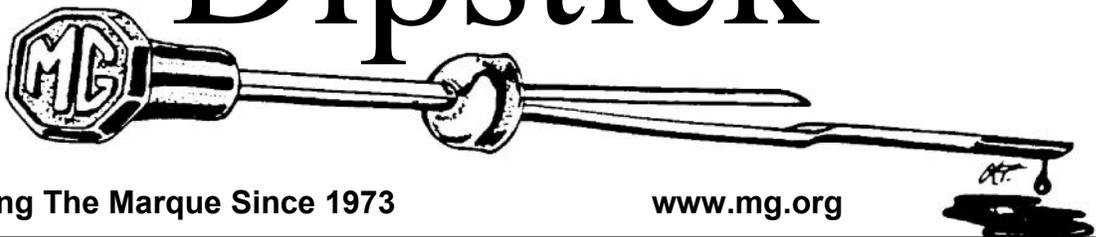




# The Dipstick



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## FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

### **This Month in the TMGC**

By Tad Carter

#### **First things first - Meetings**

Our February meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 6th at Pete Olson's home in Virginia Beach. We've changed from the original Tuesday schedule to accommodate our host.

Thank you to Pete for hosting and thanks to everyone else for adjusting your schedule. Mardi Gras beads will be de rigueur for the evening.

Our March meeting will also be held on Wednesday the 6th – this time as originally scheduled.

Due to lack of a host site, we will be back on the restaurant tour in March. Southsiders are invited to take a literal trip across the pond (OK, the river), and we'll all take a gastronomic trip to Merry Olde England, as we enjoy the fare at Park Lane Tavern in Hampton.

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*FORWARD TO FANTOM WORKS—Or in Italian: "Avanti!" OK, it's NOT an MG, but this Avanti DOES belong to TMGC members Bob and Linda Pellerin, and is IS shown at Fantom Works—See the story on the Feb. 16 Tour on page 7.*

## **ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

Check [www.mg.org](http://www.mg.org) for the latest info!  
(TMGC Activities are in **bold**)

**Feb. 6 – Wednesday – Club Meeting - Home of Pete Olson (see map on back)**

**Feb. 16 – Saturday – Valentine's Day Drive - Norfolk**  
**DRS Fantom Works tour, followed by lunch and Wine Tasting at Mermaid Winery**  
*NOTE—Please RSVP for the Fantom Works Tour by Friday, Feb 8th!*

**Mar. 6 – Wednesday – Club Meeting – Park Lane Tavern (Hampton)**

**Mar. 23 - Saturday – Spring Drive (Historic Tour in Richmond, followed by Local Lunch stop**

**Apr. 2 – Tuesday – Club Meeting – Norfolk**  
**Hosted by Cynthia Faschini & Andy Wallach**

**Apr. 6 – Saturday – Spring Tech Session - Norfolk**  
**Hosted by Frank & Deb Linse – (Tentative Date)**

**Apr. 13 – Williamsburg British Car Club 14th Annual British & European Car Show**  
**Chickahominy Riverfront Park**

# January Memberships

By Bill Yoshida

## 2013 Memberships:

As of 25 January we have 107 paid memberships and 5 "promises" to renew for 2013. Combined, there will be 112 memberships with 205 individuals in the club. I've periodically sent reminder e-mails to the remaining list of "Promise to Renew" members; but, I'm about ready to give up on ever receiving a response. I'm sending out one more delinquent notice.

## New Memberships:

Ronn & Marti Kilby  
El Cajon, CA 32020  
1979 MGB Roadster

Fred & Ellen Casioppo  
Chesapeake, VA 23322  
1962 MGA MK II

I spotted a British Racing Green MG Midget in the neighborhood with Tennessee plates. I've left information on the car's windshield about TMGC and the date/time/location for the February meeting. I'm hopeful for a response.

## Cars: Total cars – 172

Cars & Types: 165 of the following types of MGs:  
MGA –22, A-Coupe—2, B—78, B-GT—14, C—2, C-GT—2, TC—9, TD—23, TF—5, Midget - 10.

Other/Various MGs – 5 (1-Cooper MG/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB)

## Dues:

I turned over \$20 in dues to Jim Villers on 8 January at the January meeting. I currently hold \$10 to turn over to Jim.

