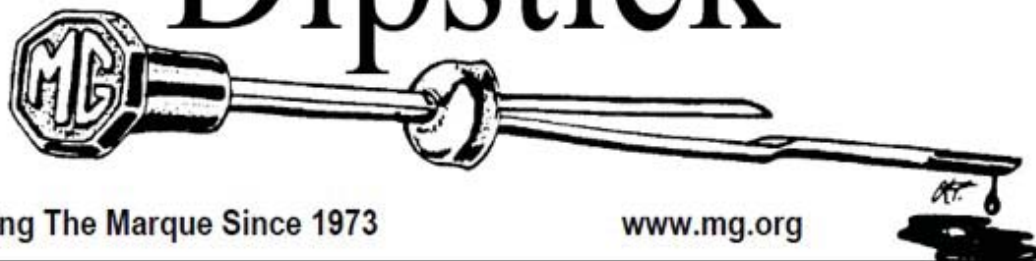




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Wings & Wheels

22 Sep 2018 (Last day of summer!)

I arrived at the Military Aircraft Museum, Pungo, USA with our trusty 1974 ½ B-GT at 0925 and was greeted by TRAACA President (and loyal TMGC member) Mark McAlpine. Sandy Hall (1973 B-GT) was busily working the registration table while Bob Stein (1951 Studebaker) was doing the photography honors with a 1917 Fokker Dr-1 as a backdrop. Richard Hall was operating a golf cart, serving as Water Boy (aka H2O Technician) for the Wings & Wheels judges. Other TMGC members on the grounds included Terry Bond (Automobilia Seminar host), 1948 TC (Susan was away on the Crooked Road Tour); David Ford, 1972 MGB; Billy Stutz, 1971 MGB (plus his 1929 Ford



British warbirds !



Model A Tudor and an early 1970's ambulance (stocked with period bandages and EMT equipment.)

The TRAACA snackbar crew was already working HARD in steamy summer conditions. Dogs, burgers, BBQ, Italian Sausage, kettle corn, and cold drinks were served with cheerful smiles. The highlight of the day for the aviation side of things: the museum's 1945 DeHavilland Mosquito. After an informative historical presentation in the hangar at 1300, we enjoyed a thrilling flight demo at 1345. What an awesome sound – like an MG on steroids!

The museum's Mosquito is the only flyable example in existence. License - built in Canada, it was a bit too late for WW2 service. Later sold off as surplus to a farmer in Saskatchewan, it was a source of spare parts for his tractors before it was "re-discovered." Jerry Yagen led the team that returned it to flying condition.

Another interesting sight: The control tower building from RAF Goxhill in Lincolnshire, which was disassembled and shipped to Pungo, then reconstructed on site. It will serve as a special events building in the near future. This is the same kind of building seen in the classic film “Twelve O’Clock High.” The only other original RAF control tower is in England at RAF Bicester in Oxfordshire.

Trophy winners from TMGC included the following: Terry Bond (1st in class for the 1948 TC; Sandy Hall (1st in class for her 1973 B-GT); Billy Stutz (trophies for all three of his cars, including his 1971 MGB); David Ford (2nd in class for his 1972 MGB); Mark Davidoski (2nd in class for his 1974 ½ B-GT); Bob Stein (1st in class for his 1951 Studebaker); Marian McAlpine (1st in class for her 1970(?) Chevelle.) The show field was a bit smaller than for a typical Wings & Wheels show, but this was probably due to the simultaneous NAS Oceana 75th Anniversary Air Show (featuring both the Navy’s Blue Angels team and the Canadian Force’s Snowbirds team.) We saw numerous F-18’s cruising the area as they maneuvered for events at Oceana. In fact, on departure from Pungo at about 4:00 P.M. I observed the Blues doing a reset turn above Princess Anne Road in a six plane formation.

Next year’s show is slated for September 28th, 2019. You are encouraged to give this show a try – you won’t be disappointed. TRAACA definitely knows how to put on a fantastic event for car enthusiasts of all stripes! A sincere “Well Done” goes out to Wings & Wheels 2018 co-chairs Marian and Mark McAlpine.

