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▲ **Annual Meeting & Chili Party March 10th** ▲

Carl & Jean Josefson will host our Annual Meeting & Chili Party at their home Saturday evening, March 10th.



The Chapter will provide the beer, wine and other beverages and we request guests bring a side dish, salad, appetizer, corn bread or dessert to share. We of course welcome a pot of your favorite chili to see if last year's winner Shelia Stern can be dethroned and if Butch Smith can regain his rightful place at the top as Mid Atlantic Chili Champion after a string of ... ahem ... not quite first place finishes.

We will have our usual games of knowledge with our Kitchen Box Challenge – to be prepared by last year's winner Judy Smith. This should be interesting with the Smith's packing everything in their move to their new home. Hopefully, Judy will find some items long forgotten to puzzle the ladies with. Keith Kallapos will again prepare the Parts Box Challenge, which once more will delay the assembly of Kelsey's project car until the parts can be returned to her. Kelsey does allow that you are welcome to exchange any old parts in the box with new, cleaned or reconditioned parts - no questions asked.

We will also conduct our Annual Meeting where we will open the floor to nominations for our governing Executive Committee which consists of the Chapter chairman, vice-chairman, secretary/treasurer and one at-large member. These positions are currently held by Bill Marshall as Chairman, Liz Ten Eyck as Vice-Chairman, Alana Adams as Secretary/Treasurer, Kathy Kallapos as our At-Large member and Keith Kallapos as our Technical Advisor.

We will also be seeking volunteers to organize some of our social activities and *Drive To Lunch* activities planned for the year.

To allow Carl and Jean to prepare for the proper number of guests, please RSVP to cjosefson@cox.net by March 3rd with a firm Yes, No or Maybe. If you can, tell Jean what you plan to bring and hopefully, we will avoid too many salads and no desserts, or too many desserts and no salads also. Carl will provide directions to their home for those that need them upon request.

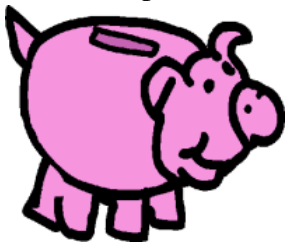
▲ MG Sebring Reunion ▲



The 60th anniversary of the 12 hour Sebring Race is March 17, 2012. Gates will open Wednesday March 14th and remain open 24 hours a day through Saturday. Holiday special price for two 4-day supertickets is \$180 and includes free parking, if purchased by January 1, 2012. Reduced superticket prices end January 31, 2012; savings of \$30 per ticket. Thursday, March 15th, the SVRA will have a downtown drive at noontime and on Friday evening there is a Sebring MGA dinner in the tent at the track with guest speaker, Gus Ehrman. Contact David Harrison for dinner tickets @davidmharrison2003@yahoo.com. Look for a large tent in the SRVA paddock area where some cars will be displayed and all NAMGAR members are welcome to sit, relax, and visit. One or two Sebring cars will be displayed each day at Sebring Legends Museum. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.sebringraceway.com

▲ Dues are Due ▲

It has been our tradition to collect our dues at our Annual Meeting with a Membership Renewal Form also posted in our newsletter. We find that often the newsletter is read and then filed for later reading – and the mention of the dues is quickly forgotten. Our plans this year are to send a ***Dues are Due*** e-mail to each member household with an attached Registration Form separate from the newsletter in hopes you will “star” this invoice and return your dues in a timely manner.



Dues are once again \$20.00 for the year and checks should be payable to **NAMGAR Mid-Atlantic Chapter**. Please mail your check to our treasurer, Alana Adams, at the address on the form, upon receipt of the e-mail.

As a part of our association with NAMGAR as an affiliated chapter, we are required to provide NAMGAR with our membership numbers as well as the number of chapter members that also hold NAMGAR membership. If you are a member of NAMGAR, please indicate this and if possible, include your car's NAMGAR registration number as well.

For our newer members – those that joined our Chapter after September 1, 2011 – your membership dues at that time included your first full year with the Chapter so no additional dues are requested at this time. If you are in doubt as to when you joined – or when you last paid your dues – please contact Alana at adamscas@msn.com.



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For those of you who are not NAMGAR members, we would encourage you to consider joining the national organization. With your \$37.50 annual membership comes a subscription to the bi-monthly magazine ***MGA!*** The magazine alone is worth the cost of admission. For those that have not enjoyed a recent copy of ***MGA!*** please contact me at manassasmga@gmail.com and I will send a copy for you to enjoy.

▲ New members join the Mid Atlantic Chapter ▲



Marvin and Jackie Lawley join us from Fairfax Station, VA. Marvin and Jackie own a 1959 MGA.

