

# The Dipstick



"The Newsletter of the Tidewater MG Classics Car Club"



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## MARQUE TIME

April has been a busy month for our club. We kicked things off with the April meeting at the White Horse Pub for a little taste of Britain right here in Virginia Beach, partaking in their selection of British beers and pub grub. You just can't go wrong with a good British Ale!

Several days later, a few of us attended the Tartan Day Festival at VWC, this time enjoying the sights, sounds, food, and drink of Scotland. With a lot of the men wearing kilts, it's a good thing that the event was held inside on that cold and windy day, as I'm sure they would have felt a draft in a most unusual location. The whiskey tasting was both informative and quite tasty!

The next day was the Spring Tech Session hosted by Frank. I think I saw more cars worked on that day than at any other tech session. Must be the anticipation of warm weather and the urge to drive our MGs that saw so many people there. Or maybe it was the beer and donuts. See Sue's articles about these events in this issue of the Dipstick.

I'm writing this column after just returning from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TMGC Spring Tour. What a wonderful trip! Dan and Beth Kirby did another great job of organizing the tour, producing the Tour book (it's sure to become a TMGC collectors' item) and leading the way. There were 14 members and 8 cars on the tour, half of them MGBs. The other 4 would have been MGBs as well, but they were in various states of repair. If you couldn't make the tour, too bad. I'll leave you to read the trip report by Peggy and Sue in this issue, and I'm sure you'll get a good sense of what you missed.

Yours truly won the "fabulous" prize Saturday night at the dinner. It really is a nice prize, a model of the new Mini. Thankfully it's already put together, so that is one less project to do. I must admit, I really should share the prize with Sue, as no one got the first question, and we had to go to rounds 2 and 3 for a winner. Sue had a hunch as to the correct answer for the first question, but didn't put it down. One of the few things I can remember from school is that they tell you to go with your first hunch, as it is usually correct.

One of the highlights of the trip was riding "shotgun" with Barry as we drove over the roads in and around the Blue Ridge Parkway. Just sitting back and watching the scenery, through the occasional rain showers, and listening to his engine purr, or roar, depending on the road conditions, was a delight. Who needs a radio, (as if you can tune in any stations in that area anyway) as the sound of an MG engine as we navigated the twisty mountainous roads is music to one's ear. At times it felt like we were in a WRC rally car, screaming through the wooded roads of Scandinavia, only without getting the bejebers scared out of you. Speaking of screaming, maybe one day Dan will share his "go fast" secrets he used on his GT. That car just simply hauls!

The final weekend in April brings the British Car Show at Woodlawn Plantation in Northern VA. A few of the club members are planning on attending, as this should prove to be a chance to see some British cars other than the ones we normally see at the usual shows we attend. With any luck, I might actually be able to drive the MGB to this one.

As I write this, I have solved the over-rich

condition in the Zenith carb by replacing the worn jet, along with the mixture needle and various o-rings. The jet was the real culprit though, as it was too worn to allow for any adjustments to correct the situation. The automatic choke seems to be working after a thorough cleaning and re-calibrating the heat mass/spring. Next I need to fix the uneven brake pad wear in the left front caliper. Always something to do, but then again, it wouldn't be a classic car if there wasn't something to fix.

Attending and participating in club events without driving the MG just doesn't quite feel complete for me. There is that indescribable, mysterious feeling one gets while driving their MG on a beautiful day, with their favorite music in the background, driving down an open road that makes it all worthwhile and so enjoyable.

**Safety Fast! Mike**

## April Minutes

The April meeting opened to the fall of the gavel by Mike Haag at 8:30 PM to a packed house at the White Horse Pub. Mike welcomed everyone. Mike recognized John Severin, the founder of our web site. Guest where welcomed: Ed and Carmel Million and New members, Carl and Norma Nagel.

Membership: Robin Watson reported nothing new. Robin was distributing new membership roster. Robin needs the members to email him the kind of MGs each member owns. Also he needs any changes to email addresses.

## April Minutes cont:

### Treasurer's Report:

Jim Villers reported for April : Balance brought forward from March 2002 = \$2,617.17

Receipts = Dues: \$60.00 Disbursements = Tidewater Triumph = \$25.00, Watson (Rosters) = \$104.50, Bond (History) = \$ 100.00 Total Disbursements = \$229.50 Balance Carried Forward = \$2,447.67

Minutes: Correction to the March Minutes on the Treasurer' report: \$25 vice \$75 disbursement to TRAACA for club booth at swap meet. (Hard to get good temp help.) Balance of minutes approved as written.

