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Activity Report *(submitted by Tad Carter)*

OK, this is weird. The Dipstick just hit the newsstands, we have yet to have anything happen in May – no meeting, no drive, nothing – and yet it is time to set pixel to paper and come up with a new report for June. So here you go...

Thanks Beckey and Alan for hosting our May meeting in Beaverdam. Thanks to all you Dessert Drivers for not ratting me out about my diet-buster week. And thanks to all the Virginia Wine Tourists who wrote of their adventures for this edition of The Dipstick.

We are back to a normal meeting schedule this month, with our annual visit to the Yoshida's home in Virginia Beach. As always, the intent is for lawn parking for MGs and street parking of everything else. However, keep an eye on the weather and the traffic cop at the head of the driveway. If the ground is too wet, you will be directed where to park. Many thanks to Issie and Bill for hosting the club once again. Bill likes to host this meeting as a reminder that it is time for our annual membership renewal. \$20 gets you on the guest list for a dozen meetings, three Tech Sessions, Dessert Drives, Tides Baseball, and a trip our two (OK maybe a dozen) throughout the year. Cheap at twice the price.

On Friday, 6/5 and Saturday, 6/6, Moss Motors will host their first Moss Fest at their Petersburg facility. For those going up on Friday, there is a cocktail reception at Keystone Truck & Tractor Museum. Your \$20 gets you admission to the museum and food. A variety of beverages will be available for purchase. Those that were on our Wine Tour in April spoke highly of this museum. It is well worth the trip. Registration for Moss Fest is another \$20. Actually, if you are still trying to make up your mind or are just now getting this information, it's too late. Registration closed on 5/31. See – our \$20 membership is looking like more of a bargain all the time.

We still have tickets available for Turn Back The Clock Night at Harbor Park on Monday, June 15th, but please act VERY quickly. I'll need to turn back unused tickets by the end of this week, so don't miss out. Tickets are only \$11, and for those who have not joined us before, this is a night cheap dogs, popcorn and soft drinks.

June is Show Time – NAMGBR is in Niagara Falls, Ontario the 8th-12th, followed by NAMGAR in Frankenmuth, MI on the 15th-19th. There is Internet chatter about group travel through Canada and down into Michigan the weekend between these shows. Are there any adventurous souls in our midst doing the double?

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Our July meeting is uncertain at this moment (hey, it's still early as I write this). Because the Independence Day holiday makes both weeks potential travel weeks, we are still waiting for our host to select the date that works best for him. I know you will want to know more, so be on the lookout for an email from your Activity Wonk with date and destination.

Once again, I will be unable to attend the June meeting. I am heading up a team from our church to sponsor shelter for three homeless families later this summer and the organizers have chosen 6/2 as the night we all need to figure this all out. As much as I enjoy our club meetings and events, this is an important program and a worthwhile cause. I shall return.

Enjoy the ride!

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 2
Hosted by Issie and Bill Yoshida
Kick Tyres at 7:30
Meeting at 8:00

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Dipstick Calendar – June 2015

June 2 – Tuesday – Club Meeting in VB
Hosted by Issie& Bill Yoshida

June 5-6– Moss Motor Fest – Petersburg

June 8-12 – NAMGBR – Niagara Falls, Ontario

June 15 – Monday – Tides Baseball – 7:05pm
Turn-Back-The-Clock – Tides vs. Clippers

June 15-19 – NAMGAR – Frankenmuth, MI

July 1 – Wednesday – Club Meeting – TBD

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

Aug. TBD – Summer Tech Session – Chesapeake
Hosted by Linda & Jim Freeh

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

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

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

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

Marque Time

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I would like to thank Alan &Beckey for hosting the May meeting at their home in Beaverdam, VA. We had a great time and enjoyed the refreshments and slot car racing which even featured L.B.C.s with varying degrees of working electrics! Well done. For those of you keeping an eye on the calendar British Car Week is May 23-30. This is a great opportunity to spread the joy of MG ownership to the peninsula. Corresponding with British Car Week are the dessert drives on the 27th and 28th. Last year we brought our dog Harley along to sample the ice cream. Harley agrees it was worth the trip however, he has kept bugging me to take him back! In keeping with the theme of British Car Week you might invite a friend along to introduce them to the wonders of British motoring. Next month is renewal month. Make sure you get your renewal in to Bill Yoshida so there is no lapse in membership.