We welcome these new members and hope to see Marvin and Jackie take an active interest in our Chapter events. Hint: The Annual Meeting & Chili Party is a great place to meet a large number of our members!

▲ Looking Forward: Key West in April ▲

Submitted by Bill Marshall



There has been interest expressed within the Chapter of returning to Key West for the NAMGAR Regional GT to be held this year from April 23rd to April 27th.

Key West in April is always an exciting time and the host Chapter *Key West British Car Club* has spent an active winter looking for a blend of new activities as well as retaining the tried-and-true activities which remain popular each year.

The plans this year are to meet Sunday evening in Key Largo and join the *Sightseeing Rally to Key West* on Monday morning. There will be a welcoming Meet & Greet at the host Blue Marlin Motel Monday evening for those that did not get lost finding their way from Key Largo to Key West.

Tuesday's feature will be the annual Bocce Ball Tournament and Cookout at Sonny McCoy Indigenous Park with a showing of the cars in the parking lot. In the evening we will drive to Zachary Taylor Park to watch the unobstructed view of the famous Key West sunset.

Wednesday we head back up the Keys for a Miniature Golf tournament and lunch at Boondocks. We then meet in the evening for Happy Hour at Fennengan's Wake Irish Pub – whose motto is “come for the beer, stay for the food, leave with the staff. There will also be a brief Annual Meeting of the Key West British Car Club for those who are also members of that Chapter.

Thursday will be a free day all morning and afternoon to allow each to explore Key West. In the evening, we will gather in the Blue Marlin parking lot to prepare for the *World's Longest Parade* – which runs the entire distance from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. Our joining in the Conch Republic Independence Celebration parade is often the highlight of the week. Veterans of this parade will frequently remind you to save some beads for the latter stages of the parade as it passes through Mallory Square. *That's all I'm sayin' 'bout that.*

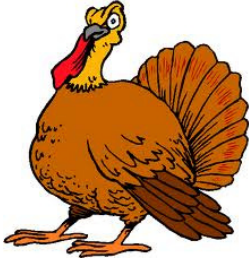
Friday many will depart for home. Those desiring to stay an extra day will enjoy the evening's Naval Battle Reenactment of the *Battle of Key West*. This Reenactment pits the local residents in boats and airplanes against the US Coast Guard – reminiscent of the battle that never took place when the Keys declared their independence from the USA.

Our plans at this time are to caravan down with the Richmond area Central Virginia British Car Club. More information and information about hotel reservations can be found on namgar.com under the Key West link or at the Key West British Car Club website www.kwbcc.com. The NAMGAR rate will hold until February 1st or earlier if our block of 30 rooms are sold out before.

▲ MGCC Turkey Rallye Recap ▲

Submitted by Charlie Adams

I wasn't sure I was ready for another rally, but I did want to get out for a drive with Alana. It is a sure fire way for us to have some fun. So I signed up to participate in this MG Car Club event. As we drove through Vienna to the meeting site, it took close watching to locate the parking lot. When we were sure we had gone too far, we spotted the MGs gathered in the lot.



As expected, most of the group were driving MGBs. Liz Ten Eyck and Alana and I were the only As along on this event. In addition to the MGs, there was a Rolls Royce participating as well. And, as often happens when these cars gather, an AC Ace stopped in at meeting lot when the driver saw our cars.

There were 11 cars total that participated in the Rallye.

Steve Boyce and Ruth Arnold set up a terrific event, lots of fun questions and just enough adventure to have some fun. The roads were well chosen and we saw lots of elegant neighborhoods on our way to lunch in Great Falls. At the mid-point check, we were instructed to run around the car three times...feeling a little silly and laughing we continued on our way. It was a nice ending at lunch and Alana and I learned we had made it through with third place honors. We had a great time!

▲ Middleburg Christmas Parade recap ▲

Our Chapter joined with our friends of the MG Car Club in participating in the Middleburg Christmas Parade held on Saturday, December 3rd. The Middleburg parade is always a wonderful event to kick off the holiday season, giving us a reason to drive our cars in temperatures that are a bit frigid and an opportunity to socialize with fellow MG enthusiasts.



Our day started with watching the running of the Horses & Hounds, a Middleburg tradition, then meeting the members of the MGCC for lunch at **Julien's Restaurant and Café** – once again coordinated by MGCC member Jim Byers. After lunch we returned to our cars to outfit them in our best holiday fashions. Keith & Kathy Kallapos went all out with full decoration on both Keith's MGA and Kathy's B GT. Bill & Karen Marshall, Jim Mackin with guest Gina and Bob & Jane Schoelplein were a bit less extravagant in their MG's festive dress but carried the holiday spirit to the crowd of residents lining the street.

