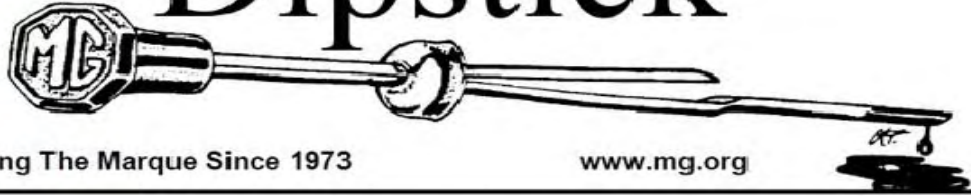




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Activities Report, May 20, 2024

Is it June too soon? May was great, with what seemed like a lot of damp days, but also some beautiful warm days. Between the car shows and trip tours, we had a lot of opportunities for fun. Now, June means the year is almost half over. Did you get to drive your MG as much as you wanted, or get your wrench-turning completed? I hope so, and let's hope the high heat of summer holds off a little longer.

So what's coming in June? For the Tidewater Club we'll have a road trip to beautiful downtown Beaverdam on the eighth, to meet at the home of Beckey and Alan Watson. Bring your choice chair, so if the weather is pleasant we can relax outside on the grassy slopes and have a picnic social. Alan's plan is to meet him at the Wawa in Ashland at 11:00 AM, then a "nice drive" (road rally) to their house for kick tyres, lunch, and ice cream sundaes. As a side note, if anyone is interested in leaving for Beaverdam early, there is the AACA Collector Car Show and swap meet at 8000 Brook Rd. in Richmond from 8 to 3, with a \$10 admission charge that could be an add-on to your route.

June 2 is The Original British Car Day 46th annual meet at Lily Pons Water Gardens (6800 Lily Pons Rd) in Adamstown, MD; check the website at <https://mgtchesapeake.com/> if you're interested. Our annual outing to "Turn Back the Clock" baseball night to see the Norfolk Tides team play the Charlotte Knights will be on June 25 at 6:30 in Harbor Park in Norfolk. Robert Perrone is acquiring the tickets for those who have signed up and will distribute them at the June meeting, or make arrangements to see him if you can't make the meeting. Get to the Park early to partake of the fifty cent hot dogs and cold beer!

Following that will be our monthly meeting July 9 at the home of Cynthia and Andy, 545 Mayflower Rd. in Norfolk, then in August we'll meet on Saturday the tenth at the home of Faith and PJ Peterson in Hampton. More details will be coming soon about times and agendas.

Safety fast. (as always), Bruce Easley

TMGC Coming Events

Jun 8 - Meet: Watson's

July 9 - Meet: Wallach's

Aug 10 - Meet Peterson's

Sep 10 - Meet: OV Pier/Fee

Oct 9 - Meet: Olcheski's

Nov 5 - Meet: Davidoski's

Dec 14 - Holiday Brunch

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Marque Time! President's Message

The spring car season is truly upon us and over the past month many of us have been able to get out and about with our cars to enjoy the warmer weather and local car events that make owning an antique auto truly special. A huge thank you to Robert Perrone, Bruce Easley, Mike Haag and Mark Davidoski for coordinating and executing a simply fantastic Spring Tour, caravanning 12 MGs up to the Natural Bridge region of Virginia. Winding mountain roads, good food and spirits made this tour one to remember. We even had Rose and

Don enjoying the weekend adventure with the team of MG motorheads.

Next up was the Williamsburg 24th Annual British and Import Car show. We had a great turnout of cars and the weather was cool (60's) and cloudy, making the show very pleasant this year (we're usually baking on the hardtop). Our club made out like a bandit and brought home 3 awards. Mike August won his group with his truly original 1972 MG B GT which was just repainted and looks amazing. Scott Kampe's classic and steady 1973 MG B brought home 2nd place and Bob Stein brought home an award for one of his many antique autos. I think we all truly enjoyed the day and were a little surprised to bring home what my daughter would call some "swag" from the event.

Thank you to our very own Vice President, Rob MacPherson and Corey for hosting our May monthly meeting. About 30 members ventured out to VA Beach to enjoy the pleasant weather, and the fun, fellowship and comradery that our monthly meetings bring. We had a new member, Vijay Lancaster, a young college student with a love for MGs introduce himself to the crew and another new, but former member, Matthew Gresalfi, participated and has several MGs and other antique autos. Hank Giffin and Mike Ash, two of our founding members, attended the event and Hank even brought a flyer from an early club event and spoke about the fun and craziness of those early outings. It was great having a chance to reminisce and learn about the founding days of the club and the activities the brought about the club we have today.

