



The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG Classics

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Marque Time

by Chuck Hudson

Old Business. really late- I apologize for forgetting to put in a progress report. last month. on our Soap Box Derby racer.

Some of the "kibitzers". Mark Childers. Bill Seih. Bill & Greg Keeler. Casey "the Dad" Riggs and eventually me. met at Mark's MG Garage Emporium Sat. May 10.

There was great progress of sorting. divid-ing. cataloging. counting and eventually bag-ging every part small enough to swallow. Amazing, there were only some 2.5" bolts and a bag of body retainer washers missing.

Slowly. pieces and parts went together. But, by 1 PM all the "kibitzers" had more(?) important Honey-do's and so Paul and Casey loaded our car in their truck, taking it home to finish for THE day, June 7th.

and now New Business-

The Race to Akron.

The unluck of the lane draw, a mighty blast of cold NE air and what ever else might have added up to a 1.70 sec time differential didn't let Paul Riggs into the 2nd round down the hill. No matter, the Club thanks Paul for more than a worthy effort in both building our/his racer. having it 100% ready for its tech in-spection and in (continued on page # 3)

up coming club activities...

- Sat June 28 1997 Tidewater
 Sun June 29 Scottish Festival
 CHESAPEAKE, VA.
 Contacts, Susan & Terry Bond
- Weds July 02 JULY Meeting
 Betsy S Doug Kennedy
 2441 Bayview Ave.
 Virginia Beach
 460-5037
- Tues Aug 05 AUGUST MEETING
 THE KEELERS
 565 Cedar Road
 Chesapeake, VA
 547-2709
- Thurs Aug 08 Roadster Factory
 Sun Aug 10 Summer Party
 Armargh, Pa
- Thurs Aug 14 University Motors
 Sun Aug 17 Summer Party
 Grand Rapids. Mi.
 616-682-0800

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Chuck Hudson opened the June meeting at the Millers home promptly at eight o'clock.

Bob and Judy Miller were thanked for being such cordial hosts.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as published in the "Dipstick", even though Bill Keller had not been able to concur as he had not yet got a copy in the mail.

Committee Reports- Newsletter- a discussion on producing the newsletter on a disc for submission to the printer was mentioned and once again a plea was heard for personal articles to be submitted for use.

Mention was made of the upcoming Tech Session at Tidewater MG in Newport News on Sunday, June 8th. "SU Carbs" will be the main topic of the session.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a soap Box Derby update from Chuck Hudson.

NEW BUSINESS

Soap Box Derby- tech inspection Friday night, June sixth:

- race is on Saturday, June Seventh, at Little Creek at 10:00 AM.

Ira Cantin displayed brochures of vintage MG cars for rent - \$50.00 to \$80.00 per day or thereabouts, \$150.00 for the weekend. Some people said "It is probably cheaper than owning and maintaining one." Inquiries were made as to what towing arrangements the company had for these cars. The question came up "How far would you get in an MGA or a T series before it breaks down?" (Should anyone avail themselves of this service please let us know immediately so we might start a pool as to time of said breakdown-renter not allowed to enter).

marque time

Ira cantin received good service from White Post Restorations on a rebuild/resleeve on his MGA master cylinder. Even more surprising was the timeliness with which the part was returned to him.

Bill Keeler discovered that it was easier to install the rear seal on a Midget crankshaft with the crankshaft out of the engine.

Bill also found a reasonably priced starter and master for the Midget at Advance Auto Parts and also received timely service as the parts were available from their warehouse.

Vince mentioned he had good luck with BAP GEON at the Wards Corner location. He said he received good prices on MGB parts.

On this note, with stomachs rumbling, the meeting was formally adjourned.

