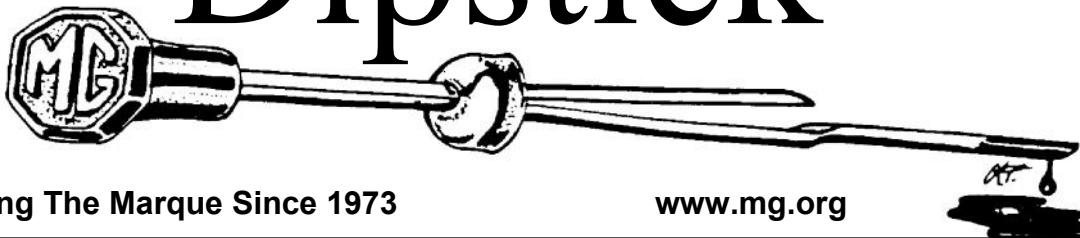




# The Dipstick



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## TMGC August Activities

### **MGs are No Picnic... Oh, Wait**

Tuesday, August 6th, we are at Great Neck Park (by Cox High School). The picnic dinner will begin at 6:00. There will be burgers (veggie and regular), brats, dogs, fixins' and something good for dessert. All we need is someone to help out with the eating, so bring an appetite. Our monthly meeting will convene whenever Russ sees fit to call us to order, and we will finish off the evening with musical entertainment provided by anyone willing to join in.

I got out early yesterday for a drive to the Center of the Universe – Ashland for the uninitiated. The weather was clear and relatively cool for the outbound drive, but the mid-afternoon return was a little steamy, so I opted for tree-lined, lightly traveled back roads.

Both the car and I benefitted from the shade and the lack of traffic as the temperature gauge hovered only slightly above normal. About 250 miles total – a lovely day!

On the way, I checked out a few possible stops for future drives, so get your car ready for the next road trip. And where can you do that? How about coming out to our August Tech Session on the 11th at the Freeh's in Chesapeake. Rough idle? No problem. Mystery noises or balky brakes? Bring 'em on.

On Saturday, September 14th, we have a local trip to visit GT Bodywerks in Virginia Beach. George has done paint and bodywork for many in the club, including current clients Richard Leal and Andy. (*Continued on Page 2*)

AUGUST TECH SESSION  
Sunday (8/11) at the Freeh's

## **ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

Check [www.mg.org](http://www.mg.org) for the latest info!

(TMGC Activities are in **bold**)

**Aug. 6 – Tuesday – Club Meeting –  
Virginia Beach**

**Great Neck Park – 6:00pm –  
9:00pm**

**Picnic followed by Meeting  
(Map on back page)**

**Aug. 11 - Summer Tech Session -  
Chesapeake  
Hosted by Jim & Linda Freeh  
(Map on page 6)**

**Sep. 4 - Wednesday – Club Meeting –  
URGENT! Meeting Place  
needed! Contact Tad if you can  
host this event!**

**Sep. 14 – (tentative) Saturday get-  
together at GT Bodywerks –  
Virginia Beach  
Details to follow**

Sep. 14-15 - Classics on the Green at the New Kent Winery (Show Sunday). Registration deadline is August 24th.

Sep. 28 - Tidewater Region AACA Wings and Wheels Show at Virginia Beach Military Aviation Museum in Pungo. This is possibly the last event to be held at the museum - don't miss it! For information go to: <http://local.aaca.org/tidewater/>

Wallach. In addition to seeing his shop, George will give us some pointers of things to look for (or look out for) when evaluating the purchase of a new old car. Can that be fixed or should I walk away quickly? In addition, we'll have a picnic lunch, so bring your questions and come on out to Virginia Beach.

Sunday, September 15th is Classics on the Green at New Kent Winery. Mercedes Benz is the featured marque, but expect a good showing of MGs among the 250 cars in the field. More information is available at [www.ClassicsontheGreen.com](http://www.ClassicsontheGreen.com) or follow the link on our website Calendar of Events.

