

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

The Square Rigger

June 2006



Chairman's Comments

I would like express my sincere thanks to members of our chapter and all of the other folks (friends, relatives, and British car club members) that helped put on The Original British Car Day 2006. Please look for pictures of the winners in this issue of the Square-Rigger and a "Special Thanks" list of our members who made OBCD 2006 a great success! We had 332 cars on the show field and we received many comments about holding the show in the earlier part of June. The new computerized vote tally system and the public display of the winners by class worked very well and resulted in an accurate and timely notification of the awardees. Many thanks to Charley Howard and to the vote counting team for their efforts in implementing this new system. These improvements coupled with spectacular weather, made 2006 one of our best shows ever! Next year will be our 30th annual show and we are planning something special. Don't be a stranger, contact me and let me hear your ideas on how we can make OBCD another great car show. Mark your calendars for June 3, 2007.

Although I was unable to attend this year's Mini GOF, reports tell me that it went very well and was attended by over 26 people and 9 cars. Very special thanks to Dale and Eleanor Lindsay for taking the time to organize and run the event. I was pleased to learn that some new members attended and would like to see their continued involvement in club activities. Next year we are

planning to return to the Eastern shore for what is expected to be another great Mini GOF. Stay tuned for the details.

I'm sorry to report that John Van Over resigned his position as chapter Regalia Chairman at the close of OBCD 2006. We extend our sincere thanks to John for selling regalia at this year's show and for all his contributions during his tenure as Regalia Chairman. Also, we thank Barbara for her support of John in this position. At this time, I am asking that if anyone is interested in filling this position, please contact me and we will make the necessary arrangements for the transition. We would greatly appreciate if someone would please step forward and volunteer for this exciting and interesting board position.

We are planning three more club outings for this year: a pool party at Len and Ruth Renkenberger's in August, a tech session in September, and a fall foliage covered bridge tour and picnic in October.

Please contact the hosting parties directly to get in on the fun. We would like to see more new members and members of long standing who have not been active to participate in these events.

If anyone would like to help plan or host a club activity, or has any ideas for one, please don't hesitate to contact Lin or Jane Snider. Thanks very much and I look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Sincerely,
John M. Tokar

Club Officers as of January 2006



The usual smiling faces with Lucy Hughes representing hubby, Mike. Absent are John VanOver and John Wright

Chairman

John Tokar
4935 Tall Oaks Drive
Monrovia MD 21770
301 831-6975
tokarj@erols.com

Vice Chairman

Mike Hughes
6623 Benson Drive
Alexandria VA 22306
703 768-3582
hughes.c.m@worldnet.att.net

Secretary/Treasurer

Martha Ludtke
114 Wickham Terrace
Winchester VA 22602
540 723-0866
billnmartha@webtv.net

Membership Chairman

Charley Howard
PO Box 323
Monrovia MD 21770-0323
301 865-5332
jayhawher@aol.com

Regalia Chairman

Open For Volunteer
Let's see **your** name here!

Events Co-Chairmen

Lin and Jane Snider
P. O. Box 145
Walkersville MD 21793
301 845-2567
snidelf@aol.com

Technical Advisor

John Wright

1640 River Road
Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972
610-982-0140
mogfrog1@aol.com

Newsletter Editor

Louise Tucker
4004 Old Crain Highway
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
301-627-1717
leletuck@comcast.net

Historian

Marty Howard
Same as Charley's

Chairmen Emeriti

Len and Ruth Renkenberger
8245 Ingleton Circle
Easton MD 21601
410 822-6061
renk@goeaston.net

Editor's Comments

Louise Tucker
Newsletter Editor

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.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com> With the very successful Original British Car Day behind us, let's now focus our attention on

summer and the upcoming events. I'll be looking forward to seeing all of you at these events.

Upcoming Events Of Interest

Below are events being planned for 2006 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.

August Pool Party

August 13 is the date set aside for the Club's summer cook-out/pool party which will be at the Renkenberger's on the Eastern Shore. Watch for flyers with further information.

Tech Session

A Tech Session is in the works for September 16 at the Vintage Restorations LTD. in Mt. Airy, Maryland. There will be more info on this in the next issue.

