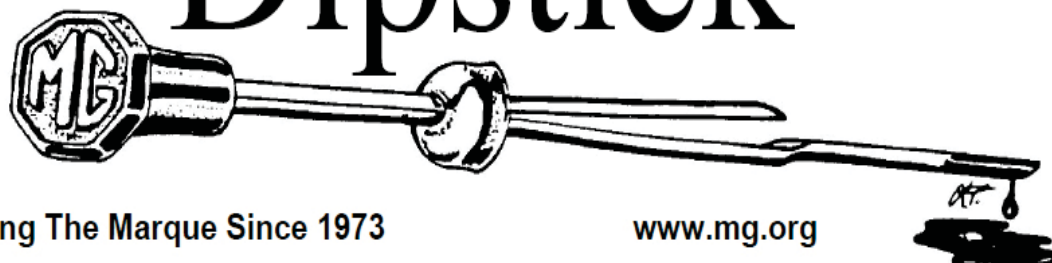




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Tech Stuff – By Terry Bond

Sometimes, our own adventures form the basis for tech reports. Such was the case this week when I was forced into side-lining my intended article for a quick substitute on MG brakes. We set off on Thursday for a nice lunch and visit with some antique car club friends. We decided to exercise the MGBGT, which we'd been doing periodically throughout the winter (weather permitting), but a good longer run was in order. What a perfect day for it too. We went up 17 and dined outside on the deck at Decoy's, which Susan had some hand in working on plans for parts of it when first constructed. It was a good lunch and a nice visit on the water, with a warm breeze blowing. No – this isn't a restaurant review, but this was not our first visit, and certainly won't be our last.

Following our lunch, we drove the short distance to our friends' house to continue our visit. We'd not seen them for several months and have missed traveling together to far-distant car shows.

Of course, eventually, it came time to leave before PM rush-hour traffic got serious. At the first turn leaving their development in Harbor View, there was a big "clunk" and shudder from the back end of the MGBGT! Obviously we'd run over something in the road (a manhole cover?). We backed up to check and there were no obstacles in the road. The car continued to run fine, but there was a lot of shudder when braking. Neighbors came out to look at the cool car and wanted to talk, while we wanted to get to some place where we could try and figure things out. Everybody used to own one (or knew someone who did) so after a mini-car show, we motored on.

At the next stop sign, when brakes were applied, there was another clunk and prolonged shudder. Plenty of good brake pedal but it wasn't stopping as fast as it should. What the heck??? Moving on to Harbor View gave us the safety and room of a very large parking lot in front of a large building where we had the front parking area nearly to ourselves. A little back and forth and some careful listening identified the culprit as potentially a broken brake shoe retainer clip. Crawling under the car and activating the emergency brake cable revealed everything seemed to be working ok, but with no suitable spares we decided not to tackle it roadside and elected to use the ever-faithful AAA option.

While we were waiting for the tow truck, someone came out of the building, saw us taking some photos of the car and asked if we were selling it! He must have thought we were taking photos to post on-line or something. So-another impromptu car-show took place and were entertained about stories of the one he "used to own." People sure do enjoy these LBCs, and it only made us more anxious to begin getting out to events.



AAA was there within 10 minutes and carefully loaded the B. Oh-the little green thing in the photo is a neat plastic ski used to protect the tip of the tailpipe when the car is loaded. There is a little groove in it that precisely fits. Wheel straps prevented any chance the brake line across the rear axle was going to get pinched. We phoned our friends, just a couple of blocks away, and they came to give us a lift home.

The tow truck was waiting for us upon arrival. We unloaded, carefully drove the car into the garage, then retreated to "The Big Ugly" brewery for a BBQ and beer to unwind.

Later that night I went out to remove the driver-side rear wheel and brake drum to check my roadside diagnosis. I just knew if I didn't, there would be no easy sleep, wondering how many broken pieces might fall out when I opened things up.

Once jacked up, I rotated the rear wheels to see if anything strange was going on, perhaps with the U-joint or diff. All was well with only a bit of "clicking" emanating from that driver's side rear wheel.

I removed the tire, and brake drum, and surprisingly, at first glance, saw no broken springs. There was nothing hanging loose, no wheel cylinder issues, and everything seemed nice and tight, even fairly clean. It was then I noted the brake lining was worn right down to the steel of the shoe!



Wooooah – there was NO brake lining at all! Where did it go? Hey -- the other shoe has no lining either. Where'd they go?

