

The Dipstick



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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2012

Jan. 4 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
Frankie's Place for Ribs
6:30 - Dinner 8:00 – Meeting

Feb. 7 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Destination TBA

Feb. 18 Saturday – (tentative)
President's Day tour of Berkeley Plantation
& Lunch on the Road

Mar. 7 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Norfolk
Hosted by Cynthia Faschini & Andy Wallach

Mar. 17 Saturday - St. Patrick's Day Drive –
Celebrating 250 Years of Dyeing Stuff Green
Proffitt's Auto Museum &
Captain Chuck-a-muck's Secret Hideout #2

April TBA – Spring Tech Session
Hosted by Frank & Deb Linse

Apr. 3 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Chesapeake
Hosted by Pete Olson

Apr. 15 British and European Car Show
Chicahominy Riverfront Park, Williamsburg
www.wmbgbrit.com

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 26 – June 3 British Car Week
Stay tuned to *The Dipstick* for a schedule of local
events.

June 5 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
Hosted by Issie & Bill Yoshida

June 6-12 NAMGBR – 2012, Dillard, GA
Hosted by Peachtree MG Registry – TMGC Road Trip!

June 19 Tuesday - Tides Baseball – Game Time 7:15

July 11 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
(2nd 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 meeting time – 6:00

Aug. 12 Barksdale Theatre Drive – Hanover, VA
“Relatively Speaking”

Sep. 5 Wednesday – Club Meeting – Destination TBA

Sep. 23 MGB 50th 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

BOLD items are TMGC events



MARQUE TIME

Greetings, fellow Tidewater MG Classics members! I want to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We just had a wonderful Holiday party; thanks, Tad, for finding a great place to host it. I'm pretty sure everyone that was there enjoyed the food and camaraderie. I think I speak for everyone who was there when I say I had a blast, as usual, at the Holiday lights drive out. The weather had to have been among the best days we've had for a drive out in December. As you are reading this Christmas and Chanukah are just winding down and New Years Eve is quickly approaching. Anyone know anyplace I can drive my MG under the stars and fireworks for New Years Eve? Check this issue of *The Dipstick* and the website Tad gave us a brief preview of some of the events he already has planned for 2012, and it looks like a great year to enjoy our MG's and mates. I know there are events I missed in 2011 and wish I hadn't because our calendars fill up quickly. Well, I've already started putting the 2012 MG events into mine and hope you do too. I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year at the meetings and other events.



Russ

Safety Fast

Russ



TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS - 2012 EVENT PREVIEW



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DRIVE

250 years ago today, someone decided that turning stuff green needed a name. Thus began St. Patrick's Day. We'll visit Proffitt's Antique Museum and then head to Cap't. Chuck-a-muck's for green beer.

Date: Saturday, March 17th

Time: 12:00 - 5:00

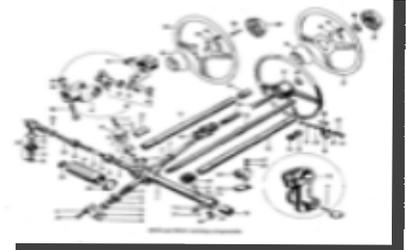


PAY THE TAXMAN ...

then head out on the roads. Today is the MG Car Club's opening drive of the 50th "B"irthday year. They are heading to the Heritage Motor Centre in Gaydon. Our destination is a little closer.

Date: Sunday, April 15th

Destination: Williamsburg Brit Show



TMGC TECH SESSIONS

Get your car in top condition for the 2012 Driving Season. Technical support and extra hands will be provided. BYO Parts and Projects.

Date: April, August and November

Time: 10:00am until ???



WINE TOUR X - CENTRAL VIRGINIA

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

Dates: April 27th - 29th

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 26th - June 3rd

TMGC Events: TBA



TIDES BASEBALL

Cheer on the Tides at Harbor Park as they take on the Buffalo Bison. Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and MGs - an American tradition.

Date: Tuesday, June 19th

Time: Game Time - 7:15



BARKSDALE THEATRE DRIVE

Join us for a leisurely drive to Hanover. We'll depart early from Tidewater, enjoy lunch along the way, followed by the comedy "Relatively Speaking".

Date: Sunday, August 12th

Time: 9:00 - 6:00



MGB 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

MG drivers from across the world will be out in force today, as we mark the 50th birthday of this iconic British sports car. All models are welcome. No gifts please!

Date: Sunday, September 23rd

Time & Destination: TBD



MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

Celebrate the 45th anniversary of this Beatles classic. Join in on a scavenger hunt through Tidewater, followed by lunch at the Beach.

