

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



*The Square Rigger  
February, 2005*

**Chairman's Comments**

My best wishes to all for a Happy New Year! I hope your holiday was safe and enjoyable.

I would like to extend a special welcome to two new board members: Louise Tucker, our new Newsletter Editor and Marty Howard, our new Historian. Louise and Marty volunteered to fill the positions previously held by Steve and Nancy Woodall. A special thanks goes out to the Woodall's for their excellent work over the last two years and for ensuring a smooth transition to the new board members.

As a result of the hard work and dedication by Chesapeake Chapter members, I am happy to report that we were able to donate \$3500.00 of the proceeds collected from BCD 2004. These charitable donations were presented to the following six organizations: the Linganore High School Band Boosters, the Mathews County Historical Society, the Highland Medical Center, the Highland Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Department, and the Frederick County Hospice, Kline Hospice House. Look for the photos and press coverage in this Square-Rigger.

Our Winter Eat-Out was very successful with 34 members in attendance. This was our fifth year at Gabriel's Inn. The weather cooperated and the food and atmosphere

were great! I was very pleased to see such a large turnout of members. A good time was had by all. I would like to thank Lin and Jane Snider for organizing a super event!

We have a very exciting year planned for the Chesapeake Chapter in 2005. Check out Lin and Jane's activities section for the details. We hope that you will try to participate in as many club events as possible this year.

Plans for British Car Day 2005 are in full swing. We will be returning to Lilypons Water Gardens on June 26<sup>th</sup>. BCD will be bigger and better this year and we are always in need of additional help. We encourage members to join us in organizing and running the event. Please contact me and find out how you can take part in this historic British car show!

I look forward to seeing you all at chapter events this year. Drive safe and have fun with your MGT's !

Sincerely,  
John M. Tokar  
Chairman

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**Club Officers as of January 2005**



**The usual (plus 2 new) smiling faces with Lucy Hughes representing hubby, Mike. Absent are John VanOver and John Wright.**

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**Editor's Comments**

As you can see, The Square Rigger has a new editor. Filling the shoes of Steve and Nancy Woodall will be a tremendous task, as they were outstanding in producing the quarterly newsletter. A huge "thank you" goes out to them for the dedication and hard work they exhibited in doing an exceptional job. It won't be easy to produce the quality newsletter they put out, so I ask for all suggestions and help everyone can give for making your newsletter a success.

You can email me at [leletuck@comcast.net](mailto:leletuck@comcast.net), call at 301-627-1717 or write to the address given in the Club Officers list. Articles and photographs will be most welcome.

As you know, the mailed version of The Square Rigger is in black and white, but the full color edition can be downloaded from our Club web site at:

<http://www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com>

Will be looking forward to seeing you at the next event.

Sincerely,  
Louise Tucker  
Newsletter Editor

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**Financial Statement**

Chesapeake Chapter Financial Statement  
January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004

Beginning Balance January 1, 2004      \$12,093.70

**RECEIPTS**

Dues	\$1,572.00
BCD	\$16,681.74
Mini GOF	\$1,243.25
Regalia	\$56.00
Club Event Eat Out	\$925.00
BCD Start up charge	\$400.00

Total Receipts:      \$20,877.99

Total Cash and Receipts:      \$32,971.69

## DISTRIBUTION

Newsletter	\$748.39
Web-Site	\$1,733.45
BCD	\$7,503.06
Mini GOF	\$1,430.40
(Includes \$100.00 dep. for 05)	

Club Event eat out	\$1,688.88
Tech session	\$89.76
Club Expenses:	

Board meeting	\$48.63
Postage	\$37.00
Bank Charge	\$4.65
BCD Start Up charge	\$400.00
Donations from BCD	\$3,500.00

Total Disbursements \$17,184.22

Balance in Bank as of Dec 31, 2004 \$15,787.47

## DONATIONS MADE FROM BCD

Frederick Hospice House	\$1,000.00
Mount Airy Fire Department	500.00
Liganore Band Boosters	500.00
Mathews Co. Historical Society	500.00
Highland Co. Medical Society	500.00
Highland Co. Rescue Squad Inc	500.00

