

# The Dipstick

The Newsletter of the Tidewater MG Classics Car Club



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## Marque Time

Our thanks to Bill and Leslie for hosting the March meeting. The tire-kick was an off-again on-again affair, as Bill's driveway light appeared to be auditioning for the Clapper commercial. Lots of cars turned out, and in the spirit of the occasion, several rolled in with tops stowed in the fair weather position.... Much was accomplished between first gavel and chow-down. Chuck Hudson started the ball rolling toward the Silver Anniversary dinner/party which is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at the English-themed White Horse Pub in Pembroke Mall. I spoke to the owners, and they are keen on the idea, and are not pressing us for big bucks. They would appreciate a close head count by April 6 so they can schedule help accordingly. Forty + would be a nice showing. The next hurdle is to arrange for a cordoned space adjacent to the mall. Getting cars into the mall for display isn't as easy as I first envisioned, but I'm working on it. Silver dash plaques with a suitable inscription seemed to be the regalia of choice for the affair, and we'll have some MG and Britcar related favors as door prizes.

The Soap Box Derby car is on display in my shop. The graphics alone should make it the fastest of the lot. **DRIVER WANTED:** Casey reasonably short, with a low centre of gravity, and ability to focus on driving in a straight line is a real plus. Call Riggs at 595-9947 for weight limitations.

Alan Watson, copier-guy extraordinaire, approached his employer, **ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS** with an offer that we can't refuse....they have offered their copy services to us at no charge, in exchange for a bit of advertising in the Dipstick. More than a fair bargain all 'round. **IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF COPIERS, COMPUTERS, FAX MACHINES, NETWORKING, OR SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS AT 97-8000 361 SOUTHPORT CIRCLE (OFF INDEPENDENCE/EDWIN DR). TELL THEM YOU SAW THEIR AD IN THE DIPSTICK.**

## Upcoming Club Activities

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| April 1 | Club Meeting - Andy Wallach & Cynthia Faschini            |
| May 5   | 25th Anniversary Meeting<br>White Horse Pub-Pembroke Mall |
| 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                                 |
| July 7  | Club Meeting - Doug Kennedy                               |
| Aug 5   | Club Meeting - Bill Keeler                                |
| Sept 26 | AMGBA Meet '98 Charlotte, NC                              |

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## March Meeting Minutes

Mark opened the meeting promptly at 8:02 PM. Bill and Leslie were thanked for their gracious hosting of the meeting.

The minutes were accepted in absentia since there was no meeting last month.

Treasurer's Report: Disbursements: \$120, Receipts: \$74, for a balance of \$726.86

Membership: Bob McLaren has been sending out applications. Call him if you have a prospective member.

Newsletter: Bob brought extra copies. He also brought copies of the flyers for several upcoming car shows. Bob is also looking for articles, pictures, etc... SEND HIM YOUR ENTRIES! Chuck Hudson pointed out that the maps need some work. All were appreciative of his hard work and timely delivery.

Technical: We are looking for a technical person. Step forward y'all.

Regalia: Frank is taking nametag orders. Call him. Tonight's Raffle was a Special MG book sent over from England by John Harvey. Frank is also looking to order new coffee cups. Need a grille badge? CALL FRANK LINSE ASAP! There was much discussion of what clothing to order with our logo. As usual, there was no definitive conclusion.

Spares: Robert was not here, but it was only 8:15.

Clubs: Mike shared the bylaws from the NAMGBR. He feels that we are not in any flagrant violation of the rules!

Social: Chuck Hudson discussed the upcoming April meeting. Andy and Cynthia agreed to host April so we now need a May host. The Pig Roast at the Watson's will now be in September. Chuck brought forward the issue of the 25th anniversary and that the best guess is that the club was founded in May. He proposed that we hold it in the Pembroke Mall parking lot since that's where the first gathering was held, and that we retire to the White Horse Pub for a repast. Mark will look into it and report back. The Pilot may also be interested in doing a story on the anniversary. Discussion then went all over the place from ceremonial wine glasses, to the use of silver, to setup charges, to the merits of weekends or week days, etc.... People seemed to be interested in having dash plaques made so Frank is looking into it.