Glancing down at the brake drum itself, I quickly found my answer. There they were – nestled inside the drum.

I simply lifted them up and gave a close look to everything to find out the GLUE (or whatever is used) on the linings had obviously failed. When one let loose, it quickly took out the other one.

When being driven like this, there was still some available braking action, but since the linings were free to move around inside the brake drum when no brake pressure was being applied, exactly where they landed when you stomped on the brakes was unknown – and very unsafe. Glad we opted for the tow!



All else seems fine. But the question of how and why lingers. It seems that bonded brake linings have proven to not be such a good idea as riveted linings. The bonding material is subject to failure, and reports exist of it occurring even on fairly new vehicles with low mileage. How to you check it? Do you check it? It hadn't been that long since new front disc pads were added and brakes were adjusted all-around. When you check the rear drum brakes what do you usually look for? Signs of leaking wheel cylinders; rusted or broken springs; worn linings; and that's the end of the checklist. If you are using bonded linings, perhaps a little "nudge" with the tip of a screwdriver might reveal any looseness. Perhaps not! I've learned one thing that contributes to failed bonded linings is excessive heat. So, if you have ever accidentally driven off with your emergency brake still engaged, it might be worth checking those linings to see if there is any resulting looseness. If you see cars driving around where obviously the driver's foot is "resting" on the brake pedal (brake lights constantly on) it actually could be a disaster waiting to happen, rather than just wearing out the linings early. So, something else to add to the check-list. We're ordering an extra set of brake shoes too, and may add them to the spare parts collection for tours. Might as well get some new springs and clips too. For us the lesson is simple -- just because the car has been restored and continues to perform well thousands of miles later, doesn't mean that things won't continue to go wrong. At least the car is well behaved, timing its occasional problems carefully so safe areas, good friends, and AAA are close at hand.

Safety fast-
Terry

VIRGINIA BEACH MINI-GOF – REGISTRATION INFO

The MINI-GOF (Gathering of the Faithful) for the NEMGTR Chesapeake Chapter in Virginia Beach on April 30 - May 2, 2020 is on! It will be based at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. The Inn says “Our beautifully landscaped 26-acre resort and spa location gives guests the feeling of an oasis without compromising proximity. The Inn and Conference Center features include: 240 guestrooms, our full-service Flowering Almond Spa, the award-winning Swan Terrace Grill Restaurant, tennis courts, and (3)swimming pools.” Room rates are \$139 a night. There will be reserved parking lots for MGs and trailers with a security patrol. See below * for more info on the Founders. The Inn has taken significant precautions to prevent the spread of the virus, including spreading us out at dinner and a constant cleaning/sanitation program

The schedule of events includes a Friday evening visit with buffet dinner and beverages at a local collector’s 25 car collection (all exceptional) at his private display building just blocks from the shorefront in Virginia Beach. You could visit the boardwalk before or after this event. This is a large showroom and we will be able to spread out.

Saturday AM we will visit the Virginia Beach Military Aviation Museum (militaryaviationmuseum.org) which includes over 60 flyable vintage airplanes: 17 from WWI and 44 from WWII in several hangers. There will also be rides in biplanes (1941 Stearman or 1989 Waco YMF5) for those signing up in advance.

In the afternoon we will visit the Big Ugly brewery in Chesapeake (biguglybrewing.com) for our car display and popular voting for the MG Ts we admire most. This is a very popular location and our display will be on their front lawn. Their beers have won many awards locally and nationally. Registration includes two complimentary beers. Box lunches from Panera Bread will be provided (please see registration form).

Saturday evening we’ll have our buffet dinner at the lovely Founders private dining room with a cash bar. The Founders has excellent food. Awards will be presented (must be registered to get an award).

The buffet dinner includes:

- Caesar salad
- Garlic mashed potatoes
- Southern style green beans
- Slow roasted pork loin, pan seared Atlantic salmon, or chicken breast roulade
- Fresh strawberry layered cake or Founders Inn traditional bread pudding

The Sunday brunch (not included in the registration fee) at Founders is probably the best in the area.

There will be a hospitality room throughout the weekend at the Founders with beer/wine/soda/water/munchies.

Registration for the event includes the Friday dinner, admission to the Military Aviation museum, two beer tickets at Big Ugly, the hospitality room, and the Saturday buffet at the Founders Swan Terrace Grill Restaurant with cash bar. The Chesapeake Chapter is kindly supplementing its members fee.

