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Presidential Musings

The driving season is in full swing. Getting your car out can be an adventure worth taking. We drove to Union training in Williamsburg in May with the Bentley. The Bentley now has new rims and is a pleasure to drive. My old rims were bent and no matter how much balancing was done I could not get a smooth ride which was very frustrating. On the way down we participated in the "Britain on the Green" show located at Gunston Hall, weather was cool and breezy and the turnout good. While walking around we rediscovered my Daimler Conquest which I had sold years ago. It has been through at least 2 owners and one divorce and many miles since I sold it. Funny how these cars have a habit of reappearing when you least expect it. The new owner had his 5 year old son polishing it, good training for the future.



Lewes was a huge success as you have seen from the last newsletter and it was nice to finally have a car to bring. Unfortunately we could not drive to the Hellerton show due to the weather, it is disappointing and frustrating to put so much time and effort into organizing and have the weather ruin all your work. The Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival held a British car show so we took a chance crossing the Bay Bridge. Three years ago we drove the Riley and did not get home until 9:30 due to an overturned tractor trailer, not fun. This year the weather, music and traveling conditions were great.

Alderman's are getting close to buttoning up the Alvis engine now that all the parts have come in. I am really looking forward to driving her.

Our picnic will be on August 18 with August 19 as a rain date.

Sue has harvested honey from her bees for the first time, I do not think the girls saw the humor in giving up a whole frame of their sweat and tears. It is said that if you eat local honey it helps with your allergies, we are testing this theory out.

BCCD is still looking for a webmaster volunteer.

This may be the last year our show is held in Delaware City, so if you enjoy this location be sure to come out this Sept. 15 and participate. The city is making it nearly impossible for us to afford this location and we are looking for another.

Please take photos of you and your car for us to see in the newsletter and if you go to a show spread the word about your club and its events.

Happy Motoring,
Don & Sue



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Welcome New members

Margot Golding, Lewes, DE—2012 Mini Cooper

Mike Pioso, Harrison, DE : 1993 Lotus
Sprite SE



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For Sale

1978 MGB

Black label OD, new top, hood cover,
full tonneau, new windshield, 15" mini-
lites, new tires, newer dash and seats,
newer rotors and brakes.

Engine reconditions with new head (big
valves), new bearings and rings.

\$7,000 obo

Juan Dominguez
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CHEER SALUTES CAR CLUBS OF AMERICA



Car-Bike-Truck Show

Sat., Aug. 4, 2018 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CHEER Community Center

20520 Sand Hill Road · Georgetown, DE

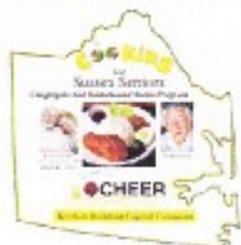
Trophies Awarded in Multiple Classes

Dash Plaques (first 125 registered vehicles)

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For more information or for brunch tickets contact:

Florence 302-515-3045 or fmason@cheerde.com



All proceeds go towards CHEER's

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For Sussex Seniors

Registration is only \$25 per vehicle or \$50 per vehicle which includes two brunch tickets.

Vehicles can be in place Friday, Aug 3 after 4 p.m. (all vehicles will be secured by overnight guard).

Trophies awarded at 1:30 p.m. day of show.

All monies raised from this event benefit CHEER Programs and Services for the seniors of Sussex County.

Make checks payable to CHEER, Inc. - Car Show

Mail to: CHEER, Inc. • 546 S. Bedford St., Ext. • Georgetown, DE 19847 Attn: Florence Mason

NAME: _____

CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ IS YOUR VEHICLE AN ORIGINAL YES NO (circle one)

EMAIL: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Vehicle Information

Make: _____

Color: _____

Type/Model/Body Style: _____

Year Manufactured: _____

Vehicle History

Does your vehicle have a history? Tell us about events in which it has participated, awards won, etc. Vehicle history, acquisition and/or restoration is needed for inclusion in the event program. If you have a photo of your vehicle, please send via email, if possible, to rtaylor@cheerde.com. Submit in any of the following formats: jpg, psd, tiff or PDF. Photos should be at least 150 dpi or higher.

Insurance Information

Motor vehicle liability insurance is mandatory in Delaware. Please list insurance company and type of insurance policy.

