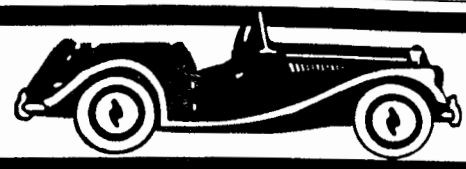




# T·Talk



## The Delaware Valley Classic MG Chapter

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**Happy 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the DVC,**

The DVC has kept busy these last months of winter with a tour of the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles, Mardi Gras and the Annual Anniversary Party/Rallye.

A few weekends ago we got a taste of taste of Spring, no rain, no snow, no sleet, just a beautiful blue sky and bright sun. The yard work is underway and the MG's are ready for the road. As most of you remember last year we only had two weekends that were perfect weather for top down driving, from May through September. With that in mind, it can only get better!! We have some great events this quarter starting with the Tech Session, Wings and Wheels, the Hornsby Rallye and the MGB convention along with some other goodies. As you can see we have many great events planned for spring and summer. Check your calendar and I hope to see you!!

I would like to thank Bobby Tiley for all of his help these past years with getting the DVC website up and running, welcome Lew Phillips as the new webmaster, along with these changes are a big thank you to Ben Nolan for being the DVC president for the past two years and welcome Mike Maloney as our next president and Tom Rippert as our events chairman. With that said let us welcome spring with tops down and many, many miles of wonderful driving time.

Safety Fast,

Betsy

### April, May and June Events

April 24	Tech Session - Engard
May 1	Wings and Wheels - Sherbekow
June 19	Hornsby Rallye
June 24-27	MGB Register Convention

### July, August, September Events

July 7-11	GOF MK 76
July 10	Family Golf - Phillips
July 14-18	GT 29
August 14	New Hope or Not - TBD
September 8-12	GOF MK 77
September 8-12	Regional GT
September 24-26	QVR-Wildwood



## The DVC on the Internet

I thought that this might be a good time to revisit the topic of the DVC on the Internet. As this issue of *T-Talk* goes to press, work is underway to update and enhance our publicly accessible website. Lew Phillips has graciously taken on the job of webmaster and I'm sure it won't be too long before we start to see the fruits of his labour.

I know that some of us will need to make an adjustment to the "bookmarks" or "favorites" in our browsers in order to see the results. Do you access our current website at [www.comcat.com/~zoomer/](http://www.comcat.com/~zoomer/)? If so, you will not see the new site automatically when it is ready. For 2 years we have owned (maybe leased is a better word) the domain name [www.dvcmg.com](http://www.dvcmg.com). This domain name is currently linked to the ~zoomer site, and will be adjusted when Lew brings up the new site. So point your browser to [www.dvcmg.com](http://www.dvcmg.com), and the switch will be automatic!

The other Internet site devoted to the DVC is not really a website. It is an "email reflector" that is restricted to DVC members. The full description of the site is provided below, but the point is that if you send an email to it, it then sends the email to all participating members of the group. There are currently 44 members of the group, so if you send a question, dozens of DVC members will see it. There are other features of the site, such a file area where membership lists and events calendars may be downloaded, and a photo area where you can post the latest pictures from your digital camera. Here is the description:

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*This E-mail "reflector" is like a Bulletin Board, and it's EXCLUSIVELY for DVC MEMBERS!! You can post photos of you and your MG, details of your latest tech project or restoration, and ask questions of your fellow members.*

*It's a way for DVC members to keep in touch, share news, pass along MG tech and safety tips, ask questions, offer MG stuff for sale, seek help or needed parts, and enjoy DVC camaraderie in between meetings and events.*

*Members send E-mail to [dvc-mg-club@yahoo.com](mailto:dvc-mg-club@yahoo.com) which will appear on the Bulletin Board, to be seen by all members. Members can also upload text files to the "Files" section. This is a good place to post tech info you want to share. Same goes for photos of DVC events, you and your car, etc., to the "Photos" section. To be approved for membership, your name and e-mail must be shown on the latest DVC membership list maintained by the Membership Chairman, Chuck Goelz.*

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If you would like to become a member, point your browser to <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/dvc-mg-club/> and click on the button that says: "Join This Group". You will then be presented with the appropriate form to fill out to become a Yahoo Group member, and the group moderator, Jerry Keller, will be informed that you wish to become a member of this group. Jerry will admit you to the group after verifying your membership status.

