



# The Dipstick



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## *Spring Tour 2022...* *The Adventures Continue!*

*by Mark Davidoski, Terry Bond and Sue Bond*

Spring Tour 2022 commenced on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. This highly-anticipated event, carefully planned by Alan & Beckey, marked our first opportunity to ditch our Covid shackles and act like a British Sports Car Club once again! The Southside crew met at the shops just behind the Lake Wright hotel complex. Promptly at 0732 we were westbound on I-64 with fingers crossed for a smooth crossing of the HRBT. Four MGs, one BMW and two SUVs made it through without a hiccup – a good omen. We had Robert and Tommy in their respective MGBs, Mark & Kathy in their B-GT, Rob and Kelly in their MGA, Mike & Denise in their BMW “coop”, Russ in his Crosstrek, and Donald & Rose riding shotgun in their SUV.

Exiting near Barhamsville, we stopped at a McDonald's to meet additional players: Susan & Terry in Sue's B-GT, as well as PJ & Faith in their MGB-V8 and Fred & Linda in the MGA. From there it was mainly along bucolic State and County roads, a scenic drive that brought us through Doswell (with a view of Secretariat's home farm) and into the Ashland WaWa. There we met with our skillful tour leaders, Alan & Beckey (MGB), Tad & Karen (MGB) and a Maryland-based Miata holding Bob &



Missy McKenna. With our formation now complete, 13 vehicles departed for an early lunch reservation at The Caboose. This restaurant is trackside near the Ashland train station, giving great views of passing Amtrak trains as well as the quaint downtown area. After a refreshing meal break over local farm to table fare (with appropriate beverages) it was off to Southern Revere Cellars in beautiful Louisa, VA.

Southern Revere offered seating on their shaded side porch, as well as tables spread out in the adjacent meadow bordering their vines. The TMGC group enjoyed a leisurely period of socializing and re-hydration before we mounted up for the speedy run to Thornburg, where the Holiday Inn Express awaited. Following an hour's break to freshen up, it was west to Lake Anna for our dinner reservations at the appropriately named *Tim's on Lake Anna*. Everything was delicious and the beers were cold – perfect after a warm Spring day. Following the high speed dusk run back to Thornburg, about 10 members gathered for additional beverage sampling and conversation in the HIE breakfast bar area. Then it was off to dreamland, in preparation for Day Two.

Saturday dawned with cool temperatures. After enjoying an excellent breakfast we received our Day Two Briefing from Alan. Our first destination was in nearby Fredericksburg, but first we enjoyed a winding, rural drive through the countryside surrounding Spotsylvania Courthouse Battlefield. Seeing the remains of Confederate trenchworks beyond our LBCs was a poignant reminder of how good we have it today. After posing for panoramic shots of our extended convoy, we proceeded to Shannon Airport for a close up look at the Golden Age of American Aviation.

On arrival we received an overview briefing from one of the museum's knowledgeable docents. We then split into two smaller groups for an in-depth walking tour. The Shannon Museum is home to an



impressive collection of one of a kind aircraft that were produced during the period from World War One up to the mid-1930's. This is a period when aviation technology was exploding with performance, endurance, and safety improvements. Throughout the museum tour we experienced an impressive collection of Virginia Aviation Historical Society memorabilia and artifacts. This is a "must see" for anyone with even a passing interest in aviation.

Following our tour it was time to hit the road again, this time southbound toward Port Royal. After another great drive, we

parked at Randolph's on the River, which overlooks the Rappahannock. The atmosphere was festive and menu selections were excellent. Fully recharged, we departed for our next stop – Backporch Vinyard in King George, VA. Once on site, we were treated to live acoustic music as we enjoyed our libations. It was a beautiful afternoon and the perfect spot to while away a bit of quality time.

Then it was back to Thornburg where we could freshen up before dinner. Pre-ordered meals were picked up from nearby Angela's Pizza. (One pizza somehow missed the trip – Fred & Linda had to run back over to Angela's to retrieve their meal.) As dinner was underway, Becky reviewed the scores for the weekend's "Southern Draw" game involving key phrases and sayings spoken in the South, by Southerners, who speak Southern! Winners of the first place Fabulous Prize were Fred & Linda who must've had a perfect answer sheet – well done! The second Fabulous Prize was next. Each team had to spin a yarn using each of the phrases in their answer sheets. When the dust settled (and the loud laughter had subsided just a bit) the lucky winner was Tad. It was hard to judge that one – all of the stories were excellent. But one thing's for certain: there is no doubt what the phrase "Bless you heart" REALLY means! With that, it was soon time to retire in advance of Day three.



