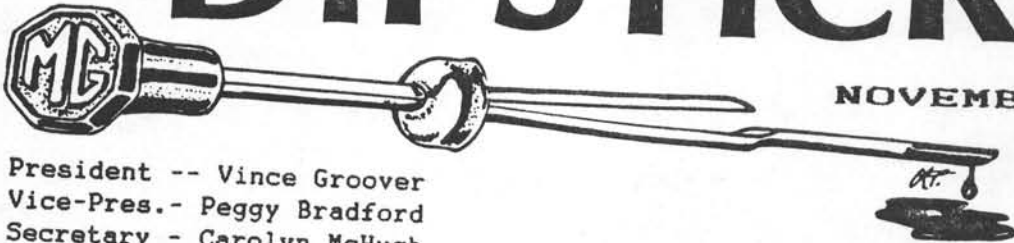


THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

# THE DIPSTICK



NOVEMBER, 1983

President -- Vince Groover  
Vice-Pres.- Peggy Bradford  
Secretary - Carolyn McHugh  
Treasurer ----- Elsie Tarr

HELLO, FUN-SEEKERS!

This year has slipped by faster than last year even - it seems each year passes faster than the last, doesn't it?

This will be my last issue of "DIPSTICK", as Brenda Banvard has kindly offered to take on the editorship as of November 1st. Many thanks to Mary Thompson who shared the job with me for part of last year, and to all the members who have contributed to the newsletter. Please continue your contributions to Brenda and give her the support you have given me.

*Janifer Ash.*

From New #6402....

As 1983 slowly winds down ending another great M G year, we are all looking forward to 1984.

At the November meeting Events Chairman, Bill Gordon, will have the 1984 calendar available, so if you wish to host a meeting, a tech session or organize an event, check with Bill.

Other chairmen for the 1984 M G year are: Chris Holcomb, Regalia; Robert Davis, Parts and Mike Ash, Historian. Brenda Banvard will be the Dipstick editor and Peggy Bradford will relieve Ross Haines of the Trivia Quiz task. (That should make Hank happy.)

Vince

You will find your new membership roster enclosed with this issue, with the new officers and committee chairmen listed on the front for your convenience.

**REGALIA AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS - WILL EVEN MAIL TO YOU IF YOU LET CHRIS KNOW!**

Car Badges (for grill & badge bar)	\$10.00
Tote Bags, with Club logo	4.50
T-Series Handbook	10.00
Jacket Patches, with Club logo	2.50
T-Shirts, mens, and womens French cut	4.50
Knit Hats	8.50

181. In 1931, a J-Type MG took the first five places and team prize in the Junior Car Club Double-Twelve Hours Race. TSO, June 1981, p. 14
182. The Register requests eight weeks notification on changes of address. TSO, August 1983, p. 4
183. The first international Gathering of the Faithful was held in Toronto, Canada in June of 1978. TSO, August 1983, p. 37
184. The movie Two for the Road which was released in the late 1960's featured an MG TD. TSO, April 1980, p.11
185. T or F - In the event that an officer in the Local Club is unable to complete his/her intended term, the President shall nominate a replacement whose name shall appear in the next monthly newsletter. The nominee must then be approved by a majority of those in attendance at the next regularly scheduled club meeting. **False - Officer vacancies are simply filled by the President; Club Bi-laws, p. 2**
186. The official Register membership in October, 1977 was 5989. TSO, October 1982, p. 41
187. Where was the 1979 Noggin & Natter held? Enfield, Ct. TSO, December 1978, p. 12
188. T or F - The official bi-monthly publication of The New England MG "T" Register, Ltd. is The Sacred Octagon. **True - TSO, December 1982, p. 3**
189. By sending the TSO by Second Class mail, the local post offices which serve the respective destination points have up to two weeks to deliver the magazine. TSO, December 1982, p. 9
190. The cooling system capacity for TC's, TD's and TF's is fourteen pints. MG Magazine, Summer 1982, p. 60

JAMES RIVER PLANTATION TOUR

There it was - somewhere near the crack of dawn as we set out with Mike and Jennifer to meet the rest of the Tidewater tour group for the Plantation visit. Actually, it was close to 9:00 a.m., but after spending the previous night with the Ash's and talking into the wee hours, it seemed much earlier. Yes, we did talk! You'll find out what happened to the gifts of beer and wine we brought our hosts later.

