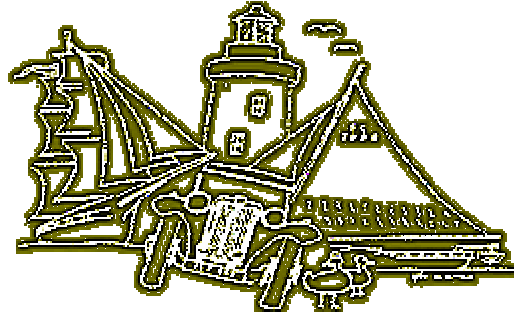


The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG "T" Register, Ltd.

The Square Rigger November 2005



Chairman's Comments

As the fall colors peak, we find this to be a great time for driving our MG's. I hope you are enjoying yours! The time for winterizing your MG is also fast approaching. Check out our website and refer to the February 2003 issue of *The Square-Rigger* for a detailed article on how to keep your car preserved over the winter months.

A look back on our accomplishments for 2005 shows another successful Original British Car Day (OBCD), four club activities and membership increasing by eight people, to name a few. I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new members and appreciate the participation from our current members. We look forward to another exciting year ahead in 2006!

OBCD is June 4, 2006 and we plan to return to Lilypons Water Gardens, in Buckeystown, Maryland. We've decided to hold OBCD earlier in June in an attempt to improve the probability of cooler weather and also not conflict with MG 2006, scheduled for June 22-25 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Please feel free to contact me at any time to help lend a hand to organize OBCD 2006.

In an effort to improve the voting and balloting procedure for OBCD, Lin Snider, Louise Tucker, Charley Howard, and Martha Ludtke had the opportunity to observe and participate in the vote tally exercise for the MG Car Club's (MGCC) Hunt Country Classic car show that was held in Middleburg, VA on October 9, 2005. This was a perfect way to determine the feasibility of using the MGCC's vote counting database for our show.

After holding a brief meeting to discuss the group's experiences, all agreed that using this database for OBCD would significantly improve the accuracy and speed of vote counting and allow us to prepare customized reports for winner notification and archiving. It would also reduce the number of vote counters needed, as well as make the entire process more efficient and timely. George Marshall, an MGCC Director and developer of the database presented us with a proposal for full use of the system. Please see a copy of his letter in this newsletter.

Upon reviewing his proposal, the Board decided to accept his invitation to participate and contribute to a master car owner's mailing list and to have full use of their registration and scoring software. Over the next few months,

Charley Howard and I will be working with George Marshall to incorporate our mailing list into the database and work out the details to customize the system to meet our specific needs. This is really a good deal for our club because we not only get full use (with updates) of the vote tally system database, we also benefit by expanding our own mailing list.

Lin and Jane Snider are planning our "After Christmas Brunch". Since this activity has been the highest attended event of the year, we expect to return to Gabrials in Ijamsville, Maryland. The date for the brunch is set for Sunday, February 5, 2006 so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

I extend best wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,
John M. Tokar
Chairman

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

Those of us who attended the Renkenberger's pool party really had a wonderful time. Sorry more of you couldn't make it. Is anyone interested in participating in a one day "drive around" in the spring? If so, email me and let's see if we can get something going.

As always I am very eager to receive "whatever" from members. 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 most welcome. 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!!

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:

<http://www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com>

Will be looking forward to seeing you at the "After Christmas Brunch."

Sincerely,
Louise Tucker
Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Events Of Interest

Below are events being planned for 2006. Work has started on each of these events, so mark your calendars now, and watch for more information on the details.

After Christmas Brunch

Our winter function will be February 5, 2006 at Gabriels Inn in Ijamsville, Maryland with meal selections being traditional British fare. Sure sounds like a fun time, so plan on attending and watch for further information from Lin and Jane Snider, our events coordinators.

Mini GOF 2006

The Spring Mini GOF will be held May 5-7, 2006, probably on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Put this date on your schedule and watch for a flyer with more details. Make plans to get your cars ready for a full season of driving and showing by attending this event.

Original British Car Day

Take note of the new date for the Original British Car Day! It will be June 4, 2006 at Lilypons Water Gardens in Buckeystown, Maryland, so please reserve this date. As the club needs lots of help in putting on this event, we ask that you volunteer some of your time both on the day of the event and on the day before for setting up.

