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Activities Report – from Tad Carter

Happy New Year to all!

As we wrap up 2013, I'll offer a brief recap of activities for those who couldn't make our holiday party. Our 2013 Chili Cook-off trophy was reclaimed by Kiz Worrell. We now have back-to-back, back-to-back winners. Thanks to all of our chili chefs for sharing your tasty dishes.

In total, our club held 14 events in 2013, ranging from Tech Sessions and Dessert Drives to the Virginia Wine Tour and the Chesapeake Bay Tour. We had 54 families participate in one or more of these events. A driver participating in each event would have traveled 2,231 miles. That is like driving to Salt Lake City with a few extra miles for side trips. As a club, we traveled 26,984 car miles and 51,945 passenger miles. We had 10 families enjoying over 2,000 passenger miles. At the head of the list is Robert Perrone, who logged 4,076 passenger miles in 2014. That is like driving from Virginia Beach to Juneau, AK, and then driving another 168 miles just for good measure.

In addition to celebrating the holidays, TMGC adopted the ForKids program in Norfolk as our 2013 charity. Once again, your generosity is overwhelming. Cynthia reports that in addition to toys and other gifts, we raised over \$1200 in cash and gift cards. This will be a great help to the charity through the holidays. Thanks to each of you!

OK – 2014.

Meetings - Our January meeting will be at Frankie's Place for Ribs on Wednesday the 8th. We have a 6:30 dinner reservation for those jonesing for some post-holiday barbeque. The meeting will follow at about 8:00.

In February, we head over to Portsmouth and Eastside Pizza on the 4th. Eastside is a favorite of our fearless leader and his first lady. Meet us there and see what the fuss is all about. Again, 6:30 pizza and 8:00 meeting.

And then we are back at the Beach on March 5th. We'll be at Bayside Recreation Center for Movie Night and meeting. We have to finish by 9:00, so we'll start the movie at 7:00.

Events – It's Valentine's Day weekend (Saturday, 2/15) and as usual, you forgot to shop. What to do? Bring your sweetheart out to the Chrysler Museum's Glass Studio for a demonstration by a team of glass artists. After the Studio, we'll finish off the afternoon with a late lunch at Sunset Grill overlooking Willoughby Bay. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know so we can confirm with Sunset Grill. Details will be in the February Dipstick. There is no cost for the studio tour, but lunch is on you. A month later (Saturday, 3/15), we are back on the go – this time to try out a small sampling of the growing microbrewery scene in Tidewater. Despite what you may think from the line-up, this drive is open to any one – not just "B" drivers. We'll start early with Beach Brewing, before taking a lunch break at Beach Bully Barbeque. Then it is off to the brand-new tasting room at Back Bay Brewery. Do you see the "B" theme? And then we finish the afternoon at Young Veterans Brewing. No need to sign up early for this one – just show and go. There will be more details on this in the March Dipstick.

That sums up our winter driving season. The rest of the 2014 schedule is filling in quickly. Be on the lookout for e-mail and Dipstick announcements as those dates draw near. I look forward to seeing you on the road in 2014.

And once again, thanks to Roy Wiley for making arrangements with PACC for our holiday party.

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Happy New Year! I hope you've had a wonderful holiday season. The annual Christmas party/40th Anniversary party was fantastic and enjoyed by all. As we look forward to the 2014 driving season there are still tons of things to accomplish before we hit the road again. Now is the time to fix those annoying problems that crept up last year or to improve your MG. My winter project is to buy and install a new exhaust system. After many years of being an obsolete part, Moss has the stock exhaust system for the '75-80 Bs available again: PN: 444-180. With any luck Mitzi and I will join our fellow TMGC members on the road this year! Our next meeting is at the always-popular Frankie's Place for Ribs on January 8th. Arrive early to get a good seat and enjoy the food! See you there!

Safety Fast!