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## FROM THE PREZ

# Marke Time

Greetings TMGC members and readers— here it is almost February. I guess with the start of the New Year and the cold weather I haven't been thinking of MG's much, at least as far as fixing them. Isn't this the best time though, shouldn't we use this time when we can't drive them to fix them?

I think this and I even know it but I keep saying to myself yes but it's just too cold outside, what I would give for a heated garage. Makes me wonder, do they have heated garages in the UK? How many people had heated garages back when these cars were new?

Are we just so spoiled in this day and time that we forget what struggles we, or our parents, endured keeping these cars on the road?

I guess I'm just getting softer as time goes on or maybe it's just that priorities change, I don't have to fix the MG right now because it's not my daily driver. It is, after all, a pleasure vehicle so I guess I can fix it when I please, and fixing it now when the mercury is low and snow is covering the ground isn't pleasing to me.

So by my reasoning that would take the pleasure out of pleasure vehicle, so to avoid resenting my LBC I am going to wait until the conditions are more to my liking before I endeavor to make repairs to her.

That is of course unless one of you out there wants to call me on it, and hold me accountable, any takers? I look forward to discussing this with anyone who chooses at the February meeting, see you there.

As always,

*Safety Fast*

*Russ Ripp*

President

# TMGC Activities

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We'll discover a variety of menu options, including British favorites, Fish & Chips, Bangers & Mash, Shepherd's Pie and more. For those still honoring the Liquid Diet resolution, check out [http://parklanetavern.com/BeerBible\\_HAMPTON.pdf](http://parklanetavern.com/BeerBible_HAMPTON.pdf) for a sampling of their libations.

Park Lane has reserved a portion of the restaurant for our dinner and meeting. To make sure enough room is allocated, please let me know by phone or e-mail if you will be attending.



*Park Lane Tavern, Hampton—weather shown is not guaranteed.*

## Second Things Second – Travel Time

Our first journey for 2013 is scheduled for Saturday, February 16th. This will be a local visit to DRS FantomWorks in Norfolk ([www.fantomworks.com](http://www.fantomworks.com)). Established in 2006, FantomWorks is a full-service restoration shop. They can help out with any facet of your project, or take on the entire job.

Owner Dan Short will be on hand to guide us through his shop and show us a sampling of their work. In addition to FantomWorks, Dan is involved in Wounded Wheels, a program that restores classic American cars for Wounded Veterans. Check out [www.WoundedWheels.org](http://www.WoundedWheels.org) for more information.

After our tour, we'll head a few miles down the road to Mermaid Winery ([www.MermaidWinery.com](http://www.MermaidWinery.com)), where we can enjoy a tasting, along with a really good lunch. Owner Jennifer Doumar will welcome us and introduce us to Norfolk's first urban winery.

By now you should have received an e-mail announcement of this drive. Both of our hosts have requested a rough headcount so that they can adequately prepare for the day. Please let me know if you plan to attend. All are welcome, and some last-minute changes can be accommodated. Thanks!!

Next on the agenda is a Saturday, March 23rd trip to Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. This will be a full-day trip out of Tidewater, with a meet-up point in the Williamsburg area for Peninsula members who wish to join in. Named the Best Historic Site in Richmond, Hollywood Cemetery is the final resting place for 2 US presidents, 1

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Confederate president, 6 VA governors, 2 Supreme Court justices and a whole bunch of other people.

Our guided tour will provide us with all the latest dirt – pun intended. As our tour is scheduled before the normal visitors' season, it is conditional upon weather throughout the winter and on that day. So far, we look pretty good, but the winter weather component of the plans will be determined after the groundhog has his say on February 2nd.

After our tour, we will move to a local restaurant for a late lunch before heading back to Tidewater. A couple of restaurants are being considered, so check back in the March Dipstick for final plans.

We are set for meetings through 2013 (thank you to all of our hosts), and most of the travel calendar is pretty well set. We are still waiting to hear back on a couple of possibilities, including a Tidewater Brewery Tour, Ice Cream Runs during British Car Week and a local show or two. In the publishing biz, that is called a tease. Make sure your subscription to The Dipstick remains current so you don't miss out on anything.

## Third Things Third – Updates

The 2012 recap provided at the Holiday Party did not include a final count from the Fall Tech Session, so here is the final tally for 2012 events: 15 events, 60 different families, 298 participants, 17,475 miles and 33,587 passenger miles. Terry and Sue are the winners of the 2012 Traveler Award, participating in 14 events and covering 3,084 passenger miles – and that is with no miles to the last Tech Session.

