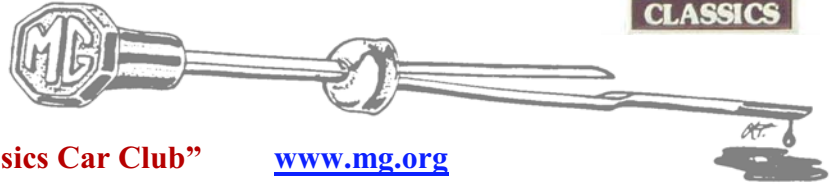


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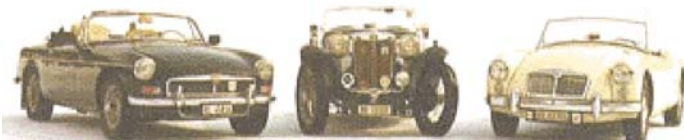
MARQUE TIME

Greetings to my fellow MG enthusiasts.

My dad always said that you can be right next to a gold mine and never even know that it exists. Well, actually I don't remember him ever saying that; however, it would have been a great bit of wisdom to pass along. I have driven down Great Neck Road countless times and never knew that a quick turn would put me in such a beautiful park. Tad, I would like to extend a big thank you for finding the location and setting up the August meeting. We took the park to an even higher level, enhancing its beauty, with a fine collection of MG's.

We started the evening with great food, great cars, and a very interactive support group for our favorite LBC's. As the evening wound down we were once again able to enjoy the sounds of the someday world famous MG Classics troubadours. You guys are great! I am looking forward to seeing everybody at the September meeting. September? What happened to summer?

Safety first!
Bill



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
- Sep. 7 **Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**
Hosted by Jim & Betty Villers
- Sep. 17 **Two-Millennia Tour – A Richard Hall**
Production. See page 3 for details.
- Sep. 18 Classics on the Green – New Kent, VA
Hosted by CVBCC
www.cvbcc.com
- Sept 25 **Barksdale Theatre Drive-out – Hanover, VA**
Becky's New Car – a comedy by Steven Dietz
See page 7 for details.
- Sep. 30 – Oct. 2 British Car Festival – Waynesboro, VA
This is the 30th Anniversary Show, with proceeds
benefiting the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.
www.svbcc.net
- Oct. 4 **Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**
Hosted by Bill & Renee Olcheski
- Oct. 8 Eastern Shore Car Show –
Benefiting the new Little League Ball Park
Details to follow.
- Oct. 29 – Nov. 6 – Motoring Festival Week – Hilton Head
Island, SC www.HHICconcours.com
- Nov. 2 **Wednesday – Club Meeting – Newport News**
Chili Cook-off
Hosted by Steve & Mitzi LaPaugh
- Nov. 4-6 Antique & Vintage Car Day at VIR

Upcoming Activities (continued)

Nov. 20 Fall Tech Session – Chesapeake
Hosted by Terry & Susan Bond

Dec. Holiday Party – Date TBD
Host site needed

2012

Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day Drive –
Destination TBA

Apr. 15- Magical Mystery Tour
Celebrating 45 years since the release of this
Beatles' album
Mystery Event – details to be discovered.

June – TBA NAMGBR – 2012, Atlanta, GA
Hosted by Peachtree MG Registry -Road Trip!

Sep, 23 MGB 50th Anniversary – Events being planned



AUGUST MINUTES

by Michele Peters

We began our August meeting at 7:25 pm at Great Neck Park in Virginia Beach, having already feasted on cook-out fare with the delicious additions of non-alcoholic drinks (park rules) and desserts (smores, no less!) that Tad and Karen so fabulously contributed to the enjoyment of all. Thanks, you guys. And yes, Karen, you definitely have a “keeper!”

New Members and Guests: We had no new members or guests at the cook-out. All the more for us to eat!

Vice-President: Our El Vice-Presidente had “nada” to add tonight besides his usual “Nope!” when asked if he had a report. He did provide yours truly with a delectable chicken creation, and also grilled my teeny-tiny skinny asparagi (is that the plural of asparagus??) to perfection. Awesome people, wonderful little cars, great food, and more than worthy drink...what more could anyone POSSIBLY wish for from a social club? (I guess this means I should actually pay my dues....sorry, Bill!).