Saturday, September 28th is Wings & Wheels at the Pungo airfield. You don't want to miss this one - TRAAC always puts on a great show. Again, <http://local.aaca.org/tidewater/> or the link in our Calendar of Events will lead you to more information.

The Hanover Tavern / Barksdale Theatre trip is set for Sunday, September 29th. We depart early from Tidewater, make a lunch stop along the way, and end up in Hanover for an afternoon at the theatre. This year, we'll enjoy the career of George Burns in Say Goodnight, Gracie.

We do need a home for our Wednesday, September 4th meeting. If you are able to help out, please let me know. We are on Olcheski's porch in October and the chili will be spicy at the LaPaugh's in November. The Holiday Lights drive (cool thoughts on a hot day) will be on Tuesday, December 10th. And details for the Holiday Party remain in the planning stages.

That's it for now. See you down the road.

## DIPSTICK EDITOR NEEDED! JANUARY 2014

This is a reluctant heads-up that TMGC will need a new Dipstick editor no later than January 2014. Work had gotten a lot more involved for me as I am dragged kicking and screaming into more of a project management role. This means I have to travel, and will probably be in DC fairly often every month.

The end result is that I cannot maintain a regular publication schedule despite getting submissions in earlier. Everyone involved has done a great job of providing material in a timely manner (especially Tad). The problem comes with trying to get it all put together.

I have been stretched thin for quite a while, and it's become too much for me to maintain everything - in addition to this newsletter, I maintain about a dozen web sites, am secretary for my civic league, and do another club newsletter, and am struggling to find time to keep my cars up and running and take care of normal stuff like the house, laundry, etc.

I will be glad to continue with the Oil Spot as an activity reminder tool, but the newsletter is going to have to go to someone else. I'll be glad to help the new editor any way I can, but come January 2014 the Dipstick will either be picked up by someone else or fall by the wayside.

**Bob Stein**



### FROM THE PREZ

# Marque Time

Greetings Tidewater MG Classics!

Well, here it is August the summer is almost over - halleluiah!

You all know I love driving with the top down but July has been just too hot to enjoy a nice long drive. Heck, even a short drive is unbearable, I find myself hoping for rain just to cool off. I am so looking forward to some cooler fall weather - so is my B.

She is not liking this hot weather any more than I am, it seems she has no problem communicating her dislike for the heat. Too bad she can't tell me what she needs to help with the heat. Could it possibly be I'm just not listening?

Far be it for a man not to listen when a woman is talking. I guess I could do like the medical profession and just keep trying different things until I find one that works. Unfortunately, I don't have insurance that pays for repairs like health insurance does for us.

Sorry if I'm not being politically correct and offended an doctors out there. I'm just voicing my opinions and ramblings; I think I if I talk about what's going on maybe a solution will appear.

I've been thinking that it could be the choke linkage or maybe carburetor adjustments. I seem to be caught in a catch 22—she's not running well due to the heat but it's just too hot to work on her to make her run better. Anyone have an air conditioned garage I can use? I realize that is just a pipe dream besides if I use an air conditioned garage the I won't get the carb adjusted for the summer heat.

This brings back memories of high school when I compared a young lady to a British sports car, how they both could be fun. I thought I was being cute mentioning how temperamental she could be like a British sports car is susceptible to the changes in the weather, something about curves too, but that's a bit fuzzy.

To think back then I had only heard stories. Now I know firsthand just how true what I wrote was. Hope to see you all behind the wheel real soon.

As always,

*Safety Fast*

*Russ Ripp*  
President

# August Membership Report

By Bill Yoshida

**2014 Memberships:** As of 24 July we have 76 renewals and 2 "promises" to renew from last year's 110 memberships. So far only one member has indicated that they will not be renewing for 2014. I have sent out a second "Delinquent" e-mail reminder to those members that did not respond to my first e-mail and have not yet sent in their dues. Dues are still only \$20 per family for a year. If anyone has decided to not renew their membership, please let me know by phone (757) 554-0402 or by e-mail [williamryoshida@verizon.net](mailto:wiliamryoshida@verizon.net) and I will remove your name from the "delinquent" mailing list before I send out the next one after the August meeting/picnic.