Safety Fast! Steve LaPaugh

Excerpted from the Monkees' smash B-side hit: "MGB-GT" (Suggested by #1 fan Alan Watson!)

Lately, my mind is driftin back to former days that used to be
I think about some folks I knew and of my MGB-GT
People, let me tell you that if I had to make a recipe
For fun in driving, I would have to spell it MGB-GT

Cruising, choosing, using
And amusing myself, not a care
Striving, thriving, hot rod driving
Not arriving anywhere

Folks, this little car of mine was like a kitten purring throatily
Sometimes, it even seemed to soar into the heavens, my red MGB-GT

Tooling, fueling my good feeling
Schooling me in ways to know
Soaring, flooring it, adoring it
My little way to go

Folks, this little car of mine was like a kitten purring throatily
Sometimes, it even seemed to soar into the heavens, my red MGB-GT

(But I) I learned you have to lose some things
Before you treasure them, thats how it goes
(And I) I didnt give time to mycar
And lost my car to time, what did I know?

And so, life carries on, and lots of things are better now forme
And yet, I think back on those golden times when I had my red MGB-GT
Yeah

WINE TOUR 2015 – No whining here!

By Terry Bond

Day 1 began with a traditional Hardee's sausage biscuit and a cuppa in Suffolk. An impressive array of LBCs had already gathered to please the Friday morning breakfast bunch there.



Following a punctual departure, we motored past pristine pastures along pleasant Rte 460 to Petersburg for a visit to the Keystone Antique Tractor Museum. What an unexpected treat! The vintage tractors were restored to better than new condition, and the variety was amazing. Collections of antique trucks, and a lot of small items like soda bottles, oil cans and signs made it an interesting stop. There was even a beautifully restored MGTD on display there, courtesy of well-known restorer TindallBaucom from the Richmond area. We were treated to a pre-ordered Panera lunch, and then departed on schedule for

our next stop (via wonderful country roads of course), our first winery.

Annefield House was at the long end of a gravel road, but once we got there, wow, what a spectacular old house it was. We got to tour the inside of the nicely restored old mansion and then sampled some delicious wines in what was probably the original living room.

As I listened carefully I soon realized this group is certainly not comprised of "wine-snobs." While most wineries are blessed with smart servers, who described "hints of honey on the pallet" and "warm finishes with berry and notes of apple and orange" our group was heard to mutter "hummm-consistency of Castrol 20-50," or "touch of Prestone" and "hint of smoldering wire-loom on the nose." It may be

worthwhile creating a separate Wine-Tour vocabulary for these events. Once Andy showed the server there how to properly use their new cork-screw, we did really enjoy the wines. I'd say they certainly made amends for having been unexpectedly closed when we showed up to visit them on a previous wine tour.



After making some purchases, it was on to our destination – Virginia International Raceway. Wonderful back roads once again thrilled us and led us further into the countryside. The sound of race cars got louder as we approached VIR. Once checked in, we settled into the Lodge – right on the race course at turn six. It was a great place with a balcony and tall chairs that enabled us to look down on the racing action.

Dinner was at the Oak Tree Tavern there. It was a restored 1890s farm house turned into a great restaurant with a quaint pub. The meal was great and I had the largest half rack of ribs I'd ever seen. How Bruce Easley managed to

consume a complete full rack I never will figure out.

We slept great that night!

Wine Tour XIII (Day two) by Robert Perrone

Saturday dawned warm and sunny with bright, beautiful blue skies... and then I woke up. At least it was to the sound of car engines at the track. It was rainy, drizzly, gray and just 51 degrees.