MG Spring Tour, Sunday – back on the road toward home.

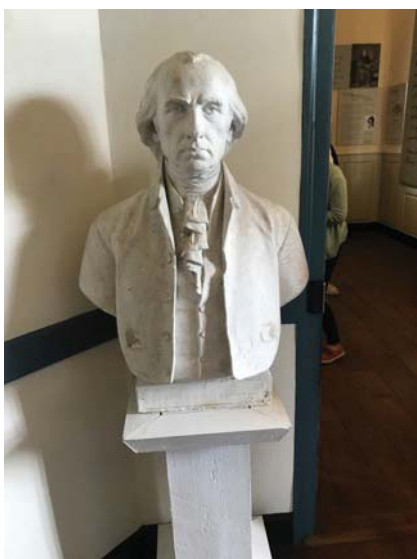
But first, more crooked roads, great scenery and some interesting stops! Can't fail to also mention good food though. After a more leisurely start on Sunday morning we proceeded to head on a more westerly route. The roads were once again fantastic with lots of twists and turns to be straightened out. Note-no U-turns had to be made!



### ***MGs on the road again-***

First stop was the historic home of Patrick Henry. We learned it was just one of many he had during his lifetime, but this perhaps the best known – Scotchtown. Of course I knew better than to try and find a good dram of single malt, but enjoyed the guided tour just as much. We split into two groups and both were led by fantastic docents. Recent restoration/renovation efforts showed and the place looked picture-perfect, although scaffolding surrounding the house while its roof was being replaced really prevented getting any perfect pictures of the exterior.

More twisty roads led us from Scotchtown to historic Hanover Tavern, always a favorite stop for our group. It was lunch-time already so we settled quickly into the pub. No sooner was our meal order placed than I jumped up to quickly browse through a very small antique market on premises. It was arranged as a fund-raiser for the historic tavern. Of course I managed to ferret out a small antique motoring treasure from among all the colonial-era antiques displayed among only 18 dealers. It was another opportunity to earn my nick-name “MMM” – Motoring Memorabilia Magnet.



***Mr. Henry... wishing he'd owned an LBC***



***MGs lined up at Scotchtown***

Lunch was great, the cold brews went down well and we rested and visited for quite some time before jumping back into the LBCs for the return home. We chose back-roads like many others in the group and managed to avoid the usual Sunday traffic hassles. We even managed to beat incoming storms. The MGBGT went back into the garage bone-dry, even a little dusty. No problems were reported from other travelers. The weekend was complete! All arrived safely and are ready for the next adventure. Until next time – Susan and Terry



***Historic Hanover Tavern – we'll be back again for a play at their Barksdale Theater!***

***Some home decorating ideas from the desk of Jennifer Ash!***





## Marque Time



A few months ago I wrote about how things in the world and our club were finally returning to “normal-ish”. With the recent meetings, events, and drives I’d say things were finally returning to “normal”. No more “-ish” about it.

So far this year we have had three meetings in members’ homes, thanks to Jayne & Bruce, Cori & Paul, and Faith & PJ. We have four meetings on the calendar in members’ homes starting late summer through fall. Getting back to normal.

For the first time in 2 years we had a Spring Tech Session, thanks to Frank & Debbie. Getting back to normal.

The club had an overnight drive to the Eastern Shore in February, a planned drive to Elizabeth City, NC which had to be postponed due to weather but will be rescheduled in the future, and both Dessert Drives in late May. There is talk of a potential Fall Tour, so stay tuned for more information on that. Getting back to normal.

