

The Dipstick



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MARQUE TIME

Greetings to my fellow MG enthusiasts and chili lovers. The chili cook-off at the October meeting brought some serious contenders out of their garages. Thank you to Mitzi and Steve LaPaugh for hosting a great meeting. We also had the privilege of meeting Steve Sr. Apparently, after retirement, Steve Sr. was looking for something to occupy his time. He decided on becoming a blacksmith. As MG owners we can all appreciate and respect the commitment that he has made to his hobby. Steve Sr.'s blacksmith shop has anvils from the 1800s and every tool imaginable. He has an admirable dedication to the craft.

I hate to say it, however, we are approaching winter garage time for my MG. On a positive note I plan to paint my wheels, change the oil, etc.

My job brings me to Petersburg about every 6 or 7 weeks. We all know what Petersburg means, Moss. If you buy anything and would like to save the cost of freight, I love an excuse to stop by Moss; just let me know. You voted me in and I am here to serve.

Safety fast!!
Bill



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Check www.mg.org for the latest info!

- Nov. 20 Saturday, TMGC Garage Sale – 9:00 AM
Hosted by Pam Groover
4708 Overman Ave., Virginia Beach
- Nov. 26 – Black Friday Drive – Eastern Shore
9:00am – 5:00pm
8th Annual Open Studio and Winery Tour
- Dec. 10 Friday- Holiday Party – Norfolk - 6:30 to when ever. Hosted by Cynthia Faschini & Andy Wallach. More information to follow.
- Dec. 12 Dipstick inputs due.
- Dec. 21 Tuesday - Holiday Lights Drive
Norfolk Botanical Gardens
Dinner at Franco's in Norfolk at 6:00
Depart for Holiday Lights at 8:00
Tickets will be available in advance
- Jan. 5 Wednesday – TMGC Meeting
Frankie's Place for Ribs – Fairfield Shopping Center Virginia Beach
6:30 – Dinner
8:00 - Meeting
- Feb. 1 Tuesday – Club Meeting – location TBD
- Feb. 12 Mid-Winter Drive-out – destination TBD
(aka – St. Valentine's Day Mass-o-Cars)
- Mar. 2 Wednesday – Club Meeting – location TBD
- Mar. 12 Moss Motors Drive (tentative)
- Apr. 5 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach

Hosted by Bill & Renee Olcheski

Spring Tech Session – date and location TBD

May 2 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Seaford
Hosted by Bruce & Jayne Easley

May 28 – June 5 British Car Week

June 7 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
Hosted by Bill & Issie Yoshida

July 6 Wednesday – Club Meeting – location TBD

Aug. 2 Tuesday – Club Meeting – location TBD

Aug 19-21 Brew Ridge Music Festival Drive

Sep. 7 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Yorktown
Hosted by Bruce & Lydie Foster

Oct. 4 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Yorktown
Hosted by Chuck & Becky Hassler (tentative)

Nov. 2 Wednesday – Club Meeting – location TBD



NOVEMBER MINUTES

by Bruce Easley

The November 3, 2010 meeting of Tidewater MG Classics was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen LaPaugh, parents of club members Steve and Mitzi LaPaugh. Steve and Mitzi had arranged a chili cook-off for the evening's food and festivities, and the aroma of some delicious dishes made keeping everyone's minds on the agenda a bit difficult.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Bill Olcheski. An approval or amendment of the minutes of the October meeting was requested, and the minutes were approved as written. The Vice President, Russ Ripp, discussed the meeting and thanked the LaPaughs for hosting the club.

Jim Villers, our Treasurer, brought us up to date on club finances as of Oct. 5. Balance brought forward was \$3,566.82. With receipts of \$208 and disbursements of \$617.24, the current balance was \$3,157.58. Again, Jim donated materials for recording of the minutes; thank goodness for multi-taskers!

