

The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG Classics



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Marque Time

A Tidewater MG Classics' "Thank You" to Gregg Coogan for hosting the March 1994 meeting just 3 days after hosting part of the progressive dinner. The progressive dinner was terrific. The twenty plus participants were treated to some gastronomical delights, the main course was "STEW-PENDOUS" and the comradarie offset the cool temperatures. Those in attendance also know of atleast one Virginia Beach home that sets on a hill and actually has a basement...and will soon have a new garage for a TC.

Frank Linse hosted the March Tech Session on a beautiful, if somewhat chilly, top-down day. We managed to stop neighborhood traffic as pedestrians and several carloads of people paused to look at our little beauties. We had a TC, a TD, an A Coupe, a ZB Magnette, numerous Bs and two Cs at the session ... and that isn't counting Frank's collection either. A great turnout! Everyone enjoyed the tire kicking and some work actually got done. All of the participants and Frank's cat "One-eye" enjoyed the treats that gloria provided.

The amount of upcoming activities discussed at the March meeting was staggering. There is some MG activity or related event to please just about anyone. By the time you read this, we will have had an evening of Bowling, Pizza and Fun, the Richmond half of Chihli Madness '94 will be history, and the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads Spring Car Show will be over, but there are still some opportunities for activity sponsors and as always, new ideas are welcome. Contact Peggy Bradford, Betsy Kennedy, or your truly if you would like an opportunity to excel. Our club is only as good as we, the member make it.

Finally, lets keep 1994 rolling in high gear with a good turnout at the April meeting and fill Bob and Judy Miller's street with MGs. Remember to wash your MG first! the days rae getting longer and we may actually be able to once again see the tires we are kicking.

Check out the activities, participate, and drive your MG.....

Safety First!
Bob

Bob McLaren
President

The Dipstick is the Official Newsletter of *The Tidewater MG Classics*.

President:	Bob McClaren
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Deadline for the next *Dipstick* is:

15 April 1994

At the next meeting:

Bob will fill you in about the right way to carry Chili to Richmond in an MGC.



Marque Time is the portion of the newsletter that gives the President a chance to say a few words.

Minutes

2 MARCH 1994 TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by the President, Bob McClaren who began by thanking Gregg Coogan for hosting the meeting.

No new members or guests this evening. The minutes from last meeting were accepted with no corrections.

Treasurer Report: Current balance \$1,354.05.

Committee Reports:

Activities: Last month's progressive dinner was outstanding. 22-24 people were in attendance. Sounds like wonderful food was everywhere. Tech Session: 10:00 6 March at Frank Linse's. Sunday, March 20, is the Richmond Chili Cook-off - looking for a good turnout. They sent a wonderful note and invited all to attend. Pizza, Beer and Bowling on 24 March, Don't miss it! You can't beat the price: \$8.75. April 5 is our Tuesday meeting at the Miller's. March 26 is the Car Show Car Club Council of Hampton Roads. 27-28 Club's Swap Meet Safety from DOT - See newsletter for more details. T-Cruise at Virginia Beach Mini-GOF at Cavalier in Virginia Beach 6-8 May.

Newsletter: Sorry I missed the last meeting. Will continue to try to give you the quality newsletter you expect.

Technical: Look for Mike Ashes article in this edition of *The Dipstick*.

Regalia: Chuck Hudson brought Coasters. We will be raffling off as a set. Chuck Hudson had another suggestion whereby people would donate parts as a money making venture within the club membership.

Old Business: Just Vince Groover.

New Business: Next meeting at Bob and Judy Miller's. Chuck Hudson said a TD needs a companion in the Vintage Tin Restaurant in Newport News - possibly the next site for a brunch.

Marque Time: Mike Ash had some handouts from Moss Motors. Ira Cantin's TC Story: When your lights don't work, check the servo and don't worry about the extra spring.



