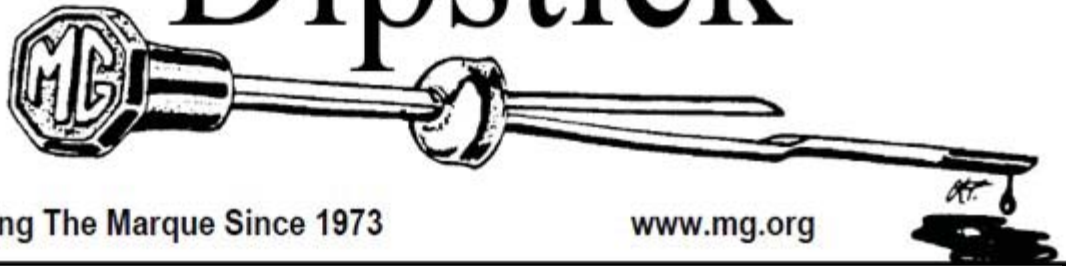




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Spring Tour 2018

Nothing at all to Wine about!!!

Day 1 -- Friday, April 27, 2018

by Terry Bond



We beat the traffic and the rain! Susan and I opted to meet the group at the Williamsburg stop to avoid some traffic and weather and we actually had time to stop for a McDonald's break before joining the crowd at our traditional Starbucks departure point. By the time we got there it was a sunny and perfect day.

Everyone admired Donald Ladd's new MG Trailer – plenty of room for spares and extra beer!

We waved at the traffic jam on the interstate and motored via backroads to another familiar and traditional stop – Hanover Café in historic downtown Hanover. After meeting Robin Watson there and consuming a nice early lunch it was on via more twisty-turny trails to our first stop near Fredericksburg, The Classic Car Center– a whole warehouse filled with collector cars for sale and in storage. There were even two nice MGs there – a beautiful maroon TC and a chrome bumper B roadster. Cars from the 30's up to the muscle car era were available, and I know of at least one of our members who drooled over a reasonably priced Alfa roadster. It was fun to dream!

Despite some increasing traffic, and plenty of stop lights, we managed to remain together as a group for most of the route to our first drinking establishment – the beautiful Potomac Point Winery. This place was hidden! There was a single sign along route 1 announcing that it was a few miles ahead, but then nothing more to guide us, except our fearless leader's nose. We all thought we were hopelessly lost when all of a sudden, through a residential neighborhood and around a woodsy curve, there it was! How Alan and Becky managed to stumble on this place I'll never figure out. I guess if you are going to have just one winery on the first leg of the trip, make it a good one. And wow was it ever! The hospitality, the wines, the tour, the scenery – all fabulous. We bought a case! Who said it wasn't a wine tour?

From here it was on to our Friday night stop near Fredericksburg, a fairly new and well appointed Holiday Inn. Susan and I promptly met a fellow antique automobile club member from Pennsylvania who just happened to stop on the way to pick up a car he had purchased in North Carolina. Small world in this hobby!

We freshened up and then motored on a mile or so to Paddy's Public House for dinner. Despite a big Friday crowd for their happy hour, we had reserved seating ready and waiting for us. It was noisy but the food was great and the beer was cold – a fitting conclusion to a fine day of British motoring at its best – with friends from TMGC! Nobody got too lost, nobody broke down and Donald still had some beer left in his trailer so we would be ready for more touring after a wee rest.



Day 2 Saturday, April 28, 2018 (by Robert Perrone)

I often think that there are few people that read these articles. After all, if you were there you know what happened. And if you were not, you probably don't want to hear about the great fun you missed. But for the 2 or 3 of you who might read this, I submit the following literary gem. And I'll try to keep it short enough for my own limited attention span.

