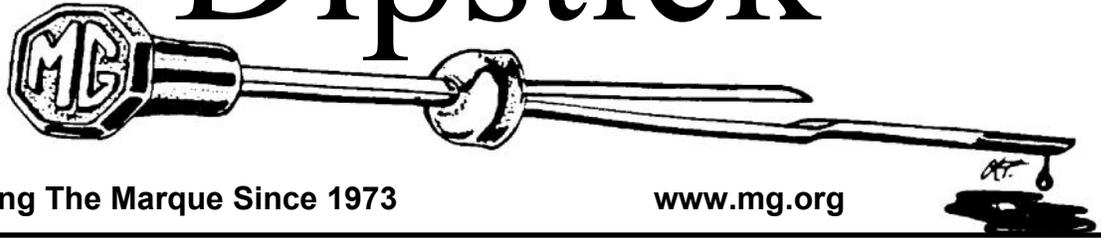




# The Dipstick



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## August 8th - Club Meeting and Picnic at Great Neck Park!



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### FROM THE PREZ

## Marque Time

Greetings fellow MG enthusiasts and Dipstick readers, here are more ramblings from your president. First off I would like to thank Mark Davidoski for reading and responding to last month's call for a volunteer to fill in for our secretary, who was otherwise engaged, you can find

his minutes later in the newsletter. I'm not forgetting Dave Kinsey either who approached me at the meeting offering to fill in, thanks both of you. What a great bunch we have always ready to help where needed; be it writing an article for the dipstick, taking the minutes, volunteering their homes, or fixing cars. It seems we are never at a loss for something needing fixing, or someone needing advice on fixing, his or her Little British Car, thank you

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Check [www.mg.org](http://www.mg.org) for the latest info!  
(TMGC Activities are in **bold**)

- Aug. 7 **Tuesday – Club Meeting / Picnic Great Neck Park - Virginia Beach**  
*Early time –Picnic 6:00, meeting 7:30*
- Aug. 12 **Barksdale Theatre Drive – Hanover, VA**  
*“Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music”*
- Aug. 19 **Sunday - Summer Tech Session – Chesapeake**  
Hosted by Linda & Jim Freeh  
10:00am until ?
- Sep. 5 **Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**  
Hosted by Paul and Carmen Thiergardt
- Sep. 8 **AOH Car Show - Virginia Beach**  
For Info – [jaxops1@verizon.net](mailto:jaxops1@verizon.net)
- Sep. 14-16 **British Invasion – Stowe, VT**  
[www.BritishInvasion.com](http://www.BritishInvasion.com)
- Sep. 16 **Classics on the Green – New Kent Winery**  
[www.ClassicsontheGreen.com](http://www.ClassicsontheGreen.com)
- Sep. 23 **Sunday - MGB 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day-Trip to Manteo, Roanoke Island, Wright Memorial and more...**  
See The Dipstick for Details

**Have You Renewed Your TMGC Membership?  
Renewal Form is included as the last page.**

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**Ask Eleanor**

Have a technical problem with your MG? Looking for a parts source? Need help with your automotive love life? Write to Eleanor care of [posti@aol.com](mailto:posti@aol.com).

*Dear Eleanor - I feel so embarrassed; you know how hard it is for me to hold my fluids after a long walk. I was resting with my friends and forgot my depends." My owner did not put cardboard under my engine and I just couldn't hold it and spotted the driveway in front of everyone. How can I tell my owner to please, treat my feelings with more respect and to bring a piece of cardboard.*

*Name withheld*

Dear Name Withheld – Do not feel ashamed—so many of us suffer the same problems. And do not think it is just your fellow MGs—I assure that many of our humans have similar issues. However, I also understand your concerns and appreciate your consideration for those who your human may choose to visit. The importance of some sort of absorbent shield varies with the - how can I put this delicately? — volume of your problem. One drip here or there is not something to be ashamed of—most of us had such leakage new from the factory. However, if you leave noticeable splotches or pools of vital fluids, your human should identify the spot and take precautions with cardboard or perhaps a few sheets of good quality paper. More importantly, these fluids are vital to your wellbeing. Excessive leakage is an indication that your human may not be taking proper care of you. I hope that he or she will realize the embarrassment they are causing you and take appropriate actions. Eleanor

