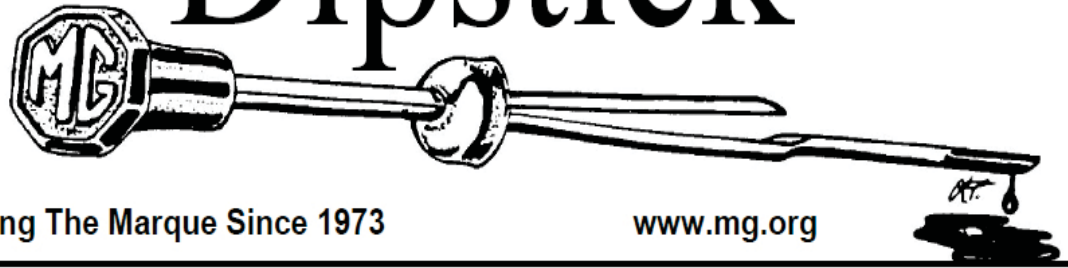




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Hanover Tavern Daytrip

by Mark Davidoski

This year's drive to historic Hanover Tavern (first licensed in 1733) and its intimate theater was held under clear summer skies on Sunday, July 28th. Tad corralled the southside Hampton Roads participants in the shadow of the emerging Mission Barbeque site within the Lake Wright hotel parking lot for a 9:01 a.m. start. Two minor issues with the Davidoski's B-GT and Al Jackson's MGB were quickly sorted and we

continued up I-64 to meet the peninsula players. From the New Kent rest stop we enjoyed rural secondary roads through such notable places as Studley (home of the Studley General Store), Barhamsville, and the Pamunkey River. The morning drive paused at the new Spartan Grille in New Kent, where the convoy was bolstered with the Watsons and their MGB. After a satisfying lunch it was off for more country byways



enroute to our destination – the historic Hanover Tavern, containing the Virginia Repertory Theater's basement venue.

Forever Plaid was the main event, which chronicles the lives (and afterlives) of a four man "guy group" ("boy band" in modern parlance) during the early 1960's. The foursome (played by mostly Richmond area actors) entertained us with an energetic musical and comedic display for 90 minutes of fun. Audience participation was encouraged at several points, which added to everyone's enjoyment.

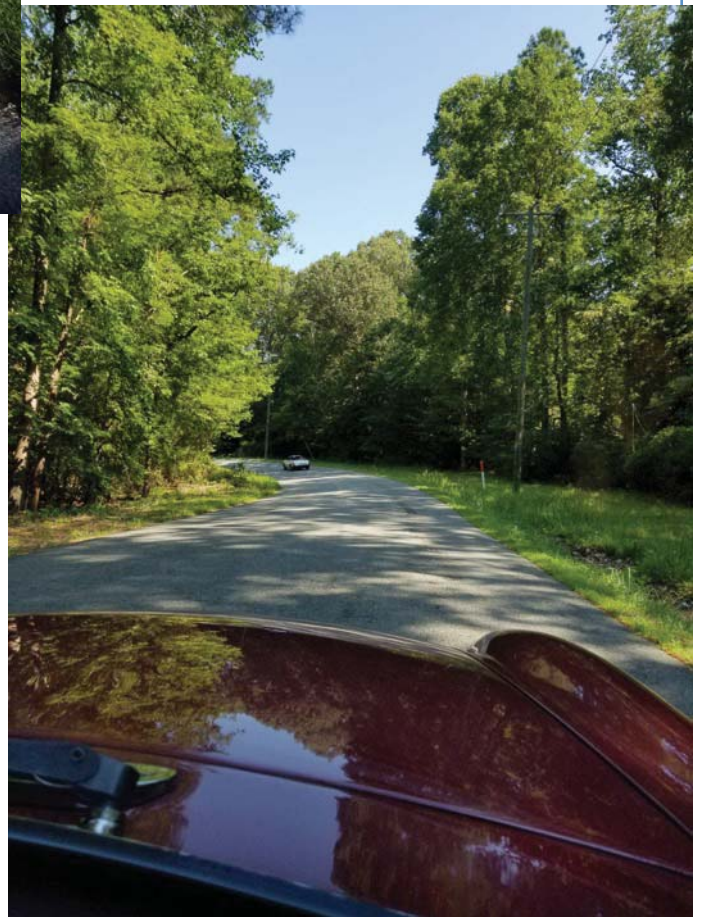


Mother and child "somewhere in Virginia"