The activities report was then given by our Activities Director, Tad Carter. As usual there is no shortage of interesting things to do with Tidewater MG Classics! See the "Activities" section of this newsletter for the latest list. Tad reported that MG-80, the celebration of

the 80th Anniversary of the Founding of the First MG Club, was a success with "MG 80" and an Octagon formed with MGs at Fort Story, VA and aerial photos. See the club website Photo Gallery section for links leading to MG-80 pictures from all over the world. Thanks to Donald Ladd, Susan Bond, and Doug Wilson for the great pictures of the Tidewater event. Tad discussed the other upcoming activities such as the Black Friday Driveout, the Holiday Party, an MG Garage Sale, the Holiday Lights Drive, etc. He observed that the Nov. 14 Tech Session would "start at 10 and continue until everything runs well enough to go somewhere else." He also reminded the group that the fundraiser associated with the Holiday Party will benefit the Childrens' Hospital of the King's Daughters. Be generous!! A call for sponsors of next year's meetings was made, and several empty slots were filled.

Susan Bond, our historian, observed that we continue to make history with events such as MG-80, which will be reflected in the scrapbooks.

Ron Struewing provided the Membership report in Bill Yoshida's absence. As of 26 October, we have 117 paid up memberships. Two more are in the queue (checks in the mail.) Two new memberships since last report are Ian & Karen Dempster (1979 MGB), and Randy & Leslie Neal (1973 MGB). You should have received your 2011 Directories by now. If not, please call Bill Yoshida at 554-0402 to complain.

Becky Hassler discussed Regalia and the raffle prizes. See her for any MG Club items such as clothing, car regalia, etc. The raffle prizes were displayed, being a Disney MG-related DVD "Diamonds on Wheels," a beautiful hand-forged BBQ fork made by Mr. LaPaugh, an MG monogram beer mug, the ever-popular TMGC license plate holder, Riverwalk wine, and of course – first in line for dinner fare.

Regarding Dipstick business, Ron Struewing asked for volunteers for writeups of the upcoming Tech Session, the Holiday Lights Drive and the Black Friday Drive. Give him a call if you'd like to contribute.

Old Business: None discussed. New Business: Mitzi LaPaugh discussed the process for voting for and scoring the various chili dishes, from which there were at least 8 to choose. A trophy for first place will be awarded at the Holiday Party.

For Marque Time, Susan Bond described a recent problem with the oil hose to the sending unit on their MG. The hose had been replaced with a new part within the last 2 to 3 years. However, it was found to be leaking during a recent road trip. When an attempt was made to tighten the fitting with a 12mm open end wrench, the fitting split. There is some speculation that the recently made parts from certain suppliers may have an inherent weakness at the fitting. Be prepared! Donald Ladd discussed redoing his MG Midget headrests with installed speakers and inquired about pad-

International Holiday Celebration

Hosted by Cynthia Faschini and Andy Wallach
 Friday December 10, 2010 6:30 p.m.

Appetizers/Greeting ~ 6:30-7:30
 Dinner ~ 7:45-9:00
 Desert/Coffee, etc. ~ 9:30

Theme: The Seven Continents
 dishes from all seven continents

See the October 2010 issue for full details.
 Link to [October 2010 Dipstick](#)

ding material. Chuck Hassler reported that the material is typically the same as carpet padding, which may be available as scraps from local carpet supplies. Just put it together and use an electric knife to trip it to the desired configuration.

Ron Struewing reported that Anita Edwards-Struewing has been taken ill with viral meningitis. She is improving, but keep her in your thoughts for a speedy and full recovery.

The evening's raffle ended with Kathy, a guest, winning the BBQ fork, Tad Carter taking home the wine, Ron Struewing winning the mug, Susan Bond acquiring the DVD, and Mitzi LaPaugh winning the coveted license plate holder as well as first in line. Mitzi donated the food line starting position to the attending new members. Meeting adjourned to the chili pots!

The chili collection was amazing. There was the more traditional "Damask Red" chili, vegetarian chili, Mexican chili, chicken chili, and several other traditional types, as well as a great collection of frosty beverages, wine, desserts, meatballs, and other goodies. The La-Paugh's had done a wonderful job of putting everything together in their special party building, and Mr. La-Paugh's showing of his on-premises foundry provided great after dinner entertainment for the technically, artistically, or mechanically inclined.

