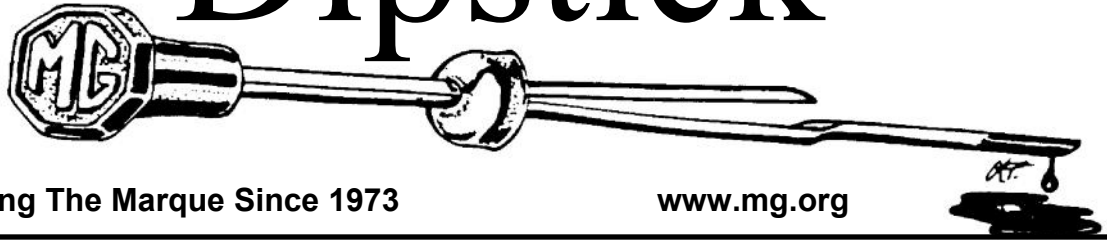




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NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

What's Going On This Month

By Tad Carter

Although we are coming to the end of the 2012 schedule, there are still opportunities to get your car out on the road.

We start off the month with the *Magical Mystery Tour* on **Saturday, November 3rd**. We'll *Come Together* at the Hardee's at 1029 Battlefield Blvd North in Chesapeake at 10:30. After a brief rules session, we'll leave *All Together Now* for a tour of southern Tidewater.

Along the way we have identified specific sites that offer clues to Beatles songs, each earning points for your team. You may find other things along the way that suggest additional songs.

Additional points will be awarded when you *Tell Me What You See*. Your *Ticket To Ride* from the October Dipstick will earn you an extra point. Dress the part and earn addi-

tional points. We'll finish the tour with lunch and awards at the *Abbey Road* Pub in Virginia Beach. You can leave *Any Time At All*, but expect everything to wrap up by about 3:00.

Our November meeting is on **Wednesday the 7th**. We'll be back at the LaPaugh's in Newport News for our chili cook-off. By now, I'm sure all of our chili chefs have declared their intention to compete, so the rest is up to you.

Bring your appetite and a sense of gastronomic adventure. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Check out the map elsewhere in The Dipstick for directions, as we will need to use off-street parking.

Sunday, November 11th is our last Tech Session of the year. Join us at 10:00 at the Bond's for another

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Check www.mg.org for the latest info!
(TMGC Activities are in **bold**)

2012

- Nov. 3 **Saturday - Magical Mystery Tour – Scavenger Hunt - Tidewater**
- Nov. 7 – **Wednesday – Club Meeting – Newport News - Chili Cook-off Hosted by Mitzi & Steve LaPaugh**
- Nov. 11 **Sunday - Fall Tech Session - Chesapeake—Hosted by Susan & Terry Bond**
- Dec. 4 **Tuesday - Holiday Lights Drive – Pre-gaming at Franco's Italian Ristorante at 6:30 Depart for Norfolk Botanical Gardens at 8:00**
- Dec. 8 **Saturday - Holiday Party – Norfolk, VA. Hosted by Eric Fee and Cindy Lee Hall.**

2013

- Jan. 9 **Wednesday – Club Meeting – 6:30 Dinner – 8:00 Meeting Frankie's Place for Ribs 5200 Fairfield Shopping Centre, VB**

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October TMGC Membership Report

By Bill Yashida

2013 Memberships: As of 26 October, we have 100 paid memberships and 9 “promises” to renew for 2013. Combined, there will be 109 memberships with 200 individuals in the club. I’ve sent reminder e-mails to the remaining list of “Promise to Renew” members.

New Memberships:
 Mike & Gina Christian
 Virginia Beach 23462
 1973 MGB Roadster

Also: I am still hopeful that Shannon Bowman will join the club

Cars: Total cars – 168

Cars & Types: 168 of the following types of MGs:
 MGA: 21, A- Coupe: 2, MGB: 75, MGB-GT: 14, MGC: 2,
 MGC-GT: 2, MG TC: 9, MG TD: 23 MG TF: 5, Midget: 10,
 Other/Various MGs: 5 (1-Cooper MG// 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB).

