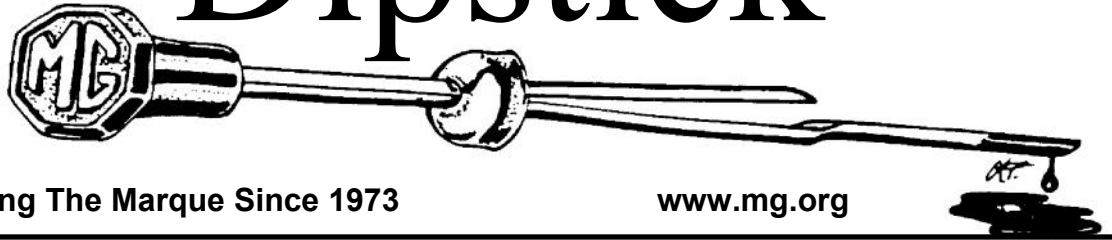




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PRESIDENT'S AWARD—TMGC President Russ Ripp presented Donald Ladd with the 2012 TMGC President's Award at the Holiday Party in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the club . More photos from the party are on page 7.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

This Month in the TMGC

By Tad Carter

Happy New Year! Before I begin, let me once again express my thanks to the club for your generous contributions to The Dwelling Place in Norfolk. Denise Haag and I delivered a carload of supplies and over \$600 in financial support to help in their work with families in need.

The work they do is significant in our community, and it can only happen through support from the community. Once again, the club has stepped up to show its heart.

Now on to 2013: the Year of the Snake. Focusing only on the positive aspects of this sign, the Snake has such character traits as intelligence and gracefulness. Snakes are analytical and don't jump quickly to conclusions. Snakes are effective at getting what they want.

Snakes prefer living a life of order, preferring quite over noise, calm over disorder and a manageable workload over an overbooked schedule.

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

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

Feb. 5 – Tuesday – Club Meeting - TBD

**Feb. 16 – Saturday – Valentine's Day
Drive - Norfolk
DRS Phantom Works tour,
followed by lunch and Wine
Tasting at Mermaid Winery**

**Mar. 6 – Wednesday – Club Meeting –
TBD**

**Mar. 23 - Saturday – Spring Drive
(tentative date)
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**

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December TMGC Membership Report

By Bill Yashida

2013 Memberships: As of 28 December we have 103 paid memberships and 7 “promises” to renew for 2013. Combined, there will be 110 memberships with 202 individuals in the club. I’ve periodically sent reminder e-mails to the remaining list of “Promise to Renew” members.

New Memberships: None.

Cars: Total cars – 170

Cars & Types: 165 of the following types of MGs: MGA - 21, A- Coupe - 2, B - 77, 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 \$90 in dues to Jim Villers on 4 December at the Holiday Party.

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FROM THE PREZ

Marque Time

Greetings Tidewater MG Classics members and readers, I trust you all had a safe and joyous New Year's. So how many of you made New Year's resolutions, and how many have broken them already? Come on be honest?

I wish I could say I have resolved to drive my B more but alas no. I have resolved though to pay more attention to its needs, yes it needs to be driven. Sometimes it even begs to be driven, but it now is showing signs of age and neglect to some much needed maintenance.

I moved it in the garage last week and noticed what appears to be either very clean motor oil dripping or possibly brake fluid; neither is a pleasant sight but I think I would prefer the oil drip, that's normal, isn't it. Leaking brake fluid on the other hand isn't normal or safe, you need all that it can hold to stop the car, unless your Fred Flintstone and have no floorboards.

Brake fluid leaks are bad and can be very dangerous, at least that is what I've been told, as they can reduce the necessary pressure needed to stop the B in a safe manner. Maybe that is why I had problems the last time I drove in the mountains; I just couldn't seem to slow down going downhill.

Well I better address that before the next mountain run or even highway run. So if you see me in passing and I'm not behind the wheel of my B know it isn't because I don't enjoy driving it, more likely it is because I haven't yet gotten all the repairs complete and I don't want to drive an unsafe vehicle for my safety and the safety of those around me.

As always,

Safety Fast

Russ Ripp
President

January Activities

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With all that in mind, the 2013 schedule is already in pretty good order. Keep an eye out for e-mails and announcements here in The Dipstick and you too can enjoy a calm, evenly booked year of adventure, and perhaps a road or two that takes on physical characteristics of the Snake.

For the intelligent and analytical, we have Tech Sessions planned for April, August and November. What better time to track down those little noises, so you too can enjoy the quiet of a smooth-running car. And for the overly anxious analytical, the Ask Wildflower column in The Dipstick can address your questions on a monthly basis. She really is a smart lady! Like Eleanor before her, Wildflower receives her e-mail at Posti@aol.com.



Bob and Linda Pellerin's MG TD getting some service done at Fantom Works—the facility includes its own wood shop and metal fabrication facility to create parts as needed.

For those wanting to get what they want, our first journey of 2013 will be to DRS FantomWorks in Norfolk. This restoration shop can turn your MG into a show-stopper, or make it a reliable ride to enjoy throughout the Virginia countryside. Come on out on February 16th and see what they can do. We'll round out that day with a calming visit to Norfolk's own Mermaid Winery for lunch and a tasting.



For those seeking additional calm, our drives this year will avoid the highway wherever possible, and stick to the back roads. And how much more calm can you get than on our March 23rd visit to Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. More details will follow, but you can mark your calendar now to make sure your schedule is in order.

And finally, in order to avoid the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, please remember that our January meeting has moved back a week to the 9th. We'll be at Frankie's Place for Ribs in Virginia Beach. We have a 6:30 dinner reservation for those wishing to dine. Russ will call the meeting to order promptly at 8:00 (or whenever the mood strikes). I look forward to seeing you there.

