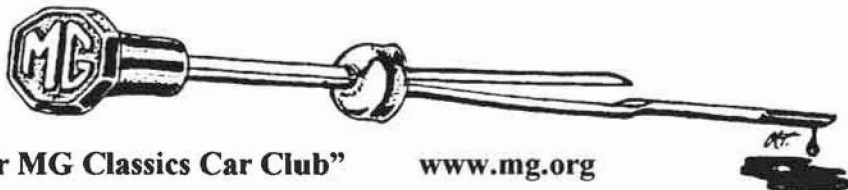


The Dipstick



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MARQUE TIME

Upcoming Club Activities

Thanks to Chuck and Judy Hudson for hosting the "the nearly Blizzard 2000, Zamboni would have been required" February meeting. Luckily, the Sunday rain and barely warm temperatures during the following days were enough to retreat the ice on the famous Hudson glacial field (also know as the driveway) and the only access to the Mount Hudson summit. We also played the game is it (the meeting) on Tuesday or Wednesday, due to the slowness of the delivery of the DIPSTICK by US snail mail and the failure of the Pilot to print the meeting announcement in the Friday auto section. Thanks to those of you that showed up on both nights. Thankfully, we are finally able to access our web site to make changes and Mike Haag has updated our calendar, so remember if all else fails www.mg.org is your information station in cyber space.

Point of Information:

I would like to talk about a re-occurring topic (just as a point of information) and I know this topic was discussed at the last two meetings. **What is a mailing list and why does so many people lately , seem to want ours.** We actually have two documents that contains member information. One document is our mailing list which is an electronic file which only contains the names and addresses of our members solely for the purpose of printing the labels for mailing out the DIPSTICK and no other member information. The other document is the Membership and Social Roster which is for the use of the members (for example: to contact each other). The Members and Social Roster has detailed information about each member and under no circumstances should be released to anyone outside the club. We have been asked a couple of times this year to provide a mailing list for a couple of events . The people involved in these events seem to have good intentions and are troubled by our reluctance to provide a mailing list. I feel their pain. Both of these events, I personally think, are good events. Both of these events are new enough that they don't have a self generating mailing list. When ever you are asked to submit a form to register for an event, you are providing the information for the next years mailing list, so it is self generating mailing list. You have a certain amount of control over the amount of information you provide when you submit the form. You decide on how much risk there is that the people you provide the information to is not going to be disseminated somewhere you don't want it to go. The early years of an event are critical. Information has to get out and there has to be enough participation or the event fails. We are being asked to participate because if you want MG's at an event, we have MG's (a nice looking collection of MG's I might add) and it's starting to look like we are one of the few and larger exclusive MG clubs around, something to be proud of. Where ever we participate, we are promoting our MG marque and our club. Personally I prefer promoting events that we deem worthy through the DIPSTICK. Sometimes people don't realize how much lead time is required to include information in our publication or the information they have is too

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| Feb 27th | Wickerbasket and March Meeting at Peggy Bradford's |
| March | Spring Tech Session
~Cancelled~. |
| April 4th | Tuesday Meeting at Frank & Gloria Linse's |
| May 3rd | Wednesday Meeting |
| May 5-7th | "Race at the Base"
NAS Oceana |
| May 21st | "The Boulders"
British Car Show
Richmond, VA
(Sunday) |



large or complicated to include in our publication. There may come a time when we may have to do something different and I believe we can come up with several options. BUT, I think that each member and officer should be reminded that it has been the clubs policy to not release any membership mailing or roster information except as approved by the membership. And until the membership decides differently that is the way we will operate.

On the Lighter Side:

I don't know if you have noticed, but the days are getting longer and that means as the days rush by we are headed to the vernal equinox and spring. I know that we are going to have an early spring. I know that for a fact because my MG did not see it's shadow on February 2. (I kept it in the garage on that day, a mere technicality.) You see my predictor of the end of winter is no furry rodent, no Punxsutawney Phil, but my MG. My MG, my worshiper of sun, lover of soft warm breezes and embracer of two lane blacktop, senses the coming season that breath's life back into it's being. A time when it's wire wheels and Dunlop's will once again be whirring across pavement, winding down roads, through fields of green with crooked fences, purple thistles, small wooden houses and tree canopies of dappled sun light. A time when there is a rebirth of the spirit, after surviving the darkness and cold of winter. It is the time for release of the built up tension from a lack of stimulation of the senses that results from the interaction of man, machine and nature. With the top down and the mellow, melodic burble of the engine exhaust, that rips to a smooth pulsating crescendo at the touch of the throttle and as the shifter clicks through the notches of the shift pattern and the feel of the steering wheel in hand as the curves of the road are transmitted through it, this is being alive again. This is driving my MG. -SAFETY FAST - BARRY

February Minutes

The meeting started promptly at 8:03 Lucas Standard Time as Barry summoned us forth from the vibrating massaging command chair. The Hudsons were thanked for their hospitality and warm coffee on this cold night. Uh, Chuck also welcomed some returnees from the night before! The names were withheld to protect the innocent. After bravely arriving in an MG with the top down Cynthia Faschini was also recognized for her stylish new hairdo which has been called Unseen Wind by all the fashion press.

