

The Dipstick

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Marque Time

Thanks to Chuck Hudson for hosting the January meeting, as well as for his great start as the activities coordinator. TMGC appears to be flush with new activities and events throughout this, our twenty-fifth year. Speaking of which.... rules of parliamentary procedure aside, the idea of a silver anniversary bash has been bantered about. Perhaps a party at the site of the first meeting, and a photo shoot at the corner of Independence and VA Beach Blvd, set up in the same relative place as the photo hanging in Vince's garage. Maybe a time capsule - we could put some trinkets and a few interesting spares in a box and seal it away for the next quarter century when - God forbid - nobody remembers the difference between the early and late 4-fuse blocks.... Think about it, jot down your ideas and carry them to the next meeting at Bob and Judy Miller's home. (Bob was indeed quite gracious about being volunteered in absentia.)

The club still needs a Technical Guru. The function is twofold: Find 4/5/6 hosts for tech sessions - already done for the year - and do a little research from time to time on items of technical interest to bring up as topics of discussion at our meetings and/or publication in the Dipstick. I can be reached at 473-1757 or E-mail IFIXMGS@AOL.COM *Safety Fast!*

Mark

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Upcoming Club Activities

Feb 4	Club Meeting - Bob & Judy Miller
Feb 18	TSCC Autocross - Fentress
Feb 22	Wicker Basket Gourmet Dinner - Peggy Bradford
March 3	Club Meeting - Bill & Leslie Seib
March	Tech Session - Frank Linse
April 1	Club Meeting - 25th Anniversary Party
May 5	Club Meeting - 25th Anniversary Party - Andy Wallach & Cynthia Faschini
May 16	Lewes DE. British Motor Car Show
May 17	Richmond Car Meet at the Boulders
May 30	Soap Box Derby
June 3	Club Meeting - Rudy Sayer
June	Road Rally - Bob McClaren

January Meeting Minutes

Mark called the meeting to order promptly at 8:06 PM and thanked Chuck for hosting us in his lovely home. John Warner and Aaron Carter were welcomed as guests. Ken Hobba was also welcomed as a new member. Thomas Alan Bradford was also welcomed into the Tidewater MG Classics family.

The minutes were accepted by the three people who had received their newsletter. Robert made some excellent points in describing the quality level of the writing. Again, Robert Davis showed his fine character and wisdom.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: \$192.00 Disbursements: \$256.06 Balance \$769.47

Activities: Chuck Hudson discussed a need for hosts for meetings. PLEASE call him if you're interested. Bob and Judy Miller sent their psychic message that they wanted the February meeting so everyone agreed. He's also setting up dates for tech sessions and has a calendar of events for the upcoming year. He hopes to have an event for every two months. February will see our annual chili cookoff. A discussion ensued regarding changing the cookoff to an "international" flare. Then, we discussed a "whicker basket affair" where everyone brings a gourmet-type dish. There seemed to be some interest in trying this so the decision was made to go full speed ahead to hold this at Peggy Bradford's house on the 22nd of February. Late May or early June may bring a rally that Bob McLaren is working on. August may see us meet at The Hermitage in Norfolk for a round of croquet. In October a fishing tournament is being planned. December will see us return for a Christmas party. All in all, Chuck has done a wonderful job and everyone was VERY excited about the plans. Bob McLaren also showed a wonderful book that the Broadbents sent the club. It will be raffled next month. It's called MG Sports Cars and is worth \$40.

Newsletter: Bob wasn't present but we thanked him for hosting the next meeting.,

Regalia: Frank Linse pushed jacket patches. They are also suitable for baby bibs, stopping up leaks and the like. Only \$1.00 a piece so buy a gross. Frank also discussed coffee cups and is asking what people wanted in regalia items. Please discuss any ideas with him. He also is getting nametags made so send in your order.

Spares: Robert Davis discussed a fitting that allows you to force the air through your hydraulic system and bleed the system more easily. He's also looking for someone who can do screen printing on aluminum. Please call him if you have any leads.