Dues: I turned over \$100 in dues checks to Jim Villers on 24 October. I have one \$20.00 dues check currently in my possession. I also hold an envelope with \$33.00 in Regalia money from Mitzi that I forgot to bring to Jim. I will give it to him at the next meeting.

2013 Annual Directory: The 2013 TMGC Annual Directory will be passed out to members in attendance at the November meeting. The directories will be mailed to those members not able to attend the meeting.



FROM THE PREZ

Marque Time

Greetings! Well it’s that time again , time for me to start my monthly rambling about the great venerable MG a Marque we are all very familiar with and share a fondness for.

The November meeting is almost here and the chili cook-off promises to be all it has been in the past and more, it only stands to reason each successive event should be better than the last, but no pressure Steve and Mitzi. I enjoy sampling the chili as much as the next guy maybe more if it’s lacking in onions, and contains enough heat; but tell me I’m not alone in saying Becky, I miss your apple pies.

I discovered several years ago a good cure for a really hot chili is to follow it with apple pie alamode. Maybe if enough of us post our praise on her face book page, she’ll ship some out this way. The least she can do is share the recipe and pass the torch to someone else.

Speaking of Chuck and Becky some good news I heard they were spared the wildfires of Colorado lets hope they send their luck our way and Sandy misses the Va NC coastlines. Well I’m late as usual getting this to Bob so I can add that as I complete this Sandy is now well north of us bearing down on the Garden State, sorry dad.

Now if the rain would just stop so I can get out to my garage and dry things out and get the B ready for the weekend festivities. Magical Mystery tour here I come, that is if I get the brakes done, see more on this later in the Dipstick.

As always

Safety Fast

Russ Ripp
 President

November Activities

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round of fix-ups to get your car ready for the Winter Driving Season – there's no such thing as "parking it" around here. I'm not sure what projects will be in the bay that weekend, but there is always something interesting to see and learn at the Tech Sessions.

The rest of the month, you are on your own. Enjoy a safe start to the holidays with family and friends.

We are back on **Tuesday, December 4th** - You are invited to join in for our annual **Holiday Lights Drive** through the Norfolk Botanical Garden. I'll have tables reserved at 6:30 at Franco's Restaurant in Norfolk for those who want to grab dinner before the drive. Come for dinner or show up for the drive. Be ready to roll at 7:45.

On **Saturday, December 8th**, Eric Fee and Cindy Lee Hall will host our **Holiday Party** at their home in Norfolk. Details will be in the December Dipstick, but I wanted you to have the date, as calendars tend to fill up this time of year.

As is our custom, we have adopted a charity during the holiday season. This year, we have selected The Dwelling Place in Norfolk. Their mission is to provide a safe and secure emergency shelter for families in crisis and to assist them in achieving self-sufficiency.



Denise Haag recommended The Dwelling Place as our 2012 charity and Mark Childers offered his endorsement of the organization at the October meeting. They are a worthy charity and offer a much-needed service in our community. If you are interested in making a contribution, their Wish List is included in this issue. You may bring your contribution (or cash) to our Holiday Party. I will make arrangements for delivery later in the week.

Finally, we are looking for meeting hosts for February, March, April, July and September. Please contact me if you are able to help.

Is Your Car in Need of a Tech Session?



Bring it to Susan & Terry's Garage
Sunday, November 11th starting at 10 a.m.





541 Forest Rd.
 Chesapeake, VA.
 482-5222



TMGC November Meeting Minutes

Submitted by TMGC Secretary Michele Peters (Photos by Bob Stein)

We began our October 2012 meeting on the 2nd at 8:05 pm at the home of our former Prez Bill Olcheski and his beautiful wife Renee in VB. Thanks, once again, Olcheskis, for coming through with a delightful setting for our monthly meeting! And having that wine, along with the beer, was an extra special treat! (Well, it would have been an extra treat if I hadn't been hanging out at the dessert buffet...who needs wine when you have brownies anyway?)



