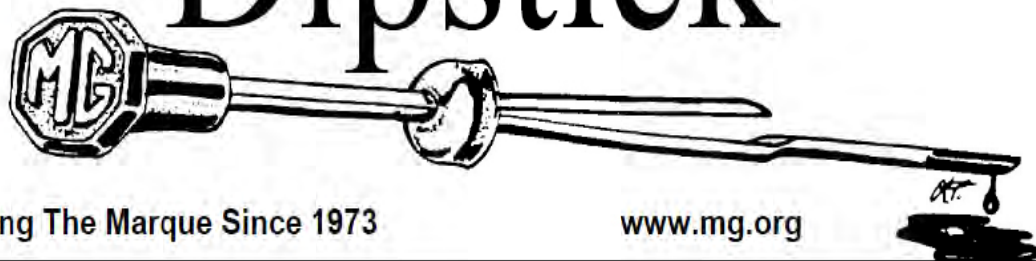




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SYZYGY 2017

by P.J. and Faith Peterson



Saturday, August 19 (Day 1)

We departed from our usual Waffle House starting point off I-664 promptly at 8:02am with 5 vehicles. A Prius (Tad and Karen), a 4 Runner (Don and Rose), a Mini (Mike and Jennifer) and 2 MGB's (Russ, PJ and Faith). The Ash's had arrived the night before from the eastern shore and spent the night in a local hotel to be there on time.

Off to travel the Back Roads of Virginia and North Carolina.

We have a mid-morning comfort break in Scotland Neck's Hardees (can you say Back Roads?), followed by a stop at a neighborhood pub in the historic area of Apex, NC where we had lunch at the Salem Street Pub. PJ's Windshield cracked because of heat during lunch (It was only 100 degrees outside).

A few of us went to the wrong gas station after lunch. It was closed and Tad was back to herding cats to get us to the right one.

Back on some more great roads!

After lunch, we headed to Spencer, NC and a visit to the North Carolina Transportation Museum.

A short trip on State Highway 64 to get to the hotel.

On to the Comfort Inn where we linked up with Bob and Missy (Miata), Bob and Dana (Mini).

Dinner at a Cuban Restaurant named Mambo Grill and Tapas (Yes Russ "Tapas"). Lots of "Papa Hemingway" mixed drink orders.

Total travel for Saturday will be right at 300 miles.

(Pictures courtesy of Don Ladd)



Sunday, August 20 (Day 2)

With a 9:05 on time departure, we were off again on some beautiful back roads heading to Wadesboro for quick stop and then on to Sumter NC for lunch at the Simply Southern Bistro.

Back on the road after lunch driving mostly back roads (US 52 and 145) until the last 10 miles before Santee SC where we jumped on I-95 where we arrived at the Hampton Inn.

When we arrived, we found out that we were all listed under Tad Carter's name for all of our rooms. This caused some confusion for Fred and Linda when they tried to link up with us.

Tad and Karen, had all of us up to their room for "Cheap wine and bad beer" before dinner.

With Fred and Linda in his MGA we are now up to 3 MG's!

Off to Clark's Inn for dinner. Of note; PJ, Faith, and Russ all caught rides in other vehicles, leaving their MG's behind. 100 degree weather is easier in an air-conditioned car!

Monday, August 21 (Day 3)

With a 10:00 departure time, we all headed up in our respective vehicles for Santee State park only 4 miles away. Armed with the secret password "Tad Carter" we looked forward to seeing the eclipse.

1 hour later, we cleared the initial park entrance and still had a ways to go before we reached Picnic shelter #5. PJ's MGB overheated in the 100 degree weather and he had to shut it down and push it for a time. Luckily, members of the SVBCC were right behind him and jumped out to help push.

We arrived at shelter #5 about 1 ½ hours after we left the hotel. Here we linked up with the members of the SVBCC, Chris and Bob Vitrikas, Mary Ann and Mark Harris, and Michael FitzGeorge, along with Robert Perrone and sons. Out came the groceries from various cars for the picnic. With Tad slaving over the grill, it was quite the feast of hamburgers, hotdogs, bratwurst, salads, fruit, drinks and chips.

