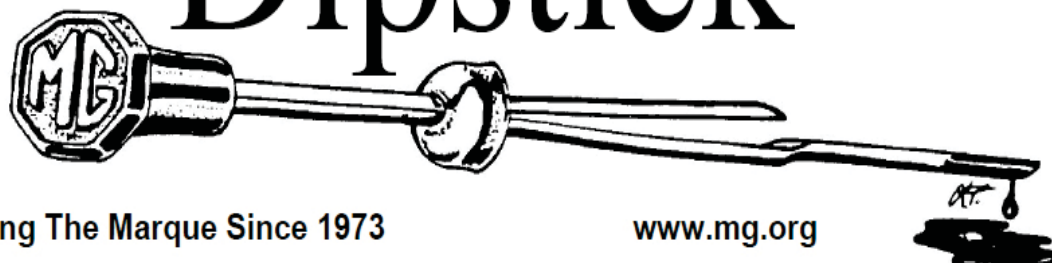




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2021 Summer Tech Gathering

reported by Jim Villers

The MG Club Summer Tech Gathering was hosted by the Villers on Sunday, August 22. Like most days this summer, it was a bright sunny day with an abundance of heat and humidity. The front suspension overhaul of Bob McKenna's MGB was the scheduled project but after relocating to the Baltimore area, he requested a rain check for his project. With Bob's cancellation, there were no planned projects for the gathering.

As the MGs began arriving, each member was asked if they had a project and the universal answer was not today. The first hour passed quickly and donuts were eaten but no hoods were raised.



The only potential issue was that John mentioned that his Morgan was running poorly and that the engine would not idle but he was not looking to repair it today. With nothing happening in the garage, John was talked into pulling his Morgan into the garage. Raising the hood revealed a Weber carburetor that most of us had not seen before. Out came the Weber manuals and the carburetor was identified as a model DAF. Don Ladd stepped forward saying that he had worked on a DAF at sometime in the past and said that the idle jet has a tendency to become clogged. Tino (Vänder Haeghe), a very experienced MG mechanic, was the next person to add his knowledge. With some compressed air, a new rubber O-ring and an idle mixture adjustment, the Morgan engine settled down to a smooth idle and it responded with spirit as the accelerator was depressed.

With the Morgan running well, it was time for lunch and Betty had prepared Sloppy Joe sandwiches, baked beans, chips and cookies. After a casual lunch on the deck and more socializing, the Technical Gathering was deemed a success.

Next year, there must be an MG front suspension somewhere that requires new bushings!

Summer Tech Session Scenes



TMGCC Activities 9/15/21

Well, you MG fanatics, 2021 is winding down and a pleasant time for driving is upon us, so get out there and "represent" whenever you can. Sadly for me, between RV camping and 3 weekends of art show, I won't be able to be doing much over the weekends. So get together with some MG buds and do your own drive to somewhere... or nowhere... to get out there.

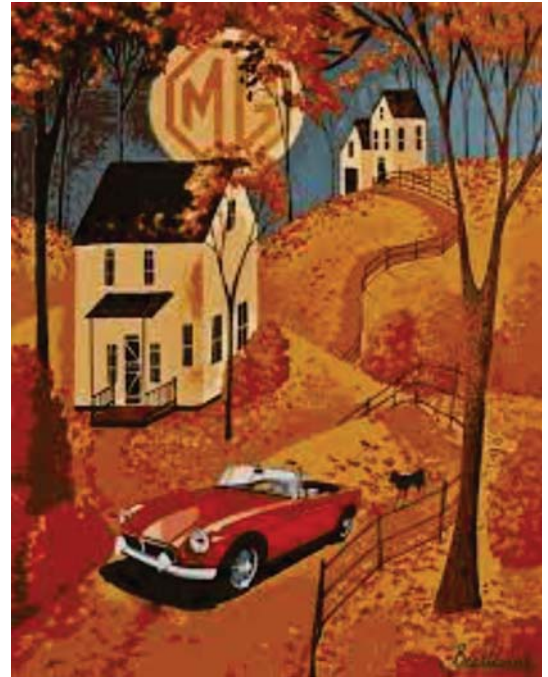
In October, you have the choice of attending the [Annual British Car Fall Festival](#), in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley in Waynesboro, VA the weekend of October 1-2 OR attending the star-studded TMGCC Fall Tour to the Lexington area on October 1-4. Then on October 5, we meet again at Deadline Brewing Project, 2272 W. Great Neck Road, Suite 2268 in Virginia Beach, VA. Start showing up at 6:30PM, club will provide pizza, meeting to follow. Have your travel tales ready!

Big Ugly is hosting a "Trunk or Treat" car display on October 31st from 1 – 3 PM. Bring your MG and some candy for the kids.