Officers and Committees

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*Merry
 Christmas!*

Membership and New Members

Bill Yoshida

Memberships: As of 10 November, 118 paid memberships have been received for 2011. An additional 2 members had indicated their intent to renew. This brings the expected number to a total of 120 memberships for the 2011 year. There were 2 new memberships that joined in October/November. The 120 memberships is a new “High Water Mark” for the club.

New Memberships:

Randy & Leslie Neal
Yorktown, VA 23693
1973 MGB

Bruce & Lydie Foster
Yorktown, VA 23693
1965 Morgan, 1966 Morgan

Membership Renewal: There are only 2 delinquent members from 2010. An e-mail was sent to each in early November requesting submission of their dues.

Dues: All dues checks to date have been turned over to Jim Villers for deposit.

TMGC 2011 Directory: Jim Villers ordered and received an additional 5 copies of the TMGC Annual Directory. A copy of the Directory has been sent to all members. If you have not received a copy of the 2011 Directory, please contact Bill Yoshida at williamryoshida@verizon.net or (757) 554-0402.

Safety Fast,



Activities

by Tad Carter

As we come to the close of 2010, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our meeting and tech session hosts, as well as those who helped put together our driving events. To the rest of you, thanks for coming along for the ride. I hope you have enjoyed the variety of events. I look forward to your feedback and suggestions as the 2011 calendar develops.

Here is the scoop on upcoming events:

We will celebrate the holiday season on **Friday, December 10th**. As announced in October's Dipstick, Andy Wallach and Cynthia Faschini will be our hosts at their home in Norfolk. We are looking forward to an international feast featuring dishes being brought to represent each of the seven continents. If you haven't signed up and are interested in adding to the fare, please contact Cynthia to see what she needs.

Continuing with our holiday traditions, we have once again adopted Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters as our charity. For the newer members, we adopt a local charity each year, and anyone wanting to make a gift donation or a financial contribution is welcome to do so. We'll gather the donations at the Holiday Party, and get them delivered to the charity so they can be included in their holiday celebration. CHKD is such a special facility to have in our area. Because they are so well known on a local basis, I'm not sure any of us recognize their national reach and importance. I know CHKD meant a lot to many of you in last year's giving, and I know they can use the support once again. At the end of this issue of *The Dipstick*, you will find CHKD's gift-giving guidelines, as well as a wish-list of potential donations.

In the past, we have also held a silent auction at the Holiday Party. Auction items have run the full spectrum from car-related items to custom artwork, tickets and household appliances. We invite your participation in this year's auction. All proceeds will be added to our CHKD contribution.

On **Tuesday, December 21st**, we'll head out to the Holiday Lights at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. For those interested in dinner prior to the drive, we'll have 6:00 reservations at Franco's Italian Restaurant (6200 N Military Hwy). I'm allowing a little extra time this year before an 8:00 departure for the drive. As usual, we will pre-buy a number of tickets for the Lights. This should speed up our entrance into the park.

We'll return to an old favorite for our January meeting. On **Wednesday, January 5th**, we will kick off the year at Frankie's Place for Ribs in Virginia

Beach. Frankie's is known for their "Best of the Beach" barbeque. Dinner reservations begin at 6:30, with the meeting beginning at 8:00.

The rest of the 2011 calendar is coming together. If you are interested in hosting a meeting, a tech session or a drive, please let me know.



Hunt Country Classic

by Becky Hassler
photographs by Doug Wilson
October 10, 2010

Sunday, 10/10/10 is when the 15th Annual Hunt Country Classic British Car Show was held on Wiloughby Farm in Middleburg, Virginia. Chuck and I drove with Craig and Joyce Cummings-each in our MGCs-on Saturday, staying mostly on Route 17. We



had dinner at Molly's Irish Pub in Warrenton's Downtown Historic District and stayed the night at a nearby Holiday Inn.

After breakfast we made the short drive down



to the show field to discover that, after much lobbying for our own class by fellow MGC owners, the MGCs had their own class. In fact, there were a total of 7 MGCs on the field. Five remained in the class, one was a winner in the MGB class the previous year and was



now showing in the Prince of Wales (premiere) class and one was a racing car and was parked in the racing class.