Newsletter (Dipstick): Missing articles from Dipstick was discussed. Articles missing were: Spring tech session, Spring tour and Susan Bond's article on the Walsingham car show.

Regalia: Frank Linse had nothing to report.

Activities: Mike Haag mentioned that we desperately need and actives chairman. He also reported on: the Scottish festival at Virginia Wesleyan College in April 6th Dan Kirby reported on the April tour on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The April Tour leaves Cosmo's at 9:00 AM on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Dan provided a brief description of the Spring tour. Ice cream drive outs are being planned. Spring tech session at Frank Linses house April 7th. Britain on the Green car show is April 28<sup>th</sup> at Woodlawn Plantation near Mt. Vernon. Still need hosts for meetings.

Archives: Susan Bond needs 1999 articles and pictures. Also she would like you to look at the yearbooks she has made up and help to identify people and events.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Peggy Craig reported the club Soap Box Derby racer, in like new condition, needs a home other than her garage. She suggested we donate it to a club in an area that still has the Soap Box Derby.

Marque Time: Dan Kirby mentioned a web site for a MGBGT Pro rally car [www.rhybud.com](http://www.rhybud.com). Barry Tyson mentioned that at the 12 hours at Sebring race, in March a Lola MG had its first international win. It was first in its class and 7th over all. The car is not a factory car but owned by KnightHawk Racing in Colorado, USA. The car will be entered in the 24 hrs at Le Mans along with two factory Lola MGs. Mark Childers has some MG parts for sale. Robin Watson now owns a 1974 MGB. Tom Lund needs to borrow a trailer to transport a MG from Maryland, phone: 523-4580. Peggy and George Craig are working on their MGB and MGTD. They are disassembling for painting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM and another round was ordered at the Pub.

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## **Tartan Day Festival**

Susan Bond

Congress declared April 6 to be Tartan Day to honor Scots and their contributions in this country, and the Scottish Society of Tidewater and Virginia Wesleyan College held the Tartan Day Festival to celebrate. There was also a small (2) display of LBC's outside, those of Barry Tyson and Susan Bond. Roy & Marilyn Wiley and Dan & Beth Kirby and family stopped by to see what was going on. Lots. Vendors selling Scottish items, a display of weapons, Highland and Scottish country dancing, clan tables, demonstration of how to dress in the kilt before it had all those nice sewn pleats, childrens highland games -- complete with mini caber -- whisky tasting and lots of great music, everything from pipe bands to celtic rock. There was supposed to be appropriate food but we went to the whisky tasting first and it was gone by the time we got to the cafeteria. Next year we will eat first!

## Tech Session

Susan Bond

Wow! A tech session where we actually teched! Frank Linse provided the location and expert advice for lots of projects on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Vince Groover replaced a steering rack, Bob Miller did his annual carb adjustment, prospective member Harry Watson brought his work-in-progress GT by, I worked on my turn indicators (again), Barry Tyson tried to get his wipers to quit fighting with each other, Mike Haag dismantled the carb that doesn't work, and Charlie & Ellen Smith did a bunch of tweeking — just a few of the jobs tackled. Lots of supervisors helped keep us straight and lend an extra hand when needed. As far as I know, all made it home on their own wheels. Thanks Frank!

Others I saw:

Robin Watson	Carl Nagle	Dan Boone
Don Price	Frank Hurley	Bill Goff
Mark Childers	Bob McClaren	Dan Kirby
Peggy Craig	Barat Baechle (prospective member)	

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## April Fool's Tour, MK II

(By Susan Bond & Peggy Craig)

Dan's tour this year attracted fourteen members in 8 cars--Susan & Terry Bond, Peggy & George Craig, Marie & Tom Early, Pam & Vince Groover, Mike Haag, Barry Tyson, Olive & Robin Watson, and, of course, our leaders, Dan and Beth Kirby. Over 700 miles was covered before the weekend ended. The Kirbys and Bonds drove GTs with Barry and the Groovers in roadsters. The Earlys' MGB is being restored, so they drove their "MB".

This fun weekend began about 9:30am at Cosmo's Diner on Portsmouth Blvd. Dan led us over back roads, on detours and over mountains. We lunched in Maidens, Va, at their famous (and only) sub shop, located on a back road no one could find unless you're lost. We ate outside next to a sign, "Maiden's Adventure" and some offered thoughts on what was at the end of this private road. Olive took a liking to the RR ties stacked nearby and tried to enlist help in taking some home. For dessert we peeked in the country store next door.

