



# The Dipstick



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## *Activities Report, Sep 17, 2024*

OK you MG Sports Fans, get ready for a busy October! Let's hope we get more of the nice cool (and dry) weather we had in late August and September. And no hurricanes! But first, The Special East Coast Fall Nationals in Hampton Convention Center on August 24 was a very interesting show. I believe there's a bit more detail to be added by Mike Haag, but it was impressive. Very top-end vehicles from many years; British cars (Sue Bond included), early American models, classic early 'Vettes and more. Glad I got to go. By the time you read this the The Faschini-Wallach Center for Restorative Therapies grand opening dedication on September 21 has probably already taken place at Old Dominion University. Our club members Cynthia Faschini and Andy Wallach have made this extraordinary endeavor possible, which will provide care for patients with orthopedic and neurologic conditions and injuries in our geographic area. They extended invitations to club members to attend the dedication.

So October starts off with two possible shows on Oct. 5: the Waynesboro Fall Classic and the ECW European Cars of Williamsburg. So... long or short road trip, your choice. The Williamsburg show is from 10 AM to 2:30 PM at 100 Marclay Dr. in Williamsburg. Check out their website at <https://eurocarswmbg.com/events/> for more info. Our regular meeting will be Oct. 9 at the home of Mark and Kathy Davidoski. This is also our annual club-famous Chili Cook off, so fire up those pots, crock pots or whatever you choose to make your best and be ready. The Fall Classic Car Show in Newport News Park is scheduled for Oct. 19-20, so that's another opportunity to show yours or look at others'. Information at [vfallclassic.org](http://vfallclassic.org). Proceeds benefit the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. Lastly in October is the annual Trunk or Treat event at Big Ugly Brewing on Sunday Oct. 27. This is fun for young kids and us older "kids at heart" as well; dress up yourself and your car and be ready with goodies to hand out to the Trick-or-Treaters.

Our November meeting will be at the home of Renee and Bill Olcheski on WEDNESDAY THE SIXTH. Note the change of date, to avoid any complications with voting day. We have been invited to participate in the Virginia Beach Veterans' Day parade on Monday Nov 11. Then our Fall Tech Session at the home of Susan and Terry Bond will be Sunday, Nov 17. For our Holiday celebrations in December we'll do the annual Holiday Lights drive on the tenth and our traditional Holiday Brunch on the fifteenth. I'm hoping to be able to set up

### **TMGC Coming Events**

- Oct 9 - Meet: Davidoski's
- Nov 6 - Meet: Olcheski's
- Nov 17 - Tech: Bonds
- Dec 15 - Holiday Brunch

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**Marque  
Time!  
President's  
Message  
from  
Scott Parker**

Talk about a large monthly meeting, we counted 42 hungry MG aficionados in attendance for our September meeting. The raucous crowd enjoyed a simply pristine night at the Ocean View Fishing Pier and experienced a phenomenal sunset on the bay. A huge shout out to Eric Fee and Cindy Hall for coordinating this terrific event with the Ocean View Fishing Pier owners. Our prized MGs were on display for the locals in several prime parking spots that Eric and Cindy arranged with the Pier. Our large crew did overwhelm the staff a bit, not sure any of us thought we'd have 42 folks, but a little delay was understandable and given the great weather with friends and fellow car lovers it made for a very enjoyable evening.

I'm sad to announce that Don had another medical setback this month as he experienced a major stroke that affected the left side of his body. He's also enduring massive headaches that his neurologists are attributing to an earlier accident that he'll likely need surgery to rectify. Home health is onsite to assist in his stroke recovery with intensive speech and walking exercises. So please continue to keep the Ladd's in your thoughts and prayers. They both have endured a very rough 2024, wishing them both peace and Don a full and dramatic recovery!

On a lighter note, last month, I selected a nominating committee comprised of Mike Haag, Jim Villers, Robert Perrone and Bill Olcheski to consider candidates for the club officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) for our fall elections. After a thorough search across the club's landscape of fine potential nominees, the committee recommended to keep the current slate of Officers in their positions for another year. So, I want to apologize in advance to you fine club members, that you'll have endure another year of my "leadership" as club president.

We found a new Activities Directors! After 5 years of diligent, faithful and masterful service to the club, Bruce Easley will pass the baton to Shayne McKean and Pam Morris over the coming months. The club wants to express deep gratitude to Bruce for his exceptional support to the club over the past 5 years for coordinating, arranging, supporting and executing numerous events throughout the Tidewater region. We'll formerly announce the "transfer of power" during an upcoming group meeting. Thanks Shayne and Pam for volunteering for this important club position, we're looking forward to your participation and leadership in this new role!

