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Activities Report

By Tad Carter

Since we last met, I've crossed over the 95k mark, picked up two more state plates (plus another international), logged about 600 miles and submitted 59 points in the Moss Motors Challenge. Now I know these numbers pale in comparison to many of you. I'm just happy to be out and about, enjoying some good weather, lots of winding roads and the company of my favorite co-pilot. For those traveling to the national shows, I look forward to hearing your exploits when you return from NAMGBR in French Lick, IN. The round-trip drive will be about 1500 miles, similar in distance to those who travel to NAMGAR in Ottawa, Ontario.

We have lots of miles to cover in upcoming months with our July meeting in Beaverdam and trips to the Eastern Shore (August), Watkins Glen and Harpers Ferry (September) and Hanover (November). Throw in a couple of car shows and it's a pretty busy schedule.

So where should we start? How about our next meeting on Saturday, July 12th. We have been invited to Beaverdam for a Mystery Road Rallye, followed by the meeting and a BBQ picnic. For those traveling on your own, plan on arriving at the Watson's at 1:00pm. If you are interested in traveling as a group and participating in the rallye, the schedule is as follows:

- 8:45am departure from Lake Wright hotel complex.
- 9:37am arrival at McDonalds in Williamsburg (Rte 5 at Ironbound Rd)
- 10:01am departure from McDonalds
- 11:39am arrival at Sheetz in Ashland for gas-up and rallye instructions.
- Noon departure on rallye.

Our afternoon return to Tidewater will be by Route 30 through West Point. [Please let me know if you will be joining in for this meeting so we can make sure we have proper rallye and BBQ supplies.](#)

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Marque Time

Well June is almost over and the season has kicked into high gear. The exhaust system arrived from Brit-Tek earlier this month and I've assembled the hangers and have test fitted the rear of the system. The Bell exhaust is a direct replacement from the UK so if you're contemplating a new system check them out. I've yet to fabricate a heat shield but that's on the bench and once I get the layout done I can install that. I don't see any sense in paying Moss for something I can build myself. So once the install is complete the B should be on the road! If you plan to attend the July meeting July 12 in Beaverdam, contact Tad so he can get a head count. Don't forget NAMGAR is 14-18 July in Ottawa. Enjoy the top down weather and with any luck the first lady and I should arrive at an event soon with the top down!

Safety Fast! Steve LaPaugh

Dipstick Calendar – July 2014

July 12 – Saturday – Club Meeting – Beaverdam
 Hosted by Becky and Alan

Preregistration Requested

July 14-18 - NAMGAR GT-39 – Ottawa, Ontario

Aug. 5 - Tuesday - Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
 Hosted by Carmen and Paul (schedule change)

Aug. 10 – Sunday – Summer Tech Session - Chesapeake
 Hosted by Jim and Linda Freeh

Aug. 23 - Dead on the Vine – Machipongo, VA

Sep. 3 – Wednesday - Club Meeting – Ocean View Fishing Pier

Sep. 5-7 – Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen
 Featured Marque – MG

Sep. 13-14 - Classics on the Green – New Kent Winery

Sep. 19 – 22 TMGC Fall Tour
Raid on Harpers Ferry

Sep. 27 – AACRA-Tidewater

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On Saturday, August 23rd, we travel to the Eastern Shore for *Dead on the Vine* at Chatham Vineyards. We'll travel in the afternoon to arrive at the vineyard before 5:00. The Grateful Dead Tribute Concert should last until 9:00 or later, so make sure your headlights are working for the ride home. On-site food and beverage options have not been finalized, but we'll plan on having a picnic dinner. Given the reputation of the original Grateful Dead concerts, I hate to call this a potluck picnic, so just plan on bringing a dish to share with others. More details will be provided as they are known. Again, with advanced purchase of tickets, we'll need pre-registration for this event. Tickets should be around \$30.