Next up was Rollin' with the Knights 4th Annual Car Show at Church of the Ascension, it was another fantastic event and the weather was again cool and pleasant. Our club was well represented with my 71 MGB GT, Sue Bond's 48 MG TC (Eleanor), Scott Kampe's 73 MGB and Mike Haag's 79 MGB all together nestled in the shade. Cars from every era, type and shape were at the event making this one very enjoyable... even a Delorean showed up from 1984. We left the event a little early and to my surprise, the next day Frank Linse called me and said my MG won an award and it's "one of the bigger ones". I was completely shocked and thanked Frank for accepting the trophy and I'll need to swing by his house to pick it up soon.

For our next meeting, we'll be travelling a few hours inland to Alan & Bekey Watson's home located at 17312 Tiswood Drive, Beaverdam, VA 23015. Looking forward to a nice leisurely drive west along the James River to enjoy another grand event with the crew. Well folks, that's all from the Parker ranch.

See you next month!

Safety fast. Scott

TMGC Membership

We are currently at 97 paid memberships and 145 MGs. New Members this month:

Deborah & Charles Tretler, Norfolk, 1951 MG TD
Vincent Valdes, Norfolk, 1975 Midget
Matthew Gresalfi, VB, 1952 MG TD (returning)

Safety fast. Mike Haag

Meeting Minutes -

May 7, 2024 By Michelle Parker

Our meeting this evening was at the home of our esteemed vice-president, Rob MacPherson. It was a lovely evening to sit out back with all our MG friends enjoying good food and good conversation.



President Scott Parker called the meeting to order by thanking the host, Rob, who was inside prepping our meal and didn't get to hear this thank you, but we got it to him later when he rejoined us. We had returning member Matt Gresalfi with us, who, I've heard, has been around since Godzilla was just a youthful lizard. We had new member VJ Lancaster, who, himself, is just a young'un but not in any way reptilian. Great to have these two gentlemen out and part of the club! We had two visitors, my daughter Ella and her boyfriend, Eythan. Last month's meeting minutes were approved.

The Vice President's Report was brought with a stand-in shrug from Mr. Olcheski himself since Rob was still in the kitchen.

Bruce Easley brought the Activities Report. He mentioned the success of the Spring tour many were fresh off of, as well as a few awards won by club members at the recent Williamsburg Show. He reminded all of the upcoming Rolling with the Knight's show, the Dessert Drives, the Cape Henry Classic car show, the Original British Car Day at Lily Ponds, the June club meeting at Alan and Becky's, and lastly the Turn Back the Clock Tides Baseball night. Check out the activities report and the calendar for the all the details of these upcoming events and activities.

Treasurer Mark Davidoski brought the Treasurer's Report. We began with a balance a tad higher, wrote two checks of varying amounts, and ended with a balance of \$1481.34.

The Dipstick Report was giving by Jim Villers stating that I'm cutting this one really close as I sit here typing it up on the evening of the 19th. So sorry Jim, I always mean to do better. Even as a young high schooler, I was a night-before-it's-due kinda gal.



The Membership Report was brought by Mike Haag. We are at 95 members, and he's been talking with a new guy considering joining.

Terry Bond gave the Technical Report. They had an excellent time on the Spring Tour, but it turned a small oil leak problem into a bit of a bigger one

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for their MGB. So, it looks like some work on it will be happening and a series of articles to go along with all that will be coming. The garage will be open for all that would like to come and help, watch for an email with the details.

Historian Susan Bond has all our history beautifully collected and on the website.

There was a bit of memory lane Old Business brought by Hank. He had a pamphlet from the Colonial Clutch Mini GOF of 1978 with him. I was only 6 in '78, but those that were there reminisced about the trip. Wow... y'all were wild! Getting banned! Wife's red undies! Check out the YouTube channel video of this meeting to hear these wild memories and more. We also have all the old Dipsticks online, so if you're so inclined, go to June of '78 and read what was written about it. My favorite line is "...Mrs. Adams was only a little grouchy, the food and beverage flowed as at a Bacchanalian orgy..." It appears Mike Ash briefly had the nickname "Mr. Wash-n-Wear." Dipstick Gold!

For New Business: Rob was able to rejoin the meeting and gave a shout out to his wonderful neighbors for their understanding and support that night of all the MG traffic. He also gave a thank you to Cory and little dog Zoe for being there and helping out. Mark and Kathy did a Staunton dinner train trip that was very nice. Might be a nice activity for our group or something you might like to check out on your own. They really enjoyed it and it does sound nice. Scott gave the current update for Don Ladd. We can't wait to have Don feeling better and he and Rose back with us on the regular.

