

The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG Classics



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Marque Time

Tidewater MG Classics enjoyed another fine meeting at the Viller's. We had excellent weather and a big turnout, why even Roy Wiley and Ned Kuhns were present.

The primary business was election of new officers. Your new slate consists of Frank Linse (President), Chuck Hudson (Vice-President), Doug Kennedy (Secretary) and Bob Miller (Treasurer).

I am personally looking forward to being of service to the club and I hope we can together continue to persue the goals of furthering interest of the MG.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard Jolly at Tidewater MG Center for hosting the Tech. Session on October First. He really got down to fine details of restoring MG front ends and even an old pro as myself learned alot.

I would like also like to solicit some help in filling the forthcoming vacancies in some of our committees: Activities/Publicity, Newsletter, and Regalia. These positions could afford one a chance to get a bit more involved in the club and also give us some new ideas. Also remember, you won't be required to go it alone, there is plenty of talent available in our ranks. It's an honor to be selected to the position of President and I hope to serve you well in the next two years. If I get out of line I know I can count on Bob McClaren to point me in the right direction.

Frank Linse

Thanks to the Outgoing officers for their support!

Out-going President: Bob McClaren
Out-going Vice-Pres: Frank Linse
Out-going Secretary: Doug Kennedy

UP-COMMING ACTIVITIES...

Sat	Oct 28	Driveout to the Ashes on the Eastern Shore
Wed	Nov 1	Monthly Meeting Chuck & Judy Hudson
Sun	Nov 12	TECH SESSION at the Bond's
Sat	Dec 9	Holiday Party at Chuck & Judy Hudson
Wed	Jan 3	Monthly Meeting Host Needed
Tue	Feb 6	Monthly Meeting Host Needed
Wed	Mar 6	Monthly Meeting Sue & George Ulrich
Tue	Apr 2	Monthly Meeting Host Needed
Wed	May 1	Monthly Meeting Andy & Cynthia
Tue	Jun 4	Monthly Meeting Host Needed
Wed	Jul 3	Monthly Meeting Host Needed
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

The Dipstick is the official newsletter of the Tidewater MG Classics.

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



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.



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Meeting Minutes

October 1995

Thanks to Frank Linse for taking the Minutes of the October meeting.

In one of his last acts as President, Bob McClaren called the meeting to order at 8:10, after which he thanked Jim and Betty Villers for their hospitality as hosts of the October meeting.

New Members Doug & Charleen Dewey (75 MGB) and Paul Weishaupt (70 MGB) were welcome as well as a visitor from the MG Club in Raliegh, NC Brad Mackey.

The minutes were accepted as published in the Dipstick. The treasurer then reported that we spent some, we collected some, and had a balance of \$1529.81. The following committee reports were accepted:

Activities: A sign-up sheet for next years meeting and Tech Sessions went around the meeting. The next three activities are the 1 NOV meeting at the Hudson's; the 12 NOV Tech Session at the Bond's and the 9 DEC Holiday Party at the Hudson's.

Membership: reported we currently have 96 members paid.

Newsletter: was not here. Still looking for a new Editor for the Dipstick!!!!!!!

Regalia: Don't forget the new nametags are available.

Spares: Master Cylinders were the topic. A Lockheed & Girling with stainless steel sleeve for an early B was shown and is available from: CNC Corp (California) 1221 W. Morena Blvd. San Diego, CA 92110.

Old Business: Election of Officers Final Slate accepted was: Frank Linse (President), Chuck Hudson (Vice-President), Doug Kennedy (Secretary) and Bob Miller (Treasurer). Motion to accept slate was seconded. Slate passed vote.

New Business: Need Dipstick Editor, Need Activities Chairperson and someone for Regalia. 26-30 June 1996 MG-96! Registration needs to be submitted early. Hotels already filled. First 1000 cars to register get to run the track.

Marque Time: Superb Pig Picking at the Holcombs. 20 MGs present (Plaques were unique). Last Sunday's Tech Session at Richard Jolly's "everything you ever wanted to know about front ends" was a success. Bob thanked the officers and chairpersons that have served the club during the last two years. Bob's goal of getting more people to drive their MGs has been realized. Brad Mackey extends best wishes from Raliegh MG Club. Robert Davis got his TD running for the Pig Roast. Chuck Hudson says to watch the shoulder on his road for next meeting (it drops off sharply) Midget parts available from friends of Jim Villers. John Severns car under repair at Frank's. Circus tickets for Oct 6,7,8 were raffled. Mark Childers and someone else won the raffle. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46.

74MGB FOR SALE. Never been wrecked. Slight rust behind doors. Lots of new parts. Car is in Williamsburg. Call George Brady at (703) 709-0879 Best Reasonable Offer.