Moving on to September, we have two trips in addition to the usual assortment of car shows. At last report, there were 6-8 people heading up to Watkins Glen for the U.S. Vintage Grand Prix. Take in the numerous tours of the Finger Lakes area, enjoy the vintage car show in town and stay for the races. We look forward to reading about the adventure in a later issue of *The Dipstick*. If you are late to decide, track me down and I can try to hook you up with a travel convoy.

Two weeks later, we are back on the road with our TMGC Fall Tour, the Raid on Harpers Ferry. Over the weekend of the 19th – 22nd, we'll see the sights of the northern tip of Virginia and the eastern panhandle of West Virginia. The drive is full at this point, but I am keeping a waiting list in case of schedule changes.

And finally, we are looking at Sunday, November 16th for our annual drive to the Barksdale Theatre in Hanover. This year's performance will be Neil Simon's *They're Playing Our Song*. This will be a full-day trip out of Tidewater, with lunch on the road, an afternoon at the theatre and an evening drive home. No commitments yet, but if you are interested, please mark the date. I'll have details in July.

Until we meet again on the 12th, enjoy the ride!

Save the Date
**3RD ANNUAL
WOUNDED
WHEELS
CAR SHOW**



WHEN

Saturday, September 6th, 2014
Registration - 9-10am or 1st 30 cars
Awards - Noon

WHERE

FantomWorks
2400 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk

WHY

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HOW

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5/28/2014 TMGC Peninsula Dessert Run

by PJ and Faith Peterson

28 May was the annual Peninsula Dessert Run. With a total of 8 MG's, we all met up at the Yorktown Battle Field Visitor's center parking lot at about 06:30pm. A couple of us who got there early decided to check out the "Other Visitor's Parking lot" to insure we were at the right location. The other parking lot was under construction and the security guard assured us that club members would be directed to the right parking lot. After a group consensus, we decided to put down our convertible tops for the drive along the beautiful Williamsburg Parkway to the Sno-to-Go on Richmond Road. We had lots of "Gawkers" as we made our way down the road. I guess they were not used to seeing a caravan of MG's. Lucas (God of Darkness) did not put in an appearance and all of the lights on the vehicles seem to be in working order. We did have to pull over at the Back River pull off to put back up the tops. Here I found out that a couple of the cars did not have any tops. By the time we got to Sno-to-go, some of us were rather damp. Even though I was to the rear of the convoy, I was able to keep up and we never lost sight of the lead vehicle which is good for I had no idea where we were. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Sno Ball ice cream including Russ's dog. For my first event with TMGC I would have to say it was a lot of fun. The trip home during a thunderstorm was another matter but at least I got a good leak check of my MG.



Editor's note: For more great pictures of the Peninsula Dessert Run, as well as the Southside Dessert Run, please see the TMGC website! [Photos by Susan Bond and Bob Stein](#)

TMGCC June 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday, June 3, 2014 the monthly meeting of the illustrious TMGCC organization was called to order at 8:00 pm by the President and Supreme Poobah, Steve LaPaugh. After appropriate "Thank yous!" were made to the hosts, Izzie and Bill Yoshida, the call for attendance of new members was made. PJ Peterson and his wife Faith responded to the call, and introduced themselves and their MGB, a roadster with a V8 engine! A beautiful machine.

May meeting minutes were approved, and we moved on to the Vice Poobah's (Vice Prez's) report. As there is no new critical news or enlightenment necessary from this quarter, the VP officially made his statement with the expressive "Double Shrug", as developed by the former VP Bill Olcheski. The tradition lives on.

The treasurer's report made no sense (cents), since all figures this month are in round dollars. After dues and regalia receipts, offset by disbursements for printing and meeting hosts, the club has a balance of \$814.00. Contact "Fine Pencil" Jim Villers for a detailed accounting.

"Travelin' Tad" provided an insight to club activities. 8,500 miles traveled so far by 45 families. Upcoming activities include a Rotary Club car show at Old Dominion University on June 14, a club drive and interesting road game to Beautiful Downtown Beaverdam, VA on July 12, the Ottawa National show at French Lick in early July, and the summer Tech Session on Aug. 10. See Tad's report for more activities and more details.

