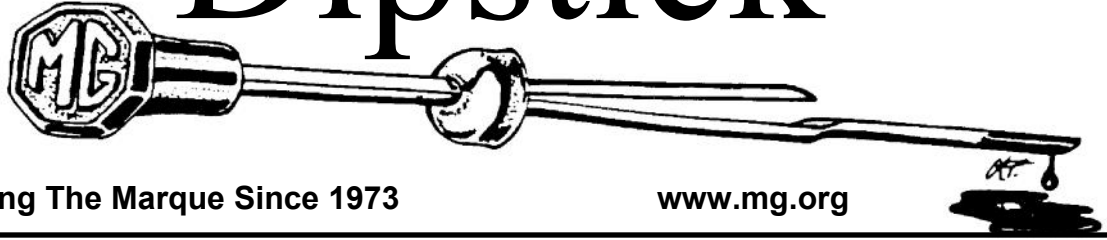




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Time to Renew!
Please get your dues and renewal form to Bill Yoshida.
(membership form in this issue)

Tall Ships Ahoy!

What's Happening in June

It's June. The tourists are in town. What do you say we escape it all and go for a drive? For those so inclined, we have a fun day planned for Saturday, June 15th. We are off to the Eastern Shore and the Cape Charles Tall Ships Festival.

We'll depart at noon from the Kroger store on Shore Drive at

Northampton, cross the Bay Bridge and arrive in Cape Charles about 2:00 after an historic stop or two. In Cape Charles, we'll see the Tall Ships, sloops, schooners and skipjacks, enjoy music, art and entertainers, and maybe stop in at the Brown Dog for a cool treat. And yes, there will be a game for the road.

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TASTING TRIO—Betty Villers, Susan Bond and Terry Bond sample the wares at one of the stops on TMGC's Annual Wine Tour. Story and photos on page 6.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

June 4 – Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach Hosted by Issie and Bill Yoshida

June 15 – Saturday - Tall Ships in Cape Charles Drive, Tour and Picnic

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

June Activities (Continued from page 1)

After a few hours in Mayberry, we are off to Eastville and a picnic dinner hosted by Jennifer and Mike on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Kick off your shoes, wade in the water and get your mellow on before a trip back across the Bay to home.

It will help in planning the evening if you will RSVP to me by June 8th (phone, e-mail or in person at the June 4th meeting -#Yoshida's)

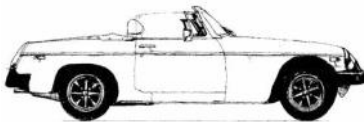
Next up is a reminder that the July meeting will be moved back a week to Wednesday the 10th - something about a bunch of holiday events the prior week. Betty and Jim have invited us back to their VB home. MG parking is in the driveway for a group photo!

With the holiday, the late meeting and MG-2013 in Corvallis, July should fly by. So take a look at August. 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 people miles for 2013, after all), our Summer Tech Session is on Sunday the 11th in Chesapeake. Three garage bays - no waiting!

There are some really good local shows coming up in the Fall, starting with Classics on the Green in New Kent on September 15th. I understand registration opens on July 1st. Wings and Wheels is in late September (9/29) and the SVBCC British Car Show follows a week later out in Waynesboro.

In case you really don't have anything better to do, we have filled up the few remaining free days with a local event (under development) on September 14th, a day at the theatre on September 29th, and our inaugural Tour de Bay in October. Throw in our monthly meetings, another Tech Session, the Holiday Lights, and the year is pretty well shot. Time to start working on 2014.

Got to go - things to plan!



Tad

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FROM THE PREZ

Marque Time

Greetings my loyal subjects! Sorry, I just had to see how that sounded. You won't hear me use it again, I can assure you.

Well, here it is June almost halfway through the year. You know what that means yup renewal time, I hope to see you all at the Yoshida household with renewal forms and dues in hand. The weather looks like it will cooperate for another beautiful meeting around the pool.

