



T•Talk



The Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter

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THE DVC 2004 CALANDER of EVENTS

See inserts for January, February and March

1/24/04	Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles	Wagner/Schwaab
2/21/04	Mardi Gras	Greg Lake
3/20/04	Anniversary Party/Rallye	Lee & Liz Niner
4/24/04	Tech Session	Mike Engard
5/15 or 5/22/04	Wings and Wheels	Nolan/Sherbekow
6/19/04	Hornsby Rallye	Ben & Cindy Nolan
7/10/04	Family Golf	Lew Phillips
8/14/04	New Hope or Not	TBD
9/24-9/26/04	QVR-Wildwood	Rippert/Suffredini/Fischer
10/16/04	Day Tour	Chuck & Judy Goelz
11/6/04	Guy Fawkes Day	Williams
11/21/04	Members Meeting	Pollock/Novelli
12/04/04	Holiday Banquet	Pollock/Novelli

OTHER EVENTS FOR 2004

See insert for more details

2/6-2/8/04	Noggin & Natter	N.E. MGT Register
6/24-6/27/04	Convention	N.A. MGB Register
7/7-7/11/04	GOF MK 76	N.E. MGT Register
7/14-7/18/04	GT29	N.A. MGB Register
9/8-9/12/04	GOF MK 77	N.E. MGT Register
9/8-9/12/04	Regional GT	N.A. MGB Register



Letter from the Editor

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to Everyone!!! By now everyone is relaxing and enjoying the time they with their families. I know I am and look forward to next year!

Well it has been a busy quarter and the weather tried to beat the DVC again and didn't as you know we had a snow storm the day before the Holiday Banquet but it did not keep anyone home as we all had a great time. Badda Bing had a nice turnout and Hornsy went on for the second time without a hitch, Guy Fawkes was the warmest yet and the Members Meeting was a beautiful day as well.

*As you know Steve and I had the members meeting at our home as Joe Bernert was not well. It was nice to see old and new faces. Much was accomplished as you can see. When you opened your newsletter, the 2004 DVC Events are there as promised. It looks to be another great DVC year as well as Register events, as they are **all** on the east coast this year. Please check your future newsletters as the DVC **may** add event(s) as the year goes on.*

In this issue I have included an order form for Triple C as they have been very good to the DVC in case anyone would like to place an order! Also check below for the DVC nametag. If you need one, mail a check to Liz Niner.

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"The Hornsby Rallye"
Sue and Roy Dougherty Take Home Cup!!

On October 4, the 2003 Tom Hornsby Rallye (this year known as the "Rain, Rain and More Rain" rallye) was run through scenic Salem and Cumberland counties in New Jersey. Starting in Elmer "the little town with the big welcome" the intrepid drivers and their skilled navigators (two MG's and one Austin Healy Sprite) braved the inclement weather in pursuit of the coveted trophy.

As luck would have it, the day of the 2nd attempt to run the rallye (the first try was thwarted by flash floods) dawned cloudy and a bit soggy. However, soon after the start, the rain stopped and by the end of the journey a patch of blue sky had been sighted.

Working the checkpoints were various members of the Nolan family. Mother-in-law June was photographing the event, future daughter-in-law Christy manned check point 1, son Evan and his friend Matt were stationed at point 2 – a remote bar, Cyndi was stationed along the Cohansey River, and Ben and Mark Scherbekow collected the rallye sheets at Mark and Jan's house – the final destination. (What were they thinking of - putting two 21-year-olds at a remote bar??)

Competition was fierce but the overall winners of the rallye and the Hornsby cup were Roy and Sue Dougherty. This was a far cry from the last SJ rallye – we won't mention those results! Second place winners were Tom and Jaime Rippert with Wolfgang Fischer taking third.

Special thanks go out to Jan and Mark Scherbekow who for the second time opened up their home and prepared a delicious dinner for the rallye participants. Thanks also to the participants who drove down to SJ not once but twice and to Ben and Cyndi for running the rallye.

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Badda Bing Badda Bob Tour 2003

Sat. Oct. 25th, 2003

The weather cooperated for a great fall driving day. We departed the Bucks County Visitor's Center and headed to River Road Rt. 32 North. We drove along the Delaware River for some great vistas but the foliage was disappointing, the colors just were not there yet. We crossed into New Jersey at Washington's Crossing and stopped in the park on N.J. side. A short rest and a look at the Canal and off we went along the N.J. side of the river. When we arrived in Lambertville we took a quick left and then a right back on to Rt. 29 toward Stockton. In Stockton we headed back into Pa. And noticed that the Williams were not with us. Little did we know but we lost Barre and Elanore Williams in Lambertville. Thank the lord for cell phones. Dick and I called Barre and we got him headed in the right direction. We all joined up and headed north to Easton on river road again. The drive was lovely and we made sure we kept all in sight.

