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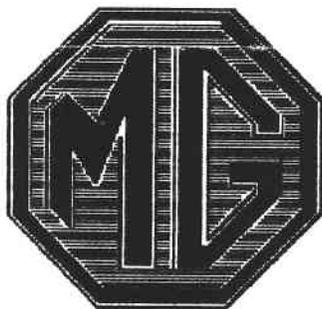
The Tidewater MG Classics

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Marque Time

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



Thanks to Shelley for hosting our meeting once again. We had an excellent turnout, fine weather and some good food. We were also graced by the presence of some members we have not seen in a while.

The Pig Roast and Car Show was held at the Holcombs' as scheduled. The damper of grey weather was certainly offset by a most delicious feast. Doug and Eiko Wilson cleaned up on the car show awards with their 1976 MGB.

The Waynesboro show was also a great success. As always there was a great selection of British cars present. The beautiful mountain scenery and lofty vantage point of the Ingleside Hotel made for a pleasant weekend.

More recent was the Antique Aircraft Fly-in and British Car Show at the Hummel Airfield. This event was well attended by TMGC club members. Although there was not a large number of cars on display the constant coming and going of various aircraft made for an interesting day. The weather was perfect and all in all it was a great time.

The next meeting is at Nita Schoons' and Scott Bradfords' just around the corner from Shelley Pelligrinos'. Shelley said you may park in her drive if you arrive late.

Don't forget the tech session at the Bonds', all the experts will be there. Hope you will be too!

Safety Fast Frank Linse

UP-COMING CLUB ACTIVITIES...

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| Weds | Nov 06 | Monthly Meeting
Nita Schoon and Scott Bradford.
POT LUCK
1129 Michaelwood Dr
Virginia Beach
463-6593 |
| Sun | Nov 24 | Tech Session
The Bonds' 10:00 am-??
541 Forest Road
Chesapeake, Va
482-5222 |
| Sat | Nov ?? | Winery Tour
TEMPORARILY POSTPONED TILL SPRING |
| Sat | Dec 07 | Christmas Party 6:30 PM
The Hudsons'
456 Goodspeed Rd
Virginia Beach
425-6882
See poem inside. |

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Meeting Minutes October

After a near disaster with the Secretary's laptop computer, Frank opened the meeting promptly at 8:03 central Lucas time.

Frank welcomed Dave Muth and Rob Dodman. He also thanked Shelly for her hospitality in hosting the meeting.

The minutes were accepted as written by the skilled hands of Chuck Hudson filling in for our regular Secretary de excellence.

Treasurers Report: Receipts: 665.50, Disbursements: 138.40, Balance: 1364.98

Activities: October 20 is a driveout to a Martin's vineyard. Meet at Princess Anne Park at 11:30 AM. We will also have a drive out to Williamsburg Winery via the ferry and some pretty backroads on November 17th. Meet at The McDonalds at Military Circle at 12:00 noon. Lots of good sampling and snacking. Great Job Shelly!

Tech Session will be at the Bonds house of automobilia on November 24th. Plenty of leftover, er, I mean "aged" barbecue to eat.

Membership: John Severin reported a possible new member, and Frank relayed a couple other prospective members. The dues are coming in well, but if you haven't paid up **DO SO NOW!!!** We know where you live, and what you drive, so you can't hide.

Newsletter: Greg was not present, but all agreed that it looked great.

Regalia: Mark reported that Coolies have sold well. REMEMBER: That busy Holiday season is arriving so stock up your gifts now. Your Boss will love an MG T Shirt or a club grille badge for his/her Buick. The kids also report that MG pins are always a welcome find at the bottom of the stocking.

Old Business:

John Severin is working on a home page for the World Wide Web. Get him some pictures so we can look good in cyberspace!

New Business:

Frank reported that the Berkely Show was quite nice and we had a great turnout of club members. Also, many club members, as was reported in the past, dipstick received awards.

So too was the pig roast a great event. On an overcast day that was reminiscent of true English weather 12 cars were displayed with Doug Wilson cleaning up in the car categories.

Chuck Hudson mentioned that the Christmas Party was December 14th at 7:00. He also suggested that instead of buying toys for each other, we would buy toys for a local charity that could distribute them appropriately. This was met with much enthusiasm. Chuck also asked that we scavenge our garages for parts, clean them up and bring them, and have a contest to see who could guess what was what. This is not a shameless way for Chuck to stock up on parts. He's just doing a great job of making the Christmas Party ever more interesting. Chuck will have a sign up list at the November meeting.