Does anyone have a megaphone they can loan me Bill Y. wants me atop the slide so everyone can hear me; I think Billo (as in expresidante) wants me there so he can push me down it.

A quick plug for the anniversary celebration— I mentioned it last month but haven't gotten any replies. I don't want to repeat what I put out so please re-read last month's article, you can contact me through the link on the website or look me up in the directory. If you don't like my idea you can tell me that too but please be prepared to make a suggestion of your own.

Don't let me forget a shout out to Alan and Becky; Wine Tour XI was superb, I think we visited less wineries but we drove more and I for one really enjoyed their choice of roads and scenery. Besides drinking too much with those mountain roads, no power steering and manual gearboxes would have been a recipe for disaster.

It was also nice staying in downtown Staunton where we could walk to breakfast at a choice albeit small, at that hour, selection of local eateries. I also want to thank the hosts of our tech sessions and everyone in the club in general for always lending a hand or advice to our members when they have a project that they need help with.

We have been having less and less breakdowns with each wine tour I have gone on. I think that is a pretty good feat considering with the exception of the 86 Morgan Bob McKenna drove our cars ranged from 33 to 57 years young, Bob does that really qualify for antique plates? Back to the shout out to our great club membership, it says a lot about the character of our TMGC membership; how you are always there to help out other members and non members alike when they need a helping hand.

Safety Fast

Russ Ripp
 President



ICE CREAM! TMGC's Tad Carter put together Ice Cream Runs on the Peninsula (May 29th) and Southside (May 30th) to celebrate British Car Week. Perfect weather and great driving - and even the dog got her own dish!

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TALL SHIPS AT CAPE CHARLES



Cape Charles Tall Ships Festival and Picnic

Saturday, June 15th

12:00 noon Departure from Kroger - Shore Drive at Northampton

Noon to Whenever

Join us for a scenic drive across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel and over the back roads of the Eastern Shore. We'll end up in Cape Charles for their Tall Ships Festival. Come and see 3 historic Tall Ships, a modern Navy ship, sloops, schooners skipjacks and more! Enjoy delectable foods, refreshing beverages, art, craft and collectable vendors, along with music and entertainment by local performers. This will be a true family event, with pirates and characters in period costumes to tell stories of old Cape Charles.

After a day at the Festival, we'll finish the evening at the bayside home of Jennifer and Mike Ash. Relax on the deck, wade in the water or prep for the ride home with a few minutes in the hammock. Then enjoy a picnic dinner and sunset over the bay before we had back to Tidewater.

To help in planning, an RSVP would be greatly appreciated

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TMGC Meeting Minutes - May 1st

By Michele Peters—Secretary

We began our May 2013 meeting on the 1st at 8:05 pm at our home away from home - Frankie's Place for Ribs in Virginia Beach. We can generally count on good grub and a congenial atmosphere at this alternate meeting site...and this night was no different from our other visits...good grub and a congenial atmosphere!



New Members and Guests: None

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

Treasurer: Jim gave his usual thorough money report. I commented that our treasury seemed somewhat depleted but Jim shot back that it was plenty enough for a good party...and Amen to that! Right again, oh Great Treasurer-Guru!

Activities: Tad relayed his usual, awesome plans for us. See his report elsewhere in The Dipstick. He also asked us for a round of applause for Alan and Beckey who put on another awesome Wine Tour. I don't know how they keep coming up with fresh ideas and places to go and people to see, but they do – and we are exceedingly thankful for it! We DID miss Tom and Marie, but we know that next year Marie will be sprinting all the way to each wine tasting and be first in line....everywhere! Glad to know you are on the mend young lady!!

History: Susan thanked Tad for arranging the southside meeting of the wine tour participants and brought one album with her this month for our perusal. She is currently putting together another DVD for the last 10 years of TMGC, including the prior 10 years, which actually makes it a 20-year DVD. Awesome!