More info on the Chesapeake Chapter can be found at:
chesapeakechaptermgclub.com

Please contact me if you have any questions. Additional information will be provided following your registration.

Thanks, Hank & Stevie

Hank Giffin
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hankgiffin@cox.net (note - no ‘r’ in Giffin)



2021 Mini-GOF XLVII Registration Form

April 30 – May 2 2021

Founders Inn

5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

When calling the Founders to make your room reservations be sure to mention the “MG T Mini GOF” (key words) to get our special room rate

(\$139 plus tax) before **April 1, 2021, 757-424-5511**

Registration forms due by March 20, 2021

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone (s) _____ - _____ - _____ / _____ - _____ - _____

EMAIL _____

Year and Model of your MG T that you will be bringing: _____ - _____

New England MG T Register member? Yes/No _____ Number _____

Chesapeake Chapter member? Yes/No _____

Saturday Panera Box Lunch (indicate number):

Turkey _____ Ham _____ Vegetarian _____

Will you be trailering? Yes/No _____ [Note: follow signs for trailer parking](#)

Registration

Registration fee includes Friday dinner and drinks, air museum entry, two craft beers at brewery, buffet dinner Saturday, and hospitality room drinks and snacks.

Registration Fee: \$100/person, Number _____ x \$100 = \$ _____

Chesapeake Chapter members \$75/person, Number _____ x \$75 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed _____

\$ _____

Mail form and make check payable to: CCNEMGTR, c/o

Paige Wickstrom, 1105 Murray Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322



Marque Time

As we get into this spring season, many of us have hope of a return to something resembling "normal" as we used to know it.

We do have some events coming up, including our annual spring tour, led as always by Alan and Beckey. And, by the time this is published, we may have completed a drive and meeting planned by our Activities Director, Bruce "Tad 2.0" Easley.

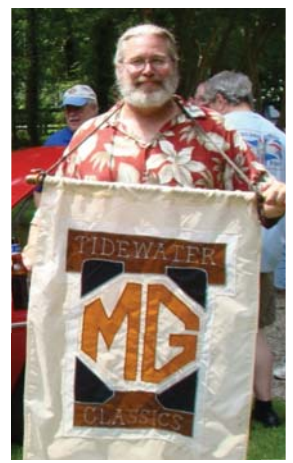
But sadly, as we move into a new season and look forward to making new memories with our friends in this club, we should take a moment to think back on club members that we have lost over the past few years, including our most recent, Jim Freeh.

Of course, as any TMGC member knows, Jim & Linda hosted the August Tech Session for many, many years. Jim always greeted everyone with his warm smile and hearty laugh, sometimes in one of his trademark Hawaiian shirts while Linda served up some barbecue, coleslaw, cakes and other delights. You could always expect a great turnout for those Tech Sessions from our members, as well as an occasional "Freeh-range" chicken running around in the yard!

There are other familiar faces that we have lost over the past few years including Vince Groover, Stephen Daniel, Carl Nagle, Roy Wylie, Tom Early, and Richard Leal.

Please forgive me if I have overlooked any other late club members, but I can assure you if that is so, it was completely unintentional. There are many great memories that we shared with these friends, and they will continue to be missed.

Safety Fast,
Robert



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April Activities Report

Halleluleah! The leaf buds are popping out, daffodils are blooming, and the warm weather cries out for topless driving. Just the beginning of a great summer, hopefully. While we all still need to be careful, things look good for vaccinations being available for most, if not all of us, so we may be more inclined to venture forth. Our first group drive is scheduled for March 27 to tour the Fort Eustis Army Transportation Museum, weather permitting, where we expect to see lots of history and lots of unusual vehicles. Afterward, we will convene for a “bring your own lunch” picnic at the home of Bruce and Jayne Easley (beverages provided by the Club), and plan to have a brief club meeting and update.

Future events include the annual Williamsburg British Car Club Spring show on April 24, the MINI-GOF (Gathering of the Faithful) for the NEMGTR Chesapeake Chapter in Virginia Beach on April 30 - May 2, 2020, the TMGCCC annual Spring tour April 30-May 1, and the May meeting on 5/4 at Andy and Cynthia's. And...there will be more information coming out about the “traditional” Spring Dessert Drives as well.

Cheers to All!