Frank brought up the issue of the Newsletter and the possibility of it becoming a bi-monthly publication. On one hand we would save money, on the other hand we would not have the bigger reminder of events each month. We will discuss this and throw things at each other in the heat of argument at the November Meeting.

arque Time: Bob McLaren reported that he received an e-mail from Mike Brannon. Mike is returning in March or April to the Norfolk area. He is also working on an article discussing the trials and tribulations of driving in Japan.

Sue Bond had some programs from the Chesapeake ACA meet where Frank took a second place in his.....Jaguar! Frank visited an MGF that belongs to a local NATO wing commander. He reported that he was impressed and hoped to see the car at an upcoming activity. The MGF is mid-engined and quite different from our "traditional" MG's..

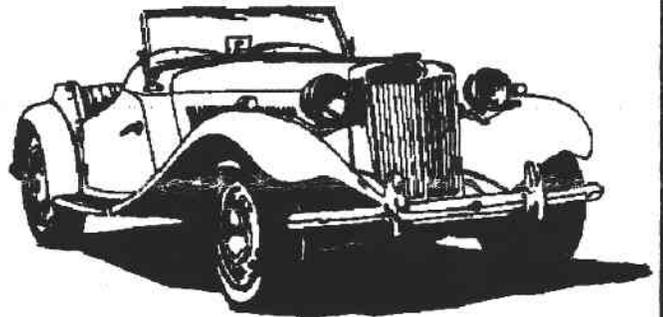
With the Waynesboro show upcoming several members coordinated their travel plans Mike Ashe and Jennifer traveled up to the Bay State MGA Registershow in New Hampshire and collected the newspaper "British Marque"where many clubs display their info. They also visited Brenda Banvard and she says hi!

Bill Keeler reported a show in South Carolina at the new BMW plant for european cars that sounds quite nice. It's October 26th, and is put on by the Foothills British Car Club.

We held a raffle for a regalia item of winner's choice and Shelley Pellegrino, Doug Dewey, Doug Kennedy, and Vince Groover all won. We all sighed in disbelief and kept our memberships in the Raffle Losers Club. The meeting ad-

Autocross Calendar

- Nov 10 Sun Tidewater Winter 4-# 1
TSCC-Fentress
- Nov 17 Sun Old Dom Reg SCCA
Ft Monroe
- Nov 23 & Sat & State Champ AutoX
- Nov 24 Sun Va Mtr Sprts Prk
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A British Car Show Marathon

by Susan Bond

First off, please add to last month's list of winners at Berkeley, Doug and Eiko Wilson, who took home a second place trophy. Somehow I missed the announcement at the show. Next on our schedule was the annual Pig Pickin, held at the estate of Chris and Shelly Holcomb in southern Chesapeake on the 29th of September. The food is always great, and quite a few members bring their MG's, so we usually have quite a crowd in the corral. Frank Linse volunteered to organize the car show, providing the ballots and plaques for the winners. It wasn't too hard to vote for a favorite car in any of the categories - Doug and Eiko Wilson brought their immaculate B roadster and took all the plaques home, except for best bicycle which went to Tyler Davis. Many thanks to Frank for the car show, and to Chris and Shelly for hosting this popular event again. Even though the rain dampened things for awhile, we all had a great time. On to Waynesboro and the British Car Festival held on 4, 5 and 6 October. Barry Tyson, John Thompson and I met at Carol and Don Finlay's house on a beautiful Friday morning for a leisurely trip, mostly on back roads. When we checked in at the Ingestive Resort, Carol and I were assigned a room in the main building so we grabbed as much stuff as we could carry and took the elevator up to the second floor. We found the room, but it was already full of people. They told us to come on in, there was plenty of room, but we declined, and I headed back to the desk. Yes, they had given us the keys to the wrong room, yes, they did have keys to the right room. So we loaded all the stuff back in the car (made a little harder because the hatch latch on the GT had just decided to not work from the outside, so I had to crawl in and unlock it from the inside each time) and drove down the hill to Building 1, where we found a room which was not occupied. Next on the agenda was washing the car. Last year they had provided buckets, sponges and soap for this job, but this year all we got was one bucket and one sponge. We took turns, and one lucky person had a wash mitt with soap already in it. Fortunately I had remembered to bring a chamois. Hopefully, next year I won't spend so much time before the show putting the car back together and will have time to wash it at home.