For your convenience, Bob Stein has included a copy of the TMGC Membership Renewal form in this issue. Copies can also be found on line at the club's web site at [www.mg.org](http://www.mg.org). I will have blank renewal forms available at the August meeting. Please fill out a copy and send it along with cash, check or money order. Highlight any changes from last year's information. If you have no changes to the data you provided in the past you only need to submit the \$20 in dues, and I will transfer your prior data to the 2014 roster and use the same info for the Annual Directory.

**New Memberships:** There have been no new memberships in July.

**Cars:** Total cars – 174 (If all remaining 2013 memberships renew).

**Cars & Types:** 170 of the following types of MGs:  
MGA - 21, A- Coupe - 2, B - 82 , B-GT - 14, C - 2, C-GT - 2, TC - 9, TD - 21, TF - 5, Midget - 11  
Other/Various MGs – 5 (1-Cooper MG/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB)

**Dues:** I provided \$40 in cash and \$320 in checks for a total of \$360.00 to Jim Villers on 10 July. These were the dues that I received in Early July. As of 24 July I hold dues checks in the amount of \$300 for turnover to Jim.

**TMGC Annual Directory:** I will begin assembling the 2014 TMCG Annual Directory during the month of August. If you have changes to information contained in last year's directory please let me know by e-mail so I can capture a copy of the change for the record.



## Classics on the Green 2013

Will Be Held on September 15, 2013, at  
New Kent Winery in New Kent County, Virginia  
Registration Deadline is August 24th.  
For information go to: <http://www.classicsonthegreen.com>

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## Condolences on the loss of Andrew Reisse (son of Dana and Bob Reisse)

The Tidewater MG Classics family extends condolences to Dana and Bob Reisse on the loss of their son, Andrew, on Thursday, May 30th. Andrew, 33, was in a pedestrian crosswalk when he was struck and killed by a vehicle involved in a police chase in Santa Ana, CA.

Andrew was co-founder of Oculus VR, and involved in developing virtual reality advancements for the video gaming industry. In addition, Andrew was an avid photographer and hiker. Some of his photographic work can be seen at [www.reisse.net](http://www.reisse.net).

Oculus VR has established funds to memorialize Andrew's impact and legacy:

- An endowment scholarship at the University of Maryland (<http://ter.ps/ReisseFund>) and
- A charitable fund with the Natural Resources Defense Council ([https://secure.nrdconline.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=7380&7380.donation=form1](https://secure.nrdconline.org/site/Donation2?df_id=7380&7380.donation=form1)).

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# MGC Gathering 2013 in Indianapolis

By Craig and Joyce Cummings

Hello, fellow MG Tidewater members. We are reporting to you from the 10-13 July 2013 MGC gathering in Indianapolis. We made the trip in leisurely fashion in three days from Williamsburg and 2 and one half days getting home. Our 1969 MGC GT "Primrose" did an amazing job of carrying us completely through the entire mountainous state of West Virginia without any problems at all. Primrose's air conditioning made the trip much more comfortable.

The rain came down heavily on Sunday going thought the WV "Alps". A Chrysler 300 from NY went by us at about 70 going downhill. We saw the car about 5 minutes later after it hydroplaned at the bottom of the hill into the concrete barrier. The emergency vehicles were arriving as we passed.

All of the roads from VA to WV going west were fortunately mostly downhill. We went back through Ohio and northern West Virginia since our MGC does not like five mile uphill climbs a 7%. We spent Monday night in Lexington KY, uneventful.

Tuesday morning we left for Indy arriving at our hotel midday. For some reason we pulled into the hotel the car overheated causing coolant to expand out of the system and out the overflow tank. After hours of cooling down we went in to diagnose the problem. The top radiator had collapsed and the overflow tank was full.

We found a NAPA and bought some coolant, changed the hose with a spare I carried with me and refilled the system. After a test drive, we found the solution to the overheating problem was either the thermal switch or rheostat for the electric fan...more to follow on that.

