

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

The Square Rigger March 2007



Chairman's Comments

The spring driving season is upon us and we look forward to running our MGT's again. So put away the car covers and get your cars back on the road!

Many thanks go to Lin and Jane Snider for their efforts in arranging another very successful Winter Eat Out at Gabriel's Inn. As usual, the food was excellent, and attendance was high with 30 members present. Although this event has been very successful, we are considering holding next year's Eat Out at a more centrally located restaurant to make it more convenient for our members. Please advise Lin and Jane if you have any suggestions for a new location.

Ruth and Renk are doing an outstanding job of organizing Mini GOF 2007 at Tilghmans Island, Maryland. Please hurry and sign up if you haven't already done so. They are planning a great event for us that you do not want to miss! See further details in this newsletter.

2007 is a very important milestone for our club. We've been running The Original British Car Day for 30 years and are working to make this year's show a very special event for everyone. We are in need of help NOW with organization and planning. I encourage all club members to contact me to pledge your support and volunteer

your time for OBCD 2007. Our immediate needs include help with commercial advertising and the Program Booklet layout. Help is also needed on June 2nd with the field layout and on show day; we need help with vendor registration and early setup, car parking and clean up. Our featured Marque this year will be the MG "T" series and Prewar MG's. Based on previous success with an early date, we will be holding the show on Sunday, June 3rd.

Here's a brief OBCD planning update: The flyers are being printed and are expected to be distributed in early April. As always, we have received an enthusiastic response for help from the local British car clubs and we will be meeting with the club reps soon to discuss their participation in our show. Although there has been construction of new building on the show field at Lilypons, we are again setting up the field to handle 50 car classes. With the expected increased participation we will expand the spectator parking areas. A special commemorative 30th Anniversary Poster is being prepared and will be available for sale at our regalia tent.

On January 24, 2007 I received a letter from Martha Ludtke stating that she needed to resign as club Secretary/Treasurer for personal reasons. We greatly appreciate Martha's hard work and dedication that she has given our club

while serving in this position since 1997. We wish Martha and Bill well in the months ahead.

Since Martha's position is of a critical nature, it needed to be filled immediately. As per our Chapter Bylaws, a special election was held by your Board of Directors at a meeting convened in February. Jane Snider was elected as the interim Secretary/Treasurer. A permanent replacement will be elected into this office by the general membership during the next normal election cycle.

The club is still seeking a person to fill the Regalia Chairperson position which remains vacant. If anyone is interested, please contact me and I will provide you with the details. I encourage our new members to come forward and volunteer. Our club is for all members and we need people with fresh, new ideas. So don't be a stranger and let me know how you can contribute to your club!

Thanks for you support and I look forward to your participation in upcoming club events.

Sincerely,
John M. Tokar

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The usual smiling faces with Lucy Hughes representing hubby, Mike. Absent is John Wright.

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Editor's Comments

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The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG "T" Register was organized during the summer of 1971 by Register members in the Baltimore-Washington area who felt that local interest in MGs was high enough to warrant the formation of a local chapter. The Chesapeake Chapter encourages the maintenance, preservation and enjoyment of the T-series and

vintage MG, and welcomes new members. An interest in classic MGs, membership in the New England MG "T" Register, Ltd., and annual dues are the only requirements.

The editor welcomes and encourages articles for the newsletter from the Chapter membership. You can email me at leletuck@comcast.net, call at 301-627-1717 or write to the address given in the Club Officers list. Articles of interest, jokes, photographs, etc. will be greatly appreciated. Also, participation in Club Events is needed! Remember, it's **your** Club, so if events are to be successful we need the assistance of **everyone**, not just a few!!

For those of you who are not familiar with our publication, 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: <http://www.chesapeakechaptermgclub.com>

With the successful events of the year 2006 behind us, let's focus our attention on the upcoming events in 2007, especially the 30th Anniversary of the Original British Car Day. I'll be looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at these gatherings.

