



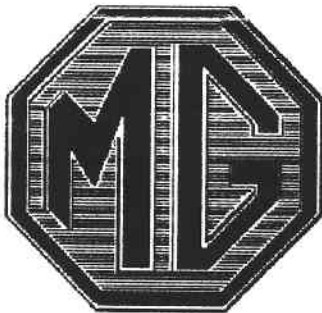
# The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG Classics

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*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.*



*Got a Question, problem, complaint, comment, or anything for The Dipstick, call Gregg Coogan at: (804) 464-0543*

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## Marque Time

A short but busy meeting was held in July. Since none of the committee members were present not much new business was discussed. The annual dues of \$25.00 are payable this month.

The next tech session is scheduled for Sunday, August 18th at Bob McClaren's. This could be your last chance for tune-up and other minor adjustments prior to the drive to Berkeley. Bill Keeler talked briefly on his trip to Indy, more to follow next meeting.

Registration forms for Berkeley are in this newsletter so register early. The club will be well represented at this show and we will have our banner and tent in place.

There are also a few forms for Waynesboro left, call me if you are interested!

Lastly, the Antique Auto Club of America is having their special National Fall Meet in Chesapeake Sept. 5-7. Estimating 600 cars, AACA membership is required but the show is open to all spectators. A rare opportunity to see some truly classic iron of every make and vintage.

Frank Linse

*Remember-Dues are now Due Send yours in or bring it to the next meeting. Help us maintain the type of club you wish to belong to.*

## UP-COMING CLUB ACTIVITIES...

- |            |                  |  |
|------------|------------------|--|
| Tue        | Aug 6            | Monthly Meeting<br>Libby & Bill Keeler's<br>636 Montebello Circle<br>Chesapeake 547-2709<br>Indy '96' Slides |
| Fri to Sun | Aug 9<br>Aug 11  | Roadster Factory<br>Summer Party<br>Armagh, Pa<br>(800) 234-1104   |
| Sun        | Aug 18           | Tech Session<br>The McLaren's<br>5612 Susquehanna Dr<br>Va Bch 490-2114                                      |
| Weds       | Sep 4            | Monthly Meeting<br>The Viller's  |
| Sat & Sun  | Sep 14<br>Sep 15 | 12th annual Richmond<br>British Car Days<br>Central Va MG Classics Ltd<br>Berkeley Plantation                |
| Sun        | Sep 29           | Annual Pig Roast<br>The Holcomb's  |
| Tues Sun   | Oct 01<br>Oct 05 | Monthly Meeting<br>Fall British Car Fest<br>Shenandoah Valley<br>British Car Club<br>(540) 943-5697          |
| Weds       | Nov 06           | Monthly Meeting  |

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## Meeting Minutes

Frank opened the meeting promptly at 8:05 after a brief shower that scared all the weather weenies away. He thanked Bill and Leslie for the hospitality of their beautiful home.

The minutes were accepted without argument.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: \$132.50, Disbursements: \$216.40, Balance \$549.03

Several Committee Chair people were absent so reports were brief.

Activities: Although Shelly was not present there was discussion of a tech session in August. Unfortunately, a site could not be agreed upon. There appears to be no new activities planned as of this date until the pig pickin in September. Greg Coogan will continue to list autocross events in the area. It was also mentioned again that the Berkeley show in September will limit the number of registrants.

Newsletter: Greg AGAIN asked for contributions. Come on, get him your interesting stories, news, notes, and priceless bon-mots.

Regalia: BUY COOLIES NOW. Scientific studies have shown that they keep your brewed beverages significantly cooler while you're stuck under your car trying to loosen the oil drain bolt.

Old Business: Not much worth reporting.

New Business: Even less worth reporting.

Marque Time: Mark Childers and Vince Childers are restoring a 69/70/71 BGT(they can't decide the year) in Blaze Red. Let them know if you're interested.

Barry Tyson had an ad from a friend who is selling a 58 MGA coupe with spare engines and parts for \$6500.

Frank reported that former member Tom Sawyer is doing well in Canada and is busy restoring several B's and other cars.

Mark Childers did some repair work for Dave Barrow who sends his regards.

The raffle was held for a new club jacket. Mike Haag won the raffle but turned down the prize because he won a similar prize last year! Great spirit Mike. The second drawing was won by Scot Coogan. We all sighed in disbelief before adjourning the meeting to chow down.

