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Michie Tavern / Monticello Drive - 11/11/17

by Tad Carter

Well, the original question was "Who needs one more drive for 2017?", and the answer is just a hardy few. Saturday morning arrived with chilly temperatures, but thankfully, dry conditions. At our meet-up point at Lake Wright, we realized we were not acclimated to those temps quite yet, and the MGs were all top-up. Off we went - Cynthia & Andy in their B, Rose & Donald in a rather large pseudo-MG, and Karen & Tad happy to have their B back on the road after some minor surgery. We met up with PJ (Nanook?), who was directing traffic at the I-64 rest stop in full arctic clothing and his top-down B.

Side story - at the rest stop, another traveler relayed to PJ an exchange he had with his wife a few miles earlier on the highway: Wife - "Look at that crazy person with the top down." Husband - "But look at him - he has a bigger smile than anyone else on the road today."

From there we were off to meet Alan & Robin in Richmond for a back-road drive out US-60, through Trenholm, Tamworth, Cartersville and Carysbrook, passing a Veteran's Day ceremony in Dixie. We arrived at the appointed time at Michie Tavern, and met Karen & Tad's son, daughter-in-law and grandson for lunch. The buffet was tasty and filling, and with the discount for the veterans in our group, it was a very good deal. By the time we left, there were crowds lined up to get in. Reservations and an early start highly recommended. Although we didn't have time to wander the grounds at the tavern, it looks like a place we should return for a longer visit.

Alan & Robin left us at Michie for the return trip to Beaverdam and a visit from Beckey's sister. The rest of our group moved up the road to Monticello, where we enjoyed a tour of the house. Our tour guide (Karen & Tad's niece, Kelsey) gave an interesting presentation of the main floor of the house. Each guide covers about the same material, but creates their own script and adds their own insights into the history. Much of what is in the house is original, including a copy of the Declaration of Independence (TJ's very own copy - each signer received one). After the tour, the TMGC group was treated to a private tour of the upper floors of the house and into the dome (yes, it is an octagon). There, we got the story of some of the lesser known characters in the household and saw several interesting design elements that often go unnoticed. Did you know the two round windows at the house-end of the dome are slightly smaller, and the bottom half of each is a mirror? It gives the illusion of light, and lets you look out without staring at the side of the main house. See Donald's mini-Monticello_44 photo on our website.

From Monticello, and after a brief fuel stop, it was back to Tidewater. Highway 250 is always the preferred route from C-ville back to Richmond, and although it was getting dark, the road was mostly clear and there were no trucks to contend with for road space. We picked up I-64 just west of Richmond, and hung on the rest of the way, arriving well after dark, but safely home. Is it sad to see the end of the 2017 driving season? Not really. Holiday Lights are coming in just a few weeks, and the first official drive of 2018 is only 67 days after that. It'll pass in a flash.



Activity Report – December 2017

Here we are at the close of another driving season. We've covered a lot of miles together and found some new roads. If memory serves correctly, we lived up to the "No U Turn" goal set out at the end of 2016. From the breweries of Hampton in February and dusty barns of Gloucester in March, to the darkness of Santee in August and the history of Monticello in November, we had quite a variety of events. Thanks to all of you who joined in. I hope to see all of you and everyone else back with us on the roads in 2018.

Before we completely wrap up 2017, please remember our Holiday Lights drive on **Tuesday, December 12th**. Dinner arrangements have been made at Franco's (6:00pm), after which we will parade into the Botanical Gardens to enjoy the lights. We have dinner seating for 25. If you know you will be there, please let me know in advance so that we can adjust our reservation. As always, we'll keep an eye on the weather and reschedule if advisable.

Our Holiday Party is scheduled for **Saturday, December 9th** at the home of Betty and Jim Villers in Virginia Beach. Details are elsewhere in The Dipstick. Please remember to RSVP with Betty and let her know what dish you will be bringing. That way she can steer the "undecideds" in the right direction.

Also, we have chosen **For Kids** as our holiday charity this year. This group has expanded their role in support for the homeless to include most of the southside of Tidewater. They anticipate supporting over 1900 kids this year, so anything you can do to support their organization is greatly appreciated. In addition to gift cards, they have provided accompanying "wish list" for their toy drive. Anything you bring to the holiday party will be delivered on December 11th.

As for 2018, the schedule is almost all set. Full information will be available at the Holiday Party, at our January meeting and in upcoming issues of The Dipstick. Our slate of meetings is complete **except for March and April**. Please consider hosting one of these monthly meetings. As you have seen, this group is housebroken and mostly well behaved

Our first drive of 2018 will be the Horrible Idea Tour on **Saturday, February 17th**. You'll have to wait until next month for details. I wouldn't want to disturb your holiday season with thoughts of this event.



