

#### **Activities Calendar 2012**

- Apr. 4 Wednesday DATE CHANGE
  Club Meeting Chesapeake
  Hosted by Pete Olson
- Apr. 15 British and European Car Show
  Chickahominy Riverfront Park, Williamsburg
  www.wmbgbrit.com
- Apr. 22 Sunday Spring Tech Session Hosted by Frank & Deb Linse
- Apr. 27 29 Wine Tour X Central Virginia Hosted by Beckey & Alan Watson
- May 2 Wednesday Club Meeting Seaford, VA Hosted by Jayne & Bruce Easley
- May 5 Drive Your MGA Day www.namgar.com
- May 26 June 3 British Car Week

  See this edition of *The Dipstick* for details.
- June 5 Tuesday Club Meeting Virginia Beach Hosted by Issie & Bill Yoshida
- June 6-12 NAMGBR 2012, Dillard, GA

  Hosted by Peachtree MG Registry 
  www.MG2012.com
- June TBD Eastern Shore Tall Ship Tour

#### June 18 Monday - DATE CHANGE

Tides Baseball – Game Time 7:15 "Turn Back The Clock" night

July 9-13 NAMGAR GT-37 – Dayton, OH 2012 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the last MGA off the production line. http://gt37.namgar.com

- July 11 Wednesday Club Meeting Virginia Beach (2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Month)

  Hosted by Betty & Jim Villers
- Aug. TBA Summer Tech Session Hosted by Linda & Jim Freeh
- Aug. 7 Tuesday Club Meeting / Picnic Virginia Beach Early time – Picnic 6:00, meeting 7:30.
- Aug. 12 Barksdale Theatre Drive Hanover, VA "Relatively Speaking"
- Sep. 5 Wednesday Club Meeting Virginia Beach Hosted by Paul and Carmen Thiergardt
- Sep. 14-16 British Invasion Stowe, VT www.BritishInvasion.com
- Sep. 16 Classics on the Green New Kent Winery <u>www.ClassicsontheGreen.com</u>
- Sep. 23 MGB 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events being planned www.mgb50.com
- Oct. 2 Tuesday Club Meeting Virginia Beach Hosted by Bill & Renee Olcheski
- Oct. 5-7 SVBCC British Car Festival Waynesboro
- Nov. Fall Tech Session Date TBA Hosted by Susan & Terry Bond
- Nov. 3 Magical Mystery Tour Scavenger Hunt Tidewater
- Nov. 7 Wednesday Club Meeting Newport News Hosted by Mitzi & Steve LaPaugh

TMGC events in BOLD









### **MARQUE TIME**



Spring is just around the corner, or is it already here? It's getting to be top-down weather; although anyone that knows me knows that I am saying that for the rest of you. My top is down most days, unless the rain is getting in my eyes. As usual my article is late, but Mitzi makes allowances for me. Thanks Mitzi. Saturday was beautiful; the weather was perfect for a leisurely ride through the Tidewater countryside and an interesting stop at Proffitt's Antique Garage and lunch (or was it dinner at Captain Chuck-A-Mucks?). Thanks, Tad! As some of you may remember I tried to plan a drive out to Captain Chuck-A-Mucks a couple of summers back, but we had too many people and had to find an alternate

location. That says something for the flexibility of the club. It also looks like Tad is a better organizer than I. I'll concede defeat here; Tad is better than most. I look forward to seeing you all at the April meeting and at many fun rides thorough out the year. So dust off those cobwebs and get your cars out of the garage or the back forty. If you need help, the spring tech session is fast approaching, as is Wine Tour X--can't wait! What could be better than driving a roadster on winding mountain roads with some of the best friends a person could ask for?



## A Note from your Editor...

Last month, you may have read that I'm looking for club members to replace my husband and me as Co-Editors of *The Dipstick* and to serve as the new Regalia Queen (or King! We believe in equal opportunity in TMGC!). I come to you, once again, asking for someone to, please, volunteer to take the wheel of *The Dipstick*. When Stephen took the Co-Editor position for Anita, we agreed that I'd edit and he'd do layout, once I taught him to use Publisher. Well, you know what they say about the best laid plans of mice and men — they often go awry! I haven't had the time to teach Stephen to use Publisher. I'm simply overwhelmed with a new job, a part-time job, church commitments and car club commitments... you get the picture. Please, the newsletter isn't really that daunting of a task; it just takes more time than I've got right now.

