

**The Chesapeake Chapter of the New
England MG "T" Register, Ltd.**



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Chairman's Comments
By John M. Tokar

As we begin the fall season, we look forward to the end of the rainy season so we can enjoy driving our MG's (before the snow arrives!). Fall is the best time for "top down" motoring and MG's were built to be driven! Take some time to plan a road trip to view the fall colors or to just drive down your favorite country road.

Lin Snider and I had the opportunity to be in Williamsburg, Virginia during GOF 75. We met and talked with members of the NEMGTR from all over the country and Canada, and enjoyed viewing over 30 great looking MGT -Types. I would like to personally thank our members for attending GOF 75 and believe that they represented our chapter well. Check out Lin's article for a summary of this event.

While in Williamsburg I spent some time with Hank Rippert, NEMGTR Chairman. We shared ideas, concerns, and had some very productive discussions about our chapter. I told him that we are alive and well, and that our membership has grown this year. We plan to continue our dialog and we look forward to future interactions. I also met with

Andy Wallach, the prospective Chairman of our neighboring chapter, The Tidewater MG Classics Car Club, located in Virginia Beach, Virginia. I have been an out-of-town member of this club for over 12 years and find them to be a great group of MG enthusiasts. Andy and I discussed the real possibility of holding a joint-chapter activity sometime next year. I plan to work with our board and our activities chairmen to make this happen. Stay tuned for details.

Enjoy the upcoming holiday season!

Sincerely,

John Tokar
Chairman

Breaking News!

The Original British Car Day
"Return to a Pond and Our
Traditional Show Date"

The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MGT Register is proud to have organized and run The Original British Car Day for over 26 years. It has always been our objective to make BCD an enjoyable experience for all. Over the last two years, we have heard many constructive comments and ideas from fellow British car enthusiasts. We have welcomed the input and as a result of this dialog, we have taken action and made some improvements to make our special Original BCD the best show it can be.

This coming year, BCD will be held at a new location and on a new date. Our show will move to the Lilypons Water Gardens, to be held on Sunday, June 27, 2004. Serving water gardeners for over four generations, Lilypons has earned an excellent reputation as the foremost source of water gardening supplies and creative ideas. It has several ponds and a number of ornamental gardens that are available for your viewing pleasure. Water garden and pond accessories are also available for sale.

We encourage you to bring your pet and picnic lunch, and hope you enjoy the beauty of the water gardens in full bloom. Quality food and drinks will also be offered for sale at reasonable prices by food vendors. This site offers many possible activities as part of our show, including wine tasting, a moon bounce for the children and paddleboat rides.

Lilypons Water Gardens is located in Buckeystown, Maryland and can be accessed easily from the North I70 or I270 via route 85, or from the South via Route 28. Please visit www.lilypons.com for more information or for directions.

The contact person for BCD is John M. Tokar, Chairman, who can be reached at 301-831-5300, or by e-mail at tokarj@erols.com. Show registration information, as it is developed, will also appear on our club's web site:

<http://www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com>

Additional details will be provided in the near future. Thanks for your support of The Original British Car Day. See you at the show!

Editor's Comments **By Stephen R. Woodall**

This is our fourth edition of our "new" Square Rigger newsletter, featuring our new Bylaws for our Chesapeake Chapter. The complete Bylaws, as approved by the Board for voting by the full membership, are provided as an attachment for your review. Please review our new Bylaws quickly, and mail in your vote of approval or disapproval! Note that the voting period will be November 2003 (this month)! Voting will close out as of 1 December. **No response will be considered a vote of approval!** A ballot form is provided as page 6 of this Square Rigger. ... **Super News about BCD!**

Editorially Yours,

Steve Woodall
Newsletter Editor

Club Web Site

Go to our club web site to find full color versions of the Square Rigger, and more!

<http://www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com>

Membership News

Who's New? **Or, Welcome Back, as may be the Case!**

This includes all the new members this year, to date:

- **Jon & Pamela Baake** 1955 MGTF
- **Thomas Carolan, Jr.** 1955 MGTF
- **Bill Demarest** 1952 MGTD
- **Michael & Jackie Ellis** 1939 MGTB
- **Robert Mason & Susan Dombrow** MGTD
- **James Ruckert** MGTD
- **Ken Shaffer** 1952 MGTD
- **Bryan Sieling & Nanci Edwards** 1952 MGTD MKII
- **Jon Stout** 1951 MGTD
- **Richard & Marian Williams** ???