The best example I think though of things returning to normal was the recent Spring Tour in late April organized and led by Beckey & Alan. We returned to the normal 3-day, 2 night itinerary with no COVID restrictions this year. A couple of regulars couldn’t make it this year but we picked up two first-timers, Tommy Keiningham Jr in his MGB and Rob & Kelly MacPherson in their MGA. Three days of driving great roads, good food and interesting attractions while driving our favorite cars with friends. Just like we have done the previous 19 Spring Tours (2020 was canceled, like so many other things). Yes, back to normal!

***Safety fast,***

Mike

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# TMGCCC Activities

As of May 20, 2022



The Spring Tour and the Club's May meeting are in the rear view mirror. From the verbal accounts I heard, the Spring Tour was great fun with great weather, and I look forward to the full writeup in the Dipstick. The May meeting went well with cool temperatures and a threat of rain, but stayed mostly dry for the group to gather outside. It seems like the adage "April showers bring May flowers" was changed to "April showers bring more May showers" for the early part of May, with many days of thunderstorms and even tornado watches. As I write this on a Thursday, we finally had a clear warm Spring day... now tomorrow is headed directly to Summer with temps over 90!

At the May meeting, we began collecting payment for tickets to the traditional attendance at the "Turn Back The Clock Night" baseball outing at Tides Stadium on July 12. We will also collect payments at the June meeting, then tickets will be given out in July. Tickets are \$15 per person, and at this time we have 11 signed up; if 20 or more members attend, we will qualify for a reduced rate. If you plan to attend, please be ready to sign up at the June meeting - EXACT CASH PLEASE! Robert Perrone has volunteered to again this year purchase the tickets and then get them to the people who ordered them.

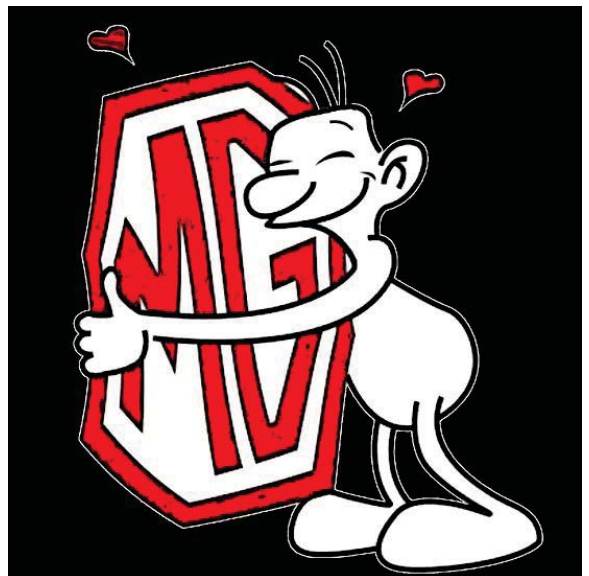
Our "No Bridge Tunnel Tour" to Elizabeth City, scheduled for May 14, was cancelled. RSVPs were needed for discussions with a second stop on the tour, but only one RSVP had been made by the prior Thursday. PLUS the weather forecast for that day was for cold and rainy – not much of a day for walking about. Several people indicated later they had planned to go, so there was apparently more interest than was realized, but given the weather, it was probably the right choice.

The June Tidewater MG meeting will be at the Ocean View Pier. Plan to arrive early by 6 pm, meet on the top deck if weather permits, enjoy the view and maybe even a beautiful sunset. Order dinner when you are ready, so the kitchen won't get too backed up all at once. At this time the July meeting venue is still undecided.

The August meeting will be on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> with Jennifer and Mike Ash on the Eastern Shore, then our September 7 meeting will be at the home of Andy Wallach and Cynthia Faschini in Norfolk.

At this time I believe the Club is still undecided on the location for our annual Holiday Party in December, so let our VP Paul Fuqua know if you have any suggestions.

*Bruce Easley*



St. Teresa of Calcutta  
Council #12117

# Rollin' with the Knights

2nd annual custom car show

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

**Church of Ascension**  
4853 Princess Anne Rd  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

**All Makes/Models. Friends & Family Welcomed**

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

Over 35 Awards  
Silent Auction  
Kids Coloring Contest

50/50 Raffle  
Food Truck  
and more!