The Friday evening social featured a keg of beer provided by the Roadster Factory and huge barbecue sandwiches so big that Barry was the only one who could eat 2. The auction was brief, but anyone with a TR8 was in luck. Chuck Edwards, a former local member who now lives in Raleigh, Doug and Eiko Wilson, and Bill, Libby, Greg and Jo Keeler joined us, and we sat around talking until we realized we were the only ones in the room! So we wandered out to the parking lot and talked some more, looking at cars until we got cold. I guess everyone else wanted to get lots of sleep before the car show.

We got up early and found dew on the windows of the car, which froze when I tried to wipe it off. It's a good thing we had listened to the weather forecasts and brought winter coats. It was chilly on the show field too, until the sun got above the trees. There were quite a few B's this year, divided into chrome bumper and rubber bumper classes, only 2 or 3 T's, and over 200 cars in all. The flea market was a pretty good mix of stuff, but 3 stalls had lots of MG stuff, one with used stuff, the other 2 with new. There were tours available to local outlet malls and a museum, and lots of raffle prizes. Actually, it was nice to just sit and watch other people do all the work.

Frank Linse and Robert Lock had joined us at the show and we all managed to sit together at the banquet. Our table was in the first group to be served, and the meat carver gave us huge chunks of beef (before being told to make the portions smaller) so we had a feast. The emcee was a real comedian who kept things moving right along. The best part was the first place trophy for the chrome bumper MG's it went to Bill and Greg Keeler!! All those long hours in the garage restoring the B had paid off. In the rubber bumper class, Doug and Eiko Wilson took home the third place trophy. Again, we were among the last to leave there was still beer in the keg and no one wanted it to go to waste.

Sunday morning there was a run to Monticello, but we decided to eat at the local Cracker Barrel and head

home. Again, we took mostly back roads, wishing the leaves had turned, but enjoying the beautiful scenery anyway. When you live in Tidewater hills are impressive, and the MG's seem to love them. The first ever Antique Aircraft Fly-In and British and European Car Show was held the 12th of October at Hummel Field in Topping. I know why all these car shows are held in the fall the weather was perfect!! I travelled up with Don and Carol Finlay and Ivie Lister and Margaret Hall, and met Barry Tyson, Frank Linse, John Trindle, Doug and Eiko Wilson and Ed Meadors and his daughter Jennifer Beale there. Barry and Frank talked to O. D. and Jonnye Dawson, who just happened to be visiting in the area all the way from Delaware, and Jerry and Barbara Andres.

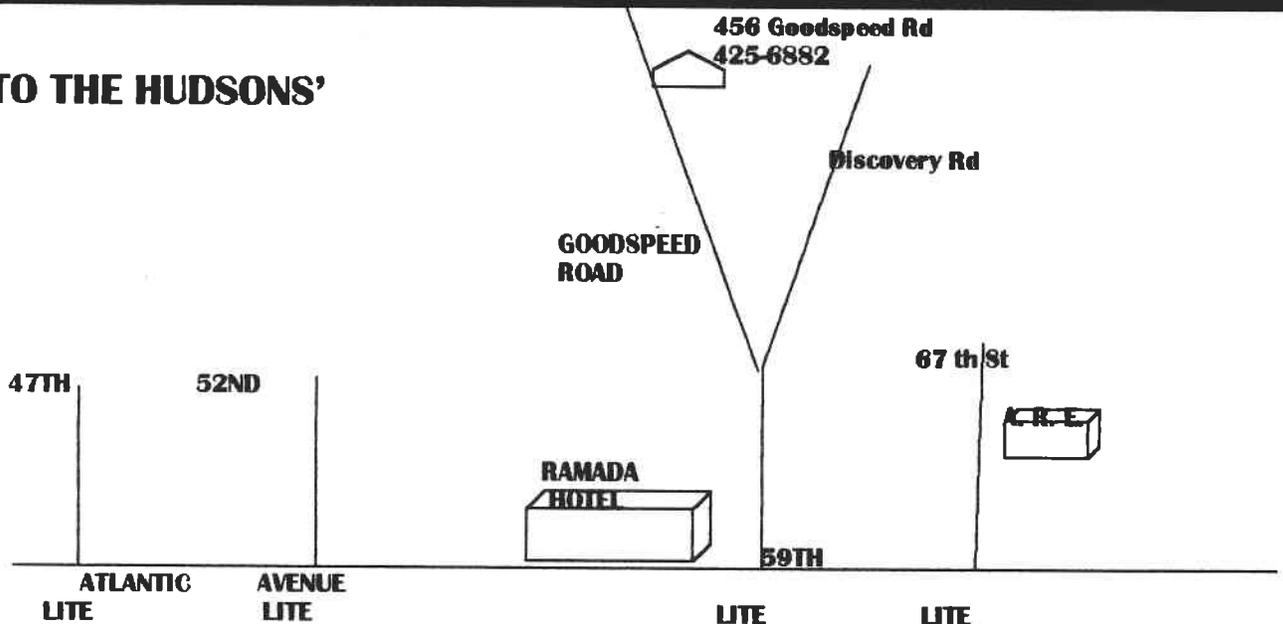
We had a great time looking at old cars we had never seen before, and looking at old airplanes. I never knew that airplane people did the same things car people do, travel great distances to look at each others vehicles and talk to each other, and then travel home. The vehicles are a lot alike too, except the airplanes cost more and there's no side of the road to pull over to if they decide not to work. One owner let us look inside his plane, and it was just like a car except the dashboard had dozens of gauges and switches. Some of the planes were fully restored and others were a lot like my B, they run great and the next step is doing the outside. There were even 3 "ultralight" planes that Ivie called "pushers" because the engines were behind the pilots. The cars were parked to one side of the runway, so we enjoyed watching the planes land and take off during the day. There were 2 trophies awarded by popular vote, to the best plane and best car, but we didn't know the winners. Most of the planes and cars left by about 3:00, so we had time for dinner and still made it home before dark.

