

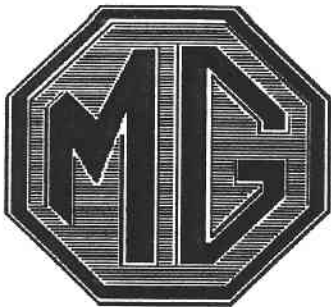
The Dipstick

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.



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

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Marque Time

The weather on the 6th of Feb was pretty wintry, thus the small turnout and relatively short meeting. I don't recall seeing any MGs but there seemed to be an abundance of white pick-up trucks. Although we didn't accomplish much, the pot luck was excellent and Shelley provided a warm and cozy home on one of the year's coldest nights.

Five short days later we held the Annual Chili Cook-Off and Mini British Car Show at Peggy's. This was a highlight, perfect weather, excellent food and a fine turnout by both the local and Richmond Club. Gregg did a great job organizing the events and no one left hungry. Doug Kennedy more or less cleaned up on the awards with No. 1 chili and 1st place in the car show with "Quadzilla". The Richmond Club was well represented and took 2nd place in the chili. They have invited our club to their chili cookoff on the 17th of March. At our last meeting we gave Howard Broadbent a final sendoff as he is returning home to England with his MGs.

The next meeting is at the Ulrich's on Wed, March 6th and our first tech session of '96 will be at my garage on Sun, 24th of March. This is an opportunity to solve some car-related problems that have been plaguing you all winter as all the "experts" will be available. It may also be a chance to just do an oil change with the correct filter rather than entrusting your MG to those "Gomers" at Jiffy Lube.

Hope to see you there.

Frank

UP-COMMING ACTIVITIES...

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| Wed | Mar 6 | Monthly Meeting
Sue & George Ulrich
(804) 427-0043 |
| Sun | Mar 17 | Chili Bowl V. Richmond
2:00 pm
Barbara Andres
(804) 353-8413 |
| Sun | Mar 17 | The Leftover Autocross
TSCC-Fentress Airfield
Calvin Sanders
(804) 484-6995 |
| Sun | Mar 24 | Tech Session
The Linse's |
| Tue | Apr 2 | Monthly Meeting
Nita Schoon & Scott Bradford
(804) 463-6593 |
| Sat & Sun | Apr 19
Apr 20 | GOF South,
Crystal River, Fla
(813) 367-2929 |
| Sat | Apr 27 | Britfest 96
Moss Motors
Dover, N. J.
(201) 361-9358 |
| Wed | May 1 | Monthly Meeting
Andy & Cynthia |
| Fri-to Sun | May 10
May 12 | Import Car Show
Carlisle, Pa.
(717) 243-7855 |
| Sun | May 19 | All British Show & Swap
Richmond, Va
J. Barnhardt
(804) 758-2753 |
| Tue | Jun 4 | Monthly-Meeting
Judy & Bob Miller
(804) 497-2214 |
| Sun | June 2 | Red Mill British Car Day
Clinton, N. J.
R. Miller
(908) 735-5417 |
| Sun | Jun 23 | British Car Day (Bowie)
Glen Burnie, Md. |
| Wed | Jul 3 | Monthly Meeting
Host Needed |

Meeting Minutes

February 1996

February Meeting Minutes as recorded by Bob McClaren:

Frank called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm after selling raffle tickets like a madman.

Shelly and Gus were thanked for opening their home to us-all regular members-no guests were present. The absence of the weather weenies was duly noted.

Activities: Shelly talked about a possible drive out to a Mel's Diner look-a-like in North Carolina in March...more to follow?

Membership: no activity, new roster coming out shortly.

Regalia; buy more badges, some jackets and lots of can coolers left. **New regalia person needed!** Newsletter is more than enough.

Newsletter: Gregg is working to reduce cost of newsletter

Host/hostess needed for July meeting. Call Frank if you are interested.

No serious old business discussed. Some new business was discussed and a lot of monkey business.

Marque Time: Discussed the MG graveyard of Virginia Beach and various derelict MGs in the vicinity including a "PA" for the rumored price of \$30.00. Call Chuck Hudson for details.

