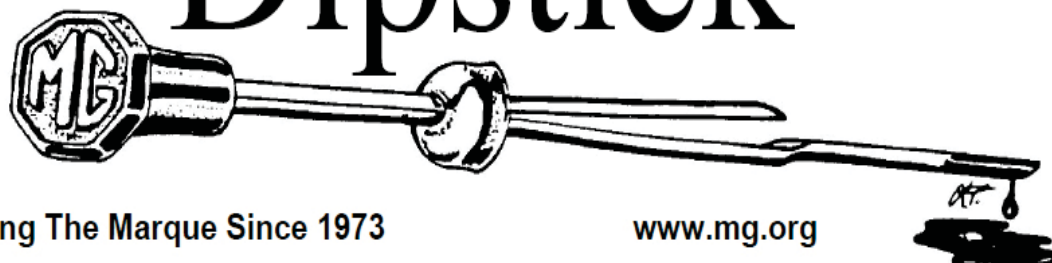




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Independence Day Parade

Jim Villers

During the last few years, many young families have moved into our neighborhood and have provided a fresh spirit. On July third, one of the mothers proposed a fourth of July parade with decorated bikes, trikes, scooters, golf carts and to be lead by a "fabulous classic car". Betty and I read the clue that we were nominated to be the Grand Marshal and to lead the parade. Betty immediately headed off to the Dollar Tree for flags and colorful decorations and Jim mounted the flags and made his red MGB a very patriotic vehicle.



At the starting point, we were amazed at the number of children and transportation devices that joined the parade. The youngest "participant" was a two week old baby snuggled on her mother's chest. The rest of the field contained very young, elementary and middle school level children, including two French boys from a NATO family. The enthusiasm was contagious as there is nothing like youth and a parade to create an exciting time.

As the parade began with our red MGB in the lead, it occurred to me that it was a little ironic to have a British built car lead a parade celebrating the separation of the Colonies from Britain.



We paraded around the neighborhood for about a mile, with the horn beeping to attract attention. An adult-sized tricycle with beach-tires and a large flag flying from the rear basket was the most interesting vehicle. The parade ended with Betty passing out ice popsicles to all of the kids.

What a fun way to celebrate the Fourth.

MG 2021 Report

By Mike Haag



Every five years the various MG registers get together to hold a combined convention and MG 2021 in Atlantic City, NJ held 14-17 June this year was one of those 5-year conventions. Usually these are very large meets with 800 – 1000 participants, but this year with COVID concerns and closed borders with Canada and other countries, the turnout was much smaller. Around 350 or so participants were there but even with the smaller numbers, the convention was still very enjoyable, with a good turnout of vendors, along with seeing many familiar faces from previous meets and meeting many new fellow MG'ers. Likewise, TMGC usually has several members attending the national conventions but for various reasons, only Mike and Denise Haag and Mike August and Bruce and Carol Woodson from Richmond were there representing our Tidewater club this year.

Denise and I had an easy and enjoyable drive on Monday morning the 14th up the Eastern Shore on Rt. 13, then Rt. 113 in MD and then Rt. 9 in DE to Lewes, DE to pick up the ferry to Cape May, NJ. Many other MG folks took earlier ferries but we scheduled a later ferry at 1430 to be safe, as we all know anything can happen in an MG. We got there early and had an enjoyable lunch relaxing at the café by the water at the ferry. After boarding, we noticed several other MGs loading, including a group from Northern VA and Bruce & Carol Woodson in their MGA Twin Cam, along with an MGA coupe. After the ferry, it was an easy 50 minute drive up the Garden State Parkway and Atlantic City Expressway to the host hotel, Harrah's. There was a welcome reception for convention members in the pool area with a cash bar, but unfortunately no free food this year due to COVID restrictions. Damn COVID! We did manage to get a pizza at one of the hotel cafés though for dinner.

