



Spring 04.06.2024

*It's not always about the destination, it's about the journey.*

## Greetings, miscellaneous rambling, and the news.

Ah Spring is coming, longer days, warmer weather, maybe April showers, and time to get the MG out! To some that may seem like something you wouldn't have to do. Isn't it out already? Well, that may be so if you live in Florida or some of the more temperate states, but if you live in the way north, well.

Having grown up in upstate NY winters I remember the 60's and 70's winters. Snow could be expected around the first of November and be ever present until May. Our town usually had about 100 inches a year and temperatures that would not rise above freezing, and for stretches not above 0F. Then in late April or early May, the ice would break up, jamming up the river and flooding the Stockade, but you could start swimming. We had two seasons, Winter, and Fourth of July.

So, with the climate as such you needed a "winter car". A Midget doesn't cut it. What was a winter car? First it could not cost a lot, if not for free. It should not require much to put it on the road and if you had a buddy at the location inspection station that was taken care of. Heck, this was not a car you were planning to take cross county or to show but u-till-a-tarian!

My first was a 64 Chevy two door 327 Impala. It was a great winter car, good heater, big bench seats, got it for free, needed a muffler. We'd go out in that beast, slide it through turns using the snowbanks like a bobsled course, piled into many a snowbank. One exceptionally hard landing the gear shift move to straight up, high noon. Broke the motor mounts, could not get it down to forward, so for the mile or so drove home in reverse. These cars usually only lasted one season, mechanic friend wanted the 327, bye. But it was spring, MG season again! Next winter was a 47 Pontiac Chieftain, straight flathead eight three on the column, 16 inches knobby tires, a tank. Not a great call on this one. The six-volt system in a hard freeze did not do so well. Remedy, add a block heater to plug in overnight. Lots of fun, gone in the spring, next winter another Chevy. It was once buried in a snow drift with four feet of snow over the roof. Dug it out, started right up and left the next day for Spring Break in Florida. A few less memorable but a lot of fun.

Then time moves on and the Midget and I moved to PA. Having a family and needed a family car that could be used year-round, and was dependable, so that was the end to the "winter car". I am sure many of you have similar memories, those were the days.

## Past Events



### Sellersville Theater: January 11, 2024

On Thursday night January 11, 2024 twenty-one (21) DVC members plus two (2) guests traveled to Sellersville Theater to see the band "Cherry Poppin Daddies". Those attending were Lew and Cora Phillips, Pat and Patty Cawthorne, Dick and Sandy Suffredini, Tom and Jaimee Rippert, Peter and Nancy Yaskowski, Jeff and Robin Rose, Warren and Nancy Doerner, Adam and Eva Ilnicki, Brian Gumpert, Dave and Erin Alderfer, Paul and Evonna Phillips, and two (2) friends of the Roses'.

The band is not a cover group but does many American Swing songs that were popular in the 1930's and 1940's. Also, some songs from hit Broadway shows that are more recent. The band also writes some new material and presented a new song to us that they have not recorded yet. There were many songs with many words, all fast paced. It's amazing that the singer could remember all the words.

## March GT: March 12, 2024

Our first Get Together (GT) or rebirth thereof, was a great fun gathering. Tom and Jamie, Dick and Sandi, Patty and Pat, Warren, Dave, and I (Charles Daniels) enjoyed catching up on what we have been doing. Extra points to Dave,



Cawthornes, and Suffridinis for driving an MG, Dave with the top down! Oh, and half credit to the Ripperts driving their Mini. It was nice to sit down in a casual setting and just relax and chat. Talk was about upcoming trips, home redo's, and Dick's invention for a tail pipe dynamic oxygen sensor, mixture telemetry to determine at speed the needles for your SU's. Makes my head hurt. Lunch at the Collegeville Diner was very good. Just coming in with no reservations they set us up with a long table for everyone to be together, great hospitality. It's a diner so of course the menu was about 12 square feet of every imageable item you could think of. And the food was good, and I think good value.

## 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party: March 16, 2024

54th anniversary of the DVCMG was celebrated on March 16, 2024, at Angelo's Italian Restaurant. Over thirty members of the club meet to break bread and catch up on what has been happening since our last gathering. It was a great venue and atmosphere for gathering. Once the group had mostly arrived the conversations started. Winter projects were discussed, what plans are being made for the new season, and just how have you been doing... The meal was superb, pizza, salads, stuffed eggplant, chicken marsala, Zita followed by tasty desserts. It was much enjoyed, and no one went home hungry. And being buffet style, it facilitated for the conversations to continue. After a short welcome and thank you to Patty for organizing the event, the shenanigans began. Yes, the O-wards! Not a misprint, you get an O-ward because you did something, well, O pretty dumb. Patty this year was the recipient of not one but two O-wards, one for losing her cell phone by sliding off the MGA dash, and one for losing her MG ball cap. Garth is racking up the O-wards receiving the transparent wrap to repair a gas leak. And Jeff got a special triple AAA to assist in hauling the van out from behind Barbara's barn.





