

MARQUE TIME

Flash Message – Immediate Precedence! TMGC Prez has a functioning speedometer in his MGB!

I only mention this for Michelle Peters' benefit – she mentioned at the June meeting that she was sick of hearing about my speedometer woes.

Thanks to our beloved Vice President and Second Lady for hosting a rollicking June meeting. We had another large turnout of motivated members, along with at least 16 MGs, one Sprite, and one Jaguar. Thank you Team Olcheski! Well done for all of you drivers, as this was the middle of Drive Your British Car Week. Which brings me to my personal British Car Count for the period from 30 May through 8 June? (I started one day early.) I'm somewhat disappointed to report that I only spotted a total of six (6) LBCs during the entire period. And that includes Bill Yoshida's MGB, which is garaged two doors away. I saw a beige MGB on Great Neck Road, a red TR-4 in my neighborhood, a brown Spitfire on Mediterranean Avenue, and the same orange TR-6 parked on Oceanview Avenue for two days running. Finally, I spied a friend's white TR-6 in the Little Creek Amphib Base "for sale" lot. (He's bringing it to Brits on the Bay for a quick sale.) On the bright side, I saw myself (driving) in the rearview mirror on six of the eight days that I was counting, so there! Of course, I saw a plethora of LBC wannabe's (posers, fakes, emulators, etc.) By that I mean Mazda Miatas, Honda S2000s, BMW Z3s and Z4s, etc., etc. Oh well, at least they have something to aspire to.....

As previously, mentioned, my speedometer ailment is a thing of the past, thanks to Vince Groo-

ver's suggestion to bypass the 90-degree drive with a longer cable. (Sorry Michelle, didn't mean to bring that up again!) Now it's on to that nagging oil incontinence malady that leaves embarrassing stains on other folk's driveways. I just replaced the alloy valve cover with a refurbished OEM number and a fresh gasket. It appears to be leak-free SO FAR......

It's the middle of June, the oppressive heat is gone, and it's time to GET YOUR MG OUT OF THE GARAGE AND DRIVE IT! See you at the July meeting.

Safety FAST! Mark Davidoski



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Check www.mg.org for the latest info!

July 2	Wednesday meeting at Peggy & George Craig's
July 12	Dipstick Deadline
July 14-18	NAMGAR GT33, Seven Springs, PA, www.mgcars.org.uk/namgar
July 26	Surry Happiness SCCA Road Rally www.odr-scca.org
Aug. 5	Tuesday meeting at Bill Yoshida's
Aug. 8	University Motors MG Summer Party

Upcoming Activities (continued)

www.universitymotorsltd.com

- Aug. 12 Dipstick Deadline
- Aug. 16 Khedive Show (see Auto Weekly in The Pilot)
- Aug. Tech Session at Jim & Linda Freeh's
- Aug. 30 Awful August Affair, SCCA Roadrally, www.odr-scca.org



JUNE MINUTES

Michele Peters

We began our June meeting at 8:18 PM at El Vice-Presidente Bill and his lovely Vice-First Lady Renee's house. Wow...it was beautiful. It's amazing what knowledge of savvy sales techniques and pharmaceuticals can do for you! I, myself, fell in love with the back porch, and enjoyed sitting out there, after the meeting, jawing with Bill and Andy and Terry and Robert and downing an excellent beer, while the cool breezes whispered past my cheeks and my ears picked up just a hint of happy, verbal crickets enjoying the evening as much as I was. Thank you, Bill and Renee, for the delicious food and libations, and the lovely setting in which to enjoy them.

New Members and Guests: No one new showed up, just a whole passel of regulars and some members that we don't see all that often, but wish we did. You know who you are...it was good to see you!

Vice-President: El Vice- Presidente disclosed his shocking but pleasing experience of having been recently "carded" when buying liquor (we can all understand his enthusiasm since it's probably been decades since any of us had the pleasure...). Allan W. noted that the clerk was probably shocked that old people still drink...I guess they find it wondrous that we can even get the drink up to our old, parched lips, what with the shaking hands problem. Other than communicating his excitement about the carding, El Vice-Presidente focused on keeping his guests happy.

Treasurer: Jim Villers provided us with the report of our financial situation. Our current balance is back up, primarily due to the receipts from the Anniversary Dinner, but including receipts from the Raffle & Regalia. Disbursements included the Anniversary. Dinner, the June host, and for postage.

