



# The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG Classics

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## Marque Time

The August meeting was held at the Keelers'. The weather was great and Bill fogged out most of the mosquitos. We enjoyed a brief presentation on the Berkeley show by Dennis Urick and Bruce Woodson of the CVMGCL from this Richmond club. British Car Days at Berkeley Plantation is one of the nicest shows in the area and I hope many of you will be there.

Members of the club who wish to caravan to Berkeley should meet at Greenbriar Mall (front of Sears) Sunday, 14th of September at 8:00 AM. We will take Rt# 460 for a leisurely drive.

Don't forget that October is our club elections. This is your opportunity to serve the club as an officer or committee chairperson. Don't hesitate to volunteer! It's a lot of fun and not all that much work.

**SAFETY FAST  
FRANK**

**Name tags are available .  
Price is \$5.00 per tag. Order at next  
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Frank Linse, 301 E McGinnis Circle,  
Norfolk, Va. 23502**

## up coming club activities...

- Weds Sep 03**     **September Meeting**  
**The Villers**  
**3331 Inlet Road**  
**Va. Bch, Va 757-481-6398**
- Sat Sep 13**     **13th Annual British Car Days**  
**Sun Sep 14**     **Berkeley Plantation, Rt #5**  
**Charles City, Va.**  
**Info & Application inside**
- Sat Sep 27**     **MG's On The Rocks**  
**Bel-Aire, Md.**  
**410-882-6896**
- Fri Oct 03-**     **16th Annual Fall Brit Car Fest**  
**Sun Oct 05**     **Waynesboro, Va 540-886-2351**  
**Show Day - Oct 04-Sat**
- Tues Oct 07**     **October Meeting**  
**Sue & George Ulrich**  
**1808 Cascade Court**  
**Va. Bch., Va**  
**757-427-0043**
- Weds Nov 05**     **November Meeting**  
**English Motorcar Services**  
**(Modern Auto Body)**  
**24th Street, Norfolk, Va.**

## "The Dipstick" Is the official newsletter of the Tidewater M G Classics

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## Meeting Minutes

Frank opened the meeting promptly at 8:10 PM. He welcomed everyone onto the Keeler's bug-less deck. There were no new members or guests other than our friends from Richmond to promote their show. After some discussion of newsletter non-delivery we moved onto the acceptance of the minutes. They were accepted with much acclaim.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts of \$140, Disbursements of \$40.00 for a balance of \$541.59.

Membership: John Severin welcomed Rudy Sayer as a long-ish time member but first attendee. As a friendly reminder, PAY YOUR DUES.

Newsletter: Greg Coogan passed along many pieces of information regarding upcoming events that he received from other clubs. Unfortunately, he spoke faster than the Secretary's ability to type. So, there's another good reason to attend meetings.

Technical: Bob mentioned the next Tech Session on Sunday August 24. He's providing lots of food, fun, and expertise. Well, some of the former, but not much of the latter.

Regalia: None

Spares: None right now, but it wasn't 9:00 yet so Robert may still turn up.

Old Business: Vince was recognized and clarified to be "Real" Old Business

New Business: If you want to convoy up to the Berkely show on September 14, meet at the Greenbriar Mall in front of SEARS at 8:00 AM on that Sunday Morning.

Dennis Yurick from the Richmond club also presented some information regarding the Berkely show. He discussed a change this year that would include a special area set aside for clubs. On Saturday there will be two or three tech sessions at the hotel. The Hilton will again be the host hotel and there will again be a party at the Virginia Aviation Museum. Food includes heavy hors-d'oeuvres and an open bar. A shuttle from the hotel will be provided. Thus far 310 cars have registered. Jaguar is the featured marque but MGs can still have the best representation.

Frank discussed a concern that the Pig Roast may be orphaned this year. A site is still being confirmed.

Chuck dropped off some literature from the MG Drivers Club.

Marque Time:

Bill Keeler mentioned that Terry Bond wrote a very nice rebuttal to some jackass who mentioned in the paper that antique cars shouldn't get a property tax exemption. Way to go Terry! (Ed. Note: Makes me proud to have you as a member Terry, and happy to have converted to an antique tag.)

