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Together Again!

By PJ Peterson

The TMGC held it's first activity and meeting in the new year 27 March 2021.

Well it has been since November that the TMGC last met, but if this meeting is any indication of things to come, we are doing great!

A while back, Mike Haag and Rob MacPherson suggested to Bruce Easley that a

trip to the **Ft. Eustis Army Transportation Museum** might be a possible idea. Bruce (Tad 2.0) jumped on the idea and set up a tour on Saturday Morning, 27 March with a "bring your own lunch" club meeting at his house afterwards.

I arrived early and I'm glad I did. There were three MG's arriving that I have not seen before. Jim Villers showed up with his white MGA that he had written an article in the Dipstick about. Then new members showed up. Scott and Michelle Parker with a cream colored MGB-GT and Mike and Carolina August, an original owner, with a white MGB. All totaled we had 12 MGB's, 2 MGA's, 2 MGB-GT's, and 1 MG-TD.



At about 10:30, Bruce started “herding cats” to get all of us to sign in and meet with our tour guide, Matt. Matt started us off with a Conestoga Wagon from the Revolutionary War and led us through the exhibits detailing the evolution of the Army’s wheeled vehicles to the present times. He shared stories of the different events and even how the soldier would modify the vehicles to run on rail road tracks and add on armor. We concluded our tour at about 12:30. Many of us went to the various displays outside of the museum. Before we left, Bruce gave each of us, printed, turn by turn directions to his house so we would not get lost. He even had a MG sign out on the road most would not miss. (Did you know Cheadle Loop is really a loop? Oops, missed the sign!)

With the Easley’s as gracious hosts, we move to the back yard to have our lunches and libations. Many walked out to the dock to view the water and all of us had a great time. Then our erstwhile President, Robert Perrone started our first meeting since November, but that is another story.





A late March meeting was held on Saturday, March 27th after the Army Transportation Museum Tour at Ft Eustis at the home of Bruce & Jayne Easley. The club provided liquid refreshments but food was BYOF. Robert called the meeting to order at 13:40.

Robert thanked Bruce & Jayne for hosting the meeting, although it was actually some time later in the meeting! The November minutes were quickly approved and yes, it has been that long since we have had a meeting. There was a discussion of possibly extending the officer's terms since the Covid pandemic has interrupted life as we know it, but no decisions were made. Robert reminded everyone we still have an opening for club Secretary. Robert then asked if there were any new members or guests. We have two new member couples who also participated in the Army Transportation Museum tour, they are Scott & Michelle Parker from Chesapeake with a 1971 MGB GT and Mike & Carolyn August from New Point with a 1980 MGB. Mike inherited the MGB from his father, the original owner.

VP Report: Mike said that with the Covid restrictions easing up for group gatherings he would look into a venue for the April meeting.

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

Activities: Bruce talked about some upcoming events, including the Williamsburg European Car Show on April 24th, the Mini-GOF on April 30th in Virginia Beach, the Spring Tour also on the 30th, a tentative meeting in May hosted by Andy & Cynthia, and the dessert drives in late May.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Villers gave his report with the following noted: a balance of \$2360.03 carried over from October, receipts of \$154.42 from memberships, and disbursements of \$130.81 for the November meeting pizza with a new balance carried forward of \$2383.64.

Membership: No report, but several new members have joined lately.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Marque Time: Jim talked about his latest acquisition, a 1500 MGA and the MGB differential gears he installed.

Alan Watson talked about the June meeting at their house in Beaverdam. Robert and Jim talked about the passing of member Jim Freeh and others who have passed in the last few years. Robert talked about some of the normal activities we have missed as a club due to the coronavirus. One of which was the 2020 TMGC President's Award. Robert then presented the award to Mike Haag for all the efforts Mike performs in the background in support of the club. Mike said this was a total surprise and he felt honored to receive it. He says it is a labor of love. Scott Parker asked about getting club nametags and Jim Villers said he would look into it and report back to Robert.

No raffle was held. The meeting was adjourned at 14:07 so we could all get back to enjoying the afternoon with friends.

Recorded by Mike Haag

Team Effort = Clutch Replacement!

When my phone rang and I saw that it was my good friend Bill Olcheski, I thought that maybe he might be calling to invite me over for a cold beverage. Well, not this time.