Newsletter: Bob Stein continues to ask writers to submit articles for The Dipstick by the 20th of the month. He never got all the articles he was supposed to get for this Dipstick edition (OK, I admit it...I am part of the problem, but I promise, Bob, I will get that Tech Session write-up to you soon!!) so

please get your articles to our editor in a timely fashion (unlike me), or our Dipstick will be exceedingly thin!

Membership: Bill reports we are ending this fiscal year with 110 memberships (203 members) and getting ready to start our 2014 membership drive!! Haven't increased our dues for AGES, so take advantage of one of the ONLY things in your life that hasn't gotten more expensive.... so belly up and fork over your dues today (Hmmm....I don't know why so many of my comments seem to involve food or eating...and no comments about my increasing girth, thank you very much!)

Technical: None

Old Business: Does anyone know where our TMGC Club banner is????? Please advise any club officer. It is especially helpful when driving and trying to find the residence of club members who are hosting meetings. Thanks!

New Business: Deb Linse alerted us to two Bs (or probably Midgets) for sale by a co-worker of hers. They are 1975 and 1977 models in good condition, with a few mechanical issues. Owner is hoping to start the negotiating at \$5,000. Bob will be putting the ad on our website. You can also talk to Deb if you are interested.

Marque Time: None



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

We adjourned at 8:25 pm – not the fastest meeting in my history, but real close! I think after stuffing our bellies with all that good grub we were ready to head home and digest and vegetate...or something. It's a good thing I ate too much, cuz I got a few comments at the tail-end of the meeting that, had I not been fat and happy, would have caused me to whip out my pen and stroke a few reminders to myself to make remarks about CERTAIN people (you know who you are!) in this edition...but, seeing as I am a kind and forgiving soul at heart, and my belly was quite full, I am content to let things lie....for now....no legal action anticipated or commenced.

Agecroft Hall Tour - March 23rd

By Susan Bond (Photos by Sue Bond and Donald and Rose Ladd)

Meeting at the Waffle House on Portsmouth Blvd. meant a diet-busting breakfast was in order before hitting the road. Donald and Rose Ladd, Susan Bond, fearless leader Tad Carter and daughter, Robert Perrone and son and Bob Vann and wife, all stuffed into 5 MGBs, motored to Williamsburg where we joined Eric Fee and Michele Peters and Steve for the back-roads run to Richmond along Route 5, which is beautiful in the spring.



Or it was until we got to the railroad underpass where a truck was firmly wedged, fortunately headed the other way. Traveling out Richmond's Main Street may have taken a few years off the life of my clutch – lots of traffic and hills. At the end of Main Street we took a jog to Cary Street and entered the suburbs.

Tad had found out that 2013 is the Year of the Virginia Historic Home and had supplied us with "passports" that got us in to Agecroft Hall free and would garner a



"fabulous prize" if 8 homes were visited during the year.

Originally built in Lancashire, England in the late 15th century and added onto several times, Agecroft Hall had 50 rooms rambling around a courtyard. After coal mines and railroads were built on the estate, the house was derelict and was auctioned in 1925 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Williams, Jr. Working with architect Henry G. Morse, they had about a third of it dismantled and shipped to Richmond where it was reconstructed in the new subdivision of Windsor Farms overlooking the James River.

A timber-frame black and white Tudor style house,



Agecroft is an easy place to get lost in. Magnificent rooms are connected with twisting hallways and varied floor heights. No photos were allowed inside, but I think many of the rooms appear as they did in photos taken in England. The furnishings match the house, with modern conveniences hidden from view. The library was awesome!

After a wander around the rather bare gardens (spring was late this year) we lined the cars up in front of the house for a photo op. Back to the traffic, we ventured down Cary Street to the 3 Monkeys Bar and Grill where we sat in the sidewalk room and listened to VCU students cheer on their unsuccessful team in the final 4. Once the students cleared out we got an excellent lunch.

The trip home started with chaos as fearless leader headed west instead of east and the rest of us were left to our own devices. I ended up leading a small contingent to the Jamestown ferry for a leisurely drive, once we got off 295. With excellent weather, good friends and neat little cars, this first tour of the year will be hard to top, but Tad just keeps coming up with great ideas.

