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MARQUE TIME

Thanks to Andy and Cynthia for hosting the May meeting on the deck at their beautiful home overlooking the Lafayette River. The weather was perfect and the turnout was great and it was wonderful evening.

It was a cool and cloudy day when we departed for the Boulders car show in Richmond from Cosmo's. A day that felt as last year, English in nature. A day that makes British cars feel at home. By the time we reached Boulders the overcast remained with the clouds trying to break up. Unfortunately my MGB did not make it do to problems in my newly acquired and installed overdrive transmission, so the Miata made the trip. The turn out this was sufficient but lacking in MG's and not as large as previous years. Our club members were garnered with several awards. Bill Hoggard was awarded a 1st place for his 1968 green MGB in the chrome bumper MG class and Doug Wilson a 2nd place for his pristine and newly acquired 1953 green with black MGTD in the early MG class. Doug expressed concerns about the low pre-registration numbers for the Williamsburg show.

Two weeks later the Williamsburg's show did have a somewhat light turn out, but really not bad and almost respectable. MGB ruled in numbers. Again some of our members won awards. Doug Wilson again won a first place for his TD and Frank Linse won a seconded place for his newly restored MGB in a non-original color and decor.

This time my MGB made its first road trip and show after a quick engine/transmission removal, replacement with my original transmission and a quick re-install by Mike Haag and me the previous weekend. Mike

remarked you get pretty good at this the second time around. The only indignity my MGB suffered on the trip was a broken exhaust system hanger on the show field with the help of Mike Haag and Bob Stein. It took some brute strength, provide by Bob Stein and a very large hammer to modify the broken hanger and a welded hanger on the pipe. I guess the question is now will it make it to Minneapolis, MG 2001.

I would like to remind you to watch the **24 Hours at Le Mans** race in June to cheer on **MG's** return to racing there. Check **Speedvision** for times and coverage. They claim they are going to have 28 hours of coverage.

I would also like to note that the **Dipstick** has a deadline of the 20th of the month for articles to be sent to our hard working Dipstick Editor, Ed Kehrig at his email address ekehrig@exis.net (which was change several months ago from _ckehrig@exis.net to ekehrig@exis.net so change that address in you browser's address book). The old address his now his wife's email box. *Safely Fast! Barry*

May's Minutes

The meeting opened promptly at 8:03 Lucas Standard Time as we settled onto Andy and Cynthia's back deck. It was a beautiful night, clear and cool, spoiled only by the surprisingly low turnout for such lovely weather. Still, 24 hearty souls pulled up a chair in rapt attention to the words of our beloved leader President Barry.

With a whack of his mighty hammer Barry thanked our hosts. He then recognized semi-regular-migrant visitor Ron Kibble from Canada.

Membership: Alan apologized for not attending to e-mail but he's been crazy busy. Please be patient. Jim moved that the dues be prorated to two dollars a month, Doug seconded. This was amended to become a maximum of twenty dollars for a whole year. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Treasurer's Report: Out: \$141.62 In: 0
Balance: \$2069.58

Minutes: Approved.

Regalia: Frank has lots of goodies. Buy your Christmas and Chanukah gifts early to avoid the rush.

Activities: Ice Cream drive out is May 17 but along with some other events didn't make the dipstick for some reason. We discussed how to get the word out. Boulders show is Saturday May 6. Barry also received a car show flyer for Prince Edward Island in July.

Clubs: Mike Ashe reported that MG2001 is July in Minnesota. The info is on our website: www.mg.org

Spares: Vince reported that Triple C's turn signals were not really turn signals. They're horn pushes that can be made into turn signals but it's involved. Motorhead.com is also a good place to find parts right now since they're unloading a lot of parts.

Old Business: Alan had new directories.

New Business: Barry mentioned that Mike Haig would sit in as President at the June. Then in July he and Mike will be at MG2001 so Doug will fill in as El Presidente.

May Minutes cont:

Marque Time: Sue Bond reported that her car is again running after a stuck needle valve was repaired.

Roy Wiley is looking for the photo album he brought to Frank's tech session.

Jim Villers installed a cruise control from JC Whitney and it not only went in fine, but actually works. He recommends its addition at only \$99.

Greg Coogan is looking for a 73-74 Midget.

Barry reported that MG brought a vehicle to a US auto show and people have started a letter writing campaign to see if they will sell it in the US. No firm info at this point.

