

# THE DIPSTICK



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## MARQUE TIME:

Once again I'd like to thank Paula and Armand Escobio for entertaining the March meeting! What a superb turn out of MG's and lots of folks who braved the rain! Thanks Paula and Scooby for having us.

If you didn't make it to Frank Linse's you missed one heck of a Tech Session! Lots of questions were asked and Frank had lots of answers! Jim Villers trouble shot Bob/George's carburetor and now his car is running just great! Frank installed a rocker sill and dog leg to Tom Hollington-Sawyer's GT and that is what generated all kinds of questions. Gloria Linse really spoiled us and turned the Tech session into what this Club loves to do . . . **EAT!** Thanks Gloria for providing the sandwiches, sodas etc. we really appreciated it. All in all, the Tech session was very successful with a great turn out! Looking forward to the next one!

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to John Tokar who is headed back . . . th. He surely was a great asset to the club with his wealth of knowledge. He will be missed, but we look forward to seeing him at Bowie and other car events.

Because of the high winds and the bad weather, we canceled the Bowling night. I'd like to thank everyone who signed up and I hope we can reschedule this event in the future.

On Sun Mar 14th, in true Club fashion, we followed our taste buds up the road to Richmond for the Central Virginia MG Club's annual Chili Cook-off! Besides Carol and I, Keelers, McClarens and Tom Rosendale represented our club. We didn't win any chili awards, but we did finally figure out the secret to winning! If after the first bite your ears blow off and your eyes pop out of your head and your mouth is stuck open-that's what the judges want! The winning chili was so hot we had no idea what it tasted like!? McClarens did win the prize for driving the furthest in an MG! Again in true MG fashion, we had a really nice time getting together with our Richmond friends and meeting new ones!!

At the last meeting we voted on the 20th Anniversary Dinner, which will be held on the Saturday the **22nd of May**, at the Dam Neck Naval Base. Please be sure to read the enclosed flyer with all the details. I want to thank the people who helped so far: Paula Escobio and Dave Bowling, and to future volunteers Robert Davis and Karl Herbert for their time and effort in getting us door prizes. I'm sure you're not going to want to miss this celebration so **PLEASE** sign (and pay) early we only have room for 100 people!

I'm sorry I'm going to miss the April's meeting as Carol and I are going out of town.



*Safety first!*  
*Ken*  
 Ken Bingham

MINUTES OF THE MG T CLASSICS MEETING HELD 03 MAR 93

Ken Bingham called the meeting to order thanking Paula and Armand Escobio for hosting this meeting. John Jones joined this evening and owns a 73B. Also, Mathews Plato joined us and stated he has a 62A. Both sets of minutes were approved even though Bill Keeler scrupulously looked them over.

Treasurer's Report - Balance of \$1,846.02.

Activities - Carol Bingham along with a host of other members stated what a great time the Spaghetti Warehouse was with 29 people attending and 2 MG's were represented.

It was pointed out that it was an interesting gathering due to the fact there was no car talk. Frank and Maria Slaby along with Jim and Lorraine Jackson were present. The next event is Bowling 13 March \$1 per game at Dam Neck. Mike and Jennifer Ash volunteered to get the Grand Prix Tailgate Party underway and Bob George will sponsor it. It was mentioned that Andy Wallach won a prize many years ago for bringing a gourmet lunch in a toolbox. Richard Jolly from Tidewater MG Center also joined our club.

Newsletter - Chris Holcomb was not present but all agreed what a super job he was doing. Ken Bingham reiterated to get articles in on time or whatever else you want included.

Spares - Robert Davis reflected back 20 years ago and found poor wiring fixing habits cause problems especially when it rains. Lucas type connectors are available. Call Robert if you have any wiring problems. Seven Enterprises has parts.

Regalia - Bob George is still waiting for the jackets he ordered three months ago.

New Business - There was plenty of it and it wasn't too painful. Ken and Carol are going to host a cocktail party 18 June for Harry Pete from Australia who is going to drive his TC around the world. Anyone interested Moss Motors has an MGB video for \$39.95. Our DIPSTICK rates for Gary Watson a photographer in Houston for advertising will be \$20 per quarter page per issue thanks to Jennifer Ash. North American Register on June 23-26 in Washington DC is having an event for MGB's. The South East MG Register is in South Carolina May 20-23. Hot item is the Richmond Chili Cookoff 14 March, Sunday from 1400 - 1800 Warsaw Condo's. The Challenge is on. Mike Ash said he would never go there again because a card was left in his windshield for restoration. The anniversary dinner will be held Saturday, May 22, 1993; Fireside Room; Dam Neck at 1830. The members had two options and the majority voted in favor of a cost of \$30.60 which the club picks up \$5.60. This includes drinks, dinner, port, desert, door prizes and open bar for 1 hour. Carol Ryan and Robert Davis generously offered to check into door prizes. As for the cake, Paula Escobio will be baking a cake for 100 people and the decoration will be the MG emblem. We bid John Tokar farewell as he continues as an out of town member in Washington DC. Bowie is June 27.

