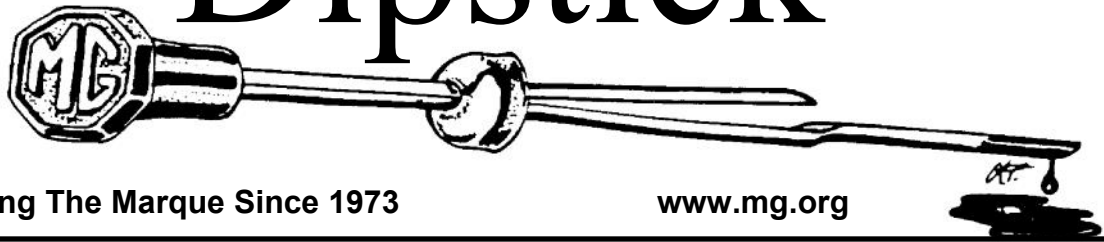




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TALL SHIPS, SHORT CARS—TMGC’s Members rolled out to Eastern Shore on June 15th to see the tall ships and eat! Story and photos on page 5.

July Activities for TMGC

With apologies to George Gershwin:
*Summertime, and the drivin’ is easy.
Cars are running and the temperature’s fine.*

*Your parts budget is rich, but your car is good looking,
S o hush little baby, don’t you cry...*

And to John Sebastian:

*Hot town, summer in the city.
Back of my neck getting’ dirty and gritty.*

*Broken down, isn’t it a pity
Tech Session isn’t ‘til August 11th.*

Ol’ John had to rework that a few

times before he got the rhyme right. Anyway, it is summertime, so get out and find a shady lane on which to drive.

Our next meeting is on July 10th at Jim and Betty Villers’ home in Virginia Beach. MG parking is available in the driveway. I think we even let a Triumph in there last year. As usual, tyres shall receive a good kicking at 7:30, followed by an 8:00 meeting and good eats at about 8:15, if the meeting last as long as usual.

While we are at it, please check the dates on your tires. Even if they still have good tread, it

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

July 4 – Independence Day! But should British Car Owners celebrate?

July 10 – Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
*** 2nd Week of Month**
Hosted by Betty & Jim Villers

July 17 – 21 – MG-2013 - Corvallis, OR

Aug. 6 – Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
Great Neck Park – 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Picnic followed by Meeting

Aug. 11 - Summer Tech Session - Chesapeake
Hosted by Jim & Linda Freeh

Sep. 4 - Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach
Hosted by Kiz & Frank Worrell

Sep. 14 – (tentative) Saturday get-together at GT Bodywerks – Virginia Beach
Details to follow

Sep. 14-15 - Classics on the Green at the New Kent Winery (Show Sunday).
Registration deadline is August 24th.



Time to Renew!

Please get your dues and renewal form to Bill Yoshida.
(membership form in this issue)

is highly recommended that you consider replacing tires more than 6 years old. How about we check the Born-on Date when we reconvene at Villers' in July. We want you to be safe as you travel down the road. Please don't let this happen to you:



Next up is August. We'll be back at Great Neck Park on Tuesday the 6th for a 6:00 pre-meeting picnic. There will be burgers, brats, dogs, fixins' and something good for dessert. And with any luck, the music makers in our crowd will be on hand to entertain the masses. I hope to see you at both of these meetings.

The following Sunday, August 11th, we have our summer Tech Session at the Freeh's home in Chesapeake. If you have old projects that are keeping you from being on the road, or have developed new issues in recent months (we are over 25,000 29,000 people miles for 2013, after all), come on out to Chesapeake. Three garage bays – no waiting!

In addition to the start of the Fall Show Season, we have several other things coming up in September. On Saturday, September 14th, we have a local trip to visit GT Bodywerks in Virginia Beach. George has done paint and bodywork for many in the club, including current clients Richard Leal and Andy Wallach. In addition to seeing his shop, George will give us some pointers of things to look for (or look out for) when evaluating the purchase of a new old car. Can that be fixed or should I walk away quickly? In addition, we'll have a picnic lunch, so fire up your curious and come on out to Virginia Beach.

