



# The Dipstick



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## Kicking off the 2019 driving season: *Another Horrible Idea*



The 16<sup>th</sup> of February. Dawn. Cold. Rain.....

*What better day way to embrace winter than with a daytrip sponsored by TMGC and led by Tad Carter!*

Ten vehicles gathered at the Lake Wright hotel complex for a 1036 departure to open the 2019 MG driving season. The convoy included four MGBs, a single B-GT, a solo BMW Z-3 coupe plus an assortment of more

“pedestrian” rides.

Our three destinations featured two things in common: adult craft beverages and interesting re-purposed buildings. After a short run to Kempsville, we pulled into Back Bay Brewing’s Farmhouse near the intersection of Kempsville Road and Centerville Turnpike. The Farmhouse sits on what was once a working farm. It subsequently served as the corporate offices of William E. Wood Realty for many years. Last year it re-emerged as a craft beer and cider destination, filled with interesting “farm-o-bilia” and unique artwork. The spacious grounds include multiple firepits and seating areas, antique farming implements, old vehicles, plus a unique see-through yurt (dome tent) for private meetings.

After a relaxing hour+ at Farmhouse we launched the convoy on what turned out to be a one hour and 20 minute tour of extreme rural Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. Fentress Airfield, Northwest River Park, the Blackwater Trading Post and the Military Aircraft Museum were among the landmarks as we wound our way through miles of fallow fields.

Just as most bladders were reaching capacity we gratefully pulled into New Realm Brewing on General Booth Boulevard at Corporate Landing Industrial Park. A lone VBPD patrol car greeted us as we entered the parking lot, as if to remind us to continue to behave responsibly. New Realm opened last year in what was once (briefly) the Greenflash Brewery. It produces craft beer offerings on site and features a sports bar atmosphere with plenty of seating. Pelican Pete’s Pizza truck was on duty just outside (still raining) and provided excellent fare.



Our third destination was just a short drive away at the Cavalier Hotel on Atlantic Avenue, near the beginning of the Virginia Beach North End. Tarnished Truth Distillery is located in the basement of the Old Cavalier hotel, which was built in 1927. After a long life as a resort destination, followed by some years of neglect, the property was restored and

reopened last spring. The basement includes the restored Hunt Room Bar, conveniently adjacent to the distillery. We enjoyed an informative and educational tour that was followed by a tasting flight of three drinks: unaged “white lightning”, three -year - old “high rye” bourbon, and nine - year - old “Old Cavalier” bourbon. Afterward we visited the gift shop where we enjoyed a taste of bourbon crème liqueur. A number of bottles of Tarnished Truth beverages were seen to leave the building with appreciative MG club members. (Note: Tarnished Truth also produces gin and vodka on site.) A few drivers remained for an early supper in the Hunt Room, while the rest of us enjoyed clearing skies for the final leg back to our respective homes. Despite the winter weather, it was an epic way to greet the driving season. Thanks Tad!





## Marque Time

Greetings MG Enthusiasts,

Thank you to the Finches for hosting our February meeting, The crowd was a little smaller than usual but the Oozlefinch Brewery did not let that stop them from preparing some soothing libations. We shared great information and a fun time was had by all.

Be sure to look at the calendar because there will be plenty of opportunities enjoy the spring with our cars and friends.

I am going to share a story. This is especially for those who feel that my jokes are not top shelf. This did not originate with me.

I had an uncle who had the most bizarre fixation back in the day- he would *drink brake fluid*. Maybe back in those days it was less toxic than it is today, because he never expired of it, but we were always worried about him doing it.

I remember one time my dad told him that he was addicted and needed to cut it out, that it was bad for him.

My uncle replied "Nonsense, I can stop anytime."

Drinking brake fluid is bad but even worse, i had another uncle who thought he was a chicken. We were going to have him committed but we needed the eggs.

OK, so I couldn't think of anything to write this month.

I look forward to seeing you at the New River Taphouse for our March 6 meeting.