Marque Time Continued

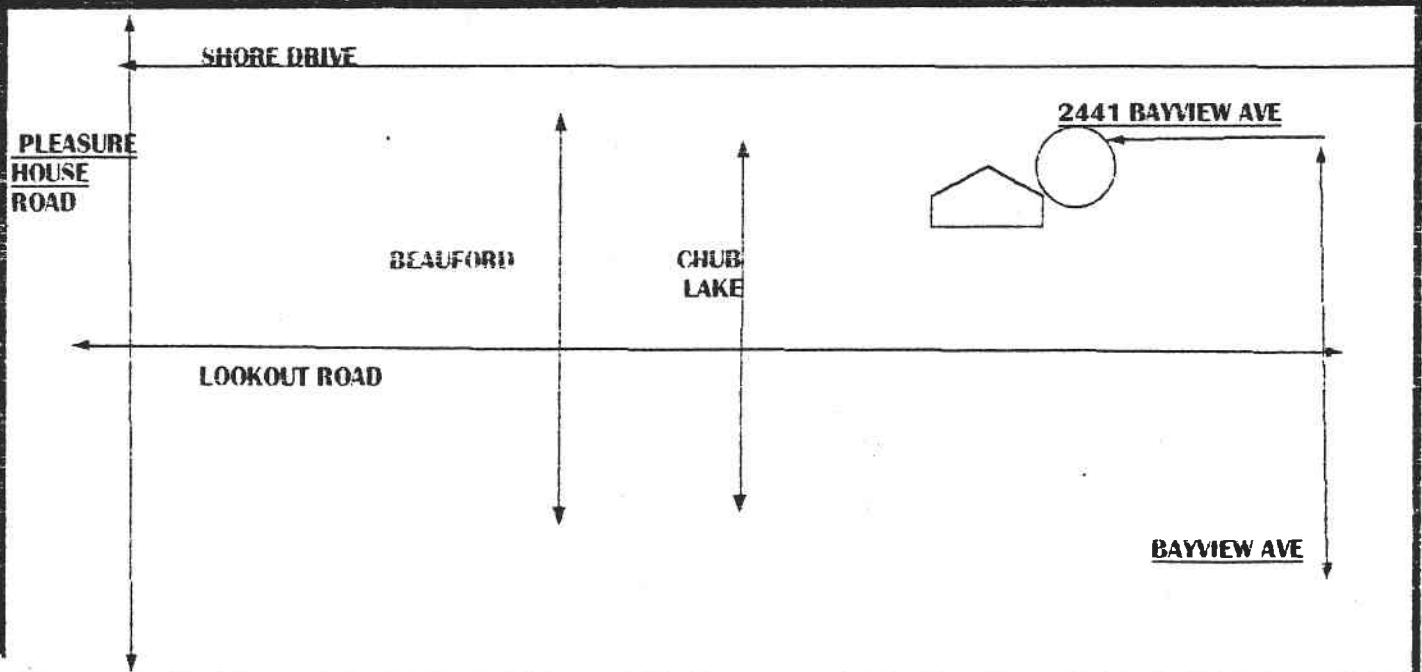
representing the MG T Classics with our name emblazoned on her flanks.

It will be at the Pig Pickin' for all of you who were unable to come to the races for reasons other than an impending marriage. My 6R4 was the only MG there and she surely doesn't look like any B type. Our banner was fluttering. Straight out at times. Thanks to those who did come to cheer Paul on. It was cold and windy but all of the racers' spirits were hot and ready to coast. 18 cars were entered and each was paired to go down the hill. If you saw the video I brought to the meeting, the right lane always won. Ask Casey Riggs, Barry Tyson or I about our theory on this curvature of the earth phenomenon. Anyway, Paul drew the left lane to start his runs. Beaten by a mediocre margin. The 2nd round he switched lanes and wheels. Some dads do weird things with oils and teflons. This time he had his opponent by not enough to really lower the 1st races finish line differential. Paul and the MG T Classics were out of the running.

I think the only real disadvantage he had was size. The car and driver must weigh 200 lbs. But, when your nine years old height is not one of your greater dimensions. The nine year olds were *inside* their racers with only their helmet above the cockpit. No necks, armpits, shoulders to catch an errant cross wind.

Paul can't run again next year and I don't think he would fit in the racer even if he could. So, all you club members, put your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews into their big wheels, little red wagons, batmobiles, whatever and teach them to steer a straight line down the nearest hill.

And from me, my thanks to the Club and all its members for being a sponsor.



Next Meeting

**Next meeting Wednesday July 02, Kicktyr @7:30,
Business Meeting @ 8:00 ,Betsy & Doug Kennedy,
2441 Bayview Ave., Va Bch, Va, 460-5037**

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.

