

# The Dipstick

The Newsletter of the Tidewater MG Classics Car Club



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## Marque Time

For a few days last week, I actually thought spring had arrived ... the day after I disconnected the heater, there was frost on the windshield (as if the defrosters ever worked).

This month marks the 25th anniversary of the first meeting of the Tidewater MG Classics and we intend to mark it in style on the 5th of May at Pembroke Mall.

Congratulations to Doug Wilson of Williamsburg who recently took a trophy at the Wilsingham Academy Car Show.

As I write this, Debbie is undergoing surgery at Leigh Memorial and will be recovering at home within a week (around the 19th of April). She'd appreciate a call, as long as it's not about MG's - she gets enough of that from me.

Safety Fast!

Mark

## Upcoming Club Activities

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| May 5   | 25th Anniversary Meeting<br>White Horse Pub-Pembroke<br>Mall |
| May 16  | Lewes DE. British Motor Car<br>Show                          |
| May 17  | Richmond Car Meet at the<br>Boulders                         |
| May 30  | Soap Box Derby   |
| June 3  | Club Meeting - Rudy Sayer                                    |
| June    | Road Rally - Bob McClaren                                    |
| July 7  | Club Meeting - Doug Kennedy                                  |
| Aug 5   | Club Meeting - Bill Keeler                                   |
| Sept 26 | AMGBA Meet '98 Charlotte,<br>NC                              |

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## April Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by Mark when he got there. Barry was worried he would have to run the meeting! Andy and Cynthia were thanked for their gracious hosting of the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

*Treasurer's Report:* Receipts of \$78.00, disbursements of \$261.26, for a balance of \$543.60. Dues will be due again in July.

*Membership:* Bob McLaren introduced Bill Percy, a new member. Bill has a MGC (with automatic).

*Newsletter:* Bob Miller again requested articles and pictures for the newsletter. He thanked Electronic Systems for their generosity in printing the newsletter without charge to the club. The deadline for the next "Dipstick" will be April 15th.

*Technical:* Still looking for a technical person.

*Regalia:* Frank stated that the club has grill badges @\$16 and jacket patches @\$1 for sale. He will be ordering coffee mugs with the club logo.

*Spares:* Robert was not here and we waited for him!

*Clubs:* Mike had nothing to report

*Activities:* Chuck discussed the upcoming 25th Anniversary Dinner at the White Horse Pub, Pembroke Mall. Kick tires will be at 7:00pm in a designated parking area outside by the movie theaters (security will be provided). The dinner and activities will start at 7:30 inside the mall at the pub. Dinner will be \$25/couple or \$15/person and will include wine, dinner and soda, coffee or tea and door prizes. Dress will be nice casual. All reservations and checks (payable to the club) must be received by Chuck Hudson by April 20th. We still need a driver for the soap box derby race on May 30th. Driver should be under 16 years old and under 5' tall and weigh about 100lbs.

*Old Business:* Since Doug wasn't here, Vince wasn't here either!

*New Business:* Anyone wishing to caravan to the British Car Show (Boulders) in Richmond on May 17th meet in the Sears parking lot at Greenbrier Mall. Departure time for Richmond will be at 8:00am.

*Marque Time:* Roy's electrical problems were fixed (some of them) at the tech session. Dave Gardner also replaced his windshield at the tech session. Mike Ash has a used MGB carpet set for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 and everyone headed toward the dining room table!

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 5TH**  
**KICK TIRES 7:00 PM, CELEBRATION 8:00 PM**  
**WHITE HORSE PUB** 7:30  
**PEMBROKE MALL, VIRGINIA BEACH**

Come join us for the 25th Anniversary dinner meeting of the Tidewater MG Classics on May 5th at the White Horse Pub. Dinner selections will include Fish & Chips, Bangers & Mash, Marinated Chicken Breast, and N.Y. Strip Steak. Wine, sodas, coffee and tea are included with dinner. You can purchase your favorite beverage from the bar. The festive evening will include dinner, speeches, and of course door prizes. A commemorative dash plaque will be given. Dress will be nice casual.

We will meet in a designated parking area by the entrance to the movie theaters behind the mall. Security for the vehicles will be provided by the Mall.

Reservations and payment should have been received by Chuck Hudson for the gala activities - \$25 / couple, \$15 / person.  
Hope to see you there!

## **MORE TOOLS**

**E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR:** A tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than known drill bit.

**TIMING LIGHT:** A stroboscopic instrument for illuminating grease buildup on crankshaft pulleys.

**CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 16 INCH SCREWDRIVER:** A large motor mount prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end without the handle.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper and oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; can be used, as the name implies, to round off Phillips screw heads.

**AIR COMPRESSOR:** A machine that takes energy produced in a power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by air hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty suspension bolts last tightened 40 years ago by someone in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and rounds them off.

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