

The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG Classics



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Marque Time

A Tidewater MG Classics' "Thank You" to Judy Bob Miller for hosting the April 1994 meeting. The turnout was very good and we definitely filled the Miller's neighborhood with MGs. It is amazing what the return of warm weather will do for sports cars. The number of cars that were driven to the meeting was impressive. We also had the opportunity to welcome a "first-time to a meeting" member, two or more new members who joined that evening, and at least one prospective member.

No enough interest was expressed in the Champagne Brunch so unfortunately we had to cancel that event; however, I want to publicly commend Peggy & Betsy for the efforts that they have put into the activity schedule for this year. There is some MG activity or related event to please just about everyone.

The next tech session will be held near the "Orphanage" (my garage) on May 15. One peek inside the "Orphanage" and you'll see why I said "near" the Orphanage. This is a good opportunity to put the final shining or the trip preps prior to the Richmond Triumph Show. If you haven't made plans for the Richmond Triumph Club's *British Car Show and Picnic* on May 22nd, it isn't too late. The Stony Point School grounds makes a terrific spot for showing off your car and enjoying a nice day in the sun. Last year, their first event, drew over 100 British cars including some mighty nice MGs. Frank Linse and I are planing to attend..... and I have a Richmond area street map. If you need information, give me a call at 490-2114. Spectators are welcome.

To keep the Tidewater MG Classics rolling in high gear I suggest that each of us depress the foot-operated Skinner's Union air and petrol metering device control lever assembly until firm resistance is encountered with the toeboard. In other words, lets "put the pedal to the medal" and have a great turnout of members with their MGs at the May meeting. The street in front of Cynthia and Andy's house is like a parade ground with lots of passer-bys, so also remember to wash you MG first. The days are getting longer and we can actually see the tires we are kicking,

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

Bob
McClaren

Safety Fast!
Bob

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

President:	Bob McClaren
Vice President:	Frank Linse
Secretary:	Cynthia Faschini
Treasurer:	Jim Villers
Editor:	Doug Squires

Deadline for the next *Dipstick* is:

15 May 1994



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

Minutes

5 APRIL 1994 TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by the President, Bob McClaren who began by thanking Bob & Judy Miller for hosting the meeting.

This was Doug Muehller's first meeting he has a 66B. Gary Wright, Barry Tyson are looking for a B, Rolf Graber has a 73B. Bob Gullage, who owns a 59A attended his first meeting since joining a year ago. Welcome all.

The minutes from last meeting were corrected as follows: the coasters were given by Exotic Cars, not by Chuck Hudson.

Treasurer Report: Current balance \$1,213.71.

Committee Reports:

Activities: May: Tech Session, British Car Day Richmond Jun: Drive for Lunch - Carters Grove.

Membership: Each prospective member gets on the Newsletter distribution for 3 months. If no response, they are removed. This is monitored closely.

Newsletter: Doug Squires mentioned that the amount of information for the newsletter has increased. Do we increase the number of pages or make it smaller print? Suggestions were made such as putting By-Laws in occasionally. Flyers could be shortened with brief synopsis versus full fledged flyer. The local events were suggested as flyers since many people wouldn't know these were taking place. The newsletter will be limited to 5 pages (10 sides).

Clubs: North America MGB Bob Mosby represented "MG 94" and shared lots of information. It isn't just B's. May 24-26. Three Tech Sessions are included. Starts at Dullis Airport.

Sep 8-11 Vintage Car show at Watkins Glenn. Looking for lots of cars.

Publicity: Peggy is doing a wonderful job. She does 7 letters a month to local media. They're doing wonders as evidence by all the new members.

Marque Time: Car Club Chesapeake Chapter Mini-GOF is just "T"s. 6-8 May. Car Club of Hampton Roads had 150 cars displayed. At the Chili Cookoff in Richmond Bill Keeler took 3rd place and Bob McClaren got the People's Choice Award. He also walked away with \$30.00 from the 50/50 raffle. Bob's winnings went for shampoo to clean up the chilli that he dumped all over the passenger side of the car. Peggy is having Scott Coogan restore her car in hopes of driving it. Excellent turnout at the Tech Session. TC for sale \$8500. John Harvey mentioned it, doesn't know what kind of shape it's in.



