

The Dipstick



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MARQUE TIME

Greetings MG enthusiasts. It is always a pleasure to enjoy the hospitality of the Hassler Hacienda. Although many of us were concerned about meeting at Becky's and Chucks' before apple season, to everyone's delight, Becky found some of her world famous apple pies in the freezer. Becky, if you haven't relocated before the fall, we hope to enjoy some additional masterpieces from your kitchen.

Our club continues to grow and we greatly appreciate all that are willing to have meetings at their homes. Bill Yoshida, membership chairman, reported that since our last meeting, we have had several Midgets join the group. I am referring to cars, not people, however they are also welcome.

My responsibilities continue to interfere with my hobby. I don't have trouble starting projects, just finding the time to finish them. My MG is sitting in the garage on four jack stands. It has a dead battery, bad brakes and miscellaneous parts scattered about. I will be in Arizona for business all week. When I return I will start the mad rush to put everything back together and enjoy the spring.

Our May meeting will be at the home of Jayne and Bruce Easley on the Peninsula. This is not only a great example of the harmony existing between the north and south but the mechanical ability of our LBC's.

I look forward to seeing many of you in May.

Safety first!
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Check www.mg.org for the latest info!

- Apr. - Oct. Saturday Night Classic Car Cruise-In
Virginia Beach Farmer's Market
5:00pm to 9:00pm
- May 4 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Seaford**
Hosted by Bruce & Jayne Easley
- May 12** *The Dipstick* inputs due!
- May 28 – June 5 - British Car Week
- June 1 TMGC Drive – Sno-to-Go - Williamsburg**
6:30 Departure from Yorktown Battlefield
- June 2 Southside TMGC Drive – Handel's - Virginia Beach**
6:30 Departure from Harris Teeter
Princess Anne @ Nimmo Pkwy
- June 4 Church of the Ascension – Virginia Beach**
Classic Car Show
- June 4 – 12 – Rallye-to-Reno – Ocean City, MD
www.rallyetoreno.com
- June 5 The Original British Car Day – Adamstown, MD
www.ChesapeakeChapterMGTCclub.com
- June 7 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**
Hosted by Bill & Issie Yoshida
- June 12 Midget-50 – Stamford, England
www.midget50.com
- June 13 – 17 – MG-2011 – Reno – Tahoe, NV
- July 6 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Norfolk**
Hosted by Cynthia Faschini & Andy Wallach

Upcoming Activities (continued)

July 19 Tides Baseball – Norfolk vs. Toledo Mud Hens
First Pitch – 7:15

Aug. Summer Tech Session – Chesapeake
Date – TBD
Hosted by Jim & Linda Freeh

Aug. 2 Tuesday – Club Meeting / Picnic Dinner
Great Neck Park, Virginia Beach

Aug. 6 Classics at Lee Hall, Newport News, VA
www.leehall.org

Aug. 27 Wings & Wheels – Pungo, VA
Hosted by Tidewater AACA
local.aaca.org/tidewater

Sep. 7 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Yorktown
Hosted by Bruce & Lydie Foster

Sep. 18 Classics on the Green – New Kent, VA
Hosted by CVBCC
www.cvbcc.com

Sept 25 Barksdale Theatre Drive-out – Hanover, VA
Becky's New Car – a comedy by Steven Dietz

Oct. 4 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
Hosted by Bill & Renee Olcheski

Oct. 29 – Nov. 6 – Motoring Festival Week – Hilton Head
Island, SC
www.HHICconcours.com

Nov. Fall Tech Session
Date – TBD
Hosted by Terry & Susan Bond

Nov. 2 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Newport News
Chili Cook-off
Hosted by Steve & Mitzi LaPaugh



APRIL MINUTES

Mitzi LaPaugh

Well, first of all, let me just say that it was fortunate that Anita commented on Facebook that the meeting location had been changed from the Olcheski home in Va. Beach to the home of Hasslers in Yorktown! Otherwise, yours truly would have been absent and unable to sell Regalia tickets or take these minutes, for which I will now include a disclaimer that I possess no delusions of expertise or quick wit.

Our meeting began with El Presidente, prompted by Bill Yoshida from the makeshift pulpit of Chuck and Becky Hassler's lovely staircase landing. At this point, there was a great deal of pleading for me to pinch hit as Secretary for the night. Seeing no other volunteers, I obliged everyone, so as to keep current everyone who couldn't enjoy the meeting in person! The minutes were approved, but I don't recall by whom because I was busy digging a pen out of my Regalia bag and requisitioning Tad's clipboard for minute-taking. My apologies!

Vice-President: Russ was present with nothing to report, except that Michelle apologized that I ended up taking notes. Does he remind anyone else of a Bee Gee? That's a compliment, by the way, Russ.

