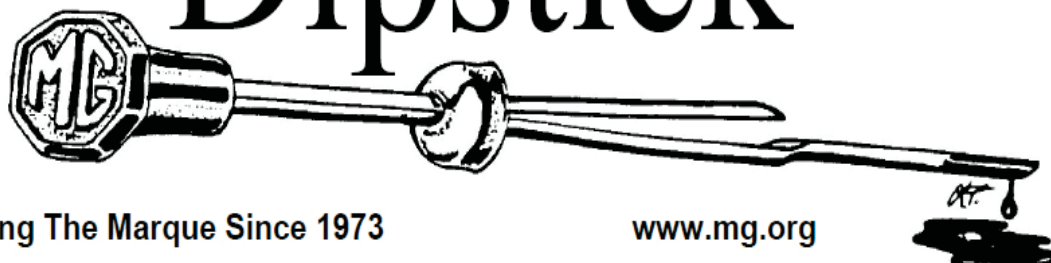




The Dipstick



2022
Happy New Year

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Holiday Party at Jim and Betty's December 11, 2021





Our awesome hosts!



Outside under balmy night skies



Bill models his auction find



Eat, drink and make merry!



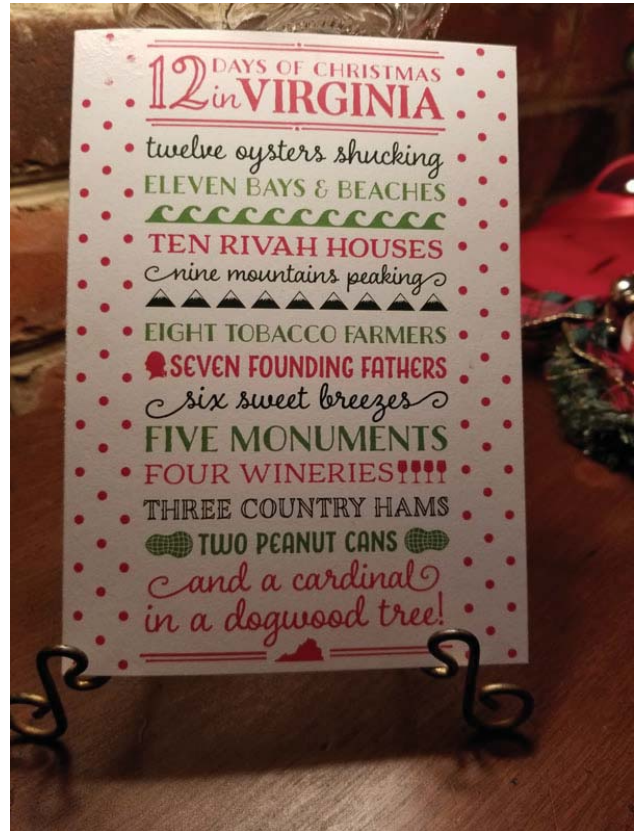
Some original TMGC members enjoying the party!



Jim and Betty Villers were our hosts for another amazing Holiday Party last month. Unusually warm weather provided us with a chance to mingle both indoors and out. Betty orchestrated a fantastic buffet with a savory array of finger foods and dessert selections throughout the house. The club was able to contribute to Ronald McDonald House this year, and individual donations were augmented with the proceeds from Rose's Silent Auction. The skies stayed clear until a late evening downpour which arrived as the last few guests were departing. Thanks to Betty and Jim and to everyone for a great evening of TMGC camaraderie!



Talking MGs under the stars



A Virginia Christmas

Silent Auction Winners

Dipstick Clock - PJ Peterson
 Antique Mantle Clock - Terry Bond
 1936 MG Avon car - TC Keiningham
 MG Book - Cori Fuqua
 4 TMGC Goblets - Bruce Easley
 Motoring Poems - Bruce Easley
 MG Book - Susan Bond
 The Classic MG Books - Mike Haag
 Crocheted Shawl - Rob MacPherson
 Custom Glass Table - Cori Fuqua
 Faux Burl Dash Trim kit - Bill Olcheski
 MG 2005 Plaque - Susan Bond

All proceeds went to the Ronald McDonald House!



