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Tad's Activity Report – July 2015

As I write this, it is the first day of summer, Fathers Day and the final round of the US Open. So how will I spend the day? Probably in the garage taking care of a few odds and ends that cropped up somewhere between MossFest weekend and Turn-Back-the-Clock Night at Harbor Park. In case I don't resolve the main issue, here is your July Poll Question – what would cause both headlights to fail at the same time – both low and high beams – while turn signals, tail lights, emergency lights and brake lights all continue to function properly?

If that sounds like a project for a Tech Session we are in luck! We are all set for **Sunday, August 9th** at the Freeh's home in Chesapeake. In addition to having lots of willing and capable hands to help sort out your problems (automotive, psychological, whatever), you will find time well spent on the shaded lawn swapping stories of past and future conquests. And you are in for a treat if Linda serves her famous BBQ sandwiches again.

Due to national shows, a holiday, excessive heat and family vacations, our activity schedule is a little light for the next few weeks. So what's going on in Activities World, you ask, and what are you doing to warrant that Activity Wonk title? Back in 1931, Noel Coward penned the line, "Mad Dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun". Paraphrasing that line, mad men in English Cars are on the road, scoping out restaurant opportunities, new routes and more for upcoming events. I hope you will not be disappointed.

On **Sunday, August 23rd**, we head to Hanover for our annual visit to the Barksdale Theatre. You can expect a great afternoon of theatre, as we 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. Our return to the Tidewater area will be about 6pm. Tickets are still available until we hit our limit at 24, or on August 1st, when unused seats will be made available to other theatre patrons.

A little later in the year, we turn to the West once again (East is rather limiting). This time it is back to the Richmond area and a visit to Hollywood Cemetery. Home to three presidents, two Supreme Court Justices, six Virginia governors, a Titanic survivor and a cast-iron Newfie, this historical landmark is a national treasure. It is the second-most visited cemetery in the country after Arlington. Details will be shared as we get a little closer to the date, but you can mark your schedule for **Saturday, October 17th**. Once again, expect a full travel day.

There have been a few comments about the 2015 quest for Architectural Octagons. There are six noted in the 2015 Passport, but feel free to add others you see along the way. Get a picture of your car at these sites. Better yet, in honor of National Selfie Day, you can get in the picture, too. Is it just for fun, or will there be prizes? It's my secret and I don't have to tell anyone until our Holiday Party, but send me your pictures by the end of November.

Two new finds (or Happy Fathers Day to me!)
 Convex Door Mirror from Moss #165-182 (\$15.35) – This is an easy swap and gives you a wider viewing angle from your passenger-side mirror. A little added security as we try to protect our cars from less-diligent travelers on the road.

Extra-Thick Premium Armrest for MGB from Clark & Clark #P1066T (\$69.95) – After years of use and several replacements, the padded console armrest was just not holding up. This replacement fits perfectly and looks original. On closer inspection, however, you will find thicker padding and real leather.

Enjoy the ride!

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 1st
Hosted by Pete Olson in VB
Kick Tyres at 7:30

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Dipstick Calendar – July 2015

July 1 – Wednesday – Club Meeting in VB
Hosted by Pete Olson

July 12 – British Invade Gettysburg, PA
www.lancomgclub.com

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

Sep. 2 – Wednesday - Club Meeting in Norfolk
Ocean View Fishing Pier
Dinner at 6:30, Meeting to follow

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. TBD – 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

Dec. 15 - Tuesday – Holiday Lights Drive

Marque Time

I came across an old blog by Jonathan Klinger of Hagertys Insurance. You might remember reading that Klinger drove a 1930 Model A Tudor as his daily driver starting October 13, 2010 for a year (<http://www.365daysofa.com/tagged/log>). There were allowances for safety such as radial tires, LED headlamps and turn signals but Jonathan wanted to keep the car as original as possible to replicate ownership when the car was new. I've been slowly reading through it and it brings back some of my early antique car experiences. A neighbor moved in and after several classic cars including a 1959 XK 150 roadster, settled on a 1930 Model A coupe which was driven everywhere. This fostered my interest in old cars as I learned how they worked, how to fix them and even attempted driving the Model A. Those cars hand a unique sound, character and even a distinct smell. What were your early experiences? What or who brought you to LBCs and how are you bringing others into the hobby? Remember we are only caretakers of these cars. Take care and pass the hobby on! Safety fast!

Steve LaPaugh



TMGC Meeting Minutes
02 June 2015

Our June meeting convened at the home, Bill and Issie Yoshida. As our venerable Prez was not pres, our Prez of Vices, Robert Perrone, took the reins and chaired the meeting. But first – an aside from Monsieur P... he described how his friend Karl always wanted to go to Wrigley Field to see a game. So Robert took Karl, or at least a life-sized cutout of his head, to the game. You can now follow the adventures of Kardboard Karl on Facebook!

