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45 Years of MG!

Activity Report – December 2018 *submitted by Tad Carter*

Oh, MG #1– Get 'em while you can. Oops – too late. Foggy Ridge Cidery (Crooked Road Tour – 2016) has ceased operations. Owner Diane Flynt continues to cultivate her orchards and work with other cider producers, but with her Final Call release, Foggy Ridge's wonderful ciders are now history.

Oh, MG #2 – There was a nice write-up in the Pilot earlier this month about Hampton Roads Winery (Horrible Idea Tour – 2017). Join us in February for our first drive of 2019 - **Another Horrible Idea** – and see what other trouble we can get in. Details are coming in January!

Congratulations are in order for PJ Peterson, who dethroned Pete Olson and took home (wait a minute - we were already there) the coveted title of Chili Champ 2018. Thank you to PJ and Faith for hosting our November meeting, and to Faith for stepping in to preside over the meeting in Bill's absence. Let's see, PJ was out directing traffic, and they probably shared in the clean-up afterward. Is there anything they won't do for the club?



Fall foliage at the Tech Session

Thanks also to Susan and Terry Bond for hosting the Fall Tech Session. We had a beautiful day, and there was a great turnout, and numerous projects were completed. You can read more from Bob Stein elsewhere in The Dipstick.

The Merroir & Terroir Oyster Extravaganza at Chatham Vineyards didn't get much participation from the club, but you missed a very pleasant evening with good wine, plenty to eat, stories and laughter. Thank you to Jenifer and Mike Ash for including us at your table. Chatham Vineyard continues to put on events worth the drive.



"Oysters roasting on a open fire....."

Next up is our **Holiday Party**, which also serves as the club's 45th Anniversary celebration. We will be back at **Princess Anne Country Club** in Virginia Beach for brunch on **Sunday, December 16th**. The cost of the brunch is \$20 per person, payable at the door (cash or a check to TMGC). I'm sure the brunch selection will be as elaborate as it was on our last visit. There will also be a cash bar for your adult beverages. Plan an arrival time of 11am. At the moment, we have 35 people signed up, and we have room for more. It will help in finalizing our plans with PACC if you RSVP by December 10th. Contact me at TMGC_Activities@me.com or 757-544-5668.

Finally, our first event in the 2019 wrap-around driving season is on **Tuesday, December 18th** with the **Holiday Lights at Norfolk Botanical Gardens**. This top-down drive is an annual favorite. Join us for a great dinner at Franco's (6200 N Military at Norview). Plan on arriving between 6:00 and 6:30pm. We'll depart en masse to drive through the lights at

approximately 7:15.



Our Tech Session co-host on point

That's a wrap on 2018. I'm still adding up the miles and will have the travel awards on the 16th. I look forward to seeing you there. If not, 2019 is just around the corner and there are new roads to travel.

PS – We still have openings for meeting hosts. Please contact Faith Peterson (yes, there is more she does for the club)

Dipstick Calendar – December 2018

- Dec. 16 – (Sun) 45th Anniversary Celebration**
11:00 Brunch at Princess Anne Country Club
- Dec. 18 – (Tue) Holiday Lights**
6:00 for Dinner at Franco's
- Jan 2 or 9 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting - TBD**
- Feb 5 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – Hampton**
Oozlefinch Brewery – 6:30pm
- Feb 16 – (Sat) That's Another Horrible Idea Drive**
ETD – TBD
- Mar 6 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting**
- Mar 16 – (Sat) – OBX Adventure**
Whalehead Club Tour and lunch in Corolla
- Apr 2 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting**
- Apr TBA - Spring Tech Session**
- Apr 26-28 (tentative) – VA Spring Tour - TBA**
- May 1 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Norfolk**
Hosted by Cynthia & Andy
- May 29 – Peninsula Dessert Drive**
6:30pm departure from Yorktown Visitors Center
- May 30 – Southside Dessert Drive**
6:30pm departure from Harris Teeter - VB City Hall
- June 4 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting**
- July 10 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting**
- July 28 – Barksdale Theater – Hanover**
Forever Plaid - 10am – 6pm
- Aug 6 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting**
- Aug TBA – Summer Tech Session**
- Sept 3 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Norfolk**
Ocean View Fishing Pier
- Oct 10 – Monthly Meeting – Virginia Beach**
Hosted by Renee & Bill
- Nov 5 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting**
- Nov TBA – Fall Tech Session**
Hosted by Susan & Terry



Marque Time

Greetings MG Enthusiasts,

Everyone wants to feel irreplaceable but it is now proven that I am not. I have been told that in my absence, the November meeting ran like a fine tuned MG. Thank you Faith. I did not hear if someone stepped in and covered for the VP shrug.

At recent meetings we have been seeing new and returning faces. That is great except that not everyone knows each other. If you have a name tag please wear it. If not, you can order one. Ask Rose. If we all wear name tags we will know who to report should there be any inappropriate behavior.