In November, our meeting on the 3rd is tentatively to be hosted by Mathieu and Rachel Huovinen; stay tuned for updates. Our November 7 Fall tech session will be at the home of Susan & Terry at 541 Forest Road in Chesapeake, VA 23322 starting at 10AM until all the beer or food is gone or the projects are done. Finally in December we'll have our annual Holiday Party which will be hosted by Betty and Jim Villers, and we'll fit in a Holiday Lights drive as well as we get more information on ticketing, etc.

Safety Fast!

Bruce Easley



TMGC Calendar of upcoming events

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 5 (Tue) Meeting at Deadline Brewing in Virginia Beach

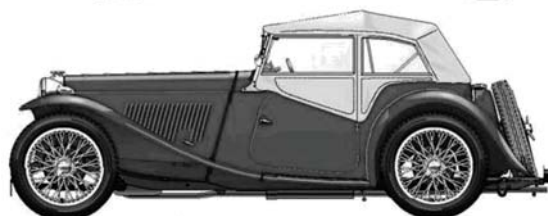
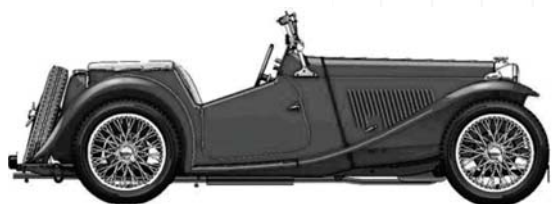
Oct 31 (Sun) Trunk or Treat car display at Big Ugly Brewing in Chesapeake, VA

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

Nov 7 (Sun) Fall Tech Session at Susan & Terry's in Chesapeake

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

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



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Marque Time!



My time is about to end once again as TMGC president. As I said last time, it has been an honor to serve in this position.

As everyone certainly knows, the last year and a half has presented unique challenges for us all, including for this club. But it has been gratifying to see how so many of our members pulled together to keep this club strong and moving forward. I truly appreciate that from each and every one of you.

But as I sat down to write this installment of Marque Time a question came to my mind. Was this October issue the last Marque Time for me before the new TMGC President begins his term and takes over the Dipstick duties, or do I write one last time for November?

Some of you may ask why I don't already know the answer. After all, I have been through this before.

But I really wasn't sure what is normally done. So, I went back for the past 20 years to see what has happened before.

Well, as my dad used to say, the answer is as clear as mud. Since 2001 the outgoing TMGC President wrote their last Marque Time in October 5 times, but 4 others continued on and wrote for November. So as far as I'm concerned, October has the edge, and I'm going with that.

Funny, as soon as I completed that sentence I could have sworn that I heard cheering in the distance. Oh well...

I know, last month I wrote that I had two more months to write in the Dipstick. But that was before I thought of a good excuse to turn it over to the new TMGC President for November.

So as the weather turns cooler, and we look forward to getting together and creating more memories, I will say thank you once again.

Safety Fast,
Robert



TMGC Meeting September 2021 (recorded by Kelly MacPherson)

So, the president and vice president were on hiatus this month and Mark did a great job taking over as President. The meeting moved VERY FAST! So...this month will be a short report – as your secretary was not prepared as she normally is! And the meeting minutes are very late because I...well, I have no real excuse EXCEPT...well, lots going on. Anywho...I was ill prepared:

- Left my notebook at home – although I did put it where I would see it so that I would bring it, but too distracted. So, I had to use my phone (which is good if you need to remember specifics, but I like to write);
- The time stamps will be missing this month because I forgot to charge my watch. Couldn't use my phone because it was busy taking the meeting minutes;
- I did get the treasurers report. Could have written on that, but I couldn't find a pen.



Jim reported that the club has a good goose egg! \$2578.21. For more information, see Jim. The highlights:

Pay pal \$477

PayPal Memberships \$160 (with a service charge of \$11 which ends up with....do the math...not so great in my head...get the calculator...do I take the \$11 from the \$160 or the whole total...what was I doing? Oh yeah. \$477 plus 160, carry the 1, subtract the 11...\$596)

Total for PayPal \$609 (I must have missed a carry over)

BB&T has a total of \$1956 (that was a good year. My dad had been in the Navy for 2 years and had worked beside many of the WWII veterans. So cool)

We got \$260 at last meeting on membership, plus \$53 in raffle money.

Mike got paid 313 for pizza at the Big Ugly. Then Betty got some money for the tech session (she appeared surprised) where there was apparently some awesome Sloppy Joes. Do y'all know how hard it is to get a decent Sloppy Joe! Love those sandwiches.

Jim, I hope I did good this time.

Next item. Mark and Jim were on the nominating committee for club officers. Those nominated were: Mike Haag for president, Paul Fuqua for vice president, me for secretary (although I am the worst at making deadlines!) and Jim Villers for treasurer. Anyone else who is interested in potentially holding office, please let these to fine gentlemen know. No, really, I mean it, let them know because it appears finding people to do the jobs is probably harder than Rob figuring out what is wrong with his MG! Voting will occur next month.



