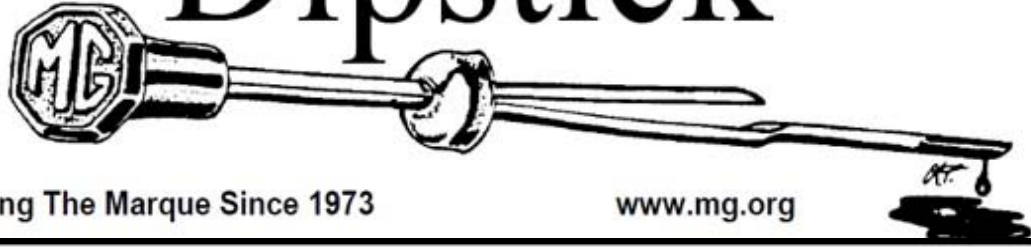




# The Dipstick



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## Activities Report 11-19-22

Thank you Davidoskis for sharing your beautiful home with our crowd for the November meeting and traditional Chili Cook-off. Kudos to Hank Giffin for taking first place with his entry of an usual (and unusually tasty) chicken chili. We had a good crowd, got to see Mark's Austin Healey 100 project as well as other great MGs, and had a few faces show up that we hadn't seen in a while. Our Club was slated to participate in the November Veterans Day parade this year, but the parade was cancelled due to inclement weather related to the remnants of the late-season hurricane Nicole.

Sue and Terry Bond also shared their home, shop, cars, and car memorabilia with us, for the Fall Tech Session on November 13. A little tach work for Hank Giffin's GT was on order, as well as some work on Fred McCall's signal lights. Of course the main work done was trying (and succeeding) to whittle down the good beer selection and eats on such a beautiful day. I hope everyone has their heater working in good order in preparation for the December 6 Holiday Lights Drive at Newport News Park. Tickets are \$12 per car payable at the entrance. A pre-drive dinner gathering is planned, for those who want it, at Joe and Mimmas Pizza Italian Restaurant at 6:30 in "downtown" Grafton. Please RSVP to Bruce Easley ([easleybw@aol.com](mailto:easleybw@aol.com) or 757.570.2042) by Nov. 26 if you plan to attend, so we can have a "head count" for the restaurant. Then December will be rounded out with our annual Holiday gathering on Sunday the 18th at the Princess Anne Country Club. The fare will be a brunch starting at 10:00, \$25 per person, payable at the door. Be sure to let Jim Villers ([190SLJim@cox.net](mailto:190SLJim@cox.net) or (757) 481-6390) know by Tuesday December 13 so we can provide an accurate attendance count. Remember to bring your donation of gifts or cash card for Samaritan House. Isn't it great that we actually keep doing things together, and we're not just a club on paper??!! I hope everyone keeps cars running and attendance

### Coming Events

#### TMGC Events

- Dec 6: Holiday Lights
- Dec 18: Holiday Brunch at Princess Anne Country Club
- 2023
- Jan 4: Monthly Meeting
- Feb TBT: "Horrible Idea Tour"

#### Other Events



# Marque Time!

## President's Message

First off, thanks to Mark and Kathy Davidoski for hosting the November meeting and for resurrecting the chili cook-off, a long time club event that took a hiatus these past couple of years due to the pandemic. The winner was Hank Giffin with his (or his wife's) "Stevie" Wonder chili, a slightly different take on chili but oh so delicious!

Thanks to Susan and Terry Bond for hosting the Fall Tech Session, another long term club tradition. I think a couple of cars were actually worked on, while most of us enjoyed the cool, crisp autumn day with good

beer and good discussion among friends. If you have never been to one of their tech sessions you are really missing out on a treat, as their garage/museum is something special to take in.

As the year comes to a close, we can look back on 2022 and be glad that things are back to being normal again, with life in general and also with our club. This year for events we had multi-day Spring and Fall Tours, both Spring and Fall tech sessions, several one-day drives to the Eastern Shore, Carrolton, and Elizabeth City, and a Tides game. Also, we had seven meetings in member's homes, a big increase from last year. Looking at the rest of this year, we have the Holiday Lights drive on December 6th after a two year hiatus. This year we are trying a different venue, the Newport News Celebration in Lights. We end the year with our Holiday Brunch on the 18th at the Princess Anne Country Club, a very nice venue. Look for more details in your emails.

