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2017 Spring Tour - Friday Edition

by Robert Perrone

I know I was "feeling groovy" at the start of this weekend drive. Why? Because I would finally get to Woodstock. Who would I get to see? Carlos Santana? Country Joe & the Fish? Joe Cocker? Jimi Hendrix? No, even better! *"Kerry Brunner... In Concert at Woodstock - The 2017 Spring TMGC Tour"*

I know that I am supposed to be writing about Friday, and that the *"The Kerry Brunner Woodstock Concert"* was on Saturday night. Yes, I know that Faith and PJ are writing for Saturday, but I believe they retired early they may have missed this special event. Well, they can always get the t-shirt and tell everyone they were there. Just like the real Woodstock!

FYI, as a result of his performance (and all-around charm), Kerry has been invited to go on every possible MG club Drive for the rest of eternity. He is flattered, but he may want to charge us to have him go. Don't worry, his rates are reasonable. See me for details and payment arrangements.

Now back to Friday...

"It was a dark and stormy night..." (with apologies to Charles Schulz, for anyone that gets the reference)

No, actually it was a dark and stormy morning. And yes, I was late getting to the start of the drive. Sorry Tad... and everyone else that had to wait for us.

Foggy windows, heavy rain, and a top that need to go up before we started made us very late. I tried to blame it on Kerry, but you all know better.

But Tad, driving in the spirit of the NASCAR event that was scheduled for that weekend in Richmond, made up the time on the interstate. Maybe he wanted to qualify for the race. But, as always, despite my best efforts to monkey up the plans for that morning, Tad put us back on schedule.

We had another unexpected event when Mike and Denise broke down before they made it 100 miles away from Virginia Beach. They were towed back to home and met us later at the Inn at Narrow Passage with their air-conditioned "MG- BMW" coupe. We let them come with us anyway.

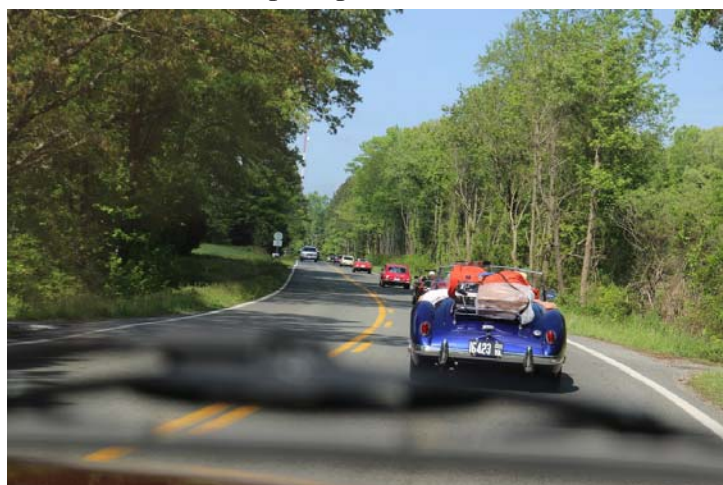
But we weren't done yet. Later that Friday morning Jim and Bruce did their best interpretation of the old Indian tale *"Two Dogs Locked Together"* right in the middle of the road. Ask Bruce if you want a detailed explanation. All I can tell you is that it took 4 grown men and a hydraulic jack to separate them. One guy even had to get on top of one of them and jump up and down before we could pull them apart. The whole spectacle blocked traffic, too. Every "rubber-necker" that passed by wanted to get a good look. It was *not* pretty.

After that, we really enjoyed the beautiful weather and the winding country roads, and we have the video to prove it. In case you haven't seen the drone video taken by Tracy Short yet, Alan has posted it on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaMEVneKdoc&feature=share>

We enjoyed a stop at the Yoder Country Store, and then it was on to lunch at the Little Washington Winery. The planned "Wine Bootcamp" was cancelled, but we had an impromptu wine and dessert presentation. I suppose that as long as we have wine and food, no one seems to mind a change of plans.

