

# The Dipstick



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## MARQUE TIME

Seasons greetings to my fellow MG enthusiasts. Many thanks to Cynthia and Andy for hosting the Tidewater MG Classics Christmas party. It is always a pleasure to visit their beautiful home and check in on Andy's ongoing projects. This year's event was attended by over 75 people all sharing a discriminating taste in sports cars. The theme of international dining proved to be an outstanding success. We enjoyed food from some countries that GPS doesn't even know about and in quantities that would feed a small nation.

In an era when volunteers are difficult to find (ask our civic association) TMGC defies the trend. As the alcohol supply decreased and the party volume increased, it was time for the annual awards. When those who had contributed to the Dipstick were recognized, it appeared that about half of the attendees had contributed to the publication in 2010. The participation of our members is phenomenal.

We are finishing a year full of events and activities. Thank you to the many people who made this happen. TMGC membership is at an all-time high. This is amazing since the car hasn't been manufactured in over thirty years (and no I haven't seen the new ones).

It is our enthusiasm and sense of camaraderie that makes us such a strong organization. Best wishes for all in 2011.

*Safety first!*

*Bill*



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Check [www.mg.org](http://www.mg.org) for the latest info!

- 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 St. Valentine's Day Mass-o-Cars Drive  
Shirley Plantation & Courthouse Grille  
  
Dipstick inputs due!
- Mar. 2 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**  
**Hosted by Paul & Carmen Thiergardt**
- Mar. Moss Motors Drive – Date TBD**
- Apr. 3 Williamsburg British Car Club Show  
Chickahominy Riverfront Park  
[www.wmbgbrit.com](http://www.wmbgbrit.com)
- Apr. 5 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**  
**Hosted by Bill & Renee Olcheski**
- Apr. 29 – May 1 - Virginia Wine Tour**  
**Hosted by Alan & Becky Watson**
- Spring Tech Session –Norfolk**  
**Date - TBD**  
**Hosted by Frank & Deb Linse**



## Upcoming Activities (continued)

- May 2 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Seaford**  
Hosted by Bruce & Jayne Easley
- May 28 – June 5 - British Car Week
- June 4 – 19 - Rallye to Reno – Ocean City, MD  
[www.rallyetoreno.com](http://www.rallyetoreno.com)
- June 7 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**  
Hosted by Bill & Issie Yoshida
- June 12 Midget-50 – Stamford, England  
[www.midget50.com](http://www.midget50.com)
- June 13 – 17 – MG-2011 – Reno – Tahoe, NV
- July 6 Wednesday – Club Meeting – location TBD**
- July 19 Tides Baseball – Norfolk vs. Toledo Mud Hens**  
First Pitch – 7:15
- 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
- Sep. 24 Wings & Wheels – Pungo, VA  
Hosted by Tidewater AACA  
local. [www.aaca.org/tidewater](http://www.aaca.org/tidewater)



## Membership and New Members

Bill Yoshida

**Memberships:** As of 10 December 2010, 120 paid memberships have been received for 2011. The last remaining member from 2010, who had indicated his intent to renew, did so at the Holiday Party. This brings the expected number to a total of 120 memberships for the 2011 year. The 120 memberships is a new “High Water Mark” for the club.

**New Memberships:** No new members joined during late November and early December.

**Dues:** All dues checks received to date have been turned over to Jim Villers for deposit. I currently hold \$20.00 in cash to turn over to Jim.

Safety Fast,

## Officers and Committees

|                |                         |  |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|
| President      | Bill Olcheski           | 467-4046   |
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## Activities

by Tad Carter

Welcome to 2011 – Happy New Year to All!

Many thanks go to Andy and Cynthia for opening their house to the club for our Holiday Party. Our International Feast brought together many a plethora of tasty treats. It is obvious that much research went into putting these dishes together, bringing forth the traditions of each of the seven continents.

For those that missed the Holiday Party, here is the recap of 2010. For the year, we held 20 different events in addition to our monthly meetings. We were joined by 70 different member families, and had a total participation of 456 people. The various drives covered 1,835 miles, with combined driving mileage of 24,078 miles. Donald Ladd was our most active participant, pushing his Midget through 17 events and 1,672 miles. Donald received a commemorative dash plaque to honor his accomplishment.

