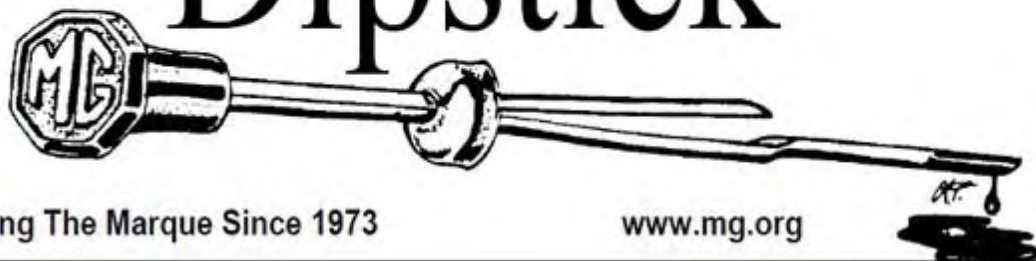




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Activity Report - April 2018

So, curiosity got to you and you're back for more. We looked at '38 and '48. What changed by the time 1958 rolled around? For starters, that gallon of gasoline had almost doubled to \$0.30. However, wages had kept pace and the average worker was raking in \$5500 per year. The average car could be yours for \$2200. Would that cover a paint job today? And postage rates were increased for the first time in 26 years - by a penny. In the theatre, you were lining up for Thunder Road, Vertigo, South Pacific, and The Attack of the 50 Ft. Woman. And the Oscar goes to...The Bridge Over the River Kwai. What else was going on in entertainment? Hula hoops, stereo recordings, At the Hop and Tequila. Drive-ins peaked at 4063 screens nation-wide. And while Chevy was introducing the Impala, MG was rolling our MGAs destined for the Bostain, Linse and Stein garages, and a ZB for Mike and Jennifer.

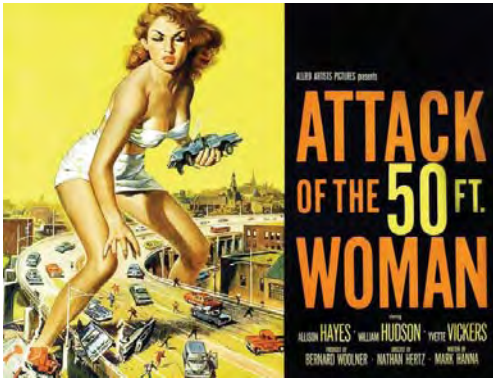


How about 1968? The Dow closed the year at 943. Date night would set you back \$3 (that's two tickets) at the movies, plus some popcorn. Gasoline was still only \$0.34/gallon, and the average income had jumped to \$7850/year. Intel began manufacturing memory chips, the Beatles released the White Album, and Peggy Fleming graced the ice in Grenoble. Gary Puckett and the Union Gap placed more songs in the Top-100, but the Beatles' Hey Jude held the #1 position. Motor Trend thought the Pontiac GTO was Car of the Year. We know better - it was really that MGB that sits in Jim Freeh's garage today.



There's one more decade to go - check back in May. As for April, we kick things off on Tuesday the 3rd with our meeting at Eric and Cindy Lee's home in Ocean View. Your best bet for parking will be at Ocean View Fishing Pier, and then a short walk to the house.

(At left, Billy and Ashley - our March meeting hosts)



You still have time to sign up for the Williamsburg British Car Show on the 14th. Bring a friend. After you have seen all the cars, check out the Shops at High Street, or grab a bite to eat. There are plenty of options on hand.

If your car hasn't awakened from its winter slumber yet, mark April 22 on your calendar. Our first Tech Session of the year is hosted by Deb and Frank Linse in Norfolk. With Deb's gracious welcome and Frank's skilled hands, everyone should drive away in good shape.

Many of you are waiting anxiously to discover what Beckey and Alan have in store for the VA Spring Tour. Your wait will come to an end on April 27-29. For those traveling out of Tidewater, we will arrange a convoy to the starting line as we get a little closer to departure. Watch your email for updates.

And if you have been listening carefully, that's the sound of baseballs hitting gloves and the crack of the bat you hear in the background. Spring Training is upon us, which means Opening Day can't be far behind. Our annual visit to Harbor Park is set for Monday, June 25th. Over half of our ticket block is spoken for, but if you want to join us for Turn-Back-The-Clock night, let me know. We'll save you a seat. Tickets are only \$12. After a close defeat in 2017, we need your help to cheer the Tides back to their winning ways. Email or call with your ticket requests, or see me at an upcoming meeting.