Also, David Kinsey has stepped up and offered to assist with Regalia by taking orders for nametags and picking up orders. If one of you is willing to take over the Regalia inventory and selling the raffle tickets, I'd much appreciate it. For all intensive purposes, I'd like to have handed over these duties to members by April 12, just in time for the May issue of *The Dipstick*.

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#### MARCH MEETING MINUTES

by Bob Stein, Acting Secretary

The TMGC met at the home of Cynthia Faschini & Andy Wallach on March 7<sup>th</sup>. President Russ Ripp called the meeting to order at 8:09 PM, and started off with 'approval' of the February minutes. Jim Villers provided the Treasurer's Report. Vice-President Steve LaPaugh's report consisted of the word 'Ugh,' and Historian Sue Bond reported that she had two history binders with her.

Tad Carter then took the floor for the Activities Report. As usual, he has been busy working to keep US busy and has a full schedule of events and activities for the coming months. The next activity scheduled for TMGC is a drive-out to Cecil Proffitt's Auto Museum and Captain Chuck-a-muck's Secret Hideout #2 on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The April club meeting has been shifted to Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at the request of host Pete Olson.

Next up is the British and European Car Show on April 15<sup>th</sup>, being held at Chickahominy Riverfront Park in Williamsburg. The following Sunday, April 22, Frank & Deb Linse will be hosting the TMGC Spring Tech Session. This will ensure minimal breakdowns of cars (if not drivers) on Wine Tour X to Central Virginia on April 27-29, hosted by Beckey & Alan Watson.

Tad then asked for some advance indications of interest for some future events. The planned club outing to Tides Stadium for a baseball game will be moved one day earlier to June 17<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the Tides' 'Turn Back the Clock' night – feature cheap seats and eats. Tad also needs early sign-up for the August 12<sup>th</sup> drive-out to Hanover and the Barksdale Theater's production of "Relatively Speaking." He closed with the announcement that the Gold Cup races at Virginia International Raceway have been scheduled for October 13-14.

Membership guru Bill Yoshida reported that TMGC currently has 117 paid memberships (one promised membership still outstanding) and 215 individual members. He had two new memberships: John Fowler (MG TC and MG TD) of Millboro, VA, and Bob and Patty Rourke (MG TC) of Arlington, VA.

Dipstick editor Mitzi LaPaugh announced that due to the added workload of multiple part-time jobs, she

would like to find someone else to take over the Dipstick. She would also like to start getting some more tech articles and other stories from members in addition to activity reports. Switching to her Regalia Queen role, she announced that the night's raffle prizes included an Oyster Knife (donated by her father-in-law, a blacksmith), Union jack keychain, MGB belt buckle, first in line, and... wait for it... a TMGC license plate frame!

Under Tech Notes, information was presented on a new convertible top treatment, and it was noted that Moss no longer sells the single-bulb front parking light bases for later cars. The group was also reminded about the recall of some Moss brake master cylinders.

There was no Old Business. Under new business, Andy noted the passing of long-time member and former TMGC President Mel Baker on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and read his obituary. There was some discussion on who is currently getting the club's copies of MGB Driver magazine, which is usually sent to the President and Editor. Tad asked about the status of the redrawn TMGC logo, and it was noted that Mitzi has it done and is using it on the Dipstick. It was also announced that TMGC has a full page in the February NEMGTR TSO magazine.

During Marque Time, Jim Villers announced the availability of an MGB hard top. It was noted that Steve LaPaugh's steering rack has been rebuilt. Members were advised to check their motor mounts for cracks. a request was made for an early 'banjo' style MGB steering wheel. Members were encouraged to join in on the MGB Experience web site forum. Jim Villers reported that he was very pleased with the 'enhanced' MGB interior kit he got from Moss.

The meeting concluded with the raffle run by Mitzi, and adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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# Fabulous at 50

Cars born in 1962 may be 2012's market leaders

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By John Gunnell

As the spotlight moves upon a car reaching the milestone of its 50th birthday, the added visibility can increase its collectibility and value. Since five notable cars that were "all new" in 1962 will be celebrating a golden anniversary this year, it's worth taking a look at where they're headed for 2012.

