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Rollin' in Corolla

(TMGC day trip to the NC Outer Banks!)

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The driving season continued on March 16th with Tad's latest adventurous itinerary; this time to Currituck County, NC. The southside Hampton Roads contingent linked up at the Harris Teeter adjacent to the Virginia Beach Government Center for an on time 9:53 a.m. departure under sunny skies. Our routing took us down Centerville Turnpike to southbound US 158. A brief stop was made at the Currituck County Welcome Center where the group was increased by several fellow travelers, including Frank & Deb Linse, comfortably ensconced in the spacious rear seat of Eric's Silver Spur.



22,000 square feet of elegance

Eric was serving as chauffeur/footman while Deb gave her "royal wave" to passersby.

The entire convoy had grown to include 10 MGs, one Rolls Royce, one Z3 coupe, one Civic Si (British-built version), an F-150, and at least two other vehicles. (Bob Vann was driving a Toyota van in order to escort Jenny, who was sporting a cast from recent surgery.)

Continuing down highway 158 we saw some heavier than usual traffic, considering it was still officially winter. The Wright Memorial Bridge had one lane closed for winter maintenance, but we hardly noticed as we maintained speed to the Duck turnoff. Again, the traffic was somewhat busy, but we made steady progress to our first stop at the historic Whalehead Club in northern Corolla.

The 22,000 square foot Whalehead was completed in 1925 by James Collings Knight, Jr. a transportation magnate who had inherited his earthly position from his entrepreneurial father. Knight, Sr. made his first millions in the grocery business, which led him into sugar production. This required transportation, so railroads and steamships were next. At the time Knight, Jr. was building the Whalehead residence, he was principle owner of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which was the biggest in North America at that time. The home was built with no expense spared as Mr. Knight, with his French Canadian wife Marie Louise, was just the man to spend accordingly.



The guided tour was exceptionally informative, with a close look at several floors of the five level house, including the basement. Notable features include the first Otis elevator in the region (hand operated with pulleys and counterweights; for groceries and supplies only.) The home is (possibly) the only extant example of a 100% Art Nouveau structure in the country. Mrs. Knight's custom Steinway grand piano was another key feature. She brought the piece from another residence, which must have been quite a feat for area

watermen/freight haulers of the period.

The Knights were avid bird hunters, which was the *raison d'être* for the Whalehead. At that time, gun clubs were male-only enclaves. In response, Mr. Knight bought an existing gun club, demolished it, and built the Whalehead Club so he could shoot waterfowl with his new bride. The home includes plenty of duck and goose hunting memorabilia, including 11 historic shotguns in the small "gun room." Every room has a view of the surrounding marshlands, which must have been even more beautiful in the 1920's, before significant development had arrived in the area.

We skipped a planned climb up the adjacent Corolla Lighthouse, as it was nearing lunchtime at our next stop: Off The Wall Taphouse in southern Corolla. The Taphouse offers an excellent menu combined with 20 rotating taps that dispense a variety of craft beers and ciders. This is a self-serve operation, with the taps operated (and bar bills tallied) by wristband sensors issued by the management. Paying for beer by the ounce – what a concept!

Our homeward journey brought us back up highway 158 toward Tidewater. Along the way,



Donald and Rose encountered what turned out to be distributor trouble. After some vigorous troubleshooting at Currituck Family Practice in Jarvisburg, it was time for a flatbed ride home. Donald fixed the dizzy by the time they got home, and their MGB is doing fine!

Thank you Tad for yet another of your creatively planned and brilliantly executed driving junkets. Our cars enjoyed the exercise, our brains learned a lot about OBX history, and our thirst was quenched after an excellent lunch stop. Until next time.....

Our Docent gives the pre-tour chat



Currituck Light



Plastic straw alternative!



Marque Time

Greetings fellow MG enthusiasts,

Thanks to Tad for finding and securing a venue for the March meeting. The New River Taphouse came through with great food and beverages with Tidewater MG Classic's supplying great people. The crab cakes alone justify a return visit. Please keep your eyes open for potential meeting sites. I think that we are set for this year but we are a strong club and will be around for a long time.

If you find a good product or have something to share with the club please submit it to the Dipstick.

I recently purchased a product called Wipe New by Rust-Oleum. It claims to restore and renew dashboards, door panels, leather and vinyl seats, trim, bumpers, mirror housings, and faded plastic all with a 2 year guarantee. It claims to have no silicone or oils. I tried it on various vehicles in the presidential fleet and am impressed.

I was unable to join the caravan to Corolla but have not heard of any incidents and assume that we did not employ any tow truck drivers on the journey. **(editor's note: see page 2!)** It is hard to beat the dependability of a MG.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Villers' for our April Meeting.