"Bring 'Em In" Bill Yoshida updated the assembly on the club's membership status: 115 paid memberships to cover 206 members, and 176 cars. They are: 23 MGAs, 2 MGA Coupes, 82 MGBs, 17 MGB GTs, 1 MGC, 2 MGC-GTs, 8 TCs, 19 TDs, 4 TFs, 11 Midgets, and 7 various unusual models. Bill will be sending out emails regarding 2014 and 2015 dues. He also noted we lost club members Chris and Gina Christian, who moved to sunny Florida. Chris sent Bill a note expressing that they "thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the TMGC. Good luck to all in the future."

The Honorable Historian Sue Bond brought an album of phantastical photos for all to ogle. Dipstick editors "Marvelous Mark" and "Kool Kathy" Davidoski noted that the deadline for this month's Dipstick is June 20, and exhorted members to submit their articles.

Technical Time – Bruce Easley described a rebuilt starter problem in which two newly rebuilt starters from a local auto supply had failed due to sticking solenoids. The observation was made by another member that CarQuest sometimes has better parts. A new Moss starter solved the problem and worked perfectly the first time.

Marque Time – Tommy Keiningham brought up that B parts including a tonneau are available from Chris Myer, who works at Hall Automotive. Steve LaPaugh stated that a 5 main MG engine will be available from a friend of his who is changing out his engine.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Regalia – n/a

Meeting adjourned – get your pole position for the race to the food line!!!



Poolside Presidential Pontification



A plethora of MGs at Bill and Issie's



Wildflower prepares for Flag Day

Membership Update for July 2014

Compiled by Bill Yoshida

2014 Memberships: There were actually two new memberships in May. In the June Dipstick I had failed to mention that PJ and Faith Peterson had also joined. Their info is listed below. So far in June we have had one new membership. This brings us to a total of 116 paid memberships with 208 individuals in the club.

New Memberships:

PJ & Faith Peterson

Hampton, VA 23666

1977 MGB & 1978 MGB Modified w/V8

Stephen & Cathy Aki

Chesapeake, VA 23320

1974 Midget

Cars: Total cars – 179

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

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
24	2	83	17	1	2	8	19	4	12

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

Dues: I turned over \$40.00 in cash and \$60.00 in checks to Jim Villers at the June meeting. I currently hold \$140.00 in checks for turnover to Jim.

2015 Memberships: Per the Club's By-Laws our membership year runs from 1 July to 30 June. Annual dues are to be paid during the month of June for the Membership year. As of 20 June I have received 33 (new and/or renewal) paid memberships for the 2015 club year. If you have not paid the 2015 dues by 1 July you are considered to be in a delinquent status. I will be sending "Delinquency e-mails" in July to members that have not yet paid their 2015 dues. If you believe you receive one in error, please contact me for resolution. Also, if you have decided to NOT renew your membership for 2015 let me know so I can remove your name from the roster and the e-mail list.

(Editor's note: Make Bill's life easier – renew NOW!)

*July Meeting at Alan & Beckey's home
(17312 Tiswood Drive, Beaverdam, 23015)*

Tad's convoy instructions:

8:30am - meet at Lake Wright (Quality Suites/Sleep Inn) parking lot
8:45am - departure for Williamsburg
9:37am - arrival at McDonalds in Williamsburg (Rte 5 at Ironbound)
10:01am - departure from McDonalds for a backroad drive to Ashland
11:39am - arrival at Sheetz in Ashland for gas-up and rallye instructions.
Noon departure on rallye.

For those not on the rallye:

From intersection of Rte 1 and Rte 54 in Ashland...
Continue north on Rte 1 for 4.3 miles.
Turn left at flashing yellow light, Old Ridge Rd, Rte 738.
Drive 5.5 miles and turn right onto White Pine Rd. Look for sign "Little River Estates"
Drive to the end of White Pine. Tiswood Dr. bears to the right. (gravel)
Continue ~ ¼ mile to the Watson residence on the right. (17312 Tiswood)

(Plan on an approximate 1:00 P.M. arrival)



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