Old Business: Subscription forms for MG World magazine were distributed by Alan. The Soap Box Derby was discussed with a driver being selected in April. We need a short thin kid with good motor skills. John Severin pointed out that our web site is up and running. Check it out at [www.mg.org](http://www.mg.org)

New Business: Anyone on the roster can buy auto parts for their MG through Scott Coogan at dealer's cost.

Marque Time: Bob McLaren mentioned a T series site on the web. He forgot the site so he'll report back next meeting. The specific details were lost somewhere on the way to the meeting. Bob then flipped out so we moved on.

The wicker basket social at Peggy's was a big success with lots of great food.

Bill Keeler's new restored Midget has been started and except for the usual leaks it's doing well. Well, one fried battery later it's doing well. Well, that is after he plugged the water, gas and oil leaks. Congrats Bill on making progress on your project.

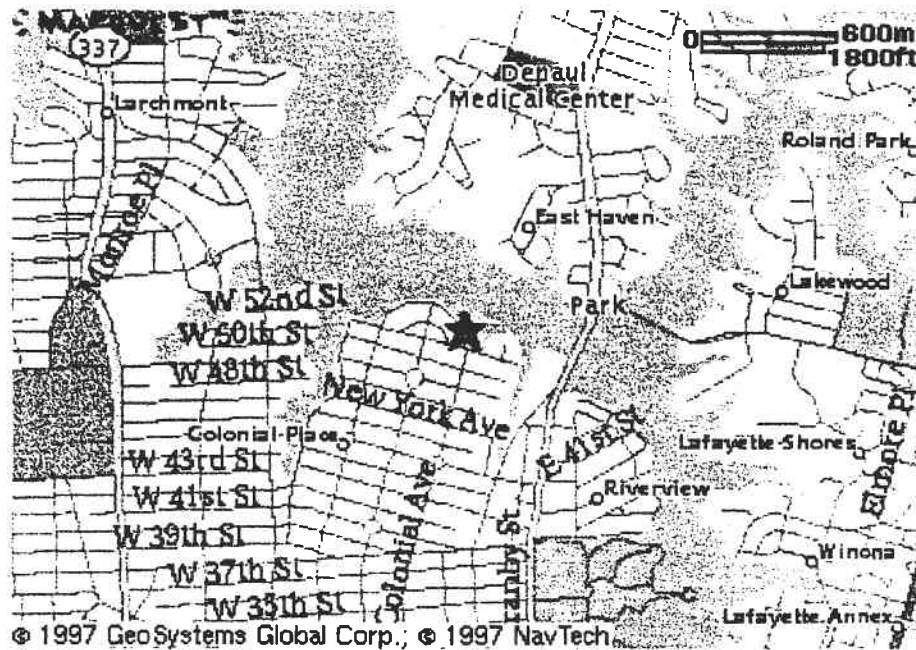
Chuck Hudson discussed the next model MG that we will not see. However, this shore may see the MGG after the turn of the century.

Vince knows someone with an MGB that is in excellent condition and recently restored. Not cheap, but nice. Call Vince.

Chuck Hudson is selling his MG 6R4! It's a rocket sled so call him if interested.

The raffle was drawn and Barry won.

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 1ST**  
**KICK TIRES 7:30 PM, BUSINESS MEETING 8:00 PM**  
**ANDY WALLACH AND CYNTHIA FASCHINI**  
**545 MAYFLOWER DRIVE, NORFOLK**  
**622-8315**



## TOOLS

**HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind divining rod to locate expensive car parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.

**MECHANIC'S KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; particularly well on boxes containing convertible tops or tonneau covers.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**VICE-GRIPS:** Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**EIGHT-FOOT LONG DOUGLAS FIR 2X4:** Used for levering a car upward off a hydraulic jack.

**PHONE:** Tool for calling your neighbor to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.

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**MAY 5TH**  
  
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PEMBROKE MALL**