Up-coming Events needing sponsors

14/15 May	Charlottesville Driveout &	
21/22 May	Winery Tours	STILL NEEDS A SPONSOR
Jun 11 Sun	Funkhanna/Picnic	At the Bond's . Still need a co-sponsor.
Jul. 17 Sun	Summer Olympics/Car Display	STILL NEED A SPONSOR
Oct 29 Sat	Driveout/Dinner & Hayride	STILL NEED A SPONSOR
Nov 19 Sat	Turkey Shoot & Pot Luck	STILL NEED A SPONSOR
Dec 10 Sat	Christmas Party	STILL NEED A SPONSOR



Membership Notes

Regret neither Judy or I were able to attend the March meeting. A special thanks to Doug Kennedy for substituting for me and addressing the membership issues.

Also a public apology to **Ron Koris**. Ron is the husband of **Dr. Gwen Nethaway** and I mistakenly referred to him as Bob in the last membership notes. That's what happens when I try to recall an introduction from a party when I've had difficulty in hearing the name to begin with. I received Ron & Gwen's membership application as indicated below so please don't let my error deter you from coming to the meetings.

At the March meeting at the Coogan's, we were advised that **Chris Metskers** with a 79 B is a prospective member who would like to receive an application and be added to *The Dipstick* mailing list which we have done. Also sent an application to **Quint VanDeman** who has a 78 B and lives on Coach Lane in Virginia Beach. Hopefully, they both will elect to attend future meetings. We're also still waiting to hear from **T.A. ((Tim) White** and **LCDR Richard H Bulak, USN** as prospective members.

An updated membership roster has been prepared andn was distributed at the last meeting. If you would like to receive a copy, please come to the next meeting or, if out of the area, lets us know if you want one sent by mail.

Please keep me informed (552-0292 or 423-2832, Ext 357) of anyone you think may be interested in our club. Prospective members are added to *The Dipstick* mailing list so they will be aware of upcoming activities.

Thanks,

Ned Kuhns



We still have yellow "MG Tickets" available to help us advertise the club.

See Ned Kuhns at the next meeting to get your supply.

Add These new people to your roster

Dr Gwyn Nethaway
Ron Koris
 1229 Taft
 Chesapeake, VA 23322
 (804) 421-7604
 76 B (Blue)

Gwyn has her veterinarian clinic in Chesapeake and Ron is in hospital administration. I was told the MG was purchased for Gwyn. We should lobby Ron to buy another for himself.



Upcoming Events

- Tue Apr 5 Monthly Meeting at Bob & Judy Miller's.
- Sun Apr 10 Champagne Brunch at Gregg Coogan's. See additional info in this newsletter.
- Wed May 4 Monthly Meeting at Cynthia & Andy's.
- May ... Tech Session TBA

Peggy Bradford 464-0543

Betsy Kennedy 460-5037

Swap Shop

Several members have requested a place in the newsletter for parts, and other items they were selling or looking for. To add something to this section, call me at (home 484-8028) (office 398-6257), or drop me a note in the mail. My address is on the back of the *Dipstick*.

