

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



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Chairman's Comments

With a successful British Car Day behind us, we look forward to returning to Lilypons Water Gardens again in 2005. Our success resulted in a profit of over \$8500.00! With this being the case, I'm pleased to report that we will be sending contributions to a few charities. Those that have been approved by the Board for a \$500 donation are: the Liganore HS Band Boosters, the Highland County Rescue Squad, the Highland County Medical Center, the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Department, and the Mathews Historical Society. Also approved was a \$1000.00 donation to Hospice of Frederick County. Presentations to these charitable organizations will be completed by the end of this year.

We held a BCD Wrap-Up meeting in August and discussed ways to improve the show for next year. A summary of improvements and recommendations is being prepared and will be published in the next issue of the Square-Rigger. Plans are also underway for our annual After Christmas Eat-Out and Mini GOF 2005. See the events column for more information.

Ginny and I enjoyed attending GOF 77 at Painted Post, NY. We arrived on Thursday

in the rain, as the remnants of Hurricane Frances followed us up Route 15. Friday and the rest of the weekend proved to be much nicer, with cool breezes, crisp blue skies and MG's everywhere! I was especially pleased to see very good representation from our chapter, with well over a dozen members present. All had a great time and I'm convinced that it was an experience to be remembered for many years to come. Check out Lin's article on the Watkins Glen festivities and enjoy some of my photos from the event.

Enjoy the great fall driving weather and the upcoming holiday season!

Sincerely, John M. Tokar

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Watkin's Glen --- A Preview!

Editor's Comments
By Stephen R. Woodall

This Fall issue of *The Square Rigger* features recent "old cah" events, including GOF 77 at Watkin's Glen, NY and the 9th Annual Hunt Country Classic in Middleburg, VA --- enjoy the pictures! As you know, while the mailed version of the Square Rigger is necessarily in black and white, the full color edition can be downloaded from our Club web site!

For more pictures of the many beautiful cars at these events, take a look at the latest additions to our Club web site. Just go to:

<http://www.chesapeakechaptermgclub.com>

Editorially Yours,

Steve Woodall
Newsletter Editor

Financial Statement
By Martha Ludtke

Below is the Chesapeake Chapter Financial Statement for January 1, 2004 through September 4, 2004:

Beginning Balance January 1, 2004 \$12,093.70

Receipts:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Dues | \$1,542.00 |
| BCD | \$16,381.74 |
| Mini GOF | \$1,243.25 |
| Regalia | \$56.00 |
| Club Event Eat Out | \$925.00 |
| BCD Start up charge | \$400.00 |

Total Receipts: \$20,547.99

Total Cash and Receipts: \$32,641.69

Disbursements:

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Newsletter | \$583.29 |
| Web-Site | \$1,697.65 |
| BCD | \$7,503.06 |
| Club Event eat out | \$1,688.88 |
| Tech session | \$89.76 |

Club Expenses:

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Board meeting | \$48.63 |
| Mini GOF | \$1,330.40 |
| Postage | \$37.00 |
| Bank Charge | \$4.65 |
| BCD Start Up charge | \$400.00 |
| Donation to | |
| Liganore Band Boosters | \$500.00 |

Total Disbursements \$13,883.32

Balance in Bank as of Sept 4, 2004:

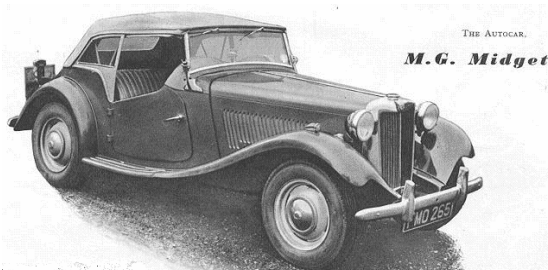
\$18,758.37

Sincerely Submitted,

Martha Ludtke
Treasurer

Membership News

No additional new club members, since those listed in the last issue!



