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MARQUE TIME

How sweet it is!!! It seems like not so long ago that I couldn't even spell MG. Now I am President of the finest MG club in the country. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead such an illustrious group. The club is blessed with an abundance of talent and expertise. This will continue to make meetings fun while being a great support group for the sometimes challenging situations that are inherent with MG ownership.

Mark, thank you for being our fearless leader. You did an outstanding job and the club is appreciative.

The October meeting was a wonderful get-together at the Hassler Hacienda. My high expectations for Becky's "world famous" apple pie were surpassed. To those of you who rarely venture south of the tunnel, we hope to see more of you at future meetings. After all, support groups need to stick together.

Since I will be your President for the next two years, I feel that I should tell a little about myself. I have been married for 27+ years to my best friend Renee, the incoming first lady. We have two daughters. Rachel recently graduated from the College of William and Mary. In the spring she became Mrs. Evan Doboga. Our other daughter, Laura, is attending the University of Mary Washington. I am employed in the Hematology/Oncology sector of the Pharmaceutical Industry.

My interest in cars dates back to before I reached driving age. The day after my 16th birthday I was in the DMV getting my long awaited drivers license. Within a year I had purchased my first car, a 1968 Triumph Spitfire. With a little bodywork and a blue metal flake paint job I had one of the 'cool cars' on the road. I had the right idea; however it wasn't until five years ago that I was able to purchase a more desirable English Sports Car, the MG. I am proud to be affiliated with the club and its marque.

Safety Fast,
Bill Olcheski

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Check www.mg.org for the latest info!

- Nov. 4** Wednesday meeting at Paul & Carmen Thiergardt's in Virginia Beach
- Nov. 22** Tech Session at Susan and Terry Bond's – 10:00AM
- Nov. 27 TMGC Event – Northern Neck Artist Studio Tour – See page 12 for additional information.
- Dec. 11** Friday Night Holiday Party at the home of Jim and Betty Villers
- Dec. 29 TMGC Event – Holiday Lights Drive through Norfolk Botanical Gardens
- Jan. 6** Wednesday Club Meeting – Local Restaurant - location TBA
- Feb. 2** Tuesday Club Meeting – Location TBA
Happy Groundhog Day - Do we have 6 more weeks with the top up?
- March 1 – Have you applied for your passport yet for MG-2010?*
- Mar. 3** Wednesday Club Meeting – Location TBA
- Apr. 6** Tuesday Club Meeting – Location TBA
- Apr. 9-11 GOF South – Jekyll Island, GA
www.MGclassics.org
- Apr. 30 – May 2 Tentative Dates for 2010 Wine Tour to Loudoun County, VA
- June 23-27 MG 2010 – Belleville, Ontario
www.mg2010.com

OCTOBER MINUTES

Michele Peters

We began our October meeting precisely at 8:05pm on October 6th at Chuck & Becky Hassler's lovely pie home in Yorktown. Yum...what a wonderful pie home it is!

New Members and Guests: Keith Henry, a charter member of the Peninsula club, if I heard properly; Larry Bass ('76 B GT) of Suffolk, Nancy O'Neal ('79 B) of Virginia Beach, and Thomas and Jeanne Lund ('51 TD, '52 TD, '59 A and '71 B) of Virginia Beach (hey, you Lunds have far too many MGs – let's share the wealth a little, people! Maybe you need to share with those of us who do not have RUNNING cars....).

Vice-President: Bill O. had nothing – he was too focused on anticipating his NEW JOB, come next month....

Treasurer: Jim V. was absent, again (yes, we miss you, Jim and Betty – see I didn't even have to change one word from last month, but I gather THIS time you weren't off gallivanting, but rather repairing a water heater, or something like that) but reported by email that we are still doing well financially. He and Betty did state that they would be willing to host the annual holiday party again, on Dec. 11th. Thanks for stepping up to the plate – again! We hereby absolve you of your sin of absences at the last 15 meetings (okay, okay, maybe I exaggerated just a bit).

Activities: Please see Tad's Activities section for a complete run-down. He was at it again, Activities maniac that he is....providing us all with a multitudinous list of activities to choose from and to anticipate...Way to go, Tad!!

Membership: Bill reports that we now have 106 paid-up members. And he passed around a proof copy of the new Annual Directory with new pictures! Good job, Mr. Bill.

