

# The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG Classics



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## Marque Time

A Tidewater MG Classics' very stylish "MG Parking Only" type "Thank You" to Judy and Ned Kuhns for hosting the June 1994 meeting. The turnout was excellent. I counted 21 MGs but there may have been more. We really did fill Ned and Judy's street with MGs and a grand time was had by all.

On a sadder note, the June meeting was the last meeting for the Racines. They are returning to the land that invented ICE BEER, moving about 800 miles north into Canada. We will miss Jack and Sandra and we hope that they take with them some warm memories of the "Little MG Club that Cared" about them and their car. They will need something to keep them warm up there. "Safety Fast, Good Friends!" Keep in touch.

By the time you read this Marque Time, the completely unofficial and somewhat impromptu June Drive out to Carter's Grove Plantation will be history. I hope that some of you will have taken the opportunity to enjoy a Sunday spin in your MG. If it rains on Sunday, maybe I won't have to wash my MG before the July meeting.

We will also have completed the NAMGBR "Crusin the Capital" meet. I know that several club members are participating. Some are even taking the driving school at Summit Point in conjunction with the meet. (Peggy is doing the driving school in her TD! Bravo!) Due to new insurance regulations, this will be the last time a group of vehicles will be allowed on the race track without roll over bars. It is a chance of a life time so I, too, am going to try my hand at high speed touring with our 67 B-GT. If I drive an MGC to the next meeting, it hopefully will not mean that I banged up the B-GT at Summit Point.

I hope to see more than a few members "Crusin the Capital" at the MGB National and then at "Bowie". Stop by and say "Hi". Just as important, I hope you will take to the road in your MGs. After all, this is a car club founded to preserve, appreciate, and maintain the MG automobile.

Drive an MG to Bill & Libby's for the July meeting and we'll give the neighbors something to talk about. Remember to wash your MG first... the days are longer now, we were actually able to kick tires before and after the meeting at the Kuhns.



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*The Dipstick* is the Official Newsletter of *The Tidewater MG Classics*.

President:	Bob McClaren
Vice President:	Frank Linse
Secretary:	Cynthia Faschini
Treasurer:	Jim Villers
Editor:	Doug Squires

**Deadline for the next *Dipstick* is:**

**15 July 1994**

Check out the activities, participate, and drive your MG....

*Safety Fast!*  
*Bob*

Bob McClaren

## Minutes

### JUNE 1994 TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by the President, Bob McClaren on this beautiful MG night with 20 1/2 MG's gracing this meeting. Guests included John Driskill & Hermine Wallach. Steve Lee was our new member and it was Doug Baker's first meeting.

The minutes from last meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer Report: Pay up your dues. Lots went out, little came in. Balance carried forward was \$299.58. This is the lowest I've seen it. Those name tags better be made of gold!

#### Committee Reports:

Membership: Ned shared Hank Giffin's letter. (Ed Note: See info elsewhere in Dipstick) Ken & Carol Bingham sent a note to the club.

Activities: Peggy circulated a sign-up sheet for Sunday the 12th driveout to Carter's Grove. 26 June is the British Car show in Bowie. The 6 July meeting is at the Keelers and the August 2nd is at Bob Villers. Need a host for a tech session in July-August.

Newsletter: Looking to have a spot in a future newsletter for our "OUT OF TOWN" members to let the rest of us know what's new with them. So far only response is from Ken & Carol Bingham. Please be prompt on Dipstick deadline date.

Regalia: Greg Coogan says he needs more customers.

Spares: Rear end from 72 B is available. Within seconds we had a taker. \$5.00 donation to club was requested.

Publicity: 7 notices going out the newspapers each month. Seems to be very effective.

Marque Time: Books on the "T" Series were available via Chuck Hudson. MG Owners Club of England is less than \$40.00 a year and includes a magazine and catalog.

Hank Giffin, one of the club's early members and currently a Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy in Naples, Italy needs someone to store (take tender loving care of) his Morgan +4 automobile from July until November/December of this year when he expects to return to Norfolk. Anyone who can help Hank should write him at:

RADM H. C. Giffin III, USN  
ACOS Logistics HQ AFSOUTH  
PSC 813, Box 137  
FPO AE 09620-0137

## Up-coming Events

Jul. 6	Weds	Monthly meeting at Bill & Libby Keehler's
Jul 17	Sun	Driveout to Museum of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City
Aug. 2	Tues	Monthly meeting at Bob & Pam McClaren's
Aug 14	Sun	PARTY TIME!! - Pool Party & Pot Luck at the Miller's

WE NEED SOMEONE TO HOST A TECH SESSION THIS SUMMER IN THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER TIMEFRAME. CALL PEGGY OR BETSY IF YOU CAN HELP US.