Thanks Tad!



Wine Tour Rallye XI - April 26-28

By Mark Davidowski (Photos by Donald and Rose Ladd and Susan Bond)

The 11th edition of the Tidewater MG Classics Wine Tour, led by Alan and Beckey Watson, took the largest ever TMGC group to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley and surroundings. The initial Southside contingent, consisting of six MGs, departed from the Lake Wright Inn at 0805 on a beautiful Friday morning. Andy and Cynthia, Don and Rose Ladd, Jim and Betty Villers, Robert Perrone and his high school bud Carl, and Kathy and Mark Davidowski, led by Tad and Karen Carter, made a quick stop in Willoughby to pick up Eric Fee and Cindy Lee Hall and the Bonds. Then it was on to Williamsburg to link up with the Riesses, McKennas, Russ Ripp, and Michelle and Steve.



Our caravan was now 12 MGs strong, plus Bob and Missy's Morgan Plus Eight. In Hanover Courthouse we found Alan and Beckey Watson waiting for us at the historic Hanover Inn, where we also met Robin and Olive Watson, down from Ashland.

Following an excellent meal, Alan and Beckey took the lead for what proved to be some of the most enjoyable road miles that we'd experienced in a LONG time! Working our way northwestward, we followed routes used by Washington and Rochambeau, Jackson and Lee. Historical markers and rural examples of former filling stations dotted the winding roads as our convoy raced along.

Passing through Gordonsville we spotted the Exchange Hotel and a sign for bustling Beaverdam before pulling into our first tasting opportunity at Burnley Vineyards. Burnley was a



repeat stop from the 2004 tour, and old acquaintances were renewed with the Reeder family, who emigrated from Monterey, CA in 1977 in order to plant their initial vines.

Their first harvest in 1980 was followed by the bottling operation in 1985. With 32 acres in production, Burnley produces 5000 cases per year. The tasting included a chocolate flavored dessert wine that was described as a "liquid Tootsie Roll" and/or "liquid aphrodisiac." ("Make hers a double!")

From Burnley it was on to historic Staunton by way of 77 miles of challenging roads made to order for LBCs. Our route took us through places like Ruckersville and The Grottoes before finishing in the parking deck of the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. The Jackson was opened in 1924 and underwent an extensive renovation in 2005.

The accommodations were simple and elegant, with a relaxing lobby area filled with artifacts from the hotel's original décor as well as favorite son Woodrow Wilson's career. (Wilson's Presidential Library is two blocks up the hill, and features a 24/7 accessible display of his 1919 Pierce Arrow presidential limousine.)

Dinner was at the Clocktower Restaurant on Beverley Street. Many of us enjoyed the stroll to and from the restaurant while exploring the wide selection of interesting shops and unusual architectural styles typical of the Staunton Historic District.

After some needed rest, it was up for breakfast (either





from the hotel buffet or from one of the small cafes along Beverley Street.) The sound of 13 MGs and a Morgan rumbling through the parking deck was memorable! (Shades of Walter Mitty at Le Mans...)

Onward, along another of Alan's backwoods routes, we climbed up and over the Blue Ridge, descending into Early Mountain Winery for a combination luncheon and wine flight. Much of the route took us along Route 33, through Stanardsville, Spotswood, and past the former Roaring 20's Car Museum. Early Mountain was another repeat visit for many of the group, and offered an excellent lunch menu served with delicious vintages.

After a panoramic team photo (courtesy of Don Ladd) we fired up our steeds and headed to Moss Winery in Nortonsville. Owner Barry Moss is a Norfolk architect who spends his weekends immersed in viniculture. In addition to an LBC-themed surname, Barry has another automotive connection: his Norfolk office is in an "adaptively repurposed" 1930's service station on Botetourt Street.

