

THE DIPSTICK



President.....Bob McClaren
Vice President...Frank Linse

Secretary...Cynthia Faschini
Treasurer.....Jim Villers

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MARQUE TIME:

GOOD LUCK BOB!!! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING AND ALL THE HELP, LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND PAM IN DECEMBER!!!

KEEP THE CLUB ACTIVETAKE CARE,

KEN

The last of the "Marque Time" musings from our recently departed past president. Ken and Carol are now in South Florida beginning their new lives. What a tough act to follow!

The Tidewater MG Classics finished up our business year at the October meeting. Despite a lower than expected turnout, due in part to many of us getting the October Dipstick on the day of the meeting or later, the club was treated to a terrific meeting and a sumptuous spread. Our thanks go out to George and Sue Ulrich for hosting the meeting. George now has a pretty good record of all who attended based on his successful ploy of recording everyone's fingerprints on the freshly painted roll-over bar in his red MGB. Mine are on it somewhere. Anyway, it was a great meeting with good food, nice people, and a beautiful bevy of MGs out front. I am pleased with the growing number of members who are driving their MGs to the meetings and each meeting seems to bring one or more new members and to bring out one or more "new" MGs. The Kennedy's "MGB" made its club debut at the October meeting. Who is next?

I hope to see a good turnout for the November meeting at the Kennedy's. (See the attached map) We have new officers and a number of items of club business to discuss. For starters, several members have asked about moving our meetings to a central, or atleast a larger meeting place rather than having the meetings in member's homes. In fairness to all concerned, I asked that this subject be addressed at the November meeting. Please come and let your feelings be known. Also on the horizon are several chairperson slots that need to be filled, not the least of which is finding a replacement for our faithful editor of the *DIPSTICK*. Chris, after 3-plus years, has asked for a relief, so here is your chance for immortality! If you've got access to a word processor, a modicum of talent, and a strong desire to continue a great tradition, the club needs YOU!

Please don't forget the Technical Session at the Bond's "Museum of Automobilia". (See Map)



Bob's MG

Safety first!
Bob

Bob McClaren

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER DIPSTICK: NOVEMBER 15, 1993.
WE'VE HAD SOME GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS OF LATE! KEEP IT UP!

MINUTES OF THE MG T CLASSICS MEETING HELD 05 OCTOBER 93

Bob McClare in as Vice President opened the meeting as acting President. Thanks to Bob and Susan George for hosting the meeting. Welcome to Chuck Hudson attending his first meeting and also to a perspective member Mike Hague.

Treasurer's Report - Balance of \$2,055.87.

Activities - Hershey Car Show is coming up. The Kennedy's are hosting the monthly meeting November 3. The Bonds will have the tech session on November 7. Finally, the Christmas party with be December 4, 1993 at the Keeler's.

Membership - See attachment in THE DIPTICK. Membership is up to a grand total of 101.

Newsletter - Nothing to report.

Spares - Nothing to report.

Old Business - The elections were held and a new slate of officers were unanimously elected they are as follows: Secretary - Cynthia Faschini; Treasurer Jim Villers; Vice President - Frank Linse; and President - Bob McClaren.

New Business - Tidewater Car Association has information about a program for scrapping of cars on a voluntary basis pre 1980. This is applicable to the whole state. Oil companies can buy the car from you then they can scrap is and you get a cash rebate. If the oil company gets involved it means pollution credits. This falls under the Department of Motor Vehicles to make this program work. License plates expire in 2000. Bob McClaren is looking for volunteers to fill in committees. There are a number of activities that need to be filled. Peggy also needs help.

Due to the big turnout at meetings, there was some talk about moving the meeting to a central location as an alternative.

Marque Time - From the Pig Pickin Ed Solomon won for best number plate. Terry Bond went to Carlyle and saw 3 TC's for sale, several TD's and lots of MG stuff. The TC's were selling for over \$17,000.

Ken and Carol Bingham arrived in safe condition and all is well. They are living in Jupiter, Florida. "Do we have enough money in the treasury to fly the club down there." Frank has a new MGA 58 Coup and the Kennedy's drove their MG tonight for the first time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WED NOV 3 MONTHLY MEETING. HOSTED BY THE KENNEDY'S. SEE MAP AND INFO.

