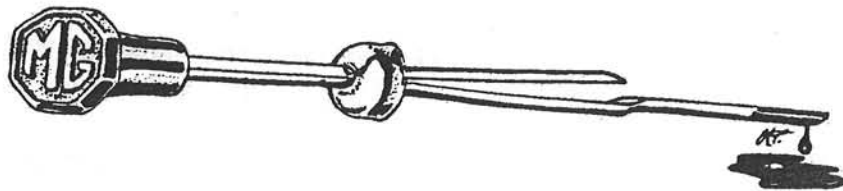


# The Dipstick

The Newsletter of the  
Tidewater MG Classics Car Club



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## Marque Time

Again, we would like to thank David Sheppard and his wife for their hospitality at the November meeting. I would particularly like to thank David, for the maps, and Alan Watson and Alan's dad, for manning the check point, in support of the first improvised rally to a meeting. As David said, "When you drive an MG you have to expect anything". The last two meetings have proven that even driving to an MG club meeting can be an adventure. Someone suggested we should do a "rally" for every meeting, "hmm". Soon, hopefully, we will have the map problem solved, and sorry for any anxiety, stress or "expletives" the problem caused. Part of the problem this time, was our membership data base. Alan Watson is desperately in need of your help in updating the membership data base so that we can have updated and improved data (e-mail addresses) when we need to communicate with you urgent info on the latest status of club activities and to publish an accurate Membership and Social Roster. Please E-Mail to: [beach723@aol.com](mailto:beach723@aol.com) the following info:

Name(s) (first, last)

Address (street, city, state & zip 5 digits 4 digits)

Home Phone (include area code)

MG Ownership & Registry, for each car (year, model, Register)

Please provide this info even though it has not changed over the years. If you are not on-line mail this info to: Alan Watson, 1593 Flanagan Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. I have already done this myself and we need everyone to take a few minutes and participate to help Alan.

As the end of the year is drawing to a close and the holiday season approaches, I begin to reflect back on the MG events I have attended. I think of the new MG friends I have made and the old MG friends I have spent time with. A phrase that I have heard at every North American MGB Register Convention I have attended, keeps running through my head. I believe it is part of the MG experience. I believe no other marque can quite match this attribute that the MG marque does. Maybe it is the love that people who own or have owned a MG, have for the MG. There has been a number of

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## Upcoming Club Activities

Dec	No Meeting
Dec 3rd	Christmas Party Cynthia & Andy's
Jan 4th 2000	Tuesday Meeting at Peggy Bradford's
Feb 3rd	Wednesday Meeting To Be Announced
Feb 27th	Wickerbasket at Peggy Bradford's
Mar 7th	Tuesday Meeting To Be Announced
March	Spring Tech Session at Bruce & Brenda Miller's.



## November Meeting Minutes

Barry and his mighty gavel struck the November meeting to order at 8:09 as Vince bellowed us to attention. Barry mentioned that we all were winners for finding the house since the map was incorrect! David and Mary were thanked for their hospitality. Everyone was also impressed with the MG Logo Pumpkin as well!

Beth Simmons and her 79B were welcomed as a first time attendee. Will Butter was also welcomed. He is looking for an MG. A new member James Simpson and his 74 Midget were also welcomed.

Treasurer's report: Receipts - \$217, Disbursements - \$40, Balance (pre pig roast) \$1587.23

Minutes from October were approved as written.

Newsletter: Ed was congratulated for his great job. Many explanations for the map situation were then offered but we're too laid-back to give him too much of a hard time. Ed's also going to start collecting e-mail addresses for further contacts.

Regalia: Frank was flogging nametags, license plate frames, shirts, hats, and other bits. Start your Christmas shopping now!

