

The Dipstick



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MARQUE TIME

Greetings fellow TMGC members. The October meeting met and exceeded our high expectations. I am not familiar with the neighborhoods on the Peninsula; however, I had no trouble finding the Hasslers' home. I simply entered the words "apple pie" in my GPS and followed the directions. Thank you to Becky and Chuck for once again outdoing yourselves. Distance and cool weather may have discouraged some MGs; however, the house was filled with apple pie, I mean MG, enthusiasts. It was a wonderful exchange of information and ideas, while consuming large quantities of food and beverage.

The party continues in the upcoming months. In November we will enjoy a chili cook-off at the La-Paugh's hacienda. Next, a tech session at the Villers', to get our LBCs in fine running order, and the Christmas party at Cynthia's and Andy's.

I think that I have to squeeze a few work days in also. Actually I am spending much of the fall on business trips. My final stop will be a week in Philadelphia. For me, the best part of business travel is arriving back home. See you at the chili cook-off.

Safety fast!
Bill



Veterans Day is observed on November 11.

On June 1, 1954 Congress changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day. Armistice Day was created to honor veterans of the first World War. Veterans Day honors all military personnel that served the United

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Check www.mg.org for the latest info!

- Nov. 3 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Newport News**
Hosted by Mitzi & Steve LaPaugh
Chili Cook-off
- Nov. 6-7 Concours d'Elegance, Hilton Head Island, SC
www.hhiconcours.com
- Nov. 14 Sunday – Tech Session – Virginia Beach**
Hosted by Jim and Betty Villers
10:00am until ???
- 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. 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

OCTOBER MINUTES

by Mitzi LePaugh

Chuck & Becky Hassler hosted our October meeting, serving up Becky's legendary Winchester Apple Pies. An assortment of munchies was presented on the buffet table, including an assortment of delectable cheeses, my personal favorite next to her pie! As Stephen and I departed for the evening, we agreed that we were willing to carry on the legacy of the Winchester Apple Pies, should our beloved bakers move out-of-state. As always, Chuck & Becky, you were the perfect hosts! Thank you!

President: Bill Olcheski, entertaining as usual, opened the meeting.

New Members and Guests:

We had one new membership, John & Carol Edmead of Smithfield, VA. They own a White 1973 MGB-GT V8 (RHD) and a Black 1974 ½ MGB-GT. Guests included Ian Dempster and Tyler Bradford, owner of a White 1980 MGB. As always plenty of members were in attendance, hoping to win one of those pies in the raffle!

Vice-President: Our VP report was given by Bill Olcheski, who did his best impression of the VP during what is usually the VP report.

Treasurer: Thank you, Jim Villers, for giving me the Treasurer's report, so I had some paper for taking minutes! Ha-ha! Currently, we have a balance of \$3566.82 in our account.

Activities: As usual Tad provided an extensive list of activities for the next two months. Thanks, Tad, for all of the effort you give to entertaining our fun-loving group! First and foremost, is the 80th Anniversary of the Founding of the First MG Club at Fort Story. We currently have enough cars to form the MG; now we're aiming to get enough cars to form the octagon of the emblem. This event will last about an hour, long enough to make the formation and get it on film, and then it's off to breakfast! On November 3rd, Stephen and I will host the November club meeting at his folks' house in Denbigh. This meeting will feature our first ever Chili Cook-Off, complete with prizes to be awarded at the Annual Christmas Party! Directions are included in this newsletter. **NOTE: Do not go to our house; no one will be there!** The November Tech Session will be held at the Villers' home on Saturday, November 6th. If you like the Eastern Shore, wine, art or all of the above, join us for the Black Friday Drive on November 26th, which will include tours of wineries and art studios on the Eastern Shore, 9 am to 5 pm.

The Christmas Party theme is International; contact Cynthia about choosing a food from one of the seven continents to feature at our annual party on December 10th at Andy's & Cynthia's. I love this theme, given that we have a club of food aficionados! Tad shared that the 2011 Calendar is put together. Last but not least, Andy reported that the brunch & play was a great trip!