Chuck Hudson was on vacation in Gallup New Mexico wearing his special MG T-Shirt. They shared some special moments, gave the secret handshake, and moved along. Later, he bumped into someone who had the infamous father with an MG in the garage. Lastly, he had a chance sighting of an MG heading to points west.

JD reported that he attended the vintage grand prix in Pittsburgh and had a great time.

Bill Keeler is looking for Vega GT rims for his Top Secret Stealth Technology Autocrossing Midget.

Vince Groover has a friend who is refurbishing Steel Wheels that look great.

Bob McLaren has tags for his C-GT and it should be on the road soon! Hopefully It'll be at Berkely.

Jim Villers reported that his new old MGB has an interesting oil pressure problem that he is tackling. Much discussion ensued, and some of it may have been valuable. There was even discussion of scratching "proverbial behinds" in confusion over the problem. Sorry, the Secretary was too scared to get a clarification of what that meant.

Jennifer Ashe and her hubby Mike went to the National A meet in Texas. They had a great time and met a lot of both new and old friends. They even had activities for non-drivers. Mike even held a few tech sessions. Jennifer also won a few door prizes including some wine! Next year the show is in Chattanooga.

The raffle was held for a small rollaway jack that Greg Coogan won, and admission to the Berkely Show's part which went to Andy, and a Sunday registration which your Secretary won happily. Oh, and a coolie went to Sue Bond.

The meeting was adjourned and we all headed to the Keeler's spread to wolf down on goodies like, uh, wolves.

## 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.*

*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 18-21, Queen Victoria Weekend, Wildwood, N J, (610)277-5278*

*Sept 19-20, British Invasion, Stowe, Vt (401)766-4920*

*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 03-05 Fall British Car Festival, Waynesboro, VA. (540)943-5697*

*Oct 11, Triangle British Classic, Louisburg, N C, (919)851-3030*

*Oct 17-19 Euro Auto Festival, Greenville, S C, (864)261-6303*

*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**

### *A Gathering of the Brits*

#### *22nd Annual Virginia Wine Festival and 1st British Car Show*

*Bright and early on what proved to be a perfect Saturday I set out on a two hundred and fourteen mile trek to a place called 'Great Meadows' in The Plains, Virginia for an enjoyable day of wine tasting, cheese & cracker munching and a large and varied selection of arts and crafts.*

*Great Meadows, it turns out, is a gorgeous equestrian center on the line of an exclusive country club. The grounds were opened up for this two day event (one day for the car display) which was a blast, especially if you enjoy Virginia wines. As far as a car show this was really just a display with, as far as I could tell, no judging. For something so new and small there was quite a varied turnout of British cars. There was a number of MGs, Triumphs and Jags of varying vintage as well as a Lotus Europa and a truly unique Triumph 1800 Roadster. Also present from the TCMGCC were Doug and Keiko Wilson with their rubber bumper B.*

*For the show enthusiast this was not a great car show for the distance traveled, but, for anyone who enjoys wine tasting and arts & crafts it was very enjoyable. The balance of the festival was well organized and nicely laid out. It was also a nice change of pace with no concern as to who's car was best, who had the best paint etc... I would recommend the Festival to anyone with a good reliable driver for a really different way to enjoy your British car.*

*Gregg Coogan*

**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  
Editor "The Dipstick"  
c/o Gregg Coogan  
4004 W Colonial Pkwy  
Va Beach, Va 232452-2216  
(757) 463-6660  
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Tidewater MG Classics  
Membership Chairman  
c/o John Severin  
1801 Clairborne Pl  
Va Beach, Va 2354  
(757) 481-9054

Office use only: Date received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date funds forwarded to Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Added to social roster \_\_\_\_\_ First Dipstick mailed \_\_\_\_\_

Date affiliate newsletter recieved \_\_\_\_\_ Social call for next meeting/info \_\_\_\_\_



**MGs OF BALTIMORE, LTD.**  
*Presents the Eighteenth Annual*  
**MGs ON THE ROCKS**  
**BRITISH CAR SHOW & PARTS MARKET**

**Saturday September 27th, 1997 Rain or Shine**  
**Rocks State Park 4-H Camp, Harford County, Maryland**

On Saturday September 27th there's only one place a British sportscar owner should be (with car of course) and that's at the Annual MGs on the Rocks Car Show. This low pressure, popular vote event gives you the opportunity to show off your car while trading stories and gathering those parts that you're sure you'll need some day. The Rocks State Park 4-H Camp is an excellent country setting in Harford County. Bring a picnic basket or purchase your lunch at the park and join The MGs of Baltimore, LTD. for what has always been a superb show. As always the number of awards are based on pre-registrations. Classes are determined by previous year participation. So mark your calendars and get those pre-registrations in by August 31st. See you at The Rocks!