Barry also reported that his MG again has oil pressure. However, the head gasket is now weeping and the transmission is grinding. Vince suggested trying to use the clutch when shifting gears. Mass speculation then ensued for the next 50 minutes with theories ranging from the synchros to the flux capacitor and solar flares offered up.

The September meeting will be VERY short and held in Dave Barrows back yard. This founding member deserves our turning out.

The raffle was then drawn but the Secretary again didn't win so he didn't pay much attention to who won what.

The meeting was adjourned and we all headed to the chow with the skill of a US "surveillance" plane dodging amateur Chinese pilots.

Cars for Sale

1980 MGB, candy apple red, fair cond. Runs great, but needs some engine work, CD player, good working fix-up car. \$875. Call Preston at (757) 455-4468. Va Beach VA. email pow-ers2spots@aol.com (Posted 5/24/01)

Restored 1972 MGB For Sale - Daily Driver - runs great! Superb condition! This '72 MGB has complete motor rebuild and new interior, recent paint job too. Mallard green with tan interior. Excellent condition inside & out. Asking \$6000 OBO. Please email for pictures! Car located in Richmond, Virginia. Contact: EmmaKennedy2000@yahoo.com (Posted 4/16/01)

53 TD, complete but needs restoration. Many new parts, including chrome and a complete interior kit. Engine overhauled. \$8000. Call Tim Peluso, (757) 496-7411. Virginia Beach VA (Posted 4/16/01)

1979 MGB LE Roadster - Needs paint, interior, top. Overdrive, solid body. \$1,000 PH (757) 599-6951 (Posted 03/13/01)

78 MGB. Original owner. Refurbished to 97% in '98. Candy apple red. Must/WILL sell to best offer. Show receipts for 16K. SERIOUS ONLY, Please!!! email bjoiner@burke.net, PH (478)-589-7125... answering machine after hours. Midville, Georgia (Posted 03/13/01)

1958 ZB Magnette-In need of full restoration. No rust. Have new windshield, needs to be in-

stalled. Have a near perfect grille. Seats are in poor condition. Have two set of wheels. Have extra suspension pieces including brake drums, and hubs. Have two sets of guages and two dashes. Only have partial engine; 1500 block (magnette config), Magnette Oil Pan, pump and pick up. Have original 4 Speed Magnette transmission. Never got the time to start the restoration. \$1500 Car is in Portland Oregon. Can e-mail pictures. roy_gabreil@hotmail.com (Posted 03/04/01)

1973 MGBGT-Olde English White with TSW Wheels(14x6) and Michelin Pilot Performance radials(20000 miles on tires). Car presently has 1.8 liter with Weber 45mm DCOE sidedraft carb. Engine runs strong. Also parts for V8 conversion. Too numerous to mention. \$7000, can e-mail pictures roy_gabreil@hotmail.com (Posted 03/04/01)

MGC '69. Automatic Trans; quite rare. Runs great, looks pretty good. No rust or dents. Needs detailing.

Driven daily, current inspection. Real collector's item. Needs loving home. \$5k obo. Virginia Beach, Va.

trustyl@erols.com (Posted 02/14/01)

1979 MGB runs but needs some engine work. Body fair with a little rust on door. Brown ext w/ white top. Blk Int. No

O.D. Must sell...first \$500.00. Contact Eric VanderVelden @ (757) 480-1828 or at "Ericvndrvldn@cs.com" (Posted 02/14/01)

1978 MGB 47K Original miles, excellent running condition, USD\$10K Phone Bill (305) 754 7954, FAX (305) 751 8307 Miami FL (Posted 02/06/01)

1972 MGB. Good paint (red), new top, new tires, disc wheels, with overdrive. Good interior. No rust. This car runs great and has been garaged. \$4500.00 Call Tim 334-990-7644 or e-mail at ter@compassbnk.com Fairhope, Alabama (Posted 01/22/00)

1979 MGB Limited edition, Black on Black Roster, Overdrive, Rebuilt engine, CD player, New paint tires and rims, Work documented with pictures and receipts, only \$8,500. Call Bob in Virginia Beach 412-2883. (Posted 01/15/01)

1978 MGB, 42k orig miles, excellent condition, US \$10K, PH (305) 754 7954, Fax (305) 751 8307, Bill (Posted 01/06/01)

1986 MG Metro 6R4 WRC, #106/150, 714 miles, all documents. \$34K/OBO.

Call Chuck, (757) 425-6882. Virginia Beach, VA (Posted 10/11/00)