## June 4

9am - 3pm  
Rain Date: June 11

Free dash plaque for first 75 registered cars

**MAGUIRE & Sons**

**Knights of Columbus ABBATE AGENCY**

**DAY CITY CLASSICS**  
RESTORATION - CUSTOMIZATION - SERVICE

**Unlocking Dreams with Lisa**  
Honesty. Loyalty. Devotion.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 4 – 9:00am to 3:00pm  
Rollin' with the Knights Carshow and  
TMGC destination!

June 7 -- Monthly Meeting at Ocean  
View Pier -- 6:00 p.m.

July 5 – Monthly Meeting hosted by  
(TBD)

August 6 – 11:00 a.m. -- Monthly  
Meeting hosted by Jennifer & Mike  
Ash in historic Eastville

September 7 – Monthly Meeting  
hosted by Andy Wallach & Cynthia  
Faschini in Norfolk

October 4 – Monthly Meeting hosted  
by Renee & Bill Olcheski in Virginia  
Beach

November 2 – Monthly Meeting  
hosted by Kathy & Mark Davidoski in  
Virginia Beach (Chili Cookoff!)

December (TBD) – TMGC Annual  
Holiday Party (details to come!)

**January (TBD) --  
First meeting of  
our 50<sup>th</sup> year!**

*Bill getting his steed  
ready for the show.*

*See you there!!*



*Frank's Canadian friend Tom  
Sawyer paid a visit to  
Norfolk recently. Tom kindly  
provided an image of his  
Ukrainian - themed MGBs  
that currently reside in  
Ontario!*





# ***TMGC Meeting Minutes: May 7th***

Location: Bruce and Jayne Easley's in Seaford, VA

Setting: A picturesque backyard with the river water flowing in the background, tall trees and greenery surround a large deck with canopies to keep the rain or sun at bay.

As I look over at the sliding glass door, who should come through but Andy and Cynthia. It's been quite some time since I have seen them at a meeting and everyone is happy to see their faces. On Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Old Dominion University held a banquet in their honor. Many of the TMGC family were there to celebrate them and with them. I can share that our giant, Michael, loved the hors d'oeuvres (yes, I had to look that word up because Word did not like my spellings: horsdouvors? Hordourves? Horderves? I gave up. However, I am not the only one who had difficulty with this word. On Google, under the title, "People also asked:" there was the question. "How do you spell Horderves?" So, there it is.) Not being much of a drinker, I did find the Pinot Grigio to be quite tasty.

I got the chance to catch up with Terry. The weekend of April 29<sup>th</sup>, some of the TMGC folks got together and spent the weekend tooling around Hanover County and surrounding areas. Alan and Becky planned a fabulous trip. The rides along the back roads were full of twists and turns and seeing the line of MGs in front of our car was a sight to behold.



Sorry, I got sidetracked. Back to Terry. There was an antique show going on at the last stop of the trip, The Hanover Tavern, and he went to investigate. When I asked him about his haul, he shared he had gotten a pin and a little ink well that is in the shape of a car. Very cool and worth a lot more, he shared, than he had purchased them for. Sometimes folks just don't know what they have!

11:50: Bruce, "Want to take control?"

Mike, "Yea, I'll take control." He then appeared to ponder this statement further and remarked, "Take control? With this crowd?"

11:51: Mike called the start of the MG meeting and the strays started to quiet down and, for those enjoying the scenery in the backyard, came to the back deck.

A call for guests or new members was made. No, no new folks or guests? On to the next event.

Mike, "Did anyone have a chance to read the minutes?" Yep, call to accept the minutes, yep! (I do want to say thank you for letting me know you enjoy the minutes. I do enjoy writing them. Mom and Dad would be proud that I am finally using that Journalism degree they spent so much money on me getting!

Vice President's report: Paul needs to slow down just a tad. I can type pretty fast, but not THAT fast!



\* June: We will be meeting at the Ocean View Pier on the upper deck. Get there early and get those orders in so as not to delay receiving your meal. We don't want any hangry bears at the meeting!

\* July: ?? Still TBD. Let's go to August.

\* August: Everyone bring your PJ's because we are staying at the Ash's home!

Well, if you do plan to stay, don't plan on being in the house. Mike said to bring a tent. Can ya'll see that! A bunch of tents set up around Jennifer and Mike's home. Hilarious. But then, his neighbors may not approve. Trash that idea. Plan to go home.

