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Activities Report

**September Meeting Date Change –
Tuesday, 9/2/14 at Ocean View Fishing Pier (400 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk)
6:30 Dinner on the top deck followed by our monthly meeting at 8-ish sharp.**

Tech Sessions are a special time for many of us. They are a chance to learn new things, resolve issues that may require special tools or extra hands, and commiserate with friends about an ongoing problem, an unavailable part or the DPO. For many, it is a time to sit in the shade and swap stories, which is exactly what your dear old Activity Coordinator intended to do at the Freeh's in August. Alas, that was not the case. Half way to a shady chair and some tasty barbeque, my clutch decided it didn't want to play any more. It was kind enough to allow me to limp the rest of the way to the Tech Session, but that was about it. Thank you to all who offered insight into the potential problems. You helped me determine the shopping list for an emergency parts drop from Moss.

Post-Tech Session, I parked the car at the Bond's until all parts arrived, and after several hours of jamming large hands into small spaces, we were able to resolve the issues and get back on the road. Many, many thanks to Susan and Terry for their hospitality, their expertise and their unending patience with this rookie repairman. It is greatly appreciated.

And we are back on the road in time for Dead on the Vine (which has already come and gone by the time you read this) and the rest of the fall schedule. So where are we going? Caravans are packed and ready to travel to Watkins Glen. They will leave out the morning after our September meeting to head to up-state New York. We look forward to hearing about the weekend upon your safe return.

In mid-September, we have our fall tour to Harpers Ferry. There will be a number of stops along the way, including a few surprises. We should be on the early side of color change, but with nights already getting a little cooler, it should be a pretty drive. If you weren't able to make this one, try to set some time aside for the 2015 Fall Tour. That destination will be announced later this year.

There are several local car shows on the schedule. We have *Wounded Wheels* (9/6) in Norfolk, *Classics on the Green* (9/13-14) in New Kent, *Wings and Wheels* (9/27) in Pungo and the *British Car Festival* (10/3-4) in Waynesboro. Also, there is a new addition on October 25th with the inaugural ECW AutoFest in Williamsburg. This show benefits EEE Resource Center, which helps to Employ, Educate and Empower adults with special needs. It should be a nice time of year for a drive to Williamsburg. You'll find URLs in the calendar that will lead you to info on each of these shows.

And finally, Sunday, November 16th is 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. We still have a few seats available for the show, but we have to commit by 10/7. Tickets are \$30 each. Please let me know if you are interested.

In case you missed it, our September 2nd meeting is a date change and we are back at Ocean View Fishing Pier. Dinner will be on the top deck at 6:30, followed by sunset at 7:31 and our usual monthly meeting at 8:00.

Until we meet again on the 2nd, enjoy the ride!

Tad Carter

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Marque Time

September is full of MG events. From Watkins Glenn to the Harpers Ferry Tour there's something for everyone. Take time to enjoy the unseasonably cool summer weather and enjoy some top down driving! The exhaust install is going well. The bits have been installed and I'm in the process of fabricating a bracket to hold the forward section to the down pipe. It's taken some maneuvering but I think I've got everything in place. It's now a matter of tightening things down and checking for leaks and draining the old gas out of the tank.

Safety Fast!

Steve LaPaugh

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Dipstick Calendar – September 2014

**Sep. 2 – Tuesday - Club Meeting – Ocean View Fishing Pier
 Dinner at 6:30, Meeting at 8:00**

CHANGE OF DATE

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

Sep. 6 - Wounded Wheels Car Show – Norfolk
 Phantom Works, 2400 Hampton Blvd
www.WoundedWheels.org

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

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

Sep. 27 – AACA-Tidewater “Wings and Wheels”
Local.aaca.org/tidewater

Oct. 3-4 – SVBCC British Car Festival – Waynesboro
www.svbcc.net

**Oct. 7 – Tuesday - Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
 Hosted by Bill and Renee**

Oct. 25 - Saturday – ECW AutoFest – Williamsburg
 Hosted by European Cars of Williamsburg
 To benefit EEE Resource Center
www.eurocarswmbg.com/events/

**Nov. TBD – Fall Tech Session
 Hosted by Susan and Terry Bond**

**Nov. 5 – Wednesday - Club Meeting – Chili Cook-off – Virginia Beach
 Hosted by Mark & Kathy**

**Nov. 16 – Barksdale Theatre – Hanover, VA
 Neil Simon's *They're Playing Our Song***

Tidewater MG Classics Car Club 8/5/14 Meeting Minutes

Our illustrious president, Steve LaPaugh, was not present for this meeting; he played the “wife medical concern” card as his excuse. Thankfully, at meeting time the news was that Mitzi was doing OK. The VEEP, Robert Perrone, stepped up to the presidential plate.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved by unanimous vote. Robert asked whether there were new members or guests present. Pat Smith is our new member, residing in Hampton, VA with his 1963 MGB. He’s had the B for 35 years, had done extensive work on it, and just recently “woke it from its 22-year nap”. Very nice car. Also, Pam Groover’s grandson Jared Church from Chesapeake has also joined our ranks.

