



# The Dipstick



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## Activities Report from Tad Carter

And we're off! The 2014 driving season begins on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> with a visit to the Chrysler Glass Studio. Meet at the studio (745 Duke St in Norfolk) at 11:42. We'll be introduced to the art of glasswork through a live demonstration. What the artists will make is anyone's guess, but you will be amazed at the process. Come out and see the hottest entertainment in town. Following the program at Chrysler, we turn our cars toward Willoughby Spit and a late lunch at Sunset Grill. Our host, Catherine Demartino, offers up a selection of seafood, sandwiches and an assortment of local micro-brews. An RSVP would be appreciated so we can confirm with Sunset Grill, but if you wake up on the 15<sup>th</sup> and want to atone for a missed Valentine's Day gift, come on out and join us.

Our next outing is on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Again, we will stay local as we check out several stops on the burgeoning Tidewater Craft Beer Tour. We start out in Chesapeake (10:00 - Hardee's - 1029 N. Battlefield Blvd.) and take a back-road drive to our first stop at the brand new tasting room at Beach Brewing. From there, it is off to lunch at Beach Bully BBQ, a Tidewater favorite since 1986. Next stop - the brand new tasting room at Back Bay Brewing. They are under construction right now, but will welcome us in March. And then we have one more stop at Young Veterans Brewing Company. The oldest of the tasting rooms we'll see, they opened in the fall of 2013. Owner Tom Wilder is a friend of the Watson family, so you know we will be treated well. Again, an RSVP is appreciated, but let your thirst for beer guide travel plans for the day. For those scheduled to run the Shamrock Marathon - consider this to be carbo-loading.

There is one update to our calendar. The Williamsburg British Car Show is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>. Pre-register by April 4<sup>th</sup>, save \$5 and qualify for judging. That is the same date as our previously scheduled trip to Go Ape in Williamsburg, so we'll see how the sign-up goes. The first car show of the season or a chance to brave the ropes course and high-wire zip lines through the trees. Either way, it will be a fun day.

As a reminder, our next meeting is set for Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at Eastside Pizza in Portsmouth. For those driving from Norfolk and Virginia Beach, remember that tunnel tolls will be in effect, so have your EZ-Pass ready or follow 64 to 664 to Portsmouth Avenue. Come east 3.3 miles and Eastside will be on your left.

As for other meetings in 2014, our dates and sites are all set with the exception of our November destination. This has been our Chili Cook-off the last few years so much of the food prep is already covered. Side, drinks and a number of electric outlets should do the trick. If you can help out, please let me know.

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## Marque Time

With another awesome meal at Frankie's behind us, I'm looking forward to the spring driving season! With snow and ice on the ground in Hampton Roads, it's easy to long for top down weather. Given the activities Tad has planned for this year, there's ample opportunity to beat Robert Perrone's mileage record of over 4,000 miles last year. So set your odometers!

Make sure you take some time to get your MG read for spring. Check belts, hoses, fluids, lights, and anything else you may have missed. It's a good time to treat your MG to a full lube job as well. This month's meeting at Eastside Pizza will afford another opportunity to meet and eat. Don't forget February 15 is the Chrysler Museum glass tour. 'Til the -- stay warm!