Until we meet again, enjoy the ride. *Tad Carter*



Dipstick Calendar – April 2018

Apr. 3 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – Norfolk
Hosted by Cindy Lee & Eric

Apr. 14 – 19th Annual Williamsburg British Car Show
NEW VENUE!!
www.wmbgbrit.com

Apr. 22 – Spring Tech Session – Hosted by Deb & Frank Linse

Apr. 27 – 29 – Spring VA Tour

May 2 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Norfolk
Hosted by Cynthia & Andy

May 30 – 31 – Dessert Drives

June 5 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – VB
Hosted by Issue & Bill (Membership
Renewal)

June 13-17 NAMGAR GT-43 – Richmond, VA
Registration at www.gt43.org

June 17-22 - MG2018 – Gettysburg, PA
www.MG2018.namgbr.org

**June 25 – Norfolk Tides Baseball vs. Gwinnett
Stripers**
First Pitch – 7:05PM

July 10 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – Seaford
Hosted by Jayne & Bruce

Aug. TBA – Summer Tech Session

Aug. 7 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – VB
Picnic in Great Neck Park

Sep. 5 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Norfolk
Ocean View Fishing Pier

Sep. 20-23 (tentative)
Crooked Road Fall Tour

Oct. 2 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – VB
Hosted by Renee & Bill

Nov. TBA – Fall Tech Session

Nov. 7 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Hampton
Hosted by Faith & PJ

Dec. TBA – 45th Anniversary Celebration

Bold-Faced Items are TMGC Events



Marque Time

Greetings MG Enthusiasts,

Sometimes it pays to go a little distance. Such was the case with our March meeting. Ashley and Billy Stutz hosted an outstanding gathering. Thank you! Great people, cars, food, and lets not forget the libations made for a fine evening.

Don't forget the spring tech session at the Frank Linse MG Repair facility on April 22. All of the work is guaranteed until you roll off the driveway. The mechanics lack certification and are the best that you will find anywhere. This is your opportunity to be ready for 'the season',

I drove by Louis Foreign Car on 17th Street recently. Yeah, Tino is still around but the MG's are missing. It must have taken multiple tractor trailers to remove all of the history. I miss it.

The walk to defeat ALS is on June 2 at the Norfolk Waterside. I encourage all to get involved. You can walk, donate, solicit donations or do all three. Register to walk at 'walktodefeatALS.org'. I will provide donation information next month.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our April meeting.

Safety Fast,
Bill O

Membership Update - April 2018

2018 Membership: We currently have 113 paid memberships.

New Memberships:

Don & Alice Kaus
Chesapeake, VA 23321
1978 Midget

Justin & Blaze Quam
Chesapeake, VA 23320
1961 Morgan –Ford 1600GT

Cars: Total cars – 180

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

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
29	2	78	18	1	4	7	20	4	10

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

Dues: I do not hold any money for turnover to Jim.

Cheers! Bill Yoshida

Is Your Car in Need of a Tech Session?

Bring it to Frank & Debbie Linse's Garage
Sunday, April 22nd starting at 10 a.m.



**301 E McGinnis Circle
Norfolk, VA
461-7783**

March 7, 2018 TMGCCC Meeting Minutes

President Olcheski opened the meeting by thanking Billy and Ashley Stutz for hosting the meeting at their lovely home. There were no minutes to approve since February's minutes were absent from the newsletter. But the good news is that you will get two sets of minutes in the March newsletter. There were 25 people in attendance.

Vice President had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report indicates that we have a balance of \$1,788.00.

Tad Carter reported that March 25 there are currently 25 people going to Hanover Theater. We will be leaving at 10:01, lunch will be at was once the Rose and Crown but is now Colonial Kitchen. The spring Tech session is April 22. Planning on going to the Williamsburg car show you can save \$5.00 by signing on or before April 7. If you would like to experience the spring drive out which Alan and Becky put on there are still a few slots left.

Switching to sports we are on for June 25 for the Tides Baseball game. This is turn back the clock night where you can feast for a fraction of the cost. There are 30 tickets each costing \$12.00. Don't forget to put on your calendar the next meeting will be at Eric and Cindy's in Ocean View.