We are still waiting on plans for a meet-up with the Central Virginia British Car Club in February as part of their Snow-Ball Run. It looks like Saturday, February 24th, but mark that one down in pencil.

On **Sunday, March 25th**, we venture west once again, to Hanover Tavern, and an afternoon at the theatre. Join us as Erma Bombeck comes to life in *At Wit's End*. Our block of seats is sold out, but if you would like to be on the waiting list, I can let you know if we have cancellations.

Becky & Alan are finalizing plans for the **16th Annual Virginia Spring Tour on April 27-29**. An announcement will come out via email when they are ready to take reservations. As was said at the last meeting, anyone who jumps the gun and tries to register early must ride behind Robert's car throughout the trip. That threat must be significant, as Alan reports that no one has contacted him yet.

And in case you missed it, both the NAMGAR (Richmond, VA) and NAMGBR (Gettysburg) shows are in our time zone in June. While the NAMGAR registration site is not yet active, the NAMGBR site has been open for about a month. If you will be traveling to Gettysburg and want to be part of our caravan, please let me know. I will include you in the travel plans, as well as the tours while in PA.

Thanks again for sharing the roads in 2017. I look forward to a fun year in 2018. Tad



Dipstick Calendar – December 2017

Dec. 9 – (Sat) Holiday Party
Hosted by Betty and Jim Villers

Dec. 12 – (Tue) Holiday Lights
Franco's Restaurant - 6:00pm
Depart for Norfolk Botanical Gardens – 7:30pm
(dopomangiato)

2018 Calendar

Jan. 3 (Wed) – Monthly Meeting in VB
Frankie's Place for Ribs 6:00 – 6:30 (for dinner)
Meeting to follow.

Feb. 6 (Tue) – Monthly Meeting in Hampton
Oozlefinch Brewery – 6:30 – 9:00pm

Feb. 17 (Sat) – “Horrible Idea” Tour

Feb. 24 (Sat) Snowball Run – Meet-up with Central Virginia BCC
Cavalier Hotel – Virginia Beach

Mar. 7 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – TBA

Mar. 25 (Sun) – *At Wit's End*
Hanover, VA Barksdale Theatre

Apr. TBA – Spring Tech Session

Apr. 3 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – TBA

Apr. 27 – 29 – Spring VA Tour

June 13-17 NAMGAR GT-43 – Richmond, VA
Registration site not available as of 11-19-17

June 17-22 - MG2018 – Gettysburg, PA
www.MG2018.namgbr.org

Bold-Faced Items are TMGC Events



Marque Time

Greetings MG Enthusiasts,

Pete (Olson) gets a special thank you. Pete finished his regimen of chemotherapy in time to host our November meeting. He was also the winner in the chili cook-off. I don't want to know what he puts in his "tail pipe chili" but it sure is good. There were no slouches among the other entries either. It all worked out well since I am trying to put on an extra layer of fat for the coming cold weather. I feel confident that someday the MG Chili Cook-Off will be elevated to a world famous event.

Does it get any better? What a club!

We always have a great turnout at our Christmas Party, however, not many have yet signed up to contribute to our pot-luck. Please prepare your house-speciality, and let Betty (Villers) know what you are bringing.

Now is the time to think about winter car projects. As I think about jack stands and immobilizing the Roadster I look outside. I am writing this in early November and the weather is beautiful.

This month the B stays on the road.

Safety Fast!!!

Bill

Dipstick December 2018

2018 Membership: As of 20 November there are 111 paid memberships.

New Memberships: None

Cars: Total cars – 174

Cars & Types: 167 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
26	2	74	20	2	4	7	21	4	7

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

Dues: I turned over \$80 in checks to Jim Villerson 28 October. I hold \$25 in checks and no cash for turnover to Jim.

