

# THE DIPSTICK



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## MARQUE TIME:

Many thanks to the Kennedy's for hosting the November meeting, and what a meeting it turned out to be. There were lots of people present including new members and visitors, and as promised, the subject of future meeting locations was brought up. The club had a lively discussion before we voted overwhelmingly to continue having the meetings in the homes and garages of club members. The 1994 meeting/activity sign-up list was passed around and nearly all of the meeting dates are filled. We could use a host/co-hosts for the February meeting as Peggy has offered to take on the "annual chili cook-off". Any takers for February's meeting, give me a call at 490-2114. Peggy Bradford has included a list of meeting nights and activities in this issue.

The tech session at the Bond's museum turned out to be quite an affair. The "Front Suspension Show and Tell" by the Coogans was impressive. Doug Kennedy got new V-8 bushings installed on his 69 "B", Robert Davis worked on a number of items on his latest MGB, Frank Linse pounded away on the Bond B-GT, and several other member's cars got tweaked, fixed, brakelighted, or other repairs. The Pig Picking's leftover bar-b-que was outstanding but this time the rides Terry Bond was giving everyone in the "T"-series Ford upstaged the great food. Atleast 25 members and guests were seen participating in the afternoon activities. Thanks Susan & Terry! Dave Muth says that his son talked about the Model "T" ride all the way home.

My call for a volunteer to take over as editor of *The Dipstick* has paid off. Doug Squires will soon be the new editor, but many thanks to the others who also volunteered. A tip of the driving cap to Chris Holcomb for all the energy he expended keeping us informed of the happenings and amused with his anecdotes, and, not the least, for telling all of us where to go each and every month.

Don't forget, no December meeting... Instead, for all who have been clamoring for a party, it's party time! Don't even think about missing the Holiday Party at the Keeler's. (See attached map)

The cars are the secret ingredient that starts the magic that has been part of the Tidewater MG Classics' for the past twenty years. Some of that magic was expressed at the last meeting. Let's continue to drive and enjoy our cars and show the world that great times can come in small packages. See you at the Keeler's.



Bob's MG

*Safety fast!*

*Bob*

Bob McClaren

## MINUTES OF THE MG T CLASICS MEETING HELD 03 NOVEMBER 1993

Bob McClaren welcomed all those present and invited anyone to sit by Peggy Bradford since she had plenty of room on the couch. Unfortunately, no one did so and we are still pondering this. He also welcomed the guests including Steve Sharp from Baltimore, Colon Coogan and Donna Silverra.

**Treasurer's Report** - Balance of \$2,049.41. Looks like it may be enough to get the Secretary a lap-top computer.

**Activities** - The Christmas Party will be December 4, 1993. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

**Membership** - See attachment in THE DIPSTICK. Advertising tickets from the Kennedy's were available for distribution. The new rosters from Ned Koons were distributed and the rest will be sent out.

**Newsletter** - There will be no newsletter in January. There will be a new editor of the DIPSTICK in the near future. Further details will be made available as soon as received.

**Spares** - Robert Davis was out of town but Bob McClaren left the Eastwood Catalog for anyone to look through.

**Old Business** - Bob McClaren brought up having the meetings in a central location. Much discussion ensued with many members voicing their opinions. Several suggestions were made including using an FPO hall for \$75 per month, co-hosting a meeting and giving money to those people who hold meetings at their homes. Jennifer Ash made a motion to have people with a large enough home request two people to co-host the meeting. She later withdrew her motion. Co-hosting is encouraged. Ned Koons made a motion in which the person hosting the meeting be reimbursed for a fixed amount of \$40. Jennifer Ash seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the I's had it!

**New Business** - The Kennedy's passed a copy of an article about the British Car Industry. This article concerned the birth and death of the industry.

**Marque Time** - Chuck Hudson purchased a TC. The Ashes went to Summit Point for the Vintage Car Races and proclaimed they were very nice. Terry Bond went to Hershey for four days and said that there were 10,400 flea market spaces with lots of MG stuff available. Ira Canton has a little seepage in the gas tank of his TC. He hates to mess with it because it's running. Tom Rosendale has a 63 Sprite available. The meeting was adjourned.

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

At the November meeting we were able to introduce a number of new members whose names have been published in **THE DIPSTICK** but who we had not been able to meet personally. **Mike and JoAnn Jones** are looking for an MGA coupe. **Bob Mosby** brought his wife **Karen** with him so please add her name to your roster. **Phil Eller** and **Dave Muth** are both MG Midget owners who were recruited by other club members. **Michael Haag** attended the October meeting as a guest and along with **Jennifer** have now joined us as members. We also were pleased to have the following two new members join our organization. If the names look familiar, it's because they are **Gregg Coogan's** sons.

**Scot Coogan**  
114 72nd Street  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
(804) 425-8900  
77 B (Yellow)

Scot has been working for an MG restoration company in New Jersey and is planning to start his own MG repair business. It's reported he's very experienced so call if you need work done.