Activities: Chuck passed around next year's sign-up list for meetings and activities. Cynthia and Andy were thanked again for hosting the Holiday Party. RSVP NOW so we know how many people will be in attendance. Tech session this month at the Bonds. NO December meeting since we have the Holiday Party that month. Dan discussed the Tidewater Sports Car Club's Halloween eve rally and the fact that a rally championship "series" is planned with each club hosting an event. Several people said they'd help out, some discussion ensued, and Dan was asked to keep us abreast of plans. Alan investigated the Ronald McDonald House as an appropriate charity for our donation. Everyone agreed that we should support this cause. Further information is in this Dipstick.

Spares: Mark is taking over Spares in Robert's absence. Neat stuff will be in attendance at the next meeting. Jim Villers mentioned that he has a source for Halogen bulbs for non-sealed beam headlights. Ed is returning to England and is willing to look for bits and pieces during his vacation.

Clubs: Mike reported that the MGA Register is holding their national gathering near Morgantown in July.

Membership: Alan reported that 120 members have resulted in 58 people actually paying dues. PLEASE pay up if you owe us your dues.

Old Business: Fittingly holding a glass of vintage wine, our vintage member was in attendance. Alan passed around pictures from the Pig Roast both pre and post monsoon. 35 people were in attendance. A hearty chuckle was shared at the story of the TR3 getting pulled out of the mud by the B!

New Business: Alan mentioned that his father had an article published in MG World magazine! Apparently some yo-yo is rebuilding and rebadging Mgs in Canada.



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## November Meeting Minutes (continued)

We discussed the website and agreed to have the webmaster responsibilities transferred over to someone who could spend more time on this project. All agreed that John Severin has done well to get us this to this point!

Marque time: Vince informed us all that he purchased a "Groover Red" 74 B that with some elbow grease is now a daily driver.

Mark traded a drive in his B for a 63 Midget! Apparently there is more to the story but he isn't letting on. Anyway, it's complete but a bit tatty/rusted so he'll be parting it out.

Mike let us know that he was contacted regarding a 54 TF for \$10,000. Call the owner at 318-6006 for more info.

At this point the meeting was approaching 10:45 and after numerous "Is that rain I hear" shouts to get us motivated we wound down.

Peggy Bradford told us about a cat that's taken up residency in her car and has learned how to turn on the lights.

Leslie glumly informed us all that she met another local tow truck driver through need!

Chuck Hudson extended hearty greetings to the two Canadian jaywalkers, Ruth and Richard Skidmore of Lindsay Ontario. They braved traffic to practically jump in front of Chuck and his TC even though they were aware of the performance of english-style brakes!!

Dave blew a hole in his radiator and bought another from Crazy Vince's House of Radiator parts. Another one was provided and is equally pretty!

The raffle was held for a 4-pack of speckled hen. Jim Villers that fine gentlemen, scholar, bon-vivant, and magnanimous fellow won the speckled hen. Because the Secretary was sucking up to him for some ale he could not see who won the T-shirt. The meeting disintegrated and we headed to the kitchen to chow down like uh, oh the heck with it I'm distracted, my beer's getting warm.



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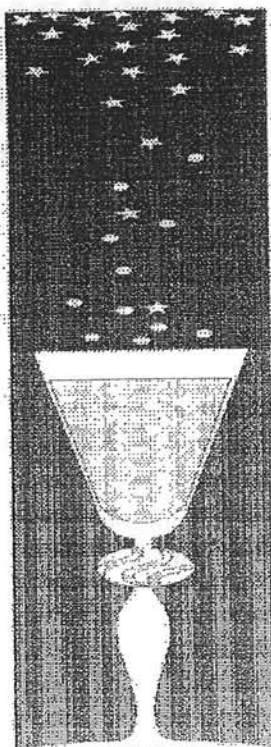
### Name Affiliation

**Section 1.** The official name of the Club shall be "TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS".

**Section 2.** It shall be the intent of the Club to seek affiliation with appropriate National and International MG Registers.

**Section 3.** Members shall be strongly encouraged to join the register appropriate to the model of their car(s) and to participate in Register events.