Newsletter: On behalf of Peggy and himself, Ron continues to ask for writers for our events and for *Dipstick* submissions to him no later than the 12th of every month. He always needs writers and photos.

Clubs: Mike and Jennifer were absent.

History: Susan had no albums, but noted once again, we DO have history, that we keep adding to every month, which is why, Susan complains, she can't get caught up! We also watched a DVD made from an old movie from 36 years ago by Rafael DeEcheandia, with a very sprightly looking Mike Ash starring. It was exciting to see.

Technical: Mark was absent and had nothing to say.

Old Business: Vince continues to feel a bit better, which we are all happy to hear. Andy's review

of our By-Laws included suggesting that we change all the "he" pronoun, in referring to the officers, to simply the name of the office (as an officer of the female persuasion, I whole heartedly agree). Also, the by-laws note that the "Tidewater" in the TMGC part of the name includes Newport News as the city farthest north in the areas to be included in the club...do we want to change this? If so, we would need to say "tootles" to the Watson family, among others. That hardly seems friendly, after all! Andy assured us that we could expect written recommendations very soon.

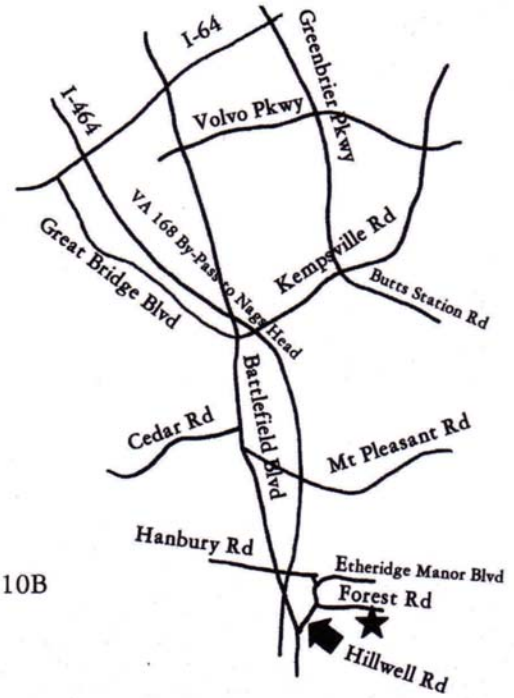
New Business: "AND THE NOMINEES ARE...." Yeah, yeah, I know, there wasn't really any suspense this year (well, I mean, has there ever been?), but nevertheless, we should get excited about our potential new slate of officers. They were nominated as follows: For President, Bill Olcheski; for Vice-President, Russ Ripp; for Secretary, Yours Truly; for Treasurer, Jim Villers; for Dipstick Editor, Ron Struewing and Peggy Craig; for Activities Director, Tad Carter; for Historian, Susan Bond; for Regalia, Becky Hassler; for Membership, Bill Yoshida; and for Technical Advisor, the elusive Mark Childers (he must be good, since it's so hard to get him to attend our little affairs!). The slate of nominations for the new officers was approved as previously published.

The NAMGR question: Should we or shouldn't we? That is the question....Should our club volunteer to host the annual NAMGR convention in 2011 in Williamsburg? Outgoing Prez Mark Davidoski had gathered quite a bit of information and canvassed the officers about their opinions before the club meeting. It was decided that we would put together a volunteer (what else?) exploratory committee to obtain some basic information from the Register about responsibilities, funding, obtaining loans, logistics requirements, work involved, personnel needed, etc. Mike Ash worked on the "T" show in 1981 and he reports that it was a lot of fun, BUT it was a lot of work and he would never do it again...well, that came from a member who has done one of these already. Think about whether you would like to volunteer to be on this exploratory committee beginning next month and following through until the end of the year. We all need to be willing to do a lot of work, and not just "show up" for the event itself. Bruce Woodson of the Richmond Club voiced his support, on their club's behalf, of our efforts. We had some volunteers already, The Hasslers, and Stephen Daniels to start.

The new Moss Motors, Dinwiddie warehouse is up and running! It is off exit 63A in Petersburg. They will be establishing a retail walk-in counter for the locals. We might be able to design a group trip over there, and get discounts in the process.