League Central Division champs, yes, those rip-roaring Deetroit Tiiiigers! – and who wooda thought that Baltimore could fly so high and the Red Sox fall so low???. Ahem...I can hear ya whining....Hey, Baltimore and Boston deserve the highs and lows that they got! Oh wait... you mean you're just whining because I am making comments? Maybe some that you don't like? See my final comments for my response here....)

New Members and Guests: Jim Pasch (Doctor of Love, according to our host – actually a PhD in IT) and Leslee (a neighbor of our host). Welcome!

Vice-President's Report: Our VP actually had a couple of words to say this month...and they were "I don't have anything to say!"

Treasurer: Jim and Betty were out gallivanting, as they are wont to do, but he did let me know ahead of time that we are in the black. Awesome!

Activities: Tad relayed his usual, awesome plans for us. See his report elsewhere in The Dipstick.

History: Susan brought two albums this month, and she asked for writers for our events. C'mon, people, set up to the plate! (And I say again, how about them spectacular American

Newsletter: Bob Stein was back from England touring Abingdon and had some good tales to tell. He also continues to ask for folks to submit articles for The Dipstick by the 20th of the month. He notes he hasn't received many articles for publication for the next issue...let's get rollin' guys and submit something for Bob to edit!!



Membership: Bill has received 98 paid memberships; 198 individuals in our club; 167 cars. Directory is already printed by press time and will be mailed soon.

Technical: Mark was present and relayed that Pete Olson reported a problem with an ignition fuse blowing out. This problem illustrates the importance of looking to the



simplest solutions first! In Pete’s situation, the answer in Pete’s case was a corroded battery cable! Mark offered, again, for any club member to call him with tech questions any time. And if you didn’t already know this, Mark is a Tech Genius ...one of several in our club, but generous enough to head the technical arm of our club. Don’t we have great people??!!

Old Business: Our holiday party will be held on December 8 at the home of Eric Fee and Cindy Lee Hall on the Bay. More info to follow.

New Business: Our charity for this Holiday season will be The Dwelling Place: an ecumenical family shelter located in Norfolk. Their wish list includes basic necessities...it will be posted soon.

John T. wanted to know what other members thought about creating “lifetime memberships - a one-time payment that would entitle former members with the benefits of paying members...the group gathered for this meeting did not seem to cotton to the idea much....

Marque Time: John T is still looking for a fender.



Many THANKS to Tad for a fantabulous excursion to the Outer Banks...if you missed that one, you missed something!!

If you are looking for sand for blasting, Tractor Supply has it. Check it out.

Bob S. discussed his recent trip to Abingdon. The MG offices are still there, although they are now apartments. The factory has also been transformed to other use. The MG Car Club of Kimber House was cool and the handwritten factory production records can still be viewed. Bob found the body and engine manufacture dates for his cars. He also visited the Morgan Factory, where every car is made by hand. Cool!!

Raffle and Regalia: Lots of stuff. People won it. Whoop!

We adjourned at 8:44 pm and proceeded to do one of the things we all do best...and something that I do especially well – EAT! And I am absolutely positive that NOBODY has anything to add to my last remark because everyone knows very well by now what can happen if you tick off your Secretary...Welcome to the joys of libel...MY joys, not yours!



Wings and Wheels 2012

Story and photos by Donald Ladd and Susan Bond

Turned out to be a rainy day when we started the drive to Pungo for the annual Wing and Wheel show. This year was Rose's 1st for entry with "Bridget" and mine with the "Car with no name" MGB. The show as usual was well thought out and handled very nicely and friendly.

The field was very thin (as compared to previous years) due to the rain, but a lively crowd no the less. We were quite impressed with the cars that were there, from the Hot Rods, Vintage American Steel and the sporty (as always) British and other foreign Cars.