Marque Time - Sunday's Tech Session was great. Gloria turned it into an eating feast. Eleven MG's were there. Our newest member from Tidewater MG Center is a wealth of knowledge and is located on 32nd Street off Huntington Avenue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUES APR 6 MONTHLY MEETING AT NED AND JUDY KUHNS'S  
SUN APR 25 CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH AT CYNTHIA AND ANDY'S  
WED MAY 16 TECH SESSION AT VINCE AND PAM GROOVER'S  
SAT MAY 22 20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER AT SHIFTING SANDS,  
DAM NECK

On May 6th 1973, eight men (enthusiasts) met in the Sears parking lot at Pembroke Mall, establishing "The Tidewater 'MG' Classics". Their objective of ". . . dedication to the maintenance and preservation of the T-series MG." Twenty years later it's time to celebrate. . .

## "The 20th Year Anniversary Dinner"

WHEN: Saturday the 22nd of May, Nineteen Hundred Ninety Three

WHERE: Shifting Sands, Fireside Room, Dam Neck Naval Base

1830-1930 Cocktails (open bar)

1930 Dinner

Chablis Wine

Shrimp Cocktail

French Onion Soup

Garden Salad Vinaigrette

Blush Wine

Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus

Yorkshire Pudding

Baked Potato with Sour Cream

Fresh Vegetable, Hot Rolls and Butter

Port Wine

The Tidewater 'MG' Classics Cake and Vanilla Ice Cream

Guest Speaker: Mike Ash

\$25.00 per person Club Member, \$35.00 per person Non-Club Member (Space Available).

Please R.S.V.P. to Ken Bingham 721-3034 not later than the 18th of May 1993.

Space is limited to 100 people. So let's not wait until the last minute!!!

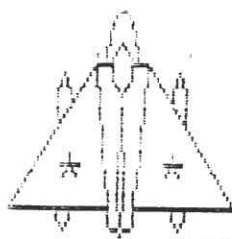
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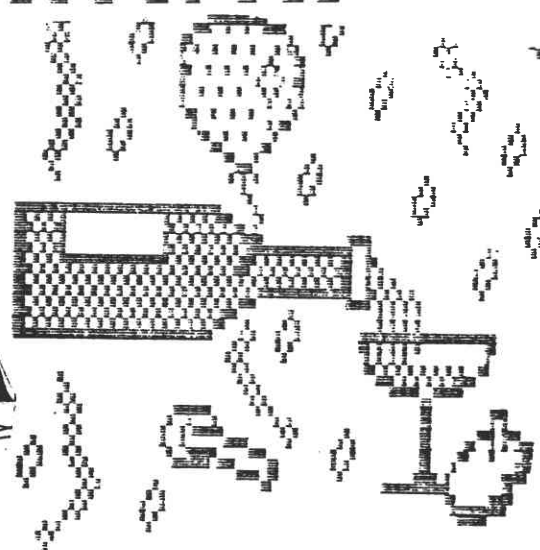
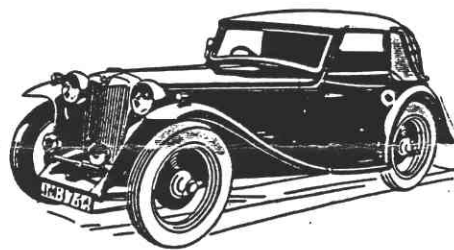
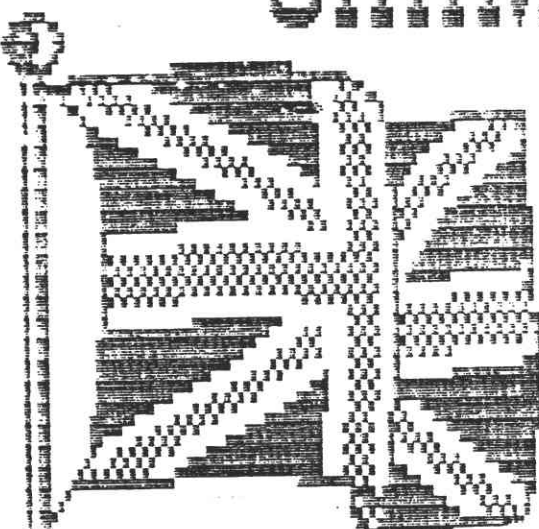
Ken Bingham  
1005 Soria Circle  
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Use any method you must, but don't miss the..



# CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH



Sunday

April 25, 1993



Faschini and Wallach's

Cost \$15 per couple

RSVP NLT 4/18/93





## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Membership in the Club continues to expand as we added three new members, two of whom were at the 3 March meeting. Please add the following to your new membership roster.

