

2020



Calendar

- 7 January *Meeting
- 5 February *Meeting
- 15 February *Another Horrible Idea Tour
- 3 March *Meeting

- Covid-19

- 10 May *Andy & Cynthia Welcome Home
- 7 July *Meeting
- 5 August *Meeting
- 1 September *Meeting
- 6 October *Meeting
- October Travel Logs
- 23 October *Leaf Covid Behind and Drive Me to the MoonTour
- 4 November *Meeting

* Denotes TMGC event



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2020

Meeting



January 7, 2020
hosted by Cindy Lee Hall and
Eric Fee



Meeting



Our hostess records the event



January 7, 2020



MEETING

February 5, 2020
at Oozlefinch
Brewery



MEETING



February 5, 2020



Version 3.0 Horrible Idea Tour

Horrible Idea Tour,
Version 3.0n
Mike Haag

So far, this winter has been mild with unusually warm temperatures. That was until the Horrible Idea Tour v3.0 on February 15th when we saw some of the coldest weather yet this winter. With temperatures hovering in the low 30's, a group of 16 members braved the cold to follow Tad on the first driving tour of the year. Leaving the Waffle House on Portsmouth Blvd a few minutes early were Tad & Karen Carter, Jim & Betty Villers, Mike & Denise Haag, Bob & Dana Reisse, Donald and Rose Ladd, Terry & Susan Bond, Robert Perrone & Caroline Remeika, Russ Ripp and Rob McPherson. Our caravan included five MGBs, one MGA, 2 Minis and a Subaru support vehicle.



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2020



Version 3.0 Horrible Idea Tour

Instead of just driving up Rt. 460 to our first destination, Tad took us on a journey through the backroads of Suffolk and Southampton and Sussex counties to the town of Waverly. Having driven Rt. 460 many times over the years and never venturing off the main road, this was a great way to see some of the local countryside. We passed over Assamoosick swamp twice. Never heard of it until that drive. When we arrived at the Miles B. Carpenter Folk Art Museum we met up with fellow club members Bruce & Jayne Easley, Bob & Dana Reisse and PJ & Faith Peterson. As usual, PJ & Faith travelled with the top down, which explained their Polar Expedition clothing.



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Mr. Carpenter was a nationally renowned wood carver and upon his death in 1985, his son offered the house and property to the Waverly Women's Club which established it as a museum for all to enjoy. We toured the grounds and the house which contained many whimsical carvings of various animals and other objects. One of his carvings was given to President Ronald Reagan at the White House, and it is on loan to the museum from the Reagan library. Upstairs in the front bedroom, behind a screen, was a wood carving of a man with a, um, let's just say "wood" is the key word!



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2020



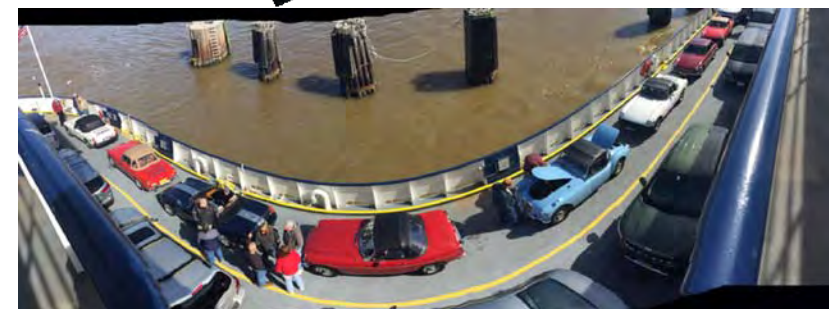
Version 3.0 Horrible Idea Tour



After we finished visiting the museum, we made a pit stop at the local McDonalds. From there we headed east on Rt. 40, then Rt. 10 into Surry to catch the ferry across the James River. VDOT is now making random searches of vehicles boarding the ferry. And, yes, one of our funny looking little foreign cars was selected, that being Rob in his MGA. Or, maybe they just wanted a closer look at his pretty light blue MGA? They lined up all of our vehicles in a line on the outside lane, which made for a great photo opportunity. I'd say our cars were the hit of the voyage, as many people took pictures, checked out our cars and chatted with us about them. A great opportunity to spread the word about owning these fun cars.