On Wednesday morning we went into town to replace our liquid refreshments. When we returned to the hotel the temperature gage began to rise and we noticed the electric fan indicator light did not come on. Problem solved...issue with the fan, temperature sensor or relay. I used the manual switch and started the fan, eliminating the fan as the issue.

Thursday started out cool in the morning when we took our cars on a covered bridge tour. We saw 7 bridges in all. One major breakdown occurred when the oil filter gasket leaked out all of the oil on one of the roadsters. A trip back to the hotel to retrieve the tow vehicle and trailer was next. Back at the hotel a new gasket was installed, thanks to one of the MGC Register member who carried some spares. That evening we all ate at the Union Jack Pub that was close to the hotel. Good food and great beer.

Friday morning found us at the Skillman Classic Car Museum in Greenwood IN. Beautiful cars and motorcycles all restored to the highest standards. We had lunch at a great deli in downtown Indy. After lunch we found a C GT in the parking lot with a split upper radiator hose. I gave the owner my last spare hose and all of my remaining antifreeze. Problem solved. That afternoon was a tech session. I gave a tour and explanation of my A/C install, after which I gave Primrose much needed bath.

Saturday we caravanned to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum where we staged our GTs and roadsters for our car show. Voting went quickly and we got on the tour bus to drive around the track. That was our first trip to the track, that place is enormous! After an hour in the museum we had lunch nearby at an Italian restaurant next door to the Dalarra Indy car Factory. Some folks took the factory tour. We did down time and book reading instead.

While we were kicking back in the hospitality suite one of the members mentioned his brake master cylinder was leaking. I gave him my spare rebuild kit to use in an emergency on his way home. The banquet, awards presentation and auction were held Saturday night in the hotel. Primrose did well taking first place in the GT class.

Joyce and I had a great time on our 1800 mile trip; it was a long time in a forty plus year old car, but the A/C sure helped.

You may notice a trend in this short article, ALWAYS CARRY SPARE PARTS!

# TMGC Meeting Minutes - July 7th

By Robert Perrone—Sucker in Residence

It has taken me a little while to try to figure out what I should say about the fact that I have, once again, been called upon to report the minutes of this esteemed organization. Well, not so much that I actually do that, but no one seems to really mind.

You see, when I was at the July meeting this month and the meeting was called to order, I sat down while talking to a few of the guys, relaxed, laughing and enjoying myself when our president Russ Ripp, with a smile, simply handed me a pad and a pen. I wasn't asked. I wasn't sure what was going on at first. Just a grin and "Here you go" from Russ.

The first thought I had (and yes, they are rare) was that I wasn't sure who was the bigger of the fools; the club members for wanting me to do this again or me for just taking the pad and pen.

I'm not sure if I'm just being taken for granted. You know, underappreciated. But I suppose I should just take it as a compliment. Yeah, I'm going with that. It's a compliment. Well, the July meeting was at the home of Jim and Betty Villers. Actually I should say just Betty Villers. I noticed that Jim's treasurer's report had a disbursement that listed "Betty Villers (Host)". Even Jim can't deny who does all that hosting work.

But, as usual, it was another fine evening, thanks to Jim and Betty.



**New members and guests:** Success at last. We had someone new. He identified himself as Brian Long and said he had a 72 Midget. I say that he identified himself as Brian Long because, well, looking at our group some people might not want to give their real name at first.

We also had another guest and his identity was confirmed. There are several members of our club who know George McQueen and before George could stop him, Frank Linse gave his real name out in front of everybody. At least I think that was his real name. According to Frank and many other members of our club George does very fine autobody and paint work. We are supposed to visit his shop soon. I'm sure Tad will have that info right here in this Dipstick.

**Vice-Presidents report:** Keeping up the standards of his



office, Steve had nothing. Hey, I'll bet that I could do that job. With my work ethic, it sounds perfect for me. Treasurer: Jim provided me with the complete treasurer's report. You know, I'm still not sure if I'm supposed to actually tell everybody through the Dipstick exactly how much money we have in the bank since it's available online. I suppose I should ask Jim. Yeah, that would be the smart thing to do. And to think, I've only done this about five times so far.