Arriving at the motel, we found Jim Nolan and daughter Charlotte waiting with Marcie and Henry Blanchard. A few minutes for introductions and the group was off to Carter's Grove where we met Peggy and Walt Vahl. Next Sherwood Forest, lunch at Berkely and a temporary good-bye to Mike and Jen who had to detour back home for a bit. They would meet us later in Williamsburg at the motel. The rest of us continued on to Shirley. All the plantations were lovely, but the river view at Shirley is especially nice. (We all must have a favorite you know)

After Shirley, everyone struck out for Williamsburg to get ready for dinner and the early festivities in the hospitality suite, (Ash's room). Fast showers and quick changes of clothes and everyone was ready except for the Ash's who had not returned yet. Not to worry - at great personal sacrifice - the hospitality room was moved to our room. That's when we discovered that our cooler still contained the beer and wine that was supposed to be a present for Mike and Jen! That's life - one minute a gift and the next minute - supplies for a hospitality suite!. Remember to thank the Ash's all you tour members.

Phil and Vicky Topcik arrived from Richmond and joined us with more and varied donations for 'Happy Hour'. Mike and Jennifer finally arrived bearing more fruit of the vine and may have even had a sip of their present. Before we all reached the "state of numb", we decided it was time to leave for dinner at Christiana Campbell's. It was a nice caravan - all the little "T"s in a row and our Honda at the rear. Let me tell you, everyone stops to let the "T"s into a traffic line but nobody gives a Honda an even break. Just when it appeared that we'd have to settle for breakfast with the group, some kind soul let us in..... a tourist no doubt!

Everyone made it to the restaurant and Jim and Jackie Suter were arriving at the same time to join our group. The food was good, but the company was better. Christiana's will never be the same after Jennifer did her sensual dinner napkin trick. Do ask for a demonstration. Our seven year old, Mary Rose, thought it was magic; thank goodness for innocence!

The hospitality suite was the last stop of the day and everyone came in to relax and continue with the merry-making. Lots of "T" talk and fun. You should have seen Jim Suter's face when he heard that the "T"s were driven on GRAVEL roads at one point during the day. I thought oxygen and CPR would be necessary! Talk continued until it was drowned out by the snoring of two unidentified guests. Good nights were said and alarms were set for early wake-ups.

Sunday morning and the tourers gathered in the parking lot to start the final leg of our weekend. Lo and behold, someone in a TF setting up a portable bar to serve us "Bloody Mary's". Good old Jim Suter, who drove over with his son to see us off. What a prince of a guy to bring us 'the hair of the dog'. With satisfied tummies and silly little grins, we were off for the Jamestown ferry and lunch at the Carriage House, followed by a tour of the last plantation on the agenda, Chippokes. Thankfully we rode the ferry before it became accident prone.

All too soon, it was time to go our separate ways. It was such a good weekend, the kind that makes you appreciate good friends and good times. Thanks to Jen and Mike for the time and work in planning the weekend and to our companions over the weekend - your good nature made the whole thing fun.

But most of all, thanks to all of you that keep the Tidewater club going so that these weekends and other activities can be planned and enjoyed. We can't make all of them, but certainly hope to do more in the future and get to know all of you better. Stay happy and safe.

*Nancy Emig.*

Bob Beauter is passing on ad ad from another club's newsletter...

Anyone interested in a bumper sticker saying, "ALL PARTS FALLING OFF THIS CAR ARE OF THE FINEST ENGLISH WORKMANSHIP", send \$1 check or M.O. to :

R.M. LANGWORTH  
BOX 385  
CONTOOCOOK  
N.H. 03229

T-Shirts are also available, with car name on for \$7.95.

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING** ..Held at the home of Ted and Vicki Spilman on Tuesday October 4, 1983.

Ross Haines opened the meeting for the last time before passing the baton of Presidency on to the new incoming officer. (Did I detect a aura of relief surrounding Ross,..or was it just my imagination!) Ed Hasset was a guest at the meeting,

Treasurery Report: In Sandy Hall's absence, Ross read her report which indicated a balance of \$351.72. Ros felt that there might be a \$200 error, that it really should be \$551.72.

