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## Activities Report – May 2014

*by Tad Carter*

As I write this, final preparations are being made throughout Tidewater by those hearty souls who will be taking part in the Virginia Wine Tour XII. The early weather report looks favorable – let's hope that holds true. Safe travels to all.

May is now upon us and with it, we anticipate the return of top-down driving weather. First up is our club meeting, hosted this month by Jim and Betty at their home in Virginia Beach at 7:30 on Wednesday the 7th. Elsewhere in this edition of The Dipstick, you will find directions. We'll squeeze as many MGs as we can into the driveway for a group photo. For others, you'll find plenty of parking along the street.

Let's see - as of today, the Norfolk Tides are 5 and 13. Holy numerology, Batman.. Our trip to Harbor Park is scheduled for Tuesday, 5/13. We have 25 signed up so far, and we can add more until Friday, 5/2. If you are interested, please let me know. Box seat tickets behind home plate are only \$11 per person. Hot dogs, soft drinks and popcorn are only \$0.50. Come on out and join in the fun.

Later in the month, we will have our Dessert Drives on the Peninsula and on the Southside. On Wednesday, 5/28, we'll meet at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitors Center at about 6:14pm. The current plan is for a drive out Colonial Parkway and a return visit to Sno-to-Go in Williamsburg. If you can't find something to bust your diet there, you just aren't trying. Shakes, cones, the usual assortment of floats, and sundaes, and if that doesn't do it, try a stuffed Snoball – its all good!

We have a quick turn-around and start up again the following evening, Thursday, 5/29 at the Harris Teeter on Nimmo Parkway by the Virginia Beach Courthouse Complex. Again, a 6:14 arrival and a 6:29 departure. I haven't got a clue what route we'll take, but I'm thinking we'll end up at Handel's. If Sno-to-Go can stuff Snoballs, then why can't Handel's serve Frozen Hot Chocolate? Between that and about 50 other flavors, your sweet tooth should be satisfied.

In both instances, there is no need to reserve a spot. Just show up ready to drive. If you are there when we leave, you are welcome to join us. If not, you are welcome to meet us at our destination.

That takes us up to the 18<sup>th</sup> annual British Car Week, May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a national celebration of our British car heritage and another chance to get out on the roads. If you see another Brit on the road, give them a wave, flash you lights, or toot your horn (these last two are on the assumption Mr. Lucas continues to shine favorably on you).

And lest I overlook the show folks, remember that May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> are the dates for the New England "T" Register's mini-GOF in Williamsburg. Friday is reserved for drives along the James River and visits to several of the historic plantations, followed by an evening Ghost Tour in Colonial Williamsburg. The show, which is open to all MGs, will be on Saturday morning, and there will be a winery in the afternoon. Holiday Inn Express is the host hotel. Bob Stein will be your best local source for details about this show, or contact the organizers at [dlsres@yahoo.com](mailto:dlsres@yahoo.com).

That's it for now. Until we meet again on the 7<sup>th</sup>, enjoy the ride!

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*Marque Time*

Although the weather may has been crazy to say the least the car show season has begun and another wine tour is in the history books. May 3rd is Drive your MGA Day as well as the Spring Mini GOF show in Williamsburg. As the weather improves, I have noticed several MGs driving around that I don't recognize. Our Vice President Robert mentioned a few meetings ago that we should invite those we don't know to a TMGC event if possible. Short of chasing after MGs in heavy traffic and bribery I've been inviting people. So next time you're out cruising or at a show and someone starts talking to you about the car invite them. The next meeting is at Jim & Betty's, May 7th usual time. Bring a friend!

*Safety Fast - Steve*

**Dipstick Calendar – May 2014**

May 2 – 4 - Chesapeake Chapter (Baltimore -DC) New England "T" Register GOF in Colonial Williamsburg

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

**May 13 – Norfolk Tides – First Pitch - 6:35PM Turn-Back-The-Clock Night**

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

**May 29 – Thursday - Dessert Drive – Southside Edition**

May 31 – June 8 – British Car Week

**June 3 – Tuesday – Club Meeting – Virginia Beach Hosted by Issie and Bill**

June 14 - Rotary Club Classic Car Show--  
 ODU Foreman Field  
[www.NorfolkFleaMarket.com](http://www.NorfolkFleaMarket.com)