TMGC Calendar As of March 21, 2021

***Local TMGC events for 2021 are
TBA at this time due to the
Covid-19 situation.***

**Mar 27 (Sat) – Ft. Eustis/Seaford
drive.** (details in previous email blast)

Apr 7 (Wed) – **Meeting cancelled**

Apr ? – Spring Tech Session
(cancelled)

Apr 24 - Williamsburg Club Car Show

Apr 30 - May 2 – Mini-GOF
Founders' Inn, Virginia Beach

**Apr 30 – May 1 – TMGC Spring Tour
(Northern Neck)**

May ?? (Sat) – Drive your MGA Day

**May 4 (Tue) – Tentative meeting,
hosted by Cynthia & Andy, 545
Mayflower Road, Norfolk, VA**

**May 26 (Wed) – Peninsula Dessert
Drive (tentative)**

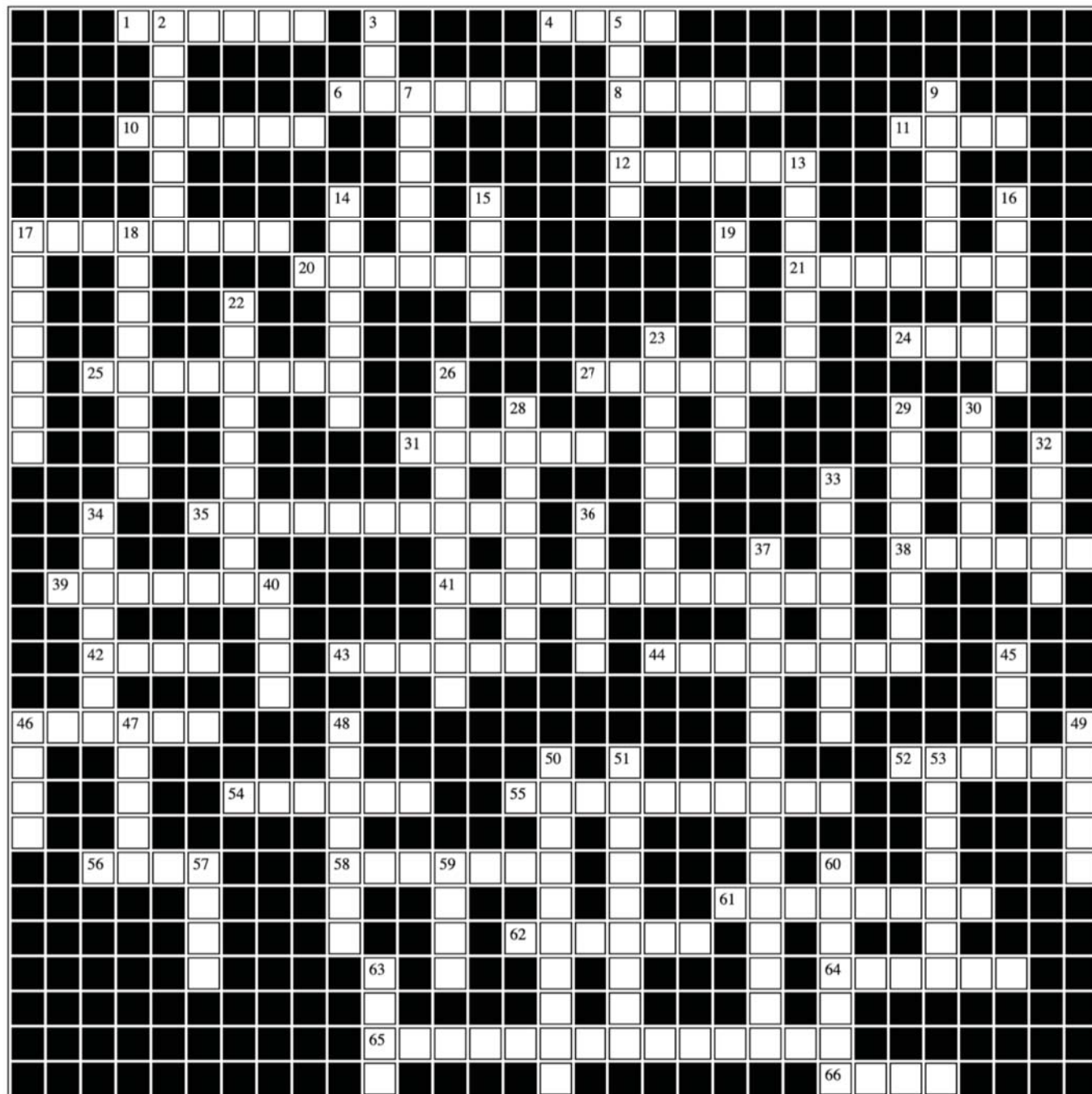
**May 27 (Thu) – Southside Dessert
Drive (tentative)**