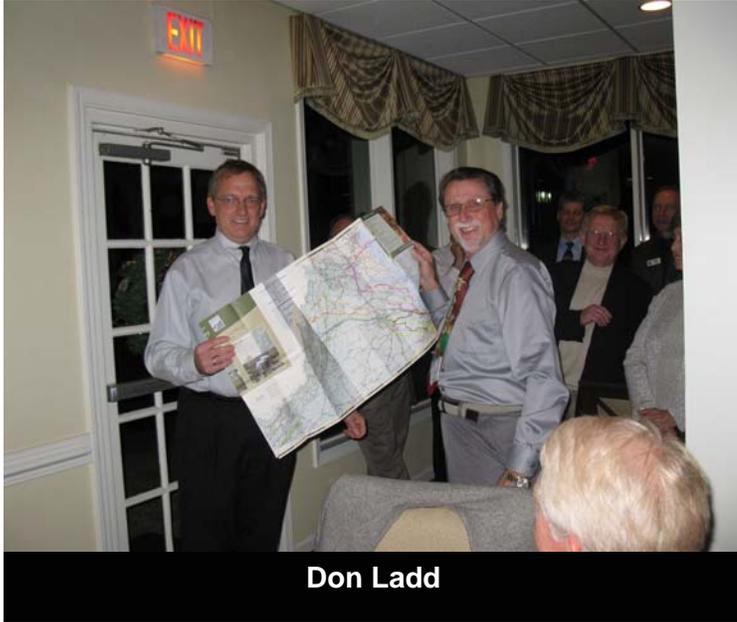
Date: Saturday, November 3rd

Time: 10:00 - 2:00



Activities Report – January 2012

by Tad Carter



Don Ladd

Happy New Year to all of you and an early Happy Anniversary to the MGB! As you may know, 2012 is the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the “B”.

A few quick notes to close out 2011 - Our Chili Cook-off winner (November meeting) is Pete Olson with his updated recipe for Tailpipe Backfire Chili. Pete's repeat was a narrow victory over Kiz Worrell's entry. In 2011, we had 15 different events in addition to monthly meetings. Fifty-eight different families and 226 people participated. Collectively, we covered 21,337 miles. The Traveler Award came down to the tiebreaker of total passenger miles, with the award going to Donald Ladd at 2,694 miles – that is 243 miles longer than Route 66, Chicago to Los Angeles. What that doesn't include is side trips to Williamsburg, Waynesboro, New Kent, VIR and the Blue Ridge Parkway. It took two cars to do it, but congratulations to Donald for defending his title.

And now, back to the future... We kick off the year in just a few days with our January meeting at Frankie's Place for Ribs in Virginia Beach. We have our usual spot reserved in the side room. For those interested in having dinner prior to the meeting, plan on arriving at 6:30. The meeting will start at 8:00. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our 2012 calendar is starting to take shape, with a dozen events currently under development, including three Tech Sessions to help keep our cars in top running order. Our first event is tentatively set for Saturday, February 18th. This will be a President's Day drive, with the destination still to be finalized. If you are at the January meeting, you'll get the first preview of that schedule.

Our next holiday drive will be on March 17th, celebrating the 250th St. Patrick's Day. We are scheduled for an early afternoon visit to Proffitt's Antique Museum in Windsor. We'll head from there over to beautiful Rescue, VA for a late lunch / early dinner at Captain Chuck-a-muck's Secret Hideaway #2. This restaurant was featured on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-ins and Dives, and is known for its fresh seafood, tasty crab cakes and Jamaican Jet Fuel. If you are Dive-curious, join in on this drive.

Our first Tech Session will be in April, and hosted by Frank and Deb Linse in Norfolk. We have several options after we pay the taxman on April 15th. If you are in the vicinity of Gaydon, England, stop by the Heritage Motor Centre for the opening event of the MGB's 50th Anniversary celebration. Closer to home, we have the Williamsburg British Car Club's show at Chickahominy River Front Park. Also in April is the tenth annual Virginia Wine Tour. Alan & Becky have been hard at work scheduling a great weekend in central Virginia.

Check out *The Dipstick* calendar for a look at the rest of the year.



MEMBERSHIP

by Bill Yoshida

Memberships: As of 10 December, we have 113 paid memberships with one outstanding “promise” to renew their memberships for 2012. This makes 209 individual members in the club.

New Memberships: No new memberships have been added since the December “Dipstick” was published.

Dues: At the Tech Session in November I gave \$40.00 in checks to Jim Villers. \$20.00 was the receipt of an “IOU” for one membership, and I also received \$20.00 in-advance from one member for their 2013 dues. I am still expecting \$20.00 in dues from one remaining member that “promised” to renew for 2012.