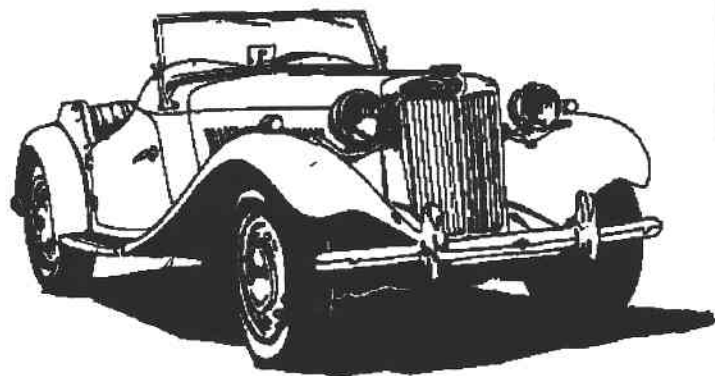
Vince claimed he was older than Ira Cantin-nobody doubted his veracity.

Howard Broadbent said his goodbyes to the club tonight. FYI: Howard Broadbent

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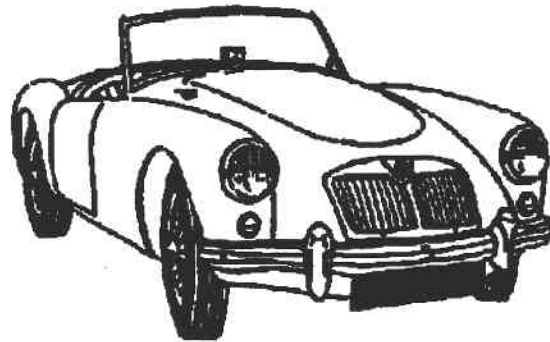
Somebody won the raffle.



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Fifth Annual Chili Cook Off Final Tabulations

1st Place- Doug Kennedy- Tidewater
2nd Place- Jerry Andres- Richmond
3rd Place- Libby Keeler-Tidewater



Second Annual Mini-British Car Day 1996 Winners

Best-in Show- Chuch Hudson-MG TC
Most Unusual- Dave Barrows-Rolls Royce

Kits

1st Doug Kennedy- Quadzilla (4WD MGB)
2nd Gregg Coogan- MG TC
3rd Doug Dewey- MG TC

Pre-Assembled

1st Gregg Coogan- Jaguar XK120
2nd Gregg Coogan- Jaguar XJ220
3rd Peggy Bradford- MG TC



Name tags are available for sale. Price is \$5.00 per tag. Order at next meeting or send check or money order to: Doug Squires
4909 Orleans Dr.
Portsmouth, VA 23703.

TIPS ON READING ENGLISH REPAIR MANUALS

A Study in Terminology

This is a correction to the glossaries that appear in every English car manual you've ever seen. Yes, they are all wrong! After long and arduous research (a couple of evenings with several root beers!) I am able to bring the truth and the light to the eyes of every British car owner, everywhere.

Here at last is a direct translation of Chaucer's famous *Glossarie of Mekcanikle Terms*, first written in the 14th century and immediately misplaced by scholars until last Tuesday evening. It comes complete with modern updates to reflect current usage.

Al'en Key a journeyman locksmith at the Abingdon Works from 1937 to 1963.

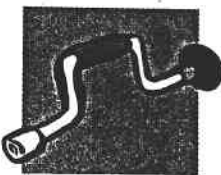


back lash a mild term describing the spouse's reaction to your decision to acquire another British car.

ball joints establishments of ill-repute found in less desirable parts of town.

