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MARQUE TIME

Greetings, my fellow MG enthusiasts! As we roll into July, I can't believe how fast time flies.

Thank you to Issie and Bill Yoshida for hosting the June meeting. This was my first experience facilitating a meeting while being perched on a presidential throne looking down on the TMGC masses, a yard decorated with club MGs and a beautiful swimming pool. What a boost for the presidents' ego! I have heard that in between meetings the presidential throne functions as a pool slide. Who would have thunk?

The formal portion of the meeting was followed by delicious eats and discussion in a room with multiple slot machines. No more trips to Vegas for me. As the evening wound down, we ended with informative insights into the ancient art of tattoo. Never mind....you had to be there. The weather was beautiful, right up until the end when the rain started.

For years I have avoided taking the MG out if I thought it might rain. The LBCs are susceptible to rust and, even with the top up, the insides of mine are not fully protected. My mind-set recently changed. I was at the cruz-in at the Farmers' Market in Virginia Beach admiring a highly customized T-Bucket hot rod. The parking lot could have been nearly filled with MGs, with the money invested in this rolling piece of art. I noticed that the vehicle I was drooling on lacked a rag top. I asked the owner what he does if it rains. He smiled and said "I drive home and it will dry out." He is right!!

As the rain started at the end of our July meeting, most put up their tops and drove home in the rain. The hot-rodder at farmers' market changed my life. I will now get additional enjoyment out of our MG with the new mind-set. It won't melt. Enjoy it!!

Safety fast!
Bill

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Check www.mg.org for the latest info!

- July 1-3 GOF – Huron, OH www.gofcentral.com
Hosted by the Ohio Chapter – NEMGTR
- July 4 Yorktown Parade
- July 7 **Wednesday –**
6:30 PM – Drive-by at Baylake Retirement Home –
4225 Shore Drive – Virginia Beach.
7:30 PM Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
Hosted by Betty & Jim Villers
- July 10 Saturday - Eastern Shore Driving Tour (Rain Date – Sunday, July 11)
Hosted by Richard Leal & Mike Ash
9:00 AM Departure from Virginia Beach
- July 17 **Saturday - TMGC Garage Sale – 9:00 AM**
4708 Overman Ave, Virginia Beach
- Aug. 3 **Tuesday - Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**
Please note change in Venue
Hosted by Paul & Carmen Thiergardt
- Aug. 7 Saturday - TMGC 2-State Driving Tour VA/NC
Hosted by Richard Hall
See July *Dipstick* for details
- Aug. 7 Classics at Lee Hall – Contact Clay Drnec
804-824-9198
- Aug. 15 **Sunday - Summer Tech Session – Chesapeake**
Hosted by Linda & Jim Freeh
- Sep. 1 **Wednesday - Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**
Hosted by Anita Edwards-Struewing & Ron Struewing

Upcoming Activities (continued)

Sep.24-26 Southeast British Car Festival, Dillard, GA,
www.PeachtreeMG.com

Sep. 26 Sunday -TMGC Drive-out to the Barksdale Theater
– Hanover, VA
2PM performance of *Smoke on the Mountain Home-coming*

Oct. 5 Tuesday - Club Meeting – Yorktown
Hosted by Becky & Chuck Hassler

TBD Fall Tech Session – Chesapeake -
Hosted by Susan & Terry Bond

Nov. 3 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Newport News
Hosted by Mitzi & Steve LaPaugh
Chili Cook-off

TBD Holiday Party – Norfolk
Hosted by Cynthia Faschini & Andy Wallach



JUNE MINUTES

by Renee Olcheski

We began our June meeting promptly at 8:07 PM. The delay in start time was attributable to the great time that everyone was having wandering about Yoshida acres talking about cars, consuming cold beverages and enjoying the evening. The meeting started off with an approval of the May minutes and an upcoming cruz-in reminder from the president.

New Members and Guests: The meeting was attended by two guests, Tom and Mike. Thank you for attending. We hope to see you both again.

Vice-President: As El Presidente looked on proudly, Russ gave what appeared to be serious thought, followed by a shrug and nothing to report.

Treasurer: Jim Villers was not present. To the delight of the members, the president reported that we remain in the black.

Activities: Tad Carter reported multiple upcoming events:

Tuesday, June 22: the Norfolk Tides will be playing the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs at Harbor Park. This is *Turn*

the Clock Back night with 50 cent cokes, hot dogs, and popcorn. Six tickets remain, at \$10 each.

Monday, July 4: Yorktown Parade : Keith Henry is looking for drivers for the parade.

