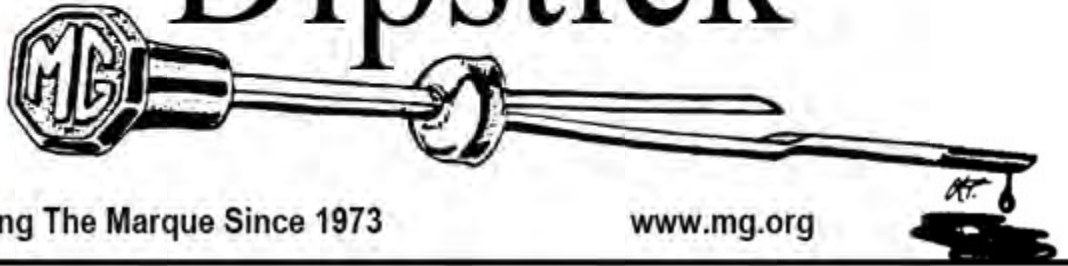




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Susan Bond – Silver Medalist in the MG-TC competition at MG 2016!



Marque Time



Summer is getting into full swing and I can tell you that many of the club members are enjoying this weather. I certainly have been, which is one of the reasons that our Dipstick editor had to remind me to submit my Marque Time 2 days after it was due. There goes my record of on-time submissions. Sorry, Mark.

But I hear that TMGC was well represented at MG-2016 in Louisville. Several members made plans for that and, from what I've heard, it was a great event.

There was one side note that I was sorry to hear about. I understand that Bob and Missy McKenna were involved in an accident and that Missy was slightly injured. I don't have all the details, but I'm sure we would all wish them well and hope that Missy has a speedy recovery. Hopefully more information will be available by the time you read this.

Since I was so late in sending this out, we have already enjoyed the "Turn Back The Clock Night" at Harbor Park. As usual, a good time was had by all, despite the loss by the Tides. But on the plus side, I was able to bring hungry teenagers to the ballpark and leave with something left in my wallet. Amazing!

And of course there are many other events planned for the summer and into the fall, thanks to Tad. Hopefully I'll be able to drive my own MGB in these activities again soon.

So, since I'm sure most of you have something better to do during this fine summer weather than read what I have to say, I'll make this month's Marque Time short and sweet. Well, it'll be short anyways...

Enjoy the summer in your LBC!

Safety Fast,
Robert



June 7, 2016 TMGCCC Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Bruce Easley

Our poolside meeting started on time under some “iffy-looking” clouds. Robert Perrone opened the meeting by thanking our hosts, Bill and Issie Yoshida, for sharing their home and yard with us. The MGs looked great all parked in a row in the back yard by the pool. Soon after the start, we got a little rain shower, and a couple of people headed over to put up tops. Then the shower stopped. Then, it started to shower like it meant it. More people headed out to put up tops. Tops went up, and we all survived. Robert welcomed any new members or guests, and guests Chip and Charlotte Wolford were introduced, as well as Ryan Dixon, who has an MG Midget.

Vice President Tad Carter refreshed our memories regarding membership in the national MG Register. Membership will get you a good discount with Hagerty insurance for your car, and helps keep our club insured for group outings under the Register.

Our Historian, Susan Bond, assured us that there was plenty of history in her car (meaning the scrapbooks in the boot), and people are welcome to peruse them. Bill Yoshida announced that dues are due for the 2017 year. We had 122 paid memberships in 2016 and 20 memberships are paid for 2017, and there are a total of 184 cars in the club. He also announced that John and Sandra Singletary of Virginia Beach are new members, with a '67 MG Midget.



Dipstick Editor Mark Davidoski exhorted the group to submit articles, preferably by June 20, “if you want to get your article into the Most Prestigious MG Newsletter in Southeast Virginia.” Wow! He also noted Mark Childress is doing better and back at work.

Pecuniary Poobah Jim Villers updated us on funds... we started May with \$1,301.96, received \$97 for dues and regalia income, spent \$100 toward hosting tonight’s gathering as well as \$25 for printing and posting the Dipstick, for an ending balance of \$1,273.96.

