



Summer 2024

## Greetings, miscellaneous rambling, and the news.

Summertime and the living is easy, but busy for the car season. Hope you all have your rides out there and are enjoying the season.

I always loved when folks would say in the summertime “hey, you got a convertible, cool”. I guess that was before it started getting so warm these days. But those were the days touring the northeast with the top down and the hood down. Those especially warm sunny days meant you got a sun burn from the bottom of your shorts and her daisy dukes to the dashboard where below the rest of your legs were roasted to well done straddling that little four banger. But ah, you made it to the falls, cool dip, life is good. Hopefully you remembered to flip the seats so as not to sear the tender bottoms of your legs after they were sitting in sun, of course they were black. That was just another the reason to stay after dusk and enjoy the cool ride home.

The good old summertime.

## Transmission Chatter

I am pleased to report that the club has had some product and mechanical questions that received much feedback from the club. If you think about it, the club members probably have over a 1000 years of collective experiences working with MGs. I won't go into too much detail but try to give a review of the comments.

Fire Extinguisher. A less messy alternative for the foam type was sought. Halon is still available, a bit pricey and cannot be recharged. Halotron seemed to be the most recommended by the club. I got to thinking, do I have a fire extinguisher, nope the hose doesn't work. I went with the Amerex A384T, 1.4 lb Halotron I Class B C \$210 from Amazon. Now I feel a bit safer when I try a new set up. I am not promoting any brands, just giving you some of the members' opinions.

Tires. Responses showed support for Michelin and for Vredestein. I have both and have been very pleased with their performance and durability. Again, I am not promoting any brands, just giving you some of the members' opinions.

Vapor Lock. Very good responses from Tony, Tom, Brian, and others. Some very creative ideas such as Freezer packs and Peltier fans. A very interesting book describing the technical aspect of vapor lock and modern fuels was recommended “[Classic Engines, Modern Fuel — The Problems, the Solutions](#)” by Paul Ireland. However, a remedy was offered while gathering at the Duck. One great reason for our monthly GTs, get togethers. Tom said “get that (93 octane) out of the tank and fill it with 87”. Tony changed out the gas, vapor lock disappeared. The difference is in the refinement of the grades of ethanol fuel. I have since done the same.

## Past Events

### Solar Eclipse Tour. Patty Cawthorne

8 cars with 15 people took off for Geneva, NY to witness the solar eclipse. We traveled on Sunday morning April 7th to Corning, NY for a 2-night stay. Upon arriving at our hotel and settling in, everyone met in Pat & Patty Cawthorne's room to wind down from the long drive. Sunday evening some of us made reservations for dinner while the rest of us ate at the local Applebees. Upon returning to the hotel, it was time to say good night for the evening. After breakfast on Monday morning, we ventured out to the Belhurst Castle & Winery on Seneca Lake in Geneva, NY. Arriving a little early for our 11 o'clock wine tasting, we took our time in the gift shop and on the grounds before our tasting. Kristine from Belhurst did a great job describing the wines and cheese pairings. Most of us had some we liked and some not so much. After our wine tasting some of us did some craft beer tasting. We were able to wander some more before having some lunch on our own at the restaurant at the castle. Unfortunately, mother nature was not cooperative as we had clouds overhead and as such we were unable to view any portion of the eclipse. We did, however, experience darkness when the full solar eclipse occurred and viewed a 360 degree "sunset" during the darkness. It was amazing!! and unexpected. We returned to our hotel and most of us went to dinner at Mooney's Sports Bar & Grill in Corning before settling in for the night. Tuesday morning after breakfast we said our goodbyes to those staying in Corning to tour the glass factory while the rest of us traveled home.

Thank you to Dick & Sandy Suffredini, Tom & Jaimee Rippert, Bill & Sandy Goble, Tony & Diane Rizzello, Brian Gumpert, Warren & Nancy Doerner and Jeff & Robin Rose for joining Pat & me on this event. It was a good couple of days getting away with DVC friends. Great roads and good friends - can't get much better than that!



## Tech Session. Nancy and Warren Doerner

On April 27, a large gathering was held at the Doerner's home. Officially the George Mellick Memorial Tech Session, altogether 31 people came out, and some actually did work on their MGs. Attending were, besides the hosts, Dave & Erin Alderfer (73 MGB), new member Ron Tomasello (on the hunt at the time), Paul & Evonna Phillips, friends Doug & Sharon MacWade (71 TR6), Dick & Sandy Sufferdini (62 MGA), Brian Gumpert (52 MG TD), Bill Gobel (67 MGB), Tom & Jaimee Rippert (57 MGA), Jim & Diane Sanders (75 MGB), Graham & Susie Gill (70 Morris Traveler), Tony & Diane Rizzello, Jeff Rose (73 MGB GT V8), Pat & Patty Cawthorne (? MGA), Jay Kaufman (? MG TF), Adam & Eva Ilnicki (? MG TD), Lyn Hughes, Louise Story, Chuck & Linda Daniels.

The garage was kept fairly busy, as Dave attempted to tighten his handbrake, Ron test-fitted himself into various cars, Brian chased a rattle, Jeff changed his oil, and Jay replaced his steering rack boots. Suff brought along his new exhaust gas sensor used for carb needle selection and tried it on Brian's TD. There was probably other tuning going on that I didn't catch. And lots of kibitzing. Already for spring and summer driving!

The ladies on the other hand, were indoors catching up and having fun with a variety of crafts.