Anyway, back to the August meeting. The Ash's have agreed to open their home and host the meeting. Bill said we should meet at the Harris Teeter on Shore Drive. "Where's the Harris Teeter on Shore Drive," asked Mike Ash. "What is that," said Bill. Someone yelled out that it was a Kroger. "Ok, same company," Bill exclaimed. I would say either Bill is too busy or too squirrely to take in his surroundings!

\* September: The Wallach and Faschini home will be the setting of the September show...I mean, meeting. "Ho! Ho!", from Andy. "Cynthia is going to be doing the cooking! I don't want anyone thinking that I'll be doing any cooking."

\* Paul had a his own squirrel moment, "Hey Mike, is that a weekend-long event in August? We spending the night?"

Mike, "You can sleep under the deck. We do not do overnight guests." I would not recommend under the deck though, ya'll. Too many bugs and creepy crawlers. Bring that tent, I say.

\* Then Paul was back to July (I really can't keep up with ya'll!). He mentioned some brewery in Norfolk, but the first Tuesday is after July 4 which falls on a Monday. Then there was something about changing it to the next Tuesday, but that is the baseball game. I personally, liked the idea of having the meeting on the field...first base, left outfield, or catchers' mound (all positions I played when I was a kid).

\* The end decision was to give up on Tuesday.

\* October: Ya'll will have to get with Paul. I didn't catch it. Although, it may be in the minutes from one of the last meetings.



\* Activities: Bruce had no activities. He and Jayne missed the spring tour. Poor Jayne was under the weather. I'm glad to see she has made a full recovery. Bruce was hoping it would rain on us all weekend! (That's kinda rude! We all wished you had been there, though.) Rob has been helping with activities. The next day trip activity is planned to be a drive down to Elizabeth City. The Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City is free AND has a lot cool displays related to the Albemarle. Bruce will be sending out street maps that will include a list of brew pubs and restaurants for everyone to choose from for a bite. Then meet up at a brewery and throw back a few and drive home (YIKES!).

\* No Bridge Tunnel Tour (bummer). The Third Annual Breakthrough Car Show (is that the right title?) is in Petersburg that same weekend. So, take a trip up and see the cool cars.

\* May 25<sup>th</sup> is the Dessert Drive again. (Maybe we should call it the Annual Dessert Drive.) For the Peninsula drive, we're going up the...missed it! Dang it!!  
Rob will lead the group and drivers will meet behind the Courthouse Harris Teeter at 6:30 pm – 1830 for the military types.

\* May 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21st is Grand National.

\* The Ocean View meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

\* July 12<sup>th</sup> Turn Back the Time night – \$15 a person, but if you get 20 people, you get a one dollar rebate. Andy suggested that the rebate go to the treasury. "Don't confuse the people." There needed to be a motion. I think it went through. There were many that thought that was a good idea. That Andy. He's the idea man, ya'll.

\* Robert got back from Boston yesterday and was exhausted, but all is well up in Boston. That is a happy announcement! Thoughts and prayers are with you and your boy.

\* Back to the August meeting: Mike and Jennifer are having a sleep over on August the 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Mike said he'd be happy to give the folks a list of bed and breakfasts. (Poor Mike and Jennifer!)

\* Mike August said he just needs a boat because it will be a long drive for him coming from Mathews. With a boat, he would be there in no time. Andy said he saw a boat with a car in it. There were boat cars. No, that wasn't it. It was in the 60s and...then I got lost, but when I found my way, Jennifer was talking about a boat with cars on it that used to go across the water. Did I tell ya'll that I have adult ADD?

\* Bruce and Andy started talking about Corn Hole (where am I – What am I supposed to be writing?? Ugh)

\* Bill shared that the Church of the Ascension Car Show will be held right across from the golf course on Princess Anne Road. There will be some guy named Frank who sings Frank Sinatra songs a little too loud, but that's ok. And he's in some band. Can someone please sign up to make Bill feel loved? He's feeling some kind of way, ya'll.