- ▶ **NEW CLASS**  
 MG V/8  
 Triumphs  
 British-Other than MG
- ▶ **THREE AWARDS PER CLASS**  
 (or as determined by pre-registration)
- ▶ **SPECIAL AWARD**  
 Diamond in the Rough
- ▶ **DASH PLAQUE GUARANTEED TO PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY**

- ▶ **POPULAR VOTE JUDGING BY ADULT PARTICIPANTS 12-2 PM**
- ▶ **NO PETS**
- ▶ **FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE**
- ▶ **AWARDS PRESENTED AT 3 PM**
- ▶ **COST:**  
 \$10.00 PER CAR BEFORE 8/31/97  
 \$15.00 PER CAR ON DAY OF SHOW  
 \$15.00 VENDOR FEE FOR FIRST SITE.  
 \$10.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SITE.  
 \$10.00 CAR FOR SALE  
 \$1.00 SPECTATOR FEE.  
 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER, FREE.

**ROCKS STATE PARK**

15 miles from I-95  
 via (exit 77) Rte. 24 West  
 15 miles from I-95 (exit 22)  
 via Rte. 1 North to Rte. 24 West

**LODGING AVAILABLE AT I-95 EXIT 77.**

<b>DAVE INN</b>	(410) 679-9555
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<b>BEST WESTERN</b>	(410) 679-9700

**VENDORS MUST BE IN THE PARK BY 10 AM. SPACE WILL BE 20 x20 AREA.**

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 8/31/97**

Mail form and check, made payable to MGs of Baltimore Ltd. to:  
 Tracy Trobridge, Registrar  
 3150 Pfefferkorn RD. 21794

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, Call:  
 Tracy at (410) 442-2716  
 Richard at (410) 817-6862



- SHOW CAR       CAR FOR SALE       VENDOR

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 MODEL, YEAR & COLOR OF CAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 CAR CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 MILEAGE DRIVEN LAST YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver of liability (Must be signed to enter show). Neither I nor my heirs hold The MGs of Baltimore, Ltd. or Rocks State Park 4-H Camp liable for any damages done by me or to me or my car while engaged in or traveling to or from this event.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

# END OF SUMMER PARTY '97

**COME OUT WITH US FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL END OF SUMMER PARTY. WE WILL GATHER AT THE VIRGINIA AVIATION MUSEUM SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 6:30. WE WILL BE SENDING SUMMER OFF WITH A GREAT NIGHT OF CLASSIC AIRCRAFT, FOOD, AND THE SOUNDS OF 'THE KINGS OF SWING'. THIS IS THE PARTY PEOPLE WILL TALK ABOUT!**

## RICHMOND BRITISH CAR DAYS REGISTRATION FORM

*Early Registration Deadline is Sept 1, 1997*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Series \_\_\_\_\_

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Series \_\_\_\_\_

Local Car Club \_\_\_\_\_

ROAD RALLY	<input type="checkbox"/>	FREE
# OF TICKETS FOR SAT. NIGHT PARTY	<input type="checkbox"/>	@\$15.00 EACH-\$ _____
VEHICLES FOR PRE-REGISTRATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	@\$12.50 EACH-\$ _____
VEHICLES FOR LATE REGISTRATION (AFTER SEPTEMBER 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	@\$20.00 EACH-\$ _____
VENDOR PRE-REGISTRATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	@\$20.00 EACH-\$ _____
VENDOR (AFTER SEPT 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	@\$25.00 EACH-\$ _____
CARS FOR SALE	<input type="checkbox"/>	@\$20.00 EACH-\$ _____

