

<u>January 2007</u>

▲ Happy New Year ▲

Happy New Year everyone! This New Year we want the club to start out in a new direction. We are going to make a number of New Year's *Resolutions* and we need your help to make them come to fruition.

- 1. We will be more organized.
- 2. We will have more events.
- 3. We will drive our cars more often.
- 4. We will have more opportunities to socialize with club members.

Last year we decided to change the format of our meetings from having a "Pub Night" to having a "Pub Day." (We want to thank Butch and Judy Smith for hosting our first Pub Day last November.) Our "Pub Nights" were held at a local restaurant, on a weeknight at the end of each month. Attending these meetings, we had to fight local traffic gridlock during the evening rush hour to get to the other side of Northern Virginia, put up with slow restaurant service, try to talk to those around you over a loud din of patron noise, were limited to socializing with only those seated around you, and challenged to pay the bill when separate checks were not provided. As a result of popular demand by club members we have now changed the format of our meeting to "Pub Days." Pub Days will occur at a member's house on a weekend day. Attending these meetings, we will incur less traffic, will minimize the impact on the host by ordering simple home delivery food (pizza, Chinese food, subs, etc.) with the attendees sharing the cost, and have more opportunities to socialize with all attendees. We will only schedule a Pub Day for months that there is not another club event or a local car show planned. However, to accomplish this feat we need volunteer club members to host the meetings. We also need club members to cooperate by providing a prompt RSVP so the host can plan for the meeting.

We want to get our cars out of the garage and onto the roads. We need your input on suggestions for interesting drives and volunteers to host the events. We are going to try to schedule events in the future so we can get them on our calendars in advance. Attached is a draft calendar of suggested events for your review and input. We live in a beautiful area for such events and we need to take advantage of the opportunities that are available. We should consider day drives and drives that could be accomplished over a two-day period. In addition to our club events, we have been invited to join MG Car Club of Washington, DC (MGCC) events, which will provide more driving opportunities. We encourage those of you who are not MGCC members to consider joining. Information about their club can be found at www.mgcarclubdc.com.

Instead of just collecting dues at our Chili Party in March, our first attempt at improving our management and simplifying the process for our members will be to provide a renewal notice (see attached) that can be sent directly to our treasurer by mail. We hope that this will simplify the process for both our treasurer and our members. We also are interested in hearing any other suggestions for club improvements.

▲ Pub Day ▲

Our next Pub Day will be Sunday, February 11, 2007. Bill and Karen Marshall have graciously volunteered to have the club meeting at their home.

Time: 2 pm

Food: To be determined

Cost: To be determined (Still cheaper than eating out and you don't have to tip) Drinks: Sodas, beer and wine will be provided by the chapter.

IMPORTANT: Please **RSVP** '*Yes*' or '*No*' to <u>manassasmga@gmail.com</u> so that Bill and Karen can plan on drinks, food, etc.

Location: Bill & Karen Marshall 9308 Mathis Ave. Manassas, VA 20110 Phone: 703-393-9308

Directions:

From the Fairfax County area, travel to Route 28 South heading towards Manassas. From I-66 this will be about 7 miles. At the intersection of Route 28 (Centreville Road) and Sudley Road, cross Sudley Road. Landmarks will be a Hollywood Video on your right, a CVS Pharmacy across the intersection and a Rite Aid to your left. One block past the CVS Pharmacy, turn right onto Maple Street. Travel one block to stop sign, turn left onto Mathis Avenue. Travel one block to right onto Irving Street. First driveway to the left on Irving Street or street parking is available in front of the house on Mathis Avenue.

From the Winchester area, take I-66 East to Route 234 - Exit 44. Travel Route 234 about 4 miles to the exit for Route 28 North. Route 28 is called Nokesville Road on this end of town. Continue Route 28 North - Nokesville Road about 2 miles. You will cross the railroad tracks near Wellington Road and your landmarks as you cross the tracks will be a Sunoco station and a Southern States store on your right. Continue on Route 28 which becomes Center Street past the courthouse and rescue squad complex into Old Town Manassas. Cross the traffic light at Grant Avenue and the next traffic light will be Main Street. Be in the left hand lane and turn left onto Main Street. Landmark is the Olde Towne Inn. Travel one block, cross Church Street and take second right onto Mathis Avenue. Continue one block, turn left onto Irving Street for driveway parking.

For those that would like to visit Historic Old Town Manassas we are a three block walk from the heart of the Historic District. Delisle Antiques, the Art Beat gallery, Dublin of Old Town for the Irish among you, Opera House Gourmet (wines, wines & more wines) and the Whimsical Galerie are among the shops located in the historic district.

