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Activity Report for October

As you read this, a number of club members are making final preparations for the trip to Waynesboro and the British Car Fall Festival October 2-3. This is the 34th year for this event, with Morgan as the featured marque. They expect over 150 entries from all over the mid-Atlantic area. If you have not registered, but are looking for a nice day out, consider a run to Ridgeview Park in Waynesboro on the 3rd. Along the way, you will be in the heart of Virginia's wine country and near the Nelson 151 Trail, or you might enjoy fall colors along Skyline Drive. You will be within a few short miles of several good restaurants. Check out the menu at Blue Mountain Brewery in Afton, Fardowners in Crozet, or Stonefire Kitchen in Barboursville. Each of these restaurants feature locally grown menu items that will be a treat for your taste buds. I know your Dipstick editors would appreciate your travel tales, so consider sharing your roadtrip experiences.

As I write this on September 8th, we mark Patsy Cline's 83rd birthday, so forgive me for borrowing from this Virginia native as part of the discussion of upcoming events. If you are "Crazy" about road trips, consider joining us on October 17th, as we travel to Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. On the National Historic Register, this is the second most visited cemetery in the country, next to Arlington. We'll have a 90-minute guided tour, when we will learn the history of Hollywood and many of the residents. We'll be out by early afternoon – no "Walking After Midnight" – and turn south for a late lunch at Brickhouse Run in the warehouse district of Old Petersburg. Cost of the tour is \$10/pp plus lunch.

Travel plans: Southsiders will depart from Lake Wright at 8:32am. We'll meet up with Peninsula travelers in Williamsburg and follow Route 5 into Richmond, arriving for the 11:30 tour. Departing Hollywood, we have a 32-minute drive into Petersburg for a late lunch. Heading home from Petersburg, our route will skirt VA-460, taking in a little of the backroad scenery. ETA in Norfolk is 6:20pm. (If you know the significance of the ETA, it is "So Wrong".) "If You've Got Leaving on Your Mind" and need to be back in Tidewater early, following VA-460 would take 110 minutes from Petersburg into Norfolk. Signing up in advance helps with planning, but if you just want to show'n'go, meet us at Lake Wright.

Our Fall Tech Session will be on Sunday, November 1st, as "Always", hosted by Susan and Terry Bond. Your car can be healthy, or it can "Fall to Pieces". If you can get it there, we can work on it. Doors open at 10am, and we need to be out before the Packer/Bronco game starts. Is it "Faded Love" for Peyton, or "Sweet Dreams" for the Packer playoff hopes? Thank you to those who stepped forward to host meetings in 2016. We still have open dates for February, July, October and November. "There He Goes", looking for volunteers again. Yes I am. Please note – Our October meeting at the Olcheski's has been rescheduled for Tuesday, 10/13. I look forward to seeing you there.

Enjoy the ride!