GOF 80

NEMGTR's Fall GOF Mk 80 will be September 13-16 at Smuggler's Notch Resort Jeffersonville, Vermont. Contact Bob O'Meara 508-943-1447 or email at omearar@putnam.k12.ct.us.

October Foliage Rally

A Fall Foliage Covered Bridge Tour and Picnic is being planned for October. More information and date will be announced later.

Events Sponsored By Other Clubs

Mini Meet East 2006

Bring your new Mini or your classic Mini to Mini Meet East 2006, June 29-July 2 at Frederick, Maryland. This event is hosted by the Capital Mini Register. More info is available at www.mme2006.com.

British Invade Gettysburg

The LANCO MG Club is holding their 6th Annual British Invade Gettysburg Car and Motorcycle Show July 9th, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm (rain or shine) at the Gettysburg Village Factory Stores, Route 97 (Baltimore Street exit off Route 15), Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. For more info contact Ralph Eriksen, 717-979-9242 or email him at Ralph.Eriksen@yahoo.com.

Brits By The Bay

Triumphs Around The Chesapeake, Ltd. (TRAC) Club's 5th Annual Brits By The Bay British Car Show will be held July 29th, 9:30 am (rain or shine) at Downs Park located near Lake Shore/Gibson Island on the Chesapeake Bay waterfront in Anne Arundel County. For more info contact Scott Reese at 410-375-6226 or email at BritsByTheBay@tracld.org. Their website is www.tracld.org.

MGs On The Rocks

Open to all British Marques, the MGs of Baltimore, Ltd.'s 27th Annual MGs On The Rocks is September 30, 9:00 am at Rocks State Park in Baltimore County. For further info, check their website at <http://www.mgsofbaltimore.com/>.

Hunt Country Classic

MG Car Club Washington D.C. Centre presents their 11th Annual Hunt Country Classic, October 8 at the Willoughby Farm, Middleburg, Virginia estate of Bill and Barbara Scott. For more info go to HuntCountryClassic@mgcarclubdc.com.

Original British Car Day

In this issue we showcase the Original British Car Day 2006 winners. There were 50 classes established with 332 cars registered. The last page of this Square Rigger will show all the winners in table form.

A special thanks go to the following members who made OBCD possible.

Chairman	John Tokar
Co-Chairman	Lin Snider
Advertising	Mike Ellis Bryan Sieling
Sponsorship	Bryan Sieling
Show Program	Mike Ellis
Field Layout/Setup	Charley Howard Lin Snider John Hambleton
Car Registration	Jane Snider Martha Ludtke Marty Howard Louise Tucker Susan Johns Ginny Bradley
Show Car Parking	Lin Snider Jim Bradley Paul Tucker Ray Johns Jay Gift John Baake Paul Chandeysson
Spectator Parking	Mike Ellis

Vendors
Ballot Collection
Ballot Counting

Regalia

Awards

Tee Shirt Design
Clean up

Pete Lorcher
Jim Bradley
Scott Allen
Mike Lutz
Martha Ludtke
Charley Howard
Jane Snider
Ginny Tokar
Marty Howard
Louise Tucker
John VanOver
Louise Tucker
Mike Hughes
Paul Tucker
Ron Chiste
John Van Over
Mike Hughes
Charley Howard
Ginny Tokar
Marty Howard
Lin & Jane Snider
Paul Tucker
Mike Ellis



The Workers

Following are a few pictures of the event and winners. You can view color pictures of the many beautiful cars at:
<http://www.chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com>.



Learning the new balloting system













The History Department

Marty Howard
Historian



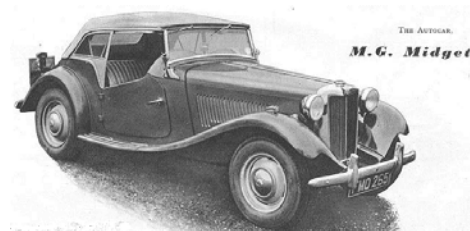
We did have some response from the “history” photos we published in the last issue. Lin Snider, Mike Hughes and Ginger VanOver informed us that pictures 1 and 2 are Frank Lloyd Wright’s Falling Waters which were taken at the Deep Creek Lake Mini GOF in 1990. Picture number 3 was the Winter Eat Out at Roy’s Sandwich Shop about 6 years ago in Gaithersburg . Picture number 4 was taken in 1985 or 1986, but not sure exactly where, number 5 was the Bentley Racing Tour at Allen Pond in 1983, number 6 was the Eat Out near Phoenix, Maryland, number 7 was taken from the tower at Gettysburg Battlefield, and number 8 is Ruth Renkenberger by her car at a show somewhere!