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# MG HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

**"Holiday Dishes  
Around the World"**

**Friday  
December 3, 1999  
6:00 p.m.**

**Cynthia and Andy  
545 Mayflower Road  
Norfolk, VA 23508**

**RSVP (757) 622-8315 by  
November 22**

This year the MG club selected the Tidewater Ronald McDonald House as its Christmas charity. For those of you not familiar with this charity, it is a house located across the street from Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk that provides a place to stay for families of critically ill children while they are receiving medical treatment at CHKD. The Ronald McDonald House is supported solely by donations.

I visited with the director recently, and had a chance to meet one of the guests staying at the house. I was very impressed with this facility, and they are happy that we are helping them this holiday season. Below you will find some suggested items that they need. If you would like to participate, please bring your donation to the holiday party at Cynthia and Andy's on December 3rd:

Non-perishable pantry foods in boxes, cans or cartons.

\*No drinks -- they have a regular source.

Household goods. (Laundry detergent, toilet paper, tissues,  
cleaning products, etc.)

Personal toiletries. (Travel size toothpaste, shampoo, disposable razors...)

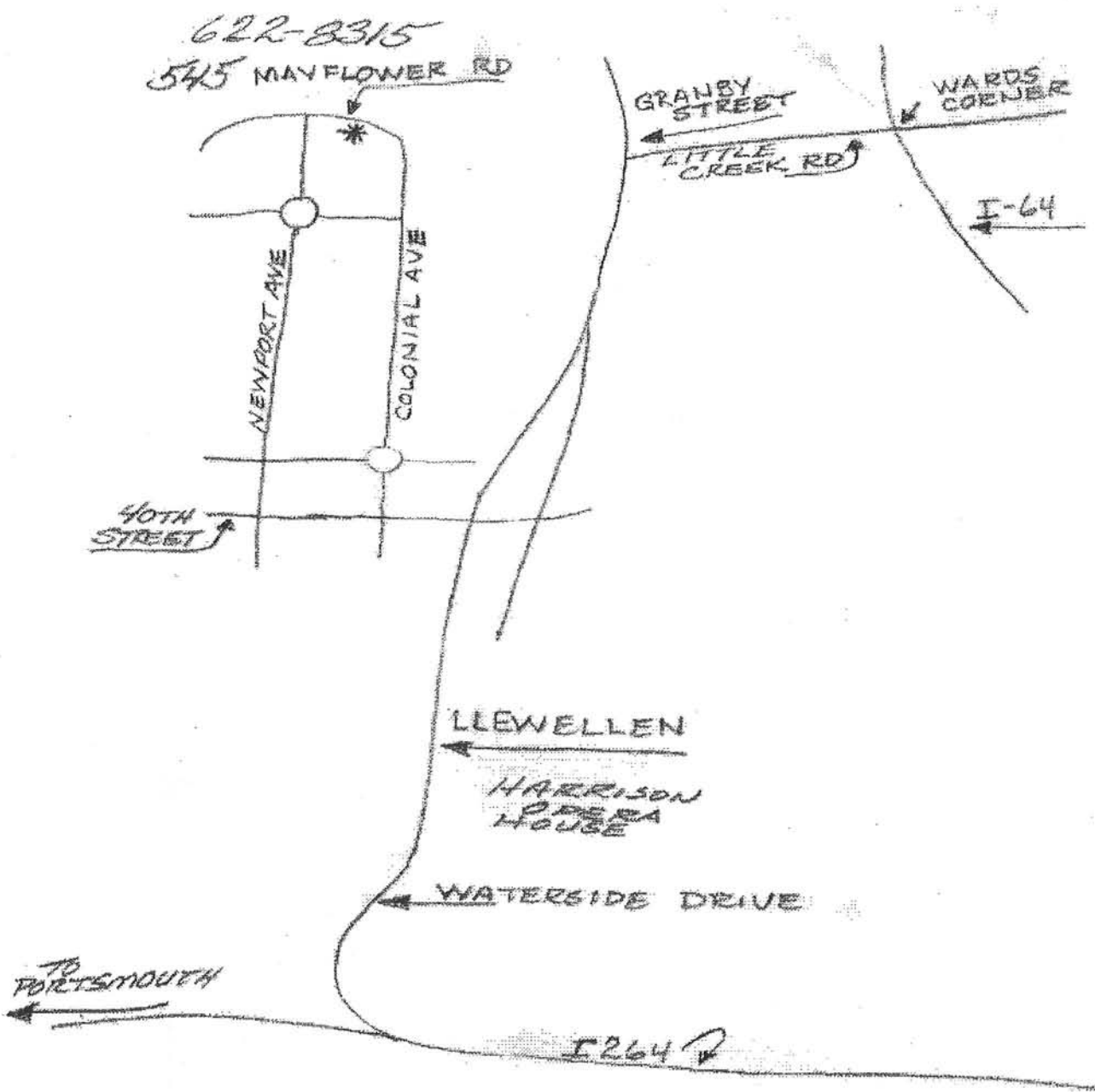
Children's toys. (Labeled for gender and age if wrapped.)