WORLD FAMOUS TMGC CHRISTMAS GALA Saturday, 14 December, 6:30 PM
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Please RSVP for coming and bringing a dish by 2 December, Monday

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Next Meeting

Wednesday 6 November. Kick Tyres-7:30 PM

Business Meeting 8:00 PM

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The Tidewater MG Classics
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 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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We few, we very few, went of (finally) to taste grapes and if necessary stomp them. How few? 5, Frank, Barry, Chuck, Susan and Terry.

We left Princess Anne Park after the sun had passed over the yardarm so it was now socially acceptable to imbibe. Since we had no official leader, whose name should now be S.P. Anonymous, those with world maps researched them for the way to san jose, no no, Knotts Island.

The Bonds seemed the most assured so we followed, A after B before B, if only there was a (T)C, getting onto Princess Anne Road and going forever. You know you're on the right road when there is only one and bothsides are flanked by water and sawgrass. At the end of the causeway is beautiful Knotts Island. It's very pretty, very rural and, on this sunny Sunday, very quiet. I rode with Frank and his A is also very quiet. We searched for a sign with an arrow to Martin Vinyards. Not even a dog came out to bark. As we came to The T, the double yellows pull you around to the right and, alas, onto the ferry landing.

Questions and stretches. It had taken us about an hour to reach this dead end.

Let's go back. Let's ask those 2 men staring at us. Let's ask the kids that yelled "Blow your horn". We turned around, again with A following B, etc. and upon reaching The T the Bond's B decided to go against the flow of the now left curving double yellows and went straight. Directly in front of us was a huge sign with arrow, Martin Vinyards. We must have been blinded by the serene charms of Knotts Island.

So, down their sandy lane we went, peach orchards on the left and grape vinyards to the right. Then through the gates and on to the tasting house.

We were cordially greeted and offered a few tastings for free or all six for \$3. Knowing that we had back track our route up the sandy lane, decision time at The T and the pleasantness of a sunny afternoon, we splurged. Between each tasting our cup was rinsed and home made bread was passed to help us keep our sense (of direction).