Following the show it was homeward bound via another Tad Carter designed route. This writer was waylaid by a near miss with a suicidal sportbike operator who miraculously missed a head on collision with an oncoming truck, only to continue on his way up the opposite shoulder as he kicked up dirt and gravel in his quest to pass every car in his field of view. After a brief "cool down" period for heart rate reduction, we continued home solo and missed out on the rest of the planned route. At home by 6 p.m. we noted 228 miles behind us at a respectable 29.5 mpg.

Thanks to Tad and Karen for leading our latest TMGC adventure. We eagerly anticipate the next run to Hanover, perhaps as early as March 2020!



The road to Hanover Courthouse

Tech Session!

by Basil Ravingsmoke, guest correspondent

The Summer Tech Session was hosted by Rachel and Mathieu at their beautiful Ocean View home on August 18th. The driveways were filling up quickly as things spun up after the 10:00 a.m. start. A total of 20 MGs were in attendance, along with at least two Corvettes. The star of the show was Matthieu's race-prepared Spitfire, which he fired up inside the garage, much to the delight of the assembled gearheads. The Houvinen VW Camper Buses also drew lots of attention.

Several members were deeply engrossed in tech projects, including Andy Wallach and his grandson (inertia reel seatbelt replacement) and Tad Carter (lighting switch replacement.) Both were ultimately successful in their individual MG quests. Lunch was a tech session favorite – Little Caesar's take out pizza with plenty of cold beverages.

The next tech exchange is coming up in November at the home of Susan and Terry. Watch the Dipstick for details.



Activity Report – September 2019

Thank you to Kathy and Mark for hosting our August meeting. Our timing was good. I understand from Mark that we did well with the weather. Storms the following evening led to localized flooding, and high winds would have made tyre kicking a little uncomfortable.

And thank you to Rachel and Mathieu for hosting our Summer Tech Session. We filled multiple driveways with all of the cars in attendance, and actually got some tech work done.

For those of you who have participated in meetings or tech sessions, please consider hosting one of these events in 2020. We have several open dates to fill in our schedule. Check with Faith to lock in your selected date.

As we move into the cooler fall months, we get back into show season, with events in Pungo (9/28) and Waynesboro (10/5). These have always been favorites, and well-attended by our club. There are other regional shows for those interested in a little longer drive.

Also in September is the Fall Tour of the Delmarva peninsula, hosted by Missy and Bob McKenna. There will be numerous historic stops in Eastville, Fort Delaware, New Castle and more. I think I saw



info about taverns and early Happy Hours, too. Looks like a good trip, and I know a number of you have already signed up. Please contact Bob for additional details. I understand there may still be openings on this tour. If your schedule allows, you won't want to miss out on this trip.

SCHEDULE UPDATE #1 – Our 2019 driving season is being extended a little beyond the original plans. Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 9 for the **Mmmmm, Bacon Tour** (vegans welcome). You can check off several boxes – quiet country roads, wine tasting (\$13), good food, an historic stop (\$7), and maybe a surprise visit. We’ll have a 10:06 departure from Waffle House (4800 Portsmouth Blvd, Chesapeake – just west of I-664) More details will be provided later. This is a show-n-go event, but letting me know your plans in advance will allow better scheduling at each of our stops.

SCHEDULE UPDATE #2 – Save the Date – Sunday, March 29, 2020. **The 39 Steps** at Hanover Theatre.

Our September meeting will be our traditional sunset dinner at Ocean View Fishing Pier on **Wednesday, 9/4**. Weather permitting, we’ll be on the top deck. Plan on arriving between 6:00 and 6:30, and order as you are ready. Staggered ordering will allow the kitchen crew and wait staff a little flexibility as they take care of us. It will also help if you can let me know if you will be attending. We don’t want to run short on seats, as we have done in the past.