For our next meeting, we'll enjoy our annual Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, Oct 9th, hosted by Mark & Kathy Davidoski at 4705 Little John Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Kick tyres at 6:00pm, chili cook-off around 6:30pm followed by a meeting. So, bring your best chili and empty stomach to partake in picking the best chili across the landscape of MG motor heads. Looking forward to seeing everyone next month! Well folks, that's all from the cheap seats here at the Parker homestead.

*Safety fast.*

Scott

# Meeting Minutes -

**September 10, 2024**

By Michelle Parker

This lovely late-summer evening we had a group of just over 40 of us on the rooftop deck restaurant of the Ocean View Fishing Pier. After a good meal shared with some good friends we had a short meeting as it was hard to hear each other, but the sunset views sure were pretty.

President Scott Parker called our meeting to order. He thanked Eric and Cindy for setting up the restaurant reservation for us. We didn't have any guests or first-time members in attendance. Last month's meeting minutes were then approved.

The Vice President's report was brought by Rob MacPherson with a customary shrug. Next month we will have our chili cook-off at the Davidoski's on Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00; bring out your best chili recipe. The last winner was Hank (or should I say Stevie) with an amazing white chicken chili.

The Easley's were missed as they weren't able to attend, so Scott relayed a few upcoming activities. See the calendar of events on the website for all the details, as well as the Bruce's write up in the Dipstick.

Treasurer Mark Davidoski brought the Treasurer's Report. Beginning with a balance of \$1647.89, there was \$434 in deposits and \$125 in disbursements, bringing our ending balance to \$2,123.18. Mark also said to let him know if you need



*Frank Linse, Fred McCall, Kathy Davidoski, John Kovac*



*Marion McAlpine with John Singletary and Tim Hund*

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*Mark Davidoski presents the Treasurer's report, President Scott Parker looks on.*

a name tag as he is putting in an order soon.

The Dipstick Report was brought by Jim Villers, requesting that someone write an article for the Faschini Wallach Center grand opening.

Mike and Denise were also missed as they were returning from their trip. With Mike unable to give the Membership Report, Scott said we have 72 members paid up so far, get those dues in if you haven't yet.



*Terry & Sue Bond, Robert Perrone, Scott Davies with the backs of Pam Morris & Shayne McKean*

For the Technical Report, Scott asked Terry if he had anything and he said “no, not really.”

There was no Old Business.

As for New Business, Scott asked the nomination committee if they any info for us about next month’s elections for club officers. All officers are slated to remain the same for next year with the official vote at our October meeting. With Bruce Easley stepping down as Activities Director, we are still looking for someone to volunteer to fill those big shoes for next year.

Marque Time: Robert mentioned that he will be putting together a Spring Tour for 2025. It will be last weekend in April; keep it open if you’re interested in going. He is thinking the Transportation Museum in Roanoke will be one of the attractions on the tour. Paul mentioned the upcoming Tidewater Veterans Day Parade, don’t forget about that if you’d like to drive your car in it. John Kovac had a funny joke for us... check that one out for yourself on the YouTube video.

We did not have Regalia this night. Sadly, we also didn’t have Rose and Don with us, as Don had another stroke. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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>

**TMGC Offices and Committees**

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**TMGC Membership**

As of Sep 22nd we have 81 paid memberships. I will soon be sending out individual renewal reminder emails to those members who have not yet renewed. If you have any questions about your membership, contact me at [membership@mg.org](mailto:membership@mg.org).

We added one new membership: Paul & Mary Voss, Chesapeake, VA, 1960 MGA coupe

*Safety fast.* Mike Haag

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the Holiday Lights drive to be done at the Virginia Beach Boardwalk this year. Some have said the lights are not as good as some other areas, but the HRBT has become more of a bottleneck and I’d like to go back to something on the “South Side”. More information to come as we get closer and tickets become available.

Some exciting news – Pam Morris and Shayne McKean will be our new Activities Director(s) going forward! They are a great couple of “spark plugs” to keep things rolling and having fun. Be sure to congratulate them, volunteer to help, and throw out suggestions if you have them.

*Safety fast.* (as always), Bruce Easley

# Ocean View Fishing Pier - September 10 by Eric Fee



*Eric with his MGA*



*Fred McCall, Terry Bond & Jim Villers in the parking lot*

The Club's September monthly meeting at the Ocean View Fishing Pier (OVFP) was a huge success with over 40 members present. Fantastic weather enticed even the most fair-weathered motor cars to arrive and fill-up the reserved parking area too! Some parked and quickly departed to the top deck to enjoy a cold beverage and the awesome view of the Chesapeake Bay. I was pleased to see many hang out in the parking lot for a prolonged "kick tyres" and admire the evening's wide array of vehicles. With such a public location (packed night on the pier) many pier guests enjoyed seeing our vehicles too. A special thanks to the OVFP staff & Ronnie Boone for doing a fine job hosting our large group and all the pier's other customers too. Cindy and I enjoyed serving as your host. It takes a lot of work to host an event 25 yards from your home but we are willing to volunteer to do it again next year!