Parts for Sale

MGB 1800 Engine - Good condition. Removed from running 1974 roadster to install high performance engine - 35-40 lb. oil pressure at warm idle, some smoke at start (valve seals?), no noise or vibration. Complete with valve cover, water pump, flywheel. \$350. Bob Stein at (757) 588-6200 or email at Posti@aol.com Norfolk, VA. (Posted 04/11/01)

MGB 1800 Engine - Removed from 1977 roadster. Complete with good head, flywheel, water pump. .020 pistons, cylinders look good. Never got car running due to electrical problems - supposed to be excellent. \$250. Bob Stein at (757) 588-6200 or email at Posti@aol.com Norfolk, VA. (Posted 04/11/01)

MGB 1973 wire wheel front suspension assembly (hub-to-hub) - complete with steering rack, shocks, brake calipers. \$50. Bob Stein at (757) 588-6200 or email at Posti@aol.com Norfolk, VA (Posted 04/11/01)

MGB 1968 Rear Axle hub-to-hub (wire wheel) assembly. Smooth and quiet, drove car before it was removed. \$50. Bob Stein at (757) 588-6200 or email at Posti@aol.com Norfolk, VA (Posted 04/11/01)



We attended the MG Classics Ice Cream Rally and get together last night with 4 vehicles. Tino and Beth in his Pathfinder, Randy Tr-3, Marty Tr-250 and the Tie Breaker, Snap-on Bob with his wife Mary in his GT-6 Plus. Rally Master Dan brought his two MG's and one other from the MG Classic Car Club showed up. Dan put together a nice run ending in at a wonderful Diner "LuLu's" on General Booth Blvd. A lot of preparation went into this event and it was enjoyable to all that attended, Right Mary? Since there are more TTR members that come to his MG events, Dan will now include Triumphs with his list of Fabulous Prizes. Many thanks to Dan as he is planning a Cream event for every month in the summer and is looking forward to having the TTR (more then Double)the attending MG Clubs cars. Photo is of the meeting location. Randy may write more for the Newsletter up-coming, Gary. Please include this report in OUR newsletter for future participation in their events.

Gary, Do you have a photo of Snap-on Bob's GT-6 for June's Newsletter? I cannot remember if I sent one to you yet. You know all Mechanics are all brain dead to begin with so humor me on this question. LFC-Tino

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The April Fools' Joke was on you if you missed the

APRIL FOOLS' TOUR

What a great fun, yet relaxing, long, weekend we all had. Dan Kirby did a fabulous job of organizing this trip. He seemed to be familiar with every back road between Tidewater and Charlottesville—even some the Highway Department hasn't discovered yet.

We met at Cosmos' Diner in Portsmouth and were finally on our way at 12:25 on Friday—Sue and Terry in Sue's MGB GT, Dan and Beth in their MGB GT, Barry in his Miata, Mike Haag in his MGB, Rory and Cathy in a MGB, Betty and Jim in the Mercedes and George and I in the Toyota. Marie and Tom Earley joined us later in their MGB in Gordonsville.

It didn't take long before Sue and Terry provided our first "adventure" of the weekend. Shortly after leaving, we encountered a newly erected "detour" (a horror to any rallymaster). Dan took it in stride and led us down all kinds of interesting trails to get us back on our route. As we approached a stop sign, everyone stopped—for a long time. We saw that Sue's MGB was heading up the line. The "B" had "stopped" and refused to start again. Everyone pulled off at various parts of the intersection—much to the dismay of the police who stopped by and requested we "rearrange" the cars of this sympathy crew. After a few hours with many heads under the bonnet, AAA was called for a tow home. Sue and Terry met us later in their van—a much better vehicle for aniquing. Terry must have planned this little fiasco from the start to provide him more room for his anticipated roadside purchases.

We spent the afternoon traveling backroads (sometimes little more than trails) heading toward Gordonsville, but our great leader knew where he was going—we hoped. Just as dusk was setting in and were picking up speed to arrive at our destination before total darkness, we headed down into a creekbed out in the middle of nowhere, we could

see a small bridge and a lot of blinking BLUE LIGHTS. An accident, we all thought and hit our brakes. As we approached, it was not an accident at all but a road block—checking licenses and whatever. Dan was first and passed. We heard later he told them the guy behind didn't have his license (Barry). Barry was busy finding documents and unhooked his seat belt. As he approached the checkpoint he was sure they would get him for no seatbelt. But all went well, the police were friendly and let us go unscathed. We proceeded toward our B&Bs. What a welcome site. We stayed at the Sleepy Hollow B&B. A few poor souls in our group stayed at Hidden Inn B&B (actually, the second "B" should be left off). The Hidden Inn just changed hands and had not quite mastered the "breakfast" part of the "B&B (imagine that??)" as we were to hear the next morning while we were expounding on the bountiful food served at Sleep Hollow.