History: Sue had two completed photo books. Thank you, Sue, for your dedicated hard work as our club historian!

Membership: Bill provided a thorough report, as usual, reporting 112 paid memberships and 5 promised renewed memberships, bringing us to a total of 117 memberships! This is a new high water mark!! Thank you, Jim Villers, for picking up the directories from the printers. He promised to mail the directories Wed. or Thurs., and we received ours promptly on Thursday! What a man of his word!! Special thanks were given to Jennifer at A House of Printing for her patience and flexibility in making last minute changes towards printing of the final document.

Dipstick: Ron reminded us to get him submissions by October 12th. Reporters were requested and filled for the following activities:

Ft. Story: Mark Davidoski

Tech Session: TBA

Black Friday: Tad Carter

Hanover Event: Tad Carter

Waynesboro: Ron Struewing has pictures; reporter TBA

Regalia: Becky offered an array of enticing raffle prizes, including THREE Winchester Apple Pies, First in Line for Grub, the coveted MG License Plate Frame, MGB Shop Manual CD, and a TMGC CD. Becky also had new MG t-shirts with a pocket on the chest.

New Biz: There was no new business, other than our President mentioned that John of the Outer Banks asked that we move the party to a Saturday. The idea of John becoming our 2010 Annual Christmas Party host was entertained, unbeknownst to John. Ha-ha! No worries, John, the party will be at Andy & Cynthia's this year, as scheduled.

Old Biz: There was no old business to discuss, which led to our favorite part of the evening, aside from enjoying the pie, the Raffle!

Raffle: Bill Olcheski won First in Line for Grub and the MG License Plate Frame, the last of which he graciously gave to our young guest Tyler Bradford. The

Is Your Car in Need of a Tech Session?

Bring it to Jim & Betty's Garage
 Sunday, November 14th starting at 10 a.m.



3133 Inlet Rd.
 Virginia Beach, VA.
 481-6398



proud new owner of the MGB Shop Manual CD is Tyler Bradford. Mike Lally took home the TMGC CD. Can I get a drum roll, please? The luckiest of the lucky, winning a Winchester Apple Pie in the Raffle were as follows: Anita Edwards-Struewing, Bob Reese and Linda Pellerin. Michelle, Anita said if you had been at the meeting, you might have won a pie; Anita won a pie for the second year in a row! Rub against her; I think she's lucky!! Congrats to all Raffle winners; and a HUGE Thank You to Becky, who without fail enthusiastically maintains our Regalia and Raffle items!

Closing: I apologize, but I was preoccupied with getting some names from Anita and Sue when the meeting adjourned. I missed who formally closed our meeting; I'm a rookie minutes-taker!

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Membership and New Members

Bill Yoshida

Memberships: As of 10 October, 113 paid memberships have been received for 2011. An additional 5 members had indicated their intent to renew. This brings the expected number to a total of 118 memberships for the 2011 year. There were 3 new members that joined since the September meeting.

New Memberships:

David Spriggs
Norfolk, VA 23504
1967 MGB

John & Carol Edmead
Smithfield, VA 23430
1973 MGB-GT V-8 (RHD)
1974 ½ MGB-GT

Ian & Karen Dempster
Yorktown, VA 23692
1979 MGB

Membership Renewal: The 5 delinquent members have again been sent an e-mail request for submission of their dues.

Dues: All dues checks received during or prior to the 5 October meeting were turned over to Jim Villers at the meeting for deposit.

TMGC 2011 Directory: Jim Villers placed the 2011 TMGC Annual Directory in the mail to all members on 6 October. If you have not yet received a copy, please contact Bill Yoshida at (757) 554-0402 or by e-mail williamryoshida@verizon.net. Thanks are in order for Jennifer at *A House of Printing* for her patience and professionalism as we made numerous changes and updates between the initial draft until the final printing of the directory. Also thanks go out to Jim Villers for preparing the directories for mailing.