Safety Fast!  
Steve LaPaugh

## 2014 Activities Schedule

**Feb. 4 Tuesday – Club Meeting – Portsmouth Eastside Pizza - 6:30 Dinner followed by Meeting**

**Feb. 15 – Saturday – Valentine's Day (+1) Drive Chrysler Museum Glass Studio Tour / Sunset Grille for**

**Lunch**

**Mar. 5 – Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach Movie Night – Bayside Recreation Center**

**Mar. 15 – Tidewater MG Brew Cruise Virginia Beach Brewery Tour and Lunch**

**Apr. 1 – Tuesday – Club Meeting – Norfolk Hosted by Cynthia and Andy**

**Apr. 12 – Saturday – Go Ape - Williamsburg**

**Apr. 25 – 27 - Virginia Wine Tour XII**

**May 2 – 4 - Chesapeake Chapter (Baltimore -DC) New England "T"**

**Register GOF in Colonial Williamsburg – Details to follow**

**May 7 - Wednesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach Hosted by Betty and Jim**

**May 24 – June 1 – British Car Week**

**May 28 – Wednesday - Dessert Drive – Peninsula Edition**

## February 15th, 2014 - Chrysler Glass Studio



## Chrysler Glass Studio

The Chrysler Glass Studio is an educational facility that offers the public an immersive approach to experiencing the exciting properties of glass. Located adjacent to the Chrysler Museum, the Glass Studio brings the collection to life through live demonstrations, and educational programs. By coupling traditional glassmaking techniques with new explorations and hands-on activities, this educational tool provides a hybrid of historical and contemporary glass practices. The state-of-the-art facility accommodates both aspiring artists and glassmasters with a fully equipped hot shop, as well as flameworking, fusing, stained glass, coldworking, woodworking, and metalworking studios.

The Studio is open daily for demonstrations, and opens to the public for a Third Thursday event every month blending a mix of visual, culinary and performing arts, along with a cash bar. Talk about a hot social scene!

Join us for the first event of the 2014 TMGC Driving Season. There is no charge for today's visit to the Chrysler Glass Studio.

CHRYSLER GLASS STUDIO - 745 Duke St, Norfolk, 757-333-6299

### 2/15/2014 Details

- Plan on arriving at Studio by 11:42
- Our demonstration begins at noon and lasts approximately one hour.
- Depart from Studio for Sunset Grill on Willoughby Spit
- Arrive for late lunch at 1:34
- Sunset Grill features a varied menu of seafoods, sandwiches, salads, and micro-brew favorites on tap.
- RSVP not required, but gladly accepted - 757-544-5668 or [TMGC\\_Activities@me.com](mailto:TMGC_Activities@me.com)



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## Parts and Shows

March 1 – TRAACA Swap Meet: 8 AM-3 PM at the Hickory Ruritan Club, 2752 Battlefield Boulevard South in Chesapeake.

April 12 – Fifteenth Annual Williamsburg British & European Car Show at ChickahominyRiverfront Park, Williamsburg. Information: <http://www.wmbgbrit.com/>

May 2-3 – Spring Mini GOF – The Chesapeake Chapter NEMGTR hosts a Mini Gathering of The Faithful in Colonial Williamsburg. **Note: post-1955 MGs will now be permitted to participate!** Information: Bob Stein at [posti@aol.com](mailto:posti@aol.com)

*And Finally.....*

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## Membership Update

by Bill Yoshida

**2014 Memberships:**As of 22 January we have 109 paid memberships and still have 3 additional “promises” to renew from last year’s memberships. With the expected 112 total memberships, there are 202 individuals in the club. On 8 January I sent a “Final notice” to the delinquent members. Since we are now over 6 month of delinquency for these three memberships, if I haven’t received their dues by the February meeting, I will remove them from the 2014 roster.

**New Memberships:** There were no new memberships received in January.

**Cars:** Total cars – 177

**Cars & Types:** 170 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-
GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget	
24	2		81	16	1
	8	20	4	12	2

Other/Variou MGs – 7 (1-Cooper MG/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB/ 2 ELVA Courier)

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# January 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Bruce Easley

Hoo hah! Another great MG year to look forward to! Robert Perrone begged me to let him write the minutes because he is so used to it, and so he would still feel useful, but sorry Robert – you have a more important job now.

For our January meeting, we filled the meeting room at Frankie’s Place for Ribs. President Steve LaPaugh opened the meeting by asking if there were any guests. Ken Johnson introduced his new wife Ruth. Congratulations!! Gary and Sue Schafran also were attending as “semi-new” members, since they had been to one meeting previously.

Robert Perrone demonstrated his mastery of the VP Shrug, and then amazed us all by actually having VP words of wisdom to offer. He noted that there had been MG “business cards” (all of which have been given out at this point) that were a good vehicle to introduce the club to random MG owners who could be prospective new members. He encouraged us all to meet and talk to MG owners we might chance to run in to (figuratively) and to introduce them to TMGCC.

Jim Villers provided the treasurer’s report. Even after paying a large chunk toward the Christmas brunch, producing the Dipstick, etc., the club has \$1,251.36 to start the year off with. Historian Sue Bond still has albums for viewing and we got into a discussion about having a notice of club meetings in the Virginian-Pilot. The Dipstick Editorial Team of Davidoski and Davidoski volunteered to take on that challenge. Bill Yoshida informed us that at this time we have 109 paid memberships and 177 cars in our organization.