And finally - Save the Date – Wednesday, May 1st – tentative date for our 40th Anniversary Party.

P.S – Our Facebook site was just friended by Michael Banvard, son of an early member. He sends his regards to the club from his home in St. Louis.

**Tad Carter**

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# Surround the Sound Drive— September 23rd

by Terry and Susan Bond (photos by Sue Bond, and Donald Ladd)

*(Editor's Note—This long-overdue article got misplaced earlier. Thanks to Sue and Terry's patience. On the bright side, it's a flashback to warmer weather and a great activity!)*

By Terry and Susan Bond

I have “surround sound” in the family room, and now we can claim “Surround the Sound” in the MG world as well.

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the MGB included a neat driving event on September 23rd. Tad Carter had laid out a back-roads run down to Manteo for us.



We 12 MGs met at the start in southern Chesapeake. We departed right on schedule and meandered over some routes that paralleled route 17 South. Tad had given everyone a neat fill-in-the-blanks “treasure hunt” David Kinsey had devised to keep navigators occupied along the way. As we passed through the Dismal Swamp and on towards Hertford, North Carolina, we began filling in the blanks as we spotted signs and landmarks along the way.

Some stuff you just had to know – for example, did you realize September 23d is also the birthday of Bruce Springsteen, Ray Charles and Augustus Caesar? We just happened to know that Ray Charles shared this date in history as we were in Georgia in 2010 and had the chance to see his birthplace.



Chesapeake has a lot of great back roads, but soon we were in North Carolina looking for more clues and history. At the western end of the Albemarle Sound we crossed the Haughton Road bridge and by lunchtime we were in Manteo. The greatly diminished tourist traffic was a bonus!



Our designated lunch-stop was the Full Moon Café and brewery. The menu was awesome, but Susan and I elected to maintain the British theme and went with Fish and Chips. Full Moon produces their own beer, and that's the only place you



can enjoy it. Susan had a taste-test of several great samples, and I elected a pint of Gaelic Ale. Gotta keep the theme!

After lunch we ventured over to Roanoke Island Festival Park. It was a pleasant day, and there was plenty to see and learn. We enjoyed the replica early sailing ship, Elizabeth II, and a walk through the village where re-enactors were plying their trades – blacksmithing, woodworking, etc. They were in costume and character as they explained a lot of history to us.



Of particular note was the Scottish blacksmith. He spoke in broad Scots brogue but was slightly taken aback when I responded in his native slang telling him it would likely be "...a bra bricht moonlit nicht a nicht." (loosely translated – a nice moonlight night tonight). We told a few stories, reminisced about our time living in Scotland (near where he was from), and finished agreeing that we both well deserved a wee dram later in the evening.

The group elected to spend their time there enjoying the museum and history of Roanoke Island so there were no takers for the oft-visited Wright Brothers Memorial. Crossing the sound on highway 64, we motored on in haste up the Outer Banks and over the Wright Memorial Bridge to Currituck to catch the last Ferry to Knotts Island. With an eye on the stop-watch, Tad led the group north. We had to catch the last ferry at 4:00 pm.

Ooops- Susan and I had forgotten to top off the tank, so a quick detour into a petrol station was in order. We were back on the road as fast as our Indy-500 pit stop would permit, but still well behind the group headed to the deadline for ferry departure.

Susan blended in nicely behind a rather large SUV which provided the necessary "cover" as we put the LBC through its paces playing catch-up. Thanks to skilled handling, a finely tuned motor, and a good tailwind, (and expert navigating I also must mention) we were the last car boarding the ferry at the appointed departure time just as the gates were closing. (ok, so it was just a straight shot to the Ferry!)

The road home was straight up Princess Anne Road and, as we tucked the car away for the night, we basked in the glory of winning the "trivia contest" Tad and David had arranged for us, and broke in the pint-sized MG "Safety Fast" beer glass prize with a nice bedtime ale.

It was a simply fun tour with our LBCs. The group included Tad and Karen Carter, Susan and I, and Tom & Marie Early, Bruce & Jayne Easley, Mike & Denise Haag, Al Hazlett, David Kinsey, Donald & Rose Ladd, Bob & Sue Mason, Robert Perrone and friend Carl, Michele Peters & friend Steven, Russ Ripp, Bob Vann and wife Jenny Windsor.