Marque Time: Someone asked for expertise on something about an A... aligning something...they were directed to Frank Linse, he's an expert on everything.

At this point we took a dinner break, then finished up after that.

Regalia With...VJ! "Uh...wait, what? okay"... Poor guy got roped into selling tickets. Thanks for jumping in and helping out VJ, you did great! Mike Haag won some rubber gloves; Scott Parker won an Advance Auto Parts tote bag; a set of O-ring picks went to Robert; I won a set of coasters- which thrilled me because I truly was needing some! The 50/50 was won by Scott Parker and he gave it back to the club. But with 3 winning tickets, we should probably have purchased a lottery ticket that night on the way home.

This meeting of Tidewater MG Classics was adjourned. If you'd like to see what you missed, check out the YouTube video of the meeting at <https://www.youtube.com/@TidewaterMGClassics>



Spring Tour to Natural Bridge ...

Hosted by: Robert Perrone, Bruce Easley, Mark Davidoski and Mike Haag

Friday - by Jim Villers

Our Spring Tour was organized by Mike, Mark, Bruce and Robert; which sounds like a law office but is actually an exclusive tour management group that only organizes tours for Little British Cars. They have demonstrated their excellence so we need to engage them for future tours. The tour plan was excellent with segments of fifty-sixty minutes of spirited driving down roads that Google Maps tries to avoid separated by stops for food or libration. An enjoyable plan well executed.

Robert led the south side contingent of Jim & Betty Villers, Donald & Rose Ladd, Mike & Denise Haag, Mark & Kathy Davidosk, Rob MacPherson and Tommy Keningham, from Lake Wright and onto I-64. Robert parted the traffic at the HRBT before our arrival so that we could speed through the tunnel and head up to the Toana McDonalds where we met Bruce & Jane Easley and Terry & Sue Bond.

From Toana, we took some of the roads less traveled and as crossing I-95 at Ashland, we could see cars and trucks “parked” on the Interstate for miles. As we approached our Wawa destination, traffic was again “parked” for as far as we could see. Robert again “sprinkled his magic” to spread the cars enough for up to pass through and take the “parking lots” less



Gathering at the Wawa in Ashland

traveled to the Wawa.



Karen & Tad Carter outside the Caboose

It was homecoming at the Wawa as we joined up with Alan & Beckey Watson and Tad & Karen Carter. After a short drive to the Caboose restaurant for lunch, we were joined by Alan’s father Robin. Chatting with Robin, I asked him if he had Allen’s MG running perfectly; he responded that Alan now does his own maintenance (more on that on Saturday). The pre-ordered lunch plan worked perfectly (add Beckey to the tour team) so we were able to leave on time for our spirited drive to the Elk Island Winery.

There must have been an oversight as the Tour Team led us down a gravel road to a VERY steep hill to a parking area that was slanted to match the steepness of the hill. Beyond the parking lot, the Elk Island Winery was an excellent stop with a tasting of good wine served on a wide porch with an interesting presentation from the owner on the history of the winery and her involvement in wine making. A great choice for a stop.



Enjoying the Elk Island winemaker presentation

After a little wine and another hour of spirited driving down Robert's special roads, we arrived at the Virginia Distillery to taste



a flight of whiskey. This stop demonstrated that the group enjoys wine and beer more than whiskey as Sue and Betty soon headed to the gardens to identify plants.



Still another spirited hour of driving (where did Robert find such wonderful roads), before we arrived at the Natural Bridge Historic hotel where we would stay for two nights. It was dinner time so we just ate at the Red Fox Dining Room in the hotel before adjourning to Mark's Suite (i.e. hospitality room), for the rest of the evening.

Great job tour team.

Becky Watson



A group photo at the Virginia Distillery

Saturday - By Robert Peronne

The day started out cool, and with a beautiful mist on the mountains. My serenity was interrupted when I spilled coffee down my white shirt while getting in my car. I seriously need a keeper.

We were led by Rob that morning, and he was up to the challenge. He led us to the Blue Ridge Parkway and through the Bluff Mountain Tunnel. What a great drive in the morning!



Driving through a tunnel on the Blue Ridge Parkway



Montebello fish hatchery ponds

No U-turns on Rob's watch either, no sir. We did take a quick drive around the House Mountain Overlook. But since this was a loop, it did not count as a U-turn. Nice work Rob!

He came close to a U-turn again en route to the Montebello State Fish Hatchery when he turned right once instead of left, but I'm sure that he only did that to ensure that no one else made that mistake. At least that's his story. Anyway, since no one followed (and he backed up) it couldn't be counted as an official U-turn either.

