



# The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG

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## Marque Time

Our thanks to Gregg Coogan for hosting the November meeting, and to Sue and Terry Bond for the tech session & museum tour on the 23rd. It won't be the same without the leftover BBQ, but we'll probably manage to eat them out of house and home just the same.

I'd like to take a moment to thank Frank Linse for doing so much for the club in the past two years. (My first resolution: when there's food on the table, ask for a motion to adjourn....)

The Christmas party at Jim and Betty Villers is on for Dec 13th. Don't forget the electric ties and Cosby sweaters that are de rigeuer. And don't forget to bring a gift of joy for the kids at Hope Haven. The proposed driveout on Sunday the 14th is a no go, as the kids are being visited by Santa and other plans had already been made. Debbie was asked if we could arrange a driveout at a later date, as the kids love visitors. The kids would really like just one special gift this year. They don't get to go out, as cash at Hope Haven is very tight, and have asked for gift certificates from Pizza Hut in lieu of individual gifts. If you haven't picked out a gift yet, please bring a \$10.00 donation to the party, and Debbie will purchase the gift certificates. Hopefully we can get Pizza Hut to kick in a little, too. Thanks.

TMGC might not be Pebble Beach, but there are some cars in the club • whose owners display personal craftsmanship rivaling the classics on the Concours. We've got drivers, theirs are usually trail©ers... Agreed, it doesn't cost half a million to restore a decent MGB to mint condition, but our wine list doesn't include vin du Chateau Broussard, \$125.00 a glass, either. To be fair, they did tolerate some classic hot rods this year, but at a suitable distance from the main display. We not only tolerate works-in-progress, we welcome them to center stage at tire kicks and chili cookoffs. Good food, cold drinks, great conversation and a common purpose: maintaining the marque that is synonymous with Safety Fast!

*Safety Fast Mark*

## Up-coming Club Activities...

- Sat Dec 13     *Annual Christmas Party*  
*The Viller's 481-6398*  
*Flier & Map Inside Pg 3*  
*Please RSVP by Dec 2*
- Tues Jan06     *Monthly Meeting*  
*Judy & Chucck Hudson*  
*456 Goodspeed Road*  
*Va Bch, Va.*  
*425-6882*

*Name tags are available @ \$5.00 per tag. Order at next meeting or send check or money order to:*  
**Frank Linse, 301 E McGinnis Circle,**  
**Norfolk, Va. 23502**

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## Meeting Minutes

**\*PLEASE NOTE\*** The Secretary had a bad accident in his Acura today and is on several muscle relaxants and pain killers. I'm not responsible for any typos or non-sensical entries below!

The meeting opened promptly at 8:01 with newly crowned President Mark Childers presiding. With a hearty rap of his Gavel, Mark signaled the start of the Childers era. Greg Coogan was thanked for his hospitality! Unfortunately, there were few MGs in attendance. The Secretary's minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: \$312 Disbursements \$124.65 Balance: \$842.53 Mark cracked a bad joke.

Frank Linse is the new Regalia chairman. Mike Ash is our club Chairman, Bob Miller will tackle the newsletter, Robert Davis will resume his "spares" duties, Chuck Hudson is the activities and publicity chairman, John Severin is our Webmaster, and Bob McLaren will be membership chairman. We are still looking for a Technical Chairman to compile our technical articles for the newsletter.

Old Business: The Christmas Party is December 13! Bring a gift for a child, unwrapped for us to give away to those less fortunate. Gift certificates to Pizza Hut are best. We'll drive out shortly afterward to show off our cars. Put it on your calendar NOW! The next Tech session is November 23, hope to see you there.

New Business: The new magazine MG World was shared with all those in attendance.

Marque Time: Mark had something for Marque time. Catchy huh. Anyway, he has some 74 B parts now that he's picked up a junker.

Bill Keeler is looking for fibreglass springs for his midget. He also had a quiz question related to steering column turn signals. We had no idea what he was talking about so we moved on.

Chuck Hudson has seen a 70BGT for sale on the corner of Laskin and First Colonial. Call Mike Mellion at 425-6814. Chuck also reported that his rocket powered 6R4 is experiencing fuel pump problems.