Up-coming Events

May 4	Wed	Monthly Meeting	at Cynthia & Andy's
May 6	Fri	Mini GOF 1994 T Cruise at Virginia Beach	Sponsored by the Chesapeake Chapter at the Cavalier Hotel.
May 12 ¹⁵	Sun	Tech Session	at Bob & Pam McClaren's
May 22	Sun	British Car Show & Picnic	Richmond Triumph Club 10 am
Jun 7	Tue	Monthly meeting	at Bob & Pam McClaren's
Jun TBA ¹²		Driveout to Vintage Tin Restaurant for brunch then on to Carters Grove.	
Jun 23	Thu	Safety Fast Day (Driving School at Summit Point Raceway) (Start of MG-94) MG 94 Crusin the Capital	
Jun 26	Sun	British Car Day at Bowie (Also the caravan from MG-94)	

This promises to be a fun weekend, so mark your calanders and lets get a caravan leaving Virginia Beach. We already have several members signed up.



Membership Notes

This is begining to sound like a broken record but, again, a very special thanks to Doug Kennedy for substituting for me at the April meeting.

At the April meeting we had the pleasure of **Rolf Graeber** joining our group. Also, just received in the mail a membership application from **Gary Wright**. We're glad to have him join us as well.

We've had three prospective members on *The Dipstick* mailing list for several months to whom applications have been sent but no reply received. For **Richard Bulak**, **Tim White** and **Quint VanDeman**, if we don't hear from you by the May meeting, I'll assume you are no longer interested and remove your names from our mailing lists. Hope you'll reconsider and plan to join us.

It's starting to get that time of year (1 July) when our annual membership dues are payable. Please start saving your pennies so that funds are available. I plan to have the 1994 Membership Application/Renewal Forms ready for distribution with the June Edition of *The Dipstick*.

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

Rolf Graeber
849 Bishopsgate Lane
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
(804) 463-6677
73 B (Burgandy)

Rolf is a Naval Officer (country unspecified) who is stationed at the Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic (SACLANT) with many of our other members.

Gary E Wright
4620 Broad Street, Apt. 102
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
(804) 671-8737
77 B (Green)

Gary is an enviornmental inspector who owns one of the oldest MGB's in the club. Looking forward to seeing him at future meetings.

Please make the following address change to your roster:

Bill Lassen
725 Harris Point Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
(804) 497-9222



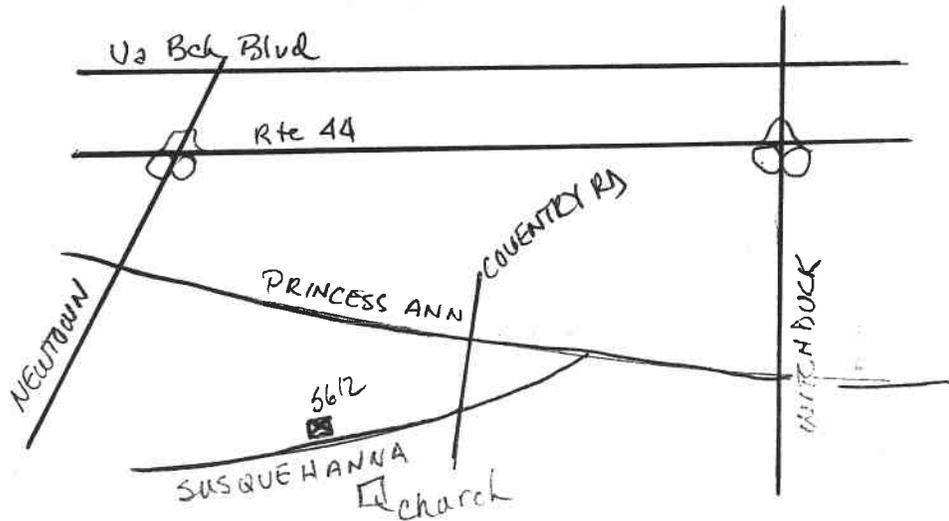
Tech Session

Tech Session: Sunday May 15, 1994.
Hosted by **Bob & Pam McClaren** 5612 Susquehanna Dr, Virginia Beach VA 23462 490-2114