Treasurer: Jim Villers, the most sincere Treasurer a club could ever ask for, provided us with the report of our financial situation...which is still GOOD. In fact, it is so good, several people shouted “Party! Party!” when Jim gave us the bottom line.

Activities: Tad ...what can I say about this

guy? He sure goes out of his way to do a super-fantastic, awesome, killer job as Activities Director! Isn't he great?! His report of upcoming activities for our group takes up at least half of our meeting time... that's how great he is. I will laude his leadership abilities here...please see the Activities section of *The Dipstick* for further details on what he has planned for us.

Clubs: Mike and Jennifer didn't make it to the meeting, so not report.

History: Susan reported that she finished the album for the 2011 Winery Tour with 30 pages of photos. Wow! Thanks for all that work, woman! Now we can flip through the albums and happily relive some of our proudest (and perhaps most sotted) moments!

Newsletter: Ron is stepping down from the helm as Newsletter editor (this month will be his last creation) and luckily for us, Mitzi has stepped up to the plate to take over this demanding job, so THANKS, MITZI! Ron reminded those writing that the deadline, as always, is the 12th of the month for submissions. Keep them coming.

Membership: Bill reported that we have received 89 paid renewals (uhm, mine is in the mail, including two others, apparently, so you see, your secretary is NOT the worst among us!) We now have a total of 177 cars in the club. Whoop! The 2012 TMGC Directory should be drafted by mid-August and available for final review by the membership at our September meeting. If you want a new photo used, please send it in to Bill as soon as you can. There are A LOT of club photos floating around with many pictures of all of us...if you don't choose one, Bill will use his own discretion, and you know how “iffy” that can be! (jk, buddy!)

Technical: Mark C. reminded us to raise our ...hoods...whenever we can in this severe heat to save the rubber underneath. Mark reports that we can instantly reduce the under-the-hood temperature by 50 degrees. Caveat: Don't forget to close it again before roaring off!

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Marque Time: Miss Green B, well and affectionately known to most of you, is undergoing a complete transformation (body lift, face lift - much like her poor driver needs) as we speak, thanks to the gracious and expert skills of Frank Linse and George McQuain. Her transformation is being digitally documented and will be the subject of an expose in a future issue of *The Dipstick*. I won't tell you what color she will be when proudly presented to our membership in her restored form (the subject of much conjecture and gnashing of teeth by several members, particularly Frank and George (an honorary member)), but be ready to be dazzled! Her driver can hardly wait!

Raffle and Regalia: I have no idea who the

TWO MILLENNIA TOUR

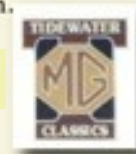
Saturday, September 17th

Richard Hall has put together another great drive. Join us as we travel from Chesapeake to historic Plymouth, NC. Along the way, we'll pass through tiny towns and bear alley and enjoy an early lunch at the Marina on the Albemarle Sound. Once in Plymouth, we'll visit the Civil War museum (site of the CSS Albemarle memorial), sample some North Carolina wines and take a Historic House walking tour. We'll have time for two more museums and a stop at Norm's for ice cream before we hit the road for home.

This will be a full-day, full-tank tour. If you are interested, please let me know so that we can make appropriate arrangements at each of our stops. Wine Tasting, War Museum Tour & Walking Tour - \$10 total per person. Lunch, Ice Cream & other tours on your own.



RSVP by 9/10/11: TMGC_Activities@me.com



winners of the raffle from this month were or what was even raffled because, well, I think I was talking through the whole thing. I mean, I had good intentions and everything, and even started writing something down, but it's only a couple of marks and they are indecipherable. Oh well. You winners know who you are, and the rest of us don't really care because we didn't win...again.

So we adjourned at 7:44 and kept eating and talking until we were in fear of the park's gates being locked at 8:30. However, as our Prez noted, "A locked gate never stopped an MG driver" and with that truism, I will conclude my Minutes. I know you are all grateful and appreciative of your Secretary, and will have no negative comments at our next meeting about my failure to document the raffle winners. And should you be so inclined, well, you know....