Marque Time: Alan W. mentioned Beaver Dam Days and noted that the movie "Sherman's Way"

Tech Session
Sunday, Nov 22nd, 10am
Sue & Terry Bond
 541 Forest Rd
 Chesapeake
 482-5222



Take exit 291B off I-64
 Going south toward Nags Head on
 I68/Great Bridge By-Pass:
 Take Hanbury Rd East, Exit 10B
 Turn right on Hillwell Rd
 Turn left on Forest Rd



had quite a bit to do with little MGs. Check it out.

Anita S.'s dad's '75 B is still for sale. It has new tires, new wind screen, roll bar, tonneau cover. He will be taking it back to Powhatan with him, near Longwood U. if someone doesn't cough up the purchase price soon but you may still contact her about it.

Susan reported that Waynesboro was great. They had 2 tables at dinner with 9 cars and 16 people enjoying the camaraderie, great weather, and fall foliage.

Raffle and Regalia: After raffling off the usual gifts, Becky came through with her famous and familiar, but nevertheless foremost, fantastic, and fabulously delectable, distinctive, divinely delicious and gratifying, heavenly luscious and mouthwateringly scrumptious (and tasty, too) home-made APPLE PIES! She not only made a whole passel of them for general grazing, but offered two up for raffle. And I didn't even have to murder anyone for their pie...I actually won one of them in the raffle ~ O happy day! And in the middle of munching on my very own delicious apple pie, I wouldn't have minded if anyone sued me!



Officers and Committees

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Brits on the Bay Car Show

hosted by Tidewater Triumph Register
September 26, 2009.
By Bob Ross

The Military Aviation Museum celebrated the Anniversary of the *Battle of Britain* by hosting two car shows September 26, 2009; the Tidewater Region Antique Auto Club (AACA) *Wings and Wheels* show and the Tidewater Triumph Register *Brits on the Bay* show, which celebrated the 40th anniversary of the TR 6.

The AACA Meet was open to AACA member cars of all marques. British cars attending the Military Aviation Museum had the option of participating in either the Tidewater Region Antique Auto Club *Wings and Wheels* or the *Brits on the Bay*.

It was a colorful fall day with an outstanding drive over to the Military Aviation Museum on Princess Ann Road in Virginia Beach via the twisty scenic West Neck Road. The overcast sky did not dim the spirits of the Antique Auto Club greeters, who were attired in period dress reminiscent of many of the vehicles that heartily greeted the arriving participants and spectators. Many military aircraft are housed in the museum and are in flying condition. Aircraft on display included a Flying Tiger, a P-51 Mustang, an RAF Spitfire, and a Hawker Hurricane, to name a few.

Brits on the Bay was organized by Mike Jones and Dale Morgan of the TTR. The event accommodated about 40 British cars, including a pristine maroon Italia driven by Bill Thummel of Abacus Racing. Bill provided the excitement of the day when smoke began to emit from his engine compartment. Onlookers shouted at Bill to deal with his problem, fearful of the possibility of fire. A demonstration in wire pulling by Bill ensued.....problem solved.

Frank Worrel, accompanied by his son Morris, took first in the MG class with his well prepared '78 MGB. Others attending included: Nick Perriello and his wife in a '77 MGB, Robert Perrone with son Christopher driving Harry Watson's '73 MGB-GT, Chase Ellis and wife driving Peter McLewin's '78 MGB, Quint Van Deman and daughter Izze driving a '78 MGB.

A minimum of three cars were needed to constitute a class. The following cars were in classes which did not meet the minimum for a class award: Kathryn Fisher in a '52 MG TD, Frank Linse and John Zonfrelli in Frank's '58 MGA Coupe, Allen Hazlett in his '66 MGB.

The British contingent included a Lotus class, won by Mike Fisher's '72 Europa. Rolls Royce, Bentleys, Austin Healy, and many Triumphs were represented. British closed class included Bob Ross' '69

TVR Vixen and Bob Pellerin's '38 Standard 10 sedan. Ed Dotson was declared the Best of Show winner with his moss green, gorgeous



Allen Hazlett '66 MGB, with Don Ladd



Jaguar XK 150 drop head.

