



The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG Classics

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The Tidewater MG Classics

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



Marque Time

The February meeting at the Murphys' may have provided club history with a first. Not one MG was in attendance. Mike Murphy's Triumph was the only British car I saw.

The weather was not too bad either!

Fortunately, my faith in the club was restored on Sunday the 16th.

The Chili Cook Off was held at Peggy Bradfords and a selection of fifteen MGs was available for review. Various models from a 1934 'N'-six cylinder to a 1996 'F'. Now that may be a first for any MG Club.

The Chili Cook Off was a great success. Good weather, good turnout and fabulous food. Another Tidewater MG Classic eating frenzy.

Nita Allen's chili #3 took 1st prize with chili # 5 by Cynthia & Andy coming in second. There weremany excellent desserts to help quench the fire. All in all another highlight in the clubs calendar of social events.

The forthcoming tech session on Sunday March 23rd at my garage will provide the opportunity to ready the MGs for Springtime. I may have some MGB restoration work going on also.

*Safety Fast
Frank*

UP-COMING CLUB ACTIVITIES...

- Weds Mar 4 Monthly Meeting
Frank Linse
301 EMcGinnis Circle
Norfolk
461-7783
- Sun Mar23 TECH SESSION
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Norfolk
461-7783
- Tues Apr 7 Monthly Meeting
**HELP
NEEDED**
- Sat Apr26 Britfest VI-CJMGCC
Moss Motors, Dover, N. J.
- Contact Editor for Application
- Sat May 3 British Car Day
Piedmont BritishMotor Club
Statesville, N. C.
- Contact Editor For Application
- Sun May18 5th Annual British
Car Meet
Richmond Triumph Register
Contact Editor For Application

Got a Question, problem, complaint, comment, or anything for
The Dipstick,
call Gregg Coogan at:
(804) 463-6660

Need a Change of Address?
Contact John Severin,
the Membership Chairman at:
(804) 481-9054

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newsletter
of the Tidewater M G Classics*

President	Frank Linse
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Secretary	Doug Kennedy
Treasurer	Bob Miller
Editor	Gregg Coogan
Technical	Bob McClaren
Activities	Shelly Pelligrino
Clubs	Mike Ashe

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order promptly at 8:08 PM. A hearty crowd thanked Mike and Sally Murphy for hosting the meeting.

Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts of \$235.00, Disbursements of \$286.29, Balance equals \$1072.37

Activities: Shelly was not present.

Membership: John Severin reported that we now have the smallest webpage in existence at <http://www.mg.org>. John's still at work and hopes that everyone will be at the Chili cookoff so that pictures can be taken and put on our web page. Get John your pictures so he can immortalize you worldwide. He's also going to list officers, and have a membership form. All seemed enthusiastic with these efforts. Membership wise we picked up a new member last month. On a related computer note, Mark Childers is looking for the disk that holds the computerized club logo. Any ideas? Give Mark a call.

Newsletter: Greg NEEDS CONTRIBUTIONS and blamed the lateness of the newsletter on a new grandchild. All allowed him this slip of his usual fine work was understandable given the circumstances.

Technical: Bob found on the internet a measuring device for making 'T' series gas gauges. He's going to share it with the club in a newsletter.

Old Business: Vince was recognized for his ongoing old business presence.

New Business: Chuck discussed the newly revived soap box derby in the area and the chance of our sponsoring a car. Costs looked to be about \$450 for the kit and some extra parts. In discussion, many issues were raised regarding time needed for completion, difficulty of work required, who would drive, deadline for entries (5/1), and how to pay for it. The issue was tabled until the March meeting when we'll consider any specific motions. Please call Chuck if you have any questions. Bill Keeler did suggest that we raise dues to pay for it. He was then chastised mercilessly, but took it with dignity.

Next Meeting Wednesday March 5 at Frank Linse's. We also need a host for the April meeting.

Tech session at Frank Linse's house on Sunday March 23.

Flyer received for the May 18 Richmond Show.

Bill Keeler passed out the Piedmont British Car show flyer.

Marque Time: Bill Keeler passed out a nuts and bolts catalogue. He also has a contact for engine ID plates.

Chuck Hudson shared a horror story of driving on Rt 44 when a Yugo passed him by! He is still recovering from the embarrassment.

Mike Ashe talked about an MGA radiator shroud that helps cool the A at idle. He put one on his car, but it hasn't been hot enough to test yet. Water Wetter was also seen as working.