Wanted

Newsletter Editor

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EASTERN SHORE DRIVE OUT

We will leave for the Ashes on the Eastern Shore at High Noon on Saturday, 28 October.

Our route will take us over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (Remember it's a \$10.00 toll each way) and having us arrive at the Ashes about an hour later.

We will leave from the Sears Parking Lot at the Pembroke Mall at 12:00!

Remember to pack a few drinks for the Cook-out at the Ashes.



Name tags are available for sale. Price is \$5.00 per tag.

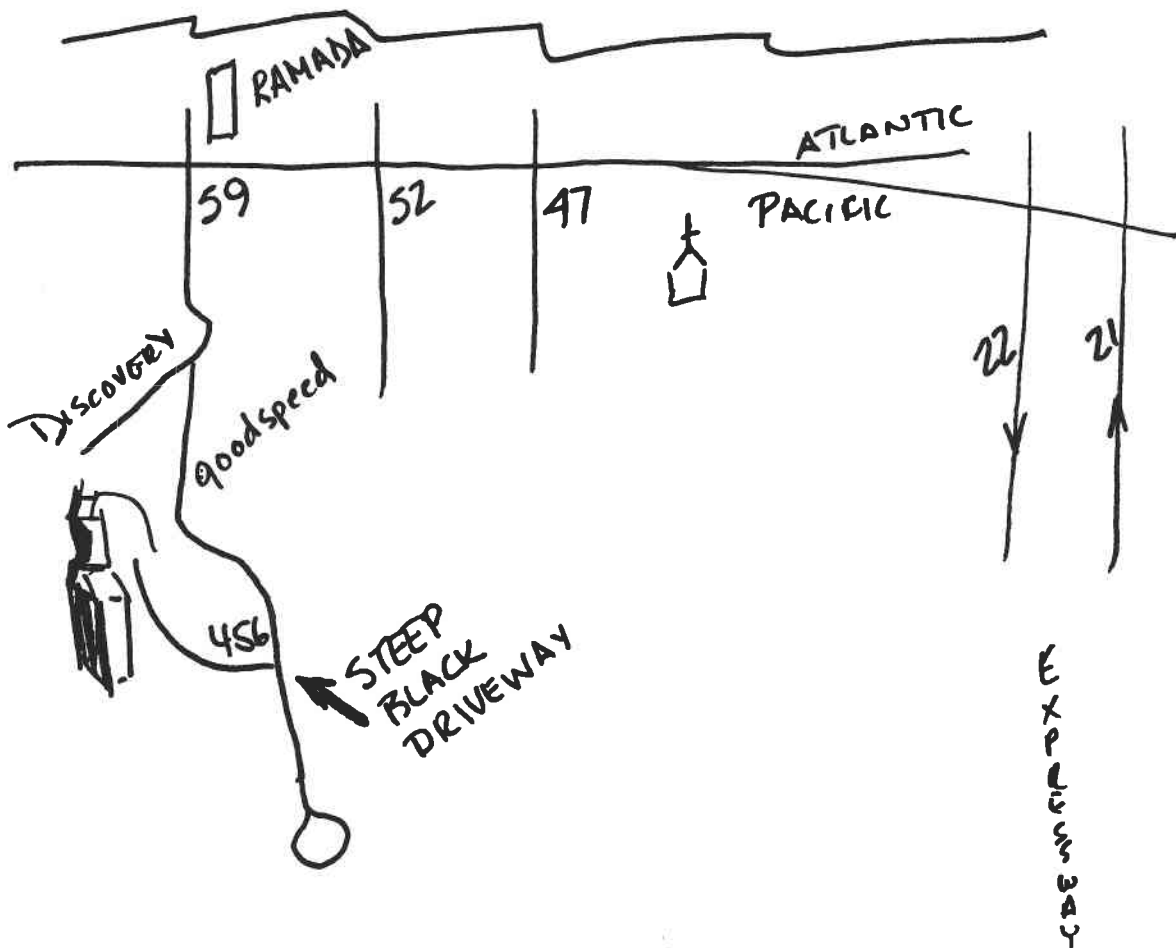
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Next Meeting

Wed Nov 1, 1995 Kick Tyres: 7:30 PM. Business Meeting: 8:00 PM.