Was this British Weather in honor of our British cars?

Not long after I was concerned when I read an email from our esteemed tour guides, Alan and Beckey. (*"We are re-thinking doing laps on the track this morning, due to the weather and a couple of spin-outs that we saw on the track this morning."*)

Well, actually the email was signed "Beckey" so I'll give Alan a break on this one. But I thought, hey, isn't that what insurance is for?

Besides, it was all for a good cause since we were supposed to do charity laps (or "larity chaps" according to Alan at dinner the night before. But that was after a couple pints of Guinness...)

Either way, cooler heads prevailed. Well, not really. More like somebody whining like a big baby until they got what they wanted. But, hey, that's how I sound when I don't get my way.

Soon it was off to the track to play race car driver. My relief driver was Kardboard Karl. Not that I would actually let him behind the wheel, but it made him feel special. Caroline was in the car too, and it was kind of crowded in there.

Apparently the people at VIR have no idea what we are really like since they let a bunch of slightly loopy MG drivers on the track without a pace car, no corner watchers, nothing. Amazingly there were no reports of cars leaving the track, and not a single car needed to be towed.

Then it was off to pursue the real mission of our group... wine! The first was Bright Meadows Farm. And of course, no self-respecting winery can exist without at least one dog. Here were three, all rescue dogs. One was a little ball of fur looking for attention. And he got plenty when he jumped up on certain visitor's pants legs and left muddy paw marks.



Then it was off to Hunting Creek Vineyards. A great place, inside was fantastic. Large bar, fireplace across room with huge table in the middle and another off to the side. A full kitchen, exposed beams on the ceiling. What a great, homey place. Everyone loved it. Beckey assisted as the “bar maid” by helping to pour the wines. And that is really something to me. Even after all that she and Alan do every year, she never fails to step up to do even more when she sees a way that she can help.

The owner said she and her husband actually live right there at Hunting Creek. And after tasting the excellent wines, I wanted to move in too. Or at least stay for a while. Bruce asked if we could stay the night. We’re not fussy for food, he said, we just like the wine. Put some logs in the fireplace and we’ll be good to go.

Denise knows the owner, Sandy McPherson, who has family in Chesapeake. Sandy comes to Hampton Roads several times each summer, meets Denise and delivers wine to her. Maybe we could get in on the action? Caroline needs to make sure that she doesn’t run out. After all, she only bought a full case...

After returning to VIR and another fine meal at the Oak Tree Tavern, it was time for a party at Tad and Karen’s!

Upon arrival we were greeted with a razorback and a zebra skin on the floor. Not to mention the chandelier made out of...what... deer antlers??!! Can’t say much about the decor, but it was definitely unique. In a caveman sort of way, but unique.

A lot of folks turned out and another great time was had by all. It wasn’t the pizza and beer/wine party from years past, but there is always next time. Besides, how often do you get a chance to party in the owner’s chateau?

And I suppose I should mention the bad behavior by my car. (the driver is another issue altogether) Yes, my delightful smoking B. I didn’t realize at first quite how bad it was, partly because, although I heard some complaints from unfortunate souls behind me, others never said a word. Plus, I actually never saw anyone behind me, just a gray fog... Once I realized how much smoke was coming out, I relegated myself to back of the line for the remainder of the weekend. Well, except for one poor soul. Sorry about that, Russ.

And the rest is to follow in the Sunday installment of the 2015 TMGC Wine Tour. I will note one thing, just in case it wasn’t noted by the writer for Sunday. Not that I want to cause any trouble between Alan and Beckey; I just report the facts. We were all finishing our lunch, and as soon as Beckey left the room, Alan said to Denise, “When we leave here we’re gonna hit the sheets”. He quickly tried to cover up by saying that he meant the gas station “Sheetz” but I’m still not too sure. And right in front of Mike too...