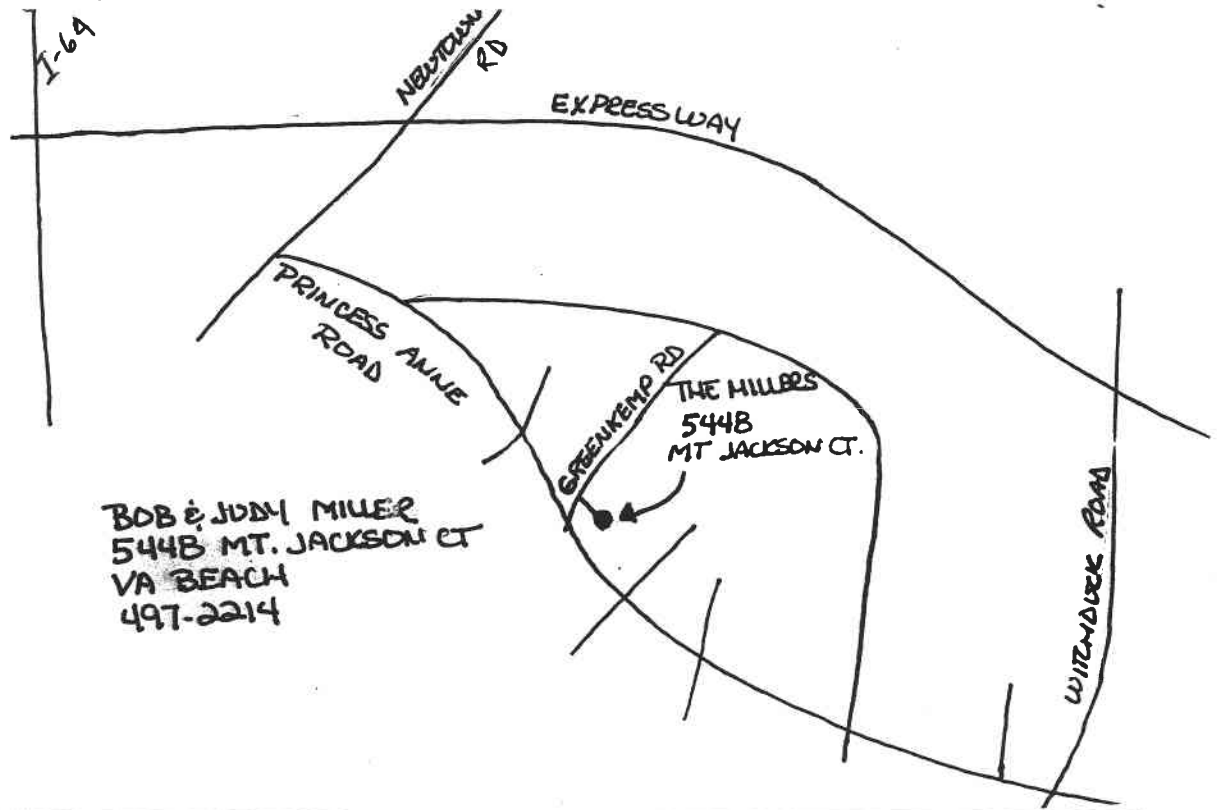
- For Sale: '77B Roadster. 71K miles. As is or will restore.. Call Tom Hollington Sawyer 366.9447
- Parts: Parting out two '70 B GTs. Call Tom Hollington Sawyer 366-9447.
- For Sale: 68 MGB. All parts are there, needs some work. Call Doug Squires at 484-8028.
- For Sale: 73 B GT. 85,000 Good Daily driver, solid car. Call for details. Gregg Coogan 425-8900. Voice Mail 456-1401.

Can you help out planning or coordinating a club event? It may be easier than it looks!

See Peggy or Betsy for more info.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Tues 5 April. Kick Tyres: 7:30 PM, Business Meeting: 8:00 PM.
Hosted by Bob & Judy Miller 5448 Mt Jackson Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 497-2214



The Original British Car Day

Seventeenth Annual Meet

Sponsored by The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG "T" Register
SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1994 at Allen Pond Park in Bowie, Maryland (RAIN OR SHINE)

FEATURING: ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND NEW BRITISH CAR DISPLAY, ANTIQUE AND CRAFT DEALERS, FLEA MARKET.

FIELD OPENS AT 8:30 A.M. — JUDGING BEGINS AT 12 NOON

All British Cars and Motor Bikes welcome, Car Parts Vendors, Antique, Flea Market and Craft Dealers are also invited. Last year over 800 cars were on display and more than 115 awards were presented to the car owners. The show was attended by more than 4,000 people.

A dash plaque is guaranteed to all preregistered cars. Every car/motor bike will be placed in a class for judging and award purposes. Cars not parked in assigned class will not be eligible for awards. Any advertisement of this event without written consent is prohibited.

AWARDS:

First place pewter for each marque or series with at least 6 **PREREGISTERED** cars.

First and second place pewter with at least 9 **PREREGISTERED** cars.

First, second and third place pewter with at least 12 **PREREGISTERED** cars.

Honorable mention ribbons.

Judging done by registrants (Popular Vote).

The field opens at 8:30 A.M., the judging begins at noon and the balloting is closed at 2:00 P.M. The awards will be presented at 4:00 P.M.

"FOR SALE":

A special area will be set aside for all "For Sale Cars". \$30.00 preregistered, \$35.00 at the gate. "For Sale" class will have awards based on numbers preregistered.

