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TMGC Meeting Minutes *September 1, 2020*

Pleasure House Brewing was the site for the September meeting, and members started arriving around 6 PM. The weather had turned somewhat cooler and the rain held off, making for excellent outdoor meeting conditions behind PHB's facility on Pleasure House Road in Virginia Beach. The turnout was approximately 35-40 people, the most we've seen since the beginning of Covid-19 restrictions.



7:40 PM Robert called the meeting to order with Bill's assistance. After approval of the August minutes, Robert thanked Mike Haag for setting up the meeting at PHB.

VP Report: Mike noted that craft beer locations look promising for upcoming meetings, and that Big Ugly in Chesapeake will be pursued as an October meeting site.

Activities: Bill Olcheski passed on a note from Activities Chairman Emeritus Tad Carter that MG 2021 was coming up soon in Atlantic City, NJ. This will run 14-17 June and a tentative itinerary for TMGC attendees is through Oxford MD and via the Lewes, DE Ferry to NJ. More details will be shared as this develops.



Robert solicited help from club members to help with setting up individual club activities and thanked Bruce Easley for stepping up to act as overall Coordinator. Activities management will be much easier if we can continue to secure more volunteers. As Robert continued to discuss spreading the Activities load, Andy dialed Tad up and gave everyone a chance to say hello to our former Activities Chair down in the Carolinas. Robert concluded by reminding us that we still need a Club Secretary. He also welcomed new member Barry Basnight, who is a neighbor of the Bonds. Barry has a pair of MGA's as well as two Bugeye Sprites.



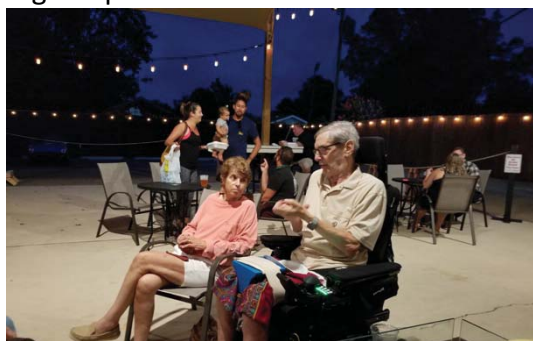
Treasurer's Report: Jim Villers was unable to attend, but provided his report via email. We have a growing balance of \$2653.00.



Membership: Mike Ash was also unable to attend, and provided the following via email: Two more renewals since the last report with 76 responding (60%) to date.

Marque Time: Andy reported that his MGA engine has been re-installed with the assistance of Bob Stein, Chip Woolford, Frank Linse and Richard Hall. Bruce Easley relayed a story of how leaky plastic fuel filters and hot exhaust components do not mix!

Motion to adjourn came at 8:02 PM, but not before we thanked Denise Haag and Renee Olcheski for serving the pizza that came from Sal's Pizzeria.



Still Collecting – MG Stuff (2nd installment)

By Terry Bond – with assistance from Susan and Richard Hall

This model was custom made by a company in New Jersey in 1984. The company had a short life span and was an extension of a well-known toy collector and restorer's hobby. Richard managed to stumble onto one in a Pennsylvania antique shop years ago. The car was originally a MGTD of the 1950s made as a kit by the company Dopke. The TC was re-engineered and is quite rare.



Richard Halls rare MGTC model

Carletonware Ceramic model of MG #1



Rare model of the MG PA Airline Coupe

A ceramic model of what is recognized as the first MG, affectionately known as "Old Number One" was produced by a British ceramic firm, Carletonware. It is long out of production and good examples are rare and expensive. One very rare model is this early MGPA Airline Coupe. There were only 28 real cars ever produced and just 15 remain today. It is rare that a model of a car produced in such small quantity would have ever been made.

In the immediate post war era, European toy manufacturers moved quickly to begin turning their plants back to domestic products. Toys were one of the mass production items that quickly became easy sellers. It is obvious from this rare aluminum MG toy sports car that was made at the beginning of this industry restart. It is fairly crude, in fact the box is “recycled.” It is a box for laundry powder that was turned inside-out and reprinted by the toy manufacturer.