The Pauls were in the Bahamas when they bumped into a British couple who used to be in a car club but is now in a muscle car club in Britain! They also get their MG parts from the US where they are cheaper.

Vince has installed the carpets in his GT after contemplating the installation for six months.

Bob McLaren is scrapping all the sheet metal on his newly acquired 'B' with Frank Linse assistance.

Bill Keeler took his midget to get painted an as yet unknown color.

George Ulrich had a car painted at Maaco. It was completely bare and it cost \$450 with light prep. He reported good results.

Scott Bradford has a high compression midget and body for sale.

The meeting was adjourned without a raffle and we all chowed down on the Murphy's clam chowder like rabid sharks (or some fish that eats clams).

WORD JUMBLES WITH A BRITISH ACCENT

When untangled, the words below spell items that come on your MG. Your score will indicate what line of work you should be in.

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| 1. nutoane _____ | 18. mayond _____ | 35. rite _____ |
| 2. seatgk _____ | 19. rite _____ | 36. treatbby _____ |
| 3. benton _____ | 20. treatby _____ | 37. sipnot _____ |
| 4. egorabx _____ | 21. sipnot _____ | 38. seekbr _____ |
| 5. geenin _____ | 22. seekbr _____ | 39. lrglie _____ |
| 6. tarchanfsk _____ | 23. lrglie _____ | 40. signw _____ |
| 7. rainbegs _____ | 24. roplet _____ | 41. samthacf _____ |
| 8. crisnewden _____ | 25. amc _____ | 42. aevl _____ |
| 9. suef _____ | 26. leax _____ | 43. redscenseis _____ |
| 10. rhno _____ | 27. landflmo _____ | 44. pamls _____ |
| 11. hucclt _____ | 28. femurfl _____ | 45. marped _____ |
| 12. helyfelw _____ | 29. homerattec _____ | 46. arkc _____ |
| 13. shicsas _____ | 30. loi _____ | 47. gissnrp _____ |
| 14. firrbostlud _____ | 31. lupsg _____ | 48. agxp _____ |
| 15. rrtreatcube _____ | 32. rubhess _____ | 49. spinot _____ |
| 16. mppu _____ | 33. lico _____ | 50. gahadprim _____ |
| 17. treatrs _____ | 34. dotaairr _____ | |

Total number of wrong answers: _____

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|---------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| 1 - 5 | Mechanic | 6 - 10 | Service Manager |
| 11 - 15 | Car Salesman | 16 - 20 | TowTruck Driver |
| 21 - 25 | Car Wash Attendant | 26 - 30 | Bicycle Repairman |
| 31 - 35 | Blacksmith | | |

Answers in the April Dipstick.