SUN NOV 7 TECH SESSION HOSTED BY TERRY AND SUE BOND , FEATURING FRANK LINSE WHO WILL NO DOUBT BE DRIVING A COMPLETELY RESTORED MGA COUPE. JUNKER TO CONCOURS, FRAME OFF RESTORATION IN LESS THAN SIX WEEKS, RIGHT FRANK?

SAT DEC 4 CHRISTMAS PARTY HOSTED BY BILL & LIBBY KEELER. SEE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THIS DIPSTICK.

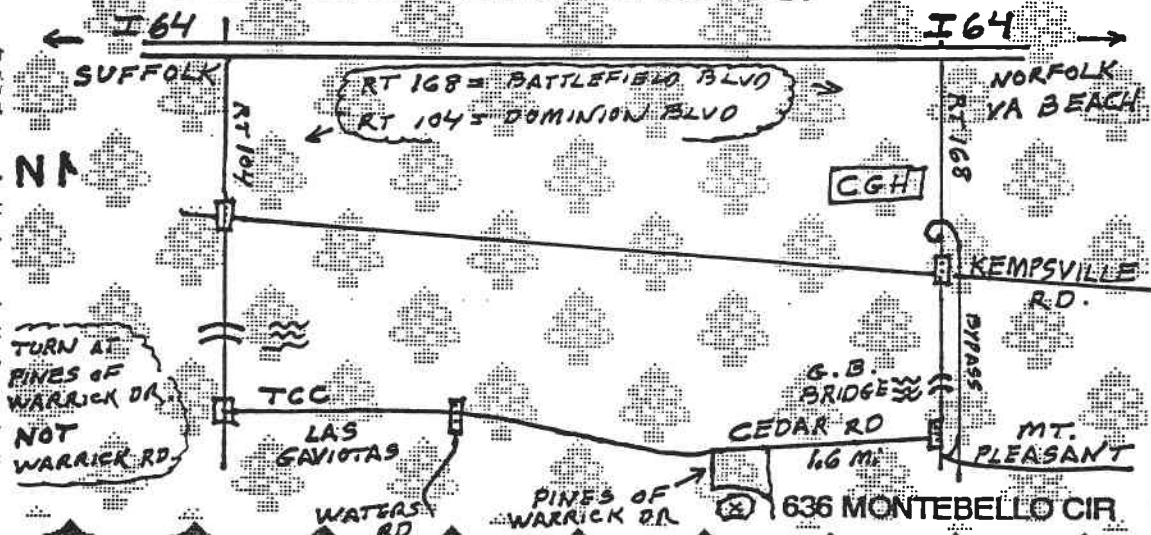
CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 4
7:30

HOSTS: LIBBY & BILL KEELER
R.S.V.P. 547-2709
BRING YOUR FAVORITE
HORS D'OEUVRE



PLAN NOW TO KICK-OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON
WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW ENTHUSIASTS
OF THE TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS.



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

This month brought us four new members on a household basis. These were recruited by our current members, read about the club meetings in the newspaper, or received a yellow "MG ticket" on their windshield. As you can see, our publicity efforts are paying dividends. Please keep me informed (552-0292 or 423-2832, Ext. 357) of anyone you think may be interested in our organization. I'll ensure they receive a membership application with some basic details on our activities as well as adding them to **The Dipstick** mailing list. Hopefully, prospective members will join or at least attend a meeting. If after three months there is no further interest shown, their names are removed from the mailing list.

I promised Cynthia that I would list the new members so she didn't have to include them in the meeting minutes. Therefore, please add these names to your roster:

Phil & Chris Eller
364 East Chickasaw Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
(804) 490-3773
79 Midget (Gold)

Phil is a DOD Federal police officer who heard about us from Karl Herbert at NNSY. Chris is a local realtor. We hope to see them at the November meeting.

Bob Mosby
213A Maycox Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23505
(804) 489-2377
67 B-GT Special (Gold)

Bob is a sailmaker who submitted an application in advance of attending a meeting. We hope to meet him in person in November. He apparently is working on his B since it is Gold (for now).

Dave Muth
1544 White Dogwood Trail
Suffolk, VA 23433
(804) 238-2358
71 Midget (Blue), 74 Midget (White)

A senior marine engineer, Dave also joined in advance of attending a meeting. We'll count on seeing him at the next gathering.

