

# The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG Classics



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## MARQUE TIME

## MGF means More Good Fun



**The Tidewater MG Classics** is a club dedicated to the preservation, appreciation and maintenance of the MG Automobile, and the fellowship of the club members.



Some of you trudged up our hill, others slipped their clutches and then trusted their handbrake. Thanks, all 30 plus, for coming out on a truly English moors night. All, except our new president, who was sent out of town on business. I did the best I could with the gavel but its authority had also gone with Frank. The minutes should tell about the Ashes, their Eastern Shore hospitality and the Stromboli incident.

A safe journey home John Harvey. You may leave your TC with us. I'm sure she has grown accustomed to her large American garage. It surely will be another long day before we again drive three TCs abreast in Virginia Beach.

I was pleased Greg Coogan went into detail on local speed events he is participating in and other events on the local Solo (autocross) calendar.

Our MGs look great and sound great but they were engineered to perform in gear, not in neutral. We have club members who have extensive knowledge and an intuitive sense to resurrect heaps into majestic machines again. We club members should test our machines and if we come up lacking for brakes, spark, or just GO, ask for help from these wizards. You may find a friendly pit crew. They may just need a beer and the pleasure of participating; but whatever, get those A's, B's, C's, Midgets, and especially those T machines the rest of the world thought had gone to Abingdon heaven onto the fields of play and test your 's and their mettle.

Safety Fast

Chuck Hudson, Vice Pres

## UP-COMING ACTIVITIES...

Sat	Dec 9	Holiday Party at Chuck & Judy Hudson
Wed	Jan 3	Monthly Meeting Sally & Mike Murphy
Tue	Feb 6	Monthly Meeting <b>Host Needed</b>
Wed	Mar 6	Monthly Meeting Sue & George Ulrich
Tue	Apr 2	Monthly Meeting <b>Host Needed</b>
Wed	May 1	Monthly Meeting Andy & Cynthia
Tue	Jun 4	Monthly Meeting <b>Host Needed</b>
Wed	Jul 3	Monthly Meeting <b>Host Needed</b>
Tue	Aug 6	Monthly Meeting Bill & Libby Keeler
Wed	Sep 4	Monthly Meeting Jim & Betty Villers
Tue	Oct 1	Monthly Meeting Carl & Ariette Herbert
Wed	Nov 6	Monthly Meeting Bob & Christina Bush

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President	Frank Linse
Vice-President	Chuck Hudson
Secretary	Doug Kennedy
Treasurer	Bob Miller
Dipstick Editor	Bob McClaren

# Meeting Minutes

November 1995

Vice President Chuck Hudson filling in for Frank Linse (in Maine adjusting the flux capacitor on a top secret Navy stealth ship) called the meeting to order promptly at 8:02 from the Presidential throne and fireplace. Attendance was very sparse at 25 and there were no visitors. All agreed that those who feared rain and missed the meeting would heretofore be known as "weather weenies."

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance forward \$1529.81, total receipts \$355.00, total disbursements \$412.81, so balance of \$1472.00

**Activities:** Tech Session at the Bond center for "Antique Automobilia" on November 12. Christmas Party December 9 at the Hudson Hacienda of Party Pleasure. Let Chuck know if you will be attending. Remember to bring food and something car/MG oriented of \$10 or less.

**Membership:** Mark reported a letter from Mike Brannon who's on his way to Japan (not driving). He also heard from a few other new members bringing the total membership to 105 families.

**Regalia:** Greg reported some items moving, but many more ready for Christmas sales.

**Club reports:** Chuck reported that it rained for two of the three days at the Lake Placid T meet. It was also reported that the meet was very "Staid" as in sedate, serious, steady and worst of all, sober. Mike Ashe reported on a newsletter from the MG Council that is a clearinghouse for all activities MG. November 11 and 12 also marks the local autocross according to Greg "Rocketman" Coogan. Call him for details, and ask about the loaner helmets available!