The buffet was full of great food, thanks to all who contributed.



From top: Jay's TF up on the lift; Let's talk, I'll call you; Craft Table, Lunch.

Owards were also awarded during the dinner session. A usual activity during the Anniversary Party but for a few that were not in attendance, they can't escape the award. Jim Sanders was awarded one for clutch issues with his race car. Graham was given an auxiliary bonnet pull for his MGA and a package to help extricate him from under the dash and a second award, First aid kit and souvenir of floor fire.



And to top it off, we got to sing happy birthday to Tommy!



## GTs

The GTs have been very successful and met with much enthusiasm by the club; to date we have had four GTs with the fifth planned as I am preparing this newsletter. The interest and attendance have been increasing. The opportunity to “Get Together” besides being very social and not necessarily discussing MG related topics such as family events, trips and so on, has also provided a continual exchange of technical advice and assistance, as described above.

Our first two, March and April, was a brunch planned at mid-day, diner venue. March had nine members and April had 15 members. At the April meeting a measurement was made and it was determined the menu was only 3.4 square feet. Fact checks.

May and June were scheduled at more of a happy hour time, and attendance supported the idea. Have beer and they will come. May had 18 members and June had 25 members! The Duck was a great venue and host. Our second visit to the Duck they provided us with the entire front section overlooking the Perkiomen creek. The food was great, including the duck wings, beer was cold, and the place was just perfect. A really great time enjoyed by all.

Now for July to mix up the venue location and give a shorter ride to some of our members on the other side of the area we will be going to Harrigan's. It's shaping up to be another great GT, 18 have already responded they plan to attend.

And looking forward to August, I welcome your suggestions for that month's venue. Only requirements good pub food and cold beer.



The Duck, good cheers.

## **Morgantown Classic Auto Mall Tour. Jeff and Robin Rose**

Half of the group met at our house, for coffee, cars, and croissants. This group consisted of Sandy and Dick Suffredini, in their Subaru, Ben Preddy in his MGA, Jay and Ben Kauffman in their MGTF, Warren Doerner in his MGB, Brian Gumpert in his MGTD. . This event hosted by

Robin and Jeff Rose.

Spent quality time jousting and cajoling, and then we took the long way, making only one missed turn, to the Morgantown Auto Mall. Brian chose to go straightaway.

We met up with Paul and Evonna Phillips, another new member Ron and Judy Tomasello, Garth and Graham Gill, also known as "those Gill Boys", Adam and Eva Ilnicki who drove their MGTD, which they left at the Auto Mall on consignment.

After touring the Auto Mall, seeing hundreds of cars, and some British ones as well, we made our way to our hot spot for a late lunch. The great biker bar, the Village Inn. They were so helpful in accommodating our group, the beers were flowing, the conversation feisty, and the food was pretty darn good. After all, one member stated they were so hungry they could eat a skunk's butt!!! Anything would taste great after that thought!

A great turnout, a fun event. Thanks so much to all who attended.

## Upcoming Events

**August GT. Let's hear your suggestions.**

**August Mini golf TBD**

**Wildwood, Fischers**

**Watkins Glenn, Jeff Rose**

**Car Show Prep Gathering**

**Car Show**

## DVCMG Skippack Village Car Show

### Preregistration Request.

It's coming fast, now only about two months till show time! Currently we have only seven preregistered for this year. I am hoping to get a lot of preregistrations this year. We had 25 last year, it would be outstanding if that number were to double. It's a huge help to the Pit Crew to receive pre-registration, saves us from the paperwork on the morning of the show. I do understand though that many are sitting on the fence until the day of, weather and so on. You can preregister up September 13, either online, by mail, or call, email, or text me by that date I can get your coin later. And I's only \$20 for preregistrations. And we even pay the credit card fee!

Warren has the trophies. Graham is working on the sponsors. Lyn is working on some new ideas for the field. I couldn't do it without the Pit Crew, great help. Hope you are planning on coming. And spreading the word. Check out this year's flyer, great job by Erin and Dave.



DVC show flyer 1  
2024 Final.pdf

## Treasury

Jay and Peggy have been doing a great job keeping the bank, thank you. Your dues support and contribute to the events both held by members and organized by members. We hope you attend as many events as possible to take advantage of your contributions. They also support our hospitality good will efforts, cards, remembrances to members. Besides those they support the minor expenses to maintain the club.

## Membership

If you have any questions or want to update your membership, get in touch with me. Or any other questions, comments concerning the club, your car's repairs or service, drop me note or ring me.

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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>• August GT</li> <li>• August Mini Golf</li> <li>• September Wildwoods</li> <li>• Car show Prep</li> <li>• Car show</li> <li>• Watkins Glenn</li> </ul>	Members are always welcomed and encouraged to join the crew track side.	Hope everyone's new year is going well. Please let us know if anyone could use some outreach.

## Parting Shots

As some of you may know and for those that don't "British Marque" will be shutting down. This will be their last volume run. Faith and Bruce have done an admiral job producing that high quality publication, it will be missed. And if you didn't know they also have been long time members of the DVCMG! Although I will miss the British Marque, hopefully now we will see more of our valued members.

***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, they don't have to be linked to a DVC event, let me know.

## Calendar of Events (generally within a AAA tow radius)

Please remember to RSVP events requiring. It is very important.

For further information about events please contact Jeff Rose  
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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.	13. Thursday The Duck
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	

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