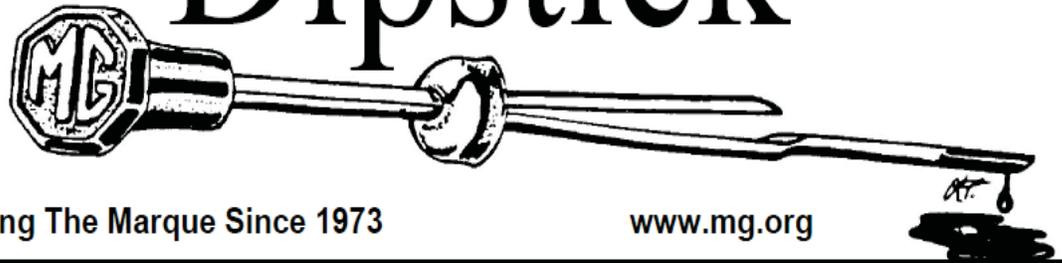




# The Dipstick



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President's Award Winner - Robert



Dipstick Award Winners -  
Faith and PJ

## January Meeting Minutes *recorded by Robert Perrone*

I looked back to see when I last filled in as secretary. Apparently it was about 2 ½ years ago in July 2019. Now in January 2022 I was asked to fill in and serve as Secretary for another TMGC meeting. Yes, once again, someone was obviously not thinking clearly.

Our TMGC Secretary Kelly MacPherson (*or is it McPherson, as it appears on the website?*) was unavailable, and did not send an excuse in for the teacher, so she will be marked as "Unexcused Absent" for the meeting. Watch it, Kelly. If you have 5 or more in one year you'll need to go to summer school.

And although we will miss Kelly's wit and style, I can only think that anyone reading this will appreciate her even more. You're welcome, Kelly.

But on to business. We held our meeting at Gus and George's in Virginia Beach. Our President, Mike Haag, called the meeting to order. I was given a sheet of paper for my notes, jotted down a few things, listened to Mike for a few minutes and then remembered that I was supposed to be taking notes. But I did hear that the motion in favor to approve the minutes from the prior month received a chorus of "aye" and then I began to pay more attention.

I believe we had two guests and/or new members, and I could swear that I wrote down names, but when I looked at my notes it just said "out-of-towners" so that really doesn't help much. I hope that our out-of-town guests, as well as any in-town guests forgive me and don't take my inept secretarial skills to reflect on the group overall. The rest of the people here are really quite competent. Well, fairly so, or at least more than your substitute secretary.

Vice-President's Report: We had no vice president's report, because we had no vice president. Apparently Paul Fuqua was sunning himself in Florida and, well, I can't really blame him. I tried to step in and help by giving a "vice president's shrug", but honestly, no one really does that better than Bill Olcheski, and he wasn't able to attend either. So Paul, we will let you go this time, but we expect two reports next month.

Treasurer: Jim Villers gave his monthly report on our finances. Our current balance was \$2321.83, which seems to be a fairly healthy balance for this time of year.



Activities: Bruce announced tentative plans for a February Drive on the Eastern Shore, which he worked on with the help of Jennifer and Mike Ash. Bruce asked if anyone was interested and had a very enthusiastic response, followed by a sign-up sheet. It appears that it is definitely on our calendar now, so if anyone is interested, look for a club email for more information. And, as always, check for details in Bruce's own contribution to the Dipstick.



History / Technical / Marque Time / New and Old Business:

As I have done before, I lumped these together because it would appear that there was little to report. Sue and Terry were unavailable to give us anything regarding history or technical, so nothing to report there. If I heard correctly, Hank Giffin may have a new MG, but I have no idea what is. Sorry, Hank.

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I did hear that NAMGAR is hosting their event June 6-10, 2022 in Colorado Springs, so check out their website for more information.

Membership: Mike Ash said that we had no new members. Mike Haag had a question about the total for the club, but I did not hear what was said, so I am not quite clear on the current number of members. Yes, more great reporting from yours truly.

Dipstick: Generally, Mark Davidoski reminds us that all submissions to the Dipstick are due by the 20th of the month, and while he often has some other information to pass along, this month Mark had something a little bit more important to tend to.



Mark presented the annual “Dipstick Award” to a pair of club members who richly deserved recognition. Faith and PJ Peterson were presented with this award for their many contributions in the past year. Not only do they produce articles in quantity, but the quality is evident as well. They are always interesting, fun and written with great style. Well deserved, Faith and PJ!

