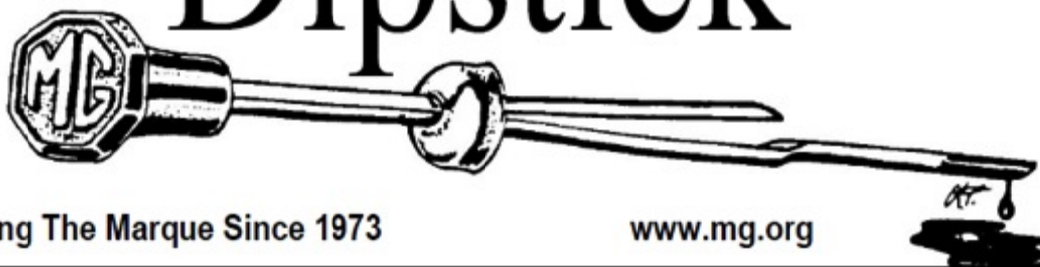




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MOSS MOTORFEST 2017

by Mike Haag

The 2nd Moss Motorfest event was held Saturday, June 3rd at their facility in Petersburg, VA. On Friday, June 2nd, the inaugural British Sports Car Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony took place, honoring 22 luminaries who have done so much to support British sports cars. Tad Carter led a small contingent of TMGC members who departed from the Southside Friday morning for a drive up to Petersburg. Those members included Al Hazlet, Donald & Rose Ladd, Terry & Susan Bond, and Faith & PJ Peterson. Denise and I were on our way to meet up with the group when my MGB decided it didn't want to make the trip and started coughing and sputtering on I-64. Thankfully, she lasted long enough to get us over on to the Battlefield Blvd exit, safely out of the way of traffic. After checking the usual (gas to the carb, spark) she would start but had no power to safely move on her own. Once again, we called AAA and waited for the rollback to take us home. On the bright side, I am finally getting payback for all the years I have been paying into AAA!

Tad & co motored up Rt. 460, stopping at the Bullets gas station a few miles past Disputanta to fill up. It was there that Al's battery cut off switch he installed years ago to prevent theft decided not to let even its owner "steal" her by playing dead. After some troubleshooting, the switch was bypassed and the gang was on their way. They stopped at Prince George Barbecue for lunch, then motored on to the Petersburg Battlefield for a driving and walking tour by Ranger Randy, and no, I'm not making up that name! Meanwhile, Denise and I drove to Petersburg in "that German vehicle" where we parked in Old Town and walked around a bit and checked out a couple of antique stores. Later, we all met up at the hotel, and then ventured over to the Moss facility for the British Sports Car Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.



Part of their warehouse was setup with a stage where the inductees sat, along with chairs and tables for seating and eating by the audience. For those who signed up there was a cash bar and free hors d'oeuvres. Of the 22 inductees, eight were there in person, including: noted author Graham Robson, Bob Tullius of Group 44 racing fame, Bob Johns of TR3 racing fame, columnist Peter Egan, MG guru John Twist, publicist and sales execs Mike Dale and Mike Cook, and Richard Knudsen who has done so much for the MG "T" series in this country. There were stories to be heard, followed by a Q&A session, and even cake! It was an honor to meet these folks in person, some of whom we have heard about and read about for years. After the event, we headed back to the hotel. Terry & Susan made a beer run, and we

relaxed in the parking lot by our cars. There was even a drone that flew by, and at one time, was hovering over us. Probably streaming live video back to someone's Facebook page. A great way to end another MG day.



Saturday was a great day for a car show, sunny and not too hot. The show field was divided into 2 parts: the paved parking lot for Miatas, Midgets, and other British cars and a grassy area for all other MGs, some Triumphs and a few shade trees. Moss gave tours of the facilities, and the British Sports Car Hall of Fame inductees were inside the museum signing copies of the event poster. TMGC had good representation at the car show, as members Mike & Jennifer Ash, Richard & Sandy Hall, Jack Pavlidas & daughter

Hillary, David Ford & son, Frank & Kiz Worrell, Craig Cummings, and Doug & Eiko Wilson were also there. Sorry if I missed anyone. John Twist did a mini version of his walking tech session, I noticed he stopped at Richard Hall's MGA and Doug Wilson's MGB. Craig Cummings took a 2nd place in Class 5- MGB & MGC GT with his 69 MGC GT and PJ Peterson took a 2nd place in Class 21 - British Modified with his V8 powered MGB. After the awards, the group that drove up on Friday left for home. Denise & I stopped at an antique store in Disputanta, but later caught up with Susan & Terry on Rt. 460. We followed them, with Susan in the lead driving her MG TC (at the legal speed limit, no parade-only car for her!) As we drove through Wakefield we saw the others had stopped for ice cream. Susan & Terry stopped in Windsor, but we kept going. All in all, another great MG event.