Then it was what we came here for, the Eclipse! At about 1:15, using our solar glasses we could see a small circular indent on the sun at about the 2 o'clock position. As time progressed, the moon occluded more and more of the sun and at about 2:45, we had Totality! For 2 minutes and 34 seconds, the sun was blocked by the moon. It is hard to explain what we saw. Amazing!



Tuesday, August 22 (Day 4)

With an 8:30 departure time, we were on the road again. Along US 301 we picked up a Blue MGA and a White Mini. Now up to 9 vehicles! For lunch we stopped at the Big Sombrero, "South of The Border". Back on the back roads to our hotel, the Hampton Inn located in Goldsboro NC. After checking in, we visited downtown Goldsboro. We started with the "Well Traveled Beer" House and then on the "Goldsboro Brew Works" where some of us tried to play shuffleboard while the Woman folk tried "Cards Against Humanity." I've never seen a restroom with mouthwash and mints until now. After a few beers, we worked our way to the "Flying Shamrock" for a little Irish dinner.

Wednesday, August 23 (Day 5)

With a 9:00 departure time, we traveled the back roads until we reached Greenville for a quick stop and then on to the 309 Bistro in Edmond, Virginia for lunch. After lunch, we all departed in different directions to find our way back to home.



Activity Report – October 2017

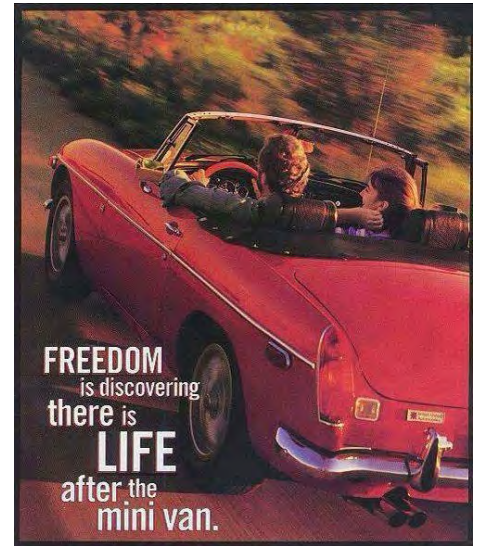
I'll be brief with the activity report this month. I don't want to keep you in the dark any longer (eclipse humor). After you finish with activities, you will want to turn the write-up for our Santee, SC adventure. Did the sun come back???

I hope you enjoy reading about the Syzygy 2017 – Journey to the Umbra.

But first, to continue last month's discussion, where else have you seen MGs in media? I'm certain by now that the editor's mailbox is full of images you have submitted. While there is still space available, here's another one that was captured several months ago. Many of you will appreciate the sentiment.

We are in the final phase of the 2017 season and as you read this, some are celebrating awards from September's shows, while others are prepping for a drive to Waynesboro and the SVBCC show on October 7th. We are also working on the schedule for our last Tech Session, and the date and location will be announced shortly.

Our Holiday Lights drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th. As usual, we will pregame with dinner at Franco's in Norfolk (Military at Norview) at 6PM, and we'll leave for the Botanical Gardens when everyone is ready. This is a casual event, and keep an eye on the weather. We've had to reschedule a few times in the past due to rain. We're good with cold, but rain takes away the fun.



For those keeping track of such things, you are correct – we did miss the Dessert Drives earlier this year. Or we may need another Flash Drive, so keep an eye on your email in mid-October. There just may be news from that Activities Wonk if they let him back in the country.

Things are progressing for 2018. Our January meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 3rd. Frankie's is expecting us back again and the side room has been reserved. We are in discussions with a possible February venue. Other than that, we have a pretty open calendar for meetings. For those of you who have hosted in the past, and for those who would be able to host a future meeting, please check your calendar. We have open dates for March, April, May, July, August and November. Many thanks to past and future hosts.

In November, we will have a return of the **Chili Cook-off**. Dust off your recipe book, and put something together for **Wednesday, November 1st**. We'll meet at Pete Olson's home in VB and crown this year's Chili Champion. You would not believe the prizes we have in store for the top contenders. Really – you would not believe!!