There was one other presentation before the meeting concluded. Mike Haag presented the President’s Award to me which was, indeed, a great honor. Mike also presented me with a letter, which he had framed, extolling my supposed virtues. The check is in the mail, Mike.

It seems strange that I would be writing the minutes for a month when I received the President’s Award, and then I remembered that last year the very same thing happened to Mike Haag. He was very modest in his reporting, but I have no such self-discipline.

But I truly appreciated the award, as well as the recognition from the club members that were present. Thank you all again.

Of course, I have been using so many of Rodney Dangerfield’s “*I don’t get no respect*” jokes for so many years, that I’m not sure what to insert here. But that won’t stop me.

I’ll just say this. At this point in my life I may finally be getting some respect after all. It took years and years (and years...).

It’s true, even when I was a kid I got no respect. I once asked my old man how to get my kite in the air. He told me to run off a cliff.

But back to the meeting... There were several motions to adjourn, seconded by about everyone else.

Thank you for your attention. This has been a test of your EMS (*Emergency Minutes System*). This was only a test. Now, back to your regularly scheduled secretary.



North American MGB Register

**\*\*\* MG2022 Update - January 2022 - Happy New Year! \*\*\***

The organizing committee of MG2022 continues to work behind the scenes to ensure all our participants enjoy a memorable and fun-filled convention. Registration opened at the beginning of December and our team has been overwhelmed by the fantastic response we have seen thus far.

At the time of writing this update, we are down to our last 10 convention rate hotel rooms. All this allocation at the Holiday Inn has now sold out and the remaining rooms are at the Best Western. Standard rates at both of those hotels are still available by making your own arrangements directly with these host hotels themselves. Peterborough also offers several other choices for accommodations including hotels, motels, traditional bed & breakfast, AirBnB and some excellent campgrounds in the local area.

Our activities are also filling up fast. We kick things off on Sunday when registration opens at the Holiday Inn, followed by the NAMGBR Meet & Greet where you will be able to meet the organization's officers and registrars.

Monday will have a full schedule of programming including numerous Tech Sessions, Guided Tours, a Rallye and Funkhana during the day, followed in the evening by our Parking Lot Party at the Holiday Inn. We will also have self directed driving routes mapped out for those who wish to explore Peterborough and surrounding areas in their MG.

Tuesday brings us another full day of activities including the famous John Twist Rolling Tech Session plus more Indoor Tech Sessions, Guided Tours and the Hagerty Driving Experience followed in the evening by our Group Dinner at Lang Pioneer Village and then later by our Pub Night.

Wednesday is the day you have all been waiting for. The Car Show is the main feature of all NAMGBR conventions. We will have all the standard NAMGBR classes for MGB, MGC, Midget, 1100/1300 and Post Abingdon cars plus classes for MG T-Series, MGA, MG - Other and British - Other. *You do not need to bring a NAMGBR sanctioned car to participate in our car show and we encourage owners of all MGs to consider bringing their cars to MG2022.*

This year's show will take place at Nicholls Oval Park, only a short 5-minute drive from the host hotels. This was the site of the Car Show at the inaugural convention in 1992 and we look forward to making our return to this beautiful location and filling it with hundreds of MGs. There are washrooms on site, plus lots of trees for shade, a playground with splash pad for our youngest enthusiasts and a covered pavilion just in case of any inclement weather. We have lined up a DJ to play British Invasion tunes, some food trucks and British Car related vendors to offer a complete MG Car Show experience.

The Car Show is followed by the Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn. Ticket holders will be provided with a hearty meal and once the dinner has finished, we will open the Awards Ceremony to all participants. Covid restrictions might make it a bit challenging to fit all participants into the banquet facility, but we are working on finding a way of having the ceremony broadcast on a live feed into one or two of the hotel's conference rooms. You will not want to miss our Guest Speaker coming all the way from the UK, Dr. Ian Pogson, who spent many years working on Post Abingdon cars for MG. His stories and tales from the modern factory are not to be missed.

Thursday morning, we say farewell with a Pancake Breakfast to promote MG2023 in Calgary. We look forward to hearing more about MG2023 from the Calgary MG Club. I have personally visited the host hotel for MG2023 and can say it will be a fantastic location for another NAMGBR convention.

As previously mentioned, our activities are filling up fast. Some are available on a limited/first come first served basis so please consider registering as soon as you possibly can at [www.mg2022.org](http://www.mg2022.org) to avoid missing out.

