



The Dipstick



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TMGC Meeting Minutes October 6, 2020

Big Ugly Brewing in Chesapeake was the site for the October meeting. The folks at Big Ugly cordoned off a section of the parking lot near the entrance for MG parking only, thus providing a mini car show as well. There was a good turnout of members on a beautiful early fall evening and it was good to see so many MGs and their drivers, something that has been missing during this pandemic. After an initial mix-up over our reserved meeting space, sufficient space was quickly provided to accommodate all our members in a section near the bar. How convenient! The club provided pizza from the Great Pizza Company and after everyone finished eating, Robert called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM.



The September minutes were quickly approved. Robert then asked if there were any new members or guests. New member Rick Schoew with his beautiful 1967 MGB introduced himself. Guests Vernon Schoonmaker and Mark & Sheri Stein were introduced and they said they would go ahead and join the club.

VP Report: Mike thanked Hank Giffin for initially reaching out to Big Ugly to see if they could host our club meeting. Mike said the November meeting is TBA and it was getting difficult to find venues to host club meetings during the Phase II pandemic restrictions, but a couple of craft breweries in Norfolk would be looked at.

Dipstick: Mark was not present due to work conflicts, but Robert asked for input and reminded everyone the due date is the 20th.

Activities: Robert said that Bruce Easley volunteered to be the Activities overall coordinator, supported by Rob McPherson for the Southside and again asked for individuals to consider coordinating events or drives to assist Bruce. Robert reported that Bruce is working on a drive later in October, more information to follow when an itinerary is firmed up.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Villers gave his report with the following noted: a balance of \$2653.00 carried over from September, receipts of \$20 from one membership, and disbursements of \$340.19 for the September meeting pizza, printing the roster, and postage with a new balance carried forward of \$2332.81.

Membership: Mike Ash reported that we have 4 additional members since the last meeting. Mike noted membership as of October 1 stood at 81.

Old Business: None

New Business: Robert reminded everyone that the club Secretary position is still open and he thanked Mark for filling in during this period, but the club needs someone to step up and fill this role.

Mark Time: Mike Ash noted that former member Richard Leal passed away at the age of 88.

No raffle was held. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM so we could all get back to the important stuff like drinking more beer while social distancing.



(recorded by Mike Haag)



TMGCC Activities Update

Thanks to the golden-tongued entreaties (or threats and bribes) from our illustrious Prez Robert, I'm filling in on the Activities slot, now that the inimitable Tad C has moved on and away. Who could resist such a great opportunity to get a salary AND a prestigious title? I apologize for making a slow start, but in mid-September I contracted Lyme disease, a non-contagious disease affecting muscles and nerves, and was out of commission for 3 weeks. However, I'm back in the driver's seat and there are some activities to report.

In October there was a drive to the Middle Peninsula area to visit a working pottery, the Town of Matthews, and Zoll winery. Plans are underway for a day trip in November TBA, planning to go South; suggestions are welcomed. The November meeting is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 4 at Maker's Craft Brewery, 735 East 23rd St, Norfolk 23504 starting at 6:00 PM.

Our traditional Holiday Lights drive will be on Tuesday, December 15, leaving from the parking lot at Franco's in Norfolk at 7:30. Due to Covid restrictions, large parties cannot be seated together, so make your own reservations for dinner early enough to leave for the drive. Please note that this year, tickets are sold in advance, and can be purchased at the following website: <https://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/dgol/>. The site states that depending upon attendance, tickets may not be available at the gate or may have an additional charge.

Billy Stutz and Ashley Gloeker have graciously offered to host our annual Holiday Party at their home on December 5. More information will be forthcoming regarding time and food arrangements. We hope to see you there!!

Then on to 2021. Please contact Mike Haag if you are willing to host a monthly meeting or have a suggestion for a venue. Also, I would definitely appreciate suggestions for day trips to particular locations or areas, as it is quite possible we may not be doing overnights for the foreseeable future. However,

Jolly Well Drive We Will!!

Bruce Easley

TMGC Calendar As of Nov 2020

**Nov 4 (Wed) – Monthly Meeting –
Makers Craft Brewery, 735 E. 23rd
St, Norfolk**

Fall Tech Session – Cancelled

**Dec 5th – Holiday Party
Hosted by Ashley Gloeker and Billy
Stutz
3332 Patrick Henry Dr, Chesapeake**

Dec 15 – (Tue) Holiday Lights

**Local TMGC events for 2021 are
TBD at this time.**

Jun 14-17 – MG 2021
Atlantic City, NJ

Bold-Faced Items are TMGC Events



Still Collecting – MG Stuff (*continued*)

By Terry Bond – with assistance from Susan and Richard Hall

The proliferation of imported Japanese produced toys in the 1950s provides loads of collecting opportunity, although they have significantly gone up in price. Often crudely made, and only remotely related to the real thing style-wise, these cute clock-work mechanical cars are a great addition to the MG collections, but are a challenge to find in such great condition as these from Richard's showcase. These are representative of the MG TD and TF of the 1950s.



MGs were used as police cars as far back as the 1930s. Models of them have been produced in a variety of styles and color combinations. This MGB roadster came complete with its own display stand.