Treasurer: Jim reported that all is well with our funding. He and Bill are always kind enough to hand me their Treasurer and Membership reports, when I'm pinch-hitting as Secretary. Thanks, guys, you're so prepared!

Activities: Tad reported that there were no incidents during our first quarter of 2011, having driven a little over 5,000 miles as a club. We extend a big Thank You to the Bonds for planning the Moss Motors trip and Jack Price, who was handy on the last trip! See Tad's section of *The Dipstick* for a complete list of club activities dating through November 2011. He's got an eventful year planned for all of us!

History: Sue reported 108 cars at the Williamsburg British Car Club Show and counted 32 TMGC members there. Sue had her lovely historical TMGC albums present and reminded everyone that we need writers for the albums, in particular for the upcoming Tech Session and Wine Tour.

New Members and Guests: Our beloved Membership officer Bill Yoshida reported that we had three new memberships join in March. There are now 126 paid club memberships with 228 individual members! New members include:

Jody & Lisa Dudley
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
1979 Midget

Jack & Dorothy Price
Suffolk, VA 23434
1979 Midget

Mike & Lori Fletcher
Chesapeake, VA 23320
1979 Midget

TIDES BASEBALL

Tuesday, July 19th

7:00PM

The  are IN!

Join us for an evening of baseball as the Tides take on Max Klinger's favorites, the Toledo Mud Hens. Cheer on your Tides as you enjoy a frosty beverage and other ballpark delicacies. We have reserved 30 box seats behind home plate at a special rate of \$10 per person.



RSVP by 7/1/11: TMGC_Activities@me.com



According to Bill, "We're up to 14 Midgets and growing... (with) approximately 186 cars (MGs) in the club." There was a good deal of poking fun at Midgets at this point, but El Presidente was quick to correct the jokers with the politically-correct phrase of *vertically challenged*. In the absence of our new members, speculation grew as to the actual number of Midgets in our club. Are there, in fact, three more Midgets; or as Jim Villers hypothesized, are there three owners time-sharing with one Midget, er... I mean *vertically challenged car*? Stay tuned...

Regalia: I was on hand to sell Regalia raffle tickets for the following coveted prizes (raffle winners in parentheses):

- First in Line for delicious food & wine (Craig Cummings)
- One MG Hat in lime green (Mike Lalli)
- One MG Mug (Bruce Foster)
- One MG License Plate Frame (Mike Lalli)
- One Midget Instruction Manual (Don Ladd via Sue Bond).

See me at your next meeting to purchase your chances at some more of our lovely MG Regalia!

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Bill Yoshida is out of directories to give new members. He proposed emailing new members' contact info to club members to print and insert in our current directories, and the general consensus approved of this. El Presidente, Bill Olcheski, suggested we add cell phone numbers to our contact information in future directories. When we're on a road trip and need to call someone on the trip with us, a home number doesn't necessarily do us any good. Please, make an active effort to ensure your cell number gets published in the next directory.

Also, Bruce Easley found a '79 Midget that would be good for parts or a restoration project; and Tad shared that he met a family looking for a home for a '74 Midget. Seemingly, Midgets are unwanted?

Marque Time: N/A

And... just as our meeting began without noted motions, so did end our meeting. As usual Chuck and Becky Hassler were wonderful hosts with a smorgasbord of delicious bites, wines, apple pies and cheese-cake in their lovely home! Thanks so much, Chuck and Becky!! Oh, and Becky, I will need prime apple dates from you and written instructions if I'm to attempt to carry out the tradition of Winchester Apple Pies in your pending absence.



Membership and New Members

Bill Yoshida

Memberships: TMGC Club continues to grow. Normally, after January we do not see much, if any, growth until June. We had an increase of three memberships last month; two new memberships and one rejoining the club after an absence. As of 11 April 2011 we have 126 TMGC paid club memberships that reflect 228 individual members.

New Memberships:

Jody & Lisa Dudley
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1979 Midget

Mike & Lori Fletcher
Chesapeake, VA 23320
1979 Midget

Jack and Dorothy Price (Welcome Back!)
Suffolk, VA 23434
1979 Midget

Dues: I turned over \$50.00 in checks to Jim Villers at the April Meeting. Susan Bond had previously turned over \$10.00 in cash dues to Jim that she received when she signed up the Dudley's at the TRAACA Swap meet on 5 March. Thanks Susan!

Cars: Total cars - 186 MGs.

Cars & Types: Total cars - 180 MGs of the following types.

