



Greetings, miscellaneous rambling, and the news.

Lew Philips has decided to retire as the DVC System Admin/Webmaster effective January 1, 2026. He plans to assist his replacement with the changes needed through the start of the new membership year. This will ensure that the website remains solid for the next two years and allow for a smooth transition. We thank him for his service to the DVC in this position for nearly a quarter century. And wish him well on his new adventures.



Erin Alderfer will be taking over the lead of the website. We thank her for stepping up to task. She will be looking for any help members can provide either with the technical work and/or the content. If you have not noticed the newsletter has a name, DVC Chatter, this suggestion from Erin was chosen!

Transmission Chatter/ Tech Talk

Where'd those extra nuts come from? The wheel going down the road without you?

Past Events

Sellersville. Brian Gumpert

On January 30, 2025, nineteen of us attended the “Gold Rush” concert and most had dinner with us at Washington House before the show.

Those attending were: Tom and Jaimee Rippert, Peter and Nancy Yaskowski, Sandy and Dick Suffredini, Diane and Jim Sanders, Nancy and Warren Doerner, Dave and Erin Alderfer, Pat and Patty Cawthorne, Jeff and Robin Rose, Eva and Monica Ilnicki, and Brian Gumpert.

This band was good!! Much better than I was expecting. The sound was well managed and clear. This is a Neil Young tribute band, and they did the songs almost note for note. I have some Neil Young CD's and when I closed my eyes it sounded like Neil Young. It's hard to believe someone could get their voice so close and on top of that be able to perform at a professional level.

Some of the songs we heard were: "Cowgirl in the Sand", "The Loner", "Cinnamon Girl", "Southern Man", "Ohio", "Heart of Gold", and more.

Thank you to Dave Alderfer for arranging the dinner before the concert. This was something new this year. An enjoyable evening.

Simeone 2025

February is Best of British month at the Simeone. Different themes, different marques are showcased, always an interesting visit. I did my annual pilgrimage this year and met Jeff, Brian and new member Dean. Welcome Dean. There was a very ample demonstration of Lotus cars as that was the featured marque. But it was Demo Day, a monthly one-day event when Simeone takes out 3-4 cars for some laps around the back lot. I have never been before, but I will make it again soon. This year on the ramp was a 58 Aston Martin, 23 Riley, Jaguar C-Type and MG K3 1934 Magnette. We of course wanted to see the MG fired up and do some laps. Aston Martin gave a good show and a good sound, Riley was cute, 1000 cc's don't bark very loudly. Well, as for the MG, it was not having it, something about pumping up the bellows in the fuel tank to produce fuel pressure. I guess there is no Tick a Tick a SU pump. Good day all the same.



Anniversary Party. Patty Cawthorne

The faithful returned to Angelo's Italian restaurant to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the DVC. Thank you to Patty and Patty for organizing the event again this year.

It was a wonderful time with nearly forty old and new members in attendance. The conversations flowed along with the beverage and of course the meal, which was very, very good. After a brief review of our past year and some announcements concerning upcoming events, it was on to the highly anticipated, and somewhat anxiety ridden, Owards!

In review Pat took home three various awards, missing sunglasses, metal collector and speedo cable. Garth received speedy dry for the Valdez size oil spill and reptile remover for spattered turtle. Bill forgot his top, and of course it rained that day. Warren, a feeler gauge to make the gap at the Solar Eclipse tour. Graham a new(?) coil and some touch up paints for that opps moment. And Tom fix a flat, always something.



Our MCs Dick and Tom.



Bill don't get caught with your top gone!



The Brothers Gill, champions of the Owards.



Pat and Warren getting their well-deserved Owards, what's the gap?

Dave and Tom's Garage Tour / Discussion Group.

What a great event! This was well attended, 17 in the garage and 6 in the house. Dave prepared a well detailed agenda covering many technical, product related and care car items. Billed as a garage tour it truly was a discussion group, seminar. A really good one. Those attending offered many questions and suggestions concerning various topics. I took home some very useful information on frame refinishing that I am trying out this very week. Members also shared some of their experiences with a given project. "Just a little bit more, crack, that didn't work!" The knock off tool to prevent mashed knocks off and other various injuries, how to get the wax out of the, what grease to use, so on. I think a few items might even make an Oward. I wish I had taken notes because there was so much good information. Thank you to Dave and Erin for their hospitality, opening their garage and home and coffee and pastries



Great presentation. No worries, Jay always fell asleep in class!



Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the second half of the tour which concluded at the Rippert's. But I can be sure that there was valuable information there too along with some good guffaws. Thank you, Tom and Jaimee.

This is something new for 2025, home garage tours. I encourage anyone that might be interested in hosting such an event at your favorite place to bust your knuckles and get tetanus get on board. It does not have to be fancy, or formal. Get in touch with me or Dave or the club and we can help you organize. We do have another coming up in May, we will be going to check out triple GGG, Garth Gill's Garage. Mark your calendars.

