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Trunk or Treat at the Big Ugly

Sunday, October 26
from 1-3

Always an MG Club favorite. Arrive by noon to get the prime location.



TMGC Coming Events

Oct 7 (Tue)- Meeting at MacPherson's

Oct 26 (Sun) - Trunk or Treat

Nov 8 (Sat) - Meeting at Olcheski's

Nov 16 (Sun) - Tech at Bond's

Dec 14 (Sun) - Holiday Brunch



Marque Time!

President's

What a difference a year makes! Last year we had a simply pristine night at the Ocean View Fishing Pier and experienced a phenomenal sunset on the bay. Fast forward to this year, it was a GALE! Cloudy, misty and winds whipping off the Chesapeake Bay, made for very cool and dreary meeting at the Pier. That's ok though, because we did have a pretty stout crowd of about 35 brave souls that ventured out to support this annual event. A huge shout out to our VP Rob, Eric Fee and Cindy Hall for coordinating this terrific event with the Ocean View Fishing Pier owners. Even given the crappy weather, our prized MGs, along with other vintage antiques auto, were on display in several prime parking spots that Eric arranged

with the Pier. With the crazy cool and blustery weather, the crew opted to eat inside and the staff did a fantastic job taking care of our rowdy bunch. All in all we had a very enjoyable evening at the pier!

Last month, I selected a nominating committee comprised of Mike Haag, Jim Villers, Robert Perrone and Mike Ash to consider candidates for the club Officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) for our fall elections. This year we have 3 Officer vacancies: President, Vice President and Secretary. Rob and I have both served 2 years in our respective positions and Michelle has served nearly 3 years as Secretary and has requested a replacement be identified for the new club year. After a thorough search across the club's landscape of fine potential nominees the following members are nominated for the following positions:

- President: Rob MacPherson (New)
- Vice President: Russ Murphy (New)
- Secretary: Terry Walburn (New)
- Treasurer: Mark Davidoski (continuing in this role)

We'll vote on this slate of nominees during our October meeting, so please be ready to vote...all in favor say aye!!

For our next meeting, we'll enjoy our annual Chili Cook-Off on Tuesday, Oct 7th, hosted by our esteemed VP (and future Top Dog) Rob MacPherson at his home located at 1178 Gunn Hall Dr, Virginia Beach. Kick tyres at 5:30pm, 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***

TMGC Officers and Committees

President	Scott Parker	TMGCPres@mg.org
Vice President	Rob MacPherson	TMGCV@mg.org
Secretary	Michelle Parker	
Treasurer	Mark Davidoski	Treasurer@mg.org
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Activities	Shayne McKean & Pam Morris	Activities@mg.org
Webmaster	Mike Haag	Webmaster@mg.org
Historian	Sue Bond	
Regalia	Rose Ladd	

TMGC Membership

As of September 18th we have 80 paid memberships for the new club year. I will soon send out individual email reminders to those members who have not yet renewed. We had one new member join in September:

Ken Van Wickler, Virginia Beach, VA, 1970 MGB

If you have any questions about your membership, contact me at membership@mg.org or call/text me at 757-621-8366.

Safety fast. Mike Haag



It was a very rainy evening for a drive.



Meeting Minutes

- Sept 9, 2025 By Michelle Parker

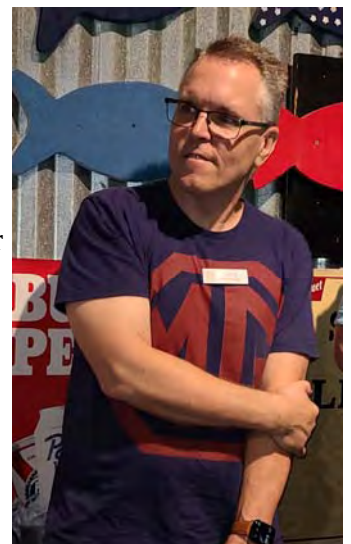
Our meeting on this unseasonably dreary evening was at Ocean View Fishing Pier. We had a surprisingly good turnout despite the weather, and it was wonderful to see the smiling faces of Alan and Becky in attendance!