Stephen LaPaugh

2014 Activities Schedule

Jan. 8 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach Frankie's Place for Ribs – 6:30 Dinner followed by Meeting

Feb. 4 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Portsmouth Eastside Pizza - 6:30 Dinner followed by Meeting

Feb. 15 – Saturday – Valentine's Day (+1) Drive Chrysler Museum Glass Studio Tour / Sunset Grille for Lunch

Mar. 5 – Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach Movie Night – Bayside Recreation Center

Mar. 15 – Tidewater MG Brew Cruise Virginia Beach Brewery Tour and Lunch

Apr. 1 – Tuesday – Club Meeting – Norfolk Hosted by Cynthia and Andy

Apr. 12 – Saturday – Go Ape - Williamsburg

Apr. 25 – 27 - Virginia Wine Tour XII

May 2 – 4 - Chesapeake Chapter (Baltimore -DC) New England "T" Register GOF in Colonial Williamsburg – Details to follow

May 7 - Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach Hosted by Betty and Jim

May 24 – June 1 – British Car

T-Tour in December

By Bob Stein

December 21, 2013 may have been the first day of Winter, but it was mostly sunny and 75 degrees! The T-Some Three-Some (Terry and Sue Bond in their 1948 TC, Richard and Sandy Hall in their 1951 MG TD, and me in my 1949 MG TC) took a long drive out through Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and eastern North Carolina. We met at the Hall's, and rolled out through back roads to our first stop and South of the Border for a rest stop. Then it was deeper into NC on more scenic back roads, until we reached our lunch stop at the Coinjock Marina Restaurant.

After lunch, we posed for photos beside the canal (glad I brought my tripod) and then took a short cruise alongside the sound before turning back for home. However, instead of retracing our tire tracks, we came back on the Knotts Island Ferry. (I have to note that one small boy on the ferry, after being given the opportunity to sit behind the wheel of each of our cars, said he liked Wildflower best. From the mouths of babes...).

It was a full day, and sun was well on its way down as we rolled off the ferry. Richard did a terrific job of planning out the 90-mile impromptu tour and the three 60+ year-old cars didn't have so much as a hiccup!



Photo courtesy of Bob Stein

40th Anniversary/Holiday Brunch at Princess Anne Country Club

Photography by Don Ladd & Susan Bond



Some Founding Members of TMGC:
Roy, Roosevelt, Mike and Robert



Tad and Karen's Silent Auction Prize



Two TMGC Revelers

Membership Update

by Bill Yoshida

2014 Memberships: As of 24 December we have 109 paid memberships and still have 3 additional "promises" to renew from last year's memberships. With the expected 112 total memberships, there are 202 individuals in the club.

New Memberships: There was one new memberships received in December. Thanks to Eric Fee for his recruitment effort.

Ralph Fulp
Norfolk, VA 23503
1977 MGB

Cars: Total cars – 177

Cars & Types: 170 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-
GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget	
24	2		81	16	1
	8	20	4	12	2

Other/Variou MGs – 7 (1-Cooper MG/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB/ 2 ELVA Courier)

Dues: I turned over \$60 in dues checks to Jim Villers at Franco's Restaurant. I also turned over a \$40 check I received from Wayne and Dyanne Bostain for the Holiday/40th Anniversary party.

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TMGCC Christmas Brunch Minutes(Dec. 15, 2013)

By Bruce Easley

The 2013 Holiday Celebration for MGers was held at the Princess Anne Country Club near the waterfront in Virginia Beach. The 60 attendees convened about 11:00 am and had some time to settle in, meet and greet, “talk shop”, and catch up with each other. Our revered president opened the festivities with some general remarks, welcoming us to the close of another fantastic year, and reminding us that the Club is more about the wonderful people and relationships than the cars (although how would we get together if we didn’t have these great classics to celebrate?).

The brunch was excellent and included carved roast beef, eggs benedict, a delightful chicken dish and a rice mix, cheesy grits, asparagus, biscuits, shrimp, smoked salmon, sausages, bacon, assorted fruits, drinks (bar available) and desserts. No one left there hungry! The room was bright and airy and had plenty of room for MGers, a podium for pontification, and tables on which to place the coveted door prizes and auction items.