Tad Carter

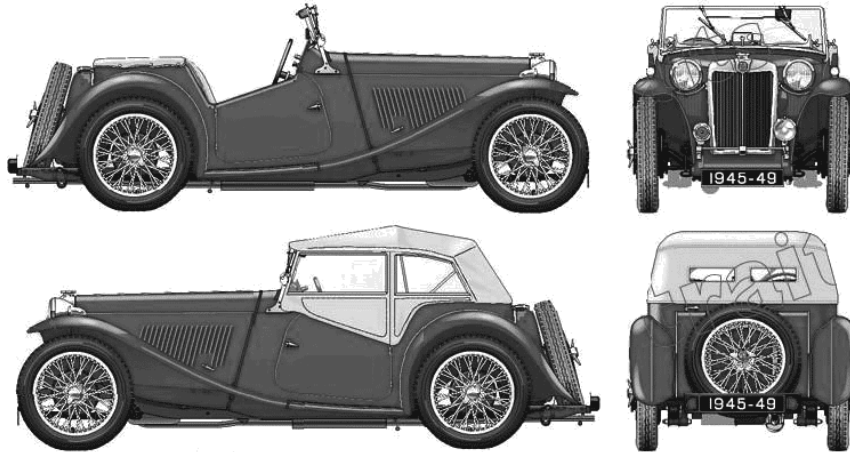
Marque Time

We had a full house for our meeting. Thanks to the staff at Fishing Pier for providing great service and having us back! As the car show season winds down and the weather grows cooler, take the opportunity to enjoy your LBC and tackle that project that you put off during the summer. The cooler weather means I can get back to work in my garage and see about getting the B back on the road soon! Remember that the October meeting at Bill and Renee's has been moved to Wednesday October 13th due to a scheduling conflict.

September
Ocean View
service and

See ya'll there....

Safety Fast! *Steve LaPaugh*



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Dipstick Calendar – October 2015

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

**Oct. 13 – DATE CHANGE
Wednesday – 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

Nov. 7-8 – Lynchburg Drive-out

Dec. 5 – Saturday - Holiday Party in VB

Dec. 15 - Tuesday – Holiday Lights Drive

Dipstick Calendar – 2016 and beyond

Jan. 6 - Wednesday - Monthly Meeting
Frankie's Place for Ribs – Virginia Beach

Feb. 2 – Tuesday - Monthly Meeting – TBA

Feb.12 – Saturday - Wine Barrel Odyssey

Mar. 2 – Wednesday – Monthly Meeting - TBA

Apr. 7 – Tuesday – Monthly Meeting – TBA

TMGC September 2015 Meeting Minutes, dutifully recorded by Robert Perrone.

(NOTE: if you look at nothing else here, please read the end of the Vice-President's Report)

It all started with a rainbow. What a nice way to start the minutes for this month. But seriously, when I was walking in to our September meeting, there was a beautiful rainbow that stretched across the sky and seemed to end right above the Ocean View Fishing Pier. It was a sign... Not a sign with a deep, spiritual meaning. And there was no "pot 'o gold" at the end of it either. If there had been one I would have grabbed it, and I'd be paying some flunky to write this. Which is what Bruce Easley did this month. Except that I have no pay... Thankfully, (at least that's what most of you are probably thinking), Bruce will be back on the job next month.

President Steve "*short-timer*" LaPaugh, called the meeting to order. After a few minutes of trying to hear what Steve had been saying I remembered that I was supposed to be taking notes.

New Members and Guests: I believe that we had some new members and/or guests, but I could not hear Steve, and when I asked him later he didn't remember who they were either. I'm sure they were very nice people, whoever they were.

Vice-President's Report: I was having a case of multiple personalities. Aside from being the VP, I was also filling in as a Secretary and, with the assistance of the lovely Caroline, I was also filling in for David Kinsey with Regalia.

However I don't want to influence anyone when they consider whether I would make a good club President. I know, I give and give. But that's just who I am...

All that said, I had only one thing of real importance to tell you at our meeting in my VP report.

Please donate to the ALS Association. The website is <http://www.alsa.org>.

As many of you know, through Facebook, when I was in New York this summer I asked every member of our club to take the "ice bucket challenge" to support ALS research. But you do not need to actually do the ice bucket challenge in order to give your financial support. The most important thing you can do is simply donate through the ALS website. Bill and Renee Olcheski, whose daughter Rachel has been diagnosed with ALS, would greatly appreciate the support.

On the other hand, if anyone wants to do the ice bucket challenge, I believe that Bill and Renee would be very happy to accommodate you when the meeting is at their house in October. *(Editor's note: We'll be doing the "ice **CUP** challenge" in conjunction with the meeting. No need to bring a dry change of clothes!)*

Treasurer: Jim Villers gave his customary report on our finances. As expected, our bank balance has gone up a bit since we have received some additional funds from annual dues.

Activities: Tad has more "stuff" planned, and it looks like great fun. I'll just tell you this, the info from Tad includes all kinds of buzzwords like "syndication", "future", "Hollywood" and "cemetery" (which may sound creepy, but it's not...). If that intrigues you, check for the details in Tad's contribution to the Dipstick.