Our championship Chili was the Tail Pipe Back Fire Chili from the gastronomic imagination of Pete Olsen. He received a copy of Manifold Destiny as his reward.

Once again, you have been very generous with your contributions to CHKD. I've delivered a sleigh (ok – Toyota) full of toys, along with a stocking full of gift cards and financial donations. As always, CHKD is very appreciative of our support.

Our Kick-off meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at Frankie's Place for Ribs in Virginia Beach. If you are coming for dinner, plan on arriving at 6:30. The meeting will start at 8:00.

Planning is under way for a number of events in 2011. There are three Tech Sessions lined up, the meet-

ing schedule is mostly filled, and driving events are on the schedule. I hope you will find something of interest and will join in on the fun. Take a look at The Dipstick Calendar for the latest information.

First on the schedule is a drive out to *Passion at the Plantation* at Shirley Plantation on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Rediscover the art of courting, as we explore the romantic history of Shirley. Copies of historic letters from the Carter and Lee families will be on display only during the period of February 1-14, 2011. After our tour, we'll head down the road to the Courthouse Grille in nearby Charles City. Housed in an 1872 country store, the Grille is known for their home-cooked favorites like Chicken-Fried Steak, Pulled Pork and Crab Cakes. Plan on a 9:00 departure from Tidewater, with a return at about 3:30. Details and sign-up information will be sent in mid-January.

I am in conversation with Moss Motors about hosting another visit to their facility in mid-March. In addition to touring the warehouse and upholstery shop, we'll have the opportunity to pick up parts and accessories for your Tech Session projects. Lunch will follow at a local alehouse prior to our return trip to Tidewater. More information will be provided as the plans are finalized.

There are still hosting opportunities for February, July, August, and the 2011 Holiday Party. If you able to host one of these events, please let me know.

My New Year's wish is for another great year on the roads with family and friends.

To all, Safety Fast!



## 2010 Holiday Party

At the home of Cynthia Faschini and  
Andy Wallach

photographs by Susan Bond and Donald Ladd



Andy and Cynthia



Bob and Missy  
McKenna



Anita Edwards-  
Struewing and  
Ron Struewing



Becky and  
Chuck Hassler



Bruce and  
Jayne Easley

Bill and Renee  
Olcheski



Pete Olson and  
Cathy



Bob and  
Linda Pellerin



Dana and  
Bob Reisse

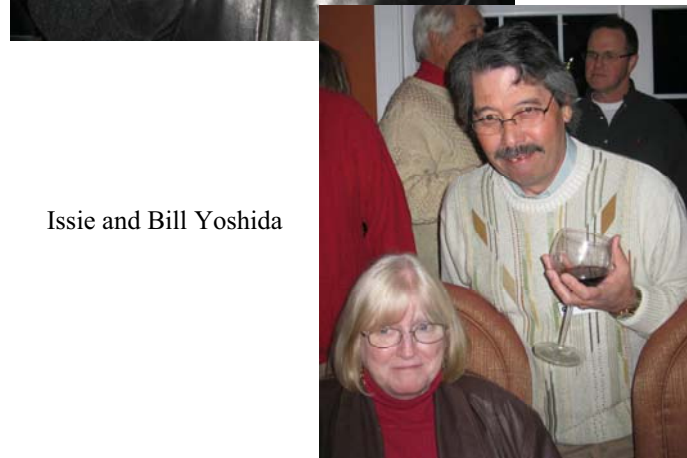
Frank Worrell  
and Kiz



Deb and  
Frank Linse



Bob Stein



Issie and Bill Yoshida

JD and Lara  
Hawthorne



Mary Ellen  
Antonioli



Jim and Linda  
Freeh



Kathy and  
Mark  
Davidoski



Joan Leal, Jennifer and Mike Ash, Richard Leal



Ken Bond, Terry and Susan Bond

Josh Robertson



Lydie  
and  
Bruce  
Foster



Joyce and  
Craig  
Cummings

Marie and  
Tom Early





Marilyn and Roy Wiley



Paul and Carmen Thiergardt

Randy and Leslie Neal



Peggy and George Craig



Michele Peters



Robert Perrone and Harry Watson

Mike and Denise Haag



Rose and Donald Ladd



Mitzi and Steve LaPaugh



Russ Ripp

Sally Heath,  
Tommy  
Cunningham



Sandy and  
Richard  
Hall



Susan and  
Robert  
Mason



Tad  
and  
Karen  
Carter



Betty  
and  
Jim  
Villars



Prayer before the feast



## Dipstick Certificate of Appreciation Recipients

The Dipstick Certificate of Appreciation is given to recognize each member's contributions to the newsletter of the Tidewater MG Classics Car Club for the year. The 2010 recipients are listed below and not all are in the photograph:

Jennifer and Mike Ash, Susan and Terry Bond, Tad Carter, Mark Childers, Craig Cummings, Stephen Daniel, Mark Davidoski, Bruce Easley, Anita Edwards-Struewing, Cynthia Faschini, Chuck and Beck Hassler, Doug Kennedy, David Kinsey, Donald Ladd, Steve and Mitzi LaPaugh, Frank Linse, Bill and Renee Olcheski, Robert Perrone, Michele Peters, Bob Stein, Jim Villars, Beckey Watson, Walt Westhoff, Geoff Wheatley, Doug Wilson, and Bill Yoshida







## The 2010 Dipstick Award

The annual *Dipstick Award* was first awarded in 2003 and is given by the *Dipstick* editors to recognize one member's outstanding contribution to the newsletter for the year. We editors could not produce such an exceptional publication without the photographs, articles and other items contributed by the club members. The content of this newsletter is by you, for you, and about you, the Tidewater MG Classics Car Club members.

One member in particular has significantly impacted our newsletter this year. Donald Ladd has been a major contributor, submitting many high-quality photographs for the newsletter and website from the various MG functions he attended throughout the year. Earlier this year he also took on the responsibility of creating all the maps and flyers for the newsletter and has done an outstanding job. His contributions and continued dedication to our newsletter continue to make *The Dipstick* a valuable source of information and entertainment for our members. Donald, we editors thank you for your continued support which enables us to keep our newsletter pages full and our readers informed!



Editors Ron and Anita with recipient, Donald Ladd



Chili Cook-off winner, Pete Olson, with Tad Carter

# THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD 2010

The annual Tidewater MG Classics President's Award is presented to a member whose contributions to the club are consistently 'above and beyond'. This year we recognize Frank Linse, whose actions have had a significant impact on the success of TMGC in a number of areas over the years.

Through countless restorations and repairs you have probably encountered every problem that an MG might face. You are always willing to share your expertise. Your mechanical experience must date back to a time when Moses was wearing short pants.

In addition to hosting a tech session every year, your garage is always open to help with a car or just visit. When our good friend Vince passed away last year you were there to help Pam sort through mountains of parts. You then orchestrated garage sales to benefit the family and club members.

Our love of MG's brought this club together. It is the camaraderie and spirit that you exemplify so well that keep us moving forward.

Thank you Frank for being such a special part of TMGC.

Bill Olcheski  
TMGC Club President

*December 10, 2010*



Frank Linse with Bill Olcheski

# NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

by Ron Struewing

Thanks to all of you who submitted articles and photographs of events you attended last year or submitted links or Tech articles. Please keep them coming. It makes my job easier as I don't have to find much "filler" material. It was good to see so many of you up front during the Holiday Party. If you attend an event and are uncomfortable with or inexperienced at writing an article by yourself, consider collaborating with another member who may be more experienced.

When submitting articles, please email them to both editors, Anita Edwards-Struewing [theace2tor@cox.net](mailto:theace2tor@cox.net), and me, [rstruewing@cox.net](mailto:rstruewing@cox.net). When submitting photos, please send them to me and our historian, Susan Bond, [sue007@infionline.net](mailto:sue007@infionline.net). This will ensure that not only do I get them for our newsletter, but Susan gets them for the archives and to our Webmaster for the gallery.

There are some ways you can assist Anita and me as editors. When submitting photos, please label them either by saving the photo with the caption as the file name, or by putting a note in the email relating the caption to the photo name. This makes it much easier to figure out where to place them as I do not make it to all the events and have found that I don't always know what is happening in a particular photo. Also, when submitting photos or other object to be included in the letter, please save as a JPG/JPEG format as this saves me time converting it.