Upcoming Events Of Interest

Below are events being planned for 2007 for our Chesapeake Chapter. Work has started on each of these events, so mark your calendars now, and watch for more information on the details.

Mini GOF 2007

Submitted by Len and Ruth Renkenberger

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS
MINI ~GOF ~ MAY 4-6, 2007
TILGHMAN ISLAND, MARYLAND**



Tilghman/Knapps Narrow Inn

We have booked rooms at Knapps Narrows Marina and Inn on Tilghman Island. We are planning an exciting week-end, with the usual MG fun, some extra-special Friday activities, a Saturday evening feast, and time for shopping in St. Michaels.

Accommodations in the St. Michaels and Tilghman area are very popular and expensive. We are pleased that we are able to hold our event at the new and beautiful Knapps Narrows Inn. All rooms are water view, but those on the 2nd and 3rd floors have balconies overlooking the harbor. Rates are comparable to the Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn on the Route 50 highway, and will be \$120 - \$160. You must book directly with the Inn by calling 800-322-5181, and must indicate that you are with the MG Car Club. Be sure to specify a balcony room if you so desire one. Members could come by boat and dock at the Marina if they wished to leave their MG at home! Rooms will be reserved on a first come basis as to location in the Inn and cost. The hotel only held rooms for the Mini GOF until March 15th. However, you can still register for the event, and the Renkenbergers will try to find rooms somewhere else if the hotel is filled up, so contact them at 410-822-6061 if the hotel does not have space for you. There are some exciting things being planned, so make your reservation and watch for more information to follow.

Original British Car Day 2007

We will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of OBCD this year on June 3, 2007. Lots of help will be needed as this will be a very big event. Please contact the Chairman with ideas and volunteering your service so we can make this a memorable occasion.

GOF MK 81

The Ontario Chapter of the New England MG T Register is conducting "Gathering of the Faithful MK 81 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, July 4-7, 2007. Check the next issue of The Sacred Octagon for costs and registration package. Also, you may contact Gord Whatley, 519-853-5099, or gwhatley@mac.com.

NEMGTR GOF 2007

The NEMGTR GOF will be held September 20-23, 2007 in Cape May, New Jersey. This is a beautiful area with many old historic homes and shops, so mark your calendar and plan on attending. The Chapter wants to organize a group to attend, so let the Tokars or the Sniders know if you are interested.

Events Sponsored By Other Clubs

Colonial Vintage British Car Show

Colonial Vintage British Car Club of Virginia is holding their 8th Annual British and European Car show April 22, 2007 at the Williamsburg

Winery, Williamsburg, Virginia. Contact Doug Wilson, 757-565-4668, email dew311@cox.net, or visit their website at www.cvbccva.com.

Britain On The Green

Hosted by the Capital Triumph Register, this tenth annual event will take place April 29, 2007 at the historic and beautiful Collingwood Library on the bank of the Potomac River midway between Old Alexandria and Mount Vernon. For further information contact Tom Burke, at tburke4@aol.com, or 703-354-1361, or visit the CTR website at www.capitaltriumphregister.com.

British Invade Gettysburg

The British Car & Motorcycle Show sponsored by the Lanco MG Club will be held July 8, 2007 at the Gettysburg Outlet Village. This show is a benefit for Toys for Tots. Contact Ralph Eriksen, 717-979-9242 or check their website at www.lancomgclub.com for more information.

Brits By The Bay

Triumphs Around The Chesapeake (TRAC), has moved this year's show to September 8. It will still be at Down's Park in Anne Arundel County. More information will come later, however, you may contact co-chairs Larry Allen at allentr7@yahoo.com or Ben Heller at benheller3@comcast.net.

MGs On The Rocks

28th Annual MGs On The Rocks is September 29, 2007 at Rocks State Park, Harford County, Maryland. For further info, visit their website at www.mgsofbaltimore.com.

