

The Dipstick



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MARQUE TIME

Greetings to my fellow MG enthusiasts.

Thank you, Carmen and Paul, for hosting the March TMGC meeting. It was once again a five-star event. Some may have been hungry upon arrival; however, I am sure that all left with full stomachs. It is always a pleasure to visit your beautiful home and also consume large quantities of delicious treats.

I feel like I just won the lottery. I was able to purchase Jimmy Buffett tickets for his upcoming Virginia Beach show. This is his first appearance in Virginia Beach in years. The expected ticket sellout time was ten minutes. Using my less-than-fast keyboard fingers and a large amount of luck, I did it. The show is on Thursday before Memorial Day weekend. I am thinking I will take Friday off and have a rag-top-down four day holiday. The perfect way to start the summer.

Renee and I will not be hosting the April meeting. We have switched with the Hasslers. They will host the April extravaganza and we will host October. There are rumors circulating that the Hasslers and their MGs will be relocating to Colorado. This will be a loss for the club and especially for those club members who love apple pie. If they remain in Virginia through the apple season, we will try to talk Becky into bringing pies to a meeting.

I hope to see many of you at the April meeting.

Safety first!
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Check www.mg.org for the latest info!

- Apr. - Oct. Saturday Night Classic Car Cruise-In
Virginia Beach Farmer's Market
5:00pm to 9:00pm
- Apr. 3 Williamsburg British Car Club Show
Chickahominy Riverfront Park
www.wmbgbrit.com
- Apr. 5 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Yorktown**
Hosted by Chuck & Becky Hassler
Please note change in venue!!
- Apr. 8 – 11 GOF South Mk XLV
Spring Hill, FL - www.GOFSouth.com
- Apr. 17 Sunday - Spring Tech Session – Norfolk**
Hosted by Frank & Deb Linse
- Apr. 29 – May 1 - Virginia Wine Tour –**
Shenandoah Valley
Hosted by Alan & Becky Watson
- May 4 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Seaford**
Hosted by Bruce & Jayne Easley
- May 28 – June 5 - British Car Week
- June 1 TMGC Drive – Sno-to-Go - Williamsburg**
6:30 Departure from Yorktown Battlefield
- June 2 Southside TMGC Drive – Handel's - Virginia Beach**
6:30 Departure from Harris Teeter
Princess Anne @ Nimmo Pkwy
- June 4 Church of the Ascension – Virginia Beach**
Classic Car Show

Upcoming Activities (continued)

- June 4 – 19 – Rallye-toReno – Ocean City, MD
www.rallyetoreno.com
- June 5 The Original British Car Day – Adamstown, MD
www.ChesapeakeChapterMGTClub.com
- June 7 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**
Hosted by Bill & Issie Yoshida
- June 12 Midget-50 – Stamford, England
www.midget50.com
- June 13 – 17 – MG-2011 – Reno – Tahoe, NV
- July 6 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Norfolk**
Hosted by Cynthia Faschini & Andy Wallach
- July 19 Tides Baseball – Norfolk vs. Toledo Mud Hens**
First Pitch – 7:15
- Aug. Summer Tech Session – Chesapeake**
Date – TBD
Hosted by Jim & Linda Freeh
- Aug. 2 Tuesday – Club Meeting / Picnic Dinner**
Great Neck Park, Virginia Beach
- Aug 19-21 - Brew Ridge Music Festival Drive-**
Festival has been moved to canceled
- Aug. 27 Wings & Wheels – Pungo, VA
Hosted by Tidewater AACA
www.local.aaca.org/tidewater
- Sep. 7 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Yorktown**
Hosted by Bruce & Lydie Foster
- Sep. 18 Classics on the Green – New Kent, VA
Hosted by CVBCC
www.cvbcc.com
- Sept 25 Barksdale Theatre Drive-out – Hanover, VA**
Bad Dates – a comedy by Theresa Rebeck
- Oct. 4 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**
Hosted by Bill & Renee Olcheski
Please note change in venue!!
- Oct. 29 – Nov. 6 – Motoring Festival Week – Hilton Head
Island, SC www.HHIConcours.com
- Nov. Fall Tech Session**
Date – TBD
Hosted by Terry & Susan Bond
- Nov. 2 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Newport News**
Chili Cook-off
Hosted by Steve & Mitzi LaPaugh

MARCH MINUTES

Michele Peters

We began our March meeting at 8:10 PM at the home of Paul and Carmen. As could be expected, the meeting was rather short (24 minutes, to be exact) since everyone, including El Presidente, was anxious to dive into the delicious and varied culinary delights that Carmen had prepared for us. (Carmen: Will you part with your “flan” recipe? Mmmmm good!) As always, her cooking and baking expertise did not disappoint. C’est tres delieux et exquis!

