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The Antiques Go Antiquing

This refers to MG automobiles, though, if anything over 25 is considered an antique, it also refers to all the drivers and passengers. Twenty-five Tidewater MG Club members followed our Activities Leader Tad Carter in one MG C, eleven MG Bs, one MG A, and one wanabee on a most enjoyable drive up to the Northern Neck of Virginia on a brisk but sunny Saturday, March 11th.

While, normally a top-down driver, on Friday I eyed the predicted temperatures, and valuing my marriage, I decided to up the top on the B; not as easy a feat as for T-series MGs. What should have taken five minutes, took me almost a half-hour. It

had been over six months since the top was up and in a cold garage, the fabric didn't want to stretch. But finally, with my stocking feet pushing on the header rail, I got it clamped down.



Arriving at our Southside rendezvous at Lake Wright Motel for the 09:02 departure, I noted that all the MG roadster tops were up for except for Russ Ripp's 73 B. Well, we thought he was tough until he told us he was wearing his heated motorcycle jacket, pants and gloves. He plugs into his cigarette lighter. I, being relatively new to Bs, enquired about the correct settings of the climate control system to ensure some heat. If my newly acquired knowledge is correct, there are six controls: two center dash vents that let in un-tempered outside air, an under-dash lever with three settings that lets in un-tempered outside air, a dash-mounted knob which opens a vent that directs tempered air to either the dash or the feet, a dash-mounted knob that controls the amount of hot water going to the heater and thus the temperature of the air, and an on/off fan motor. Even after this consultation and, I am sure, the proper settings of the controls, we never did get any heat. (I need to check ductwork and connections).

Tad provided an outstanding tri-fold full color hand-out that included the history of antiques. Donald and Rose Ladd arrived just in time for our scheduled departure. Up Interstate 64, eight MG B roadsters, Susan Bond in her MG B GT and Fred McCall in his MG A roadster headed, then across the battlefield to Yorktown to meet up with Roy and Janice Gavilin (MG B roadster), Doug and Eiko Wilson (MG B roadster), Craig and Joyce Cummings (MG C GT), and Steve and Mitzi LaPaugh (Toyota wanabee). The use of facilities delayed our 10:02 departure, even though we were not laden with our normal consumption of beer and wine.

Over the York River on the Coleman bridge we went using our E-ZPass's except for Al Hazlett. It is not that Al thinks that using modern technology while driving an antique is inappropriate, he just didn't realize that as of July 2014, Virginia no longer charges 50 cents per month for the convenience. He stated that he had one, didn't use it and didn't want to pay 50 cents a month for nothing.



The Stagecoach Market in Gloucester, our first antique stop, contained many independent shops in old wooden buildings. We wandered through the shops looking for things we could not live without; but few found anything. As we were about to leave for next stop, lunch, Cynthia Faschini just had to buy some French fries delaying our departure. (Those fries were mighty good).

The food at our lunch stop, Car Wash Café, in Kilmarnock, is outstanding. Unfortunately, everybody seems to know this and the place was full when we arrived. About half of us did get to eat there as tables cleared with the rest going to a diner down the road. The restaurant is located in a non-descript building connected to a self-service car wash.

On-to the Kilmarnock Antique Gallery which consists of a large 22,000 square foot building with displays by 100 dealers ... an antique department store. We, again, wandered through for an hour. Denise Haag noticed a nice collection of tanzanite jewelry at great prices but husband Mike quickly disappeared. Restoring cars versus jewelry ... simple answer. Bob Vann with navigator Jenny Windsor looked for investments but didn't find anything. We then gathered in the parking lot to witness Tad surprising his wife Karen, a professional seamstress, with a hand-operated miniature Singer sewing machine that he had bought at the Stagecoach Market earlier in the day.

Back we went to Holly Hill Antiques in Gloucester. This ex-farm along the highway housed its wares in the old barn and a number of ramshackle out buildings. Again we wandered through the wares looking for anything that we could live with vice anything we couldn't live without. As we were leaving, Cynthia, after many tries, was able to get the B in reverse, exclaiming: "Getting it into reverse is like great sex!" Please be tolerant, Cynthia has three different transmissions to understand: the MG B overdrive, the Ford Sierra 5-speed in the A and TF, and the TD 4-speed.

We parted company with the group as we followed Frank and Kiz Worrell onto 64; realizing too late that Tad went straight under 64. So, we headed straight home.

