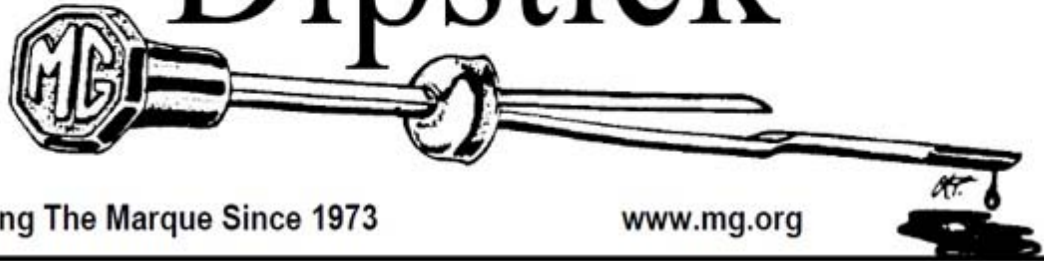




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A 1962 MGA MKII & The Auto Show
by Andy Wallach

Nothing seems easy for me and my MGs. My MGA was accepted to participate in a display of 1960 cars at the 2018 Hampton Roads Automobile Dealers Association Auto Show at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. The justification for why it should be included was "The classic Sports car". On the day before I needed to deliver the car to the show, I figured I better make sure that it started. Well, it didn't. While the starter turned over the car, there was not a lot of conviction. I pull the battery cover behind the seats, observe some corrosion on the battery terminals, and clean them up. Then hooking up my battery charger/starter, I finally got the car started....but it ran rough. Wouldn't run without almost full choke and would sputter and cough when I gave it more gas. So...better call Frank! Frank Linse comes over early the next day, just hours before the car is due at the Convention Center, and quickly determines that one of the carburetors is not operating. We remove the chamber (the dome-like structure) and determine that the piston is stuck-down. (The needle is attached to the bottom of the piston and as the piston rises, more gas flows into the engine.) Frank blows some carburetor cleaner in there, we put it back together and success. My gas gauge shows just over a quarter tank. Frank tells me that I should get some gas. I tell him that you cannot have more than a quarter tank when you bring your car into the convention center.

Upon arrival, the guard checks my gas gauge and allows me to enter with the gauge reading slightly below $\frac{1}{4}$. I clean the car (there was a residual of salty water on the roads), put down the top, and the palladium silver paint shines. It looks great.

Frank, Deb, and Tad and Karen Carter visit the show with Cynthia and me, and my grandkids Eleanor and Evan, on Sunday. The show director tells me I can either remove my car after the show, Sunday evening, or early on Monday. I tell him that I'll be out early Monday morning.

As Cynthia and I are arriving on Monday, snow is falling. I go in, and since the security guard is ready to open up the garage door to let me out, I do not put up the top. I start the car drive out the door and the car stalls. Cynthia and I get the top up as it is snowing, and I attempt to start. The fuel pump is running fast and I do not seem to have any gas...the gas gauge still reads a little under a $\frac{1}{4}$ tank. Cynthia and I push the car into a parking place, drive a few blocks to a gas station, get a gallon container of gas, return to the A, put the gas in the tank, and the A starts right up. We return to the gas station, return the container and gas up. The return home was uneventful.

But Cynthia is now running a little late for bridge. As she is going down Church Street, a policeman pulls her over for speeding (only about 20 mph over the limit). As she is getting her license and registration, he pulls up a picture on his phone and asks her if this car is hers. It is the MGA at the auto show. (The policeman, when looking into Cynthia's car, had seen the placard and photo of the MGA that was at the auto show.) After he praised the MGA and mentioned that his family had three when he was growing up, he told her to have a good day and slow down.

Well, who is luckier: Andy for not running out of gas on Interstate 264 or Cynthia for having Andy and his MGA and thus getting out of a speeding ticket?