On Tuesday I took one of the optional excursions to the Simeone Museum in Philadelphia, a wonderful museum showcasing many notable race cars of the past with most displayed in an appropriate diorama showing the car in a period correct setting. I know some of our club members have already been to this museum, so I won't belabor you with much more information, only to say that it is indeed worth a visit. After lunch, we were treated to staff members firing up and driving three cars over a course set up in the rear parking lot, all past Le Mans racers. There were two old Aston Martins, one from the late 1920's (sorry, forgot the model), a DBR1 from the 1959 Le Mans and a 1934 MG K3 Magnette. To see these historic Le Mans cars drive around was a real treat. While I was at the museum, Denise took part in a scavenger hunt along the boardwalk, set up by local convention attendees. Also on Tuesday, Mike August drove up in a modern car where we hooked up and went over to Caesar's Casino & Resort for the NAMGBR dinner. Each of the registers had their own respective dinners there that night. Harrah's is not on the boardwalk but there

are shuttle vans, called jitneys, which will take you over and back for a small fee. Much easier than trying to drive and park!



Wednesday was a “free day” for us with nothing planned. The three of us attended a car show in one of the ballrooms that morning where about a dozen cars representing various models through the years from the 1930’s up to an RV8 were showcased and the owners got a chance to talk about them and provide some information on how they acquired them, notable features and what they did to the cars. After that it was off to another ballroom for some shopping among the various vendors. That afternoon Mike August



took a drive to see the famous Lucy the Elephant statue in nearby Margate City and checkout a lighthouse or two. Denise and I walked along the boardwalk, and we met up with Mike later at the Hard Rock Café for a beer. After some more strolling along the boardwalk, we decided on eating dinner at Gordon Ramsey’s Pub and Grill, an appropriate venue we thought for an MG convention.

Thursday was the day of the car show, located at a 4-H camp about 18 miles from the host hotel. It was an easy drive on local roads, we were even passed by one of the old MGs on display in the ballroom the previous day! The site was perfect, a mix of an open field with trees and shade in the center where some of the earlier cars were displayed, along with restrooms and space for the vendors. These all MG meets provide the chance to see all different kinds of MGs throughout the history of the company in one setting. Around 2PM we headed back to the hotel to freshen up and get some adult beverages, then it was off to the NAMGBR ballroom for the handing out of the 3rd and 2nd place winners. The other registers met also to hand out their awards. This is a change from the past, where only the 1st place winners are announced at the main banquet in order to speed things up due to the sheer number of categories. Mike, Denise and I sat at a table with a family of four from the Atlanta, GA area who drove up in 3 MGs, including their 18 year old son who just graduated from high school and has an MGB. There was no main speaker this year, and since there were no Canadians at the convention, discussion about next year’s NAMGBR meet in Peterborough, ON was very limited.

We left early Friday morning to catch a 10:30AM ferry back to Lewes, DE. There were several other MGs also on that ferry ride and the loaders managed to put four MGs in a row. Behind us was the MGA coupe that won the Premier Class in the NAMGAR register on Thursday. We spoke and found out he was from Amelia Courthouse, south of Richmond, which is where I bought my 1st car, a 1964 Plymouth Barracuda for \$275 at the age of 16. After unloading in Lewes, it was another easy, enjoyable drive back home to Virginia Beach, arriving around 4PM. All in all, it was a worthwhile and enjoyable trip for several reasons, those being it was relatively close to home, we got to see a new place we had never been to before, saw familiar faces and met new MG folks, saw a large number of various MG cars, and got back on the road to normalcy again after this past year of near isolation. If you have never been to one of the national meets consider attending one, you will enjoy it. Some pictures from MG 2021 are posted on the website at

<https://www.mg.org/Gallery/2021%20Archive/MG2021/index.htm>.



CLOUD STORY

by Eric Fee

I'm HOT! No, it is not your kids in the back seat screaming. That's my 1963 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud (RHD) complaining to me on a cold December day crossing the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. No way. Until I saw green rain on my windscreen!



Electing to finish the few miles to the garage we made it home. However, the front end immediately looked like a Yellowstone geyser as I turned the ignition off!

Depressed this may be a terminal event, the Cloud went to Abacus for evaluation & management. The initial assessment is encouraging revealing a thermostat that appeared to have been beat with a hammer. But, the new "summer" thermostat from Albers Zionsville did not keep her cool.

Next, the radiator is extracted for Culpepper in Portsmouth to assess. Radiator had previously been re-cored and tests well. After a radiator cleansing, the beast is back to Abacus for installation.