Cars: Total cars – 171

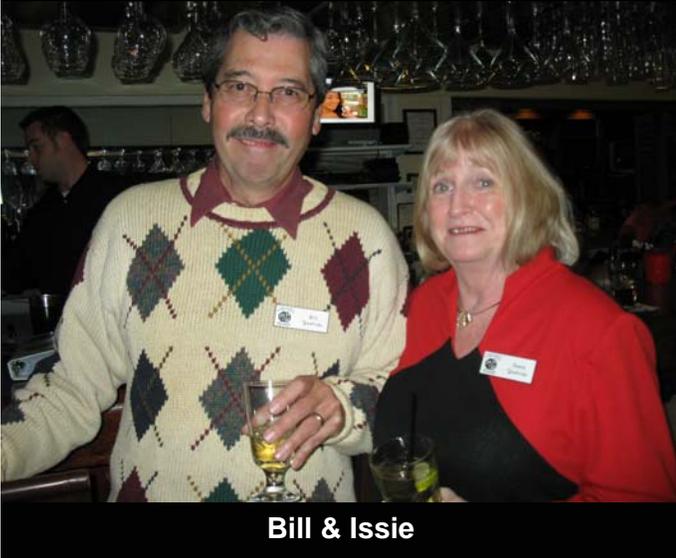
Cars & Types: 171 of the following cars:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
19	2	77	16	2	2	7	23	5	12

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES

by Sue Bond



MORE CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES...



Bill



Alan & Becky



Andy & Cynthia



Betty & Jim



Jayne & Bruce



Club-Donated CHKD Gifts



Don

MORE CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES...



JD & Lara



Bob



Deb & Frank



Mark & Kathy



Marie & Tom



Pete



Mike & Denise



Mike & Jennifer



MORE CHRISTMAS PICTURES...



Steve & Mitzi



Tad & Karen



Roy & Marilyn



Sandy & Richard



Tommy & Sally



Robert



Steve



Sue & Terry

TMGC CHRISTMAS PARTY

The TMGC Christmas Party was held at the Broad Bay Country Club in Virginia Beach, VA on Saturday, December 10, 2011. A delicious spread of fine foods and much merriment were enjoyed by all in attendance!

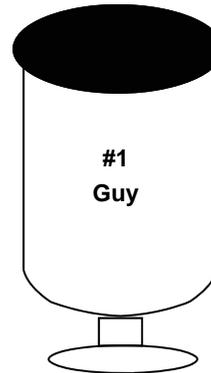
There was a silent auction consisting of miscellaneous Christmas decorations for the home and a wine cozy with a bottle of Pinot Grigio tucked inside! This year was a bit crazy, as I, your Co-Editor and Regalia Queen, remembered there needed to be a silent auction a few days before the party. Next year will be much more organized!

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the following TMGC members for their contributions to *The Dipstick*: Bill Olcheski, Bill Yoshida, Tad Carter, Michele Peters, Anita Edwards, Ron Struewing, Don Ladd, Becky Hassler, Jim Villers, Sue Bond, Terry Bond, Bob Stein, Al Hazlett, Craig Cummings, Jody Dudley, Michael Stone Richard, Geoff Wheatley, Andy Wallach, Roy Gavilan, Jennifer Ash, Mike Haag, and Steve LaPaugh. If you were unable to attend, I'll send your certificate via USPS after the January 4, 2012 meeting.



THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The President's Award goes to the member who has given of time, service and technical knowledge above and beyond the contributions of others, and this year that honor was awarded to Tad Carter, our awesome Activities Coordinator. Tad works tirelessly throughout the year, researching points of interest for all members to enjoy. It never ceases to amaze us the number of quality activities Tad coordinates for our enjoyment, and so many thanks, Tad, for all of your efforts! You make it look incredibly easy, by the way!



THE DIPSTICK AWARD

THE DIPSTICK Award is awarded to the club member who consistently contributes quality journalistic articles and photos. This year, the honor was given to Bob Stein for his coverage of MG events. Sure, he often writes from Wildflowers point of view, his '47 T.C., but we are accustomed to British accents here and it's always welcome. Bob's dual role as TMGC member and president of the Tidewater Region A. A. C. A. is all the more impressive. What is more is that he also makes a great stand in secretary! Cheers Bob !



Bob Receiving *The Dipstick* Award



TMGC
Christmas Party
December 10, 2011

Garden of Lights
Norfolk Botanical Gardens
December 15, 2011





GARDEN OF LIGHTS
PICTURES
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The Tidewater MG Classics

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FIRST CLASS

Affiliated with



MG

Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 4th
Frankie's
Place for Ribs
Fairfield Shopping
Center
Virginia Beach

Va Beach Blvd
Witchuck Rd
Fairfield Shopping Center
Providence Rd
Indian River Rd
Greenbrier Pkwy
Kempville Rd
Battlefield Blvd

I-264
I-64

BARBEQUE

6:30 - 8:00 pm - Dinner
8:00 Meeting

The map shows a network of roads in Virginia Beach. A red star marks the location of the meeting at the intersection of Providence Rd and Battlefield Blvd. A gavel icon is placed near the star, and a barbecue icon is placed near the 'BARBEQUE' text. A box in the bottom right corner contains the event details.