2018 Annual Directory: I expect to have the long anticipated 2018 TMGC Directory to be available in print by the 9 December meeting/party. Thanks go out to Jim Villers who figured out why the Microsoft Publisher program was not correctly flowing the membership data as it was being entered. Once Jim straightened out that problem, I was then able to complete the rest of the sections of the document and send it to the printer. A digital copy will be sent to all members with an e-mail address on file. Paper copies are made available "by request". If you had requested a paper copy last year I already have you marked to receive one again this year. If you no longer desire to receive a paper copy, or if you want to be added to the list to receive a paper copy of the Directory, send me an e-mail.

compiled by Bill Yoshida

November 1, 2017 TMGC Meeting Minutes

Bill Olcheski called the meeting to order as the gathering was enjoying spirits and perfect weather for the Chili Cook-off hosted by Pete Olson and his amazing sisters. It was decided that we would eat and vote first and then begin the official meeting. There were four chili's to taste. Coconut Shrimp Chili,(Cynthia) Red Lentil Chili (Tad), Pumpkin Chicken Chili (Betty) and Tail Pipe Back Fire Chili Pete. The winner was Pete. He received a very handsome black and white MGT T-Shirt. Congratulations!

The official meeting was called to order at 8:45pm. Don Ladd is no longer in the hospital but is resting at home please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. The October minutes were approved. The Vice-President, Faith Peterson, announced that there was nothing to report which is a tradition at the club for that position. As far as New Business there was nothing to report. Next the treasurer's report from Jim Villers concluded our new balance is \$2,727.72.

Tad Carter activities chair shared that although he left his clutch at Lyn haven Mall with Tino's help in putting it back together he had the confidence to drive to Charlottesville without a moments hesitation. There are a dozen people signed up for Monticello drive out with a cost of \$50 per person. The tech session will be hosted by Rachel and MathieuHuovinen in Ocean View. The Holiday Party will be December 9. Jim and Betty Villers have graciously taken on this event. There will be a sign-up sheet for this event as it will be potluck. The fun continues with Tuesday, December 12 with the Holiday Lights and dinner at Franco's prior. If you would like to host a meeting the following months are still available (March, April, July and August). There are many, many and many more activities to look out for so be sure to check Activities for further information.

Bill Yoshida was not present for membership. Writers are needed for the tech session and also for Charlottesville.

Regalia David Kinsey has available both shirts and hats. Andy Wallach suggested that there is a guarantee with the hats that they will stay in place even with the top down but the president piped up and stated that you need to use the same glue you use on your toupee.

Mark Childers our technical guru brought in plasma cutters. Russ Ripp now has them should anyone need to borrow them.

As far as old business Faith said she was experiencing problems looking at the bylaws online using the website. Mike Haag the webmaster said he would check it out.

Marque Time- Mark Childers gave away an MGB service guide and also a Saloon Car book that he hopes will be given forward so many can enjoy. Terry Bond is healing nicely from his broken leg and had special thanks for Mark Childers and Don and Rose Ladd. And of course a huge thanks to his wonderful wife Sue.

Motion to adjourn was approved by Sue Bond.

recorded by Cynthia Faschini





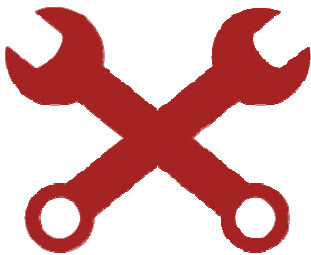
Holiday Greetings
From
Your Dipstick Editors



**An MG puts even the biggest
Scrooge in the holiday spirit!**

November Tech Session

Hosted by Mathieu and Rachel





Holiday Party

Join us as we close out another driving season and celebrate the holidays. We invite you to bring a favorite dish to share - a "Finger Food Dinner Party".

Add to the festivities by wearing a holiday ornament or decoration.

Help support our charity contribution to For Kids.

6:30PM - Saturday, December 9, 2017

Hosted by Betty & Jim Villers

RSVP by Sunday, December 3rd • BettyV@cox.net or 757-481-6398

Please let Betty know what you will bring so she can fill in as needed.



3133 Inlet Road, Virginia Beach





ForKids Holiday Toy Drive

To benefit the homeless children and families of **ForKids**

Make this season bright for homeless children in Hampton Roads! Drop off new, unwrapped toys for homeless boys and girls at ForKids' Holiday Shop location:

**Good Mojo (ForKids Holiday Shop)
2411 Granby Street Norfolk, VA**

between 10am-6pm, Mon-Sat. & 12pm-5pm Sun., **November 27 - December 11**

INFANTS & TODDLERS

Aqua Doodle
Mozart Effect
Baby Einstein
Counting Toys
Fisher-Price Toys
Little Tikes
Magna Doodle
Mr. & Mrs. Potato-Head
Musical Instruments
Wooden Puzzles
Scooting Toys
Tool Sets
Tonka Trucks
Wagons
V-Electronics
**Please No Toy Weapons/
Weapon Accessories, Squirt
Guns, Swords, Machine Guns
or Ninja Sets.*