I'm STILL HOT! Not good. While we contemplated what to do next the Cloud is moved to the warehouse. Pull the engine – too expensive. Open the drain plugs on the block – not promising. Call for help?

I reach out to John Palma of Palma's Classic Cars in Audubon, NJ. John is the "Godfather" of Rolls Royce & Bentley motor cars in the USA. Amazed, John answers the phone, listens to my story and says "bring your radiator to me".



I elected to do so in person. On arrival John graciously greets me, we talk and take a tour of the shop. A few days later, great news. Radiator tests well. But, the tubes used are too short, too small (3/8" v. 5/8"), not high efficiency metal and will not adequately dissipate heat for this old girl.

Mission accomplished I deliver the re-cored radiator to Abacus. With the front end already exposed, we decide to remove the AC condenser and install a new Hayden auxiliary cooling fan.

Finally, she is put to the test for the ride home on a 95 F July day! And...a cool motor car is back on the road again.





Marque Time



I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as president of this fantastic club. It has truly been an honor and a privilege. If I am asked again in the future to serve as president, vice president or any other role, I would certainly be willing to do so. However, at the present time, I would like to make one thing very clear.

I do not wish to be president of TMGC for another year and I will end my term in October.

As some of you may remember, in 1968 Lyndon Johnson decided against running for President at the expiration of his term. To paraphrase slightly, I say *“I shall not seek and I will not accept the nomination from TMGC for another term as president”*

Just trying to interject a little humor here, folks. Yes, I know it's not quite the same as being President of the United States. After all, I don't have a chauffeur and I have a cooler car than any President.

But since this issue was raised again (*yes, again*) at the July meeting, I feel it is best for everyone to understand what I have to say about it.

Believe me, I have no personal desire to stay on as club president for an additional year. I can assure you, I'm certainly not motivated by the perks or salary. (*Another joke, folks. Yes, believe it or not, some people actually take these comments too seriously.*)

There are many, many club members who have done much more than I ever have for TMGC. Still, I will gladly step aside from this role after two years as vice president, and a total of four years as president. I have conducted over 50 club meetings, I've written nearly as many monthly “*Marque Time*” submissions for the Dipstick, and I am ready to turn the gavel over to someone new.

This past year has been particularly challenging, but with the work from our officers and other dedicated club members, we were able to maneuver through the pandemic, look out for the safety and well-being of our members and keep our club moving forward.

Please understand, the idea of staying on as club president for another year was not mine. It was first proposed by a long-standing member in March during a club meeting hosted by Bruce and Jayne Easley, and I was quite surprised by that notion.

Since that time at least six other people have asked me if I would serve for another year. My response each time was the same as it was at the March and July meetings: I do not want to continue on as president, but I would be willing to do so if that is what the club members wished.

In addition, it certainly was not my idea to propose changing the bylaws so that I could remain as president for an additional year. Other members pointed out, correctly, that such a change would be required if I, or anyone else, wish to remain in the office of president or vice president for more than two years.

And although I have my own personal opinion about whether some modification of our bylaws might be beneficial for the club in the future, I want to make one thing very clear once again.

No matter what happens this year, even if the members of this club decide to change the bylaws, I will not serve another year. In other words, even if the bylaws are changed, it will not affect my decision to end my term in October.

After the July meeting, one person said that they did not understand why we shouldn't just simply find new candidates to run for president and vice president.

The answer, sad to say, is quite simple. When asked to fill certain roles it is difficult, and sometimes nearly impossible, to find volunteers to take on those responsibilities.

Over the years I have noted that everyone who has volunteered for these positions has done so for the same reason: for the good of the club. Everyone who is currently serving, or has served in any position whether President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Dipstick Editor, Membership, Historian, Activities, Technical or Webmaster has done so for the good of the club.

And anyone who has been around for any length of time knows how difficult it has been at times to fill those roles.

During the last two cycles, going back four years, no one would agree to serve as president. As such, four years ago, when my first two years as president expired, no one would agree to run for president of TMGC. So Bill Olcheski was asked by the nominating committee if he would serve a second term as president. He agreed to do so, as he said, for the good of the club.