No "For Sale", or promotional signs will be allowed in award classes display area.

VENDER SPACES:

NEW!

Minimum size for one space is enough area for a van and two tables. \$30.00 at the gate, no preregistration. Only one vehicle per vendor space. Any vendor with more than one vehicle will pay \$30.00 for each additional. \$15.00 for a trailer.

ADVERTISERS:

Send 900 inserts before June 16 along with \$75.00 and we will put one in each registration packet. Inserts/flyers, etc. may only be distributed from a vendor space.

CAR ENTRANT:

Car classes will be based on number preregistered by June 12th. Preregistration by June 12 is \$10.00. After June 12th by mail and at the gate the fee is \$15.00. The field will be limited to 800 cars. Absolutely no selling, vending in display areas. No race prepared cars will be accepted.

No car trailers allowed in display areas.

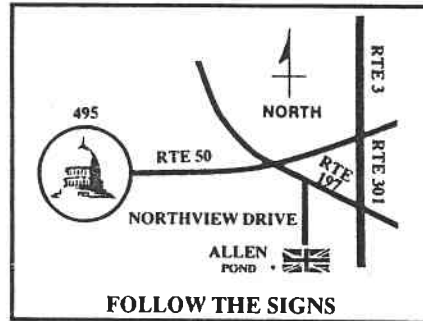
No "For Sale", or promotional signs will be allowed in award classes display area.

SPECTATORS:

\$1.00 per person admission and children under 12 accompanied by an adult free. Parking is \$1.00 for a car.

FOOD:

Food and beverages will be sold at the show and picnic areas will be available.



All Profits from British Car Day Will Sustain Local Non-Profit Organizations and Selected Charities.
----- ONE CLASSIFICATION PER FORM -----

Mail before JUNE 12th to:

RUTH RENKENBERGER
5 Miller Fall Court
Derwood, MD 20855

Please make check payable to:
Chesapeake Chapter, **NETR**

For information call:
(703) 322-1260
(301) 948-8269



NAME (owner) _____ TELEPHONE () _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 MAKE OF CAR _____ SERIES _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY — MUST BE SIGNED TO ENTER. NEITHER I OR MY HEIRS WILL HOLD THE CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER OF THE NETR, LTD., OR THE CITY OF BOWIE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES DONE TO ME OR MY CAR WHILE ENGAGED IN, OR TRAVELING TO OR FROM THIS EVENT.

SIGNATURE _____

CHECK ONE	<input type="checkbox"/> CLASSIFICATION	PRE-REG.
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAR ENTRANT	\$10.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAR FOR SALE	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> ADVERTISER	\$75.00	

CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH AT THE BEACH

Sunday, April 10th
11:00 am to... whenever

\$15.00/couple
(or \$7.50 for singles)



Austin Healey



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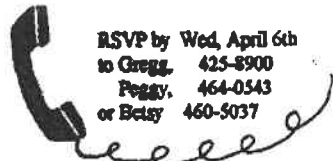
(804) 552 - 7685

Gregg Coogan
114 72nd Street, Va. Beach
(oceanside) 425-8900



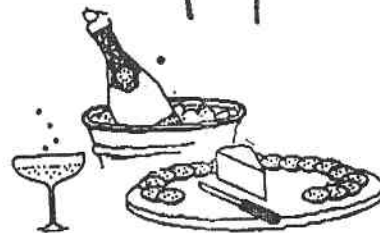
Gregg is still attempting to use his house up before he has to give it back the end of May so...once again, he came to our rescue and graciously offered to host an event, and what an event this will be.

Having this annual, not-to-miss occasion at the beach in the spring makes it extra nice. So... don't wait, mark your calendars and RSVP so you don't miss out.



RSVP by Wed, April 6th
to Gregg, 425-8900
Peggy, 464-0543
or Betsy 460-3037

Please donate a light hors d'oeuvre or finger food.