This article runs down those fresh faces from 1962: Shelby's Cobra, the MGB, Pontiac's Grand Prix, Ford's Fairlane and the Chevy II/Nova. We spoke to experts on the five highlighted members of the class of '62, each possessing various levels of performance, sportiness, luxury and practicality. Any of these cars may make a good automotive investment, so watch for them at the 2012 Arizona auctions.











The MGB bowed at the 1962 London Motor Show. With modern styling and more power than previous MG roadsters, the "B" would become a legend. During four years of planning, a roadster and a GT coupe had been envisioned, but only the roadster was sold until 1966. Then, the hatchback MGB edan configurations as well as convert by

Four basic MGB/MGB GTs were produced over 18 years. The only major styling change was a switch to black rubber bumpers after 1974. The chrome bumper cars of 1963-1966 are called the MKIs; the 1967-1971 versions are MKIIs. A chrome bumper continued on the 1972-1974 MK III, but heavy front bumper guards were added in mid 1973 to meet stricter safety standards. The black-rubber-bumper Series IV cars were sold in model years 1975-'80. It bas II word a total

The B was the best-selling MG in history. The British company known as the maker of "America's first sports car" (the old school TC model) made 387,675 MGB roadsters and 125,597 MGB GTs from 1962-'80. ... soong leaft fleid to soon

"The MGB was the first civilized sports car," says Glenn Lenhard of Glenn's MG Repair and the British Motor Trade Association. "With its roll-up windows and uni-body construction, it allowed an entire generation to experience the joy of owning a soon-to-be classic British roadster with the benefits of strong construction and simplicity of maintenance. Long live the MGB."

Glenn likes the MGB's affordability, as well as its owner-friendly characteristics. "Today, the parts availability and strong club presence means that the children and even grandchildren of the people who enjoyed these cars in the early '60s are still able to own and enjoy one for less money than the simplest of the daily-transportation class of vehicles on the market," he said.









#### **MEMBERSHIP**

by Bill Yoshida

**Memberships:** As of 11 March, we have 118 paid memberships with one outstanding "promise" to renew their memberships for 2012. This makes 217 individual members in the club.

#### **New Memberships:**

John & Marcia Collins Chesapeake, VA 23321 1971 MGB; 1958 MGA

John Fowler Millboro, VA 24460

1946 MG-TC (#1971) and 1950 MGTD (LHX2457)

Bob & Patty Rourke Arlington, VA 22207 1948 MG-TC (#9816)

**Dues:** During my absence at the February meeting a \$20.00 dues check was provided directly to Jim Villers. I provided \$30.00 in dues checks to Jim at the March meeting..

Cars: Total cars - 178

Cars & Types: 172 of the following types of MGs:

MGA A- Coupe B-GT C C-GT TC TF TD Midget 2 2 20 2 80 16 9 24 5 12

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

#### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

by Tad Carter

#### Please notice the date change for our April meeting – now 4/4/12.

We had beautiful weather and a crowd to match for our Presidents Day Drive to Berkeley Plantation and Cul's Courthouse Grille. I would like to be able to claim responsibility for the clear skies and the clear roads, but we all know we got lucky beating the rain and snow by 24 hours. Let's see if our good fortune holds out for the rest of the driving season.

Our friends in the Williamsburg British Car Club are hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Williamsburg British & European Car Show at Chickahominy River Front Park on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are up for a drive after filing for an extension on your taxes, head west toward Williamsburg. This is always a good show. More details are available at www.wmbgbrit.com.

Coming up quickly is our opening Tech Session on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Linse's in Norfolk. If your car has been in storage for the winter, or if you have a few things on your to-do list, come on by. The doors open at 10:00. As always, our hard work (?) will be rewarded with Deb's good cooking!

And the week after that is our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Wine Tour to the Lynchburg area. Elsewhere in the Dip-

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stick is an article by Bob Agar about packing for a Road Trip. Bob lives in southern Arizona and is the proud owner of a '53 TD that was once owned by former TMGC members, Bob and Ethyl Walker. Check it our as you prepare for your summer drives.

Also in this issue is an announcement of three drives for British Car Week. In addition to getting to satisfy our sweet tooth in the middle of the week, we've been invited over to the Eastern Shore on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for *Arts and Music! On the Farm*. We'll have a 9:30 departure from Virginia Beach for a 73-minute, 41-mile drive (mostly back roads) up to Machipongo. After a day of music, food and festivities, we'll be back in the Beach by 6:00. Join in on this celebration of the bounty of the Eastern Shore.