I want to wish all of you a joyous Holiday season and I look forward to starting it all over again in January. And, get those parts on order for your winter MG projects!

*Safety First -*  
Mike

### Activities Continued:

happening for all our future gatherings.

2023 is just around the corner. We'll get together again the first week on January 4 for our regular meeting. In February there may be a "Horrible Idea Tour" as started by the inimitable Tad Carter, just to make sure we keep our heaters on (and maybe tops down), as well as our regular meeting. Till then, a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday to all!,

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## ***TMGC 50th Anniversary Grill Badge***

A friend of Mike Ash converted Donald Ladd's "T" badge designed into a special grill badge for the club to celebrate its 50th anniversary. It has been 50 years since the first gathering in Pembroke Mall in 1973. The club has commissioned the manufacture of the grill badge and you will hear more about it at the Holiday Brunch.



## ***TMGC Holiday Brunch, 10:30 Sunday, Dec 18, 2022***

Our Holiday Brunch will be at the Princess Anne Country Club, 3800 Pacific Ave, Virginia Beach. The brunch will be on Sunday morning, December 18, 2022. Doors open at 10:00 and Festivities will begin at 10:30am; we will eat after a period of socialization. The extensive brunch buffet will include an extensive breakfast fare, omelet station, fruit, lunch and desert selections. Remember to bring your donation of gifts or cash card for Samaritan House.

The cost will be \$25 per person and will be payable at the door. RSVP to Jim Villers; 190SLJim@cox.net or (757) 481-6390 by Tuesday December 13 so we can provide an accurate attendance count.

# Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2022

Members had the opportunity to try five different chili concoctions, lovingly prepared by our members. There was enough corn-bread to feed everyone in the neighborhood – and they were all different: cheese flavored, jalapeño flavored, made with almond milk, made with sour cream and traditional. Someone brought cookies and something called Little British Car Crack. And I am here to tell you, it was crack. Yummy!

People were encouraged to cast their votes for the best chili.

8:36 pm: President Mike called the November meeting to order. Thank you Mark and Kathy for hosting tonight. It was recommended that he hit the gavel thing. I think he's a little intimidated by the box that the gavel lives in. It appears flimsy on the top, but the sides look sturdy enough. If it should get destroyed by the feverish banging of the gavel, is there a member who will be able to repair it!

New Members: Jerry Pattenon who has a red MGB. This is his second meeting. So not really new, but sort 'a new. That's good enough for this crowd. We're glad you returned!

Last month's minutes were approved, seconded and third.

Scott Parker, new VP, has a clipboard ready for people to sign up to host in 2023! (He's doing way too much. LOL). Your enthusiasm was infectious and you had a presence that was undeniable.

Activities: Bruce pulled himself out of the rocking chair. (Just an aside: a good rocking chair is hard to turn down. Something about sitting in one, seated next to a fire, just brings a sense of calm. But I digress).

Bruce started his report with an announcement. Apparently, MG is coming out with something called an MG Air EV. "I saw a picture of hit and it was totally unexciting," he reported. So MG is not quite off the map yet. However, I did Google it and it was definitely a choice that the manufacturer and designers made when creating this...abom...agress...awfu...auto...well, hell, metal box. It is an electric vehicle. Really? Electric? Them too? I'm so disappointed. Especially when you see the MGs that our club members own and those that are out and about on the road (well, you know, when they aren't working on them in the garage.)

A recap of the Trunk-or-Treat revealed it was yet another huge success. Hank shared there were about a dozen MGs and what felt like 1000s of kids ("Most of them yours," Jennifer called out.) Hank had his newly painted MG there and some woman was walking past his car with a big dog and stopped. Well that dog decided he wanted to take a look at the inside of the car and put his giant paws on the side of the car. The women assured Hank that it was ok because her dog had just had his nails trimmed. (Like that really matters!) Other members who attended commended on the costume contest, the beautiful location, and the adorable costumes on the kids. "And the beer was so good!" said Robert.

The Elizabeth City tour went well. Rob led the charge and it was greatly appreciated.

The Christmas Brunch is going to be a good time. It'll be \$25 per person for at the Princess Ann Country Club. The menu and event are going to be great (Jim's not sure what it will be, but is sure it will be great!) Let Jim know if you plan to attend so he has a good head count.

