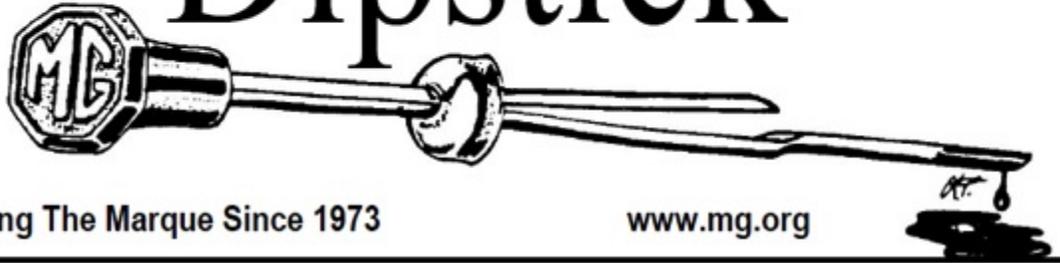




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Activities Report

Submitted by Tad Carter

I was out yesterday morning for a quick trip to Ashland. It was a beautiful drive, with a little fog as the sun came up. For the first time in many months, the cool of the morning suggested adding a layer of clothing. Summer may be fading, but there are still roads to drive and things to see. By the time you read this, 24 intrepid explorers will have returned from the Raid on Harpers Ferry. Here is my wish for safe travels, good weather, and the sanity of that guy up there in the lead car.

October marks the end of show season with the British Car Festival in Waynesboro on the 3rd and 4th, and a new entry, ECW AutoFest in Williamsburg on the 25th. The former has great history and the latter has great proximity. If you are traveling to either, we look forward to getting your review of the events.

We sold out our ticket allotment for our Sunday, November 16th drive to the Barksdale Theatre in Hanover. This year's performance will be Neil Simon's *They're Playing Our Song*. This will be a full-day trip out of Tidewater, with lunch on the road, an afternoon at the theatre and an evening drive home. Once I know about the 2015 schedule (late Spring, 2015), I'll pick a show and a date. This has always been a really nice day, so anyone wanting to join in, keep an eye out for details and come along for the ride.

If you still have the itch to get out this year for one more drive, join us on Tuesday, December 9th for Holiday Lights at the Botanical Gardens. Most of you know the drill – pre-gaming at Franco's Italian Restaurant, followed by a top-down (for those with roadsters) drive through the lights. I don't have a handle on the complete weather forecast quite yet, but there is a 100% chance of dark that night. If they can start putting up holiday decorations at Wally World, I can start discussions about this drive.

And finally, we are still looking for a home for our Holiday Party. The date can be of your choosing and there are a number of club members willing to help with shopping, set-up and/or clean-up. Mostly what we need is a destination. I hope you will give it some consideration.

Our October 7th meeting will be at the Olcheski's in Virginia Beach. As usual, tyres will receive a good kicking at 7:30, followed by the meeting at 8:00.

Until we meet again on the 7th, enjoy the ride!

P.S. - Get your chili recipes ready. The November meeting is coming up quickly!

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Marque Time

Greetings fellow MG enthusiast and welcome to fall! I'd like to thank Tad for successfully moving the meeting so TMGC members could prepare for the trip to Watkins Glenn. We had folks join the club who had looked TMGC up on the internet only hours earlier and showed up for the meeting. Welcome! Fall is my favorite time of the year, when thoughts turn to cooler weather, all things pumpkin, seasonal beers and LBCs. Is it just me or is the quintessential image of an MG one with the top down driving through windy roads with leaves scattering and the cooler air giving the exhaust a deeper growl? I've recently read through a few Nigel Shiftright's adventures via the internet as he navigates life in his T.C. I particularly enjoyed Nigel's instructions on, "How to create a needed garage out of a useless bedroom" however, I think Mitzi would draw the line at washing MG parts in the sink! As the weather cools make sure you gear up for the Waynesboro British Car Festival and November tech session. See you at Bill & Renee's on Oct. 7th !

Safety Fast!