After driving to the Inn at Narrow Passage and settling in to our rooms, we met for dinner at the Spring House Tavern, which featured a fine selection of brews on tap. I needed a few to erase the memory of what we all saw from Bruce and Jim. But this year I finally came through for Alan at dinner and remembered his birthday pint. Happy birthday, my friend. And sure... you still look 39! I can't wait until the drive next year. I'll even buy you 2 pints in honor of your 40th!



Day two of the Spring Tour.

By Faith and PJ Peterson

We woke up to thunder and torrential rains. But before we could even get to breakfast, it stopped. Breakfast was a delight of scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit and all the fixings. As we left for our first stop, being unsure of the weather, we left our tops up.

Sorry to say but Meems Bottom Covered Bridge was damaged by a truck earlier in the month and we could not visit it. Beckey and Alan were able to route us around to the "Route 11 Potato Chip factory". Here we met Sarah and she gave us an introduction into the art of potato chip manufacturing. We watched as potatoes went from slicing, cooking, seasoning, and bagging in 12 minutes. Quit a few bags of chips found their way into several LBC's, a Jag and a BMW.



With the weather looking better, we put down our tops and proceeded to follow Beckey and Alan "over hill and dale" through some of the most beautiful Shenandoah Farm land to the Backroom Brewery and Herb Farm for lunch. Of note, by the time we left, the bar could no longer sell any flights of beer for they had run out of clean glasses. (Thank you to Ashley Cizerle for the photo).

After lunch, it was back through the country roads to the New Market Battlefield Museum. The New Market Battlefield Military Museum is a privately owned museum that is the only such facility on a nationally recognized Civil War battlefield. Along with Civil War artifacts, painting, and pictures, there is a large collection Native American history as well as some from World War One, World War Two, and Vietnam.

Again, we traveled through the back roads to return to the Inn at Narrow Passage. Upon our return, we sampled several different wines while we were waiting for the Pizza get together. Beckey and Alan returned with a stack of pizzas and dinner was in session. Afterwards, it was off to tackle the "Swing Bridge Challenge". The bridge was in excellent shape and most made it across with little problem. With our 1 mile+ hike in, we returned for more libations and the awards ceremony.

Arlie Jackson won the overall drawing with a hard bound MGB book.

Jim Villers won the drawing for embracing the "Woodstock" theme and received a Peace Symbol pendant. (Of note, he was wearing his beaded headband and tie-dye shirt)

Jim Villers presented Beckey and Alan with a jar of "Hampton Roads Traffic Jam".

The rest of the evening was spent reminiscing about the trip to the sounds of Kerry the Piano Man.



SUNDAY – A day of rest (you gotta be kidding!)

by Terry and Susan Bond

Sunday morning came too early for those who danced and sang the night away! We posed for a traditional group photo on the steps of the Inn at Narrow Passage and counted heads/cars – all present-everyone started ok-and off we were to straighten out some more country roads!

Alan and Becky had some nice trails in store for us, and we passed some familiar territory in the process. Many of us almost turned off toward Burnely winery, recalling fondly the six-bottle tasting from six different shaped glasses we had there several tours ago. Perhaps it is best we just by passed that one! What goes uphill must go down again, and as we began to flatten the hills from earlier in the weekend, we passed a lot of beautiful scenery, and virtually no other vehicles.

First stop was Reynard-Florence Vineyard where the resident winery dog greeted us nicely. The day had warmed to almost hot so the breeze on the deck there was a most welcome rest stop. The majority sampled, and some just purchased a couple of bottles to share, but the wines were good (aren't they always)? We managed to climb the gravel road from the winery and quickly found more winding country roads and a couple of interesting narrow wooden bridges.

Before long, we were in Louisa and our lunch stop, the Obrigado Restaurant. It was sort of a new-age eatery in an old building. Although some of the names of the dishes were unpronounceable, the food was great, the brews were cold, and the hospitality was great.