July 10-13 NAMGBR convention, Buffalo, N>Y> (716)683-9380
 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)527-3834
 Sept 24-28, NEMGTR GOF-Mk 64, Binghamton, NY. (607)432-6865
 Sept 26-28, Indy British Motor Days, Indianapolis Speedway, IN. (317)357-3041
 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 6th Sun ODR/SCCA, Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va Summer '5' series
July 13th Sun THSCC AutoX, Tri-County Airport, Murfreesboro, N. C.
July 13th Sun TRIAD SCC, Greensboro Coliseum
July 13th Sun VMSC AutoX @ Va Mtr Spts Park, Dinwiddie, VA
July 26th Sat Highlands ICC, Belle Chere Street Festival, Asheville, N C
Part of the BFG sponsored series @ 6:30 pm

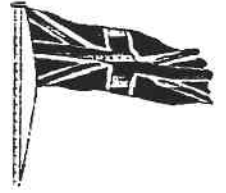
Aug 3rd Sun ODR?SCCA, Fort Monroe Hampton, Va Summer '5' series
Aug 10th Sun VMSC AutoX, Fort Lee, Va. (Petersburg area) 804-598-5077
Aug 10th Sun THSCC AutoX, Morrisville, N C, A Mc Donald, 919-471-8831
Aug 17th Sun TSCC AutoX, Fentress Airfield, Chesapeake, Va
Aug 17th Sun Triad SCC, LVM, Winston-Salem, 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 HB 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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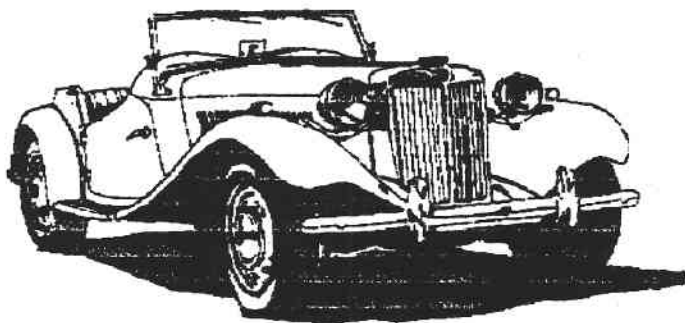
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As you may have heard the first US/Canada wide club that welcomes the owners of ALL types of MG's, in one organization, has recently been started. The **M.G. Drivers Clubsm** will be formally kicked off during the annual Roadster Factory Summer Party in Western Pennsylvania in August, site of the Club's first "Drive-Insm", but Charter Membership recruitment has already begun.

For many years MG enthusiasts throughout North America have talked about the need for a single organization that would accept as members owners of ALL types of MG's. For four days in June 1996, during "MG International Indy '96", we really were one MG family. Now the goal of creating, on a permanent basis, an MG family open to ALL lovers of the Octagon has been set in motion.

The **M.G. Drivers Club** seeks to complement and **NOT** compete with the fine existing MG Registers/Association. By setting a low annual dues the **M.G. Drivers Club** has made it easy for MG owners to join the new Club while, of course, continuing in the Register or Association for their model of car. The **Drivers Club's** aim is to be a low key, fun addition to the MG hobby scene.

The enclosed information brochure spells out the goals of the **Drivers Club**, in detail. The brochure also lists the benefits of becoming a member of the Club. **By joining now, as a Charter Member, your membership is extended till December 1998.** If you have any questions please call me at the above phone number and I'll try to answer them.

Join us on the drive!

Fast Forward, Together!

Richard Miller
Richard Miller, Director

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.

**JULY MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JULY SECOND,
BETSY & DOUG KENNEDYS'
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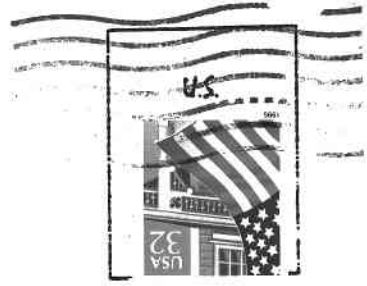
**DON'T FORGET JUNE WAS DUES MONTH!!!
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SUPPORT AS WELL AS ALL YOUR ARTICLES POURING IN!!**

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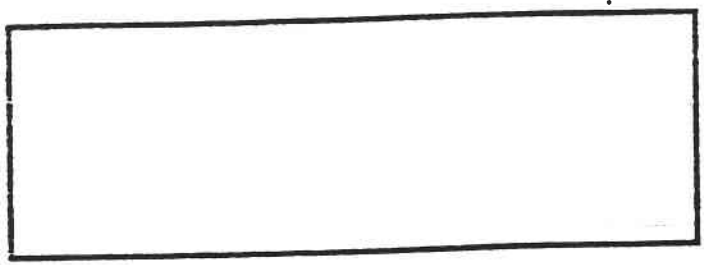


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