



The Dipstick



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WILLIAMSBURG BRITISH CAR CLUB 19th ANNUAL CAR SHOW, April 14th

Our club was well represented at this show, both in participation and in the organization of the event. Several members have dual club-affiliation and those north of the HRBT helped organize the show, namely Roy Gavilan, Doug Wilson, Craig & Joyce Cummings, Bob & Missy McKenna and Faith & P.J. Peterson, who was the car show chairman, ably assisted by Faith. Those driving from Southside were Andy Wallach (TD), Rose & Donald Ladd (mighty Midget), Eric Fee, who brought Frank Linse in the Rolls Royce, Billy Stutz (B), Rob McPherson in his TD and Mike and I in the MGB-GT V8.



The day was the first truly springlike day of the year – gorgeous sunshine, around 80 degrees, with a nice breeze – unlike the past two years at the Chickahominy River Park location, which were bitterly cold, turning to rain last year and to snow the year before! This year the car show was at a new location in the High Street development in central Williamsburg. Lots of places to eat, too! There were around 155 cars on show and the featured Marque was the Canada-based Daimler & Lanchester Club of North America – an almost dead breed of car and a fading club whose cars are disappearing into museums. In order to show their cars and get together as a group, they join other clubs' shows, rallies, tours, etc. around the Country. A good solution to a sad problem; let's hope that this never happens to our beloved MGs!

There were 22MGs in the field, 12 Morgan's – more than we've ever seen in one place at one time – 2 original Mini-Coopers, 1 Nash Metropolitan and 1 Mini- Moke, as used in "The Avengers". Lots more fine machinery was on display, but I wasn't counting! Several of our club members took trophies – Rose Ladd's Midget earned a 3rd, Billy Stutz's 1971 chrome-bumper MGB got a 2nd, and Craig Cummings' MGC took a 1st. Congratulations to all, and especially to our own PJ Peterson for chairing a very successful show in a new location, with none of the expected "hiccups" as far as these participants could see.

Submitted by Jennifer Ash

Williamsburg British Car Show scenes



Dipstick Calendar – May 2018

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

May 30 – (Wed) – Dessert Drive – Peninsula Edition
6:30PM – Yorktown Battlefield Visitors Center

May 31 – (Thu) – Southside Edition
6:30PM – Harris Teeter – Nimmo Parkway (by VB
City Offices)

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



Marque Time

Greetings MG Enthusiasts,

Two of the things that I enjoy most are going to the beach and attending MG Meetings. In April I was able to do both at the same time. Thank you to Cindy and Eric for hosting the gathering. It was great!

I wrote the above several weeks ago. Today is April 20 and the deadline for Dipstick. I want to share with my MG family that yesterday afternoon Renee's mother passed peacefully. She was a wonderful woman and we enjoyed sharing our home with her for eleven years. Mitzi lived 90 years and had a full life. She always enjoyed the club meetings that we hosted and visiting with the members.

She will be missed by all.

I am going to cut this short with a "Safety Fast....."

Bill
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Activity Report – May 2018

1978 marked the beginning of several eras. We were introduced to Garfield, Odie, and Jon Arbuckle in June. Did anyone else drop a few quarters when Bally brought us Space Invaders? And we were in the heart of the disco era, as Saturday Night Fever hit the theatres. Elsewhere in theatres, we were introduced to Bluto, Otter, Flounder, and Dean Wormer, and we found out it was really the Germans who bombed Pearl Harbor. The average cost of a new house was \$62,500, and the average annual income was \$17,000. Radio Shack's TRS-80 could be yours for \$399 – not much more than that 8-track player at \$169. And your gallon of gas had doubled to \$0.69. Back in Abingdon, MG was busy building B's for Tommy, Bill O, PJ, Mary Ann and Frank. And for a change of pace, they built a B-GT for Bob. Happy 40th Anniversary to all!



Things started to ramp up in April, with the first show (Williamsburg), the first Tech Session, and the 16th Spring Tour. Now that May has come around, there is more on the schedule. Saturday, May 5th is World Drive your MGA Day. And all Brits can celebrate British Car Week May 26th – June 3rd. Regardless of your model, get out there and celebrate our fellow MGs and our cousin marques.