The road out of town was a straight shot towards home, and we had all decided to take different routes some braving Sunday PM traffic on the interstate, and others planning to amble on down 460 towards Chesapeake. Before we got too far out of town however, Fred's MGA decided to take a rest of its own, and he pulled into a safe parking spot at a closed business. Al Jackson and Vicky pulled in to assist, and Jim and Betty Villers waved the rest of us on and circled back to check on things. We had all had a chance to try and assess the problems with the MGA earlier and realized that this latest episode might require more than a road-side adjustment. Although we attempted to call (as did others) to see if all was well, there were obvious phone signal issues hampering our efforts. We finally managed to confirm that yes, indeed, the best option was to use the good old AAA number and give the MGA a ride home. I understand that Fred and Linda rather enjoyed the ride home in air conditioned comfort! Thanks to those who stopped to lend at least moral support. The problem was later diagnosed by "magic Frank" as a broken wire inside the distributor!

Along the way home, the Rt 460 contingent stopped for an ice-cream break. It was a good idea as it seemed the further south we went, the warmer it got. The ride from there was uneventful for all, and everyone was safely home just in time for their cheese, crackers and a glass of newly purchased wine from this year's non-winery tour.

I do believe however that Alan and Beck will revert to calling these outings wine tours again. With all that transpired on this event, I think the change was generally upsetting to Bacchus, whose wrath at the name change surely had an effect. Still, we commend Alan and Becky for once again finding some wonderful back roads, great scenery, perfect weather, a great historic Inn, great food, cold brews, great fellowship among MG friends, and yes, even some very nice Vino!





Marque Time



Yes, it's that time of the year again. No, not just the time of the year to really get out and enjoy the fine, warm weather in your LBC. It's time to go to Bill Yoshida's for the June TMGC meeting with your annual membership dues in hand.

And I still say that a membership in TMGC is one of the best bargains you will ever find. Where else can you enjoy the activities, technical help, drives, great people and our monthly meetings (*complete with food, wine and beer!*) for a mere \$1.67 per month? What a deal! I won't even accept the "*Free-membership-for-life-for-former-TMGC-presidents(starting in 2017)*" gift that I know you all wanted to give to me.

Anyway, you could just mail your TMGC dues to Bill, but it is a lot more fun to go to the meetings and pay up in person. Aside from the good time with your fellow club members, you will save Bill from sending you to the "collections" department. I think that Bill may have had a former job as an enforcer for a loan shark. He is definitely persistent to follow up with any "deadbeats" on the membership rolls. I know that he has been with me whenever I don't pay up by June. Go get 'em, Bill!

Well, we've already completed one of the highlights of the year, at least for me. The event that really seems to kick off the best part of the MG driving season for most of us. Of course, I'm talking about the spring drive with Alan and Beckey. As it turns out, it doesn't matter what you call it, it is always a great time. There should be an article about that weekend somewhere in this Dipstick.

I need to go take care of some things on the MGB and the Sprite, but I'll probably just get a beer and just stand there looking at them in the garage, thinking about what needs to be done, and then go back inside. Hey, don't make fun of me for doing nothing (after all, there are plenty of other reasons). But seriously, doing nothing is hard, you never know when you're done. But I'll keep at it. Yesterday I did nothing and today I'm finishing what I did yesterday.

But, as always, I hope that we'll all be able to join in all of the activities this summer. See you at the next meeting, drive or other TMGC fun. Until then,

Safety Fast,
Robert



Activity Report June 2017

Since we last wrote, many of us have shared a great weekend chasing cars through the Shenandoah Valley on Spring Tour-2017. A big **THANK YOU** to Beckey for organizing everything and to Alan for selecting such great roads. A string of 14 MGs, a Morgan and a Jag is quite a sight. If you haven't seen the video of the early miles, check it out on the Interwebs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaMEVneKdoc>

And if that isn't enough, we've had two nights of diet busters on our annual Dessert Drives (that's a future event as this goes to press, so I'm just going to guess that a great time was had by all)

Early June is quite busy. We start off on **Friday, June 2nd**, with a trip out to Petersburg, for lunch, a guided battlefield tour with Ranger Randy, and the Induction Ceremonies for the British Sports Car Hall of Fame. The following morning, we line up on the show field for Moss Motorfest 2017, and then a mid-afternoon run back to Tidewater. There is always room for more, so let me know if you want to join in.