Old Business – none. New Business – none. Activities – plenty. We just had our June dessert drives, going to Kilen’s in Williamsburg on the North Side (fantastic sweets, cookies, fudge and ice cream, coupled with a stroll down Duke of Gloucester Street) and going to Rigoletto on the South Side. Tad announced we have 8 cars going to the 2016 MG Louisville meet, plus picking up a couple more en route, for the 1600 mile drive to good food, great cars, and Kentucky whiskey. June 21 will see our night of baseball with the Norfolk Tides at Tide stadium, and August 21 club members will be attending the annual live play at the Hanover Barksdale Theatre. Since July is National Picnic Month, our July 6 meeting will be a picnic at Great Neck Park!

Marque Tyme: As many of us know, member Stephen Daniel passed away unexpectedly recently. Donald Ladd said that the family still has a 1979 MGB body and some other MG-related items that they would like to get to a good home. Contact Don with any questions.

Motion to adjourn to the “Sumptuous Repast” was made, seconded and passed.



July Activities

Wow, what a week. From the NAMGBR Show in Louisville, to the travel to and from, I hope everyone enjoyed the week as much as I did. We covered close to 1700 miles over the week, traveling some really fun roads, eating well, and seeing many sights along the way. I wish a speedy recovery to the people and cars that came home a little worse for wear. I'm sure there will be tales from the road at upcoming meetings and a write-up elsewhere in The Dipstick. For those keeping count, there were over 800 cars on the show field, ranging. Congratulations to the North American Council of MG Registers for the success of the event.

If you are looking ahead, MG-2017 will be in San Diego on June 25-28, hosted by the San Diego MG Club. Heck, make it all worthwhile. Go out early for NAMGAR GT-42 from June 19-23 in nearby Solvang, CA. Let's see - I-64 west to St. Louis, Route 66 to LA and then about 120 miles north to Solvang or about 120 miles south to San Diego. Easy-peasy. We may need a couple of weeks to take it all in.

But before we get there, there are several things happening on a local front. Our Summer Tech Session is on Sunday, August 7th at the Freeh's home in Chesapeake. Not that the work accomplished that day will have you ready for the 6000-mile journey to the left coast, but you have to start somewhere. Several interesting projects have been attacked in recent years, or if you are like most of us, you'll come out for a bit of conversation under the shade of the trees on the front lawn. Thanks, Linda and Jim for hosting us. I look forward to seeing you then and there.

As I write this, there are still two tickets available for our August 21st trip to the theatre at Hanover Tavern. If you like historic buildings, if you like theatre, if you like comedies, or if you enjoy the winding roads of southeastern Virginia, consider joining us for the day. It will be an early departure out of Tidewater, lunch at Cul's Courthouse Grille in Charles City, and then a mad dash up to Hanover for the 2pm show of Neil Simon's Brighton Beach Memoirs. This will be our eighth trip to Hanover, and every performance has been a hit with our group. We invite you to join us.

September is nearly here and we start to get back into Show Season. Between Watkins Glen in early September and Shenandoah Valley in early October, there are plenty of events to check out. Among the local favorites is Wings and Wheels, hosted by the Tidewater chapter of the AACA, on September 24th at the Pungo Airfield. For those unfamiliar with this event, it is a really good car show, and included in the price is admission to the antique aircraft museum. It is a great deal and a great day.

Tucked in there on the only open weekend on the calendar is our Fall Tour from September 15-18. This year we venture west to The Crooked Road in southwest Virginia the birthplace of Country and Bluegrass music, and home to Rabbit Muse and the Carter Family (no relation). We have four days of winding roads, interesting restaurants, local music and points of interest, and perhaps a winery/meadery/cidery or two. We'll even sit in on a live radio broadcast from Galax, VA on Friday evening. Again, as I write this, we have a little space left for anyone interested.



And that, my friends, is all we have going on for right now. So I will close with our annual request for someone to host our Holiday Party. If you are able to host the club, you can have your choice of dates. Thank you in advance for your hospitality!

Remember that our July meeting is a picnic in Great Neck Park on Wednesday, July 6th. Dinner of burgers, brats and dogs will be available at 6:30, followed by the meeting. We need to be out by 8:27 - sunset. If you are interested in bringing a dish to share, please let me know so that we don't duplicate our food efforts.

Enjoy the ride!

