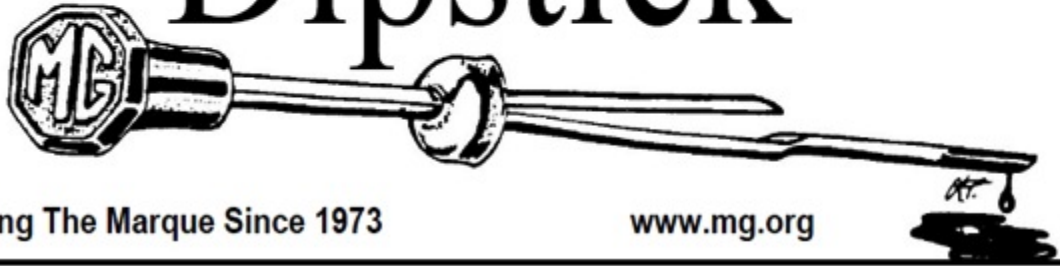




The Dipstick



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Activity Report – (compiled by Tad Carter)

I was out driving around town over the weekend on a quest for Moss Challenge points and lamenting the fact that our July travel schedule was a little light (OK, empty). Passing one of the highway traffic alert signs, I was reminded of some of the challenges we Southsiders face during tourist season – “I-64 W Congested - 6 ½ Mile Back-up to Granby”. While summer travel on the open road is a joy, in this case, getting there isn’t half the fun.

For your immediate consideration: We have a few more seats available for our August 23rd trip to **Barksdale Theatre** in Hanover. We will enjoy another Neil Simon play, *The Last of the Red-Hot Lovers*. Final details are pending, but plan on a 9am departure from Tidewater and lunch somewhere on the road before the 2pm matinee. Unsold tickets are being turned back to the theatre on Monday, 8/3, so get in touch with me quickly if you want to join us for this trip.

While we are all hanging out waiting for the next trip, we have our **Summer Tech Session** coming up on the 9th at Linda and Jim Freeh’s home in Chesapeake. Veteran members know the drill, but for new members, this is a chance to get some help with projects to keep your car on the road. Starting at 10am, there will be plenty of hands and lots of knowledge for solving just about anything you can throw at us. Tools and knowledge are in great supply, but you should bring your own parts. Come on out and bring a project, lend a hand, or learn a new skill.

Show season is upon us.

On **August 8th**, Grace Estate Winery in Crozet, VA hosts the British and Antique Car Club Festival. While space is limited for show cars, I’m sure they would welcome others as visitors. Contact:

Info@GraceEstateWinery.com

On **September 12th**, you can stay local at the AOH Car Show in Virginia Beach. With 10 different classifications, there should be something for everyone. Contact: webmaster@spd1aoh.org.

Classics on the Green returns to New Kent Winery on **September 20th**. Wine tasting and classic cars in a beautiful setting - no wonder this is one of the favorite shows of the year. Contact:

www.ClassicsontheGreen.com

The Tidewater AACA Wings and Wheels will be at the Pungo Airfield on **Saturday the 26th**. Contact: local.aaca.org/Tidewater/

And then we have one more road trip to the mountains for the British Car Fall Festival in Waynesboro on **October 2-3**. This is always a fun weekend with plenty of music, good food, vendors and a wide variety of cars. Contact: www.svbcc.net

And after all of those show, it is time for our October drive to Hollywood Cemetery. But I am out of space, so news about that drive will have to wait until the September Dipstick.

Thank you to Pete Olson and family for hosting our **July meeting** at his home. You did an amazing job at flood recovery and still managed to treat us to a nice evening and plenty of food.

Thank you to Jim and Betty for hosting our **August meeting** on Tuesday the 4th at their home in VB. The over/under for LBCs in the driveway is 18. Get there early to get in the photo.

Our **September meeting** may have a change in venue. Communication with the folks at Ocean View Fishing Pier has been a little challenging. Please check the September Dipstick for destination confirmation.

Enjoy the ride!

Is Your Car in Need of a Tech Session?
Bring it to Linda & Jim Freeh's Garage
Sunday, August 9th starting at 10 a.m.

633 S. Centerville Tnpk.
Chesapeake, VA.
482-1401

Dipstick missing anything?

Looking for a particular kind of story?
Not happy with the way your hair looks in a candid photo? **Contact your editorial team to vent:**

davidoskicrew@cox.net

Dipstick Calendar – August 2015

Aug. 4 – Tuesday Club Meeting in VB
Hosted by Betty & Jim Villers

Aug. 9 - Sunday – Summer Tech Session – Chesapeake
Hosted by Linda & Jim Freeh

Aug. 23 – Sunday – Barksdale Theatre
The Last of the Red-Hot Lovers

Tickets still available until 8/2.

