



**October 2010**

**▲ November 6<sup>th</sup> Side Curtain Fling ▲**

*Submitted by Liz Ten Eyck*

Before you winterize your MGA, come join us on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> for a drive through the countryside to John Tokar's ***Vintage Restorations Limited***. Vintage Restorations Limited is a full-service antique and classic car restoration shop that specializes in British cars. We will get a tour of John's new shop in Union Bridge, Maryland, learn of the history of his business, and see some of his on-going projects. We may even see some large-scale trains since Vintage Restorations is now performing outdoor model railroad services including sheet metal fabrication and welding on rolling stock, engines and component/body restoration with a specialty in refinishing. They work on diesel/electric, live steam locomotives and rolling stock in scales 1, 1.5 and 3 per foot. Large-scale trains (1/8 full scale and up) can pull cars and carry passengers on 7-gauge track.

On completing our tour we will have lunch at **The Buttersburg Inn**, which serves up home-cooked food just like your mom or grandma used to make. After lunch, we can see how your grandma may have traveled because John is arranging a special tour of the Western Maryland Railroad Museum. The museum is located in **Union Bridge Station**, built in 1902 as a stop for the Western Maryland Railway. It is representative of the rural railway stations constructed during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. We can also stroll through Union Bridge, where much of the town was added to the National Register of Historic Places as the Union Bridge Historic District in 1994. The district consists of this small piedmont village, which serves the area as a market center for the surrounding agricultural area. The greatest growth occurred in the 1880s after the Western Maryland Railway built its shops there.



We will meet at the Home Depot in Leesburg, VA at 8:30 am Saturday morning and caravan to Union Bridge, MD together. Please RSVP to Liz Ten Eyck, at [bytheoak@msn.com](mailto:bytheoak@msn.com) by November 1<sup>st</sup> since we will need to make reservations at the restaurant.



## ▲ MGCC Hunt Country Classic ▲

The weather was splendid for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Hunt Country Classic British Car Show held October 10<sup>th</sup> at Willoughby Farm in Marshall Virginia. The cool fall nip in the morning air gave way to pleasant temperatures in the 70's as we reached the show field and began to stage our cars. We did manage to sneak in a small caravan to the show with Bill Marshall leading the MGAs of Charlie Adams and Ken Lawrence. Of course with the small group we didn't miss any turns, unlike last year when our rather large group required numerous U-turns to find our way. Already at the field were Liz Ten Eyck and Kelsey Kallapos for their early morning shifts as volunteer parking coordinators. Joint Mid-Atlantic and MGCC members Chris & Cheryl Kintner, Ruth Arnold and Doug & Kay Campbell were also serving in their roles for the MGCC that help make this show such a success each year.

While we have long-claimed Hunt Country as our "home" car show of the season, this year this was indeed the case as all MGAs on the show field were members of our Mid-Atlantic Chapter. Joining the line up of Liz, Bill, Chris, Charlie and Ken were Butch Smith, Larry Newman, Jack & Shelia Stern, and a fashionably late Bruce & Jane Zivic in their Twin Cam. Showing in other classes were Bill & Kathy Wemhoff with their TR6, Kelsey with her MGB, Ruthie with her MGB GT "Brigitte", Doug & Kay with their Magnette "Winston" and Bob Schoepfle with his freshly on-the-road MG TD "Waldo". Tom Ford also came out for support, but with recent ankle surgery, unable to work all the pedals in his MGA. Michael & Lisa Eaton made the show a family event with Jonathan, Robert and David enjoying the field of cars.

With the record number of MGAs at last year's show, our section of the show field was expanded in anticipation of another large group of cars. For unknown reasons, the total car count for the show was down overall this year so our MGAs were a bit spread out to fill our "turf". This put Chris, Larry and Ken at a slight disadvantage as voters often made their choices before finding the other grouping of MGAs. Guaranteed a Mid-Atlantic Chapter sweep, the results were Liz Ten Eyck awarded first place, Butch Smith second – coming off his second place finish in the 1600 class at GT-35 and Bill Marshall gathering the third place award. Doug & Kay Campbell were awarded second place with Winston in the Open Class – Sedan category.



While the cars are in the spotlight for the day, Hunt Country remains about the people. It is always a pleasure to spend time with our fellow Chapter members, our friends showing other marques and chatting with spectators who come to visit and perhaps ponder if a vintage British car is in their future. Not surprising, many who stopped to talk had owned an MGA at some point in their lives. Hunt Country is also about those that volunteered their time to work the various parking stations, help set up the show field, work the registration desk and regalia stand or any number of other activities that must blend to make the show successful for both participants and spectators. A "job well done" goes out to all those that volunteered their time to contribute to our British car hobby.