There are a couple of sign-up events coming over the summer that I'll ask you to take a look at. First will be our June 18<sup>th</sup> night with the Norfolk Tides, playing against the Buffalo Bison. This is Turn-Back-The-Clock night - a date-change from our original calendar – and features \$0.50 hot dogs, sodas and popcorn. That is usually a pretty crowded night, so I will reserve seats 30 seats in advance. I'll send out a sign-up request about May 1<sup>st</sup>, and we will turn back any unused tickets by June 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope you will put it on your schedule.

The other date is Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll head back to Hanover and the Barksdale Theatre for the matinee performance of the comedy, "Relatively Speaking". Has anyone ever gotten caught in an uncomfortable situation with your in-laws? Since it has never happened to any of us, we can experience it on the stage. I think everyone who has gone with us on trips to Hanover before has really enjoyed the drive and the performances, so if you are up for a day of driving, good food and good theatre, please take a look when this comes out. We'll start sign-up for this in June, and will need to release tickets back to the theatre by late July.

That's all for now. I'll see you at our April 4th meeting at Pete Olson's.



#### 1969 MGB Roadster

Some history...

I began to restore the car appox. 10 years ago, gradually replacing just about everything. Engine was completely rebuilt, new suspension, stainless exhaust system, gas tank, overdrive gearbox and all new wiring. Leather interior, new windshield, wire wheels (including the spare) new tires. Many more new parts with receipts. Also includes an extra gearbox, radiator, a hardtop which needs new glass, and a couple of boxes of assorted parts. **\$9,000.00 takes everything.** 

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# DRIVE YOUR BRITISH CAR WEEK

Saturday May 26th - Sunday June 3rd

Tidewater MG Classics Schedule of Events



#### SATURDAY MAY 26TH

Art and Music! On the Farm



It's a Rural Renaissance at the Barrier Islands Center in Machipongo. Join us for a celebration of music and art surrounded by a rich display of local bounty: wines, coffees, vegetables, flowers and plants. Enjoy music all day with bands performing different styles of music ranging from authentic bluegrass to African American chantey singing to Latino music, as well as break-out workshops with the musicians. Cost: \$10 for adults and children - free!

We'll depart from Virginia Beach (gas station - Shore Drive @ Northampton) at 9:30 for a leisurely drive through the Eastern Shore. The festival is open from 10:00am until 4:00pm. Plan on a 5:00 arrival back in Virginia Beach, or travel at your leisure.

An RSVP is requested so that we don't leave anyone behind.

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Sno-to-Go in Williamsburg



Depart Yorktown Battlefield at 6:30pm for a drive up Colonial Parkway to Jamestown and a visit to Sno-to-Go at 2229 Richmond Road in Williamsburg

Enjoy your choice of Sundaes, Shakes, SnoStorms, and the famous New Orleans SnoBalls.



Handel's in Virginia Beach



Depart from Harris Teeter - Nimmo Parkway at 6:30pm for a drive through southern Virginia Beach. We'll finish off the evening with a stop at Handel's Homemade Ice Cream (Red Mill Commons)

Handel's is rated #1 for ice cream in National Geographic's The 10 Best of Everything - An. Ultimate Guide for Travelers.





The Ice Cream drives are Show-and-Go. No need to RSVP, unless you are so inclined.









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March 1, 2012

Tidewater MG Classics Car Club Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Dear Tidewater MG Classics Car Club,

As we look back at 2011, we can all feel very proud of the work we have accomplished together at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters.

Your donations brought comfort and care to Jeremiah, who had open-heart surgery at CHKD when he was just 10 weeks old. You helped 6-year-old Jaiden become one of the first patients in the world to receive a promising new treatment for a common childhood cancer. You helped us purchase a safer, lower-dose CT scanner and more than 100,000 diapers no bigger than credit cards for patients in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

In 2011, our child abuse fellowship program --- which trains pediatricians to work in the field of child abuse and neglect --- became one of the first such programs in the nation to receive accreditation. Our surgeons continued their international leadership in the field of pediatric chest wall reconstruction with publications in top medical journals and presentations at national and international conferences. Our community outreach experts brought the latest information on children's health, safety and wellness to thousands of parents and students in our region through more than 300 free programs. And, as always, we upheld our promise to care for every child who needed us regardless of the family's ability to pay.

