

THE TIDEWATER MG T CLASSICS

THE DIPSTICK



SEPTEMBER 1990

President.....Dave Bowling	Secretary..... Bob Miller
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Marque Time:

Ira and Mary Cantin hosted the August meeting at their home in Norfolk. Ira's MGA restoration project in the garage commanded great member attention. Although his car still lacks fenders and other body parts which are at the paint shop, Ira's meticulous attention and detail in rebuilding the frame, drive and suspension systems was most impressive. Some 28 of us moved to the spacious back yard deck to start the meeting but were abruptly driven inside by a violent thunderstorm. We finished the meeting and all enjoyed Mary's delicious refreshments! Thanks Cantins!

Anita McGrigor showed off her MGB just out of the paint shop with a fresh coat of "aconite" blue acrylic enamel (and I mistakenly called it purple). Looks great! Just in time for the long boat ride back to England. The McGrigors have been great MG contributors and we will really miss them!

Mike Ash was appointed Chairman of the nominating committee charged with drafting a slate of club officers for the coming year. Nominations will be held in September and elections in October.

See you on the road. Stay

Safety fast,

Dave



MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 8, 1990

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dave Bowling. Dave thanked our hosts for the evening, the Cantons.

New member Dave King was introduced. Bob Miller also introduced his son Andrew who now has his drivers license.

The minutes from the July 3, 1990, meeting were approved. Ira Canton explained the circumstances surrounding the different meeting date.

The Treasurer's report as given by Frank Benson. The beginning balance was \$993.25 with \$446.00 collected in dues, \$130.00 collected from sales with printing expenses of \$63.89. The balance as of the meeting is \$1,505.36.

The committee reports listed below were presented at the meeting:

Activities - A reminder of the tech session at the Ashes' home on August 28th starting at 10:00 am.

Upcoming events include the Richmond British Car Day on Sunday September 23rd, and the Chapter's annual pig roast at the Holcomb plantation on September 30th.

A brief pause was taken while everyone went inside as the rain came.

Those who attended the NAMGAR GT-15 talked about the convention. About 200 cars were there including a modified MG with a V-8 engine and a MGA racer. John Twist from University motors conducted a lengthy tech session.

No old business was discussed.

The following new business was discussed:

Mike Ash is heading up the nominating committee for the slate of officers. Nominations will be presented at the September meeting with elections at the October meeting.

The Tidewater MG Center in Hampton is restoring and selling MG's.

Marque Time highlights include:

Dave has finally got a spark in his life! (The distributor I think)

The McGregors have the most improved car thanks to body work and a new paint job. Sorry the car and them are leaving for England

The Bonds have parts for a 35 Morris that they are going to rebuild

Bob Bell said he is staying in the area for a while. Finding a job and not selling his house were contributing factors.

Don Jone's A is running

Everyone admired Ira's restoration work on the MGA in his garage.

Tom is working on a 59 MGA with 27,000 miles on the engine

Chuck said no more rotten wood.

The raffle was won by Bob Bell.

The meeting was adjourned.

Volunteer Secretary

Bob Miller

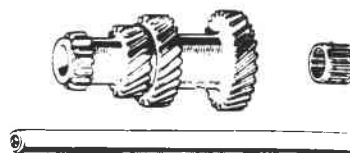
UP-COMING ACTIVITIES

- SEPT 4 (Tue) MONTHLY MEETING at Robert & Fay Davis's new home. Kick tyres - 7:30 p.m.; business meeting - 8 p.m. (see map)
- 23 (Sun) 6th ANNUAL BRITISH CAR DAY sponsored by the RICHMOND MG CLUB; this year the location has been moved to Evelynton Plantation (Route 5 out of Williamsburg). It should be a very good show, in a delightful setting (see flyer for registration details - PLEASE REGISTER EARLY so that maximum pewter awards can be made!)
- 30 (Sun) ANNUAL PIG-ROAST at the Chris & Shelley Holcomb Plantation! A big event in the Club's calendar year; see map and flyer. Starting sign-ups at next meeting, so make plans NOW!
- OCT. 3 (Wed) MONTHLY MEETING at Tom & Jeanne Lund's
- 6 (Sat) WAYNESBORO - Fall Foliage Festival & BRITISH CAR SHOW: this has been enjoyed by many of us in past years - plenty of craft stalls and antiques for the ladies to look at in town while the guys "play cars" and look for parts in the (usually good) flea-market. We don't have a registration form to put in this newsletter, but should have some available at the September meeting. If you plan on staying the night, make reservations SOON, as the town gets pretty full-up. Some suggestions: Red Carpet Inn, Holiday Inn, Budget-West Lawn Inn, Comfort Inn.
- 21 (Sun) TECH. SESSION at Ron Stoops'

Please mark these on your calendar and make your commitments EARLY.

