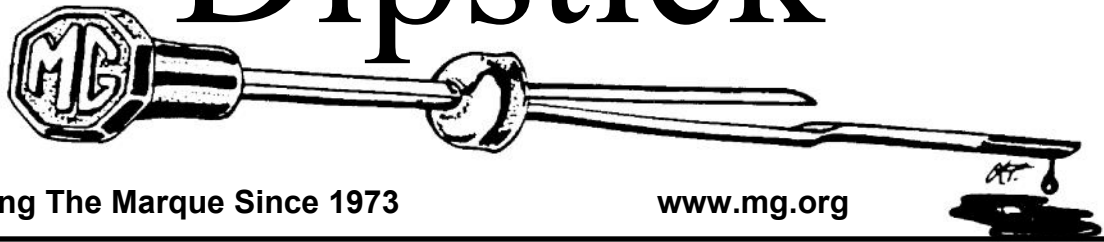




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**Monthly Meeting Date Change! Wednesday Oct. 2nd!**

## October Activities Report

This will make you feel good – I was out and about the other day, and in just a few short miles: Two early teens riding in the back of a Benz convertible with their dad were looking longingly at the B. A half mile later, another young teen passed in a Suburban and gave me the thumbs up.

A little while later in a parking lot, parents with 5 kids piled out of a 4-door pick-up. The kids wanted to know what kind of car it was. The dad was able to tell them it was an MG. They almost

passed on going to get ice cream to check out the car – almost. And finally, driving up Atlantic, two parents were leading their daughter, perhaps 5 years old, across the street. They were looking forward, but she couldn't take her eyes off the B. Nice to see that there is still an appreciation of classic MG lines.

This one maybe not so much – Opened the mail today and found an invitation to the AAA Senior Driving Expo.

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**BEST OF BRITAIN!** - Sue Bond's 'Eleanor' beat out nearly 100 other UK Marques at the Classics on the Green Import Show held September 15th at the New Kent Winery. And yes, if you take over the Dipstick you can shamelessly feature your own past and present cars as much as you want to! See the story on page 6. (Photo by Donald Ladd)

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

- Sep. 28 – AACA Wings & Wheels Show – Pungo  
[local.aaca.org/tidewater](http://local.aaca.org/tidewater)
- Sep. 29 **Barksdale Theatre – Hanover Tavern**  
*Say Goodnight, Gracie*  
**Lunch at New Kent, Theatre in Hanover**
- Oct. 2- **Wednesday (CHANGED NIGHT! – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach**  
**Hosted by Renee and Bill Olcheski**
- Oct. 5 – SVBCC British Car Show – Waynesboro  
[www.svbcc.net](http://www.svbcc.net)
- Oct. 18 – 21 – **Tour de Bay – 4-Day Tour around Chesapeake Bay**
- Nov. 3 – **Sunday - Fall Tech Session - Chesapeake**  
**Hosted by Terry & Sue Bond**
- Nov. 6 – **Wednesday – Club Meeting – Newport News**  
**Hosted by the LaPaugh family**  
**Chili Cook-off**
- Dec. 10 – **Tuesday - Holiday Lights – Norfolk Botanical Gardens**  
**Pre-gaming at Franco's – 6:00pm**
- Dec. 15 - **Sunday - Holiday Party / 40th Anniversary Celebration**  
**Brunch at Princess Anne Country Club 11:00am – 2:00pm**



**FROM THE PREZ**

**Marque  
Time**

Greetings Tidewater MG classics members as I write this my time as your President is winding down. When we meet in October we will be holding our elections for the four Board Member Positions. President currently the only nomination I'm aware of is my trusty veep Steve LaPaugh, he has been quietly observing me for the last two years so I'm sure he'll do well as my successor.

Robert Perrone is currently the only Nominee for VP what can I say, Steve is leaving some pretty big shoes to fill, but Robert will do an outstanding job as our new VP, if he is so elected. As for Treasurer Jim Villers has thrown in his hat once again and is as usual running unopposed. Which probably isn't a bad thing as anyone who opposes him will probably lose painfully.