Historian’s report – Sue Bond... Sue requested members to give her any 1.5 inch binders they may have. Scrapbooks of club history and events are available, as always.

Bill Yoshida updated us on membership. Dues are still due for the year; he will be sending out delinquency notices in “August and September as necessary. Don’t wait for Bill to pester you – get your name and dollars in now to insure a place in the coveted Club Directory! The club currently boasts 180 cars.

Our Pecuniary Poobah Jim Villers pulled a “listening check” on the group, by stating we have over eleven thousand dollars in the treasury. What? Only off by a factor of 10. Balance forward from July was \$1,175.90. After income from dues and regalia and disbursement for meeting expenses, printing, postage, etc., our balance is \$1,461.90. Bill Y is turning over more big bucks to Jim tonight for the cause, from dues.

Tad “Activity King” Carter driving opportunities in August Tech Session will Sunday, Aug. 10. The Dead music concert on will be held Sat. August signed up as the start of for adults, \$12 for one slot is open for the Ferry. See his full report



discussed the litany of many the coming months. The be at the Freehs this coming “Dead on the Vine” Grateful the Eastern Shore of Virginia 23, and ten attendees were the meeting. Admission is \$30 children. Tad also noted that Fall multi-day drive to Harper’s in this issue.

New Business – there was a request to change the Sept. meeting date to Tuesday the second instead of Sept. third, due to a conflict with a trip to Watkins Glen. Tad will check on availability of the restaurant at our venue, the Ocean View Pier in Norfolk. The subject of raffles and prizes was brought up, as to whether to include a 50/50



Roosevelt Moseley, a Founding Member of the club, shared some of his thoughts with the group. He was very happy to see how the club has grown and how good the attendance is at meetings. One of the names originally proposed for the club was "Triple-T MG", which would mean that one would be required to have a T model MG to be a member. The founders were concerned that the cars as well as the club would die out, if MG As and Bs were excluded or only recognized as associate members. Fortuitously, they decided on the current club configuration. He also noted that another "controversy" was whether the newsletter title of the Dipstick would be one word or two. My, those Founding Fathers were wise. See how things turned out!



Tech sessions can sometimes last a week! *By Terry Bond*

But for starters, a Sunday afternoon in August is just fine. On a rare cool, less humid day, we gathered at Jim and Linda Feehs home in Chesapeake to tinker with MGs, relax and enjoy the great BBQ. We also helped celebrate Linda's birthday (we're not telling which one).

We enjoy this tech session because it's so close to home. The only tech we needed had to wait and was too involved anyway so we just enjoyed watching, learning, visiting and relaxing with club members.

We got to look closely at a fairly new Viper. We're glad we didn't have to work on that one! We also got to see a couple of rolling restorations, with fresh paint, and we tweaked the usual carbs, timing, and marveled at how Craig Puryear managed to clean up so well after replacing a brake caliper. Later, Pete Olson stumbled in (the car, not Pete) for some much needed Frank Linse carb adjustment.

It was great to see the Jack and Becky Dawson again and learn that Jack had recently retired. He plans to finish restoring the MGTD and get active again.

Dan Ray brought a guest with him, Kyle Yocum who is fast gaining a reputation as a metal guru. He is a sure bet to show us how to shape metal using a French Wheel at a future session.

Later in the PM Tad Carter rolled in exclaiming that he was experiencing clutch problems. Nobody was game to pull the engine at this session so everyone offered their opinion. General consensus was perhaps a clutch slave cylinder, kinked hose or a master cylinder. No parts-no fixie, so we agreed to have Tad nurse the car along to our house awaiting parts. Later he could use the air conditioned garage, any of the tools and choose from an outstanding selection of beer.

So, while the session at Jim and Linda's came to a quiet close, we continued the following week replacing the clutch slave cylinder when the parts came in.

Easiest to turn the car upside down to do this, but next best method is to remove the starter (need room to work). That also entails pulling the dizzy. We really struggled to undo the old slave cylinder and hose. It was firmly attached to the car as well as the metal piping and there was hardly room to swing a wrench. Finally, we managed to get it all loose, and install the new unit and hose. That old hydraulic hose was nearly plugged solid with gunk. At this point we became increasingly certain a master cylinder might also be needed. But first, let's get the thing put back together, bleed it and road test it.