**July 12 – Saturday – Club Meeting – Beaverdam Hosted by Beckey and Alan**

July 15 – 19 NAMGBR – French Lick, IN

**Aug. TBD - Dead on the Vine – Machipongo, VA**

**Aug. 5 - Tuesday - Club Meeting – Virginia Beach Hosted by Carmen and Paul (schedule change)**

**Sep. 3 – Wednesday - Club Meeting – Ocean View Fishing Pier**

Sep. 5-7 – Grand Prix Festival

## Williamsburg Import Car Show

*By Wildflower*

After being cooped up for several months in my garage, I was thrilled to finally get out for a nice drive out to the Williamsburg British Car Club's annual Import Car Show on April 12th. I had been looking forward to seeing siblings Eleanor and TC5908, but the red TC's human Richard Hall was feeling under the weather, and my former stable mate was suffering from a leaky rear end. (Don't fret, dear, it often happens at your age).

Humans Susan Bond (with guest Melanie Kordis), Jack Pavlidis, and Donald Ladd took a leisurely drive from the Portsmouth Cracker Barrel, and treated their MGs to a nice ferry ride. However, since just getting to the Cracker Barrel was about the same distance as going straight to the show, my human and I rolled up the Interstate. We were zipping along with traffic, when we spotted one of my grandchildren on the side of the highway.

We stopped, of course, only to find that the car's human, Richard Leil, was trying to figure out what exit to take. He followed us in to the show at Chickahominy Riverfront Park, where we joined ten other T-type MGs in the Vintage class. The day was beautiful, and there were many lovely vehicles parked on the grassy field, including a nice yellow grandchild MGC-GT with its human Craig Cummings.

My human thought to pack bread, cheese, and bottled water in my picnic basket, and we had a pleasant lunch with Eleanor, Melanie, and Jack. Other humans from the TMGC seen at the event included David Ford, Doug & Eiko Wilson, and Dan Ray.

When the awards were announced, Craig Cumming's yellow GT took first place for MGCs, and I was awarded first place for vintage MGs. Having taken second to Eleanor last year, it is probably unkind but understandable for me to be less than sorry for the minor ailment that kept her home this year.

The trip home was almost uneventful – unfortunately some lout of a truck threw a stone at my windshield which left a nasty chip in the glass. A bother, but I prefer the scars of use to sitting in a trailer. Despite that, I had a lovely time, and look forward to our next outing back to Williamsburg for the Mini Gathering of the Faithful on May 3<sup>rd</sup>!



Dude, where's my Grey Poupon?

## Membership Update

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**2014 Memberships:** We received one new membership in early April. This brings us up to 113 paid memberships with 203 individuals in the club. A couple of weeks ago I spotted a pristine, red 1979 MGB, with a matching color hard top. I spoke with the gentleman briefly and provided him our [www.mg.org](http://www.mg.org) web address and invited him to come to a meeting. I hope to see him again.

#### **New Membership:**

Tom Sanborn & Sara Ellis-Sanborn  
Portsmouth, VA 23703

1973 MGB

**Cars:** Total cars – 175

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

| MGA | A-Coupe | B  | B-GT | C | C-GT | TC |
|-----|---------|----|------|---|------|----|
| 23  | 2       | 80 | 17   | 1 | 2    | 8  |

| TD | TF | Midget |
|----|----|--------|
| 20 | 4  | 1      |

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

**Dues:** I turned over \$30.00 in dues checks to Jim Villers at the April meeting. I currently hold a dues check for \$20.00.

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TMGC GTs at Chickahominy



Taking the amphibious route



Craig's flawless MGC-GT

**April 1, 2014 TMGC Meeting Minutes**  
Submitted by Jayne Easley

The April meeting of the esteemed Tidewater MG group convened at Andy and Cynthia's, and was called to order by our illustrious prez Steve LaPaugh, who began the meeting with the revelation that it wasn't snowing. (finally!!!)

The minutes from the March MG meeting that never happened were approved.