Winter Specials on MGB and MIDGET

Clutch - Complete/Installed \$350
Weber Downdraft - Elect. or Man. Choke \$350
Head Porting Done - Call for Pricing

"Pick-up and Delivery Available"

MG's Wanted - Dead or Alive

PLEASE NOTE: The City of Va Beach has permitted us to park in or along the median between the service road and Atlantic Avenue from 71st to 73rd Streets (across Atlantic Ave. from Gregg's) Look for an MG. If parking permits are required on each car they will be attached to the MG--take one and display it on your car. Don't park on plants or flowers and please use caution crossing Atlantic.



BRITISH CARMEET & PICNIC

The public is invited!

PRESENTED BY:

The Richmond Triumph Register, A Chapter of the Vintage Triumph Register

WHERE & WHEN:

Stony Point School - 3400 Stony Point Rd., Richmond, VA 23235
Sunday, May 22, 1994 (Rain or Shine)
Field opens at 10 AM - Registration closes at 12:30 PM

AWARDS:

- Judging by Registrants and Spectators (People's Choice Awards)
- Best of Show
 - First in Marque or Series with 6 or more cars Pre-registered
 - Second in Marque or Series with 9 or more cars Pre-registered
 - Third in Marque or Series with 12 or more cars Pre-registered
 - Distance Award
 - M.O.F.I. (Most Opportunity For Improvement)
 - Honorable Mention
 - Peoples' Choice (Spectator Vote) 1st, 2nd, 3rd

WHAT ELSE:

Door Prizes, Dash Plaques, Registration Packet

FOOD:

Food and Beverages will be sold by the Stony Point School PTA, or you may picnic on the lovely grounds of Stony Point School

FOR MORE INFO:

Phone: Jamie Barnhardt at 1-804-758-2753.

Mail before May 1st!

Make your check payable to RTR and send to:

RICHMOND TRIUMPH REGISTER
c/o Ken Nachman
P.O. Box 5264
Richmond, VA 23220

PRE-REGISTRATION - \$10.00
VEHICLE FOR SALE - \$20.00
VENDOR SPACE - \$25.00
(After May 8, add \$5 to prices listed above.)
SPECTATOR - \$1.00

Name _____ Phone () _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make _____ Year _____ Series _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Series _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY (Must be signed to enter show)

Neither I nor my heirs will hold the Richmond Triumph Register, The Vintage Triumph Register, or Stony Point School liable for any injury, death, or damages occurring while engaged in, traveling to or from this event.

SIGNATURE: _____

T-CRUISE at Virginia Beach

Mini GOF 1994
at the Cavalier Hotel
Friday May 6 to Sunday May 8

Come join the fun when the Chesapeake Chapter revisits Virginia Beach. There will be a sand sculpture contest, rallye, fun n' games, good time with friends, the show of cars, and the beach. There is a banquet on Saturday night.

Registration is \$15.00 for an individual or \$25.00 for a family.

Make checks payable to: Chesapeake Chapter

Mail to: Barbara Van Over
1028 Union church Rd
McLean, VA 22102

ALTERNATIVE HORNS

In my article for the February issue I discussed methods of trouble shooting problems with the horns on our MGs, and with the associated horn circuits. The impetus for choosing this topic was an incident that had occurred while driving to work in my TF when I had occasion to use the horn. It was not an emergency, but some jerk had just cut me off and I wished to voice my opinion on his behavior with my horn. Unfortunately, the horn only produced a embarrassing squeak; not the message I had intended! I don't often have occasion to use a horn, and I think that the last time I had used it was when I had the car inspected a few months earlier. To get it through inspection, I had had to substitute a used MGB horn for one of the original TF horns. Since horn failure had occurred again in such a short time, I decided that maybe some new horns were the answer, instead of continuing to mess around with used horns that were anything from 20 to 40 years old!

A quick check of the mail order catalogs convinced me that the original Lucas horns were out of the question. At the time, plastic replacement horns of the Lucas 7H type for the TF/MGA were about \$80.00 each, and Lucas 9H horns for the MGB were about \$25.00 each. Since that time Moss Motors have commissioned their own reproduction TF/MGA horns for around \$50 each.