We arrived in Easton and found a British Store where we did a little shopping, and then off to lunch at Pearly Bakers Ale House with lots of English ale on tap as well as some spectacular Martinis! We all partook of the fine pub cuisine; I was partial to the fried trout wontons. After lunch we departed to tour the Crayola Store and The Canal Museum store. We departed for home with tops still down and thanked the MG gods for a beautiful day to drive our lovely British cars.

In attendance were: Bob & Terri Tiley, Tom & Jaimee Rippert, Roy & Sue Dougherty, Clif & Susan Hoch, Wolfgang & Gudrun Fischer, Allen & Joan Gerstle, Dick & Sandy Suffredini, Barre & Elanore Williams, and David Sarley.

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Guy Fawkes Day 2003

Chuck Goelz

The weather was threatening during the week of preparations for the event, with heavy rains and wind. But that gave way to beautiful skies and warm sunny days for the weekend. The unseasonably warm temperatures no doubt had more than a little to do with turnout this year. MGs of the DVC and 63 members (and 6 "potential" members) showed up ready for another tour of the countryside, with fall foliage in much more abundance than previous years.

After all of the greetings, hugs, and kisses it was time to send everyone on their way through some of the finer back roads that Montgomery County has to offer. As the chain of cars began to depart, I handed off the tour dispatch task to Ruth so that I could tend to other needs – Like getting the beer flowing and the bonfire burning. Actually, I had great help with both of those. Number 2 son Eric brought the keg, Tommy brought the gas cylinder and hardware, and Don was always there when needed. Tommy helped with the Bonfire preparations by squeezing a plastic container of charcoal lighter so hard that it ruptured, giving his clothes a dowsing of the flammable liquid. No, we didn't take advantage of this by putting a "GUY" nametag on him and burning him in effigy! In the end, we got the fire going with the help of a couple of quarts of kerosene (sorry, *paraffin*).

It seemed like only minutes since the first cars took off for the countryside, but an hour really had passed. Appetizers were served in the kitchen and outside on the deck. Beer was flowing, and our entertainer for the evening Dar Frantz was doing sound checks and warming up for what was to become an exceptional performance of both original and familiar cover tunes. New members Lester & Donna Weinraub and Gil & Lois Goldstein were mingling and getting to know this crazy bunch of DVCers. I hope we haven't scared them off! And I just have to mention that Gil & Lois graced our front lawn with something not usually associated with the DVC – their 1984 Rolls-Royce! Now that was a first!

At the appropriate time Dar made the familiar announcement that the main event was about to take place. That, of course, being the burning of "The Guy". It took some prodding, but eventually everyone made their way out to the bonfire. I had enlisted the help of a Welsh couple, Lyn and Bobbie Hughes, to deliver the "Guy Fawkes Story" this year. Rather than talking about the life of Guy Fawkes, Lyn entertained us with his rather eloquent speech describing how he and Bobbie's neighborhoods in Wales competed to have the best bonfire. This was serious competition that included shenanigans preceding *Bonfire Night*, such as sabotage and thievery! As Lyn finished, cries of "**Burn The Bastard**" echoed throughout the neighborhood. "The Guy" met his fate.

The hot dishes were served, and soon Dar returned to the stage for another set of delightful tunes. Maddie Rose helped him select a kids song, and Tommy was summoned to the stage for an assist with the traditional singing of the DVC theme song, "Boozing" (you *had* to be there – the harmony was *unbelievable*). Bob Dougherty was honored with Dar leading the group singing *Happy Birthday*. Maddie prompted Dar for his rendition of *Let It Be* and *House Of The Rising Sun* to wrap up his performance for the evening, and a gradual wind-down of the event as people began to prepare themselves for the ride home.

Thanks to all of you who attended, making this event so enjoyable: Don & Suzanne Stewart (MGB, all the way from Pittsburgh), Lee & Liz Niner (TD), Dave & Dylan Schwab (MGB & TD), Jeff, Robin & Maddie Rose, Tom & Jaimee Rippert (MGA, MGB), Roy & Sue Dougherty (TD), Jim, Ruth & Caitlin Bottomley (all the way from Poughkeepsie), Gil & Lois Goldstein (Rolls-Royce), Lester & Donna Weinraub (MGB), Tom & Denise Niner, Greg Lake & Judy, Ernie & Barb Feldgus, Dick & Sandy Suffredini, Louise Story (MGB), Bob Tiley (TD), George Bulwinkle (MGB), Barre & Elenor Williams (MGB), Mike & Joellyn Williams +2, Bob & Kim Dougherty (MGB), Mike & Lisa Maloney +2 (Magnetite), Ben & Cindy Nolan, Wade Albright & Shana, Michael & Karen Price, Lew Phillips (MGB), Betsy Pollock & Steve +2 (Lotus 7 replica), Lyn & Bobbi Hughes (Judy's MGB), Larry & Carol Kain, Joe Weiss, and your hosts Chuck, Judy & Eric Goelz. Non-DVC members (let's call them "hopefuls") included Amy Miller, Maryanne Murrow & Bob Martin, Lyn & Bobbie Hughes, and Dar Frantz.