Two years ago, when again, no one agreed to serve as president after Bill's term expired, I was asked to serve a second term. I agreed to do so for the very same reason Bill agreed to do so two years prior.

I would note also that two years ago, just before the October 2019 meeting was set to begin, Mike Haag agreed to run for vice president. Mike did that, as so many had before, for the good of the club (*and because no one else would*), but Mike specifically said that he would do so if he did not have to serve a term as president when my two years were up.

It is my hope that this year things will be different. I would love to see new faces in these roles, and have these members raise their hand and agree to serve this club as president and vice president.

So, as our bylaws state, at the August meeting I will appoint a nominating committee. I truly hope that they have greater success than the last several have had, and that they find willing candidates to serve for both president and vice president.

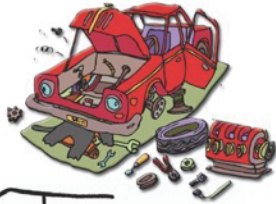
Safety Fast,
Robert



Is Your Car in Need of a Tech Session?



Bring it to Jim & Betty's Garage
Sunday, August 22nd starting at 10 a.m.



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TMGC Activities 7-19-21

At our July meeting, members signed up for the annual Harbor Park Turn Back the Clock night August 10. Those tickets will be available at the August 3 meeting which will be at Big Ugly Brewery, but if you can't make the meeting, get in touch with ticketholder Robert Perrone. Jim and Betty Villers will be hosting the summer Tech Session at their home on August 22, so bring your MGs or your woes about cars for some corrective action or advice that day by the tech masters. The September meeting will be "northside" at the Petersons in Hampton, then October gets pretty busy. October 1-4 will be the club's Fall Tour to the Lexington area – sign up if you are interested and haven't already made the commitment. If you can't make that whole run, the Shenandoah Valley British Car Club will have the annual British Car Festival in Waynesboro, Va, on October 2, which is always a great event. Following that, Bill and Renee Olcheski will host the club meeting on October 6. Although we discussed scheduling a visit to the Hanover Barksdale Theater for a Fall run, their website shows they are currently closed and have no scheduled plays. We'll come up with something else!

Bruce



TMGC Calendar of upcoming events

Aug 3 (Tue) Meeting at Big Ugly Brewing, 845 South Battlefield Blvd, Chesapeake (Arrive 6PM, pizza and meeting to follow. Also, food truck on site.)

Aug 10 (Tue) Turn Back the Clock night baseball outing -- Norfolk Tides

Aug 22 (Sun) Summer Tech Session hosted by Jim & Betty Villers in Virginia Beach, VA

Sep 7 (Tue) Meeting hosted by PJ & Faith in Hampton, VA.

Sep ? (Sat) **Canceled** [TRAACA](#) Wings & Wheels Show at the Military Aviation Museum in Pungo

Oct 1-2 (Fri-Sat) [Annual British Car Fall Festival](#), Waynesboro, VA

Oct 1-4 (Fri-Mon) Fall Tour to the Lexington, VA area

Oct 6 (Wed) Meeting hosted by Bill & Renee Olcheski in Virginia Beach, VA

Nov 3 (Wed) Meeting hosted by Mathieu & Rachel in Norfolk, VA

Nov ? (Sun) Fall Tech Session TBA

Dec ? (Sat) Tentative Holiday Party hosted by Betty & Jim Villers

Dec ? (Tue) Holiday Lights Drive at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens

(TMGC sponsored events in bold type)

Travel Logs 2021

from PJ & Faith Peterson

Our 2021 trip with the MG started at the end of May. We left on Sunday, May 30, missing out on any substantial rain with the top down. We did encounter a little drizzle but decided to just ignore it and hoped it would disappear, which it did. We were headed to I-68 (The National Freeway). We traveled through Virginia and West Virginia into Maryland. All was going well until we discovered we had no idea how to find our hotel. Well three U-turns and a few extra miles



and we finally found our hotel for the evening in Hancock, Maryland. The next day we drove the National Freeway through Maryland and West Virginia. We stopped at the Visitor Center only to discover that it was still closed but we were still able to use the walkway over the freeway for some beautiful views. We then continued to an overlook and while heading back to the freeway I saw several dogs running around across from the overlook. Uh, no my husband said, those are deer. Maybe a new pair of glasses are in order, either that or maybe Maryland needs to grow bigger deer. We left the National Freeway and traveled up Route 250 into Ohio.