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TOTALS \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHARGE TO MY VISA OR M/C (CIRCLE ONE)

CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

THE CHARGE WILL APPEAR AS: MERCER/WOODSON AUTOMOTIVE

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CVMGCL

4054 COAL SPRINGS RD. APT. 5B

GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

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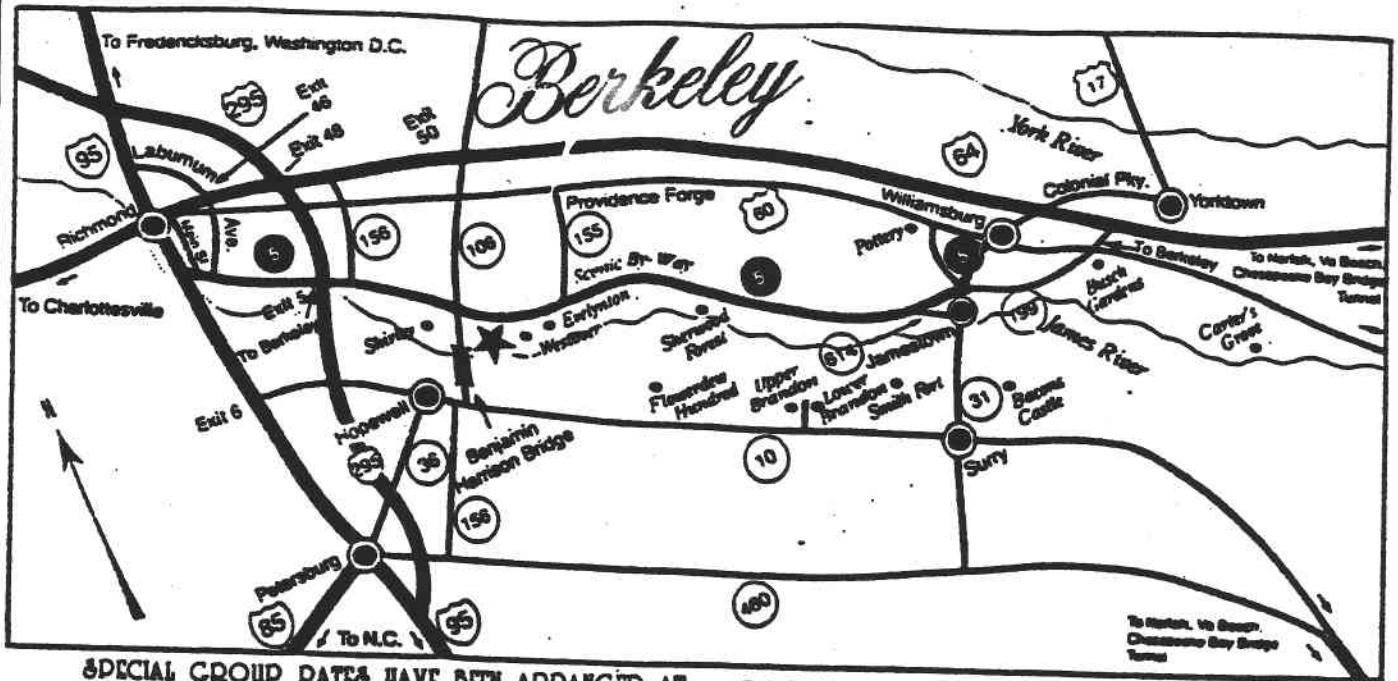
CALL (804) 527-3934 FOR OTHER SHOW INFORMATION

OR E MAIL AT ADURICK.MG@WORLDNET.ATT.NET

WAIVER OF LIABILITY MUST BE SIGNED TO ENTER SHOW. NEITHER I NOR MY HEIRS WILL HOLD THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA MG CLASSICS, LTD., BERKELEY PLANTATION OR THE HILTON LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGES OCCURRING WHILE ENGAGING IN/OR TRAVELING TO OR FROM THIS EVENT.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO A CHARITY!!**



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### RICHMOND AIRPORT HILTON

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 SANDSTON VA. 23150  
 (804)-226-6400