Until we meet again, enjoy the ride!

Tad Carter



Tech Session action photo! Here we have Mathieu and Jim (aka “Authorized Personnel”) performing microminiature surgery on Tad Carter’s new lighting switch.



Marque Time

Greetings fellow MG enthusiasts,

Thank you to Mark and Kathy for hosting the August meeting. The weather was great, which meant strong turnout, and the accommodations were perfect. Not only are they talented Dipstick editors, the Davidoski's could compete with professional event planners.

For the first time in a few years I attended the Khedive Temple car show in Chesapeake. There were countless cars displayed and only one MG. Thank you Cory Fuqua. Next year I will give the club advance notice and hopefully we can have a presence at the show.

Thank you also to Mathieu, Rachel and Hudson for hosting the tech session. It is always a pleasure to get together with other club members and solve current "issues".

We are coming into fall and that is one of the four best driving seasons, certainly one of my favorites. Don't neglect your MG's.

As is tradition, September will be launched with our meeting on the fishing pier at Ocean View. I hope to see you there.

Safety Fast!!
Bill

Coming Attractions

**Sept 4 – (Wed) Monthly Meeting – Norfolk
Ocean View Fishing Pier**

**Sep. 26 – 29 – Fall Tour –
Eastern Shore VA, MD, DE
Contact Bob McKenna for
details**

**Sept 28 – Wings & Wheels –
Virginia Beach**

**Oct 1 – Monthly Meeting –
Virginia Beach
Hosted by Renee & Bill
Olcheski**

**Oct 4-5 – British Car Festival –
Waynesboro
www.SVBCC.net**

**Nov 3 – Fall Tech Session
Hosted by Susan & Terry Bond**

**Nov 6 – (Wed) Monthly
Meeting –
Hosted by Jack Speight**

**Nov 9 – Mmmmm, Bacon Tour
10:06 departure from Waffle
House, Cheseapeake**

**Dec 14 – Holiday Party –
Hampton Hosted by Faith & PJ
Peterson**

**Dec 17 – Holiday Lights –
Norfolk 6:30 Dinner at Franco's**

2020 Schedule

**Mar 29 – Theatre at Hanover
Tavern – *The 39 Steps***

**Bold-Faced Items are TMGC
Events**

TMGC New Bulletins!

#1: [NEMGTR Chesapeake Chapter MINI-GOF coming to Hampton Roads!](#) Hank and Stevie Giffin have volunteered to organize a Mini-GOF in this area 1-3 May 2020. Andy and Cynthia agreed to help. They are looking for a B&B or other scenic location with about 20 -25 rooms, preferably off the beaten path with nice grounds and not too far from the beach, the vintage airfield in VB, and the Big Ugly Brewery in Chesapeake. This is an event for MG Ts but everyone can come. **Agenda is still flexible, but under consideration:** buffet at a private collection in VB Fri eve, Sat AM trip to the vintage plane airfield in VB, Sat afternoon car display at Big Ugly Brewery in Chesapeake, and dinner Sat eve at host or other location.

If you have any ideas for a location or other agenda items pls contact Hank at 757 375 1491 or hankgiffin@cox.net. So far the Founders Inn has the best facilities and offered us the best package. We also considered the Tides Inn and Smithfield Station but desire to be closer to VB.

Thanks,

Hank Giffin
757-375-1491

#2: [New Regalia-meisetress in town!](#) Rose Ladd has volunteered for (and been appointed by overwhelming voice vote at the last meeting) to the exalted position of Regalia Coordinator. Rose is the one to see for your TMGC logo merchandise, whether you seek apparel or anything else MG – related. For starters, why not consider a TMGC ballcap with the high thread count MG logo front and center? Rose can be reached at most meetings and almost every other special event sponsored by TMGC!



Our new Regalia Coordinator chatting up a new customer!