MG International 2006

Mark your calendar now for the M.G. International 2006 which will be held in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, June 21-25, 2006. The M.G. International is organized by The North American Council of M.G. Registers, and is held once every five years. You can visit www.mg2006.com to view and reserve hotels, planned events, etc. This event will replace the NEMGTR Spring GOF.

Financial Statement

Chesapeake Chapter Financial Statement January 1, 2005 – July 25, 2005

Beginning balance January 1, 2005	\$15,787.47
RECEIPTS	
Due	762.00
OBCD	17,061.00
Mini GOF	900.00
Club Event (eat out)	900.00
Club Expense (OBCD Start Up Change)	400.00
Total Receipts:	20,023.00
Total Cash and Receipts:	\$35,810.47
DISTRIBUTION	
Newsletter	303.92
Web Site	751.75
OBCD	13,285.68
Club Event (eat out)	1,673.25
Mini GOF	885.27
Club Expense (change OBCD & stamps)	402.19
Donation (Liganore Band)	500.00
Total Distribution:	17,802.06
Balance in Bank July 25, 2005	\$18,008.41

Original British Car Day 2005 Statement

INCOME

Advertising (ads & stuffers)	\$2,615.00
Registration	
Cars Pre-registered	4,055.00
Drive-in registration	3,740.00
Vendors	795.00
Spectators	3,864.00
Regalia	1,992.00

Total Receipts: 17,061.00

EXPENSES

Postage 744.59

OBCD Meetings	105.66
Flyers	462.00
Signs	869.82
Graphics	1,135.25
Trophies	3,972.60
Dash Plaques	737.95
Regalia	2,183.21
Booklets	1,749.83
Rental (sound, wheel, toilets)	
815.50	
Trailer tag	25.50
Drummers	250.00
Misc. supplies	233.77

Total Expenses:
\$13,285.68

PROFIT:
\$3,775.32

Membership News

Who's New?

- **Gary M. Cooper** **1949 MGTC**
5111 Starsplit Lane
Columbia MD 21044-1516
410 730-6531
- **Michael A. Thompson** **1949 MGTC**
1912 Ridgewood Road
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- **Doug Walgren** **1948 MGTC**
600 Chatham Park Drive #P-4
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These three new members bring the 2005 to-date to eight. I have noticed that the new TSO lists a member moving into our area, Rockville.

I will request contact information from the National Club to invite the new resident.

I will be issuing a new Membership Directory this coming December, so please be sure to get acquaintances who have been sitting on the fence about joining or renewing their membership to get on board before this booklet is finalized.

A Bit of History

By Charley Howard

In reviewing the archives of old newsletters and photographs from years past I occasionally came across unmarked photos. I thought it would be fun to present them here to see if anyone remembers the "what, where, and when" of these moments in time.

This picture must have been taken during a tech session, or so I would gather. The print is dated October 1979. Can anyone remember this event?



This photo is from a group all dated May 1990. A very famous house was included in the tour. Who can remember this event?



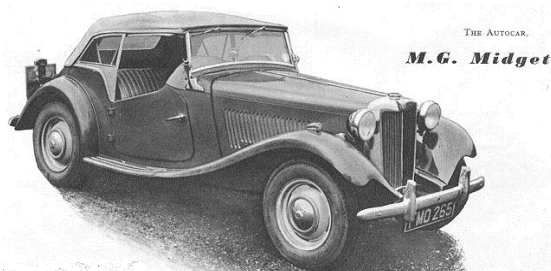
Now this one really caught my attention. The print is dated May 1985. This is a photo shoot with a TV crew. Who is the lucky couple and where is this event taking place? Care to hazard a guess?



And now this gem. This picture has lots written on the back. It is a Mini-GOF January 1981 in Wellington, New Zealand. The photo is from a member – John Scott Williams.



I count four smiles in this somber group. Must have been the pun used to get their attention for the photo.



Yours in Membership,
Charley Howard
Membership Chairman

A Little Bit of Valuable Info!

Editor's Insert

Breath of Life for MG Rover?

The gears may be turning again at the MG Rover plant in central England by 2007, says Chinese automaker Nanjing Automobile, which bought the assets of the former carmaker after its collapse in April.

Nanjing, in its first public comment since buying MG Rover's assets for an undisclosed sum, says it plans to employ 1,200 workers at Rover's Longbridge plant and produce 100,000 cars per year within five years.

