



# The Dipstick



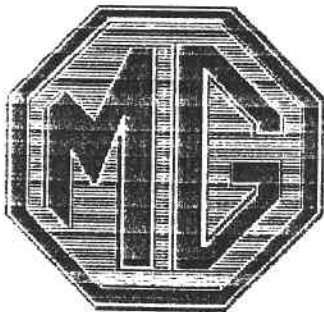
The Tidewater MG Classics

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is a club dedicated to the preservation, appreciation and maintenance of the MG Automobile, and the fellowship of the club



## Marque Time

The March meeting was held at Frank and Glo's. It was close quarters but everyone managed to fit.

The club voted to partially fund a Soap Box Derby project and Chuck Hudson is the one in charge of it. Anyone interested in participating should contact Chuck.

The April meeting will be held at Bill Seib and Leslie Pauls' on April eighth, Tuesday. We also need a host for the June meeting so please call me if you can help.

There is not too much scheduled on the social calendar as yet but we will be some events soon.

There will be a group travelling to the Richmond show at Stony Point on Sunday May 18th. We will determine a meeting place and departure time at the April meeting. In the meantime buff up the old MG, Spring is finally here.

Safety Fast  
Frank

## UP-COMING CLUB ACTIVITIES...

### Tues Apr 8 Monthly Meeting

Bill Seib and Leslie Paul  
617 Reasor Dr Va Beach, Va.  
757-420-9523

Sat Apr 26 Britfest VI-CJMGCC  
Moss Motors, Dover, N. J.

Contact Editor for Application

Sat May 3 British Car Day  
Piedmont British Motor Club  
Statesville, N. C.

Contact Editor For Application

### Weds May 7 Monthly Meeting

Andy & Cynthia's  
545 Mayflower Road  
Norfolk 757-622-8315

Sun May 18 5th Annual British  
Car Meet

Richmond Triumph Register

Contact Editor For Application

### Tues June 3 Monthly Meeting

HOST NEEDED

"The Dipstick" is the official  
newsletter

of the Tidewater M G Classics

President	Frank Linse
Vice Preident	Chuck Hudson
Secretary	Doug Kennedy
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Membership	John Severin
Regalia	Mark Childers

Got a Question, problem, complaint,  
comment, or anything for

*The Dipstick*,

call Greg Coogan at:  
(804) 463-6660

Need a Change of Address?

Contact John Severin,  
the Membership Chairman at:  
(804) 481-9054

## Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order promptly at 8:02 PM. Mark Childers opened the festivities by making an announcement that the raffle would be held for either a two-ton jack or plug in compressor. Much excitement ensued and many tickets were bought. Frank thanked himself for holding the meeting at his house. Jim Meese was a visitor and is looking for an MG or Triumph. Casey Riggs, a roadster owner, was also welcomed.

The minutes were approved with the correction that the "Pauls" should have read the "Sibe-Pauls". Details, details. You get what you pay for.

Membership: John Severin welcomed Casey Riggs again having spoken to him earlier. He also heard from Bill Baker who has a car that's for sale (77B) for \$500. Give him a call at 548-3032. The website is also coming along, and he mentioned that several MG links exist.

Newsletter: GREGG NEEDS SUBMISSIONS.

Technical: March 23 will be a tech session day at Frank's garage at 10:00 AM.

Regalia: Mark reported that he is a Victoria British distributor so he can buy us regalia for 10% over cost.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: \$46.00, Disbursements, \$40.00 Balance: \$1078.37

Old Business: Chuck Hudson renewed discussion of buying/supporting a soap box derby entry. Cost would be \$450 with entry fee to buy the kit. Many discussed the issue as we all looked about at each other to sense a level of interest. Frank asked for a show of hands to gauge the amount of interest. After more looking about Chuck moved that the club offer 1/2 of the fee not to exceed \$225. The motion carried. The race is scheduled for Memorial Day or the week after. If you're interested call Chuck Hudson ASAP!

Frank mentioned that the Chili Cookoff was a great event with many old rare and new rare MGs in attendance. Oh, and the grub wasn't bad either! Frank also scolded us for not having ONE MG present at the last meeting.