Steve LaPaugh pointed out that this was a 40-year anniversary, and that there were several founding members of the TMGCC in attendance. “Thank you” to those founders, Mike Ash, Robert Davis, Roosevelt Mosely, and Roy Wiley, for having the vision to get this organization rolling (pun intended). Bob Stein presented the Dipstick Award to Susan Bond in recognition for all her hard work with writing articles, editing content, and providing photographs for the various Dipstick material during the year. Due to work and travel constraints, Bob has turned over editorship of the Dipstick to the team of Mark and Kathy Davidoski.

Tad Carter opened the secret envelope of judges and revealed that Kiz Worrell was the winner of the 2013 Chili Cookoff. Robert Perrone was awarded Traveler of the Year for racking up 4,076 MG miles, enough to take him to Alaska. Names were drawn for the winners of the door prizes, which included wine, “growler” containers, wine glass sets, MG literature and other fun items. The President’s Award was presented to Bob Stein; he provided great support during the year by compiling and issuing the Dipstick each month, and also producing “The Oil Spot”, to keep us all aware of the latest great car opportunities. As the last bit of fun, the articles available at the silent auction were awarded to the bid winners. If you didn’t make it in 2013, don’t miss 2014!



Susan Bond: #1 Dipstick Contributor!



Bob Stein receives the President’s Award

More from Holiday Lights



December 10, 2013



Norfolk Botanical Gardens



The 40th Anniversary and Holiday Party by Beckey Watson

The origins of TMGC came to life on May 6th, 1973, when eight MG enthusiasts met in their MGs in the Sears' parking lot at Pembroke Mall in Virginia Beach. After the meeting, they drove to Jim Banvard's house, and established the "Tidewater MG'T' Classics." About twenty people were in attendance at that first meeting.

Roy Wiley, Mike Ash, Roosevelt Moseley and Robert Davis, four who were at those first meetings, were together once again to toast four decades of the (renamed) Tidewater MG Classics car club on December 15th, 2013. Over sixty current club members and their guests gathered for the annual TMGC holiday party that also served to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the club. The setting was the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach, thanks to Roy Wiley's connection to gain us all access to the beautiful banquet room, scrumptious buffet brunch, and all around lovely venue.

Newly elected President Steve LaPaugh welcomed guests and invited everyone to bid on the silent auction items before or after they enjoyed the food and drinks.

A slide presentation was running throughout the afternoon event, which brought back many memories, and more than a few chuckles.

Steve announced the name of the recipient of the President's Award -- Bob Stein --having consulted with the immediate past president, Russ Ripp. The Tidewater MG Classics President's Award recognizes those members whose contributions to the club are routinely "above and beyond." Steve also presented the "*The Dipstick* Editor's Award" to Susan Bond. Congratulations to those two outstanding club members for their hard work and dedication to TMGC!

Tad Carter, Activities Coordinator, gave each club member a "Tidewater MG Classics 2014 Passport," which lists the meeting schedule and planned activities for 2014. You WILL want your own 2014 Passport to keep in the glove box of any MG you have on the road, so that you can have each page validated (stamped) when you attend that event. Each page gives detailed information for events, including dates and locations, and some with a QR code for more information. (If you do not know what a QR code is, you can ask the nearest teenager to show you how you take a picture of the QR code on the page, and the phone opens up the corresponding webpage on the internet.) Passports will be available at TMGC meetings, so make sure you get one!

Susan Bond and Jim Villers put together a wonderful DVD "Anniversary Scrap Book 1991-2012" that includes photographs, copies of past editions of *The Dipstick*, newspaper articles, and probably many things you've never seen. If you weren't able to attend the December event, maybe some of these DVD's will end up as a raffle prize at a monthly meeting!