Andy Wallach did a marvelous job of explaining the upcoming October event at Busch Gardens: he read from the September Dipstick.

Sue Gordon explained the upcoming November 13 event, the No-Gun Turkey Shoot, an event that will feature all the Turkeys in the club. One of the activities will feature club members Plucked and Dressed..Roy was quite certain that he misunderstood the first word. (You know, there are some paranoid people in this club..when Sue mentioned that certain turkeys in the club had a higher visibility than others, Roosevelt flêt certain that he was being referred to!)

Regalia: Elsie Tarr didn't have too much to report, but she did indicate that she felt Regalia should be turned over to Jennifer and Mike Ash since they had inadevertly increased the Relaiia revenue by selling T-Shirts for \$6.50 instead of the customary \$4.50.

Robert Davis gave the Parts Report, He reported that he didn't have the Lay-stall Lucas Head (what ever that is) that someone appartently thought he was supposed to bring. Someone questioned if there were any parts, and if there really was a parts list. Robert assured everyone that there parts, and that the current list was..current(?!)

By this point in the meeting, the group had reached its usual level of total unruliness, and Ross, not wanting to dignify the meeting with his presence, left for a beer break. And as I sat there trying to make coherent notes from a totally incoherent group, I couldn't help wondering if I didn't have some latent masochistic tendencies that surfaced when I volunteered to be secretary for this club.

Peggy Bradford reported on some carpeting that she obtained from a source in Richmond. She has been very successful in using it carpet several cars, she will be happy to pass the information along, or perhaps even trade labor.

Winner of this months Trivia was Vince Groover.

Robert Davis gave a report from the committee that was formed to investigate whether the club should sponsor a Mini-Gof this year. The Recommendation of the committe was that the club not sponsor one this year since it was committee's feeling that the club was small enough that the members see each on a regular basis.

Jennifer Ash produced a newspaper clipping that added further credence to the rumor that disaster befalls those business establishments which have the dubious honor of being blessed by the club's presence:the Jamestown Ferry crashed just 3 days after the club was there.

Jim Banvard made a motion that the club affiliate itself with the M.G. Owner's Club, seconded and passed.

Under new Business, Ross read the slate of Officer's that had been recommended by the nominating committee.

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Vice-Pres.	Peggy Bradford
Secretary	Carolyn McHugh
Treasurer	Elsie Tarr

The slate was accepted unanimously (of course, no other fools wanted any part of the offices!) and the meeting was adjourned so everyone could enjoy all the goodies provided by Ted and Vicki.