Locally, we will head out again late in the month for our Dessert Drives. On Wednesday, May 30th, we convene for a 6:30 departure from the Yorktown Battlefield Visitors Center, with a Sno-to-Go destination. If recent history repeats, this could be a top-up adventure, as we have enjoyed(?) rain 4 of the last 5 years. The following night, it is back to the Southside, and a 6:30 departure from the Harris Teeter parking lot (Nimmo Parkway by the VB city offices). Destination – Rigoletto's. You won't believe the selection. Skip dinner. Come on out and bust your diet with us.

In June, we turn west for NAMGAR GT-43 in Richmond, and north for MG-2018 in Gettysburg. Ask around - I'm sure there will be a convoy going to these events. One group will be departing on Sunday, June 17th for the Gettysburg event. Let me know if you want to join up.

And then we have a local event – a home game – as our first-place Norfolk Tides take on the Gwinnett Stripers on Monday, June 25th. This is Turn-Back-the-Clock Night, with cheap dogs, popcorn and soft drinks. We still have tickets available in our block for only \$12. Again, contact your Activity Wonk for tickets.

Our May meeting is in Norfolk, hosted by Cynthia and Andy. Arrive at 7:30, and see what projects Andy has going in the garage. The meeting will start at 8:00.

And in June, we are in VB at Issie and Bill's. As always, June is membership renewal month. I look forward to seeing you at any or all of these events, and for the 2018-2019 membership year.

Until we meet again, enjoy the ride.

Tad Carter

April 3, 2018 TMGC Meeting Minutes

President Olcheski opened the meeting at 8:08pm after a frenzy of tickets were purchased for the raffle. He thanked the hosts Eric Fee and Cindy Lee Hall. It was a beautiful evening with a lot MG's being displayed in front of Eric's lovely home. Attendance was around 30 members. There were no new members and the minutes were approved.

Vice President reminded members that on April 14, 2018 the Williamsburg British Car Show would be taking place with temperatures in the 60's with a 30% chance of rain. The festivities begin at 10 am.

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

Tad Carter thanked Billy and Ashley who hosted the last meeting which was their first. Billy indicated that nothing was missing from the premises. Some exciting prospects may await the club in North Carolina after Tad has been doing reconnaissance and located a mile high brewery. More info to follow. There were 18 people who attended the Hanover Theater to see Irma Bombeck and all agreed it was fabulous and if you haven't taken the opportunity to do this you may want to take advantage the next time this is offered.

A reminder that the next tech session will be at Frank and Deb Linse. Andy Wallach chimed in saying you drive in and get towed away. The Virginia Spring tour is approaching with details to follow. Get ready for Tide's baseball on Monday June 25 with 50 cent popcorn, hotdogs and soda.

Terry Bond had a fantastic time at the swap meet where he was selling his wares inside as the rain was falling.

Cynthia and Andy will be hosting the May 2nd meeting.

Membership had nothing new to report. Bill is looking for his replacement. It was noted that he does such a great job that a replacement may be hard to find.

Car badges were brought up and we currently are not able to locate them but it was suggested that Mike Ash with his engineering accomplishment could likely make them but that might include a trip to Italy for research.

Dipstick - Mark Davidoski was looking for a volunteer for the Williamsburg show to write it up. It appears that Jennifer Ash may be the lucky person to do so.

New Business – Donald Ladd has a 1979 MG which he is getting ready to trash. If anybody needs fenders or parts from the car let him know. It does have axles and tires so it can be moved around.

There was no old business.

Marque Time: Andy Wallach shared a story about being aware of people giving you a good deed. Jim Villars passed on the deal to Andy several boxes of car parts from various types and models all for a price of \$239. Well they are currently residing in the garage and also in my living room.



Jim Villars talked about a GPS speedometer that you can plug into the cigarette lighter and it actually works. It is located behind the spoke that holds the windshield. Since we all know that the average speedometer on most of our cars is not too accurate this is a great find.

Regalia – Donald Ladd has made some Tidewater MG mouse pads that are on sale for \$10. Both the organizer and the 50/50 were won by Bob Reisse. First in line was Bill Yoshida

Motion to adjourn.

recorded by Cynthia Faschini

Hanover Theater Excursion

March 25, 2018

The sun was shining, as the team got together at our usual rally point at the Lake Wright hotel complex. The convoy of five MGBs, plus a BMW, a Miata, and a Benz departed promptly at 10:01 a.m. Tad led us up I-64 as far as Toano, where we gratefully exited to VA 30 and a series of winding county roads on our way to New Kent. We arrived at Colonial Kitchen (formerly dubbed the Rose & Crown) for brunch at 11:30. Our MGB count increased to six with the arrival of Alan and Beckey from nearby Beaverdam, who had been unexpectedly delayed by a very long freight train. Brunch was lively, despite the kitchen mix-up that somehow lost Alan's order. Through it all, Alan remained his usual unflappable self.