## ▲ Around the World in 80 years ▲

*Submitted by Bill Marshall*

**Press Release:** *The MG Car Club was founded on the 12th of October 1930 at the Roebuck Hotel on the Great North Road near Stevenage, England, when about 30 MG owners gathered for an inaugural meeting. From these small beginnings, the club has grown to the worldwide organization that we know today.*

*The MG Car Club will be staging the largest MG event ever to celebrate our 80th birthday over the weekend of the 16/17th October 2010. The whole event will start in New Zealand early in the morning and travel westwards around the globe, passing through Kimber House, Abingdon in the middle of the day and finishing in North-West America late that evening.*



*This will be a fantastic celebration of our 80 years, foster closer relationships amongst all clubs around the world, and give your own club a unique PR opportunity.*

A number of Mid-Atlantic Chapter members took this opportunity to join in the celebration of the MG Car Club's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary by joining the *Drive to Lunch* planned by our local Washington DC Centre of the MG Car Club. Fellow Chapter member Bill Wemhoff pulled an old favorite drive out of his files and we enjoyed scenic backcountry MG-friendly roads on our 2 hour jaunt to Fredericksburg Virginia.

With 14 cars we had a nice range of MG products ranging from the B GTs of Ruth Arnold, Steve Boyce and Jim & Jane Byer, the B roadsters of Charlie Scott, Carl & Patricia Kratzer, Tervor & Debbie Neve, Jim & Ann Lunson, our own Bob Schoeplein sneaking a quick jaunt in Jane's B. Of course our favorite MGs were the MGAs of Bill & Kathy Wemhoff, Keith & Kathy Kallapos, Charlie Adams, Bill & Karen Marshall and Chris Kintner.

Once in the historic downtown area of Fredericksburg, we took pleasure in visiting Brock's Riverside Grill located on the Rappahannock River for lunch. While there, we were joined by Bruce & BJ McMillan and Mike & Lucy Hughes – fresh off a NEMGTR Chesapeake Chapter mini GoF event.

After lunch we were free to explore the old town area of Fredericksburg and visit the antique and gift shops with most somehow making their way to a local ice cream stand for a quick dessert. With no organized plans for returning home, we enjoyed our visit and time with our fellow MGers and made our way home before dark.

## ▲ New Members ▲

Ben and Cyndi Nolan of New Jersey joined our Chapter during the Pocono Regional GT. Ben and Cyndi have been NAMGAR companions with many of us at Regional events in Key West and Pocono, traveling companions to GT-34 in Hot Spring Arkansas and most recent on our Wild & Wonderful West Virginia outing to Elkins. Cyndi is known for her singing and really lights up the breakfast room at a Holiday Inn Express when most are struggling to down that first cup of coffee. Ben is an MGA mechanic extraordinaire, especially when a distributor goes out on the back roads of Kentucky – so states Butch Smith.

## ▲ NAMGAR in the Poconos ▲

Our long distance travels for the year continued with our trek to Pocono Manor in late September for the NAMGAR Regional GT in Pennsylvania.



Joining us on this adventure were Butch & Judy Smith, Jack & Shelia Stern, Bill & Karen Marshall, Larry Newman, Liz Ten Eyck with Betty Ann Johns and Charlie & Alana Adams. Meeting us in Pocono were Lee & Liz Niner and new Chapter members Ben & Cyndi Nolan.

Our travel to Pocono on Wednesday was uneventful as the weather was nice in advance of the forecasted heavy showers for Thursday. Wednesday evening, event organizers Bill & Carol Shamonsky were able to find an airplane hanger at the local airport able to house the 14 MGs not willing to suffer exposure to the 10 inches of rain that fell Thursday. Thursday became a day of relaxation as we had a hospitality suite to gather in for conversation and unexpectedly, games of Dominos played by the ladies. We were able to take the lodge shuttle bus to a local micro brewery for lunch and were back on schedule for the evening with our planned dinner arrangements.

Our Thursday plans became our Friday plans and, once we retrieved our cars from the airport, we were on the road to the town of Jim Thorpe for a day of sightseeing. On the way back to Pocono Manor we were treated to what was for many the highlight of the week by stopping in at Pocono Raceway and running laps at speed on the famous NASCAR tri-oval track. Saturday we took a long caravan drive through beautiful Pennsylvania countryside to the Dorflinger Glass Museum, with the factory grounds now the site of a wildlife sanctuary.

The plans had been to have a rolling car show at each of our events with the general public voting on the cars as we enjoyed our sightseeing. The rains on Thursday led to a number of our stops being canceled and thus our Awards Banquet Saturday evening was limited to just a few awards being handed out. Our fellow NAMGAR travelers Bruce and Roberta Rauch from Florida were awarded the Long Distance Award and Lee and Liz Niner were “posthumously” awarded the Hard Luck Award as they had to leave early Friday to attend to the water concerns at home from Thursday’s floods.

Look for a full article on the Pocono Regional GT in the January/February issue of *MGA*!