Sincerely Submitted,  
Martha Ludtke  
Treasurer

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## Membership News

In January 2005 the renewal letters and forms were sent out to those that needed to consider renewal of their membership in the Chesapeake Chapter of the NEMGTR; 34. To date I have received 14 renewals, mostly 3-year terms. Currently we have:

### **75 active members**

- 50 with 3-year terms
- 25 with 1-year

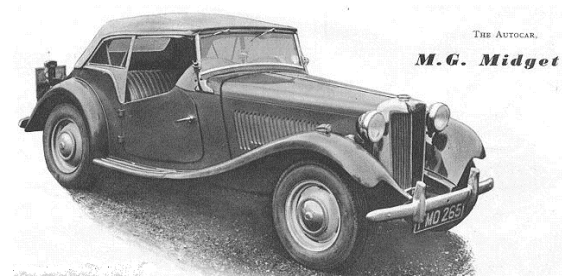
I have decided to republish the Membership Directory at the end of this year. So, if some of you want those that have chosen not to remain members of our chapter to be in this useful directory – get them to re-up as soon as possible.

On another note, in getting ready to hold **The Original British Car Day** this year, it would be nice if we could entice those with British Motor Cycles to enter their bikes. If

you know of anyone with a British motorcycle, please have them contact me at [jayhawher@aol.com](mailto:jayhawher@aol.com). I noticed several Triumph motorcycles in the spectator parking lot during last year's show and it would be much better to have them participating in the show.

No additional new club members, however, we do have a change of address.

Bron & Linda Prokuski  
107 Pungo Drive  
Hertford, NC 27944-8944



Yours in Membership,  
Charley Howard  
Membership Chairman

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## “T” Technical Note

### **Note from a Fellow British Car Enthusiast!**

Dear John,

For any of the “T” Register members who might find it of interest, I thought I would pass on information on a change to the final drive on the MG TD.

I've owned my '52 TD since about 1958. It's been a remarkable vehicle over the years and even served as my commuting car in Washington for three in the mid 60's. Three tops and interiors, an engine rebuild in the 60's and a frame up renovation about four years ago have kept it in good condition.

I have always wished that it had somewhat longer legs. Up to 50 - 55 mph it's been a happy car, but I always felt it didn't like to be pushed above 55. This summer we changed the final drive from the original 5.125 to 4.55. This was done after some

research and with the assistance of a local mechanic who doesn't mind taking on off beat jobs on old British cars.

It makes a big difference in the TD. With the change, the mph are about 1/8 over that indicated on the speedo - 40 = 45, 50 = 56+, 60 = 67½ and so forth. The numbers seem like less of a change than the difference in the feel of the car. It just doesn't seem as labored in the low end of now common highway traffic - I don't as often pull over to let faster cars go by.

The only penalty is that the pulling power in 1<sup>st</sup> gear is slightly less. But we have already pulled up all the stumps on our property so that is not a problem. I really do not notice a difference in low gear performance. It wasn't cheap - just south of \$1500 - but I'm rapidly getting that much back in added driving pleasure. And I'm sure I've added measurably to the life of the engine.

Best regards,  
Breene Kerr

Sincerely,  
John Wright  
T-Series Technical Advisor

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### Historian's News

#### GOF Mk 76 Winners



A little late, but still noteworthy are the clubs 3 members taking awards at NEMGTR GOF Mk 76 in Strasburg, PA last July. They are Paul and Louise Tucker's TC, Mike and Mary Lutz's TF and Carl and Peggy VanBiber's TD, which won the Premier Class.

### Winter Eat Out 2005

Our Annual Winter Eat Out was held on Sunday, February 6 at lovely Gabriel's Inn, Ijamsville, Maryland. As always, a good time was had by all, and the food, as usual was excellent. Here are some shots of our club members having fun.