Tad Carter

MG 2016

June 12th marked the start of an extended TMGC adventure tour to Louisville, KY and MG 2016. After an initial briefing from Tad, we were off at 0803.

The convoy consisted of Susan Bond (MGB-GT), Tad & Karen Carter (MGB LE), Mark and Kathy Davidoski (MGB-GT), Mike Haag (MGB), Jack Pavlidis (MGB-GT), and Russ Ripp (Nissan Murano) hosting Rose & Donald Ladd in air conditioned comfort.

Terry Bond brought up the rear with his Dodge Ram towing a trailer loaded with Susan's TC. Tad led us through the HRBT and on to our first rendezvous point near Williamsburg, where we were joined by the

Cummings (MGC-GT), the Gavilans (MGB), the McKennas (MGB) and the Reisses (Nissan Murano, also with delightful air conditioning.) We proceeded along Routes 60, I-64 and Route 288 to our second rendezvous point near Powhatan where we were joined by Jim Cheatham (MGB) and David & Beverly Glick (MGB LE) from the Richmond club.

Then it was over to Amherst, VA for lunch at Travelers. The air was really heating up as we continued on to our first night's destination in Fayetteville, WV. Tad had mapped out an exciting mountain route for our motoring enjoyment, complete with hairpin turns, switchbacks, and the occasional area of loose gravel to get our tires sliding just a bit. A brief stop at New River Gorge offered amazing views, as seen above.



Monday morning we departed early, before the sun had a chance to make the air hot again. After a fuel stop in Chapmanville we continued to Prestonburg, WV for lunch at Billy Ray's. (Another superior choice by our tour guides, the Carters.) Just short of the hotel we encountered some Louisville rush hour traffic, made a bit worse by a wreck at a key Interstate merge point. Piling out

of our toasty cars in the hotel parking lot, Tad, Mark and Donald were each seen to down a frosty pint of Bud Light in record time. (Karen opted for a quickly chilled slug of wine.)



Exhaust pipe adjustments on US 119 South., near Big Ugly Creek Road.

The Richmond contingent attended the Churchill Downs tour event that evening. Everyone else rested and eagerly rehydrated at their respective hotels.

On Tuesday Mike Haag took advantage of a group tour of the Corvette Factory and Museum in Bowling Green. The rest of the group headed south to Swope's Cars of Yesteryear Museum in Elizabethtown, KY. This complimentary facility is owned by Bill Swope, a prominent Kentucky car dealer. It contains about 65 cars that carefully map the history of the automobile from its earliest days up to the early 1960's. Everyone enjoyed a personalized tour from a woman who was a walking encyclopedia of automobilia.

On to Bardstown for lunch at the Old Talbott Tavern, in business since 1779. Tad was thinking ahead when he made reservations for our group, as we waltzed past many overheated tourists and MG 2016 attendees who were waiting for a table. The Barton 1792 Distillery tour was next and, again, we were treated to a skillful tour from an extremely knowledgeable distilling expert. Although it was very hot outside, it was naturally cool inside the multi-story rickhouse containing many hundreds of barrels of delicious Kentucky Bourbon. After the tour we were treated to generous portions of two of Barton's products as well as a Bourbon Ball chaser. A number of bottles of Bourbon as well as Bourbon Ball Chocolate Liqueur were seen to fly off of the shelves and into waiting MGs.

Wednesday was a "free day" that saw many of the group head out on a variety of side trips. Destinations included Churchill Downs, a Trolley Tour of Old Louisville, as well as a driveout to a nearby winery. There was also time to spiff up the MGs in preparation for the next day's gathering.

Thursday was the big event -- the All Register MG 2016 Show at Riverside Park, on the Ohio River. Over 800 MGs graced a huge expanse of Kentucky bluegrass, with an elevated Interstate highway providing ample shade down the middle of the show field. An extensive sound system piped British rock & roll music throughout the showfield. During the four hours of display time, several of the group wandered into town and enjoyed such things as the Louisville Slugger Factory tour and the many inviting watering holes along Louisville's Distiller's Row.