The April meeting was attended by a guest, Greg Sutton, from the Norfolk Rotary Club. Adroitly avoiding several attempts to sell him an MG, Mr. Sutton discussed the Antique Car and Flea Market being held June 13<sup>th</sup> (flea market) and 14<sup>th</sup> (antique car show). The event will be at the ODU stadium and there is room for about 140 cars. The proceeds will be used toward the Rotary's efforts to end polio and to contribute to local charities. He produced flyers for the event and discussed a special dash plaque that will be put on the first 100 cars. For additional information contact Mr. Sutton at 757.630.8172 or email address [gsutton7@gmail.com](mailto:gsutton7@gmail.com).

Grand Poobah LaPaugh noted that a guest writer is needed for the upcoming Tech Session, and that copy deadline for the April Dipstick is 4/20/14. (Bob Stein quickly volunteered.)

Technical stuff: Richard Hall's TC is "kickin' butt" with challenges. He found that the back float was dry. Dave Kinsey noted "Crane cam failed, replaced points." He remembered the advice that "90% of the carb problems are in the distributor", and so ditched the Crane/optical triggered distributor and went back to the Petronix Hall-effect distributor. Now running smooth! Wisdom from Andy: "Without any spark, don't get no fire!" Andy announced to the group that he drove two cars to the meeting (it's his house) and would've driven a third, but it wouldn't start.

Activities Expert – Tad Carter: The next Tech Session is Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>, at Frank Linse's. The group was directed to show up with Projects and Parts. See Tad's complete and amazing itinerary which follows. He also mentioned that there is an individual who has many car parts he's willing to sell; contact Tad for information if you have interest.

Vice Prez's report from Robert Perrone: "Nothing of substance, but Aruba was really fun!" Said he almost didn't get to go because someone did a sudden U-turn in front of him forcing him to brake quickly and narrowly avoid an accident. In the words of the (in)famous Richard Jolly, "Make sure your stop works good before you use your go."

Membership – Bill Yoshida: No change in numbers. 112 paid members, 201 individuals in the club. Two members have moved. 174 cars. \$30 in dues passed on to the Treasurer.

Treasurer and Pecuniary Poobah – Jim Villers: Began with \$1,079.29. After disbursements for the meeting hosts, bank charge, and Dipstick, the current holdings are \$948.29. When asked whether we can change banks to avoid the service charge, Villers sagely advised: "The next treasurer can do that."

Historian Sue Bond announced that there is plenty of history and that she has “ albums for anyone interested.”

Old business – none.

New biz – none.

Raffle – David Kinsey had his usual plethora of prizes (say that 10 times fast), and 10 prizes were awarded. Cynthia then modeled an MG shirt/blouse for sale, one of many regalia items. All eyes were focused on the shirt and the moves, and the attire was sold (just the attire) with great accolades!!

The meeting was adjourned to Fantastic Food!!!



Enjoying that TMGC Meeting Buzz



Well-appointed driveway



Sunset along the Lafayette River

### ***Coming in the June Dipstick.....***

#### **Wine Tour XII Highlights!**

- *Robert rides shotgun!*
- *Andy elected Beer Steward!*
- *Rain fails to dampen spirits!*
- *UVA students are enthusiastic drinkers!*

***Don't miss a single thrilling anecdote!***

## Spring Tech Session

*By Rodney*

You know, if one of our humans gets the sniffles, they go to a doctor right quick. But when I started wheezing and coughing at low RPMs nearly two YEARS ago, do you think my human took me to see someone? Oh, no. He decided that he would diagnose me himself, and proceeded to diss my distributor and fumble with my fuel system. Then the lout just let me sit under a car cover for months.

Happily, the TMGC Spring Tech Session happened on April 6<sup>th</sup>, and my human finally took me to get some competent help. I wasn't the only patient of course. The street and driveway were filled with family members and their humans. I suspect that a lot of the humans only came for the free beer and food, but some of the family was there as well.

This included Great-Gran Eleanor, who I have not seen in a while. She moved on to new human Susan Bond (much nicer to look at than mine), and has been in fine fettle. An older brother MGB roadster was getting brake work done by his human David Ford, while a sibling 78 roadster had its human Bill Olcheski tinkering with the starter and battery. Dan Ray had left his MGB at home, but was out lending a helping hand. A nice MGA got a steering wheel swap by owner John Terschak, who also snagged a bubble balancer from my human to set up new tires. Other humans wandering around the premises included Bill Yoshida, Andy Wallach and Cynthia Faschini, and Terry Bond. The mover and shaker of the humans, Tad Carter, stopped by briefly, but his radiator was clogged and his battery was low, and he departed the tech session early on.

