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Happy Tidewater MG Club New Year!



Holiday Party hosted by Faith and PJ December 14, 2019



The annual TMGC Holiday Party was held at the beautifully decorated home of Faith and PJ Peterson in Hampton. Our awesome hosts laid out an extensive feast with plenty to tempt every palate. Many of the guests brought along side dishes and dessert selections to ensure everyone enjoyed a satisfying holiday meal. True to TMGC form, a wide variety of adult beverages complemented the menu.

A silent auction was orchestrated by Rose and Donald Ladd, with a wide variety of MG-themed items for the bidders. Proceeds went back into the club treasury for future use!

Toward the latter part of the evening, PJ presented each attendee with a custom crafted TMGC refrigerator magnet fashioned from multiple layers of wood. These were sourced from a friend of PJ who makes similar items for corporate giving. Truly beautiful!

After a full evening of friends, car talk, and delicious dining it was time to head home with thoughts of the coming year; a year sure to be filled with hundreds of miles of MG driving pleasure.

Thank you Faith and PJ for a wonderful evening!





PJ & Faith's Holiday Party Favor....

President Emeritus Bill presents the President's Award to Tad!



Just one part of a sumptuous feast!



Marque Time

Ah, if only I had enough money to indulge in all of the classic cars I would love to have. My father used to joke with people and say "I should've been born rich, instead of handsome!" At least he had that going for him. Unfortunately, his son went 0 for 2.

I lamented my lack of available cash recently when I came across this article entitled "*7 sweet cars you can import in 2020 under the 25-year rule*" in a Hagerty newsletter. If our esteemed Editors are able to do so, you may possibly be able to click on a link to look at the cars.

[https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2019/12/11/sweet-cars-you-can-import-in-2020-under-the-25-year-rule?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=19 December 14 Weekend News](https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2019/12/11/sweet-cars-you-can-import-in-2020-under-the-25-year-rule?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=19%20December%2014%20Weekend%20News)

If not, or if you don't care to investigate, what you would find, among the other vehicles, is the last of the British-built MG roadsters, the 1995 MG-F. I have a feeling that we might see one or two of these imported by serious collectors, and may even have one pop up in our area. Of course it will not be in my garage, but I still would love to see one.

But no matter what LBC we may have, we can all look forward to another year of driving and enjoying the company of friends in the finest car club I have ever known. And no one is paying me to say that... although I wouldn't mind if they did!

Safety Fast,
Robert

Dipstick Calendar – January 2020

Jan 7 (Tue) - Monthly Meeting – Ocean View
Hosted by Cindy Lee & Eric

Feb 5 (Wed) - Monthly Meeting – Oozlefinch Brewery – Hampton

Feb 15 (Sat) – Horrible Idea Tour v3.0

Mar 3 (Tue) – Monthly Meeting

Mar 22 (Sun) – Theatre at Hanover Tavern – *The 39 Steps*

Apr 1 (Wed) – Monthly Meeting

Apr 18 - Williamsburg British Car Club – British & European Car Show

May 1-3 – Spring Tour – Hosted by Beckey and Alan

May 1-3 – GOF Virginia Beach
Hosted by NEMGTR - For info –
HankGiffin@cox.net

May 5 (Tue) – Monthly Meeting
Hosted by Cynthia and Andy

June 3 (Wed) – Monthly Meeting

June 28 – July 1 – MG-2020 – Calgary, Canada

July 7 (Tue) – Monthly Meeting

Summer 2020 – GT-45 - NAMGAR

Aug 5 (Wed) – Monthly Meeting
Hosted by Faith and PJ

Sep 1 (Tue) – Monthly Meeting – Ocean View Fishing Pier

Oct 7 (Wed) – Monthly Meeting / Elections
Hosted by Renee and Bill

Nov 4 (Wed) – Monthly Meeting

Dec TBA – Holiday Party
Hosted by Ashley and Billy

Activity Report – January 2020

Having spent a number of years living in colder winter climates, I am continually pleased with the number of days we in Tidewater can actually get out and drive our cars in the cooler months. Yes, there may be the occasional week of inclement weather, but that is rare. When and where I bought my current B, it was not uncommon to park it from mid-October until early April. In fact, I had a nice arrangement with my insurance agent. When first parked, I would let him know and he would remove all but the minimum of coverages. If a day came when I was able to take the car out for a spin, I would phone him, and he would turn on full coverage. Once safely home, another call would remove the unneeded coverage. A sweet deal for the budget, and in reality, I only was able to take advantage of this 2-3 times in 18 years of coverage. Winters can be brutal in the Midwest.