As has been our tradition for many years, TMGC supports a local charity in December. Cynthia Faschini coordinated the effort this year, choosing *For Kids* in Norfolk. Their goal is to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty for families and children in the Norfolk area. Very unique items were offered at a silent auction, including an authentic wicker picnic basket, an original stained glass window, and other original items. As usual, the club was very generous! We were able to give \$1300 in cash, checks and gift cards. We also gave items that were on their wish list. Cynthia dropped off everything on December 19th, and the person she met with was very impressed with the kindness of TMGC members.

The December event was a wonderful way to cap off another fun-filled MG year -- a celebration of good friends, good food and fine automobiles.

Happy Holidays and Happy 40th Anniversary!

Princess Anne Country Club

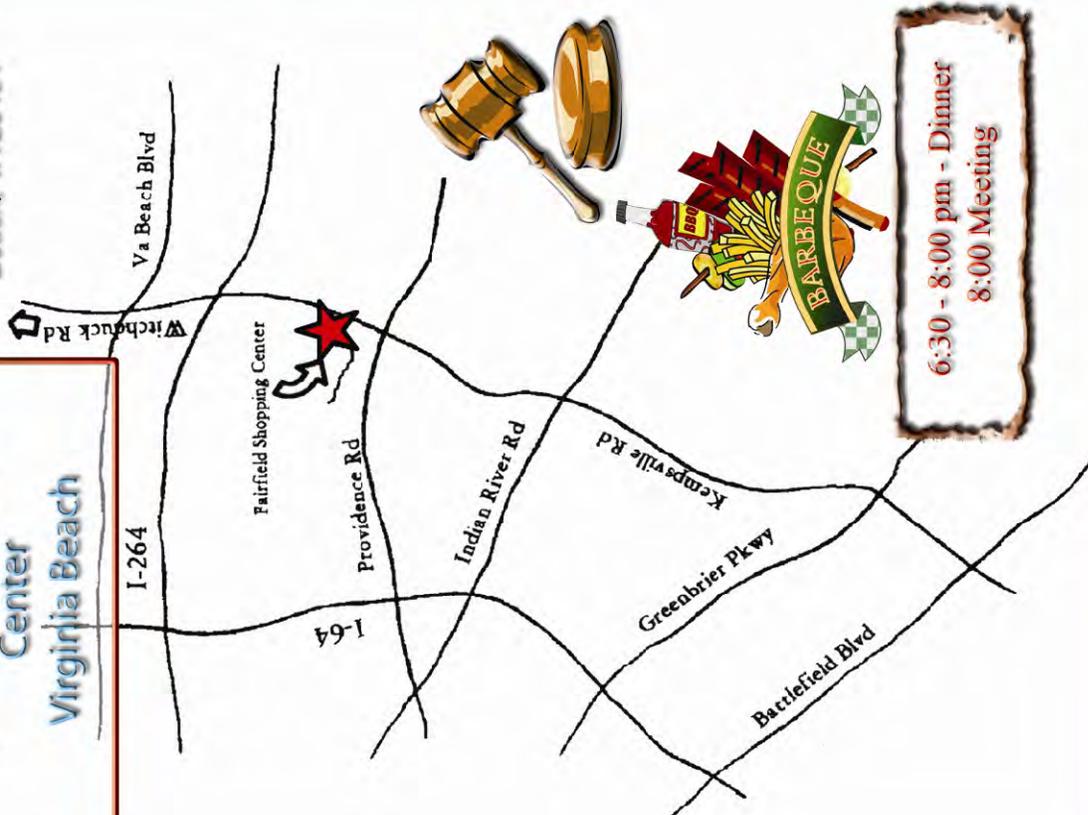
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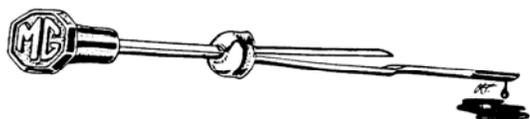
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Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 8th
Frankie's
Place for Ribs
Fairfield Shopping
Center
Virginia Beach



6:30 - 8:00 pm - Dinner
8:00 Meeting

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