By Mark Davidoski



Billy preps his Model A – Susan’s TC in the distance



David Ford’s MGB with “antique” Miata. B-GTs of Sandy Hall and Kathy Davidoski behind.



Jaguar XJS engine compartment – a bit more complex than your usual LBC



Marque Time



Greetings MG Enthusiasts,

If you could not make it, you missed a great September meeting. I am not aware of any muscling or payoffs but we were on the penthouse floor of Harrison's Fishing Pier. The club enjoyed private dining and a private meeting under the September sky. Thank you Tad.

The Lucas Wiring Company has brought many of us experiences not soon forgotten. I recently had one of my own. While driving home it started raining. The fact that I did not have a top did not bother me. It was a short distance and a hot day. I turned on my triple wipers and all was good. As I pulled into the garage I turned the switch to off. Nothing happened. As I continued to work the handle, it could be like an elevator requiring several times to be activated, it came off in my hand. A week or so later when I went for a drive I did what had to be done to stop the wipers, pull the fuse. There went the gas gauge. At this point there is only one solution. Get on schedule for the world famous Linse MG repair facility.....

I decided to research the company that was the source of my troubles and came up with these facts. (I guess they wire Land Rovers, too!)

- Not many people know that Land Rovers attempted to market a computer. Why did they stop? They could not find a way to get it to leak oil!
- A Land Rover doesn't leak oil, it marks its territory. Did you hear about the man whose Land Rover didn't leak oil? The factory took it back and worked on it until it did.
- Did you hear the one about the guy that peeked into a Land Rover and asked the owner "How can you tell one switch from another at night? They all look the same." - "He replied, "It does not matter which one you use, nothing happens!"
- The Lucas motto: "Get home before dark."
- Lucas is the patent holder for the short circuit.
- Lucas - Inventor of the first intermittent wiper.
- Lucas - Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.
- The three position Lucas switch - Dim, Flicker and Off.
- The Original Anti-Theft Device - Lucas Electrics.
- Lucas is an acronym for Loose Unsoldered Connections and Splices
- Lucas systems actually uses AC current; it just has a random frequency.
- "I have had a Lucas pacemaker for years and have never had any trou..."
- If Lucas made guns, wars would not start.
- A friend of mine told everybody he never had any electric problems with his Lucas equipment. Today he lives in the countryside, in a large manor with lots of friendly servants around him and an occasional ice cold shower...
- Back in the 70's, Lucas decided to diversify its product line and began manufacturing vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered which did not suck.
- Q: Why do the British drink warm beer? A: Because Lucas makes their refrigerators
- Alexander Graham Bell invented the Telephone. Thomas Edison invented the Light Bulb. Joseph Lucas invented the Short Circuit.

Recommended procedure before taking on a repair of Lucas equipment: Check the position of the stars, kill a chicken and walk three times clockwise around your car chanting: " Oh mighty Prince of Darkness protect your unworthy servant."

After reading these facts I am more comfortable with Lucas. I did not realize the reach of a simple car wiring company.

The October meeting will be at the presidential palace. Renee and I hope you can make it.

Safety Fast! BILLO



The Bonds' award-winning TC
as displayed by Terry at Wings
& Wheels 2018



Dipstick Calendar – October 2018

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

Oct 5-6 – SVBCC British Car Festival – Waynesboro

Oct 6 - Road Rallye - Rotary Club of Hampton Roads
<https://www.rotaryhamptonroads.org>

Oct. 7 – Hunt Country Classic, Middleburg, VA

Nov. 4 – (Sun) – Fall Tech Session

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

Nov. 10 – (Sat) – Merroir & Terroir Oyster Extravaganza
Chatham Vineyards: 4pm – 8pm (+ travel time)
\$55pp – Reservations Only

Dec. 16 – (Sun) 45th Anniversary Celebration
Brunch at Princess Anne Country Club

Dec. 18 – (Tue) Holiday Lights
6:00 for Dinner at Franco's

Feb 16 – (Sat) 2019 Kick-off Drive - Norfolk
ETD – TBD

Bold-Faced Items are TMGC Events

2018 October Dipstick Membership

2018 Membership: 113 paid memberships.

2019 Membership: 74 paid memberships.

New Memberships: Holly Forester and Scott Davies, Chesapeake, 1969 MGB GT (and a Corvette)

Dues: 2019 Dues are past due! Annual Renewal Forms are found on line at www.mg.org. Please fill out a copy and bring it to a meeting or mail it along with cash, check or money order. If you have no changes to the data, you provided in the past, you only need to submit the \$20 in dues. I do not need a form if there are no changes. If you do not plan on renewing, let me know by e-mail. Thanks.