Wednesday, July 7: Meeting at the Villers with car display before the meeting at Baylake Retirement Community.

Saturday, July 10: Our drive to the Eastern Shore. We will be leaving Virginia Beach at 9AM. A picnic is planned with games and swimming. A sign-up sheet will be sent out.

Saturday, July 17, 9AM: Garage Sale at Pam Groover's home. Frank and Pam are working to clear out Vince's collection of MG parts and accessories.

Saturday, August 7: Richard Hall's two state tour; details to follow.

Sunday, August 15: Tech session at the home of Linda and Jim Freeh.

Sunday, September 26, 9 AM: Departure for the Barksdale Theatre, to see *Smoke on the Mountain*. We will enjoy lunch in New Kent.

Membership: Bill Yoshida reported 115 members. This appears to be the all-time high. Bill requests that cell phone numbers be included in the directory to ease contact during outings - in case of car break-downs, etc. Also, if email addresses have changed, please be sure to let Bill know. There was discussion of prorating dues for members starting during the existing fiscal year.

Newsletter: Ron thanked all who have written articles and sent in pictures. Ron did ask that pictures be sent in separately, and requested they not be embedded in word documents.

History: Susan needs writers and pictures for the ice cream run. Bill O will write for Ascension Cruise In on Saturday, June 5. Cynthia will write for the Tides game.





Saturday the 17th of July at 9 a.m.

Garage Sale

featuring
parts and other items
from Vince's collection

Who knows what hidden gems
you may find!

4708 OVERMAN AVE.
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
(757) 497-6904

Membership and New Members

Bill Yoshida

Memberships: As of 08 June 2010, the membership count stands at 116 paid members. One new membership was added since the last newsletter.

New Memberships: Michael & Shelly Goduti
Yorktown, VA 23690
1977 MGB

Membership Renewal: June is TMGC's annual membership renewal month. Dues are only \$20.00 for the year. In late May I contacted, by e-mail or phone, the five members that were previously paid-up through June 2011, to let them know that their dues are current. I have received an additional 17 renewals, plus the above new membership, for a total of 23 current 2011 memberships. I look forward to all 116 members renewing their 2011 membership. Renewal forms can be found online at www.mg.org. A copy is again included in this month's edition of the Dipstick. Please fill out a form and either bring it to an upcoming meeting, or send it in the mail, along with the dues. I plan to turn over all dues on hand (checks and cash) to Jim Villers at the July meeting.

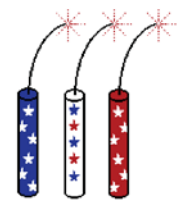
Note: My Zip Code is 23455 (some forms do not have

the last 5)

Annual Directory: I intend to begin building the Tidewater MG Classics 2011 Directory upon closure of the registration period on 30 June. Members that have not renewed their 2011 membership by the end of July are not guaranteed to appear in the Annual Directory when it is published. I received a recommendation to include cellular/mobile phone numbers, in addition to home phone numbers in this year's directory. I plan to include these numbers for any member who cares to provide the information. If you have a new photo that you would like to be included in this year's directory, please e-mail it to me at: williamryoshida@verizon.net. I've received a few updated photos and will do my best to include them. No promises.

Correction to last month's Membership Report: Tommy Keiningham no longer owns a Sprite. Robert's Bug Eye is still lonely.

Safety Fast,



Activities Report

Monday, July 4: A number of our cars are scheduled to participate in Yorktown's parade down Main Street. Followed by food and fireworks, this will be our LBC salute to our country's independence.

Wednesday, July 7th: Jim and Betty Villers host our monthly meeting. Prior to the evening meeting, we have been invited to stop by Baylake Retirement Home (4425 Shore Drive, VB) at 6:30 PM to share our cars with the residents. If you are able to participate, please contact Meade Fowlkes (MeadeF@verizon.net). The Baylake group will depart for the meeting for a 7:30 arrival.

Our Eastern Shore drive on Saturday, July 10th is nearly here. For those traveling from the VB area, we will meet at the vacant gas station on Shore Drive at Northampton (Exit Northampton at Shore Drive. Turn right and then an immediate left into the station). We will depart from VB at 9:00 for arrival on the Eastern Shore at 9:30. Our first stop is the Visitor's Center at the Wildlife Refuge, where we have a brief introduction to the park, as well as a tour of the marsh and the WWII gun emplacements. We will then head north to Eyre Hall, where we will be able to tour the historic gardens. Depending on time spent at these destinations, we may add additional stops before our final stop at the Bay Ridge Community Center and picnic hosted by Richard & Joan and Mike & Jennifer. So that no one has to travel that day with potato salad in his or her lap, all food will be provided at the picnic. However, this will be a BYOB event, with your own selection of beverages (adult or otherwise). There will be an assortment of games, as well as use of the pool at Bay Ridge.