Publicity: Well, sort of, Mark brought a check for \$245.00 to the Hope Haven as well as some certificates for free pizzas from Pizza Hut. A possibility of a driveout was also mentioned.

Old Business: Chuck discussed the need for an old roster. It was decided that >

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Dear Bob,

I hope you and the Tidewater Classics MG Club had a good Christmas and are looking forward to a new season on the road.

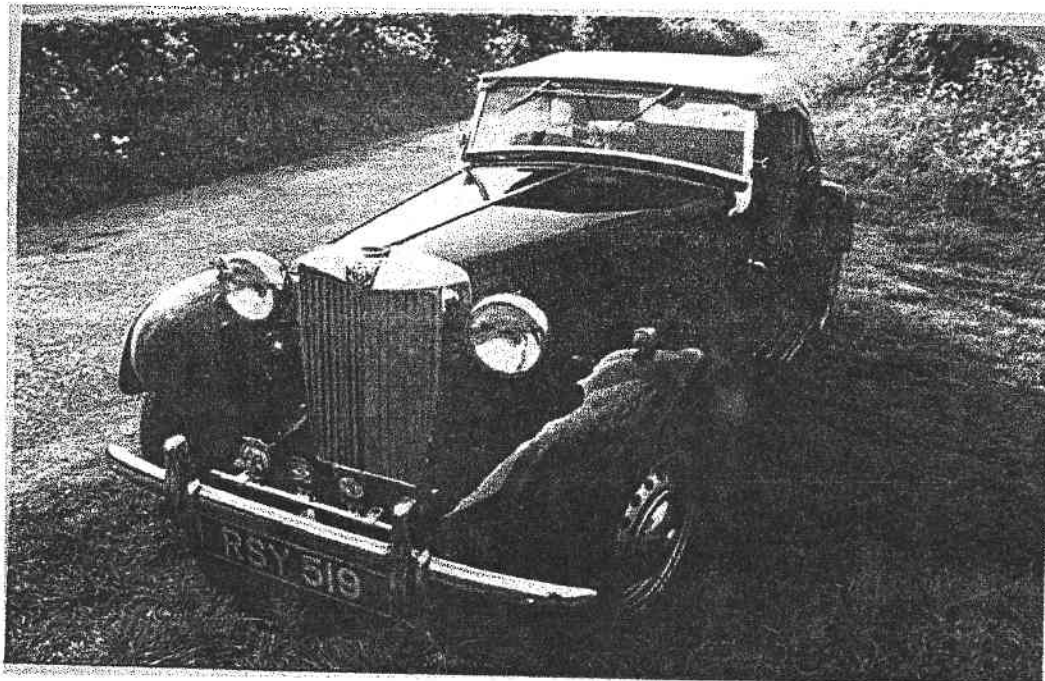
I came across this book the other day and thought you might be able to use in one of your raffles. I still proudly display your badge on my TD and if you look closely at the picture I enclose, you will be able to see it. Every time I look at it, it reminds me of the friendliness, helpfulness and good time I had at the club meetings.

As you will see from the other photo, there is still some way to go on the TF, but at least the engine, gearbox and mechanicals are back in now! - just the bodywork to do!

Have a good New Year and remember to get in touch if any of the club are heading to the UK

Yours sincerely

Howard Broadbent



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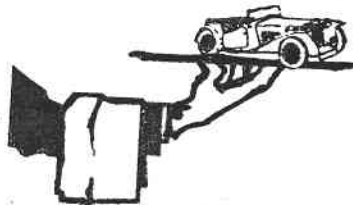
Eat Appetite

"The Wicker Basket Affair"

Initiated originally in January 1977 as a fund raising affair when the club was on the brink of bankruptcy, this first "Pot Luck Dinner" proved so popular that during the second dinner in 1978 it was formally dubbed the "Wicker Basket Affair". This well-attended social gave us a chance to break from the winter doldrums, put some money in our treasury, and best of all--EAT. This was not the run-of-the-mill pot luck. It was GOURMET Pot Luck. Everyone brought a favorite dish and recipes were exchanged for months following. This traditional January event continued for 13 years. So folks... let's dig out those recipes, mark your calendar and plan to re-live this wonderful winter tradition. As our club is much better off financially than back then, there will be no charge.