Let's welcome our new members to our Chesapeake Chapter --- we hope to meet you all at the "After Christmas Brunch."

Club Dues Update

Your Club Dues Statement will be in the mail around Thanksgiving this year. We are converting to a once per year billing cycle,

with the dues being due the first of the calendar year.

Membership Directory

We want to get a new, up-to date Membership Directory out to all of you soon for the 2004 year. We have decided to add a section for advertisements for those of you who provide services to the industry. These are offered to you free --- however, it is required that they be "business card" size.

Please email your advertisement copy electronically to Charley Howard at:

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Or, mail your hard copy to:

Charley Howard
PO Box 323
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We need these real soon for them to make the directory so be sure to act fast!

Yours in Membership,

Charley Howard
Membership Chairman

From the Historian's Desk **By Nancy Woodall**

The first story is a brief overview of GOF 75, held in Williamsburg, VA, for the first time in ages, sent in by Lin Snider --- one of many of our club members who were able to participate in this special national event. Thanks, Lin! The second story which follows below was written by Mike Hughes, who hosted this year's Fall Foliage Weekend, always a big hit! Thanks, Mike!

Historically Yours,

Nancy Woodall
Historian

GOF 75, Williamsburg, VA **By Lin Snider**

GOF 75 was held in Williamsburg, VA during the first week of September 2003.

Our Club was represented by Paul Chandeysson and his beautiful burgundy Arnolt, Barb and John VanOver and their polished MG TD, Mike and Jennifer Ash and the blue MG TF, Carl and Peggy VanBiber and their award winning red MG TD, Dick Embick and his clipper blue MG TC, Bill and Martha Ludtke, John Tokar and Lin Snider.

Weather was a major factor for those trying to get to the event Thursday ---an Isabel impersonator showed up earl --- as many cars needed to spend Friday air drying in the Virginia Northern Neck sun. The town and conference center embraced the British presence. Tours, food, shopping a step back into early American history were a major part of the week.

Several participants were from our Club area and expressed interest in joining the Chesapeake Chapter. Some published schedule verses actual schedule problems were encountered by folks attending but those who came had an opportunity for a great time. Check the next TSO for the final results of the car show for the 30 cars on display.

Fall Foliage Weekend 2003 **By Mike Hughes**

Friday morning dawned cold and drizzly as Lucy and I woke up and started the final preparations for our bi-annual Fall Foliage Weekend, but at least there was beginning to be some color in the maple trees in our sugar bush. We had been up at our log cabin in the Allegheny Mountains of Virginia the previous weekend pre-running the driving tour route and the trees had not even started changing yet. By lunch the mists had cleared away to merely overcast and the local radio forecast only called for a slim

percentage chance of further precipitation for the remainder of the weekend. Good fall weather in Highland County, where sudden shifts in wind, temperature and precipitation are not in the least bit unusual.

Weekend participants were Bill and Martha Ludtke, Mike & Mary Lutz and their neighbors, Pete & Pat Loercher, Ron & Gwenn Holmlund, Richard & Christine Drewyer, Bron & Linda Prokuski, and Paul and Louise Tucker. There were four "T" Series cars present. One TC (Tucker), one TD (Prokuski), and two TFs (Drewyer and Hughes). Some local friends, Brian Richardson and Betty Mitchell, who just happen to have a 1966 Midget also joined us and a brief stop at their Civil War era farm proved to be one of the highlights of the weekend. (Some people have a hard time getting their dog or cat to come when called. Can you imagine the sight of a herd of 50 or so sheep flying over a hill at the call of their shepherd?)

Couples began to arrive in the early afternoon. By sundown everybody had safely checked in and we all gathered for a leisurely dinner in the main dining room of the circa 1905 Highland Inn. Most people merely had to go upstairs after dinner for a good night's rest. Part of the Chesapeake Chapter after-dinner fitness program turned out to be the three flights of stairs to their respective rooms!