Happy Surfing!

## *Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles*

This event was co-hosted by Bob Wagner and Gloria and Dave Schwaub. Below are the write ups of the wonderful time had by all.

From Bob Wagner

The twenty fourth of January turned out to be just what you would expect for that day- cold! But not quite cold enough to scare away some twenty seven members of DVC who would brave any hardship to increase their knowledge of wheeled vehicles invented long before they were able to say "MG". Once inside the toasty lobby of the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles the outside cold was forgotten while greetings and all were being exchanged and we met our guides.

The coolness of the main exhibit hall was almost overlooked with the great display of ancient and modern vehicles and so much in between that we were not aware of or only vaguely remembered. Each vehicle was a lesson in mechanics, social times, and history of invention - all worthy of another visit in warmer times.

All the Club people who braved the cold and icy roads deserve mention: Walt King and Donna Bristol, Roy Dougherty, Chuck and Judy Goetz, Patrick Alzamora, Gregory Lake and Judy Lukis, Liz and Lee Niner, Paul and Evonna Phillips and sons Caleb and Logan, Tom and Jaimee Rippert, Dave and Gloria Schwab, Dick and Sandy Suffredini, Bob Tiley, Joe Weiss, Leland Wesner, LeBarre and Eleanor Williams, Lewis Phillips and Bob Wagner . Gentle People all and Merry Companions.

Its rumored that some of the above preferred the warm lobby. However the great party that followed at the Schwabs erased all concerns about temperature.

From the Schwaub's

We had a really cool time at the Boyertown Auto Museum. Our gracious host Bob Wagner saw that all that arrived were welcomed inside with no cost for the guided tour. We had enough members for two guides to explain and inform us on all the collection, some of which were very rare indeed. Some Electric vehicles as well as bicycles were on display. I, unfortunately was too cool to stay for the whole tour and went back to the gift shop to warm my buns. Then off to the wild west to see the Eastwood warehouse and the Schwab Garage ( which was not near as cool as the Boyertown collection). Gloria was off to find lost souls as Dave guided the tour through his house and garage. Both are falling down, but were warm. All (about 30 club members) had a great time conversing but the sad group were confined to the smoking lounge by the riverside. Thanks to all who helped Gloria in the Kitchen And Dave get rid of the beer. We'll have to do it again in the spring or summer or when their boiler is repaired at the museum. Dave Schwab

1ST ANNUAL DVC-MG MARDI GRAS CARNIVAL  
Saturday, February 21, 2004

Members arrived at 5:00 P.M. in one fantastic costume after the next ready to earn their beads with their respective King or Queen on their arm bearing covered dishes of gourmet food that was consumed throughout the evening along with various types of fire water. Mardi Gras was moved from New Orleans to Lakeland Farm and even the ghosts in the 1764 colonial farmhouse were stirred. Everyone in costume received a set of beads along with a set for a covered dish and/or bringing libations.

While tours were given of the old farmhouse, Dick and Sandy were looking for the part that fell off their TD and the only road casualty on this trip was Larry and Carol's (non MG) vehicle sinking in the mud but in the DVC spirit, was extracted by the members.

While the music played, the game room was very active with pool games with each winner receiving a set of beads. After the "Fat Tuesday" meal was consumed, the games began. First, was the 25 trivia questions for which Dick and Tom were running neck and neck. The questions ranged from things involved with Mardi Gras to specs on MG cars. Wolfgang and Gudi hit on the longest distance traveled, the technicians were almost stumped on the correct spark plug gap for a TD, and Sandy stumped the men by answering a technical question and my daughter, Debbie, after no one else could answer, correctly stated that a wine boat is the traditional leather pouch that party goers drink wine from at the Mardi Gras.

Guests earned a set of beads for singing a song, performing a dance or telling a joke. The ante was upped for the number of sets of beads earned when the shaking and flashing of the anatomy commenced.

Some memorable costumes were Walt in a camouflage hunting outfit, Bob and Terri as the Blues Brothers, Walt and Rose as the Pimp and Harlot, Donna gave a whole new meaning to a pair of large funnels as a breast implant, a few had fun spanking Tom's big plastic butt while wife, Jaimee, sported huge plastic breasts (we are still wondering why they left in bathrobes) and Greg appeared in a colonial outfit with a nice red bra accessory. Best male costume went to Lew with a bottle of wine, best female costume went to Jaimee with a bottle of wine, best couple costume went to Barry and Eleanor and most beads earned after a close race determined by show of hands went to Sandy with a vibrating bath soap sponge. Batteries were installed and we lost Dick and Sandy for a while.