Now lastly our Secretary position, Michele has alas thrown in the towel she says seven years is enough she needs a break. Dave and Mark are looking hard to find a candidate or two to vie for the vacated position. I know you are all thinking I can't fill Michele's shoes, she set the bar high, well fret not you don't have to fill her shoes or even follow in them. All you have to do is take the job and make it yours, in time everyone will look up to you with the same admiration and awe as they did Michele. Although it

will take much longer I'm sure to instill the same fear of reprisal that she wielded although her day job as an attorney may have something to do with that.

Some of you may be wondering what about the other positions, activities, membership, technical etc. Well any of you that want one of those positions are welcome to volunteer for them they are per the by-laws called Chairs and they are appointed by the President so start kissing up to Steve at the October meeting if you are so inclined.

The only one of those positions currently needing filling is the Dipstick Editor, and maybe Regalia although I think someone has already volunteered to assume those duties. I must say this is a wonderful club and I am so grateful that I am a part of it and that you have graciously let me serve you for the past four years, two as the VP under Bill O. and then the last two as your President.

I don't know if I'm going to be able to attend meetings and not want to run them. It was nice being in control it's the one time each month I get to feel like Charles Schwab where i know everyone is listening to me. All kidding aside there is nothing terribly hard about any of the board positions and everyone in the club is so willing to lend a hand when needed. N

o one should worry that there is any position in the club that they could not do a superb job in. The only thing you need is a willingness to try. Remember nominations don't close until the meeting so if you wake up in the morning wanting to fill one of the positions then show up at the meeting and throw your name in the hat.

As always,

*Safety Fast*  
*Russ Ripp*  
President

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**DIPSTICK EDITOR NEEDED!**

This is a reminder that TMGC will need a new Dipstick editor to take over in January - I have two more issues left and then my stint as Dipstick editor comes to a close. So far I have had no takers for the position.

This is a shame, because the Dipstick serves a major function for TMGC. While the emailed Oil Spot can still provide information to most members, the Dipstick newsletter is the only connection common to all of our members. Electronic or printed, it is the glue that binds every member together.

The job is not really all that bad - in truth, you could put together a simple version in an easy evening. I made things harder for myself by switching to a more formal layout, but that's just me. I'll be glad to help the new editor any way I can, but come January 2014 the Dipstick will either be picked up by someone else or fall by the way-side.

**Bob Stein**

**October Activities (Continued from page 1)**

First off, please make note of the date change for our October meeting. We will be at the Olcheski's in VB, on Wednesday, October 2nd. Tyres shall be kicked at 7:30, the meeting will be met at 8:00, and good food will be enjoyed shortly thereafter. This meeting will include final nominations and elections for 2014 club officers. In homage to my years in Chicago, you are invited to vote early and vote often!

We are now into the Fall Driving and Show season, with many club members on the road to exotic ports of call like New Kent, Waynesboro and Pungo. Back at home, we are making final preparations for the Chesapeake Bay Tour, and when all that has come and gone, we can take care of any latent car issues at the Fall Tech Session at the Bond's home in Chesapeake. Mark it down – Sunday, November 3rd from 10-ish to half-past whenever. Are you ready for the winter driving season? Now is the time to get your car ready, because believe it or not, we have things planned.

Our annual Holiday Lights Drive is set for Tuesday evening, December 10th. We have done incredibly well with the weather the last few years. Perhaps we can get away with it one more time. I'll arrange dinner at Franco's Italian Restaurant for those wishing to pre-game, after which it is off to the Lights at the Botanical Garden

And be on the lookout for a formal invitation to our Holiday Party / 40th Anniversary Party coming up on Sunday, December 15th at Princess Anne Country Club. We will need to confirm our reservation with a headcount in advance, so please RSVP to the invitation. Cost will be \$20 per person in advance (by 12/1) and \$25pp thereafter.

