



Winter 2024

Greetings, miscellaneous rambling, and the news.

There was an interesting article in the last edition of the Met Gazette, from the Metropolitan Owners Club of North America. It was about the proper shifting of a manual three speed, on the steering column, aka three on the tree. Follow the H pattern from first to second, not the Z push as you will bind up the linkage. Early lesson from my dad, the mechanic. Maybe not of much interest to us MG owners as our cars are all four speeds on the floor but have they always been such?

There were three speeds in the MGB and the MGC, but that was automatic. And researching the early MG M-type, late 20s early thirties, there was a three speed, but I would guess it was on the floor. But some of us may have memories of the three on the tree.

As I have previously written one of my winter cars was a 47 Pontiac, flathead straight eight, three on the tree. Great winter car only if not too cold for the six volt system, installed a block heater.. Next winter car was a Chevy Biscayne 307 three on the tree, once buried in a snow drift, dug out two days later and started right up. Yes, this is when I lived in northern NY. Also had a Ford Fairlane with the three. Now I have the Met, funny car. Fun to shift, like you are moving the tiller or resetting the sails, just be sure to follow the pattern.

Just thought I'd share some old memories; I would be happy to hear yours!

Transmission Chatter/ Tech Talk.

What's the problem now? Didn't you get an MG for that very reason, to have something to do?

There was a question about adjusting the brakes on a T series. It seems the arc of the new shoes did not mate well with the circumference of the drum. Wow, that is more geometry terms than I have used in a long time. I think the best suggestion was to run them in a bit to have them seat well and then readjust. I am not sure of the outcome but will follow up.

Past Events

GTs

October and November we returned to the Duck. December the group decided to cancel due to the other seasonal events going on. But we will return to the brunch time gathering in January. Andy's Diner Conshohocken Wednesday January 8 11:00.

Mini Golf Peter Yaskowski

A great day on the links at Waltz's Golf Farm. Thank you to Peter for organizing the event. We had a good showing of 21 members for the Mini-Golf at Waltz's and the picnic that followed at the home of John French. In attendance were Peter & Nancy Yaskowski (MGA), Ron & Judy Tomasello (Mini Cooper), Dick & Sandy Sufferdini (MGA), Paul & Evonna Phillips (MGBGT), Brian Gumbert (MGTD), Adam & Eva Ilnicki, Dave & Erin Alderfer (MGB), Chuck & Linda Daniels, Tom & Jaimee Rippert (MGA), Jeff & Robin Rose (MGBGT V8), Jim & Diane Sanders (Porsche Boxster).

Foursomes set off and there was a highly contested battle which turned out to be a tie between Jaimee Rippert and Jeff Rose with his last shot being a hole in one, both had a score of 41. The rest of the scores for the group ranged from 43 to 65. Jaimee and Jeff each won \$10 cash for their 1st place tie.

After golf we all enjoyed our hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and really good ice cream. Then a short caravan to the home of John French for a potluck picnic. Big thanks to John for having us gather at his residence. He allowed tours of his house and barn, very old and interesting structures. Especially the Plexiglas covered dug well in the kitchen, still give me the creeps about walking over it.



Annual Meeting

Attending. Pat and Patty, Peter and Nancy, Dick and Sandy, Tom and Jaimee, Warren and Nancy, Jim and Diane, Tony, Brian, Jeff, Lew, Dave, Graham, Me.

Membership. We currently have 74 members, and we are at that renewal time again. Questions were raised how to keep members in the club, and how to get them more involved in the club. It was mentioned that membership has ebb and flow. We do what we can to keep the club going.

Car show. We had an amazing show this year, if you were not there you missed a really great event. We had 88 cars in the field of many different types and quite a few that came for a visit. We are on the books for next year on September 20, 2025, Skippack Village. Our 20th year. This will be my last as lead, organizer, whatever. If someone would like to “shadow” me as they say this year, I’ll keep you informed as what needs to be done. If someone just wants to take over after 2025, I’ll help you out then. Of if 20th is it. If you would like to take over, you can start thinking about 2026. It’ll be your show, pick a new venue, pick a new theme, your call.

Treasury

Current Balance \$4109.24. This is used for a few items to support the club’s operation. It is used to compensate members that hold gatherings at their home, up to \$300.

Dues for 2025 will be \$25. Our Membership year runs from January to December.

Events

Jeff has prepared a preliminary calendar for 2025 (attached). As other events, other club’s shows are announced I will update the calendar.

GT for January, February, March 2025 will be the second Wednesday, 11:00 Andy’s diner Conshohocken.

Christmas party 2025 was discussed. Should we go back to the Bay Pony, should it be a luncheon instead of evening. We would like to know your thoughts. Yaskowskis will be planning the 2025 event.