Also, their den lacks "grown up" movies, for mom and dad to watch to pass the time while they're at the house. If you have any pre-recorded movies you'd like to clean off your shelf, I will have a box to collect them in to donate as well.

If you have any questions or would like to help me deliver them on Sunday, December 5th, please give me a call.

Alan Watson (426-2600)

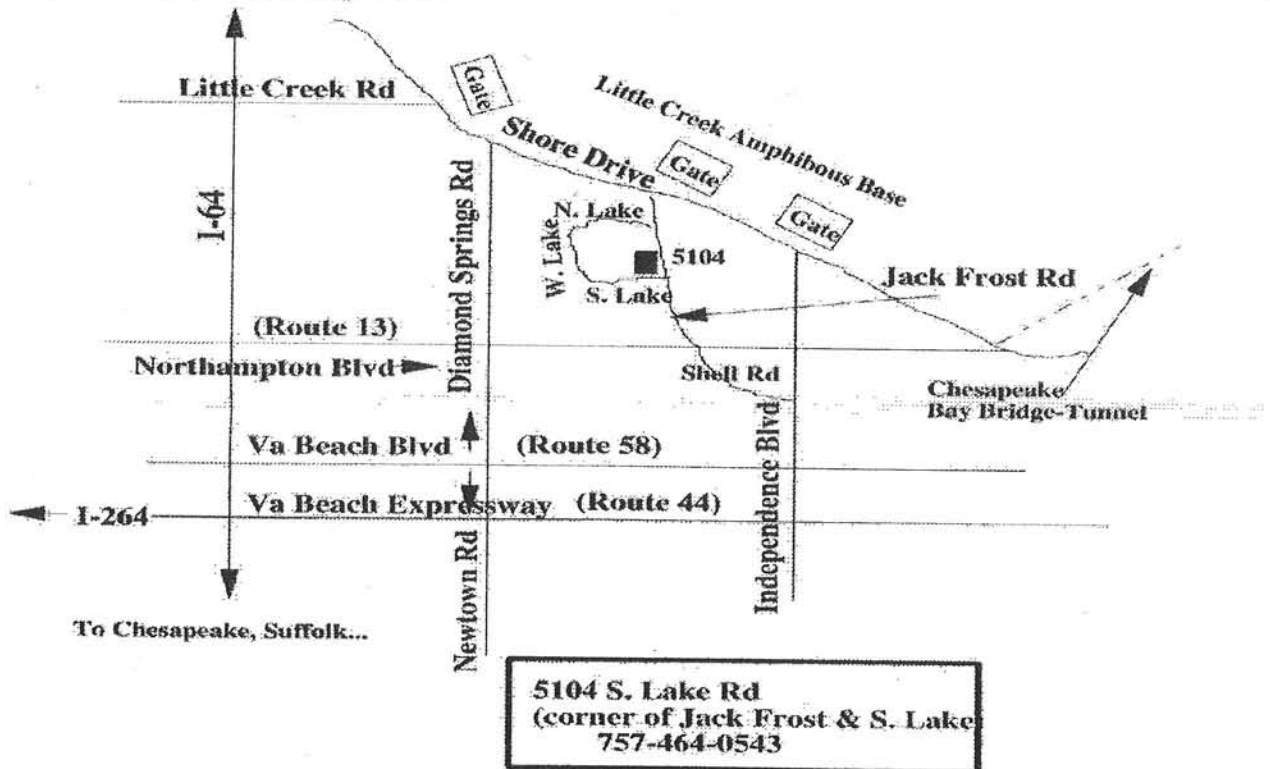
# Christmas Party At Cynthia & Andy's



**Tuesday**  
**January 4th, 2000**  
**Kick Tyres - 7:30**  
**Meeting - 8:00**

**Peggy Bradford**  
**5104 S. Lake Road**  
**Virginia Beach 23455**  
**464-0543**

To Hampton/Newport News  
via the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel



## From the Editor:

As an organized club there is sometimes the need to contact all members quickly. This past months meeting directions is a good example. With the onset of communications in todays world the way it is, most people (a majority) now have e-mail addresses whether it is at their place of business or at home. TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS car club feels it is time to add to the register of member's information their e-mail addresses.

When you provide your email address it is essential that you know that this list would NOT be sold, bartered-for, or used to solicit the sales of goods in any way. Having your e-mail address on record would be for the benefit of the club (its members) only. Case in point, misinformation mistakenly sent out in the newsletter which requires clarification, or some time-sensitive event that cannot wait for the newsletter's deadline (e.g., late notification of a rally).

Should you prefer to have your e-mail address not given out, it is still requested that you provide it to the club for reasons stated. If you do not care whether your e-mail address gets published, then just send your email address to me, Ed Kehrig <ckehrig@exis.net>, Subject line: MG Club, and it will be included in the data base. If you want it to remain private, please send it anyway, but include the statement "DO NOT PUBLISH". The membership renewal forms will include a space for you to include your e-mail address, and whether or not you want it public or private.