Silent auction items arrayed in Jim's well-appointed garage/workshop

December Activities Report TMGCC

2021 is almost in the rear view mirror! It's been another year of challenges... and opportunities. Thanks to those who planned or organized trips (Spring and Fall), hosted (or wangled locations for) meetings or parties, wrote up trip reports, made suggestions, rode along or actually drove on trips. We had some great fun and saw some cool places. A special thanks from me to Rob McPherson who really helped with some planning and driving on the South Side, and of course Alan and Beckey for the Spring Trip and Bob McKenna for the Fall drive.

As I write this, the news is full of the looming effects of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 (what? It started in 2019?). We have already run into issues with restaurants which are short-handed, venues that are closed, and other complications. However, jolly well motor on we must! We have some plans for when nicer weather resumes, and we may have to piggy-back on Tad's "Horrible Idea Tour" drive idea, perhaps in February... just because we can.

One issue that has affected meetings is the increase in traffic congestion at the HRBT. In recognition and deference to the fact that the majority of members reside "southside", we want to try something a little different for monthly meetings held on the "northside". A meeting will be moved to a Saturday or Sunday time frame when traffic is lighter, and timed so that drivers shouldn't hit traffic peaks. The meeting may be coupled with a picnic or group drive. Comments are welcomed, before and after the fact.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a healthy and happy 2022, with no road hazards! Please don't hesitate to contact Rob McP or me if you have suggestions, and if you are able to host a meeting or have suggestions for a venue, let our illustrious VP, Paul Fuqua, know.

Safety fast, first, and always!

Bruce



Let's do more of THIS in 2022!



Marque Time!



It's hard to believe that the Holiday season is upon us and will soon be over. Time is going by too fast! It's also another time of the year when we give thanks and count our blessings. So, in that vein I'll continue down that path. That, and I didn't have time to figure out a topic for this month's rant.

I want to thank Betty and Jim Villers for hosting our annual Holiday Party. It was so good to get together with friends and socialize once again. As I talked about last month, getting back to normal.

I want to thank Rose Ladd for coordinating the silent auction and also thank Donald Ladd for creating the set of TMGC wine glasses and the two TMGC clocks. Thanks to all who donated items and those that bid. We raised almost \$200 for the club.

Thanks to all who donated food or other items along with the gift cards, cash and checks to our charity, the Ronald McDonald House in Norfolk. Denise and I delivered the bounty on Monday the 13th and they were surprised and very much appreciative of our efforts.

For those who were at the Holiday Party, one of the most wonderful moments was when we witnessed Andy Wallach walk, with the aid of a walker, from the driveway into the house! Some might say it is a Christmas miracle, but we know that it happened because of Andy's determination, persistence, and hard work, along with the love and support of Cynthia and family and the dedicated support from doctors and physical therapists. From a very dire prognosis two years ago to watching him walk is remarkable and truly a blessing! Like the old saying says, "You can't keep a good man down" and Andy proved that.

I hope you all have a Happy New Year and that we have many more MG events to enjoy in 2022.

Safety fast,
Mike

Surviving Founding Members - correction

Mike Haag

In the December 2021 Dipstick, one of the articles mentioned that Roosevelt Mosely was the last surviving original member of the club. To be clear, while Roosevelt may be the oldest surviving original member, he is not the only surviving original member. Thankfully Hank & Stevie Giffin and Mike & Jennifer Ash are also original members and they are very much alive and kicking and remain active members.

Hank and Mike provided some additional information about the forming of the club. In Hank's words, "My wife Stevie was driving our TD and someone came up to her in a parking lot and told her of the gathering in the Pembroke Mall to start a local MGT club. There were 9 of us who met at Pembroke Mall in the early 70s. I have a photo of the cars lined up in the parking lot. We then went to Jim Banvard's house for the first meeting. I remember his son Michael climbing on a bookshelf and bringing it down on everyone in the middle of the room. Mike, Jim, and I collected a significant number of vintage MGs for many years, including Ys and VAs. I was the first secretary and mailed out the first newsletters to the 9 members using a mimeograph machine on my ship (not quite approved). "Mike also mentioned that "Roosevelt lived with his mother (best potato salad at club events) on Indian River Road at the time."