Many of us who were put off by the cool of the morning decided to put our tops down for the rest of the day before we left for lunch.

Donald's car broke down at the fish hatchery. Still, he managed to get it started and meet us at the Blue Mountain Brewery on time.

We had a great lunch at Blue Mountain Brewery along with some of my favorite beers. Yes, I took two growlers home with me. What can I say, I'm a fan.

Coming into the parking lot, Alan had car problems, but we put it off until after lunch. Terry gave it his best and managed to get the car running just fine. At least it did for a while.



Enjoying lunch on the porch at the Blue Mountain Brewery

Meanwhile, when Alan was working on the car, Beckey asked if I would take her with me. I will leave it up to you to figure out her motives. But Fickle Beckey. Right after their MG started she said she was going to go back and ride with Alan after all. The story of my life when it comes to women.

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Mike Haag and Terry Bond working on Alan Watson's MG

However, it is kind of difficult to get us to move very fast in mid afternoon after a nice lunch and a couple of adult beverages.

Then on to the Caverns at Natural Bridge. Because we were late and missed our scheduled private tour time, we were put in with the last group of the day, but everyone that attended seemed to enjoy it. Some others went to the Natural Bridge itself, and a few just relaxed back at the hotel.

Our dinner was at a place we had been to

before, the Pink Cadillac Diner. However, to the dismay of many we found there was NO BEER! Not that I want to point fingers, but the person that made the reservation has the initials M. D., and he was actually as unhappy as anyone else.



The Watson's with a big sunday

But Becky may have regretted her choice because a short while later they had to head home. She could've had a nice time with me. But no... she had to go off with her husband. Sorry Alan, but I thought you should know the truth ;)

Mark led us from Blue Mountain, but the rest of the group seemed to lag behind and were soon lost in the hills. They met us at the next stop, but missed out on the better drive along Route 151.

That's what happens when you are slackers.

We had a nice (but very brief) stop at Rebec Vineyards. We were a bit behind schedule, but nothing seems to bother this group.



Wine tasting on the covered porch at the Rebec Vineyards

The diner also saw the return of Alan and Becky!

We'll forgive the fact that, instead of an MG, they had a VW. Wrong letters, but at least they were with us again.

Many of us went from dinner to the Sunset Cruise at the Buena Vista Overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway. For those who did not go, you missed a spectacular view.

Back at the hotel we were invited a party at the Davidoski Luxury Suite. The "commoners" were allowed in, so we forgave Mark for making dinner reservations at a diner with no beer.

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I will note that at one point "Yours Truly" was asked by Denise to keep his pants pulled up. Well, if you were there, you know the results of that request. She won't make that mistake again!

While we were enjoying the palatial suite, courtesy of Kathy and Mark, we enjoyed stories from years past. We recalled our times at Prince Mi-

chel, the Mark Addy, Virginia International Raceway, Inn at Narrow Passage and many others, and we laughed about the Drowsy Monk (and their "bait-and-switch" wines), "Mudhole Lake" at Peaks Of Otter and more.

Then, a bit later, Jim said it was time for him to get back to his room, and that was it. Everyone else got up and the suite was cleared in about 5 minutes.

I guess what they say is true... when Jim leaves he takes the party with him.



The sunset at the Buena Vista Overlook



The group finishing the day socializing in Mark Davidoski's "hospitality room"



Sunday by Mark

Davidoski

Day three dawned cool and sunny, promising another day of driving excitement. Some had breakfast over at the Pink Cadillac, while a few needed to head home early to meet other obligations. By the time we checked out of the Natural Bridge Hotel we had nine MGs with the Watson's VW in the trail position.



Viewing a plaque celebrating the top cadet in each class, Two of Mark Davidoski's sons names are on the plaque

Our first stop was at nearby Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. The VMI grounds were beautiful under brilliant sunshine. We sauntered across the parade field before touring the Institute's Museum, located below the chapel. The Peterson Firearms Collection drew plenty of attention, as did the other fascinating historical galleries. Stonewall Jackson's horse, saddle, raincoat and cap were on prominent display, near a replica of a cadet room. Famous alumni were also featured, including George Marshall, Chesty Puller and George Patton.

Our route continued eastward on US 60 and along several State highways with three digit numbers beginning with "6". The curves were challenging thanks to continual elevation changes and limited traffic. We snaked up and along the Blue Ridge, passing through the ghost town of Buffalo Springs near the Appomattox River.



Entering Dinwiddie County we saw a small car show being held in a meadow.