Nanjing also says that it is considering four or five new car models, depending on market conditions and the final details of a business plan for Longbridge. Nanjing said the business plan was still being discussed with partners and could take two or three months to finalize.

Assuming that Nanjing succeeds in its plan, which is far from certain, what might we expect to see rolling off Longbridge's assembly lines? Could we see a return of the little mid-engined MG TF, a car that could give the Miata a run for its money in the U.S. market?

Time will tell.

By George Mattar

"T" Technical Note

As I sit at my computer thinking of the latest weather report and hurricane Wilma heading for south Florida it occurred to me that winter is knocking at our door here in the mid-Atlantic area. I am sure your T-type is safe and secure wherever you have it stored. But had you thought of the possibility of damage that can be happening while it sits there waiting for next season? Of course an oil change is in order as is checking and adjusting the tire air pressure. Topping off the gearbox and differential might be worthwhile too. But what about the coolant? The antifreeze and water mix in the block and radiator often go unattended and can become a pretty nasty solution, all by itself, over time. This tip I bring to you is from an acquaintance in the Morgan world that is a very prolific writer of hints and tips for Morgan sportscars. Fred Sisson's book "Morgan Driver's Bedside Reader" is

chocked full of all kinds of information that can be transferred right over to our T-Types.

Fred writes that old coolant, working with the dissimilar metals in your car's cooling system can create a "battery" that can deteriorate the metals in the engine and radiator. The radiator is of a thinner metal and is usually the first to go but it takes time, several years in fact. Fred's tip is to use a digital voltmeter to check for this electrolysis taking place. Connect the - lead to the radiator. And then dangle the + lead into the coolant. A reading of 0.2 volts dc is good. 0.3 to 0.6 is marginal and any more would require a drain and flush and replacement of the coolant. Last I checked, regular antifreeze is \$10-\$13 a gallon. It's not cheap anymore that's for sure. Also, please dispose of any used coolant properly and safely. Everyone knows it is lethal to anyone or anything that would drink it. Pets and other animals seem to be attracted to its sweet taste.

Sincerely,
John Wright
T-Series Technical Advisor

News Items

The following is the letter (as mentioned in the Chairman's Comments) from George Marshall, Director of the MG Car Club Washington DC Centre, inviting us to participate in the exchange of mailing lists and offering us the use of their software for OBCD registration and scoring.

December 7, 2005

John Tokar
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Dear John:

Over the past two years, the MG Car Club and the Triumph Register have worked together in the spirit of mutual benefit to combine the mailing lists for Britain on the Green and Hunt Country Classic car shows. Both clubs feel that the open sharing of these lists has the effect of expanding the base for our two events, without compromising either one. The results, so far, have been very positive. While the majority of the names in both lists are the same, each year there are additions and corrections to the list, keeping it current, and expanding each club's potential market.

We invite your club to participate with ours in this effort. The combination of all three mailing lists will yield a master list that captures the contact information for a majority of the British car owners in an extremely broad area.

As an incentive, I offer your club the use of the software I have developed that handles registration and scoring for Hunt Country. This tool simplifies and synchronizes those efforts, and is scaleable to accommodate shows of virtually any size. The way I envision this working is, for each year we receive a fresh copy of the latest BCD mailing list, I will grant to your club a license to use the software for BCD that year. That way, BCD will always have use of the latest version of the software. If needed, I will pre-load the database with the latest consolidated mailing list. Also, I will entertain requests for customization of reports, etc. to meet specific needs of BCD.

John, I hope the T Register elects to join with us in this effort. I look forward to your decision. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,
George Marshall, Director
MG Car Club Washington DC Centre

Renkenberger's Pool Party

A wonderful time was had by all at Len and Ruth Renkenberger's pool party on August 28. As usual, there was good food and lots of fun! Len gave a very interesting tour of his barn full of British cars in various stages of repair, and everyone caught up on all the latest news. It was nice to have the Chistes, who are new members, attend their first Chapter function.

Following are some photos of the fun.



Gathering of the faithful!



No one went swimming? And it was a hot day!



The Chiste's (new members) 1950 MGYA.



Under restoration-maybe a little TLC will put it on the road!



Part of the gang!



Do you really pull that boat with that car?



Another part of the gang!



Even the Ashes came from Virginia Beach!

Special Note

The Chapter's events coordinator, Jane Snider has been ill recently. We send our best wishes and surely do wish her a speedy recovery.

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 at:

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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!

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

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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