So another person not present was Bruce. Lucky man was hiking in Wyoming. I bet it is beautiful this time of year out there. I have only been out west three times. Once when I was 2 years old (can't remember it) on my way to Hawaii with my folks. A second time with Rob for his high school reunion (Utah and Colorado) and the last time was to LA to visit family (not really my favorite place). But I digress and am way off what should be reported! So, TRAACA Show occurs in Norfolk this year. The Fall tour will occur October 1 through 4 by lead by the McKenna's.

October 1 through 2 is the Waynesboro Show sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley Club. Keswick, VA has a new vineyard. I say we make a weekend of it. Big Ugly is contemplating a Trunk or Treat on October 31. Info will be in the next dipstick. Rob was asked about any other events, but he was clear out of any additional information.

No new members, but Rob did provide info as he assisted. Mike gave him a list and he emailed a ton of people and thinks we have another 15 or 20 people who paid out at PayPal. Jim said we had 8 through PayPal and had another set of checks for additional members. Rob to follow up. He did volunteer to assist – not take over...yet, he does such a thorough job!

One membership is per family, but, if anyone wants to, they can pay per person! Someone mentioned by the number of cars, but that would hurt some folks.

No historian tonight so no history. Are our people dropping like flies? No, someone said it was just a good weekend for travel.

Dipstick has a great number of articles by folks related to MGs and fun things that happen too.

Marque time – Rob and that damned MGA. Someone please help my man with this poor little car. The generator has been the bane of his existence and he has made several attempts at fixing it. A lot of technical talk about voltage, turn up, over charge, dead battery, undercharge. 13.50 volts from Jim. Rob – set it to 14.5 volts. Any other takers? More info – wires, regulator...Jim said he purchased a digital volt lighter thing that monitors voltage as he drives. Rob needs one of those, but he doesn't have a lighter. Jim and Rob going back and forth with no solution.

Jim knows a painter who would be a good candidate for MG's. The man painted his 356 in a steel shed behind his house. Dad was a car painter so he grew up with it. He's an accountant at a body shop. Interesting. Jack of most trades. Get with Jim if you would like the man's number. We did find out that the man does not do windshields. Bummer.

Rose's husband has lots of free stuff: MGB seats, MGB 79 rear end, misc. other parts. So if you are looking for anything, he may have it. He's a collector. Help Rose out, y'all.

Joshua Wicks -worked at Abacus for several years and has his own shop in Williamsburg. Reasonable prices, but one-man shop. Lot of knowledge about MG's. Worked on his dad's as a project.

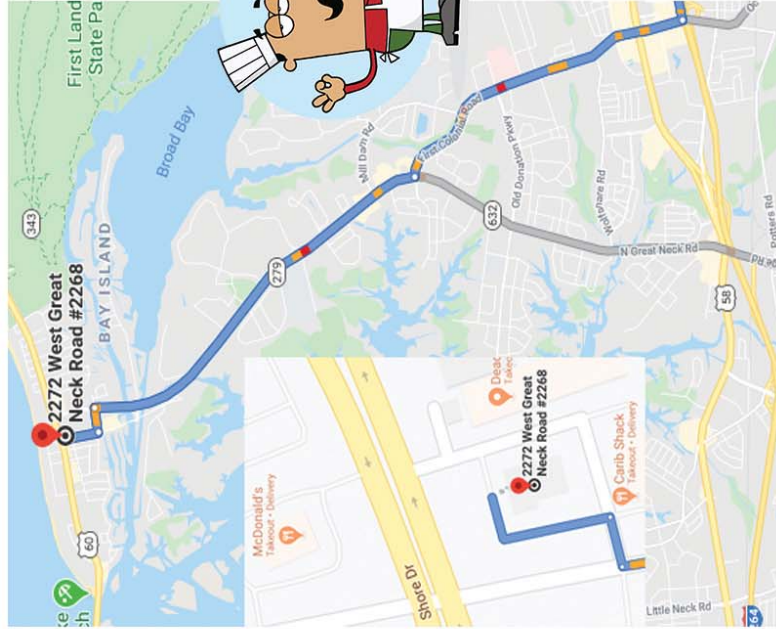
RAFFLE!!! Go Rose! Hats for \$15. Magnets (PJs friend makes them) \$5. Books, decals, picture, and the 50/50. Rob – first in line's out because no buffet. However, there was food, so he rescinded. Lots of happy folks who won. May they enjoy their new stuff.

Thank you to the Peterson's for opening up their homes for this event. It's always enjoyable to look at all the cool stuff you have around.





Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 5th
Deadline Brewing
Project
2272 W. Great Neck Rd
Suite 2268
Virginia Beach



6:30 Doors open
Pizza to be served
Meeting to follow



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