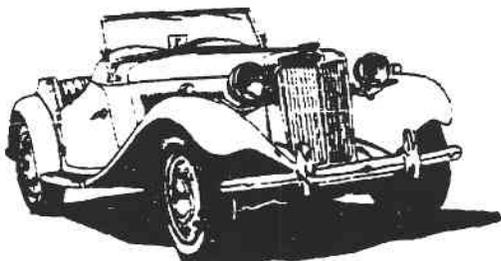
**Old Business:** CALL CHUCK HUDSON to RSVP the Christmas Meeting and remember to show up on time if you bring an appetizer! Jennifer and Mike Ashe also showed pictures from the drive-out to their palatial estate on the eastern shore. All agreed that it was a great time and we'll be back next year to trash their house after it's fully completed.

**New Business:** The dire need of a newsletter editor was discussed with much looking about. Bob McClaren then succumbed to the pressure and agreed to take on this weighty responsibility. All hailed Bob for spearheading this effort. Mattie the Hudson's dog had several comments but they are still being translated. (Editor's Note... Greg Coogan has officially volunteered to take over as editor of The DIPSTICK, probably lucky for the rest of you)

**Marque time:** Assorted war stories related to the eastern shore driveout were discussed. Jim Villers mentioned that he was especially impressed with the Ashe's garage to bedroom ratio. Howard Broadbent passed on John Harvey's thanks for our friendship. John's moved back to Britain. John and Howard are also looking for a container deal on getting their cars back overseas. If you have any information or advice please call Howard. Bob McClaren reported a great weekend at Waynesboro, and encouraged everyone to attend next year. Mark and Doug discussed a paint shop connection that's just finished a bare metal paintjob on a B for \$250 if you supply the paint.

The raffle was then drawn and Howard Broadbent picked his own ticket (hmmmm) to win an MG Patch to the great disappointment of everyone else. The meeting was then adjourned and we all chowed down like madmen (and madladies).

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Doug Kennedy. The views expressed above are not necessarily those of the author.



*Austin Healey*



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Membership stands at 115, including 4 clubs and 7 prospective members. Several prospective members have been dropped from the mailing list after three months without remitting dues.

Our latest additions include John and Bonnie Kulmenar - 76B; Leslie Paul and Bill Seib - 77B; Howard Ling - 77B; Bob Blundell - 78B; Paul and Sandi Weishaupt - 70B; Doug and Carlene Dewey - 75B; Ron Prescott - 76B; Aaron and Deborah Johnson - 74 1 2 Donald and Carol Firlay joined the club at the Bonds -B-Que Tech Session and as our new president Frank Linse decided to take his spectacular MKII J@S@r for a sunday drive to the tech session. Don and Carol's T!@#mph was given a reprieve by the peanut gallery.