Safety Fast!

*Jeremy Holdsworth*  
*MG2022 Vice Chair*



## Marque Time!



Last spring in one of Robert's Marque Time columns he remembered those club members who we have lost in the recent past. Unfortunately, since we lost several longtime or former members in 2021, I thought it was only fitting and proper that we pause and remember those who are no longer with us. Back in January 2021 we lost longtime member Jim Freeh after a long battle with cancer. Jim and Linda hosted many summer tech sessions at their mini-estate in Chesapeake. A highlight was always the barbeque lunch they served at these gatherings. As Robert mentioned, Jim always had a smile and was fond of wearing his Hawaiian style shirts. Anyone who wears a Hawaiian shirt is ok in my book, as I have several I like to wear. Gone much too soon!

At the end of May we lost longtime member Bernie Imdahl. There was a small but touching memorial held for Bernie where his red MGB stood proud and center, along with a Navy honor guard. We got to meet his first wife and daughter and shared many remembrances. His daughter is a car person and she had two of his MGBs shipped out to Oregon where she can enjoy them while remembering her father. In September we lost former member Phillip Ford. He was originally from the Kent area in England. I remember that Philip had a late BRG MGB and on one of our drives out in western Tidewater he met us in Suffolk and drove with us for a while.

In November we lost longtime member Paul Thiergardt. Paul and Carmen used to host meetings at their home where the food spread Carmen prepared was always a hit. Paul wasn't active in the club the past few years or so, but he was 100 when he passed away, so he gets a pass on that! We can only hope to live that long. Paul had a white MGTF and I remember at the end of the first meeting I went to, his car wouldn't start. I wondered what I was getting myself into with these funny little British cars!

Also in November we lost early member David Bowling. Although he hadn't been active for 15 years or more, some of you may remember him and his MGTD.

I hope this doesn't become an annual column, but let's face it, we aren't getting any younger. Although our cars may be antiques, we certainly aren't there yet!

*Safety fast,*

Mike

♥ HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY ♥



## Activities 2022



Happy Safety Fast New Year!

Our January meeting at Gus and George's was really enjoyable – good food, a room to ourselves, and good friends. Now, on to February! Our regular meeting will be Feb. 1, again at Gus and George's. For February 12-13 we have a fun trip planned to Chincoteague and Wachapreague on the Eastern Shore, during which we will participate in the Chincoteague tradition of the Death by Chocolate scavenger hunt. A big "Thank You" to Jennifer Ash for alerting us to this opportunity. On March 5 we meet on the "North side" at the home of Faith and PJ Peterson in Hampton; currently this is planned for a Saturday in order to avoid the dreaded HRBT traffic. April will include our Spring Tech Session jointly hosted by Frank Linse and Paul Fuqua, as well as the annual Williamsburg British Car Club Show on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Register for \$25 by April 9 or for \$30 at the show. May will find us meeting again on the North side, with a Saturday picnic for traffic avoidance. (Is that ever really possible?), starting at 11:00 at the home of Jayne and Bruce Easley. Our June 7 meeting will be at one of our favorites... the Ocean View Pier; let's hope for good weather to eat and chill on the top deck! Sometime in Spring we plan to have a day trip to Elizabeth City and points south to check out museums and breweries in the area, so tune 'em up and get ready! The days are getting longer and Spring will be here before we know it!

Bruce Easley



*'I cleaned out your wallet for you, but the engine is still running a bit rough'*

## Temperature Control for your LBC. ... or, all you need to know about antifreeze

By Terry Bond

So, how do you make your own anti-freeze? Hide her cardigan!

Sorry, it's an old British joke. Really though, this isn't a recipe for how to make your own anti-freeze, rather it's a sort of "primer" on the stuff to help you better understand what that strange smelling green stuff is all about. Apologies to any "chemists" in the group, but I've got to keep this simple so even the drive-way motor-head can follow along nicely.

So, is your MG ready for winter? It's already cold enough for me, and I'm sure your MG too.

Way up North (that's above the Mason Dixon Line) I've known people who have simply drained the liquids from their cooling system over the winter. Ok, it probably won't freeze, but is it the right thing to do?

Let's start from the beginning and sort this all out. There is still plenty of time left this season to rush right out and buy something that'll work to keep your car from freezing (aside from a heated garage).



**ANTIFREEZE** is an additive which lowers the freezing point of a water-based liquid. An antifreeze mixture is used to achieve what's known as "Freezing Point Depression" in cold environments. You just knew there had to be a fancy name for it right?