New Business: Doug Kennedy mentioned that an editor from the "MG Driver" e-mailed seeking a story regarding our club having an MG in residence. John Severin will also provide some pictures so hopefully we'll get some publicity!

Frank received a letter from the Shenandoah Valley British Car Club informing us that the hotel for the Waynesboro show will be changed to the Holiday Inn on the Woodrow Wilson Parkway. The show is held October 3-5. They also are holding a joint British car club meeting on August 23-24 in conjunction with the Virginia Wine Festival.

Bill Keeler expressed interest in hosting a national meet in this area. Everyone agreed that this would be a great area for a meet but it would require a lot of work. Vince Groover mentioned that we should be affiliated with more registers. On a related note Frank noted that we will investigate an affiliation with NAMGBR. There was then some discussion as to the operation of each register (NAMGBR and AMGBR). Bill Keeler will investigate and report back. Bob McLaren will report back on the C register. Greg Coogan also has some experience in car show procedures.

Marque Time: Bob McLaren received the Richmond club's newsletter and noted that there are many MGs for sale

The Davis's had a baby girl - Rachel Elizabeth!!

Vince Groover has a friend (surprise) who has a very nice midget for sale. Call Vince if you're interested. Vince also reported that the carpets he reported as installed last month were still installed

Terry Bond reported that the antique auto club helped pass a bill that would exempt antique cars from personal property tax.

Mark Childers reminded us that the insurance companies talk to DMV so take tags off of cars that you're restoring and don't have insured. Mark's midget is also stripped down in preparation for paint. Ditto for his B.

Bill Keeler reported that Eastwood has a nine volt battery device that will plug into the cigarette lighter so you don't lose any electronic memories. His Midget is also coming along and the engine is completed in preparation for autocrossing.

Frank and Vince are working on a 78B that may be for sale soon. It's all very hush-hush at this point.

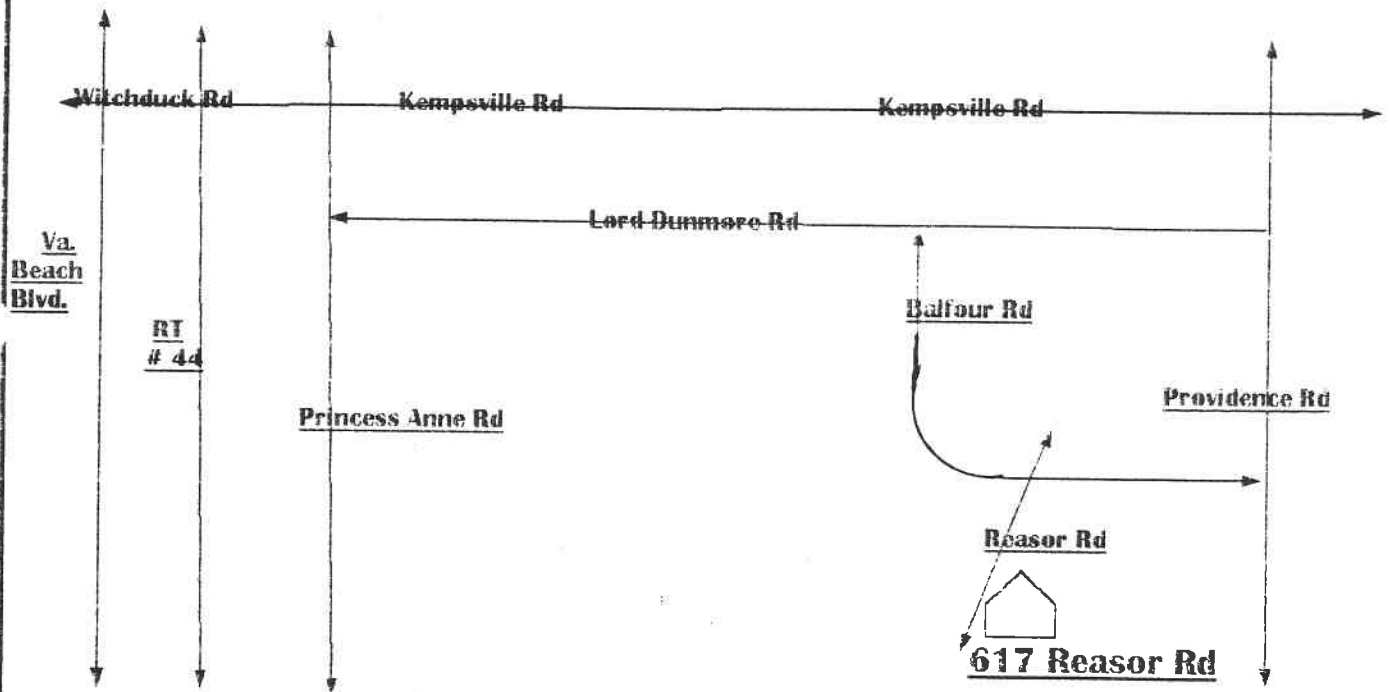
Back to new business.....