Safety Fast,



The November 3rd meeting. We will be hosted by Steve and Mitzi LaPaugh at Steve's parent's home. The address is 346 Green Meadows Drive in Newport News.

We are still looking for chefs to bring a chili dish for the contest. If you plan on bringing a dish, please let Steve or Mitzi know ASAP - slapaugh@hotmail.com.

Activities

by Tad Carter

It's a good thing the year is winding down and there is nothing on the calendar. Otherwise, there wouldn't be space in this issue to write about all the upcoming activities.

Our **November 3rd** meeting will be back on the Peninsula, with a Chili Cook-off hosted by Steve and Mitzi LaPaugh. We will actually be at Steve's parent's house. (**346 Green Meadows Drive, Newport News**) In addition to the normal meeting highlights, we will be treated to an assortment of favorite Chili dishes. Please join us at the meeting and vote for your favorite dish. Also at the November meeting, we'll begin taking orders for the 2011 Tidewater MG Classics calendar. Your cost will be under \$15, and they will be available at the Holiday Party. The what? The Holiday Party – see below.

On Sunday, **November 14th**, we've been invited back to the Villers' house for our Fall Tech Session. We'll turn a screw on the first project at 10:00, and as Jim puts it, go until everything runs well enough to be driven somewhere else. Moss Motors has a special "Free Stuff" sale going on right now, so there is time to get everything you need for that end-of-year project.

Pam Groover is holding another MG Parts Garage Sale on Saturday, **November 20th** in Virginia Beach. She still has a large cache of parts that Vince accumulated over the years. The doors will open at 9:00. What projects have you put off for winter?

On **November 26th** – the day after Thanksgiving – we will be holding a drive-out to the Eastern Shore Artist Studio and Winery Tour. This will be an all-day event, leaving Virginia Beach at 9:00 and returning about 5:00. Along the way, we are scheduled to visit 5 or 6 studios, 2 wineries and have lunch on the wharf in Onancock. There is plenty of parking at these studios, unlike last year, so we invite anyone who is interested. From Virginia Beach, this will be about a 160-mile drive, mostly on back roads and away from US-13. There is an e-mail detailing this event. If you are interested, please RSVP to me by 11/13 so we can confirm a number with the restaurant. There is no need to pre-order. We'll be able to select off the regular lunch menu.

Mark the Date – Friday, December 10th. As announced in October's Dipstick, Andy Wallach and Cynthia Faschini will host our **Holiday Party** at their home in Norfolk. They have proposed an International Celebration, with dishes being brought representing each of the seven continents. For more information, please refer to the October Dipstick. If the usual number

of people comes to the party and the usual number of volunteers brings a dish, we will end up with the usual result of plenty of great food to go around. Cynthia has asked that you contact her about your dish so that she can orchestrate a true International repast. So, if you are so inclined, please contact Cynthia early. Last one in has to come up with a recipe for Penguin Pâté, Walrus Wurst or some other Antarctic delicacy.

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. Please stay tuned for information regarding our Holiday Charity. Last year, you were extremely generous with CHKD. Your support of such a wonderful program is a great reflection on all of the club members.



Summer Tech Session

by Mark Childers
 photographs by Donald Ladd
 Sunday, August 15



Summer Tech '10 was **the** place to be - a warm lazy fall-off-your-diet, suck down a few of the best beers on the planet, turn a wrench or two, and laze in the shade kind of Sunday. Nestled under those majestic trees lining Manse Freeh, were ten MGs - eleven if you count David Kinsey who *claims* he drove back only to collect his trunk spares, but hung around for seconds and thirds, along with a handful of diehard hangers-on eating poor Ms. Linda out of house and home. I'd trade eight skinned knuckles and a SnapOn ratchet for an-



other fist-full of that amazing pulled barbecue and a slice of Chef Theresa's Velvet MG Cake. But I digress.

