - MGTD, Mike and Lisa Maloney and children - American Iron, and hosts Ernie and Barbara Feldgus - MGTD. Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun!!



Beautiful Easter Sunday ride



DVC NAMETAGS

These 1" x 3" black plastic nametags have the DVC logo in gold and your name in big white letters. They are very valuable at events because, if you're like most of us, you can't remember your OWN name half the time... let alone anyone elses's !! And best of all, they're CHEAP !! To get yours in about 2 - 3 weeks, send \$5 and your name as it should appear on the nametag to:

Liz Niner, 1125 Ellen Ct.- Box 510, Creamery, PA 19430-0510

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CAR SHOW INFORMATION

This year's New Hope Auto Show has been cancelled due to construction work at the show grounds so the DVC will continue the Tradition. Don't fret though, as it will return again next year!

The DVC will host our own car show with a new twist!!!!

Show on the Lawn.....Great fun and prizes in the following classes:

Survivor class:

The best **un-restored** MG

Best Modified:

The MG that sports the most unique upgrades, changes, or modifications.

Grungiest:

The name says it all, the only rule is that it must motor to the show under it's own power.....Tow-in's will be disqualified.

**RSVP. TO.. SUE OR ROY, HELP BY BRINGING YOUR FAVORITE
FOOD, SNACK, OR SALAD AND COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN.**

TRIATHLON V

Dick Suffredini

Every other year the British Marque Car Club News, co-hosts Nancy and Don Hull, sponsor a Triathlon, consisting of a rallye, mountain climb and a car show. The rallye is a low key, usually treasure hunt type, rallye. The mountain climb is an easy drive up the top of the mountain collecting poker cards as you go. The car show is a spoof featuring judges complete with white wigs and black robes who will gladly accept bribes. A pint of British ale or scones with clotted cream goes a long way in this event.

This year, Triathlon V will be held on August 22nd to 24th at the Stratton Mountain Inn in Vermont. If you haven't signed up already, sorry it's too late. This event is limited to 100 teams, and it has been sold out for months.

The DVC will be sending 17 teams. (A team consists of a car, driver and navigator.) The unfortunate team, with the highest point score, get to wear the dumb looking cone hats for the remainder of the weekend.

This year, the DVC will be defending for the second time, the Dorothy Wiggins Tea Pot, for the most points compiled by a club. Some say we win because we have so many teams, but actually it's because this is a fun event and the DVC really knows how to have fun!

Tune in, to the next T-Talk for the results

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Our Queen Victoria Run Weekend includes Friday and Saturday catered dinners, Saturday and Sunday Continental breakfast, hospitality room (including beer, wine and soda) and accommodations for **two**. Pre-registration is required to attend the QVR.

QVR Highlights

Friday evening – “Sock Hop” by the pool with our DJ - Marc Berman
 Saturday morning – “Driving Tour of Cape May County”
 Early Saturday afternoon – “Valve Cover Racing”
 Late Saturday afternoon – “Garden Funkana-Esplanade Style”
 Saturday evening – “Pig Roast”

Detach at dotted line and return bottom half with your check made payable to the “DVC.”

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20th Queen Victoria Run Weekend Registration

Include us at this year’s QVR. Enclosed is our check for payment in full. Just 28 rooms available. **First come, first served!** No refunds will be granted after September 1st. Kids of all ages are welcome, but please no pets. Only one room reservation per DVC member.

Names: _____
 Address: _____
 City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Telephone No: _____ Type of MG: _____

- Complete 2003 QVR Weekend Package (for two) is **\$202** = \$ _____
- QVR Thursday Special (Lodging, hospitality room, Friday breakfast) (for two) is **\$62** = \$ _____
- Pre-QVR lodging @ **\$42/room** x () nights = Sun () Mon () Tu e() Wed () \$ _____
- No. Of children _____ x no. of nights _____ x **\$10** = \$ _____
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- Non-DVC members please add **\$5** per couple per night (Thurs.-Sat.) = \$ _____
- QVR amenities package @ **\$113** per couple = \$ _____
- (no accommodations and/or an extra couple sharing a room) Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to the “DVC” and send to:

Sandy Suffredini * 46 Robies Court * Richboro, PA 18954

Saturday July 12th: Family Golf: The Second Annual Golf Outing will be held at Waltz's Golf Farm, Limerick, PA We will have the patio from 11 AM – 3 PM. There will be an area out front with special reserved parking for the MG's, so shine them up and drive them over! We have a special package for the event, which is lunch and a round of golf. Lunch will be a hot dog or a hamburger, a bag of chips and unlimited beverages! Prices are: \$8:50 for the Farm mini-golf course or \$9:50 for Castle mini-golf or the Par-3 course. If you just want to join us to just golf or eat, that can be arranged too! Extra games or a bucket of ball can be done as well! We do need to get a head count on this to see if we should reserve the whole patio or just on side, Let Lew Phillips know if your are planning on attending. You can email him at Lew@DbigWoo.com or call 215-679-5101. The sooner you can let him know, the better! So come out and bring the family, potential members, and why not, even your neighbors and have a great time.

Saturday July 26th: Pool Party/Rallye: Jim and Marie O'Brien promise us a fun time with a Rallye from the "master" that will take us to many interesting places and when you complete the rallye it's "POOL TIME"! So contact Jimmy and Marie with your RSVP (610-436-0234) or (JOB801@aol.com) to let them know that you will be there.



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Feed pipes, washers and other bits,
Can sometimes give you awful fits.

Getting all the parts correctly in line,
Can sometimes take a lot of time.

Pry hard o-ring seal out of the block,
Be sure to replace or engine will knock.

Be negligent and forget just one seal,
And you the owner will surely squeal.

As oil pumps out, squirtin,
Your pocketbook really hurtin.

My oil filter woes are now all gone,
Cause I converted to a simple spin on!

Written by Glenn Hedrich

DVC MEMBERS & HOSTS OF THE QVR

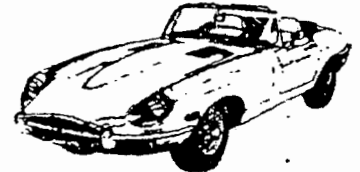
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