First tour stop was Walton's Mountain, childhood home of Earl Hamner, author of the TV series, "The Waltons", based on "The Homecoming". We toured the old school-turned-museum and visited rooms designed and furnished after the Walton's TV set farmhouse and learned everything there was to know about Earl Hamner and the famous series. The P. Buckley Moss museum in Waynesboro was the next stop. This large, beautiful building on a serene hill exhibits the original works of Pat Moss, one of America's most recognized artists. The Valley scenery and the Amish and Menonite peoples of the area are the inspiration for most of her works. A large, ceiling-high doll house intricately furnished is displayed on the lower level, along with the museum store selling her prints.

We arrived at our motel, "Best Western Hunt Ridge", located just up the road from the equestrian center so everything in sight resembled horses. Barry and the Earlys met us at the motel. (They left after us but got there first!) A quick check-in and stop at Golden Corral was all the time we had before going to Hull's Drive In Movie Theater—with a double feature of "Monsters, Inc" and "The Count of Monte Cristo"—a long night bringing back memories of earlier days. As the evening progressed, one by one we heard the unmistakable sound of MG motors starting as the long day finally caught up with us all.

Saturday morning started the REAL adventures on REAL back roads. The Groovers and Watsons went exploring on their own. Early in our drive we all stopped and backed up as we spied an old restored grist mill. At Wade's Mill, Jim Young had been doing some work on the mill stream so no water had been in the race for awhile. Up on the platform by the mill wheel, we witnessed water arriving from the pond on the hill. He let the race fill before opening the gate

### **April Fool Tour continued:**

and we watched as it started turning. Neat! The gals did their share of shopping for gourmet kitchen items on display throughout the mill.

Beth spied a “bear” as we drove by a lake and she alerted us via the radios. We each had a different version of what the “thing” was—either a very still bear or very large stump. Then Dan led us down the “road to nowhere”—up a paved road, turned gravel road, turned smaller dirt/gravel road that led to a DEAD END. Dan swore it led to the Parkway the last time he was there. The map showed it did but we never saw the entrance on the Parkway. The one trick played on Dan this weekend....

Before lunch at Otter Creek we headed to Crab Tree Falls where we found the parking lot closed for repairs. After maneuvers involving moving orange cones and turning around, we discovered a wonderful view of the falls at the next turnoff without even leaving our cars—a long hike saved. At the next stop, Fallingwater Cascades, we hiked into the woods on a path that proved very, very, very long. After photos and a rest, we started back. Susan, Mike, Barry, and Dan thought a path nearby leading straight up the hill might end at the road sooner. The rest opted to go the way we came (good choice). On the hike back a garter snake slithered across the path in front of Susan—good thing she was used to seeing them in the garden as jumping off the path could have been a very painful move—lots of rocks on a very steep slope.

We visited D-Day Memorial, a awesome outdoor facility operated by a nonprofit educational foundation dedicated to the valor, fidelity, and sacrifice of the Allied Forces that took part in the landing at Normandy on 6 June 1944. A real surprise find in this area.

An otter ran across the road in front of Dan as we headed toward the motel. Those behind thought he lost control of the car, was getting sleepy, or just decided the road was too straight. Now we know why everything in that area has the word “otter” in it. We encountered turkey vultures along the road near a deer carcass. They sure are big, ugly birds.

We had missed the VMI parade Friday afternoon, but Dan persuaded us to give him 3 minutes (we gave him 5) for a personal tour around the parade grounds via the radios some of us were carrying. The Groovers and Watsons got back first and made dinner reservations at the Southern Inn in beautiful downtown Lexington. We piled into the modern iron and invaded through the back door. Dinner was excellent—another chance to blow the diets we used to be on—and Dan’s quiz (with “fabulous” prizes) kept us busy while we waited for dinner. The first question bombed. No one knew the cartoonist in the tour book was Rube Goldberg until he gave a hint. He had better luck and 3 correct answers with “What were the 5 D-Day beaches?” The last was a 2-parter, “How many flags flew around the arch at the D-Day Memorial and what countries did they represent?”. Tom couldn’t believe he forgot to include England. The winner was Mike who won a “fabulous” model of the “New Mini”, of which Dan wants a real model. The “Best Navigator” prize went to Beth (Dan says he’s no fool) and it was also an anniversary gift—they were celebrating their 11<sup>th</sup> that day. She’s really a good sport.