New Members and Guests: We did have a “guest” with us, but who really isn’t a guest but rather is already part of our TMGC family. Deb Linse’s dad, Hugh, graced us with his presence, and we were very glad to have him. Please come again, Hugh...I still need to get my interview with you!

Vice-President: “Eh.”

Treasurer: Jim V. reported that we took in very little last month, but dispersed about 30 times that amount. Now, I am not supposed to reveal actual numbers, so all I can tell you is that if this rate of disbursements compared to receipts continues, our treasury will be wiped out in...uhm...ahh...well, ok, I never was any good at math! Just suffice it to say that we shouldn’t continue this drain on our treasury for any extended period of time or we will not be able to afford our PARTIES, and *that*, of course, would be a tragedy! Actually, I believe this was the result of extra meeting costs and no regalia sales at the last meeting. So, no worries (you know, dear readers, how your secretary likes to create issues where none exist – it makes for more exciting reading!!)

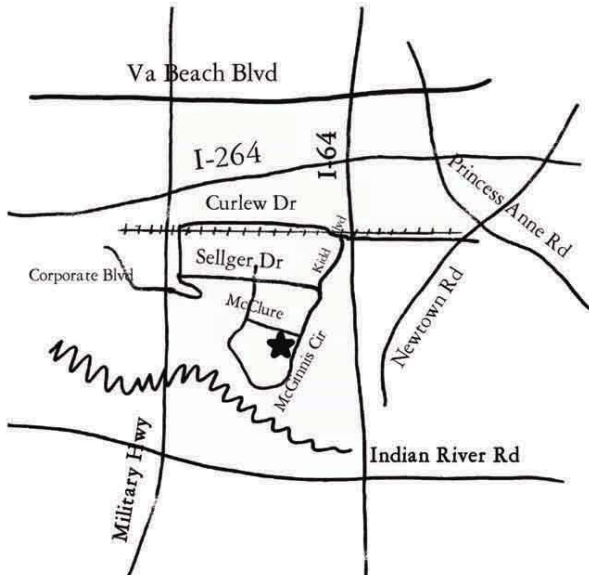
Activities: Tad is, once again, The Man. Really, how can ya’ not love this guy! What a great job he does, right?! I mean, even down to the excellent choice of lunch venues for our March 19 Moss Motors Drive Out...Legend Brewing! You gotta love it (by the way, I have been told to try the “Legend Chocolate Ale”). See Tad’s very own section of *The Dipstick* for more fabulous planned events for us.

Clubs: Mike and Jennifer said it all with one word: “Pubs!” And thanks, Jennifer, for remembering my Cotswolds tour books! They are lovely...we will be talking soon!

History: Susan reminds us that we have *lots* of history...check out her *fabulous* scrapbooks... Really, they are awesome!

Is Your Car in Need of a Tech Session?

Bring it to Frank & Deb Linse's garage



301 E. McGinnis Circle
(corner of McGinnis and McClure)
Norfolk
461-7783

Newsletter: Ron and Anita request again to please submit all entries by the 12th of the month. He mentioned that there were more photos from the go-kart meeting than couldn't fit in the newsletter last month, so check out the others on the website. Also, there was obviously a bit of a mishap with the alignment of Bill's chart showing the number and type of MGs in our club, on page 4 of the March *Dipstick*. See the corrected version in this issue. We still need writers for the TRAACA Swap meet, the Moss Motors Drive Out and the Williamsburg British Car Club Show. Please send inputs for *The Dipstick* to both Ron (RStruewing@cox.net) and Anita (TheAce2tor@cox.net).

Membership: Bill Y notes that our membership is now 123 with the addition in February of Jorge & Carol Antezana of Corapeake, NC, who are owners of a 1974 Midget. Welcome guys! The total number of MGs enjoying membership in our club is now 189!!