Safety Fast!!!  
Bill O  
EI Presidente

## Dipstick Calendar – March 2019

**Mar 6 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Virginia Beach  
New River Tap House – 6:00 – 6:30 arrival**

Mar 9 - Tidewater AACA Flea Market  
Nansemond Suffolk Academy

**Mar 16 – (Sat) – OBX Adventure  
Whalehead Club, Currituck Lighthouse  
Late lunch in Duck**

**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](http://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](http://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**

## **Activity Report – March 2019**

Success! The kick-off of the 2019 Driving Season arrived on February 16<sup>th</sup>, with cool temperatures, and let's just call it liquid humidity. But our intrepid crew of 18 weathered the storm and enjoyed visits to several new venues in Virginia Beach. I look forward to reading about what was happening "back in the pack" elsewhere in The Dipstick. As always, these drives are open to anyone. We hope to see many more of you join us on the road in 2019.

We have lots of Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday wishes to share this month. First, to Bob Reisse's MGC and MGC-GT (are they fraternal twins?), and the MGC-GTs hanging out in the Cummings, Hannes, and Pearce garages. On a different branch of the family tree, we find the 1969 MG-Bs currently in the care of the Daddio, Fowlkes, Pellerin and Tyson teams. And finally, the MGB-GTs piloted by Mathew Foley and James Pearce. Wait, one more – everyone is included. Even the Lundquest 1969 A-H Sprite. Your AARP car cards are in the mail.

Our next drive is on **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Join us for **Rollin' in Corolla**. This is our first longer trip for 2019. We'll depart at **8:57am from HARRIS TEETER (Nimmo Parkway by VB city offices)**, and head south to the Outer Banks. We will tour the Whalehead Club in Corolla, then head next door to the Currituck Beach Lighthouse and museum. It is opening day at the lighthouse, so access to both the museum and all 220 steps to the top are free to the public! From there, we head a few miles south to Off-the-Wall Tap House for a late lunch. Expect an early evening arrival back in Tidewater. At this point, we have 8 cars (18 people) signed up, and we have room for more. Please contact your Activity Wonk if you want to join us.

One other thing happening in March – the AACA Swap Meet will be held at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy on Saturday, 3/9. This is a new venue for this event. For those not familiar with the swap meet, you will find "antique and collectible vehicle parts, accessories, and transportation-related memorabilia". Take US-58 to US-460-West. N-SA will be on your left a little over a mile out 460.

At last report, there were still a couple of openings on the **Spring Tour (April 26-28)**. If you are interested in this trip into MD, contact Watsons or McKennas. For those who have signed up, lodging information should be available shortly.

We still have one open slot for a meeting host. The **November 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

So, when do we get together again? Our **March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held at New River Tap House in Virginia Beach. We'll be in the upper dining area. As with other restaurant meetings, we recommend arriving between 6 and 6:30, and ordering whenever you are ready. This will ease the pressure on the kitchen and allow for better service. New River is on Pleasure House Rd between Independence and First Court.

Until we meet again, enjoy the ride!

*Tad Carter*

## February 5, 2019 TMGC Meeting Minutes



President Olcheski called the meeting to order at 7:03 after the members dined on delicious pizza and salad not to mention the tasty beer that was provided by Oozlefinch Brewery in Hampton, VA. The minutes were approved unanimously. Todd Smith was introduced as a guest and he has a 1987 Audi 400 Quattro in graphite black. This particular car has a 5 cylinder engine. This is his second meeting he has attended and seems to enjoy the camaraderie that our club offers.



Vice President was not present so Robert Perrone stood in for Faith and did the hand motion that Faith is noted for.

Treasurer's report indicates that we have a balance of \$1,318.24

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

Tad Carter had the longest report of the evening. February 16 there will be 10 cars for "That's Another Horrible Idea" tour visiting New Healm Brewers, Tarnished Truth Distillery and The Farmhouse Brewery. We will be meeting at the Lake Wright Hotel. There will be no valet parking due to the fastidious needs of our cars. March 16 Outer Banks where everyone will be able to enjoy walking the 220 steps to reach the top of the lighthouse. Becky and Missy are working hard on the spring tour. So far there are 14 people signed up. Don't miss out on going to California, MD. Ice cream drives are on once again and el presidente guarantees good weather. June 8 Moss Motors gets better every year. For further information please check out their website. Tides June 25 for "turn back the clock" night. The meeting March 6, 2019 will be at the New River Tap House in Virginia Beach.

Technical Mark Childers has not renewed and, therefore, may not be our technical guru any longer. It has been 45 years that he has held this position.

Membership is currently at 105 no change from last month.

Old Business none.

New Business none.

Marque Time March 9 there will be a swap meet and Nansemond Day Academy. There will be a table set up for anyone interested in attending.