## Autocross Calendar

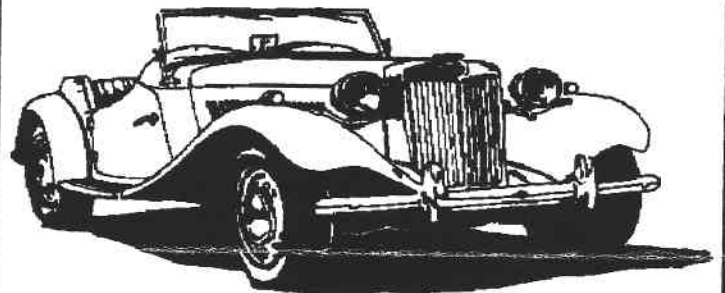
Aug 11	Sun	Too Hot Autocross TSCC C. Sanders Tenative @ Fentress
Aug 18	Sun	Fort Lee, Va VMSC K. Van Horn
Sep 08	Sun	Va Mtr Sports Park Dinwiddie, Va VMSC K. Van Horn
Sep 15	Sun	Downtown, Wilson, N. C. Tarheel SCC Tenative, Festival
Sep 22	Sun	Old Dom Reg SCCA Ft Monroe
Oct 06	Sun	Back to School TSCC
Oct 20	Sun	Old Dom Reg SCCA Ft Monroe
Oct 20	Sun	Old Rocky Mount (N C) Airport Tarheel SCC
Oct 20	Sun	South Side Speedway VMSC (804)598-4009
Nov 10	Sun	Tidewater Winter 4-# 1 TSCC-Fentress
Nov 17	Sun	Old Dom Reg SCCA Ft Monroe
Nov 23 & Nov 24	Sat & Sun	State Champ AutoX Va Mtr Sprts Prk Dinwiddie, Va VMSC
Dec 15	Sun	Tidewater Winter 4 #2 TSCC-Fentress

**Motor Faster**



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luggage rack. Blue with tan interior. Top boot and  
tonneau included. 71,000 miles - \$2200.00 call Dennis  
Sobota**

**1973 MGB GT Olde Eng White w/red leather. Full  
restoration 6 K ago. 106,000 miles. Overdrive, wires,  
am/fm-cassette, good dash. Good oil pressure. 483-**

The weather gremlins had decided to have fun with us on the 9th of June, the day we had scheduled for our run to Mel's Diner in Grandy, North Carolina. Lots of clouds, and a shower before I left home, but British cars are used to the rain, they may not be able to keep it out, but they are used to it. Four cars of people met at the Military Circle McDonalds: Mark Childers, Susan Bond Doug and Eiko Wilson (all the way from Williamsburg) in MG's, and Shelley and Angeline Pellegrino in a Trans Am. We finally decided that no one else was going to show up so we optimistically hit the road with tops down. Halfway down the Great Bridge bypass the skies opened so everyone pulled over to pessimistically put tops up. But once we got into North Carolina it was nice and sunny, and getting on towards hot.

We didn't have to wait long for a table at Mel's and the food was almost too much to eat in one meal. The decor and the poodle skirts on the waitresses made it feel like we'd been riding in time machines, not MG's. After checking out the gift shop, Mark led the way, and led, and led. He pulled into the rest area at Kitty Hawk where Shelley told us we were taking the ferry out of Currituck, not Nags Head. Back up the road we went, and made it to the ferry just in time. The water was a little choppy and we could see rain all around us on the way over, but didn't have to drive through any till we were back in Virginia. It was a damp trip, but lots of fun. Thank you Shelley for organizing it!

**Lots of Scots** The Tidewater Scottish Festival is a great place to spend the day. This year the cars were parked in the same place, under the pine trees, but everything else had been rearranged. Across the road from us was the Highland Market Place. Had to go through it to get anywhere else and I just happened to see several great things to buy. We were close to the main ring and could hear the loud speakers so it was easy to run over to see the goings on that interested us. Actually we didn't do much running. It was another scorching day, and we were thankful for the light breeze that cooled us off under the trees.

This year there were 3 pipe bands, quite a few individual pipers competing for prizes behind us, and a great rock/Celtic band later in the afternoon. The caber toss competitors seemed to be a bit more successful than last year, some of the throws were pretty good. I never did get to the Border Collie ring at the right time to see them run, but I did see the Scottish Country dancing, and the Highland dancing went on all day. It was also nice to just sit in the shade and talk to friends about MG's! MG members in attendance were: Frank Linse, Bob McClaren, Russ Geister (prospective member), Ed Meadows and Maureen Bangley, Jerry and Linda Swartz, Mark Childers and Susan Bond.