**Upcoming meetings:**

Wednesday, November 6th is our **annual Chili Cook-off**. Once again, we will be with the LaPaugh family in Newport News. Spicy was the order of the day in 2010 and 2011, with Pete Olsen's Tail-Pipe Backfire Chili versions 1 and 2. In 2012, we moved on to Kiz Worrell's flavorful MG Motor Sludge Mighty Good Chili. Although all the entries were quite tasty, I'm thinking the name is the secret ingredient in the winning recipe. You have a month to perfect your chili and the name for 2013.

Wednesday, January 8th kicks off 2014 at our usual hangout – Frankie's Place for Ribs in VB. We have the side room reserved and expect our typical great turnout for this meeting. I know it has nothing to do with the food – it is all in anticipation of the announcement of the 2014 Activity Schedule. The excitement is building, so there will be a preview of coming attractions at Olcheski's on October 2nd. What's that you say? October 2nd? Yes – Wednesday, October 2nd.

Super-Secret Save-the-Date – Saturday, February 15th.

## Tad Carter

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## Membership Report

By Bill Yashida

**2014 Memberships:** As of 23 September we have 103 paid memberships and also have 5 additional ?promises? to renew from last year's memberships. With the expected 108 total memberships, there are 198 individuals in the club.

**New Memberships:** There were two new memberships that joined in September.

**Adam & Ingrid Sassi**

Newport News, VA 23608  
1972 MGB

**Gary and Sue Schafran**

Virginia Beach, VA 23464  
Looking to purchase an MGA  
Cars: Total cars ? 172

**Cars:** Total cars – 172

**Cars & Types:** 167 of the following types of **MGs:**

MGA - 21, A- Coupe - 2, B - 81 , B-GT - 14, C - 2, C-GT - 2, TC - 9, TD - 21, TF - 5, Midget - 11  
Other/Variou MGs – 5 (1-Cooper MG/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB)

**Dues:** I provided \$80 in checks and \$20 in cash to Jim Villers at the 4 September Meeting. As of 23 September I hold dues checks in the amount of \$100 for turnover to Jim.

**TMGC Annual Directory:** A digital copy of the 2014 TMGC Directory is being sent to each member that has an e-mail address on file. A paper copy of the Directory is being mailed to those members that either do not have e-mail access or those members that have specifically requested a paper copy.



# September TMGC Meeting Minutes

By Michele Peters (Photos by Donald Ladd, Susan Bond, and Betty Villers)



We began our September meeting on the 4th at 8:05 pm at The Ocean View Fishing Pier on a gorgeous September evening, just after sunset. A very large contingent of MG enthusiasts converged on the Pier and ate seafood to our hearts content beginning at about 6:30. And thanks again to Tad for setting us up there.

We were graced, among others, with the presence of our special out-of-town honorary members, Wine Tour Organizers Extraordinaire, Alan and Beckey Watson (although, after all those “questionable” comments from Alan, directed at yours



truly, I think I shouldn't be so kind...Tit for tat, sir! But, since your Secretary is changing her ways to practice only benevolence and kindness, I will refrain from the comments that would usually fill this page... Smile). We also were happy to have our friends Peggy and George Craig join us.

The food was great, the weather was perfect, the sunset lovely, but the friends were better than all three put together, as usual! This club has the most wonderful members, bar none!

**New Members and Guests:** New Member Matthew Huovinen (I hope I got that right, but if not, oh well....) joined us. He is happy to drive a '71 Midget that he restored himself. His girlfriend Rachael also joined us. Great to have you both!

Rob Shurz also joined us. He is a member living in Poquoson, that, believe it or not, has never joined us for a meeting before. Don't know if his '67 B was one of the 18-20 MGs that were in the parking lot, but, gee, Rob....what took you so long?? We're a great group, no? Just wait until you see us at our 40th anniversary party!

**Vice-President's Report:** Steve and Mitzi were in absentia so we had no report from the VP. But someone in the crowd grunted in his place. Isn't it awesome how our members just stand up for each other and fill in whenever the need arises, without a second thought?