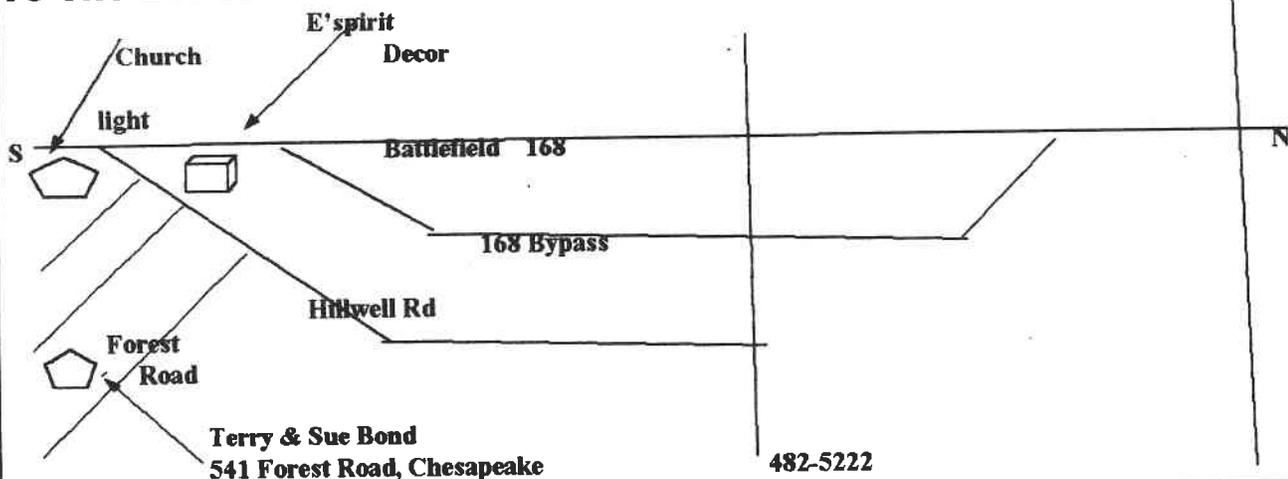
I believe we all agreed their reds were a bit harsh and muddy in color. The cabernet sauvignon was very pleasant and the two fruit wines were exceptional, if we could only have stayed all day. We 5 acted with decorum, trying to sound knowledgable and appreciative of the Martin's efforts and representing our MG's pedigree properly.

We were given a tour of the vinyard's processing "facilities". From the picking of the grapes, removal of stems, seeds, skin, to their pressing all operations are hand done. And all with the same care as our MGs were made. They produced 6000 bottles this year, their first, from grapes harvested in 1994.

Barry documented our presence with his super mini remote controlled camera. We thanked the Martins again for their hospitality. Then, out the sandy lane, now right at The T, over the only road and into traffic, noise and barking dogs

Chuck Hudson, TC'less

To The Bonds - Tech Session - Nov 24, 10:00 AM Till ?



MGs and Christmas, what could be cheerier!
Good friendship, good food and some berrier.
Like last year and before it's at the Hudson's, high on the hill.
Bring your Jack or bring your Jill.
Santa's coming too, so you better be nice.
Hope again this year he doesn't slide on his ice.

For sure we ask you to *RSVP*,
So we won't have to listen and wait and then just see.

Foods are a must for this festive occasion.
We need veggies, desserts, pasta or even a fantasia.
The ham, like in years past,
Just wasn't enough, it didn't last.
So Hudson's on top of the hill
Are offering a turkey and fill(ing).
Please call Judy or Chuck
What and how much you would like to bring in your little red truck.
Again, please remember, if you think you'll be late,
Bring a (non)fattening, NOT!, yummy on a plate.

This year our presents will be *very special*.
They are for children.
A sweater, shirt, socks, mittens,
For ages up to 12.
Toys for children are always fun,
But clothes can be enjoyed while they play and run.

Santa has said we will get presents too!
Look in your parts bin for something unique.
Clean it up, polish it, paint it red if you think.
Mount it as art if you wish,
Put some candy in it as a dish.
Don't wrap it, just put on a bow.
We're going to have a contest about who's in the know.
What part is it,
What year.
What does it do?
There will be an award for the winner, You?

So now you've heard it all.
And Christmas attire is *de rigueur*.

We'll see you then

CLUB NOTES

Thanks go out to Shelly Pelligrino for being the host of the October meeting which, by the way, was her second time this year as host.

Big thanks also to Nita Schoon and Scott Bradford for coming through and picking up the November meeting - their second meeting for this year also. This is a POT LUCK so anyone who can, please, whip up that specialty of yours and bring it along.

Dont' forget that this year the Christmas grab bag is both a fun and a serious event. The idea of giving a gift of clothing or a toy for needy kids was well recieved at the meeting so lets all dig in and show our Christmas Spirit. Also dont forget to clean and wrap that MG whatchamacallit your wife has been stepping over for the last year (maybe she'll wrap it just to get rid of it) for our other grab bag.

Dont' forget to send in your dues and form!

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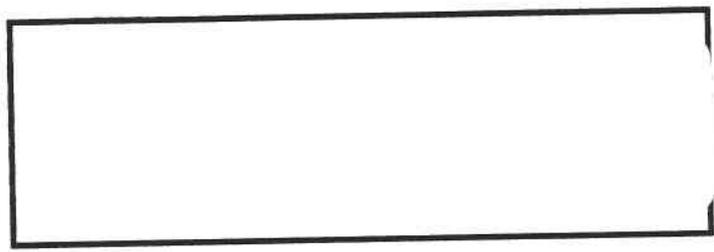


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