



The Dipstick

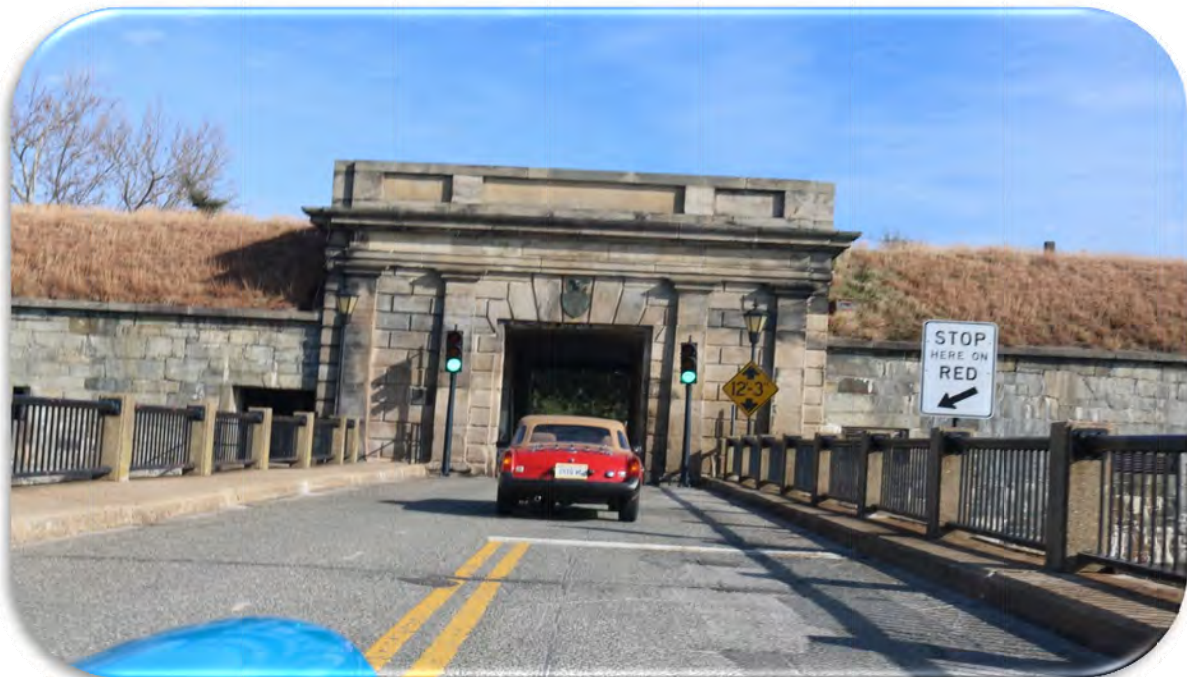


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Activity Report – March 2017

Have you seen an MG lately? What's that in the *Rosey Hits the Road* segment on MLB-TV? And isn't that a rubber bumper "B" on the Goldsboro, NC tourism site? Many advertisers are trying to match the lines of various MG models. And as they try to evoke memories of carefree, top-down excursions in an LBC, we get the pleasure of driving them whenever we want. Lucky us!

Following up on last month's anniversary celebrations, we move ahead to 1967. Gasoline was \$0.33/gallon and minimum wage was \$1.40. Twiggy was hot, the Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour had just started its 3-year run and Lulu topped the charts with *To Sir With Love*. Other favorites coming from across the pond were *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* and the 1967 MGB. Many consider this the peak year for the B. Peak power was reached, there was a stronger synchronized gearbox, reverse lights were added, and government-mandated changes had not yet start to whittle away at handling and the feel of the road. We celebrate the 50th anniversary of this car with JD Hawthorne, Rob Schurz and David Spriggs. Where else can you see one? Check out the presidential limo of Robert Perrone.

The mid-70's brought about a slew of changes to style and handling for the MGB, and heralded the 1967 demise of the MGC. In an effort to keep up with safety requirements, impact resistant rubber bumpers had been added to the B, ride-height was adjusted, horsepower was reduced, and for many, handling suffered. However, handling issues were addressed in 1977 with the addition of a rear anti-roll bar. The 1977 edition was the first to be designed to run on unleaded gasoline, and a redesigned engine bay made room for a future optional to a Rover V-8 engine. I'm sure you remember the 1977 MGB (ok, it was a GT) in *An American Werewolf in London*. While it only had a bit part in the 2009 movie, *Sherman's Way*, it can be seen locally, driven by the likes of Tommy Keiningham and Bobbi Gribble, along with the Boslets, Hennisseys, Seibs and LaPaughs.