Much as I enjoyed the day, I hope the organizers rethink the field layout for next year. We were originally supposed to be out in the sun, but Ed Kehrig said "No way!" and parked us in the shade. Unfortunately, the terrier dogs and their owners were also in the shade and didn't seem too happy to share it. When they started their show, some of the spectators demonstrated their lack of respect for antique cars and other people. I sure hate to rope the cars off to keep people off of them, but sometimes it can't be avoided. Most of the people really enjoyed seeing the cars and I think they really add to the day (Of course, I may be a bit prejudiced. We took our car to many Highland games and county shows when we were in Scotland). I'll keep in touch with Ed and let you know the plans for next year.

*by Susan Bond*

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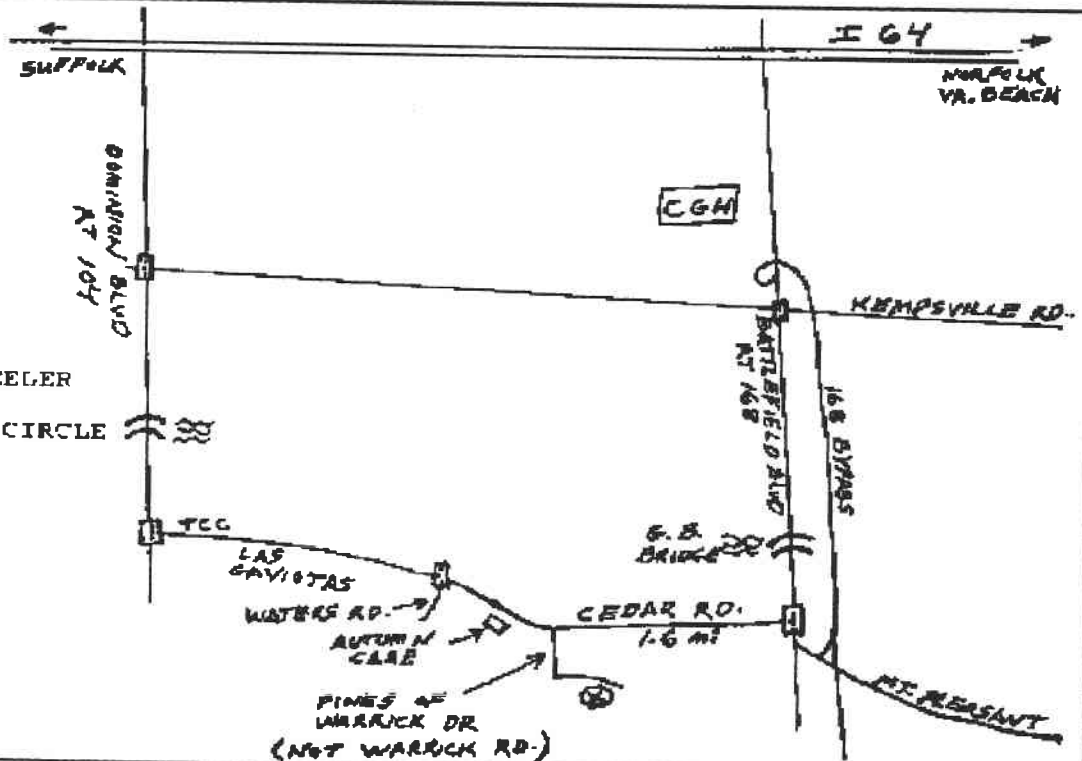
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### Next Meeting

Tuesday, August sixth. Kick tires 7:30 PM Business meeting 8:00 PM. Hosted by; Libby and Bill Keeler. H 547-2709 636 Montebello Circle, Virginia Beach, Va. 436-3595-W

AGC MEETING  
TUES, AUG 6, 1996  
KICK TYRES 7:30PM  
BUSINESS 8:00PM  
HOSTED BY:  
BILL & LIBBY KEELER  
636 MONTEBELLO CIRCLE  
CHESAPEAKE, VA  
547-2709



**The Tidewater MG Classics**  
 Preserving the Marque since 1973  
 1996-1997 Membership Application and Renewal Form

Annual membership renewals are due on 1 July, 1996. The Following information is for club use only. Social registers (containing information marked with an asterisk) are distributed yearly to all members. Except for the names and phone numbers of club officers and chairpersons, membership roster data is not released outside the club.