Wine Tour XIII (Day Three) by Mark & Kathy Davidoski

Sunday started cool and drizzly at VIR. After a free morning for visiting the pits, grabbing a breakfast biscuit, and maybe buying some 110 octane racing fuel, we gathered for a group photo before charging off for another backroad route – 13 MGs and a Nissan Murano chase vehicle. After passing through the historic hamlet of Milton, NC we paused for a fuel stop at a filling station on 58.



Then it was off to South Boston, for brunch at Ernie's world famous buffet. The buffet was indeed delicious, though some of the wait staff would rather have been elsewhere on a Sunday! Refreshed and ready, it was off to historic Boydton, where the serious backroad routing repeatedly got us into (and out of) top gear.

Our destination was Rosemont Winery, located in LaCrosse, VA on a piece of property that has been in the Rose family since 1858. Rosemont takes pride in controlling every aspect of the estate winemaking process, "from budbreak to bottle." Our host was proud to note that the 7th generation of the Rose family was already prepping to continue the tradition. Following a relaxing and informative tasting, the group started to break off into smaller groups for the final legs to our various homes.

The pre-planned routing had plenty of scenery, winding roads, and interesting sites. The long stretch of Dry Bread Road was particularly scenic all the way into beautiful downtown Emporia, VA. The sun finally broke through the overcast as we made our way eastward, and all hands arrived safely under beautiful skies.

Wine Tour XIII ended as it began, with all MGs and TMGC fellowship running strong. Hats off once again to Becky and Alan Watson for making it all possible!



TMGCC Meeting Minutes
And Picnic Drive
5-16-2015
Recorded by Bruce Easley

What MG driver doesn't want to do a Springtime drive involving food and libations? Only those with bigger commitments like weddings, graduations, etc. of which there were a few. But 20 intrepid members of TMGCC hit the roads for a picnic and frosty beverages on Saturday May 16.

The South Side contingent left Lake Wright about 10:10, and the Peninsula contingent left when they darn well felt like it. We all met at the New Kent Winery for some sunshine, fellowship and picnic-ing. The Winery building and grounds are beautiful – lots of custom wood work and gardens; they were preparing for a wedding that day, so chairs, ribbons, amorous posters etc. were on display. The MGers set up outside on the picnic tables at the back of the winery near the woods, where colorful watermelon-motif table cloths were provided for all by the Carters. Food was whatever we wanted to bring. The McKennas took home the prize for best spread, with their British flag display, English tea, finger sandwiches, scones, etc. on good china. Others were no slouches, and some really good food was there. This reporter didn't get to see it all, but can testify that the Petersons had some pretty awesome home-cooked delicacies AND provided double-chocolate-chip cookies for the entire group.

We departed the Winery about 1:00 and took the usual awesome Carter-researched enjoyable back roads. Plenty of VDOT signs saying "S" (the shape of the road curve), which is the way we like it. We hit the home of the Watsons about 2:00 PM with an MGA, MGBs, MGBGT and "other" vehicles, and settled back in the shade for some frosty beverages and some enjoyable chit-chat and tall tales about the state of MGs and the world in general.

At 2:40, our Prez, Steve Lapaugh, herded cats and called us to order for an... OFFICIAL MEETING! First order of business was to thank Beckey and Alan for opening their home to us. Next was approval of the meeting minutes. It was pointed out that Robert Perrone's title should be President of ViceS, not just Vice, since he is so multi-skilled in that area. Minutes amended. Although the Prez couldn't be present due to a previous commitment, he had, in his usual professional manner, created an Official Report, which was presented by Tad Carter. We started the month with \$1,456.97 and after income and disbursements have a balance of \$1,191.72. Renewal of our website by Mike Haag was an important item in those disbursements. Thanks, Mike, for handling that! In the absence of our Membership Director, Bill Yoshida, Mark Davidoski presented Bill's Official Report. Bill reported that we have 121 paid memberships, with 211 individual members and 186 cars. Stephen Daniel has returned to the Fold, which is good news. The 2016 membership year begins July 1. Dues are due, and Bill will be sending out email reminders to those who owe 2016 dues.