He asked if I could help with the installation of a new clutch on his MGB. He was bringing it over to Frank Linse's and having the work done under the supervision of the master himself. Of course I was glad to help in any way that I could.

Bill said he would do as much of the work himself as he could, as long as Frank and I were there to give him direction. *"No need to worry, I'll do it all myself as long as you and Frank are there to guide me"* said he.

Never believe a salesman.

No, I'm just joking... a little. But seriously, Bill did most of the work himself, and I have the pictures to prove it. I had to have photographic evidence because otherwise those who know Bill might doubt my claims of his diligence.

There are no pictures of me doing any work because I was the one taking the pictures and I wasn't able to do that. Yes, that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Now they say that two heads are better than one. True, but if so, what are *three* heads? I'm not sure, but the names Larry, Moe and Curley come to mind.

So *The Three Stooges* set to work on Bill's car. Well, OK, *The Two Stooges* and Frank...



Clutch experts getting it done!

Once the engine was removed, the problems with Bill's clutch were soon revealed. The release bearing had disintegrated and there was little left but the steel casing. If that weren't enough, the clutch plate itself was actually broken, with pieces of the spring mechanism shattered and wedged in the plate.

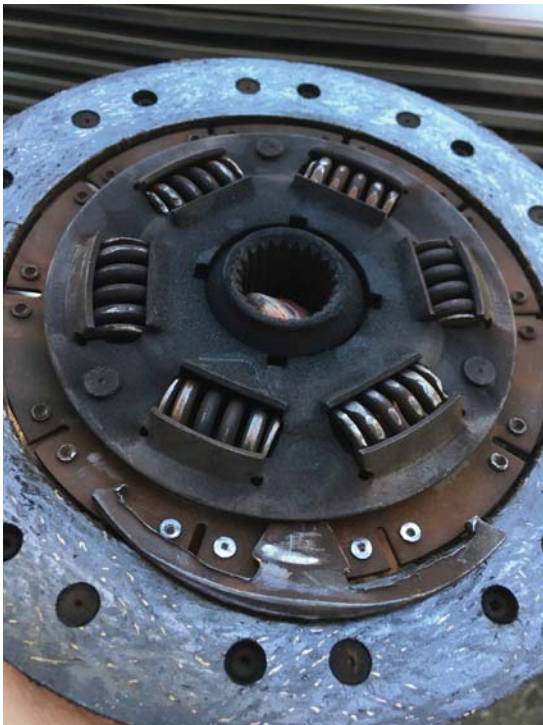
Rome wasn't built in a day, and the work on Bill's car wasn't done in one day either. But we did get the bulk of the work completed on the second day and had the engine back in and all hoses, cables, fitting and so forth hooked up again.

There were a few glitches along the way. One of the most fun (*not really...*) was having the positive battery terminal short out against the body and be stuck there until it literally melted and the cable fell off. Why the battery did not explode and set fire to Frank's garage is still a mystery.

So after that was repaired and the work on Bill's car mostly completed, we celebrated with appropriate beverages and cigars. I believe that Frank was actually celebrating the fact that we did not burn down his garage, but he wouldn't say.

If you want to have repair work done on your car, check the Yellow Pages for our services. Now, to be fair, Frank won't be a part of that, but you can still get Bill and Robert. Check the listings under "*Knuckleheads*" for our number.

Robert



The source of Bill's "clutch problem"



Mission Accomplished!



Marque Time

The late Ernie Banks, beloved Chicago Cubs shortstop, was famous for saying "Let's play two!" because he was so enthusiastic about playing baseball. Well, we must feel the same way about TMGC meetings.

After all, on March 27 we had our first event and our first meeting since November (thanks to Bruce and Jayne) and we apparently enjoyed it so much that we had a second meeting 10 days later on April 6. You might think that having two meetings so close together in time would result in low attendance, but that was certainly not the case. It was so good to see everyone again.

And, of course, we have more to come. The Spring Drive with Alan and Beckey is next up followed by a planned meeting at the home of Andy and Cynthia on Tuesday, May 4. Mike Haag also has a nearly full schedule of meetings for the rest of 2021.

And Bruce has been busy making more plans for drives and other gatherings. I'm sure we'll have more information at the next meeting, as well as on the website and this outstanding publication.