The old photos are interesting to identify and surely intriguing to see how folks looked some years ago! We’ll try some more quizzes in future issues.



Membership News

Charley Howard
Membership Chairman



There is no new membership news this issue.



My, what a sad face!

“T” Technical Note

By John Wright
Technical Advisor, Chesapeake Chapter

It was great to see everyone that attended the Mini-Gof. Since it was only about a 2 hour drive for Linda and I we couldn’t miss it. Great fun and lots of laughs. Pretty decent crab cakes too at the banquet. Many thanks to Dale and Eleanor for a fun weekend.

For this issue’s technical topic I thought going over what I had to do to the ancient C35 Lucas starter and associated parts to get my Lester P-type to turn over better might be of interest.

Being a prewar unit, I was interested in finding out about a 4-brush modification to this relic. A message to the prewar MG Internet list brought a few comments. Very helpful was Barry Riseley from Tasmania, Australia. Barry suggested that the Lucas 35G starter on 12v should be more than capable of turning my engine around smartly and that I should check to make sure that all the things I would normally do for a weak starting system be preformed. Forget about the 4 brushes is basically what he was saying, so back to the basics. What I found were basic problems for sure and here is what I did and all would apply to our T-types. I changed the cable from the foot operated starter switch to the starter to a heavier #4 cable. Has someone changed the cable on your car to one not much larger in diameter than a pencil? Lots of current loss through one of these and we need everything we can get here. The cable from the rear-mounted battery up to the starter switch was fine so, next I removed and disassembled the starter for some clean up. The brushes were worn down, needing replacing. One was actually partially grounded. I did not have a set for this starter as they are the bronze/carbon type, but they are working for now after some adjustment. I polished the commutator with very fine crocus cloth with the armature chucked in my small lathe, not being necessary to undercut the insulation. The bushings were fine and the field coils passed the cursory visual look. Finally, the cleaning of the starter case and the surface of the bell housing where the starter bolts up may have been the most serious of the problems causing the slow turn over of this engine. The 2 surfaces were oil soaked, which will insulate the starter as it gets it's ground through the engine ground cable. After giving the starter some real basic attention, I am pleased to say the starter does turn the engine over smartly. Fires right up, which is something it has not done in the 6 months I have owned this car.

Articles of Interest

M.G.s On The Web

Submitted by Mike Hughes

Many members access their Square Rigger from out Chesapeake Chapter web-site even before the printed version hits their mailbox. Since so many of us are "surfing the web" these days I thought that I should share a couple of "T" Series and Pre-War M.G. networks that might be of interest to us.

The first is the "T" Register of the M.G. Car Club in the U.K. Their web site is: www.tregister.org

One of the more interesting items just posted to their site is a link that contains production records for TA, TB, and TC. GO to: <http://www.tregister.org/factoryrecords.aspx> and type your chassis number (straight through, no spaces or dashes). You will see your build date and other information on your car contained in their data base. Right now they don't have the information up for TD or TF, but I have it on good authority that this will be accomplished later this year. They also expect to have their Register listing of over 10,000 "T" types up later this year.

Now on to e-mail lists.

I subscribe to two e-mail lists, one for the Pre-War overhead cam M.G.s and one for TA TB and TC. E-mail lists are a great source of information for the enjoyment and maintenance of our cars.

To post to the TABC list, send an e-mail to: mg-tabc@yahogroup.com

To post to the MMM (Midget, Magna, Magnette) list, send an e-mail to:

mg-mmm@autox.team.net

In either case, if you are not already a subscriber, you should receive a message with directions on how to subscribe.