The meeting was called to order and the May minutes were approved. No new members or guests, but some of the old crew was back in town; good to see familiar faces. Jim Villers gave his report on the State of the Treasury: \$1,062.72 after disbursements for meeting hosting and for distribution of the coveted Dipstick. Our activities director was unable to attend, but sent some information which was shared regarding upcoming events. The MossFest event is this coming weekend, June 5 & 6, with a party Friday at the Keystone Museum. Several members are caravanning up together. June 15 will be our annual baseball outing to attend a Norfolk Tides game at Harbor Park, and a few tickets are still available. Our next meeting will be at the home of Pete Olson in Virginia Beach on July 1 so put it on your calendar. Contact Tad Carter for information on these or any other upcoming activities.

Bill Olcheski graciously stepped in as a surrogate Vice President for the evening and gave the VP Shrug that we've come to know and love. Historian Susan Bond had a van load of History with her for those that are interested. Membership Chair Bill Y informed us of new members Robert and Susan Newman of Hampton, VA, who have a 1980 MGB. As to dues which are due for the year, Bill stated that "no one is delinquent – yet". Editor Mark Davidoski thanked those who contributed stories to the Dipstick and asked for additional contributions from the club members. Bruce Easley will do a brief writeup of the north side Dessert Drive, and David Kinsey will do one for the south side D-Drive.

Technical Time: Betty Villers shared a laminated, folded map of Virginia which she found at Rite Aid, and was easy to read, hard to damage, and easy to fold... everything you want in a map! David Kinsey described an excellent repair that was made to his "B" windshield. A 4-1/2" crack due to road damage was fixed by Jody's Windshield Repair. Jody can fix cracks "longer than a dollar bill". David also mentioned an item from Classic 9 Leather on eBay, which was an insulating wrap for a Weber carb WITH a MG emblem that fixed his hot restart problem.

Marque Time: Jim Villers described a recent visit to the doctor's office during which he and the doc got talking about old cars and the doc found Jim had driven his MGB Roadster to his office. Before he knew it, the doctor had left his patients in the waiting room to go out to the parking lot and view Jim's car. From there, he just had to take a drive as well! Jim said he did not charge the doctor for his time or for mileage.

Regalia/Raffle: David K announced there are no more of the TMGC license plate holders. He did, however, describe an alternative if members are interested. Moss has a metal license plate holder, stainless steel or black powder coated, that could be customized. There is a minimum order of 30 plates required for customization. Perhaps the membership could consider whether an order could be placed, either by the Club or by individual orders aggregated together. He also noted they have grill badges for \$25 each. Jim Villers offered to bring in samples of license plate holders and badges from another vendor as well. The evening's raffle was held, with P.J. Peterson being the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle cash, and Mike Ash winning the starting position for the food line for tonight's excellent fare. Leave some shrimp for us, Mike!

Before adjourning, a round of applause was called for the one MG that made it to Bill's on this rainy night – congratulations to Fred McCall in his MGA. Meeting adjourned.



Classic Car Dessert Drive
by Bruce Easley

Convertibles and ice cream – a sensational combination! We do it every year! This May 27 we cruised for creamery in Williamsburg at the famous Snow to Go ice cream shop. Faithful members convened at the Yorktown Battlefield parking lot before a delightful cruise up the Colonial Parkway along the York River on a beautiful evening. The Petersons, the Easleys, and Tad Carter in their topless B's, along with the intrepid Russ Ripp on his Harley wound their way through Williamsburg for their appointment with coldness and calories on the warm summer evening. Some got the shaved ice sno cone, some got hot fudge sundaes, but it was hard to choose from the plethora of delights available. While we “chilled out” at the picnic tables, we noticed that storm clouds were looming, then thunder was booming. We finished up as a little sprinkle of rain started, and decided “discretion was the better part of valor” (or “that’s why they make tops for convertibles”), and put ‘em up. The rain cooled things off, and we all headed out for our home destinations, with our dessert lust slaked.



Moss Motorfest June 6, 2015



Class 1 - MG T-Series

- **First Place:** Susan Bond
- Second Place: Hank Rippert
- Third Place: Alexander Mackinnon
- Honorable Mention:
 - Lawrence Gleason, Jr

Class 2 - MGA

- First Place: Don Kesler
- Second Place: Michael And Midge Elliott
- Third Place: Harvey Fielding
- Honorable Mentions:
 - Curtis Coulthard
 - Butch Mckenzie

Class 3 - MGB & MGC, Chrome Bumper

- First Place: John Hull
- Second Place: Gary Brown
- Third Place: Jim Cheatham
- Honorable Mentions:
 - Mike Cook
 - DonettaBantle

Class 4 - MGB Rubber Bumper

- First Place: Peter Cosmides
- Second Place: Ned Robertson
- Third Place: Philip Wrenn
- Honorable Mentions:
 - **Seckman Wilson** (Doug Wilson)
 - Ron Hairston

Class 5 - MGB & MGC, GT

- First Place: Deck Whaley
- Second Place: Douglas Vargo
- Third Place: Michael Allen
- Honorable Mention:
 - **Terry Bond**

Class 6 – Midget & Sprite

- First Place: James Mcdowell
- Second Place: Daryl Bishop
- Third Place: **Alan Swenson**
- Honorable Mention:
Michael Thompson



Editor's Note: This empty page is reserved for the next article from a TMGC member!