**Treasurer:** Jim and Betty were in attendance. Jim reported that we have a \$2,880.00 + balance. Oh yes, that's a good little kitty for our end-of-year parties. Yep, Rob, just you wait....



**Activities:** Tad described his usual, awesome plans for us, all the way into 2014. See his report elsewhere in The Dipstick. We will also expect to see you, Rob, at some of these fantastic activities that Tad plans for us!

The vintage car races in beautiful Watkins Glen, NY featuring the MG marque in early September 2014 got a lot of discussion. David Kinsey offered to co-ordinate a trip up with the members. He plans to race. John T. warned to get your hotel reservations early.

**History:** Susan brought albums for us to peruse. Thanks for your hard work doing this, Susan!

**Newsletter:** Bob S. continues to ask folks to submit articles, photos, and tech articles for The Dipstick by the 20th of the month. He mentioned that negotiations are ongoing on replacing him as Editor of The Dipstick, and he thinks there may be someone willing to take over the post. He will continue to produce The Oil Spot online, however.

**Membership:** Bill reports that we currently have 94 memberships representing 172 cars, with the MG B being the most represented, by far (81/172), among the marque. The next largest model is the MG A, tied with the MG TD (21/172 each). New members Dan & Judith Ray from Suffolk have joined, along with their '73 MG B. Dan attended the August Tech Session.



Bill reports that our club Directory will no longer be printed, but can be found in .pdf format via email. Please make sure that Bill Yoshida has your correct email address if you wish to receive a copy of our 2013-14 Directory. Also, if you want him to make changes to what was in the Directory last year, make sure to let him know soon.

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

meeting each year about this time.

Russ, El Presidente Extraordinaire, sitting in the BIG beach chair and looking for all the world like a male version of Lily Tomlin's "Edith Ann," asked for volunteers for a Nominating Committee for candidates for the new officer elections to be



held later this fall. David K. and Mark D. ante upped. Thanks, guys!

Door prizes for our 40th Anniversary party: We had plenty of folks willing to pitch in to find fabulous prizes for our membership. Peggy, Bill Y., Adam Sassi, Andy, Bill O. and Tad. I guess Yours Truly will be coordinating this effort. If anyone in the Club has ideas or door prizes to offer, please let one of us on this committee know! And, if you don't mind, the sooner, the better!

**Marque Time:** John Terschak has some MG A parts if anyone in the Club is interested.

David Ford is looking for a '72 chrome bumper set (see Donald Ladd) and a chrome grill for a '68-'69.

Susan advised that "Eleanor" is now feeling fine after having her toe-in issues resolved.

Andy delighted us with the announcement that his MG A is just about finished being painted at GT Bodywerks and should be on the road soon thereafter. Whoop!

**Raffle and Regalia:** Mitzi was not in attendance, so we went without our Raffle experience this night.

We adjourned at 8:39 pm and took our time wandering back down the pier and home. The weather was so great and the water so beautiful, it was hard to leave the pier and our wonderful friends. But we can look forward to seeing one another again soon at GT Bodywerks on the 14th, Classics on the Green in New Kent on the 15th, NACC Wings & Wheels event in Pungo on the 28th, the Barksdale Theatre in Hanover on the 29th, and that's just September!

What a fantastic little MG Club we are!!



**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** David K. mentioned that he really enjoyed the Ocean View Pier as a nice spot for dinner and a meeting and would like Tad to entertain making this a place for our







# Classics on the Green - New Kent

Photos by Donald Ladd and Susan Bond

Tidewater MG Classics had a big showing at the annual Classics on the Green import auto show, held at the New Kent Winery. Club participants included Robin and Olive Watson (1974 MGB), Mike and Jennifer Ash (1957 MGA Coupe), Donald Ladd (1978 MG Midget), Al and Laurel Swenson (1974 Midget), Bob and Linda Pellerin (1974 Jensen-Healey), Bob Stein (1949 MG TC), Sue Bond (1948 MG TC), Terry Bond (1974 MGB-GT), Jim and Betty Villers (1967 Mercedes 230

SLR), Allen Hazelett (1966 MGB), Craig and Joyce Cummings (1969 MGC-GT), Bruce and Carol Woodson (major show organizers), Roy and Janice Gavilan (1970 MGB).