The MG Car Club Washington DC Centre does an outstanding job of putting on this show a year after one of the owners, Bill Scott, passed away. Mrs. Barbara Scott was a gracious hostess to approximately 240 cars and lots of spectators. After you finished looking at cars, you could take a hay ride around the estate or bid on a silent auction item that benefited the Middleburg Humane Foundation. Food vendors made sure you had plenty to eat and drink while you waited for the judging to be completed

Doug and Aiko Wilson took 3rd place for their MGB and we took 2nd place for our MGC. It was a beautiful Virginia day to be with friends and look at beautiful cars.

MG80 TMGC

by Mark Davidoski

photographs by Donald Ladd and Susan Bond

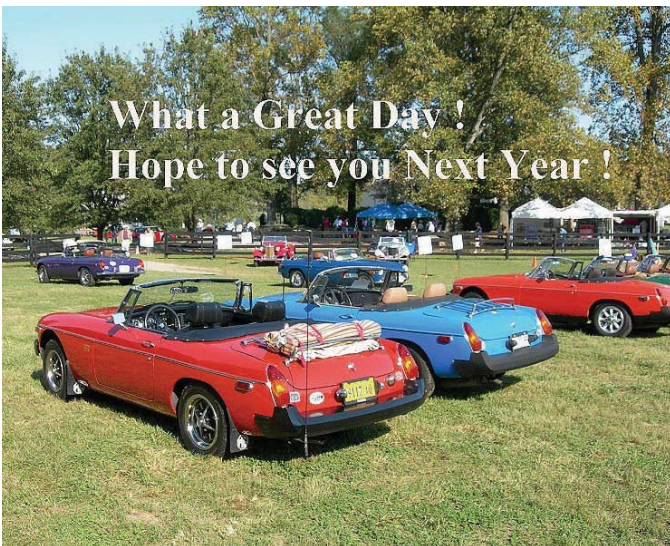
It was a cool and blustery morning on October 16th as 26 TMGC MGs and operators gathered for their part in THE MG event of the decade – MG 80. More than 80 MG clubs from around the globe, representing six of the seven continents and at least 25 nations, were enlisted to play in a rolling, worldwide celebration of the 80th anniversary of the founding of the original MG Car Club.



Doug wins 3rd Place, 1976 MGB



Chuck and Becky took 2nd place



Many more photographs can be found at:
<http://seckman.jalbum.net/Hunt%20Country%20Classic,2010/index.html>



Our participation was the brainchild of David Kinsey, who assured TMGC's place in MG history by securing access to the Cape Henry Lighthouse site for a unique photo shoot. Cape Henry was chosen due to its significance as the very spot where the first permanent settlers from England set foot in North America in 1607. This took a bit of political skill on David's part,



Tad Carter has the plan!

as the lighthouse complex is administered by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities and



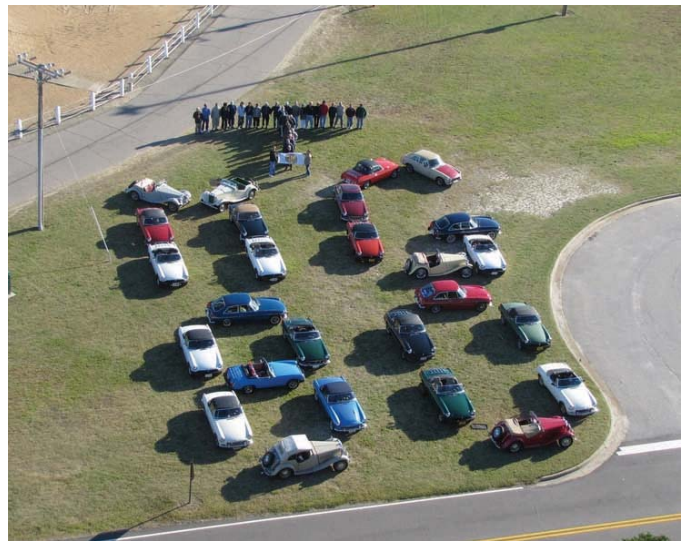
rests on an Army installation (Fort Story) that had recently been folded into a Naval base (Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek), to become known as Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek/Fort Story, under Navy command. Long story short, David was able to pull it off, despite a last minute panic when the gate guard hesitated because the local Command Post had not notified him of TMGC's imminent arrival!