Yours in Membership,

Charley Howard
Membership Chairman

From the Historian's Desk
By Nancy Woodall

News Item

NAMGAR Award to One of our Own
Submitted by Lin Snider

Number one --- NAMGAR the national organization for those owners of MG A cars created an award in honor of its first Chairman and former member of our MGT chapter, Mac Spears. In the past nine years people or couples have been honored for the contributions they have made in building and continuing the national North American MGA Register. Interestingly, of the last nine honorees, Mac Spears, John Wright, and Mike Ash have been recognized for the contributions they have made to this organization. Each of these people has also been instrumental in the success of our Club. In Connecticut this year another couple who have been very much involved in our Club and its growth over the years were honored for all the work they have done as members and officers in NAMGAR.

We can now congratulate Len and Ruth Renkenberger on being presented the Mac Spears Award and thank them for sharing their talents, abilities, and friendships with us and the Club! Well done, Ruth and Renk!

Report from GOF 77

Story by Lin Snider with Pictures by
John Tokar

Rain! Rain! Rain! ... and more Rain! So began the main activities for the 8-12 September GOF 77 at Painted Post, NY and the Collier Cup 50th anniversary celebration at Watkins Glen, NY. Once things dried out on Friday morning and the sun came out things really got started.

A wine tour rallye began the morning and wound up with a parade through downtown

Watkins Glen. This was followed by two laps around the old race course through the streets of Watkins Glen. Many classic cars were on display in the park across from the Town Hall. Literally hundreds and hundreds of people lined the streets of the Glen all day long to watch cars and see what the vendors were offering.



A Beautiful MGPA on Display

Late afternoon, the classic race cars from the vintage racing group (564 strong for the weekend race at the International speedway reduced to 150 cars for the recreation race downtown) roared through town. Many of these cars were MG's from the 30's through the 70's.



Hank Giffin and His Vintage Racer



A Pre-War MG Racer



Hank Checking Out His Supercharger



John Tokar Admires Another Beauty



More Vintage Racers on Parade



Another Beautiful MGA Race Car

As we watched from the sidewalks, Hank Giffin drove by in his magnificent Pre-war MG in 6th place. By the end of the race he was 2nd. The next group included Bob Schoeplein in Honey Bee, John Wright in his MGA Sebring coupe and Mike Eaton in his 1956-57 Sebring MGA roadster with original driver, David Ashe, behind the wheel again. A number of T's also raced the original course. Crowds cheered each car as it crossed the old finish line. A great fireworks display ended the evening.



A Shot of the Race Track



More Racers Zooming By!

Vintage racing went on for 2 days at Watkins Glen International. Saturday the "T" car show was held in the paddock on the International Raceway. 11 TC's, 35 TD's and 9 TF's made up the classes. 5 very nice variants were displayed and there were 12 Premier cars on display.



Mike Eaton and his 56-57 Sebring MGA



John and Patricia Stout with their MG-TD

Banquet time came and the food was excellent-prime rib cut with a fork and salmon cooked to perfection. Awards were the main interest of the gathered MG enthusiasts. For the rally, our members John and Barbara VanOver won 1st place. In the TC class our members Paul and Louise Tucker won 1st place. In the TD

class our members John and Pat Stout took 4th place. The Van Bibbers showed their TD in the Preservation group.



Another Beautiful Old Racer



Just Too Sharp for Words!

Also present from our chapter were Mike and Jennifer Ash, Ron Eaton, John and Ginny Tokar, Lin and Jane Snider and the race car participants, Hank and Stevie Giffin, Mike Eaton, Bob Schoeplein and John and Linda Wright.

Many stories were traded throughout the week's activities. Even as people packed up and headed home Sunday, old friendships were renewed and new friendships begun. Now preparations begin for the next GOF.

Brief Report from the 9th Annual Hunt Country Classic Show

Story and Pictures by Steve Woodall

Nancy and I, along with our son, John, his wife, Kristin, plus granddaughter Madeline, visited the 9th Annual Hunt Country Classic

show held on Sunday, 10 October, in Middleburg, VA. The weather was cool and cloudless, and the British cars were many and beautiful. John and Lin were there, manning their booth, and many other smiling and familiar faces were seen. A perfect old car day! I hope you enjoy the pictures!



The Vintage Restorations Ltd. Booth!



A Good Turnout of T-Series



Some Beautiful MGAs, as Well!



MG-Ts Lined Up along the Main Entrance



An Incredible bright RED Jaguar



A Robin's Egg Blue "Perfect" MGA

I hope you enjoyed these articles, and the pictures!