However, down at my local Pep Boys store I found a horn very similar in style to the MGB horn for \$9.99. These horns, which come in both low and high note, are the single terminal type, but can be used in a two-terminal installation. The two terminal installation requires that the case of the horn be insulated from the chassis and, because that would mean that the case is "hot", I decided to buy a horn relay and use the single terminal installation. I bought the cheapest relay I could see on the shelf at Pep Boys for \$4.10.

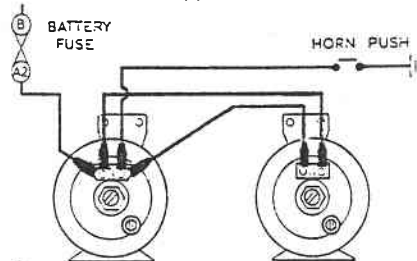
The installation on the TF was very simple, and just as applicable to the MGA or MGB. The horns come with a large central nut for mounting, and two drilled flat metal strips that are intended to form part of a mounting bracket. I attached one end of both of the strips to the center nut on the horn, and then separated the other ends of the strips so that the holes at that

end would each match up with the holes in the original mounting bracket for the Lucas horn.

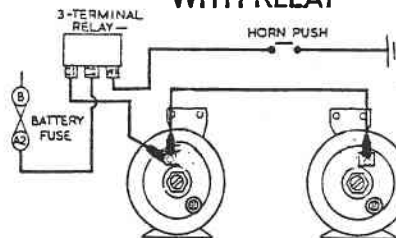
The relay I bought had three terminals (labelled 1, 2 and 3) which would accept standard spade-type terminal connectors. For that relay, and all relays may not be the same, terminal 1 is connected to the 12-volt source, terminal 2 to the horn button, and terminal 3 to the horns. If the relay is mounted near the fuse block, then it can directly use the existing wire(s) from the fuse block to the horns. The horn button can be connected either with a new wire from the relay directly to the horn button, or with a new wire from the relay down to the horn location where it can pick up the existing wire that runs back to the horn button. The latter case may be preferable for the MGB, where the horn button circuit usually runs through a multi-connector block in the wiring harness.

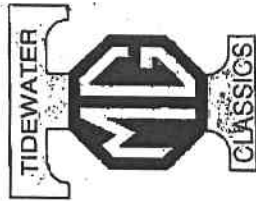
In my TF, the installation was quite simple and, for the cost of a single, new MGB horn (\$25), I had a new dual horn system on my TF. Not original equipment, but they are out of sight beneath the front of the car. As soon as opportunity permits, I will certainly repeat the installation on our MGA Coupe, and on the MGB when those horns give up.

WINDTONE HORN CIRCUIT



WINDTONE HORN CIRCUIT WITH RELAY





MG'94 - CRUISING THE CAPITAL

MG'94 The Most Complete celebration of the MG - ever!

You are invited to learn about the history, manufacture, performance and engineering of the MG - from experts from around the world!

One of America's oldest MG organizations, The MG Car Club, Washington D.C. Centre brings you the most comprehensive and complete gathering of MGs, on the doorstep of the Nation's Capital.

The four day NAMGBR meet is open to all MG owners, of course. Your visit to Washington, will be an event you, your family and MG friends will remember for years to come. In the true spirit of democracy, the MG Car Club, Washington, D.C. Centre is working to make MG'94 a complete event of highly informative tech sessions, challenging rallies, exhilarating high performance driving school and a stunning car show which will include the first MG ever manufactured - Direct from England - *Old Number One*. In addition to *Old Number One*, we have lined up other rare and historically significant MG's to attend MG'94. Among the cars planned for our event there is an MG K3, Sebring MG race cars, a factory original "L" Type racer, Factory and Costello MGBV8s, an M Type Midget, an L-Type MG Police Special and the list keeps growing.

Guests will include reknown MG experts such as Ken Costello, MG authors Bob Vitrikas, Jonathan Stein and Anders Clausager, MG Factory Technician Geoff Allen, Peter Thornley, son of John Thornley the man known as Mr. MG and Billy Thompson owner of White Post Restorations.

And, as a special treat, you can participate in two great car shows during the same weekend. By special arrangement with the Chesapeake Chapter of the MGT Register, MG '94 will be held during the days immediately prior to the "T" Register's British Car Day - The Original all British car show known as one of the best in the country. So after you've seen the best of the MGs, you can see rest of England's best!