### SAT. SEPT 13, 1997

- 11:00 ARRIVE AT HILTON
- 11:30 REGISTRATION OPENS
- 11:30- 5:00 HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN
- 11:00- 5:00 VENDOR DISPLAYS (HOTEL SIDE PARKING LOT)
- 12:00 ROAD RALLY
- 6:30 PARTY AT AVIATION MUSEUM

### SUN. SEPT 14, 1997

- 9:00 FIELD OPENS (BERKELEY PLANTATION RT. 5, CHARLES CITY, VA)
- 12:30 REGISTRATION CLOSES
- 2:00 JUDGING ENDS
- 3:30 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
- \*CLASS AWARDS ARE BASED ON PRE-REGISTRATION.

SPECIAL AWARDS: BEST OF SHOW, THE BERKELEY AWARD, MOST OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVEMENT, OLDEST CAR, LONGEST DISTANCE DRIVEN TO SHOW

THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 PER VEHICLE CHARGE FOR SPECTATOR PARKING



## AUTOCROSS CALENDAR

<p>Aug 30th &amp; Aug 31st Sep 7th Sep 13th Sep 21st Sep 21st Sep 28th</p>	<p>Sat SCCA-SCR 24 HR AutoX, Galleria Mall, Rock Hill, S C Sun Part of the BFG sponsored series Sun ODR?SCCA, Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va Summer '5' series Sat Blue Ridge Region SCCA, Salem Va., AutoX &amp; Car Show Sun Tidewater Sports Car Club, Fentress Air Field Sun Va. Motorsports Club, AutoX @ Va Motorsports Park Sun Blue Ridge Region SCCA, Lynchburg, Va.</p>
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*Further info such as phone numbers, contacts, directions, distances and some maps available from the editor @ 463-6660.*

**MOTOR FAST & SAFE Gregg**

### *In Sympathy*

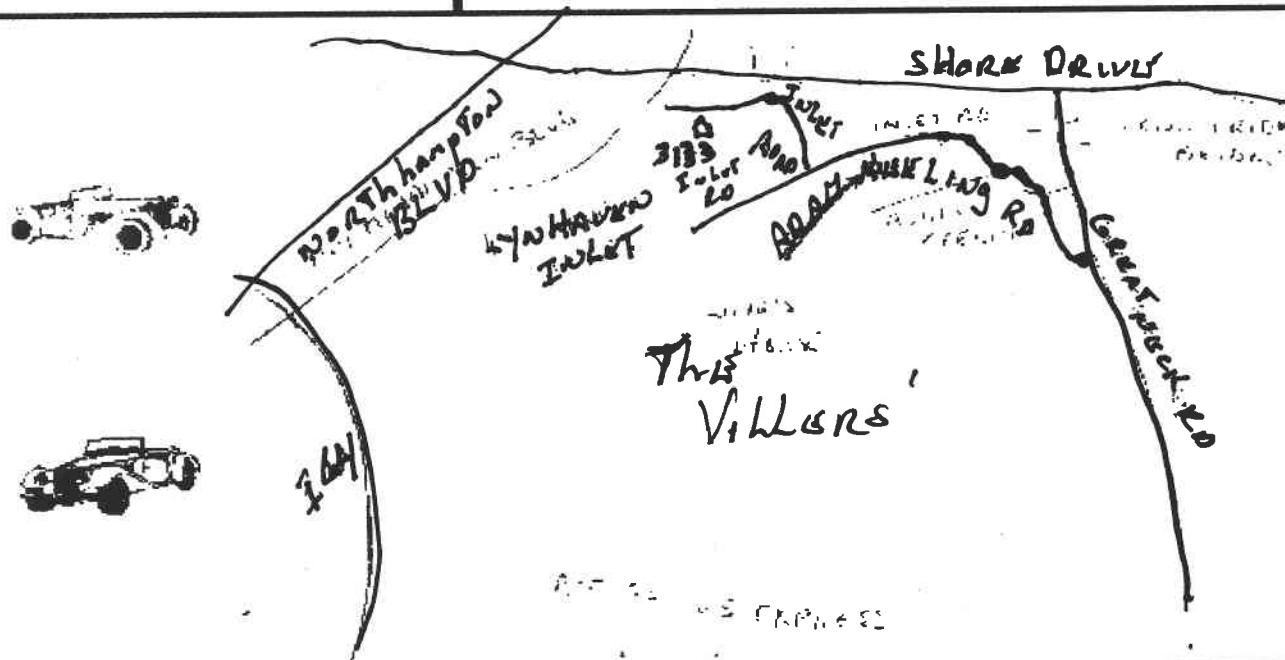
*John Bielo, member of the CVMGC, died on Wednesday evening, August 13th, in an automobile accident near his home in Ottoman, Virginia.. John was born on January 13, 1940 and is survived by his wife of 32 years, Judy, his daughter Mary Elizabeth and her fiancée, Roger Ramsey, and his sons John Deaner and James..*