As luck would have it, and by that I mean bad luck, we developed a small problem with the ignition. When turning the switch off it really wanted to turn the car on, so that was bit of a problem. No problem, Moss ships overnight, not cheaply, but quickly and the new ignition would be arriving at our hotel in Auburn, Indiana, the day after we arrived.

In the meantime we continued on our way to Indiana via the Lincoln Highway, or parts of the Lincoln Highway that matched up with Highway 30 through Ohio. We arrived in Auburn, Indiana on Tuesday, June 1, for the gathering of the MG V8 group. Our first event with the group was a picnic at a local park. The day started out a bit chilly and eventually it started to rain. Sorry dear, that top is going up. Upon arriving at the picnic area another small defect was detected. Our exhaust pipe had become loose. As we didn't want a repeat of flying exhausts we decided to skip the Poker Run and head to a local muffler shop for repairs. First shop, no luck they were booked solid. Second shop, couldn't do the repairs. Then headed to an auto parts store for supplies. We arrived back at the hotel with the rain steadily coming down. We parked under the roof at the entrance of the hotel and my husband proceed to put the exhaust pipe back up and pull apart the ignition (new ignition arrived that morning). He didn't have all the tools he needed but one of the guys from the group (remember these guys love to put big engines in small cars) knew how to fix it without taking the whole thing out just the part that was broken and put that back together until we get home. (Yes, when we got home the whole thing came out and the whole new ignition was put back in which I found out we should have done years ago). Confused yet, me too, I still don't know much about cars, but I'm trying not to use words like thingamabob or doohickey.

The next day the sun started to peek back through the clouds so the top came back down about mid-day. In the morning we toured the National Auto and Truck Museum in Auburn. They had two floors of trucks, cars, and one airplane. They even had one of the vehicles from the Parade of Progress. To me it looked like a theater on wheels. You even had to climb up to the driver's seat by way of a narrow staircase. That afternoon we traveled to a cruise in at the



way there we saw several horse and buggies traveling along the road we were on. The horses didn't even seem to mind us zipping past in our MGs. I would guesstimate that over 200 cars pulled in while we were there. Our last day with the group was on Friday, June 4th. We toured the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in the morning and returned in the evening for our banquet. They also had two floors of cars which we

were able to see. At the banquet PJ won a polo shirt (something to do with fixing an ignition in the rain). The group announced that next year they will be holding their meet and greet in Wytheville, Virginia. Looking forward to attending with a shorter distance to travel.

The next day we said our good-byes and traveled 400 miles to Christmas Mountain Village near Wisconsin Dells via freeway. It was a very warm day with temperatures in the 90s but the sun was out and top was down and we were flying (except for some slower speeds going around Chicago). While in the Dells we took several tours. Two by boat, one on the Upper portion of the Wisconsin River and the other on the Lower portion. We also toured the Lower Wisconsin River and lake Delton via the Original Wisconsin Duck (not to be confused with the Military Ducks). We had one final tour through the Lost Canyon by horse drawn carriage. Growing up in Wisconsin we visited the Dells area a few times and I really enjoy all the canyons and cliffs along that portion of the Wisconsin River. Another place we visited both this trip and in my youth was the House on the Rock. Yep, you guessed it, a house built on top of rock (well actually a pretty big cliff). They also have a huge museum that houses different collections of guns, swords, dolls and musical instruments plus one of the largest indoor carousels.

Upon leaving the Dells area we traveled several back roads including going through a portion of the Kettle Moraine State Forest towards Elkhart Lake (where I grew up). I had hoped to stay at one of the local hotels, but unfortunately, it's summertime and it was a race weekend at Road America so the local hotels were either completely booked or way too expensive. We ended up staying in nearby Manitowoc which turned out to be very pleasant due to the winds off of Lake Michigan. Ten degrees cooler than the 90s we had while in the Dells.