Well, anyway, Saturday turned out to be another fine day for driving an MG (or a BMW... or a Jaguar... or a Morgan). It started out a bit gray, but by the time we arrived at our first destination, the sun was out and the skies had cleared. I figured that would make it easier to see all of the gold I was about to find at the mining museum. I was thinking about all of the ways I could spend my new-found riches, but then I found out that I would have a better chance of winning the Irish sweepstakes than finding enough gold to buy a pack of gum.



At least I could drown my troubles at the next stop, the Wilderness Run Winery and 1781 Brewing Company. And I must confess I have no idea whether there was actually a winery there because I never got further than the bar at the brewery. I can report that they had some very fine beers there, and that I enjoyed several tastings in a flight along with several others in our group. After an enjoyable lunch at the picnic tables, we were off to Fredericksburg. Our next main stop was the Rising Sun Tavern.

Our tour guide provided us with a lot of interesting history and information about the tavern as well as the era when it was a destination for many notable travelers. Along with other bits of info, he said that there were several common phrases and sayings that we still use today that date back to those times. Among other things he noted that the term bartender (or barkeep) related to the area in the tavern where the innkeeper stayed, behind vertical wooden bars, to protect himself from plates and mugs thrown by the patrons. Sounds like a typical Saturday night at my house...



He also told of the origins of several common phrases including “*not playing with a full deck*” (to avoid a tax on playing cards); “*don’t bite off more than you can chew*” (taking a bite of the chewing tobacco); “*bottoms up*” (duping young men into joining the navy by placing a shilling in their mug... take it and you’re in); and several others.

Day 3 Sunday, April 29,2018

By Bruce Easley

Sunday greeted us with a sharp temperature drop, sunny skies and wind. After a group picture, the gang departed the hotel to head to the Stonewall Jackson Shrine. History relates that the only remaining building on the site is the venue where Jackson was brought after being shot, in order to get him on the nearby train to Richmond for needed medical care. However, the Yankees had destroyed the tracks and the move could not be made, ultimately resulting in Jackson’s death. We were given an exceptional presentation by the park ranger on the history of General Jackson’s last days of life and were provided with a tour of the cabin in which his death occurred.



We had a beautiful ride to the next site, with many curved “MG roads” through woods, farmland and rural Virginia. At the Caroline County Department of Economic Development building, we viewed an amazing 14 million-year-old blue whale skeleton, which was excavated at the Carmel Church, Virginia, rock quarry. It was also relayed that Caroline County was where the Triple Crown winner, Secretariat, was born and trained. In addition, the County was the place where John Wilkes Booth was captured and killed.

Our final stop was the Industrial Tap House, where we had a great lunch and were offered a terrific selection of wines and beer, including Coelacanth, Elbow Patches, Sour Wench BlackBerry Ale, etc. Then on to the ride home; another wonderful tour coordinated by Alan and Beckey Watson!

Activity Report – June 2018

This is the first opportunity to write since we returned from the Spring Tour hosted by Beckey and Alan. While stories of the weekend will be elsewhere in The Dipstick, I want to take this space to also say thank you to Beckey and Alan for another wonderful adventure. I already have the dates pixeled in for April 2019!!!

In June, we are back on the road with NAMGAR GT-43 in Richmond (**June 13-17**), and for MG-2018 in Gettysburg (**June 17-22**). By now, some show events have reached capacity, and local host hotels are probably booked, but for any procrastinators out there, you can probably still get local accommodations and find show events in which to participate. We have room for several more on our 6/19 Covered Bridge Drive, for those who will be in Gettysburg. Or you can enjoy a day at the show sans entry fee, if you are up for a same-day drive-out.

Monday night, **June 25th** is Turn-Back-The-Clock night at Harbor Park. Join us as our ~~first-place~~ second-place Norfolk Tides take on the Gwinnett Stripers. It's a night of warm beer and cheap food – what more could you ask for. We still have seats in our block - \$12 each, right behind home plate. Is this the year to catch a foul ball? BYOG. Again, contact your Activity Wonk for tickets.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **June 5th**, at Issie and Bill Yoshida's home in Virginia Beach. As always, June is membership renewal month. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and throughout at events during the 2018-2019 membership year.

