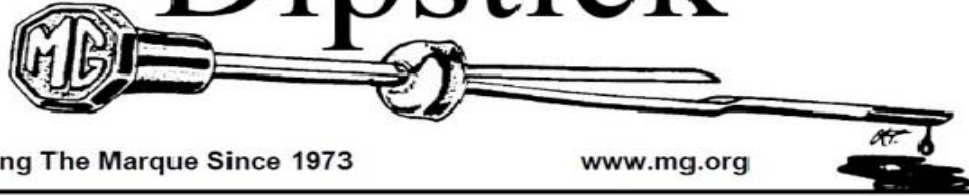




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2023 TMGC's 50th Anniversary



Tidewater MG Classics 50th Anniversary Celebration

May 27, 2023 by Mark Davidoski

The long anticipated TMGC 50th Anniversary Celebration was held at the Sewells Point Golf Club in Norfolk on Saturday, May 27th. The weather was cool and breezy with rain in the forecast. But the liquid sunshine held off until late in the evening, well after the festivities.

The scene was the Norfolk Room, at the top of 17 steep steps, inside the 1927 vintage clubhouse. The facility and adjacent golf course were designed by the legendary Donald Ross. Originally the Norfolk Country Club, the property was purchased by the Navy in early 1942. (Anything for the war effort!) It was operated as an Officer's Golf Club until 1974, when it became an All Hands recreational site.

Sixty-seven stalwart and motivated members made an appearance at this once-in-a-lifetime event that coincided with the 100th anniversary of the MG marque. Social hour opened at 5:00 pm with a charming bartender from the Naval Base MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) Department. Stories of MG adventures ensued immediately, with several original members (circa 1973!) in attendance, along with "recent" members of only 35 or so



Founding Members Mike & Jennifer Ash, Stevie & Hank Giffin and Roosevelt Mosley

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Mike & Jennifer Ash



Susan & Terry Bond



Mark Childers



Joe & Penny Creed



Mark & Kathy Davidoski



Jayne & Bruce Easley



Cindy Lee Hall & Eric Fee



Stevie & Hank Giffin

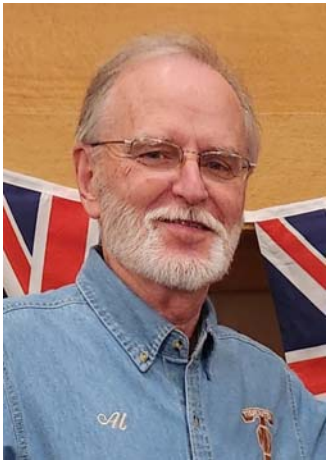
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Denise & Mike Haag



Richard & Sandy Hall



Al Jackson



JD & Laura Hawthorne



Tim Hund



Scott Kampe



Rose & Donald Ladd



years membership.

At 6:00 pm we assembled on the impressively steep front steps of the Clubhouse building for our half-century panoramic group picture, courtesy of Donald Ladd. Nine MGs were arrayed in front of the 67 TMGC loyalists, with everything from the Ash MGA coupe, to MGB roadsters and GTs and even the Ladd's MGC-GT and Jim Villers' MGB-GT V8.

The buffet opened shortly after the picture of the half-century, and featured two entrees, several sides, and plenty of cold adult beverages from our helpful bartender.

With appetites back under control, it was time for Marque Time. We were regaled with tales of the origin of our club, way back in May 1973. Although a T-series club at the outset (and an adjunct of the New England MG T Register), we began welcoming all MG drivers a few years later.

Original founding members were the first to speak, with Hank Giffin retelling he and Stevie's adventures with toddlers in jump seats during numerous Navy change of station moves. Mike Ash and Roosevelt Moseley joined in with stories of how they came "to fall in" with such an interesting crowd.

Soon the "newbies" chimed in with words from Jim Villers, Mike Haag and several others. The evening cemented our reputation as a dynamic and welcoming organization of folks from all walks of life with a common love for anything and everything MG! Our 50th coincided nicely with the 75th anniversary of Moss Motors AND the 100th year of the MG Marque. Life is short, and it certainly pays to maximize one's time with good friends and interesting cars – MGs to be specific.