In addition to these spectacular auto related events, you can tour the Washington Monument, sail through the museums of the Smithsonian Institute, cruise by the Supreme court - and even shop the exotic boutiques of Union Station or the Galleria at Tyson's Corner.

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY - June 23

9 AM

Safety Fast Day (Driving School) At Summit Point Raceway
Registration opens for All Events.
Message center opens for all MG '94 participants.

12 PM - 10 PM

Registrants are welcome to visit MGCC and NAMGBR Hospitality Suite and Corporate Hospitality Suites
Washington D.C. Welcome - (with Special Guest Speakers) - meet and greet your MG friends. Hosted by MGCC, Washington, DC Centre

9 PM - 11 PM

FRIDAY - June 24

8 AM - 9 PM

Registration opens for all events - Message center at Registration opens. Car Wash opens.
Tech Sessions & Demonstrations
- Tours to White Post Restorations
- Coach Tour of The Nation's Capital - Stops at Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington Memorials, Kennedy Center, White House, Pentagon.
Hospitality Suites Open

9 AM - 5 PM

11 AM - 5 PM

Barbecue at the Marriott
British Olde Tyme Music Hall
Traditional British Vaudeville Show
Hospitality Hour - Meet your friends in Southern (DC Style) splendor.

Noon - 11 PM

5 PM - 7 PM

8 PM - 11 PM

Saturday - June 25

8 AM - Noon

- Navigator's Discovery Tour at Potomac Mills Outlet Mall (shopping)
- Car Wash opens
NAMGBR/MGCC Car Show
- Rolling Tech Session
- Navigators' Tech Session
All Welcome

10 AM - 3 PM

3 PM - 5 PM

6 PM - 7 PM

7 PM

- Afternoon Tea
Hospitality before the Banquet
Banquet

Sunday - June 26

8:30 AM

Checkout/Departures
Caravan to British Car Day



Yes! Send me information About A Capital Event!
This is my chance to be part of the best MG event ever! I want to be on your mailing list!

Return to:
MG'94
PO Box 6777
Arlington, VA 22206

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Province/ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day () _____

Evening () _____

Type of MG: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____

Number of Children: _____

Will you Require Daycare?: _____

Are you interested in more info about Safety Fast Day? (Driving School) _____

FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

EAT YOUR HEART OUT! It was SUPERB. We had the BEST - Good Company and Good Food - what we do best (next to driving those little British Sports Cars). Wendy and Chuck Hall popped in to join us. Wendy chipped right in and gave me very needed help at the last minute. (Thank you Wendy). They are in the area for a short time but, being MG owners, fit right in with us. We appreciate their help and company and are looking forward to keeping in touch until they leave the area in June.

Our progression didn't venture too far into the unknown. We began and ended our excursion at Gregg's house at the North End of the Beach. We started the evening slowly at Gregg's with wine and addictive hors-d'oeuvres, than progressed up the street a few blocks to Judy & Chuck Hudson's beautiful home. There we were captivated by Judy's story and memorabilia of the dinner she served for a charity auction. This gave us a hint as to what we were in for when the Main Course was served. Judy and Chuck conjured up a fantastic beef bourguignonne (alias, English Stew) plus more wine and more good company, the best of which was "Madaline" who seemed to enjoy our company more than the main course. Before our visit with Judy and Chuck ended, most of us made an interesting trek to the "Cellar". There we found wonderful inventories of wine, unique accessories and decorations for Judy's catering and other extraordinary finds - some inherited with the house. Finally we ended this wonderful evening back at Gregg's. There we were greeted with the finale...scrumptious desserts and wonderful vanilla and raspberry coffees. For those of you who missed this event, the best advice is... DON'T the next time. It was truly a standout evening. A very Special THANK YOU to our hosts, Gregg, Judy & Chuck for opening their homes, and all those who participated and provided the gastronomical delights that helped make this a memorable evening that will hold us until.....The Champagne Brunch in April. MARK YOUR CALENDARS. See you there.....Peggy



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