Once in position (thanks to terrain markings courtesy of Tad Carter and David), we formed our MGs into several commemorative logos. Don Ladd lent his



photographic skills and equipment when he climbed the original Cape Henry Lighthouse (placed into service in 1792) and captured the moment on digital film. Our photo spread was immediately uploaded to the MG 80 web gallery for the entire world to enjoy.



Following the Cape Henry photo shoot, we convoyed south to Waterman's at 5th and Atlantic for a convivial (and delicious) early brunch. Participant cars (the Cummings would have made it 27, but mechanical





issues cut their trip short) included five TC/TD/TFs, one Midget, two MGB GTs, one MGC GT, one MGC, and 16 MGBs. A great time was had by all, thanks to the organizational skills of David, Tad, and Don. Well done guys!



MGs in the Octagon Formation

(Go to www.mg.org for more photographs.)





The gathering at Waterman's

The November Meeting and Chili Cookoff





CHKD - Child Life Wish List

Thank you so much for your interest in supporting the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters. Your generosity in providing donations of gifts and handmade items goes a long way towards brightening a patient's hospital stay. This list contains suggestions for gifts and for other items that are used during a child's hospitalization.

[Monetary donations](#) are also acceptable.

Toy Safety Guidelines

- All toys donated should be sturdy. We cannot accept toys made of glass or brittle plastic, or that have sharp edges or protrusions. We cannot accept toys with detachable or removable parts which can be swallowed or inhaled by small children.
- All toys must be new. We cannot accept used/old toys or used stuffed animals due to our infection control policies.
- We cannot accept any donations that include **food/candy**, candles, knives, razors, medicines or Latex balloons.
- We cannot accept toys or video games that depict violence in any way. No guns, swords, or fighting figures will be accepted.
- We cannot accept "R" rated movies or "M" rated games
- We cannot accept any toys or books with a religious message or of a religious nature.
- Only new, non-toxic paint, glue or craft supplies can be accepted

Current Specific Needs

Small boxes of crayons (4-8 crayons per pack)
 DVDs and PlayStation 2 games (new or used)
 4"x 6" photo paper for printing digital pictures
 Craft supplies
 Groove-It and Bop-It
 Infant toys
 Infant crib mobiles – all plastic, no cloth parts
 Stain-glass paper for windows
 Birthday Gift Bags
 "Guess Who" Board Games
 Bubbles (small bottles)
 Only new, non-toxic paint, glue or craft supplies can be accepted.

Department Needs

Snnozelen products
 White noise or other soothing noise machine
 Environment CDs
 Children's books on medical diagnosis or about the body
 Flash Drive
 Digital Camera
 Portable Printer for Digital Camera
 Disposable Cameras with flash
 Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D)
 Mini containers of bubbles
 Small boxes of crayons (4-8 crayons per pack)
 Party Blowers
 Fun Toothbrushes
 Stickers

View Finders
 • "I Spy" Books

Age Specific Items Needed

Infants (birth to 1 year)

Baby Einstein DVD series
 Bath toys
 Blankets
 Bumble Balls
 Chubby books
 Baby gym
 Bibs
 Bottles
 Busy Boxes
 Crib toys
 Fisher Price Bounce and Giggle Kitty or dog (other animals if available)
 Fisher Price Ocean Wonders Aquarium
 Leap Frog toys
 Light up toys
 Mobiles (all plastic, no cloth parts)
 Music CDs
 Musical toys
 Plastic infant toys
 Pop up/cause and effect toys
 Rain sticks
 Rattles
 Ring stacks
 Sassy toys
 Snap beads
 Squeak toys
 Star Stacking Toy (lights up and plays music when you stack the stars)
 Teethers
 V-tech toys
 Mirrors

Toddlers (1 to 3 years)