Frank Linse's '58 MGA



Kate Fisher's '52 MGTD



Bill Thummel looking for electrical short in his Italia



Mike Fishers '72 Lotus Europa, Bruce Jordans '08 Lotus Elise



Quint Van Deman's '78 MGB, Nick Perriello's '77 MGB, Petter McLewin's '78 MGB, Frank Worrell's '78 MGB

Wings and Wheels

hosted by Tidewater Region AACA
by Susan Bond
photographs by Bob Stein, Allen Hazlett
and Susan Bond



Despite cloudy skies, over 200 antique vehicles came out to the Virginia Beach Airport for a great day of airplane- and car-watching. We had a good turn-out of sports cars in class 25, mostly MGs! We were lined up along the grass runway so had ringside seats for the flyovers by 2 biplanes, one of which had been conveniently parked for Bob Stein's picture of his TC. Later, Allen Hazlett had his (and his car's) picture taken with a fighter plane. We wandered around looking at Deussenbergs, Oaklands, Packards, and Hudsons, orphans all. There was even a Model T popcorn wagon, which delighted kids with fresh popcorn.



Bob Stein's TC

Judges looked over the cars, which started out with 400 points, and deductions were taken for non-original items. Our MG's took home lots of trophies:

Class 25a

AACA recognition - Bob Stein - 1949 MGTC

Class 25b

First - Chuck and Becky Hassler - 1968 MGC

Class 25c

First - Doug and Eiko Wilson - 1976 MGB

Class 25d

First - Al and Laurel Swenson - 1974 MG Midget
Second - Al and Laurel Swenson - 1975 MGB
Third - Donald Ladd - 1978 MG

Midget
Third - Stephen Daniel - 1979 MGB
Class 25e
First - Richard Hall - 1973 MGBGT
AACA Recognition - Susan and Terry Bond - 1974 MGBGT

In attendance on our side of the road were:

Donald Ladd, Bob Stein, Chuck and Becky Hassler, Al and Laurel Swenson, Stephen Daniel, Doug and Eiko Wilson, Richard



Chuck & Becky Hassler

and Sandy Hall, Terry and Susan Bond, and new members Phil and Barbara Sawyer. I also saw, but without their MGs, Bob and Linda Pellerin, Sam Kern, Jack and Linda Pavlidis, Ron Struewing, Roosevelt Moseley, Roy Wiley, Craig Puryear, and Jim Villers.



Doug & Eiko Wilson



Allen Hazlett



Donald Ladd

Bob Ross's TVR





Kate Fisher

Frank Linse
& his brother-in-law,
John Zonfrelli



Richard Hall

Linda Pellerin



Morris & Frank
Worrell

Phil & Barbara
Sawyer's GT



Susan & Terry Bond's
GT

Laurel & Al
Swenson



Stephen Daniel

2009 Watkins Glen Vintage Gran Prix and Festival

(or, “Little boy gets everything he
wants for Christmas”)

by David Kinsey

Really. . That’s the way it felt. . But, let’s re-
wind a bit and provide at least a thumbnail of back-
ground.

The day after coming home from Afghanistan in
May, I bought Peggy Craig’s 1980 MGB. . Actually I
had sent her a down payment a month earlier because I
just knew it was the car I wanted ever since owning a
1970 MGB-GT and two other MGBs in my 20s. . It’s a
great car and has been well taken care of but, of course,
that didn’t stop me from a long list of “doing stuff” to it
to make it mine, make it a little better, and repairs here
and there, and new tires. . A huge thanks to the great
guys at Abacus Racing, BRB Automotive and the club
tech session.

“So,” I say to myself, “do something with it,
man!” A quick check of upcoming events revealed the
Watkins Glen Vintage Race and Festival and I was
hooked. . It took about a month of preparing, including
lodging, reservations for a winery-sponsored tour/rally,
hoping to find someone who would go with me, finding
a tow dolly, fixing the tow dolly, getting advice on my
car, fixing the car and, most importantly, having the
motor mount welded—which I found out about at the
tech session; thanks, guys! I also found and added
those chrome wheel rims; nice, guys..

I got lots of
great advice (both
ways) on tow dolly
usage and decided to
disconnect the drive-
shaft; marked the
shaft so it went back
on the same way it
came off, and had no
trouble towing with
my Explorer. I traveled



Lashed down, ready for the journey

via the Eastern Shore, crossed the Lewes-Cape May
Ferry, picked up my friend Lorin, and we hit the road
for New York. I swear, from Philly to New York is all
uphill! I didn’t realize how much so until I was driving
back and found it was almost all downhill! Total driv-
ing time, with vehicle in tow, stopping for gas and tolls,
and the ferry ride, was about 12 hours each way.