And where should we drive these, as well as other MGs? Let's start with our **Antique Treasure Hunt up to the Northern Neck on Saturday, March 11th**. Join us as we shake off the winter doldrums and get out on the open road. We'll head out early from Tidewater, meet up with our peninsula contingent in Yorktown, and make our first stop at Stagecoach Antiques and Flea Market in Gloucester. There are over 50 antique dealers, and as many as 100 flea market tables on weekends. You'll find tools, coins, clothing, household artifacts, automotive treasures and plenty more. From there, it's off to the Kilmarnock Antique Gallery, where you will surely meet Spencer and work your way through 22,000 square feet of antiques. We'll have a late lunch in Kilmarnock before turning south toward home. There is one last chance for the big score at Holly Hill Antiques on the road between Mathews and Gloucester. ETA back in Tidewater is about 5pm. It helps to know in advance who may be with us on this drive, but if you want to surprise us with your attendance, be at Lake Wright in time for a 9:02 departure on the 11th, or meet us on the upper parking deck at the Yorktown waterfront for a 10:02 departure.

Show season kicks off in April at the Williamsburg British Car Show at Chickahominy Riverfront Park on April 22nd. Registration closes on April 8th, so download your entry form from the website – www.WMBGBrit.com - and get signed up.

Our **March meeting is on Wednesday the 1st** at Betty and Jim's in Virginia Beach. There will be MG parking in the driveway, and spots along the street for "others". Be on the lookout for directions from the parking guide. I look forward to seeing you there.

What else? Let's see – Tech Session April 23rd, Spring Tour April 28th-30th, Dessert Drives in late May, Moss MotorFest in early June, and Tides Baseball in late-June. Flash Drives? Syzygy 2017? Nope, nothing else to talk about right now, so that's it for this month.

Enjoy the Ride! *Tad Carter*

Dipstick Calendar – March 2017

Mar. 1 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting
Hosted by Betty and Jim Villers

Mar. 11 - (Sat) Antique Treasure Hunt

Mar. 18 – York HS Annual Car Show

Registration opens
8am

Show 10am-3pm

Apr. 4 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in Seaford
Hosted by Jayne and Bruce Easley

Apr. 22 – Williamsburg British Car Club Show

Apr. 23 (Sun) – Spring Tech Session
Hosted by Deb and Frank Linse

Apr. 28 – 30 - Spring Tour XV – Shenandoah Valley

May 3 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Hosted by Cynthia and Andy

June 2 - 3 Moss MotorFest 2017 – Petersburg, VA
www.MossMotors.com

(TMGC – Battlefield Tour on Friday 6/2)

June 6 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting in VB
Hosted by Issie and Bill Yoshida

June 19 – 23 – NAMGAR – GT-42, Solvang, CA
www.NAMGAR.org

June 25 – 28 – NAMGBR – MG-2017, San Diego, CA
www.NAMGBR.org

TMGCCC February 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Beach time! Our illustrious group met at the Ocean View home of Eric Fee and Cindy Lee, right on the beach. During our pre-meeting socializing we were treated to a cozy fire in their deckside fireplace, along with great snacks and ... libations of several kinds. The Prez Robert Perrone called the meeting to order at 8 pm and began with a “thanks” to our hosts for their hospitality. He requested comments or approval on the last meeting’s minutes, and a motion to approve the minutes was passed.



Tad Carter gave the traditional VP shrug as to VP business, then moved on to his report as Activities Chairperson. The Brew Cruise scheduled for the coming Saturday has 27 people registered, and the weather forecast looks great. He asked that some brew-cruiser submit a writeup of the event. In March, there will be an Antique Drive to the Northern Neck of Virginia, and please notify Tad if you plan on joining the group, so he can make lunch arrangements. The Williamsburg car show will be April 22, and our next Tech Session will be at the home of Frank and Deb Linse on April 23. A show of hands was requested for members who plan to attend the upcoming Moss Motors tour and the battlefield tour. The annual Tides Park baseball outing will be on June 27 this year.