Activities: Beckey W. noted that expenditures for the Anniversary Dinner came in almost exactly with what the club budgeted, so great job, Beckey and all those who worked on the dinner. Although I was unable to attend at the last minute, I heard it was very nicely done, so a very big THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all who made it such a success! I am looking forward to attending the next one, like maybe the 50th Anniversary, in 2023. Well, on second thought, maybe we should try to have one every five years or so, so that I might actually be alive for the next one.

I guess we are still looking for an Activities Director. The duties include, among other things, contacting the *Virginian Pilot* to notify of our meetings, handling the Christmas Charity, signing up hosts, arranging for Ice Cream Runs in the summer and Rallies at other times of the year, and obtaining information on the local and not-so-local car club meetings and conventions. Anyone up for this? Beckey is ready to pass the torch...I'm telling you, though, Beckey, you aren't getting any takers because nobody wants to follow in your footsteps...they are just really big shoes to fill (uh, I don't mean that literally, actually I've noticed that you have quite dainty little feet....nobody should get the wrong idea....)

Brits on the Bay Car Show will be held on June 15 at Virginia Wesleyan. Go to <u>www.tidewatertriumphs.org</u> for further information.

Cynthia F. and Jim V. showed the generosity of spirit that is such a part of this club membership, by agreeing to reprise their ice cream runs of last year in July and August. Their efforts were so successful last year, I know we will have another summer of fun and interesting drives and delicious treats in store. Look for further info on these socials in *The Dipstick*. Thanks, Cynthia and Jim, for stepping up to the plate, again, on behalf of your fellow MG enthusiasts.

Alan and Beckey are planning the annual Pig Roast, probably as a Drive-Out in October to their new home near Richmond. Looking forward to that.

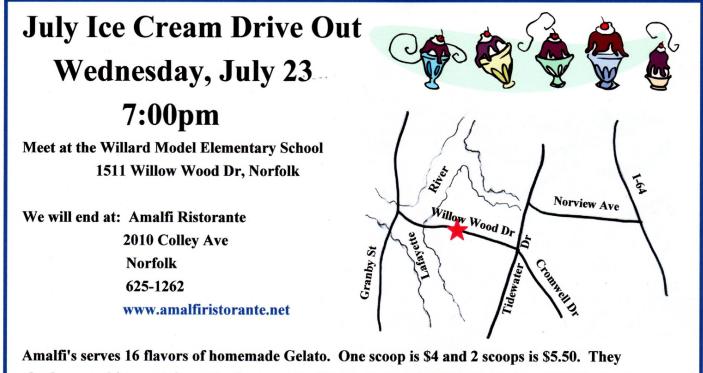
Clubs: Mike and Jennifer were present, but from my perspective, in the family room, all I could hear was Mike's disembodied voice coming from somewhere around the corner in another room. Maybe that's why all I really heard was a few words that I couldn't really make out. So, if you want to know anything about clubs...either contact Mike or you are outta luck. Remember, this is an unpaid position!

History: Susan advised us that Donald Ladd had converted all the old *Dipsticks* to PDF files, with the exceptions of 1986 and 1987. Also she is still looking for photos from events from the 70's and 80's. The album of the 2008 Wine Tour is completed and is 25 pages of photographic beauty; she will bring it the next time, if she can remember.

Newsletter: Ron Struewing asked for volunteers to write articles for *The Dipstick*. He also asks that those who do write should submit their articles as soon as they can, because he and Peggy need time to create the rag and send it off for printing for those members who still receive a paper version of our *Dipstick*. Please have your articles and pictures submitted no later than the 12^{th} of every month.

Membership: Robin, in reporting his last as Membership Director, advised us that our total stands 99. Bill Yoshida has agreed to take over this position, as Robin and Olive are moving this month to be nearer to Alan and Beckey near Richmond. Thank you so very much to Robin, for all the time and effort he gave so generously and so successfully as Membership Director. Thank you, too, Bill, and you have big shoes to fill as well.

Technical: Mark Childers was absent.



Amain's serves to havors of nomemade Gelato. One scoop is 54 and 2 scoops is 55.50. They also have cookies, pastries and other sweets. Please check out their website for all the food, wine dinners and goodies they offer.