Members in attendance: Donna Bristol, Walt King, Lee and Liz Niner (MG-M), Lew Phillips, Eleanor and Barry Williams (MG-B), Greg Lake and Judy Lukis, Tom and Jaimee Rippert, Wolfgang and Gudi Fischer, Dick and Sandy Suffredini, Roy and Sue Dougherty, Bob and Terri Tiley, Larry and Carol Kain. Friends/family: Bob and Cindy Becker, Walt Magill, Rose Chambers, Debbie Lake and Doug Lee.

Thanks all, GREG LAKE



## MG QUICKIES

1. The MG factory was located in Abingdon-on-Thames from 1929 through 1980. The original factory and office buildings were purchased from the Pavlova Leather Company.
2. The “Abingdon Pillow” was the nickname given by MG factory personnel to the energy absorbing dashboard installed on all US sold MGB’s and MGC’s from 1968 – 1971.
3. The first American to purchase and import an MG was Henry Ford’s son, Edsel. He purchased an M-type Midget on February 18<sup>th</sup> 1930 through Ford’s London Office. It was then imported back to Dearborn, MI where he drove regularly for three years.
4. The last US specification MG was purchased by Henry Ford II and donated to the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI. It was a 1980 black Limited Edition MGB.
5. MG’s famous slogan, “Safety Fast!”, was first used in 1929. It was devised by George Tuck, MG’s Publicity Manager.

## 34<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The DVC held its 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on a bright and clear day last Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Colony at Skippack Clubhouse and was hosted by Lee & Liz Niner. The event started off by attendees participating in an "Out of the Woodwork" road rallye of thirty some miles. Rallye participants were given a nice tour of our region's Lower Perkiomen Valley, the highlight being a chance to end up in the "Big House" at Graterford Prison if they took a wrong turn. Everybody made it back in one piece and still married.

There were lots of rallye war stories as the fifty some participants settled in for lots of liquid refreshments and super good hors d'oeuvres. Between meal courses there were many photo collections from the club's past 34 years that drew members together to relive past DVC adventures. There was even an active flea market going on and several members found that item that they've been looking for since last year. Dessert was served and then it was onto the real business of the evening.

The day's rallye winners were announced and it turned out to be founding members Barre & Eleanor Williams, who had never won a rallye in thirty-three years of trying! Next, Tom Rippert and Dick Suffredini presented the infamous DVC O'wards. To win one of these O'wards basically subjects you to twelve months of ridicule from fellow members. O'ward winners this year were: Lee & Niner – Dead Battery Achievement O'ward, Barre & Eleanor Williams – GPS Navigational Where Are We O'ward and Wolfgang & Gudie Fischer – Generic Rallye Instructions O'ward. Next time you're at a DVC event, ask these O'ward winners to elaborate on their coveted prizes. Another long standing DVC tradition is the passing of "The Book". Last year's worthy recipients, Betsy Pollock and Steve Novelli passed the elaborately gift wrapped book onto Gloria & David Schwab. How fortunate the Schwab's are in that they now can experience the power and magic of the centuries old information contained in "The Book".

The DVC gavel (actually an old connecting rod) passed hands as Ben Nolan turned it over to Mike Maloney. Mike then presented Ben with a plaque recognizing his two years of service as DVC Chairman. Mike then introduced Tom Rippert as the incoming DVC Events Chairman. The DVC has for many years rotated leadership every two years. That way there's always new blood and enthusiasm at the helm of the DVC.

Members attending were: Roy & Sue Dougherty (MGB), Bob & Kim Dougherty, Wolfgang & Gudie Fischer (MGBGT), Keith Fishlinger, Chuck & Judy Goelz, Greg Lake & Judy, Mike & Lisa Maloney, Lee & Liz Niner (MGB), Ben & Cindy Nolan, Steve Novelli, Jim & Marie O'Brien, Paul & Evonna Phillips (Midget), Betsy, Kim & Chris Pollock, Tom & Jaimee Rippert (MGB), Mark & Jan Scherbekow, Dave & Gloria Schwab (MGB), Tom & Anita Shannahan, Don & Suzanne Stewart, Dick & Sandy Suffredini, Bob & Terry Tiley, Sam & Anna Jane Waddington, Bob Wagner, Earl Wanklin, Barre & Eleanor Williams (MGB) and John & Linda Zemaney.