Another wonderful Tad-created day in our fine cars enjoying the daffodil-spotted countryside of Virginia.

Andy Wallach

Activity Report – April 2017

If any of you have been running around topless just after sunset in the last few weeks, you may have noticed Venus and Mars in the western sky. Venus has been so bright, it was visible even at dusk, while the Red Planet waited until dark to appear. And Saturday evening coming back from the Antiques Treasure Hunt, although not topless, we were still treated to a rising full moon. Nights like these bring to mind the 1976 MGB print ad.

Well, our March 11th Treasure Hunt has come and gone. We managed to sneak in between Friday's blustery winds and Sunday's threat of snow. The weather held out for us as temps nudged into the 40s and the sunshine made it feel even warmer. You'll read more from Andy about that day's adventures, but I would just like to say thank you to all who participated.

Next up is our first Tech Session of 2017 on Sunday, April 23 at Deb & Frank Linse's home in Norfolk. If you are putting the final touches on your car for driving season, there are plenty of healing hands ready to help. If you hear a rattle coming back from the Williamsburg British Car Show on 4/22, shake, rattle and roll to Frank's. If you want a final check-up before the Virginia Spring Tour, check in at 10am. And if you just want to kibitz, there will be plenty of seats available out on the lawn.

Spring Tour XV is set for the end of April. Twenty-eighty intrepid travelers will chase Becky and Alan through the backroads of central Virginia, stopping along the way to sample regional restaurants, old hotels, wineries and much more. There will be more on these adventures in the June edition of The Dipstick.

You can mark your calendars for our May Dessert Drives. On Wednesday, May 24th, we'll be on the Peninsula, and then it's back to the Southside on Thursday, May 25th. Then on Friday, June 2nd, we are planning a visit to the Petersburg Battlefield. If you are participating in the Moss MotorFest on June 3rd and will be traveling up early, or if you just happen to be in Petersburg, join us for the guided tour. The best place to get details on these three drives will be the May Dipstick, so keep your subscription current.

And finally, Baseball is Back! Tuesday, June 27th, the Tides take on the Louisville Bats at Harbor Park. Once again, it is Turn-Back-the-Clock Night – \$0.50 dogs, popcorn and soft drinks, washed down by an assortment of adult beverage options (not \$0.50). The first 15 of our 25 seats were spoken for at the March meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us that evening. Box seat tickets are only \$12.

Oh, and for those of you who read the March Dipstick and are wondering about Flash Drives, keep an eye on your email between now and April 9 (weather permitting – we want a Flash Drive, not a flash flood).



Of possible interest for a future outing, April 22nd marks the Grand Opening of the Classic Motor Museum in St. Michaels, MD. You will find motoring classics of all kinds, from antique farm tractors to fine examples of the cars that have fueled American's love affair with the automobile. The collection will rotate regularly so there is always something new to see. Above all, they are dedicated to educating the next generation of technicians trained in the art of classic vehicle restoration and maintenance. Tie this into the regularly-scheduled Cars and Coffee (Saturdays, 9-11am) and you have a pretty good day.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 4th at Jayne & Bruce Easley's home in Seaford. Tyre kicking is at 7:30, followed by the meeting at 8:00. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tad Carter



Dipstick Calendar – April 2017

Apr. 4 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in Seaford
Hosted by Jayne and Bruce Easley

Apr. 9 - Flash Drive

Apr. 22 – Williamsburg British Car Club Show

Apr. 22 – Classic Motor Museum – St. Michaels, MD
Grand Opening

Apr. 23 (Sun) – Spring Tech Session
Hosted by Deb and Frank Linse

Apr. 28 – 30 - Spring Tour XV – Shenandoah Valley

May 3 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Hosted by Cynthia and Andy

June 2 - 3 Moss MotorFest 2017 – Petersburg, VA
www.MossMotors.com
(TMGC – Battlefield Tour on Friday 6/2)

June 4 – Original British Car Day, Adamstown, MD
Chesapeake Chapter – New England MG T
Register
www.ChesapeakeChapterMGClub.com

June 6 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in VB
Hosted by Issie and Bill Yoshida

June 19 – 23 – NAMGAR – GT-42, Solvang, CA
www.NAMGAR.org

June 25 – 28 – NAMGBR – MG-2017, San Diego, CA
www.NAMGBR.org

June 27 – (Tue) Tides Baseball – Turn Back the Clock Night
7:05pm vs. Louisville Bats