Steve LaPaugh

**Dipstick Calendar –
October 2014**

Oct. 3-4 – SVBCC British Car Festival – Waynesboro
www.svbcc.net

Oct. 7 – Tuesday - Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
Hosted by Bill and Renee

Oct. 25 - Saturday – ECW AutoFest – Williamsburg
 Hosted by European Cars of Williamsburg
 To benefit EEE Resource Center
www.eurocarswmbg.com/events/

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

Nov. 5 – Wednesday - Club Meeting – Chili Cook-off – Virginia Beach
Hosted by Mark & Kathy

Nov. 16 – Barksdale Theatre – Hanover, VA
Neil Simon's *They're Playing Our Song*

Dec. TBD – Holiday Party – Looking for a Host Family!

Dec. 9 – Tuesday – Holiday Lights Drive

Feb. 14 (2015) – Saturday – Love/Nickel Beer Tour

June 6 (2015) – Moss Motor Fest – Petersburg

June 8-12 (2015) – NAMGBR – Niagara Falls, Ontario

June 13-17 (2016) – NAMGBR – Louisville, KY

Aug. 21 (2017) – Monday - Daytime Drive-out to Solar Eclipse Viewing

Bold-Faced Items are TMGC Events

CLASSICS ON THE GREEN IMPORT CAR SHOW

Submitted by Bob Stein

The vehicles, grounds, and weather were all beautiful at the Classics on the Green British and Import Car Show, held Sunday September 14th at the New Kent Winery. TMGC had an excellent turnout, with Terry Bond showing his 1912 Triumph motorcycle, Susan Bond and granddaughter Taylor in Sue's 1948 MG TC (Eleanor), Bob Stein in his 1949 MG TC (Wildflower), Jim Villers with his 1965 Porsche 356, Allen Hazlett in his 1966 MGB, Doug and Eiko Wilson with their 1976 MGB, Bob and Linda Pellerin in their 1974 Jensen-Healey, Al and Laurel Swenson in their 1975 MGB roadster, and Donald and Rose Ladd in Rose's 1978 MG MIDGET.

There were nearly 300 vehicles including about 40 Ferraris (the featured marque), Maseratis, Bentleys, Jaguars, Porches, etc. Some of the more unusual cars included a 1958 Ferrari 250, a 1978 Bitter SC coupe, and a very red Rolls-Royce convertible. Given the distinguished company, TMGC members did amazingly well. Terry's Triumph won the motorcycle class, Susan Bond won top honors in the Vintage MG class, Rose Ladd won the MG Midget class, and Bob's 'Wildflower' was selected as Best of Show! Bruce and Carol Woodson were hard at work behind the scenes as usual. It was a great show and a great time for all that attended.



02 September 2014 TMGCC Meeting Minutes

reported by Bruce Easley

The venue for the September meeting of the Tidewater MG Classics Club was at the fabled OVFP (Ocean View Fishing Pier) restaurant, the site of many tall fish tales and car stories. President Steve LaPaugh called the meeting to order, then expressed his thanks – to Tad Carter for making the meeting arrangements and to Robert Perrone for taking on the presidential mantle for the August meeting. The Club originally planned to have dinner on the upper deck with the great outside view, but temperatures in the upper 90s and little breeze caused “cooler heads to prevail”, and Tad arranged to have the meeting in the downstairs restaurant with Air Conditioning.

A call for the recognition of new members found that James and Chelsea Dombey had joined us; their vehicle a '77 MG Midget. Welcome! There's always room for more Midgets.

Tad Carter discussed some of the upcoming activity possibilities: there's the current (9/5-7) Grand Prix Festival at Watkins Glen with 24 members attending, the Harpers Ferry Fall Tour 9/19-22, the Barksdale Theatre drive on Nov. 16, a “Moss Fest” for which Tad will send out an email with complete information, and other ongoing car shows including Classics on the Green in Williamsburg. Nobody can be bored with all the activity choices.

As to the VP report, Robert Perrone delivered the classic shrug, certified by Bill Olcheski. No new news.

Treasurer Jim Villers reported that the organization has a current balance of \$2093.90, up from \$1461.90 last month, with the influx of dues, etc. That, of course, includes disbursements to the Tech Session hosts, the Freehs, and to printing and mail.

Bill Yoshida, Membership Chairman, reported there are currently 98 paid membership renewals, with about 6 more that are “promised” or pending. Those members represent 180 cars, including 83 MGBs, 16 BGTs, 1 MGC, 2 MGC-GTs, 7 TCs, 20 TDs, 4 TFs, and 13 MG Midgets, plus a few sundries. Bill will begin assembly of the new Directory this month. Pay your dues to get in there! If you have a picture you'd like included, email it to Bill (williamryoshida@verizon.net) and he will “TRY” to use it. The directory will be distributed as done last year, with pdf copies to members with valid email addresses. If you requested and got a printed copy last year, expect to receive one this year. If you need to be added to the “printed copy” list, let Bill know.