President Scott Parker called the meeting to order with a thank you to Eric Fee for setting up everything for our evening there. We didn't have any guests or new members in attendance. Last month's minutes were then approved.

The Vice President's Report by Rob MacPherson was to update us on the details of the next few meetings, see the calendar for that information.

Shayne McKean gave the Activities Report with a few different

**President
Scott
Parker.**





Vice-President, Rob MacPherson



Membership, Mike Haag.

ideas that are in the works. Speaking of works, Phantom Works is a possible tour, if we have enough interested. They have tour time slots Monday-Friday at 2:00. It's \$20 per person and a minimum of 10 required. Text Shayne if that is something you'd be interested in participating in.

Treasurer Mark Davidoski brought the Treasurer's Report - it was too loud for all the details, but he said our bank balance is just north of \$3000.

The Dipstick Editor Jim Villers said: "Become a fan, become a hero, become famous, write for the dipstick" -but just do so before the 20th.

The Membership Report was given by Mike Haag. We had one renewal that night, bringing us to 80 paid members. We are still about 30 short from last year, he'll be email those that are on that list.

Terry Bond gave the Technical Report stating that technically he was still eating.

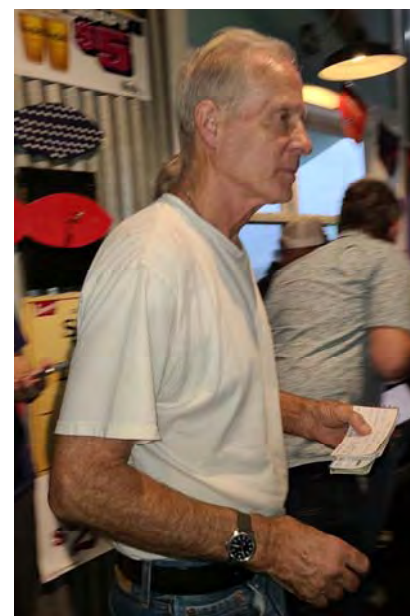
There was no Old Business. As for New Business: Candidates have been nominated for the upcoming elections. Rob MacPherson is up for President, Russ Murphy for Vice President, Terry Walburn for Secretary. Mark Davidoski is staying on as treasurer. Scott also updated everyone on Don Ladd's health, praying for recovery for him.

There was nothing shared for Marque Time.

Regalia With Rob: 2 cans of red spray paint won by Mathieu; TMGC Tote bag won by



Activities, Shayne McKean



Treasurer, Mark Davidoski.

Terry W; Large MG decal won by Mathieu; TMGC magnet won by Terry W; \$69 50/50 won by Terry W. Terry Walburn cleaned up! It's reward for stepping up to fill the secretary position, I'm sure.

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>

Tech Stuff – Need some excitement - just raise the bonnet!

..... by Terry Bond

It's time to start getting your LBC ready for the Fall Tour. I know everyone is doing an oil change, pumping up the air in your tires (oops, that's "TYRES") and checking the water in your radiator, right? Good for you. But, remember, timing is everything.

We normally check our cars before embarking on an adventure. Have you ever considered checking under the bonnet just after you return while the engine is still nice and warm? Of course you dare not attempt to check your coolant level by removing the radiator cap while everything is still hot and pressure is high, but you can check for leaks in the radiator and hoses with a simple visual inspection.

Just recently we took the MGB on a trip to Gwynn's Island with the Tidewater AACA. It was about a 2 hour drive each way. While the morning was nice and cool, during the return trip, the afternoon temperature had climbed to above 90 degrees.

It was the first good workout we'd given the car since replacing the defective oil cooler that I wrote about previously. When we got home, while the engine was still warm, I decided to pop open the bonnet and check things out. No oil problems at all. Everything was tight with no signs of any oil seeping out anywhere.