John Severin mentioned that perhaps since the newsletter is so muchwork we could mail a post card each month a few weeks ahead of the meeting date so that the pressure would be off the editor to get it out on time. Several discussed the issue as well as the frequency of the newsletter, putting it on the web or sending it out via e-mail. Nothing was resolved.

The meeting dragged on and Bob got antsy so he moved that we wrapup and have the raffle. Mike Ashe won and we all groaned, booed, and moved on to the grub where we chowed on crazily.

***Next Meeting***

***Tuesday April 8th. 7:30 PM Kick Tyres-8:00 PM Business Meeting ,Bill Seib and Leslie Paul, 617 Reasor Dr. Va Beach, Va. 757-420-9523***



**AUTOCROSS CALENDAR**

- April 6th Old Dominion Region/Sports Car Club of America Fort Monroe***
- April 20th TSCC/ODR SCCA PROSOLO 2 Virginia MSP, Dinwiddie, Va.***
- May 4th ODR/SCCA Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va***
- May 18th Tidewater Sports Car Club, Fentress Airfield, Chesapeake***
- June 1st ODR/SCCA, Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va***
- June 15th TSCC, Fentress Airfield, Chesapeake, Va***
- July 6th ODR/SCCA, Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va***

**Project: MG Soap Box Derby Racer****Progress Report**

19 March, 1997

**At February's meeting, I presented an idea for the Club to sponsor a Soap Box Derby Racer at the Memorial Day races on Little Creek Amphib Base. A decision was tabled until the next meeting. At the March meeting, the club graciously offered to help sponsor a car with \$225 towards the total cost of \$450. The remaining \$225 will be made up from committee contributions, club member's kindness and for any remainder, the driver's #1 kibitzers, her/his parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles/etc. The event will be held on Saturday, 7 June. The inspection and practice day will be Saturday, 31 May.**

**The racer kit costs \$450 including entry fee, 1 set of Z-glas wheels (the kit comes with practice wheels for only resting the body on), spares (Robert we need you) and a helmet. The driver's age must be between 9-16 and the driver and car must weigh 200lbs exactly. The car alone is 60-65 lbs. Only one driver per car. There are more rules that will come with registration.**

**Now we have a problem. Who will do the choosing of our driver and who will step forward to tell our other budding Goldie Gardners and George Eystons that we don't have enough "MG's" for all. I am trying to locate a used car from one of last year's racers in hopes that we could get a \$deal\$. Then we could have 2 drivers.**

**The car kit shouldn't take more than 2 days to construct, that being directly dependent upon the amount of kibitzing available.**

**At March's meeting a committee of 9 (need there be more said about kibitzing) created themselves to undertake the task of verbally helping the construction of our Stock Car Soap Box Derby Racer. Those raising a wrench in support were: Bob McClaren, Bill Keeler, Mark Childers, Bob Seib, Bob Miller, Scot Bradford, Peggy Bradford\*, Casey Riggs\*\* and Chuck Hudson\*, proj.coord. \* denote driver(s) available.**