Oooops, back to Spares: Robert has been looking at Rover parts to see what is still in production. He found that many tune-up parts are still in production by Rover and quite inexpensive. Let Robert know if you are interested and he'll put your order in.

Robert reports that his garage is coming along well and will be two stories and about 1500 square feet.

John Severin received a call from Bill Reha 428-5212. He owns Clockwork at Hilltop and is liquidating a bunch of MG parts. He wants \$2500 for everything including a daily driver B!

Mark mentioned that Bosch Platinum & Splitfire plugs need to be opened up for use with electronic ignitions.

Frank Linse thanked everyone for their service during his tenure as President. Frank also drove his B-GT to see Tom Sawyer in Canada and besides attending a local club meeting he visited a restoration shop. Frank received a well-deserved round of applause for his service.

Bill Keeler went with the Richmond club to the Harpers Ferry event and had a wonderful time. He also mentioned that the NAMGBR show will be at Hagerstown next year.

Since there was no raffle (Boooooooo) we adjourned and chowed down with the gusto of grinding gears.



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**MG  
FOLKS  
JOIN US  
SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 13  
TIME - 6:30 PM  
THE VILLERS HOME  
WITH JIM AND BETTY  
3133 INLET ROAD VABEACH  
COME  
JOIN  
THE FUN**

Remember to bring  
an unwrapped gift  
of clothing or toy  
for a child up to  
age twelve.

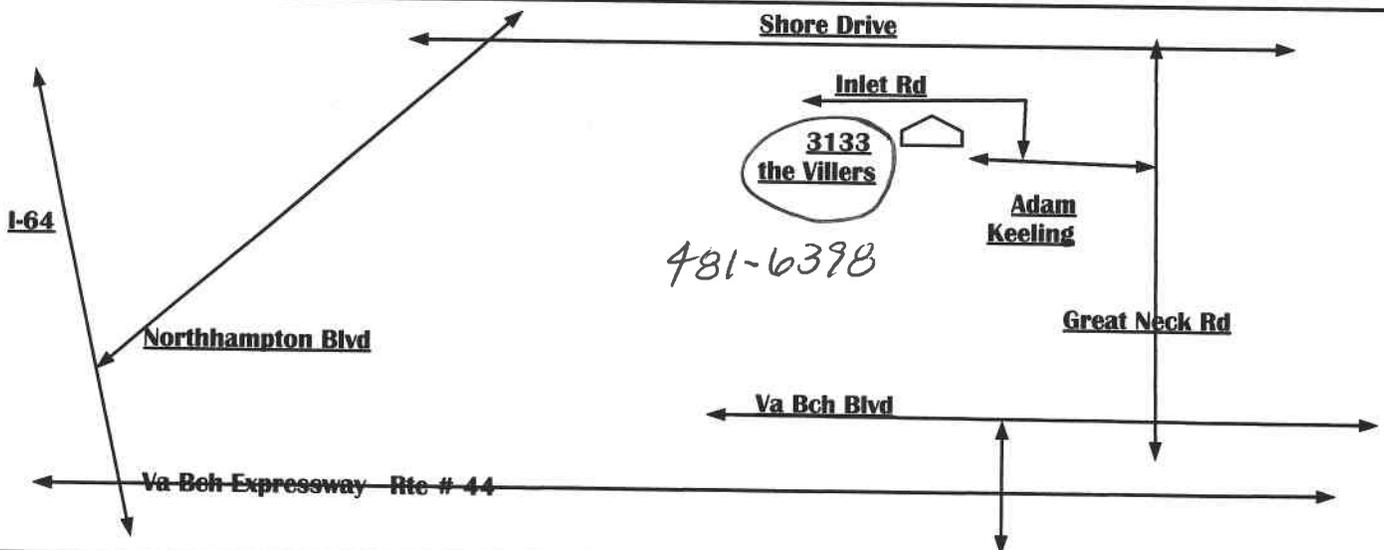
Add to the festive  
occasion-wear a  
holiday ornament  
or decoration!