Best of Class trophies went to the Gavilans, the Swensons, the Cummings, and Bob Stein, and Sue Bond's 'Eleanor' was selected as Best of Britain out of nearly 100 other UK vehicles!







## Looking for Someone with the Write Stuff

The Nominating Committee would like to request volunteers for the valuable job of Club Secretary. This position has been held and performed wonderfully by Michelle Peters for a number of years and she would like to pass the torch, er, notepad, to a new generation.

My thoughts (this is David Kinsey speaking) are that we can handle this one of two ways:

1 - Elect a Secretary with primary responsibility and support that person (by speaking up!) and if that person cannot make a meeting or two, roger up to take on the duty for that meeting. This is not uncommon. I, for one, have not volunteered yet and plan to do so.

2 - Elect a coordinative Secretary and ask the Club for secretarial duty volunteers for each meeting, assigned in advance by a roster which is maintained by the Secretary. It seems we are often in this position so it might work well to simply do it this way from the outset. I already know of two people who will roger-up for duties at two meetings - myself and another.

Please call or write to me or Mark Davidoski if you would like to volunteer to be either the primary Secretary or the coordinating Secretary and we will either send the name out prior to the next meeting or discuss the matter at the meeting.

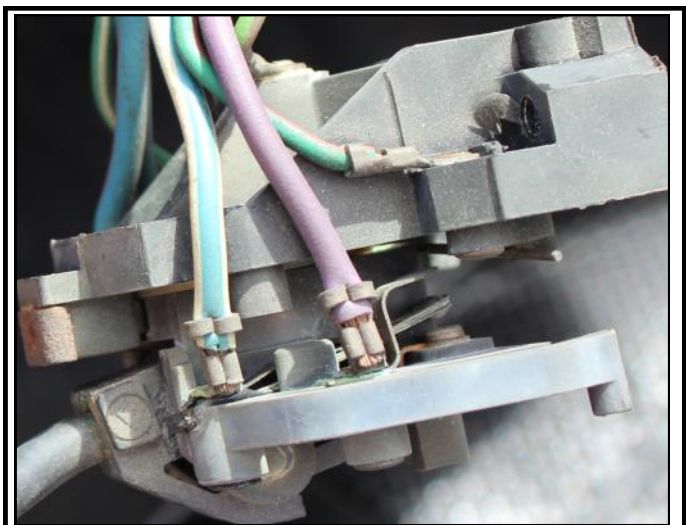
Thanks all!  
Safety Fast!  
David Kinsey

## GT Bodywerks Tour

Photo by Bill Blair



**THAT'S NOT AN MG!** TMGC Member Sam Kern had his 1925 Franklin out for inspection at the tour of the GT Bodywerks facility on September 15th. Participants got an overview of the facility's capabilities, plus peeks at a couple of member cars in progress. Then it was off to lunch!



**WHAT IS IT?** If you know and have a spare bring it to the October meeting, I would appreciate it. Either way check back next month for a story on what it is, how I fixed it and how you can avoid the same fate. - Russ Ripp

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## FIRST CLASS

**MG**

**Monthly Meeting**  
**DATE CHANGE! OCT 2nd!**  
**Bill & Renee Olchieski**  
**1409 Edgartown Court**  
**Virginia Beach**  
**457-4045**

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

1-204  
1-64

Kempsville/Witchduck Roads  
Indian River Rd  
Fertall Pkwy  
Independence Blvd  
Princess Anne Rd  
Hollary Rd  
Lynnhaven Pkwy  
Salem Rd  
High Rd

Roundhill Dr  
Edgartown Ct  
Lynnhaven Pkwy

Turn onto Roundhill at traffic light.  
Right at 3rd street (Clemsford).  
Right at 2nd street (Edgartown Ct).