Many thanks to the Anniversary Committee who put the party together. Swag bags were distributed to each member household, filled with everything from Special Edition grille badges to vendor-provided goodies from Moss Motors and Hendrix Wire Wheel. Even our dessert cupcakes were adorned with TMGC flags, courtesy of Beckey Watson and our tables included floral centerpieces by Denise Haag and table flags by Donald Ladd.

Mark your calendar now for the 75th Anniversary Party – it's not too far distant!

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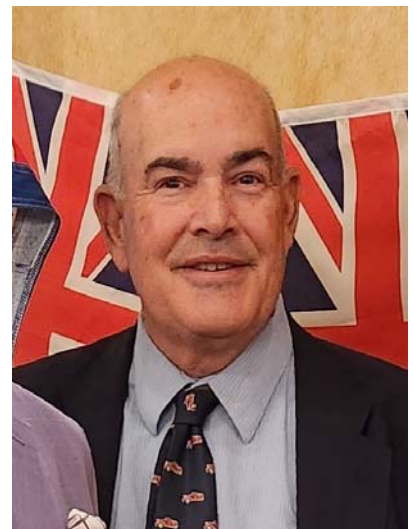
Cheryl & Lou Rajnys



Bill Seib & Leslie Paul



John Singletary



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Members attending the 50th Anniversary Banquet assembled on the steps of the historic Sewells Point Country Club stairs for a picture.



Betty & Jim Villers



Alan & Becky Watson



Chip & Charlotte Woolford



Issie & Bill Yoshida

Members In Our Memory

- Dave Barrows** - The organizer of the club in 1973
- Jim Banvard** - One of the very active original members
- Roy Wiley** - An early member, active for 45 years
- Vince Groover** - An early member and technical expert
- Jim Freeh** - Host of many events
- Pete Olson** - Taken by cancer too soon





The 1st Meeting in 1973

The Tidewater MG Classics Car Club was originally organized as a "T" series only club by a group of MG enthusiasts in 1973 to promote and preserve the MG sports cars they cherished. Eight people met on May 6, 1973 in the Sears parking lot at Pembroke Mall in Virginia Beach, VA. Later that same day about 20 folks met at Jim Banvard's home to discuss forming a club "dedicated to the maintenance and preservation of the T series MG". Thus, the Tidewater MG Classics car club was formed.

Later on the club was opened up to all MG models. Fifty years after forming, we are still a vibrant club nearly 100 members strong enjoying our MGs and the fellowship owning an MG brings.

TMGC Past Presidents

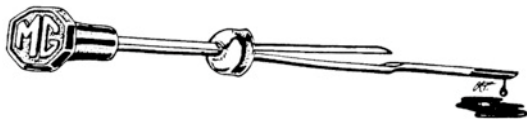


**TMGC President Mike Haag
with “King Charles”**



**TMGC Past-President Robert Perrone
with “King Charles”**

1973	Jim Banvard	1999	Mark Childers
1974	Mike Ash	2000	Barry Tyson
1975	Mike Ash	2001	Barry Tyson
1976	Cathy Dowrick	2002	Mike Haag
1977	Roy Wiley	2003	Mike Haag
1978	Roy Wiley	2004	Andy Wallach
1979	Ron Eaton	2005	Andy Wallach
1980	Ron Eaton	2006	J.D. Hawthorne
1981	Jim Banvard	2007	Alan Watson
1982	Ross Haines	2008	Mark Davidoski
1983	Ross Haines	2009	Mark Davidoski
1984	Vince Groover	2010	Bill Olcheski
1985	Vince Groover	2011	Bill Olcheski
1986	Mel Baker	2012	Russ Ripp
1987	Mel Baker	2013	Russ Ripp
1988	Tony Perino	2014	Steve LaPaugh
1989	Dave Bowling	2015	Steve LaPaugh
1990	Dave Bowling	2016	Robert Perrone
1991	Bill Keeler	2017	Robert Perrone
1992	Bill Keeler	2018	Bill Olcheski
1993	Ken Bingham	2019	Bill Olcheski
1994	Bob McClaren	2020	Robert Perrone
1995	Bob McClaren	2021	Robert Perrone
1996	Frank Linse	2022	Mike Haag
1997	Frank Linse	2023	Mike Haag
1998	Mark Childers		
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