Our Historian, Sue Bond, thanked those who had given binders, but said that more are still needed. Contact Sue if you can provide one or more.

For Tech Time, Robert Perrone shared his recent experience replacing a new ring gear, clutch plate and pressure plate. He got things put together and found they would not work as they should. Investigation found that the clutch plate was not milled properly and was binding on the spline. This was a Moss item, and they will replace it. The moral – if replacing the clutch plate, physically put it on and check that it moves freely before buttoning things up. Steve LaPaugh noted that he has been using the Moss Tech Line to get information for replacing his exhaust system; they are very helpful with good advice. Terry Bond mentioned that he got TC box complete with SU carbs, linkage, manifold, etc., which Bob Stein had purchased as a “buy it now” for \$200 on eBay. Good deals out there for those lookin'!

Marque Time – no comments. Regalia – remember **we start the 50/50 raffle at the October meeting. BRING CASH!** Old Business – none. New Business – there was talk of Ice Bucket Challenges from Alan Watson and Robert Perrone. We'll see who gets iced.

August meeting minutes approved, members well fed and watered, meeting adjourned.

September Meeting at Ocean View Pier

Photography by Susan Bond





"Dead on the Vine" on the Eastern Shore

story and photos from Jim Villers

Saturday evening we all were transported to 1965, heading out to a Grateful Dead concert in a field under a cool sky. We had followed Tad (the lead "Head" in his tie died shirt) up the Eastern Shore back roads to the Chatham Winery. There was a multi-colored VW van, a WW 2 Jeep, eleven little British cars and about 350 fans outside the winery on the lawn. Our chairs were cleverly placed to the side and behind the band which gives an indication of the sensitivity of our ears to loud noises. The band had two drummers and more amplifiers than band members. A few fans were seen on the crushed clam shell dance floor. I am confident that Tangier Island residents also enjoyed the concert.

It really was fun as we sat around snacking on munchies and sipping wine from the winery. The music was in the "Dead" tradition and really brought back memories. A dinner of grilled chicken with a sweet spicy salsa on the side, green apple red cabbage cole slaw, marinated vegetable salad, quinoa salad, melon, and cookies was provided as part of the concert. When was the last time you had enjoyed a green apple red cabbage cole slaw and quinoa salad?

A light drizzle developed into a sprinkle and then a shower before the band took their first break. Tops were raised and a few of the TMGC contingent departed early while the hard core "Dead Heads" enjoyed the full concert. Everyone arrived home safely.

Tad, thanks for another interesting activity.



2014 October Dipstick- Membership

submitted by Bill Yoshida

2015 Memberships: As of 25 September we have 109 paid memberships with 5 more “Promises to Renew”. I made phone calls and either spoke with members that had not yet renewed, or left messages requesting a response.

New Memberships:

James & Chelsea Dombey
Norfolk, VA 23509
1977 Midget

Hilary Pavlidis
Virginia Beach, VA 23457
1980 MGB

Jim Jones
Norfolk, VA 23505
1974 MGB-GT & 1976 MGB

Cars: Total cars – 181

Cars & Types: 174 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
26	2	82	17	1	3	7	20	4	12

Other/Variou MGs – 7 (1-Cooper MG/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB/ 2 ELVA Courier)

Dues: I turned over \$90 in dues checks and \$60 in cash dues to Jim Villers at the September meeting. I currently hold dues in the form of \$140 in checks and \$40 in cash for turnover to Jim.

2015 Directory: *I have begun assembly of the new directory. This year’s directory will again be distributed as a .pdf digital copy to members with a valid e-mail address. Last year, 34 black & white paper copies were mailed to members that requested printed copies. If you received a printed copy last year you can expect to receive one this year. If you need to be added to the “printed copy” list or no longer need to receive a printed copy, please let me know by e-mail (preferred) or phone (757) 554-0402.*

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



Turn onto Roundhill at traffic light.
Right at 3rd street (Clemsford).
Right at 2nd street (Edgartown Ct).

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 7th
Bill & Renee Olcheski
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Virginia Beach
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