Overheard at a recent meeting:

After DC you can go to Bowie and pick-up parts to make it home.



## Membership Notes

The past month and the June meeting generated a lot of activity in membership as the membership renewal for 1994-1995 got underway.

At the June meeting we had the good fortune to welcome one new member and one guest: **Steven Lee** joined the club and **John Driskill** attended for the first time. We also received a membership application from **Randy Schumacher** in the mail just before this column was written. John is a Chief Aviation Electronics Technician waiting to be assigned to a permanent duty station in the area. I've also sent membership applications to two new members and added them to our mailing list. We look forward to seeing **Eddie Cashwell** and **Bradon Sneed** at the July meeting.

We've had a good initial response to the annual membership drive as a result of Doug's colorful orange application included in the last *Dipstick*. The first one received was from a member of long standing, **Brenda Banvard**, followed closely by **Mike and Jennifer Ash**. To date, we have received 38 renewals which represent about 30% of our membership. For those who have not yet renewed, we need to hear from you. Attached at some part of this Dipstick is the 1994 Membership Application/Renewal Form. We would like to have a 100% renewal so please mail in membership renewal or pay at the July meeting. Since I'm going to have to ask **Doug Kennedy** to substitute for me again, I'd prefer to receive the renewals by mail to reduce his workload at the meeting. Also, to maintain a good accountability of our membership list, I'd appreciate a new completed application even if the information may have not changed for 1993. I discard last year's application when I receive your new one.

Please keep me informed (552-0292 or 423-2832, Ext 357) of anyone you think may be interested in our club. Prospective members are added to *The Dipstick* mailing list so they will be aware of upcoming activities.

Thanks,

Ned Kuhns

## Add These new people to your roster

**Randy H. Schumacher**  
108 Signature Way Apt #1037  
Hampton, VA 23666  
(804) 825-0829  
61 A (Red), 68 C (Red)

Randy is a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy and a Naval Aviator assigned to the staff of COMAEWINGSLANT. You can ask him what that stands for at the next meeting which we hope he will attend. Aviators apparently like fast red cars.

**Steven Lee**  
5127 Windermere Av  
Norfolk, VA 23513  
(804) 488-7304  
73 B (Limeflower)

Steven was recruited by President Bob McClaren and works for a local firm as an estimator. We look forward to seeing his Limeflower B at future meetings.

Please make the following address changes:

<b>Doug Baker</b>	213 Ferguson Av,	Newport News, VA 23601	(804) 599-6322
<b>Gregg, Colin &amp; Scot Coogan</b>	510 Pine Top Court	Virginia Beach, VA 23451	(804) 425-3275
<b>Bill &amp; Vi Lassen</b>	15540 River Bend Trail	Lanexa, Va 23089	



*According to the latest mailing list there are 194 people in the club.*

*There are:  
5 named Bob  
4 named Doug  
4 named Mike  
3 named Chris  
2 named Mary  
2 named July  
2 named Sandy  
2 named Pam*

*But only 1 named Vince.*



# OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

We have almost two dozen of our members who are so far away they cannot meet with us. I'd like each of our far away friends to drop me a quick note and let me know what is going on out there.

I'd like to publish a brief note in the August Dipstick from each of you to let the club know what you are up to and how your MG is too.

Ken & Carol Bingham in Sunny Florida have already responded. Thanks Ken & Carol..

I'd like to hear from the rest of you.

Send your responses to: The Dipstick  
4909 Orleans Dr.  
Portsmouth, VA 23703-2113