July 5 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting - TBD

July 11 -14 - GOF-Central – Akron, OH
www.GOFCentral.com

Aug. – TBD – Summer Tech Session

Aug. 1 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in Hampton
Hosted by Faith and PJ Peterson

Aug. 19 – 22, 2017 – SYZGY 2017 – Journey to the Umbra

TMGCC March 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes

For our March 2017 meeting, the Prez Robert Perrone welcomed all the “esteemed” members to the home of Jim and Betty Villers, minus Betty who was away on other business. As always, the crowd was affable, beverages were excellent, and snacks in abundance. The minutes from the February meeting were approved, and then we moved on to other business.

Our VP Tad Carter congratulated the group on the great participation in the upcoming club driving events. There are 25 people signed up for the Antiques Treasure Hunt on March 11, thirty signed up for the Spring Tour to the wilds (wild club members) of western Virginia, and 22 people signed up for the Eclipse Adventure Tour to South Carolina in August.

Robert enquired as to new members or guests, and found that Pete Olson’s sister and niece were in attendance. Also, Jim Smith announced he was getting ready to pay dues for his new membership. He has a 1971 MG bought new, but “still working on it”. He and the car are from Maine; should be a welcome change... for the car, at least. Also, the world famous MG mechanic Martin “Tino” Vander Haeghe had joined us for the evening. Things are looking up!

Our historian was not present for the meeting, but the Membership guru, Bill Yoshida, updated us on who’s who and what’s what with new members, etc., and announced we have 178 cars in our club. Treasurer Jim Villers ~~was on a club paid vacation in Aruba~~ announced that we started last month with \$2016 in the treasury, and after dues income minus payouts for the swap meet and Dipstick distribution, we had \$1915.14 in the treasury. Dipstick Editor Mark Davidoski expressed “thanks” to Tad for his write-up of the recent Brew Cruise, and also thanks to Jim V and Mike Haag for getting the Dipstick out and on line.

As Activities Director, Tad updated us on the Antiques Treasure Hunt drive and stated he would provide a last minute weather update for those who are signed up. Our next Technical Support (“Tech”) Session will be on April 23 at the home and garage of Frank and Deb Linse. Come work on your MG or someone else’s, you won’t find a better technical resource than Frank. Our three day Spring Tour starts April 28, with a probable meetup in Ashland at 10:00 AM. A full tour schedule will be provided as the date gets closer. On June 27 we’ll have our annual Turn Back the Clock baseball outing with the Tidewater Tides playing the Louisville Bats at Harbour Park. The annual Williamsburg Car Show will be on April 22 this year. There is a “mini-GOF for MG T Series in Fredricksburg the first weekend in May, with an April 8 sign-up deadline; contact Bob Stein for details.

Our Rafflemaster David Kinsey was absent, and we moved on to New/Old Business. Pete Olson recognized Tino and said he would like to see Tino get complimentary newsletters or membership. Their shop, Louis Foreign Car at 517 Va. Beach Blvd., has carried the business and helped club members for 50 years. They will host a going out of business celebration and auction on May 13. You can catch up with Tino on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lfc.louisforeigncar, or by phone at 757.425.6513. Bob Stein noted that there is an MGA available at the Pick and Pull in Virginia Beach. Andy Wallach discussed his progress with his TD restoration, and is working on the carpeting and interior. Donald Ladd updated us on their “Midget Catastrophe” on a recent drive – it was related to a clutch fluid line problem.

There being no other business – Meeting Adjourned!

Bruce Easley



Is Your Car in Need of a Tech Session?

Bring it to Frank & Debbie Linse's Garage
Sunday, April 23rd starting at 10 a.m.



301 E McGinnis Circle
Norfolk, VA
461-7783



Membership Report April 2017

2017 Membership: As of 19 March there are 118 paid memberships

New Memberships:

James & Donna Smith
Portsmouth, VA 23704
1971 MGB-GT

Martin (Tino) and Beth Vander Haeghe
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
23+ Various MGs
(Thanks go to an anonymous donation)

Cars: Total cars – 202

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

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
30	2	75	19	1	4	7	20	4	10

Other/Variou MGs – 30 (1-Cooper MG/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB/ 2 ELVA Courier/ plus 23 of Tino's TBD MGs)

Dues: I turned over \$20 in cash dues to Jim Villers that I collected at the March meeting.