Thanks again to Tad for a wonderful event helping to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our great MGBs!

## the dwelling place

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December 17, 2012

Tidewater MG Classics Car Club  
2124 Chamberling Key  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Dear Tidewater MG Classics Car Club,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, families and staff, thank you for your recent donation of \$630.00 and the household and office items to The Dwelling Place. Your generosity shows you are committed to helping us meet our mission to provide safe and secure emergency shelter for families in crisis and assisting them to achieve self-sufficiency. Your financial support is deeply appreciated.

We are continually working to mentor our families and strengthen our operations so that our programs grow and develop with each passing year. Our organization has serviced the Hampton Roads area for 26 years and is committed to protecting the wellbeing of every parent and child placed in its care. We are extremely grateful to you for joining with us in our efforts. Your contribution and your trust in our mission mean a great deal to us. If you have not already, feel free to send us your e-mail address to [thedwellingplace@tdp-hrcosmail.com](mailto:thedwellingplace@tdp-hrcosmail.com) so we may keep you apprised of the good work we do. You may also visit our website at <http://thedwellingplaceva.org>.

Thank you again for working through The Dwelling Place to end the cycle of homelessness in our community.

Best Regards,

Ilona Webb-Bruner  
Executive Director  
The Dwelling Place



**DWELLING PLACE THANKS** –The recipient of our Christmas Party donations sent a letter to Tad thanking him for the club's generosity. Nice to be able to help others while we have a good time!



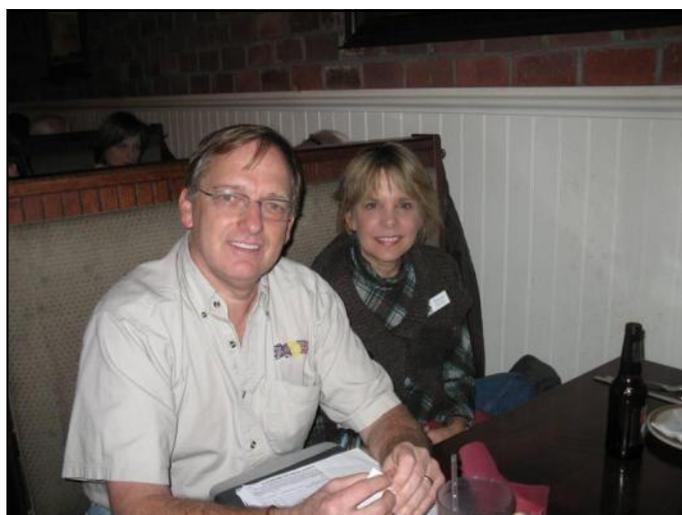
## TMGC January Meeting Minutes

by Michele Peters (Photos by Donald Ladd and Susan Bond)

We began our January meeting on the 9th at 7:42 pm at Frankie's Place for Ribs, our regular outing for January meetings. The eating, however, began about 6:30. As usual, the food was great, but was it me or did you all notice that the livestock must be suffering along with everyone else in these hard economic times, cuz my ribs were definitely thinner than in years past! I was usually stuffed after consuming a Queen rack, but not anymore (of course, it could mean that I am just a growing girl – but - tread carefully here.....!)

**New Members and Guests:** Ronn and Marti Kilby from El Cajon, CA are back with us, along with their 1979 MGB. Welcome back, from 3,000 miles away! Also in attendance were Pam Groover (great to see you, Pam!) and her grandson Jared Church and his girlfriend Jasmine.

**Vice-President's Report:** El Presidente was feeling under the weather (although he did manage to show up for the meeting, and if that's not commitment, I don't know what is), so El Vice-Presidente took over the honors. For the first time since his election, he had something to say! Whoop!



**Treasurer:** Jim reported that we have a \$1,500.00+ balance. Always a good thing to be in the black....

**Activities:** Tad relayed his usual, awesome plans for us. See his report elsewhere in The Dipstick. He is soliciting suggestions for activities for this year. If you

have any ideas or thoughts on group activities, please forward to Tad, and he will no doubt work his magic!



**History:** Susan reminded us that we have 40 years -worth of history in our club. Awesome!

**Newsletter:** Bob S. also continues to ask folks to submit articles, photos, and tech articles for The Dipstick by the 20th of the month.