Unlike tech sessions of old, when the plan of the day was "drive 'em in, drag 'em out," where engines were extracted, transmissions tribulated, and differentials dismantled, followed by dogs and suds, this was a far more genteel gathering of the faithful, not quite Thoroughbreds and Mint Juleps on the Colonnade, but



Jim Freeh and Roy Wiley

perhaps a wee bit closer to an afternoon with the "It's Jag-u-ar, thank-you very much Club" without the snoots worrying about dusty bonnets. And in defense of calling it a "Tech Session," work was actually done.



Mike Lalli

While some kibbutzed and some fed their faces with the best spread this side of heaven, the two Jims (Villers and Freeh) sweated over a big pile o'wheels



Ron Struewing, Frank Linse, Mark Childers, and Bob Ross and tires on Jim's very own tire machine and balancer. Mike Lalli dug into the starter and dizzy on his B, Ron Struewing pulled plugs, and David Kinsey learned the fine "points" of a distributor swap from Frank Linse.



David Kinsey, Craig Puryear, Frank Linse, & Bernie Imdahl

Bill Yoshida checked out the clunk in his differential (to be continued...) and cinched up his rear brakes a few notches. Chuck Hassler, no doubt guided by the



Bill Yoshida, Carl Nagle, and Mark Childers



Pete Olson, Becky Hassler, Stephen Daniel, Bob Ross, Frank Linse, Chuck Hassler, and Bernie Imdahl

spirit of Vince Groover, laid hands on his B, commanded the backup lights to "let there be", and there was.....

In a most excellent show of generosity, Chuck passed to me a complete panel kit that will grace the



Tad Carter, Bob Ross, Ron Struewing, and Becky Hassler

interior of my '70, which is undergoing a long-term restoration. I had actually considered loading it up on a trailer and carrying it to the session for a dismantling,



Tad Carter, David Kinsey, Frank Linse, Mike Lalli, Craig Puryear, Jim Villers, Donald Ladd



Keith Henry and Chuck Hassler

but ran out of time and will now have to do it myself. I heard that other parts were offered up but they were gone before I had a chance to get nosy. That said, I offer a collective thanks to any and all who were gracious enough to pass on useful stuff to those among us who might put it to good use. Hank Giffin's sage observation "The car's brought us together – the people keep us coming back." could not ring any truer.

In no particular order of appearance, other members were noted in attendance: Tad Carter, Linda Freeh, Donald Ladd, Bob Ross, Keith Henry, Stephen Daniel (against doc's orders? Good man...), El Presidente Bill Olcheski, Bernie Imdahl, Pete Olson, Roy



Wiley, Robert Perrone, Roosevelt Moseley, Mark and Debbie Childers, Becky Hassler, and Tommy Keiningham. If I missed anyone in attendance, print a copy, write your name here _____ and what you did here _____.

Conspicuous absentees included reigning AACA Pres Terry and First Lady Susan Bond, no doubt on a car-related road trip to someplace we'd all rather be, and Secretary Michelle Peters, lately among the ranks of broad-smiling, top-down drivers: is it true that you fear Miss B might become cursed at the sight of an open tool box, or the mere suggestion of a ticking valve???

Safety Fast!

Barksdale Theatre & Rose & Crown Tavern Tour

by Tad Carter

photographs by Donald Ladd

Sunday, September 26, 2010



After meeting early in Norfolk, the Southsiders (Andy & Cynthia, Donald, Al & Roberta and Karen & Tad) met up with the Peninsula group (Chuck & Becky and Bruce & Jayne) for the drive to Hanover. Having experienced none of the delays we saw last year, we were left with time for a peaceful drive out Colonial Parkway, followed by back roads into New Kent, and the Rose & Crown Tavern for brunch. Alan joined us



Farmhouse Kitchen

for brunch in New Kent from nearby Beaverdam. With time to spare, we were able to tour the 1810 farmhouse kitchen that adjoins the Tavern. The modern kitchen inside the Tavern offered many dining options, including a delicious Cream of Portobello soup, Fried Green Tomatoes, Shrimp & Grits, Angus Beef Burgers, Eggs Benedict and much more. A very reliable source (Andy) reported that the selection of beers was quite satisfactory.