Jun 6 (Sun) – Original British Car Day,
Mt Airy, MD
chesapeakechaptermgtclub.com

June 14 – 17 MG2021
Atlantic City, NJ

TMGC, MG's, LBC's and more

Robert Perrone



Across

1. Not a hood (in England)
4. Also found on a bird... or a plane
6. MGA Organization
8. Steel top?
10. Not a place to buy whiskey
11. Not manual
12. Chrome or Rubber
17. Abingdon Manager
20. MGB Designer
21. An LBC cover-up
24. Preserving the Marque since 1973
25. Attractive-sounding MG saloon
27. A proper Sprite Mk 1
31. Cecil himself
35. Keeps the bugs out of your teeth
38. Americans have gas... and the British?
39. The G in MG stands for...
41. Not roll-up windows (2 words)
42. Not a top (in England)
43. Not Mr. Powers, just engines and such
44. The plane or the LBC?
46. The M in MG stands for...
52. MG Cousin
54. Generates more than interest
55. MG slogan (2 words)
56. MGB Rear brake
58. The B in LBC
61. Spring fling for TMGC (2 words)
62. Gauge-ing interest
64. The L in LBC
65. "Official" MG brew? (3words)
66. MGB Front brake

Down

2. The shape of MG
3. Came before the B
5. MGB Organization
7. Little brother to the B?
9. A stateside Sprite
13. MGB Wheels
14. A proper British wrench
15. Optional wheel type
16. Millennial anti-theft device #2
17. Another MG relative
18. Fill it up or you'll be steamed
19. A "light" LBC
22. Reduces RPM
23. Topless
26. John Twist's "college"
28. Birthplace of an MG
29. Don't try to smoke it
30. University Motors "Dean"
32. "Mystery" letters on the block and other parts
33. TMGC Newsletter
34. Upholstery material
36. Prince of Darkness
37. Now covered by Moss (2 words)
40. A pan of oil
45. A favorite place for rust
46. Another MG cousin
47. Successor to Leyland
48. Manual or auto?
49. What we kick at 7:30
50. Rev counter
51. Millennial anti-theft device #1
53. Tailpipe output
57. Parts source
59. A "therapy" Session for TMGC members
60. Post-BMC
63. Can't wear this on your foot

Check the May issue of the Dipstick for the solution!

"Rollin With the Knights"

1st Annual Custom Car Show



Council #12117

Saturday
April 24
9AM - 3PM

Rain Date: August 21



Knights of Columbus
ABBATE AGENCY



Church of the Ascension
4853 Princess Anne
Virginia Beach, VA

By mail Pre-registration - \$20
Online Pre-registration - \$21
On-site Registration - \$25

Event Details

All Makes/Models, Friends & Family Welcomed
Over 35 Awards
50/50 Raffle
Silent Auction
Food Trucks
Kids Coloring Contest

Please bring 2 non-perishable food items
for the Food Bank of Southeastern VA
All event proceeds benefit
St. Teresa of Calcutta K of C 2021 Charity
Campaign

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



For pre-registration and other information, please visit our event page on the 757 Auto Events Facebook page or at the following url: <https://fb.me/e/OteKZybO>

**Interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor? Contact Ramon Villa at kofccarshow@gmail.com*

"Rollin' With the Knights"

1st Annual Custom Car Show

Registration Form

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

YEAR: _____ MAKE: _____

MODEL: _____ COLOR: _____

*Parking lot volunteers will direct you to your spot. If you are coming with friends or as a club and desire to park together, we ask that you come together as spots will not be reserved for late arrivals.

If you wish to pay for pre-registration by mailing a check, please make the check out to "St. Teresa of Calcutta K of C" for \$20.00. Please mail it to the following address:

Rollin With the Knights
808 Antonick Ln
VA Beach, VA 23456

By signature below, I/we hereby release the St. Teresa of Calcutta Knights of Columbus Council 12117, Church of the Ascension, Diocese of Richmond, 757 Auto Events, merchants & management alike or any/all organizers, sponsors & volunteers for the "Rollin With the Knights" 1st Annual Custom Car Show from any & all liability associated with the show & I have the minimum insurance required by the state of Virginia & DMV.

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Date: _____

Happy Easter! Welcome Spring!



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