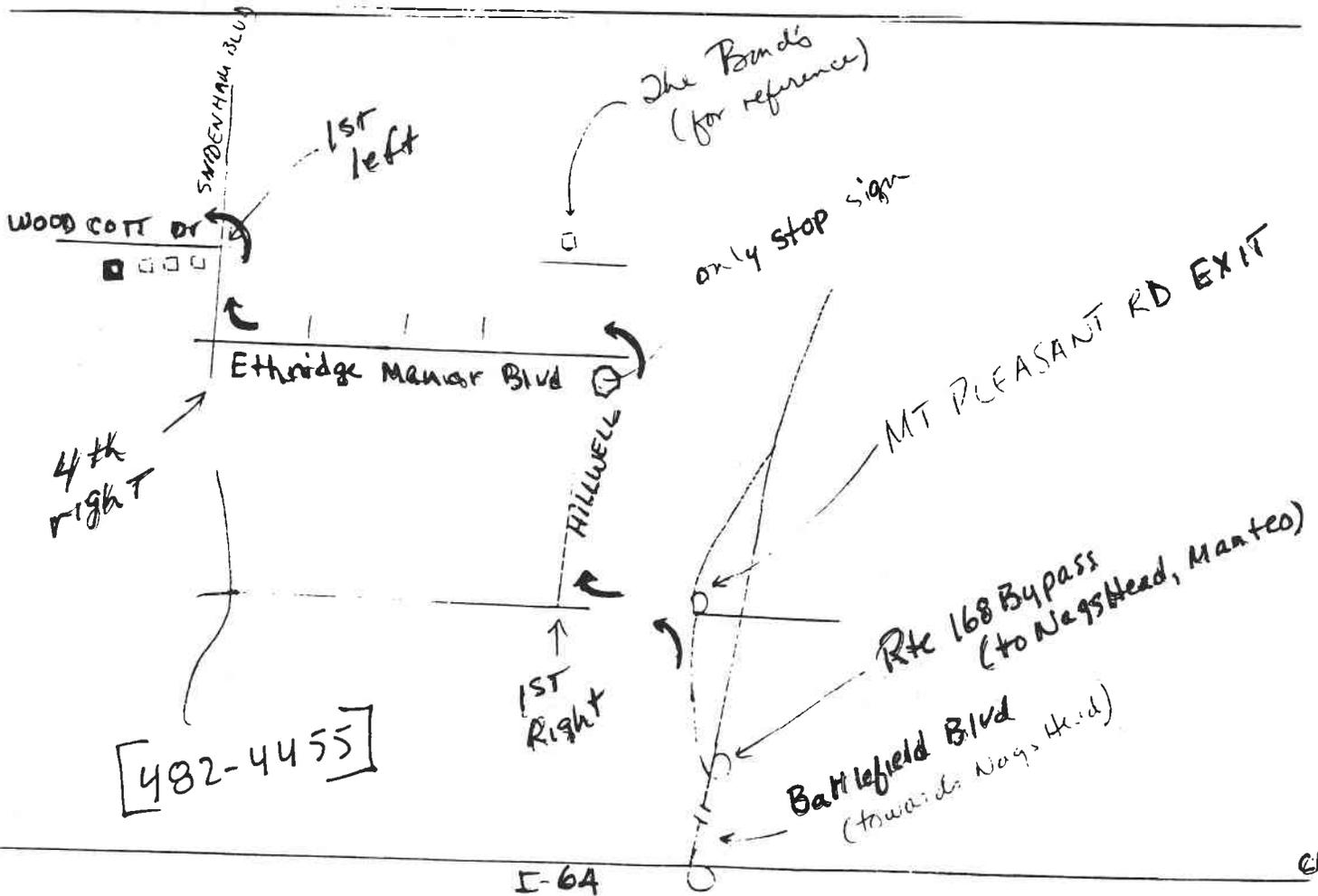
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# YOUR NAME

## Next Meeting

~~Weds May 3~~ <sup>JAN</sup> 1995 Kick Tyres 7:30 PM. Business Meeting: 8:00 PM.  
Hosted by: Mike & Sally Murphy 912 Woodcott Dr. Chesapeake, VA 23320 482-4455



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## Over the River and Through the Woods...

by Susan Bond

After years of listening to Mike and Jennifer Ash talk about their project on the Eastern Shore, we finally got to see it for ourselves--a nice, big garage with a log house on top of it. They have been traveling across the water almost every weekend for quite awhile, so 14 of us followed their lead on October 28, a glorious fall day. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel gave us a great view of the water and wildlife preserve, except for those in MG's, in which case the guard rails were at eye level. We kept ducking to see the ships and the skyline. There wasn't much traffic and Greg Coogan set a leisurely pace so we could enjoy the scenery. We never would have found the Ash's house if we hadn't had a map and an MG pumpkin at the driveway.