Marque Time



Greetings fellow MG enthusiasts.

2018 Got off to a rough start in our household. My younger brother suffered a cardiac arrest, spent 11 days unconscious and passed on Wednesday the 17th. I visited the hospital every day and was with him at the end.

A bright spot during this time occurred on the 10th when TMGCC christened the year at Frankie's. About 42 members were able to brave the elements (not too bad) and make it to the "rain date" meeting.

I think that Tad could find a place on the weather channel after his failed prediction of fine weather for the postponed meeting. Just don't leave the club, we need you.

The cook for the evening certainly had his ssssssstuff together preparing great dishes.

Final recognition and awards were given for 2017.

We have a great year ahead. I think that there are still a few meetings available if you would like to host one.

Please try to make it out to the meetings and functions. We hope to see you.

Safety Fast!!
Bill



Membership Update: February 2018

submitted by Bill Yoshida

2018 Membership: As of 17 January there are 111 paid memberships.

New Memberships: None

Cars: Total cars – 174

Cars & Types: 167 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
26	2	74	20	2	4	7	21	4	7

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

Dues: As reported at the January meeting at “Frankie’s for Ribs”, I hold no dues money.

Activity Report - February 2018

More Clean-up of 2017:

- 1) Thank you to everyone for your generosity toward For Kids. Their good work continues, supported in part by your contributions.
- 2) Did you see it? The Virginia Gazette named Colonial Williamsburg's 2nd Sundays as the top festival in the area. Also, Virginia Beer Company was named for the Top Craft Beer Selection. For those who made our April Flash Drive in 2017, you got to experience both first-hand. So, if you are in Williamsburg on the second Sunday of the month (March – December), check it out. Live music, art, food, crafts, and artisanal culinary delights all make for a nice day trip.
- 3) Our November Flash Drive destination will also celebrate a milestone this year. 2018 marks the 250th anniversary of the development of the Monticello property. On a separate scouting mission, we spent a snowy day in December sitting under the banana trees at Glass House Winery just north of C-ville, and another afternoon tasting some very good wines with a knowledgeable host at Jefferson Vineyards (both are former, and perhaps future destinations). Another day-trip or weekend jaunt, these and many other sites are close at hand and an easy drive.
- 4) And congratulations to Donald & Rose for once again landing the coveted Traveler Award, with 5304 passenger miles.

Now, to quote Freddy "Rerun" Stubbs, "What's happening?" in 2018?

- 1) Meeting at Oozlefinch on February 6th
 - a. 6:30 – 9:00pm
 - b. Private area among brew tanks – dress warm.
 - c. Bringing in in pizza and salad
- 2) Horrible Idea Tour – February 17th
 - a. 10:17am departure from Waffle House (4800 Portsmouth Rd, Chesapeake)
 - b. BYO Picnic Lunch
- 3) Snowball Run – February 24th
 - a. RSVP to me by 2/10/18 so that we can let CVBCC know how many to expect.
 - i. Smithfield & drive – 11:30 – 1:30 - Lunch & Drive or
 - ii. Cocktails and Dinner at Cavalier – 5PM → whenever or
 - iii. Both
 - b. To celebrate their grand opening, The Cavalier will be transporting us back in time with a special weekend inspired by *The Great Gatsby*! The Cavalier staff will be dressed in 1920s-themed outfits and plan to have our cars parked at the hotel's front entrance. There will be lots of things going on at the hotel, and The Cavalier would like to have a photo shoot of our group and cars.
- 4) We have hosts for each of our 2018 meetings. Thank you!
- 5) MG-2018 Gettysburg – hotel rooms are still available at Wyndham host hotel.
- 6) 19th Annual Williamsburg British Car Show – April 14th
- 7) Virginia Spring Tour – April 27 – 29th.
 - a. Contact Alan &Beckey to register
- 8) 2018 Event Planners are still available. See me at a meeting or on the road.



See you on the roads in 2018!