History: Susan always has history to share. I missed what that might have been this particular night (because it was kind of noisy and somebody asked me something right then...) but she has it, for sure.

Technical / Marque Time / New and Old Business: There was Andy's tale of woe involving a battery, a spare tire, and his MGA. It was just too sad to repeat here.

Membership: Bill Yoshida said that we have a lot of members. And I believe him. You should look at Bill's article in the Dipstick.

Regalia: The only thing I know for sure was that we collected \$74, and someone won the 50-50. Since I actually handed out the money, you would think that I would remember who it was. Nope, not a clue... At the request of our "soon to be lame-duck" President Steve, someone motioned to adjourn and someone else seconded. OK, Bruce, back to you.



Good times at Ocean View Pier!

Classics on the Green

The Central Virginia British Car Club organized the 31st annual installment of Classics on the Green that ran September 20th on the rolling grounds of the New Kent Winery. Several TMGC members from both sides of the water were able to participate in the show, under sunny and breezy skies.

A small contingent of southsiders gathered at the Lake Wright hotel complex at 8:00 a.m. for the convoy to New Kent. Susan Bond drove her 1948 TC as pathfinder, with Terry Bond (1974 B-GT), Mark Davidoski (1974 ½ B-GT) and the Ladds (1978 Midget) in formation. After a brief breakfast stop in Williamsburg, the group rolled in at 1015 and received parking instructions. Terry was quickly called away for a special judging panel, which was responsible for evaluating a large number of “Cars You Never Knew Existed.”

Already on the scene were Craig Cummings (1969 C-GT), Faith & PJ Peterson (1978 B-V8), Doug & Eiko Wilson (1976 B) Janice Gavilan (1974 B), Bob Stein (1949 TC), Bob & Linda Pellerin (1937 Volvo PV 52) and Jim Villers (1967 Porsche 911.) The Woodson’s brought several cars, including their 1959 MGA Twin Cam and a beautiful 1937 Cord which graced the cover of the show program.

Several wineries were in attendance, with impromptu tastings available throughout the day. In addition to various vendor displays (both car and food related), the PA system piped the live music of Susan Greenbaum throughout the grounds. MsGreenbaum is a Richmond-based vocalist/guitarist who puts on a fantastic acoustic show. She also drives an MG.

Several obscure British cars were on display, including examples by Wolseley, Sunbeam, Riley, Austin, Lotus, Nash-Healey and Jensen-Healey. There were also a few Rolls Royce/Bentleys and Jaguars, along with nine examples of Morgan (the featured Marque for this year’s show.) Most of the Morgans were Plus 8s, with a few Plus 4s and a solitary 1936 example. Sadly, there were no three wheelers this year.



The Wilson’s gorgeous 1976 roadster



New Kent Winery forms the backdrop

When the votes were tallied, the following TMGC members were among the winners: Susan Bond (Best Vintage MG; second consecutive year), Jim Villers (Best Early Porsche 911), Doug & Eiko Wilson (Best Late MGB) and Rose Ladd (Runner up Midget.)

Cars You Never Knew Existed included an original, unrestored 1914 Haynes ("America's First Car") seven person phaeton and a 1929 Austin Swallow Sports. Which brings us to today's trivia item: *The answer is -- "Use Bicycle Oil."* **The accompanying question can be found below.**

The return home was executed in several groups. I-64 was mercifully free of congestion and this writer was able to return home to Virginia Beach in record time. Hats off to the CVBCC and to Bruce and Carol Woodson for putting together yet another unforgettable show!



Q: What is stamped into the tiny brass dashpot caps on the Wolseley Hornet Special?