#3: [Notes from the wandering VP:](#) Sorry to have missed the last meeting but once again we have been on the road. We will also miss the September meeting as we will be enjoying some time in Myrtle Beach. I did want to thank everyone who has volunteered to host a meeting this year. [We are now once again at the point where we would like to ask you to consider hosting a meeting in 2020.](#) Right now is an excellent opportunity for you to check your calendars and see if one of the months is a good fit for you hosting a meeting. The following months are available on a first come, first serve basis, so please don't wait until the last minute. These following meetings are still up for grabs: March 4, April 7, June 2, July 1, August 4, and November 4, 2020. Please let me know if you can help out. Hope to see all of you at the October meeting.

Thanks! Faith Peterson
757-218-4026

August 6, 2019 TMGC Meeting Minutes

President Olcheski opened the meeting at 8:08pm after thanking Mark and Kathy Davidoski for hosting these evenings' events. A loud applause erupted. The weather was perfect. Attendance was around 40 members. Everyone moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

New Members: Jeoff Haynes and Liz are originally from Liverpool, London. They currently live in Newport News.

Vice President: Faith was not present but there was some discussion as to whether she would be moving up to take on the role of President. It was determined that a vote would have to be taken for an appointment to President.

Treasurer: Report indicates that we have a balance of \$1,232.64.

Dipstick: Please feel free to do any write-ups of event you are planning on attending. They are always welcome.

Activities: Tad stated that the play Forever Plaid in Hanover was a success. I for one laughed out loud and agree with Tad that it was a good play, good food and good folks. Stayed tuned for March of 2020.

Tech session will be hosted by Rachel and Mathieu in Ocean View August 18, 2019. The fall tour is being planned by Bob and Missy McKenna and I for one am looking forward to this wonderful adventure on the Eastern Shore. **Next meeting is September 4 at the Ocean View Pier. Please drop Tad a line and let him know if you are planning to attend.** Wings and

Wheels September 28, 2019. Terry Bond anticipates that it will be amazing. Cars as old as 1903. Here are some other events happening: 38th Annual Waynesboro 5 October, Hunt Country Classic outside of DC October 15, Hershey Antique Car Show October 8, and of note every 5 years there is an all MG car show where there will be an amazing amount of cars on display. The next one is in June 2021 in Atlantic City, NJ

Membership: Andy Wallach reported currently 52 paid members compared to 108 this time last year. He received several payments at the meeting. Come on people you can't beat this deal. For a mere \$20 you get food, drink and camaraderie for a year.

Technical: Nothing.



El Presidente holding forth!

New Business: Jennifer Ash mentioned they enjoyed their time in Dubuque Iowa for the NAMGAR register show. Colorado will be next. There will also be an MGTD meet in Pax River MD. If interested please contacted the Mike or Jennifer.

Old Business: If you need a rebuilt distributor a place in Minnesota has them for \$130.

Regalia: Rose Ladd was nominated to continue her amazing job and there was no opposition. Great choice If you are in need for a new hat only \$20.

Marque Time: Mike Ash has information on shock absorbers from Madison Wisconsin. 2 cars (1936 MG TA and 1986 Alfa Spider) see Mark Davidoski. Don Ladd has new MG parts. Let him know if you are interested.

Motion to adjourn

Car spotting in the Shenandoah Valley

During a recent jaunt through the Luray, Virginia area, a roving Dipstick correspondent encountered some interesting cars. Included were a surprising number of LBCs scattered all over Page County. An added bonus was an up close look at President Wilson's 1919 Pierce-Arrow limousine, which lives at the Wilson birthplace in Staunton.



1961 TR-3A with some MGBs



Early MGB and a 1964 TR-4 Surrey Top



1919 Pierce Arrow Series 51



1966 (?) Sprite

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Clubs	Mike Ash	678-0963
Regalia	Rose Ladd	373-2468



MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday Sept 4th
Ocean View
Fishing
Pier
Upper Deck

- Take I-64 (toward RICHMOND/HAMPTON if coming from Beach or Chesapeake, toward HAMPTON/NORFOLK if coming from Hampton)
- Take 4TH View St. exit - 273 - toward OCEAN VIEW
- Turn RIGHT (if coming from Beach or Chesapeake), turn LEFT (if coming from Hampton) onto 4TH View ST. Ocean View Fishing Pier is straight ahead.



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