Saturday morning revealed even more colors in the trees and was left completely open for exploration and foraging through all the shops and crafts in Monterey that were part of the annual Hands and Harvest Festival. It is reported that several vehicles left at the end of the weekend somewhat more "packed" than when they arrived.

While some took off to tour on their own, others gathered after lunch and a spirited mountain clogging demonstration for a tour of the county that included the aforementioned stop at Brian and Betty's farm in Blue Grass. Brian collects old motorcycles (Norton and Triumph are his favorites) and memorabilia and has converted the 1850's smokehouse behind his home into a very attractive, if compact, little museum. In addition it was discovered

that the adjacent old springhouse still serves a useful purpose in this modern era of refrigeration: Bottles of Guinness and Harp are kept at a constant 54 degrees year round just waiting their turn to be consumed. Brian hosts an annual motorcycle gathering each summer. The springhouse can cool enough beer to slake the thirst of a couple of hundred thirsty bikers!

After a beautiful sunny drive through the valleys of the headwaters of both the Potomac and James rivers, we found ourselves at Southernmost Maple Products in Bolar. Unfortunately, we arrived a little behind schedule and the live bluegrass band "220 South" had already finished their set and packed off to their next stop. However, several people took the opportunity to sample pork barbecue, barbecued chicken and real maple donuts and take home some Virginia Maple Syrup. There is some possibility that the syrup contains some special M.G. magic because the owner of the facility taps some 800 Maple trees in our "sugar bush" that surrounds our cabin in the Blue Grass Valley.

After a short rest it was time to eat again, this time at a barbecue up at the cabin. A staple of these barbecues is the selection of sausages laid on, as much "Old Speckled Hen" as one can drink, and the opportunity to do some more tire kicking and talk the evening away. A good time was had by all.

Sunday morning we awoke to a mist that literally melted away before our eyes, replaced by even more brilliant coloring of the surrounding forests, warmer temperatures and a sparkling blue sky. It was a perfect day for a leisurely drive home.

Post script: Two days later a furious rain storm ripped through the area. Dulles Airport reported an excess of two inches of rain fell in one hour. Some parts of Highland and Augusta Counties received six inches and winds more fierce than Hurricane Isabel had delivered just weeks before. When Lucy and I returned to our cabin the weekend after our M.G. event the trees were stripped as bare as winter and a few days later there was a dusting of snow to complete the effect!

Advertisements

This Advertising Section is for the use of our members. All members are encouraged to submit classified ads to the Editor, at e-mail address swoodall@exploit-the-future.com. Or, mail them to the Editor at:

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Upcoming Events

8 February: Annual Winter Eat Out 2004, once again at Gabriel's Inn, Ijamsville, MD, starting at 1:00 PM. We will have more details, directions, menu selections and sign up info for the next Square Rigger.

30 April - 2 May: Annual Chesapeake Chapter Club Mini-GoF, Lewes, Delaware, planned by Mike & Mary Lutz and Steve & Nancy Woodall; details to follow in the next edition of the Square Rigger! Cape May

ferry will be open, for trips to see historic homes, antique shops galore, and much more!

27 June: The Original British Car Day, in its new location --- Lilypon Water Gardens, Buckeystown, Maryland --- don't miss!

That's all for this Edition! Comments, articles, tech info, pictures, ads, and other inputs are always welcome (Microsoft Office Word format is best!) ! To get a copy of your Square Rigger in full color, simply go to our web page, download it, and print on a color printer!

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**BYLAWS
OF THE
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BALLOT

Name: _____

**As a Member in good standing of the
Chesapeake Chapter of the New
England MG "T" Register, Ltd., I
hereby vote to:**

Approve () Disapprove ()

**the Bylaws of the Chesapeake Chapter
of the New England MG "T" Register,
Ltd.**

For your vote to count, your ballot must be mailed during the month of November 2003; voting will be closed as of 1 December 2003.

**NO RESPONSE IS
CONSIDERED A VOTE OF
APPROVAL!**

Please clip out, and mail your completed ballot to:

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