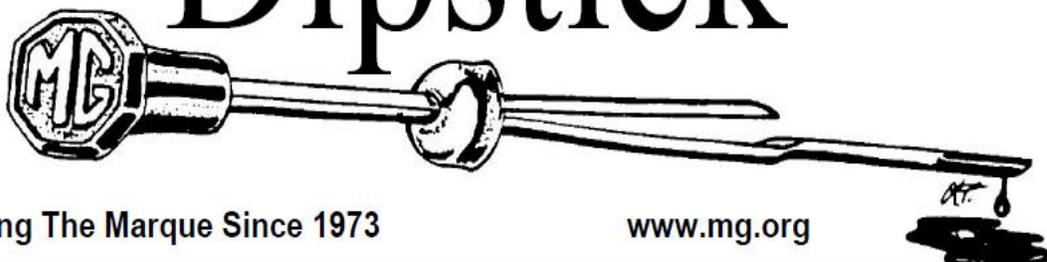




# The Dipstick



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## TMGCCC August 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes (recorded by Bruce Easley)

The group gathered on a very nice summer evening at the home of Bruce and Jayne Easley. Our esteemed President called the meeting to order and thanked the hosts, then asked if there were any new members or guests present. There being none, he asked for comments or approval of the July meeting minutes, which were seconded and approved.

A former Vice President, Bill Olcheski, stepped in for Tad Carter who was unable to attend, and provided the group with the now-famous “VP shrug”. Our Treasurer was not in attendance, but had emailed his monthly report. We started the month with \$2,388.96 in the kitty, and after receipts of \$500 and disbursements of \$25, our current bankroll is \$2,863.96.

For activities, Becky Watson reminded the group of the August Tech Session at the home of the Freeh’s on August 2, starting at 10:00 AM. August 21 will have our traditional drive to the Barksdale theatre in Hanover, and our September meeting will be at the Ocean View pier, deck top restaurant if good weather, inside if not. Sunset will be at 7:27 PM, and should be beautiful from the top deck. September 15-18 will be the “Drive the Crooked Road” tour, details of which are unrevealed as yet. Then on October 8, Tad has arranged a Sylvan Heights Bird Tour. No shortage of activities and entertainment for Mgers!

Our Historian not being present, the Prez moved on to the membership report. We have 174 cars, and 89 renewals so far. Get your dues and renewal in to Bill Yoshida so you don't miss out on the fun. Mark Davidoski reminded the attendees that the deadline for Dipstick newsletter articles is Aug. 20, and asked for someone to submit a writeup on the upcoming Tech Session.



Old business – none, new business – none, then on to Marque Tyme. Alan Watson announced that his father will be selling his '58 MGA. He has about \$3500 invested, and the vehicle still needs work. Steve LaPaugh stated he has a line on chrome bumper MGB parts, including a clutch, head gasket, oil pump, etc. Donald Ladd and Russ Ripp had gotten a '79 MGB from John Tershak, and have it at Jim's house. Don's plan is to transform the body into an MG trailer to pull behind his MGB.

There being no other information for the good of the group, the meeting was adjourned to partake of the repast provided by the hosts. Safety Fast!



***This just in!***

The Charleston British Car Club will hold their 32nd British Car Show on Saturday, October 29th. For more information, go to the web site at:

[britishcarclubcharleston.com](http://britishcarclubcharleston.com).



## Marque Time



Bob Stein's MGA engine bay is coming along!

It's hard to believe how quickly the summer has been going by for me. I hope that yours has been as enjoyable as mine has been so far. And although I have been able to do quite a bit, including a trip to the Grand Canyon and Southern California with my sons, I've done nothing in my MG for about 2 months.

Then again, it is kind of hard to drive a car with a large, empty space where the engine is supposed to be. But I've been working on that and fully intend to have it ready to roll before our "Drive the Crooked Road" weekend in September. And I will not be smoking. Well, at least the car won't smoke. I might bring a cigar...

So, even as I'm writing this I am working on the MG. Well, I am taking a break for a few minutes, but I'll be heading right back out to the garage after that. I guess I feel the need to scrap a couple more knuckles today.

We have plenty to look



Prepping for John's upcoming move to Ohio

## Activities Report – September 2016

“The days dwindle down to a precious few” - *September Song*, words by Maxwell Anderson, and so goes Summer 2016. We’ll celebrate the end of summer with our annual dinner meeting at Ocean View Fishing Pier on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Plan on arriving between 6:00-6:30 if you will be dining with us, or stop by a little later for dessert and another classic Perrone meeting. We have scheduled sunset for 7:23, followed closely by the meeting at 7:30. Weather permitting, we’ll be on the top deck. Otherwise, we’ll be in the dining room.