Joe Lucas was not about to go unnoticed. After reinstalling everything and making all the connections, he refused to electrify anything. We methodically began to retrace our steps. I even called Mark Childers for a couple of quick circuit checks we could try. Suddenly, Tad noticed



something quite simple – we had not even bothered to connect the battery cable to the starter! Duhhhhh!!! So, finally, on the road again – problem NOT solved. Indeed the master cylinder also needed to be replaced. So, the following Sunday we did a quick swap out for a brand new unit that Tad retrieved directly from Moss Motors -- they are now open on Saturdays. Replacing that unit was a whole lot easier than the slave cylinder. An hour later, total success. The famous white rubber-bumper original-owner MGB was back on the road. And thus, another marathon tech session comes to a conclusion.

Seen milling about with grease on their hands at the Freehs were:

- Bill Blair
- Dan Ray & Kyle Yocum
- Sue and Terry Bond
- Tad Carter
- Mark Childers
- David Ford
- Jim & Linda Freeh
- Al Hazlett
- Tom Keiningham
- Donald Ladd
- Frank Linse
- Bill Olcheski
- Pete Olson
- Craig Puryear
- Russ Ripp
- Pat Smith
- Billy Stutz
- John Tershak
- Jim Villers
- Roy Wiley
- Bob Vann

And probably a few others we missed while taking inventory.



Membership Report by Bill Yoshida

2015 Memberships: As of 23 August we have 97 paid memberships and 4 more “Promises to Renew”. I have sent three e-mails to members that have not yet paid their 2015 dues. I will send out a final delinquency notice prior to the September meeting. If you believe you receive an e-mail 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 delinquent list. As a last resort, I make phone calls prior to removing names from the roster and TMGC Directory.

New Memberships:

Tom & Debbie Curran
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
1973 MGB-GT

Patrick & Sandy Smith
Hampton, VA 23669
1963 MGB

Jared L. Church (Pam Groover’s Grandson)
Chesapeake, VA 23320
No MG

Cars: Total cars – 180 (If all remaining member renew)

Cars & Types: 173 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
26	2	83	16	1	2	7	20	4	12

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

Dues: By the end of the evening on 5 August I turned over \$700 in checks and \$140 in cash to Jim Villers at the meeting. I currently hold dues checks for \$90 and \$20 in cash dues.

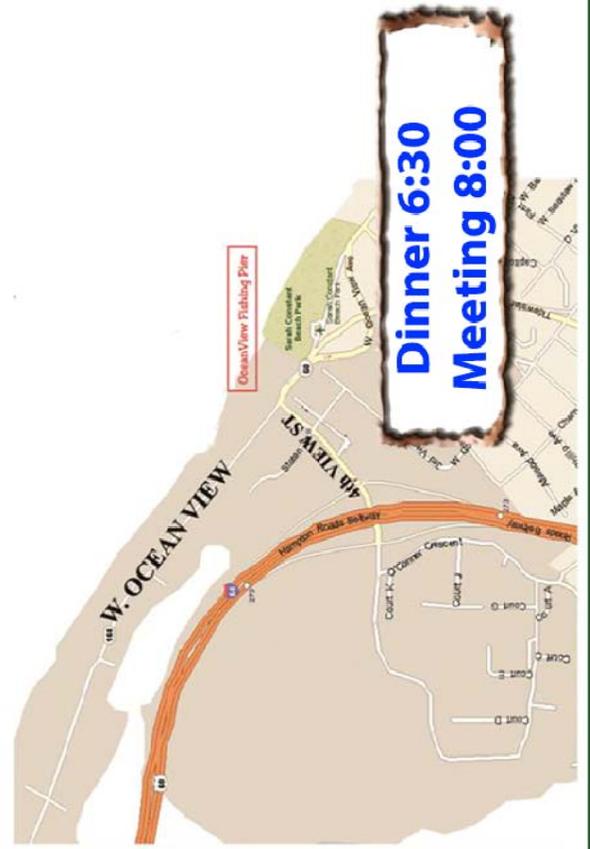
2015 Directory: I will begin assembly of the new directory in early September. Any member that has not paid their dues by the end of August may not be included when the directory is published. If you have a new photo you would like me to use for this year’s directory e-mail it to me (williamryoshida@verizon.net) and I will TRY to use it. This year’s directory will again be distributed as a .pdf digital (color) copy to members with a valid e-mail address. Last year, 34 black & white paper copies were mailed to members that requested printed copies. If you received a printed copy last year you can expect to receive one this year. If you need to be added to the “printed copy” list or no longer need to receive a printed copy, please let me know by e-mail (preferred) or phone (757) 554-0402.

Note: If you need a membership form, please visit our website! www.mg.org

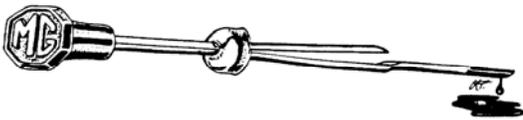


MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday Sept 2nd
Ocean View
Fishing
Pier
Upper Deck

- 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.



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