Lots of chit-chat



Where's the food?



Mike tells a joke!





Aaah – ladies talk!



Carl explains how to do it



Even the peacock came

### News Items

Organizations receiving donations from BCD 2004 are Mathews County Historical Society (Lighthouse Restoration) for \$500 presented by John and Barbara VanOver, Highland Medical Center, Inc. and Highland County Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. for \$500 each presented by Mike Hughes, Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department for \$500

presented by John Tokar, Linganore HS Band Boosters for \$500 presented by John Tokar, and Frederick County Hospice, Kline Hospice House for \$1,000 presented by Lin and Jane Snider.

Following are newspaper articles and photos regarding some of the recipients.

#### Article published in the Highland County, Virginia Newspaper

Monterey, December 19 –

Who says tourism isn't profitable? Not the Highland Medical Center, or the Highland County Volunteer Rescue Squad. Both were beneficiaries this week of charitable donations made on behalf of the Chesapeake Chapter of the New England M.G. "T" Register and its Original British Car Day Committee.

Mike Hughes, part-time High Town resident, and a long-time member of the British sports car fraternity in Northern Virginia, presented checks to both Highland health care organizations, during his most recent weekend visit. Stopping first at the medical center, Mike presented a check for \$500 to board president Bernard Tabatznik. After a brief tour of the facility, Mike went on to the rescue squad building, where Captain Ronald Wimer accepted the second \$500 check.

According to Hughes, the Original British Car Day, which has been an annual event for over 27 years, draws British car owners and admirers from a wide area. Entry fees more than cover the cost of the event, so each year the board of directors chooses recipients for donations that will enhance important community projects. The medical center has received donations from the event in the past, noted Hughes, but this is the first time for the rescue squad. In past years the club has brought touring groups to Highland and Bath, and hopefully will again. So if you see a raft of "those funny little foreign cars" passing through the county, give 'em a wave, and a "thank you."



Captain Ronald Wimer accepting check from Mike Hughes

Article published in the Gazette Community News

February 3, 2005

John Tokar, president of Vintage Restorations, presented a check for \$500 to the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department in January.

The check was presented on behalf of the Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MGT register, Ltd. of which Tokar is a member.

Each year the club donated money to local organizations, such as the fire department, with proceeds generated from the car club's Original British Car Day Show. The club is a local chapter of an international car enthusiast organization, which was founded in the late 1960's, Tokar said.

He's in the business of restoring cars, all European models, but specializing in British cars. The fire department was one of five recipients of a check. "These guys' donations help us sustain our company," fire department deputy chief Doug Alexander said. "I appreciate the consideration by the car club."

The money will go towards emergency services and equipment maintenance at the local volunteer fire department.



Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department receiving check from John Tokar

Letter received from the Kline Hospice House

**Kline Hospice House**

January 27, 2005

The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG 'T' Register

Dear Friends:

On behalf of all of the patients and families that we serve, we would like to thank you for your most generous donation of \$1,000.00, funds that you raised during The Original British Car Day show that you held last year, for the Kline Hospice House Fund.

Your donation will help us continue to provide expert help for Hospice patients in a home-like atmosphere where compassionate care is provided when a situation arises that prohibits them from staying at home. Donations to the Kline Hospice House Fund are used to ensure that the Hospice House will be available for many generations to come, as well as, help to offset the costs for those who are not financially able to pay full room and board fees during their stay at the Kline House. Please know that your gift truly makes a difference.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful support and generosity.

Sincerely,  
Laurel A. Cucchi Director



Lin and Jane Snider delivering check to Wanda Frock, Kline Hospice House

### Passing of a Friend

On a sad note, we've learned that Bob Mason passed away on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Many of our long-time members will remember him from when he lived in Annandale, Virginia with his wife Sue. He was often referred to as "the other Bob Mason." Bob and Sue were active members of the MG Car Club, Washington, D.C. Centre, until they moved to Fairhope, Alabama in the late 80's. Sue had a green MGB roadster with the license plate "Kermit" and Bob restored a right-hand-drive Grampian Gray '67 MGB GT that they showed at BCD for several years until they left the area. Bob also restored an MGA Twin Cam Coupe and was very active in NAMGAR. He was founder and charter member of MGMG (Mardi Gras MGs), the Mobile area NAMGBR chapter. Bob also served as Technical Coordinator for NAMGAR's MGB Driver Magazine.

