

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



*The Square Rigger
June 2003*

Chairman's Comments

John M. Tokar

On this Memorial Day we take time to remember those who have served our country in times of war. This year, we owe a debt of gratitude to the brave men and women who have fought in the military campaign in Iraq. This includes our British comrades who served shoulder to shoulder with US forces. For those who still remain overseas, we wish them a swift and safe return to their friends and loved ones. We extend our special thanks to one of our own, Scott Allen for his dedicated service overseas. Scott plans to return home soon.

Our recent Mini-GOF was a great success and we extend our sincere thanks to both Martha and Bill Ludke for their efforts in making it a success! The weather in Strasburg cooperated and we held a car show in the town park where everyone who brought a car received an award. The member turnout was very good, with over 30 members in attendance and seven cars on the show field. Although we had good participation this year, we hope to encourage more members to attend and to bring their cars to this event next year. Plans are in the works for next years Mini-GOF and you will be apprised of the outcome as soon as the details become available.

We have been very busy on a number of fronts over the last few months. I am happy to report that our membership has grown by five since January. We have been conducting an ongoing membership drive this year and thank our Membership Chairman, Charley Howard, for his efforts in this regard. We plan to distribute Chesapeake Chapter and NEMGTR membership applications from our regalia tent this year at British Car Day. BCD is an ideal opportunity to meet people with "T" types and tell them about the benefits of becoming a member of our organization.

Plans for British Car Day are moving along nicely with over 20 registration forms received daily. I also receive numerous e-mail requests for information. Having the registration form available on our website (Thanks, Steve!) has also been a great help and makes it easy to pre-register. As the date fast approaches, we thank those who have given their time and efforts thus far, and encourage more of our members to participate in a car show that has always been a class act. Further activities on BCD can be found in a special section in this month's Square-Rigger.

Our newsletter will be published quarterly and we encourage all members to play an active role in its creation. It will be archived on our web page in electronic form, and mailed out as a hard copy to all those who wish to receive one. Please let your views be heard. We are always anxious to hear from our members and look forward to witty and exciting stories about their personal experiences with MG's and MG people. Please send all your funny stories, photographs, cartoons, tech-notes, and any other interesting trivia to our esteemed Newsletter Editor, Steve Woodall. We would really appreciate any input you can provide!

Sincerely,

**John Tokar
Chairman**

Editor's Comments
Stephen R. Woodall

This is our second attempt at producing "The Square Rigger," offered with hope that you will find it enjoyable and useful! Articles and schedule information always welcome for future editions!

Our new Club website at:
<http://www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com>

is progressing slowly but steadily (due to current level of man-minute availability), but over the next year we will be adding all the features listed below, plus adding in lots of historical information from past BCDs and other club events. It currently has the complete first newsletter, published in February 2003, as well as the application form for BCD 2003!

The features planned for our web site include:

- Membership Application
- Past Newsletters
- Technical Articles and Tips
- MG Picture Library
- British Car Day Winners and Pictures
- Links to Other MG Sites
- Home Page
- BCD On-Line Registration

Editorially Yours,

Steve Woodall
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Chesapeake Chapter Board Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2003

The second Chesapeake Chapter Board Meeting with the new board was held after our special Saturday night dinner at the Mini-GoF in Strasburg, Virginia.

John Tokar welcomed everyone and hoped they had a good time. He asked if there was a volunteer to host Mini-GoF next year. Steve and Nancy Woodall and Mike and Mary Lutz said they would host Mini-GoF together next year. Some of their ideas were Kent Narrows Inn in Maryland, Gettysburg in Pennsylvania, or Lewes in Delaware. They will let us know the location later!

Mike Hughes reminded us of the Fall Foliage Tour / Festival in Monterey, Virginia, planned for the 11th and 12th of October. You should already have your reservations at the Highland Inn! (If you forgot to make them before 1 March, call 540-468-2143 now and mention the Chesapeake Chapter! Ed.)

It was suggested that we make a visit to a Scottish Pub on the Eastern Shore in September, perhaps Wye Oak. There is a private golf course, and skeet shooting. Maybe we could tie in the cars with Ralph Cattaneo's boat racing schedule, which we seek to get for the next edition.