The view from Moss Winery was truly spectacular – a long range look at the Skyline Drive across two ridgelines, acres of budding vines, and miles of National Forest. (By the way, the Moss offerings were superb as well!)

From Moss it was back to Staunton by way of another



challenging mountain climbing route. After putting our LBCs up for the evening, many of us enjoyed a private tour of Bruce Elder's auto museum located just down the hill from the hotel. Bruce is the quintessential car guy, who moved from New Hampshire some 20+ years ago to escape the effects of winter on his car collection/business.



He found a former Ford dealership (built in 1911) in Staunton and subsequently raised his family onsite. The building is three stories tall and includes a car-sized elevator. When originally opened, it was the largest automotive facility in the South. Bruce regaled us with the stories behind just a few of his vehicles, each with a unique place in automotive history.

His collection includes a 1915 American LaFrance roadster, built on an early fire truck platform, an example of one of the very first NASCAR machines (an Indy-style open wheel sprint car with a stock Lincoln engine), and a special ordered Chevy "sleeper" muscle car with four doors and wipers on both the windshield AND the rear window.



After the tour it was back to the hotel meeting room for pizza and your choice of wine or beer. Beckey announced the winners of the Wine Tour trivia game, which was based on the French card game Mille Bornes. Michelle and Steven took home the "Fabulous Prize" – a set of MG-themed wine glasses that can



actually be driven around the table when in use. Tad and Karen were runners up, winning the “Not Quite So Fabulous Prize” consisting of a set of humorous wine coasters. And Alan pronounced “Mille Bornes” in flawless French. (It’s always easy to spot the Francophile in this crowd!)

Sunday was a good opportunity for a morning stroll and a coffee. The early coffee shop clientele reminded us that we were in a college town. (Mary Baldwin College sits atop the highest point in Staunton, on the grounds of the former Staunton Military School.) The customer base consisted of professors, students and other locals.

Our next route took us up beautiful VA route 56 (Crabtree Falls Highway) past the state fish hatchery in Montebello. This was the best driving road yet, with plenty of opportunities to wrestle the steering wheel through its full range of motion. Don Ladd threw his throttle cable during a hard climbing turn, which brought his MGB to an abrupt halt. Mark Davidoski was able to avoid a collision by executing a maximum “G” maneuver that left Kathy (temporarily) speechless.

Ten cars continued the climb and then pulled up under a Skyline Drive overpass to await word on the Ladds. We then descended to Silver Creek Orchard to regroup. Ten minutes later, following Don’s quick repair, we were on our way again. Soon we passed the turnoff to the Walton Mountain Museum. Into Scottsville, we continued five more miles to Thistlegate Vineyard.



It was a drizzly morning, so we had the tasting room all to ourselves – relaxing and delicious. Lunch was back in Scottsville at the Tavern on the James, overlooking the river. It was a quiet scene, but the retractable floodgates and platform-mounted air conditioning units reminded us that the James does tend to flood from time to time. During lunch, Alan picked up a copy of the Richmond paper. A human interest piece authored by Beckey provided some excellent reading!

After another relaxing meal, it was on to Byrd Vineyards in Goochland County. Coming into the area we noticed a 1901 Case Land Locomotive, with wood-fired steam boiler. It is used during the area’s Lake Festival to move participants around the scene. Byrd’s offerings included Raven Red, named for the nearby Allan farm that was once owned by Edgar Allan Poe’s stepfather.



They also had Dahlgren’s Raid Red, named for the ill-fated Federal raid on Richmond that was unhinged when the invaders (led by Colonel Dahlgren) were distracted by a local belle’s offer of Virginia wine. (Look for Byrd Vineyard at the Neptune Festival in September.)

Departing Goochland, our band of 14 LBCs and crews broke up into smaller groups for the return legs to our scattered homes. Jim and Betty Villers led six vehicles down VA route 6, to the new VA 288, around Petersburg, to US 460 and the long run into Tidewater.