Sep. 2 – Wednesday - Club Meeting in Norfolk
Check September Dipstick for Destination Dinner at 6:30, Meeting to follow

Sep. 26 – Wings & Wheels Tidewater AACA

Oct. 3 – SVBCC British Car Festival – Waynesboro
Feature marquee - Morgan
www.svbcc.net/carshow.html

Oct. 6 – Tuesday – Club Meeting in VB
Hosted by Renee & Bill Olcheski

Oct. 17 – Saturday – Hollywood Cemetery

Nov. 1 - Sunday – Fall Tech Session – Chesapeake
Hosted by Susan & Terry Bond

Nov. 4 – Wednesday – Club Meeting in VB
Hosted by Jenny Windsor and Bob Vann

Dec. 5 – Saturday - Holiday Party in VB

Marque Time

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I would like to thank Pete for hosting the July meeting. With all the rain we've had lately being able to sneak in an outdoor meeting is pretty amazing. As I write this the heat index is 115 so summer is officially here! With the ongoing rain and heat waves little has been accomplished however, I did manage to fix a few things on the daily drivers recently and have the scars to prove it. This got me thinking, in 25 or so years that I've been messing with old cars I have acquired almost as much damage as the cars I'm trying to fix. I remember wire brushing a part and as the part slipped the outside of my thumb went into the wheel. The carnage wasn't bad it just took off some skin but the scar has only recently healed over to where it's not noticeable anymore. There were other times when I was sure I broke a hand or a finger but subsequent X-rays showed otherwise. I've also learned valuable lessons from near misses. You know those times when you don't take the time to use a jack stand? Or the time I forgot to check for tools and parts before closing the hood. I try to learn from my experiences but sometimes my brain is in neutral. So, what scars do you have to prove you work on your classic cars ?

Safety Fast!

Steve LaPaugh



July 9, 2015 TMGCC Meeting Minutes

Our president, Steve LaPaugh started the July meeting on time and welcomed everyone to the meeting at Pete Olson's home. Issie Yoshida took a moment to thank everyone who had helped her with the house while she was under the weather.

Steve asked if there were any new members or guests present, and new members Robert and Susan Newman introduced themselves, then John Terschak introduced his neighbor, a former Midget and Sprite owner.

Vice President Robert Perrone gave his riveting report "nothing new", along with the oft-copied but never duplicated 'Olcheski shrug'.

Bruce Easley gave the Treasurer's report in lieu of the absent Jim Villers. It was a busy month financially, with payouts for the May and July meetings as well as the Tech Session at Frank Linse's, plus expenses for Historian material and Dipstick mailouts. However, with income from dues, regalia and raffle, our balance went from \$1,062.72 to \$1,818.72. Jim had also requested that a "thank you" be extended to John Terschak, for getting information which led to the club getting Free Checking. Great!

Tad Carter commended Pete on getting repairs done on his broken pipe and "draining the swamp" in time for the meeting. (The house looked great – like it never happened). Tad's activity schedule report is full, as usual, with a Tech Session and a drive-out to the Barksdale theater in August, Wings and Wheels in September, and the Waynesboro car show in October. He has plans into 2016!

Membership chairperson Bill Yoshida updated the group that with new members Robert and Susan Newman (1980 MGB), Bill Cochran (1960 MGA) and Daniel Lundquest (1969 Sprite), we have 122 memberships and 187 cars. Bill also suggested that we start our membership dues collection requests in May rather than June.

Mark Davidoski expressed thanks to those who contributed articles to the Dipstick, and reminded us that any new articles will be due by July 20. "Thanks" to Jim Villers for getting the newsletter mailed out!

Susan Bond had brought her history books of club happenings, and they were available for perusal and ogling.

Marque Tyme – members sharing information: Mark Davidoski noted that there is a Low Price Auto Glass next to Pick and Pull, and they guarantee they will beat any price for windshield repair. John Terschak brought our attention to an article in Hemmings that MGB value has gone up 39% since 2009. He also described a long, wet, rainy drive to an Ohio meet in his MGA, only to find that another member had NOT driven his MGA. John gets the tenacity award, but his wife was not happy about it! Bob Stein said there was a color picture of the club member's MGTC "Eleanor" in Hemmings.

Technical: Bob Stein discussed a recent point problem of which he was aware, when the small lock washer for the points had fallen down into an adjustment opening in the distributor, preventing the advance plate from properly moving. Steve LaPaugh shared that Moss Motors is getting a visual photo catalog up and running, although it is currently “buried” in their website. If replacing fuel hose, ask for carburetor hose (not fuel injector hose), and make sure it’s the newer ethanol-resistant hose.

Raffle Tyme! Bob Vann won \$33 from the pot, and seven other members won fantastic prizes offered by David Kinsey , which included a Beer Hammer, a T-shirt, a flashlight, a TMGC fridge magnet and First in Line for Food. Meeting adjourned!!





John Terschak sent in this study of MGAs being crated for shipment. (Wonder if any of the 32 MGAs within TMGC is somewhere in there.....?)

T-Time – TMGC Members Hit the Road *by Bob Stein*

Perfect weather and four TMGC MG T-series sports cars came together July 25th for a terrific two-hour country drive through winding country rounds in Virginia and North Carolina. On the drive were Bob Stein and his 1949 MG TC (Wildflower), Richard and Sandy Hall with their 1949 MG TC, Jack Pavlidis (in his recently acquired 1951 MG TD, and Terry and Sue Bond with their 1948 MG TC. The drive made the rounds of Pungo, Currituck, and Northwest River Park before ending with dinner at Angie’s Restaurant in Chesapeake. No, there were no wineries or breweries involved, but the group had fun anyway.