We stayed at the Relax Inn in Montour Falls,
about four miles south of Watkins Glen. It was a great
little place, at about half the cost of staying right in the
village and closer to the track. The weather forecast

predicted rainy off and on all day Friday and Saturday,
but the weather gods smiled on us and it really only
rained a little on Friday night and early Saturday morn-
ing. Other than that it was excellent weather.

I was up
early—Lorin says I
“pop up like
toast”—to get the
MG unhooked and
driveshaft recon-
nected. We took the
Red Newt Cellars
Winery tour that
included a 65-mile
charted “rallye”
through the upstate



Preparing for the winery tour, bravely
putting the top down

New York Finger Lakes region. The scenery, the cool
crisp air, the vintage cars, and the girl were all beauti-
ful. Picture perfect. I was grinning from ear to ear the



Nice Morgan with navigator clock

ended together and they
didn’t tell us where the split was. It was sort of like a
“Hash House Harriers” run with cars. Lorin did a great
job navigating (having never done it like this before!)

and we found we were
leading the group most
of the time, then we
signaled for someone
else to take lead if we
missed a turn. The
sounds of Cobras, Por-
sches, Lotuses, Mus-
tangs and, of course,
lots of great MGs filled
my ears and senses. It was great fun having “vintage”
be the norm, rather than the exception. In the middle of
the rallye we all stopped for lunch at one of the local
river falls, gawked at cars and kicked tires, and downed
little bottles of champagne Lorin had thought to bring.
Perfect!



Beautiful blue MGA

At the end of the
rallye, each of the tour
groups (several wineries
sponsored them) gather-
ed on cue at the state
park to stage us for tak-
ing part in an annual rit-
ual—driving the old road
course through the coun-



Classic Bugeye



Just one of the great, booming Cobras

tryside and villages, and starting and finishing in downtown Watkins Glen. Now, they warn you orally and in writing that the roads are not closed and all laws are to be obeyed. But, of course, reality is a bit

different. The local gendarmes were posted at key intersections and pretty much looked the other way if you dropped into second gear and got a little tire squeal (or girl squeal! haha!) at a tight, fast turn. I was unable to keep up with the two Cobras in front of me on the uphill (loved hearing them roar away) but I managed to lose the Mustang



Squealin'!

behind me in the turns, only to hold him up on the straights and the long uphills. I apologized later but he just grinned as no one was feeling anything but good vibes on that day. It was simply fantastic and everything I thought it



Nice Jaguar

would be and more. The MG ran, cornered, and sounded great. Some of the long, steeper hills required that I stay in third gear and just wind it out, as fourth was taxing. Lorin was quite happy that I didn't have the horsepower I wanted as she thought we were already going fast enough; thank you very much.



Another classic, the Austin Healey 3000

By late afternoon the road course laps were winding down and we all were allowed to park our cars along the main drag, by virtue of being in the tours. It was a great treat to walk up and down the street and talk to owners and



Classic Corvette ('53?)

even sit in a few and really enjoy being immersed in the vintage era and village. The whole town was open-adult-beverage and everyone was in a great mood. There is so much positive en-

ergy at these events it reminds me of why I love running with friends. Everyone is interested in each other's stories and sharing their tales of mistakes and successes. It brings out the best in people and the vintage car experience is the same. We had a great dinner at the marina overlooking Seneca Lake (every meal we had the whole weekend was excellent) and eventually went to bed, happily exhausted.



Great MG racer



Nice old Bugatti



MG Pit!

Saturday morning dawned with a little rain but it didn't dampen my spirits. I'm up like toast again so had to use my excess energy to go into town for coffee and breakfast. Dunkin Donuts is a good bet and there's a great bakery and coffee shop on the main drag downtown. Saturday was the day for racers to qualify and for driving on the race course for me and many others. You



Racin' Jag



Gorgeous Allard

have to sign up for the car show and to have your car judged, whether you figure you're in their league or not. That's the only way to drive the laps and your car has to be at least 25 years old. A very large area of the infield was set aside for all of us and it was great fun seeing the restored cars – some of them more exotic than others, such as one of my faves, the beautiful green and chrome Allard, of course with a tan interior!