The Peninsula contingent returned via I-64, while Wine Tour organizers Alan and Beckey headed back to the bustling Bumpass/Beaverdam megalopolis. Our hats are off yet again to the Watsons for putting together another smashing success. Wine Tour Rallye XI was a memorable trip with remarkable scenery, a wide sampling of world-class wines, and the company of great people.

Other than the throttle cable incident (which was swiftly repaired) and a dysfunctional windshield wiper or two, all 14 LBCs performed flawlessly. (Those tech sessions at Linse’s, Freeh’s, and Bond’s really do pay dividends!)

Final accounting for our 1974 ½ B-GT:

- **Miles driven: 643**
- **Wineries visited: Five**
- **Fuel consumed: 27 gallons of 93 octane**
- **Bottles of wine purchased: Many**
- **Value of the Wine Tour XI experience: Priceless**

Turn-Back-The-Clock Night

Author Unknown

(If I'm ditching my homework, I'm certainly not putting my name on this)

(Photos by Susan Bond)

"Come on – it'll be fun", he said. "We'll have barbeque", he said. So what the heck, I show up with Dad at Frankie's for the MG Club May meeting, put up with a lot of really old people, and put away some serious ribs. Then some not so old guy bangs on a box and starts talking. No one is paying much attention, so I zone out too. Then I hear my name, the word "volunteer" and a bunch of the old people start to laugh. Pretty soon we go home.

Now here it is two weeks later, and I'm minding my own business at the Tides game. By the way, \$.50 dogs aren't near as good as Frankie's. We're somewhere toward the middle of the game, and Mr. Carter (one of the old guys) asks if I need some paper. For what? You want me to what? Well that just isn't gonna happen. This is a school night, so if I'm gonna skip my homework, I'm sure not writing some essay on silly things old guys do - and especially for no extra credit.



So it's back to the game, the some more cheap eats, and maybe he'll forget – old guys do that. It's been a pretty good game – lots of scoring, some good defense, and it hasn't gotten too cold yet. I'm sure it will soon. My Dad brought enough sweatshirts and jackets for 7 people.

Huddled behind me are Mr. and Mrs. Easley, who seem well equipped for just about any weather. With them are Mr. Villers and his son, another Mr. Villers. Next to them are Mr. and Mrs. Wallach, Mr. and Mrs. Keiningham – wait a minute, that's not their names – oh well. They all seem nice. And sitting next to me are Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne, and their kids, Mitchell and Colin. And way back there is Mr. Yoshida, his daughter, Mrs. Woods and her kids, Laura, Will, Megan and AnneMarie. Finally, some people I don't have to call Mr. or Mrs. Here's a puzzler. Is it Mr. and Mrs. LaPaugh times 2, or



just LaPaugh to the 4th power? Ooh, popcorn! You gotta share, Jesse. Hey! Now you're eating mine! Life in the Perrone family.

OK, there's that guy who was banging on the box back at Frankie's. No one is paying attention to him tonight either. I think his name is Russ Ripp. Sounds like some wrestler to me.

This really is a good game. Too bad the Iron Pigs scored again. Mr. Johnson is enjoying himself. Is he an Iron Pigs fan? And over there is Mr. and Mrs. Bond. Car club, Bond – I bet they could have some fun with license plates.

We just sang "God Bless America". That was pretty cool, but now they are singing Happy Birthday to the people that came with the Carters. Please do not let Mr. Carter sing again!!

Rats, is that rain? We're here and we're staying. Bottom of the eighth, and here come the Tides, throwing a 7-spot on the board. That ought to take care of the Iron Pigs (gotta love their team name).

If Mr. Carter wants 500 words for some silly newsletter, he can just count 'em himself.

NAMGAR Rendezvous in Richmond September 12-15, 2013

This Regional get-together of the North American MGA Register is open to both NAMGAR members as well as all MGA & Mquette enthusiasts. Activities will include scenic drives, historic tours, tech sessions, fine dining, and Virginia hospitality.