*Good evening, Miss Eleanor—I experienced a brief loss of tach reading this afternoon shortly after starting out on a drive. Within a few seconds of my noticing this, the needle bounced back up and performed correctly. All other instruments appeared to be in proper order throughout this time. Was the tach just protesting the heat of the day, is this an isolated incident, or might this be a set-aside for the August tech session? As always, thanks for your wise counsel.*

*Your ol' pal, Otis  
Class of 1980*

Dear Otis – This appears to be a common issue with many of your siblings, including my garage mate Rodney. There are two schools of thought—one is that an internal electronic part called a capacitor is leaking . (You may want to see my note to Name Withheld above). The other thought is that your needle is sticking slightly and needs a tap or bump to get going. You will be happy to know that while I am sure it is an annoyance, none of your siblings with this problem have reported total failure of the rev counter. Have a chronometric rev counter, I am not personally affected. Best of luck! Eleanor.

**MARQUE TIME**  
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Lucas and Morris Garage, for giving us cause to come together. I don't know of a more helpful group of people, always willing to lend a hand. All this talk of repairs and willingness reminds me that August is fast approaching. It will be here by the time you read this, and with August comes the summer tech session, at the home of Jim and Linda Freeh in Chesapeake. Jim has graciously once again opened his home and garage for our use. I'm sure as always there will be an abundance of members available to provide vehicles for repair or lend a willing hand to those in need. Just bring your parts and a willingness to be helped, or you can assist, or just observe, whichever you chose be prepared to learn something. I always learn something new at the tech sessions. They are one event we do that I really hate to miss, hope to see you there, especially if you've never been before. As always

*Russ Ripp*  
President

*Safety Fast*



**Note from the Editor:**  
It has been brought to my attention that a couple of the items in the July issue might have had some words accidentally cut off the end. My apologies to anyone who was 'shorted' - must be the Lucas proof reader!

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# August ACTIVITY REPORT

By Tad Carter

These are the Dog Days! As I write this, it is in the low 90's and raining. It is a good evening to be at the keyboard rather than on the road in an LBC. No complaints from me. There are plenty of areas of the country where that rain can do a lot of good.

Our August meeting is coming up on the 7th. We'll be back at the picnic pavilion in Great Neck Park for a Picnic/ Meeting. The park is off of North Great Neck Road on Shorehaven Drive just beyond Cox High School and the Great Neck Recreation Center. As a reminder, due to the park closing at dusk, we will eat and then meet. Burgers, dogs, brats, and other goodies will start coming off the grill at about 6:00, followed by s'mores, sundaes and other good eats. Last year we had several people bring guitars and we finished off the evening with some good music. In the words of Brian Wilson and Mike Love, Let's Do It Again! I hope to see you there.

On August 12th, we'll take our 4th trip out to Hanover and the Barksdale Theatre. We'll include an historic stop along the way, and enjoy lunch at the Hanover Tavern before the show. An itinerary for the day will be sent to those who reserved tickets. Barksdale Theatre is now part of the Virginia Repertory Theatre. That should bode well for continuing these wonderful performances!



Alan Ladd's 1978 MG Midget displayed at the 2011 Classics on the Green Show at the New Kent Winery. Several TMGC members took home trophies from last year's show!

After that, we'll be back at the Freeh's home in Chesapeake for our Summer Tech Session on the 19th. I know there are lots of projects in the works. It was suggested by David Kinsey that this would be a great opportunity to review the proper technique for setting the

## Is Your Car in Need of a Tech Session?

Bring it to Linda & Jim Freeh's Garage  
Sunday, August 19th starting at 10 a.m.



633 S. Centerville Tnpk.  
Chesapeake, VA.  
482-1401



timing on your car. Forgive me in advance - A good time will be had by all.

Moving on toward the fall, I have been asked to remind our members of the upcoming Classics on the Green European Car Show on September 16th in New Kent. This is a good local show hosted by our friends in the CVBCC. In recognition of the 50th anniversary, MGB is the featured marque this year and organizers are looking to have at least 50 B's on the field that day. I know you will enjoy the site and the show. Registration for the show is \$35 per car, and the wine tasting and a souvenir wine glass adds another \$10. The link on our website calendar will lead you to the registration information.