**Colin Coogan**  
114 72nd Street  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
(804) 425-8900  
77 B (Pick one)

Colin is in the independent marine survey business. From his response regarding the color of his MG, it appears he has several from which to choose or a multi-colored car. Ask him at the next meeting.

Also at the meeting, we welcomed **Steve Sharpe** as a guest. He is a commander in the Coast Guard who lives in Baltimore, Maryland and was visiting the area on business. Steve has a 72 B-GT and a 75 B Roadster. As a member of the Baltimore MG Club, he just couldn't resist attending our meeting. We enjoyed his participation and comments on how their club operates.

As promised, the 1993-1994 Membership Roster was distributed to those at the meeting. After discussions with **Bob McClaren** and **Chris Holcomb**, it was decided to mail the roster to those unable to attend. Hopefully, you will have received your Membership Roster by now. If there are any revisions necessary to the information presented, please let me know. We plan to publish periodic supplements reflecting new members and changes.

Please keep me informed (552-0292 or 423-2832, Ext. 357) of anyone you think may be interested in our club. Thanks, Ned Kuhns

Usually there is no January Dipstick. However, since the schedule of meeting nights and activities that you were promised on page one has escaped through a hole in the ozone and has not re-entered (via US postal service), there will be a January Dipstick. This will give Doug Squires some stuff to include in his first issue.

On page three Ned referred to the executive decision to mail the remaining 1993-1994 membership Rosters. In an act of insubordination I am going to wait til after the Christmas party in case there are a few more we can hand deliver. Since I've already been relieved of my job I can't be fired twice!

I have talked to Doug about our newsletter and he will be doing some great things with it as the new editor. Please help him with tech articles, human interest stories, comics, activity fliers, adds, for sale items, etc. He will be the best editor we've ever had if we give him the support he needs.

Thanks to all the folks who have helped me get the monthly Dipstick items together and especially thanks to the rest who have tolerated my (il)literary style.

See you at the Keelers next week.

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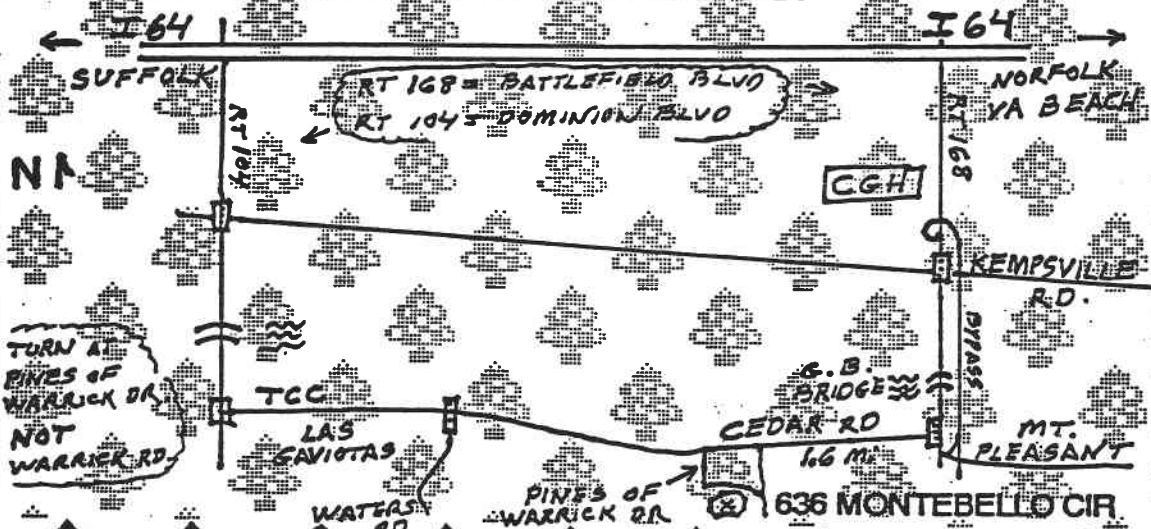
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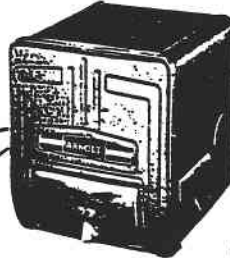


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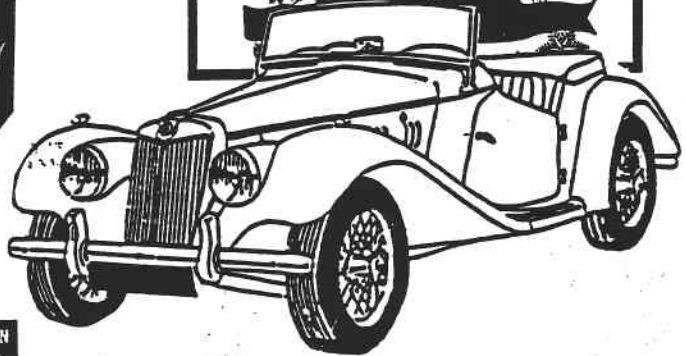
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