Event leads into Classics on the Green at New Kent Winery on Sunday, the 15th. Host hotel will be the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Resort, with a rate of only \$109 per night. Look for complete details and registration form at www.namgar.com



Tech Session: April 6, 2013

Frank Linse's Garage or "MGs at the LG"
(Hey Frank, you need your own logo!)
By Michele Peters

First of all, I apologize in advance to everyone who reads this account of the tech session. I totally forgot that I was supposed to write this up for weeks, and then, when I was gently reminded (by several of you, no less!), I couldn't find my notes.

Ok, Ok, so your secretary is a little loopy sometimes. Perhaps you can cut me some slack, however. I had just found out the day before that I was being laid off and with the prospects of not being able to pay my mortgage, I had a lot on my mind.

Glad to inform you that I have since been re-hired, but it was a little unsettling for a few weeks. So, please forgive this extremely abbreviated version of our wonderful Tech Session. Do not take my brevity as a reflection of the instructional opportunities or the enjoyment of Frank's expertise and the camaraderie of friends – that was awesome, as usual!

A whole bunch of us congregated at Frank and Deb Linse's place on a beautiful Spring morning last April 6 to hang out, talk cars and other stuff, tinker with a few mechanical issues, and eat pizza. Yeah, it was awesome.

Frank made some minor adjustments on Ms. Luscious to get her ready, able, and willing to do that cruising thing on the Wine Tour (which she did, quite magnificently!). Folks came by just to schmooze with Frank and others, and nominally, it seemed, to talk about car mechanics.

There were a couple of other cars that got the once-over, but can't remember now who they belonged to (See, this is my secret method of never being asked to write up an activity again!!)

All in all it was a marvelous tech session, although you couldn't prove it by my notes! Just trust me...you know all about THAT!

May Membership Report

By Bill Yoshida

2013 Memberships: As of late May we have 110 memberships for 2013, with 203 individuals in the club.

New Memberships: No new memberships were received during April.

Membership Renewals for 2014: This month - June - is the month to renew your TMGC membership for 2014. Dues are still only \$20 per family for a year. There are seven members that have paid their 2014 memberships in advance. I have sent an e-mail notification to those folks indicating that they have already paid their 2014 dues. If you did not receive one of my e-mails, your membership needs to be renewed for 2014.

I've asked Bob Stein to include a copy of the TMGC Membership Renewal form in this issue, and also 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 also have blank renewal forms available at the June meeting for your convenience. 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.

As in the past, if I have not received your dues for the 2014 membership year by the July meeting, I will be sending "reminder" e-mails during July, August and September to any members that are delinquent. 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.

Cars: Total cars – 173

Cars & Types: 168 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 - 9.

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

Dues: I turned over \$20.00 in dues to Jim Villers at the May meeting. I currently hold \$60 in dues from 3 members that paid their 2014 dues in advance at the May meeting.

Parking for the June Meeting at the Yoshida's: Provided that it has not rained heavily the previous day, or that it is raining the day of the meeting, we will be parking cars in the back yard to hold "Kick Tyres". The meeting will be held poolside just as we have done in previous years. If the ground is too wet, please park your car on the street, and we will hold the meeting indoors. Regardless of the weather, Issie and I hope to see you here.

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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Virginia Beach, VA 23455

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FIRST CLASS

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, June 4th
Issie & Bill Yoshida
4732 Little John Rd.
Virginia Beach
554-0402

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

The map shows the following roads: Independence Blvd, I-264, Virginia Beach Blvd, Wesleyan Drive, I-64, Shore Drive, Northampton Blvd, Ewell Rd, Haygood, Five Forks Rd, Little John Rd, Red Coat Rd, Haygood Point Rd, Crosscreek Rd, Tranter Ln, Priscilla Ln, Copperfield Ave, Ferris Plantation Rd, Witchduck Rd, and Aragona Blvd. A red star is located at the intersection of Red Coat Rd and Haygood Point Rd. An inset aerial photograph shows the location of 4732 Little John Rd.