We had guided tours of the almost-finished house and detached garage--stuffed with MG's of course--and walked down to the water at the end of their back yard, which adjoined the Bay. We also walked down to the end of their road for another look at the Bay, and decided no two houses on the road were of the same architectural style. Jennifer had made soup and hot cider for us in her spiffy kitchen--they had their priorities right, it was finished--and we sat around talking, which is generally a safe enough pastime, unless you were sitting on the futon-type couch. Greg Coogan and Jim Villiers were suddenly staring at the ceiling when the futon decided it was tired.

We had dinner at Little Italy, a few miles up the road, an amazing little restaurant where Mike and Jennifer seemed to know everyone. The food was fantastic, and there was plenty of it. Just don't order the large stromboli. Terry ordered a small one and we decided that if he had put wheels on it he could have driven it home. He would've had to put lights on it though, it was dark by the time we left, but we had a great time. We also enjoyed meeting out-of-town members, O. D. and Jonnye Dawson, who had driven down from Delaware. It's always great to meet people who like MG's--they're the best in the world.

Frank Linse--A coupe  
Terry and Susan Bond--BGT  
Peggy Bradford and Paul Thiergardt--B  
Greg Coogan--Midget  
Andy and Mary Anton--Midget  
Jim and Betty Villiers  
Cynthia Faschini and Andy Wallach  
O.D. and Jonnye Dawson



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## PIG-PICKIN' 95

by Terry Bond

The Annual Pig-Pickin' at Chris and Shelly Holcomb's is undoubtedly one of our most popular events. Not only does Chris' secret recipe continue to keep attendance high, but the cars, and people having fun, all contribute to the success of this event.

What a great location! The Holcomb's home on Head of River Road is a perfect country setting to relax in and enjoy some good old fashioned MG tyre-kickin! The cars are always arranged around the fenced ring in the back yard, and who can deny that the old barn full of MG's and parts is also a grand attraction. It's literally a complete event - BBQ, Car Show, and treasure hunt out there.

All you needed was your folding chair, and your appetite (along with your MG of course). Plenty of great food was on the table, including burgers and dogs for those not interested in the BBQ. But - the cars were the stars as the "show arena" filled with great MG's, including Vince Groover's YA Saloon, Bob McClaren's and Chuck Hudson's TC's, the TD's of Bill Keeler, Peggy Bradford and Robert Davis, Frank and Gloria Linse's MGA Coupe, and a whole host of B's and of course, Gregg Cougan's Midget in full race trim. Oh - and of course our Host and Hostess rolled their MGA out of the barn for its semi-annual airing-out!

It was an absolutely beautiful day - not too hot, nor too cold, just enough breeze and only a threat of some sprinkles that never materialized.

After some popular vote style judging, unique hand-made plaques were passed out to the following winners:

Best Interior--Chuck Hudson, TC  
Best Paint--Frank Linse, A Coupe  
Best Boot--Doug Kennedy, B  
Best Bicycle--Eric Holcomb  
The Car We'd Most Like to Be Seen In--Frank Linse, A Coupe

Incidentally, the plaques were from oak sliced on the 100 year old steam-powered sawmill at Chippokes Farm and Forestry Museum in Surry.

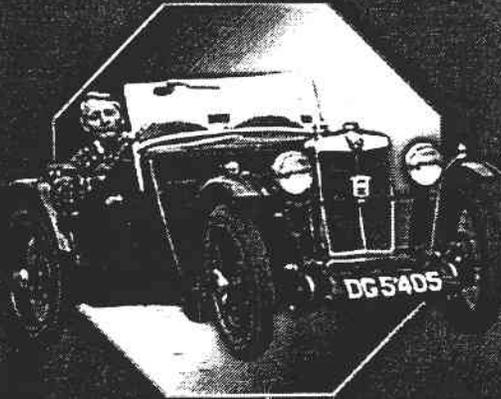
Don't miss this event next time around - good fun, great food, neat cars and the usual Tidewater MG Classic's fellowships - an unbeatable combination.