## Membership

If you have any questions or want to update your membership, get in touch with me. Or any other questions concerning the club, your car's repairs or service, my pick in the Travers Stakes this year, you got it. ~ *Chuck Daniels*

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Welcome New Members	Upcoming Events	Sports and Racing	Family and Friends
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jonathan Laskos</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eclipse Tour</li> <li>April GT</li> <li>Doerner's Tech Session</li> </ul> <p>Check out our calendar listing our events for the year in this newsletter. Some duplication of events for members only, but has additional events such as the GT's, the Racing Schedule, and other casual events not needing RSVP's</p>	<p>First races are starting the beginning of May, and included on our calendar. Members are always welcome and encouraged to join the crew track side.</p>	<p>Hope everyone's start of the new year is going well. Please let us know if there is anything our club members should know, or if anyone could use some outreach./</p>

## Parting Shots

I have been thinking of starting a support group. BCOA: British Car Owners Anonymous. You know who you are, and what I am talking about. Always thinking about that next MOWOG addition. Spannering away nights wrenching over the next step in your rebuild. Acquiring a new addition with the pretense, look what I got you, a sports car! To which that significant other says, 'why are there three peddles on the floor?'. Or better yet, keeping it in the closet, yup, getting that new addition and keeping it in a friend's garage to avoid the grief. These are true stories.

Well, if anyone has suffered from these symptoms you are not alone. Please reach out to a friend for help (yeah like getting those wire wheels tuned). Let me know your thoughts. Stay strong, stay united, we are in this together.

**Remember we're not old, we're CLASSIC!** ~ Chuck Daniels [crdaniels55@gmail.com](mailto:crdaniels55@gmail.com)

If you have any stories to share in our newsletter whether a DVC event ors other, let me know.

# Calendar of Events

Please remember to RSVP events requiring. It is very important. For further information about events please contact Jeff Rose zbm1958@comcast.net.

2024 Calendar of Events – January to June					
Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
9. Tuesday GT	13. Tuesday GT Collegetown Diner 1:00	12. GT Tuesday 1:00 Collegetown Dine	5-7. DVCMG Solar Eclipse Tour Contact Pattie Cawthorne.	3-4. DVCMG Spring Sprints Lime Rock CT. The Race Teams	1. Cars and Motorcycles of England Hope Lodge.
	10-25 Simeone Museum British V8		6+7. John Twist Tech Session PMGC	4. Cape May Lewis British car Show 11-3	9. Hellertown Both Annual British Gathering
11. DVCMG Sellersville Contact Brian Gumpert	29 – 3/3 Amelia Island	16. DVCMG Anniversary Party Contact Patty Cawthorne	16. Tuesday GT 1:00 Collegetown Diner.	9. GT Thursday 5:00 Duck Inn.	11. Tuesday GT?
19. NEMGTR Natter Noggin 2024			21. Cars and Cigars, Park Bistro 3-7	10-11. Carlisle Import Show	
20. In Door Swap Meet Agricultural Hall Allentown			27. DVCMG Tech Session 10:00 Contact Doerner's	13. Ragtops Open House.	
			27. Treasured Motor car tour New Freedom	17. DVCMG Classic Car Museum Morgantown Contact Jeff Rose	
			27. K&T Open House	19. Cars and Cigars, Park Bistro 3-7	

## 2024 Calendar of Events: July to December

July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>12-13.</b> <b>DVCMG</b> White Mountain Vintage GT, Club Motorsports, Tamworth, NH. The Race Teams.	<b>?-?. DVCMG</b> Mini Golf/Joyce Farm <b>Contact Peter Yaskowski.</b>	<b>5-8.</b> <b>DVCMG</b> Wildwood <b>Contact Fishers</b>	<b>4-7.</b> <b>DVCMG</b> Watkins Glen <b>Contact Jeff Rose</b>	<b>17. DVCMG</b> Annual Meeting <b>Contact Pattie Cawthorne</b>	<b>17.</b> <b>DVCMG</b> Christmas Party <b>Contact Jamie Rippert</b>
<b>15-19</b> NAMGAR Welches, Oregon	<b>4.</b> Das Awkscht fescht Macungie PA.	<b>6-8.</b> Radnor Hunt Concourse Show	<b>5.</b> Brits at the Village PMGC		
Stay cool in the pool, take a trip to the shore	<b>25.</b> Taste of Britain. Lanco.	<b>4-7.</b> <b>DVCMG</b> Watkins Glen <b>Contact Jeff Rose</b>		<b>28.</b> Happy Thanksgiving!	<b>28.</b> Happy Holidays, Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas!
		<b>14.</b> <b>DVCMG</b> Car Show Prep <b>Contact Chuck Daniels</b>			
		<b>15-18.</b> <b>DVCMG</b> Austin Healy Encounter <b>Contact Jeff Rose</b>			
		<b>15.</b> Cars and Cigars, Park Bistro 3-7			
		<b>21.</b> <b>DVCMG</b> Car Show <b>Contact Chuck Daniels</b>			
		<b>27-28.</b> <b>DVCMG</b> Fall Finale Lime Rock, CT. The Race Teams			



# Join us in Skippack Village! **19th Annual DVC British Car Show**

## Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024



In the heart of Skippack Village  
Rt. 73 just east of Rt. 113, Skippack, PA

Come out to Skippack Village to see a field full of exquisite British cars.  
MG, Triumph, Austin Healey, Jaguar, Mini and more!

Enjoy all that Skippack Village has to offer –  
restaurants, shops, something for everyone.

Car registration 10 am; show opens 11 am; voting noon; awards 2 pm



Delaware Valley Classic MG Club  
For car show registration and other information, visit [DVCMG.com](http://DVCMG.com)

