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## Winter 2014

### ▲ **Mark March 8<sup>th</sup> for the Chili Party** ▲



Now that another excellent New Year's Eve party is behind us (thank you so very much Toby and Helen Fitzkee for being such wonderful hosts) the next MGA event is our annual Chili Party.

Steve and Nancy Woodall have graciously offered to host this year's event at their home in Fairfax Station, VA on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The event will begin at 4:00 pm and all of our planned activities should be concluded by 9:00 pm.

The Chapter will provide the 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 a new Mid Atlantic Chili Champion crowned.

We will have the usual games of knowledge with our Kitchen Box Challenge and Parts Box Challenge - hopefully being prepared by the winners of last year's competition (a subtle hint to Karen Marshall and Michael Eaton ... hint-hint the clock is ticking).

Please RSVP to Nancy at [nansbees@aol.com](mailto:nansbees@aol.com) or 703-690-0907 by Friday, February 28 so they can plan for the proper number of guests.

### ▲ **Passport Reminder** ▲



For those traveling to Ottawa for GT-39, this is a reminder you will need a current passport to enter into Canada and of course, for return to the USA. These can take time to obtain or renew, so check your current validation and take action early!

## ▲ 2014 Annual Meeting ▲

*Submitted by Bill Marshall*

We are a rather loosely run organization – although some might say for being loose, we are actually a tight-knit group. Regardless, we do hold an Annual Meeting in conjunction with our Chili Party so that we can elect the members that make up the Executive Committee that governs the Chapter.



The Executive Committee consists of the Chapter chairman, vice-chairman, secretary/treasurer and one at-large member. We do the simple things like prodding members to host our various Pub Socials and our four main gatherings including the Chili Party, July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks, the annual 'Ool Party and our Abingdon New Year's Eve celebration. We also – in the best British Royal Navy tradition – use impressment of “volunteers” to organize our Drives to Lunch, Drive Your MGA Day and various drives to area car shows.

We also make sure the Chapter is respectful in spending the dues we collect in ways that best benefit the members. Dues are generally spent on reimbursing host members for the beverages and food purchases of our main gatherings, costs for keeping the Chapter website current and online, and funding the prizes for the Chili Party contests.

Any member in good standing is eligible for nomination for each of these positions – with a requested commitment of one year's minimum service.

The current members of the Executive Committee are Bill Marshall, Chairman, Liz Ten Eyck, Vice Chairman, Alana Adams, Secretary/Treasurer and Kathy Kallapos, Member-At-Large. Charlie Adams serves as our Technical Advisor.

The most pressing need is for a volunteer to assume the role of Newsletter Editor – someone to gather information on upcoming local British car events and national NAMGAR events and present this information to our membership in a timely manner in our newsletter. Ideally, the newsletter should be prepared once per month and distributed to the membership, but a bi-monthly newsletter would also work as the world continues to accept electronic communications as a means of personal contact. The newsletter should also provide a recap of recent past events so that those who were unable to attend can follow along and also to perhaps – just perhaps – grab someone's interest who has put off attending an event because it all sounds like “car stuff”. The newsletter should be a community effort, with members providing articles when they are taking the lead on an event and perhaps providing a reflection of an event they hosted. The Editor should be able to combine these contributions into our established format and thus, keep all of our membership informed of Chapter activities. The most common hesitation I hear is “I can't write”. Writing is simply “telling the story” to paper as you would to your best friend. We may not all be John Grishams or J.K. Rowlings, but we can all share our thoughts with our friends.

Give some thought to each of the roles noted above and ponder if you can help be a part of the team that keeps our club vibrant and an organization you're excited to be a member of.

## ▲ Chairman's Message ▲

*Submitted by Bill Marshall*

2014 looks to be another active year for the Mid Atlantic Chapter. We began this year at the last moments of last year, toasting the coming of the New Year – admittedly on English time - with our annual **Abingdon New Year's Eve** party hosted by Toby and Helen Fitzkee. Next up will be our **Chili Party and Annual Meeting**, as noted in the preview above, hosted by Steve and Nancy Woodall. The British car show season begins late April with **British on the Green** in Virginia followed in early June with **The Original British Car Day** held at Lilypons in Maryland. Sandwiched in between will be our participation in the NAMGAR **Drive Your MGA Day** organized by John and Laura Casey - and yes Doug and Kay, Magnettes are welcome too!

July will be a busy month as Karen and I will host the club for **Celebrate America** on July 4<sup>th</sup>, enjoying the firework presentation provided by the City of Manassas. Charlie Adams – building on the time-honored foundation of GT travel laid by Butch and Judy Smith – has prepared a wonderful route to Ottawa, Ontario for the GT-39 activities. We are limited by hotel accommodations to just 16 cars – and we are hovering at 15 committed MGAs at this time. If you wish to join us, let Charlie know as early as possible so he can scout alternate options.

Liz Ten Eyck will host her annual **'Ool Party** in August which will get us refreshed just in time to head to Watkins Glen, New York for the NAMGAR Regional GT **NAMGAR at the Glen** scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Our mates in the Central Virginia British Car Club will host their annual European car show in mid-September and our 'home' show **Hunt Country Classic** will be just around the corner in early October. A fall leaf-peeping drive will be organized for November and we will again join with the MG Car Club to participate in the **Middleburg Christmas Parade** early December. This will return us full-circle to the **Abingdon New Year's Eve** celebration – and we are currently seeking a volunteer to host this event!