**UP-COMING EVENTS;**

**Wednesday, NOVEMBER 21** MONTHLY MEETING, at the home of Elsie Tarr, 7:30 p.m. See map at back for directions.

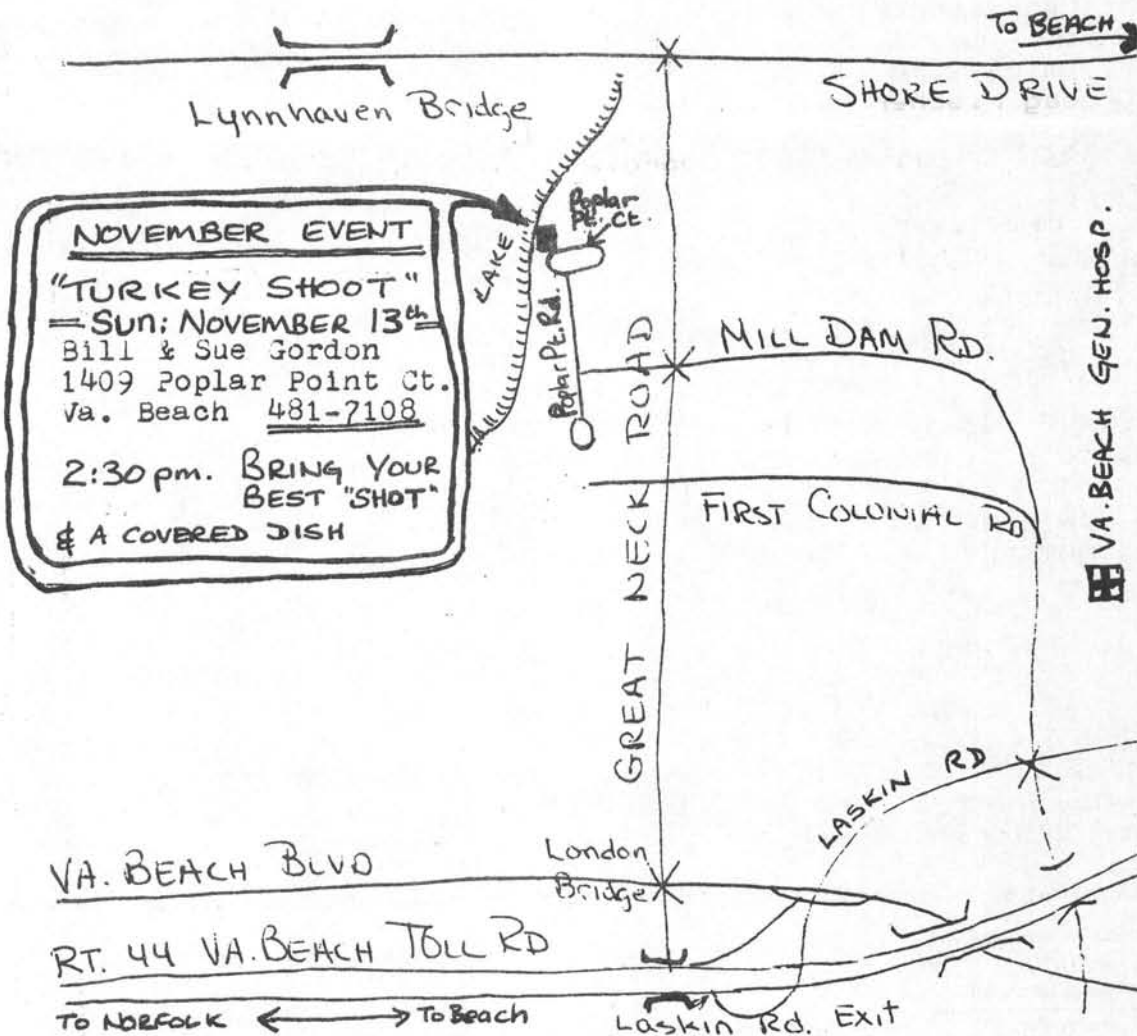
EVENTS.....

**2:30pm.**  
**Sunday, NOVEMBER 13;** NO-GUN TURKEY SHOOT. This was explained at the last meeting, and here is a recap if you weren't there. WE Club Members are the "turkeys" and we "shoot" each other on film - i.e. a photograph. Names were drawn at the last meeting, and you will take a "shot" of the person whose name you drew, OR GET HOLD OF A PHOTO FROM SOMEONE'S COLLECTION. (Note: Many members have photos of past events; Mike and I have the goods on several members, and for a price would be willing to part with a photo or two!! Seriously, just ask around. Ed.) There are still names to be drawn, and you can call Sue or Bill Gordon to get names if you are unable to attend the November meeting WITH YOUR CAMERA, don't forget!

On the day of the event, photos can be entered in one or more of several categories, and the winner by popular vote of photos, will receive a turkey for Thanksgiving. Bring a covered dish to the event - you can call Sue if you want to know what to bring. 481-7108. A map to the Gordon's is at the back of this issue. **THIS SHOULD BE A LOT OF FUN - 2:30pm.**

**Friday, DECEMBER 9** CHRISTMAS PARTY, at the home of Ross and Ann Haines. Put the date on your calendar, and you will see more about this in the next issue.

Your Events Chairmen are working on putting together a schedule of fun things to do for next year; call them if you have any ideas to offer - Bill and Sue will be most receptive.



