



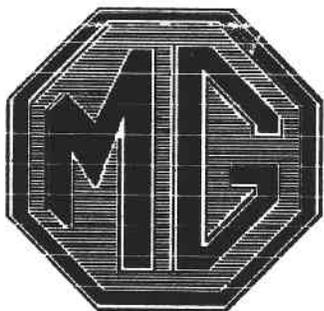
The Dipstick

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 Greg Coogan at: (804) 464-0543

Need a Change of Address? Contact John Severin, the Membership Chairman at: (804) 481-9054

Marque Time

We have finally had an opportunity to do some tire kicking again.

Members standing around with raised hoods is probably a good indication that spring has arrived. I noticed that Mike Ashe was crawling around the underside of an MGA.

The meeting went well and the crowd was great.

We are planning a repeat drive-out to North Carolina on the 9th of June. Plan to meet at Military Circle (McDonalds) at 11:00 AM. The return trip will include a ferry crossing at Carrituck.

I visited the engravers shop on the 8th of May and was assured that we would have the name tags by next meeting.

I have also recieved a dozen or so registration forms for the october 4, 5, 6th Waynesboro British Car Show. I will have them available at Bob Miller's on Tues the fourth of June. See you there

Frank

UP-COMING CLUB ACTIVITIES...

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| Sun | June 2 | Red Mill British Car Day
Clinton, N. J.
R. Miller (908) 735-5417 |
| Tue | June 4 | Monthly Meeting
Judy & Bob Miller
(804) 487-2214 |
| Sun | June 9 | Mel's Diner drive out
Military Circle McDonald's
11:00 AM |
| Sun | Jun 23 | British Car
Bowie, Md |
| Sun | Jun 23 | British Car Day
Allen Pond Park
Bowie, Md |
| Wed to Sun | Jun 26
Jun 30 | MG-'96
Indianapolis, Ind.
(800) 723- MGMG |
| Wed | Jul 3 | Monthly Meeting
Bill Seib & Leslie Paul
617 Reasor Rd.
VA Bch, Va
(804) 420-9523 |
| Tue | Aug 6 | Monthly Meeting
Libby & Bill Keeler's |
| Sat & Sun | Sep 14
Sep 15 | 12th annual Richmond
British Car Days
Central Va MG Classics Ltd
Berkely Plantation |

"The Dipstick" is the official newsletter of the Tidewater M G Classics

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Meeting Minutes

May Meeting Minutes:

Frank Linse called the meeting to order promptly at 8:07 PM. He thanked Andy and Cynthia for their hospitality and welcomed a few new members but I couldn't type fast enough to get the names. Sorry. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts: \$31.00

Disbursements: \$142.58

Balance: \$704.93

Activities: Shelly reported on the successful drive-out to Mel's Diner in North Carolina. Her suggestion was to take this drive again soon but return in the Knotts Island Ferry. Much discussion was also thrown about regarding a drive-out to Jenro's or Doumars during May. Because of the Richmond car show it was determined that we'd be better off to wait until June 9 for another drive-out to Mel's. Meet at the Military Circle McDonalds at 11:00AM. If you're interested in driving to the Richmond Show meet at 7:30 at the McDonald's in Military Circle at 7:30 AM to convoy up there.

Membership: Mark Childers reported that Richard Ackerman called to get membership information. Membership stands at 115 or so. John Severin nodded approvingly as the new membership chair. John also is leading our internet efforts to have a site on the world wide web. Look for exciting news on this front in the months to come.

Technical: Bob was not present physically, but was present in spirit.

Regalia: Mark pushed his lapel pins hard. Limited editions so buy yours now before he orders more. Discussion then degraded into a six way argument regarding the color of the next t-shirt order.

Newsletter: Greg pleaded for contributions!!! Please give him some contributions, photos, secret messages, anything.

Old Business: Andy suggested Vince.

Marque Time: Hank Giffin can be reached at COMCRUDESGRU Two, Unit 60008, FPO AE 09506-4701.