Late in the month (the 29th to be exact), we have our annual pilgrimage to Hanover and the Barksdale Theatre. This year's play is *Say Goodnight, Gracie*; a one-man show starring Scott Wichmann, tracing the career of comedian George Burns. For those that were with us in 2009 for *Fully Committed*, you will remember Scott's amazing performance. A number of you have already signed up for this event. I'll confirm with you in early July and will send out a reminder for anyone else who wishes to join in on the fun.

October 18-21 is Tour de Bay, November includes both the Chili Cook-off and our Fall Tech Session December is Holiday Lights and we are close to announcing a combined Holiday Party / 40th Anniversary Celebration. But if I gave you all of those details now, there would nothing for Bob to publish in August, so for now, that's a wrap.



FROM THE PREZ

Marque Time

Greetings friends! Well, it'ss July and the year is nearly half over. Where has 2013 gone?

I started the year planning to give my forty year old LBC a makeover, and here it is July and I haven't done anything that she hasn't required to keep her running.

Makes one wonder could that be considered abuse, are we required to do things beyond basic maintenance? From all the cars in wrecking yards I would say most people think this is perfectly normal. Thank heavens most of us are not normal; we take pride in keeping our classic cars running and operating as they were designed to do, for many years beyond what today's generation would think is normal.

In this generation of engineered obsolescence I am happy I have found a great bunch of people who share my views on keeping a classic running. I think it's nice to visit museums and see old cars kept pristine, restored and even left original put on display, for all to see. But in my humble opinion it is so much more enjoyable to see them out on the streets being driven and enjoyed as they were designed and meant to be.

That being said I am fulfilling one aspect of my statement, I am driving my car and enjoying it as a British Sports car should be enjoyed, top down and driven often. I do however feel that I should pay her some much needed attention in the maintenance and cosmetic realms.

Anyone out there wants to help or just hold me accountable. Well maybe when I retire I'll have the time to do all that I want to do, but do I really have to wait that long. Anyone out there care to share their secrets, who do I juggle all I have to do and still have time to enjoy my MGB, I would love to fix her up and make her look pretty like she was when she was new, but I also want to enjoy driving her and like to take every opportunity to drive.

Well I'm starting to ramble so I'll close for this month. Hope to see you all at the July meeting. Remember it's the second week due to the Fourth being on week one. See you all on the 10th.

As always

Safety Fast

Russ Ripp
President

July Membership Report

By Bill Yashida

2014 Memberships: As of 20 June we already have 47 renewals from last year's 110 memberships.

New Memberships: There is one new membership that was signed up at the June meeting. This is the owner of the Green MG Midget that I've seen in my neighborhood and have mention in past editions of the "Dipstick".

Daleena Barrera
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
1973 MG Midget

Cars: Total cars – 175 (If all remaining 2013 memberships renew).

Cars & Types: 170 of the following types of MGs:
MGA - 22, A- Coupe - 2, B - 82 , B-GT - 14, C - 2, C-GT - 2, TC - 9, TD - 21, TF - 5, Midget - 11
Other/Various MGs – 5 (1-Cooper MG/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB)

Dues: I provided \$240 in cash and \$620 in checks for a total of \$860.00 to Jim Villers on 20 June. These were the dues that I collected in May and June. As of 20 June I do not hold any dues money.

Membership Renewals for 2014: Last month - June - was the month to renew your TMGC annual membership. **Dues are still only \$20 per family for a year.**

My thanks go out to the 47 members that have either pre-paid or recently paid their dues for 2014. I will be sending an e-mail to those remaining members that have not yet submitted their dues for 2014. If anyone has decided **to not renew** their membership, please let me know by phone or e-mail and I will remove your name from the "delinquent" mailing list before I send it out in early July

For your convenience, Bob Stein has included a copy of the TMGC Membership Renewal form in this issue, and will also do so in the next few issues of the newsletter. Copies can also be found on line at the club's web site at www.mg.org. I will have blank renewal forms available at the July meeting.