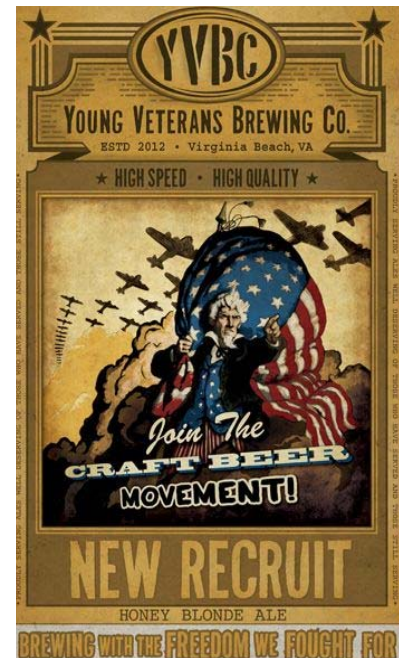
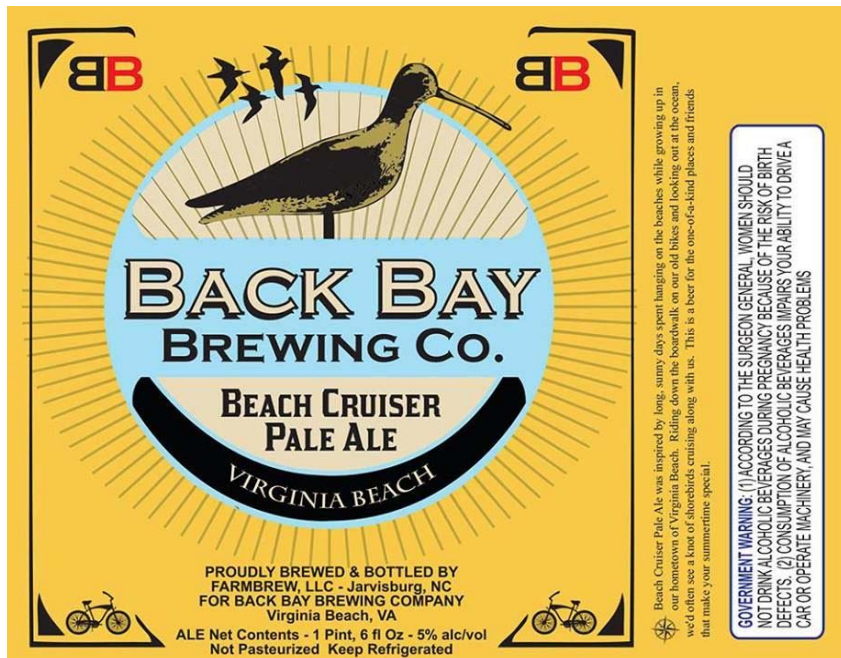
David Kinsey rolled out the Regalia goods; he took in \$120.00 on the raffle, and had an impressive number of prizes that included shirts, hats, grill badges, car show tickets, refrigerator magnets, Speckled Hen bottle openers and... LICENSE PLATE HOLDERS! He also reminded us that there is TMGCC apparel, which is available: call or talk to Dave to order items. Ken Johnson pulled out all the stops to impress his new spouse and won three (3) raffle items!

2014 is going to be a busy and fun year. Tad Carter already has a lot of activities planned throughout the year and has wrapped them up in his “2014 Passport”. He extended thanks from himself (and from all of us) to Roy Wiley for making the arrangements for our Christmas Brunch venue. That was a good party! Bob Stein noted that the Hickory Ruritan Club is having a swap meet on March 1, and the Richmond Antique Car Club will have one on March 8.

Under the category of New Business, David Kinsey discussed a program from Champion Spark Plugs called “Search for a Champion” in which people can vote for racers who can win a \$5,000 sponsorship, and a grand prize sponsorship of \$50,000. Round One voting for the \$5K is Jan. 6 through Feb. 2. David asked members to vote for a program called “High Performance Heroes”, a charity in which military veterans are able to experience vintage car racing. You can vote every day; the 15 entries that receive the most votes will get a sponsorship. Dave emailed a link to the contest out to TMGCC members (<http://alwaysachampion.com/search-for-a-champion>).

No Old Business, no new Marque Time items, meeting adjourned!