Tad Carter

TMGC Classified

5 ROSTYLE WHEELS in good shape and 4 chrome trim rings in excellent shape. First \$50 takes 'em all. I paid \$20 each for the trim rings alone just a couple of years ago. If no sale I'll go on MGE Forum or take the wheels in for scrap metal money. David Kinsey 757-233-0029 or email: rundjk@yahoo.com.



1973 MGB RADIATOR - Installed but never used. Like new condition. \$75. Bob Stein—posti@aol.com.
NOS MGB HOOD—British Heritage, original black primer. \$100. Bob Stein—posti@aol.com.

TMGC Fall Tech Session—November 20

by Mark Davidoski (Photos by Donald Ladd)

Veterans Day dawned clear and cool at the Bond Compound in Chesapeake, VA. By 10 a.m. a few projects were already underway: John Terschak was busy at the bead blaster as he fabricated inner splash panels for installation on his 1979 MGB. David Kinsey was under the trees, raising his 1980 B onto 6x6 wooden blocks in order to facilitate the draining of his cooling system.



This was in preparation for removal and replacement of the heater control valve, which had recently developed a pesky leak. (David reported that coolant dripping onto one's distributor is not good when you're stuck in traffic!) Inside one bay of Terry & Sue's spacious garage/automobilia museum I saw Pete Olson preparing to troubleshoot a list of electrical gremlins inside his 1976 B.



Soon, the grounds were filled with no fewer than 18 visiting MGs, including Frank Linse's 1958 MGA coupe and Craig Cummings' 1969 MGC-GT with its slick A/C installation. An added bonus was the appearance of Dan Ciccone's beautiful 1937 Packard Super 8 Sedan. (Dan is a good friend of the Bonds through the Tidewater Region chapter of the AACA.) One particularly unique MGB that showed up was sporting a Nissan DOHC/intercooled powerplant. It sounded like a small jet fighter when it departed later in the day.



Other tech session projects included: Andy Wallach and son Josh, who successfully traced out an intermittent turn signal fault and adjusted a door latch on their Dove Grey 1954 TF; Bruce Easley, searching for a rear axle drain plug removal tool, and a partial rebuild of Michelle Peters' distributor courtesy of Frank Linse. I was also able to install a dual strut bonnet lift kit on my 1974 1/2 B-GT with the help of Don Ladd. (This is sold under Moss part # 900-072 and I recommend it. The security of the bonnet is improved, plus the



open position gives much better engine compartment access.)

Susan provided a sumptuous lunch for all hands, featuring some awesome chili and an extensive selection of malt beverages. She even managed to bleed the clutch on her B-GT to the delight of many onlookers. By the end of the day Pete Olson had fixed his running lights and flashers, along with his sound system – take THAT, Lucas!

Attendance was strong. In addition to those mentioned above, I spotted Stephen Daniel, Roy Gavilan, Jim Villers, Russ Ripp (and Buddy), Bob Ross, Tommy Keiningham, Mike Haag, and Steve & Mitzi Lapaugh, among others. Thanks to Susan and Terry for their sponsorship and for the generous use of their facilities. And a special thank you to Susan for providing a gourmet spread for such a large group!



**TMGC
Fall Tech Session
November 20, 2012
Terry and Sue Bond's**



MG Holiday Lights Drive— December 4th

by Jim Villers (photos by Jim Villers, Sue Bond, and Donald Ladd)

It t'was a night in December when the elves all gathered to take the sleigh out for a test ride when, not eight reindeer, but 15 little British cars were lined up to begin the journey. But before venturing out in the "cold" (52 degrees), we had to pause for refreshments and substance at Franco's Italian Restaurant.

We were packed into our reserved table in a very friendly manner. It was good to see Don Ladd, taking a break from his medical procedures, spending some time with us, his camera easily at his side.



The highlight of the evening was seeing Susan Bond at the wheel of her "new" TC. Her TC, "Eleanor", has a long history in the club, recently owned by Bob Stein and previously restored and owned for many years by Chuck Hudson. Susan looked majestic behind the large vertical steering wheel of this right-hand drive car. Looking at Susan's smile, I suspect that we will be seeing the car at many of our future events.

The MGs were decked out for the holidays, Russ Ripp had colored lights from boot to bonnet, Tadd Carter had clear lights



with greenery on his boot while Don Ladd placed blinking colored lights in his grille.

Visiting the Dominion Power Holiday of Lights at the Norfolk Botanical Garden early in December meant that the weather was "top-down" weather and there was an a minimal queue to enter the garden.

Every year, the lights seem to get better and more spectacular. My favorite this year were the many long blue strings of lights hanging straight down and creating an illusion of the night time sky. Very effective.



Attendees included Donald & Rose Ladd, Robert Perone with son Chris, Al Hazlett, Rich & Lesley Hildreth, Jim & Betty Villers, Bill & Issie Yoshida (plus assorted family in a lag van), Terry & Sue Bond, Andy Wallach & Cynthia Faschini, Mike & Denise Haag, Russ Ripp & Linda, Eric Fee & Cindy Lee Hall, Michael & Gina Christian, Tad & Karen Carter, and Bob Stein and Kitty Ledsome.



**TMGC 2012
Holiday Party Photos**
December 8, 2012
Hosted by Eric Fee and Cindy Lee Hall.
(photos by Donald Ladd and Sue Bond)



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BARBEQUE

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

Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 9th
Frankie's
Place for Ribbs
Fairfield Shopping
Center
Virginia Beach