Clev'is distant relative of Elvis Presley, famous for his system of handbrake links.

core plug a test sample to determine an engine's soundness, taken by drilling a plug from the block with a special hollow drill bit.



damp'er archaic weather forecasting term used to describe the sudden shower that catches you with the top down.

drag link an unacknowledged connection to one who engages in standing-start racing as opposed to touring. e.g. A brother-in-law who is a hot-rodder.

dry sump a condition often found in older British cars, caused by all the oil leaking out of the sump.

dy•na•mo the individual in your car club that seems to be the only one to get any work done.

e•lec•trode any metal tool held near a battery, especially a screwdriver, when you least expect it.

end float the axial movement you feel when your solid axle car traverses a "Whoop-de-doo".

field coils ignition parts found by farmers in their roadside fields, usually thrown there by irate Lucas victims.

grom•met a cosmetic rubber ring, used to hide missing insulation on wires where they pass through sheet metal.



half shafts the parts you are left with after you hear a loud 'snap' followed by a grinding noise from the rear axle.

hel•ical a special deviousness: "I'm having trouble setting up my differential gears because they are helical."

hy•poid an extra-low form of helical.

journals monthly magazines showing easily made repairs such as replacing crankshaft bearings.



king pin a gang leader; usually ends up in jail or on suspension.

man•drell type of African baboon noted for its habit of only eating the centers of fruit.

man•i•fold a great many e.g. "The manifold leaks in my MG's radiator caused me to spin on that last corner."

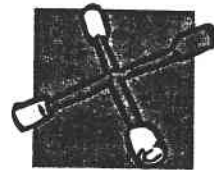
nee•dle roll'ers old, inner-city women who have turned to lives of crime in order to sustain their knitting and sewing habits.

oil bath the dousing you get when changing the oil filter on your TR.



pa•nhard rod a French connecting rod.

pin•ion a small Pine tree whose wood is used to build Morgan cowl supports.



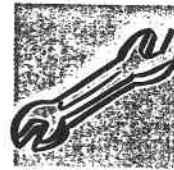
ratch•et deposits left in abandoned garages by large rodents.

seat squab a small game hen found in Spain.

sem'i•float•ing typical driving position in a Sunbeam during a heavy rain-storm.

set screw a small locating screw that is broken off or pre-rusted at the factory following installation.

shack•le a semi-flexible coupling describing a Triumph owner's relationship with the Triumph.



shell bearing a temporary replacement bearing purchased at a gas station.

spann•er an iron worker who travels across country to work on suspension bridges.

speed•om•eter a universally inaccurate instrument used as the sole basis of outrageous stories told at club pizza feeds.

stub ax•le a re-manufactured piece made from a half shaft.

track rod an especially stiff sway bar used only for racing.

wet sump an external sign of a serious oil leak.

wind•screen a device erected in front of the cockpit after the windshield has been folded down, to keep the bugs out of one's teeth and hair.



—Mike Jacobsen

"Chili Chili everywhere but not a drop left over!"

A sunny warm clear day, good company and a front yard full of fifteen MGs. What more could anyone want? Chili - that's what! And we got it, nine different types, all of them good and accompanied by cornbreads, black beans and rice, salads and desserts. All so good that after our forty-plus guests were done there was almost nothing left to nibble on.

It was nice to have our friends from Richmond down for a visit once again and to share in the fun. Hopefully this coming March seventeenth a number of our Tidewater Chili cooks will be heading for Richmond to return the visit.

An added treat was the model car show which featured some really unique cars. Chuck Hudson brought a diorama of a TC made for him by Terry Bond which was a knock-out and Dave Barrows, one of our charter members, sent a Rolls Royce he built seventy-eight years ago as a youth. The really unusual part about the Rolls was it was built from the covers of writing tablets - thank you Dave for sharing your model with all of us.

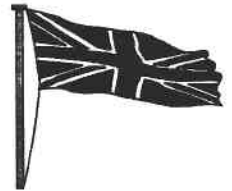
Results of the Chili Cook-Off and the model car contest, are elsewhere in the newsletter.

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Membership Notes

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Our thanks to everyone who helped make the Chili Cook-Off a great success. The number of MG's on the lawn was truly impressive for a dead-of-winter affair. The old Magnette had been parked out in the back forty all winter, but she roared to life as though it were the middle of summer. A bit of water in the gas made the first half of the trip a bit jerky, but the DryGas eventually kicked in and she ran like a clock.

Membership, including three reciprocal clubs, one prospective member, and a complimentary copy of the Dipstick to Mary Scully of the Autoweekly, stands at 116. All prospective members who received three Dipstick mailings were dropped from the list.