Report from the most recent autocross noted a corvette that decided to take a drive through the woods. Next autocross at Fentress is 5/26.

Doug Kennedy reported that his newly restored 69B sold over the internet within a week to someone in Buffalo NY for the price he asked. This means that either he wasn't asking enough, or the internet is a better way to buy and sell a car that looking in the local paper! If you're interested give him a call and he'll list it for you.

Bill Keeler reported that his B restoration is now running and no longer leaks!! Hopefully he'll have it at the June meeting so we can all take a look at his work.

Frank asked for a motion to adjourn, one was given, and we all chowed down like rabid dogs.

Mail before June 12th to:
The Original British Car Day
 P.O. Box 1601
 Lorton, VA 22199-1601

Please make check payable to: **Chesapeake Chapter, NEMGTR** For information call: **(703) 323-1260**



NAME(owner) _____ TELEPHONE () _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAKE OF CAR _____ SERIES _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY-- MUST BE SIGNED TO ENTER. NEITHER I OR MY HEIRS WILL HOLD THE CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER OF THE NEMGTR, LTD., OR THE CITY OF BOWIE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES DONE TO ME OR MY CAR WHILE ENGAGED IN, OR TRAVELING TO OR FROM THIS EVENT.

SIGNATURE _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CLASSIFICATION | PRE-REG |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAR ENTRANT | \$ 10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAR FOR SALE | \$ 30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADVERTISER | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVE-IN | \$ 20.00 |

1970 MGB FOR SALE Red roadster with black interior. Fresh battery, brakes and tires. Carbs rebuilt. Good runner. \$2500.00 Call Mark @ 473-1757 or Dig Pgr 626-

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.



Your Name

1979 MGB FOR SALE Many new parts, just tuned, overdrive and luggage rack. Blue with tan interior. Top boot and tonneau included. 71,000 miles - \$2200.00 call Dennis Sobota at 363-8733

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. 483-5273-H, 579-2176-W Stuart Bennett, Chesapeake

Name tags are available for sale. Price is \$5.00 per tag. Order at next meeting or send check or money order to: Frank Linse, 301 E McGinnis Circle, Norfolk, Va.

Wanted: steering rack for a 1975 through 1979 MG "B". Proud owner please notify Mark Childers for negotiations. Home: 473-1757 Pager: 626-9686

1986 MG Metro Group B Rally Car. Blk/blk & Yellow, 365 HP, 4WD, 1,500 miles. Perfect condition. best offer. Frank (818) 889-1793. Ca.

The Old MG

*When I was eighteen or twenty
I bought an old TB
I had worked and saved like a beaver
For I wanted my first MG*

*Her body was built by Tickford
Her bonnet a sight to see
But the doors were high for my elbows
When I went out in my old MG*

*I remember nights when the moon was full
And we sped over lakeland passes
like young tup-lambs on a summer night
We were dreaming of bonnie lasses*

*In the field of romance I was backward
And girls in those days weren't so free
So the long look down the bonnet
Warmed my blood, in the old MG*

*Her motor roared and trembled
Her chassis was part of me
It seemed to envelope my manhood
And I grew up, in my old MG*

*I will not relate in detail
How I lost my virginit-tee
I will only say, the moment
Was related to my old MG*

*Work and study engaged my time
though oft-times I had to flee
To clear my mind, with the wind in my hair
Roaring out, in the old MG*

*I continued to work like a beaver
For I wanted a better MG
I had fallen in love with the beauty
of the cut-away door TD*

*I love to drive with my elbows
over the side and free
Free like the wings of a fulmar
As she circles over the sea*

*The TD was strong and reliable
and often went on the spree
With a bonny wee lass beside me
And my hand upon her knee*

*The knee and the gear are close at hand
And often that knowing smile
Invited us into the country
To tarry there for a while*

*Ah! yputh is all to transient
Yet, infinite then it seemed
Life moved on, the car was sold
But those days' I've often dreamed*

*Kipling said, "Dream but don't make
dreams your master
Think, but don't make thoughts your aim"
I say, don't drown in your nostalgia
But buy an old MG and do the same*