Both of these lists have subscribers from all over the world. Post a question and you may find that you get an answer from a list member in Australia. Two years ago I sold my L-1 Magna Salonette to a MMM list member in Japan after just one posting to the list. The TABC list currently has a member who is arranging remanufacturing of TC gearbox laygears, and another thread deals with L.E.D. conversions for TC and earlier "D" lamps. I understand that these conversions make it possible for one to actually see these tail lamps in the daylight!

If anyone has other interesting sites or e-mail lists that they would like to share, send me an e-mail at; hughes.c.m@worldnet.att.net and I'll include them in the next installment!

- Mike Hughes -δζδ-

Import Carlisle

Submitted by John Wright

I would like to bring to you an observation about Import Carlisle this year. I usually go Fridays only and just run in and run out, staying for only 3 or 4 hours. I run down the lanes of vendors picking a few good deals and stopping to talk to old friends, some who I only see at Carlisle,

once a year. Always the topic of conversations comes to how the event compares this year to last, or the years before. Always the tone is one of wondering how long Carlisle Events organization will continue this event, which I assume is the smallest in their calendar. I would like to suggest to our members to be aware of this possibility and to ask that we all try to support this event as much as we can. Attendance as a vendor or buyer is most important, but talking the event up to your friends is helpful too. Tell them about what makes Carlisle an interesting event and why we should be supporting it. There are still many good parts and deals at Carlisle. But in addition, there are the vendors inside with the toys, models, rare books and seminars put on by John Twist of University Motors. Tools for good prices, vintage tires, cars for sale and your old friends roaming about the fairgrounds. Plenty of food, on site parking and an easy drive from our areas.

In years past, with the advent of Ebay, many of us predicted the demise of the traditional flea market. I am now saying that after several years of Ebay, maybe it does not offer all that we need for this aspect of our hobby. Carlisle is a social event posing as a flea market. So please, continue to support this event but bring someone new with you next time. Oh yea, and sometimes it rains!

News Items

Mini GOF 2006

Many thanks go to Dale and Eleanor Lindsay for a great job hosting this year's Mini GOF which was held at historic Havre de Grace, Maryland located on the Chesapeake Bay at the mouth of the Susquehanna River. For those who aren't familiar with the town, it's name came from the young Marquis de Lafayette, while awaiting the ferry to cross the river in 1771, remarked "C'est Le Havre de Grace" meaning "The Harbor of Mercy". In 1787 the town was a candidate for the Capitol of the United States, and in 1789 the House of Representatives voted for the permanent location which ended in a tie. The deciding vote, cast by the Speaker, was for Washington, D.C. Almost, but not quite!

In attendance were 26 people with 9 "Ts", which were crowd stoppers everywhere we went, especially with the Reenactment soldiers who were very impressed! Our stay at the Ramada Inn in Perryville was very enjoyable with a hospitality room hosted by Dale and Eleanor that was a super hang out! It was great looking at

the picture albums of "yore" provided by our historian, Marty Howard.

Driving each day across the Susquehanna River to Havre de Grace was very interesting as was the Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lock House where we witnessed a reenactment of an attack by British soldiers in the War of 1812. Also, of interest were the Maritime and the Decoy Museums.

The following photos reflect our good time.



Discussing the cars.



Havre de Grace patch



Studying one of the picture albums



Ready for voting



The Reenactment



Ladies chatting!



The Ladies Circle



Gentlemen chatting!



The Men's Group



My! My! Did we forget the red napkin was there?



Awards Banquet

MG 2006 Gatlinburg

Due to limited space in this issue, MG 2006 in Gatlinburg will be covered in the next issue.

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!

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

The following person has contacted us looking for an MG TC that is a solid, complete car. He is a long-time British car enthusiast, having owned a 1961 Mini and 1966 Mini Moke for 20+ years. If you can help, please contact him.

Jeremy Bannister
556 Spring Oak Drive
West Chester, PA 19382
610-429-8943

Vintage Restorations Limited

*Specializing in English Auto
Restoration and Service*



1302 Rising Ridge Road, Unit 25
Mt. Airy, Maryland 21771
www.vintagerestorationsltd.com



John M. Tokar
tokarj@erols.com

Phone: (301) 831-5300
Fax: (301) 831-5200

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