Maybe it's YOU!



Membership Update July 2015

2015 Memberships: As of 22 June we have 125 paid memberships with 215 individual members.

New Membership: We have gained 3 new memberships since the June meeting.

Robert & Susan Newman
Hampton, VA 23669
1980 MGB

Bill Cochran
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
1960 MGA Roadster

Daniel Lundquest
Norfolk, VA 23510
1969 Austin Healey Sprite

Cars: Total cars – 188

Cars & Types: 181 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
28	2	84	18	1	3	7	21	4	13

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

Dues: I currently hold \$870 in checks and \$180 in cash for turnover to Jim Villers. I hope to turn the money over to him prior to the July meeting.

2016 Memberships: The 2016 membership year began on 1 July. We have had good response for membership renewals. So far, there are 48 memberships for 2016 including new and renewing ones. If you haven't yet submitted your 2016 dues you are considered to be in a "Delinquent" status per the TMGC Club By-Laws which state that dues are to be paid *in advance* by July 1st. Dues are only \$20 annually. I will be available at the July meeting to receive dues and update memberships.

As in the past, I will be sending a "reminder" e-mail prior to the July meeting to those who have not yet sent in dues. After the July meeting, I will send "delinquency" e-mails as a reminder during July, August and September. 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 mailing list. I received an e-mail from Stephen Aki indicating he and Cathy are moving to Tennessee and will not be renewing for 2016. TMGC wishes them only the best in the future.

Mark & Kathy Davidoski are including a copy of the TMGC Membership Renewal form in issues of the newsletter through August. Copies are always available on line at the club's web site at www.mg.org. I will also have blank renewal forms available at meetings 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 2016 roster and use the same info for the Annual Directory.

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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c/o Bill Yoshida
4732 Little John Road
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Names: _____ & _____

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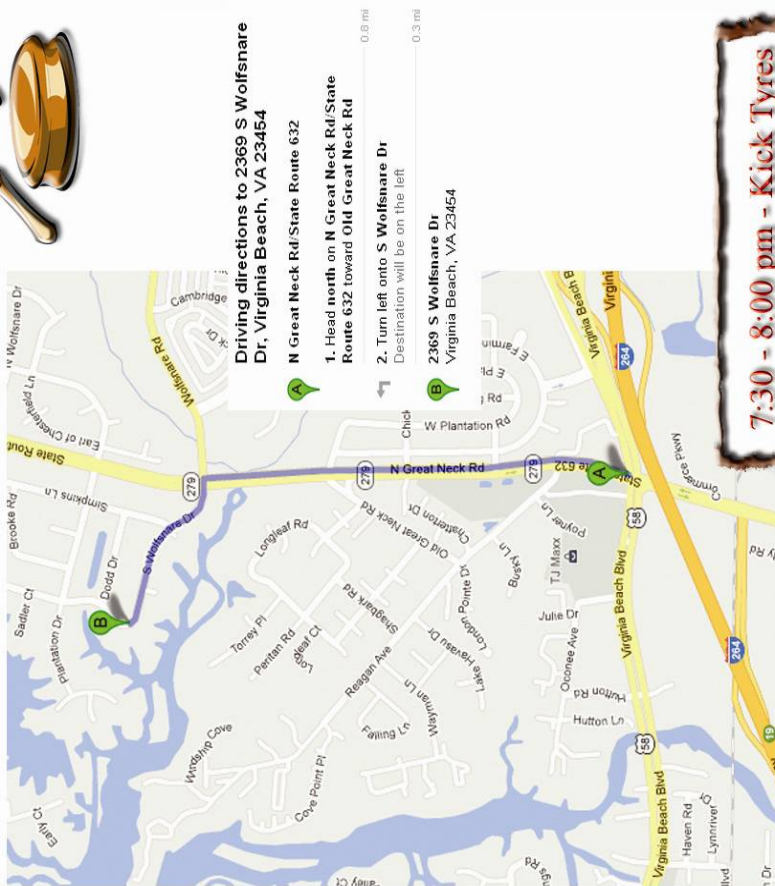
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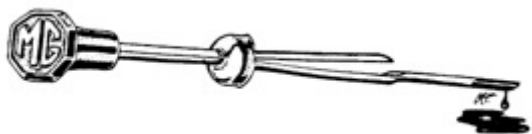
Are you affiliated with any National Auto Clubs? If yes, please list below:



Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, July 1st
Pete Olson's
2369 South
WolfSnare Dr.
Virginia Beach
658-9700



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



Tidewater MG Classics

C/O Kathy & Mark Davidoski

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