British Car Day this year is on 15 June at Smokey Glen Farm, Gaithersburg, Maryland. We are trying to get a High School Band Boosters group to help with the various jobs at BCD. June the 8th is the Registration Packet Stuffing Party at the Holmlands.

Barbara and John Van Over will check about a cruise; they will get the schedule and find out how many are interested.

The meeting, at this point, was turned over to Lin Snider for awards. We had two special awards, one to Mike and Jennifer Ash for their new Mini Cooper, and an award to Steve and Nancy Woodall for their Jaguar, which was the biggest (British) car! First Place TD went to Mike Lutz; 2nd Place TD went to Dale Lindsey; 3rd Place TD was a tie between John and Barbara Van Over and Bill Ludtke. Everyone who entered the car show received an award! We hope this will be an incentive for members to bring their cars out to future Mini-GoFs and other future events!

Our waiter, John, asked us to come back next year and not to forget to pay him for our drinks. Jennifer Ash said we aren't usually invited back a second time!

We were entertained by a chorus of ladies, Barbara Van Over, Jane Snider, Lucy Hughes, Michelle Cattaneo, Mary Lutz, Sally Loercher, and Eleanor Lindsey (hope I didn't leave anyone out!). Singing "Are You Lonesome Tonight" with updated words dedicated to Martha Ludtke, who still thinks Elvis is the greatest!

Respectfully Submitted,

**Martha Ludtke
Secretary**

From the Historian's Desk
Nancy Woodall

A very special Thank You to Bill and Martha Ludtke for planning and setting up a most memorable Mini-GoF 2003. Added to our history of Mini-GoFs will be the pictures that captured our Club's members good times together. Look for more "history" in future editions of The Square Rigger!

"Thanks for the Memories!"

Historically Yours,

**Nancy Woodall
Historian**

From the Historian's Desk
Chapter Event

Winter Cat Out

Our Winter Cat Out for 2003 was held on a blustery Sunday, February 23rd at the historic Gabriel's Inn, in Hamsville, Maryland. Below are some pictures of

the happy participants! As usual, the atmosphere and food were superb!



From the Historian's Desk
Chapter Event

Mini-GoF 2003

Our Mini-GoF for 2003 was held 2-4 May in lovely Strasburg, Virginia. Below are some pictures of the many club members who enjoyed together this very special weekend --- from the car show, to the incredible visit to the palace of old car restoration, White Post Restorations, to the gala dinner at the Strasburg Hotel!







British Car Day 2003

Plans and Activities

We have been very busy making the final preparations for BCD. We would like to thank all those who have helped in this effort thus far, and would encourage other members to volunteer their services. Please contact either Lin or me at 301-831-5300 during the day, or in the evening at 301-831-6975 or 301-845-2567. We will find a job for you!



Below is a summary of BCD activities to date:

1. Pre-registration Update: To date we have about 103 Car Entrants and 8 Vendors. I receive about 4 phone calls and 2 e-mails per day on average, which should continue to bring the count higher. With drive-ins allowed, we can expect the total numbers to increase further, especially if the weather cooperates.



2. Band Booster Help: We have successfully enrolled the help of the Linganore High School Band Boosters for BCD. Their representative, Diane Purcell has assured me that they will provide about 20 people (most will be adults who are anxious to see the cars!) to help with various aspects of the show. They will be used primarily for managing traffic flow, spectator parking, gate keeping, sign posting, and other areas as needed.

3. Meeting at Smokey Glen Farm: On Thursday May 22, Charley Howard, Diane Purcell, and I met with Jim Green, our event manger to discuss the final preparations for BCD. We walked the field and agreed we would arrange the cars and vendors in basically the same locations we had used last year. SGF has also agreed to provide us with a free 40' x 40' tent, set-up in the vendor area to serve as our regalia tent. Having a tent available will be a very useful commodity. It will also relieve us of the burden of setting up and breaking down a large, cumbersome tent.