Marque Time



I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm ready for Winter to be over. Yes, by the time this is in the Dipstick it will officially be Spring, but it can't be soon enough for me. I need to get out with the top down on my MG without the need to bundle up like *Nanook of the North*. Maybe I've gone a little stir crazy (as opposed to my regular kind of crazy) after spending too much time in these winter months either at work or stuck inside the house. As I write this tonight the outside temperatures are in the 20s. And on top of everything else I have a few messages from my "old" buddy Kerry Brunner telling me about the wonderful time he's having sipping cold adult beverages on an 84 degree beach in Aruba.

Maybe I could try that approach at home. No, not by going to the beach, but having a beverage or two of my own might help. Hey, it couldn't hurt as long as I don't get too carried away. I do understand what George Burns meant when he said "*It takes only one drink to get me drunk. The trouble is, I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or the fourteenth.*" I have a hard time after that too...

So I've been searching for a little inspiration, but just can't seem to find it right now. I know, I know. You might be thinking to yourself that I should just be writing about the club, our cars, the warm weather that's in front of us and all of the plans that are coming together for the spring and summer.

And that is something to bring some hope to any LBC owner. We really do have a lot of great things to look forward to, from the monthly meetings, to the Spring Tech Session and the upcoming Spring Tour... which is not the Wine Tour... or is it? Let's see, we are having a "*Wine Bootcamp*" so maybe it is after all. Well, it could be the "*1st Annual Spring Tour*" but no, technically not the "*15th Annual Wine Tour*", but then again it could be "*Spring Tour XV*" which is what it says on our website. No matter what they call it, I'm in. And with that, so is this latest installment of *Marque Time*.

So, now that I've finished my task for this month, I might indulge in a little something after all. I think I hear Mr. Jameson calling my name. I believe he wants me to join him for a little taste of Black Barrel Irish Whiskey.

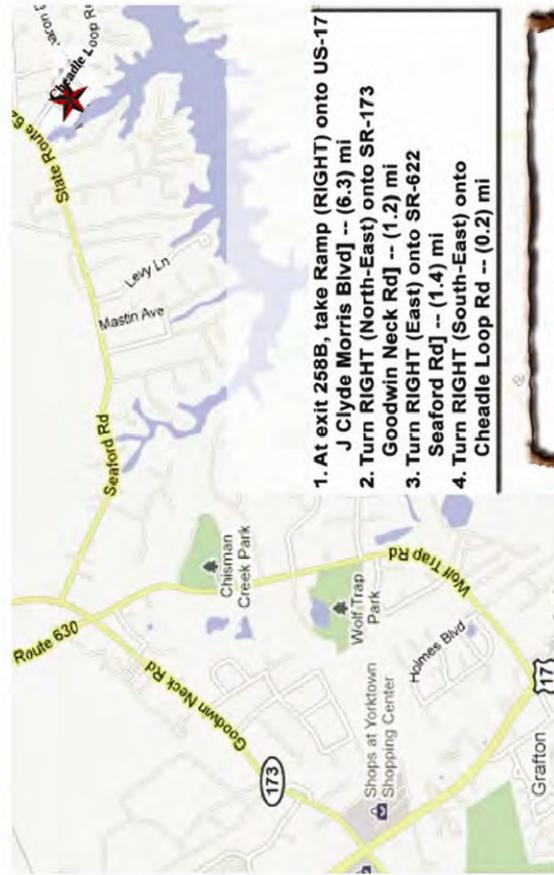
Well, I don't want to be rude... and since I'm not driving... Cheers!

Safety Fast,
Robert



Monthly Meeting
 Tuesday 4th April
 Bruce & Jayne Easley
 116 Cheadle Loop Rd.
 Seaford, VA
 757-897-8263

The meeting will be in the house at the end of the long driveway.



1. At exit 258B, take Ramp (RIGHT) onto US-17 J Clyde Morris Blvd] -- (6.3) mi
2. Turn RIGHT (North-East) onto SR-173 Goodwin Neck Rd] -- (1.2) mi
3. Turn RIGHT (East) onto SR-622 Seaford Rd] -- (1.4) mi
4. Turn RIGHT (South-East) onto Cheadle Loop Rd -- (0.2) mi

7:30 - 8:00 pm - Kick Tyres
8:00 Meeting



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