Audio Books
 Blocks
 Bubbles
 Cars and trucks
 Housekeeping toys
 Music CDs
 Pop-up books
 See-n-Says
 Toy animals
 Waffle blocks
 Wooden puzzles
 Balls
 Bubble blower
 Bumble Ball
 Character toys (Barney, Bob the Builder, Dore the Explorer, Blues' Clues, Sesame Street, Winnie the Pooh, etc.)
 Light up toys
 Musical toys
 Push-pull toys
 Shape sorters
 Toddler Duplos
 Toy phones

Pre-schoolers (4 to 5 years)

Action figures
 Barbie accessories
 Bubble tumblers (no spill)
 Card games
 Dress up accessories

Hot Wheels
 Legos
 Lucky Ducks game
 Model Magic
 Playdoh and accessories
 Puppy Racers
 Rescue Heroes
 Scooby Doo accessories
 Thomas the Tank Engine or other train sets
 Audio Books
 Barbie and Ken dolls (all races)
 Building toys
 Character slippers
 Fisher Price games
 Lincoln Logs
 Memory

 Nerf balls
 Pretty Pretty Princess
 Puzzles (24 pieces)
 Rescue Rangers
 Sound books

School Aged (6 to 12 years)

Action figures
 Barbie and Ken dolls
 Body glitter
 Book bags, back packs, purses
 Bratz dolls
 Clue
 Craft kits
 Guess Who
 Hand held games
 K'nex kits
 Lip Smackers
 Make-up kits
 Monopoly Jr.
 Nerf basketball sets
 Powerpuff Girls accessories
 Scooby Doo accessories
 Barbie accessories
 Battleship
 Boggle
 Books (e.g. Harry Potter, Goosebumps)
 Checkers
 Connect 4
 Groovy Girls
 Hair accessories
 Hello Kitty
 Lego kits
 Mad Libs/puzzle books
 Mancala
 Nail polish
 Nerf sport sets
 Puzzles
 Simon

Adolescents (12 years and older)

Bath gels
 Boxer shorts
 Card games
 CD's of current music
 Clue
 Craft kits
 Gift certificates (Blockbuster, Target, Old Navy)
 Hats/visors
 Journals

Lotions
 Make-up
 Model sets (cars, etc.)
 Nail polish
 Picture frames
 Poster pictures to paint
 Scattergories
 Sport balls
 Stationary
 Uno
 Yahtzee
 Books
 Cameras -- regular or disposable
 Catch Phrase
 CD cases
 Cosmetic bags
 Cranium
 Gym bags
 Jewelry
 Key chains
 Mancala
 Manicure kits
 Monopoly
 Nerf basketball sets
 Phone cards
 Posters
 Skip-Bo
 Sport team/entertainer memorabilia
 T-shirts
 Teen computer games
 Teen magazines
 Walkman

Activity Room Needs and Items Staff Use With Patients

Electronics

Laptop Computer
 DVDs -- G, PG, PG-13 (especially new releases and teen movies)
 PlayStation 2 games
 Game Boy color games/other hand-held games
 CD Walkmans with earphones
 CDs -- Radio Disney, Disney collection, popular kids' movie sound-tracks

Arts & Crafts

Art supplies -- Crayons, jumbo crayons (preschool-size), washable markers, blunt scissors, glue (Elmer's and Tacky), colored pencils, glitter glue, etc.
 Playdoh/Model Magic and accessories
 Swirl Art (Toys R Us)
 Non-holiday coloring books, Crossword Puzzles, Word Find Books
 Blank Journals
 Poster Board
 Puffy Paint
 Fabric Markers
 Glitter
 Plain T-shirts (Sizes 2T – Adult XL)
 Small Photo Albums
 Small beads

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TMGC's Holiday Party

Hosted by **Cynthia Faschini and Andy Wallach**
Friday December 10, 2010 6:30 p.m.

Appetizers/Greeting ~ 6:30-7:30
Dinner ~ 7:45-9:00
Dessert/Coffee, etc. ~ 9:30

Andy Wallach & Cynthia Faschini's
545 Mayflower Rd.
Norfolk

Map labels: Little Creek Rd, Willow Wood Dr, Norwich Ave, Tidewater Dr, Granby St, Colonial Ave, 38th St, Mayflower Rd, Lysyette River, Waterway Dr, 1-64, 1-264.