## March 15th, 2014 - Tidewater Brew Cruise



## Tidewater Brew Cruise

Did you hear that? A nation-wide explosion is taking place in the craft beer industry. The emphasis has shifted from quantity to quality and brewers are taking advantage of local flavors to produce unique variations on the drink of kings.



In Virginia alone, there are over 60 microbreweries (those producing less than 15,000 barrels of beer annually). You can choose the regional Nelson 151, Red, White and Brew or Brew Ridge Tours. You can make it a theme and pick up your growler at Bad Wolf, Wild Wolf and Wolf Hills breweries. Or stick around Hampton Roads and enjoy some of our 10 local microbreweries, and be home with your growler before sunset.

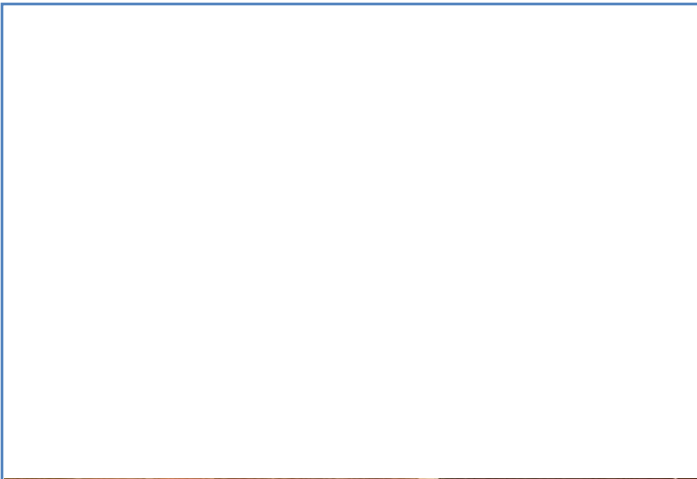
Today, we visit Beach, Back Bay and Young Veterans Breweries in Virginia Beach, where you can check out a sample flight, or relax with one of your choice. And save room in your car and take home your favorites by the bottle, grenade (32oz) or growler (64oz).

### 3/15/2014 Details

- 10:00 Meet at Hardee's, N. Battlefield Blvd in Chesapeake
- 10:15 Depart from Hardee's
- 11:00 Arrive at Beach Brewing
- 12:30 Arrive at Beach Bully BBQ
- 1:45 Arrive at Back Bay Brewing
- 3:30 Arrive at Young Veterans
- RSVP not required, but gladly accepted - 757-544-5668 or [TMGC.Activities@me.com](mailto:TMGC.Activities@me.com)



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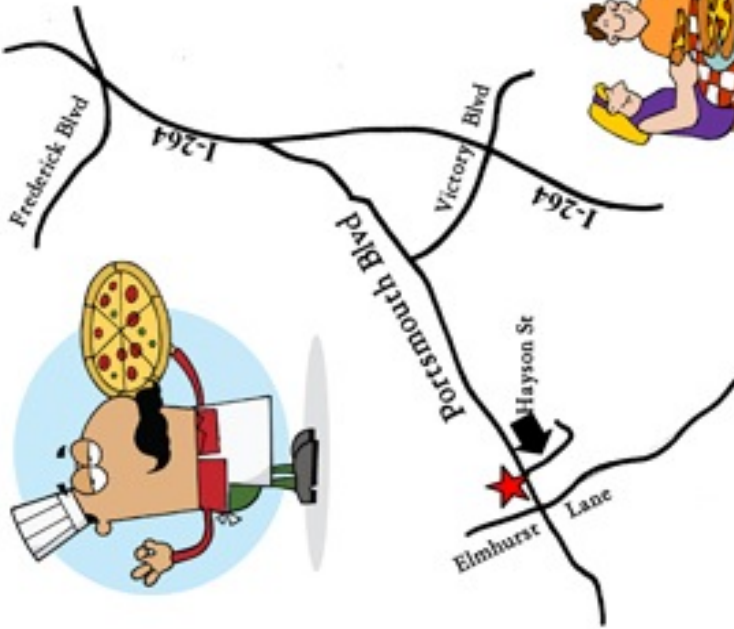


**Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 4th**  
**Eastside Pizza in Portsmouth**  
**5618 Portsmouth Blvd**  
**Portsmouth, VA**  
**488-3113**



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

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