Safety Fast!
Bill

Dipstick Calendar – April 2019

Apr 2 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – Virginia Beach
Hosted by Betty & Jim Villers

Apr 26-28 – Spring Tour – California, MD

May TBA - Spring Tech Session

May 1 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Norfolk
Hosted by Cynthia & Andy

May 4 – British & European Car Show
Hosted by Williamsburg British Car Club
www.WMBGBRIT.com

May 29 – Peninsula Dessert Drive
6:30pm departure from Yorktown Visitors Center

May 30 – Southside Dessert Drive
6:30pm departure from Harris Teeter - VB City Hall

June 4 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – Seaford
Hosted by Jayne & Brice Easley

June 7-8 – Moss MotorFest 2019 – Petersburg, VA
www.MossMotors.com/Motorfest

June 24 – Tides Baseball – Norfolk - Harbor Park
Tides vs. Stripers – First Pitch – 7:05PM

June 23 – 26 – NAMGBR – Traverse City, MI

July 10 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Chesapeake
Hosted by Ashley & Billy Stutz

July 10 – 14 - NAMGAR – Dubuque, IA

July 28 – Barksdale Theater – Hanover
Forever Plaid - 10am – 6pm

Aug 7 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – Virginia Beach
Hosted by Kathy & Mark Davidoski

Aug TBA – Summer Tech Session – Virginia Beach
Hosted by Rachel & Mathieu Huovinen

Sept TBA – Wings & Wheels – Virginia Beach

Sept 3 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Norfolk
Ocean View Fishing Pier

Oct 4-5 – British Car Festival – Waynesboro
www.SVBCC.net

Activity Report – April 2019

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Another Oh, MG moment – Horton (Spring Tour - 2004), Early Mountain (Spring Tour - 2013) and Barboursville (Raid on Harpers Ferry – 2014) vineyards were among the 2019 Governor's Cup winners announced recently.

We're just about getting to the babies of the bunch with b-day wishes for our 40-year-olds. We celebrate the Hess Midget (yes, we can still use that term), Anita Edwards' B-LE and the Peterson's B V-8. And we have a swarm of B's, ranging across the alphabet from Bettis to Watson. Congratulations to all of these cars for keeping your owners on the road.

We were greeted by the illusion of Spring weather for our March drive to the Outer Banks. Let's go with bracing. But the sunshine felt good and the roads were dry. After February's drive, this was plenty good enough! We had a fleet of MGs, and we were joined by a BMW, a Rolls and a Vann – sixteen vehicles in all. This was a good shake-down cruise for the upcoming Spring Tour and a chance to get all of the kinks worked out prior to our departure for California (MD). Elsewhere in The Dipstick, the official scribe will relate tales from the middle of the pack. I will just add that there are other places to visit to our south, so look for more OBX in the future – just not in tourist season.

So, what's on tap for upcoming events? As mentioned, the **Spring Tour** will be at the end of April. Beckey and Alan, with assistance from Missy and Bob, have created another weekend of surprises. As stated many times before, if you aren't signed up for this one, or haven't joined us in the past, put this on your Bucket List. It is always a great weekend.

After that, we'll have our **Spring Tech Session** in May. This is a little later than usual but will still be in plenty of time to get your car ready for the summer driving season. Dates are still being considered.

We will try to get the **Dessert Drives** back on track in late May. These are just quick, mid-week evening jaunts to sample some local diet-busters. We've made several different stops in Williamsburg for the peninsula folks. It rains every time we go to Sno-to-Go, but the Shave Ice Snoballs are so worth it. We've also visited Kilwin's in CW. If you can't find something to satisfy your sweet tooth there, you aren't trying.

Back on the south side, following the demise of Handel's Ice Cream, we have tried several other options, including Rita's (good as ever) and Rigoletto's (what a pastry display!). Your May edition of The Dipstick will have details on starting points, and we may even know a destination by then. However, if you are a gambler, that isn't a safe bet.

At the April meeting, we will begin taking ticket reservations for **Tides Baseball and Turn-Back-the-Clock Night on Monday, June 24th**. We usually have a block of 20-25 seats behind home plate. It is great viewing, and conveniently situated for access to cold beer, hot dogs, and just about any other ballpark delicacy you have seen – deep-fried Twinkies, anyone? It's a fun evening. I hope you will join us.

Also keep in mind the July trip to Hanover for an afternoon theatre production of Forever Plaid. This is a musical comedy set in the '50's that I know you will enjoy. Our reservations are for **Sunday afternoon, July 28th**, and with the drive and lunch, it is an all-day event. Details to follow. Sign-up for that will begin in April, as well.

There actually is life outside of Tidewater MG, believe it or not. Moss Motors is hosting their 3rd **MotorFest** at their Petersburg facility on June 7-8. You'll see all sorts of LBCs on the show field. Due to the

overwhelming response for the Friday night event, it has been moved to the Moss warehouse. The original venue, Pamplin Historic Park, couldn't handle the crowd. However, if you are going out on Friday, this would be an interesting historical stop. It is also possible to go for just the show on Saturday, either with an entered vehicle or as a spectator. It's an easy drive out 460 from Tidewater, and a chance to pick up some parts you may need for your next project.