Our Holiday Party in December will be hosted by Betty and Jim Villers. Look for details in the November Dipstick.

Until we meet again, enjoy the ride!

Tad Carter

Dipstick Calendar –October 2017

Oct. 3 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in VB
Hosted by Renee and Bill Olcheski
Election of Officers for 2018

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

Nov. – TBD – Fall Tech Session

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

Dec. TBD – 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

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

Apr. TBA – Spring Tech Session

Apr. 27 – 29 – SAVE THE DATE

June 13-17 NAMGAR GT-43 – Richmond, VA

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

Bold-Faced Items are TMGC Events



Marque Time



It is kind of hard to believe that my time serving as President of TMGC is coming to an end. I know there may be a few who have been looking forward this. But the bumper stickers that some of you have on your cars that say: "President Perrone and October 2017... The End Of An Error" were a little too much. I mean, I get it, and I can understand how you feel, but still... at least I survived the impeachment proceedings!

But the club will be in good hands, as always. As most of you know, Faith Peterson has been nominated to serve as Vice-President of the club, which we all appreciate.

Bill Olcheski is willing to serve as President once again, and we owe him our thanks for doing that.

Remember Bill, you can only shrug when you are VP. You actually have to talk at the meetings as President. You can help teach Faith the famous "Olcheski shrug" the next time you see her.

And at the September meeting Cynthia Faschini stepped up and offered to serve as TMCG Secretary. From all of us, thank you for doing this for the club. It probably was because I told you all that I might end up serving as Secretary if no one else volunteered, and well, who wants that?

Of course, we also owe our thanks to Bruce Easley for his years of service as our club Secretary as well as Tad Carter for the past two years as Vice-President. In addition, we should all appreciate the willingness of Jim Villers to continue to be the TMGC Treasurer, as he has done for many years. Thank you all.

Finally, I would also like to say that it has been an honor for me to be able to do my part as President of TMGC. I appreciate all of the support and cooperation that I have had from our club members.

Safety Fast,
Robert

September 6, 2017 TMGCCC Meeting Minutes

The September 6 meeting of the TMGCCC was held at the Ocean View Fishing Pier in Norfolk. Due to inclement weather, the meeting was held in the inside restaurant rather than the outside upper deck, and President Robert Perrone opened the meeting at 7:39 by thanking Tad Carter for setting up the venue. Minutes from the August meeting were approved by voice vote, and then Robert called for the Treasurer's report. Jim Villers reported that after \$705.00 income from dues and \$150.00 expenditures for the July picnic as well as newsletter production, the Club has a balance of \$2,395.72.

Historian Susan Bond was in attendance, but did not bring in the history albums due to the rain. She also shared that her husband Terry is "laid up" with a broken leg as of August 6, which will affect his mobility and ability to host the Fall Tech Session. Vice President Tad Carter gave the traditional "VP Shrug" report, then launched into the Activities report. First, "Thanks" was expressed to Jim and Linda Freeh for hosting the August Tech Session. Then Tad provided a brief description of the Syzygy Tour which traveled to South Carolina for viewing the recent total eclipse. Don Ladd took lots of pictures of the tour which will be on line soon, and there is a writeup to come in a future Dipstick. The consensus of the Tourers was that it was a truly amazing event, and plans are already begun for the next one on 4/8/24. September is "show month", with the Wings and Wheels show, the American MGC Register meet in Abingdon, VA, the Shenandoah car show, an October Flash Drive, and the Fall Tech Session. Our next meeting will be at the home of Pete Olson, where we'll have a chili cook-off.

Membership Chairman Bill Yoshida updated us on the current roster, which totals 101 paid members with 199 cars. Mark and Mary Ann Harris of Charlottesville have joined as new members; they have a '53 TD, '59 Twin Cam MGA, '63 MGB, '69 MGC, and a '70 MGB-GT. Bill also provided an update on members who have moved or sold MGs. Dipstick Editor Mark Davidoski expressed his thanks to Mike Haag and Jim Villers for their continued work in producing and publishing the Dipstick, and thanked Jim for his recent article on LED light replacements. Mark asked for volunteers to submit a writeup for the upcoming Pungo Wings and Wheels show. Andy Wallach "stepped up to the plate" and will take that on.