But Toto, we're not in Kansas (or Chicago) anymore. This is Tidewater, and we do winters well. So warm up your car and join us for a series of Winter adventures. First up is Horrible Idea v3.0 on **Saturday, February 15th**. This will be a day trip with an assortment of stops, including lunch on the road. The stops are being finalized as this is being written, but you can look for details at our January meeting or in the February edition of The Dipstick. All are welcome.

Next, we have the **Sunday, March 22nd** theatre drive to Hanover (yes, 3/22 - pay no attention to the 3/29 date in the original schedule). This is an all-day drive departing about 9am (details to follow) from Tidewater. We'll stop for lunch at Indian Fields Tavern in Charles City, and then head to Hanover for the 2pm performance of **The 39 Steps**. The stage version is a parody of the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock thriller. We have 20 seats reserved for this performance, with 16 already spoken for as of the December meeting. If you would like to join us, please let me know as soon as possible.

Other 2020 events are taking shape, and I expect to announce sign-up for the Spring Tour (**May 1-3**) within the next few weeks. Also, be on the lookout for registration information for the Williamsburg British Car Club show (**April 18**) and the New England MGT Register Gathering of the Faithful (**May 2-3**). Spring shows can be a great way to start your year – another reason to clean off the dust and get your car on the road. Also, got word today that registration is now open for MG-2020 in Calgary – mg2020.regfox.com

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Firing up the MGs at Franco's



Holiday Lights

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We wrapped up the 2019 calendar in December. For those who keep track of such minutiae, we held 10 driving events and amassed 19,521 car miles and 34,754 passenger miles. Our long drive was the Fall Tour, at 550 miles, and our most attended drive was the March drive to the Whalehead Club in Corolla, NC. We had 7 couples cross the 2000-mile threshold. Our top travelers for 2019 were Denise and Mike Haag, who proudly showed off their now-running B for 2830 miles. It is good to see their car back on the road. They earned the coveted First-in-Line position for 2020 drives. While this may not seem like a prize, it does relieve Denise of her former duty of herding cats at the back of the pack.

Our **January 7th** meeting is in Ocean View, hosted by Cindy Lee and Eric. **This is a new meeting site – 722 W Ocean View. There is limited parking in the shared space between this house and the neighbor's.** There are still several open dates for other meetings, if you are able to host one of our meetings.

Note – for those who joined us on The Raid on Harpers Ferry drive in 2014, you may recall the castle we passed just outside Berkeley Springs, WV. This 9300 sq.ft. “cottage” is currently on the market for only \$1.3 million. If you decide to snap this up, let Mike Haag know. We'll be happy to add you to our meeting rotation!

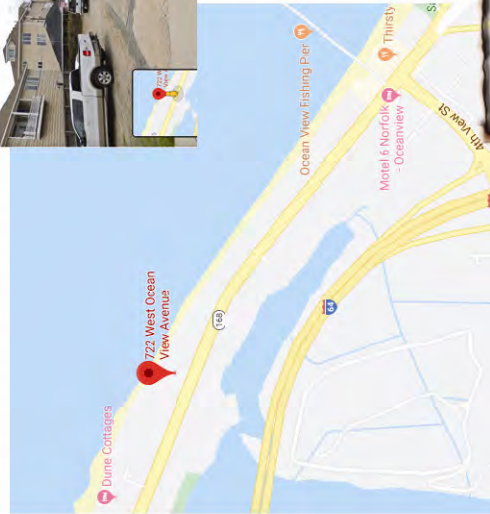
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7:30 - 8:00 pm - Kick Tyres
8:00 Party



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