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After leaving the ferry it was a very short drive to our lunch destination, the Billsburg Brewery located at the Jamestown Marina. Luckily there was a food truck there that served up some delicious sandwiches. After an hour or so, it was time to leave for our next destination, the Copper Fox Distillery.



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Horrible Idea Tour

Unfortunately, a couple of interlopers got into our caravan and, unable to pass these slow moving vehicles, several of us got separated from the rest of the group. No worries though, as the nice lady on the smartphone guided us through the streets of Williamsburg, passing through the College of William & Mary, by Colonial Williamsburg, and by one of our other original planned destinations, the Precarious Beer Project before we reached the distillery. We soon met up with the rest of the gang where we received an informative tour by the owner himself, Mr. Wasmund. No doubt he was awed by such a prestigious group visiting his facility and decided only he would do.



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Our last stop at a distillery was the perfect way to cap off a cold day of travelling with some warm spirits. The distillery is the site of an old motel that went bankrupt. The Wasmund's were able to buy the property from the city and soon began creating a unique distillery, retaining much of the original brick motel look on the outside but modernizing and modifying the inside to create many different spaces to cater to the necessities of making craft spirits. The main building housed the two tasting rooms which were quite busy but we managed to all fit around the bar for a sample of their unique offerings. Not all of them, mind you, as we still needed to drive home!



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Tastings done and spirits purchased, we headed back to our cars and, for many of us, the dreaded drive back home on I-64. Thankfully there were no traffic issues, at least for the small group of us who travelled together down that route.

Thanks to Tad for another enjoyable MG adventure. A great way to start the new driving season!



February 15, 2020

MEETING



March 3, 2020
at New Realm Brewing
Virginia Beach

MEETING



March 3, 2020



COVID-19

Last month, in my little contribution to this journal of automotive excellence, I quoted the "wisdom" of Yogi Berra, which I think might be appropriate again here. When he was asked by a reporter about an upcoming season he said *"The future ain't what it used to be."*

Or maybe this memorable quote: *"My mama always said, 'Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.'"*
– Forrest Gump

And so here we are, dealing with life events that none of us could have foreseen just a few weeks before. With all that is happening, and with almost everyone in this world affected in one way or another, even our little club has been directly impacted.

As everyone knows by now, we made the decision to cancel our monthly meeting of TMGC. As far as I can recall in the 15 or so years that I have been a member of this club, other than one weather-related cancellation, this has never happened before. Other events have been canceled, such as the Barksdale theater drive, and others may face the same fate by the time this is published.

But these are fairly trivial issues, and I'm sure that most of us have much more important things to deal with at present.

Still, I'm sure that most of us look forward to having things return, as much as can be, to the way they were before, including getting together with our TMGC friends.

And so I hope that this finds all of you, your families and your friends well and safe.

Until then,

Safety Fast,
Robert

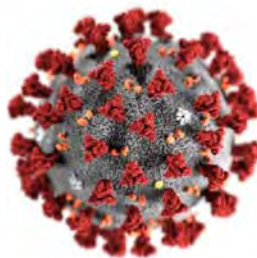
"Marque Time", April 2020 *Dipstick*



OUR NEW NORMAL



CORONA BEER CHANGES THEIR NAME TO AVOID ASSOCIATION WITH THE CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK



Welcome Home!



But there was something positive for our club members during May. As most of you know, Andy and Cynthia are back home. Several of us took part in a "drive-by" welcome home on Sunday afternoon. Andy and Cynthia were outside, and we couldn't help but stop our cars and go greet our friends. It was wonderful to see them and I know that they both appreciated the warm welcome back.



Still, that would not have happened without Rose taking the initiative and organizing the welcome home drive. It is people like Rose who make the club what it is, and we appreciate that.



Rose did have some assistance in coordinating the event. As you might expect, that help came from Tad.

May 10, 2020

Robert Perrone, "Marque Time", June 2020
Dipstick



Welcome Home!



It was good to see so many of you on May 10th as we celebrated Andy and Cynthia's return to Norfolk. I believe the count was 18 cars, and an assortment of passengers. Thank you for joining in the driver, and for respecting the need to remain masked and separated throughout the visit.

Activity report, June 2020 Dipstick



May 10, 2020