Saturday, July 17th, starting at 9:00 AM: Pam Groover is holding a Garage Sale featuring parts and other items from Vince's collection. Who knows what hidden gems we'll find in the garage? We'll find out then.

Sunday, August 7th: Richard Hall leads his 2nd annual driving tour. The Two-State Tour departs from Virginia Beach at 11:00, passing through Chesapeake and into North Carolina. We'll spend some time in the Dismal Swamp, and end up at Southland Restaurant (World Famous BBQ and Fried Chicken) for a mid-afternoon lunch. Details will follow in early July. Thanks to Richard and Sandy for leading this tour.

Sunday, August 15th: Linda and Jim Freeh host our Summer Tech session. This is a great time to take care of any issues than may have come up during the early summer drives.

Sunday, September 26th: Our second run out to Hanover for an afternoon at the Barksdale Theatre. The sign-up for this event was e-mailed on 6/8. Registration will close on Friday, July 16th or when the tickets are

sold out. We will depart the Southside around at 9:00 AM, with a brief stop on the Peninsula to meet any travelers joining us there. We'll have an 11:30 Brunch stop in New Kent at an 1810 farmhouse. We'll then head into Hanover for a 2:00 performance of Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming. ETA back in Tidewater will depend on the collective need for refreshments following the theatre. Theatre tickets are \$32. Those who joined us last year will remember that this is a very small venue.

Please Note – Our August club meeting has been moved to the home of Paul & Carmen Thiergardt in Virginia Beach.



Officers and Committees

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Snow-to-Go Driveout

by Chuck Hassler

Photographs by Donald Ladd

2 June 2010

A warm, clear summer night plus ice cream is a good recipe to bring a collection of TMGC sports cars out of their garages for a run. The cool-treat-deprived



members met at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor's Center before launching up the Colonial Parkway towards Williamsburg. The Parkway, drenched in eve-



ning shadows and flush with new foliage from the wet spring, was a delight. A pair of bald eagles sat in a tree near their nest along the shore of the York River and watched with interest as the MG caravan passed. We



believe that they were British expatriates. The little British flag rising from the nest was the tip-off.

Our 30-minute Parkway drive landed us at the Sno-to-Go on US 60 in Williamsburg for New Orleans Snowballs and soft-serve ice cream treats. The service



was great and the treats a delight. Not normally one to consume ice cream, it was necessary for the author to sample the goods to gather research for this little article. A “very large” chocolate sundae did the trick. I must say that the rest of the group, with a few exceptions, procured equally large treat portions.



The group included Tad Carter, our wonderful activities director who planned the drive; Roy and Janice Gavilan; Craig and Joyce Cumming; Russ Ripp; Bob and Missy McKenna; Bob Reisse; Donald Ladd, our photographer; Bruce and Jayne Easley, Mike Lalli and his son David, and Becky and me. In a word “YUMMY”!!!



Doumar's Ice Cream Run

by Wildflower (TC5308)
 photographs by Bruce Easley
 June 3, 2010

It's been a while since I had a chance to see much of the family, so I was quite pleased when my human Bob Stein, his female friend Kitty, and I participated in a Tidewater MG Classics ice cream run on June 3rd. A half-dozen great-grandkids, all MGBs, were waiting anxiously when we arrived at Community Beach Park about 6:30 in evening. The last arrival was just a friend of the family, a Mustang convertible. One of the grandchildren, a green MGB, was a bit shy and kept its top up, but the rest of us happily displayed our humans openly. Having seen the humans in question, I do understand the green roadster's timidity.

From what I could gather, the starting location was close to the original Ocean View Amusement Park where the original building for a human fueling station



known as *Doumar's* had been located long before even I was built. One of the humans distributed an information sheet on the history of the fueling station in question, and then the group departed for the new *Doumar's* at a brisk pace.

We wound through some side streets, causing many humans to look and wave as we motored by. Happily, none of the participants faltered, even the Ford making it to our destination with no problems. Well, the poor dear did get a bit lost finding the starting point, but that was likely an issue with its human. Traffic signals tended to separate the group out, but by



the time we reached the 'new' *Doumar's*, we were all together again. Not having much regard for the work ethics of most Colonials, I was astonished to see that the world's first ice cream cone machine was busy outside, churning out racks of new cones with the help of a human. Gracious! The fellow is over one hundred years old and still the only one doing that job! And I thought I was doing pretty well, carting my humans around at... well, there is no need to get into particulars, is there?