Swope Cars of Yesteryear Museum

Everyone headed back to the hotel complex after voting for their favorites in each MG class. The culminating banquet at the Crowne Plaza was impressively orchestrated. Over 1000 diners were served a classic Southern meal in exactly one hour. Buffet line offerings included bourbon glazed pork chops, honeyed chicken breast, fried catfish, seasoned greens, and Derby Pie for dessert. Dennis Gage, of the cable show My Classic Car, was our entertaining guest speaker. Dennis regaled us with plenty of car-related anecdotes, including the fact that he prefers coupes to roadsters because wind tends to confuse his impressive handlebar moustache.

When the awards were announced, our own Susan Bond had won an impressive 2nd place in the MG-TC class. Craig and Joyce Cummings also took a second in the MGC-GT class. Mark and Kathy Davidoski were 5th in the 1974 ½ GT class, thanks to Susan and Terry who lent them a spare engine for installation just prior to MG 2016.

Friday morning saw hundreds of MGs begin their homeward journeys. Some cars had been driven from places as distant as Denver, British Columbia, and northern Ontario and most appeared to have made it under their own power, which is a testament to the benefits of frequent use!

A few folks headed home independently while the remainder headed out at 0900. After a fuel stop in Winchester we were off to Red River Rockhouse in Campton, KY for lunch. This is an excellent farm to table establishment on a remote state highway. It features numerous craft beers and soft drinks to accompany artisanal sandwiches and salads.

On to Hazard and Coeburn for rest & fuel as needed. Enroute to Abingdon we encountered an interesting wreck in Pound, VA. A large and lifted pickup truck had managed to flip and knock down a telephone pole, thereby blocking the right travel lane. EMS units from a wide area were on hand to lend assistance, chew the fat, and speculate on how the wreck had happened. Carefully threading our way through the chokepoint, we eventually pulled into Abingdon for the night. But first it was time for supper at The Martha, across the street from the famous Barter Theater (Virginia's State Theater.)



Saturday the 18th dawned clear and cool. Homeward bound, the group motored to historic Danville and lunch at the Golden Leaf Bistro. While enjoying the bistro, a man approached to mention his ongoing MG-TC restoration. This led to an unexpected sidetrip to Tivvy's Autocraft, where the group was treated to some interesting cars, including a Delahaye.

We had beautiful weather for the entire homeward journey, with moderating temperatures at last. The group got back to Tidewater that evening having driven nearly 1700 miles, slightly worse for wear, but loaded with memories of another unforgettable journey led by Team Carter. The roads were spectacular, the sights and stories legendary, and the company unsurpassed.

MG 2017 is in San Diego. Roadtrip anyone???



Random views of Kentucky

Membership Update

2017 Membership: We are off to a good start on renewal memberships. As of 20 June there are 58 paid renewal and new memberships. Renewal Forms may be found on line at www.mg.org. If you haven't already sent in your renewal, please fill out a copy and send it to me along with \$20 in the form of 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 from last year's roster, and use the same info for the 2017 Annual Directory. If you do not desire to renew your membership for 2017, please let me know by e-mail - williamryoshida@verizon.net - or by phone (757) 554-0402, so I can remove you from the TMGC listings. I will be sending out "Delinquency Notices" beginning in early July to members that haven't yet renewed their 2017 membership. If you believe you've received one in error please let me know.

New Memberships:

Chip & Charlotte Woolford Jr. & Benjamin
Norfolk, VA 23509
1972 MGB-GT

Ryan Dixon
Norfolk, VA 23505
1967 Midget (purchased from Ted Hughes)

Dipstick Calendar – July, 2016

Saturdays – Cars & Coffee
Classic Motor Museum
102 E Marengo St, St. Michaels, MD
9am-11am

July 6 – Picnic / Meeting – Great Neck Park – 6:30pm

Aug. 2 – Tuesday – Monthly Meeting
Hosted by Jayne and Bruce Easley in Seaford

Aug. 7 – Summer Tech Session in Chesapeake
Hosted by Jim Freeh

Aug. 21 – Sunday – Barksdale Theatre
Neil Simon's Brighton Beach Memoirs
(2 seats available @ \$29/)

Sep. 7 - Wednesday – Monthly Meeting
Ocean View Fishing Pier

Sep. 9 – 11 – Vintage Car Festival – Watkins Glen

Sep. 15 – 18 – Drive the Crooked Road Fall Tour

Sep. 16 - 18 – CVBCC – Classics on the Green
New Kent Winery www.BritishCarClub.com