On **Tuesday, June 6th**, we have our regular monthly meeting at the Yoshida home in Virginia Beach. Keep an eye on the skies. Weather permitting, MG parking will be on the back lawn, as usual.

We have a good crowd going to see Tides Baseball on **Tuesday, June 27th**. It's Turn-Back-the-Clock night as the Tides host the Bats. If you want to join our group, we still have seats available in the block. Let me know and I'll add you to the list. Ticket pick-up and payment is at the left-field gate starting at 6:30pm. Game time is 7:05. Tickets are \$12 – cash works best for the Activity Wonk.

Due to the proximity to the holiday, we do not have a host site for the July meeting. In past years, we have had a picnic at Great Neck Park. However, we are leaving the date for the club to determine. Robert will call for a voice vote at the June meeting to select Wednesday, July 5th or Wednesday, July 12th. Either way it will be an earlier meeting than usual, as we will start with the picnic, finish with the meeting, and then be on the road by 8:24 (sunset). Once again, burgers, brats and dogs, chips and slaw will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish to share. Final details will be posted in the July *Dipstick*.

If any of you are going to either NAMGAR-2017 or NAMGBR-2017 in San Diego in June, we look forward to hearing your story. Did you join the cross-country trek from Savannah to San Diego? Did you drive solo? How was the show? I'm sure your *Dipstick* editors will make room for your tale – just have it to them by the 20th.

Reminder – June is renewal time. Here's is what you get for your \$20. Food, drink and camaraderie at a dozen monthly meetings (OK, you're on your own for food and drink when we meet at a restaurant). Tech Sessions – free help and sage advice! Road trips – whether it is something local like Tides Baseball, or regional like the Antique Hunt and the Brew Cruise, or far-reaching like the Louisville trip or SYSYGY-2017 – you are always welcome to join in. And *The Dipstick* – the most widely-read MG-specific monthly report published in Eastern Tidewater. It's quite a deal. We look forward to having you with us in the 2017-2018 driving season.

cheers! *Tad Carter*

Dipstick Calendar –June 2017

June 2 - 3 Moss MotorFest 2017 – Petersburg, VA
www.MossMotors.com
(TMGC – Battlefield Tour on Friday 6/2)

June 4 – Original British Car Day, Adamstown, MD
Chesapeake Chapter – New England MG T
Register
www.ChesapeakeChapterMGTC.com

June 6 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in VB
Hosted by Issie and Bill Yoshida

June 19 – 23 – NAMGAR – GT-42, Solvang, CA
www.NAMGAR.org

June 25 – 28 – NAMGBR – MG-2017, San Diego, CA
www.NAMGBR.org

**June 27 – (Tue) Tides Baseball – Turn Back the Clock
Night**
7:05pm vs. Louisville Bats

July – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – TBD – 7/5 or 7/12

July 11 -14 - GOF-Central – Akron, OH
www.GOFCentral.com

Aug. – TBD – Summer Tech Session

Aug. 1 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in Hampton
Hosted by Faith and PJ Peterson

**Aug. 19 – 22, 2017 – SYZYG 2017 –
Journey to the Umbra**

Sep. 6 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting
Ocean View Fishing Pier

Oct. 6-7 – Shenandoah Valley British Car Festival –
Waynesboro
www.SVBCC.net

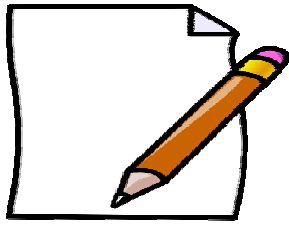
Oct. 3 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in VB
Hosted by Renee and Bill Olcheski