I do know that at least a few club members have been busy getting their cars in shape for more driving. I have submitted a first-hand report to the Dipstick of Bill O and his faithful MGB "Chip" getting the royal treatment by the master himself, Frank Linse.

So it seems as if we can finally look forward to more TMGC fun in the near future.

About one year ago, when facing a bleak outlook for 2020, I quoted the "wisdom" of Yogi Berra, who once said *"The future ain't what it used to be."*

I think that may apply again at this point, but with a much more positive spin. Yes, right now the future looks very different from one year ago, and we can all be thankful for that.

Safety Fast,
Robert

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TMGCC Activities Report 4-19-21

Spring is upon us and the LBC calendar is getting busy. With the number and dates of events on the calendar, one might have trouble choosing which way to go! On April 24 will be the annual Williamsburg British Car Show AND the “Rolling with the Knights” car show in Virginia Beach. Our club’s Spring Tour is scheduled for April 30-May 1, AND the Mini GOF for NEMGTR Chesapeake Chapter in Virginia Beach is planned for April 30-May 2.

HankGiffin@cox.net is the contact for Mini GOF information. We’ll do a club meeting at the home of Andy and Cynthia on May 4, then on May 26 and 27, the TMGCC will have the “annual” Dessert Drives. The Peninsula contingent will depart from the Yorktown Battlefield on May 26, and the Southside contingent will meet at Nimmo Parkway on May 27, both days at 6:30 pm. June 5 is the club meeting at the home of Alan and Beckey Watson in beautiful downtown Beaverdam AND the Moss Motors “Cars and Coffee” event in Petersburg; you can do one or the other or both! Last but not least is MG International 2021 gathering in Atlantic City on June 14-17. Rev ‘em up and head ‘em out!

Bruce Easley



TMGC Calendar As of April 21, 2021

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

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

May 1(Sat) – Drive your MGA Day

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

**May 26 (Wed) – Peninsula Dessert
Drive (6:30 departure)**

**May 27 (Thu) – Southside Dessert
Drive (6:30 departure)**

**Jun 5 (Sat) – Monthly Meeting at the
Watson’s in Beaverdam, VA!**

Jun 5 (Sat) – Cars & Coffee hosted by
Moss Motors in Petersburg, VA

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

Jun 14 – 17 MG2021
Atlantic City, NJ

Jul 6 (Tues) – Meeting TBD

TMGC Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2021

Pleasure House Brewing, Virginia Beach

By the 1800 show time, a large number of members were already on the scene; most with their LBCs.

1920: Call to Order by President Perrone with a shout out to our hosts, Pleasure House Brewing! Also a big “thank you” to Mike and Denise for arranging our visit!

After approving the minutes of the “unofficial” March meeting, our newest member (Nick) was recognized.

Treasurer’s Report: Jim reviewed our finances, with an ending balance of \$1759.32.

Dipstick Report: Mark thanked everyone for their inputs during a challenging COVID pandemic year. We managed to keep the Dipstick on track with everyone’s help! **The Dipstick Award for last year was presented to Terry Bond**, who has kept us all informed with his series of Technical articles.

Robert mentioned the March get together at Easley’s, where he awarded the **2020 President’s Award to Mike Haag**, our stalwart Vice President! He also thanked Denise for her many contributions in support of club meetings.



Activities Update: Bruce was MIA, due to unforeseen traffic problems in the HRBT. The next meeting was announced at the home of Andy and Cynthia on May 4th. Rob McPherson mentioned the Bay City Classics Swap Meet on April 17th. Bill Olcheski detailed the "Rollin' with the Knights" show on April 24th, which is being arranged by Bill and Frank Linse at Ascension Church. Hank Giffin then reminded us of the upcoming "Mini GOF" that will be at the Founders Inn and other local sites, May 30 – Jun 2. Also, the upcoming Dessert Drives will happen in May. Finally, the Spring Tour is a two day event this year, Apr 30-May 1.

Marque Time: Andy thanked Bill, Frank and Robert for installing a new clutch master cylinder in his MGA, as well as adjusting the clutch in one the TDs. Andy reports excellent progress with his rehab, thanks to Cynthia's efforts.

Bob Stein mentioned a few MGBs in local scrap yards, if anyone needs parts. The location of the TMGC Banners was discussed and Jim Villers said they're in his garage for future use.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mike Ash brought some UK car magazines, free to club members. Mike also had nothing to add on the Membership front. Nick, our new member in attendance, remarked that we look like a fun group!