A week later, September 23rd is the worldwide celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the MGB. As with MG-80, there will be events around the globe celebrating this momentous occasion. Locally, we have mapped out a nice drive starting in Chesapeake, heading Around the Sound to lunch in Manteo. We'll add in a museum stop at Roanoke Island (site of the first English colony), a visit to the Wright Memorial in Kill Devil Hills, and a cruise back home.

If the timing works out well, those interested can return to the Virginia Beach area via the Knotts Island Ferry. It should be a full day. While there is no need to sign up in advance, it will be helpful to let me know if you think you will be joining the drive. That way we won't miss you at the starting line.

Another favorite show comes up the first weekend in October. A quick show of hands at the July meeting suggested there would be at least 8-10 local participants in the SVBCC British Car Festival in Waynesboro. As the date approaches, we may find a convoy developing from Hampton Roads out to the valley. Stay tuned for updates.

Other Dates:

- November 3rd – Magical Mystery Tour in Virginia Beach
- November 7th – Covember Meeting / Chili Cook-Off in Newport News

And it is never too early to start seeking out a host for our December Holiday Party.

## Membership Report

By Bill Yoshida

We had 8 membership renewals at the July meeting and 2 additional renewals by mail. That brought the total membership number for 2013 to 38.

By the time you read this article I will have sent out e-mails to all delinquent members as a reminder to send in your dues. If there are no changes to your previous year's data, then all you need to do is to send \$20.00 in cash or check and I will move your 2012 data sheet to the 2013 file. There is a renewal form included in this newsletter; however, if you do not plan to renew your membership for 2013 please send me an e-mail so I can remove your name from the "delinquent mailing list".

My e-mail address is: [williamryoshida@verizon.net](mailto:williamryoshida@verizon.net). My mailing address for membership renewal is:

TMGC  
c/o Bill Yoshida  
4732 Little John Rd.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

**Dues:** I turned over \$80.00 in cash and \$340.00 in checks to Jim Villers during the July meeting. As of 18 July I currently am holding \$140.00 in checks and \$60.00 in cash for turn over.

**Cars: Total cars** – 178 (If all members from 2012 renew for 2013)

**Cars & Types:** 172 of the following types of MGs:

MGA: 21, A- Coupe: 2, MGB: 79, MGB-GT: 16, MGC: 2, MGC-GT: 2, MG TC: 9, MG TD: 24, MG TF: 5, Midget: 12, Other/Various MGs: 6 (1-Cooper MG/ 1-MGNA/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB).

**2013 Annual Directory.** I will be assembling the 2013 Directory in August and finalize it in early September to go to the printer. If you have a new photo that you would like to be included, please submit the photo by e-mail to [williamryoshida@verizon.net](mailto:williamryoshida@verizon.net). I will try my best to use it. Per the TMGC Club's By-Laws, Article IV Section 2: "Failure to pay (dues) by the end of August shall terminate membership" If you let your membership lapse there is a possibility that you will not be listed in the 2013 TMGC Directory when it is printed.



## TMGC AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Mark Davidoski  
Acting Secretary

### TMGC Meeting Minutes for the July 2012 meeting, hosted by Betty and Jim Villers:

President Ripp called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. following a busy tire kicking session on Jim's driveway and in his spacious garage. Nine MGBs were in attendance (including the Villers' machine), plus a wayward TR-6 owned by Mike Jones. (Mike is a former member who has rejoined the fold with an MGA coupe that is almost ready to attend a meeting.)

Minutes from last month were approved by acclaim. The Vice Presidential Report was delivered with a convincing shrug by Steve LaPaugh, followed by Jim Villers' Treasurer's Report. We are in the black to the tune of \$886.88. (With lots of membership renewals in hand, that total will grow quickly.)