Walking through the pits was a blast and seeing all the Morgans (this year's Marque), including two, three-wheelers (one had an open valve pushrod assembly), the old MGs (mostly TDs, one TF), dozens of MGAs

and Bs and plenty of GTs, some great Jaguars, Bugattis, and many others. I'll just let the pictures tell those stories. I ran into Brock Yates and chatted for a while next to his very exotic, open-wheel racer.



Retro Metro!

Sorry, I forgot the name! I even saw the first V-12 Jag



Bob Tulus' V12

I had seen at Summit Point at its first showing in America, with Bob Tulus' name still on the door. On that day, many years ago, Bob had to call it quits three-fourths through the race because the huge V-12 and the

clutch it required had worn out his clutch leg.

On our walking tour, I happened upon a booth that was lending Nomex suits to drivers for test drives. I figured I had nothing to lose and asked if he'd lend me one. He said, "Sure!" much to Lorin's amazement and my utter delight. I got the video camera



Sharkfin!

mounted on the boot and I was set, brother! The race course lap, though not as fast as the open road course



One of the oldest racing sports cars in America; a veteran of original Watkins Glen road races

laps on Friday, was a memorable event. Imagine driving your own MG, Nomex suit on, beautiful girl by your side, through the esses and then the last turn, and finally coming down the front straight to the finish

line at The Glen! Epic. We then watched a few more qualifying laps and Lorin was a real trooper as I just walked around pit after pit, car after car, lost in car world. I definitely owe her one from this trip! We left a



Nice MGC-GT

little early that day because I didn't want to overdo it and we wanted to take a nap and then enjoy another great dinner and evening in town. It was so great, all weekend, to drive around and park in the village of Watkins Glen with vintage cars of every description surrounding you – it was like being in a movie!



Two beauties from 1959



A little ??? (British car!)

Sunday was a spectating day. I was glad I had bought a couple of camp chairs the day before (yes, forgot to bring 'em; now I have two more) and I had been to the Glen a couple of times so knew the

best spectating sites. We picked a good one near the "boot" and watched all those beautiful cars roar by in grand style, some racing a little harder, some just having fun. The Collier Cup,



Finish Line - awesome feeling an all MG event, was of course the best. The 1954 MG-TF, same year as me, was my sentimental favorite.

As noted before, the entire weekend was an epic event in my life, shared and made even more special for me by my friend, Lorin. I indeed felt like I had asked for my dream weekend for Christmas and got everything I wanted. Life is good!



One happy guy

See more photos on our website: mg.org

Fourteenth Annual Hunt Country Classic

October 11th, 2009

by Craig & Joyce Cummings

As with most car show stories, this one will start off with the weather. We experienced a little drizzle driving up to Warrenton from Williamsburg on Saturday. We arrived at our hotel in the late afternoon and, after our rendezvous with Bruce and Lydie Foster, we made our way to Molly's Irish Pub in town. Bruce and Lydie drove their 1966 Morgan up Route 17 from Newport News. We all agreed that the food at the pub was a cut above most pub grub. Four of us had the "fish and chips". Doug and Eiko Wilson both thought it was great. I agreed and so did Lydie, who is a native of France and knows good food! Bruce really liked the bangers and mash, and Joyce thoroughly enjoyed her Caesar salad with salmon. (Also, the good quality of the Guinness and Harp on tap was exactly what you'd expect!)

On Sunday morning we awoke to temps in the low 40s, but the sun was shining beautifully, as it did all day. In the early fall, both the low temps and sunshine can be expected in the northern part of the Old Dominion. We also enjoyed the autumn leaves on our way to the Willoughby Farm near Middleburg, where many of Virginia's finest and most beautiful horses live like equine royalty.