ACTIVITIES!!! Activity Director Tad updated us on the upcoming evening Dessert Drives (Peninsula on 5/27, Southside on 5/28, the next meeting June 2 at the Yoshidas, and our traditional Harbor Park Turn-Back-The-Clock Night baseball outing on June 15. History – yes; see Susan Bond. Raffle/Regalia: no. A Fantastic Award was presented to Alan and Beckey Watson by Tad, for coordinating that great Spring Wine Tour.

Technical and Marque Tyme: Russ advised that to temporarily close rubber brake hose, use needle nose vise pliers with some rubber tubing over the jaws – no permanent crimp. Also, let the brake hose gravity drain some, to minimize volume needed to be bled. Alan mentioned that Moss has a solid state flashing unit for turn signals that have eliminated the problems he formerly had. Robin Watson showed off a custom tool, in which he had partially cut out the end of a closed end wrench. It fits on rusty bolts and nuts, but won't round off the head. Donald Ladd and the group had a discussion regarding possible effects of low transmission fluid on shifting; a clutch issue could be in the future if shifting problems are apparent. Alan mentioned good reading for car enthusiasts in Auto Biography by Earl Swift, in which a 1957 vehicle's life is traced through its original owner to the present day.

Then, (drum roll) meeting adjourned, and the group broke up to take part in some reckless slot car racing. The Watsons provided some tasty car-customized ice cream treats for those not actively racing. The BIR (Beaverdam International Raceway) course was set up to mimic the VIR track we recently visited, and slot cars included MGs and other classic cars plus a Rover police car with flashing blue lights. The Carters carried the day, with both Karen and Tad showing off their "mad skills" on the raceway.

Sometime in the afternoon the group broke up and headed home via the back roads to West Point. All persons and cars arrived back at their homes safely, with another fine weather day as provided by Tad.



Membership Update June 2015

From Bill Yoshida

2015 Memberships: As of 21 May we have 121 paid memberships with 211 individual members.

New Membership:

Paula & Dennis Hennessey
Virginia Beach 23457
1977 MGB

Welcome Back - Stephen Daniel attended the April Tech Session and renewed his membership.

Cars: Total cars – 186

Cars & Types: 179 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
27	2	83	18	1	3	7	21	4	13

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

Dues: I currently hold one \$20 check and \$60 in cash for turnover to Jim Villers.

2016 Memberships: The 2016 membership year begins on 1 July. Per the TMGC Club By-Laws, dues are to be paid *in advance* by July 1st. Dues are only \$20 annually. I will be available at the June meeting to receive dues and update memberships.

I sent an e-mail on 21 May to: Steven Daniel, Paula & Dennis Hennessey, Ken & Ruth Johnson, Richard & Joan Leal, Jason Miller & Ali Calvert, Bob & Linda Pellerin, Jack & Dorothy Price, Dan & Judith Ray, Dennis Sobata, and Barbara Taychert & Mike Knepler. These are the members that have listed as having paid their 2016 dues in advance. If you are not among the above named members, then your 2016 membership is due. As in the past, if I have not received your dues for the new membership year by the July meeting, I will send “reminder” e-mails during July, August and September to any members that are delinquent. 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 “delinquent” mailing list.

I’ve asked Mark & Kathy Davidoski to include 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 the June meeting 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 2014 roster and use the same info for the Annual Directory.

Parking for the June Meeting at the Yoshida’s: *Provided that it has not rained heavily the previous day, or that it is raining the day of the meeting, we will be parking cars in the back yard to hold “Kick Tyres”. The meeting will be held poolside just as we have done in previous years. If the ground is too wet, please park your car on the street, and we will hold the meeting indoors. Regardless of the weather, Issie and I hope to see you here.*

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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Names: _____ & _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____ E-mail: _____

Do we have your permission to publish your home phone and e-mail address in a member's directory for club use only? _____

MG's owned? _____

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



Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 2nd
Issie & Bill Yoshida
4732 Little John Rd.
Virginia Beach
554-0402

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



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