Three new members were welcomed but the Secretary was too slow a typist to get the names. I ll work on this next time.

Treasurer s report:

Receipts: \$139.00

Disbursements \$453.52

Balance \$1272.71

Minutes were accepted. Some discussion of missing Dipsticks ensued. We blamed the weather.

Newsletter:

DEADLINE IS 2/15 FOR SUBMISSIONS! Get them to ckehrig@exis.net ASAP or snail mail Ed Kehrig.

Regalia:

Frank flogged our regalia and announced new nametags were available.

Activities:

The whicker basket is at the end of this month. Attend! The meeting will be held at the same time. For some reason our meeting information has not made the newspaper. Much discussion of visitors and freeloaders showing up for the grub commenced but no one was that worked up to deal with it. The March Tech Session is supposed to be courtesy of Bruce Miller but we were confused about it. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for real information.

Parts:

Mark showed some gaskets from a late model Zenith carb that need to be seated properly lest the valves get cooked.

Clubs:

Nothing much. Alan reported that Doug Wilson wanted our roster so that the Williamsburg area British car club could send *February Minutes continued from page 2*

us invitations to a show. Most people expressed their hesitancy since this is step one to getting unsolicited junk mail. The same thing happened from Abacus racing. Barry discussed the opportunity for everyone to advertise in the newsletter. In short, we'll be happy to spread the word in all ways except handing out our mailing list. PLEASE do not give your roster to anyone for commercial purposes!

Old Business:

He wasn't here this evening. Roy Wiley was present in his absence.

The web site is being reorganized but is still available at www.mg.org The suggestion was made that the web address be added to our newsletter masthead.

Alan discussed that 55 people have not paid dues. GET YOUR DUES IN NOW!!! Stop procrastinating. DO IT TODAY. Come on now, we know you have it. I needed to buy a new clutch is NOT a good excuse.

New Business:

Chuck raised the A.G.M which stands for Annual General Meeting and is a tradition among English clubs. This would be a nice public meeting say in May where we would gather for a dinner similar to our recent 25th anniversary. This met with a LOT of support so efforts will move forward.

Archives.....Sue Bond is our historian. PLEASE get her any pictures of past events so she can scan them and add them to our graphic history. What she really needs is the ephemera. Please note that this is not English slang for a body part. It means things like the menu from the 25th anniversary dinner, brochures, flyers, etc.

Marque Time:

Roy Wiley was flogging a 62 small block V-8 from a Buick.

Doug showed a flexible plastic that allows you to peel off stickers and stick them to the inside of the windshield so they can be removed later. Check www.windshieldrelief.com for info.

We got a hit on the website looking for info where one could pick up an MGF!

Mr. Watson returned from the Heritage Museum visit and showed us the picture of an MG cut in half.

JD told us he now has a 58 A that has actually been in his family for a while. So his garage now features both an A and B!

Whoever bought the MGA seen in Williamsburg before Cynthia could convince Andy to buy it needs to keep looking over his/her shoulder. She is not pleased and was looking for information on effective hot-wiring.

The raffle was held, the Secretary didn't win (again) so we all headed to the dessert table and the promise of sweets like bees to the hive.

It's that time again...

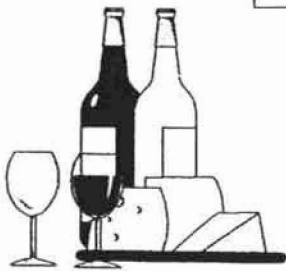
"The Wicker Basket Affair"



MENU

Hors d' oeuvres
 Meat dishes
 Salad
 Vegetable dishes
 Bread
 Desserts
 Soda, wine, beer & coffee provided

DATE: Sun, Feb 27th
 TIME: 2:30 pm
 PLACE: Peggy Bradford's
 5104 S. Lake Road
 Virginia Beach
 Phone: 464-0543



Choose your favorite recipe and call Peggy by Fri, Feb 18th and let her know what you'll bring. Pack that dish in your MG and take a Sunday drive to a fabulous array of food and great company.



The March monthly meeting will also be held during the afternoon.

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



**The Colonial Vintage British Car Club Presents
The First Annual
Classic British Car Show of Williamsburg
Saturday May 13, 2000 New Quarter Park Williams-
burg, Virginia**

Join us for a day of Automotive Adventure at beautiful New Quarter Park, right off I-64, just minutes from historic Williamsburg. We're a "British " Car Club but...the Show is...

Open to ALL Classic Makes and Models!