On my way to the tech session at the Bond's I had an epiphany. Every time that I drive my MG down Centerville Turnpike the drawbridge opens. This has to have something to do with my Lucas wiring. I have apparently uncovered another attribute of the devils wiring.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas/Holiday Party.

Safety Fast,
Bill O
Your Benevolent Dictator

November 7, 2018 TMGC Meeting Minutes (recorded by Cynthia)

President Olcheski was not in attendance and our amazing Vice President Faith Peterson stepped up to the plate. (See photo at right of Faith running the show.) She wanted to thank the hosts (who happened to be Faith and P.J.) Of note P.J. did all of the cooking. We had guests Lydia and Bill who are from England. They have a TR4 and Lydia made an amazing Pavlova (look it up). Another guest was introduced as Jim and Augie Myers who have an Aston Martin. Previous minutes were approved unanimously.



Vice President was doing double duty so we had to stand by for her report. Here is a spoiler alert she made a board with \$1 bills for those months that we have no meetings to encourage more people to host. Very ingenious.

Treasurer's report indicates that we have a balance of \$1,517.94.

Historian Sue Bond indicated that we are making history as we speak.

Tad Carter once again thanked the hosts which was also a Chili Cook-off. Some things to keep in mind are the following: Christmas party will be a brunch at 11:00 am cost is a mere sum of \$20 per person. December 18 enjoy the lights at the Botanical Gardens and dinner at Franco's at 6:30 pm. If you want to host a meeting please let Tad know. As for 2019 there is a Spring tour at the end of April. Dessert drives are coming back. Tides baseball will be in June. MG 2019 is going to be in Traverse City MI. In July there will be culture at the Hanover Theater.

Membership is currently at 93; last year was 113. Jim Villers and Andy Wallach will be working on making a hardcopy of a directory.

Old Business: none.

New Business Hank Giffin needs a set of TC fenders. Anybody interested in Dipsticks from the 1970's to the 1990's contact Robert Perrone.

Marque Time was silent.

Winner of the Chili Cook-off: 4th place Tad Carter, 3rd place Pete Olsen, 2nd Place Bob McKenna and 1st place P.J. Peterson. Look for recipes in the Dipstick.

Regalia: Rose Ladd presented the following to the winners of the raffle 1. Beautiful placemats to Betty Villers. 2. Lydia from England placemats, 3. 50/50 to Mark and Marion McAlpine.



The night time is the right time.....for an MG meeting!

Motion to adjourn.

Fall Tech Session – at Bond’s Automobilia Emporium

More than 30 TMGC members and guests descended on Terry and Sue Bond November 4th for the annual Fall Tech Session. In addition to the usual crowd of MGBs, vehicles included three MGAs, a TD, a Midget, and two interlopers – a (gasp!) Triumph Spitfire and a Packard! Newcomer Scott Davies was one of the first in the garage doing suspension work on a recently-acquired MGB-GT, while Frank Linse offered his usual expertise in diagnosing and adjusting carburetors and timing. Chip Woolford divided his time between diagnosing Pete Olsen’s stiff shifting and helping with MG TD door alignment and other projects. However, as usual, the vast majority were there to socialize and enjoy the food and drink. Terry and Sue did their normal fantastic job of not only providing a great place to meet and work, but also assisting with tools and expertise. Thanks to them and to all who participated!

Attendees:

Roy Wiley, Hank Giffin, Tom and Jeanne Lund, Jim Smith, Don and Rose Ladd, Pete Olsen, Mathieu Houvinen, Andy Wallach, Al Hazlett, Frank Linse, Mike Haag, Bill Olcheski, Tad Carter, Fred McCall and Linda, Jim Villers, Rich Hildreth, Mark and Marion McAlpine, David Ford, Chip Woolford, Scott Davies, Durant Phillips, Bob Stein, George McQuain, Ray Hicks, Barry Basnight, Bill Cochrane, Bobbie Gribble, Mark Childers, Bob McClaren, Bill Blair, Bruce Sedel (AACCA) and Allen Gibbs.

Written and photographed by Bob Stein



Bevy of beautiful B's



English engine experts at play



MGAs at rest



Matthieu's Spitfire crashes the MG party



Snapdragon Yellow (?) – gorgeous!



Susan and Terry always provide plenty of fuel for the assembled mechanics



Fetch me some jackstands – this is getting heavy!

2018 December Dipstick Membership Update

2018 Membership: 113 paid memberships.

2019 Membership: 104 paid memberships. (So far 28 non-renewals)

New Memberships: Welcome Dean and Laura Harbeson (77 Midget), Keith Shiminski (78 B), Bill and Lydia Ludgate (non MG)

Dues: 2019 Dues are way past due! Renewal Forms are on-line at www.mg.org. Please fill out a copy and bring it to a meeting or mail it along with \$20 payment. If you have no changes to past data, you only need to submit the \$20 in dues. If you do not plan on renewing, let me know by phone, mail or e-mail. Thanks.



Don't forget the TMGC Holiday Brunch!

45th Anniversary TMGC Holiday Brunch

*Sunday, December 16, 2018
Princess Anne Country Club
3800 Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach*



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