Technical: Mark followed an MGB with no tail lights recently, flagging down the driver to alert him to the problem. He was able to assist and quickly remedy the situation even though the driver had no spare fuses, by taking a wire off one of the front lights and swapping it for a rear light, thereby giving the driver one working front and one working rear light...better, after all, than

none at all. If you don't know how to do this, I am quite sure you know better than to ask ME...or even expect that I explained it correctly...so no complaints on that score, please! Mark is the man to see.

Old Business: none

New Business: John Wessell, who is moving, is selling his 1959 MGA, asking \$7500. He has had it since 1973 and it is mostly restored, with a few things left to do. Please contact John at 424-2478 if you are interested.

Marque Time: Mark advised us that there is a reasonably restorable 1964 Austin Healey Sprite available for \$350 in Gloucester, with original hardtop, 5 steel wheels and fixable body panels. He has photos if you are interested.

Raffle and Regalia: Mitzi did her thing and raffled off 2 tickets to the Home & Garden Show (courtesy of Betty V), an anniversary Scrapbook CD, *MGB V8 Power* book, 35th Anniversary of *The Dipstick* CD, license plate holder, and first in line. And the First In Line prize was, of course, the most coveted prize (eclipsing the license plate holder this month), since Carmen's delicious food awaited. Wow...next time I have to remember not to eat for a *week!*

We adjourned at 8:34 and the living room and family room were rapidly cleared in favor of the dining

room, in which, I am sorry to report, some pushing and shoving in the direction of the dining table was observed...so unlike our normally polite and proper members! But, I suppose that some of that less-than-decorous behavior might be excused, every now and then, in the face of the overwhelming draw of delicious food. It is a truism that you get between our members and their MGs, their beer, and their food at your own peril! I did, however, take a few consultations on liability for intentional infliction of emotional distress that evening (keeping some of our members out of reach of Carmen's offerings and thereby preventing their consumption entirely – particularly the flan). Come to think of it, aren't you all truly blessed to have your own resident counselor and attorney at law in your midst? I, for one, think so (although I may be the *only* one!)



Membership and New Members

Bill Yoshida

Memberships: As of 13 March 2011 we have 123 TMGC paid club memberships that reflect 222 individual members.

New Memberships: None since the last Dipstick. Copies of the 2011 TMGC Directory were sent to the new members that joined in late January and February.

Dues: A \$10.00 check was turned over to Jim Villers at the March meeting.

Cars & Types: Total cars - 184 MGs of the following types:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC
17	2	89	19	2	2	7

TD	TF	Midget
23	5	12

Other/Variou MGs – 6 (1-Cooper MG/ 1-MGNA/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB)



Officers and Committees

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Activities

Tad Carter

Well, I did it again. I had some issues with the boot lock on my car some time ago, so I went through the task of replacing it with one I purchased through our friends at Moss. After some rather interesting contortions and a little (OK, a lot of) help from Tino, I managed to get the lock and the boot in proper working order. I replaced the key on my key ring and relished in my victory over the earlier difficulties. Some time later, on one of the rare days when the top was up, I was parked somewhere where locking the car was advisable. I had one of those aha moments – the door locks and the boot lock are one in the same, and since I had replaced the key on my ring, I could no longer lock the doors. So guess what was on my shopping list when we visited Moss Motors.

Come on over to Frank & Deb's home in Norfolk on Sunday the 17th to our Spring Tech Session. There are door locks to change, along with a plethora of other projects that will be tackled that day. Garage doors open at 10:00, and we will go until early afternoon. Deb has treated us to a great lunch in the past, and promises more of the same this year. BYO parts – knowledge and willing assistance will be provided.

Our 9th annual Virginia Wine Tour will run from April 29th to May 1st. We will spend the weekend touring wineries in the Shenandoah Valley, enjoying Skyline Drive, and celebrating the Royal Wedding with or without Wills and Kate. With 1900 guests to greet, the happy couple may be slightly delayed. Not to worry – Becky and Alan have many other surprises planned.

British Car Week – 2011 runs from May 28th through June 5th. Like last year, we will have two mid-week drives to get our cars on the road and celebrate our British heritage. On Wednesday, June 1st, we'll again make the run from the Yorktown Battlefield to Williamsburg and dessert at Sno-to-Go. This was quite a treat last year, and the cool Sno-Balls, shakes and sundaes brought welcome relief from the heat of the late afternoon.