New members: Please fill in all data.

Renewals: please fill in line 1, update 2-5 and MG ownership/registry data.

1. \*First \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ \*Last \_\_\_\_\_

2. \*Member Since \_\_\_\_\_ Former TMGC  
 office/chairs \_\_\_\_\_

3. \*Significant other/reciprocal club name \_\_\_\_\_

4. \*Street \_\_\_\_\_ \*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

5. \*Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Dig Page/Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

6. MG ownership and registry data:

	*Year	*Model	Color	Purchased	National / International Registry and Registry #	Restored, For Sale Daily Driver, Antique or custom tag, etc.
Car #1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Dues Schedule**

July 96-July97	1 Jan-1 Jun
\$ 20.00 local	\$10.00 local
\$ 15.00 out of town	\$7.50 out of town

\* Other clubs: no fee with reciprocal membership for TMGC. Please mail newsletter and correspondence to Editor - "The Dipstick".

\* Local: Va Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News, Suffolk, Williamsburg.

\* Out of area membership covers cost of Dipstick mailings.

\* National Association Officials: no fee; Association newsletter ICO Editor "The Dipstick" is requested.

\* Please remit payment with this application to TMGC Membership Chairman.

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Office use only: Date rcvd \_\_\_\_\_ Amt rcvd \_\_\_\_\_ Date funds forwarded to treasurer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Added to social roster \_\_\_\_\_ First Dipstick mailed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date affiliate newsletter recieved \_\_\_\_\_ Social call for next meeting/info \_\_\_\_\_

## Twelfth Annual Richmond British Car Days presented by: The Central Virginia MG Classics, Ltd. (Rain or Shine)

**Saturday, September 14, 1996**

**Arrive 11:00-4:00** Richmond Airport Hilton  
Registration open in lobby

**11:00-4:00** Hospitality Room

**12:00-2:00** Road Rally (Battlefield Tour)  
(Free for pre-registered cars)

**11:00-5:00** Vendor display by Seven  
Enterprises, Ltd.

**11:00-5:00** Chamber of Horrors Display  
by Motorhead, Ltd

**2:30-3:30** Rust & Body Repair Tech Session  
by British Car Service, Inc

**4:00-5:00** "Motorhead Inspection" tech  
session with electrical discussion  
by Motorhead, Ltd

**3:00-Until** End of Summer Party with live  
music and Hors D'oeuvres  
(Served between 8:00-10:00 pm)  
on Hiltons Flight Deck with pool  
and jacuzzi.

**Sunday, September 15, 1996**

**Show Location:** Historic Berkeley Plantation  
Route 5, Charles City, Va.

**Class Awards:** Classes and awards are based  
on pre-registration (judging  
by registrants)

**Special Awards:** -Best of Show  
-Berkeley Award  
-Most Opportunity for Improvement  
-Oldest Car  
-Longest Distance Driven

**9:00 AM** Registration and field opens

**12:30 PM** Registration Closes

**2:00 PM** Judging Ends

**3:30 PM** Presentation of Awards

### *Richmond British Car Days Registration Form* *Early Registration Deadline is September 1, 1996*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Series \_\_\_\_\_  
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Local Car Club \_\_\_\_\_