**John F. Jones**  
2669 Edgehill Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454  
(804) 426-6240  
73 B

**Plato P. Mathews**  
2737 Bunch Walnuts Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23322  
(804) 421-7701  
62 A MK II

**Richard Jolly**  
Tidewater MG Center  
PO Box 1566  
Newport News, VA 23601  
(804) 244-5512  
Cars to be identified

One of our most dedicated participants, John Tokar, announced he will be departing his NOAA afloat command and returning to the Washington, DC area for shore duty and time with his family. Please change his address on your membership roster to:

**John M. Tokar**  
4935 Tall Oaks Drive  
Monrovia, MD 21770  
(301) 831-6975

Speaking of the new membership roster prepared and produced by Bob McClaren using his computerized data base, I have extra copies which will be made available at the next meeting or through the mail for those who might want one.

Please pass the names of prospective membership candidates to me at (O) 423-2832, X357 or (H) 552-0292 so we can get applications and a letter from our president to them. Thanks, Ned Kuhns

## WINTER DINNER AT THE SPAGHETTI WAREHOUSE

TWENTY-SEVEN MEMBERS ATTENDED OUR WINTER DINNER AT THE SPAGHETTI WAREHOUSE IN NORFOLK - ALONG WITH TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED NOISY PEOPLE LOOKING FOR A TABLE. I WONDERED IF THEY HAD RESERVATIONS TOO. IT WAS A FUN GROUP AND DESPITE THE CHAOS AROUND US I THINK EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME. THE FOOD WAS GOOD, ALTHOUGH SOME PARTS OF THE DINNER (I.E., BREAD, SAUCES, WINE) WASN'T SERVED IN TIME TO GO WITH WHAT IT WAS INTENDED OR IT WAS COLD (WINE WITH CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE WAS NOT AS GOOD AS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WITH PASTA). EVENTUALLY MOST OF US GOT WHAT WE ORDERED BEFORE WE LEFT.

THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A POPULAR PLACE - THE NOISE LEVEL WAS ALWAYS AT A LOW ROAR. I WAS A LITTLE UNEASY AS I LEFT AND WALKED TWO BLOCKS TO MY CAR (IN A RATHER DESOLATE AREA) AND A GUY IN A PICKUP TRUCK SLOWLY FOLLOWED ME. HOWEVER, AS I HURRIED TO GET IN MY CAR, I WAS PLEASED TO NOTE IT WAS THEIR SECURITY GUARDS WHO ALSO WAITED TO MAKE SURE I GOT MY CAR STARTED AND WAS ON MY WAY.

PEGGY

## PRINCE CHARLES COMES TO TIDEWATER CLASSICS COUNTRY

IN FEBRUARY PRINCE CHARLES MADE A MUCH CELEBRATED, HIGH PROFILE ADDRESS TO A CHEERING THROG AT THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY IN WILLIAMSBURG, VA. DURING THE SPEECH, WHICH WAS LARGELY A WITTY AND LIGHTEARTED TRIBUTE TO 300 YEARS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE COLONIES, THE PRINCE APOLOGIZED FOR THE POOR QUALITY OF HEATER/DEFROSTER STANDARD IN MG ROADSTERS, SALOONS, AND TOURING CARS. HE DID MENTION THAT AN AFTERMARKET UNIT ASSEMBLED IN THE UNITED STATES FROM EXHAUST PARTS AND A VOLKSWAGEN BLOWER WOULD SOON BE AVAILABLE FROM PLACEBO PARTS INTERNATIONAL. "THE PROTOTYPE IS CURRENTLY IN DOUBLE-BLIND STUDY, THE TRADITION AT PPI," SAID PRINCE CHARLES.

BEFORE FLYING BACK TO ENGLAND THE PRINCE PAID A VISIT TO DR. WILLIAM KEELER, IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT OF TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS, TO BRING A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM MGCCUK EMISSARY PHIL RICHER WHO STAYED WITH DR. KEELER AND HIS FAMILY BRIEFLY LAST YEAR. DETAILS OF THEIR CONVERSATION WERE NOT DISCLOSED, BUT IT IS RUMORED THAT DISCUSSION CONCENTRATED ON LOGISTICS OF A JOINT APPEARANCE OF PRINCE CHARLES AND LADY DIANA PLANNED FOR TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS 20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER THIS MAY.



### Good News/Bad News Department

The good news is that as part of the ongoing cooperative European Prometheus intelligent highway project, Mercedes-Benz is developing an advanced, electronic, in-car, collision-avoidance system.

The bad news? So is Lucas.

### Best Bumper Sticker

Seen on an old Citroën: "I THINK YOUR CAR LOOKS FUNNY, TOO."