From Olde Number 6733:

As we wind down to the end of our second year of the Trivia Quiz, it looks as though the girls are going to come out on top. Peggy Bradford refuses to yield the top spot. Here's the talley after this year's ninth quiz:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Month's Score</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>
Peggy Bradford	10/10	89/90
Hank Giffin	10/10	87/90
Jim Banvard	10/10	85/90
Ron Henry	-	55/70
Mike Ash	-	52/60
Charlie Dixon	8/10	30/50
Bob Beuter	4/10*	29/70
Vince Groover	-	27/30
Bill Gordon	-	14/30

\* Monthly Winner

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TRIVIA QUIZ No. 20 - NOVEMBER, 1983

191. The MG TC with NEMGT Register # 400 belongs to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Dick Knudson
  - Frank Churchill
  - Tom Rippert
  - Jim Banvard
  - Doug Fischer
192. In 1886, Jekyll Island, Georgia was purchased for \_\_\_\_\_.
193. The first Australian Grand Prix was held in 1928 on \_\_\_\_\_ Island, Australia.
194. The third annual Natter & Noggin was held at \_\_\_\_\_, Mass.
195. Two of the following three men set speed records in EX181 (The Roaring Raindrop). Circle the correct two.
- George Eyston
  - Stirling Moss
  - Phil Hill
196. EX127 was given what nickname? \_\_\_\_\_
197. The NEMGT Register is governed by a Board of Directors who serve how long? \_\_\_\_\_
198. The dues for a local member joining in February are \_\_\_\_\_.
199. Newly elected club officers assume their positions on \_\_\_\_\_.
200. Exportation of MGB/GT's to America ended in \_\_\_\_\_.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Ross Haines

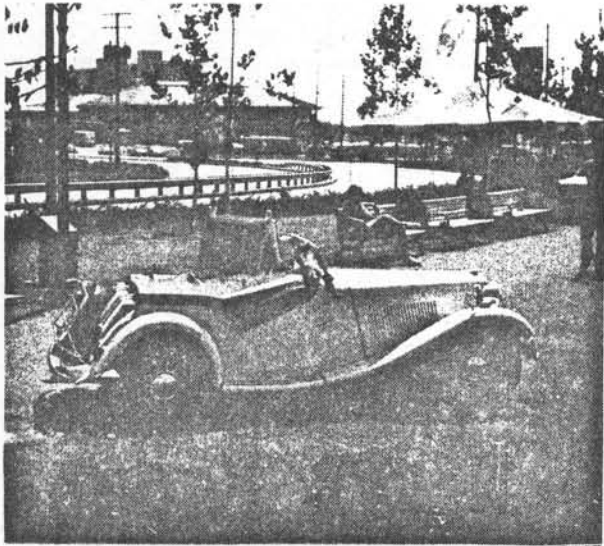
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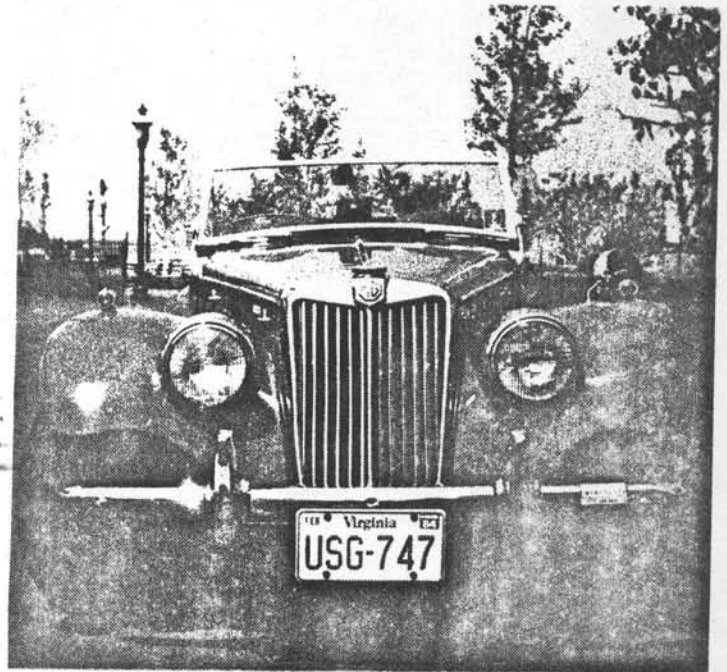
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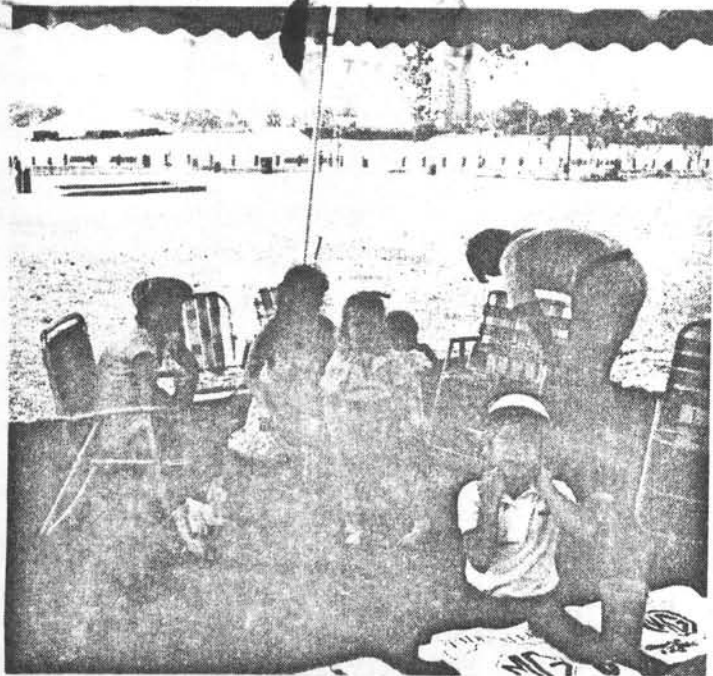
Here are some photos of our "exhibit"  
at Waterside "TRANSP0-'83" in August.