Dipstick needs articles no later than February 20, 2019. Future articles are welcome by anyone to be submitted to the leading automotive newsletter.

Raffle was won by Cynthia Faschini in the amount of \$25 and our guest won an antique car puzzle.

Motion to adjourn.

*Recorded by Cynthia Faschini*

The Tidewater Region AACA invites you to our

**ANNUAL SWAP MEET**

8 AM to 3 PM

**Saturday, March 9, 2019 (Rain or Shine)**

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Special Thanks to Nansemond-Suffolk Academy and HealthySuffolkVa.org

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**CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.TRAACA.COM OFTEN FOR ANY IMPORTANT UPDATES**

*This event is for the sale of antique and collector vehicle parts, equipment, supplies, accessories, or related memorabilia only. It is not a general "flea market" and we do not wish to have crafts, household items, unrelated toys, clothing, equipment, supplies or services displayed. If you have any questions, ask before you arrive. Event organizers reserve the right to refuse admittance to any vendor selling, displaying or offering any items not in keeping with the theme or family-oriented nature of this activity.*

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 2nd**

For information contact:  
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757-650-3667  
 Or visit our club website:  
[www.traca.com](http://www.traca.com)




## Club Hats for Sale

Club hats are still available for \$20 apiece, See Rose at any of the meetings or events.

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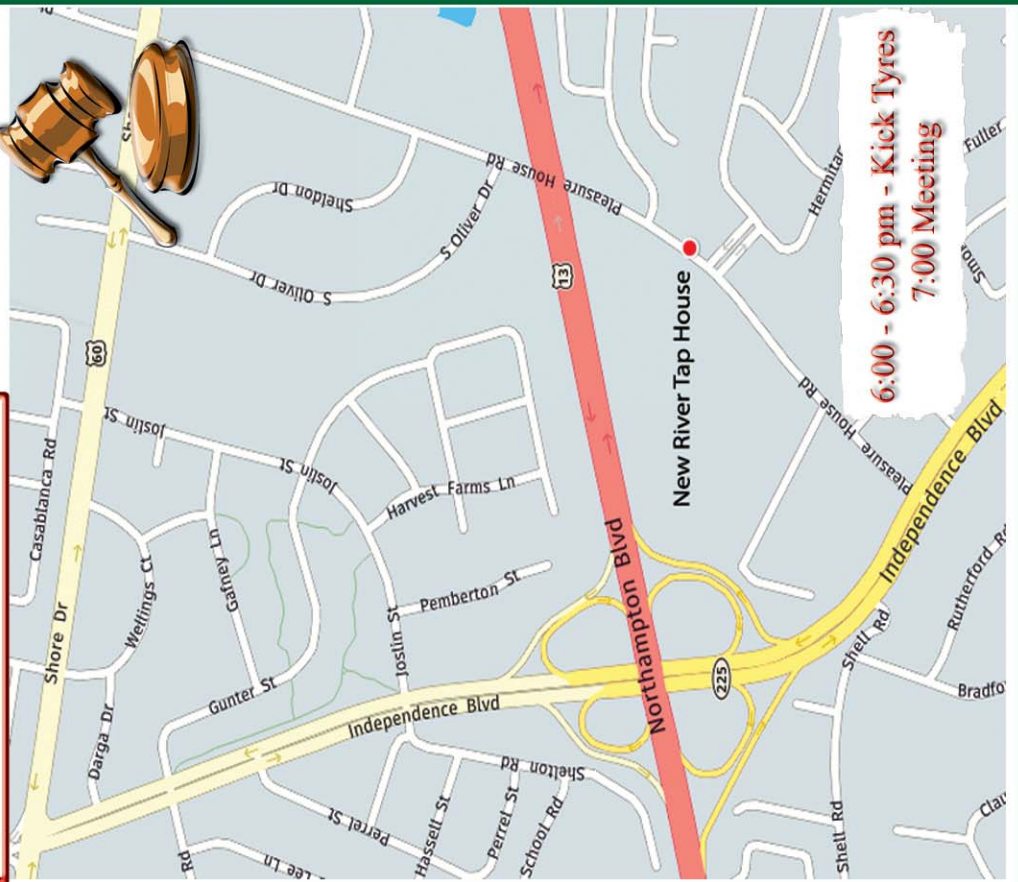
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**Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 6th**  
**New River**  
**Taphouse**  
**1716 Pleasure House Rd.**  
**Virginia Beach**



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