*A TF was my ultimate
the dream of dreams to me
Now thirty years have gone since then
but i'm back in my old MG*

*I'm not a trained mechanic
Nor yet a concourse man
But I love to drive my TF
AS often as I can*

*Today my dreams are coming true
I can stroke my lady's knee
And all is well in our motoring world
When we're out in our old MG*

Len Hayton, Kendal, Cumbria

AUTOCROSS-SUNDAY JUNE -30TH

Fentress-NALF Sponsored by TSCC

Sign ups from 9:00am, first car off at 10:00am

Contact Gregg Coogan for more info (804) 4640543

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285 Fast Road Camshaft \$99.00

Aamco convertible top, zip out window \$179.00

We will beat anyone's part prices, guaranteed!!!

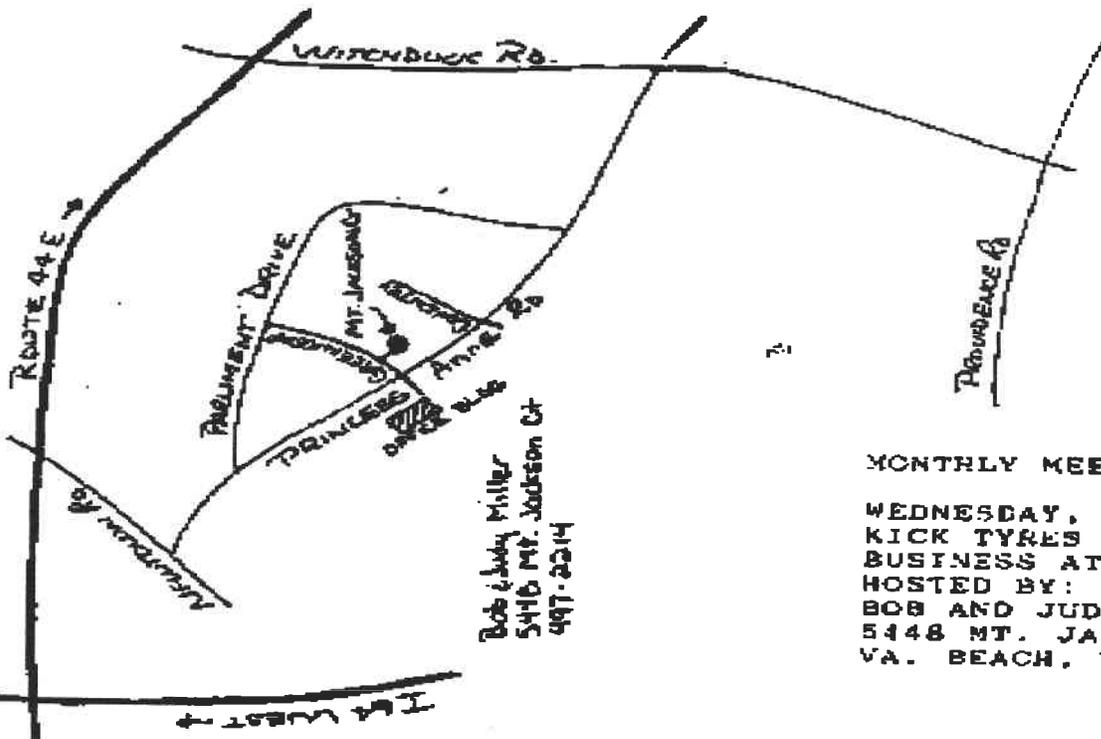
Scot Coogan
Moss Distributor

(804) 497 0787



Next Meeting

Tues June 4th Kick tires: 7:30PM Business meeting 8:00 PM.
Hosted by, Judy & Bob Miller, 5448 Mt. Jackson Ct, Va Bch, Va



MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1992
KICK TYRES AT 7:30
BUSINESS AT 8:00
HOSTED BY:
BOB AND JUDY MILLER
5448 MT. JACKSON CT
VA. BEACH, VA 497-2214

The Original British Car Day

Nineteenth Annual Meet

Sponsored by The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG "T" Register
SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1996 at Allen Pond Park in Bowie, Maryland (RAIN OR SHINE)
**FEATURING: ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND NEW BRITISH CAR DISPLAY, ANTIQUE
 AND CRAFT DEALERS, FLEA MARKET.**

FIELD OPENS AT 9:00 A.M.--- JUDGING BEGINS AT 11:00 A.M.