Some wandered around town looking for an ice cream shop, but everything was closed so opted to window shop. Back at the motel they went to the bar for another beer, but it was closed too, so everyone gave up and turned in.

Sunday morning was a blur—literally! Dense fog draped everything so we enjoyed a leisurely breakfast (the Marriage Encounter people had an early class so we didn’t have to wait in line for food this time). Fog was still pretty thick so we visited a big antique mall up the road. After killing an hour in the mall, we came out to a beautiful sunny day with fluffy white clouds in a blue sky. Beth emerged empty-handed after making a long list of items she wanted as she walked the mall. Dan must have taken her credit card! Terry bought several old pictures. Dan and Beth took the interstate to make a soccer practice. The Craigs and Earlys departed in another direction. The rest followed Vince’s lead on routes 60 and 40, avoiding interstates and big cities. Between pit stops and roller coaster rides on mountain roads they passed Virginia’s geographic center and stopped at Lee’s last encampment before Appomattox. They couldn’t find the marker for the exact spot but was a nice photo op. They hoped to beat the dinner rush at the Virginia Diner, but they must be busy all the time and needing a table for 8 took a bit of a wait. Still, it was another successful meal—the cars are very useful for getting from restaurant to restaurant. We waved as we peeled off at various exits, and looking forward to next year and another tour. Check our website [www.mg.org](http://www.mg.org) and Susan’s 2002 yearbook for photos.

## SHOW REGISTRATION FORM

LATE: If postmarked  
after May 20,

Make check payable to TTR, and send along to:

Tidewater Triumph Register  
c/o Mike Jones  
333 Millstone Road  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Year	Make	Model
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### SHOW FEES

- Early Registration \$15/vehicle\*
- Late Registration \$20/vehicle
- Vendor/Car Spc \$25/spc
- Show T-Shirt \$15ea  
Size \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

### Directions To Show Site

From I64 east or west take the Rte 13N exit (Northampton Blvd.) towards the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel following the blue signs with the white gull. Follow Rte 13N for about 4.7 miles to the intersection of Pleasure House Road and RT13 ( Traffic light at this intersection has flashing strobe). Show signs will be posted prior to this intersection. Turn left on to Pleasure House Rd. and the show site will be immediately to your right.

- No loud music please

-Dash plaques awarded to all registrants

-Registration fee:

Early - \$15.00

\*(Cycle special - \$12.00)

Late\* - \$20.00

Vendors - \$25.00

Vehicle Sales - \$25.00 British Only

-Vendor /Car spaces up to 20'x30'

-Special Awards for:

Best in Show

People's Choice

TTR would like to extend a special invitation to all the British motorcycle enthusiasts to join us in force this year and make this a real British car and cycle show (see special above)\*.

**FOOD AND BEVERAGES  
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*2nd Annual*

## Brits on the Bay



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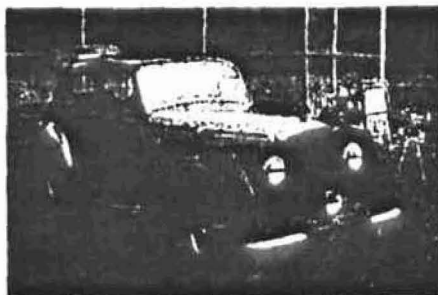
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AWARDS @ 3:00PM  
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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:  
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## CLASSES AND AWARDS

Classes and awards will be based on early registration. 3 or more vehicles will constitute a class with awards based on total number in that class. In addition there will be a "Best in Show" as chosen by a panel of judges selected from the various clubs in attendance.

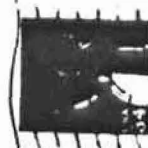
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"Brit's On The Bay"*



"Best In Show"  
Ivey Lister's 1953 Bentley "Countryman"



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Class



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Chesapeake, VA 23322

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Neither I, nor my heirs, will hold the Tidewater Triumph Register, the Vintage Triumph Register or Bayside Baptist Church liable for any personal or vehicle loss, damage, liability or injury occurring during or as a consequence of being involved in, or traveling to or from this event. Owners attending this show do so voluntarily, and agree to assume ALL risks of any kind to person or vehicle.