THIRD ANNUAL MINIATURE BRITISH CAR CONTEST

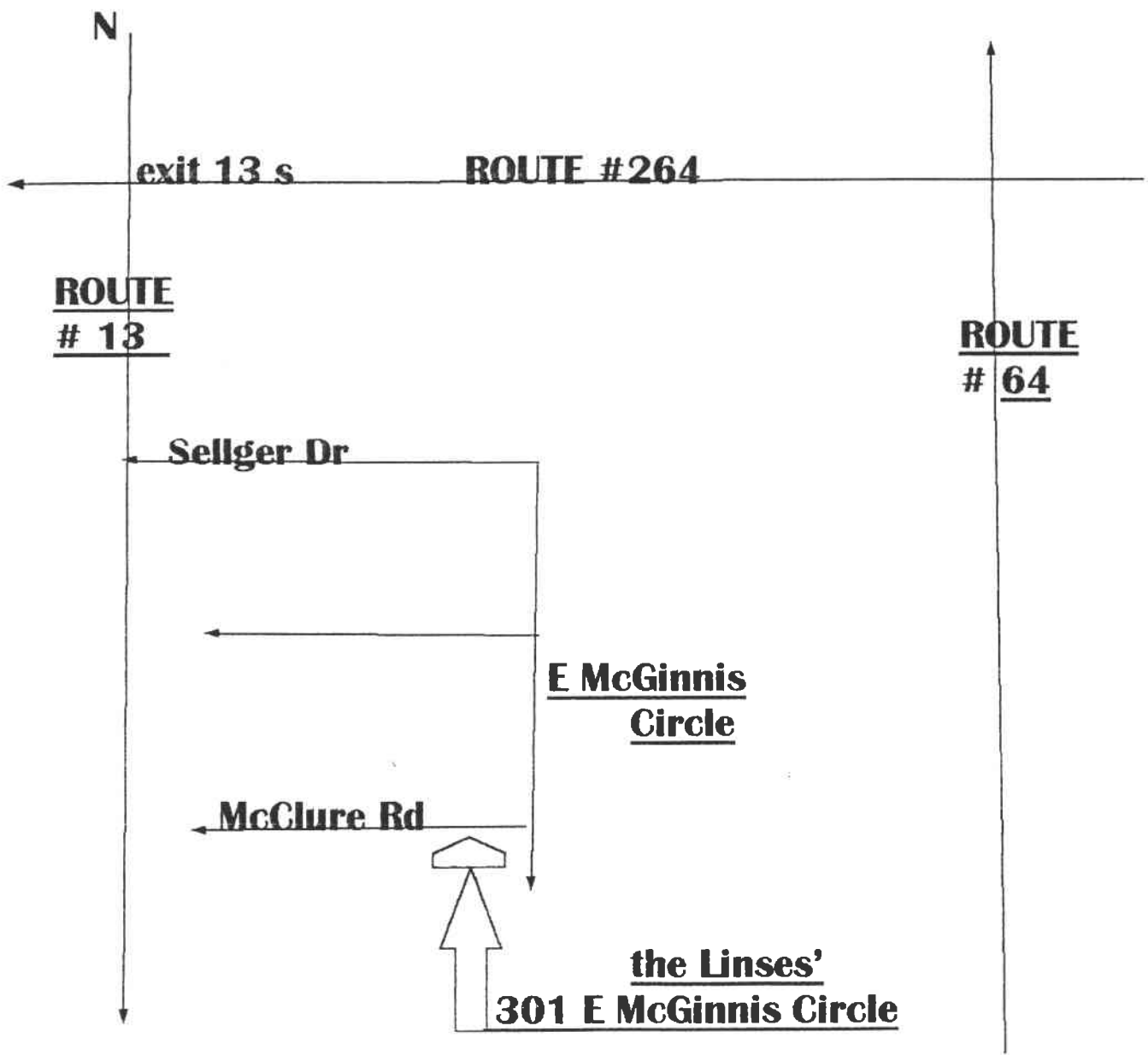
Now for the news you have all been holding your breathe for, supplied by our corporate accountants - Noprice, Watergate, after exhausting computer analysis.

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|--------------|----------|---------------|----------------------|
| First Place | car # 15 | Marc Childers | 1930 MG Scratchbuilt |
| Second Place | car # 12 | Gregg Coogan | 1948 Jaguar XK120 |
| Third Place | car # 1 | Derek Straw | 1996 M G F |
| Fourth Place | car # 14 | Doug Wilson | 1934 Bentley |

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated, it was nice to see how many different kits and built-ups are available if we look hard enough.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 5 March. 7:30 PM Kick Tyres-8:00 PM Business Meeting ,the Linse's, 301 E McGinnis Circle, Norfolk, Va. 757-461-7783



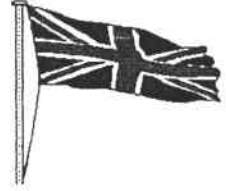
MARCH TECH SESSION

Sunday, 23rd of March, 10:00AM till - ?? At the renown F Linse Restoration Center 301 E McGinnis Circle, Norfolk, Va. 757-461-7783

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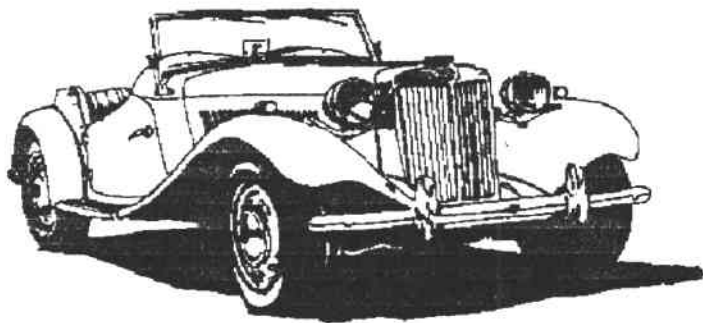
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1973 MGB GT
Olde Eng White w/red leather. Full
restoration 6 K ago. 106,000 miles.
Overdrive, wires, am/fm-cassette,
good dash. Good oil pressure.
483-5273-H, 579-2176-W
Stuart Bennett, Chesapeake