Mike and Robert mentioned a slew of parts, etc. is available at Barry Tyson's. A garage sale was also planned.

Bill Yoshida led the charge to adjourn the meeting at 1946!

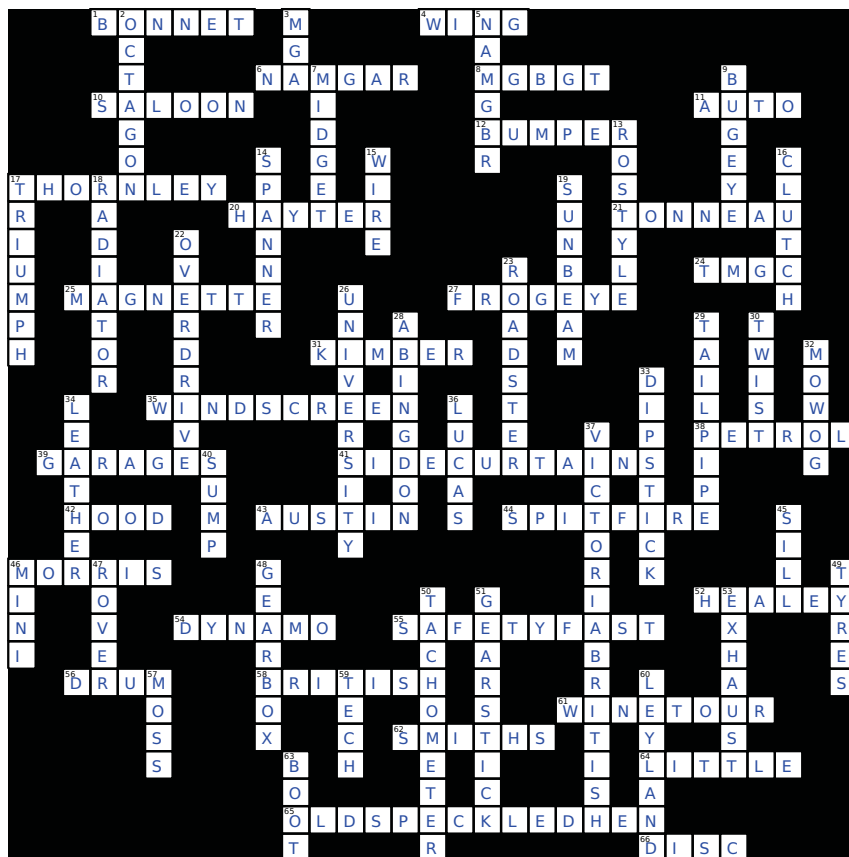
Recorded by Mark Davidoski

Greetings one and all! The next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, May 4th at Cynthia's and Andy's home located at 545 Mayflower Road in Norfolk. We are excited to host and will have plenty of food and drink for the gathering of the faithful. Bring your appetites, MGs, and good cheer!



TMGC, MG's, LBC's and more

Robert Perrone



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| Across | Down |
| 1 Not a hood (in England) | 2 The shape of MG |
| 4 Also found on a bird... or a plane | 3 Came before the B |
| 6 MGA Organization | 5 MGB Organization |
| 8 Steel top? | 7 Little brother to the B? |
| 10 Not a place to buy whiskey | 9 A stateside Sprite |
| 11 Not manual | 13 MGB Wheels |
| 12 Chrome or Rubber | 14 A proper British wrench |
| 17 Abingdon Manager | 15 Optional wheel type |
| 20 MGB Designer | 16 Millennial anti-theft device #2 |
| 21 An LBC cover-up | 17 Another MG relative |
| 24 Preserving the Marque since 1973 | 18 Fill it up or you'll be steamed |
| 25 Attractive-sounding MG saloon | 19 A "light" LBC |
| 27 A proper Sprite Mk 1 | 22 Reduces RPM |
| 31 Cecil himself | 23 Topless |
| 35 Keeps the bugs out of your teeth | 26 John Twist's "college" |
| 38 Americans have gas... and the British? | 28 Birthplace of an MG |
| 39 The G in MG stands for... | 29 Don't try to smoke it |
| 41 Not roll-up windows (2 words) | 30 University Motors "Dean" |
| 42 Not a top (in England) | 32 "Mystery" letters on the block and other parts |
| 43 Not Mr. Powers, just engines and such | 33 TMGC Newsletter |
| 44 The plane or the LBC? | 34 Upholstery material |
| 46 The M in MG stands for... | 36 Prince of Darkness |
| 52 MG Cousin | 37 Now covered by Moss (2 words) |
| 54 Generates more than interest | 40 A pan of oil |
| 55 MG slogan (2 words) | 45 A favorite place for rust |
| 56 MGB Rear brake | 46 Another MG cousin |
| 58 The B in LBC | 47 Successor to Leyland |
| 61 Spring fling for TMGC (2 words) | 48 Manual or auto? |
| 62 Gauge-ing interest | 49 What we kick at 7:30 |
| 64 The L in LBC | 50 Rev counter |
| 65 "Official" MG brew? (3 words) | 51 Millennial anti-theft device #1 |
| 66 MGB Front brake | 53 Tailpipe output |
| | 57 Parts source |
| | 59 A "therapy" Session for TMGC members |
| | 60 Post-BMC |
| | 63 Can't wear this on your foot |