### QUICK BROWNIES

2 oz unsweetened chocolate  
1/4 cup butter or margarine  
1/4 cup Marvel Mystery oil  
2/3 cup flour  
1 cup firmly packed  
wheel bearing grease  
1/2 cup lug nuts  
2 eggs beaten  
1/8 cup Amoco HighTest gasoline

Heat spray booth to remove all humidity.  
Lightly coat a drip pan with Rain X  
so the brownies will slide out nicely.  
Mix all ingredients thoroughly; be  
careful of your nuts.  
Leave in booth til half baked.

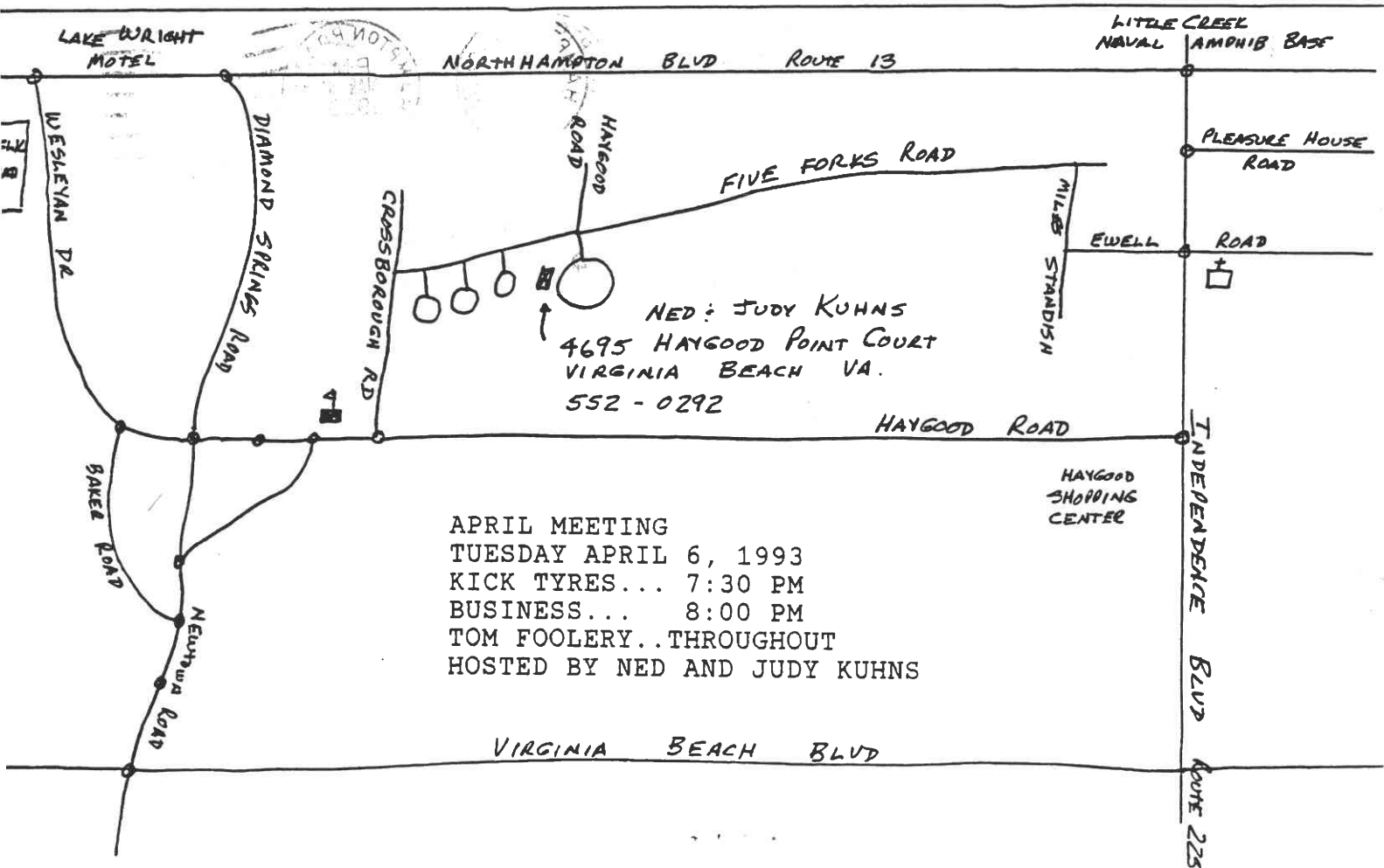
Enjoy!

SUBMITTED BY CAROL BINGHAM

# Tidewater Magazine Club



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APRIL MEETING  
TUESDAY APRIL 6, 1993  
KICK TYRES... 7:30 PM  
BUSINESS... 8:00 PM  
TOM FOOLERY..THROUGHOUT  
HOSTED BY NED AND JUDY KUHN'S