All British Cars and Motor Bikes welcome, Car Parts Vendors, Antique, Flea Market and Craft Dealers are also invited. Last year over 750 cars were on display and more than 115 awards were presented to the car owners. The show was attended by more than 4,000 people. A dash plaque is guaranteed to all preregistered cars. Every car/motor bike will be placed in a class for judging and award purposes. Cars not parked in assigned class will not be eligible for awards. Any advertisement of this event without consent is prohibited.

AWARDS:

First, second and third place pewter for each marque or series with at least **12 PREREGISTERED** cars.
 First and second place pewter for each marque or series with at least **9 PREREGISTERED** cars.
 First place pewter for each marque or series with at least **6 PREREGISTERED** cars.
 Honorable mention ribbons.
 Judging done by registrants (Popular Vote).
 The field opens at 9:00 A.M., the judging begins at 11:00 A.M. and the balloting is closed at 1:00 P.M.
 The awards will be presented at 3:00 P.M.

"FOR SALE":

A special area will be set aside for all "For Sale Cars": **\$30.00 preregistered, \$45.00 at the gate.** "For Sale" class will have awards based on numbers preregistered.
 No "For Sale" or promotional signs will be allowed in award classes display area.

VENDOR SPACES:

Minimum size for one space is enough area for a van and two tables: **\$30.00 at the gate, no preregistration.**
 Only one vehicle per vendor space. Any vendor with more than one vehicle will pay \$30.00 for each additional and \$15.00 for a trailer.

ADVERTISERS:

Send 700 inserts before June 12 along with \$100.00 and we will put one in each registration packet. Inserts/flyers, etc. may only be distributed from a vendor space.

CAR ENTRANT:

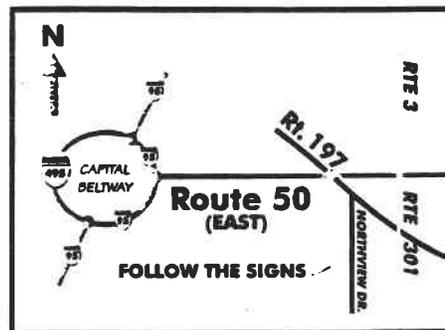
Car classes will be based on number of cars preregistered by June 12th.
Preregistration by June 12 is \$10.00. The fee for entries post-marked after June 12 and at the gate is \$20.00. THE FIELD WILL BE LIMITED TO 650 CARS. Absolutely no selling or vending in display areas. No car trailers allowed in display areas. **All display cars must be driven onto the field.** "For Sale" or promotional signs will be allowed only in "For Sale" or Vendor areas.

OPERATORS:

\$1.00 per person admission/children under 12 accompanied by an adult are free.

FOOD:

Food and beverages will be sold at the show and picnic areas will be available. No beer will be sold at the field.



Two Car Shows in One (HOT) Weekend

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by Susan Bond

I usually don't get to the The Richmond Triumph Register's British Car Show at Stony Point School because of competing events, but this year we managed it. What we hadn't counted on was the weather. Hot.

Terry and I left home early on Friday, 17 May with Tidewater Region AACA members headed for Martinsville for the 44th Annual Old Dominion Meet. I drove my MGBGT oven and Terry drove the truck (no A/C) with the Triumph motorcycle in the back and the Model T Ford on the trailer. Hot trip. 220 miles later, we pulled into the hotel parking lot. Hot and tired. Because of rain the week before, I hadn't been able to wash the MG, so I did that in a hurry Saturday morning, and wiped all the dust off the dash when we got to the showfield- -quick jobs when you have a small car. Hot job. That evening at the awards banquet I was very glad I had taken the time. My GT won its very first trophy, a third place in the special interest class. What a SURPRISE!! I won't tell you how many other cars were in the class, but a car has to score a minimum of 240 points. Just wait till I get all that rust fixed!