Most of us met at local Italian place for a quick supper and then fell into bed. George and I had the "ghost room" on the second floor across from Mike and Barry. Everything was scrumptious but no ghost. The next morning George said he kept waking up to a ghost telling him to roll over and quit snoring. Guess he was the only one that experienced "the ghost".

All arrived safely and the next morning we started out with Marie and Tom now joining us. We sped (I mean SPED) along the roads—remember, Dan was leading, to visit Ash Lawn, James Monroe's home and then on to a wonderful tour of Montpelier, a home of James Madison. The weather was a little dreary but temperature nice so we really enjoyed this laid-back afternoon walking the gardens, etc. I still wonder what Betty was going to do with the huge boulder she was carrying back to the car from the grounds. Did Jim find room for this "rock" in the Mercedes?? And, what excuse did you have for wanting to bring home a "rock", Betty, not to mention the fact that you were pilfering part of historic property.

Time was running short so we hurried on to Barboursville Vinyards, just as they were closing. The fact that our fearless leader passed the entrance—leading us to believe he knew something we didn't so we all followed—may have contributed to our late arrival. We did tour the "ruins" and got a glimpse of the tasting room. George quickly bought me a pair of socks with grapes and wine glasses and a bottle of Chardonnay so not all was lost.

We returned to our B&Bs with an impromptu wine and cheese before leaving for the Tolliver House for dinner. It's an old house turned restaurant and quite pretty and interesting. The owner came to our "room" and greeted us, telling us they feature a different country monthly and serve cuisine from that country during the week and the British Isles was this month's feature. We headed back to our beds after a very nice day with stomachs full.

Sunday morning we stopped by Keswick, a posh country retreat—too rich for our wallets. As we drove onto the grounds, the doorman was eyeing us all and we thought we would be escorted off the grounds. However, they were as nice as can be and invited us to tour the building and grounds.

At this point, George and I left the group and started toward home. Took a wrong turn near Richmond and made a rather interesting tour of the city before we could get on Route 5 and made the leisurely drive home past all the plantations and shaded roads.

Dan did a fantastic job of organizing this great weekend and for those of you who missed it this time, there will be more, so hope to see you then. We'll have a great MG weekend—AGAIN

A Great Way to Spend a Summer Sunday Afternoon...

The local Tidewater Triumph Register has invited us to participate in their June "Tooter Run".

Date/Time: Sunday, June 10th at 1:00pm
 Place: Meet at Sears parking lot, Greenbrier Mall, Chesapeake
 Route: Leisurely, scenic and circuitous route to Fort Story lighthouses, stopping to look around and continuing on to a nice, inexpensive restaurant.
 RSVP To: eamsimmons@juno.com, RANDYBRAC@webtv.net or call Peggy Craig at 382-7547 and she will relay to the Triumph Club. They would like a head count so reservations can be made at the restaurant. Hope to see you there.

**The Tidewater MG Classics
 Activity Calendar**

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<p>6 (Wed) Monthly Meeting Host: John Jones</p> <hr/> <p>2 (Sat) "Brits on the Bay", Va Bch Info: Mike Jones, 482-2577</p> <hr/> <p>6-10 NEMGTR GOF Reading, PA</p>	<p>3 (Tue) Monthly Meeting Host: Doug & Betsy Kennedy</p> <hr/> <p>2-6 "MG 2001", all Registers St. Paul, Minnesota</p> <hr/> <p>19(Thu) Club Ice Cream Social/Drive Out</p>	<p>1 (Wed) Monthly Meeting Host: Paul & Carmen Thiergardt</p> <hr/> <p>16 (Thu) Club Ice Cream Social/Drive Out</p> <hr/> <p>20(?) (Sun) Summer Tech Session at the McClaren's</p>
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<p>4 (Tue) Monthly Meeting Host: Dave & Helen Barrows'</p> <hr/> <p>Backyard</p> <hr/> <p>19-23 NEMGTR GOF, New York</p>	<p>3 (Wed) Monthly Meeting Host: Jim & Betty Villers</p> <hr/> <p>?? "Pig Pick'n & Rally" Host: NEEDED</p>	<p>6 (Tue) Monthly Meeting Host: NEEDED</p> <hr/> <p>19 (Sat) Lucas Nite Rallye</p> <hr/> <p>?? (Sun) Fall Tech Session at the Bond's</p>
DECEMBER		
<p>?? Christmas Party Host: Paul & Carmon Thiergardt</p>		