AGES 5-8

Arts & Craft Items
Dolls- *All races & ethnic
backgrounds are appreciated!*
Board Games (no Candyland)
Books
Diva Dolls
My Little Pony
Bristle Blocks
Dress-ups
Flash Cards
Girls Nail Decorating Kit
Kitchen Play
Phonics Games
Rescue Rangers Figurines
Magna Doodle
LeapPad
Super Hero Toys/Items

AGES 9-12

Arts & Craft Items
Jewelry Sets
Baking Sets
Books & Electronic Diaries
Cameras
Dinosaurs
Dolls-Multicultural
Disney's Frozen Items
Hair Accessories
LEGOs
Musical Instruments
Science Sets
Skateboards, Bikes, Roller
Blades, & Scooters w/ Helmets
Sports Items
Star Wars Items
Transformers
Superhero Items
Remote Control Cars

TEENS, AGES 13-18

\$10-\$15 Gift Cards
WalMart, 7/11, etc.
Art Supplies
Video Games (non-violent)
IPods / mp3 Players
Diaries/Journals
Watches & Jewelry
Accessories, purses, belts
Luluroe Merchandise
Skateboards, Bikes, Roller
Blades, & Scooters w/ Helmets

NFL TEAM

MERCHANDISE
Washington Redskins
Dallas Cowboys
Seattle Seahawks
New England Patriots
New York Giants
Green Bay Packers
Pittsburgh Steelers



Order toys online through Smile.Amazon.com, choose ForKids, Inc., **amazon smile** & 0.5% of your total cart will be donated to us!



Contact Katie, our Community Engagement Coordinator, at (757) 622-6400 x174 or e-mail KMcCarthy@forkidsva.org for more information or to arrange your drive.

Don't have time?

buy a **\$10 gift card** to Wal-Mart, Target or a Mall store as a gift for a ForKids Teen!

Visit www.ForKidsVA.org to give

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ForKids Holiday Shop

Thank you so much for your past support of the ForKids Holiday Drive!

Every year during the holidays, we set up the **ForKids Holiday Shop** at Good Mojo, our thrift store and distribution center in Norfolk, and a mini-shop at our Suffolk House Service Center. We ask generous community members to donate new unwrapped toys and gift cards (see flyer attached) or contribute monetary donations to help fund the operations of the program.

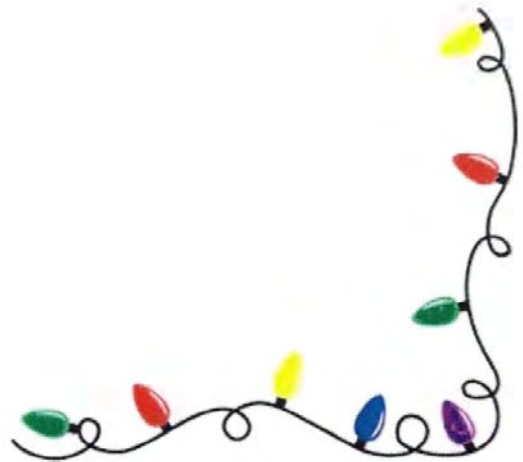
For the **ForKids Holiday Shop** at Good Mojo, we have volunteer groups help us decorate, sort through donations, and help us stock the shelves! We also ask for smaller groups and individuals during the program to help restock the shelves and work with parents as their "personal shoppers".

We would love your help in any capacity as we expect to serve more than 1,900 children! As the Community Engagement Coordinator, I help coordinate the **ForKids Holiday Shop**. For questions about toys, gift cards, or monetary donations, please do not hesitate to call me or email me at KMcCarthy@forkidsva.org. To schedule a time for you or your group to volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Taylor Sekeet, at TSekeet@forkidsva.org.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or more information about any specific part!

Thank you,
Katie

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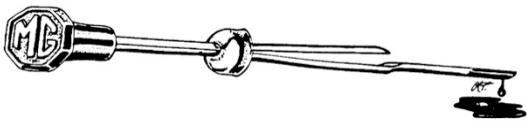
HOLIDAYS PARTY

Saturday Dec 9th
 Jim & Betty Villers
 3133 Inlet Rd.
 Virginia Beach
 481-6398

Come on out
 and join the party.
 Starting at 6:30 pm

Shore Drive
 Inlet Rd
 Broad Bay Bridge
 Adam Keeling Rd
 Stop Light
 Great Neck Road
 Independence Blvd
 Va Beach Blvd
 I-264
 Lynnhaven Pkwy
 Rosemont Rd

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