JIM NOLAN'S TD ↗

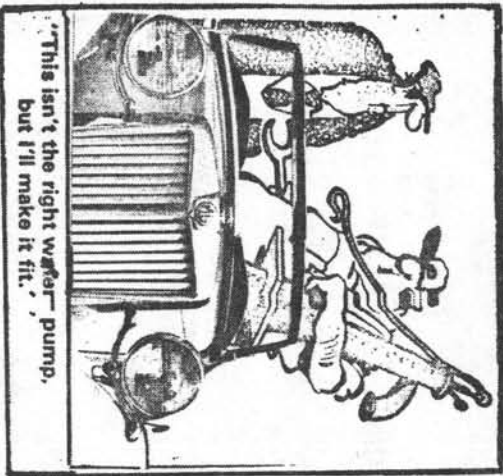


MIKE ASH'S TF-1500 ↗



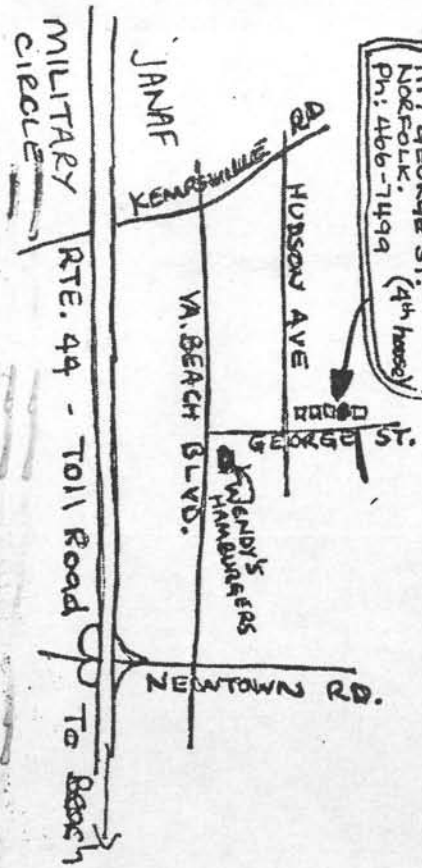
SUE & BILL GORDON with some  
of our junior members selling  
T-shirts... Left to right ....  
CHARLOTTE NOLAN, SUE GORDON  
with NANCY & Baby CHRISTINA &  
BILL ('back' to camera!) & JENNIFER  
HAINES in front.

OUR LOCAL GAS-STATION



ELSIE TARR'S HOUSE

NOVEMBER MTG.  
 WED. NOV. 2nd. 7:30 pm  
 117 GEORGE ST.  
 NORFOLK.  
 Ph: 466-7499  
 (4th floor)



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Robert Millikan