NAMGAR GT 15 July 19-22

Space limitations will not allow an adequate report on the fantastic gathering of MGAs and variants in Williamsburg for NAMGAR's 15 annual get together. Four days of events included two rallies, a car show, an outstanding tech session, tours of historic sites, a banquet, a pool party... Tidewater MG classics was well represented by members with MGAs to show and by others who came to join in the fun.



We had a Tech Session here today, Sunday, August 26. What a great turn-out. I'll probably have trouble remembering who-all was here and what was accomplished. Expecting a somewhat lower attendance, I had intended to take apart an MGA transmission prior to re-build. I figured it would give me something to do if there was not much else going on. Well, things got a little too hectic for me to concentrate on the transmission, so I apologize to John Wessel, and anyone else, who were hoping to see a little more action on the transmission. As a result of this re-build, I do intend to write an article on the subject for the MGA register, so maybe I can include the article in a later issue of "The Dipstick", as well.

Well, now for a report on the tech session. Robbie Strother arrived first and took the shady spot in the garage to replace the front shock absorbers on his MGB. Vince Groover arrived at about the same time with some good (I think), used shocks for Robbie. Ken Bingham arrived next with his beautiful white TD for some tune up work. Roy Wiley brought his MGB GT and fixed his problem with his tag lights. I think the problems were mostly caused by corroded bulb sockets and Lucas connectors. Although not a "cure-all", I have some TV Tuner cleaner (available at Radio Shack) that seems to work well on cleaning corroded bulb holders and switches, and it certainly did a quick job on Roy's electrical problems.

Butch Ballback (in his Datsun) and Paul Thiergardt in his recently painted white TF came to lend a hand. They assisted Dave Bowling in the initial installation of top a on his TD. However, no too far into the job, one of the windshield brackets broke and the job had to be abandoned. Susan Bond and son Ken both came in their MGB GTs. Ken worked on adjusting his carbs, while Sue also worked on problems with the infamous corroded Lucas connectors. Bob and Kay Bell stopped by for a while (in Chevy) to lend a hand and socialize, as did Ira Cantin in his TC. Bill Keeler brought a recently acquired pair of TD front shock absorbers for a second opinion as to whether they were good enough to put on the car. He had bought them as cores to send off for rebuilding, but they certainly looked in good enough shape to put directly on the car.

Jim Jackson came by for a while in his MG Midget, and lent his Zenith carb tuning expertise to Bob Miller to get the carb on Bob's MGB adjusted. Don Jones brought out his MGA after doing some brake work at home, but I don't think he did any work on it while he was here. Bob McClaren brought out his recently acquired yellow, early MGB roadster. He had the hood open for a while, but I do not know if he was working on it. Phill Ash brought his MGB GT and adjusted the rear brakes (again). Robert Davis came in the ZB Magnette and distributed shock absorbers to go with his shock kits to those present who had ordered them.

Steve Sassa stopped by in his MG Midget to lend a hand and to pay his dues. Jim Newman also stopped by in his MGB. Anita McGrigor brought her recently fixed and painted aconite blue (purple) MGB and had a few trim items taken care of prior to shipping the car back to England. Rob and Kim Bell brought their MGB for some minor carb adjustment.

I hope that I have not forgotten anyone, but that is all of the activity that I can recall. As you can see from those mentioned above, it was an excellent turn-out - MGs everywhere! I hope that everyone who wanted to get something done managed it. Another successful Tidewater MG Tech Session!

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AND THE



TO THE TIDEWATER
MG CLASSICS'...

ANNUAL

PIG

PICKIN'



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 1990

THE FUN STARTS AT 1:30P.M.