Common antifreezes also increase the boiling point of the liquid, allowing higher coolant temperature. However, all common antifreeze additives also have lower heat capacities than water, and do reduce water's ability to act as a coolant when added to it.

The purpose of antifreeze really is to prevent a rigid enclosure from bursting due to expansion when your coolant freezes. Commercially, both the *additive* (pure concentrate) and the *mixture* (diluted solution) are called antifreeze, depending on the context.

As a bonus, most if not all commercial antifreeze formulations intended for use in heat transfer applications include different kinds of anti-corrosion and anti-cavitation agents that protect internal components. Lubricants are also added to help keep your water pump turning smoothly. Down inside the radiator and engine itself there are of course some dissimilar metals, and anti-freeze is designed to help prevent galvanic reactions (that's the crud produced by corrosion when two dissimilar metals react)

In the history of the automobile, just water proved to be not such a great thing to have in an automobile during winter. Initially, Methyl Alcohol (Methanol) was added to lower freezing points. Ethylene Glycol soon replaced pure alcohol antifreezes as they raised

the boiling temperature of the coolant. Ethylene Glycol became commercially available in 1926 so it's been around a while – long enough that we've figured out it works well.

Propylene Glycol is much newer. It is used because it's less toxic and can be used around foods and wherever unwanted exposure to the toxicity of Ethylene Glycol needs to be avoided. But, since you don't regularly lick the radiator on your car, we'll move on.

So, what about those colors? Most antifreeze we'd put into our cars will be green. There are other colors that are used to differentiate between different types and uses. Prestone can be yellow for example.

That Orange stuff is called Dexcool. It was developed by General Motors. It was introduced in the 1990s. It's supposed to last 5 years or 150,000 miles, but there have been problems with it. Cooling systems that use Dexcool exhibit more acid buildup and rust in the system when the coolant level gets low and oxygen is allowed to enter the system. The acid eats away at head gaskets and intake gaskets. Rust builds up in the system, inhibiting coolant flow, which causes overheating.. Although GM stands behind it's usage in their vehicles, there have been several class-action law suits. I guess that's another reason not to put a small-block Chevy engine in an MG!

Ethylene Glycol and Dexcool do not play well together! Don't mix them, and if you've used that orange stuff before, don't just try to drain it out and replace with the green stuff. Traces will be nearly impossible to flush and the result will be formation of a jell-like substance. Best bet is to continue using what you are currently using.

Vehicle fluids have varied in color over the years, but today colors are used mainly to differentiate between brands.

Another nice thing about the colors – intended – is that leaks reveal themselves readily. If it looks like anti-freeze and smells like anti-freeze on your garage floor, it's a cooling system leak – not an oil leak! Of course if you have white foam in your coolant that does indicate the presence of oil in the cooling system, which requires more investigation to identify the cause. If your green stuff has turned brown, it might indicate that the rust inhibitors have broken down and it's time to drain and replace with fresh green stuff.

Mixing it up! The usual mix ratio of Ethylene Glycol and water is 1:1. That should produce a freeze point of around minus 34 degrees. I think that's safe enough in Tidewater! If your coolant level is a little low, yes you can top it up with anti-freeze rather than try to carefully mix a small amount.

How often do you change the stuff? Give it the look/smell test. Check specific gravity with one of those cheap plastic indicators that will give you a fairly accurate reading of the range of temperatures you are protected to. As a matter of course, most anti-freezes are supposed to be changed every two years. Some newer products recommend 100,000 mile intervals, and the best stuff Prestone makes is supposed to go three times that.

If you have any doubts about what you are doing, just read the label.

At the very least, check your radiator before it gets any colder to make sure you are protected. Remember this one basic tech tip – if it looks bad, it probably is. That includes radiator and heater hoses too.

Yes, alcohol is an anti-freeze. That's why a cold beer is still refreshing on a cold day. But, that (or good single malt Scotch) doesn't belong in your MG radiator.

Happy motoring and Safety Fast!