Early aluminum key-wind toy MG T series

Even paper MGs were available. This one probably originated as packaging for some product or perhaps was printed in a book or magazine. Cut-out and properly assembled, it makes a great and quite rare little MG.

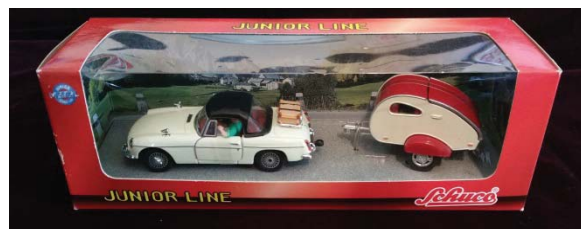


A rare early paper model of an MG A roadster.



Other model MGs abound. This hand-crafted model was acquired from the family of the person who made it. Exquisitely detailed, it happens to be Clipper Blue – same color as Susan’s

Some interesting diorama style models were produced in the 1960s by the noted German firm Schuco. These remain in their original boxes and have never been taken out to play with them. Note the garage scene advertises some oil and gasoline products that were strictly American. In this condition, such models are difficult to find and are quite desirable.



More to follow in next month's issue....

MGA ENGINE REINSTALL STATUS

Andy Wallach

Last year, before my accident that restricted my mobility, Frank Linse and I pulled my MGA engine and sent it out for a rebuild. I knew the engine needed attention since it blew about a quart of oil out the breather pipe every fifty miles. Now, fortunately, there are great club members available to reinstall the engine. Led by Frank, Richard Hall, Bob Stein, and Chip Woolford installed the engine and are in the process of hooking up all the accoutrements. To, hopefully alleviate traditional MGA overheating, they will install an aluminum radiator and a plastic radiator shroud. I also purchased an oil cooler but will wait until I am hopefully able to install that myself.



TMGC Calendar
As of Oct 2020

Oct 6 (Tue) – Monthly Meeting – Big Ugly Brewing, Chesapeake

Nov 4 (Wed) – Monthly Meeting - TBA

Fall Tech Session – Cancelled

**Dec TBA – Holiday Party
Hosted by Ashley and Billy Stutz**

Dec 15 – (Tue) Holiday Lights

**Jun 14-17 – MG 2021
Atlantic City, NJ**

Bold-Faced Items are TMGC Events



Happy
Halloween





Marque Time



Well, I found out last month that I have more than the 3 readers that I thought I had. I guess that means that I now have a grand total of 4...

How do I know that I have one more reader? Well, last month in the Dipstick I noted the challenge, as president of this esteemed club, of coming up with something to write month after month for 2 years. I was promptly put to shame when our dearly-missed former Activities Director noted that he had to submit an article each and every month for several years. As was noted, while he chided me to quit my *"bellyaching"* about the subject, he had *"...written something for every edition since 03/2009 - 136 in a row..."* and all without missing a beat.

Wow. No wonder we miss Tad. In addition to all of his work dreaming up and planning these club activities, then leading us on these adventures, Tad also kept us informed, reminded us with his reports at monthly meetings, kept track with sign-up sheets and then sent out countless emails to remind us of club plans. Thank you again from all of us.

But when I read through the Dipstick last month, along with several fine articles submitted by our club members, I also enjoyed the word puzzle submitted by Beckey Watson. In addition to the words listed the puzzle I found other LBC-relatable words in it such as *"push, cut, pits, weld"* and more. I noticed another, likely misspelled, but some might consider it inappropriate to include, so you'll have to ask me directly if you want to know.

Incredibly, it also had "SUGZRWKKRFXMOKHRGD" and "ARGIDBZZWHPAZJT" which are the sounds you make when you break a bolt off, then bash your knuckles while attempting to remove or install the parts listed in this puzzle.