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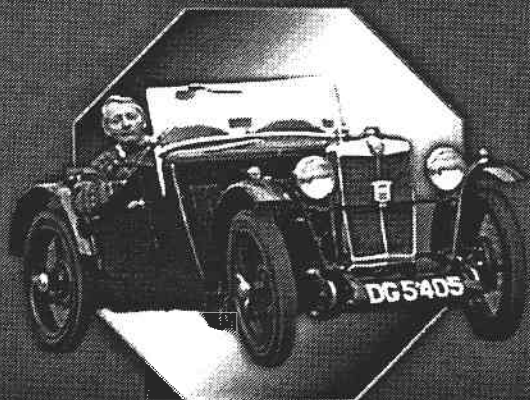
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Waynesboro '95

by Susan Bond

We had such a good time at the British Car Festival in Waynesboro last year that we decided to do it again. It looked a little like a repeat of Berkeley on Wednesday and Thursday--we had 2 inches of rain when Opal moved through--but Friday was clear and dry. We met at the home of Don and Carol Finlay (TR6 owners who served coffee and donuts so we let them go with us) and 5 British cars took Route 460 to Petersburg, stopping at a 50's MacDonalds for lunch. Climbing Afton Mountain would have been a lot more fun if two trucks hadn't decided to race, but ended up neck-and-neck doing about 25 mph--MG's don't like to go that slow.

We arrived at the host hotel, the Ingleside Resort, mid-afternoon. For those of us with roadweary, mud-spattered cars, a car-washing spot was provided, complete with bucket, soapy water, brushes and sponges. I washed off the Berkeley mud (remember, it rained Wednesday and Thursday, and even I won't wash a car in a thunderstorm) and made the B presentable. The parking lot was filled with British cars, so people were wandering around all evening looking at them and talking about them. The evening program was a barbeque dinner and an auction. Last year there weren't any MG parts. This year there were a few but they were all big, expensive items, like a brand new radiator, 3 cylinder heads, and complete carbs sets. No bargains there, but someone who had a TR4 or a TR8 could've almost restored the car with all the parts offered.

Saturday morning was a bit dewy so everyone was out wiping down the cars before we caravanned over to the show site, a gently rolling park with lots of trees and a river to walk along. The flea market wasn't as big as I had expected, but the cars were fantastic. The boat-tail Rolls Royce and the Aston Martin were show stoppers. The Bentley wasn't as well-

appointed as Ivie Lister's, but it had been owned by a Belgian prince. There were more MG's than last year, though only 2 of them were T's, and it was very difficult to vote for your favorite--popular choice determined most of the winners, but there was also a judged prized in each class. Some of the voters knew more than others. Bob McClaren overheard one bystander ask a TVR owner, "Is this a Chevette?" He didn't stick around for the fireworks. They had lots of stuff to raffle so almost all of us won something--ask Barry about his "wonderful" prize--but things were winding down by 3:00 so we all left.

The evening's entertainment was a banquet served buffet-style. The head table went first, then everyone else, no table order. Sounds disorganized, but participants ended up talking to lots of people while waiting in line, so it became a giant mixer. The presentation of awards, often a yawner, was a real hoot. The emcee (he played DJ at the show) had a great sense of humor and knew how to create enthusiasm. There were large contingents from North Carolina and Pennsylvania who were encouraged to sound off. Maryland had fewer people but since it was "close to Pennsylvania" they were included. One winner from Williamsburg was told he was "close to North Carolina" so they cheered for him. We didn't win any awards, but Henry Cristoff took First Place People's Choice in the chrome bumper MG class. Way to go!!

This year the Parkway Tour was held on Sunday. Knowing we would spend 4 hours driving home, we declined, as did just about everyone else. The morning was clear and bright, perfect for sightseeing, so we stopped at the overlook on Afton Mountain. Route 250 between Charlottesville and Richmond was a nice, quiet 2-lane road, perfect for touring. We were a little disappointed that the leaves hadn't changed color yet, but had a great time anyway. We're already looking forward to next year!

Berkeley or Rust!

by Susan Bond

We really did need the rain, after months of drought. We just didn't need it on the day of the 11th Annual Richmond British Festival at Berkeley Plantation. After seeing Ken and Amy off on their trip to St. Louis, where he'll be stationed with the Coast Guard, I left for Berkeley in my BGT. . . in the rain. Halfway there I was thinking, "Why am I driving to a car show in the pouring rain?" when I saw another BGT along the side of the road and thought "I'm not the only nut going to a car show in the rain!" He must have thought the same thing--he pulled back onto the road and followed me in.

I checked in in the rain, toured the small flea market in the rain, and picked up a door prize in the rain (an Eezi bleed kit which will come in handy because I'd better bleed the brakes before I set out for Waynesboro--thank you Seven Enterprises!). Then it stopped raining. And I started seeing Tidewater members.