Some of us watched the sky with apprehension, as there had been mention of ill weather. However, we all remained dry outside while our humans refueled themselves with jumbo Limeades, milk shakes, and ice



cream sundaes. It was interesting to note that many humans chose not to leave their cars, instead having fuel brought to their vehicles. My first reaction was, admittedly, a bit of jealousy, as their humans were staying with them. A glance at one poor minivan quickly squelched that feeling – it was full of small humans who were spilling human fuel all over its interior. I shuddered at the thought of my loving, but often clumsy, human trying to consume a hot fudge sundae in my driver’s seat.

We and our humans all had an excellent visit, but I’m not sure I should go back to Doumar’s. As we were leaving, the ice cream cone machine winked at me. Dirty old man!

Submitted by Bob Stein for Wildflower.



Ascension Cruz-In

by Bill Olcheski

Photographs by Anita Edwards-Struewing and Mark Davidoski



The first annual Ascension Cruz-in on Saturday, June 15 at the Church of the Ascension was an outstanding success. Vehicles displayed included old Jags, MGs from a variety of different models and years, muscle cars, and vintage automobiles.



1940 Graham Sedan

It was a picnic atmosphere. The cars were displayed on the lawn. Owners either sat in the shade or wandered through the ample variety of crafts and attractions. The large assortment of food and beverages made for a relaxing afternoon. A good time was had by all. This was a first time event which I am sure will be repeated. Bill Yoshida



Paul Thiergardt and unidentified friend pulling away in Paul's TF



Bill Olcheski

Bill Yoshida

Joint Warfighting Center Car & Cycle Show

by Mark Davidoski

Some TMGC members recently participated in a lunchhour car & cycle show at the Joint Warfighting Center campus in Suffolk, VA on June 2nd. Mike Lalli organized this as a morale booster for the JWFC workforce. Approximately 60 cars and cycles participated, including Mike's 1978 MGB, Mark Davidoski's 1965 MGB, and Pete Limoges's 1959 MGA. Other British participants included a 1969 Mini Traveler, and a 1974 TR-6 (with homebuilt fuel injection). The show included American muscle cars (very big in Suffolk!), as well as late-model exotics, including a Maserati sports sedan and a Dodge Viper, plus several unique entrants, such as a 1954 Kaiser Darrin roadster with cool sliding doors. A few cycles also showed up, including a Chinese copy of a WW II BMW and a 450 hp turbo-charged Suzuki drag bike.



Ron Struewing & Anita Edwards-Struewing



Mike Lalli, Mark Davidoski, Pete Limoges



Harbor Park Tides Game

(Turn Back the Clock Night)

by Cynthia Faschini

photographs by Donald Ladd

"Take me out to the ballgame." That's exactly what Tad Carter arranged for 28 club members Tuesday, June 22, 2010. We all enjoyed an exciting 9-4 Tides win against the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs from our seats directly behind home base. Including our club members, there were 8,325 fans in attendance. Yes, it was a tad warm (no pun intended), but with 50-cent

Tech Tip

by Craig Cummings

Having trouble installing your windshield/tailgate glass and chrome trim on your MGB/C GT? Get someone else to do it! Call David, @ 757-503-0501. He installed my tail gate window and chrome trim on my C GT in about an hour. That was the best 50 bucks I have spent in a while.



soft drinks, hotdogs, and popcorn combined with seeing our club's name highlighted on the scoreboard, it was an evening enjoyed by all.



June Meeting



TMGC ANNUAL RENEWAL

Please fill out the form below and return it to Bill Yoshida with a check payable to TMGC for \$20.00 and mail to:

TMGC
c/o Bill Yoshida
4732 Little John Rd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
williamryoshida@verizon.net

(757) 554-0402 or Cell (757) 633-8303

Names _____ & _____

Address _____

Home Phone# & Cell Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Do we have your permission to publish your home phone and e-mail address in a member's directory for club use only? _____

MGs owned" _____

Are you affiliated with any other National Car Club? If yes, please list.

"Save an Octagon"

The Dipstick



The Tidewater MG Classics

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FIRST CLASS

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Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, JULY 7th
Jim & Betty Villers
3113 Inlet Rd.
Virginia Beach
481-6398

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

Shore Drive
Inlet Rd
Broad Bay Bridge
Adam Keeling Rd
Stop Light
Great Neck Road
Va Beach Blvd
I-264
Lynnhaven Pkwy
Rosemont Rd
Independence Blvd