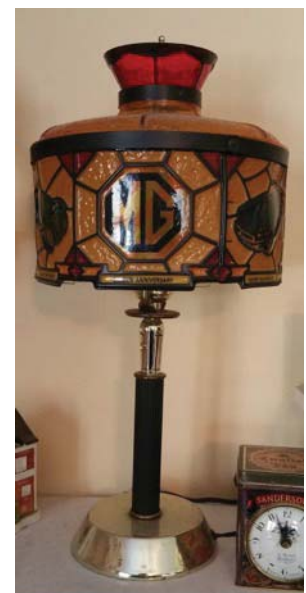
Now very hard to find is this great 1:18 scale model of the 1975 MGBGT Golden Jubilee edition. The full-sized cars were produced in a very limited number - just 1 was allocated to each of the 750 dealerships existing at that time. None were made for export to the United States. These well done models are difficult to find and can command prices well over £150.



I'll conclude this part of my series with a picture of one of Susan's prized possessions – An MG Golden Anniversary lamp from a PA dealership, a gift to her in 2010 from Hershey Region fall meet Chairman Ken Gamble, who worked at that dealership years ago.

Whether you collect to a specific era, certain types of cars, or if you restrict your collecting only to certain types of items, you'll be able to enjoy your hobby year round by bringing some of these great items into your house. I personally would rather look at some of my treasures than watch some of the stuff on TV these days (except of course for American Pickers). Thanks to Richard and Susan for allowing me to photograph some of their great collections. We hope you enjoy the photos and as always, collecting something related to your car.

Terry





1948 MGTC produced by the Franklin Mint.

An MG in cast metal mounted on a wooden plaque



A load of MGA Roadsters en-route to the dealership

More photos of the October meeting





Marque Time



Hopefully by the time you read this we will have completed our first club drive since February. Yes, February... It's amazing (and sad) to think that it has been that long.

As I write this I have no way of knowing whether the drive went off as planned since the deadline to submit material for the Dipstick is the 20th, and our event was scheduled for the 23rd. But, I'll be the optimist and presume that, as has happened dozens of times before, we all went out, had a wonderful drive, and enjoyed it thoroughly.

But whether or not we went out on the 23rd, we all owe a great "thank you" to Bruce Easley for offering to step up and take care of Activities for the club. I do know that Bruce, assisted by Jayne, had already planned the event and drove out to check our destinations a few days before I wrote this. And since I'm sure he did a wonderful job, the drive went off without a hitch.

We may have some other drives in the relatively near future, again thanks to Bruce. And, in addition, we also have our holiday party to look forward to in December. As most of you likely know by now, Ashley and Billy Stutz have offered to open up their home for that event. Thank you to both of you from all of us in the club.

Of course, before that most of us will be celebrating Thanksgiving. A time for most families to get together and eat too much. Then again, when I was a kid it was different. My family also used it as an excuse to drink too much.

Yes, my family, most of them are drunks. I mean, to give you some idea, when I was a kid, I got lost. They put my picture on a bottle of Scotch.

OK, another Rodney Dangerfield line. But now everyone's wondering what my family was really like. Mission accomplished!

Safety Fast,
Robert

It Starts!

The three MG'teers, (Frank Linse, Richard Hall, and Jack Pavlidas) using their swords (wrenches) expertly (most of the time) prepared the rebuilt engine of my MGA for ignition. After adding fluids and adjusting the distributor, with a thrust of the starter, the engine slowly turned over but did not fire. Frank adjusts the distributor several times but still no ignition. Maybe the battery doesn't have enough umph (charge). So, let's put on a charger/starter. Engine turns over a little faster but still doesn't run. Then they try a jump starter. No go. Maybe we need to get a new battery? Then Jack turns the distributor, Richard pulls the starter cable, and Vroom. It starts instantly. Thanks to these fine gentlemen...and others, I have a running engine. Now I need a running Andy so that I can drive the beautiful sports car. I, under the guidance of Cynthia, am making progress.

Andy Wallach



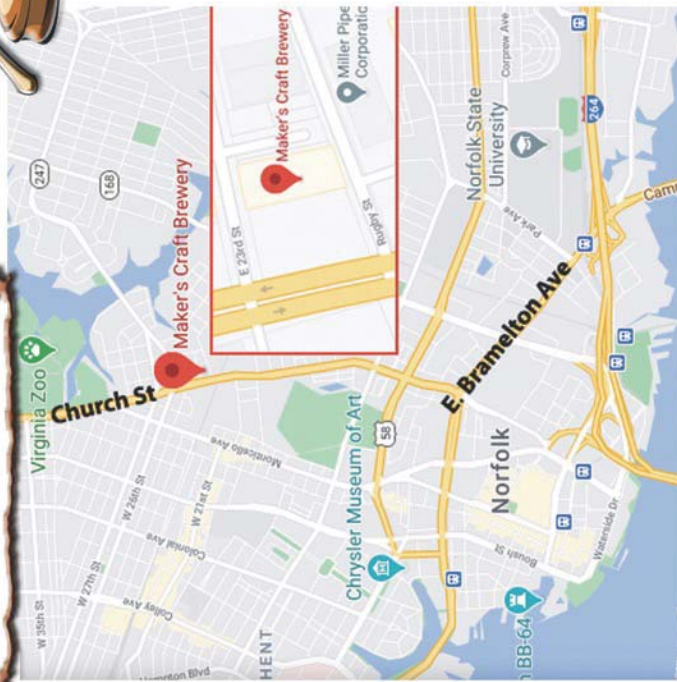
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Monthly Meeting
Wed. 4th Nov
Makers Craft
Brewery
735 East 23rd St.
Norfolk, VA.

6:00 pm - Kick Tyres
Meeting to Follow



**Special parking for us inside fenced area.
Access from Rugby St.
They will open the iron gates and let us park
where the gravel is.**



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