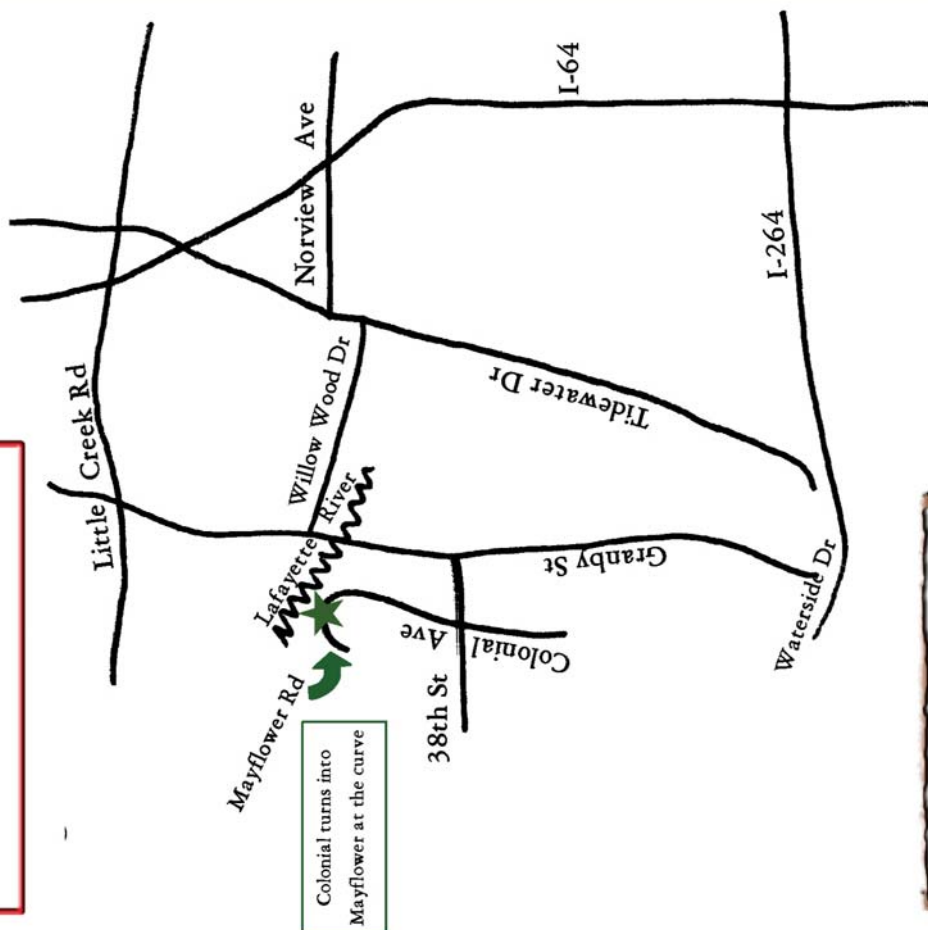
The Solution to last month's crossword

More images of club members and their cars in action





Monthly Meeting
 Tuesday, May 4th
 Cynthia & Andy
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7:30 - 8:00 pm - Kick Tyres
 8:00 Meeting



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