Members of the Club took several trophies:

Class 11	Recognition	Richard Hall (1922 Ford)
Class 25b	First	Doug Wilson
	First	Frank Worrell
	Second	Rose Ladd
	Second	Donald Ladd
Class 25e	First	Jack Pavlidis
	Recognition	Susan Bond
Class 20d	Recognition	Bob Pellerin (1937 Volvo)
Class 20d	Second	Bob Stein (1937 Pontiac)
Best Foreign		Bob Pellerin (1937 Volvo)



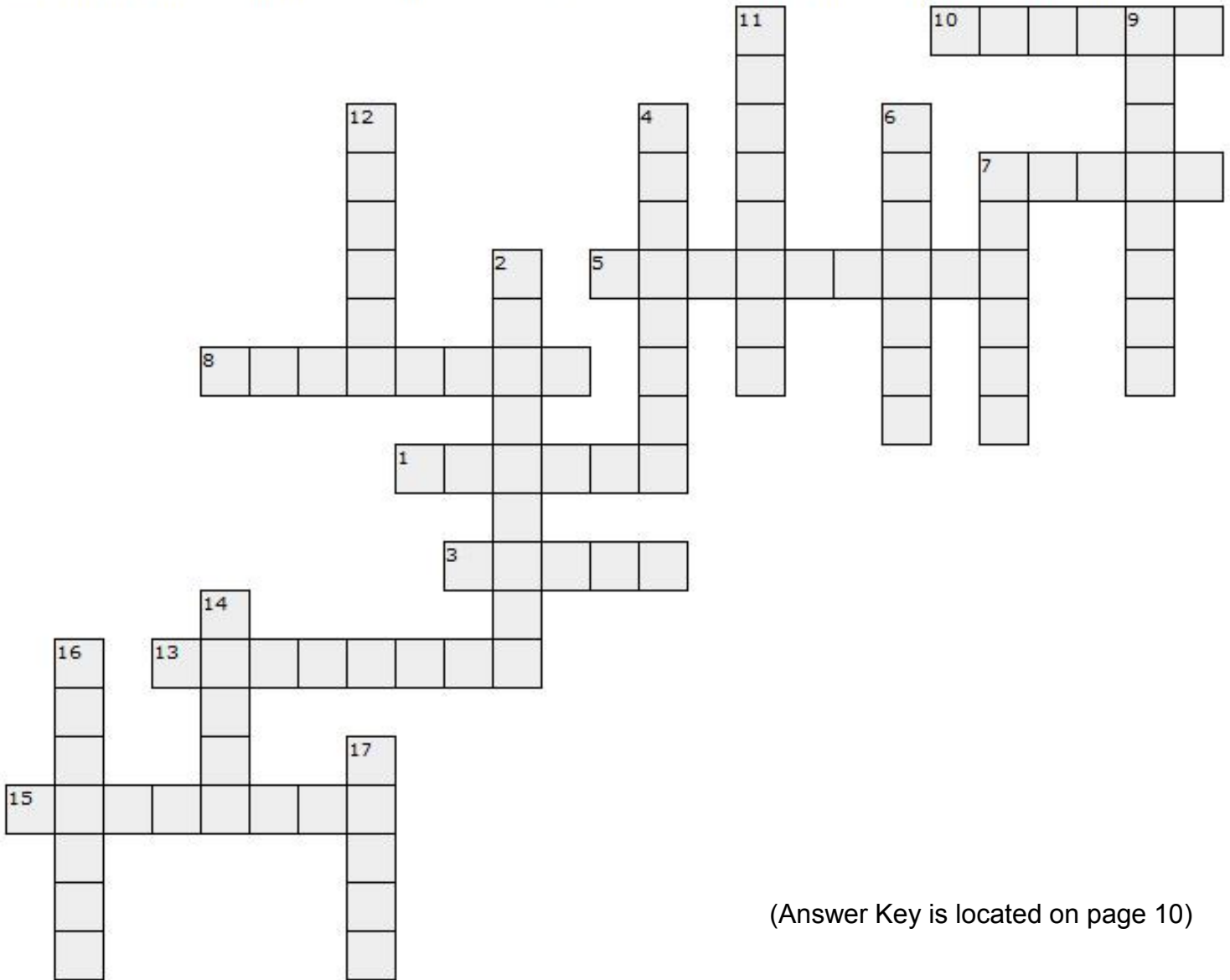
Best British	Doug Wilson
Longest distance driven	Doug Wilson (Williamsburg)

All in all it was a fun (wet) day for all, hope to see you all there again next year.