*Cars arriving; Scott Davies*



*Jim & Betty Villers*



*John Kovac in his Bentley*

## The Grand Opening of the Fachini Wallach Center

The Faschini Wallach Center for Restorative Therapies at Old Dominion University was officially opened on Saturday September 21, 2024 and the club was well represented by President Scott Parker & Michelle, Terry & Sue Bond, Fred McCall & Linda Lathan, Eric Fee and Jim & Betty Villers. What a very impressive ceremony in a very impressive facility.

During the program, both Andy and Cynthia made presentations. Cynthia spoke about the difficulties that she had after bringing Andy back to Norfolk from the VA facility in Richmond in locating any facility that would assist in Andy's recovery. After multiple rejections, she contacted Lisa Koperna, director of the ODU Physical Therapy. Lisa was enthusiastic to have Andy as a "patient" even though she did not have a "clinic". An almost family bond was made between Lisa, physical therapist, Andy, Cynthia and ODU. As ODU worked to expand the university's health care sciences curriculum and facilities, Andy and Cynthia became significant contributors. The one thousand square foot Center for Restorative Therapies is a part of the Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences and the Dennis & Jan Ellmer ODU College of Health Sciences. The Center is located in the Ellmer Health Sciences building and it is centered around restorative therapy equipment, including a bus and car for patients to practice accessing and exiting; playground equipment for pediatric patients; a full-size apartment to practice daily living activities like cooking and laundry.

The emotional Grand Opening program demonstrated that restorative therapies at Andy's center are much more than just physical therapy. It is about the future, providing hope, setting goals, determination, effort and celebrating accomplishment. It is a family setting of universal support. This environment was a direct evolution of the relationship between Andy, Cynthia, Lisa and the ODU staff.

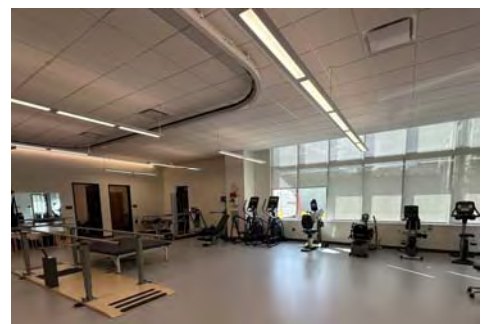
ODU now has an accredited restorative therapies clinic that now qualifies for government and insurance reimbursement and it is on the path to becoming self sufficient. The center will now become a part of the area's health care capabilities and we are all grateful to Andy and Cynthia for making it happen.



Andy Wallach & Cynthia Faschini



Andy Wallach & Cynthia Faschini



A room in the therapy center

## TECH STUFF –Where do you find MG stuff?

### Quick answer - Hershey – my favorite place to find stuff!

By Terry Bond

Most of us are accustomed to grabbing the latest Moss Motors Catalog, turning on the computer, and using your favorite credit card, placing an order.

Disadvantage – you don't know what you've bought until you unwrap the package. Wouldn't you like to handle the item before you buy? Wouldn't you like to discover that "made in China" stamp before you spent your money?

There is an alternative. Although it too can sometimes be a gamble, nothing in my estimation beats a good old fashioned swap meet where you can see and handle what you are buying. Best of all is the thrill of the hunt and the excitement of discovering a treasure.

For me, Hershey is top of the hill!

I stepped outside a bit ago and it was actually a bit chilly. Hard to believe after this summer's brutal heat!

The cooler fall air reminds me it's time to think about HERSHEY! You've heard me talk about it before but here's some info for those who have never been to the world's largest antique automobile swap meet.

It happens every October during the first full week. It's hosted by the Hershey Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. It takes place on the grounds surrounding the Giant Center, Hershey Park, and surrounding areas in Hershey, Pennsylvania. This year, dates are Monday October 7th through Friday October 11th. Its size and scope is simply vast.

Monday of "Hershey Week" is flea market set-up day. It's all open to the public and there is no admission charge. There are nearly 10,000 vendor spaces available. The early bird catches the worm. You can snag some great stuff as vendors are unpacking. You might have to park some distance and walk though, and normally daily parking charges can run to \$20. It's BIG so start early and allow at least three days to see most of it.



*A Hershey booth full of Lucas parts.*



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You'll need a nearby hotel reservation, or some other place to stay. Campgrounds are in the vicinity but an early reservation is required.

As the largest event of its kind in the world, it draws thousands of visitors and old car enthusiasts into the area, so hotels can get expensive and most fill up. We make our reservations for next year when we check out as do many others.