**2003 Annual Holiday MG Party
Holiday Inn, Fort Washington Pa**

We would like to thank everyone who attended this year's holiday party in the middle of the year's first snowstorm. Even despite the bad weather everyone still came out to make this year's banquet a success.

Once again all except Luis won lots of great prizes but thanks to Rich and Margaret Harron they didn't let anyone go home a loser. They donated to Luis a MGB car repair book so Luis's goal is to have the MG running (not looking good too because that would be asking to much) by the QVR.

*******Good Luck Luis*******

Anyway, once again we would like to thank everyone and can't wait to see everyone soon.

**Happy Holidays,
Luis and Marie Alicea**

DVC Holiday Banquet Contributors

We would like to recognize some very special vendors that generously donated prizes for our Holiday Banquet last December. Brit Books, now run by Eric and Gina Knudson, were kind contributors. Anytime you need current or out of print British motoring book, they're the first place to look. The Little British Car Company, run by DVC members Jeff & Jan Zorn also were generous contributors. LBC specializes in all things British from fine china to car prints to authentic MG spares. Triple-C, the official DVC apparel source, once again donated some very nice items. They specialize in models, badges and hard to find period NOS items. Moss Motors, as they have for thirty-three years, donated gift certificates and they're 10% discount flyers. Moss Motors is the one stop source for restoration and spares for your MG. Special DVC thanks to our banquet contributors. Please see their web pages or request a catalogue and please patronize them in 2004.

2004 MG Major Registers' Events Are A Perfect Fit For You & Your MG – Plan Now

Our three MG Registers (NEMGTR, NAMGAR & NAMGBR) must have been thinking of the DVC when they laid out their 2004 events. For the first time in memory, all three registers are scheduling their events well within driving distance of DVC land. Here's a summary by register of events scheduled for 2004. Check it out, mark off your calendars now and before you know it – this summers going to really be something for DVC'ers!

New England MGT Register

Noggin' & Natter February 6-8 Pocono Manor, PA	GOF MK 76 July 7-11 Strasburg, PA	GOF MK 77 September 8-12 Painted Post, NY
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North American MGA Register

GT29 July 14-18 Cromwell, CT	Regional GT September 8-12 Painted Post, NY
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North American MGB Register

Convention
June 24-27
Parsippany, NJ

If you've never attended a GOF, GT or Convention then there is just no way to explain the wonderful times and good friends that you experience. Just think of a DVC event, only on a North American scale. That's a lot of MG's and memories. Watch for entry forms in The Sacred Octagon, MGA! and MGB Driver. We're planning on attending each one! If you are planning on attending and want to caravan with us on the way up or back please just give us a call or Email us. This summers going to be something else!

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DVC's Warm-Up Get-Together

The Warm Up

Where: Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles

When: January 24, 2004

Snow date January 25, 2004

Time: 1 PM

Cost: \$2.00 for students and \$4.00 for adults

RSVP – not required for Museum

Questions for Bob W. please call 215-653-7343

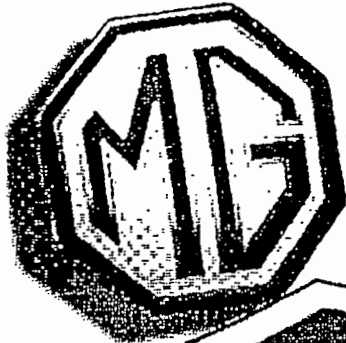
The Get Together

Where: Gloria and Dave Schwab

Time: After the museum @ 2:30

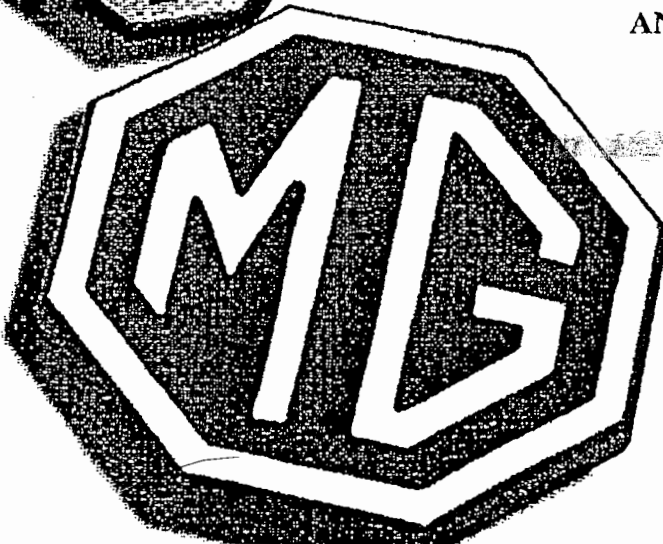
RSVP –610-323-8745 to let them know what you would like to bring

