



The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG Classics

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Marque Time

A small but lively turnout at the last meeting at the Kennedys'. Some new faces, Mike Denning -71B and Richard Cilley 78B. Also Jim Villers has acquired a 1971B Roadster. Hope you all can make to the next meeting.

The tech session at Richard Jollys' on the S U Carberator was excellent. I learned more in one day than I have fooling with carbs for ten years.

The next tech session is at Bob Mc Larens on Sunday, August 24th.

The name tag list is growing slowly. If you want a nametag please let me know by the August meeting.

The club dues of twenty dollars are now due. You may use the enclosed application for membership and renewal. This will assist John Severin in updating the roster.

Hope to see all of you at the Aust meeting at the Keelers'. I should be there if I survive my MG adventure in Ontario.

Safety Fast
Frank

up coming club activities...

Tues Aug 05	AUGUST MEETING THE KEELERS 636 Montebello Circle Chesapeake, VA 547-2709
Thurs Aug 08	Roadster Factory
Sat Aug 10	Summer Party Armargh, Pa
Thurs Aug 14	University Motors
Sun Aug 17	Summer Party Grand Rapids, MI, 616-682-0800
Sat Aug 23	A Gathering of the Brits 22nd Annual Va Wine Fest The Plains, Md. \$5.00 Wes Maupin 540-943-5697 Rain Date - Aug 24
Weds Sep 03	September Meeting The Villers 3331 Inlet Road Va. Bch, Va

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Meeting Minutes

Frank opened the meeting promptly at 8:06 and welcomed guests Mike Denning and Richard Cilley. He also thanked Doug and Betsy Kennedy for hosting the meeting at Casa de Kennedy. Frank also apologized for Greg Coogan. Apparently the newsletter was late due to technical difficulties. Minutes were accepted although no one had read it due to technical difficulties. Robert Davis brought to everyones attention the fine work of the secretary and the minutes were accepted. Robert is of course a fine gentleman and a testimony to good living and the joys of Land Rover ownership. His viewpoints are welcomed and quite insightful.

Treasurers Report: Recelpts: \$0, Disbursements: \$129.64. Balance : \$441..00

Technical: Bob McLaren reported that the last tech session at Richard Jolllys' garage was a big success and only Peggy Bradford and her broken carb were not pleased with the tech session. Oh, Bill Keeler just walked in and showed quite a lot of displeasure at not having been able to find Richards' garage. Those wishing to serve as navigator so that they may attend the next tech session should call Bill directly.

Special Interest: Robert Davis discussed a chemical to make puncture proof tires. Sounds like a good idea but it costs \$50 a tire. Oh, the good news is that according to the companys' literature it will also work on Rickshaws

Activities: Shelly was not in attendance this week so no new activities are planned.

Old Business:. Frank reported that the MG F of the Straws has now been shipped back to England. They and their car will be missed. Frank also reminded everyone that the dues are now due. Pay up. Also, if you are interested in having your child/grand child drive the clubs soapbox derby entry start planningby calling Chuck Hudson. New

Business: Gregg Coogan stopped by to discuss the MG Drivers club. It caters to midgets and sprites. Marque Time: Bob McLaren is cleaning out the orphanage and is selling his P1800 Volvo for \$3600. This is a steal so call Bob ASAP. He also has painted the CGT a nice green and is in the middle of his rebuild . Frank and Vince are selling a newly restored 78 B. It is aso a pretty car and a great buy. Mike Ashe reported that past club member Jim Jackson passed away in January. Mike also has some midget parts and tow bars to give away. Tom Sawyer was in town to liberate the Black MK II Jaguar from Frank Linses' sideyard. He'll be down again to adjust the balance of trade in a few weeks as he takes another MGB up north. Mark Childers reported that he bought an MGA sight unseen. IT wasn't restorable so he advertised it up in New Jersey where he sold it to someone else sight unseen! Frank Linse is working on a neighbors MGB, in return he was given an MGB. Secretary's note : why doesnt anyone ever give me any cars? Mark Childers has a 1974 B for sale for a couple hundred bucks. JimVillers has an MGB again, a 1971 that he towed to his house and now runs. The engine is running rough but the oil gauge works. Bill Keeler reported that his Z car was dying electronically He tinkered around, bought some parts, performed some vacuum magic, and it seems to be okay again. He also has a friend that is bringing his car up to the Berkely show from Florida. Bill is also looking for some Vega wheelsfor his Midget racer. Andy has not finished any of his cars, but he does have a new garage door. The meeting was adjourned after we all lamented the absence of Vince Groover, so we headed for the submarine sandwiches and chowed down like rabid U boat commanders.