The following day, we'll bring the Brits to the Southside, with an early evening drive through southern Virginia Beach to Handel's Ice Cream. With 50 different flavors from which to pick, I'm certain you will not be disappointed. Check out the May edition of The Dipstick for route information on both of these drives.

Continuing the British Car Week outings, on Saturday, June 4th, Church of the Ascension in Virginia Beach will once again host an all-make, all-model Classic Car Show in conjunction with their annual festival. There will be great food, cold beverages, craft booths and cool cars. It's a fun way to spend the afternoon. Bill Olcheski will update us with details for this event.

Also on June 4th, I'll be making an early run up to Ocean City, MD to join in on the start of the Rallye-to-Reno, and would welcome company along the road. Ocean City marks the eastern terminus for this trans-continental trek to NAMGBR-2011 in Reno and beyond to the Left Coast. The Rallye-to-Reno will follow Route 50, passing through 12 states, ending in California on June 19th. The organizers have invited participants to join in wherever they are, and for however long they wish, along the way. At this point, 35 states and 6 countries are represented by the participants. I don't know how many cars will be starting that morning from Ocean City, but I plan to make it there for the 9:00 kick-off. My schedule will only allow me to join on for Day 1. I'll drop out somewhere in northern Virginia, and head back toward Tidewater. You are welcome to continue as far as your car and your schedule will allow. More details will follow as they become available.

This is the first announcement of our plans for the **August club meeting**. On Tuesday, the 2nd, we will convene at Great Neck Park for a picnic dinner and meeting. The picnic area is sheltered, with lots of tables and benches, and five grills for cooking. For those with an appetite for adventure, the following is #1 in a series of recipes for engine compartment cooking. Depending on your starting point, this dish could be ready upon arrival.

Low-Country Shrimp & Rice
(Serves 2)

- 1 cup Cooked Rice
- 1 lb Shrimp, peeled and cleaned
- 1 Andouille Sausage, sliced crossways, ½ inch pieces
- 1 Tomato, medium, cored, seeded and chopped
- ¼ cup Sweet Onion, chopped
- ¼ cup Celery, chopped
- ¼ cup Green Pepper, chopped
- 2 Tbsp Butter
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Into 2 foil pouches, divide and assemble ingredients in the order shown. Fold and seal foil pouches. Seal each pouch in two more layers of foil to avoid leakage. Secure in engine compartment, keeping clear of moving parts or anything that could interfere with safe and proper vehicle operation.

Cook at operating temperature for approximately 30-40 miles. Enjoy!

Please make note that our **April 5th meeting** will be at Chuck & Becky's home in Yorktown. As usual, we will Kick Tires at 7:30, meet at 8:00 and enjoy wonderful treats thereafter. I look forward to seeing you then.



March Meeting Photos



TRAACA SWAP MEET

by Donald Ladd

Photographs by Donald Ladd and Bob Stein
Saturday March 5TH

As usual the swap meet was crowded and started early at 8 am. We had two tables which Allen Hazlett, Harry Watson, and Susan Bond filled with parts for



Tad Carter



Jim Villers and Allen Hazlett

sale and albums to look thru. Was quite a good time, and a large number of members (Susan & Terry Bond, Donald Ladd, Stephen Daniel, Allen Hazlett, Harry Watson, Richard & Sandy Hall, Jack Pavlidis, Steve LaPaugh, Bob & Linda Pellerin, Bob Stern, Jim Villers,



Harry Watson, Susan Bond, Bob Stein,
Allen Hazlett, Stephen Daniel



Sam Kern, Al Swenson, Roosevelt Moseley, Roy Wiley, James Bettis, David Ford, and Frank Worrell) cruised thru during the day. We even acquired a new member, Jody Dudley, who to my wonderful surprise drives a '79 Midget. Is there a limit of Midgets in the Club? Ok how about a Midge joke:

An MG Midget pulled alongside a Rolls-Royce



Harry Watson and Terry Bond

at a traffic light. “Do you have a car phone?” its driver asked the guy in the Rolls.

“Of course I do,” replied the haughty deluxe-car driver.

“Well, do you have a fax machine?”

The driver in the Rolls sighed. “I have that too.”

“Then do you have a double bed in the back?” the Midget driver wanted to know.