POC: Cynthia Faschini: 757-408-2032

Old Business: El Presidente mentioned that he had only seen four British-made cars this week, during Drive Your British Car Week, and encouraged us all to get out there and drive our garage queens. Well, Mark, if my garage queen could be driven, she would be driven. I sure am missing driving Miss Green B. And I am pretty sure she's not too happy about it, either.

New Business: There was a discussion concerning Jeff Jolly's MGB and Midget parts, holed up in a warehouse in Newport News. Apparently, he has been trying to put them on the market, but legal entanglements have prevented it (hmmm, can't imagine that! After all, lawyers try only to *help* people!...no disgruntled mumblings from the peanut gallery, please). Anyway, the parts might finally be available on Saturdays from 8-4, according to Terry Bond. Good hunting to all.

Marque Time: Sixteen MGs showed up for this meeting...hurrah!

I think Terry mentioned that he wanted a Midget, and Beckey advised that Matt's Midget is for sale. Don't know for how much, but he has several thousand dollars into the car, and I mean *several*. He even had his seats made in England for this restoration. How much more authentic could you ask for?

Mark's speedometer has *finally* been repaired...thank goodness. Thanks to Vince, the problem has been laid to rest. Thank you Vince, oh thank you very much, for your kind assistance with El Presidente's distressing problem.

And speaking of speedometers, we all agreed that one of the great things about our little cars is that you can go 45 or 50 mph and FEEL like you are driving a race car 80 mph. Ain't that great?

Another successful conversion: Before the 2008 Wine Tour, Karen Carter thought that Tad's (who is an original owner) car must have been a lemon. After all, so many things had gone wrong with it over the years, or had to be tweaked so much of the time, that she was sure they had just been very unlucky from the very start with their new 1980 MG B. She was sure, that is, until the Carters joined us on the Wine Tour this year. After experiencing the mechanical trials and tribulations of everyone else's cars, and realizing that no one among the rest of the group, were surprised, or even cared, about their various issues, Karen came to realize that their car might not be such a lemon after all. In fact, it might be quite the opposite. Tad noted, with delight, that the experience had really gotten him off the hook for further explanations and justifications!

On another note, someone mentioned that since gas now costs more than beer, the advice should be: Drink, Don't Drive!

Terry and Sue, among others, will be going to the Valley Forge show on June 26. He noted that all who wished to go should meet at the Iron Horse Brewery Wednesday night for dinner. Alan noted that he would not be able to go, especially not via the Eastern Shore route, since his car manifestly refused to GO to the Eastern Shore. Every time he and Beckey had attempted to visit the Ash's, their car had always broken down.

Raffle and Regalia: Becky was back from Alaska – did you have a good time, Beckey? Josh won (again...he's getting as bad as Anita) the license plate AND the TMGC centerpiece bowl; Russ won the fan belt; Stephen won the refrigerator magnet; Robert won the MG note cards (which I promptly absconded); Mike Haag won the MG Magazine, May 2008 slightly used edition (there was some under-the-

breath talk of WHERE the edition had actually been used, and Robert enjoined Mike to wash his hands thoroughly after reading it); and Mike Ash won first in line.

On Beckey's motion to eat, we were adjourned at 9:01. And that is all I have to say about that...no smart "So sue me" remarks, no defense of my profession. Just "that's that... let's eat." And so we did, along with sucking down a few brews, while we enjoyed the evening breezes and the camaraderie. It's all good.



Membership and New Members

Robin Watson

Total Membership 99

We have one new member since last month's Dipstick.

Ken Johnson from Norfolk with a 1976 MGB

2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES

I have now mailed the renewal form to all members who have not yet renewed for 2009. Also you will see that Olive and I are moving out of this area to Ashland VA and Bill Yoshida has stepped into the Membership Chairman's position at a very short notice. Please send your dues to Bill at 4732 Little John Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23455.