Marque Time



OK, now that everybody has their TMGC dues paid for the upcoming year we can get back to regular business, whatever that is. Wait... you have paid your dues, haven't you? You don't want to have Bill "Deadbeat Chaser" Yoshida coming after you. It can be disturbing.

As I noted at the June meeting, we are moving ahead with an early start for the TMGC Officers Nominating Committee this year. Again, if anyone is interested in any office other than Treasurer (which is, thankfully, to be held by Jim Villers for as long as he agrees) please see Mike Haag, Mark Davidoski or Bill Yoshida. We are seeking nominees for President, Vice President and Secretary. As long as you know the secret handshake you can run for office. Don't know the secret handshake? I'll show it to you for five dollars. It will be our little secret.

I know that many of you will shed a tear to see my tenure as TMGC president come to an end later this year. Sure, some of them may be tears of joy, but at least you care. I'm not sure that mine will be big shoes to fill (a "10 ½ D" to be precise) but somebody has to do the job. And if anyone wonders whether they can handle it, all you have to do is look at me. Yes, you'll say to yourself "if he can do it, anyone can." and you will be filled with confidence. If that doesn't work, try whiskey.

So now that you have dutifully read what I have to say, reward yourself with some "Marque Time" of your own. Enjoy some of this fine, warm weather and make the most of the summer in your LBC!

Safety Fast,
Robert



Activity Report

I know this will come as a surprise to many of you, but I really enjoy driving - wandering down Virginia's backroads with a convoy of similarly imperfect LBCs and similarly adventurous drivers. Front, back or middle of the pack doesn't matter. Watching a long train of MGs winding through the countryside is a welcome sight. And knowing my traveling companions makes for a comfortable ride, regardless of our familiarity with the road or the destination.

On the other hand, traveling solo has its own joys. The occasional discovery of a random MG is like finding an Easter egg – a surprise and an instantaneous jump from the present to those remote winding roads and adventures, past and future.

On our recent return from Moss MotorFest, I enjoyed the company of Al, Rose, Donald, Faith and PJ as we wound through the farmlands bordering Rte 460. When we stopped for ice cream in Wakefield - surprise – we found Sandy and Richard in their MG heading toward Tidewater. And moments later, another surprise - Susan, Terry, Denise and Mike came past in their cars. Yes, we were all coming from the same point and headed in the same direction, but seeing unexpected cars along the route brought smiles to every traveler.

The following morning, I was back on the road toward DC. Just north of Ashland, I passed an MGB-LE heading toward PA. And a few miles later, I passed another MG on his way home to MI. And again today, I was in Richmond and spotted a very nice Midget parked and looking ready for the road. For a brief moment, I escaped the confines of my daily driver and was back on the road with my MG friends. Thanks to all of you who share in our adventures.

So where are we going next? To the **Summer Tech Session** to take care of all the gremlins that have cropped up over the last few weeks. A leak here, a grumble there. You know – old car stuff. We have been invited back to Linda and Jim Freeh's home in Chesapeake on **Sunday, August 6th**. Come on out and take advantage of the expertise, and make use of a plethora of tools and the shelter of a garage to get your car in tip-top shape.



For those traveling with us to view the eclipse, departure date is Saturday, 8/19 for our trip to Santee, SC. **SYZGY 2017 – Journey to the Umbra** – any non-crossword people can look it up. At last count, we have 10 cars and 20 people traveling into the darkness. You'll have to wait until October for the write-up from this trip, as we will be underway at press-time for September.

Here are a couple of things you might want to do on your own:

Richmond International Raceway is having their first **Charity Laps Under the Lights on Friday, 8/18**. One could leave Tidewater via Rte-10 to miss the weekend traffic, grab a bite to eat somewhere along the way, and hit the track at RIR – 5 laps for \$20. A late evening return to Tidewater would suggest that your headlights and taillights should be in working order for this drive. Visit RIR.com and search on “track laps”. The date and sign-up isn’t posted yet, but I know people – 8/18/17.