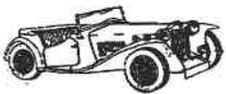
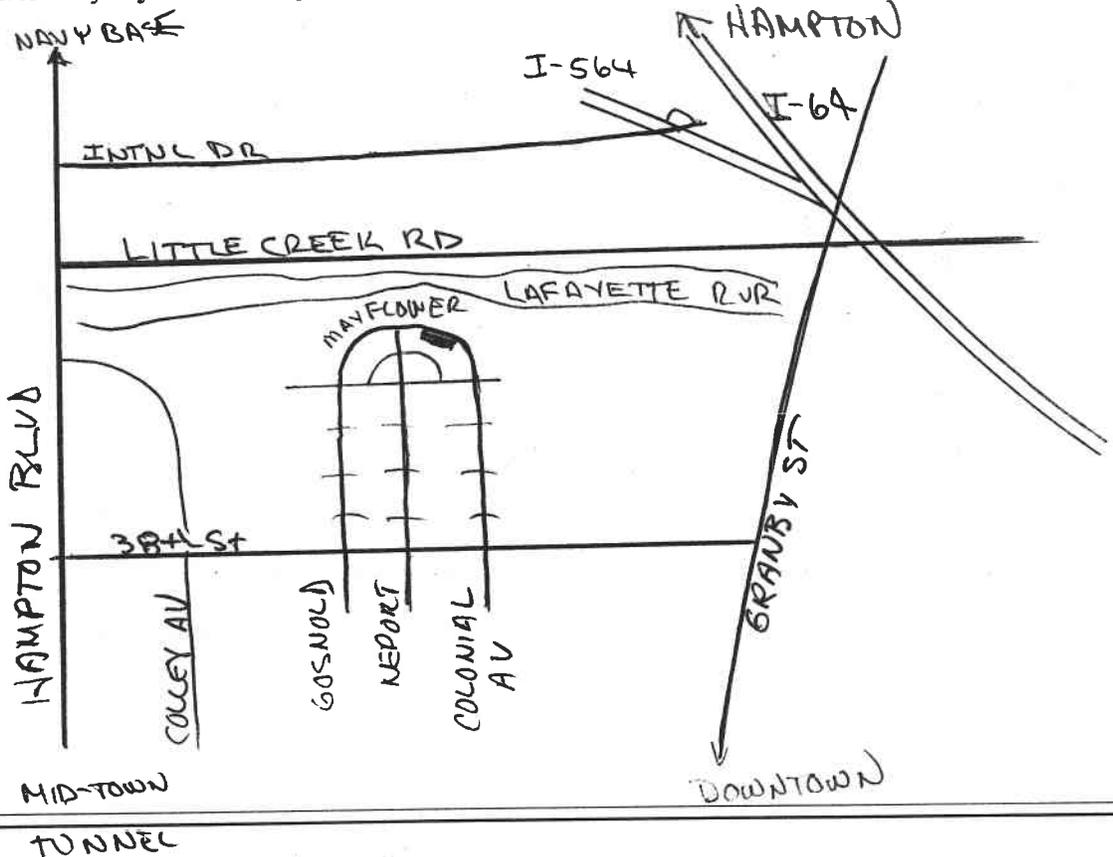
Can you help out planning or coordinating a club event? It may be easier than it looks!

See Peggy or Betsy for more info.



Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Weds 4 May. Kick Tyres: 7:30 PM, Business Meeting: 8:00 PM.
Hosted by **Cynthia & Andy** 545 Mayflower Rd, Norfolk, VA 23508 622-8315



Swap Shop

For Sale: 1966 Midgett. Body & Interior in good original condition. Rebuilt engine, New Clutch. \$2100 As Is. Also some MGB's available. Tom Sawyer 366-9447.

By Laws

Article I

Purpose

Section 1. This club is dedicated to the preservation, appreciation and maintenance of the MG automobile and to the fellowship of the club members.

Article II

Name Affiliation

Section 1. The official name of this club shall be TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS.

Section 2. It shall be the intent of the Club to seek affiliation with appropriate National and International M.G. Registers.

Section 3. Members shall be strongly encouraged to join the register appropriate to the model of their car (s) and to participate in Register events.

Editor's Note: Each month I will try to include a section of the By-laws of the club into the newsletter as requested at the last meeting.

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Pizza Beer & Bowling Night

We didn't have a large turnout for this event, however we made up for it in FUN. Many of us hadn't bowled in years, but by the time the evening was over, we were approaching pro status (in one fashion or another). Your's truly started out the evening on the wrong foot (actually wrong swing). In testing the weight of one of my prospective balls, my backswing hit a rather immovable object — Gregg Coogan. This, however, did not deter him from going on and taking high score for the evening, narrowly edging out Cynthia. Congrats Gregg! Pam McClaren figured out how to get another chance at a strike. She rolled her ball, which hit the gate and rolled back tp her for another try. Sue Bond started off the evening with a tricky gutter ball, which, at the last second, jumped out and knocked over quite a few pins. (We've got to find out how she perfected this move) She then continued ~~with~~ strikes and more strikes, and more strikes..... She decided this was fun and she'd like to do it again before another five years passes. Cynthia was talking joining a league as she left. Boy, what inspiration we give our members. And then there were those who were not inspired. For example our LOW scorer for the evening was A _____ W _____. His wife's high score made up for him though, so I guess it all evens out in the family. A Big, BIG thanks to Sandra for planning this event. It was lots of fun. ...Peggy

Happy
Mother's
Day

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