Officers and Committees

President	Mark Davidoski	499-4647
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TMGC (The Early Years)

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Mike Ash

Jack Manherz





Roy Wiley

Dave Barrows '52 TD



Hank Giffin



Cathy Dowrick, 53 TD

Minutes from the first meeting

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Sunday, May 6, 1973
 3 p.m.
 First Meeting of the MG Classic Owners of the Tidewater Area
 Jim Banvard hostel the meeting after gathering at rembroke Hall.
 9 T-Series and about 20 people were present.
 Jim B. reviewed the forming of the Jacksonvill Florida Club.
EVERIONE was in favor of forming a club in the T.W. area.
Un the subject of chrome:
  Norfolk Plating
  Auto Bumper Recaroming
On the subject of stay away froms:
  Shade Smith - new at Checkered Flag
     - den't Leave car at Checkered Fiag
  Caeskered Flag - very bad - If Robbie is best MG mechanic -
             Yecas!
Purpase of the club will be to help one another.
Motion made by Dave B. for forming a club - seconded and so moved.
On publicity:
 Virginia Beach Sun
 Virginia Beach Beacon
Dave B. has information from the club in Hawaii and offers to
swap newsletter with them. He also has a copy of their
constitution. Also noted that every individual in our club
will have to belong to the New England T-register before we
as a club can be associated with it. They would post meeting
times and other information about the club.
Hank Giffin is going to Waterville - does anyone want to go along?
For Sale - information came from Steve Lund
  52 TD - Rebert M. Thomas 877-2843 (maybe worth $1700)
  46-49 TT - govertible - $2000
Dave Barrows made a motion to select permanent officers - 1 year
Vote 9-8 for. But all reconsidered and we decided to wait till
after constitution and future meetings - I think.
Jim suggested for chairmanship - interim. On Constitution committee
were Dave B ., Bebby Kenney, Mike (with right-hand drive TF), and
Jack Bell. All to meet and draw up preliminary enarter.
Next meeting will be at Banvards on the First Wednesday of the
monta which will be June 6 at 7:30p.m. with everyone B.Y.O.B
and a snack contribution. Heeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
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TMGC PRESIDENTS LIST

Jim Banvard	May'73 - Oct '73
Mike Ash	Nov '73 - Oct '75
Cathy Dowrick	Nov '75 - Oct '76
Roy Wiley	Nov '76 - Oct '78
Ron Eaton	Nov '78 - Jun '79
Jim Banvard	Jul '79 - Oct '81
Ross Haines	Nov '81 - Oct '83
Vince Groover	Nov '83 - Oct '85
Mel Baker	Nov '85 - Oct '87
Tony Perino	Nov '87 - Oct '88
Dave Bowling	Nov '88 - Oct '90
Bill Keeler	Nov '90 - Oct '92
Ken Bingham	Nov '92 - Oct '93
Bob McClaren	Nov '93 - Oct '95
Frank Linse	Nov '95 - Oct '97
Mark Childers	Nov '97 - Oct '99
Barry Tyson	Nov '99 - Oct '01
Mike Haag	Nov '01 - Oct '03
Andy Wallach	Nov '03 - Oct '05
Alan Watson	Nov '05 - Oct '07
Mark Davidoski	Nov '07 - present



NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Ron Struewing

As promised in the June edition of *The Dipstick*, we will be continuing the celebration of the Club's 35 years. As you can see some old photographs and articles from the early days of the club are included. More in future issues.

It has been awhile since we have had a *Link of the Month*. If you know of a website that might assist or be of interest to club members, please get it submitted.

TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

By George Craig Photographs by Susan Bond

It was 35 years ago. Troops were coming home from Vietnam. The Dow Jones was at 850, an average house cost \$32,500 and gas was 40 cents per gallon. Watergate was being investigated, Roe vs. Wade had just been certified by the Supremes, and you could buy a new AMC Javelin for \$2900.

It was also in 1973 that a historical meeting took place when 8 MG owners met in the Pembroke Mall parking lot on the afternoon of May 26th to compare their MG cars, discuss their merits, and enjoy some fellowship with other aficionados.

Later on that Sunday about 20 were hosted in Jim Banvard's home to discuss the forming of a club devoted to the love and tender care of their beloved Mugs. And thus, in this first meeting, the Tidewater MG Classics club was born.

Now, on May 13, 2008 almost 70 lovers of MGs gathered for dinner at the Norfolk Airport Hilton to celebrate the 35th birthday of a unique club that continues to grow, preserve the clubs heritage, foster the longevity of the MG breed - and have fun and fellow-ship.