**Membership:** Bill reports that we currently have 106 memberships representing 203 individuals in our great club...isn't that super? How many clubs do you

know with this many members? Just goes to show how awesome MG people are! We also have 171 cars owned by this group, with the MG B being the most represented, by far (78/171), among the marque.

**Technical:** Mark was not present, so no report.

**Old Business:** Frank L. spent a week tinkering, fiddling, and driving Miss Luscious for me to make sure she would actually run beyond 6 blocks when I took her out for a turn. Naturally, under his wise and skilled hand, she is now purring like the kitten she is.

How nice!! Big THANK YOU to Frank, always a friend and a MG-transformer extraordinaire whom we are all very lucky to count a member - and a friend.

**New Business:** None.

**Marque Time:** Mike Haag reported that new British Racing Cars have now made an appearance: Two new MGs were racing (where, I didn't catch) and were determined to be the best racers on the track. The new MG is now selling in 40 countries around the world, and is the fastest-selling British car at the moment.

**Raffle and Regalia:** Lots of stuff, like a camera bag, 2013 MG calendar, tickets to the Flower Garden Expo, and more. People won them. Whoop!

We adjourned at 8:00 pm, with our meeting taking 18 minutes, flat! This may be the record for shortest meeting ever....even though no one was anxiously waiting to eat, maybe everyone needed to get home quickly to rest up from all the food they had just consumed. It was cold, too, so maybe everyone just wanted to get home and get warm.



Luckily for all those in attendance, everyone had a nice word to say about their secretary, so all's well in the world. Stay happy and healthy in the new year and looking forward to sharing incredible experiences with you all – and our MGs!

*Michele*

## Ethanol-Free Gas!

Looking for some REAL gas for your MG? Ethanol-free fuel is still available, but not at your corner gas station. Here is a list of stations selling ethanol-free gas in the greater Hampton Roads area. You can also go to <http://pure-gas.org> for the latest updates on sites across the country.

- Knotts Isl Mkt - 395 Knotts Isl Rd, Knotts Isl, NC
- Phillips Energy - 2586 U S Hwy 17, Gloucester Pt, VA
- Rick's Country Store - 6911 Ark Road, Gloucester, VA
- Suffolk Exec Airport - 1200 Gene Bolton Rd, Suffolk, VA
- Bradshaw's Country Store - 6253 Carrsville Hwy, Carrsville, VA
- Tidewater Petroleum - 9242 Windsor Rt 460, Windsor, VA
- Cape Charles Town Harbor - 1 Marina Rd, Cape Charles, VA

April 19-21—Ocala FL

### GOF South MK XLVII

*(From the event flyer)*

MG Classics of Jacksonville would like to extend a cordial invitation to all MG owners to participate with us in GOF South Mk. XLVII to be held April 19-21, 2013 at the Hilton Hotel in Ocala, FL. located near the intersection of I-75 and State Road 200.

A drive to the nearby Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing and Antique Cars through the beautiful rolling hills of the surrounding horse country is being offered as a line item on the registration form. Our club has visited the Museum and we highly recommend it. We are also planning a tour to a working horse farm. Ocala has the largest number of racehorse farms in the United States.

The Saturday car show will be held on the large grassy area behind the hotel under the shade of majestic live oaks. The Saturday Awards Banquet with raffle / auction will be held in one of their elegant ballrooms.

The Hilton will extend the event room rates for those who wish to come early or stay after the event is over.

The registration form will be available at our website ([mgclassics.org](http://mgclassics.org)) around the first of the year and in your club newsletters and/or websites. We promise you a first class GOF experience and are certain you will return home with a smile on your face for having participated in a great GOF South. For more information, please contact GOF Chairman Jim Hall at 904/282-1658 or email- [jimndeehall@att.net](mailto:jimndeehall@att.net).

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## FIRST CLASS

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Feb 6th**  
**Pete Olson's**  
**2369 South**  
**Wolfsnare Dr.**  
**Virginia Beach**  
**658-9700**

**Driving directions to 2369 S Wolfsnare Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23454**  
**N Great Neck Rd/State Route 632**  
1. Head north on N Great Neck Rd/State Route 632 toward Old Great Neck Rd  
0.8 mi  
2. Turn left onto S Wolfsnare Dr  
Destination will be on the left  
0.3 mi  
2369 S Wolfsnare Dr  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

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