**Activities:** Tad said that with the summer months, things have slowed down a bit. With all the work he puts in all year, he deserves a little break. Okay Tad, your break is over. Back to work. As usual, you can check out all of our planned activities and Tad's article here in the Dipstick.



**History:** Susan brought two books for viewing enjoyment. I also know that Sue has been working on the MG club album to keep things current. Thank you again Susan. Membership: I was glad to see that Bill Yoshida managed to keep himself out of trouble this month. Apparently our new member Daleena Barrera decided not to press charges. (In case anyone who reads this has no idea what's going on, it's just a joke. Really.) There, I covered for you Bill. You can also catch

all the details on membership in Bill's article here in the Dipstick.

**Newsletter:** Bob Stein asked that everyone get their articles in earlier than usual in an email after the meeting. Believe it or not I'm actually getting these minutes in on time. I know Bob, I can't believe it either.

**Technical/Marque Time:** Speaking of Bob, I have just this to say. Do not let Bob put spark plugs wires on your car. That's all.

I did mention one other thing myself during this part of our meeting. In a recent Dipstick, Tad included a photograph of a tire that self-destructed on an MGB. That tire was on my car. Thankfully the tire was the only injury suffered. You should definitely check the age of your tires. It appears that the general consensus is that you should not be driving on tires more than 10 years old. By the way, according to the date code, the tire that blew apart on me was made in 1991. There are several online articles, and one in particular that seems helpful is <http://www.tirerack.com/tires/tiretech/techpage.jsp?techid=11>

**New business/ Old business:** The main thing that I got from this part of our meeting was that we still need a new banner. As with so many other things, Tad was working on that. He has a resource to have not one, but two, banners made at a very reasonable cost. We all said yes. Well, some of the more proper members actually said "aye" but you get the idea.

**Regalia:** Well, I lost my stubs. Tad said "I think that was along time ago" True, but right then I meant my ticket stubs for the raffle. And wouldn't you know it, Mitzi called a number and no one claimed one of the prizes. Guess who's ticket that turned out to be. After I got up Tad noticed that I had been sitting on

them. Oh well, and I really wanted that garlic plant too. Hey Betty, if no one else claimed it I'll stop by and pick it up. It'll be our little secret. I can say that because other than Tad, Allen and Susan, I'm not sure anyone else ever reads this. Except, of course, for poor Bob Stein, but he kind of has to. Well that's all for now, because we adjourned.

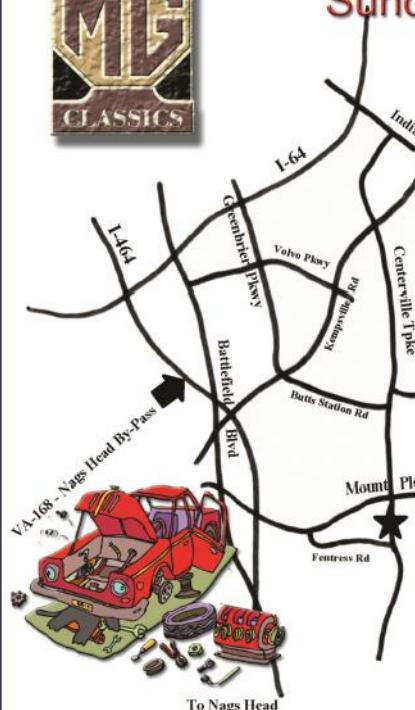
I guess I should start bringing my own pad and pen to the meetings. Oh, one more thing: does anybody know when payday is around here?



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



Bring it to Linda & Jim Freeh's Garage  
Sunday, August 11th starting at 10 a.m.



633 S. Centerville Tpk.  
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482-1401



## **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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## FIRST CLASS



Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, August 6th  
Great Neck Park  
2513 Shorehaven Dr.  
Virginia Beach  
495-9847 (Tad)

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