David Kinsey discussed regalia availability, and said he is developing sources for logos, grill badges, embroidery, etc. so that members can order things for themselves. This will be posted on the club website when the sources are developed. The president then inquired as to Old Business (none), New Business (none), and Marque Tyme news(nothing). Robert provided an election update as to who is currently running for officers to be chosen next month. Bill Olcheski has agreed to serve as President, Faith Peterson is the nominee for VP, and the position of Secretary is still open. Robert volunteered to take this on, but entreated the membership to show more participation for supporting the club by running for offices. Cynthia Faschini volunteered to run for Secretary. Jim Villers and Bill Yoshida have agreed to remain as Treasurer and Membership Chair, respectively, but Bill stated he would be willing to give it up if someone else was interested in Membership.

The evening raffle was then held. Sue Bond won the "My other car is an MG" sticker, and other prizes included an embroidered patch of the club logo, an Old Speckled Hen bottle opener, a TMGCCC fridge magnet, and \$30 won by Kirk Cizerle in the 50/50 raffle which he then generously donated to the club. Meeting adjourned!

Recorded by Bruce Easley



Membership Update: October 2017

2018 Membership: As of 20 September there are 103 paid memberships, with a “promise” of renewal from 6 additional members. There are still 3 members that have not yet responded to my last “Final Notice” e-mail. I recently made phone calls to each of the holdouts. I have now received notification of 11 non-renewals from the following members:

- Ryan Dixon lacks time to participate due to College commitments.
- Woody Cohen and Janis have sold their MGB.
- Ron & Tina Pack sold their MG.
- Richard & Joan Leal sold their MG.
- Barb Taychert have all sold their MGs.
- Steve Boslet has simply sent an e-mail asking to be removed from the roster.
- George McQuain has is going to take a “Leave of Absence” until next year when he hopes to clear his busy schedule.
- John Terschak moved to Ohio.
- Matt and Susan Foley have a busy schedule; may rejoin next year after Matt’s retirement.
- Ian Campbell is not renewing – no specific reason provided.
- Martin (Tino) Vander Haeghe – indicated he plans to renew later this year.

In compliance with the TMGC Club By-Laws I’ve sent the end of year/current membership list to our Treasurer, Jim Villers. I’ve also provided a copy to the elected officers.

Note: I plan to keep Tino& Beth Vander Haeghe, GeorgeMcQuain and Matt & Susan Foley in the 2018 Directory in anticipation that they will be renewing in the future.

New Memberships:

None since the September meeting report.

Cars: Total cars – 177 (if all remaining members from 2017 renew.)

Cars & Types: 169 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
27	2	73	19	1	4	7	20	4	8

Other/Variou MGs – 8 (1-Cooper MG/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB/ 2 ELVA Courier, plus 1 still unknown model/yr MG owned by Tino)

Dues: I turned over \$460 in checks and \$40 in cash to Jim Villers at the September meeting. As of 20 September I hold \$20 in checks and \$20 in cash for turnover to Jim.

2018 Annual Directory: Since this is an election year I decided to delay publishing the new 2018 Annual Directory until after the elections at the October meeting in order to provide the names of the newly elected officers and to allow for “Late Membership” renewals during the month of September. Although neither action is in strict compliance with the current By-Laws, I believe they are in the best interest of the club. As in the past, a digital copy of the 2018 Directory will be sent to each member (that have provided an e-mail address) once it is published. A limited number of paper copies will be available “by request”. If you received a paper copy last year we 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



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

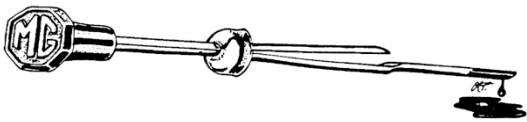


Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 3rd
Bill & Renee Olcheski
1409 Edgartown Ct.
Virginia Beach
467-4046



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

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