Bill Keeler and son Greg had arrived wet and early in the TD. (Bill also won a door prize--some carwash and wax.) Barry Tyson drove modern iron. He arrived dry and early. Paul Thiergardt drove his TF and won an honorable mention with it. Gerry McVeigh drove his B. Mike Jones' son, Jason, won a first with a green CGT. I didn't even know Mike was there until they collected their prize and left. Robert Davis arrived a bit late after having problems with a camper he was towing behind his Land Rover. J. D. Hawthorne won third place with his B. I didn't know he had brought it, he spent the whole day working for Seven. If I missed anyone else, I'm sorry. Be sure to check in with us at the regalia tent next year.

The club regalia, complete with a canopy to protect it from the rain, arrived--just as it stopped raining. How it got there is another tale. Peggy Bradford set out Friday in her TD

only to have the brakes fail a mile from her house. Back she went to get the modern iron. She, Greg Coogan, and George and Susan Ulrich spent the night at Peggy's cottage in Gloucester. The next morning the Ulrich B wouldn't start. Seems a valve guide decided to leave home. So all the luggage was packed into Peggy's Isuzu and Greg's Midget. They had a wonderful time at the Saturday events the Richmond club had arranged, and said the Saturday night dance was the highlight of the weekend. But the rain on Sunday made the trip from the hotel to the show field a bit damp for the men in the Midget. Packing everything into the 2 cars for the ride home was also fun, but I still think the canopy is a great idea--it gives us a place to meet members, both current and prospective, and gives some protection from the sun/rain (delete as needed). We even sell a few pieces of regalia now and then.

I'm sorry the early morning crew decided against the trip, but I probably would have done the same thing that early in the morning. Also, not having cable TV, the only forecast I had to go by was in the newspaper which predicted rain all day and they are always wrong so I knew it would stop. Now we can look forward to next year's Berkeley and hope for better weather.

WAYNESBORO 95 (CON'T)

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FRANK & GLORIA LINSE - 58 MGA COUPE
BARRY TYSON - 69 MGB
DON FINLAY & JOHN THOMPSON - 76 TR6
SUSAN BOND & CAROL FINLAY - 72 MGBGT
PEGGY BRADFORD & GREG COOGAN - MODERN
STUFF

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!

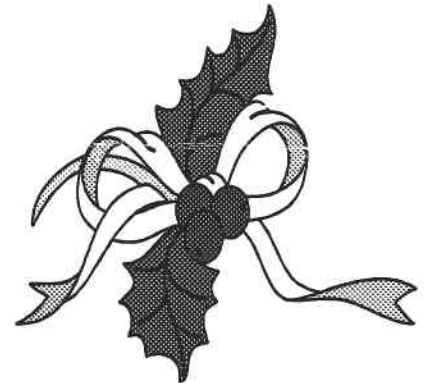
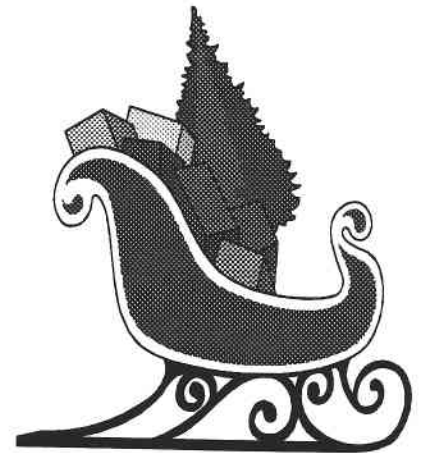
And Santa will arrive or his stand-in elf,
So wrap up a gift you'd want, even for yourself.

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:

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Please RSVP for coming and bringing a dish by 30 November



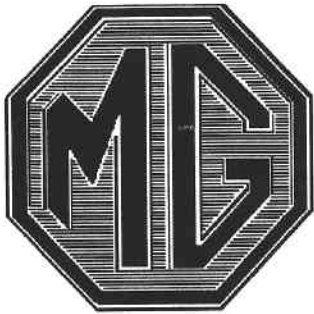
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A Final Thought

Ten Commandments of the MG Collector

- I Thou shalt not store thy MG out of doors
- II Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's MG, nor his garage, nor his tools, nor his manuals.
- III Thou shalt not love thy MG more than thy spouse; as much, but not more.
- IV Thou shalt not read shop manuals on company time, lest thy company make it impossible to continue thy car payments.
- V Thou shalt not despise thy neighbor's Porsche, nor his Mercedes, nor even his BMW.
- VI Thy shalt not let thy daughters marry during the holy days of Berkeley or Bowie.
- VII Thy shalt not deceive thy spouse into thinking that thou art taking them for a romantic Sunday drive, when indeed, thou art going to look at another MG.
- VIII Thou shalt not buy thy spouse a floor jack for Christmas.
- IX Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest restoration, at least not all at one time.
- X Thou shalt not promise thy spouse a new addition to thy house and then use it to store thy MGs and spare parts.



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