But, just as I was ready to close things up again, I detected a slight drip where the top radiator hose connects to the radiator. That drip would not have been noticed if I'd not looked while the engine was still warm. Without pressure in the cooling system, there would have been no drips in that top hose until the thermostat opened and pressure was actually starting to increase.

Once the engine cooled down, I thoroughly inspected the hose and determined there were no cracks in the rubber itself. For some reason, the wire clamp at the radiator was just a bit askew. It tried tightening it up and much to my surprise, the first three or four turns on the screw were way too easy. Somehow, over time, the clamp seemed to have loosened up. Perhaps it was continual expansion and contraction (heat related)? When, how, or why remains a mystery. Perhaps it just happened slowly over time. I removed the clamp, again fully inspected the hose, repositioned the clamp and retightened it snugly. A good road test followed and all is well once again. A simple loose clamp could have caused problems on the road. At the very least, it could have made a big mess.

Not only was I thankful I'd checked under the bonnet after our trip, I have adopted as a matter of routine-checking things under the lid





immediately following a trip as well as just before setting off.

I've recently heard from several members they too have been experiencing issues with radiator hoses, both top and bottom.

For some unknown reason, newer replacement hoses seem to fail more often.

I've discovered they are poorly made and the reinforcing nylon threads inside them tend to "wick" coolant, resulting in leaks at the end of the hose.

Perhaps it is internal cracking, or thin internal rubber tube walls. I've heard others talking about leaks at the end of the hose that suddenly appear and the exact source is difficult to find. The best thing to do is replace a suspect hose. Pesky devils they can be! Be sure to add a spare hose and some clamps to your travel pack.

Clamps – personally, we have long preferred the original wire type for sake of authenticity. However it's assumed the screw type clamps, also known as "airplane" type, provide a more even pressure and better seal. I've found the original wire style clamps to be entirely satisfactory, but there are a few tips in using them (or for any clamp).

Whatever kind you prefer, just be sure they are positioned squarely around the rubber and radiator/engine fittings. When installing them a good practice is to put a dab of light grease (or Vaseline) on your finger tip and wipe it around the inside of the hose where it fits onto metal engine or radiator components. This helps lube the inside edges of the hose, making them easier to assemble and twist thoroughly onto those fittings. Tighten clamps firmly and then test run the engine to operating temperature to ensure there are no leaks. If using original type wire clamps, it's a good practice to first install the hose using an "airplane" style clamp. Tightening it firmly will help seat the rubber against metal. You can then remove the modern clamp and install the wire type. I've done this successfully and had no leaking at startup or after a good test run.

I've learned that newer replacement radiators don't always have their inlet and outlet pipes precisely aligned as original. The result can be some degree of kinking where the hose attaches to those pipes. Take care during assembly and radiator hose installation to avoid problems later. It sometimes helps to use some sandpaper to debur or soften sharp edges on those radiator pipes so they won't cut into the inside of the hose while twisting them into position. This is where that little bit of grease helps protect the inside of the host in addition to making it easier to install.

So, now that you've added a spare radiator hose and clamps to your "travel kit" just get in the habit of lifting the lid and doing a visual check of those hoses immediately after you get home again. Keeping an eye on simple things like that will help ensure you do get home again, under your own power.

Safety fast. Terry



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\$250 Gift Cards Awarded to First Place Winners for:	Best in Show	Fan Favorite	Best Themed Car
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Claim your parking spot now before we fill up! Hope to see you there.

RSVP to 757.716.3024 or kingb@ascanet.com by October 3, 2025



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Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 7th
Rob MacPherson
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Virginia Beach, VA
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Beach Blvd in Virginia Beach.
Take exit 20 from I-264 E
10 min (9.8 mi)
Merge onto US-58 BUS E/Virginia
Beach Blvd
0.8 mi
Turn right onto First Colonial Rd
0.1 mi
Continue onto Oceana Blvd
3.8 mi
Turn right onto General Booth Blvd
1.3 mi
Turn left onto Gunn Hall Dr

5:30 pm - Kick Tyres
Meeting to Follow