ALL FOOD AND FIXINS PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING: FAVORITE BEVERAGE

APPETITE

LAWN CHAIR

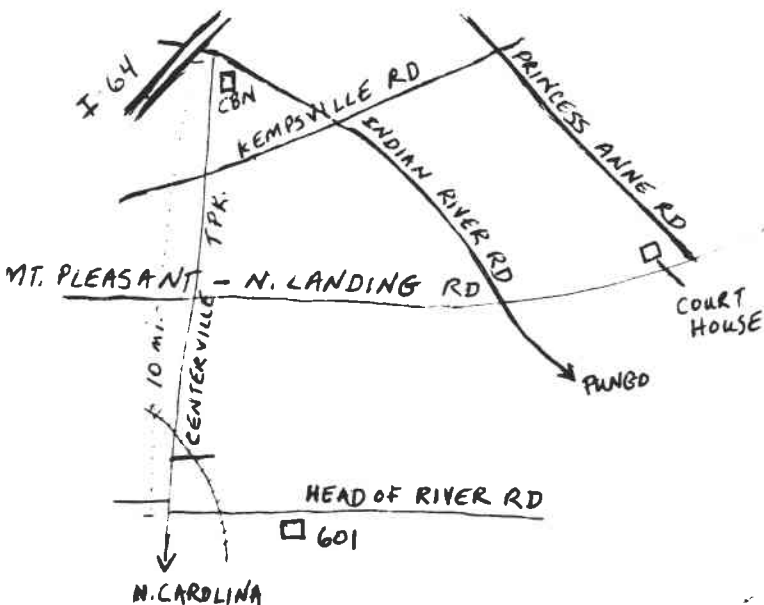
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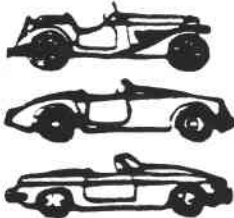
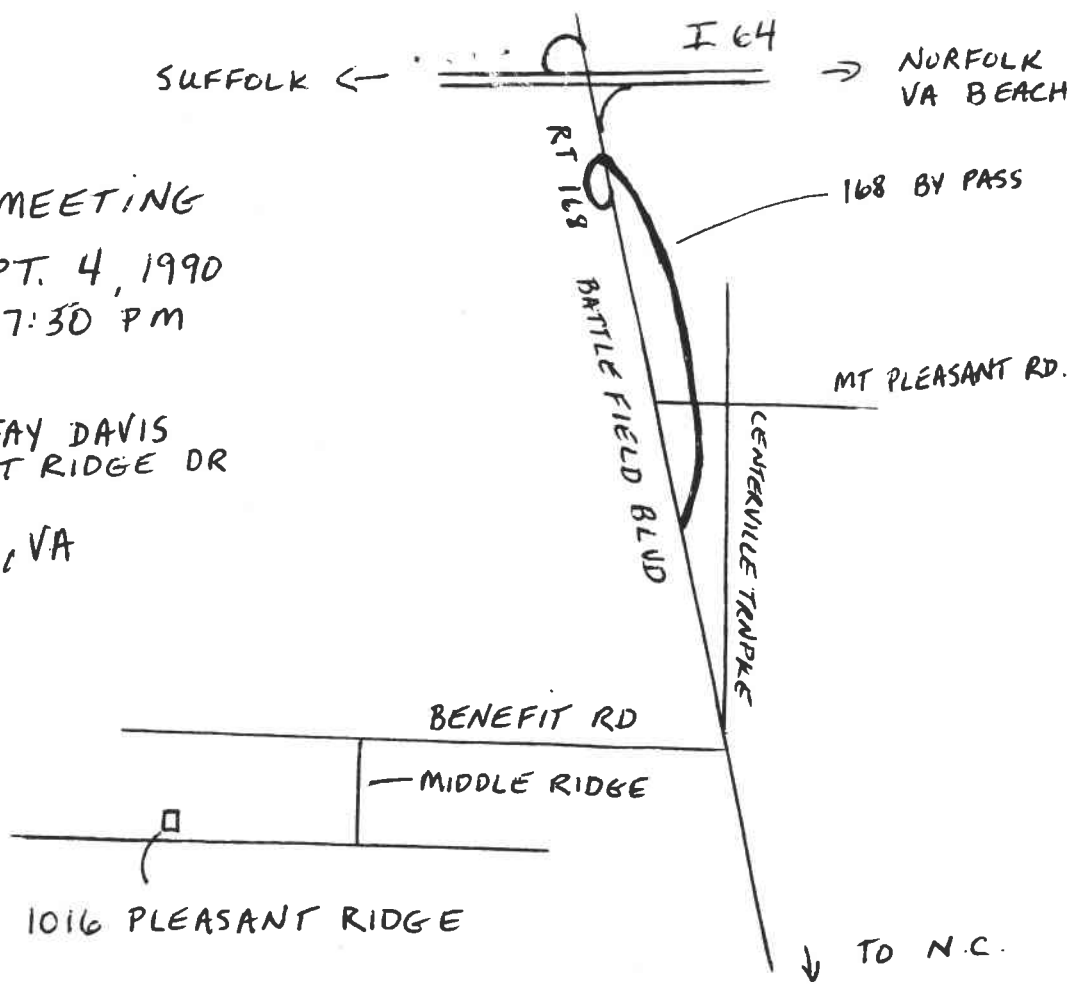
NICE CARS

RAIN OR SHINE!

FAIR WEATHER HAS BEEN ORDERED!

Note to out-of-town members:
This even is worth the drive.

SEPTEMBER MEETING
 TUESDAY SEPT. 4, 1990
 KICK TYRES 7:30 PM
 HOSTED BY:
 ROBERT AND FAY DAVIS
 1016 PLEASANT RIDGE DR
 CHESAPEAKE, VA



FIRST CLASS