We extend our sincere condolences to Sue and to Bob's surviving family members at this time of sorrow. He will be sorely missed.

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### **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 [leletuck@comcast.net](mailto:leletuck@comcast.net), or mail them to the Editor at:

Louise G. Tucker  
 Editor, The Square Rigger  
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Classified ads will be published free of charge for Club members, in each issue of The Square Rigger. Please send ads in early! We publish roughly once per quarter. Photographs are acceptable.

Please let me know by e-mail, call me at 301-627-1717 or write if your ad has had the desired effect, so I can remove it from the next Square Rigger edition!

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**For Sale: 1952 MGTD:** Black with new tan interior. Totally restored by a professional in 1995 and stored without being driven. All new wood, engine completely overhauled and all chrome plating redone. New top available but has not been fitted-Moss motors fold-down luggage rack and many other features are present with this car. Car is in beautiful condition and our overseas move forces a sale. \$19,000. Please contact John Bryant at 703 938 2652. Car is in Vienna, VA .

**For Sale: 1937 MGVA:** Also, may want to sell one of my MGTC's; I am relocating to North Carolina in the very near future. I could also use car storage in the Fairfax - Manassas area! If you are interested in the MGVA, or a MGTC, call Bron Prokuski at 703-247-2548. Or e-mail me at:

[BProkuski@NDIA.org](mailto:BProkuski@NDIA.org)

**Trade or Wanted:** Mint (or near) 1962 Maryland Plates (matching pair) or will trade any one of the following: mint 1965, mint 1956 (one only), 1946 tab -fair, 1952 with '53 tabs, v.g. '60. Len Renkenberger --- e-mail me at: [renk@goeaston.net](mailto:renk@goeaston.net)

**For Sale: 1954 MGTF 1500:** Tuition payments for my daughter reluctantly cause me to consider selling my beloved TF. It has been in my family since it was purchased by my father in 1973. In 1982-84 it was the recipient of a complete, frame-up, professional, no-expense-spared restoration to a concours standard. It is stunning. Correct MG red with a black top and interior. Everything works and it is a pleasure to drive. Approximately \$40,000 invested. Make me an offer! Contact me, Bill Canfield (Bethesda, Md.), at: [wbcanfield@wms-jen.com](mailto:wbcanfield@wms-jen.com)

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That's all for this edition, MG-T lovers! I hope you enjoyed the articles and pictures!

Comments, articles, tech info, pictures, ads, and other inputs are always welcome!

☺, Ed.

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### Upcoming Events Of Interest

Below are dates for events being planned for 2005. Work has started on each of these events, so mark your calendars now, and watch for more information on the details.

4/29-5/1/05	Mini GOF
6/1-6/5/05	NEMGT GOF Mk78
6/26/05	<b>Original British Car Day</b>
July date TBD	Sunday Brunch in Annapolis
8/28/05	Crab & Pool Party
10/8 and/or 10/9/05	Fall Foliage Rally

On June 5, 2005 Michael and Mary Oritt are hosting their annual "South Maryland" British car rallye and show at their farm in Saint Leonard, Maryland. For more information, contact them at [awgertoo@aol.com](mailto:awgertoo@aol.com).

We hope that all Club members will review and save as many of the dates now as possible, as big attendance to each event is the aim of the Club!

If you have any ideas for other events, just send them on to Lin and Jane Snider!

Attached to this Newsletter are registration forms for:

Mini GOF 2005  
NEMGT GOF Mk 78  
Original British Car Day

**PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE DATES AND GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN ON TIME**