Until we meet again, enjoy the ride. *Tad*

And in case you think we are slacking off on the Activity Report, I'm just saving room for a new segment where we revisit some past stops to see what may have changed since we last darkened their driveway. In honor of our tweet-happy world, welcome to **Oh, MG!**

The Point (in Phoebus – 3/14/15 Ft Monroe Tour) welcomed a new chef earlier this year. There are some tasty new dishes on the menu, and **Oh, MG!** you need to go back for the Seafood Chowder. Nothing mushy here – you get the meaty texture of steamed clams and fresh-off-the-grill shrimp and scallops, swimming in a perfect creamy seafood base.

Oozlefinch Brewing Company (at Ft Monroe – 2/11/17 Brew Cruise) has a new brew developed using yeast found at the **Casemate Museum** (at Ft Monroe – 3/14/15 Ft Monroe Tour). I can't decide if that is **Oh, MG!** fascinating or **Oh, MG!** disgusting. It is an interesting parallel to Eight Shires Distillery (in Williamsburg – 2/17/18 Horrible Idea Tour) making hooch from a colonial-era recipe and water from a well at Jamestown.

Chrysler Museum (in Norfolk – 2/15/14 Glass Studio Tour) became a free venue since our visit. **Oh, MG!** what a deal – world-class exhibits right here in Tidewater. With works ranging from Ansel Adams to Frank Lloyd Wright, and many in between, this is well worth a revisit. And if you work up an appetite, the Wisteria Café offers a seasonal menu with locally sourced ingredients.

More Spring Tour 2018





Marque Time

Greetings,

As we MG Enthusiasts know, getting there can be half of the fun. Such was the case when our May meeting fell on such a beautiful evening. Thanks to Cynthia and Andy for once again outdoing yourselves by hosting another winner.

Renee and I thank you for the kind words and condolences on the passing of Mitzi, She was a wonderful mother-in-law and a joy to have living with us for the past 11 years. We miss her.

After years of flawless performance, our membership director Bill Yoshida is stepping down. Thanks to Bill for his dedication and hard work. Andy Wallach has graciously agreed to take over the role,

I leave you with a helpful hint; Remember that scratches and dents on the doors are the side effects of bad driving. Did I really just type that? Forget it.

Safety Fast,

Bill O

Dipstick Calendar – June 2018

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

June 13-17 NAMGAR GT-43 – Richmond, VA
Registration at www.gt43.org

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

June 25 – Norfolk Tides Baseball vs. Gwinnett Stripers
First Pitch – 7:05PM

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

Aug. 5 – Summer Tech Session
Hosted by Linda & Jim Freeh

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

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

Sep. 21-24 – Return to the Crooked Road

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. 16 – 45th Anniversary Celebration
Princess Anne Country Club - 10:00am

Bold-Faced Items are TMGC Events

Parking for the June Meeting at the Yoshida's: *The intent is to park MG's in the back yard and to hold "Kick Tyres" and the meeting poolside as we have done in the past. If it rains heavily the previous day, or that it is raining the day of the meeting causing the ground to be too wet, the driveway will be blocked and cars will need to be parked on the street and the meeting will be held indoors. Regardless of weather, Issie and I hope to see you here.*

MGB Windshield Extension

By P.J. Peterson

Parts List:

- A. Lexan Sheet, Solar Grey, 3/16", 48" x 18", cut to 48"x4", 48"x6", and 48"x8".
Ebay \$67.
- B. Pad, Header Rail, SKU 406-260, 2 each, Moss Motors, \$3.56
- C. Retainer, Header Rail, SKU 453-600, 1 Each, Moss Motors \$11.99
- D. Screw, SKU 323-635 (for Pad), 4 Each, Moss Motors, \$5.44
- E. Seal, Header Rail, SKU 453-610, 1 Each, Moss Motors, \$8.99
- F. Screw, pump body to front casing (for latches), 4 each, Moss Motors, \$6.24
- G. MGB Header Rail, Ebay, Imaginationengineering, \$100.00
- H. Convertible top rail latch set, G366, Ebay, Imaginationengineering \$45.00
- I. Auto paint, Spray, Sandable Primer Paint, and Body Color Paint.
- J. Body putty, glazing putty, sand paper, 80 grit, 120 grit, 220, grit, 400 grit.
- K. Pop rivets, aluminum, 1/8th inch, 1/4 to 3/8th inch grip.
- L. Backup washers for rivets, 1/8th inch.

Approximate cost: \$275

Header Rail:

The header rail was in good shape, so I filled the voids and pits with body putty and glazing putty as needed to get a smooth surface on the front and back of the header rail. A couple of coats of spray primer later and a light sanding and it was ready for final painting. I sprayed 3 coats of body color and 4 coats of clear gloss. After letting it set for 72 hours, I assembled the header rail in the same manner as if it were to be used in the convertible frame, using the seal, latches, and pads.



Lexan Sheet:

I used the 48" x 6" lexan sheet. After masking off the sheet, I clamped it to the header rail in the location I wanted it with the ends flush to the header rail. There was about 1 1/2 in space at the center of the lexan from the header rail. I used a compass to draw a line along the lexan to give me a line to cut so the lexan would fit flush the top of the header rail. I utilized a band-saw to make the initial cut on the lexan and then finished it up using a belt sander and a disc sander with 80 grit sandpaper. After checking the fit and a few minor adjustments, I used the compass to draw a line along the top of the lexan in the same shape as the



bottom. I cut the top in the same manner as the bottom and rounded off the top corners. To finish the edges on the sides and top, I hand sanded the edges using 120 grit, 220, grit and finished it off with 400 grit sand paper. I finished off by removing all of the tape and protective cover.

Final Assembly:

I found it easier to do the final assembly with the header rail mounted to the top of the windshield of the MGB but some may find it easier to clamp the header rail down to the work table instead. I clamped the lexan on to the top of the header rail being careful to not scratch the rail or the lexan. Pieces of cloth help protect it. Starting in the center, I drilled a 1/8th inch hole through the lexan and the header rail and the using a pop rivet with a back up washers, riveted it in place. Working from the center, I measured 3



inches to the right and left of the center and repeated the same procedure. Each time, I checked the clamps and the fit to insure there was no shifting of the lexan on the header rail. Alternating from side to side, I continued drilling and riveting every 3 inches. This left the last rivet about 1 inch from the edge.

Additional Notes:

The Windshield extension is mounted in the same manner as a standard header rail when you put up your top. I did make a cover to protect it when not in use. It was a simple sleeve using leftover cloth from my wife. It will fit in the space behind the seats when the top is up. I found it fits better back there if you turn it upside down.

Spring Tech Session 2018

Mark Davidoski

Frank and Deb Linse were our hosts for the annual Spring Tech Session on Sunday, April 22nd. The weather was cool at first, but gradually warmed into a perfect day for turning wrenches, telling tales, and enjoying Deb's delicious luncheon spread.

Among the technical activities that were accomplished, I was able to adjust my B-GT's parking brake with the help of Frank's trolley jack, while Susan worked on finding the source of oil spray under her TC's bonnet. It turned out that a line from the oil pump was weeping a bit, plus the valve cover may have been a tad loose. Frank spent some time working on Dennis Hennessey's MGB. The



carburetor needed some tweaking, which seemed to work somewhat better after Frank worked on repositioning the jet.



As mentioned above, Deb provided a tasty lunch to all comers, and the afternoon settled into the usual socializing and trading of LBC-related stories.

Good times as always at Linse's MG Repair Depot!