Somebody tell me what happened in August? Because of scheduling conflicts, I missed the meeting at Jayne & Bruce’s home (thanks for hosting!), the tech session at Linda & Jim’s home (thanks for hosting!) and the drive to the theatre in Hanover (thanks to Robert for driving the pace car!) I guess I’ll have to rely on our intrepid Dipstick reporters to catch up on all the news (thanks for writing!). I hope everyone who was able to join in on one or more of these events had a good time.

Now Back to the Future... If you are in to car shows, September will make you giddy. Starting with the Virginia Scottish Games in The Plains on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, you could plan every weekend around a show within a few hours (highway time) or several hours (on the fun roads) of Tidewater. The aforementioned Scottish Games will include a British and Antique Car and Motorcycle show. The next weekend you can head a little farther north to Watkins Glen. In the middle of the month, there is Classics on the Green at New Kent Winery, followed by Wings and Wheels in Pungo on the 24<sup>th</sup>. You want more? You can take in Shenandoah Valley on September 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> (jk – October 1<sup>st</sup>). That’s a lot of shows.

So you say “There must be something else to do.” You are correct, wise ones. Right there in the middle of the month – the Ides of September (plus 3 more days) - there is a Crooked Road and it shall be driven. Our little party of 19 heads west to take in the sights and sounds of the Birthplace of Country Music. Those of you who have traveled with us before know the drill. Along the way, we’ll visit a few historic stops, and perhaps take in a winery, a brewery, a distillery, a meadery or a cidery. (are those last two really words? One outside reviewer suggested “cider provider”) There will be scenic stops, out-of-the-way places, ~~winding~~ oops Crooked Roads to drive and an evening at a live country music radio broadcast. Of course, we’ll find some interesting places to eat along the way. And if things work out just right, there is a stop on this trip like you have never seen before.



If this sounds like something you would enjoy, but you missed out on this trip, I encourage you to keep up with the Dipstick news (hint – see this issue) to find out about future outings.

And here it is ->> Remember the planned outing to Sylvan Heights Bird Park in Scotland Neck, NC that got frozen out last Valentine’s Day? We’re going to give it another shot on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Sylvan Heights is home to the world’s largest collection of waterfowl. Since opening in 2006, the park has grown to feature walk-through aviaries displaying birds from six continents. Our guided tour will take us through these exhibits and through many of the gardens and natural areas in the park. Your \$14 cost covers admission to the park, as well as the tour guide. This will be a day trip out of Tidewater, leaving mid-morning (9:48) and returning in the evening. We will stop for an Italian feast on our way to Scotland Neck and tour the park from 2:00-4:00. Cameras are encouraged. Walking shoes are highly recommended. We had 16 signed up for this trip in February. I look forward to having all of you, plus more, as we make this second attempt at this trip. It will be very helpful to sign up in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made with the guides and the restaurant. Please let me know by 9/30 – [TMGC\\_Activities@me.com](mailto:TMGC_Activities@me.com)

And if that isn’t enough, check out that Mystery Drive mentioned in the 2016 event schedule. Wallops Island is back in the launch business. We’ll keep an eye on the schedule for October-November 2016. The latest was in August and they go about every 2 months. Once we know, we’ll make our plans and an email alert will be sent to everyone. It may be on a weekday, or it may be an early launch window. Launch schedules are always subject to weather and technology delays, so our efforts may mean only a nice drive on the Eastern Shore (aww, too bad). But keep your car fueled up and road-ready. Kind of a come-as-you-are party on wheels.

After that, we have our final Tech Session of 2016 on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> at Susan & Terry’s home in Chesapeake. Come on out and fix something. Please remember that’s the first day of regular time, so reset your clocks. Sue and Terry are wonderful hosts, but I don’t think they want us around for breakfast.

“But wait, there’s more” – so says the Activity Wunk  
“But wait, we’re out of space” – so say the Dipstick Editors

Until we meet again, enjoy the ride!