A good time was had by all. Sorely missed but never forgotten were Don Short and Margaret Wagner, speedy recoveries to both so you can be with us again. See you real soon at the next DVC event. The DVC does more in 2004!

### From the New "Events Chair"

Yes, I'm back for a second stint as Events Chairperson for the DVC, and I'm looking forward to the challenge. There's a lot to be done in order for the DVC to remain a "first class" MG Car Club. I'm open for ideas, suggestions, etc. Let me know what you want in an MG Club – it's your club. I'm at most DVC events, come talk to me, call me at home 610-287-9325, or e-mail me at [ripperts@juno.com](mailto:ripperts@juno.com).

We're already working on the DVC website and the Yahoo MG Group site, i.e., what are they, how do you access them, etc. This information will be posted in T-Talk for your convenience.

Mike Maloney and I will be working together for the next few years to serve you, the DVC, but we need your help, your input and support. Hope to see you at the next event!

*Tom Rippert*

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### Other DVC-News

15<sup>th</sup> Annual "A Taste of Britain" Auto Show and Polo Match scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in Lancaster, PA is co-sponsored by Lanco MG Club. This event is open to all British vehicles and motorcycles. Please contact Sally Harbold at 717-292-0579 or email at [sh88keys@akelphia.net](mailto:sh88keys@akelphia.net).

Anyone interested in a challenging 2-day tulip rally? The 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Rally Round the Holly" will be held May 1 & 2 in Millville, NJ. The Rally is headquartered at the Country Inn Suites @ Weaton Village and is open to all classic LBC's. In past years we have had over 75 cars ranging from 1909 Stanley Steamers to Ford Police Cars and of course many MG's. You will be traveling through 3 states and will cover everything from swamps to "riding with the hounds country". Each day ends at the Country Inn Suites in Millville. Anyone interested? Check out [www.northeastrallyclub.com](http://www.northeastrallyclub.com) or call Bob/Kim Dougherty at 609-859-3205. Anyone going to Wings and Wheels is more than welcome to stop by the Country Inn Suites and check out the cars and also wish Bob and Kim Luck, as they will be in the rally.

***Get Well - We hope to see you at future events soon!!!***

Don Short  
205 Trevoise Road  
Trevoise, PA 19053

Margaret Wagner  
318 Stout Road  
Ambler, PA 19002

# DVC SPRING TECH SESSION 2004

**DATE:** SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2004

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

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PERKIOMENVILLE, PA 18074

**REPLY:** TOM & JAIMEE AT 610-287-9325

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**As the driving season approaches, those MG's need a lot of tender loving care after sitting idle over the winter. Do the normal springtime maintenance (oil change, tune up, etc.) to your MG before driving season kicks in. Bring your own tools, and if you're going to change your oil, please bring containers to put the used oil into.**

## DIRECTIONS TO RIPPERTS

From the PA Turnpike (northeast extension 476): Exit at #31, Lansdale. Turn right off of exit ramp onto Route 63 West. Follow Route 63 west to Route 29, turn left going south on Route 29. Travel 3.3 miles and turn left on Hendricks Road. Turn right on Cepp Road, we're the second house on the left

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***See you there!***



## **NEMGTR Noggin N' Natter**

The New England MGT Register held it's annual Noggin N' Natter and Annual General Meeting last February 6-8 at the Pocono Manor Inn Resort in Pocono Manor, PA. It was a short two hour drive this year! The hotel is on the National Register and is beautiful. The rooms are spacious and the food and beverages are better than normal hotel fare. It was good seeing our friends from the register especially transposed Pennsylvanian now North Carolinian and DVC founding chairman Hank Rippert. Hank reported on the state of the Register and the Knudson/Churchill Scholarship fund. The register is sound and the Scholarship fund will be making an award this fall. See the issues of your particular register publication if you have a child or grandchild in need of scholarship money. DVC member Art King is heading up the scholarship selection committee. We had time to talk to Art and wife Chere at lunch. GOF MK 76, July 7 – 11, at Strasburg, PA is shaping up fine as is GOF MK 77, September 8 – 12, at Painted Post (Watkins Glen) NY. MK 76 is very close to DVC land so that we should have a good turnout for it. MK 77 will definitely be a sellout early on so you had better register as early as soon as it's announced. Lots of fun after the meeting as the hotel bar was overflowing with T Register friends. The Noggin N' Natter is the best way to beat cabin fever and be with MG friends in the dead of winter plus assisting the T Register. Keep it in mind for next year.