**RSVP**  
481-6398  
by Wednesday  
December 2nd.

Bring your favorite  
-dish- -appetizer-  
-hors d'oeuvre-  
-or dessert-

***Xmas Celebration***

December 13th - Saturday - Jim & Betty Villers 481 - 6398  
3133 Inlet Road, Virginia Beach. No tire kicking allowed!



## **AUTOCROSS CALENDAR**

**Dec 07th Sun TSCC Winter IV Series #2, Langley Speedway, Hampton, Va**  
**Jan 18th Sun TSCC Winter IV Series #3, Fentress Airfield**  
**Feb 18th Sun TSCC Winter IV Series #4, Fentress Airfield**

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

**MOTOR FAST & SAFE Gregg**

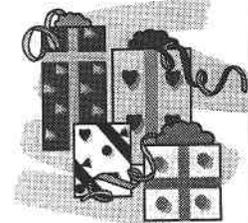
### ***The First Annual AACA Parts & Car Related Swap Meet...Gregg Coogan***

*Held at the beautiful new Chesapeake Convention Center this past November 15th was, in my humble opinion a definite success. A somewhat unique format, bring your own table, the costs were resonable at \$20.00 for an outdoor and \$30.00 for an indoor spot. I attended in my capacity as an ex-model collector liquidating his hobby wares. Couldn't have asked for a nicer bunch of vendors or better customers. Hot food, coffee and soda was available just outside the door and the weather co-operated to make a really nice day.*

*There was a very good turnout and I know I was pleasantly surprised with the amount of models I sold. My area was across from Terry Bond's so I got to watch a real pro in action. Terry was so well organized it was disgusting, and then at the end of the day there was that Brink's truck to help transport his day's take. This was a good event for club members to keep in mind for next year as there was really no British Bits there at all. No Vince, they didn't serve any beer. I'll be back next year.*



## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL**



Come see us at our new home,  
237 W 24th Street, Norfolk

### **MODERN AUTO BODY**

**Formerly English Motorcar Services, Ltd.**

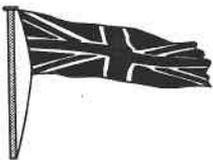
*Now is the time to be repairing so you can enjoy your MG.*

*Parts, Service, Restoration*

**We will beat anyone's part prices.**

**guaranteed!!!**

**Scot & Marc Coogan**



### ***Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow (NOT)***

*As you may or may not know this is my last trek as editor of the "Dipstick" after what seems like a lifetime. It was a lot of fun but I think it was easier to raise four children. My sympathy, I mean best wishes, go out to Bob Miller for offering to take over the task. Thanks to those of you who over the past few years have donated articles, writings or information. To those of you who did not" may the Blackbird from Lucas fly into your fusebox and feast upon your wiring harness for many dark and headlight-less nights....**Safety Faster...Gregg Coogan***

## **Sign Up Sheet for the 1998 Meeting Sites**

**February - Weds 4th**

**March - Tues 3rd**

**April - Weds 1st**

**May - Tues 5th**

**June - Weds 3rd**

**July - Tues 7th**

**August - Weds 5th**

**September - Tues 8th**

**October - Weds 7th**

**November - Tues 4th**

**December - Xmas party TBA**

**Spring Tech Session TBA**

**Summer Tech session TBA**

**Fall Tech Session TBA**

**Other Tech Sessions TBA**

**Chili-Cook Off Optional**

**Pig Pickin Optional**

**Please help wherever you can**

Club Notes

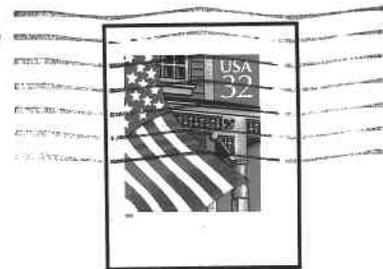
***XMAS PARTY AT JIM & BETTY VILLER'S  
 6:30 PM, DEC 13TH PLESAE RSVP  
 3133 INLET RD, VA. BCH., VA 481-6398  
REMEMBER THE KIDS!! THIS YEAR IT'S REAL EASY  
 RENEW NOW, THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL  
 SUPPORT AND BOB MILLER WILL NEED ALL YOUR  
 ARTICLES AND NOTES POURING IN!!***

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