Membership Chair: Andrew Wallach, 545 Mayflower Rd., Norfolk, VA 23508. 757 408-4497.
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Activity Report – October 2018

Quick Trip - For those who were on the original Crooked Road Tour in 2016, you will remember our evening at the Rex Theatre in Galax and music by Carson Peters. His new group, Carson Peters and Iron Mountain, will be performing at the Manteo Bluegrass Festival on Friday, October 5th. If you enjoy Bluegrass music, and can make the trip to Manteo, you won't be disappointed. The downside – Carson and his band are the opening act on Friday afternoon, starting at 12:30. The upside – there are five more acts to take you well into the evening.



Carson Peters started playing the fiddle at the ripe old age of 3 when his parents bought him a 1/8 size fiddle. By age 4, he was in competitions and jamming at festivals. Today, Carson is a seasoned performer, playing numerous venues, appearing on TV and performing at the Grand Ole Opry with Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder. www.BlueGrassIsland.com

As I write this, we are celebrating the arrival of Beckey and Alan's granddaughter, born today and looking like she is ready to ride on the back shelf of Grandpa's B. Welcome, Harper! It is Wednesday night and I am getting ready to head for The Crooked Road, and all of a sudden I realize there is Dipstick info to submit. Well here you go –

By the time you read this, our intrepid travelers will have returned from many miles on the road. Those of us who thought we were tough are back from western VA, northwest NC and northeast TN. We've traveled a little shy of 900 miles, enjoyed some good food, forgettable wines, great roads and a fun couple of days. I hope everyone had a good time on the Fall Drive, and I look forward to reading the adventure. While this group will tell you that we have logged some serious miles, wait for the write-up from Missy & Bob and Faith & PJ. They have just returned from an Out-and-Back to the west coast – yeah that west coast. The pictures I have seen suggest this was a great drive. I'm sure they will have tales to tell. You will be read about all of these adventures in the November Dipstick. I'm sure their writings will inspire you to join us on a future drive. Think November on the Eastern Shore or February locally. If you are already thinking about March, give me some suggestions.

So what do we have on the agenda? In addition to monthly meetings (#OlcheskiPresidentialRetreat-10/2 and #Chii@Petersons-11/7), we have our fall Tech Session on November 4th. After a year hiatus, we will be back at the Bond garage in Chesapeake. There should be plenty of projects going on, but there is always room for more. If you need a hand, or want to lend a hand, this is the place.

Also in November (11/10), is the Merroir & Terroir Oyster Extravaganza at Chatham Vineyards on the Eastern Shore. This is an evening event and will feature assorted seafood – raw bar, steamed this, roasted that, and Eastern Shore Clam Chowder, along with wine of your choosing from the vineyard. The event runs from 4 to 8pm, and should be a fun evening. We will need to allow for travel time, so be ready to roll by mid-afternoon from VB. It is highly recommended that you travel in a car with working headlights. Cost is \$55pp and we will need to make reservations by mid-October.



In December, we celebrate the holidays, as well as the club's 45th anniversary, with brunch at Princess Anne Country Club on Sunday, 12/16. There will be details in November. Two nights later, we have our annual drive through the Holiday Lights at Norfolk Botanical Gardens. As usual, pre-gaming will be at Franco's for a nice Italian dinner. Again, details will be available in November. We will ask you to sign up for the brunch, but the Lights are open seating. Watch the weather, throw down the top, and come on out.