As we didn't want to make a return trip through Chicago we headed farther north into the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and across the Mackinac Bridge into Lower Michigan following along Lake Michigan. How many times can you use the word Michigan in one sentence. We also had a deadly encounter with a piece of asphalt and our muffler took the brunt of impact. New problem, hole in muffler and another trip to the auto parts store. We did have time to walk around Colonial Michilimackinac and drive down, yes, you guessed it, Lake Michigan. Traveling south we stopped at the Sleeping Bear Dunes and even did a little dune climbing. Our final stop was at the Gilmore Car Museum which has over 400 cars on display. No, I never actually counted how many cars we saw altogether, but I'm sure we're pushing one thousand.



We then headed the MG back to Virginia, mostly by the back roads, until we got to I-64 near Charlottesville, West Virginia. We decided to take 60 through most of West Virginia before getting back on I-64 for the final leg home. We were gone about three weeks with a few minor mishaps and 3,600 more miles on the car and some much needed TLC upon our return.



No time to slow down as we have a two week turn around before we head out again, this time with the camper, to the Outer Banks for a month of beach time. Sorry we won't make the July meeting but we are looking forward to hosting our September gathering. Happy Trails.

Date: July 5, 2021 **TMGC Meeting Minutes**

Time: Somewhere around 7ish

Location: Deadline Brewing Project (VERY cool place – had good vibes)

Characters: A definite cast of fun characters – everyone should come experience these characters!

Plot: Dun, dun, duuuuuuun.....the July Meeting (ooooohhhh, aaaaahhhh)



7:19pm: Our illustrious leader called the meeting to order (he's pretty good at that calling to order stuff). There was a motion to approve the minutes (I believe from last month – are those the minutes that I type up, I wonder? Perhaps there are other minutes that I am not aware of...oh look, squirrel!

New members and guests were encouraged to come forth and share their history (I mean names!). Adam from Hampton was up first. Apparently, he met the crew in Williamsburg where he received a warm welcome and, I guess, decided these characters were his kind of characters! Yeah!!!! We didn't get to hear much more because Bill interrupted the new guy (I didn't get his last name! Sorry New Guy Adam. :0(



Up next was Joe from Chesapeake. He described himself as an avid motorhead and has a 76 MG (LOL – I just pictured a body with a motor as a head...strange...but I digress.).

7:22 pm: VP Report (he does a good job, don't you think?). He thanked the person for opening the brewery for the meeting and someone yelled out, "FREE BEER TOMORROW!" LOTS of heads swung toward the bar with fore longing looks; perhaps wishing that tonight was free beer!

All of a sudden Rose remembered that there were other newbies that had been missed and distracted Robert from something he was in the middle of saying! Alyse and Jolen Kovak introduced themselves. Then things went all sideways (imagine that!) and next thing I know, there was a big ta-do about Robert getting chastised a while back for missing something (poor Prez).

7:24 pm: Treasurers report (he's so thoughtful – he always gives me a copy of what he says – which is great for me because I can't write that fast, don't know short hand, and he talks pretty fast. What I see in my notes is:

\$76

\$120

\$5.28 surcharge (whoa!)

\$152.96 to BB&T

Balances of \$1572

\$152.96

\$1768.77 total

And a "Here, here"



I'm exhausted from just typing it all down. I'm glad he's in charge of the money because I don't balance my check book. Hey! Maybe he can teach me! Which reminds me of this big spreadsheet thing I had to do for work with formulas and thousands of dollars and reimbursement and...well, they gave it to me to do then wanted to know what I did – hey look, there's that cute squirrel again

What was I doing? Oh yea

7:26 pm: (see, two minutes to keep up with all that dollar report stuff!). Robert deviated from the script and moved to Mike Ash to talk about dues. Mike let everyone know about paying dues through PayPal (love that app thing!) or send him a check. He offered to take from those who wanted to pay tonight, but did warn them that in all the excitement of the meeting, he forgets who paid him! (That is such a good strategy!). I'm not sure he likes getting checks from folks or money – that's a lot to keep up with, if I say so myself. It feels like he REALLY likes folks to use the PayPal. Note to self....

A helpful member suggested the person paying in cash, place his/her name on the corner of the bills and then see if the bills come back to you – cool. Made me think of that movie Serendipity, with John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale, where the she writes her number on a book or money and gives it to him; then he loses the book/bill and then he finds the book/bill. It's a pretty deep movie, but that's where my mind went.