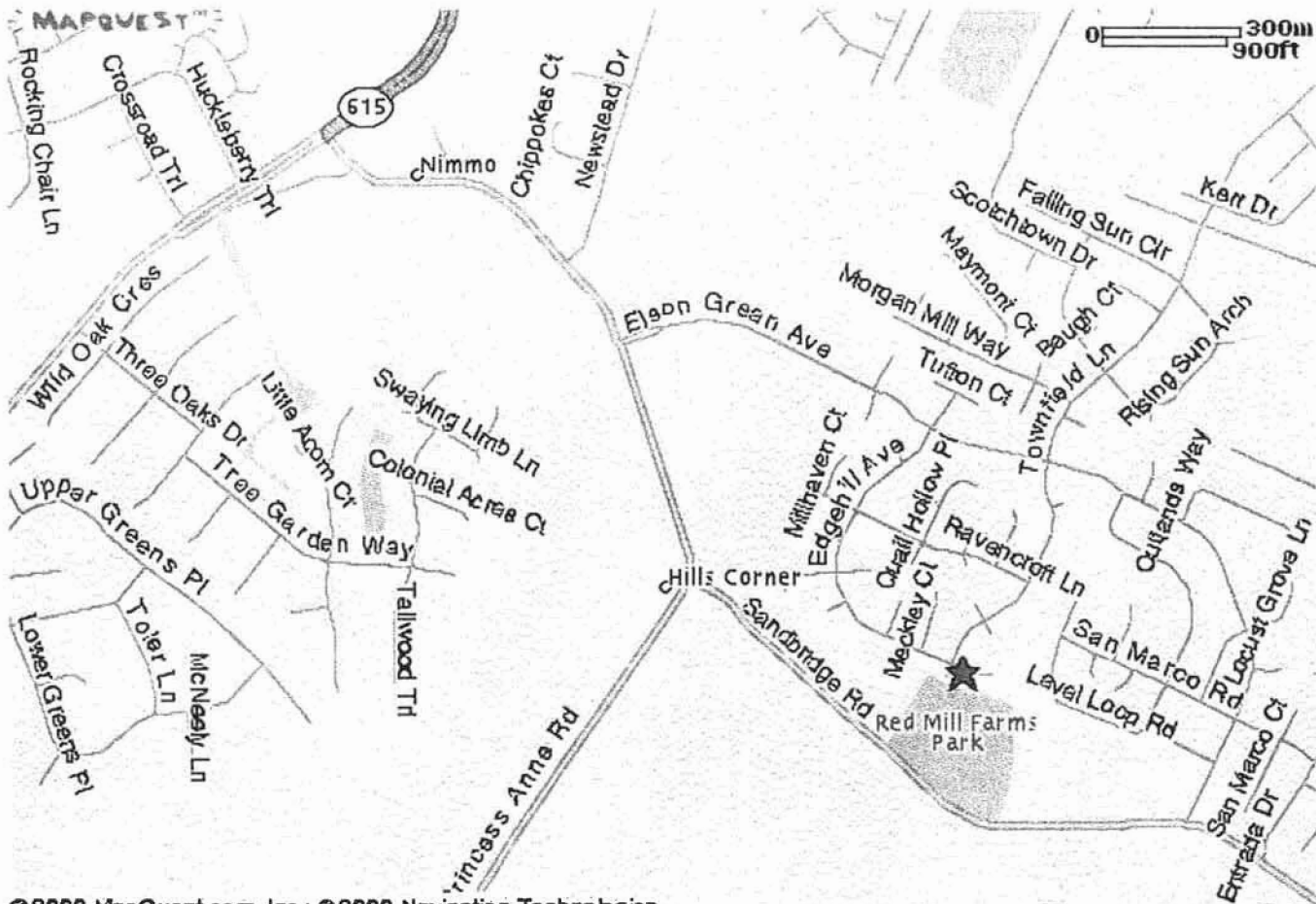
Monthly Meeting Wednesday - June 6th, 2001

John Jones'

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7:30-8:00 Kick Tyres

8:00 PM Meeting



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At
*John Jones'***

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