The Show Field opens at 9:00 AM and "Popular Choice" voting will take place between 10:00AM and Noon. "Best of Class" awards will be given across a wide range of car makes and models. (Classes to be determined by pre-registrations) Special Awards include..."Best of Show", (Includes trophy and \$500.00 of merchandise donated by our sponsors!), "Diamond in the Rough", "Oldest Car", "Under 21" (the Owner, not the Car!), and "Farthest Driven to the Show"

While you eagerly await the results of the judging enjoy yourselves socializing and picnicing with food and soft drinks offered by local concessionaires, then make sure to pay a visit to vendors displaying a wide variety of new and hard to find parts, accessories and gear. For the technically inclined several "Tech Sessions" will take place throughout the day. A DJ, Raffles, Specialty Auto Displays, and the opportunity to get a Custom Photo round out the day's activities.

**9:00AM Show Field Opens 10:00AM-Noon Voting 2:00PM
Presentation of Awards &Prizes**

Accommodations: The King William Inn located one mile from Colonial Williamsburg offers newly renovated rooms with mini-kitchenettes and covered parking for the Special Show Rate of only \$50.00 per night. (King William Inn 824 Capital Landing Rd 757-229-4933 or 800-446-1041)

New Quarter Park is one of the areas most gorgeous natural resources and a beautiful setting to show off and photograph your classic car. Come for the weekend and enjoy Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, Busch Gardens, and Water Country USA...they're all just minutes away!

Early Registration (prior to April 1) : \$15.00 per vehicle

Registration (after April 1): \$20.00 per vehicle

Spectator parking: \$3.00

Directions: From I-64 take Camp Peary-Colonial Williamsburg Exit #238. Proceed on 143 South to 132 (forks to the right). Follow signs to the Colonial Williamsburg Visitors Center, just past the Center you'll see signs for the Colonial Parkway, take the Parkway towards Yorktown, drive approx 1.5 miles to the Queenslake exit. This exit will be on your right and then will loop back across the Parkway, take an immediate right on Lakeshead Drive, follow it approx 1 mile to the Park entrance.

Classic British Car Show of Williamsburg Registration Form

Early registrations (prior to April 1) are Greatly Appreciated!

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Series _____
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Early Registration (prior to April 1) _____ @ \$15.00 per car _____
Registration after April 1 _____ @ \$20.00 per car _____
Early Registration for Vendor Space _____ @ \$15.00 each _____
Vendor Space after April 1 _____ @ \$20.00 each _____
"Car for Sale" (limited to one Classic Car) \$20.00 _____
"1st Annual" T-Shirts (Sure to be a "Classic"!) \$12.00 each _____
_____ medium _____ large _____ Xlarge

Total Enclosed: _____

**Please make check payable to CVBCC
(Colonial Vintage British Car Club)**

Waiver of Liability must be signed to enter show and all activities:
Neither I nor my heirs or assigned will hold the Colonial Vintage British Car Club, New Quarter Park or the King William Inn liable for damages, injury, or death while engaging in/or traveling to or from this event.

Signature _____ **date** _____

Send completed form to: Colonial Vintage British Car Club (CVBCC)
#107, 5251-18 John Tyler Hwy
Williamsburg, VA 23185

For additional information please call: Doug Wilson at 757-565-4668, Dan Roberts at 757-229-4267 or cvbccval@hotmail.com, or Rob Mann at 757-872-7337 or manns@tez.net

OR...visit our website at <http://groups.hamptonroads.com/cvbccva>

New Members !

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Norfolk, VA 23505

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204 Claremont Ct.
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Gary & Marie Root
2445 Pitchfork Way
Virginia Beach, VA
23456

Monthly Meeting Date Changes:

In an effort to keep meeting dates as regular as possible, to not conflict with existing holidays and voting it has been suggested that the meeting dates for 2000 be changed as follows:

April 4th,	Tuesday
May 3rd,	Wednesday
June 6th,	Tuesday
July 5th,	Wednesday
August 1st,	Tuesday
September 6th,	Wednesday
October 4th , 3 rd	Tuesday WED
November 1st,	Wednesday

Your input regarding these suggested changes is encouraged. See you at the next meeting !

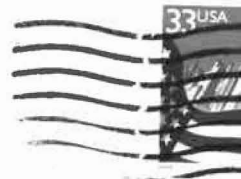
ARTICLE IX
Checks

Section 1. The Treasurer and one other officer designated by the President shall have the authority to individually sign checks drawn on Club funds.

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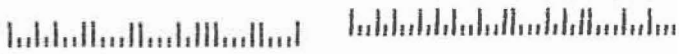
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**February 27th
March Meeting & Wicker Basket
At Peggy Bradford's**

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V. President	Mike Haag	393-6410
Secretary	Doug Kennedy	460-5037
Treasurer	Jim Villers	481-6398
Editor	Ed Kehrig	497-8073
Membership	Alan Watson	426-2600
Activities	Chuck Hudson	425-6882
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