Doug spent most of his day taking pictures for the Williamsburg's Car Club (WBCC web site: www.wmbgbrit.com) –that was when he wasn't buying all of the history books on sale to support the Middleburg Humane Foundation. Eiko did the voting for Doug & herself, inspecting each of the over 200 British cars on display. Her vote must have helped Doug take a third place trophy in the MGB rubber bumper class. Joyce toured the farm, with camera in hand, both

on foot and in the back of the hay wagon. Becky Hasler spent her day reading her Sidney Sheldon novel and enjoying the gorgeous weather. Both Chuck and Craig had their cars marooned in the "Prince of Wales Class" since both of them won first place in their respective classes in 2008. They did get away for a while to vote when they weren't explaining the differences between the MGC and MGB to Triumph and Jaguar owners. Next year, both of their cars will be back where they belong, and they will compete with cars that actually look like theirs!



The ride home was magnificent with both the beautiful scenery and, best of all, no traffic jams, but the image that lingered most was the beauty of Willoughby Farm. Although the British cars were some of the best at most of this year's shows, the farm was the highlight of the day. The host, Bill Scott, is a geologist by profession. His fabulous property of 60 acres includes a luxurious home, complete with swimming pool and hot tub, plus an attached 1870s wood-beam two-story cabin. If you've never attended the Hunt Club Classic Car Show, I would recommend that you consider going to it next year.



(Rear view of house)

Membership and New Members

by Bill Yoshida

Memberships: As of 14 October, the 2010 Membership count currently stands at 104 paid, with the promise of two members that will be sending in their dues.

New memberships since the September edition of the Newsletter was published are:

Larry Bass (New September)
Suffolk, VA
1976 MGB-GT

Nancy O'Neal (New September)
Virginia Beach, VA
1979 MGB

Tom & Jeanne Lund (Re-joined after a
couple of years' absence)
Virginia Beach, VA
1951 TD, 1952 TD, 1959 A, 1971MGB

John & Lynda Heckman (New October)
Lanexa, VA
1971 MGB

Welcome to the club we hope to see you at many future meetings and events.

Dues: I delivered all dues checks and cash I was holding from late July, August and September to Jim Villers on 26 September.

TMGC 2010 Annual Directory: Proof copies of this year's directory were circulated at the October meeting. A few items needed correction, and the directory is back at the printer for final proof and printing. I hope to get the final documents back and in the mail to all current members by the week of 26 October.

Safety Fast



Activities

by Tad Carter

On **Sunday, November 22**, we will hold our final **Tech Session** of 2009 at Susan and Terry Bond's home in Chesapeake. The first project kicks off at 10:00. Many thanks to Susan and Terry for hosting this event, and to all of those who share their technical expertise so that we can keep our cars on the road!

"Black Friday" is coming! Join us as we escape the Wal-Mart crowds and head to Mathews County, VA for their annual **Artist's Studio Tour**. **Friday morning, November 27th**, Southsiders will depart from the Quality Suites parking lot at Lake Wright to head toward Yorktown. We'll meet up with our Peninsula-based group at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor's Center, with a scheduled departure time of 9:30 toward Mathews County. We'll have a chance to see three artist's studios before lunch at the White Dog Inn. The building that now houses the Inn was built around 1795, and has been a private residence, a school and is now a B&B and restaurant. Following lunch, we'll head south to New Point for three more studios, including a weaver who raises her own sheep for the wool used in her work. Others may want to view the historic New Point Comfort lighthouse before we turn for home. This will be an all-day event. Because of space limitations at the studios and the restaurant, we will have to cap attendance at 20 people.

* In anticipation of a crowd in Mathews, we have been asked to pre-order our lunch. Once you have registered for the tour, I'll forward the day's menu so that you can make your selection(s)

** If there is enough interest, the studios will also be open 11/28 and 11/29, so a second run could be arranged.

We are being welcomed back to the home of Betty and Jim Villers in Virginia Beach on Friday evening, **December 11th for our Holiday Party**. As we celebrate the season, it has been a TMGC custom to support a local charity through gift donations and the proceeds from a raffle. Further information about the charity will be forthcoming. As always, we welcome donations to the raffle. The club's generosity has been greatly appreciated by the charities in the past, as I know it will be going forward.

Tuesday, December 29th is the date for our **Annual Holiday Lights Drive to the Norfolk Botanical Gardens**. We will depart from Franco's Italian Restaurant (6200 N Military Hwy, Norfolk) at 7:30PM. If you would like to eat prior to our departure, it is recommended that you arrive at Franco's by 6:30PM.

That's it for 2009. Thanks to all for your participation in these events and for making it a great year.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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