Terry

## Upcoming Meetings/Events (as of press time)

February 1st - Tuesday 6:00 PM at Gus & Georges's 4312 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach

February 12-13 – Saturday/Sunday – Eastern Shore run (details via email)

March 5 - Saturday 11:00 AM - the Peterson domicile

April 3 or 10 - Sunday - Spring Tech Session Getting Ready for Summer Cruising - Frank Linse/Paul Fuqua domiciles

April 23 - Williamsburg British Car Club Show (See next page for details)

Late April - Spring Tour (TBD)

May 7 - Saturday 11:00 AM - the Easley domicile

June 7 - Tuesday - Ocean View Pier 6:00 PM

July/August/September - no plans yet - looking for hosts

October 4 - Wednesday 6:00 PM - Olcheski domicile



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## 22nd Annual

Williamsburg British Car Club British & European Car Show  
To benefit **The ARC of Greater Williamsburg**  
**The Shops At High St.**  
High Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Saturday April 23rd, 2022

Schedule: 9:00am show field opens – 11:00 am show field closes

Show: 10:00am to 2:00pm, food from on-site restaurants available

12:00 balloting closes, awards at 2:00pm or earlier if ready

### Preregistration Guidelines:

Preregistration must be received by April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. All registered cars will be placed in a class for judging and award purposes. Cars must be parked with their assigned class to be eligible for awards. Trailer parking available nearby. All cars must be driven onto the show field under their own power. Classes will be determined by preregistered entries. This is a popular vote car show. Balloting for best in class will be conducted by the registrants; judging for The Chairman's Best will be judged by three WBCC members. This is a rain or shine show -since the parking lot is a two-story structure, the bottom lot is dry. A portion of the proceeds will be given to **The Arc of Greater Williamsburg**. Door prizes will be awarded and there will be a 50-50 raffle. Email: [WBCCBCD@gmail.com](mailto:WBCCBCD@gmail.com), contact: Mark Caldwell 865-599-0294. Car show dash plaques will be distributed to all preregistered vehicles. Kit cars allowed for display only.

### Featured Marque

This year, our featured Marque is Elizabeth II. It was February 6, 1952, when Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II. She not only has a lot of cars, but she also drives several of them; hence there will be two featured classes: **Royal Business** that takes the Queen to her important activities. This fleet consists of Rolls-Royce, Daimler, & Bentley. **Royal Toys** includes her personal fleet consisting of Range Rover, Rover, Aston Martin, & Jaguar.

### Car Show Registration:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE OF CAR \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver of Liability: Neither I nor my heirs will hold Williamsburg British Car Club nor The Shops of High Street liable for any injury, death or damages occurring while engaged in or traveling to or from this event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be signed to enter the show)

Pre-registration \$25.00 by April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Late Registration at the show \$30.00

Make check payable to WBCC

Mail to WBCC, c/o Mark Caldwell 5406 Beverly Ln, Williamsburg, VA 23188

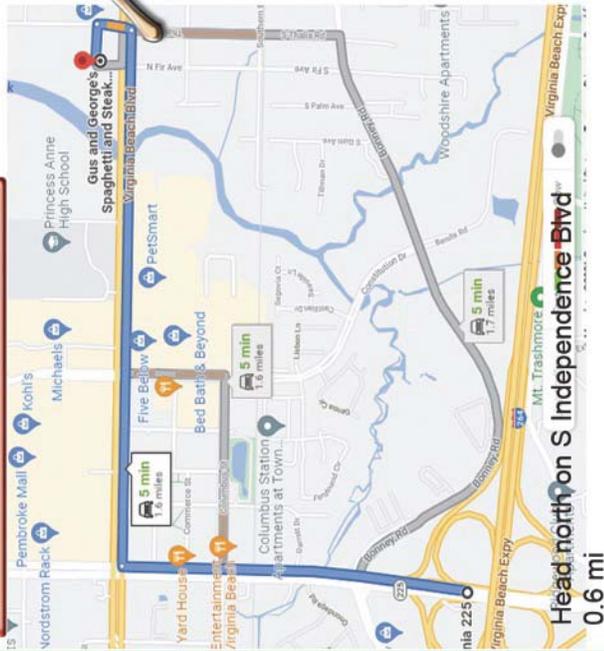


**Good Times --**  
*Last month's  
meeting at Gus &  
George's*





**Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Feb 1st**  
**Gus & George's**  
**Restaurant**  
**4312 V. Beach Blvd**  
**Virginia Beach**



**Head north on S Independence Blvd**  
**0.6 mi**

Turn right after Taco Bell (on the right)  
 Pass by IHOP (on the right in 0.5 mi)  
 0.9 mi

Turn left onto Thalia Rd  
 318 ft

Turn left  
 Destination will be on the left

**6:00 if you are eating Dinner**  
**Meeting to follow**



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