**MINUTES OF THE TIDEWATER MG CLUB
May 2, 2018**

The regular meeting of the MG Tidewater Club was held on Wednesday May 2, 2018 at the home of Andy and Cynthia. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by President Bill Olcheski.

President Olcheski thanked the hosts, Andy and Cynthia. It was a beautiful evening with many MG's showcased out front of their beautiful home.



Minutes: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Club's April 3, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

President: President Olcheski provided information regarding "The Walk to Defeat ALS", June 2, at Waterside. The walk is a 5k and check-in is 10:00 am with the walk beginning at 11:00 am.

Vice President: Faith Peterson reminded those present about the June 2 Monitor Lodge Car Show in Newport News and. For more information, check out their Facebook page, Monitor Lodge Car Show.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Villers provided the April financial report. There were receipts of \$23 from the raffle and disbursements of \$275 which brings the balance to \$904.

Activities: Tad thanked everyone who came out for the great Spring Virginia Tour last week. There were 13 cars and 24 people. Special thanks to Allen and Becky for putting it together. Tad also thanked Frank and Deb for the wonderful tech session held at their house on April 22.



Membership: Bill reminded members membership renewal is next month. It's a great deal at \$20 per year. We currently have 113 paid memberships. Bill asked those present if someone would take on membership. After discussion, Andy Wallach agreed and was unanimously voted in as new Membership Chairperson. Andy has some big shoes to fill. Bill was thanked for his many years of dedicated work.

Historian. Susan stated there was no report his month.

Dipstick. Mark Davidoski requested articles for the "Dipstick" and thanked members who have contributed articles. The deadline for articles is the 20th of each month.



Our gracious hosts!

Unfinished Business

Regalia. Rose reported there were still hats available at a cost of \$20.

Marque Time. PJ & Cynthia reported there were sheets of Lexan available. Cynthia noted there was an article in the Virginian-Pilot about the winery the Club visited on a recent drive.

New Business

There was no new business.

The next Club meeting is June 5, hosted by Bill and Issie, 4732 Little John Road, Virginia Beach.

There being no further business before the Club, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:36 p.m.

Recorded by Vicky Koch, Secretary pro tem

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SVBCC British Car Festival 37th Annual Car Show October 5/6, 2018

<http://www.svbcc.net/carshow.html>



Membership Update

2018 Membership: I expect the 2018 Membership Year to wrap-up on 30 June with 113 paid memberships.

New Memberships: No more anticipated in June.

Cars: Total cars – 180

Cars & Types: 173 of the following types of MGs:

MGA	A- Coupe	B	B-GT	C	C-GT	TC	TD	TF	Midget
29	2	78	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 do not hold any money for turnover to Jim. June is TMGC Renewal Month for the 2019 Membership Club Year.

New Membership Chair, 2019 Dues and Chair Turnover: Congratulations (and my personal “Thanks”) to Andy Wallach who volunteered at the May Meeting to become the next Membership Chair. I recently spoke with Andy, he and Cynthia will not be at the 5 June Meeting due to a planned Alaska trip. As such, I will be collecting dues at the June meeting as I have done in the past. I recently sent an e-mail to members that have paid their 2019 dues in advance. Annual Renewal Forms are found on line at www.mg.org. Please fill out an updated copy and bring it to the meeting or send it along with cash, check or money order. For your convenience I’ve requested Mark & Kathy to include a copy in this issue of “*The Dipstick*”. 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. Information from last year’s roster will be used for the 2019 Annual Directory.

The Membership Chair Turnover will take effect on 1 July 2018 which is the actual start of the 2019 Membership year per TMGC By-Laws. Look for changes in the mailing address to send membership renewal dues after 1 July.

Safety Fast, Bill

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:

"Save an Octagon"



Monthly Meeting
 Tuesday, June 5th
 Issie & Bill Yoshida
 4732 Little John Rd.
 Virginia Beach
 554-0402

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



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