Moving on to other business, our Trez Jim Villers reported the club finances in detail, with the “bottom line” being we have \$1,965.14 in the bank. Susan Bond reported she has plenty of History and photo albums available upon request. Membership sparkplug Bill Yoshida announced we have two new members, Chuck and Bridget Alt of Chesapeake, who are looking forward to attending the upcoming Tech Session. All told, we currently have 116 paid members and 178 vehicles registered. Regalia representative David Kinsey informed us that he has 5 medium and 2 XXL t-shirts available for sale. The evening’s raffle prizes include a book-and-DVD set entitled Fast Cars, a TMGCC ‘fridge magnet, an issue of “Racing Quarterly”, the traditional first in line for post-meeting food, and the 50/50 split of raffle



There being no old business, no new business, and no other new guests or members we moved on to Marque Tyme. Mark Childers demonstrated the mechanism he devised to use for checking radiator pressure and checking for leaks. He also discussed a cylinder pressure check item, a \$6 alternator/voltmeter display from Harbor Freight, and grinding a 3/8" (1/2"?) drive socket for accessing the rear end of MGBs. Andy Wallach reported that he and Frank Linse had been working on Andy's TD and got it started, however a charging problem still needs to be solved. Donald Ladd announced he has a 1972 long bed Chevy truck for sale.

With no other business to attend to, the raffle was held and prizes awarded, with Bob Vann receiving \$37 for his split of the 50/50. The meeting then adjourned for more food, fellowship and fun!

Bruce Easley



Brew Cruise 2017

It is February, it is sunny and there are MGs ready for the road. This is a whole lot better start to the driving season than when we got snowed out last year. These were the thoughts that were going through my head



as we drove west toward the starting point at Waffle House. Upon arrival, we found that Russ, Rose and Donald were polishing off short stacks. Who's car is that over there - oh, yeah, that one is Al's car. He must be inside, too. Others rolled in, topped off the tank and grabbed a hot cuppajoe. In all, 18 Southsiders gathered at the starting line, but we were a little out of practice and missed the 9:12 start by :02.

All roads lead to Hampton. Our Peninsula contingent came from points west - Beckey and Alan from Beaverdam, Missy and Bob from Williamsburg, Jayne and Bruce from Seaford (see you there in April), Dana and Bob from Yorktown, and Faith and PJ from Hampton. Jenny and Eric each took the short way across the HRBT. For the rest of us, it was via Driver, Suffolk, Bartlett, and the James River Bridge. That gave us a little bit of drive time before we ran the gauntlet of stop lights leading us to Bull Island Brewing Company on the Hampton harbor waterfront. In addition to their standards (King Street Kolsch, Waterman's Wheat, Queens Way IPA, Belgian Tripel and Dare Double Stout), BIBC offers several seasonal options. Flights, pints and halves and growlers-to-go. Parking is plentiful in the garage at the Crowne Plaza, the beer is cold and for those wishing to partake, food service is available. BIBC is a welcome addition to the downtown Hampton.



It was a short drive onto the Ft Monroe peninsula, where we enjoyed a tasty lunch at The Deadrise. Our group, now up to 30, filled most of the restaurant. I saw burgers, crab cakes, grilled salmon BLTs, a Shrimp Po'Boy, and a seafood burrito the size of a catalytic converter. Everyone seemed to walk away satisfied. Situated right on the water, consider this a great spot for an evening meal and beautiful sunset views.



Often times when we stop at a winery, cidery, microbrewery or almost any other venue along the road, we are about the only visitors. With our next stop at Oozlefinch Craft Brewery (also on the Ft Monroe peninsula), let's just say that wasn't the case. The place was mobbed. Maybe it was the great weather, maybe it was the LuLaRoe pop-up store, maybe it was a hold-over crowd from the morning yoga class. Maybe it was the big grassy area for kids and dogs to play. Maybe it was the chance to see 14 LBCs come parading in. And maybe it was really good beer. Whatever. This was not the day for a quiet discussion of the nuances of the beer craft industry. Which is fine, as that isn't why we were there. It was a good time to sample from seven flagship brews and another six seasonals. And it was a good time to hang around, catch up with friends and enjoy the sunshine.



Tad

Membership Report March 2017

2017 Membership: As of 16 February there are 116 paid memberships. Members that had not submitted renewal forms and dues for 2017 have been removed from the roster.