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## TMGC Calendar of Events for 2002

	<b><u>MAY</u></b>	<b><u>JUNE</u></b>
	<p>1 (Wed) Mtg hosted by Andy &amp; Cynthia.</p> <p>16(Thur) Ice Cream Social / Drive out.</p> <p>19 (Sun) British Car Show, "The Boulders", Richmond VA</p>	<p>1 (Sat) "Brits on the Bay" Car Show, Va Beach VA Tidewater Triumph Register</p> <p>4 (Tue) Mtg hosted by Charlie &amp; Ellen Smith</p>
<b><u>JULY</u></b>	<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>	<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>
<p>3 (Wed) Mtg at ??</p> <p>3-6 (Wed-Sat) 11th Annual NAMGBR Convention, Grapevine TX.</p> <p>17-21 (Wed-Sun) GT-27, NAMGAR Convention, Charlottesville VA</p>	<p>6 (Tue) Mtg hosted by Paul &amp; Carmen Thiergardt.</p> <p>?? (Sun) Summer Tech Session at the McClaren's, PH 490-2114</p>	<p>4 (Wed) Mtg hosted by Jim &amp; Betty Villers.</p> <p>22 (Sun) Richmond British Car Show, Brown's Island, Richmond VA.</p> <p>28 (Sat) "Wings and Wheels" Show at Hummell Airfield, Topping VA</p>
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>	<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>
<p>1 (Tue) Mtg hosted by Alan &amp; Beckey Watson.</p> <p>4-6 (Fri-Sun) 21st Annual British Car Fall Festival, Waynesboro VA.</p> <p>?? (Sun) "Pig Pick'n &amp; Rallye" ??</p>	<p>?? (Sun) Fall Tech Session and Meeting at the Bond's.</p>	<p>?? (???) Christmas Party hosted by ??</p>

### *Wanted*

Rear End from MGA or early MGB. Any condition. Pumpkin not critical. I need it for my Elva Courier race car.

Thanks,  
Hank Giffin

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Scenes from  
Previous Car Meets



10th Annual

# British Classic Car Meet

Sunday

May 19, 2002

Rain or Shine

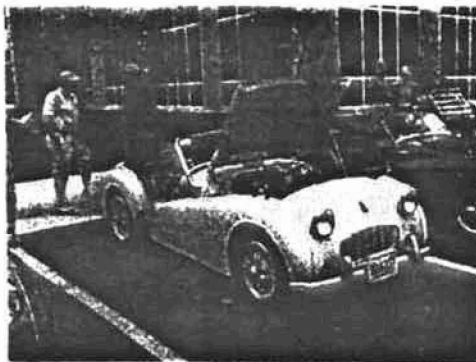
# At the Boulders

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL  
BE DONATED TO THE  
VIRGINIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## Directions to the Boulders

From 195 South take Chippenham Pkwy North to Midlothian Turnpike West exit. Turn right onto Boulders Parkway and follow the event signage.

From the West take 164 to Parham Road South to Chippenham Parkway South (the same road, only the name changes). Take the Midlothian Tpke West exit and turn right onto Boulders Parkway then follow event signage.



From the Northside, Downtown, or East take Powhite Parkway South exit to Jahnke Road East exit, merge right and turn right at 1st light into Boulders Parkway. Follow event signage to showfield.

Presented by: The Richmond Triumph Register, Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register, the Triumph Register of America, and 6Pack national clubs.

Where: The Meadow at the Boulders  
Boulders Parkway  
Richmond, VA 23235

When: Sunday, May 19th, 2002

**RAIN OR SHINE**

Field opens at 9am,

Registration closes at 1:30pm

Awards at 3:30pm.

Late registration begins May 1st

Food and beverages available,  
or you may picnic.

Awards and Classes are  
determined by preregistrations.

For More Information:

Ken Nachman

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- RTR Membership \$20 per year
- Registration each \$15(\$20 after 5/1)
- Vendor Spaces \$25 each space
- Vehicle for sale \$20 per car
- Car Meet T-Shirt \$15 - size \_\_\_\_\_
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- RTR Magnet \$2.00 each
- RTR Logo Patch \$2.00 each
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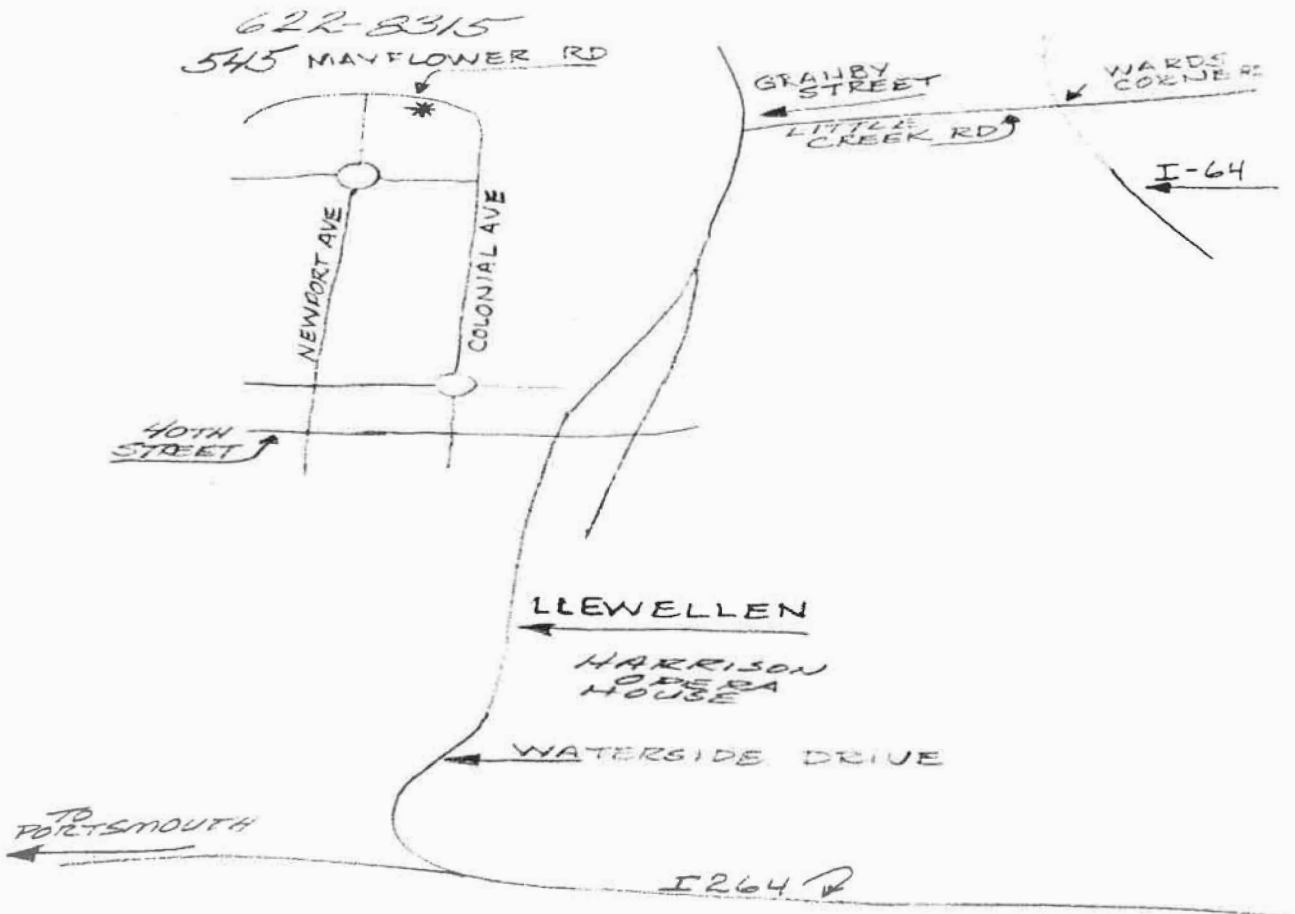
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday - May 1st, 2002**

**Cynthia & Andy Wallach's**

**545 Mayflower Road**  
**Norfolk, VA 23508**  
**622-8315**

**7:30-8:00 Kick Tyres**

**8:00 PM Meeting**



**The Tidewater MG Classics**

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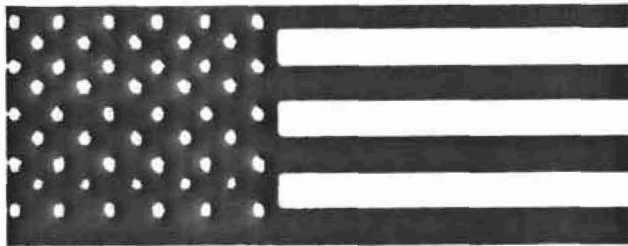
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**Meeting Wednesday May 1st**  
**At**  
**Cynthia & Andy Wallach's**

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