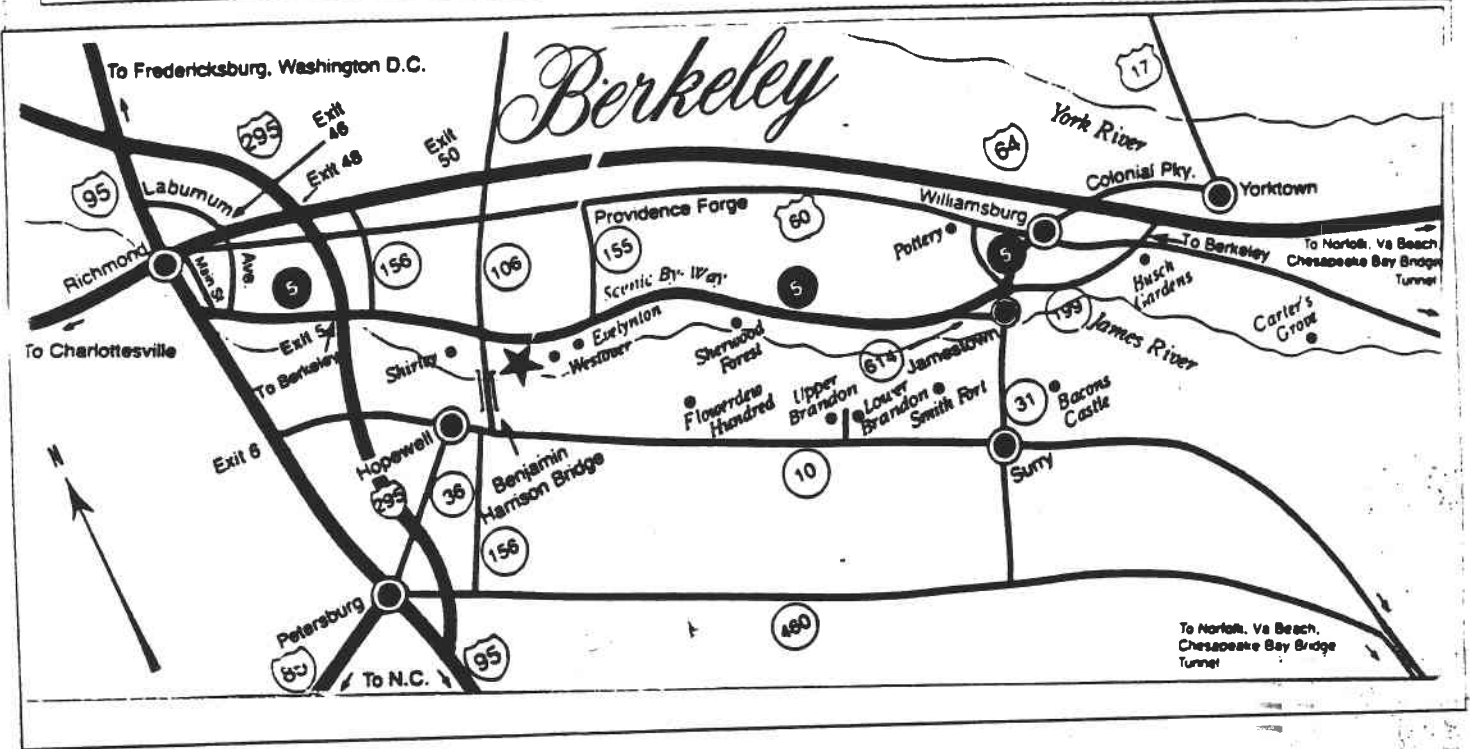
Yes, Register me for the Saturday Road \_\_\_\_\_  
Rally (Free for all pre-registered cars)  
# of tickets for the Saturday party @\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(children under 12 free)  
# of vehicles for pre-registration @\$12.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicles(after Sept 1st)@\$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor pre-registration @\$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor (after Sept 1st) @\$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
# of vehicles for sale @\$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Full page ad in program booklet @\$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Half page ad in program booklet @\$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
1/4 page ad in program booklet @\$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
400 copies reg packet ads @\$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes I would like to offer door prizes for show participants  
and will send them by September 1 \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to:**  
**Central Virginia MG Classics, Ltd**  
Send to :  
**Richmond British Car Days**  
**Glen Allen, Va 23059**  
**(804)759-3262 for reg confirmation**  
**(804)745-3305 for further info**

WAIVER OF LIABILITY must be signed to enter show.  
Neither I nor my heirs will hold the Central Virginia MG  
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traveling to or from this event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
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# BRITISH CAR DAYS-BERKELEY cont.



**Dont' forget to send in your dues and form!**

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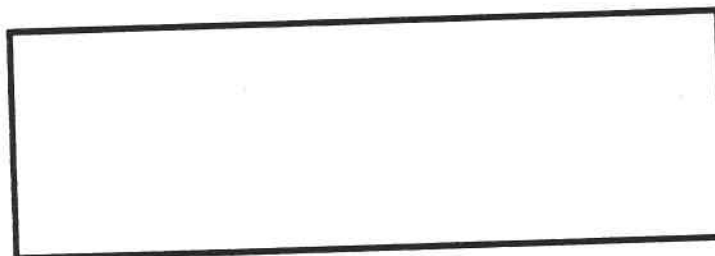


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