Onward to Farmville we pulled in to Charlie's Waterfront Cafe, set in a formerly industrial section of town that's been gentrified from its former use as a center of furniture and footwear production. Mike Haag's sister and brother-in-law, Beth and Butch Dean, joined us for lunch. Butch's connection to TMGC includes the MGA in Robert Perrone's garage. Butch spotted it years ago while working on the railroad out in the country. After an excellent meal

and a few cold adult beverages we began finding our individual courses back to home. Several used US 460 to eventually return to the Hampton Roads area. While some planned a stop for fuel or to visit a favorite antique shop, several drove directly home. Our three car convoy passed a Porsche 911 turbo shortly before encountering two VW Beetles doing 65+ mph. The leader had a pristine 1957 coupe while the wingman drove a mostly rusty and dented 1961.

We pulled into our driveway at 6:00 P.M. What a trip! The best twisty roads ever! And the company of good

Rolling with the Knights Car Show by SusanBond



Bill Olcheski with Mike Haag at the Rolling with the Knight car show



Susan Bond with her 1948 MG TC "Eleanor with a couple of children living their dreams

Williamsburg British & European Car Show

May 4, 2024 by Mark Davidoski

TMGC sent a sizable contingent of members and cars to the most recent edition of the Williamsburg British & European Car Show. The featured marque for 2024 was Austin-Healey. Healey participants included 15 so-called Big Healeys, along with a solitary 1966 Sprite and two 1974 Jensen-Healey convertibles. But the most numerous marque was once again MG, with 25 on the show field. There was even a solo 1935 Rover 10.



Eric Fee 's winning Silver Shadow III

The Williamsburg club demonstrated their organizational skills with a detailed field diagram,

punctual schedule of events, entertaining DJ, and the perennial favorites - the Williamsburg Pipe & Drum Corps. The Williamsburg club has expanded its membership beyond “British only” to include anything originating in Europe. We saw everything from Alfa-Romeo and Ferrari to Bentley, Rolls Royce, Porsche, Mercedes Benz, Triumph and even one DeLorean (built in Northern Ireland, UK.)

When the awards were announced, TMGC has at least three winners. Eric Fee took the “Empire” class with his Silver Shadow III, while Mike August won the MGB/C GT class for his 1972 (freshly repainted in the original Aqua.). Scott Kampe won the MGB chrome bumper roadster class with his beautiful 1974 example. We had a total of seven TMGC households on hand, including the aforementioned winners, plus the

Parkers (enroute to Richmond in a “civilian” ride), John Kovacs (Bentley), Bob Stein (1948 TC) and Mark Davidoski (1974 1/2 B GT.)

Driving conditions were pleasant on the way over with no HRBT issues. The return leg required a detour over the James River Bridge which was a steady, delay-free decision. The show was flawlessly executed and again benefited The Arc of Williamsburg, which has been delivering services to the developmentally disabled for many years.

Keep this show on your “to attend” list for 2025! They deserve a huge MG presence. And we’re just the guys & gals to do it!!



Scott Kampe 's winning MG



Mike August with his winning MG GT

Monthly Meeting
Saturday, June 8th
Alan & Becky
Watson
17312 Tiswood Dr.
Beaverdam, VA
804 227-3807



Meet at
our usual starting place on
Northampton Blvd next to I-64
at the old Lake Wright hotel/Nor-
folk Premium Outlets complex in
the parking lot across from
Chick-Fil-A, where we met for the
Spring Tour. Plan on meeting
there NLT 9 AM.

will leave and meet at
Ashland Wawa at 11:00
lunch at Watson's 12:00

exact routing may be updated
on departure day.



From Duck Donuts Lake Wright

- 1. Turn right onto Premium Outlets Blvd. Go for 440 ft.**
- 2. Turn right onto Northampton Blvd (US-13 S). Go for 0.1 mi.**
- 3. Take ramp onto I-64 W (Hampton Roads Blwy) toward Hampton/Richmond. Go for 80.7 mi.**
- 4. Take exit 200 toward Washington onto I-295 N. Go for 13.8 mi.**
- 5. Take left exit 43A toward Washington/I-295 N onto I-95 N. Go for 8.4 mi.**
- 6. Take exit 92B toward Ashland onto VA-54 W (Courthouse Rd). Go for 1.0 mi.**
- 7. Turn right onto N Washington Hwy (US-1 N). Go for 318 ft.**
Then 0.06 miles
Turn left. Go for 82 ft.
Then 0.02 miles
- 8. Wawa**
100 N Washington Hwy, Ashland, VA 23005