Hosts Frank and Deb Linse did their MGs proud, providing fuel for the humans and excellent working areas for those of us there for help. (Like me and my bumbling Bob.) Now don't get me wrong – the bloke means well – but I was really happy to have host Frank check me over. I got a full physical – compression check and vacuum reading. He advised my human to set the timing up a few degrees. And that's all it took. Amazing what you can accomplish with competent help.

The Tech Session turned out to be great for all concerned – we MGs left healthier, while our humans were able to enjoy good company and good fuel.. er food. I hope my human will take me to the next one – someone there might finally fix my radio!



“Study in Red”



Bringing in reinforcements



Two B's, two T's, and a Midget



Many hands make light work!



Tech Session Regular Customer – arriving!



Frank in action



Time to swap steering wheels





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# Turn Back The Clock Night Tuesday, May 13th

Your Norfolk Tides take on the Louisville Bats. First Pitch - 6:35 pm

For tickets, contact Tad at 757-544-5668 by 5/5/14



**Dessert Drive**  
**Wednesday, May 28th**  
Yorktown Battlefield Visitors Center  
6:30 Departure

**Dessert Drive**  
**Thursday, May 29th**  
Harris Teeter - Nimmo Parkway  
6:30 Departure  
No RSVP needed - Show and Go



# Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, May 4th

Jim & Betty Villers

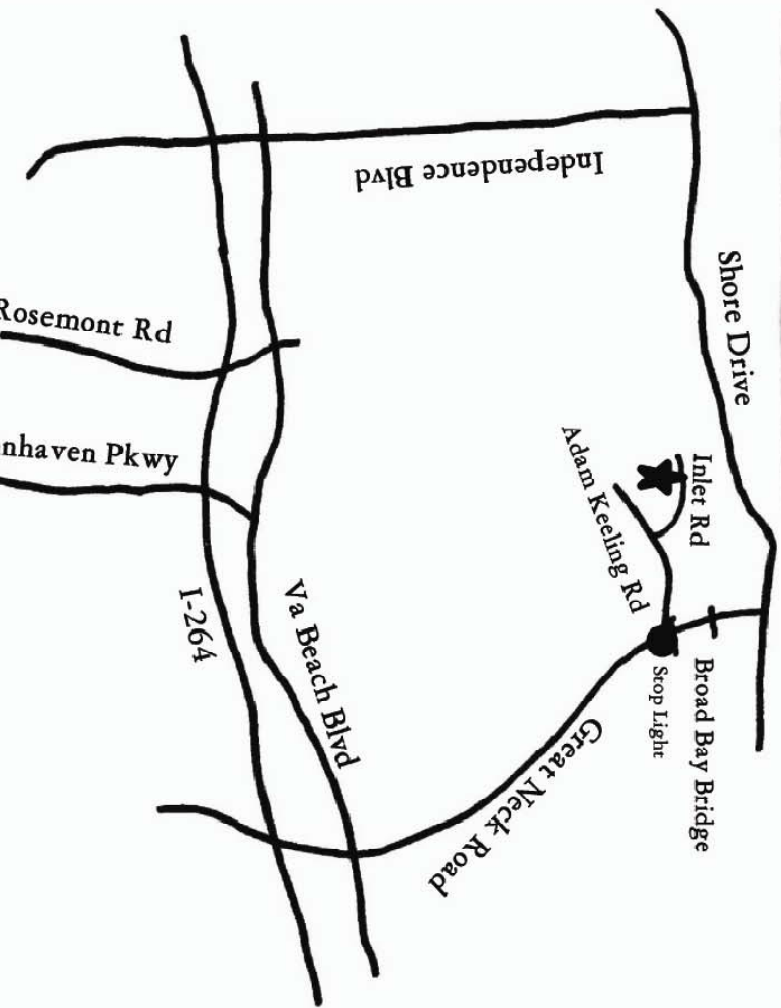
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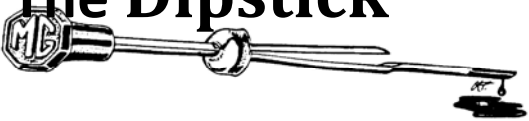
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7:30 - 8:00 pm - Kick Tyres  
8:00 Meeting



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