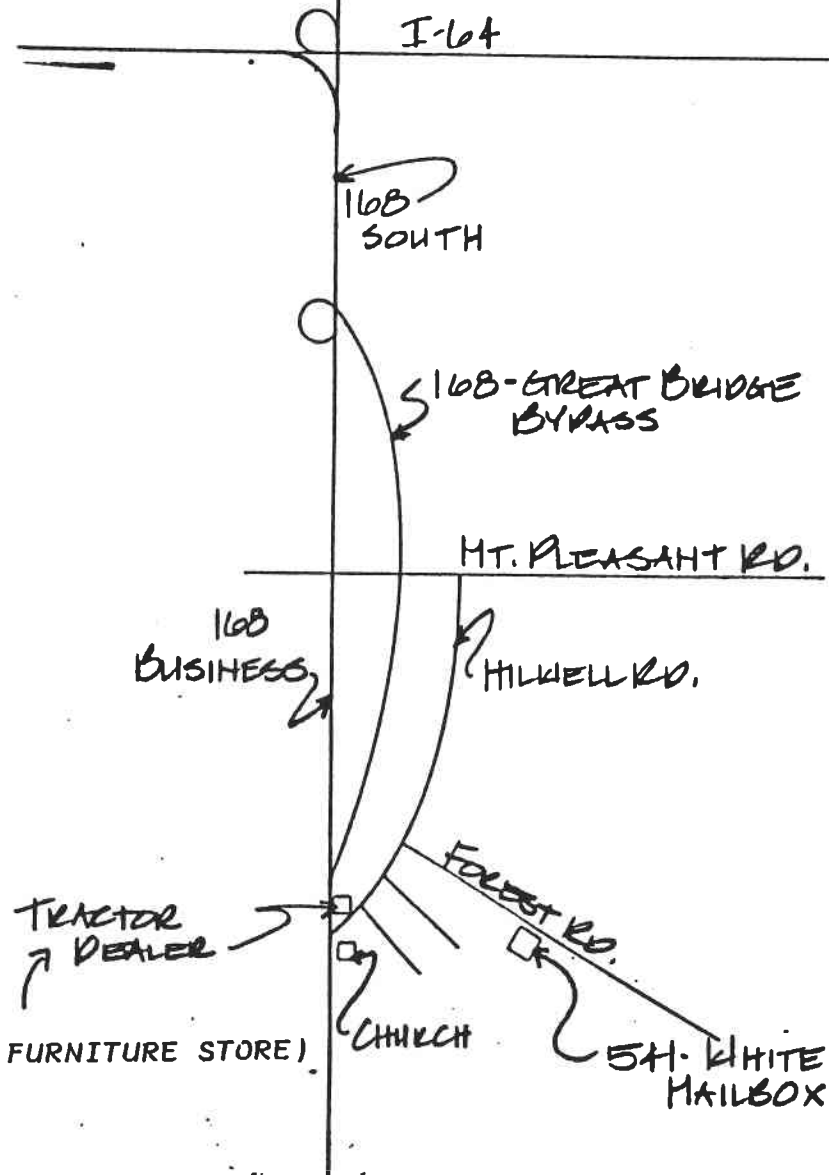
Art Nadolske
720 Winwood Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
(804) 425-2880
61 A (Metallic Blue)

Art is a Sales & Account Manager for a local company. He called for a membership application and promptly joined. Hopefully, we'll see him and his MGA in November.

At the October meeting, we welcomed **Michael Haag** as a guest. He is an electronics engineer in the Federal Civil Service working for the Navy. Michael is looking for some technical assistance in working on his 1979 white MGB. He filled out an application so we look forward to him joining in the near future.

Thanks, Ned Kuhns

FRANK & SUSAN LOND
 5417 331 RD.
 CHESAPEAKE
 402-5222



TECH SESSION

SUNDAY NOV 7, 1993
 BRING YOUR TROUBLES. EXPECT A REVIVAL.
 AFTER ALL IT IS A SUNDAY. 10:00 AM TIL ...

OPPOSED TO THE CLUNKER BILL? DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is using the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments to encourage state and local "emission credit programs." The program is one approach. Its intent is to rid the streets of pre-1981 vehicles.