Membership and New Members

by Bill Yoshida

2012 Membership Renewal: As of the submission of this report on 12 August, there are 97 memberships that have renewed for 2012. An additional 5 members have promised to send in their dues and renewal forms. Regrettably, there are 14 of last year's members that have indicated their intent to not renew for another year. Dues are still \$20 for the year. Renewal forms are found on line at www.mg.org under the "Club Info/ Becoming a Member" section. On 7 August I sent a final e-mail to members that were still delinquent in their dues. I have decided to make phone calls in lieu of e-mails as a "last-ditch effort" to ensure all members have an opportunity to renew their membership and be listed in the 2012 TMGC Directory.

Dues: I turned over \$420 in checks and \$80 in cash to Jim Villers on 28 July. I currently hold an additional \$100 in checks and \$80 in cash for turn over to Jim.

Cars: Total cars – 176. (If the remaining 2011 members renew for 2012)

Cars & Types: 170 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC
19	2	82	16	2	2	6

TD	TF	Midget
23	5	13

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

Annual Directory: I have begun building the 2012 TMGC Directory. I hope to have it to the printer in time to present a draft copy to the members at the September meeting.



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Note From the Editor

by Ron Struewing

As you know, this is my last issue as editor of *The Dipstick*. This position has been a challenge at times but always a pleasure for the last four years. I thank all of you who have contributed to this publication in whatever form and I hope you will continue to do so because that's what it's all about; club members writing about club events and providing help to others.

I wish to thank Mitzi LaPaugh for stepping up and relieving me during the last meeting. I trust that you will give her the same support you have given me. From this point on, please submit all inputs to Mitzi. Her email address is: langisart@hotmail.com.

Activities Report

by Tad Carter

September is a busy month, with several shows and several drives from which to choose. We start on the 7th with our monthly meeting at the Villers' home in Virginia Beach. Thanks to Jim and Betty for taking us in off the cold, cruel streets of Tidewater!

On Saturday the 17th, we'll have another great drive led by Richard Hall. We have a full day planned with a back-road drive down to Plymouth, North Carolina. We'll enjoy lunch at the Marina, tour a Civil War museum, visit the CSS Albemarle memorial, tour historic homes in Plymouth, and still make time for ice cream and wine tasting before we head for home. There may be a few other surprises thrown in, so make your plans for this one. Here is the early schedule: Meet at 8:30 am at the Hardee's on Battlefield Blvd (just north of Chesapeake General Hospital) for a 9:00 departure. **This is a full-day, full-tank event. Please let me know if you will be joining in on this trip so that we can make appropriate arrangements at each of our stops.**

Wake up the next morning, **September 18th**, and head out to New Kent Winery for Classics on the Green, hosted by the Central VA British Car Club. This is the second year for this show venue, although the show, under other appellations, has been a highlight of the September calendar now for 27 years. Along with the show, you can take part in a Wine Tasting at the Winery. For \$25 per person, you can see the show and enjoy the wine tasting. For \$35, you can register your car and receive admission for two to the show. And for \$10 per person, the car registration can be upgraded to include the wine tasting. Confused? Check it out at www.cvbcc.com.

The following week, on **Sunday the 25th**, is our 3rd trek out to the Barksdale Theatre in Hanover. After a scenic drive and a stop for lunch, we'll take in the matinee performance of *Becky's New Car*. If past shows are any indication, we are in for a treat! Final travel arrangements are being made in late August, and this group of repeat offenders will be notified of the schedule.

Then it's back on the road the following weekend, **Sept. 30th – Oct. 2nd**. A favorite event of many in the club, we'll be back in the Shenandoah Valley for the British Car Festival. This is the 30th edition of this show, with proceeds benefiting the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Several convoys will be heading west on Friday, so catch on with one of them if you are looking

to travel in a group.

OK – we made it to October, and believe it or not, there are things to do. Check out The Dipstick calendar to get a sneak preview of those events. More will be added as details become available. Please note our October visit to the Olcheski White House, and our return to the Peninsula for the Chili Cook-off in November. Get your recipes ready and try to de-throne Pete Olson as our own Top Chef.