Please fill out a copy and send it along with cash, check or money order. Highlight any changes from last year's information. If you have no changes to the data you provided in the past you only need to submit the \$20 in dues, and I will transfer your prior data to the 2014 roster and use the same info for the Annual Directory.

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Eleanor Bond on display at the Big Cheese! Sue and Terry Bond took their 1948 TC to a special antique vehicle display at Nauticus/USS Wisconsin on June 15th - of the nearly 30 cars on display, Eleanor was, of course, the classiest.



Classics on the Green 2013

Will Be Held on September 15, 2013, at
New Kent Winery in New Kent County, Virginia
Registration Deadline is August 24th.
For information go to: <http://www.classicsonthegreen.com>

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TMGC Meeting Minutes - June 4th

By Robert Perrone—Sucker in Residence

Did anyone ever play a game when they were a kid called "living statues"? There were different ways to play, but one of the basics was that one of the kids was "it" and the others would run around yell, jump, do whatever crazy things until the person that was "it" would yell the keyword or phrase. Then everyone else had to stop. If you moved or made any sound you would be "it" for that round.

That is kind of the way it is with the MG club and the minutes. Whenever Russ asks "who will volunteer to take the minutes" everyone freezes. It is amazing to witness. Not a sound; not a movement. Until, of course, I open my mouth. I'm "it" again! And, people once again gave me a round of applause. I'm beginning to wonder why, but I'll take it. So, in case anybody actually reads this, here are the minutes.

As a matter fact, taking a cue from Beckey Watson and the wine tour of this year, here's a little test for all of you. If us anyone actually reads these minutes you can let me know. You can email, text, call, or let me know in person. Just tell me "Great job" and I will know you are a truly devoted member of this club. Plus it will make me feel good, even if it is insincere.



Oh yeah, the minutes. Once again our June meeting was hosted by Bill and Issie Yoshida. What a turnout! It was great to see all of those MGs parked out in the yard. Thank you again to Bill and Issie for hosting. The size of the group there just goes to show how much we enjoy the meetings at your home. New members and guests: this month we did have some guests including someone who was very close to calling the police on our host Bill Yoshida.

I'm not sure if I should say anything since it appears to involve a possible stalking charge; maybe I should let Bill explain to you. On second thought, that's worse. Before anyone gets the wrong idea, Bill was just being a dedicated member of our club and spotted this young lady with her MG and tracked her down so she could enjoy the fun and fellowship of our group.

He also told her that there was free beer. She did show up,

hopefully we didn't scare her off completely.

VP's report: Steve reported that he had no report. Check with Steve for details.

Treasurer: Jim reported that we have ample funds in our account, as usual.

Activities: Tad is working hard on plans for later this year, including an anniversary party and our annual holiday party. There may be some combination of the two but I'm sure Tad will keep us all informed, including those of us that are trying to help him.

History: As usual, Susan said we have history.



Membership: Last month Bill Yoshida was not at the meeting. This month he couldn't avoid us since it was at his house. As I noted earlier, Bill is determined to bring our membership up, even to the point of chasing after women that he does not know and following them home. I have to hand it to you Bill, you bring dedication to your job to a whole new level.

Newsletter: Bob Stein is asking for a special favor, since I am horribly late again with these minutes. I do believe at the next meeting he will ask the members not to let me do these minutes, since he usually has to wait up to a week after the deadline to get them from me. And honestly, they're really not worth waiting for.

Technical/ Marque Time /New and Old Business: I have a blank here. Apparently I should keep better notes. Regalia: as she usually does, Mitzi sold tickets and I did not win a thing. At least I know that I money is going to a good cause: to fund the beer supply for future meetings.