▲ Chili Party ▲

This is a potluck affair where everyone brings their favorite chili to share in a chili competition, and an appetizer, salad, or dessert. We also compete trying to identify the contents in a MG Parts Box (Need volunteer), Kitchen Box (Need volunteer) (please call Liz Ten Eyck at 703-450-7747 if you know who has the Kitchen Box) and identify the pictures or answer the questions on a Collage Board (Butch and Judy Smith have volunteered). This is also our annual business meeting where we pay our dues, determine what activities we want to have during the year and when, elect officers, and find out if we have any money in the bank. We also need to discuss what we need to do to keep our webpage updated. We also need to come to grips with the fact that our club membership is dwindling and needs a shot in the arm. We need to talk about what we can do to rejuvenate it and what activities our members would enjoy participating in this year.

Specific information about the date and location of the upcoming Chili Party will be provided in the near future.

▲ Miscellaneous Information ▲

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

<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. This is the real 'Bible' for MGA articles.

"CLASSIFIEDS"

Rear tube shock conversion kit for your MGA, TD, TF and all chrome bumper MGB's. Later model B's without a rear sway bar. \$60.00 plus shipping. For an extra charge I can supply the shocks, but they are available at any auto parts store. I get them at Fairfax Auto. Butch Smith, 8408 Gambrill Lane, Springfield, VA 22153. Tel: 703-569-1508, bjmga@verizon.net

"FOR SALE"

Various MGA parts available, call (540-272-4264) or e-mail (<u>tomowog@adelphia.net</u>) for information.

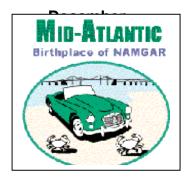
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NAMGAR Mid-Atlantic Chapter 2007 Club Schedule

<u>Month</u>	Activity
January	No activity planned
February	• Pub Day Date: February 11 th , 2 pm to 5 pm Location: Marshall Residence Host: Bill and Karen Marshall
March	• Chili Party Date: TBD Location: TBD Host: Volunteer host needed
April	• Britain on the Green Date: TBD Location: Collingwood, Alexandria, VA Host: Capital Triumph Register
	• Regional NAMGAR GT Date: April 25-28, Location: Key West, Florida Host: Suncoast Classic MG Club
	•Proposed Car Drive?? Date: TBD Location: TBD Organizer: Volunteer organizer needed
Мау	 "Covered Bridges" Car Drive Date: May 5th or 6th Location: Frederick County Maryland Organizer: Bill and Liz Ten Eyck
June	• Original British Car Day Date: June 3 rd Location: Lilypons Water Gardens, Adamstown, MD Host: Chesapeake Chapter of the N.E. MGT Register

	• Proposed Car Drive?? Date: TBD Location: TBD Organizer: Volunteer organizer needed
July	• Fireworks Viewing Date: July 4 th Location: Marshall Residence Host: Bill and Karen Marshall
	• Proposed Car Drive?? Date: TBD Location: TBD Organizer: Volunteer organizer needed
	• NAMGAR GT-32 Date: July 23-27, 2007 Location: Whistler, British Columbia Host: NAMGAR
August	 "OOL" Party Date: August 11th Location: Ten Eyck Residence Host: Bill and Liz Ten Eyck
September	• Proposed '<i>Cabin in the Woods'</i> Date: TBD Location: TBD Organizer: Butch and Judy Smith
	• <i>MG on the Rocks</i> Date: September 29th Location: Bel Air, MD Sponsor: MG's of Baltimore
October	• <i>Hunt Country Classic</i> Date: TBD Location: Bill Scott's Residence, Marshall, VA Sponsor: MG Car Club of Washington, DC
	• Proposed Car Drive ?? Date: TBD Location: TBD Organizer: Volunteer organizer needed
November	• Side Curtain Fling?? Date: TBD Location: TBD Organizer: Volunteer organizer needed



Membership Application/Renewal Form

for the North American MGA Register

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

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New Member	Renewal
Name:	
Address:	
City:	
Zip Code:	
Daytime Phone:	
Evening Phone:	
Email Address:	

Car Information	(please complete	to the best of	your ability)
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1 st car	2 nd car (if applicable)
Style (coupe or roadster):	Style (coupe or roadster):
Model:	Model:
Year:	Year:
Color:	Color:
Chassis (VIN):	Chassis (VIN):
Body Number:	Body Number:
Engine Number:	Engine Number:

Are you currently a national NAMGAR member? : Yes ____ No ____

Dues are \$20.00 per year. Please make checks payable to "NAMGAR, Mid-Atlantic Chapter"

Print this form and send to:

Martha Ludtke 114 Wickham Terrace Winchester, VA 22602