Our membership continues to grow with Michael and Pat Ohleger and Mark and Maxie Brown joining last fall and fresh off the press – Tim and Theresa Gaffney of Georgia deciding the Mid Atlantic area reached that far south! This gives us membership in states spanning New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and now Georgia. And though not able to attend many club activities, we are still supported by members living in Ohio and California.

With all of our events, a running MG is not required. Our schedule includes many social events where MGs are optional and 'civilian' vehicles are welcomed at all of our driving events.

We must be doing something right – hey, I hear the snickers! What's ahead? Read on.

## ▲ **Britain On The Green** ▲

*Submitted by Bill Wemhoff*



The Capital Triumph Register will host their 17th annual British car show **Britain On The Green** on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for the show's second season at Gunston Hall Plantation – home of patriot and “Father of the Bill of Rights” George Mason.

Information on registering for the show is posted on the Capital Triumph Register website at [www.CapitalTriumphRegister.com](http://www.CapitalTriumphRegister.com).

*Editor's note: Bill may cry foul, but the rumors persist that he personally guarantees the grass in the MGA parking area will be allowed to grow no higher than knock-off height this year.*

## ▲ **Drive Your MGA Day Set for May 3rd** ▲



NAMGAR Chairman Bruce Woodson has declared Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to be the national **Drive Your MGA Day**. John and Laura Casey have volunteered to take the lead this year and have prepared a wonderful driving route that will take us on beautiful MGA roads through Fauquier County, with stops at a local winery, lunch at Griffin's Tavern in Rappahannock County and returning to the Warrenton area for a dessert at John and Laura's home. We will have more details on the meeting location, times and routes as we get closer to the event.

## ▲ **The Original British Car Day** ▲

*Submitted by John Tokar*



The Original British Car Day will be held Sunday, June 1, 2014 – once again returning to Lilypons Water Gardens in Adamstown, Maryland.

The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG “T” Register is proud to invite you to the 37<sup>th</sup> meet of **The Original British Car Day**. This event is held for the enjoyment of all British car and motorcycle enthusiasts.

The event is held from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM at the beautiful grounds of Lilypons Water Gardens. Come and enjoy this gathering of all British marques in one setting and the beauty of the water gardens. Bring your leashed pet and picnic lunch or partake of the food and drink offered by our food vendors. For more information please visit our website at: [www.chesapeakechaptermgclub.com](http://www.chesapeakechaptermgclub.com)

## ▲ Looking Ahead – Plan Now for GT-39 ▲

*Submitted by Charlie Adams*



GT-39 travel preparations are underway as our route has been planned and hotel locations have been finalized. If you have not done so, please make your hotel reservations for all locations as early as possible so our block of rooms is not returned to inventory.

Our Saturday plans have us traveling Route 15 the majority of the way, spending our first night in Williamsport, PA – home of the Little League World Series. Sunday we head for Sackets Harbor, NY – with a stop in the historic Watkins Glen area. We enter Canada on Monday at Kingston, arriving via Horne's Ferry and Wolf Island. Once in Canada we expect a four hour travel time to Ottawa and the start of GT week.

Return plans have us leaving Ottawa on Friday morning with a destination of Cortland, NY and evening entertainment provided by the Cortland Repertory Theater performing *Les Miserables*. Saturday travel provides a tour of the Sunbury, PA historic district along the Susquehanna River, then continuing south towards Harrisburg where we will enjoy the evening in Hershey Park. Sunday we will retrace our steps through Gettysburg, PA and south into Maryland and Virginia.

This is shaping up to be an exciting drive with 16 club members and guests already signed for the adventure. If you have an interest in traveling with us, please contact me as soon as possible.

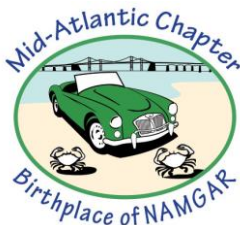
## ▲ GT-39 Travel Option: C2C ▲

*Submitted by Carl Josefson*



Those looking for a more adventurous route to Ottawa may consider joining Jean and I on the NAMGAR Regional GT ***Cruise to the Capital*** event. Organized by NAMGAR members Peter and Anne Tilbury, this drive starts in Victoria, British Columbia on July 4<sup>th</sup> and travels through British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Southwest Ontario – arriving in the capital of Canada - Ottawa - on July 14<sup>th</sup> just in time for the GT. Total distance is estimated at 2,953 miles over 10 days. This rolling Regional is a drive-at-your-own-pace with the participants meeting at pre-determined overnight stops. More information can be found at [namgar.com](http://namgar.com) and clicking on the *Cruise to the Capital* link.

## ▲ New Chapter Shirts Are Available ▲



We have filled our first batch of new Chapter shirt orders and they have proven to be quite popular. Those interested in additional shirts or ordering your first should contact Liz Ten Eyck at [bytheoak@verizon.com](mailto:bytheoak@verizon.com).

We need to order a minimum number of 12 shirts and will place an order when we reach that count.

## ▲ NAMGAR Wants You ▲



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For those of you who are not NAMGAR members, we would encourage you to consider joining the national organization. Your \$37.50 annual membership provides 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](mailto:manassasmga@gmail.com) and I will send a copy for you to enjoy.



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

For Sale: 1960 MGA 1600 roadster for sale that reportedly has been in the same family since new and has just 40K original miles. The car is drivable, black w/red interior, disc wheels.

Repainted about 10 yrs ago and a new interior has been installed. Also a new top. Asking price is \$15,000. Car is located in the Roanoke/Bedford area of SW VA. If interested call Arlon at [540-797-0947](tel:540-797-0947) or email [harrisma49@gmail.com](mailto:harrisma49@gmail.com).