**For the April meeting I will try to bring a Derby Racer so we can see how MG like they are in their fun and simplicity. I will have a video of last year's race to show us the exhilaration of the drivers, if not their cars, as they thundered silently down the track.**

**The Wrench Support Committee needs to meet at the April meeting to decide who will be the nasty decision makers and where the kit should be shipped to for construction.**

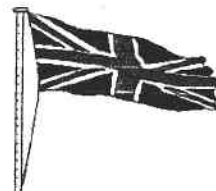
**Come a little early so our decisions will be part of the meeting.**

**Chuck Hudson**

**ANSWERS TO WORD JUMBLES FROM LAST ISSUE**

1. TONNEAU	11. CLUTCH	21. PISTON	31. PLUGS	41. CAMSHAFT
2. GASKET	12. FLYWHEEL	22. BRAKES	32. BRUSHES	42. VALVE
3. BONNET	13. CHASSIS	23. GRILLE	33. COIL	46. SIDESCREENS
4. GEARBOX	14. DISTRIBUTOR	24. PETROL	34. RADIATOR	44. LAMPS
5. ENGINE	15. CARBURETTER	25. CAM	35. BELT	45. DAMPER
6. CRANKSHAFT	16. PUMP	26. AXLE	36. TAPPET	46. RACK
7. BEARINGS	17. STARTER	27. MANIFOLD	37. WHEEL	47. SPRINGS
8. WINDSCREEN	18. DYNAMO	28. MUFFLER	38. REGULATOR	48. XPAG
9. FUSE	19. TIRE	29. TACHOMETER	39. FACIA	49. POINTS
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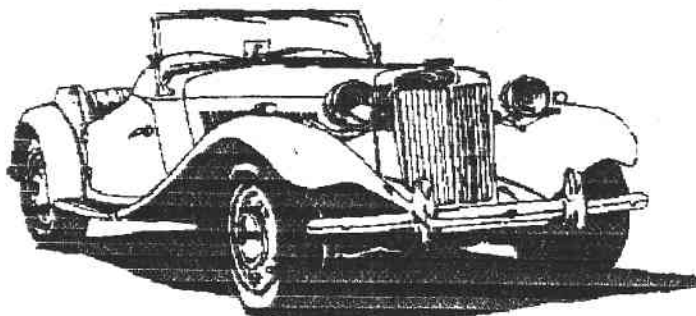
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Intake manifold and two carbs.

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### 1972 MG Midget

Good body-primed

Mechanically OK, Needs clutch.

Call Paul

H-587-3235 W-396-0294

### 1973 MGB GT

Olde Eng White w/red leather. Full restoration 6 K ago. 106,000 miles.

Overdrive, wires, am/fm-cassette, good dash. Good oil pressure.

483-5273-H, 579-2176-W

Stuart Bennett, Chesapeake

### 1974 MG MIDGET

Was running, sat for one year, has new top - interior \$2000.00

Jim Blaylock, Virginia Beach

671-1936

Club Notes

**APRIL MEETING - TUESDAY APRIL EIGHT  
BILL SEIB & LESLIE PAULS' HOME - VA BEACH  
LETS' GET THOSE MG'S POLISHED AND ON THE ROAD!!**

**DONT' FORGET TO SUPPORT OUR SOAP BOX DERBY  
PROJECT IN ANY WAY THAT YOU CAN !**

**SUNDAY MAY 18TH - 5TH ANNUAL BRITISH CAR MEET  
RICHMOND, VA**

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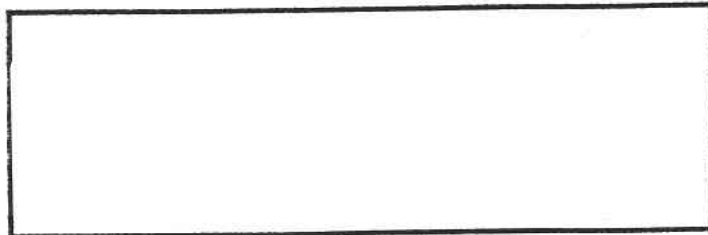


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