*John will be missed by members of both our clubs who knew him, but his love and enjoyment of those little British sports cars will always be remembered in the hearts of many.*

*The Tidewater Classics MG Car Club extends its sincere sympathy to the Bielo family. Contributions may be given to the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad or Fire Department, Lively Station or Corrottoman Baptist Church c/o Building Fund, all in Lancaster, Virginia 22503.*

### **Next Meeting**

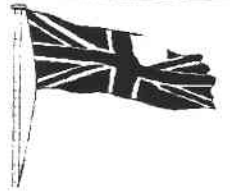
*Next meeting - Wednesday, September 03, Kick tyres @ 7:30 PM, Business Meeting @ 8:00 PM. Jim & Betty Villers, 3133 Inlet Road, Va Bch, Va 481-6398*





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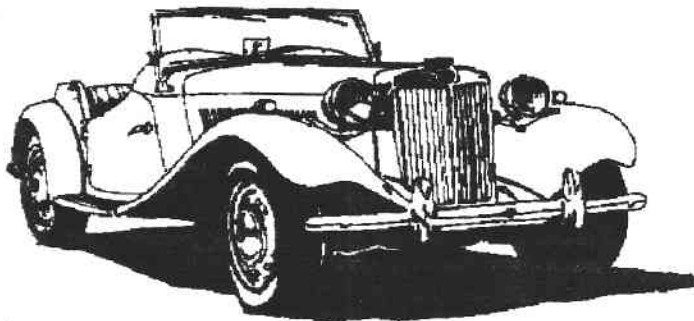
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call with your needs***

***Scott Bradford 757-463-6593***

TD parts - rubber set, almost complete.

Tie rod ends - new.

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**Good body-primed**  
**Mechanically OK, Needs clutch.**

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**1973 MGB Roadster**

Low miles, engine recently rebuilt-20 over pistons, new cam (mild) & lifters, new oil pump, crank balanced & polished. fresh clutch assy.. Head 3 angle valve job, 4 spd. custom whls, being primed-as is \$1800.00 choice of color- \$2700.00 Call Gregg@ 757-463-6660 Virginia Beach

**1974 MG MIDGET**

Was running, sat for one year, has new top - interior \$2000.00

Jim Blaylock, Virginia Beach

671-1936

Club Notes

**SEPTEMBER MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH,  
JIM AND BETTY VILLERS  
3133 INLET ROAD, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

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

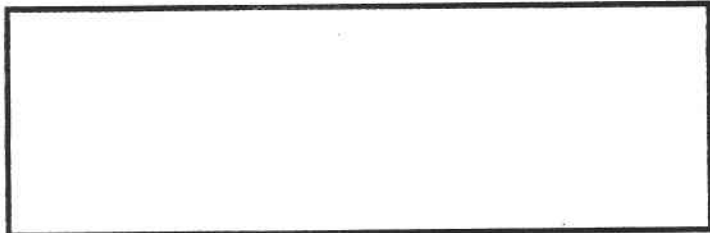
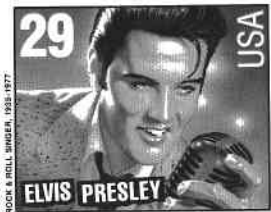
**DON'T FORGET JUNE WAS DUES MONTH!!!  
RENEW NOW, THE CLUB ALSO NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT AS WELL AS ALL YOUR ARTICLES POURING IN!!**

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**First Class Mail**