Holiday lights event. There are three options: Virginia Beach Boardwalk Lights, Norfolk Botanical, and Newport News. Jim shared last month that the VB lights were not that good (\$25 a car and must be done online). The Norfolk Botanical Lights this year will be a walk through only and \$18 per person.

Newport News is \$12 per car "and you can fit just so many people in an MG!" There is a nice Italian restaurant near there that the group can have dinner together.

Tech session will be held on the 13th of November at Sue and Terry's home. The event will start at 12 noon and coffee, donuts, snacks, and drinks will be available. No lunch, so don't come hungry. If you come earlier, you can help Terry with chores.

On Friday the 11th the MG club has been allocated 15 cars for the Veteran's Event. More details to come.

Treasurers report: Mark's first report to the group. Jim left us in the black. Money given to different folks, and Kathy for hosting the event tonight. We ended the month with over \$2000 so still in the black!

Members with Mike Still have them. Jim shared that there will be a roster out to review and ensure it is accurate.

Dipstick: Articles and writings all due by the 20th.

Technical: There will be talk about brakes. Bring spare parts and any tools you need to work on whatever ails your MG. There will be plenty of helping hands there. Should your car get stuck, Terry and Sue will not charge storage fees for the first 30 days. After that, charges will be set by the lot owner.

History with Sue: “We have a lot of history.”

Old Business: No one had old business.

New business: Nope

Mark Time: Terry asked if anyone attended the Mark Smith Auction out in Lynchburg. Nope? Terry said he will share pictures of cars that were there. There were some good buys and some expensive beauties.

Sue brought back a bunch of Mike’s magazines for those who want to take them to read. The articles stunk up the pages during the pandemic, but are getting better!

Hank’s B is finally on the road and two of the rostyle wheels are in need of replacement. One of the members shared that he has four of them in his attic.

Donald shared that he has tweeter’s for the MG pillars that will allow you to be able to hear on the GT. He will be bringing some to the next tech session.

Mike brought even more magazines that could be found at the wine table. If anyone wants a hard top for a B he has one in his attic. He also has some other car part for an American made car (ugh!) if anyone is interested.

One member stated that we can get 10 inch wiper blades that fit MGs at the store formally known as Pep Boys. They are for cars with back window wipers. “Who has back wipers?” About 5 hands went up, including your secretary.

Regalia: ROSE IS BACK Y’ALL!

Donald shared a garden flag with Tidewater MG - \$15 each. Made special for us. If looking for a little garden flag, get with him. He had three tonight and can order more if people are interested. PJ bought one which leaves two (for those of us that need help with our math facts).

Raffle items

Yellow 1971 MGB Coupe – PJ was the winner! (going right back to his house. LOL)

Tidewater MG magnet – Bob won.

1971 MGB coupe red matchbox – Mike was paying attention this time! Winner, winner, chicken dinner!

Packet of pen, flashlight, bottle top opener, and tire gauge (wow, that’s a handy pack) – Mike (sorry! He was helping out the secretary – we were conferencing).

2008 Valley Forge PA cooler – Bob won again

50/50 (\$29) Mark gets \$29 (“For what?” “Because you’re the treasurer...”) – PJ won the 50/50

(Was this rigged? Mike, PJ, and Bob raked up on the raffle items. Y’all better play the lottery)

Hats for sale

Canvas, cream colored bag with an emblem created by Donald 1973-2023 50th Anniversary TMGC. These will be available to those that would like one.

Kathy thanked all that brought the chili. She announced that Hank won the chili cook off and won a lovely bottle of wine with his Stevie Wonder Chili. When he was attending the Naval Academy, Stevie was part of a sport’s team. Those that knew her called her Stevie Wonder. With the invention of the white chicken chili, Stevie Wonder Chili was born. Thank you, Hank and Stevie.

Motion to adjourn. So, done.

Drive like there’s no tomorrow (and for some of these cars...it sounds like there may not be!)

If you see an MG on the side of the road, look for the driver.



## Trunk-or-Treat 2022 by Susan Bond

We couldn't have asked for a better day for Trunk or Treat at Big Ugly Brewing in Chesapeake on October 30. Predicted to be 60 degrees with a brisk wind, it was over 70 in the shelter of the surrounding trees, perfect for all the trick or treaters and their parents. We all arrived early and parked facing the opposite way this year – last year's grassy green area next to Battlefield Boulevard was instead muddy brown, but the area along the parking lot was fine. Several MGs were decorated for the season. I wore a costume, sort of, a duster and big hat, but hadn't thought to include Stanley. Denise gave me some blingy bats to put on the hatch window so he wouldn't feel left out.