For those into MGs and dozens of other cool, vintage cars going fast in a curvy line, there are two Fall races you may want to consider. One is a sure bet and the other is still a little iffy. Most unfortunately, the big Watkins Glen Vintage Grand Prix is a shrunken event in July this year and, in my estimation, not worth the travel and cost. Next year!

SVRA Heacock Gold Cup at VIR, Sep 25-27- This one's a sure thing for spectators and racers alike. Virginia International Raceway (VIR) <http://virnow.com/events/heacock-classic-gold-cup/> is a beautiful track on rolling countryside just Southeast of Danville, VA. It's about a 4 hour drive from Va Beach along Rt 58. On tap is racing in 10 classes of cars, hundreds of beautiful vintage race cars you can walk right up to, photograph, and talk to the folks working on them and driving them. Plus, there are restaurants and a go-kart track on-site. Cost is \$10 a day or \$20 for the weekend. And, there's a car show on Saturday YOU can enter!

Some people collect art... We Race It!



**SVRA Heacock Classic
Gold Cup
September 24-27, 2015**

Vintage Race Weekend at
Virginia International Raceway (VIR)
will feature
Vintage & Historic Race Cars
along with the Trans-Am Series!



...We Drive It, Shine It & Show It!
SVRA Car Show ❖ Saturday, September 26th



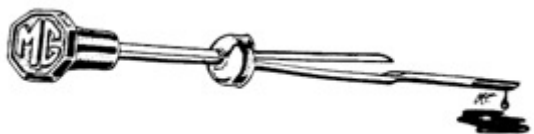
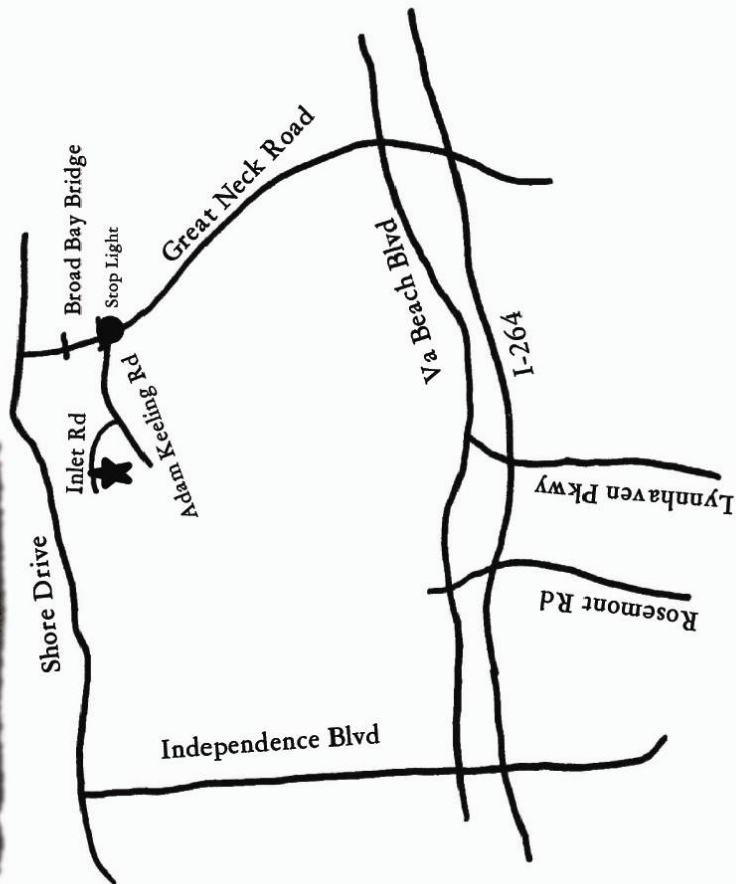
VRG Vintage Race at Dominion Raceway, Oct 9-11 – This one is still a bit unsettled as the track is brand new – so new, in fact, it isn't finished yet. They promise the road course will be done in time but most everyone is holding their breath. Dominion <http://www.dominionraceway.com/> is just North of Richmond, at the Kings Dominion exit off I-95, in Thornburg, VA. That's about 2.5 hours away, depending on your route (take scenic Rt 17 and add 30 min.). Vintage Racer Group (VRG) <http://www.vrgonline.org/events/> is an East Coast organizer of vintage racers. Their races are typically smaller and lower key than SVRA. But, the classes are the same, you'll see beautiful cars, up close, and the racing is just as competitive. There is obviously lodging nearby to accommodate KD and it's not too far to go up and back the same day if you want. Tickets will be about the same, we're told. I'm planning to attend both and if Mathieu Huovinen gets back from his military tour in time, he may be out there driving. (shhhh, a Spitfire, but still... he's got and MG in the driveway).



Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, August 4th
Jim & Betty Villers
313 Inlet Rd.
Virginia Beach
481-6398

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



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