Once again, thanks to all of you who have been submitting items and we look forward to seeing new names on our pages this year.



*from Your Editors!*



# TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS - 2011 EVENT PREVIEW

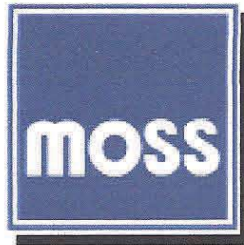


## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASS-D-CARS

Celebrate the holiday with your sweetheart and a tour of the romantic side of historic Shirley Plantation. Lunch afterwards at the Courthouse Grille in nearby Charles City

**Date:** Saturday, February 12th

**Time:** 9:00 - 3:30

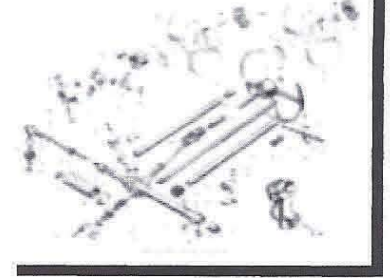


## MOSS MOTORS SHOPPING EXCURSION

Got Projects? We'll visit the Moss Motors facility in Petersburg and spend the last of those Christmas gift certificates. Lunch to follow at a nearby alehouse.

**Date:** Mid-March Saturday - tba

**Time:** 8:30 - 4:00



## SPRING TECH SESSION

Dust off the cobwebs and fill up the tank. Its time to get ready for the 2011 Driving Season. BYO Parts and Projects. Expertise will be provided.

**Date:** Mid-April Sunday - tba

**Hosted by:** Frank and Deb Linse



## VIRGINIA WINE TOUR - 2011 EDITION

Join in on the 10th Annual tour of Virginia Wineries. Alan & Beckey are hard at work planning a classic blend of vintage cars and vintage wines.

**Dates:** April 29th - May 1st

**Hosted by:** Alan & Beckey Watson

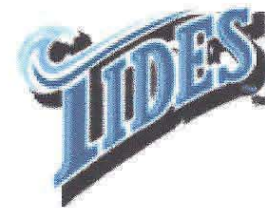


## BRITISH CAR WEEK

Celebrate our British Car heritage with a variety of mid-week drives. It is a perfect week to have your car on the road.

**Dates:** May 28th - June 5th

**TMGC Events:** TBA

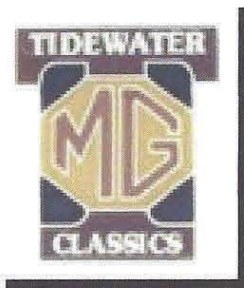


## TIDES BASEBALL

Cheer the Tides as they take on the Toledo Mud Hens. Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and MGs - an American tradition.

**Date:** Tentative Date - Tuesday, July 19th

**Time:** First Pitch - 7:15



## THREE - BRIDGE TOUR

We'll follow the back roads of Virginia Beach in search of another point of historic interest. Early dinner to follow.

**Date:** tba

**Hosted by:** Richard & Sandy Hall

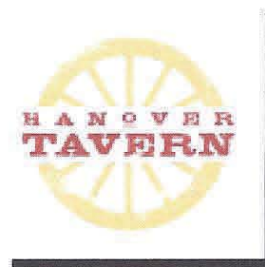


## BREW RIDGE MUSIC FESTIVAL & DRIVE

Travel west for a weekend of Blues, Brews and Cruise. Blue Ridge Parkway & Poplar Forest Tour. Camping for some, Wintergreen Resort for others. Details to follow.

**Date:** August 19th - 21st

**Hosted by:** Tad & Karen Carter



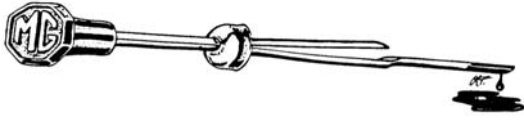
## BARKSDALE THEATRE DRIVE

What's more refined than an afternoon at the theatre? We'll depart early from Tidewater, enjoy lunch along the way, followed by the comedy "Bad Dates".

**Date:** Sunday, October 2nd

**Time:** 9:00 - 6:00

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