On behalf of everyone at CHKD and the children and families we serve, thank you for making these and so many other achievements possible. We never forget that your support and belief in our mission are our most valuable assets.

In this new year, we will continue to work every day to honor the incredible trust you place in us to care for our community's children.

Sincerely,

James D. Dahling President & CEO









# The Road Kit (or, "I only carry what I can install") – by Robert Agar, July 2010

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I'm getting ready for another lengthy road trip and, once again, I'm facing the decision as to what to carry along in my "road kit". Of course, I will perform the regular pre-trip maintenance, and give everything a thorough once-over to spot potential failures. It's much easier (and a lot less expensive) to perform the "might as wells" in my own garage.

I've read all the pundits' suggestions on what to carry - everything from fan belts to major components. Over many years of MG ownership I've managed to acquire a pretty extensive collection of spares, both new and used/rebuilt. Just looking at the space they occupy in my storage area, it's plain to see that they won't all fit in the MGB boot. So, what to do?

My road kit in past years has consisted of a water pump (new, in box with gaskets and thermostat), fuel pump, fan belts, full set of radiator/heater hoses, distributor points, etc. (just in case the Pertronix craps out), and the basic tools needed to install these parts.

The spare parts that I now carry become fewer and fewer as I replace older worn components with new. There's really no need to carry a spare fuel pump if I've just installed a new one. Ditto for the water pump. And new belts and hoses before a trip sure take that worry away.

I've always gone with the idea that I'll carry along only those items most likely to fail; those that I can install during a "roadside tech session" with tools at hand. Anything else is going to require the AAA card, the cell phone and American Express! At the very worst, you get towed to the nearest garage, find a motel, and phone in a rush order to Moss for the necessary part(s) with overnight delivery. But MGs are a sturdy lot, and a properly maintained car is remarkably reliable.

I always include a Moss catalog and my shop manual. And of course, duct tape! I used to carry a gallon of anti-freeze, but one leaking bottle cured me of that. I now put several bottled waters in the car, tucked into all the open nooks and crannies. Now both the MG and I have refreshment when needed.

I guess the worst part of "windshield time" is that there's just too much time to think. The hardest part of any long trip is convincing yourself that nothing will go wrong, and to quit imagining worst-case scenarios as you motor through the countryside. Now what was that noise...?

### TRAACA Swa(m)p Meet

By Susan Bond photos by Bob Stein

March 3, 2012 began with torrential rain and it didn't let up until at least noon. The outdoor portion of the annual TRAACA Swap Meet, held at the Hickory Ruritan Club, was pretty much a wash out, but the indoor vendors were busy all morning. TMGC had a table with photo albums and membership apps, but mostly served as a place for members to hang out. Jim Villers did double duty, manning the table and serving up food. Sam Kern and Jack Pavlidis parked cars in the rain. Linda Pellerin sold baked goodies. Bob Stein was everywhere and took pictures. Terry Bond sold fleas across from us. David Kinsey brought some parts to share. Others who dropped in included: Al & Laurel Swenson, Tommy Keiningham, Bob Pellerin, Mark Childers, Craig Puryear, Jack Price, and James Bettis. No MGs were in attendence that I know of, maybe because 4-wheel drive was a good thing to have in the mud.

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# Captain Chuck-a-muck's Run Photos by Don Ladd



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# Tidewater MG T St. Patrick's Day Drive by Bruce Easley

No one drank beer underwater, no one had car trouble, no one got sick, hurt, or lost – pretty uneventful! But more than one person remarked "Tad has planned a lot of good routes, but this is one of the best!" If you missed the St. Pat's drive out to Cecil Proffitt's Museum of auto and general memorabilia, you missed a really great day.

The weather stayed great for the duration of the trip, lending itself to comfortably drive topless. The group of 9 B's and a T left the rendezvous about noon, and drove beautiful winding country roads for an hour to get to the museum. This route was the epitome of what you will NEVER hear an MG driver say – "Let's take the interstate, I hate those winding back roads." The scenery was a mix of new spring wheat fields, varied

homes, horses, tight turns, and generally beautiful pastoral

views.