Back on the road at 1:00 p.m., we enjoyed chasing Tad and Karen's MGB over some twisty Virginia byways, until our arrival at Hanover Courthouse in time for the day's main event: The Virginia Repertory Theater's one woman, one act dramatization of Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End. Anyone who was either raising children or being raised as one during the 60's, 70's or 80's will remember Bombeck's syndicated humor column that poked fun at middle class motherhood.

After an afternoon of laughter and reminiscence it was back into our steeds for more relaxing miles over some of the best sports car roads in Virginia. We continued down VA 30 all the way to West Point and a fuel stop. Over the bridge we had a few more country miles before re-emerging onto I-64 for the last

hour into Tidewater. A small area of showers interrupted the sunny skies as we approached the HRBT. Emerging in Oceanview, we were treated to a rainbow that marked the return of clear skies. By the time we hit our driveways we'd clocked about 215 well-spent miles. Thank you Tad for leading us on another adventure that reinforced the notion that driving season is indeed upon us!



submitted by Mark Davidoski

Membership Update *compiled by Bill Yoshida*

2018 Membership: We currently have 113 paid memberships.

New Memberships: None

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/Variou 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. Next month begins the 2019 Membership Renewal.

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Contributed by
Cynthia Faschini



"it's easy, lady...just follow the oil leaks!"

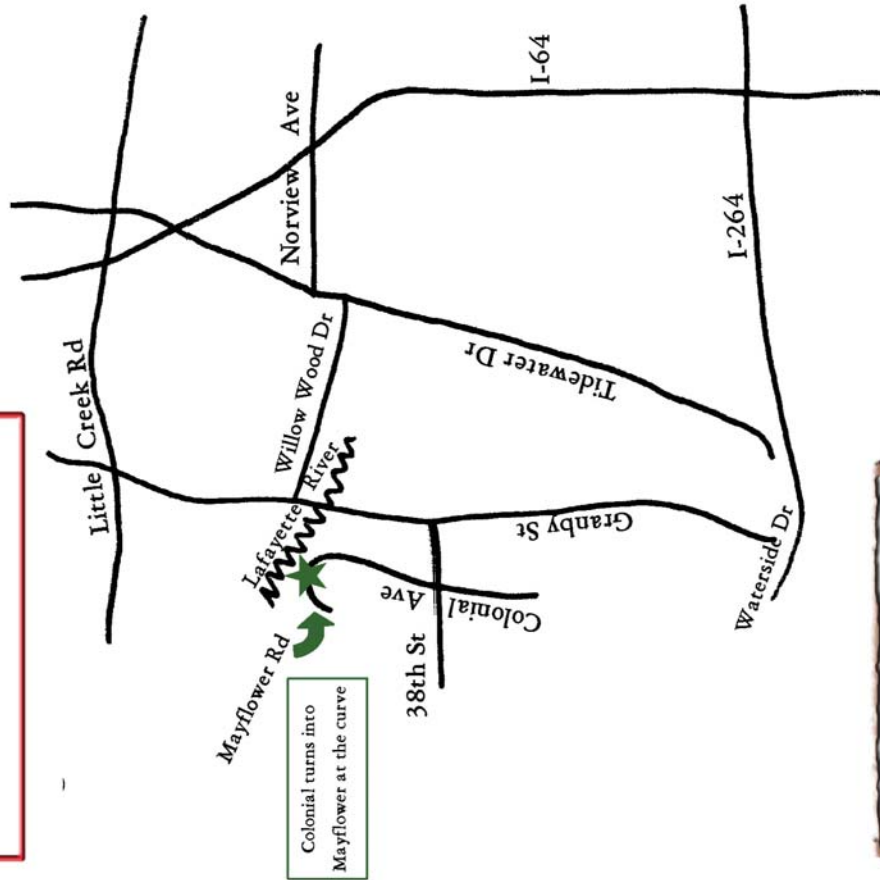
Spring Tech Session At Frank and Deb's

Look for complete coverage in the June
edition of the Dipstick





Monthly Meeting
 Wednesday, May 2nd
 Cynthia & Andy
 545 Mayflower Rd.
 Norfolk, VA
 622-8315



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



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