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|-----|----------|----|--------|---|------|
| MGA | A- Coupe | B | B-GT | C | C-GT |
| 2 | 2 | 89 | 19 | 2 | 2 |
| TC | TD | TF | Midget | | |
| 7 | 23 | 5 | 14 | | |

Other/Various MGs – 6 (1-Cooper MG/ 1-MGNA/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB)

Annual Directory Update: We are half way through the year before the new 2012 Annual Directory will be printed and distributed to the membership in October. At the March meeting I proposed sending an update to the 2011 Directory, via e-mail, to all members. The update will provide information including the names, address, phone numbers, e-mail address and type/year car, for members that have joined since the 2011 Directory was printed. Upon receipt, members are encouraged to print the information and keep it with the directory for reference. **Please remember that the data is sensitive and under no circumstances should it be released to anyone outside the club without prior approval of the membership.**

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Activities

by Tad Carter

Welcome to May! With the Wine Tour behind us, we've easily cleared the 11,000-mile mark for 2011. Wow! That's a lot of driving and the season is just beginning.

Before we get into the activities, I'd like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in the crowd.



This May marks the 15th annual British Car Week. Beginning on May 28th, this is our opportunity to build awareness of these great little cars and our hobby. Locally, we will have several drives from which to choose. On Wednesday, June 1st, we'll meet at 6:15 in the parking lot at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitors Center. At 6:30, we'll head out on Colonial Parkway toward Williamsburg and Sno-to-Go. For those that missed last year's drive, Sno-to-Go is a favorite spot for ice cream lovers on the peninsula with specials like Sno-Balls, shakes and sundaes.

Then on Thursday, June 2nd, we'll bring the Brits to the Southside, with an early evening drive through southern Virginia Beach. Again, we'll meet at 6:15, this time in the Harris Teeter parking lot on Nimmo Parkway across from the Virginia Beach city office complex. We'll take the scenic route by the Witch of Pungo's house, knowing the treat that awaits us at Handel's Ice Cream. With 50 different flavors from which to pick, I'm certain you will not be disappointed. No need to sign up for either of these drives – just be ready to roll at 6:30!

Continuing the British Car Week outings, on Saturday, June 4th, Church of the Ascension in Virginia Beach will once again host an all-make, all-model Classic Car Show in conjunction with their annual festival. There will be great food, cold beverages, craft booths and cool cars. It's a fun way to spend the afternoon. The church is located at 4853 Princess Anne Road in Virginia Beach.

On a national level, June 4th marks the opening weekend of the Rallye-to-Reno, a cross-country drive to the NAMGBR national convention in Reno, NV. Starting in Ocean City, the Rallye will follow Route 50, passing through 12 states, ending in California on June 19th. If you are up for a long, long weekend (and then some), check it out.

Take a look inside this edition of *The Dipstick* for announcements of two upcoming events that will require sign-up. On Tuesday, July 19th, we'll enjoy a night of baseball at Harbor Park. We have reserved 30 box seats behind home plate, but please RSVP by July 1st so we can release any unnecessary tickets.

And on Sunday, September 25th we'll make our 3rd run to the Barksdale Theatre in Hanover for an afternoon performance of *Becky's New Car*. We'll need to finalize plans by August 15th, so please RSVP.

This is the second announcement of our plans for the **August club meeting**. On Tuesday, the 2nd, we will convene at Great Neck Park for a picnic dinner and meeting. The picnic area is sheltered, with lots of tables and benches, and five grills for cooking. For those with an appetite for adventure, the following is #2 in a series of recipes for engine compartment cooking.

S'mores

(from *Manifold Destiny*)

- 2 Graham Crackers
- 2 marshmallows
- 1 chocolate bar – Hershey's for purists, but the choice is yours

Place 1 cracker on a sheet of aluminum foil. Top that with the chocolate bar, the marshmallows and the 2nd cracker. Wrap this in the foil, being careful not to crush your dessert. Wrap in two more layers of foil and secure in a warm part of engine compartment. It's August in Virginia so this shouldn't be hard to find, but keep clear of moving parts or anything that could interfere with safe and proper vehicle operation. After 30-40 miles, your dessert is ready. We all know this is only enough to serve one. Even then, you may want to make a spare.

I'll see you in Seaford!



March Meeting Photographs

by Susan Bond and Donald Ladd
at the home of Chuck and Becky Hassler





WILLIAMSBURG BRITISH CAR CLUB SHOW

by Al Hazlett

photographs by Susan & Terry Bond and Donald Ladd
April 3, 2011

The day dawned a little cool; it was tops up to the show held this year at Chicahominy River Front Park. Upon arrival all tops were soon down for show time and the day progressed rather nicely, allowing for a top down ride home.



On the ferry (Rose and Donald Ladd)

TMGC had a good turnout with Coco and Carol Antenza, Susan and Terry Bond, Craig and Joyce Cummings, Bruce and Lydie Foster, Meade Fowlkes, Roy Gavilan, Chuck and Becky Hassler, Al Hazlett, Keith and Mary Henry, Don and Rose Ladd, Robert Langford, Richard Leal, Frank Linse, Bob and Linda Pellerin, Bob Ross, John and Leslie Terschak, Barry Tyson, BJ Staneski, Doug and Eiko Wilson and Frank and Morris Worrell all attending, my apologies to any who were missed.