Tad Carter

Dipstick Calendar – February 2018

Feb. 6 (Tue) – Monthly Meeting - Hampton
Oozlefinch Brewery – 6:30 – 9:00pm

Feb. 17 (Sat) – Horrible Idea Tour

Feb. 24 (Sat) Snowball Run – Meet-up with Central Virginia
BCC

Cavalier Hotel – Virginia Beach

Mar. 7 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Chesapeake
Hosted by Ashley & Billy Stutz

Mar. 25 (Sun) – At Wit's End
Hanover, VA Barksdale Theatre

Apr. TBA – Spring Tech Session

Apr. 3 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – Norfolk
Hosted by Cindy Lee & Eric

Apr. 14 – 19th Annual Williamsburg British Car Show
NEW VENUE!!
www.wmbgbrit.com

Apr. 27 – 29 – Spring VA Tour

May 2 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Norfolk
Hosted by Cynthia & Andy

May 30 – 31 – Dessert Drives

June 5 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – VB
Hosted by Issue & Bill
(Membership Renewal)

June 13-17 NAMGAR GT-43 – Richmond, VA
Registration site not available as of 11-19-17

June 17-22 - MG2018 – Gettysburg, PA
www.MG2018.namgbr.org

July 10 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – Seaford
Hosted by Jayne & Bruce

Aug. TBA – Summer Tech Session

Aug. 7 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – VB
Picnic in Great Neck Park

Sep. 5 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Norfolk
Ocean View Fishing Pier

Sep. 20-23 (tentative)
Crooked Road Fall Tour

Oct. 2 – (Tue) Monthly Meeting – VB
Hosted by Renee & Bill

Nov. TBA – Fall Tech Session

Nov. 7 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Hampton
Hosted by Faith & PJ

Dec. TBA – 45th Anniversary Celebration

Bold-Faced Items are TMGC Events

January 10, 2018 TMGCC Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held at Frankie's House of Ribs in Virginia Beach. I think everyone was happy to be out and about since many of us have been housebound due to the 10 inches of snow and very cold temperatures during a five day span. By my count there were 42 people in attendance.

Bill Olcheski called the meeting to order with an impromptu tap dance. A few members were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the club. **The first was presented by the past president Robert Perrone who bestowed the President's Award to Frank Linse.**

Terry Bond recognized Rose and Don Ladd for their efforts in Hersey, PA where they assisted Terry so he could enjoy this event. He also thanked several other members in club for his speedy recovery of note is Mark Childers who was very familiar with what Terry was going through having experienced this himself.

Next in line for recognition was Tad Carter. The past secretary Bruce Easley made the presentation for all of the amazing outings that Tad has put together for the benefit of all of its members.

The recognition continued with a member thanking the current president for stepping up to the plate. He then stated that he hopes Bill does a good job. Laughter ensued.

The Vice President also known as Faith stood up and gave the group a visual with both hands up in the air indicating that there was nothing new to report.

Since there were no minutes for the December meeting it was unanimously approved.

Our wonderful treasurer Jim Villers provided the club with our current bounty which is \$2,150.02. He also had some sage advice for saving money by retrieving these discount tickets to the Home and Garden show which would in turn give him credit with Betty his wife for doing his job.

Tad Carter with activities thanked Jim and Betty Villers for hosting the December Holiday Party. The charity Just For Kids was the recipient of the club's donations this year and they were very thankful.

Tad continued with the amazing statistic for 2017. Of note, 220 individuals participated throughout 2017. Once again Donald and Rose Ladd won the traveler's trophy. Tad decided to change it up a bit and had a T-shirt made in their honor.

There are so many activities for the 2018 year I hope if you haven't participated you will at least try one or two on for size.

The meeting in February will begin a little bit earlier and will be at a brewery where pizzas will be ordered. The weather may be chilly so dress appropriately.