Mike stated that he only got the job because no one else wanted it (I definitely see a pattern here), but perhaps his apprentice Rob could be persuaded to take over!



For those who don't pay their dues, it was suggested they have to wear a red cap that reads, "I am a bum – didn't pay my dues."



7:29 pm: BRUCE! It's good to see him. He said that Tad was not there so he was going to do something for the activities. On August 10th, there is a Turn Back the Clock night at Harbor Park. \$14 for each person. Gotta pay or else no ticket! Robert will go to the park and pick up the tickets. Make a check out to Robert (or I'm sure he'd take cash, but I don't want to speak for him). Susan has to pay \$60 (I wonder why)

Big Ugly Brewery on August 3rd (I wonder if they'll

have free beer the next day!)

August 22nd – Jim and Betty have offered to have a tech session at their home (no leakers allowed – sorry Rob!)

September 7th – monthly meeting at Peterson's home in Hampton.

Traditional fall theater trip if any members are interested – that will happen in Hanover, VA and several folks raised their hands.

Bruce told everyone to ask Betty questions.

7:33 pm: Dipstick. Mark thanked everyone for their contributions for the July Dipstick (I must say, there were some great things written in there)

July 20th is the deadline for submissions (as I write this, I must say I'm a little late! Sorry!!!!)

7:34pm: Sue shared that the history is hanging on the door to her garage (I feel ya, girl)

No pearls of wisdom from Terry (NOOOOOOOOOO! Terry, you disappointed!). However, several folks let Terry know that his carb article in the last Dipstick was helpful. There was a big discussion about metal tips verse rubber tips for float bowl needles. I was glad to hear we were in a non-judgmental tip zone. Apparently, these tip things are very important and there are sides that people take – just like the Sharks and the Jets!

Bill suggested extending the Bylaws to extend the presidency to an additional year. Apparently, every two years there is supposed to be a new person in charge of this motley crew and no one wants to do it (that is so surprising, because these folks are great!). There is apparently a provision for nominating from the nomination committee, but that was tabled so that a couple of the guys could look it over (I think it was Bruce and Mike Ash). Poor Jim chimed in and said he has been looking for a replacement for 15 years with no luck (WOW!)

Term limits are only for the President and Vice President. (Jim, will it be you and me until the end!). The reason is it was changed 15 years ago because people in the positions didn't want to be president and vice president anymore (I guess it was "you in, you in forever!"). Jim moved to have a committee of two take a look at the bylaws and report back to the team. It is in the annual roster if anyone wants to take a read. Robert did share that it does say these two positions are for two years. I remember when he got the position as president – he was the only one who, when encouraged to do it, said yes. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting and until the two lucky people had a chance to read the bylaws and write up a report on what it says (LOL, just kidding). So they have homework (I thought homework was over after you left school, but nope). Everyone was encouraged to participate in the homework assignment in order to be able to participate in discussion at the next meeting.

Bruce volunteered him and Mike to review the bylaws (Mike had no idea, as he was distracted by his empty glass). So I was correct – it was Bruce and Mike. I like when that happens.

Nominating committee meets in the summer and the vote happens in October. I wonder if someone is going to want my position? I better get ready to hand it over.

7:49 pm: RAFFLE! I love this part. Rose does such a good job and keeps everyone in line.

Sue won the great polo shirt

Al won the T-Series Handbook, but gave it to Rob (yeah! Another MG book)

Bill won the 40-piece socket set, but would like to donate it. Pete picked that up.

Bruce won the 50/50 and donated it to the MG Club (what a sweetie and he got lots of "aww"s. treasurer...add that to the pot!)

7:55 pm: Mike Ash stated he has MG magazines for the taking and Rose's husband offered up a rear axle for a 78 B.

There was a motion to adjourn and almost everyone seconded.

Banging of that beautiful gavel and another one for the books.



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Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Aug 3rd
Big Ugly
Brewing
845 S Battlefield Blvd
Chesapeake, VA 23322



6:00 pm - Kick Tyres
6:30 pizza
Meeting to follow



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