We had some good food waiting, so Russ asked for a motion to adjourn, and I think someone actually said "amen" but I can't be too sure. Either way, the meeting was adjourned. Now, as far as reading these minutes are concerned, we'll see if someone else besides Bob Stein actually reads these.

Remember to say "good job" to the acting secretary. There may even be prizes! Just kidding; there are no prizes.

June 15th Tall Ships Tour

By Bruce Easley (Photos by Donald and Rose Ladd, and Steve LaPaugh)

If you want to plan a party or an event, first go to the Event Meister, Tad Carter, for a prediction for weather and opportunities for entertainment. Here in Hampton Roads over the past few weeks we've had Tropical Storm Andrea, cold fronts with 70 mph winds and heavy rain, blazing heat, and

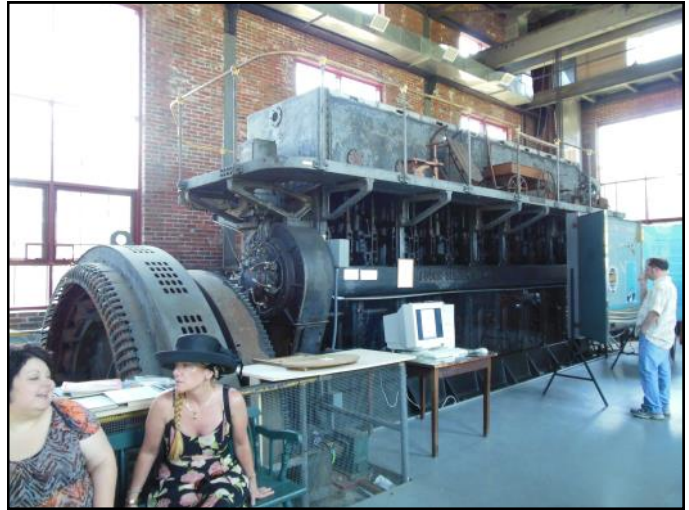


temperature drops of 20 degrees in an hour.

BUT... Tad had wisely scheduled the Cape Charles Tall Ships MG Tour for a perfect day. Sunny, 80's, and light winds – a great day to put the top down.

The group of drivers met in Virginia Beach near the entrance to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. As usual, itineraries were provided, plus a Bingo card for people to match up with special scenes or items along the route. The group of 11 MGs made the scenic drive across the CBBT and up a winding Virginia Byway to Eastville. The fact that the Eastern Shore actually has hills and valleys is a well-kept secret, but they are there and we drove them.

In Eastville, we toured the old courthouse, the clerk's office and the debtors prison. The bronze bell used to call court to order is still there outside the courthouse. The Historic Eastville



The Old Town Generator - Probably NOT by Lucas.

Inn and the Master Gardener demonstration project are right next door as well.

After some time to soak up the history in Eastville, we were rounded up and headed out to the town of Cape Charles. On the way to the tall ships festival, we made a brief stop at the Cape Charles Museum. The building was built over and around a huge one-megawatt diesel generator that was used to provide power to the town during periods of peak demand during the town's early years. The building was replete with memorabilia and historical information regarding Cape Charles and the development of the Eastern Shore.

Next stop the Tall Ships Festival. This town was hoppin'! Booths and tents of food, drink, nautical items for sale, music, bars and "the whole ball of tar (wax)" were there, and pirates and wenches were everywhere! The docks had a number of nice boats to view.

The star attractions were the sailing vessel "Yorktown", the galleon "Chesterton Suliana", and the sailing vessel "Virginia". This last one is a gaff rigged two masted vessel that was built to the original drawing specifications to the Pilot Boat that plied the Chesapeake Bay waters in the 20's.



Wow! Look at those Tall Ships out there!



Ummmm - Not quite the image I had in mind...

There was also the work boat “Crockett”, and there were opportunities to board the ships and get a close look at how things were made and functioned “back in the day”.



Out back at the Ash Manor.

scrumptious homemade desserts.