## **NAMGAR Board of Directors Meeting**

The annual Board of Directors of the North American MGA Register meeting was held in Atlanta last February 26 – 29 at an airport hotel. Atlanta is normally chosen because it's a major hub and is generally convenient for the five Board members to travel to. Major agenda items were the revamping of the web pages to become interactive, a tech article book and charge card usage for renewing membership fees. The Board's current operating theme is adding value to your NAMGAR membership and the afore mentioned items are perfect examples of just that. The GT, July 14 – 18, at Cromwell, CT is coming along fine. Registrations are already coming in. The Regional GT at Painted Post (Watkins glen) NY is sold out. There still is availability for attending the wine & cheese reception and the purchase of T-shirts. Please see MGA! for details on the GT and the Regional GT. Lots of business was transacted and lots of assignments were given out to Board members.

## MGA OIL FILTER HELL

Changing the oil filter on an MGA  
Can sometimes take the best of a day.

Silly filter hanging down,  
Need to be careful one does not drown.

Loosen the bolt that holds all in place,  
It then becomes a hurried pace.

To move away before the oil,  
Which is almost at a burning boil.

Runs down your arm and into your shirt,  
Ouch, damn, darn, that really hurt!

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,  
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Written by Glenn Hedrich



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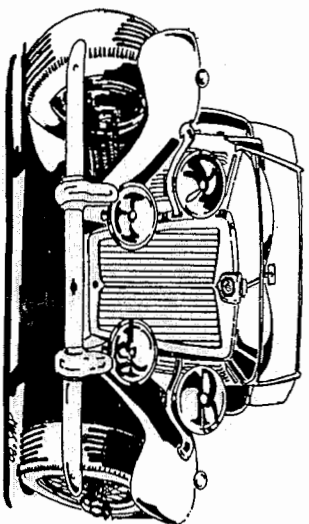
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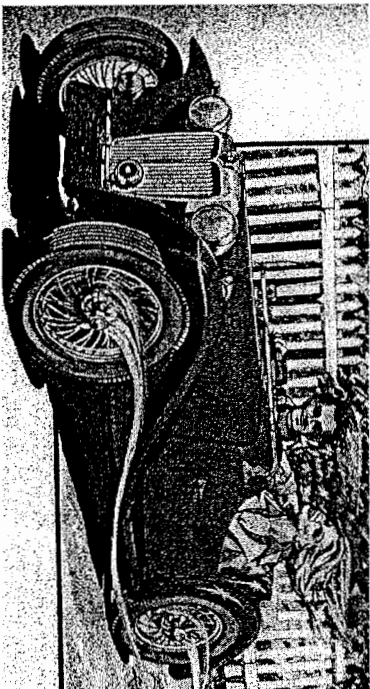
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Flourtown, PA 19031

For those of you that can not remember your own name let alone someone else's, get a DVC name badge for only \$5.00. Send a check made out to DVC and mail it to Liz Niner at 1125 Ellen Court, P.O. Box 510, Creamery, PA 19430-0510. Your badge will be mailed right to you in about 4 weeks.

If you can't remember to bring your badge you can always get a DVC shirt with your name embroidered on it from Triple C Motor Accessories. Contact Bob Tiley at 215-355-1992 for more information.

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For directions please visit

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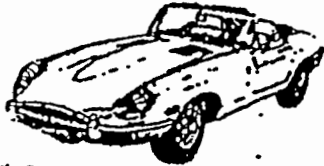
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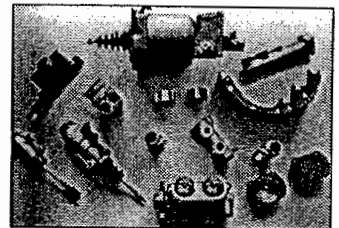
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