TD parts - rubber set, almost complete.
Tie rod ends - new.
Intake manifold and two carbs.
John Hastings York County
(804) 890-2654

1974 MG MIDGET
Was running, sat for one year,
has new top - interior \$2000.00
Jim Blaylock, Virginia Beach
671-1936

**MARCH MEETING-WEDS MARCH FIFTH
FRANK LINSES' HOME-NORFOLK**

**TECH SESSION SUNDAY MARCH 23
THE FRANK LINSE MEMORIAL GARAGE
SAME AS ABOVE**

**IF YOUR MG CANT MAKE IT TO THE TECH SESSION WILL IT
MAKE IT ANYWHERE THIS COMING YEAR ??**

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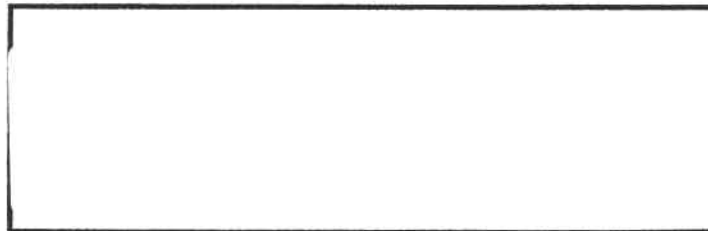


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First Class Mail



The Tidewater MG Classics
 Preserving the Marque since 1973
 1996-1997 Membership Application and Renewal Form

Annual membership renewals are due on 1 July, 1996. The Following information is for club use only. Social registers (containing information marked with an asterisk) are distributed yearly to all members. Except for the names and phone numbers of club officers and chairpersons, membership roster data is not released outside the club.

New members: Please fill in all data.

Renewals: please fill in line 1, update 2-5 and MG ownership/registry data.

1. *First _____ & _____ *Last _____

2. *Member Since _____ Former TMGC
 office/chairs _____

3. *Significant other/reciprocal club name _____

4. *Street _____ *City _____ *State _____ Zip _____

5. *Home Phone (____) _____ *Dig Page/Fax (____) _____ Work Phone(____) _____

6. MG ownership and registry data: _____ Restored, For Sale

_____ National / International Daily Driver, Antique
 _____ Registry and Registry # or custom tag, etc.

	*Year	*Model	Color	Purchased	Registry and Registry #	Restored, For Sale Daily Driver, Antique or custom tag, etc.
Car #1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Car #5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Dues Schedule

July 96-July97

\$ 20.00 local

\$ 15.00 out of town

1 Jan-1 Jun

\$10.00 local

\$7.50 out of town

* Other clubs: no fee with reciprocal membership for TMGC. Please mail newsletter and correspondence to Editor - "The Dipstick".

* Local: Va Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News, Suffolk, Williamsburg.

* Out of area membership covers cost of Dipstick mailings.

* National Association Officials: no fee; Association newsletter ICO Editor "The Dipstick" is requested.

* Please remit payment with this application to TMGC Membership Chairman.

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Office use only: Date rcvd _____ Amt rcvd _____ Date funds forwarded to treasurer _____

Added to social roster _____ First Dipstick mailed _____

Date affiliate newsletter recieved _____ Social call for next meeting/info _____

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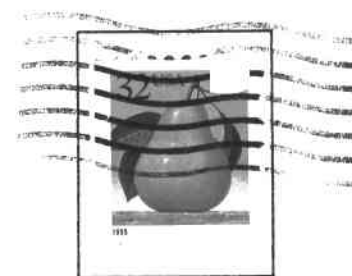


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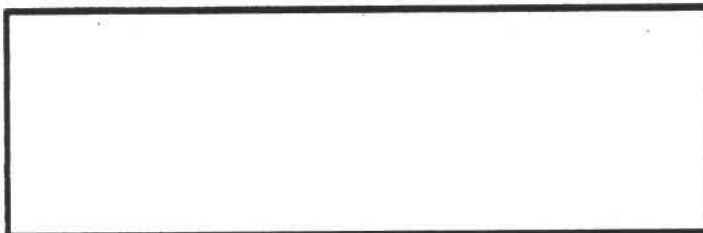


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