MENU

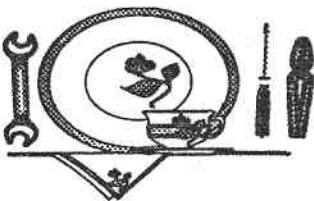
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Meat
- Vegetables
- Bread
- Dessert
- Sodas, wine, beer, coffee provided



DATE: Sunday, February 22
 TIME: 2:00 pm
 DRESS: Sunday casual
 PLACE: Peggy Bradford
 5104 S. Lake Rd.
 Va. Beach

Phone: 464-0543

Please call Peggy by Thursday, Feb 19th to tell her what you'll bring.



Dust off those MGs and plan to drive in style. If the weather cooperates as in the last few years (we've again asked the weatherman for 70), the corner yard will provide yet another great January Car show for the neighborhood.

New Business:because we haven't printed one in a while so Bob McLaren is going to do so.

Marque Time: Jennifer Ashe reported that Mike's cousin who owns a PB in England came across someone who also owned an MG. The person happened to be John Harvey, formerly of our club!

Mark's car is done with the exception of a top! He's pleased with the result.

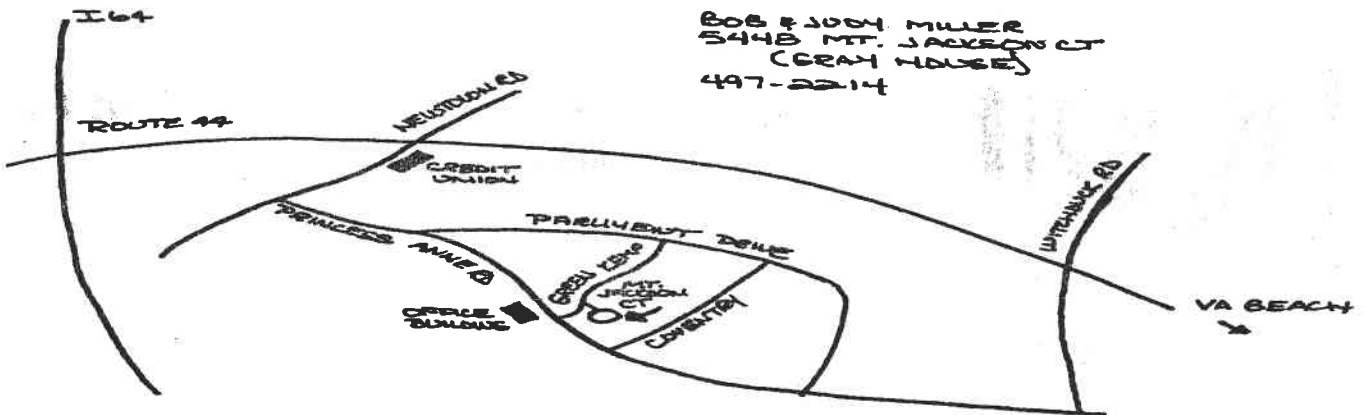
George C. McNichol wrote us and is looking to advertise. We discussed our advertising rates and realized that the rate should be \$50 a page a month.

Chuck reminded us that the Soap Box derby is upcoming.

Mark spoke about his rebuild and a lack of headlights or horn. Just as he asked the heavens for light, the lights and horn started working!

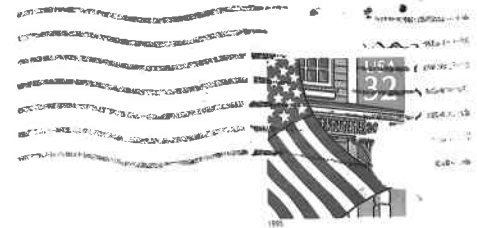
The food started getting cold so we held the raffle and chowed down like rabid weasels on New Year's eve.

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
KICK TIRES 7:30 PM, BUSINESS MEETING 8:00 PM
BOB AND JUDY MILLER'S
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