The perception is that "old cars are dirty cars," when in reality, only a small set of vehicles are responsible for the bulk of high pollution-emitting vehicles.

Who suffers? The hobbyist. Who stands to gain? Big oil and car companies as well as gas and electric industries.

What can you do about it? Write letters to your state representatives opposing any clunker legislation and/or regulation. A sample letter follows.

SAMPLE LETTER:

Dear Legislator:

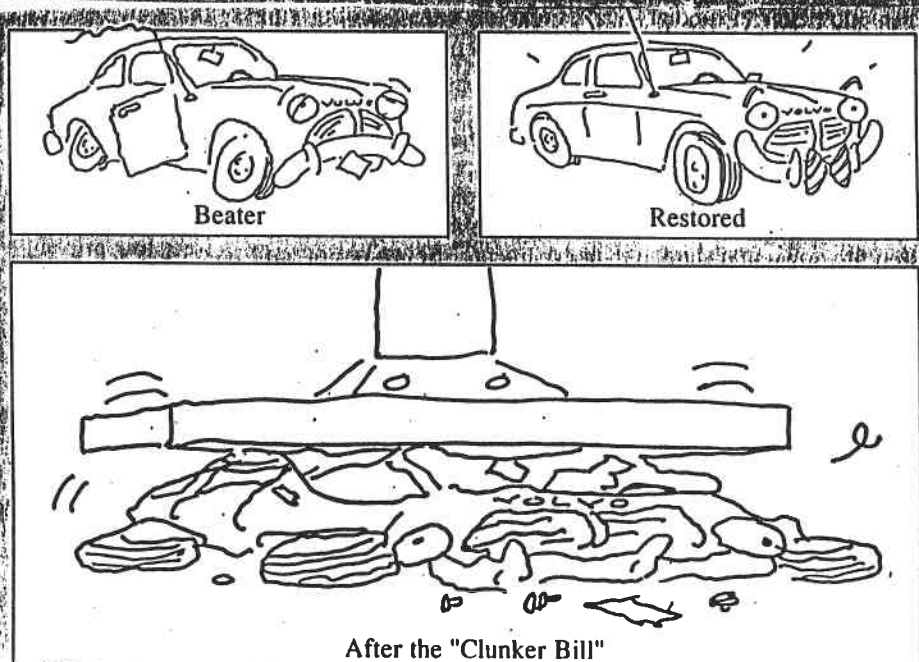
Help me keep my pre-1981 vehicle and preserve the restoration hobby for the following reasons:

- 1) The automotive aftermarket, including restoration, is a \$200 billion a year industry and employs 2.5 million Americans in full-time jobs.
- 2) Thousands of hobbyists in this state will be deprived of the pleasures and historical benefits of the auto restoration hobby.
- 3) Many engine components can be recycled instead of crushed to permit hobbyists to restore engines to their original configuration and thereby assist in the proper maintenance of these vehicles.
- 4) The subframes of many of the targeted vehicles can be recycled to build other vehicles.
- 5) Intake and exhaust manifolds and other parts as well as engines blocks, can be recycled to later model-year vehicles. Recycling these vehicle component parts conserves energy required to manufacture new parts.

Recycling automotive components keeps repair costs down for low-income owners and thus encourages them to maintain their vehicles. It also gives hobbyists an opportunity to pursue the building of and tinkering with vehicles.

