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Activities Report – by Tad Carter

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2015. To start off, this year we celebrate those cars in our club that have big round anniversaries. For our first entry, we take a look at the 1955 MG TF, the last of the T-Series. The lower profile, sloping grille and newly designed headlights brought a more modern look to its predecessors. Interior updates included centrally positioned octagon gauges, which allowed one set-up for both right- or left-hand drive. The original TDs came with a 1250cc, 54hp engine. A total of 9600 TFs were produced, with the final 3200 having a larger 1466cc engine and carrying the 1500 badge. With that, we wish a happy 60th anniversary to Mike and Jennifer's 1955 MG-TF.

Recapping the 2014 season, we had a total of 14 different club events. Fifty-six families participated – a total of 339 people. A single traveler attending every event would have driven 2088 miles. That single traveler, by the way, was Sue Bond. As a club we traveled 23,692 event miles and 45,007 passenger miles. Like last year, six couples topped the 3000-mile mark, including Becky and Alan (3026), Denise and Mike (3133), Susan and Terry (3369) and Caroline and Robert (3510). For readers of December's Dipstick, you saw Steve's comments about racking up enough miles to get to Abingdon, IL. He had the right city, but the wrong destination. Our 2014 Travelers Award goes to Betty and Jim. Their 3708 miles were enough to travel (although by air) from Virginia Beach to Abingdon-on-Thames, with 47 miles to spare for side trips. Congratulations to all!

2014 License Plate Search – I hear rumors that several among you found all 50 states in our 2014 Plate Search. I'm still on the lookout for Wyoming. I believe karma was telling me something when The Pilot recommended **visiting** Wyoming in a recent Sunday travel guide. That must be the only chance I have to add that plate to my list. I found the other 49, plus DC, Quebec, Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick, Guam and one Diplomatic plate (is that a wild card?).

This year's Search is detailed in your 2015 Passport (available at a club meeting near you). In short, near the listed GPS coordinates you will find an octagonal structure. This is not a stop sign. Simply take a picture with your car and said structure. You get extra credit for selfies and for any additional octagonal structures you add to your photo album. Have fun, and take the pictures safely.

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Happy New Year!



Let it 'B' a good one!

Get 'Slideways' on Lime Rock's Winter Autocross Course! Check out this link for more information on winter driving opportunities at Lime Rock Park.....

<http://relay.netatlantic.com/t/32797073/105312133/20848/24/>

Dipstick Calendar – 2015

Jan. 7 – Wednesday – Club Meeting in VB
 Frankie's Place for Ribs, Virginia Beach

Feb. 3 – Tuesday – Club Meeting - TBD

Feb. 14 – Saturday – Love/Nickel Beer Tour

Mar. 3 – Tuesday – Club Meeting - TBD

Mar. 14 – Saturday – Ft. Monroe Tour and The Point at Phoebus

Apr. TBD – Spring Tech Session

Apr. 1 – Wednesday – Club Meeting in Norfolk
 Hosted by Cynthia and Andy

Apr. 24-26 – The Mitty – Vintage car racing at Road Atlanta, Braselton, VA

Apr. 24-26 – Virginia Wine Tour – Lucky # 13

May 16 – Saturday - Club Meeting in Beaverdam
 Hosted by Becky & Alan

May 23-31 – British Car Week

May 27 - Wednesday – Peninsula Dessert Drive

May 28 - Thursday – Southside Dessert Drive

June 2 – Tuesday – Club Meeting in VB
 Hosted by Issie & Bill

June 5-6– Moss Motor Fest – Petersburg

June 8-12 – NAMGBR – Niagara Falls, Ontario

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OK, enough housekeeping. We are looking out the front windscreen now. Our event schedule is shaping up nicely for 2015. After last year's Tidewater Brew Cruise, we move westward to visit several peninsula microbreweries and a lunch stop in Williamsburg. Our first drive will be on Saturday, February 14th - Valentine's Day – with the Love/Nickel Beer Tour. I sampled several of the roads earlier this week. If the weather gods are feeling cheery, it should be fun.

In March, we stay a little closer to home, visiting Fort Monroe, one of our newest National Parks. Construction began on the fort 195 years ago as a defensive structure at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. It was decommissioned in 9/15/11 and became part of the National Park system on 11/1/11. The story of the fort is told in the Casemate Museum, where we will have a guided tour. Following the tour, it is off for a late lunch in beautiful, sunny Phoebus. We may even pick up a side-trip on the way home. Details on both of these events are elsewhere in The Dipstick. An RSVP would be quite helpful in finalizing our plans.

We are still looking for hosts for our February, March, July and August meetings. If you are able to help out, please let me know.

As for January, we kick off the year with our monthly meeting at Frankie's Place for Ribs in Virginia Beach on Wednesday the 7th. For those interested in dinner, we have reserved the side dining room at 6:30. The meeting will follow at about 8pm.

Until we meet again on the 7th, and throughout 2015, enjoy the ride.