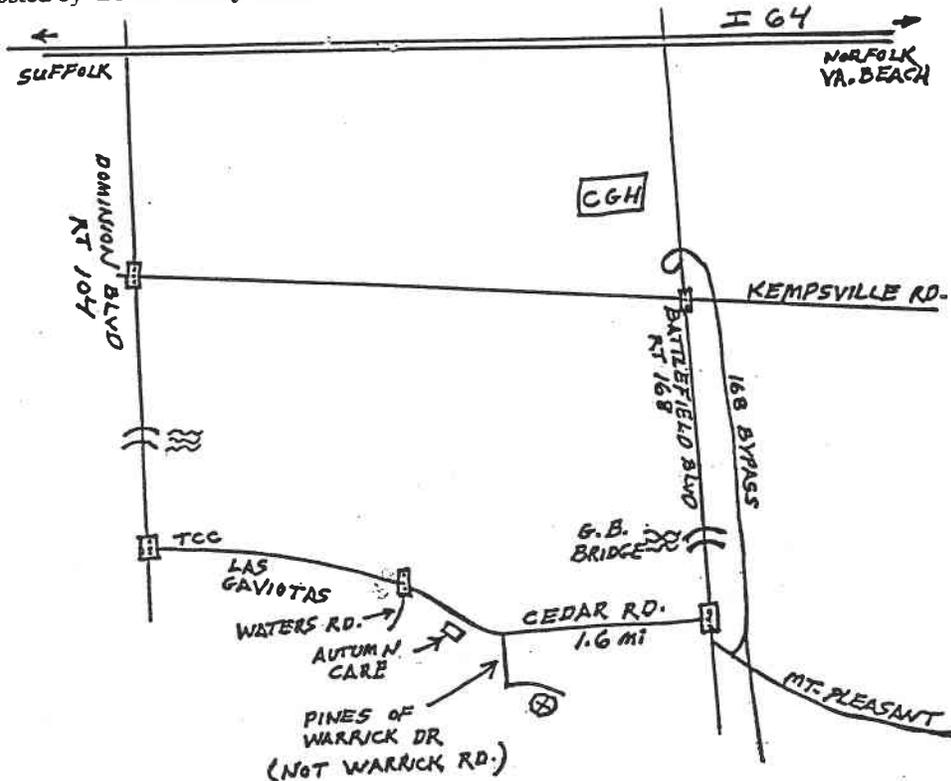
*Do you have any ARTWORK or interesting articles you'd like to see in the Dipstick?*

*Drop me a line.*



## Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Weds Jul 6 Kick Tyres: 7:30 PM, Business Meeting: 8:00 PM.  
Hosted by Bill & Libby Keeler 636 Montebello Cir Chesapeake, VA 23320 (804) 547-2709



By Laws

Article V  
Voting

**Section 1.** Each local membership shall have ONE vote in all applicable voting matters of the club, including the election of the four officers of the club and amendments to the club by-laws. Voting may be accomplished in person or by written proxy.

Article VI  
Operation

**Section 1.** The administration and operation of the club and the managements of its property, funds and business shall be vested in the members.

**Section 2.** The club will meet in regular session during the first week of each month according to a schedule published in advance, or as otherwise decided by the members present at a previous meeting.

**Section 3.** Financial obligations of the club, except such as are incident to the routine conduct of its affairs, shall be incurred only by the authority of a majority of those voting at a regularly-scheduled monthly meeting.

**Section 4.** In August, the President will appoint a Nominating Committee which will establish a slate of candidates for the four officers for the new year. The slate will contain at least one nominee for each office and no member may be nominated for more than one office. The committee will announce the slate of candidates at the September meeting. At the October meeting, the election will be held; the committee will count the ballots and announce the new officers.

**Section 5.** In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed to that office for the remainder of the term. Other vacancies will be filled by appointment by the President to serve for the remainder of the term.

**Section 6.** Should the financial condition of the club be such that additional funds are required, an assessment may be levied on each local membership by a majority vote of those members present, or voting by proxy, at a scheduled monthly meeting after the intent for a proposed assessment has been announced by the President in a monthly newsletter.



"Men who are indifferent to what they wear, and not terribly concerned with what they eat, as long as they do eat, will make absurd sacrifices to possess an automobile"

Up-Coming Activity

**Here's one not to miss !!!**

**Drive out to the Museum of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, NC Sunday 17 July.**  
Will leave from IHOP (That's the International House of Pancake) on Battlefield Blvd at 1200.  
Come early and eat brunch!  
We will return by back roads and the Knotts Island Ferry.

Bits N' Pieces

In the May/June Edition of MGB Driver, the Journal of the North American MEB Register, there was another article concerning the "Clunker Bill". Apparently congress has not forgotten the bill. What was once known as Senate Bills S1220 and S2166 and gained a new life as Senate Bill S326. Apparently the bill is aimed at getting all Pre-1980 vehicles off the road and into the scrap yard. Look for a special section in the August Dipstick.





*Austin Healey*



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