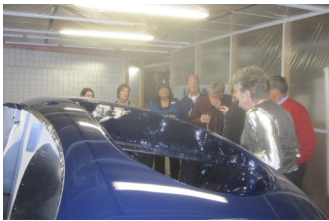
▲ Abingdon New Year's Eve Recap ▲

Submitted by Kathy Kallapos



Abingdon New Year's Eve was once again hosted by the car buff family of Keith, Kathy and Kelsey Kallapos at their spacious home in Clifton, VA. A hungry crowd of club members arrived at 5:30 to ring in the New Year on Abingdon, England time. Bill and Karen Marshall, Liz Ten Eyck, Betty Ann Johns, Carl and Jean Josefson, Charlie and Alana Adams, Bill and Kathy Wemhoff, Ken and Joyce Lawrence, Toby Fitzke and John Padgett were among the early arrivals. New members Al and Deb Gray chauffeured our visiting New York members Ken and Melon Doris. Brice and Judy Henderson, Larry Newman and Diana Campbell, Doug and Kay Campbell arrived from slightly closer destinations.

The party reached full swing in no time at all. Keith asked everyone to put down their libations and grab a bite to eat and then announced that after 26 years, he was retiring from American Airlines. Tonight was a night to celebrate the incoming New Year and also Keith's retirement.



Following a smorgasbord of delicious foods, Kelsey invited all interested to the workshop to see the progress on her project car which she thinks is a 1957 MGA. All of the body panels have been patched, filled, primed. The body tub showed off its beautiful coat of midnight blue inside and out. The frame is undergoing repairs and should be completed by spring. Kelsey hinted that some tech sessions would be scheduled during the assembly for anyone interested.



New Year was fast approaching and true to form the MG electric time piece used for the countdown was not up to the task. Sir Lucas lives on! We adapted on the run and welcomed the New Year on our own time. The merriment continued with a Prosecco toast - a nod to the Kallapos' anniversary trip to Italy. Son Brian Kallapos designed and baked an awesome New Year's/Retirement cake that was almost too nice to eat.



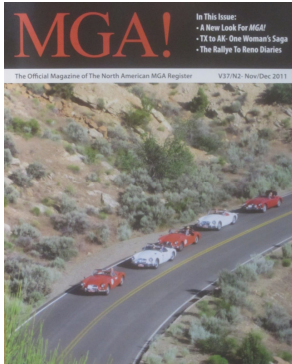
We were treated to a slide show of Keith and Kathy's new retirement digs, a double-wide trailer home on the shore of Smith Mountain Lake in southwest Virginia. This is downsizing at its finest. Don't worry, there is a stick built, heated garage that will hold 4 to 5 MGs and assorted parts and pieces. Keith, with the aid of Ken Doris, Charlie, Bill Wemhoff, Al and Frank from next door, performed his original song "*Ballad of the Double Wide.*" Click on the following link to view *Keith and the Hillbilly*

Helpers' premier performance of the future country hit.

<http://s1014.photobucket.com/albums/af261/kallapos/Double%20Wide%20for%20my%20Bride/?action=view¤t=NewYears2012004.mp4>

Thank you to everyone that joined us and brought the delicious array of food we enjoyed. We wish a Happy New Year to all. Get out and drive your Little British Car!

▲ National Ink ▲



The Mid Atlantic Chapter struck cover gold again with the November/December issue of *MGA!* magazine featuring the MGAs of Chapter members Carl & Jean Josefson, Bill & Karen Marshall and Ben & Cyndi Nolan – traveling through the Colorado National Monument with fellow *Rallye to Reno* travelers Mike & Sheryl Wilson from Wichita Kansas and George Kress of Verona Pennsylvania.

Jean and Cyndi were dropped off high above a switchback section of the road and we made another pass to allow them to capture this shot on a collection of cameras.

The feature story inside the magazine was a collection of notes from random diaries highlighting our trip across America – including the notes of our traveling companions. We thank NAMGAR and *MGA!* magazine for permission to use this image in our newsletter.



We welcome your *For Sale*, *For Trade* or *To a Good Home* listings. Please e-mail your items to mga@mga-midatlantic.org

For Sale: Add another classic to your collection. 1957 Penn Yan Swift 14 ft. Original canvas, stripped and sprayed with interlux. Cedar deck is excellent. Interior wood is good to better. 1957 Johnson 18 HP for show (believe 20 hours) also included is the 1957 35 HP Johnson electric start – original to boat.



Galvanized trailer – in water once. Will also sell w/o trailer. \$7,500. Contact Len Renkenberger at renk@atlanticbb.net

For Sale: 1967 MGB GT. An unmolested original B GT with somewhat recent re-paint. The good news is many of the components are original – the bad news is many of the components are original and items such as rubber hoses etc. should be replaced for dependable driving. \$8,500. Contact Bill Marshall at manassasmga@gmail.com