**Activities:** Tad Carter regaled the group with his account of coming attractions. The August meeting will return to Great Neck Park, with a picnic at 6:00 P.M. followed by the business portion of the program. Some of the scheduling highlights include the Hanover Tavern trip (August 12) and the New Kent County show on August 16. (This show has a goal of 50+ MGBs in honor of the 50th Anniversary festivities going on around the world and it looks like TMGC will have a number of players.) The Summer Tech Session is happening on August 19th at the Freeh's estate. In September we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the legendary MGB. Susan Bond mentioned the Waynesboro Show in the first weekend of October – a great opportunity to see British cars in a beautiful setting.

**Historian:** Speaking of Susan, she next gave us her Historian's Report, with two photo albums available for review.

**Membership:** Bill Yoshida gave the Membership Report next, and he reported our current strength at 179 total MGs of every description. It's membership renewal time again, and 27 of 120 members had done so as of June. However, Bill handed

\$420.00 in recent renewal funds to Treasurer Villers, so the balance sheet will be back in the low four figures range soon! Bill is getting ready to put the 2013 Directory together, and asked for updated photographs as desired. Bill promised to get Bob Ross's name and face in the same vicinity this year. Bill also welcomed Mike and JoAnn Jones back and designated them as "re-memblers." (Their 1960 MGA coupe is almost on the road, so Mike drove his sharp TR-6 to the meeting, with Bob Ross as riding mechanic.)

**Newsletter:** Nothing to report from the Dipstick, as Bob Stein was not able to attend. He was probably busy answering the backlog of mail for Wildflower.

Tad interjected with a speed limit warning at Great Neck Park next month. Apparently, Virginia Beach's finest like to hand out tickets to MGs, so beware!

**Regalia:** Mitzi LaPaugh gave her Regalia update. Mitzi still needs a replacement – a volunteer is sorely needed. (On a side note, Mitzi let us know that it was former Regalia Queen Becky Hassler's birthday. Thankfully, the Hassler's have come through the recent Colorado wildfires unscathed.)

**Technical:** Nothing technical tonight, as Mark Childers was not able to join us. However, David Kinsey piped up with a question about dynamic timing adjustments. Jim Villers offered to demonstrate this in his driveway or at the tech session next month. Bill Yoshida added that the Moss Motors emails contain reprinted tech tips from years gone by – an excellent source for this kind of information.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** David Kinsey put out the word on Watkins Glen (early September) and the VIR fall races in early October. David plans to attend one or both and would like some company from TMGC.

**Marque Time:** Andy Wallach reported that his MGA Deluxe is coming along nicely. GT Bodyworks is getting ready to do the paint. Andy also offered a belated technical tip about avoiding the combination of pressure washers and new tires. Steve LaPaugh reported that his MGB is ALMOST road ready. Craig Puryear's MGB is at Tino's and will be drivable very soon.

Mitzi held the monthly regalia raffle with the following results:

Pete Olson: First in line  
Bill and Renee Olcheski: TMGC logo t-shirt  
Mike Haag: Dipstick DVD.  
Bob and Linda Pellerin: Limited Edition TMGC license plate frame  
Bob Ross: First in line at the August picnic  
Tad Carter: Engine rebuild book

We adjourned at 8:35 P.M. and unleashed the masses into Betty Villers' kitchen. As usual, Betty outdid herself!





# July Meeting at the Villers'

photos by Susan Bond





# Report on the NAMGAR GT-37

By Mike Ash (Photos by Mike Ash and John Terschak)