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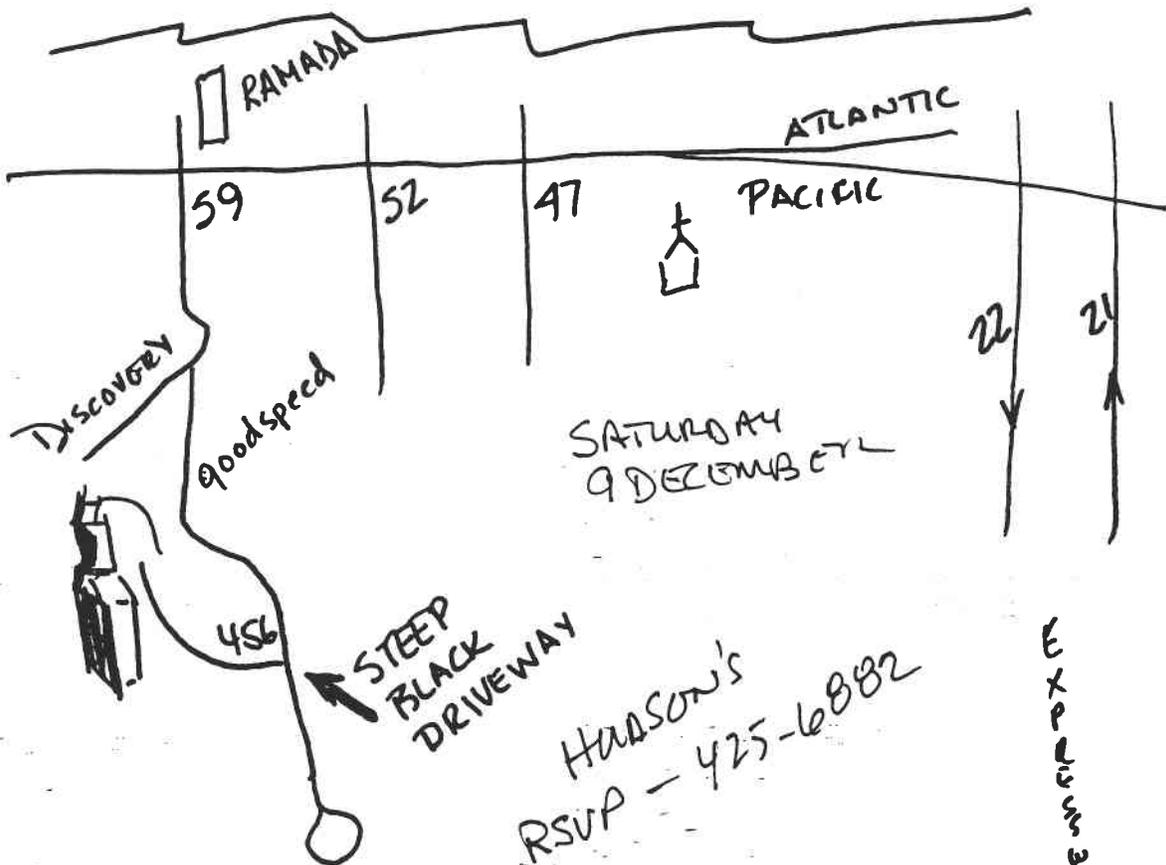
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It's happening again, so you better be nice,  
Santa's coming too,  
Hope he doesn't slide down the hill on his ice.

MGs and Christmas, what could be cheerier!  
Good friendship, good food and some beerier.

Like last year it's at the Hudson's, high on the hill.  
Bring your Jack or bring your Jill.

This year, let's **Remember to RSVP**,  
Last year was very scary,  
We didn't know whether there would be others,  
Beside you and me.

Being serious for a moment, it's a new glazed ham,  
The old one got eaten, gone, shazam.  
So this year, as last, we're asking the same favor,  
Bring your Aunt Zelda's, Uncle Elrod's or Great Granny's special dish,  
For all of us to savor.