** Since this is a first-time evening event, keep an eye on the details. For daytime events, the arrival time is before 2pm. Cut-off time for evening arrival is not posted yet.*

Also, **American MGC Register Association** is hosting an event the weekend of **9/29 – 10/2** in Abingdon, VA. All British cars are welcome. In addition to the show, events include a road trip to Hungry Mother State Park, an evening at the Barter Theatre (*Sherlock Holmes and the American Problem*), a trip to the Bristol Motor Speedway and a tour of the Birth of Country Music Museum. Check out the AMGCRA website.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12th at Great Neck Park (Shorehaven Drive by Cox High School). We delayed a week due to the Independence Day holiday. This is a picnic meeting. Burgers, dogs and brats will be available starting at 6:30pm, along with PG-rated drinks (park rules). If you would like to bring a dish to share, please let the Activity Wonk know so he doesn’t double up on your efforts. The meeting will follow shortly thereafter so that we are out by 8:23 (sunset).

Until then, enjoy the ride! *Tad Carter*

Dipstick Calendar July 2017

July 12 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Great Neck Park
6:30PM Picnic, followed by Meeting

July 11 -14 - GOF-Central – Akron, OH
www.GOFCentral.com

Aug. 6 –Summer Tech Session
Hosted by Linda and Jim Freeh in Chesapeake

Aug. 1 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in Hampton
Hosted by Faith and PJ Peterson

Aug. 18 – Charity Track Laps at RIR
www.RIR.com (Search for Track Laps)

Aug. 19 – 22, 2017 – SYZGY 2017 –
Journey to the Umbra

Sep. 6 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting
Ocean View Fishing Pier

Sep 16-17 - Classics on the Green – New Kent Winery
www.ClassicsontheGreen.com/show-info

Sep 29 – Oct 2 – AMGCRA – CBA XXXVII – Abingdon, VA
www.mg-cars.org.uk/amgcr/

Oct. 6-7 – Shenandoah Valley British Car Festival –
Waynesboro
www.SVBCC.net

Oct. 3 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in VB
Hosted by Renee and Bill Olcheski

Nov. – TBD – Fall Tech Session

Nov. 1 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – in VB
Chili Cook-off Hosted by Pete Olson

Dec. 12 – (Tue) Holiday Lights

Bold-Faced Items are TMGC Events

Membership

2017 Memberships: As of 20 June, there are 121 memberships of which 31 are renewals and 2 are new memberships this month.

2018 Membership: This is the season for membership renewal. I will send an e-mail to members that have not yet sent in their dues for the upcoming year. Annual Renewal Forms may be found on line at www.mg.org. Please fill out a copy and bring it to the next meeting or send it along with cash, check or money order. Mark & Kathy are also including a copy of the form in current issues of "The Dipstick". Please 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 \$20 in dues and the data from last year's form/roster will be used for my files and the 2018 Annual Directory.

New Memberships:

Larry and Joan Ashton
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
1972 MGB

Jami and Kerry Buckley
Chesapeake, VA 23322
1979 MGB

Cars: Total cars – 206 (Best estimate - If all current members renew for 2018)

Cars & Types: 176 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
30	2	80	19	1	4	7	20	4	10

Other/Variou MGs – 30 (1-Cooper MG/ 2-VA/ 1-YB/ 1-ZB/ 2 ELVA Courier, plus 23unknown model/yr MGs owned by Tino)

Dues: I turned over \$40 in checks and \$10 in cash to Jim Villers at the June meeting. I currently hold \$120 in cash and \$380 in checks for turnover to Jim Villers.

Submitted by Bill Yoshida



TMGCCC June 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes

After a pleasant round of our own “classics on the green” as members parked their cars on the Yoshida’s back yard grass, hobnobbed and quaffed, President Robert Perrone called the meeting to order. He welcomed the crowd and thanked our hosts, Bill and Issie Yoshida. (See photo on previous page!) The May meeting minutes were then voted as “approved”. Larry Ashton was a guest attendee, coming from the Outer Banks. He has two Bs: a GT and a Roadster, plus he is restoring an MGA. Chuck and Bridgett Alt also were in attendance with their B.

Vice Prez Tad Carter noted that there is not a sponsor home for the July meeting at this time. Normally the July meeting would fall on July 5, but Tad proposed moving the meeting to the twelfth to avoid conflict with the Fourth of July holiday, and suggested we have a picnic. A motion was made and approved to have a picnic meeting on July 12. Tad will update us with details.