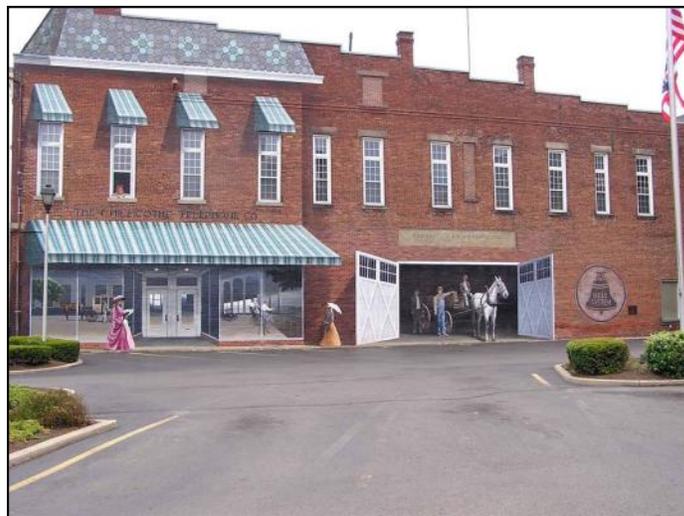
Jennifer and I went to the NAMGAR (North American MGA Register) GT in Dayton, Ohio, during the second week of July, which is why we missed the meeting. The reservations had been made, the route was planned, and the MGA Coupe was prepped and ready to go; but the heat wave persisted. So, rather than face two somewhat uncomfortable 8-hour days in an MG, we took the Mercedes!

We still took our planned route and, for us, what a pleasant surprise Route 460 turned out to be – somewhat busy from Suffolk to Petersburg, but then miles of quiet, 4-lane, divided highway all the way to West Virginia. We stopped the first night in Christiansburg, Virginia, on Rt. 460 and then continued the next day with more of Rt. 460, then a few

miles of I-77 and I-64 through the mountains to Charleston, after which we turned onto Route 35 for pleasant drive Chillicothe, Ohio, for the second night. Route 35 was just like 460 – mile upon mile of quiet, 4-lane, divided highway.

Chillicothe had a very nice restored historic district so, with only 70 miles to go to Dayton, we decided to explore the town the next morning, the highlight of which was the Telephone Museum.

The Chillicothe Telephone Company was founded in 1880 and have stored away examples of their equipment over the years since. They even had a mural on the outside wall depicting their building in 1880. After exploring the museum and the town, we set off for Dayton and arrived about mid-day.

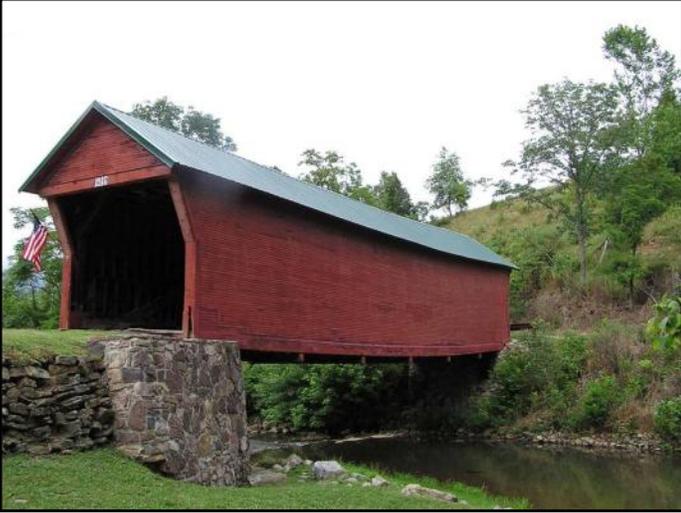


Already the host hotel was humming with MGs and their owners who, unlike us, had braved the heat of the journey. But, having travelled many miles in 100+ degree temperatures, we were glad we had not driven an MG. Who needs a 10 cent trophy, anyway? It really is the people who bring you back.

During the two events on Monday evening, the First Timers' Reception and the Orientation Pizza Reception, we were able to meet old friends and to make new friends while consuming adult beverages. This theme continued later in the evening in the Hospitality Room!

Tuesday dawned sunny and hot to provide opportunity for driving tours, tech sessions, a funkhana

and a Ladies' Progressive Tea. We decided to take a covered bridge driving tour which, with less than perfect directions, took much longer than anticipated. After second guessing that "turn left" really meant "turn right" at one point and finding by accident that "drive one mile" really meant "drive ten miles" at another, we were able to complete the tour and see all of the covered bridges.



Following the directions back to the hotel and after driving miles out of our way, we realized that "follow Route 675 back to the hotel" meant "follow Route 675 until it turns right, and then go straight on to the hotel". We had to resort to GPS to get us home! The covered bridges were quaint, but in between each we discovered that Ohio sure is flat, that they grow a lot of corn, and that it had not rained in quite a while! However, a visit to the hotel pool revived Jennifer's spirits and a Magnette tech session revived mine. A visit to the Hospitality Room later in the evening confirmed another per-



fect day of MGA fellowship and fun!