Scroll down a little further, and you will see that we are beginning to spill over onto the 2012 calendar. As the luck of the Irish would have it, the 250th anniversary of the very first St. Patrick’s Day celebration will fall on a Saturday in 2012. I can’t imagine what might be on the schedule for that day. And help kick off the 45th anniversary year for the Beatles “Magical Mystery Tour”. What better way than with our April 15th salute to the “Taxman”? Stay tuned for updates.

So, in the immortal words of The Happenings, “See You in September”.



THE TIDES

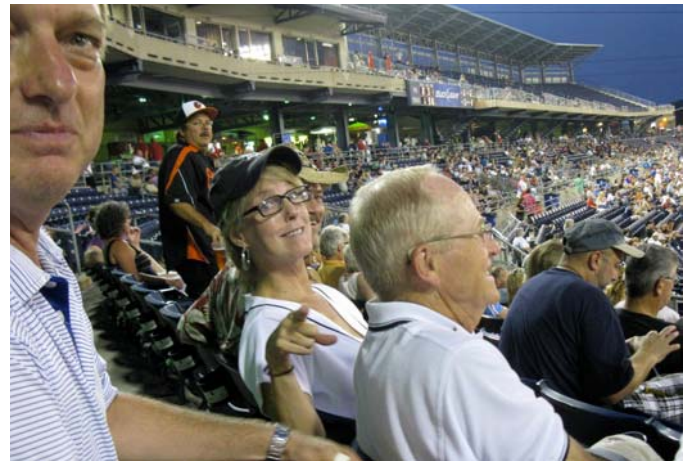
by Andy Wallach

Even before entering Harbor Park on the evening of July 19th, we saw the Tides...the trolleys (oops, I mean Light Rail) not the ballplayers. Somehow in a very short time span, walking across the street from the parking lot to the ball field, two managed to go in each direction. So, fresh from the experience of waiting at the crosswalk for the “train” to pass, we met Tad and Karen Carter at the third base entrance scalping tickets. Karen was very stylishly attired in a top adorned with MG Classic Cars of various models and MG Octagon earrings. Cynthia Faschini and I were part of the 15-person contingent of Tidewater MGeers to sit directly



Cynthia and Andy

behind home plate to witness the Toledo Mudhens destroy the Norfolk Tides. Using my intelligence analysis background, I questioned Terry Bond’s statement that there were 14 MGs in the parking lot. HUMINT (human intelligence sources; that is, talking to people) revealed the truth. One MG braved the Tide to make it to Harbor Park.



Tad, Michele, and Harry

It became apparent in the top of the first inning that the ballgame would not be played to a nail-biting finish. The Mudhens obtained two runs from the first four batters of the game. The highlights of the game were the fly ball that crashed into the souvenir stand directly behind us and the two Mudhen groupies in front of us. Michele Peters overcame major surgery to attend the feast. After eating a foot-long and large pretzel while swilling a beer, she attempted to steal ice cream from some guy sitting in front of her.

From the announcement of the names of the various groups attending the game, it was apparent that it was Interfaith Night at the Tides. Our members promptly identified with the theme. We are “interfaith,” we accept all Marques. We are “Church of the MG Saints.”



We didn't know until the seventh inning that Tad had a small problem. It became apparent that he didn't know which team was which when he couldn't decide whether it was the top or bottom of the seventh. We just told him that it was the start of the third half.