Membership reported that we have 113 members to include two new members.

If you are interested in purchasing a hat Rose Ladd stated that they are \$20. Several members were sporting these hats.

New Business: Rose stated that there is a Mexican restaurant that doesn't charge additional cost of using the room as a possible site for meetings. Also on April 20 the British Pub is having a grand opening in Virginia Beach. Tad our illustrious activities director said he would check these out.

The 50/50 raffle included \$14.00 for the winner along with contributions from Don Ladd of two mouse pads that depict the Tidewater logo along with the back drop of a British flag and two framed photos of the eclipse that were beautiful.

Motion to adjourn.



February 6, 2018 TMGCCC Meeting Minutes

(Inadvertently omitted last month!)

President Olcheski opened the meeting at the Oozlefinch Brewery located on Historic Ft. Monroe. Oozlefinch is the unofficial historic mascot of the Air Defense Artillery and is portrayed as a featherless bird that flies backwards (at supersonic speeds). The minutes for January were approved and Bill was sporting a new pair of shoes which goes with a story. See Marque Time. Bill welcomed a special guest of honor J. D. Hawthorn whose presence has been missed in recent meetings. He was a past Vice President of the club and is credited with “nothing to report” gesture.

We had a few guests John Singletary brought Justin Quam who has been helping John with his 61 Morgan (black and silver). Justin recently got engaged and is planning on marrying Blaze April 13, 2019. Bill Yoshida brought his handsome son Mike. Donald Kaus who has a 1978 Midget (red) met the club while attending the Tide’s baseball game. Welcome to all.

Faith Peterson – Vice President followed in the footsteps of her predecessors and continued with “nothing new to report”

Treasurer’s report: Balance carried forward is \$2,125.12.

Tad Carter provided a plethora of activities. First ride of the year is Saturday, February 17 – Horrible Idea Tour. Plan on experiencing a variety of libations and nectar heading back home sweet and distilled. Nine cars and 15 people are currently signed up. March 10 Snowball Run, March 25 Hanover Theater there is two seats available. Spring tour hosted by Betty and Alan has 13 cars signed up. NAMGAR is in Richmond June 13-17 and MGA is in Gettysburg June 18-22. Turn back the clock night at Harbor Park 2 dates are available stay tuned. April 14 Williamsburg British Car Show. March 10 Tidewater Swap Meet our club will have a booth. For further details consult the website.

Membership had nothing new to report.

Dipstick - Mark Davidoski gave us a teaser indicating that there would be an article from a mystery member of the club.

Regalia – Rose Ladd presented the new and improved hats of which she has 24 at a cost of \$20 each.

There was no old business.

Marque Time: Back to the shoes. Denise Haag received a delivery from Nordstrom’s which was intended for someone who lived in Lakeshore Drive in Cleveland, Ohio. She opened the box and saw a pair of \$300.00 men’s shoes. So what else could she do but gift them to our President. Not sure if I have all of the facts correct but you can always go to the source to get a more accurate account of what happened.

Motion to adjourn.

Dipstick Chuckle

Contributed by
Cynthia Faschini



Q: What are the two questions you hear most from the passenger in your MGBGT?

A: 1. Is it HOT in here?
2. Do you smell gas?

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Editors' note: We are always looking for additional material for the Dipstick. Club members enjoy hearing about TMGC activities, but also anything that is MG or driving related, including what YOU have been up to in your car!

The submission deadline is the 20th of each month, but we're always on the lookout for additional stories "in the bank" for future issues.

Don't be shy – The Dipstick Needs YOU! (And your story!)



Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 3rd
Hosted By
Eric and Cindy
464 W. Ocean View Ave
Norfolk, VA.

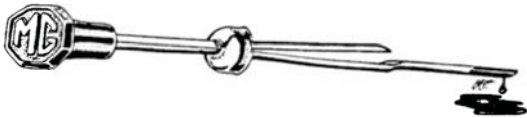


- Take I-64 (toward RICHMOND/HAMPTON if coming from Beach or Chesapeake, toward HAMPTON/NORFOLK if coming from Hampton)
- Take 4TH View St. exit - 273 - toward OCEAN VIEW
- Turn RIGHT (if coming from Beach or Chesapeake), turn LEFT (if coming from Hampton) onto 4TH View ST.
- Turn left on W Oceanview



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

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