## ▲ Car Caravan 101 ▲

*Submitted by Bruce Rauch – Florida Suncoast Car Club*

*Bruce and Roberta Rauch are fellow Key West Regional GT participants and recently joined us on our return trip from the NAMGAR in the Poconos Regional event. With the upcoming Side Curtain Fling to Unionville Maryland caravan opportunity, we thought it might be nice to provide a “refresher” course for those that don’t caravan a lot. While every car club will have their own idiosyncrasies on caravanning, these basic “caravan rules of the road” apply. This is reprinted from a past issue of the Florida Suncoast Car Club newsletter.*



One of the more enjoyable aspects of belonging to a Car Club is driving together in a convoy or caravan. However, driving to a destination as a group can be a challenge. This fact became clear during a recent outing; so, I researched the archives for "caravan rules of the road." The following information is compiled from FSMGCC experiences and several other sports car clubs around the USA.



The Florida Suncoast Car Club emphasizes safe driving in all our events. However, members are responsible for their own road safety on trips by properly preparing their vehicles, driving carefully and obeying the traffic laws of the region.

Outlined below is a set of guidelines compiled from FSMGCC that will make touring with a group of other cars fun and safe:

Make sure you understand the planned route and the approximate distance the caravan plans to travel. Have more than one driver who knows the route.

Be ready to leave at the agreed upon time. Have a full tank of gas, a full stomach and an empty bladder by the departure time.

Advise the Event Coordinator if you are going to leave before the end of the tour.

The slowest cars, cars which may be least dependable or anyone concerned about getting lost should take positions near the front of the caravan.

The caravan will have a "lead car" at the front and an "end car" at the rear. Both the lead car and the end car will know the route.

A caravan of 20 cars can stretch over 2 miles of highway. If the group is too large, divide into 2 or more groups of 10 or less, each with a lead car and an end car.

The lead car will set the pace for the caravan and drive at about the legal speed limit.

Each driver is responsible for keeping the car behind him or her in sight. If the car behind drops off the radar screen or you see a problem with anyone else's car, signal the caravan to slow down/stop by flashing your lights.

The group/s should travel in the middle lane or the right lane on a freeway or highway so as not to obstruct the flow of traffic. On two-lane country roads, the group/s should provide spaces between the cars to allow faster (alien) cars that overtake the caravan to safely pass.

When driving, try to keep a consistent interval between you and the car ahead. This helps avoid frequent speed changes farther back in the caravan.

If you think the caravan is going too fast or too slow, signal the car ahead by flashing your lights. However, keep in mind that no two MGs' speedometers read the same. Some can be 10-20 mph off.

When traveling, the group may become separated. The lead car can elect to slow down to let the group catch up or stop and pull off the road to regroup.

If you need an emergency stop, signal the car ahead that you are pulling off. The entire caravan will stop if it's safe to do so. If not, the caravan will pull off at the next available opportunity. The end car will pull off behind you.

When everyone is ready to roll, when pulling back onto the highway the end car pulls on to the road to "block" for the others as they return to the road.

If you decide to (or are forced to) leave the caravan, make sure someone knows that the caravan shouldn't wait for you or look for you. Try to inform the caravan leader or end car.

Do not pass another caravan car unless they have told you they are dropping out or wave you by.

## ..▲ Charleston SC Spring Romp 2011 ▲

*Submitted by Liz Ten Eyck*

Doesn't it sound good to think of heading south to warm weather when it is still chilly in the DC area. Well, let's head south to Charleston, SC from April 16 - 22, 2011 and have a good time with all of our MGA buddies. We will take a day and a half to drive there, staying overnight in



Lumberton, NC. There is a wealth of things to do in Charleston, the oldest city in South Carolina, from a boat ride around Charleston Harbor and tour Ft Sumter, a horse drawn carriage ride through historic Charleston, to seeing how the southern aristocrats lived life on beautiful plantations. The food and sites will be memorable. This is going to be a casual event. ASAP everyone should make their own reservations at the Holiday Inn Express, 350 Johnnie Dodds Blvd,

Mount Pleasant, SC 29464, (843) 375-2600 for arrival on April 17<sup>th</sup> and departure on April 21<sup>nd</sup>. Also make a reservation at the **Best Western Inn**, 201 Jackson Ct, Lumberton, NC 28358-1103 (910) 618-9799, for the evening of April 16<sup>th</sup>. Please notify Liz Ten Eyck, at [bytheoak@msn.com](mailto:bytheoak@msn.com), , that you plan on joining us so we can get your input on what you would like to do in Charleston and keep you up-to-date on our plans.

**FOR SALE!**

**For Sale:** HEADS 1500, 1600, early B (1622; also fits earlier). \$110/head, guaranteed. Bob Schoeplein, 703-390-1188 or [bobandjane2@comcast.net](mailto:bobandjane2@comcast.net)

**For Sale:** MGB calipers, rotors, hoses, pads. Calipers are working fine. I just caught a nice sale on eBay and replaced all of this. Best offer over \$50.00. I hate to trash this stuff. Contact Butch Smith 703-569-1508 or [bjmga@verizon.net](mailto:bjmga@verizon.net)

**For Sale:** 1960 MGA 1600 roadster. Recent paint, new battery, ran well when last driven. Asking price is \$7,500.00 or best offer. Contact Louis Primovich at [primo10000@yahoo.com](mailto:primo10000@yahoo.com), home 703-212-9613 or cell 703-209-9111.



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