Chairman for the evening was Vice-President Bill Olcheski who opened the proceedings with a letter from President Mark Davidoski who could not attend. Following was the

introduction of the



Bill Olcheski

three in attendance who were also at meeting number 1: Mike Ash, Roy Wiley, and Hank Giffin. Two, Mike and Hank, were also at the afternoon parking lot "rally" and the club's true beginning.



Mike Ash recalled that in the beginning there was significant lobbying to call the club the "Tidewater MG-T Classics" but that wiser heads prevailed and the "T" was eliminated, thus opening the club to

Mike Ash

other classes. He further pointed out how this momentous decision set the course for the club's longevity and

growth.

Roy Wiley related many tales of almost all night sessions restoring their MGs and chiding each other as to who owned the largest number of MGs.



Hank Giffin

luggage rack. It was not necessary to pole the atten-

dees to determine that a great time was had by all. It was developed and choreographed by the club's Activities Chairman Beckey Supreme. Watson and her hard working band of elves. We all thank,

her, Peggy Craig for her



"porta-potty" strapped to the

Roy Wiley

Hank Giffin re-

Beckey Watson

many behind the scenes chores, Susan Bond for her history display and documentation, Jim Villers and Susan for the video entertainment that had numerous pictures constantly displayed from our beginnings to the current, and to Bill Yoshida for his collection of



donated door prizes. In the club's first minutes it is interesting to note that the stated purpose of the club would be "Help One Another". That purpose has al-

ways been and is still observed and preserved, but we are all proud to repeat our recent adopted motto: "The cars bring us together but the people bring us back".





Bill & Issie Yoshida

Andy Wallach & Cynthia Faschini





Beckey & Alan Watson

Becky & Jack Dawson



Bill & Dorothea Blair



Frank & Debbie Linse



Bob & Linda Pellerin



Carmen & Paul Thiergardt



Chuck & Becky Hassler



Eiko & Doug Wilson



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Frank Worrell



Hank & Stevie Giffin



Lauren & Jim Freeh, Russ Ripp, & Stephen Daniel



George Craig, Nita Bradford, Peggy Craig, Scott Bradford



Jennifer & Mike Ash



Jack & Linda Pavlidis



Norma & Carl Nagle



Rafail & Diane De Echeandia



Ron Struewing & Anita Edwards-Struewing



Olive & Robin Watson



Renee & Bill Olcheski



Susan & George Ulrich



Jim & Betty Villers



Joyce & Craig Cummings



Rose & Donald Ladd



Sabrina Knight, Debbie & Mark Childers



Karen & Tad Carter



Richard & Sandy Hall





Roy & Marilyn Wiley



Terry & Susan Bond



Club Activities Coordinator Needed

We know it's going to be hard, if not impossible, to fill Beckey's shoes but we sure need someone or a couple to step up and try. The work involved is not all that difficult. Here is a list of the most important things that you would be responsible for:

- 1. Sign up hosts for monthly meetings, tech sessions, and December party.
- 2. Find a charity to support for the Christmas party, coordinate gift-giving.
- 3. Look for places for the club to go: parades, car shows, gardens, historical places, etc. Plan trips, or ask for a volunteer to plan trip to that event, especially Ice-Cream Runs during June, July & August
- 4. Report upcoming events at monthly meetings (monitor TMGC calendar)
- 5. Send e-mail to Virginian-Pilot with monthly meeting location, for publication in Friday's Car Calendar section.

See, it's not that difficult! If you are interested in helping your club to keep our activities going, please email Beckey or email/call our President, Mark Davidoski. Beckey will be happy to answer any questions you might have about what this involves.

Beckey: email: mgactivities@aol.com Mark Davidoski: 499-4647, davidoskicrew@cox.net



Vince & Pam Groover



Tom & Marie Early



Reminiscing about the old days.





The Door Prizes!



Tidewater MG Classics 35th Anniversary Dinner **Door Prize Donors**

I would like to extend a "Thank You" on behalf of TMCG to the businesses and restaurants that donated Door Prizes in support of our 25th Anniversary Dinner. Club members that attended the dinner each received a copy of the Anniversary Booklet that contained the names of the donors. For those members who were unable to attend the dinner, these are the business and restaurants that participated in making our 35th Anniversary Dinner a great success.