Ashen-faced, the Rolls driver sped off. That afternoon, he had a mechanic install a double bed in his auto.

A week later, the Rolls driver passes the same MG Midget, which is parked on the side of the road –back windows fogged up and steam pouring out. The arrogant driver pulls over, gets out of the Rolls and bangs on the Midget’s back window until the driver sticks his head out. “I want you to know that I had a double bed installed,” brags the Rolls driver. The Midget driver is unimpressed. “You got me out of the shower to tell me that?”

Well that was off track, as I was saying we had a great time and if you have never been to this event, you own yourself the opportunity to experience it. See you at next year’s Swap Meet.



Special Report – “Spring has Sprung”

Run nets real springs by Terry Bond
photographs by Susan Bond
(Sue let me drive this time too)

March 19, 2011

Our “Spring has sprung” run was to Moss Motors in Petersburg, to get springs of course! I’m sitting here playing with eBay on Sunday evening, the first day of spring, because it’s too cold outside to do anything. But – we had a nice preview of things to come on Saturday, winter’s last hurrah.



A group of MG folks set off from Hardees in Suffolk en-route to Moss Motors. Tad Carter did a great job showing us some back roads on a beautiful warm sunny day. Tops were down, and sunroofs open for a welcome change in the weather.



On the way!



Alas, the bathroom stop featured out-of-service loos, so we had to finish the last few miles with legs crossed! Upon arrival at Moss however, we were greeted with a neat show of all things British. We were joined by cars from Richmond and points further north, no doubt inspiring the folks at Moss to turn their unused space into a permanent museum.



Parked at Moss



While we toured the facility and enjoyed their drinks and snacks, a hard working team pulled our orders together and made checking out really easy and smooth. It was a great time and we all came away with something – including our new springs for Susan’s GT. Fellowship with a lot of other British car folks was great and many had come out of winter hibernation to renew acquaintances.

A few more miles in traffic got us into Rich-



Gathering and having snacks

mond where we took welcome refuge at the Legends Brewing Company. Rather than take the tour (we all know how good beer is made), we captured some outdoor tables on their deck and enjoyed a hearty meal.



Mark Wilson gives the tour



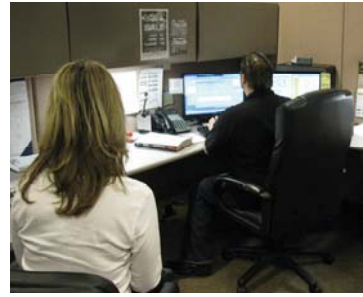
Upholstery Cutting Machine demonstration



Shipping

Would you believe those of us sitting facing the sun actually came away with the season's first sunburn? So, after refueling the human element, enjoying variations on Legend's brewed menu, and talking about the season to come, we headed east through Richmond and down routes 5 and 10 towards home.

It was a great day. No trailers were involved, but a few observations are in order. Moss relocated because the majority of their business is in the east. We drive our cars a lot, thus need parts. It's a good relationship. A good day in an MG includes microbrew at some point. Legends is worth a repeat anytime! One final point, the folks who made the trip all bought



Michele orders parts

something. Coincidentally, they seem to use their cars a lot. Is there any correlation? Al Hazlett, Chuck & Becky Hassler, Bob Stein & guest Chip Woolford, Coco Antezana, Jack & Linda Pavlidis, Jack

Price, Jim & Tom Grigsby, Jim Villers, Michele Peters, Robin Watson, Ron Struewing, Tom & Sally Keiningham, Tino Vander

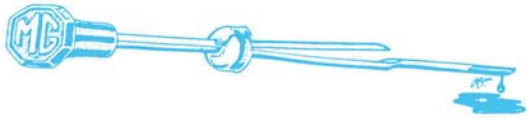


Waiting on Parts

Hague, Susan and Terry, and our dear old Activities Coordinator Tad Carter made the trek.



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FIRST CLASS

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Monthly Meeting
 Tuesday, April 5th
 Cuck & Becky Hassler
 125 Aberfeldy Way
 Yorktown, VA
 (757) 874-1477



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

Driving Directions
 I-64 W to Victory Blvd
 Left on Kiln Creek Pkwy
 (2nd Kiln Creek left)
 Right on Aberfeldy Way

To Hampton Roads
 Bridge- Tunnel
 Norfolk & Va Beach