Nov. – TBD – Fall Tech Session

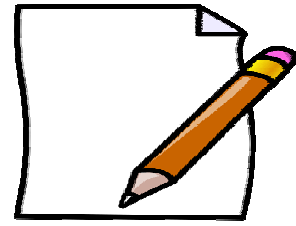
Nov. 1 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – in VB
Chili Cook-off Hosted by Pete Olson

Dec. 12 – (Tue) Holiday Lights





Monthly Meeting Minutes



Our May meeting was held on the third at the home of Andy Wallach and Cynthia Faschini in Norfolk. It was a beautiful evening and there was a great lineup of MGs to look at and discuss prior to our business meeting. President Robert Perrone called the meeting to order at 8 pm and began by thanking our hosts for sharing their home and hospitality. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

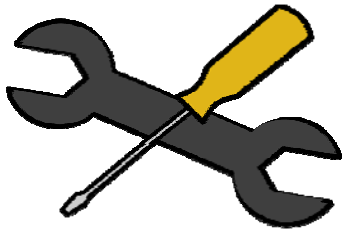
Vice President/ Activities Director Tad Carter discussed the recent Spring Tour, and went on to describe upcoming events including Dessert Drives for both the “north” and the “south” contingents (depending which side of the HRBT people live), Turn-Back-the-Clock baseball night at Harbor Park, the Syzygy (Eclipse) Tour to South Carolina in August, and the June 6 meeting which will be held at the home of Bill and Issie Yoshida (as is traditional).

Historian Susan Bond provided the group with an album of past MG tour information and pictures for their perusal after the meeting. Reminder - Get those Spring Tour pictures in to Mike Haag as soon as possible! Membership Chairman Bill Yoshida reported that, as of the meeting, we have 119 paid memberships, with Mary Ann Shepard of Virginia Beach being our newest enrollee. There are 173 MGs of various years, models, and condition. Treasurer Jim Villers gave an update on the club finances... we are in the black (as usual), and Banker Jim can provide any details needed. And as always, Mark and Kathy Davidoski request that any articles for the upcoming Dipstick newsletter be ready by the 20th of May.

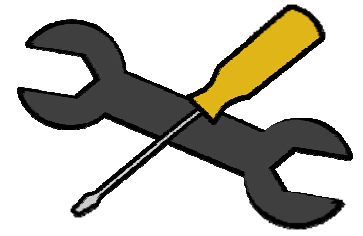
There ensued some various discussion regarding the state of cars, new “tweaks” for improvement, and a reminder of the upcoming closure of Tino’s MG repair business and the open house at which remaining parts will be sold. There being no regalia or raffle, a call and approval was made to adjourn the meeting. The group retired to an excellent repast of marinated shrimp, cheeses, assorted pastry and finger foods, along with additional beverages and conversation.

recorded by Bruce Easley





Spring Tech Session



Dipstick June 2017

2017 Memberships: As of 20 May, there are 119 paid memberships.

2018 Membership: This is the month for membership renewal for the year. I recently sent an e-mail to members that have paid their 2018 dues in advance. Annual Renewal Forms are found on line at www.mg.org. Please fill out a copy and bring it to the meeting or send it along with cash, check or money order. For your convenience I've requested Mark & Kathy to include a copy in this issue of "The Dipstick". Highlight any changes from last year's information. If you have no changes to the data you provided in the past you only need to submit the \$20 in dues. I will transfer your prior data from last year's roster, and use the same info for the 2018 Annual Directory.

New Memberships: None.

Cars: Total cars – 203

Cars & Types: 173 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
30	2	76	19	1	4	7	20	4	10

Other/Variou MGs – 30 (1-Cooper MG/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB/ 2 ELVA Courier, plus 23unknown model/yr MGs owned by Tino)

Dues: I turned over \$40 in checks to Jim Villers at the May meeting. I currently hold \$20 in cash for turnover to Jim Villers.