Unsurprisingly, Wednesday, the day of the car show, also dawned hot and sunny. The show was held at nearby Carillon Park, a venue that showed off the 150 MGAs and Magnettes to perfection. The park had plenty of shade, with some historic buildings that had been moved to the site, including a 1920s gas station and the Wright Brothers' Cycle Shop, to provide additional interest.



After the show, Jennifer retired to the pool and I went to the U.S. Air Force Museum. The museum was fantastic – three huge hangars packed with 100 years of aviation history. The hangars were so vast that a B-52, a B-1 and a B-2 occupied only a small corner! In three hours I managed to take quick look at all of the aircraft, but there were hundreds of side exhibits and an outdoor display that I had no time to examine.

In the evening there was a bar-b-que dinner at the "Taj Ma Garaj" – a unique "banquet" facility with an eclectic display of Porsches and VWs and

politically incorrect murals. The evening was, of course, rounded off with a visit to the Hospitality Room. Thursday, the day of the rally and the awards banquet, again dawned hot and sunny. With some skepticism after the covered bridge tour, we decided to drive the rally route, but not compete by answering the questions as well. After a false start, our fault, we were able to follow the route without incident, and discovered that some areas of Ohio are not quite so flat, that not everywhere do they grow corn, and that the heat and lack of rain was a constant.



After the rally, Jennifer retired to the pool, and after which we represented the TMGC at the NAMGAR Chapter Contacts meeting. The awards banquet was a grand event, with awards going to many deserving recipients – none more deserving than first place MGA 1500 to Kelsey Kallapos, a 20-year old Virginia Tech student from Northern Virginia.

At 17, Kelsey asked her father if she could drive his MGA, was told to get her own; so she did. With help and donated parts from her father and the local chapter members, she built up her own MGA, and GT-37 was its first outing. After the banquet, once again, the evening was rounded off in the Hospitality Room.

Friday, which did not break the trend of a hot and sunny dawn, was departure day. We were awoken by the sound of MGAs revving up to leave at first light, and we left by 10 o'clock to retrace our route back home. On the return, we only stopped for one night, in Christiansburg, and continued to marvel at the ease of travel along Route 460 - it sure beats the I-64 rat race!

## TMGC TECH TIPS

### 1969 MGC GT with A/C

By Craig & Joyce Cummings

Well, after a few months in a very hot garage, we have completed the installation of a Retroair (Retroair.com) MGB A/C system into my MGC GT. A few of the parts in the kit had to be altered because of the different engine size and radiator configuration, but it is in there.



The kit looks like it would bolt right into a later model MGB. We had to get a few hoses made at Hydra Hose, but they can make just about anything there in the way of hoses.

The evaporator installation into the interior required only a few adjustments since the MGB and MGC dashes are virtually the same.

The under glove box panel that came with the kit would not fit under my metal dash, so we fabricated one out of aluminum and padded it covered with vinyl to match the dash.

Thanks to fellow WBCC/TMGC members Doug Wilson, Roy Gavilan, and Bob Reisse for their assistance.



# TMGC ANNUAL RENEWAL



Please fill out the form below and return it to Bill Yoshida with a check made out to TMGC for \$20.00 at the next meeting or mail to:

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Do we have your permission to publish your home phone and e-mail address in a member's directory for club use only? \_\_\_\_\_

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## FIRST CLASS

**MG**

**Monthly Meeting**  
Tuesday, August 7th  
Great Neck Park  
2513 Shorehaven Dr.  
Virginia Beach  
495-9847 (Tad)

**6:00 - 7:30 pm - Picnic**  
**7:30 Meeting**

Map labels: Seashore State Park, Bay Island, Broad Bay, Alantor, N Great Neck, Lynnhaven Bay, Great Neck Park, Frank W. Cox High School, Statehaven Dr, N Great Neck, 1st Colonial, KMar, State Route 632, Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach Expwy, 60, 279, 615, 58.