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Hank Giffin had organized our participation and welcomed us. His daughter, co-owner of the brewery, handed out drink tickets. Several of Hank's grandkids handed out candy next to me and were fun to watch.

The long line of trick or treaters along Battlefield gradually made their way to our cars. Some of the costumes were really clever. I loved the girls baseball team, the train engineer, and the princesses. I have a soft spot for Elsa – my rescue dog came with that name. The most fun to watch were the little ones who hadn't quite figured out the drill and weren't sure what to do with the treats.

I was better prepared this year, had a huge breakfast and didn't get hungry til the crowds thinned out. The pizza truck quit taking orders but the other truck still had lumpia and there was always the beer – great beer!

Members attending included: Robert Perrone, Rob McPherson, Susan Bond, Harry and Tammy Park, Allen Hazlett, Mike and Denise Haag, Joseph Creed, Tommy Keiningham, Paul Fuqua, Hank and Stevie Giffin. There may have been others, but we were sort of busy.....

Can't wait to do it again next year!





## **Fall Tech Session** 13 November 2022 by Mark Davidoski

Fall was definitely in the air as we gathered at the Bond's for another seasonal Tech Session. By the time this writer arrived at 1215, the woods were full of MGs plus a 1961 Jaguar MKII. Terry and Sue's Model T, GTO and MGB-GT were out front to greet each arrival. Coffee and donuts served as starters, which quickly gave way to cold adult beverages from the Bond's garage-based beer locker.

Terry offered personalized tours of the upstairs museum throughout the afternoon. This is an extra bonus feature of TMGC events at the Bond residence!

There was a bit of "technical work" going on at this session. Hank Giffin brought his recently-acquired 1971 B-GT for a few tweaks, including a balky driver's inside door lock that Frank Linse finessed into functionality. Hank also needed a boot lid adjustment, in order to prevent any more exhaust fumes entering from that direction. His tachometer wasn't registering, so much discussion followed about missing wires, etc. In the end, it appeared that he may not have the exact correct tach installed. In any case, the gauge itself may be in need of a rebuild.

Jim Villers had his MGB-GT V8 on display with bonnet and boot open for inspection. Everyone had fun getting a close look at the most impressive engine compartment! Jim's GPS speedometer was also a hit. The V8's exhaust note was appreciated when Jim headed out later in the day.

Tommy Keiningham had his 1973 MGB inside the garage for a look at the undercarriage. The slight lean to the left was not diagnosed completely, so he may be in for some adjustments down the road.



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Fred McCall was trouble-shooting his turnsignals which didn't seem to be flashing. The switch appeared to be functioning, as a click could be heard when it was operated. However, without any signs of life at any corner, he may need a new flasher. The modern replacement flashers don't seem to last very long.



Donald and Rose had their MGC-GT on hand, which provided an excellent comparison to Jim's V8 version. It's good to see that car on the road so often. As a side note, I noticed a picture in Safety Fast magazine of King Charles III stepping out of his C-GT back in the day when he was a student at Cambridge. That particular car is nearing a complete restoration under its current owners. But the Ladd's car will give the King's old steed some competition if ever they show up at the same car show/tech session/ice cream run!

Mike August drove down from the other side of the water with his white 1979 B Roadster. The car has been mechanically rebuilt and sports a glistening engine compartment. It was purchased by his father when new, and was originally Carmine Red, which Mike plans to revert to soon.



The turnout was great for the first full-blown Fall Tech session since Covid. A partial listing of attendees included Bob McClaren (who brought two brand new MGTC fanbelts for lucky recipients), Jerry Pattenaude, Rob MacPherson, Mike Haag, Joe Creed, Paul Fuqua, Tim Hund, David Ford, Frank Linse (with his sharp MGA coupe), Matthieu & Rachel Arndt with their two boys, and Robert Perrone. Many of the Bond's family and friends were also on the scene.

The weather was gorgeous and the beer selection was, as usual, astounding. Susan provided a nice buffet of snacks and hors d'oeuvre that was eagerly consumed by the TMGC horde. Thank you Susan and Terry for yet another memorable chance to socialize with friends and MGs!