Susan Bond – Best Vintage MG! (Two consecutive years)



MGBs, Big Healeys, Jaguars, and Porsches at New Kent



Jim Villers in the New Kent Winner's Circle

Wings & Wheels 2015

TRAACA's 42nd Annual Show

The Tidewater Region Antique Automobile Club (TRAACA) put on their 42nd annual car show on the grounds of the Military Aircraft Museum in rural Pungo, VA on September 26th. A persistent Nor'easter had been pushing tides and light rain into the area for several days, so the turnout was lower than usual. However, for the stout of heart it was a fantastic day of fine automobiles, rare (and flyable) military aircraft, and fellowship.

The aircraft selected as a backdrop for participating car portraits was, appropriately, a fine British product – the Hawker Hurricane. This is the same fighter that formed the bulk of England's air defense force during the Battle of Britain.

Several TMGC members are also active in TRAACA, including Jim Villers (current President), Bob Stein (performing official photographer duties), Richard & Sandy Hall (Wings & Wheels Registrars), Sam Kern (working with both the car club and the museum to keep things running smoothly), and the Bonds, with Terry giving several tutorials during the show and Susan assisting with awards. TMGC's stable of MGs was represented by Don & Rose Ladd's 1978 Midget, Mark & Kathy Davidoski's 1974 ½ B-GT, Al & Laurel Swenson's 1975 B, and Susan Bond's 1974 B-GT. Jim Villers also brought his 1965 Porsche 356, Sam brought his 1925 Franklin while Bob Stein drove his 1967 (?) Mercury Cougar and the Halls displayed their beautiful 1935 Packard.

When official judging was completed, the awards list included Best in Class for Rose Ladd's Midget, the Swenson's B and the Davidoski's B-GT. (It helps to be the only one in your class who shows up in the rain!) Jim Villers, Sam Kern and Susan Bond were recognized with participation awards for bringing previous show winners to the field. Jim was also recognized with the prestigious Craftsmanship Award for his beautiful 356. Bob Stein won a best in class with his Cougar, and the Hall's won the Best Paint trophy and Best in Class for their pristine Packard.



Wings & Wheels is always a great show and this year was no exception, soggy conditions notwithstanding. Show Chairman Tony Scarpelli outdid himself (again) with a dedicated team of TRAACA volunteers. Thank you one and all for making it happen!

Craftsmanship Award!



Damp Classics at Wings & Wheels



1917 Fokker Dr-I replica in flying condition
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2016 Memberships: We did well with this year's renewals. As of 20 September there are 110 paid memberships for 2016 with an additional 9 "promised" renewals. I made my "last calls" by e-mail and phone just prior to submitting this input for the October newsletter.

New Memberships: We have 3 new memberships since the last Newsletter.

Rob & Kelly MacPherson
Norfolk, VA 23503
1953 TD

Matthew & Susan Foley + Ian , Daniel
Langley AFB, VA 23665
1963 MGB; 1969 MGB- GT

Ian Brice & Tina Pittman
Portsmouth, VA 23707
1973 Midget

Cars: Total cars – 185

Cars & Types: 178 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
28	2	83	16	1	3	7	22	4	12

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

Dues: I currently hold \$110 in checks and \$60 in cash for turnover to Jim Villers.

2016 Annual Directory: I hope to have the new Directory available shortly after the October meeting. I am delaying printing until after the new Officers are elected and their names can be added to the Directory. A digital copy of the 2016 Directory will be sent to each TMGC Club member by e-mail when it is published. A limited number of paper copies are available "by request". If you received a paper copy last year we already have you marked to receive one again this year. Please send me an e-mail at - williamryoshida@verizon.net - if you want to be added to or deleted from the current list of members that are receiving a paper copy of the Directory.





Best in Show at Wings & Wheels 2015 –
1935 Ford pickup with Hawker Hurricane



Rose and Donald doing some hangar flying



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



Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 13th
Bill & Renee Olcheski
1409 Edgartown Ct.
Virginia Beach
467-4046



Turn onto Roundhill at traffic light.
Right at 3rd street (Clensford).
Right at 2nd street (Edgartown Ct).



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