**Please call**, though, with your dish of desire,  
Green veggie, yellow veggie, dessert, starch or appetizer  
So we won't have so many their 'Eat By' date might expire.  
Just remember Please,  
If you think or know you might be late,  
Don't offer an appetizer--bring a dessert on a plate!

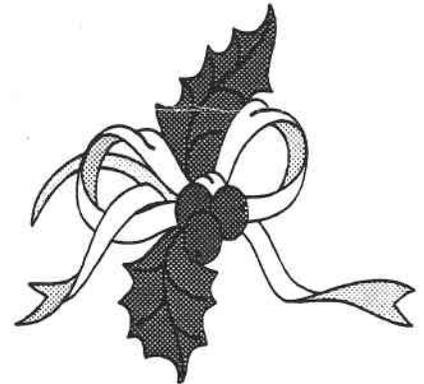
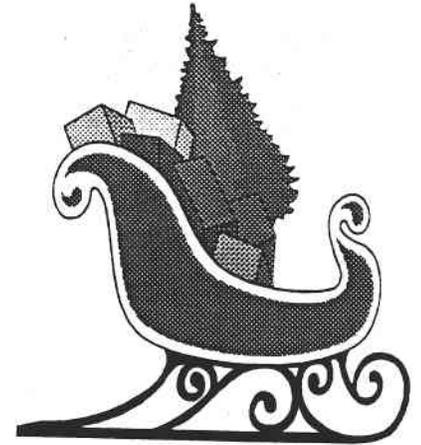
And Santa will arrive or his stand-in elf,  
So wrap up a gift you'd want, even for yourself.

Oh yes, the evening attire,  
Atrocious as last year is what we require.  
Those poodle skirt pleats, that reindeer sweater,  
Those blinking lite ties, suspenders, The vest,  
Nothing but your very best.

We'll see you then on:

Saturday, 9 December 95  
6:30 PM  
Chuck, Judy, Claire and TC 5624 Hudson  
456 Goodspeed Rd. Virginia Beach  
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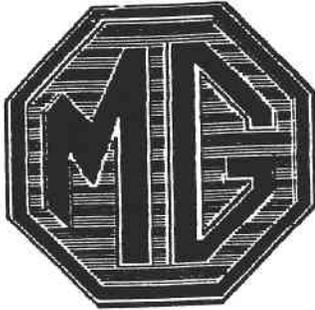
**Please RSVP for coming and bringing a dish by 30 November**



Departing Dipstick Editor

Doug Squires

# A Final Thought . . . .



This is my last month as Editor of the Dipstick and Bob McClaren's first month as editor. I'd like to thank Bob for taking over. I'd also like to thank the membership of the Tidewater MG Classics for their support of my efforts over the last two years. The many positive comments I have received at various meetings and activities made me aware that the Dipstick was a newsletter that was read. I really appreciate the support and hope you will all continue that same level of support to Bob in the coming year.

Being the Editor of the Dipstick has been a fun experience as well as a very rewarding one. Thanks to the support and encouragement of the Club's leadership, I was able to produce what I felt was a high quality, informative, and friendly publication. I have to admit that some months I scrambled to get enough to fill six pages, then other months I had more material than I could fit into ten pages. I had the panic of our printer quitting on us two days after the deadline for mailing the Dipstick. All-in-all, it has been fun.

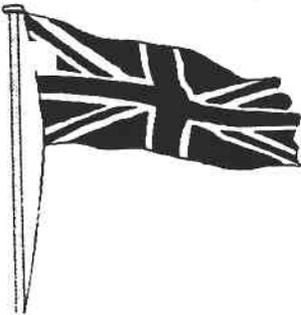
Thanks again for your support and remember . . . .

keep driving them MGs - it's better than pushing a Miata

Doug Squires

**Interim Editor Note:** Since Doug turned over the duties of DIPSTICK Editor to me, Greg Coogan has volunteered to be the DIPSTICK Editor. As I am the immediate past president, I will gladly let Greg take over the DIPSTICK starting in 1996.

Bob McClaren



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