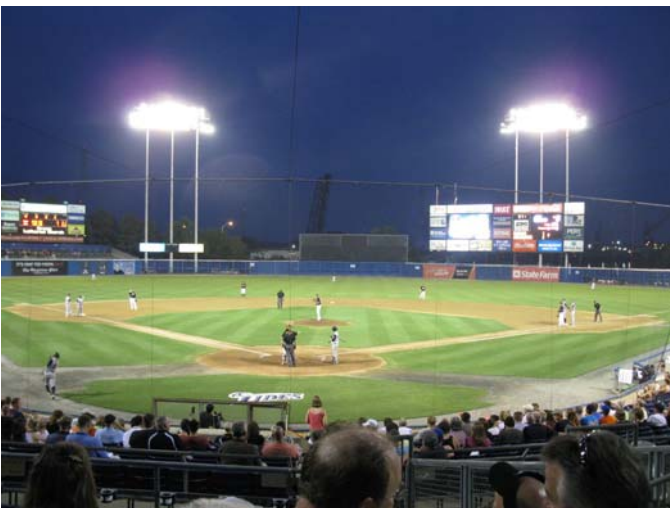


Cynthia, Andy, and Terry

tom of the ninth with the score "2 to 1" except the score was really 7 to 1. The Tides did get more hits and less errors but managed to lose 7 to 1.

We learned several things: air conditioning is very, very nice; it doesn't matter which teams are playing or the score, being with fellow MGers is always fun; Michele can eat and drink more than any of us; and Tad is a fantastic activities coordinator.

In addition to the aforementioned members, the following were in attendance: Susan Bond, Steve and Mitzi LaPaugh, Steve LaPaugh's parents, Tom and Sally Keiningham, Harry Watson, and Russ Ripp.



Cynthia thought the Tides still had a chance in the bot-

BARKSDALE THEATRE

Sunday, September 25th



Written by Steven Dietz Directed by Billy Christopher Maupin

Playful, wacky and wistful, Becky's New Car maps out a road trip that lets the audience ride shotgun in a way most plays don't dare. In this life-affirming story about the road not taken, Becky - without really planning to - takes the chance to test drive another life.

"What a gas! Becky's New Car is a zippy new comedy with plenty of power under the hood" - Vancouver Sun

"I've seldom heard people laugh out loud so heartily or repeatedly as they did on opening night for this clever show." - City Beat

This will be an all-day event with an early departure from Tidewater. We'll stop for lunch on the road, then arrive in Hanover for the 2:00 performance.

Theater tickets are available for \$32 per person. Group limit - 20 people

RSVP by 8/15/11: TMGC_Activities@me.com



Family Outing

(The August Meeting)

by Wildflower (TC5308)

as dictated to her human, Bob Stein

photographs by Susan Bond and Bob Stein

Although I have been enjoying the summer quite a bit with my human, Bob, I rarely get a chance to visit with family. There are several relatives sharing quarters with me, but as I have private chambers, we rarely converse. Because of this, I was quite delighted to find myself



surrounded by a good 15 MGs of various generations on Tuesday, August 2nd, at the TMGC August meeting and picnic at Great Neck Park.

The weather was somewhat warm and clear enough that all of our tops were down as we rolled through the lovely little park at 6:30 pm. There were several great-great grandchild Bs in the parking area, and we spent a pleasant time catching up and greeting other family members as they arrived. One TD showed up, along with an MG Midget, but the majority was MGBs. The energy of youth, I suppose.



As usual, the human Tad Carter was instrumental in organizing and preparing the activity. I could see him lighting coal fires in different locations, an action that puzzled me until some of the other humans began preparing their fuel. Apparently some of them envy our ability to burn our fuel. I observed more than one instance where the human fuel bore remarkable resemblance to the coal burning below it. However, most of the humans wisely chose to bring fuel items either prepared in their own garages or purchased from human fuel dispensing stations.



After the initial fueling, the humans engaged in a rowdy, if fairly brief, activity called a business meeting. During this time, they also engaged in supplemental fueling using ice cream, and making something called smores. Following the business meeting, a group of humans pulled out guitars and a mandolin and formed an impromptu but pleasant musical group—pleasant, that is, until a number of other humans attempted to sing along. The noise must have irritated other patrons, for the human authorities showed up about 8 pm and chased us all out. Even with this embarrassment, the outing was great fun for both the family members and our humans.





Club members entertaining the group

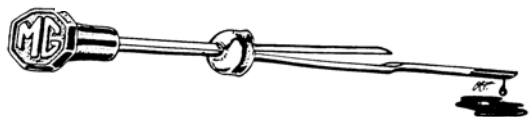


Photographs from the Lee Hall Show

by Donald Ladd



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Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 7th
Jim & Betty Villers
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7:30 - 8:00 pm - Kick Tyres
8:00 Meeting

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