\*Grand National cars will be on the field on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Jim's Mercedes will be there, among others from TMGC members. No admission fee. The show runs from 10am to 3pm. You can walk the field with no admission to speak to owners and knowledgeable people. NORM from Jersey will be one of the Judges (which exit – smart \_ss Rob. Bill answered him and Rob let him know it was just a joke. Paul offered up exit 9. I would not trust that, ya'll. Just sayin'.

\* Treasurers Report: Jim stated there was a whole bunch of money going in and out of the club account. The raffle from last month brought in \$33 and other membership brought in \$40. Then there were disbursements. The final total \$1685.68. Not too shabby.

Renewal of wesite – Mike will send Jim the cost.

\* Mark was not here this month. However, those of you who would like to contribute articles to the National Award-Winning Newsletter, get those in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

\* Mike shared dues is coming up due in June. Currently, TMGC has approximately 90 members. Slipping on peeps, so there needs to be a push to get some young(er) blood to join.

\* Tech: Terry shared that Fred McCall's MGA broke down a few days after the Spring Tour. He reported that the car just quit. Fred opened up the hood to check the oil and smoke was coming out. (Late note: Fred's motor was terminal, according to Abacus. He sourced a rebuilt MGB unit from Bob McClaren and will make the swap.....ed.)

\* History: Sue brought many albums for folks to take a look. There were some great pictures from many of the different events and trips the club has been involved in and was definitely worth the look.

\* Sue did present to the group that it was decided a long time ago that the tech sessions did not require a meal. She moved that tech sessions start at noon or 2:30 and work on cars and have snacks. The meal may have been keeping some from hosting. Jennifer shared that she thinks it started with a Pig roast and there were leftovers, so that was on hand. If they come at 10 and don't leave until 3, you have to feed them. Andy said there were those that work that long and don't eat. Terry shared that there are cars that still haven't moved. LOL! Sorry for those drivers, but that's pretty funny to me.

\* New business: Andy wants to talk about new business. Next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club. He knows there are those with limited resources, but he thinks it would be a good idea to arrange a club outing to the mother land. Whatever number we can get together (group discount?) and fly over to England. What was there, 13 colonies (Rob, "No 12. Oh yeah, 13". That's my history guy...). Andy said that he and Jennifer would be over there. Jennifer let him know she was not interested in caravanning through England. Jennifer suggested a nice dinner together. Mike suggested stickers. Someone said Regalia. Terry volunteered Hank to be in charge. \* Regalia Rose is out of town (we missed you!).

However, Rob offered to be Regalia Rob for her and had sold tickets prior to the start of the meeting. I love this time of the meeting. People are so excited when they win! Items in the regalia this month:

\* First in line for lunch: Mike August was the winner! (When the ticket number was read out, Rob looked at me. I totally forgot he gave me the tickets! I should only be responsible for one thing – all I'm saying!)

\* Allen wrench set: Paul was chosen to pick the ticket and won the prize – Bill let us know this was his first.

\* Next item was referred to as New England schmutz. Rob named them off, but I missed it. Again, ya'll, my fingers only go so fast. "And they come in their own waterproof plastic bag," said Terry. Because of his suggestion, he became the next ticket puller. Bruce was the big winner.

\* MG pint glass (only slightly used according to Bill) and 50/50. It was a left handed glass or right handed glass according to Terry. Scott was the big winner.

\* Mike Ash brought more MG magazines and Mike brought back the ones he had taken the last time. Ya'll should start a traveling magazine box. Like those book boxes that are popping up on lawns in front of homes.

\* Bill Yoshida has been sick and plays guitar at Tom's church, but hasn't seen him at mass. Keep him in your thoughts.

\* Mike moved to adjourn 12:35.

Until next time, Be Fearless!

Kelly





**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Tuesday June 7th**  
**Ocean View**  
**Fishing**  
**Pier**  
**Upper Deck**

- Take I-64 (toward RICHMOND/HAMPTON if coming from Beach or Chesapeake, toward HAMPTON/NORFOLK if coming from Hampton)
- Take 4TH View St. exit - 273 - toward OCEAN VIEW
- Turn RIGHT (if coming from Beach or Chesapeake ), turn LEFT (if coming from Hampton ) onto 4TH View ST. Ocean View Fishing Pier is straight ahead.



**Dinner 6 - 6:30**  
**Meeting 7:30**



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