## **Newport News Lights - Dec 6, 2022 6:30**

For those interested in attending the Newport News Park Celebration in Lights we can meet for dinner at Joe and Mimma's Pizza Italian Restaurant in Yorktown, VA at 6:30 pm on Dec. 6. From there it's a short drive to the entrance for the lights show at the park. After exiting the lights, an entrance to 1-64 is less than a mile away. Pertinent information is listed below.

The Newport News Holiday lights were the first in Virginia, with over a million individual lights in the two mile drive.

RSVP, if attending, to Bruce Easley (easlevbw@aol.com or text 757.570.2042) by Nov. 25 so restaurant can get a heads-up for our group size.

Meet at Joe and Mimma's Italian Restaurant 5742 Geo. Washington Mem. Hwy, Yorktown. Dinner at 6:30, leave for lights approx. 8:00

To Joe and Mimma's, Take exit 258B off 164 to J Clyde Morris Blvd north, 5.5 mi to J&M

To Lights From Joe & Mimma's go right (north) onto J Clyde Morris, left on Ft. Eustis Blvd (route 105), right at route 143 to Celebration in Lights in NN Park

The cost is \$12/ car, payable by cash or credit card

Park entrance is at 13560 Jefferson Ave, NN - Exit 250B off 1-64 for those not attending dinner

Website is at <https://nnparksandrec.org/event/celebration-in-lights-30th-season/2022-11-24/>

## Samaritan House Charity for 2022

The year our club charity is the Samaritan House. Samaritan House operates a 24-hour crisis hotline and provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, low cost affordable housing and supportive services that promote safety, self-sufficiency and healing to families in crisis and victims of domestic violence in the Hampton Roads area. Samaritan House is committed to fostering personal safety, growth and self-sufficiency in adults and their children through the freedom from sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking and homelessness.

Since 1984, Samaritan House has provided emergency and permanent housing, support services and community outreach to victims of domestic violence and homeless families. They own and operate 14 safe houses for emergency shelter for individuals and families fleeing violence and those at risk of losing their homes. Samaritan House also provides trauma informed services for violence victims and their children in transitional housing. For more information, go to <https://samaritanhouseva.org/about-us/>.

Samaritan House accepts cash, gift cards and household items. Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Food Lion, Farm Fresh, and Kroger are always greatly appreciated, as they are utilized to purchase work uniforms, basic household items, and supplement our Nutrition Assistance Program.

Other items to donate include:

Food Pantry Items: Baked beans, Canned fruit, Canned pasta (ravioli), Cereal, Coffee, Corn, Flour, Jell-O (snack pack), Jelly, Juice, Ketchup, Kool-Aid, Instant Potatoes, Mac and Cheese, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter, Pancake mix & Syrup, Rice, Salt and Pepper, Soup (canned), Spaghetti and Sauce, Sugar, Tea, Tuna (canned).

Household Items: Dishes, Silverware, Cups, Can opener, Pots and pans\*, Coffee maker, Toaster, Air mattress & Pumps (All sizes)\*, Sheet sets (All sizes)\*, Pillows and pillow cases\*, Blankets\*, Bath towels\*, Clothes (New or gently used, in-season), Coats, Business clothes (M/F), Scrubs (M/F), Shoes, Socks, Diapers and Pull-ups (both genders, all sizes)\*, Baby wipes, Unisex deodorant, Hair dryer, Hair brush, Paper products (toilet paper, napkins, paper towels), Full-size shampoo, conditioner & body wash

Cleaning Supplies: Laundry detergent, Fabric softener sheets, Dish soap, Dishwasher soap, Kitchen cleaner, Bathroom cleaner, Pine-Sol, Comet cleaner, SOS pads, Bleach, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Disposable gloves, Magic Erasers, Trash bags, Swiffer, Cleaning rags, Windex, Toilet brush/cleaner, Plunger, Sponges, Broom, Mop, Bucket, Flashlight, Batteries, Lightbulbs, Vacuum\*

\* New, unused

Mike & Denise will deliver all donated items to their on-site donation center in Virginia Beach, VA.

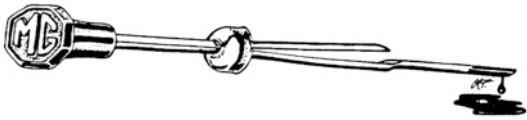
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**DIPSTICK BRUNCH**

Sunday Dec 18th  
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Virginia Beach, VA

Virginia Beach  
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