Can you believe it? We are coming to the close of yet another year. Our cars keep getting older, while we remain young at heart. Plans are being developed for 2019. If you are willing to host a meeting or a Tech Session (our summer slot is up for grabs), please contact your Activity Wonk or your VP duo, so we can get you on the schedule. We appreciate your support.

OK, enough from me. I'm off to the Crooked Road. Until we meet again, enjoy the ride! *Tad*

September 5, 2018 TMGC Meeting Minutes

recorded by Cynthia Faschini

President Olcheski opened the meeting on a beautiful warm summer's evening at the Ocean View Fishing Pier. By my count we had more than 50 people in attendance. We also sang Happy Birthday to Robert Perrone.

Vice President is in Reno, Nevada enjoying temperatures above 104.

Treasurer's report indicates that we have a balance of \$1,887.94.

Membership is currently at 70 paid with last year's membership at 113. Now would be a good time to get with Andy Wallach and pay your dues. A big welcome to Keith Shiminski who has had his 78 B in cherry red for two months and also to Scott Davies by way of his wife Holly Forester who owns the yellow 69 MGBGT.

The next tech session will be the first weekend in November

Activities Chair stated that the next meeting will be October 2, 2018 at the Olcheski's in Virginia Beach. The next outing will be taking place September 21st through the 24th also known as the Crooked Road Tour.

There are a plethora of other activities taking place in the upcoming months. Check the website for further details. On November 10, 2018 Chatham Winery on the Eastern Shore is having an oyster and wine festival.



Dipstick's deadline is September 20, 2018. A big thank you went out to Eric Fee for his beautiful MG article.

Technical item from Mark Davidoski who has found a site that you can get wiring diagrams laminated for any car for a mere \$17. This makes it easier while working on cars. Mr. Ladd piped in saying the he has a PDF's of wiring diagrams on his computer and he would be happy to print them out free of charge and you can get them laminated for \$3.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

Marque Time: The secretary got to spend some time with the following people – lby Bettis and James Bettis who have a 79 MGB rattlesnake red and have been married for 21 years. Rich Hildreth who has a blue glacier 56 MGA and Bill Blair who has a 49 MGTC. Dennis and Paula Hennessey who have a Brooklyn green 77 MGB and have been married for 40 years. Paula has her own special horse power which is a Draft Cross horse.

The Raffle was held by Rose and Renee Olcheski was the grand winner.
Motion to adjourn.

On the Road with your VP

Just wanted to send an update before the meeting. First a small correction to last month's minutes. We were in a city that ended in O, but it wasn't Reno. We were in Orlando at the 82nd Airborne Convention with a side trip to Seaworld to visit our aquatic friends. Now, onto the Northwest Passage trip. We left on Sunday the 2nd of September with a short stop at the New River Gorge Visitor Center in West Virginia. The second day we traveled from West Virginia to Cincinnati, Ohio. Then we crossed over Indiana and Illinois and stopped in Hannibal, Missouri. I would have stopped there with three uneventful days but no such luck. We had our first casualty on I-74 east of Indianapolis. The tailpipe on our muffler dropped right off and was quickly killed by not 1 but 2 semi-trucks that we know of. Recovered a portion, but the rest is still in Indiana. Onward we went but a bit noisier (if that is even possible for a V8). The next victim was a Lotus with a coolant leak. Luckily, while we were trying to help with that our fearless leader, Bob McKenna, found a muffler and auto body shop. Two hours later we are back on the road trying to catch up with the group at the hotel in Hannibal. The Lotus was towed into the above mentioned shop and will hopefully be joining us tomorrow. Will keep you updated and we may even make it to Reno.

Respectfully,
Faith Peterson



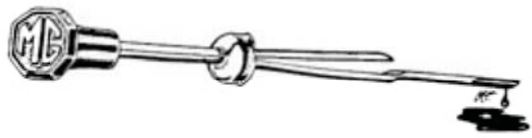
7:30 - 8:00 pm - Kick Tyres
8:00 Meeting



Turn onto Roundhill at traffic light.
Right at 3rd street (Clemsford).
Right at 2nd street (Edgartown Ct).

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 2nd
Bill & Renee Olcheski
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