Saturday the 20th of Nov. at 9 a.m.

MG Parts Sale

Vince's 30-year accumulation of TD, B and A parts

Who knows what hidden gems you may find!

4708 OVERMAN AVE.
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Upon leaving New Kent, we enjoyed more winding roads, hills, and a canopy of trees as we drove the last 45 minutes into Hanover and the year 1945. We joined the congregation of the Mount Pleasant Baptist



Bruce Easley in the Kitchen

Church in celebration of the career move by outgoing Rev. Mervin Oglethorpe and in welcoming incoming Rev. Dennis Sanders. Rev. Oglethorpe has been called to lead a church in west Texas. We wish Rev. Oglethorpe and his charming wife, June, well as they face their new life in Texas and await the momentary arrival of their new baby. We also welcome the return to Mount Pleasant of Rev. Sanders, his twin sister, De-



nise, his parents, Burl and Vera and long-lost uncle



Stanley. As part of the celebration, the Sanders Family Singers treated us to stories from the past as well as great gospel-blue grass performances.



Andy Wallach, Chuck Hassler, Jayne Easley, Cynthia Faschini, Bruce Easley, Tad and Karen Carter

Our return trip took us past the New Kent Winery, where Becky claims they have a wonderful White Merlot. Avoiding traffic as much as possible, the east-bound travelers took Highway 60 into Williamsburg, where we parted company for our individual trips back home.



Happily, it can be reported that there were no mechanical issues, wrong turns, or weather woes to interrupt the day, and a pleasant day was had by all. Once the 2011 season is announced, preparations will begin for a return trip. Plan on joining in on the fun.



Waynesboro British Car Show

Hosted by Shenandoah Valley British Car Club

by Donald Ladd
October 1-3, 2010

What a gloomy week prior to the show. Bridget was laid up with faulty brakes (she broke down on the way to the "Classics on the Green" show) and I with a stitched up hand (won't go into that). Anyway not to be left behind, Rose and I packed up the GMC (Great big Midget owner Carrier), then joined Barry and BJ (driving a Sebring convertible) in Portsmouth for the drive. I know "What no MGs?" Sorry, it's been a bad summer.



Once on 460, the sky cleared and we traveled the normal route (as if we were driving the MGs). By the time we got to Scottsville, we were ready to have a nice lunch at Donna's place. But wouldn't you know it my bad mo-jo hit again and every restaurant was closed! So we ended up at nice little Motel Restaurant on the outskirts of town. BJ tried to get Bella (the dog) inside





but she would not be still in the bag and the waitress did look at us funny when it started to move and yip. But a good lunch anyway and then back on the road.

We met up with the rest of the group (Sue, Chuck and Becky, Barry and BJ, Doug and Eiko, Craig and Joyce) at the Holiday Inn during the Friday night social (which we closed down as usual). Saturday morning turned out to be very nice and most everyone went to Rowe's for breakfast, then on to the Show. Of course everyone had to have their picture taken entering the field. According to the sponsoring club there were approx. 127 cars at the show. Lots of MGs!



As usual there were the Morgans, Jags, Triumphs, Healey's, and various other British cars. All and all, a fantastic show. Sue had some car issues (cracked oil



line), but with the help of Chuck (who had a car load of parts) was able to get it replaced in record time.



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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](#)



After the show we cleaned up and went on down to the Dinner/Bufferet and Awards Banquet. Free beer was still available and a fine meal was served. During the raffle, I won a Suzuki shirt (will try and remember to wear it at the next mtg). Our members won 4 trophies -



trophies - Doug 1st place, Craig 1st place, Sue 2nd place, and Chuck also 2nd place. High percentage of those who came won (80%?).

Sunday Rose

and I got up and left early so we could do some shopping, while everyone else made their own way home. But of course as we arrived in the



Tidewater area it started to rain again. But even with the rain, on the way home, a good time was had by all.

This was my

3rd trip and as always enjoyable. Hope to see you next year.



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8:00 Meeting

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