British Car Fall Festival

Shenandoah Valley British Car Club's 25th Annual British Car Festival will be held in conjunction with the Waynesboro, Virginia Fall Foliage Festival. For more information visit www.svbcc.net.

Hunt Country Classic

MG Car Club Washington D.C. Centre presents their 12th Annual Hunt Country Classic October 14, 2007 at the Willoughby Farm, Middleburg, Virginia estate of Bill and Barbara Scott. Go to HuntCountryClassic@mgcarclubdc.com for more information.

News Items

Winter Eat Out

Our Annual Winter Eat Out on February 4 at the historic Gabriel's Inn in Ijamsville, Maryland was very enjoyable with 30 members in attendance. Following are some photos of the event.





OBCD Donation

The following photo is Hospice House of Frederick County accepting Original British Car Day donation from Lin and Jane Snider.



Articles of Interest

The MG TF

An article entitled "Breath of Life for MG Rover?" in the November 2005 issue of The Square Rigger spoke about the Nanjing Automobile Group of China purchasing the assets of the former MG Rover plant and possibly reviving the MG TF.

Lin Snider has brought to my attention an article in the March 26, 2007 issue of Business Week stating that the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma has purchased land in Ardmore, Oklahoma, and in conjunction with the Nanjing Automobile Group of China will be building the MG TF with production beginning by Fall of 2008. Indications are the first models will be a coupe version.

NEMG T Register's New Website

The NEMG T Register Board of Directors is in the process of redesigning the Register's website. They are actively looking for photos to use on the site, and in the future, hope to add a page of "before and after" restoration so people can show off their handy work. Digital or prints will be accepted, and can be sent to:

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They will contact all chapters when the new site is up and running.

We have many beautiful cars in our club, so get busy and send in those photos so we can be well represented on the T Register website.

A Tale of Woe Letter

Submitted by Randy Kegg

On March 18th of 2006, I took 12 small pieces of automobile trim to Armor Chrome & Polishing, Inc. on Exeter Street in Baltimore to be re-plated. The estimate given to me was 4 to 8 weeks. At the end of May, I began calling to find out if the job was done. I was told that it was almost done and that they needed another week or two. Over the next several months, I called in excess of 25 times. There was always some excuse as to why the work was not done. Several times I was told that the plating was all done except for one piece, and to come get it all the next day. Unfortunately, there was always some sort of problem the following day. On two occasions, I was told that the work was done and to come get it; only to be called on the way

to the shop to say that there was a mistake and that the work was not done. This situation continued through the rest of 2006.

On January 5th, having called first, I went to the shop to pick up the parts. I was determined to get them regardless of whether the work was done. Of the twelve parts that I left on March 18th, one part was chromed correctly; two parts were chromed without removing a pit and a shallow dent; eight parts were stripped but never chromed, and two parts are missing. The two missing parts are decorative oval headed screws that are part of a license plate light assembly. The car in question is a 1958 MG ZB, and the screws will be difficult to replace.

On January 8th, Armor Chrome assured me that they are looking for the missing parts. I have not heard from them since, and have no expectation that they will call.

Randy Kegg
Glen Arm, MD

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. or mail them to the Editor (see Club Officers listing).

Classified ads will be published free of charge for Club members, in each issue of The Square Rigger. 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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TD For Sale

I know of a TD for sale in good condition. The price is \$10,000. It is not my car and I have no financial interest in it, just trying to help someone sell his car. I have info and pics. Also wanted: Any TC racing part such as Derrington header, Alfin drums, cycle wings, bucket seats, etc. Again, helping a friend in the VSCCA setting up a TC for vintage racing. Please call me at 610-982-0140 or email: mogfrog1@aol.com .

Thanks,
John Wright

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 - email me at: renk@goeaston.net

That's all for this edition, MG-T lovers! I hope you enjoyed the articles and pictures. It's **your** Club and newsletter, so all comments, articles, tech info, pictures, ads, and **participation** are always welcome!

Thanks,
The Editor