As a reminder the reimbursement for home hosted events is \$300.

Christmas Holiday Party

Wow another year, another great Holiday gathering. Thirty-seven members of the DVCMG gathered at the Bay Pony Inn on December 7. It is always such a treat. The Cocktail hour was a HAPPY hour to grab a refreshment and catch up with the folks you have or have not seen in a while. Dinner was exceptionally good; I tried the fish this year and was not disappointed.

And this year it was decided to have a White Elephant, what a great idea. I was not sure exactly how it was run and had to take over the fun. Thanks to Lyn we got out the numbers for people to be called. It seems that since we were writing out the numbers during cocktail hour, we might have duplicated a couple of numbers, cheers. Numbers were drawn and folks began to pick a gift. Then the fun begins, the steals. Some items sought after were the spiffy sporting cap and that good bottle of spirits. And some incredibly unique and funny items like the UE. That would be the Urethra Extender, Need I say anymore?

Thank you to Jaimee for organizing the party again this year.



The happiest Elves this side of the North Pole!

For more pictures and other information please visit the website.

Upcoming Events

I am excited for the New Year. We have some new events for 2025, garage tours... And of course, our long-time favorites. Thanks to the folks that contributed some new ideas and to those that keep the well-liked events continuing. Please check the calendar contained in this newsletter or check the website for 2025 Events.

January GT Andy's Diner 1.8.2025 11:00

January Sellersville. Sold out

February GT

March Anniversary Party

Sports.

Santa may be able to take a break now, but not for our racers. I am sure they are busy in their workshops getting ready for another season. And you will get to see some of their work as we are planning a trip to Garth's Garage for a tour!

Treasury

Thank you to Jay and Peggy. And Jay's report for the Annual Meeting (see above).

Membership

Dues are do. \$25 a year, either online or you can mail in a check. No form necessary, just your contact information. I have attached the current form.

We count on you for your support. The funds are used to maintain the website, fund our gatherings, and cover the miscellaneous small items. Being a member gives you access to the website for information, the message board to exchange questions and thoughts, and the newsletter to keep you up to date with what's going on in the club. Perhaps you cannot join in some of our events, but we hope you enjoy and use those resources.

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 repairs or service, drop me a 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"> • <i>No recent addition</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>January GT</i> • <i>Sellersville</i> • <i>February GT</i> • <i>Anniversary Party</i> 	<p><i>Members are always welcomed and encouraged to join the crew track side.</i></p>	<p><i>Hope everyone's new year is going well. Please let us know if anyone could use some outreach.</i></p>

Parting Shots

This marks the thirteenth edition of the revised DVCMG newsletter, three years. I have much enjoyed being able to put this together and helping the club stay informed. I want to thank you for your understanding and compassion for me as a writer and editor, which I am not. I wish and hope that you all have a very good New Year. Remember the past and enjoy the future. Cheers, my friends.

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Remember we're not old, we're CLASSIC! ~ Chuck Daniels 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
zbm1958@comcast.net.

Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
8. GT Andy's Diner Conshohocken 11:00	12. GT Andy's Diner Conshohocken 11:00	12. GT Andy's Diner Conshohocken 11:00	9. GT 5:00 Duck?	14. GT Duck?	11. GT Duck?
			26. DVCMG Tech Session 10:00 Contact Doerner's	31. Garth Garage Tour 10:00	21. Marshall Steam Museum Hockessin DE
30. Sellersville Contact Brian Gumpert SOLD OUT		15. DVCMG Anniversary Party Contact Patty Cawthorne			
		6-7. Amelia Island Concours			
					7. Cars and Motorcycles of England Hope Lodge.
					8. Hellertown Both Annual British Gathering

July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
9. GT Duck Inn.	13. GT Duck Inn	5,6,7. Wildwood Contact Fischers	8. GT 5:00 The Duck	12. The Duck 5:00	6. Christmas Party. Yaskowski.

		6,7,8 Watkins Glen Fall Festival Contact Jeff Rose	11. Golf Outing. 10:30 Contact Peter Yaskowski.	16. Annual Meeting 1:00 Daniels	11. NO GT for December
		10. The Duck 5:00			25. Happy Holidays, Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas!
		13. Car Show Prep 11:00 Contact Chuck Daniels			
Stay cool in the pool, take a trip to the shore.		13. Car Show Prep Contact Chuck Daniels			
		20. Car Show Contact Chuck Daniels		27. Happy Thanksgiving!	
		20. Post Car show Illnickis.			
		27. MGs on the Rocks. MGs of Baltimore. RGL2MGBGT@aol.com			