A Gathering of the Brits

August 23, 1997

As mentioned in earlier correspondence, I have been working with organizers of the 22nd Annual Virginia Wine Festival in an attempt to coordinate the first ever gathering of all the British car organizations within Virginia. Originally envisioned as a two day event, plans are now set for Saturday, August 23, 1997. *Rain date will be the following day, August 24, 1997.*

Things you should know about this event:

1. This is the second largest annual wine festival in Virginia with an average attendance of over 20,000.
2. Regular admission charge is \$17.00 per person. Those participating in this joint gathering pay only \$5.00 each!
3. "Special Reserved Parking", on festival grounds, will be available for our British cars display.
4. Participants will need to arrive at the festival grounds no later than 10:30 a.m. so cars can be placed prior to admission of the general public at 11:00 a.m.

The Virginia Wine Festival is located at The Plains, half way between Front Royal and Washington, D.C. near Interstate 66. Some organizations may want to plan an overnight event and take advantage of the many area attractions!

I have been asked by festival organizers to monitor interest and track expected participation by each organization. To that end, I will be issuing the \$5.00 passes to the 22nd Annual Virginia Wine Festival and this "Gathering of the Brits".

Please assign a contact person within your organization to promote this event, collect the \$5.00 from each attending member and advise me as to how many vehicles will be representing your organization. Once this has been received, I will forward tickets to you for distribution. I will advise festival organizers as to how many cars they need to make available display parking for. I can be reached at (540) 943-5697 for more information. My address is:

Wes Maupin @ Route #3 Box 347 Waynesboro, Virginia 22980.

I will need fees and information no later than July 1, 1997!

**The Tidewater MG Classics
1997-1998 Membership Application and Renewal Form**

Annual membership renewals are due on July 1, 1997. 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 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 _____ Names
2. *Member Since _____ Former TMGC
office/chairs held _____
3. *Reciprocal club name _____
4. *Street _____ *City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____
5. *Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone(____) _____ Fax/Pager(____) _____
6. MG ownership and registry data:

	*Year	*Model	*Color	Purchased	National / International Registry & Registry #	Restored/Daily Driver Antique or custom tags
Car #1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Dues Schedule

JULY 01, 1997-JUNE 30, 1998 \$20.00-Local \$15.00-Out of town \$25.00-Out of country
 January 01, 1998 - June 30, 1998 \$10.00-Local \$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 and Williamsburg.

*Out of town membership covers Dipstick mailing costs.

*National Association Officials: no fee; Association newsletter ICO Editor "THE DIPSTICK" is requested.

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

*Tidewater MG Classics
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Office use only: Date received _____ Amount received \$ _____ Date funds forwarded to Treasurer _____