Sunday morning we left Martinsville with some other British car owners we recruited - - Ivie Lister and Margaret with his '53 Bentley (you may have met him at our tech session), Jerry and Linda Swartz and their '77 Midget (potential members), and Ivan Joslin who owns a Jaguar and a TR3 but drove a Pontiac. Hot trip. We just beat the registration deadline, and since I was the only one preregistered, we tied up traffic on the one-lane road into the school while some very irate people were trying to get out. Hot wait. I guess they didn't like British cars. Hot people.

Gregg and Scot Coogan were manning our TMGC tent and signing up new members. Hot job. I saw Frank Linse, Bob Miller, Barry Tyson, Mike Haag (sans MG), Carol and Don Finlay, and Bill and Greg Keeler, and Greg Coogan said Howard Ling was there. Hot members. We applied sun screen and occasionally ventured out of the shade to look at cars. Hot day.

There was such a good turnout of MGB's at this Triumph show that they divided them into 3 classes, based on year of manufacture. This was the first time out for Bill Keeler's '73 B, which he has spent the last few years meticulously restoring. If you think his garage is clean, you should see this car! Many of the participants did and voted for it. Bill won FIRST PLACE!! All he needs is a radio. I'm sure this is only the first of many awards that car will take home. Congratulations Bill and Greg!

Our group was in no hurry to leave. We decided to sit out the heat in the shade and in the Fox and Hounds British Pub, and travel when it was cooler. If this weekend had happened in July, we wouldn't have griped about the heat so much. The temperature had dropped to the 30's earlier in the week and was in the high 90's the days of the shows. We just weren't used to it yet. But what a weekend! I just hope it's cooler when we do the same trip next year.

Tidewater Scottish Festival

by Susan Bond

If you've ever wondered about the land our little cars come from, the Tidewater Scottish Festival is for you. We attended last year and had a great time. The cars were parked in the only natural shade available, right across from the Highland Games field - Scots like to get together and toss around bits of the landscape. We watched the caber toss, stone throw, hammer throw and sheaf toss from the comfort of our lawn chairs. They made everything but the caber toss look easy

We took in the Highland Dancing and Scottish Country Dancing, watched the Border Colliesherding sheep, listened to the bagpipes, and enjoyed a pint and a song in the pub tent. There was even a whisky-tasting tent. All the clans had tents and displays and they paraded around the ring with the pipe bands for the opening ceremonies. There were also puppet shows and a petting zoo for the kids. The market square had stalls selling all sorts of Scottish items, from antiques to clothes to CD's. We didn't even need to pack a lunch- -bridies and steak and kidney pies were available

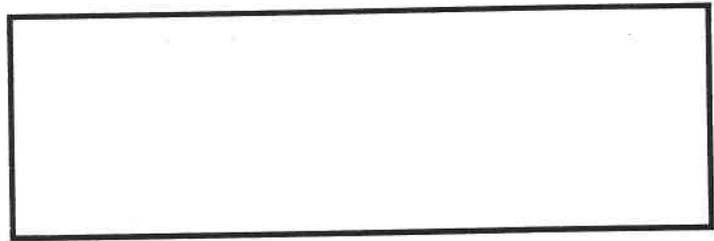
This year the Tidewater Scottish Festival will be held Saturday, the 22nd of June at the Chesapeake City Park (also known as the Jubilee site) on Greenbrier Parkway. To get information on this years attractions and to sign up, please give Ed Kehrig a call at 497-8073 by the 15th. He'd really like to know ahead of time if you plan to attend, and will send you a a map and a pass so you can get in free. The cars should be there by 9:00 am to avoid the spectator traffic. If you decide at the last minute to make a day of it, that's OK too. Even if you aren't Scottish, you'll have a great time at the Tidewater Scottish Festival!

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First Class Mail