Thanks, Ed Kehrig

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A note on the **England trip by the Ed Kehrig** as mentioned in the minutes will not be taking place in December due to family medical needs. A family member requires an operation and the trip would be too much so soon afterwards. Sorry no spare parts this year . . . . Ed Kehrig

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times, just in the past year, that when I have mentioned that I own an MG to a person, they respond back that they have owned a MG. You can see them remembering their MG experience and they respond in almost as revelation to themselves "you know I loved that car". Then there seems to be an instant friendship bond. Maybe it is because we have shared a similar emotional experience. Maybe there is a kindred spirit in the people that would own a MG. Maybe it is both. But any way , what ever it is, the phrase that really stands out in my mind and that is so appropriate for this time of year is that "**MG is the marque of friendship**".

And with that thought in mind, it is the time of year for another traditional club event that you should plan to attend, where we celebrate that MG friendship and that is our legendary MG Christmas Party. It is the highlight of our club social events for the year. This year is special because it is being hosted for the first time by Cynthia and Andy at their lovely home. It should be both interesting and exciting, and in the tradition of supporting a charity as part of our MG Holiday Celebration, we will be supporting the Ronald McDonald House charity. Details are coming in the mail & this DIPSTICK. Please plan to attend to share cheer and friendship in the MG tradition. Happy MG Holidays and **Safety Fast ! Barry**

**The Tidewater MG Classics**

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**FIRST CLASS**



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**No December Monthly Meeting  
Christmas Part December 3rd (Friday)  
at Cynthia & Andy's 545 Mayflower Road,**

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