GTs

This January we started up for the new year 2025 at Andy's diner in Conshohocken. Nice turn out, Dick and Sandy, Jay, Warren, Pat and Patty, Brian and guest, and me. And we meet again for February, nice to see some different folks Ron and Judy along with Pat and Patty, Dick and Sandy,

Lyn, Graham, Linda, who skipped out of work, and the usual suspect, me. March, the boys club with Pat, Chuck, Brian, Lyn, Ben and Jeff. I don't know what was in coffee but there was talk about bringing back the trebuchet! Keep in touch to find out more about the siege.

Upcoming Events

April 9 GT. Let's hear your suggestions.

April 26 Tech session

May 14 GT

May 31 Garage Tour, Garth's

June 11 GT

June 21 Marshall Steam Museum.

- **Please note this list is DVCMG events only. Look at the calendar for other events hosted by our fellow clubs.**

DVCMG Skippack Village Car Show. September 21.

Preregistration Request.

Things re starting to heat up for the show this year. We are still a little over six months out but time to get things in place. We had a great show last year, thanks to all the hard work before and behind the scenes. I truly could not do it without you.



Car show flyer
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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, goodwill efforts, cards. Besides those they support the minor expenses to maintain the club.

Membership

How many members do we have? Who is a member? Is it just the person that sends in the form, does that include a spouse / partner? As Membership Chair it was something I got thinking about.

I never really thought about it but have always considered DVC membership a family membership.

(Bylaws: Membership includes the individual, one adult residing with the member, and all children up to and including age 18 (age 22 if attending college). The membership holder and adult resident shall have voting rights). Members include the first name on the membership and any spouse / partner. Currently we have 59 paid memberships and 47 listed spouses / partners. So, we have over a hundred members, 106!

How do other clubs run membership? Some have tiered membership. I am not going there. Too much to just keep track of what we have. Most operate as we do, one fee, spouse / partner are members too. And our dues at \$25 are spot on with other area clubs.

If you have any questions or want to update your membership, contact 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
Dean Goodwin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April GT• Tech Session• Garth's Garage	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

We probably all know what MG (Morris Garage) stands for, its origin. Maybe some of us know the history of Whitworth, the bolt, and Lucas, inventor of the short circuit. Some may even know where SU (Skinners Union) comes from. But what about the eight-sided regular geometric shape, the Sacred Octagon?

You start with a point, get it? Two points you got a line, perhaps in the sand. Now three points you have some area ($1/2bh$) and a shape, triangle. One side of a great structure, excellent work Khufu. Four points, many variations the rhombus, trapezoid, and so on, but do not box me in. Five points, a star? Pentangle medallions sold at the original Stonehenge Druid gift shop sold by Mogh and Bodhmall. Six, another star, David's and Zekes, and other cultures. Seven, not a strong number, skip over that kind of like TE. But then there is the majestic EIGHT.

Why did Cecil pick the octagon? What is the meaning of the octagon?

Throughout history, the octagon has represented protection, purity, sturdiness, and good fortune. Also, regeneration and rejuvenation. It can be worn as an amulet or charm to fend off bad luck and bring good fortune. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, the eight-pointed star stands for fresh starts.

So maybe Cecil was looking for something that represented a fresh start and gave good fortune. Something that would give protection and sturdiness.

Or maybe MG just fits really good in an Octagon!

Sponsors/ Thank you.

Please review our list of sponsors and patronize them if you can. They do help things happen.

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.

2025 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 ?	14. GT 5:00 ?	11. GT 5:00?
			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	8-23. Best of Britain Simeone	15. DVCMG Anniversary Party Contact Patty Cawthorne			
		22. Garage Tours Alderfers and Ripperts		2-3. VSCCA Sprint Sprints Vintage races at Lime Rock CT	
				15-18 VRG Jefferson 500 Summit Point WV.	7. Cars and Motorcycles of England Hope Lodge.
		6-7. Amelia Island Concours			8. Hellertown Both Annual British Gathering
					20-21 Vintage Motorsport Festival Thompson Motorsport Park, Thompson CT

July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
9. GT 5:00?	13. GT 5:00?	5,6,7. Wildwood Contact Fischers	8. GT 5:00?	12. GT 5:00?	6. Christmas Party. Yaskowski, Rippert, Sanders.
		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
18-20 Vintage Grand Prix Races Pittsburg, PA.	28-1 Lime Rock races and Historic Festival, Lime Rock, CT.	10. GT 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.		20. Car Show Contact Chuck Daniels			
		20. Post Car show Illnickis.		27. Happy Thanksgiving!	
		27. MGs on the Rocks. MGs of Baltimore. RGL2MGBGT@aol.com			