Speaking of original members, our club will celebrate its 50th anniversary in May 2023. Quite a milestone, especially for a single marque car club. It's not too soon to start thinking about ways to celebrate.

Upcoming Meetings (as of press time)

January 5th - Wednesday - 6:00PM at Gus and George's 4312 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

February 1st - Tuesday - No schedule yet but investigating Apex Entertainment on Independence for meeting and go-kart racing if club members are interested

March 5 - Saturday 11:00 AM - the Peterson domicile

April 3 or 10 - Sunday - Spring Tech Session Getting Ready for Summer Cruising - Frank Linse/Paul Fuqua domiciles

May 7 - Saturday 11:00 AM - the Easley domicile

June 7 - Tuesday - Ocean View Pier 6:00 PM

July/August/September - no plans yet - looking for hosts

October 4 - Wednesday 6:00 PM - Olcheski domicile

November 4 - Wednesday 6:00 PM - Bond tech session (may move to weekend)

December Holiday Party - TBD



CAR SHOW

TECH SESSIONS

FUNKHANA

VALVE COVER RACING

MODEL COMPETITION

PHOTO CONTEST



THE NEXT GENERATION

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LIFT LOCK TOURS

LOCAL RALLY

SELF-DIRECTED DRIVES

PARKING LOT PARTY

SPECIAL GUEST

SPEAKER

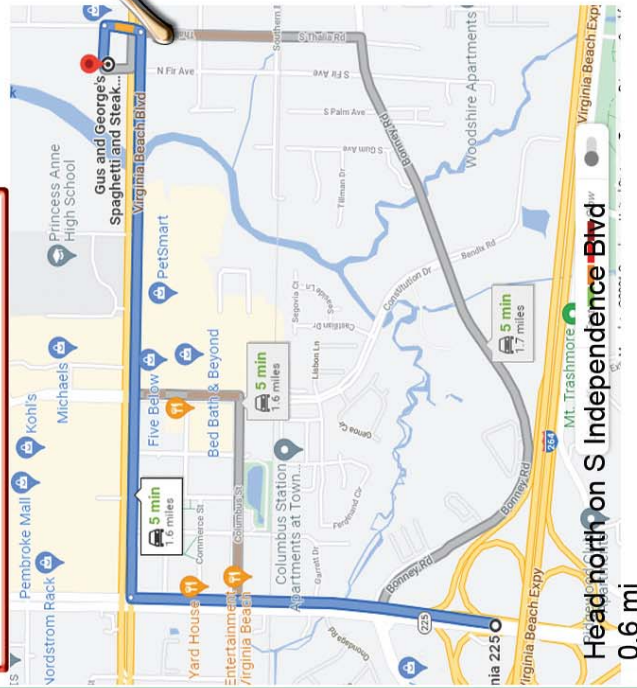
During the summer of 1992, hundreds of MGs converged on scenic Peterborough, in the Kawartha Lakes region of Ontario, for the inaugural convention of the North American MGB Register. Thirty years later, we are going back to where it all began. Come join us June 19th to 23rd to honour our history and celebrate the future. We will have a slew of activities for enthusiasts of all ages including a car show, tech sessions, lift lock tours, funkhana, local rally, self-directed drives, a parking lot party and an awards banquet with a very special guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you in Peterborough at THE MG event of 2022!

JUNE 19 - 23, 2022





Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, Jan 5th
Gus & George's
Restaurant
4312 V. Beach Blvd
Virginia Beach



Turn right after Taco Bell (on the right)
 Pass by IHOP (on the right in 0.5 mi)
 0.9 mi

Turn left onto Thalia Rd
 318 ft

Turn left
 Destination will be on the left

6:00 if you are eating Dinner
Meeting to follow



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