Original MG History Quiz

How much do you know about our cars? Try to solve the crossword puzzle using the hints provided.



(Answer Key is located on page 10)

Across:

1. Rebadged Sprite
3. First real MG (1928) based on Morris what?
5. What MG Classics?
7. 1931 six-cylinder
8. General manager from 1952-1969
10. Last foreign brand for this racing organization (1963)
13. Stamped steel wheels
15. 1950s sedan

Down:

2. Drops RPM
4. Sprite and Midget reference
6. Original product of factory
7. Before Garages
9. Factory location
11. First corporate owner
12. Founder of MG
14. Airline body type
16. GT sunroof
17. Popular SU replacement



Susan Bond, Donald Ladd, and Russ Ripp take time on the way to Waynesboro to practice the synchronized dipstick check for... well... the Dipstick. Staged of course—we all know that MGs NEVER need maintenance.

Shenandoah Valley British Car Club British Car Show

By Russ Ripp (photos by Russ Ripp, Donald Ladd, and Susan Bond)

Well, your president here in another part of the Dipstick. I decided to check out the Waynesboro show this year. I met Sue, Don and Rose at the Cracker-Barrel on Portsmouth Blvd in Chesapeake around 9 on Friday morning, and what should I see as I approach but Don looking under the hood of the Midget. It seems that somehow while driving from Virginia Beach to Chesapeake the Midget lost its oil cap.

Now how does that happen? Well, they said they asked someone there where the nearest auto parts store was and they were told that there was an AutoZone about 5 minutes away. Maybe if you walked it was just the other side of 664, so I led the way.



Don went inside and found a suitable replacement in the way of a radiator cap, the cheapest he could find that didn't say "Do not remove when hot" or "antifreeze" or anything of the sort.

After all we were heading to a car show where Roses Midget would be on display for all to see and who wants to see a radiator cap on the valve cover! I mean, that is just wrong, isn't it? These are British cars after all. Who at the show would have given it a second thought?

So with a new cap we were off on our trip. First stop Hardees, I think Sue's car knows where they all are and it stops at one every hundred or so miles.

Unfortunately, no Hardees for lunch. So we stopped at McDonalds, and once again Donald was under the hood, this time with an electrical problem a loose connection to the fuse box that left him with no radio, taillights or gauges. None of which are necessary in an MG after all I was following and I don't look at his brake lights I assume they don't work.

The rest of the trip went just fine no problems. We got the hotel and checked in then it was off to the reception. It was supposed to be 6-9 I think they kicked us out after 10 or was it 11.

Saturday morning we went out for breakfast then off to the park for the car show. It was situated in a nice park in somewhat of a circle around the pavilion, they had 26 classes. I didn't know there were that many British marques. There aren't the broke them up by car and sometimes years.

Poor Rose was classed with Bugeyes and Midgets so no

trophy there. Sue took first in the MGB GT class Craig Cummings took First in MGC, they had the GT and roadsters together, MGB had both rubber and chrome classes as well as a separate GT class, alas maybe next year for me.



Bob and Dana Reisse took home best display. There was a beautiful 1933 J2 in the X class I think but parked with the TC, TD's I wonder if that hurt his voting.

We left the show around 2:45 and decided to stop at a few antique shops the first one we got too and Don had the hood up on the Midget again, we were right next to a McDonalds, are you seeing a pattern here? Sue and Rose took off to find a new fuel filter, but alas it was more electrical troubles that pesky fuse block was killing power to the electric choke so the car wouldn't idle.