When one walks into the doorway of Cecil Proffitt's Antique Museum in Windsor, VA, the first word that springs to mind is "overwhelming". The collection of cars, signs, engines, motorcycles, boats, a vintage camper trailer, etc., etc. is more than the eye or mind can at first comprehend or sort out. To get a good representation of the museum, go to his website at <a href="http://www.cecilsantiquegarage.com">http://www.cecilsantiquegarage.com</a>, or just Google "Cecil Proffitt" and you will get plenty of pictures and information. This is a man who has been interested in and

collected cars for over 50 years. He has operated auto garages and body shops, and is a wizard with fairings, fiberglass, customiz-





ing and restoration. The websites will also describe his efforts to support Relay for Life, and his history of coordinating major auto shows. The immaculate 1955 T-bird, Crosley vehicles, customized trikes, and a "woody" are enough fun to view. But what really takes a person back in time is all the shop signs and wall hangings that are so reminiscent of the 50's. There is even a "major award" lamp such as from the movie "A Christmas Story". Along with the main interior are an antique country store and a shop out back where actual restoration work is going on. Anyone remember the Renault Dauphine?

After filling ourselves with rememberings and some nice chat in the sunshine outside the garage, it was on the road again to the inimitable Captain Chuck-a-Muck's restaurant on Marina Rd. in Rescue, VA. More great back roads and sunshine!

The captain's is on the water by the Rescue Yacht Haven, and there was plenty of parking as well as great views. The group was really ready for the food and frosty beverages when we arrived, and no one was disappointed. The menu focuses on seafood, but other offerings are available as well – AND they have sweet potato fries! Check out their website for more info. The building itself is constructed in a manner that provides a main interior, for easy heating in winter, with a secondary interior with rollup doors in between to give an open, airy feeling. The attractive woodwork coupled with an area of exposed galvanized roofing gave the area a brightness that was very pleasant, and there was a third eating area on the deck outside. All the weather-related eating possibilities were covered.

If you didn't get a chance to join us for St. Pat's Day, keep this destination in mind for a day when you want a nice drive with good food. Great group, great venues, great day!

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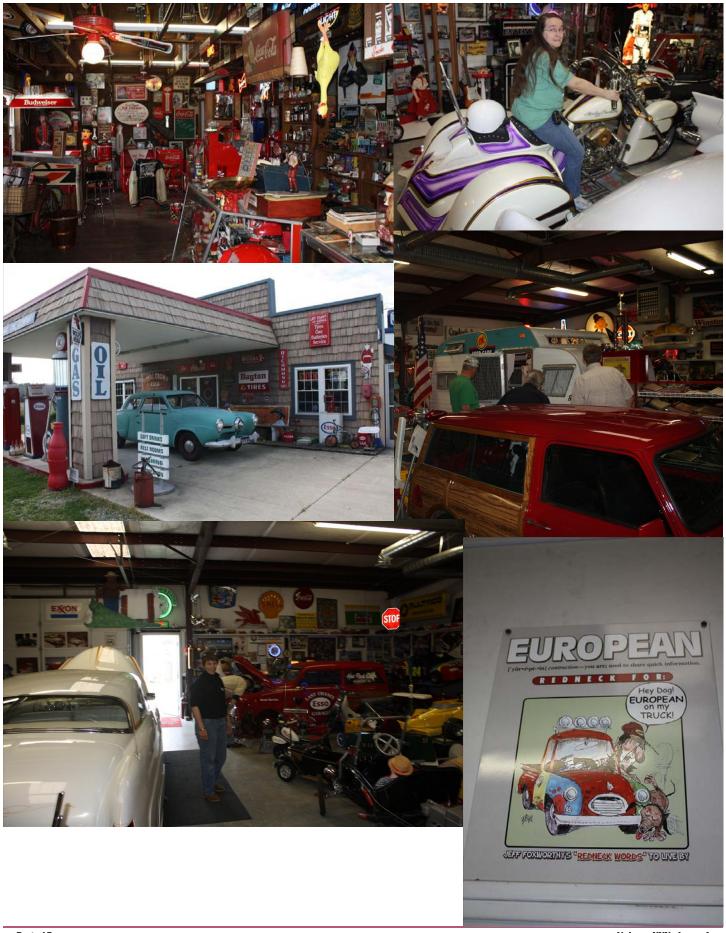


### **Cecil Proffitt's Museum**

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