New Memberships:

Chuck & Bridget Alt
Chesapeake, VA 23322
1980 MGB

Prospective member: Jim Smith – 1971 MGB-GT that he recently drove down from Maine!!!

Cars: Total cars – 178

Cars & Types: 171 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
30	2	75	18	1	4	7	20	4	10

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

Dues: I turned over a \$10 dues check to Jim Villers at the February meeting.



Marque Time



Now, let me think... (*I know... as if that would actually happen*)

I could use this opportunity (as I have in the past) to remind you all of interesting, timely and otherwise fascinating (not really) bits of information such as "spring is on the way", "the weather will be getting warmer", "don't forget to set your clocks ahead" or some other brilliant observation. But since I know that you all have calendars, you can tell time, and can figure out whether it's getting warmer out, I'll try something different.

Then again, I could also remind you to get your LBC ready for the drives and other activities that we have planned, but I'm sure that you all can figure that out by yourselves, without reading this in our newsletter. If not, you probably shouldn't be driving at all.

So... what to write? Maybe I'll go back to one of my favorite topics, the club itself. Or really, the members of the club. As anyone who is a member of TMGC knows well, it is the members of the club that make it what it is.

Every month we are able to get together for our meetings and have a kind of "mid-week party" with one another. The people in the club truly make the difference. The cars are great, and the interest that we all have in them is something that we share, but that alone doesn't explain why we have dozens of people go out in the middle of the week for a club meeting.

And the same is true for our activities, despite the fact that they are well-planned and have great places to drive and interesting places to visit. Again, it is the people that we are able to share this with that makes the difference.

Even in this past month I have seen this again, at our monthly meeting hosted by Eric and Cindy and the "Brew Cruise" drive set up by Tad on a recent Saturday. Great turnouts and a good time had by all.

But the mention of the "Brew Cruise" made me a little thirsty. So, time for another inspirational quote: "*Everyone must believe in something. I believe I'll have another beer*" — Groucho Marx

As for my "taxing" duties as president of this fine club, I will leave you with yet another quote, from a great fount of wisdom.

"People say nothing is impossible... but I do nothing every day." — Winnie the Pooh

Safety Fast,

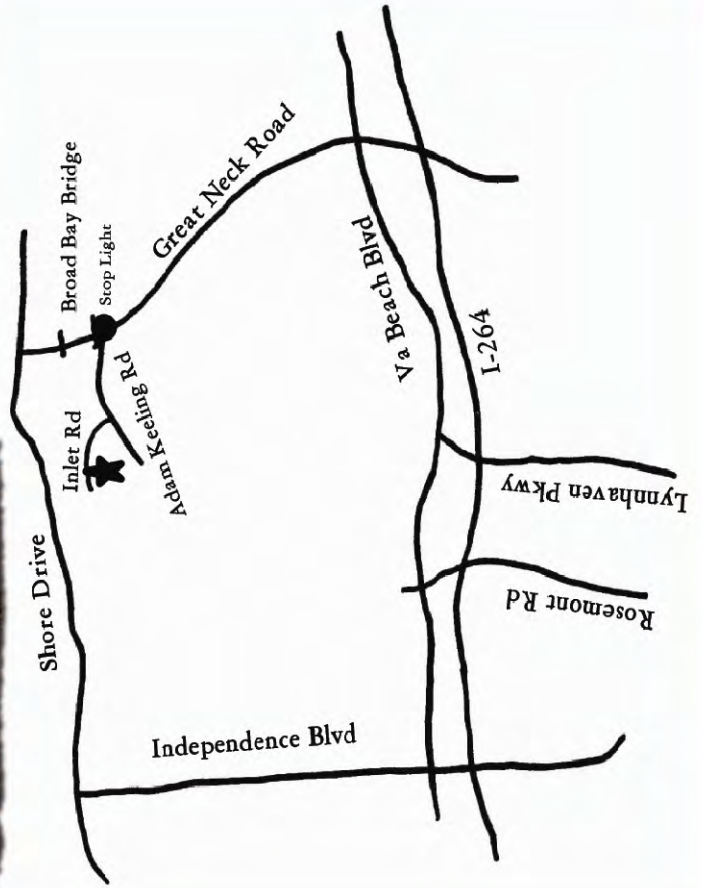
Robert



Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 1st
Jim & Betty Villers
313 Inlet Rd.
Virginia Beach
481-6398

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



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