Heck – cold January again. Not exactly top-down MG weather but who cares as our DVC is presenting a Warm-Up Get-Together and party on January 24 at 1 PM. We will meet at the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles for a enjoyable and instructive tour through an unusual collection of vehicles of all types presenting the evolution of road transportation from before the horse-less carriage up to our present high tech wheels. Dress warmly as the buildings are not fully heated. Please be on time as we will have 4 tour guides to guide us through. After the museum we will travel to Dave and Gloria's for our awesome DVC talk-fest and Pot Luck!!



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Date: Saturday, February 21, 2004

Time: 5:00 PM till whenever

Place: Gregory J. Lake, Lakeland Farm, 2552 Dark Hollow Road, Jamison, Pa. 18929

Raindate: Saturday, February 19, 2005

Snowdate: Saturday, February 28, 2004

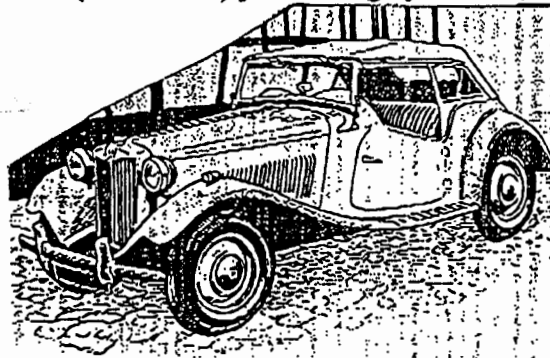
Why: Who cares except to clear heads & roads for smooth driving days ahead.

Entrance fees: Adults only, costume, covered dish, BYOB[not BOB](setups provided + beer & wine) & your DVC-MG spirit.

Park in barn corral, bring towel if want to use spa, best pool stick for pooltable & favorite dance partner(only extras we have are ghosts). Prizes (worn out tire, dirty oil filter, used spark plug, part that fell off of Dick & Sandy's TD, prop from Barre & Eleanor's yacht, Guy Fawkes' ashes & donation from Tom & Jaimee but won't say what) for best male costume, best female costume(&&&& that means female), best couple costume & for most beads "EARNED AT" party. Nametags my be helpful.

Navigation: From the N, S, E, W & MG heaven find intersection of Old York Rd.(Rte. 263) & Almshouse Rd., Jamison, Warwick Twp., Bucks Co., Pa., & you will be close ---good luck. Go E on Almshouse & turn left at Dark Hollow Rd.(2nd street), go ¼ mi.on left(after 2 developments) find black mailbox "Lakeland Farm" with balloons & red private drive sign, enter drive & go to end & find 1764 stone colonial farmhouse. If get lost call as we may give you directions & may even come out & tow you in.

RSVP(French) CALL(English): Greg @ (215)491-9945 number of people coming(feel free to invite friends) & what dish(that's food) you'll bring by Feb. 11, 2004.



DELAWARE VALLEY CLASSIC MG CHAPTER'S 34TH ANNIVERSARY GATHERING

Featuring: Out Of The Woodwork Rallye, Swing Into Spring Housecleaning Flea Market, Octagon Covered Dish Dinner, Passing Of The Book, DVC 'O'wards, DVC Photo Of The Year Contest and Last But Certainly Not Least – The Installation Of The DVC Officers

When: Saturday, March 20th at 3 PM

Where: The Clubhouse At The Colony At Skippack

Tariff: \$7.50 Per Person (Prepaid)

Start off the 2004 DVC driving season by getting your MG tuned up and participating in our first rallye of the year. It's also time to clean up your garage and to bring any spares or MG crappola along for an impromptu DVC flea market to be held after the rallye. There's also a covered dish dinner with the DVC supplying beverages.

Please send your check (payable to the DVC) to Liz Niner, 1125 Ellen Court – PO Box 510, Creamery, PA 19430-0510. There is a seating capacity of 60 people, so first come – first served.

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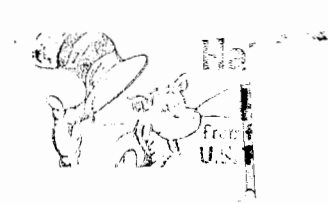
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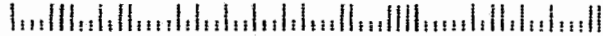


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