If you haven't signed up for MG 2018 there are still rooms available in Gettysburg. Alan and Becky are open for business and ready to take reservations for the 27th through 29th of April. The destination is Fredericksburg. Expect around 5 hours of driving.

Mike Ash representing clubs stated that the North American MGA is meeting in Richmond a week before Gettysburg. Wow so much to do so little time.

Membership Bill Yoshida has emailed the all new 2018 directories and also has mailed hard copies to those who requested them.

This years Dipstick award goes to Tad Carter.

New Business: Faith's husband is in charge of the 19th Annual British and European Car Show. It is being held in a new venue, The Shops at High St. in Williamsburg, VA. The cars will be on display in a parking garage. Registration is now open. There are 5 different restaurants in walking distance. They currently have 70 cars registered.



Marque Time: Walt Westhoff has his car up for sale a 1959 MGA 1500.

Andy Wallach's MGA MK II is on Display at the Virginia Beach Car Show. His wife encourages everyone to vote and to vote often. Discounts of \$3 are available on line.

A motion for the meeting to adjourn was affirmed.

Recorded by Cynthia Faschini





Help Us Help Homeless Families

December 18, 2017

Tidewater MG Classics Car Club

In this season of giving thanks, we are grateful you've chosen to support ForKids families in need of help.

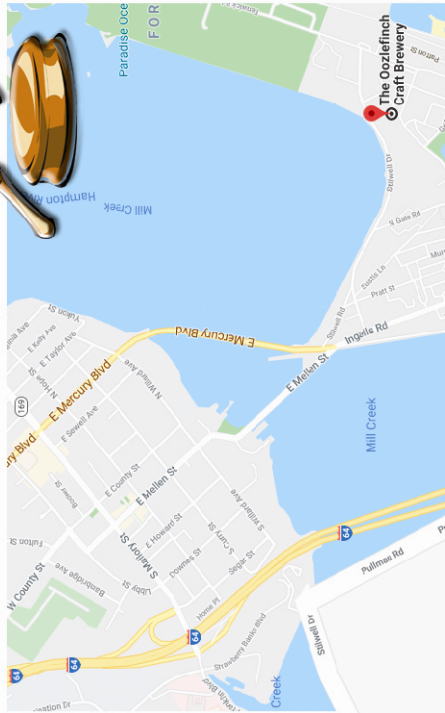
Martin and his two small children were one of those families. Displaced by the hurricane, they relocated from Puerto Rico to the Norfolk area. When first arriving at Haven House, Martin had no source of income, benefits or health insurance. Through the assistance of ForKids, Martin was connected with an incredibly supportive church community, obtained employment and moved out of Haven House into his own apartment in just 20 days! This family was stabilized thanks to Martin's hard work and assistance from generous donors like you.

Donations, such as Tidewater MG Classics Car Club's gift of toys and gift cards on 12/14/2017 allows us to reach hundreds of families. Last year over 1,850 children were served at the ForKids Holiday Shop and we hope to serve more children this year. Thank you for making sure ForKids' kids have reasons to be thankful this season! With your generous support, families like Martin's are able to celebrate the New Year!

With warmest wishes,

Sharhonda M. Woods
Chief Development Officer

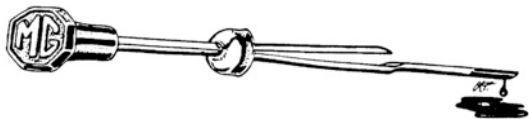
Please retain this letter for tax purposes. ForKids is a 501(c)(3) organization, tax ID 54-1477799, and donors may deduct contributions to ForKids as provided by the IRS to the full extent of the law. No goods or services have been received in return for this contribution unless specifically noted. Please consult with your attorney or financial advisor to determine your level of deductibility.



6:30 - 9:00 pm
Food and Meeting

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Feb 6th
The Oozlefinch
Craft Brewery
81 Patch Rd
Fort Monroe,
VA 23651

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