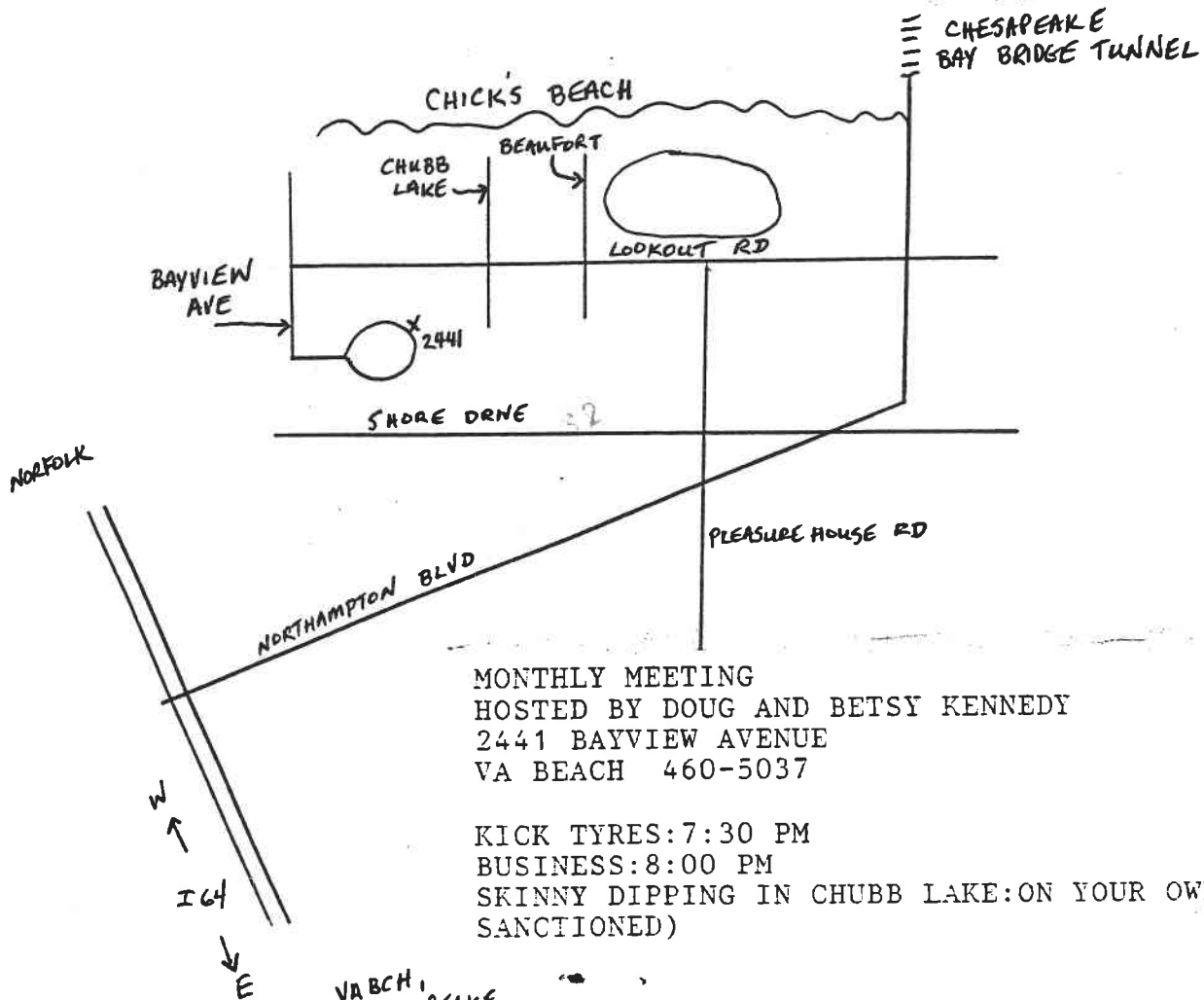
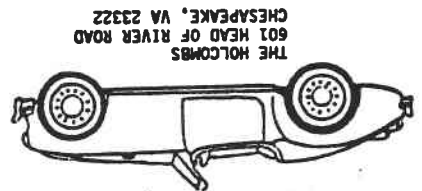
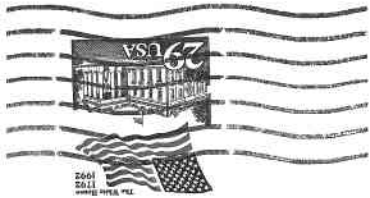
Vote: Clunker legislation/regulation

For more information on the Clunker issue, call the Automotive Restoration Market Organization (ARMO), a committee of the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), at 800.950.9503



After the "Clunker Bill"

FIRST CLASS



MONTHLY MEETING
 HOSTED BY DOUG AND BETSY KENNEDY
 2441 BAYVIEW AVENUE
 VA BEACH 460-5037

KICK TYRES: 7:30 PM
 BUSINESS: 8:00 PM
 SKINNY DIPPING IN CHUBB LAKE: ON YOUR OWN (NON CLUB SANCTIONED)

VA BCH,
 CHESAPEAKE