

November 2005

▲ Side Curtain Fling & Rallye ▲

When we scheduled the Side Curtain Fling & Rallye for November 5th, we knew we were taking a chance with the weather. We warned members to "find your side curtains and check your heater, and weather permitting we would like to take a trip down the back roads of Rappahannock and Culpeper County". What we didn't anticipate was 78 degree weather and peak fall foliage.

The day started out with a rendezvous in Haymarket and a caravan along some great back roads. The drive was fabulous and views and fall foliage were magnificent. When we arrived at our destination, Sunnyside Farms @ The Schoolhouse in Sperryville, VA, we were met by the General Manager, Phil Morgan, and a large welcoming NAMGAR sign. Following lunch (great burgers!), we went on a fun rallye which took us through some more great rural roads and tested our eyesight and power of observation as we tried to answer some very clever, and often obscure, questions (Wendell Grant???). Everyone arrived back at The Schoolhouse where the results were tallied and prizes awarded. Congratulations to winner Liz Ten Eyck and her sharp-eyed cousin Julie Hines, and also to not-so-sharp-eyed Steve Boyce and Ruth Arnold.

It was a great day but not long enough for some die-hards so a contingency reconvened at Griffin Tavern in Flint Hill where they were spotted by a reporter from the Rappahannock Times newspaper. The As were lined up, members interviewed, and photos taken. Now we are anxiously monitoring all the major wire services for the report.

Great weather, great roads, and great scenery. What a fantastic day! We had a big turnout with a third of our chapter membership showing up in addition to a Twin-cam visitor from Charlottesville. The tally was 9 As, 1 TD, 1 B, and an A disguised as a Miata (leftover from Halloween, no doubt). Check out the photos on our web site at http://mga-midatlantic.org and please join us next time. We can't promise the great weather but we can certainly promise a great time.

▲ Pub Night ▲

Pub Night: The next Pub Night is scheduled for the end of January. More information regarding date and location will be provided in January. Everyone have a great holiday season.

▲ Miscellaneous Information **▲**

<u>CHAPTER WEBSITE:</u> http://mga-midatlantic.org/ Don't forget to check out our new website and send a picture to Amy so it can be posted in the gallery. Check our website for recently posted pictures from the Last Open Road.

<u>"TECH SESSIONS FROM MGA"</u> book is available from NAMGAR, e-mail regalia contacts Bruce and Carol Woodson at: <u>cvmga@aol.com</u>. The price is \$45.00 plus shipping and handling.

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