Added to social roster _____ First Dipstick mailed _____

Date affiliate newsletter received _____ Social call for next meeting/info _____

Tipoffs That You've Owned That MG Too Long

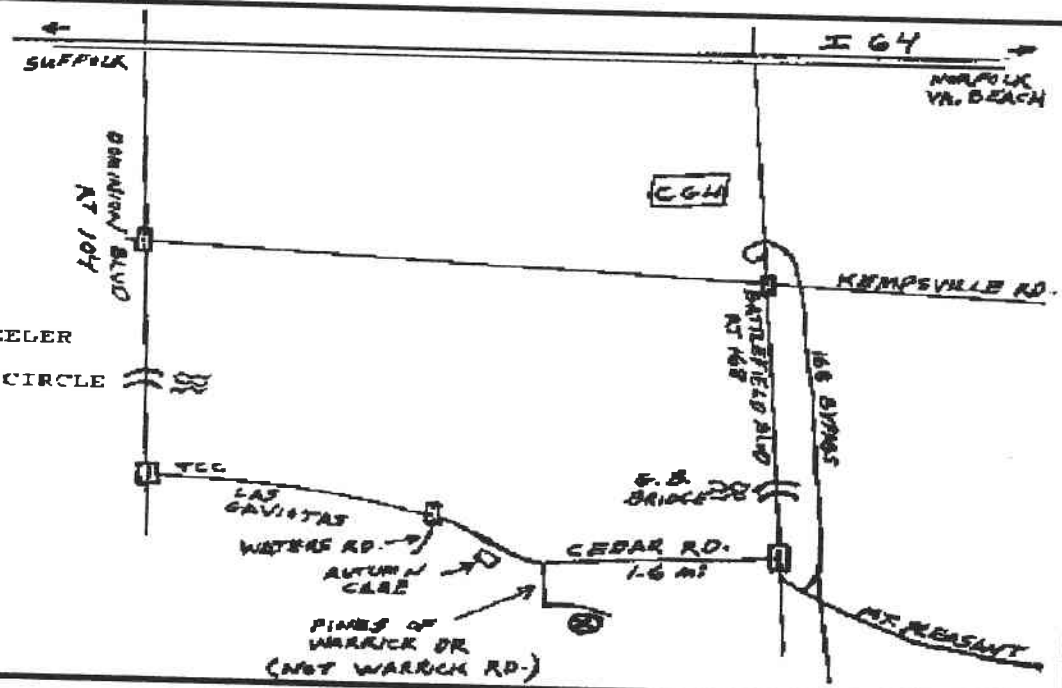
- * You always park facing downhill.
- * You call AAA and they recognize your voice also.
- * You hear someone talking about new shoes and assume they're doing a brake job.
- * You look under the hood and see more duct tape than hoses and more electrical tape than wires.
- * You distrust anyone named Lucas.
- * When your generator dies you just pull another one off the Lucas pile in your garage.
- * People ask how many cars you own and you respond in fractional numbers.
- * You pay more visits to the auto parts store than to the gas station or grocery combined.
- * The guy at the parts store gets a cheesy grin when he sees you walk in; is listed as a dependent on your tax form; sends you a get-well card if you haven't bought a part in two weeks; recognizes your voice on the phone
- * You begin conversations with: I'd have driven here tonight, but....."
- * You get in a car and are surprised when all the instruments work; you can carry on a conversation without shouting; it doesn't need any oil, brake fluid or anti-freeze.
- * It doesn't embarrass you to ask your passengers

- to get out and walk up the steep hills.
- * You get in a car and are *not* surprised by a spare battery; a tool kit that fills half the trunk or a slightly singed instrument panel.
- * The family is no longer upset by sitting down to dinner and sharing half the table with carburetor bits.
- * Your car makes a funny sound and you immediately know what's wrong, what it will cost and which tools will be required.
- * You wash your hands before working on your car so you won't get the engine bay dirty.
- * You allow four hours for a trip - three for driving and one for repairs.
- * You'd rather give the family pitbull a bath than tune your SU carburetors - Again.
- * You can unstick a jammed starter in the dark in the rain in five minutes flat and you don't regard this as unusual.
- * You spend an evening at a friends and leave with the words: "Don't go to bed yet. I may be back."
- * You set off alarms at airport security checkpoints with the wrenches you'd forgotten were in your pockets.
- * You tell your wife that the reason you were out tiii three a. m. was that the car broke down... and she believes you.

Next Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday, August 05, Kick tyres @7:30, Business Meeting @ 8:00 ,Libby & Bill Keeler's, 636 Montebello Circle, Ches 460-5037

AUG MEETING
 TUES. AUG 5, 1995
 KICK TYRES 7:30PM
 BUSINESS 8:00PM
 HOSTED BY:
 BILL & LIBBY KEELER
 636 MONTEBELLO CIRCLE
 CHESAPEAKE, VA
 547-2709



1997 Calendar of Events

The following is a list of some of the British car events this season. Dust off your MG, join your appropriate national register, and join the fun. You will be glad you did.

*August 14-17, UM Summer Party, Grand Rapids, MI. (616)682-0800
 August 23-24, Virginia Wine Festival, The Plains, VA. (540)943-5697
 Sept 13, MGs on the Green, Charlotte, NC. (704)455-3500
 Sept 13-14, British Car Day, Berkeley Plantation, Charles City, VA. (804)527-3934
 Sept 24-28, NEMGTR GOF-Mk 64, Binghamton, NY. (607)432-6835
 Sept 26-28, Indy British Motor Days, Indianapolis Speedway, IN. (317)357-8641
 Sept. 27, MGs on the Rocks, Baltimore, MD. (410)882-6896
 Oct., Fall British Car Festival, Waynesboro, VA.*

This is a small sampling of what is happening nationwide. Remember, your MG was made to be driven, and there is a whole world of MG friends for you to meet!