And the national shows are coming in June (**MG-2019 – NAMGBR in Traverse City, MI**) and July (**GT-44 – NAMGAR in Dubuque, IA**). Club member John Terschak, now living in Ohio, has offered a list of points of interest if you will be passing through his area on your way to either show. Among the possibilities are the Shawshank Prison, Schoepfle Gardens, Covered Bridges of Ashtabula County, and a speakeasy where Al Capone kept company with friends. If you are part of a convoy, get hooked up with John and he can provide a little more detail.

Faith is correct - we still have one open slot for a meeting host. The **November 6th meeting** is usually our Chili Cook-off, so much of the pressure is off of the hosts. If you are able to help, please contact Faith Peterson. Thank you!

Our **April 2nd meeting** will be hosted by Betty and Jim Villers at their home in Virginia Beach. The first 18 or so MGs will find parking space in the driveway. Everyone else should keep an eye out for directions to nearby parking.

Until we meet again, enjoy the ride!



So many taps; so little time!



Eric's Rolls feeling right at home

March 6, 2019 TMGC Meeting Minutes

President Olcheski called the meeting to order at 7:15. He thanked Tad for arranging these wonderful accommodations at the New River Taphouse. Believe it or not I ordered edamame and it was wonderful. Who would have thought? There were approximately 35 people present. The president spoke about a walk for ALS on May 18, 2019 at Waterside. He passionately spoke that it is an opportunity to get people to support ALS of which currently there is no known cause. His daughter who has ALS has a wheel chair which cost \$30,000. This event is the DC, Maryland and Virginia chapter. They sponsored a big kickoff at the Blue Moon Tavern on March 7, 2019 to kick this event off. The minutes were approved from the last meeting.



Vice President was live and in person I can attest to that. We don't know if she is wrong or correct but we may have a host for the November meeting.

Treasurer's report indicates that we have a balance of \$1,124.64

Dipstick: Please volunteer to write an article about the Outer Banks and also about the AACA swap meet. This is your time to shine. Articles are due by the 20th of the month.

Tonight we are celebrating Pete Olson's 60th birthday.

Historian: Sue Bond had nothing to report but there were several binders that we had an opportunity to look at.



Tad Carter: 22 people signed up for the Outer Banks trip on 16 March. 26 people signed up for the spring tour in California Maryland. In May there will be a dessert drive out. Of course, there are so many other things happening don't miss out. Spring tech session will be hosted by Frank Linse sometime in May. At the April meeting you can sign up for the Tides Baseball game. Tad has set aside 24 seats for June 24. Definitely worth our hotdogs weight in gold. If you haven't attended a

Hanover theater event please don't miss out. It is scheduled for the end of July. A must see is Forever in Plaid which is a musical comedy set in 1950's. It is "a very good show" as Ed Sullivan would say. The Millers are hosting the next meeting.

Old Business none.

New Business none.

Marque Time: Kimber festival will be in Simeon Philadelphia. Fred will be speaking. This is a race car museum. Bruce Easley recommended not getting rebuilt starters from O'Reilys because he went through two of them and they were bad bad bad. Went to Moss Moters and they worked like a charm. On the 4th of May the British Car Club will host their annual car show at High Street in Portsmouth VA.

Motion to adjourn.



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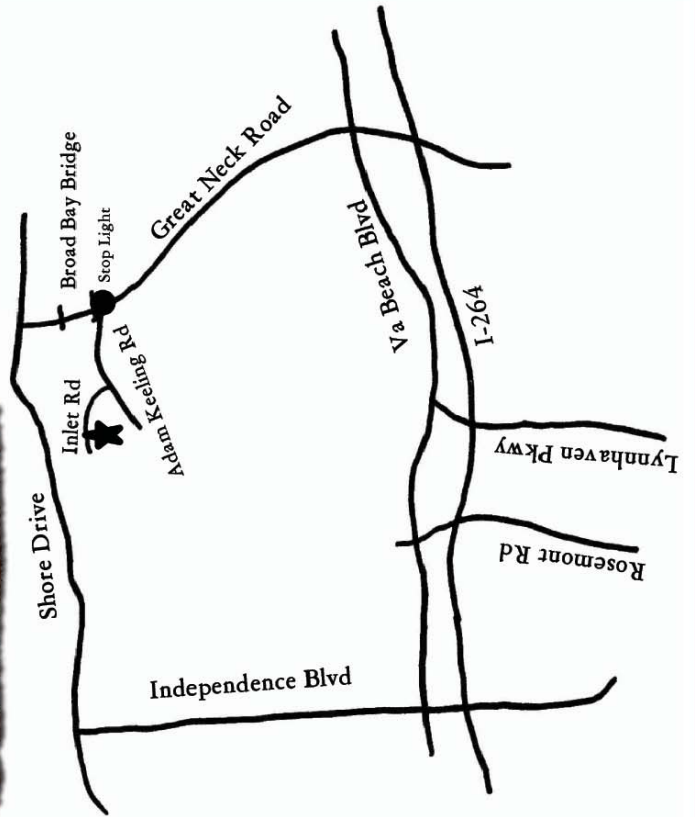
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Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, 2nd of April
Jim & Betty Villers
313 Inlet Rd.
Virginia Beach
481-6398

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



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