Liability

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants, participants and spectators by execution of this entry form, release and discharge CHEER, Inc. and anyone connected with the management or presentation of this event of any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant to his person or property.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless CHEER, Inc., 2018 CHEER Car, Truck and Bike Show, the Town of Georgetown and Sussex County and their elected and appointed officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers and consultants from and against all claims, losses, liabilities and expenses, including attorney's fees and court costs, arising from and circumstances occurring during CHEER Car, Truck and Bike Show, a CHEER, Inc. event.

SOUTHERN NEWS

Old Timers at Selbyville

I drove the Hillman there on its first road trip and my grandson drove the Jensen Healey. The Jensen Healey won "Best Interior in a 1970's Car". Unfortunately it didn't make it home because of debris of some sort in the fuel tank.

Mike Humphries



Bill Tattersall drove, yes drove, his 1950 Ford 8N tractor to the show, only to be told that since he was the only tractor there wouldn't be a prize for the tractor class this year. Bill then drove his tractor home. He later learned he had, in fact, won the class and a \$50 prize.



The Ford N Series tractors were a joint development between Henry Ford and Harry Ferguson, an Irish engineer so there is a British connection. The first N tractor, the 9N, came out in 1939 followed by the 2N in 1942 and the 8N in 1948. To the untrained eye, there is very little difference between them.

It has just come out of a 4 year restoration.



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Beers And Gears at Delaware Park

BCCD was represented by several members at the spring Beers and Gears Car Show at Delaware Park where Marion Woodruff and I were awarded a trophy for "The Best Exotic Car" of the show for her 1964 Sunbeam Alpine. Not bad for a show of approx. 500+ cars! Pictures are attached. I'm not sure why the photographer was giving her the finger. Maybe they were jealous? Ha, ha!

Steve Woodman



BRITISH CAR CLUB OF DELAWARE

ANNUAL PICNIC

NORTH MEETS SOUTH

- August 18, 2018
- Rain date August 19
- 12:30-4PM?
- Don & Sue's house
3851 Burnite Mill Rd
Harrington, DE 19952
- \$5 per person + covered dish, children under 14 free
- Contact Sue at (302)331-6027(C) for menu or email
at suehen7@gmail.com



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NAMGAR GT 43

June 12 - 17, 2018

David Haines

Despite a very wet previous week, the weather on June 12th took a turn for the better and we had sun and mid 70s for the drive to Virginia for the North America MGA Register national event: GT43. I drove my 1957 MGA 1500 while my wife Nancy provided backup in the minivan and it was good planning on our part. A high speed miss that occurred occasionally in the first part of the trip suddenly became much worse as we made our way down Rt. 301 towards Richmond. Approximately 60 miles from our destination the car died and after 2 hours of futile efforts to get it running again, I called Hagerty Insurance for roadside assistance. Soon we were on our way again, the MGA on a flat bed and us in the van. Our arrival at the hotel announced to all by the bright yellow flashing lights of the flatbed. Luckily I was able to have it pushed into a covered parking spot where it remained for the next two days until a fellow NAMGAR member from Michigan who happened to have done some mechanical work on my MGBGT was able to install an electronic ignition and new coil.



the Civil War battle for Petersburg, VA. The lecture was followed by a drive to the Civil War museum in Richmond. On Friday, with the car back in running condition, we participated in the Tour of Richmond Road Rally which took us through the countryside around Richmond and ended at Maymont Park. A rest stop at one of the Sponsor members allowed us a bit of a rest and also afforded the opportunity to view his large collection of antique cars including a pristine Nash-Healey. When we reached Maymont Park we were able to tour the Dooley Mansion which was built in the 1890s and presents a look into the Victorian style of the era. That night there was a GT43 party with a live band composed of several members of the sponsoring car clubs.

Despite the initial setbacks, we did enjoy the event. There were numerous technical sessions for those interesting in that sort of thing and, for those that weren't, there were other activities. John Twist, formerly of University Motors, spent 2 days performing a rolling tech session on a number of cars. On Wednesday we attended a presentation on

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The perfect weather continued on into Saturday for the car show with over 150 examples of MGAs and Magnettes with a couple of other MGs also on hand. The Awards Banquet on Saturday night wrapped up the event. We departed on Sunday morning by 0900 with the idea of beating the heat which was forecast to be in the 90's. We did run into a backup getting onto the Bay Bridge at Annapolis but at least it was slightly cooler once we crossed onto the Delmarva peninsula. It was about 220 miles one way and, except for the Bridge tie-up, a fairly pleasant top down drive.

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Featured Model
MGA Coupe



Premier Class



Not all the cars were pristine



Wire wheeled MGA Roadsters



A 1951 MG TD

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This Cobra replica appeared outside our house. What a beauty!