Sep. 24 – AACA Wings and Wheels, Pungo Airfiled
www.traaca.com

Sep. 30 – Oct. 1 SVBCC 35th Annual British Car Festival
Waynesboro – www.svbcc.org

Oct. 4 – Tuesday - Monthly Meeting
Hosted by Renee and Bill Olcheski

Nov. – Fall Tech Session - TBD

Nov. 2 – Wednesday - Monthly Meeting
Hosted by Mathieu Huovinen

Holiday Party – TBD

Dec. 13 – Tuesday – Holiday Lights Drive



Churchill Downs and Barbero's gravesite



Looking northward toward Indiana – Union held territory

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:

TMGC
c/o Bill Yoshida
4732 Little John Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23455 (757) 554-0402, Cell (757) 633-8303
williamryoshida@verizon.net

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? _____

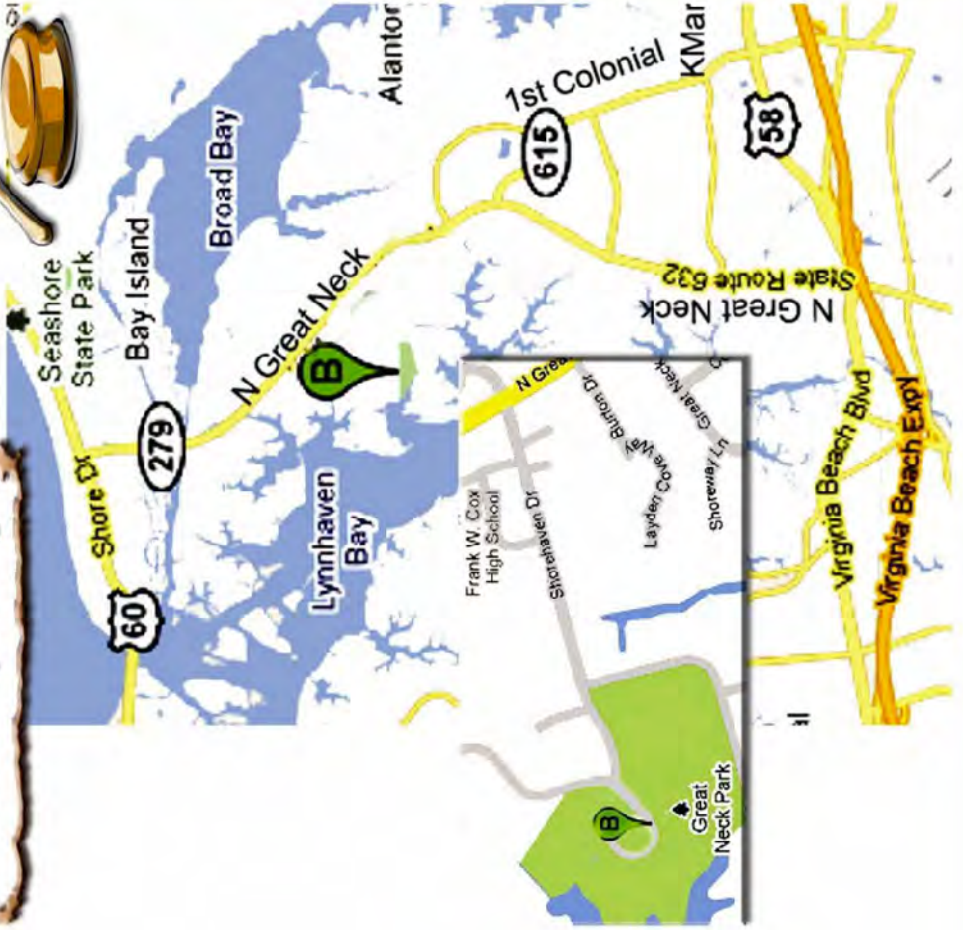
MG's owned? _____

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



Monthly Meeting
 Wednesday, July 6th
 Great Neck Park
 2513 Shorehaven Dr.
 Virginia Beach
 495-9847 (Tad)

Cook Out Starts at 6:30
 Followed by Meeting



Tidewater MG Classics
 C/O Kathy & Mark Davidoski
 4705 Little John Road
 Virginia Beach, VA 23455
 davidoskicrew@cox.net

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