Parking for the June Meeting at the Yoshida's: *The intent is to park MG's in the back yard and to hold "Kick Tyres" and the meeting poolside as we have done in the past. If it rains heavily the previous day, or that it is raining the day of the meeting causing the ground to be too wet, the driveway will be blocked and cars will need to be parked on the street and the meeting will be held indoors. Regardless of weather, Issie and I hope to see you here.*



TMGC ANNUAL RENEWAL

Please fill out the form below and return it to Bill Yoshida with a check made out to TMGC for \$20.00 at the next meeting or mail to:

TMGC
c/o Bill Yoshida
4732 Little John Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23455 (757) 554-0402, Cell (757) 633-8303
williamryoshida@verizon.net

Names: _____ & _____

Address: _____

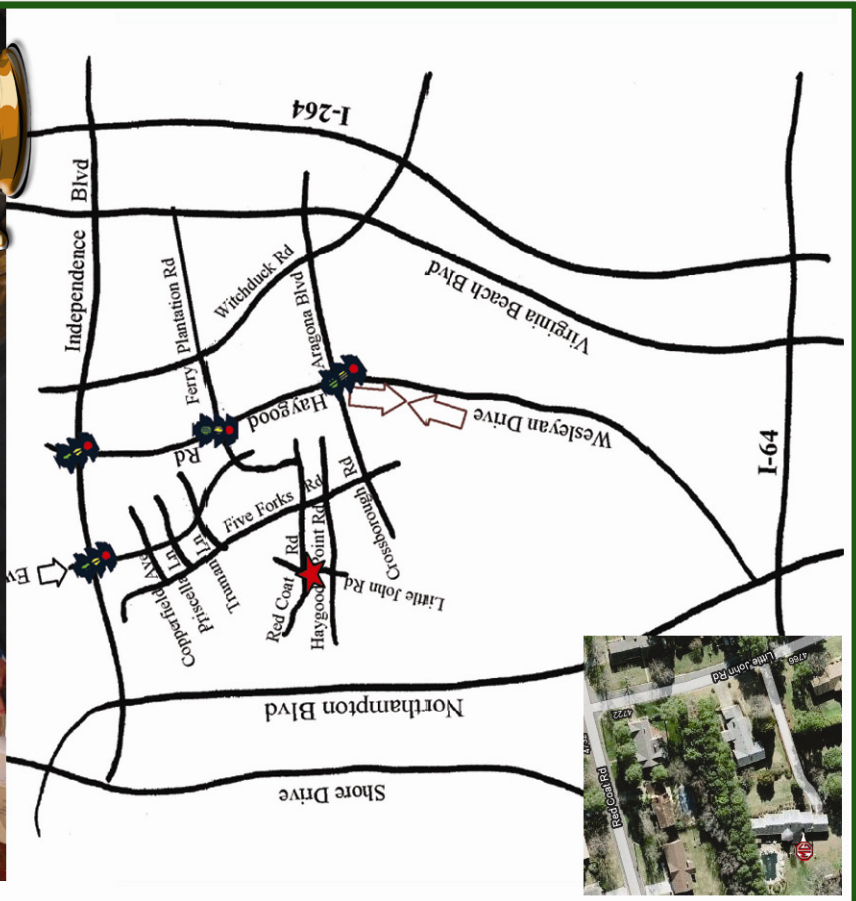
Phone # _____ Cell # _____ E-mail: _____

Do we have your permission to publish your home phone and e-mail address in a member's directory for club use only? _____

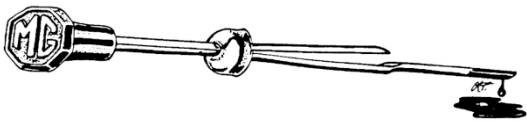
MG's owned? _____

Are you affiliated with any National Auto Clubs? If yes, please list below:

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