Bill Keeler

SAFETY FAST

AUTOCROSS CALENDAR

*July 26th Sat Highlands ICC, Belle Chere Street Festival, Asheville, N C
 Part of the BFG sponsored series @ 6:30 pm*

Aug 3rd Sun ODR?SCCA, Fort Monroe Hampton, Va Summer '5' series

Aug 10th Sun VMSC AutoX, Fort Lee, Va, (Petersburg area 804-598-5077

Aug 10th Sun THSCC AutoX, Morrisville, N C, A Mc Donald, 919-471-8831

Aug 17th Sun TSCC AutoX, Fentress Airfield, Chesapeake, Va

Aug 17th Sun Triad SCC, LIVM, Winston-Salem, N C

Part of the BFG sponsored series C Petersen 910-759-9473

Aug 26th Tues Highlands SCC, Tues Nite AutoX @ Ag Center, Asheville, N C

Aug 30th & Sat SCCA-SCR 24 HR AutoX, Galleria Mall, Rock Hill, S C

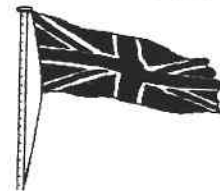
Aug 31st Sun Part of the BFG sponsored series

Sep 7th Sun ODR?SCCA, Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va Summer '5' series

*Further info such as phone numbers, contacts, directions, distances
 and some maps available from the editor @ 463-6660.*

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English Motorcar



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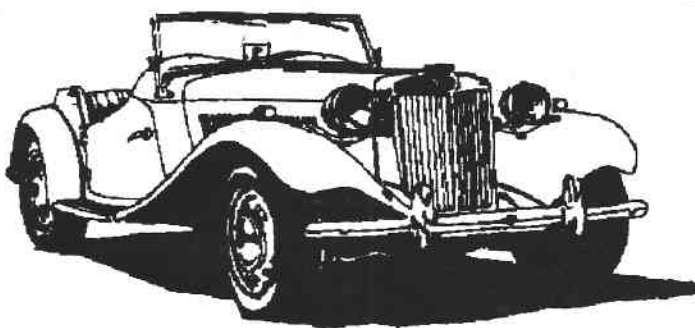
*Now is the time to be repairing for Spring so you can enjoy your MG.
Parts, Service, Restoration*

*Current parts specials:
Amco convertible top, zip out window \$179.00*

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

Scot Coogan (804) 497 0787

Moss Distributor



1969 MG Midget
*Parting out-has hi-compression motor
call with your needs*
Scott Bradford 757-463-6593

TD parts - rubber set, almost complete.
Tie rod ends - new.
Intake manifold and two carbs.
John Hastings York County
(804) 890-2654

1972 MG Midget
*Good body-primed
Mechanically OK, Needs clutch.*
Call Paul
H-587-3235 W-396-0294

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

1974 MG MIDGET
Was running, sat for one year, has new top - interior \$2000.00
Jim Blaylock, Virginia Beach
671-1936

Club Notes

**AUGUST MEETING - TUESSDAY, AUGUST FIFTH,
LIBBY AND BILL KEELERS
636 MONTEBELLO CIRCLE, CHESAPEAKE, VA**

LETS' GET THOSE MG'S POLISHED AND ON THE ROAD!!

**DON'T FORGET JUNE WAS DUES MONTH!!!
RENEW NOW, THE CLUB ALSO NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL
SUPPORT AS WELL AS ALL YOUR ARTICLES POURING IN!!**

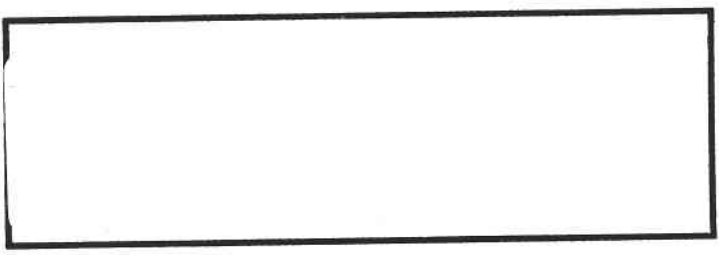
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