Treasurer Jim Villers reported the club has \$1,400.72 in the bank after income and expenses. Historian Susan Bond has scrapbooks and other history information available for perusal, and Membership guru Bill Yoshida reported the club has 119 paid members with 203 cars. Mark Davidoski thanked the contributors for the Spring Tour write-ups, and solicited a writer for the upcoming baseball game.

Activities Director Tad said that six cars made the battlefield tour and attended the British Sports Cars Hall of Fame opening. PJ Peterson took second place in the modified division, while Craig Cummings took second place for his MGBGT. The “Turn Back the Clock” baseball outing will take place on June 27; let Tad know if you need additional tickets. Tad is already looking ahead for the 2018 Barksdale Theatre drive, possibly for Erma Bombeck’s “At Wits End”, and we’ll have a Flash Drive in Oct. or November.

It was announced that the election of Officers will be coming up, and that a triumvirate nominating committee has been formed, consisting of Mark Davidoski, Mike Haag, and Bill Yoshida. Please make your wished known to them if you have a nominee or are interested in holding an office.

President Perrone brought to the assemblage’s attention that under the current Bylaws for TMGCCC, the Vice President has no formal responsibilities. The current VP also wears the Activities Director hat, and typically coordinates meetings as well as all the other club activities, although scheduling monthly meetings is not a designated responsibility of either office. Robert proposed that the responsibility for scheduling and arranging for monthly meetings be formally assigned to the Vice President, and stated that this will initially be done on a trial basis. Robert also proposed that the responsibility for Regalia and Raffle sales be assigned to an officer or appointee and asked for anyone who might be interested in taking over that function.

Old business – none; new business – none. Marque Tyme: Al Hazlett described a problem he had on the Battlefield Tour, in which he lost power. The culprit was a faulty battery bypass switch.

Motion to adjourn, approved. Let’s eat, and see you next time!

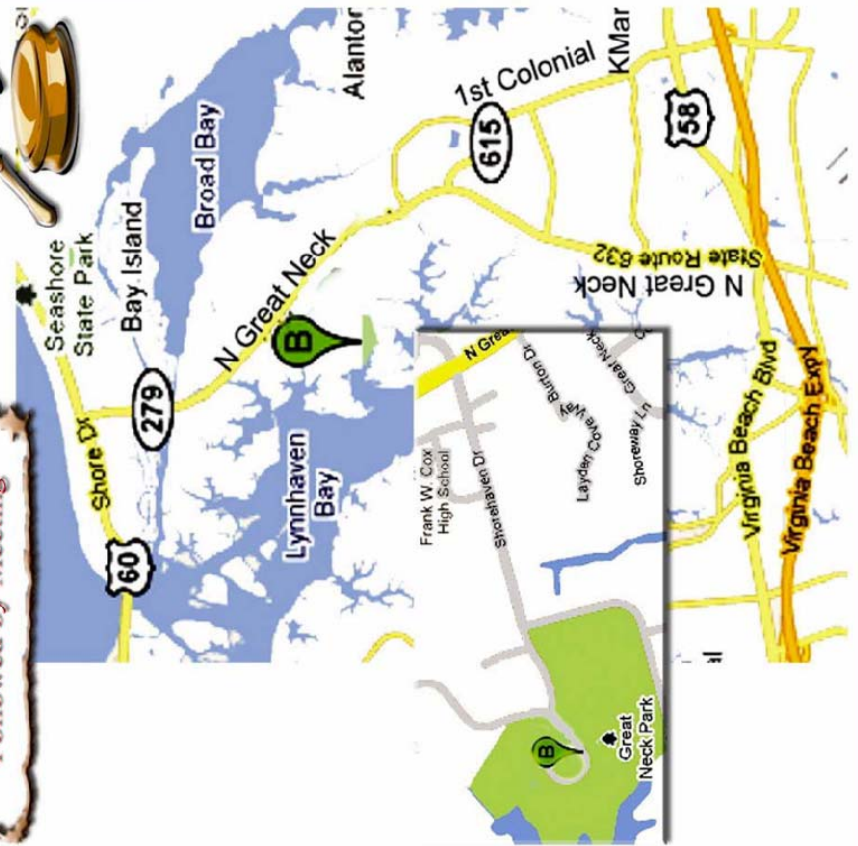
Bruce Easley





Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, July 12th
Great Neck Park
2513 Shorehaven Dr.
Virginia Beach
495-9847 (Tad)

Cook Out Starts at 6:30
Followed by Meeting



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