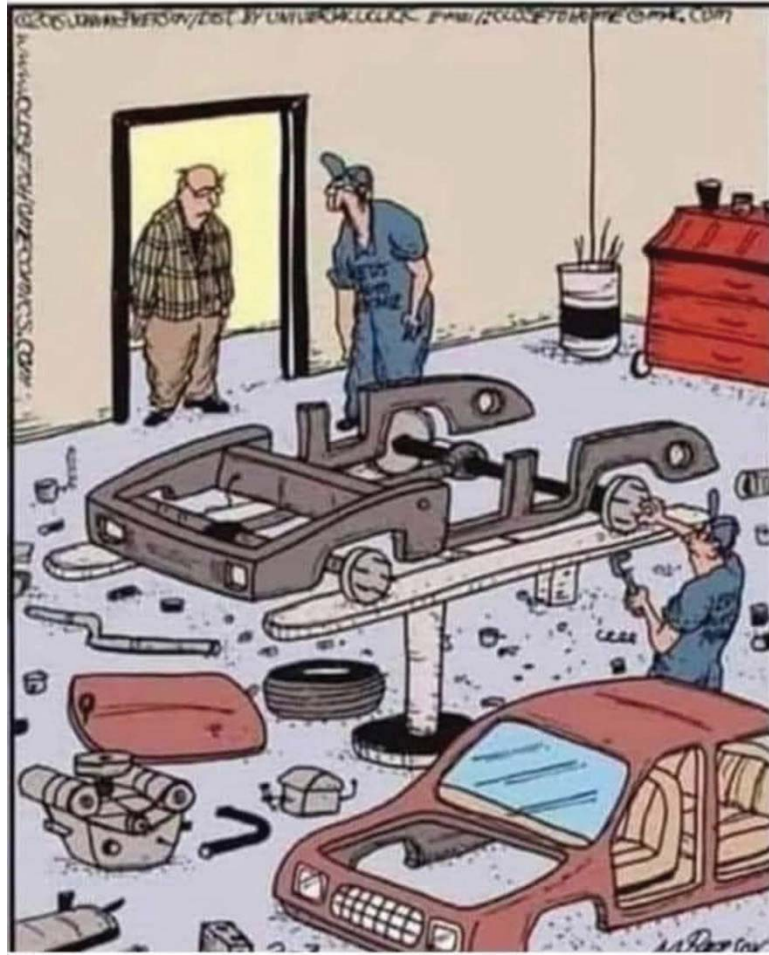
One last note. I had a birthday in September and several of my TMGC friends wished me a happy one, which was much appreciated. This seems true especially when you reach the age when you don't exactly look forward to being another year older. After all, I know I'm getting old. Last week my life insurance company sent me half a calendar.

OK, I stole another one from Rodney Dangerfield, but steal from the best, I always say.

Well, enough from me this month. Stay safe, and we'll all get together at the next TMGC meeting.

Safety Fast,
Robert

Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray 😂😂



From Mike Ash

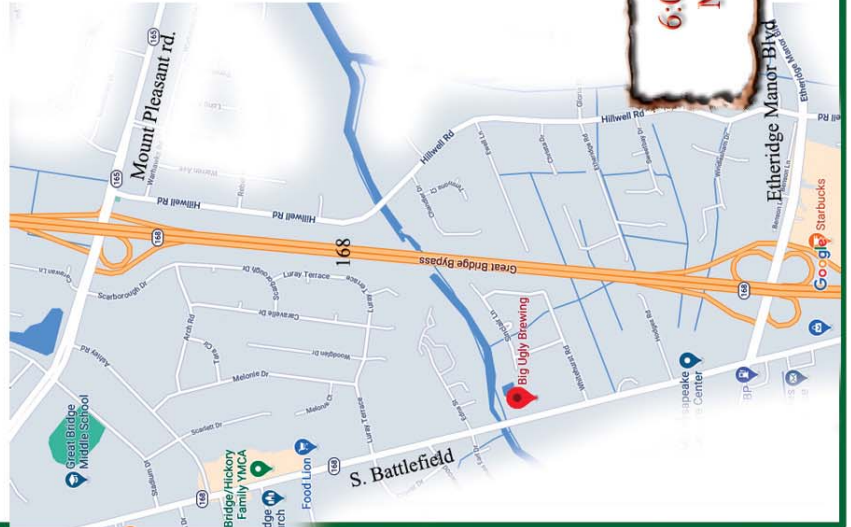
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6:00 pm - Kick Tyres
Meeting to follow

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 6th
Big Ugly
Brewing
845 S Battlefield Blvd
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