4. Advertising: To date, we have advertised BCD in over 20 advertising media. This

targeted advertising campaign has included major automotive magazines and car club newsletters. We also plan to notify a number of the local newspapers one week before the event in order to increase our exposure to the general public. In addition, SGF has agreed to post a BCD press release in the full series of Gazette Newspaper throughout the area as free service to us. This will include a ¼ page ad free of charge!

5. Club Support: We expect car club support again this year for BCD. The MG Car Club, DC Centre has agreed to have their people help with parking the MG's. The Capital Triumph Register expects to have people available for car parking, and the Capital Mini Register has also expressed an interest in helping on the show field as well. Having the local car clubs play a more active role in BCD under our direction will greatly relieve the burden on our club for running the show, and promote a sense of cooperation among the clubs.

6. Set-up Eve. Before: We've made arrangements to begin setting up the field on Saturday evening from 6:30 until dusk. This should give us about 2.5 hours of daylight to lay out the field, post signs, set up cones, etc. We hope to have a good portion of the set up work done on the night before. This will allow us to better focus on other issues that will arise on Sunday morning. Please contact us if you plan to be at SGF on Saturday night to help with the set-up.

7. Insurance for BCD: Our insurance policy with JC Taylor has been obtained from the NEMGTR and approved. A copy is now on file.

8. First Aid Services: The Montgomery County First Aid Unit will be set up in the covered vendor area and will provide first aid service for the show.

9. Security: Officer Kim Jones from the Gaithersburg Police Department will be on hand for security services from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

10. Stuffing Party: The stuffing party is planned for Sunday June 8, at the Holmlund's at 1:00 PM. We could use about

10 people to help prepare the packets for the show participants. Please contact Ron or Gwen directly to confirm your attendance and for directions to their home.

Your input is welcome. Thanks again to all for your support and help!

**John Tokar &
Lin Snider
BCD Co-Chairmen**

The Latest On Events in 2003 !

June 8: Great River, Long Island, NY, MG Car Club - Long Island Centre Presents The 10th Annual "The British are Coming !!! " Event.

15 June: our own Original British Car Day, Smokey Glen Farm in Gaithersburg, Maryland ! (Father's Day fun!!) You can download the registration form and flyer from our web site! Go to it, and click on BCD!

<http://www.chesapeakechaptermgclub.com>

19-22 June: St. Louis, MO, MG 2003, The North American MGB Register's Annual Convention hosted by The MG Club of St Louis. Host Hotel will be the Sheraton Westport Inn. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!! Get more details form their web site at <http://www.mg2003.com>.

22-24 August: - Stratton Mountain, VT, British Marque Car Club News Triathlon V. See <http://www.britishmarque.com> for details.

27 September: The 24th Annual MGs on the Rocks, open to all British Marques. It is held by the MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. Club, at the Rocks State Park 4H Camp in rural Harford County, Maryland. For more information and registration form, go to their web site at <http://www.mgsofbaltimore.com/>, and download the Flyer for the event!

11-12 October: Mike Hughes has blocked out 8 rooms at the Highland Inn for the

second weekend in October, 2003 (Friday the 11th and Saturday the 12th) for our bi-annual Fall Foliage Weekend. Two of the rooms are suites, so two couples can share - or a family can bring children. The other 6 rooms will sleep two. This also happens to be the weekend of the Highland County Harvest Festival so there will be a lot to do and see. They held the blocked rooms only until March 1, so if you're not registered yet, you need to get moving! Mike may be able to wrangle a couple more rooms if we've used up the block of rooms, or to find space in some of the B&Bs in town, if we get a big response. Many people book their rooms a year in advance for the Harvest Festival which is why we need to be thinking about this now!

The phone # for the Highland Inn is 540 468-2143 and the blocked rooms are in the name of "Chesapeake Chapter." Please, please let Mike Hughes know after you have made your reservation so he can keep track of the bookings and know if he needs to make the arrangements for additional rooms!!

That's all for this second Edition; comments, articles, tech info, pictures and other inputs (MS Office Word format is best!) always welcome !

To get a copy of your Square Rigger in full color, simply go to our new web page, download it, and print on a color printer!

☺, Ed.



So as not to waste any space, here are some pictures of three reddish British cars, that, as of today, actually run!

☺, Ed

