

The Dipstick

The Newsletter of the Tidewater MG Classics Car Club



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Marque Time

Upcoming Club Activities

Many thanks to Peggy Bradford for hosting the February meeting, and again, for hosting our Wicker Basket Affair / March Meeting on the 28th.

I've just returned from a week in NJ, where I ran into the fellow who bought my first MGA roadster from me when it was only 8 years old. In 1964, I bought it from a Monmouth College coed for \$500, paying far more attention

her charms than to its shortcomings.... so much so that when I drove home and pulled into the driveway to show it off to my dad, the first thing he asked was, "Where's the front bumper?" After 98,900 pampered one-driver miles in the past 35 years, it's earned another frame-off restoration, and he has arranged to have the job begin the day the odometer reaches 99,999.9.

I noticed it doesn't smell like it did so many years ago when oil ran down the side of the engine onto the exhaust pipe, and fuel dripped from the jet nuts. Back then, prehistoric alcohol-based antifreeze seeped into the cockpit from a leaky heater core, while Girling brake fluid was spilt everywhere except in the tiny reservoir. It's much quieter, too. A hidden CD has replaced the scratchy Motorola AM with built in speaker, and Michelin MXL's provide quiet, all-weather traction; long gone are the 7.75x15 Atlas nylon 2 ply donuts that thumped like a bass drum in the Mummer's Parade till they warmed up. And I thought I was hot stuff taking curves at fifteen or twenty mph over the limit... Those were the days. Somehow, I managed to outlive them... See you at the Wicker Basket. Bring a friend and an MG memento for display. If you haven't got a piece of regalia, jot down a fond memory.

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| Feb 28 | Sun Wicker Basket and March meeting at Peggy Bradford's |
| Spring | Tech Session at Frank Linse |
| April 7 | Wed NEED A MEETING HOST |
| April 23-25 | Race at the Base |
| May 4 | Tues Meeting at Dave Sheppard's |
| May | Hopehaven Drive-out and Road Rallye |
| May 23 | Sun 7th Annual British Car Classic Car Meet Boulders, Richmond |
| May 29,30 | Soap Box Derby Races |
| June 2 | Wed Meeting at Andy and Cynthia's |

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**RACE AT THE BASE
APRIL 23-25TH
OCEANA NAVAL AIR STATION**

General Admission: \$8.00, \$12.00 for a two day pass; \$4.00 for active military and families; \$2.00 for children under 12. Tickets will be available at the base the week-end of the event and at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Box Office and the Virginia Beach Visitors Information Center. All proceeds from the event will go to the Navy Morale Welfare and Recreation Fund.

The NAS Oceana is the premier master jet base on the East Coast and home to all US based F-14 Tomcat aircraft. This will be a 2.8 mile, 10 turn race course which will recreate the airport circuits that were used in the late 50's. The event is for vintage race cars from the late 1940's to '72.

There will be five race groups with practice and qualifying sessions starting mid-morning Friday and Saturday. Classic Mustangs, Corvettes and Jaguars will be among international cars features in the racing line-up, in addition to vintage Morgans, Elvas, Triumphs, MGs and Healeys. There is a Friday evening "Mock Race " parade of cars from the track to the Ocean Front car display at 4:00pm. Races Saturday and Sunday will be held from 8:00am to 6:00pm.

The races are sanctioned by the SVRA and will be conducted with the cooperation of Naval Air Station Oceana and the City of Virginia Beach.

There will be special parking for car clubs and parade laps.

It's time again to create those wonderful dishes to share at

"The Wicker Basket Affair"

Choose your favorite recipe and call Peggy by Wednesday, Feb 24th to let her know what you'll bring. Pack that favorite dish in your MG and take a Sunday drive to a fabulous array of food and great company. We promise you won't go home hungry.

MENU

Hors d'oeuvres
Meat dish
Salad
Vegetable
Bread
Desserts
Sodas, wine, beer &
coffee provided.

DATE: Sunday, Feb 28
TIME: 2:00 pm
DRESS: Sunday casual
PLACE: Peggy Bradford's home
5104 S. Lake Rd (Lake Shores)
Va. Beach
Phone: 464-0543

This year we are having an MG memorabilia display. Bring one or more of your favorite MG related items to display. No car parts please!



THE WICKERBASKET GOURMET FEAST WILL INCLUDE
THE MARCH MEETING

The Tidewater MG Classics

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**RACE AT THE BASE INFORMATION
IN THE NEWSLETTER**

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NEXT MEETING

PEGGY BRADFORD'S

**WICKER BASKET
AFFAIR**