Good thing Don picked up a new fuse block from Triple C at the show. Maybe we should have put it in.

The awards banquet and dinner followed and wow what a spread there was more than enough food to go around although they did seem to run out of deserts, I guess there is something to be said for eating them first after all. I don't remember what time we left the banquet hall but we let the Williamsburg group close that room Saturday.

Sunday it was time to make a four hour drive take 8 hours,



easy right, you bet it was we had quick breakfast in the hotel then off to find a few antiques shops along the way home.



So you don't think Don was the only one with troubles, the guy at triple C told me if I brought my lock cylinder to him he could make me a trunk key. I started to take it apart when Sue suggested I try hers, I did and it worked so I put the lock back together and then went to get him to copy her key. Unfortunately whoever worked my trunk last put it together



wrong so when I put it together correctly I couldn't open the trunk. So whatever was in the trunk had to stay in the trunk and whatever wasn't like my folding chair and luggage back at the hotel, had to stay out.

I know you're saying that's nothing well it was nothing but it could have been worse, I was the only one in the group with wire wheels, had I gotten a flat I would have been sunk. I also lost my brakes going down the mountain Sunday morning. I did have brake fluid, in the trunk.

Luckily we stopped at a gas station at the bottom and I bought more to top off, it appears I have a very small leak, I lost the front brakes two years ago at the Christmas lights ride, all I did back then was top off and bleed the brakes and here we are two years later and I have to do it again.

I have to say if you are going to lose your brakes it's much less harrowing at the botanical gardens in Norfolk than coming down a mountain in the Shenandoah Valley. Would I do it again next year you ask, sure thing when do they open registration?



Shenandoah Valley British Car Club British Car Show

photos by Russ Ripp, Donald Ladd, and Susan Bond

Here are the answers to the TMGC Crossword Puzzle on Page 7

If you got them all correct, you are an MG God and probably need therapy. A few wrong means you have a healthy interest in MGs. A bunch wrong? Have you considered buying a Triumph?

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5. What MG Classics? (Tidewater)
7. 1931 six-cylinder (Magna)
8. General manager from 1952-1969 (Thornley)
10. Last foreign brand for this racing organization (1963) (NASCAR)
13. Stamped steel wheels (Roistyle)
15. 1950s sedan (Magnette)

Down:

2. Drops RPM (Overdrive)
4. Sprite and Midget reference (Spridget)
6. Original product of factory (Leather)
7. Before Garages (Morris)
9. Factory location (Abingdon)
11. First corporate owner (Nuffield)
12. Founder of MG (Kimber)
14. Airline body type (Coupe)
16. GT sunroof (Webasto)
17. Popular SU replacement (Weber)

TECH TIPS

Rivet Nuts and Snaps

By Bob Danielson (used with permission)

On each side of the car, behind the doors are three snaps that the top and boot cover attach to. These snaps are either installed with a pop rivet or a sheet metal screw and over time and from repeated use they loosen up and get wobbly. At least that's been my experience.

Then if you try to drill out the rivet, the snap spins and messes up your paint. The ones that use sheet metal screws are only as good as the hole drilled into the body and they too loosen or strip. Basically a bad design in my mind so I set out to find a better way to attach the snaps without making it a permanent attachment.



I ended up settling on using rivet nuts and snaps with a metal thread. It did require the purchase of a special tool but.....we can always use more tools!

I got the tool from www.Jegs.com and while it cost more at \$98 it did come with a complete assortment of seven mandrels that others charge \$20 apiece for! They also included an assortment of rivet nuts.

The key to using these successfully is getting the correct rivet nut with respect to grip range. Every rivet nut has a stated grip range and if the metal you're inserting them into doesn't fall within that range, they won't hold.



Here is the Process: Drill out the riveted snap. Select the rivet nut that fits the hole the tightest. Push the rivet nut into the hole and use the tool to draw the underside up to snug it in place. Remove the tool and thread in the Snap stud. All done, and easy to replace later.



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