Aberdeen Barn Restaurant Dockside Inn Restaurant Il Giardino Ristorante Max & Erma's Restaurant - Norfolk Airport Hilton Moss Motors North American Classic MG The Roadster Factory Triple-C Motor Accessories Victoria British LTD

TMGC club members are encouraged to continue to patronize these business and restaurants. In the event that you have not had the opportunity in the past to purchase parts from these businesses or enjoy dining at one of these exceptional restaurants please consider doing so in the near future.

Bill Yoshida



GAS HUMOR

Sent in by Peggy Graig



Does this seem familiar?

Brits on the Bay VII by Mark Davidoski

The 7th edition of "Brits on the Bay" was held on Father's Day, June 15th on the beautifully wooded campus of Virginia Wesleyan College in Virginia Beach. Coming on the heels of Drive Your British Car Week, it was another opportunity to see large quantities of LBC's in close formation. The field opened at 0900 under overcast, showery skies. Kathy and I were on the scene by about 0930, after quickly removing the tonneau and erecting the soft top that almost NEVER makes it out of the boot. The skittish weather kept the initial turnout rather low. But once the rain had departed (and Sunday Services were completed) the field filled in quickly.

TMGC was ably represented by a strong con-

tingent of at least 14 members, several of who brought some home trophy hardware! As the day wore on, the increasingly steamy



Don admires Matt's MKI Midget

conditions didn't stop us from having a fantastic time as we got reacquainted with fellow club members and chatted up some prospective new members. Aaron and Debbie Johnson and daughter Meredith arrived about mid-day with their 1owner, completely original 1974 MGB with over-



drive in Tundra (That's Green. Olive Drab for you Marines.) The Johnsons are the newest TMGC members -- wel come aboard! Participating in the

Cats at rest

MGB Class were the Creeds (Joe and Penny) with their 1976 B in original Chartreuse. (We hope to count the Creeds among our membership soon -- TMGC does not have a Chartreuse MGB, at least not to my knowledge.)

When the judging was complete, TMGC

members had scored some impressive wins. Matt Gresalfi won the Midget class with his 1963 exquisite Midget Mk I. Worrell Frank took a familiar trip to the win-



New member Meredith Johnson in dad's 1974 B

ner's circle with his gorgeous 1978 MGB, complete with massive Best in Show trophy from the recent Virginia Beach car show held on the boardwalk. Doug Wilson scored a second in the MGB class with his 1976 B and flawless paintwork. The GT class was taken by Harry Watson with his 1973 MGB GT. The big news was Bob Pellerin's Best in Show with his nifty 1936 Austin Sherborne saloon. The Sherborne is a micro limousine, with exquisite leather upholstery and wood trim, plus a big sliding sunroof and trafficators. This car generated a continual stream of fascinated onlookers. Well done Bob!

For this writer, Brits on the Bay proved to be the perfect Father's Day activity. Kathy and I had



Jack searching for the golf bag compartment

a chance to catch up with many TMGC members, plus an assortment of other friends who just came out to see some great cars and enjoy the day. After several hours in the hazy sunshine

that eventually devel-

oped (and my sunburned scalp to prove it!), we enjoyed a leisurely drive out of the campus and straight to 7-11 for two well-deserved slurpees. Thanks to everyone who was able to bring a car and add to the fun. In addition to the previously mentioned class

winners, we had Rose and Don Ladd on hand with their 1978 Midget while Richard Hall and Jack Pavlidis added to the MGB GT ranks. Susan



Frank's Best in Class with a bevy of B's

and Terry Bond were with us, along with their GT's and Susan's nonstop camera. Bob Ross brought his Morgan and Craig Puryear had a rare day off from Boy Scouts and was able to attend as well. Toward the end of the show, during the awards presentation, there was even a reported sighting of Bernie Imdahl and his trusty red MGB!

Hats off to our compatriots with the Tidewater Triumph Register. They did another fantastic job with "Brits on the Bay." Let's plan to do this again next June! I can drive if you want.



"Best in Show! Bob Pellerin and his 1936 Austin Sherborne"

Frank Worrell & his trophy





Doug Wilson

Bob Ross





Harry Watson



Kathy & Mark Davidoski



Jack Pavlidis

Richard Hall





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