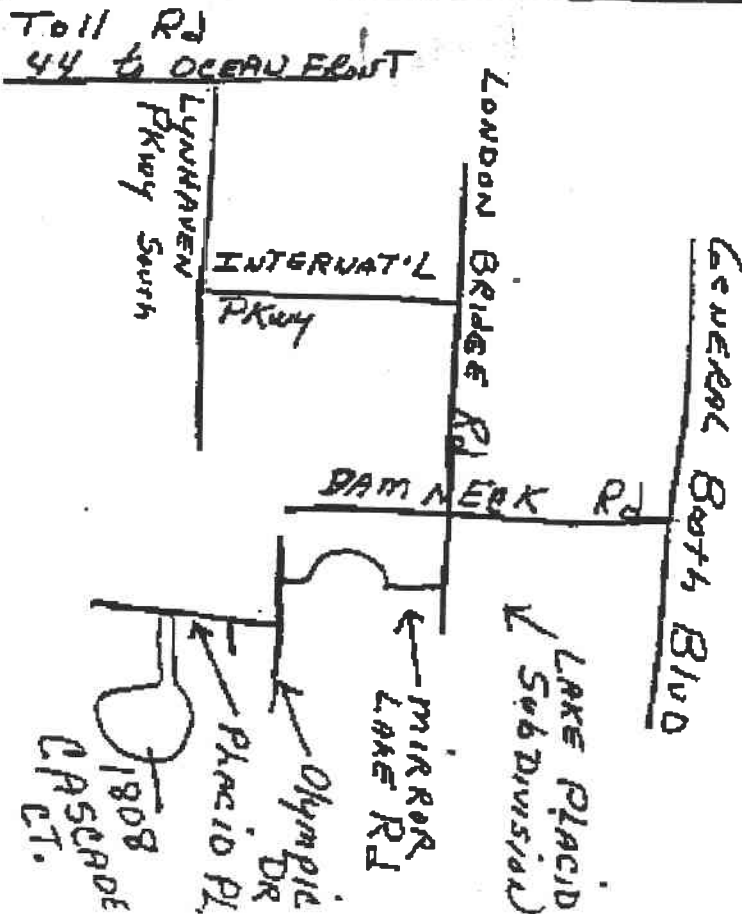
A new membership/social roster is in the works and may be available as early as the March meeting. Again, in an effort to conserve limited treasury funds, there will be no mail-outs except to out of town members.

John Severin has graciously offered to take over Membership in June. Many thanks to everyone who helped us out along the way.

Safety Fast! Mark and Debbie

Next Meeting

Wed., Mar. 6, 1996 Kick Tyres: 7:30 PM. Business Meeting: 8:00 PM.
Hosted by: Susan and George Ulrich, 1808 Cascade Ct.,
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A Final Thought

Seventy plus degrees, clear and sunny, Sounds like a typical june day, right? Well that was Sunday February twenty-fifth and it was a great day for autocrossing. This was leg four, "February Freeze Out", of the "Winter Four Series" run every year by the Tidewater Sports Car Club, this time at Fentress Airfield.

Over ninety drivers turned out for this balmy Sunday of racing and socializing. Surprisingly there were thirteen people from the Tidewater Classics in attendance, seven of them competing.

Chuck Hudson was there with his TC, Peggy Bradford with her TD, Scott Bradford and Nita Schoon shared the drivers seat of an '80 B. Libby keeler and I shred my trusty little '66 Midget while Paul Weishaupp ran his pretty green '70 B. Doug Dewey and his family stopped by to spectate while Bill Keeler and his children Jo and Gregg did pit duty.

Anyone with an interest should stop out at one of the local autocrosses and see how much fun you can have with any MG. If not call me and I will bend your ear about how great autocrossing is.

Got a Question, problem, complaint,
comment or anything for
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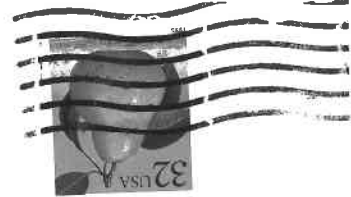
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