*Tad Carter*



Solving the world’s problems at the August Tech Session

## Dipstick Calendar – September, 2016

- Sep. 7 - Wednesday – Monthly Meeting**  
Ocean View Fishing Pier  
If eating dinner - 6:00 to 6:30  
Meeting – 7:30-ish
- Sep. 3 - 4 VA Scottish Games, The Plains, VA  
British and Antique Car and Motorcycle Show  
[www.VAScottishGames.org](http://www.VAScottishGames.org)
- Sep. 9 – 11 – Vintage Car Festival – Watkins Glen
- Sep. 15 – 18 – Drive the Crooked Road Fall Tour**
- Sep. 16 - 18 – CVBCC – Classics on the Green  
New Kent Winery [www.BritishCarClub.com](http://www.BritishCarClub.com)
- Sep. 24 – AACA Wings and Wheels, Pungo Airfield  
[www.traaca.com](http://www.traaca.com)
- Sep. 30 – Oct. 1 SVBCC 35<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car Festival  
Waynesboro – [www.svbcc.org](http://www.svbcc.org)
- Oct. 4 – Tuesday - Monthly Meeting**  
Hosted by Renee and Bill Olcheski
- Oct. 8 – Sylvan Heights Bird Park – Scotland Neck, NC  
and Edenton, NC for lunch**
- Nov. 6 – Sunday - Fall Tech Session –**  
Hosted by Susan and Terry Bond
- Nov. 2 – Wednesday - Monthly Meeting**  
Hosted by Mathieu Huovinen
- Dec. 10 - Holiday Party – Hosted by Faith and PJ Peterson**
- Dec. 13 – Tuesday – Holiday Lights Drive**

## Dipstick Calendar – 2017

- Apr. 28 – 30 (tentative dates) Spring Tour XV**
- June 2 - 3 Moss MotorFest 2017 – Petersburg, VA
- June 19 – 23 – NAMGAR – GT-42, Solvang, CA



**2017 Membership:** Registrations for 2017 are still trickling in. Over the next few weeks I hope to receive renewals from the remaining 21 members from 2016 that have not yet sent in dues. As of 20 August there are 96 paid renewal and new memberships with 1 additional “Promise” to renew. Renewal Forms may be found on line [atwww.mg.org](http://atwww.mg.org). If you have no changes to the data you provided in the past you only need to submit the \$20 in dues, the data from last year’s roster will be used for the 2017 Annual Directory. A Renewal Form is only needed if there is a change to last year’s data. Please highlight the changes. **If you do not desire to renew your membership for 2017, please let me know either by e-mail to - [williamryoshida@verizon.net](mailto:williamryoshida@verizon.net) - or by phone(757) 554-0402, so I can remove you from the TMGC listings.** I will be sending out another “Delinquency Notice” in late August to members that haven’t yet renewed their 2017 membership. If you believe you’ve received one in error please let me know.

**2017 Non-Renewals:** Tom& Marie Early sold their 1975 MGB and will not be rejoining the club. They have been members since 1982 and will be missed.

**New Membership:**  
Steven & Rita Boslet  
Chesapeake,VA 23322  
1977MGB

*Welcome Aboard!*

**Cars:** Total cars – 183 (If all remaining 2016 memberships renew for 2017)



# Sylvan Heights **BIRD**PARK

The Sylvan Heights Bird Park is designed to give visitors an unforgettable up-close experience with over 2,000 ducks, geese, swans, and other exotic birds from around the world.

Open to the public since October 2006, the 18-acre facility features large, walk-through aviaries displaying birds from South America, North America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia. Tranquil gardens and lush natural areas enhance the beauty of the birds on exhibit.

At Sylvan Heights Bird Park, we not only seek to entertain and engage visitors, but to inspire and educate them about the importance of waterfowl, wildlife and wetland conservation. The Park's newest attractions,

including the Bird's Nest Treehouse and Beaver Pond Blind, showcase the fascinating world of Eastern North Carolina's native animals and plants, and the habitats they live in.

Our guided tour should last 90-120 minutes. You can expect to do some non-strenuous walking,

Cost for the park and tour is \$14/pp (\$12 for those of you of MG-TD age or better).

**To register, contact Tad Carter at  
TMGC\_Activities@me.com before September  
30th.**

## TMGC Drive - Saturday, October 8, 2016

### From Sicily to Scotland Neck

Opening in 2001, the owners of Scotland Neck's La Casetta, brought their favorite family recipes from their home in Sicily to share with their new neighbors in northeast North Carolina. Success! Trip Advisor rates them as the top restaurant in the area. La Casetta specialties include Stromboli, Eggplant Parmigiana, Lasagna and an Italian Hogie. There is plenty more to pick from, including gluten-free options.

This is carb-loading at its best before we take on the tour at Sylvan Heights Bird Park.

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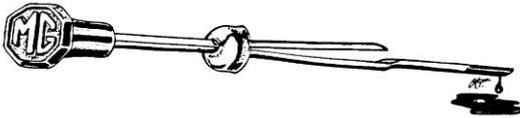


**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Wednesday Sept 7th**  
**Ocean View**  
**Fishing**  
**Pier**  
**Upper Deck**

- 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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