Tad

2015 January Dipstick- Membership

submitted by Bill Yoshida

2015 Memberships: As of 22 December we have 116 paid memberships with 4 outstanding "Promises to Renew".

New Membership:

Mick & Nancy Grochowski
Norfolk, VA 23503
1961 MGA

Cars: Total cars – 185

Cars & Types: 178 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
27	2	86	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 currently hold \$10 dues money for turnover to Jim.



Love/Nickel Beer Tour

Join us as we tour the new [AleWerks](#) brewery (reviewed in The Growler 9/2014) and experience the first release of a brand new brew in their recently renovated tasting room. Lunch will be at [Alewerks](#), either from their kitchen, or from nearby Bellissimo Pizza.

From there we hit the roads. There are some hidden gems around the Williamsburg/Toano area that we have yet to explore.

Stop # 2 depends on some pending scheduling issues. Brass Cannon in Toano is small, and rustic compared to other tasting rooms we have visited. However, they put out some really good brew. St. George is a much larger facility. In addition to their own product, they bottle for some of the smaller regional brewers. Whichever we go, I think you will find something to fill your growler.

Saturday, February 14, 2015
Depart Tidewater area - 9:00am
Return to Tidewater area - 5:00pm

RSVP Requested
TMGC_Activities@me.com or 757-544-5668

Ft. Monroe Tour

The Chesapeake Bay has been witness to much of the history of our country. From the arrival of the English Virginia Company aboard Susan Constant, Discovery and Godspeed, and the early travels of John Smith, through the Revolution and the Civil War, to today as the site to the world's largest naval base. For much of that time, Ft. Monroe has protected entry to the Bay. Today we visit the Casemate Museum inside the old fort, where we will learn many of the stories. Our guided tour will take us through Jefferson Davis' confinement area, and weather permitting, up onto the ramparts and around the grounds.

Following our tour, we stop at the Point in Phoebus for a late lunch. The Point was recently lauded in the November '14 The Growler for their comfort food, their local sourcing of brews and other products.

Saturday, March 14, 2015
Depart Southside - 10:30am

RSVP Requested
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A Very MG Year
By Bruce Easley/Photography by Susan Bond

Topless in December? Actually wear ugly Christmas sweaters? Yes, that's the typical MG Madness, which often takes hold when people get excited about some opportunity to get together and ride MGs, look at MGs, or discuss MGs.

2014 was a wonderfully mad year. Our illustrious Activities Director, Tad Carter, kept us well entertained with drive plans, wine tour, Fall tour, breweries, plays, baseball game and FUN. December wrapped it up with traditions. Our annual December meeting/ Holiday Lights Drive was wisely postponed one day by Tad, in order to ensure decent weather for those topless MGs that wanted to wind their way through the Christmas light extravaganza at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. So, after a feast (pizza, eggplant parmigiana, ziti, ravioli, lasagna, you name it) at Franco's Italian Restaurant, the hardy MG drivers saddled up for a beautiful ride through the lights. Some of the MGs carried their own holiday lighting, and one car (Robert "Pack 'Em In" Perrone) carried three persons, all with seat belts.



MGs gracing the lot at Franco's



Along the Holiday Lights route

The Christmas Party at Jim and Betty Villers' was a huge success. Plenty of great food and holiday beverages, and everybody added their own specialty dishes or desserts to share. Jim noted there were about 58 people in attendance and about a dozen attendees made the drive in their MGs. Parking attendant assistance was provided by a walking Christmas tree and Santa Claus; somehow Jim had made plans on how to fit everybody in a parking place. Our wonderful Brit members made it all the way from the Eastern Shore and from beautiful downtown Beaverdam.

Entertainment was provided by a wonderful slide show of MG event pictures, a warm fire outside, MG jokes, MG stories, and a couple of dance moves by the Prez, Steve LaPaugh. We even got some fun business accomplished. Tad regaled the group with the amount of mileage driven during the year, and awards were given out for club support during the year. Mark and Kathy Davidoski received the President's Award for their hard work on getting the Dipstick issues out each month, Bruce Easley got the Dipstick Editor's award for editorials during the year, Mike Haag was recognized for his contribution to the club with assembling and posting on line all the pictures of events that were taken during the year. Thanks to Susan Bond, Donald Ladd, and all those who contributed the great event photos. And thanks to all of our Incomparable Officers who kept things going during 2014. It seems every year gets better with more opportunities to enjoy each others' company, as well as more MGeers!



Tad recognizes our gallant host and hostess - Jim and Betty



President LaPaugh addresses the masses



Cold beverages and a warm fire



Bill and Renee with Bill's holiday tie

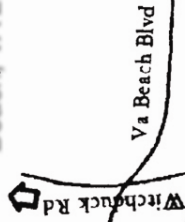


Bruce Easley – Dipstick Editor's Award

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6:30 - 8:00 pm - Dinner
8:00 Meeting

Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 7th
Frankie's
Place for Ribs
Fairfield Shopping
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