*Busy on set-up day at Hershey – spaces in front of Giant Center.*

What to expect – acres of paved parking lot filled with a mix of flea market vendors, professional hobby related dealers, gigantic motor homes and trailers parked among vendor stalls, and row after row of totally uncategorized treasure. It would be impossible to put all specialty parts vendors into one particular area. However, many groups of vendors and clubs are located close to each other. There is a large contingent of Rolls Royce enthusiasts, Buick club members, Packard, and even Model T Ford vendors who are together, but it's a treasure hunt. You never know where you'll discover something great around the next corner.

For those who love early automobiles, there is a large area unofficially known as “brass alley.” That's generally where members of the Horseless Carriage Club can be found. But-early car parts can be found all throughout the flea market. Be prepared to walk miles. Susan checked one year and during the week, walked over 30 miles seeing most all of it.

There is a road surrounding the parking area at Hershey Park. It's filled with cars for sale. Known as “the Car Corral” there are literally hundreds of collector type vehicles from turn of the century to the muscle car era available for purchase from their individual owners. It's a virtual outdoor museum! Cars for sale can also be found within the swap meet area.

Plenty of food and bathrooms are available on the grounds. Here are a few tips-

Wear comfortable shoes. Prepare for any kind of weather. I've seen it so hot your feet almost stick to the pavement, and so cold it snows. Sometimes it rains. It can be bitter cold in the early morning, and blazing hot in the afternoon. It's a rain or shine event.

I recommend taking a pull-along shopping cart. You can keep some bottled water, snacks, and a rain jacket or sweatshirt in there. Carrying a small umbrella is cheap insurance if it threatens rain. That shopping basket will be handy carrying your newly found treasures.

Bring cash. Very few vendors accept checks or use credit cards. Cash is king and trying to wheel and deal is accepted practice.



*Susan showing off some of her Hershey MG treasures to Richard Hall*

There are four large “fields” designated as Red, Green, Chocolate, and Orange.

The website <https://hershey.aaca.com/eastern-division-fall-meet/> has tons of information including maps of the flea market areas.

The best days to shop are Tuesday through Thursday. On Friday all attention turns to the judged car show held on a large grassy area just beyond the area known as “The Orange field.” Over 1000 of the finest antique automobiles will be on display for competitive judging. Yes, there will be a large contingent of sports cars including MGs!

It’s worth mentioning that you will not find TONS of MG parts there. A number of specialist MG and British car parts vendors will be there as always, but remember-it’s a treasure hunt. I’ve seen MGB parts mixed in with Model T Ford items. You need to hunt to find the goodies. Rare stuff does turn up though, so be prepared. Stick a Moss catalog in that shopping cart so you can check parts numbers and prices if necessary. If you’re looking for something special, take a photo so you’ll have it on your phone for reference.

Sue and I have been attending since the 1970s and we have flea market spaces in front of the Giant Center at the end of a row (GCC 5, 6). We’re almost across from the crab cake food truck. My favorite lunch! If you are going, it’s a good place to stop and rest or leave heavy parts while you keep looking for more.

Over the years, Susan has added considerably to her collection of MG memorabilia – models, toy MGs, literature, and other collectibles. We’ve found parts – especially some items for the MGTC. Some of our members who attend regularly have found parts that are no longer available through regular sources. Lots of tools are also found there. Specialty vendors offer everything from sandblasting equipment to antique auto restoration items. Original antique tools including a fair number of early British items are available.

Put this event on your calendar and give it a try. You’ll get a taste of how big the old car hobby really is. Whether your passion is MGs, GTOs, or Stanley Steamers, you’ll find it all at the greatest show on earth – Hershey.



*Barry Basnight and Richard Hall with some Hershey souvenirs to hang on the garage wall*

Need more info or have questions, let me know.

We're looking forward to the November Tech session at our garage on November 17th. We'll have some coffee and donuts ready by 11AM and hope to begin officially around noon, so eat lunch before you arrive. We'll have some snacks and our usual assorted beverages available but we don't plan on serving a full meal. If you feel like bringing something for the snack table (cookies, cake, pie, brownies, etc) I'm sure it would be enjoyed.

Bring your MG, your specialty tools, parts to install, and questions. There are plenty of experts who usually attend and can help with almost anything. I understand one member will be installing a new windshield on an MGA this year.

If your MG is running just fine, bring it anyway and show it off. Look through my "Museum" of early automobilia and enjoy the company of other club members.

See you in November.

*Safety fast.* Terry



Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, Oct 9th  
Mark & Kathy  
Davidoski  
4705 Little John Rd.  
Virginia Beach  
499-4647



6:00 - Kick Tyres  
Chilli cook off 6:30  
Meeting to follow