As if the food wasn’t enough entertainment for this lively crowd, we also availed ourselves of the beautiful waterfront bluff view of the Chesapeake Bay, enjoyed the breeze on the pier, wet our toes in the water, paddle boated, toured the beautiful gardens, and in general made merry into the evening.

Those who left late were treated to one of the most gorgeous sunsets ever seen in Virginia as we crossed the bridges.

Nice touch, Tad... a perfect end to a perfect trip.

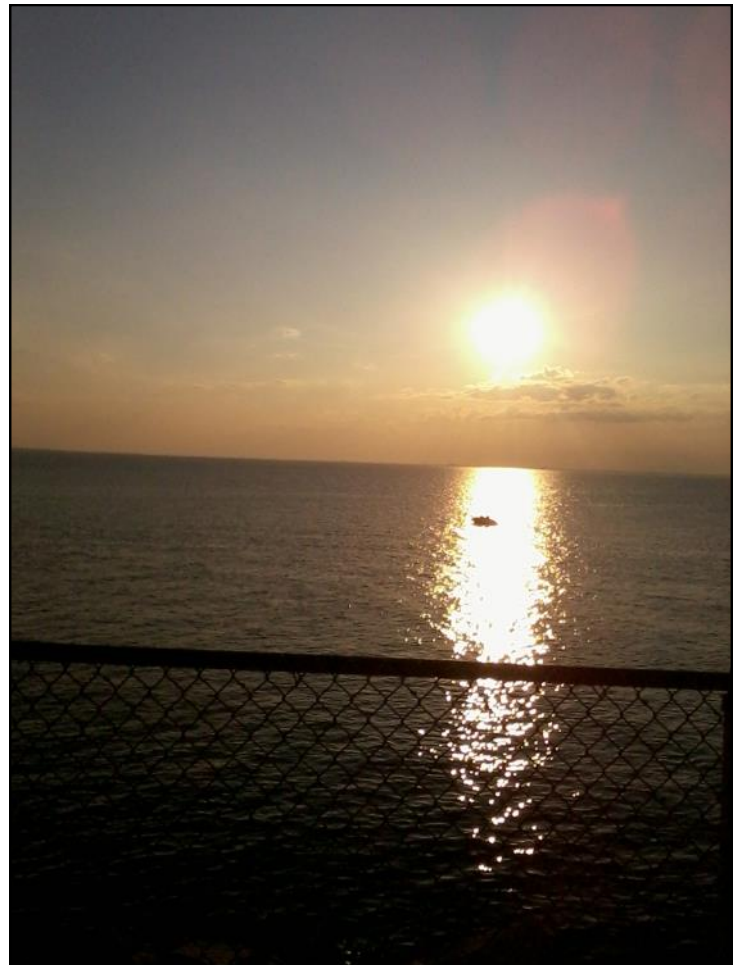


TMGC MGs lined up at the Ash’s

Leaving the hubbub of the big city of Cape Charles, we wound our way to the home of Mike and Jennifer Ash who had invited us all for a spot of dinner. A feast! Pulled barbecue sandwiches, sausages (aren’t they called “bangers” in the auld land?), Jennifer’s fantastic MG Recipe baked beans, cole slaw and plenty of frosty beverages. Top that off with two



TMGC MGs lined up at the Ash’s



The Perfect End to a Perfect Day.

TMGC ANNUAL RENEWAL

Please fill out the form below and return it to Bill Yoshida with a check made out to TMGC for \$20.00 at the next meeting or mail to:

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Do we have your permission to publish your home phone and e-mail address in a member's directory for club use only? _____

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Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, July 10th
Jim & Betty Villers
313 Inlet Rd.
Virginia Beach
481-6398

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

Map labels: Shore Drive, Inlet Rd, Broad Bay Bridge, Stop Light, Adam Keeling Rd, Great Neck Road, Va Beach Blvd, I-264, Lynnhaven Pkwy, Rosemont Rd, Independence Blvd