Historically Yours,

**Nancy Woodall
Historian**

"T" Technical Note

By John Wright

T-Series Technical Advisor

Hydraulic Brake Hoses

Some of you may know that I have spent the last several months of available time and energy preparing my Works MGA for the Collier Cup race last month. This is a car with about 5400 original miles recorded, most of which are race miles I suppose.

Of course, the barely functioning brakes were tops on the priority list and received a thorough inspection and overhaul. Now, I have replaced many a hydraulic hose over time on MG's, but I never took the time to photograph a dissected one to show what happens after nearly 5 decades of even limited use.

The point here is for you to make it a point to know these things about your car. Most newer brake hoses have a date stamp. I am not sure when that was required, but if yours show no date, then you may want to think about replacing them (all 3 at the same time), if the age is uncertain. The usual failure is one of hydraulic pressure not releasing when brake pedal pressure is released, causing brake drag.

Another failure, much more dangerous but rare, is one of the hose actually separating from the end fitting. Not good on single cylinder systems!

Attached are photos of my brake hose, which I split and opened up. You can see that the innards (technical term) have turned to jelly and could not possibly function safely or effectively.

Please check yours out at your next maintenance, if not sooner!



Split (Very) Bad Brake Hose



Another Shot of My Bad Brake Hose!

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Please let me know (call me at 703-495-0228) if your ad has had the desired effect, so I can remove it from the next *Square Rigger* edition!

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Available: Free junked TR-6: call Robert Oliver at 703-971-7277, in Woodbridge, VA.

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

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

For Sale: 1950 MGTD: Car number 8427, with engine 21439. Needs restoration, has run in the last year. I have owned the car

since 1969. Engine turns. Car has most parts. Asking \$5,000. Contact Cliff Routh at 703-329-8581 (home) or 202-833-6440 (office).

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

Short Notice Event !!!!

Cooler days and nights are leading to the harvest of some of the premium grapes used in making wine in our area. Come and visit two of Maryland's most recognized wineries as they bring in the current harvest, show you how the process works and taste the results of the latest products. This is also an opportunity for you to evaluate and possibly select fine wines to go with the food you serve or eat over the coming holidays.

We will meet at the Olive Leaf Restaurant, on Rt. 27 in Mt. Airy, on November 14, 2004 at 11:30 AM for a very nice brunch and then we'll caravan to the two wineries. PLEASE CALL LIN OR JANE SNIDER [301-845-2567] BEFORE NOVEMBER 11, 2004 TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT, AND TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Cost involves only the brunch and a small charge for tasting at one of the wineries.

Upcoming Events of Interest to Us!

Below is a tentative set of dates for events being planned for 2005:

Mark your calendars now, and watch for more information as work begins on the

details for each event.

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 2/6/05 | Winter Eat Out |
| 4/29-5/1/05 | Mini GOF |
| 6/26/05 | Original British Car Day |
| 8/28/05 | Tech Session |
| 10/8 and/or 10/9/05 | Fall Foliage Rally |

Work has started on each of the above events, and we hope that all Club members will review and save as many of the dates now as possible. Big attendance to each event is the aim of the Club! We can give some hints of what else is being looked at, but the final arrangements have not been totally completed. Clues: an Eat Out may be a return to the past, and Mini-GoF may have German flavors for the "West" of us. Any additional ideas --- send them right on in to Lin and Jane Snider!

Editor's Note **"The Last Word"**

Here are some more pictures courtesy of John Tokar from Watkins Glen --- John sent me far too many to publish them all, but here are some more worth sharing!

On another note --- when voted in as your Editor, I agreed to serve for two years. Hard to believe, but two years have passed, and I am turning in my pen as of this issue, my 8th publication. I have enjoyed my opportunity to scribe for you over the past two years!

John Tokar will be discussing plans for Club elections in the near future.



A Beautiful Clipper Blue Classic Racer



Where Can I Get One for Me Like This?



Bob Schoeplein's Yellow MGA Race Car



MG-Ts Out in Force



On Your Mark .. Get Set ...



Another Sleek Vintage Racer



And ... Off They Go!

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!

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MGTDs from Astern