Doug Wilson's TD



Bob Ross' Morgan

Donald Ladd even made it without mishap and was rewarded 1st place in his class with his Midget, along with Chuck and Becky Hassler with their MGC, Bob and Linda Pellerin with their Standard, Bruce Foster, and Bob and Missy McKenna with their Morgan; congrats to all.



Antezanas' Midget

New members, Coco and Carol Antenza, came for Gates County, NC in their Nitro-Charged *B-Sting* Midget. Even my Lil' Red, who was the bad boy on the Black Friday Tour, behaved and was back to his old self, purring contentedly coming and going.



Allen Hazlett's B



The field was a little crowded; it was the first time at that location but organizers promised more spreadout groupings next year. Here's a callout to TMGC members for an even greater turnout next year, possibly with a planned food stop after; you know we're always looking for another new good place to eat (or good old ones).



Frank Worrells' B

A good time was had by all, oogling the cars (108 in all) asking questions and chatting with friends. (old and new). Some of the Southside contingent stopped at the Surry House on the way home while others made their way home at their leisure and routes of choice.



Hasslers' C



Frank Linse's B



Ladds' Midget



Pellerins' Standard



Dinner at Surry House



Robert Langford's GT



Red, White and Blue at Surry House

You can find more photos from the show on the web site.
www.mg.org



Spring Tech Session

by Craig Cummings

photos by Craig Cummings and Donald Ladd

Once again as a rite of spring, about 30 TMGC members ascended on 301 E. McGinnis Circle. We all know that address as Frank and Deb's MG repair facility and the spot for our annual spring tech session.



Craig Cummings, Frank Linse, and Chuck Hassler

Things started out with doughnut holes and coffee. After Frank diagnosed a faulty overdrive switch in Chuck's MGB LE transmission, Chuck, with the help of many advisors, replaced the switch and R & R'ed the filter and gasket. The gasket had been leaking for some time and since the engine and transmission were removed to aid in the LE's new paint job, this was the perfect time to fix the ole tranny.



In this shot you can see Mike Lalli's door panel ready to go back in after he and I repaired the aft window track.

Tom Hollington-Sawyer came down from Canada and bought a very nice MGA. He and Frank spent a day or two trying to get it to run on all four cylinders. They too had a lot of helpers/supervisors.

Bob Lankford's 1974 and a half MGB GT took center



stage in the driveway for a while. Frank addressed a minor issue with the carbs, but postponed major carb work until a later day.



Pete Olson works on his brakes

Bob's GT was moved aside so Pete Olson could bring his '76 MGB in the drive for some serious front brake work. The front disc was replaced along with the pads. Most of the members present gave advice and



some "help" to Pete to get the job done. At one point the driveway looked like a VDOT work site with one worker and 15 supervisors. He got it done in spite of all of the help.



Carl Fisher was not too concerned about the flat on his MG TD since he said it was only flat on the bottom. He changed it out for the spare anyway, making the ride home much more enjoyable.





All of the supervisors, helpers and workers spent some time during the day admiring Bob Ross's Chaterham Sprint Super 7. Most tried to figure out how to slide their torso in between the door and the transmission tunnel; a very tight fit for most. And what would have made the fit even tighter was the great lunch served by Deb. Thanks Deb.



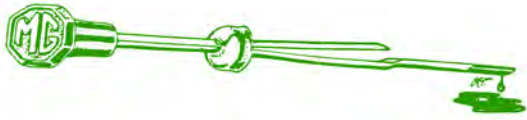
Not much work done during the day, but all of the supervisors, advisors, and helpers really had a workout. A passerby named Alan Grauer stopped to offer a Craftsman 150 air compressor for free. He said it needs some TLC. He can be reached at 757-470-1475.



Supervising Pete's brake job



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FIRST CLASS

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Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, May 4th
Bruce & Jayne Easley
115 Cheadle Loop Rd
Seaford, VA
570-2042

The meeting will be in the house at the end of the long driveway.

1. At exit 258B, take Ramp (RIGHT) onto US-17
2. J Clyde Morris Blvd -- (6.3) mi
3. Turn RIGHT (North-East) onto SR-173
4. Goodwin Neck Rd -- (1.2) mi
5. Turn RIGHT (East) onto SR-622
6. Seaford Rd -- (1.4) mi
7. Turn RIGHT (South-East) onto Cheadle Loop Rd -- (0.2) mi

7:30 - 8:00 pm - Kick Tyres
8:00 Meeting