

# The Dipstick

The Newsletter of the Tidewater MG Classics Car Club



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## Marque Time

Our thanks to John Jones for hosting the meeting and rustling up some seriously good food, and our sympathies to Doug Kennedy who was rumoured to have gotten a mild sunburn while basking on a Hawaiian beach... Given the weather, the turnout was surprising; I don't know how many folks drove MG's besides Bob McClaren and me, but I can assure you that the the trip home was *brrrrisk*, as the rear window zipper stitching has all but blown out.

Old man winter seems to be having mood swings of late. Just yesterday afternoon, we were top down, cruising a deserted oceanfront three times in an hour without fear of a ticket, and eating ice cream cones at Dairy Queen. I guess there is some consolation in not having a garage at home: if I had one, the B would probably be put up for the winter, and used as a convenient place to store swimming pool accessories. If I store it at the shop, it would get buried amongst the Ferraris and Porsches lying in perpetual repose under a fluorescent sun. The Magnette has migrated to a spot so deep in the pack that it'll be spring before I'm able to extract it.

Speedvision has aired some interesting programming in the past few weeks, including a Legends episode featuring BMC racers, and another focused on the birth of the MGB. I seem to tune in when the shows are halfway through, so if anyone has been taping them, please let me know.

Peggy Bradford has come to the rescue by hosting the second annual *Wicker Basket Affair*. Let's make this WBA the one to remember for a long time to come. The theme harkens to an earlier time when blue blazers, white ducks, long dresses and sun hats were de riguer. As MG clubs go, we're about as laid back as they get. That said, (keeping in mind the off chance of a blizzard) perhaps we could save our jeans and holey MG CAR

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## Upcoming Club Activities

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| Feb 3     | Wed Meeting at Peggy Bradford's                                |
| Feb 28    | Sun WickerBasket and March meeting at Peggy Bradford's         |
| Spring    | Tech Session at Frank Linse                                    |
| April 7   | Wed <b>NEED A MEETING HOST</b>                                 |
| May 4     | Tues Meeting at Dave Sheppard's                                |
| May       | Hopehaven Drive-out and Road Rallye                            |
| May 23    | Sun 7th Annual British Car Classic Car Meet Boulders, Richmond |
| May 29,30 | Soap Box Derby Races   |
| June 2    | Wed Meeting at Andy and Cynthia's                              |

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## January Meeting Minutes

The meeting started fashionably late at 8:08 p.m. with Mark thanking John Jones for hosting the meeting on such short notice! He welcomed visitors Tom and Andrew Curran, and noted that Doug Kennedy was someplace where it was not 18 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Minutes:** An error was noted in the November minutes in reference to the antique license plates. See New Business for correction. The minutes were otherwise approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The club took in \$85.00 from dues and raffle, and expensed \$167.03 for the Christmas party, leaving a balance of \$1,007.99.

**Membership:** Two new members were welcomed: Pat Landry (with a '77 B) and Tom Early, who returns to us after a ten year absence. Bob also received a call from Ohio from someone with a '48 TC who spends his Summers in Virginia Beach, and is interested in joining our club.

**Activities:** Peggy Bradford volunteered to host the February meeting. However, we are still looking for a meeting place for the March meeting, as well as someone to host the wicker basket event. In May we hope to drive out to Hope Haven. Gregg has volunteered to organize a Poker Run. More info to follow.

**New Business:** Chuck suggested we impose a \$1.00 fine to all members who do not wear their name tags to the meeting, and a complementary raffle ticket to each member who attends the meeting. Chuck is also looking into a "Save an Octagon" bumper or window sticker. Antique license plates: Virginia is getting rid of the current antique tags, and coming out with a redesigned one. Also, the validity of vintage tags is still in question.

**Old Business:** We still are looking for someone to head up the Technical Committee.

**Marque Time:** Peggy is missing her December issue of TSO, last seen at one of our meetings. If you have it, please return it to her.

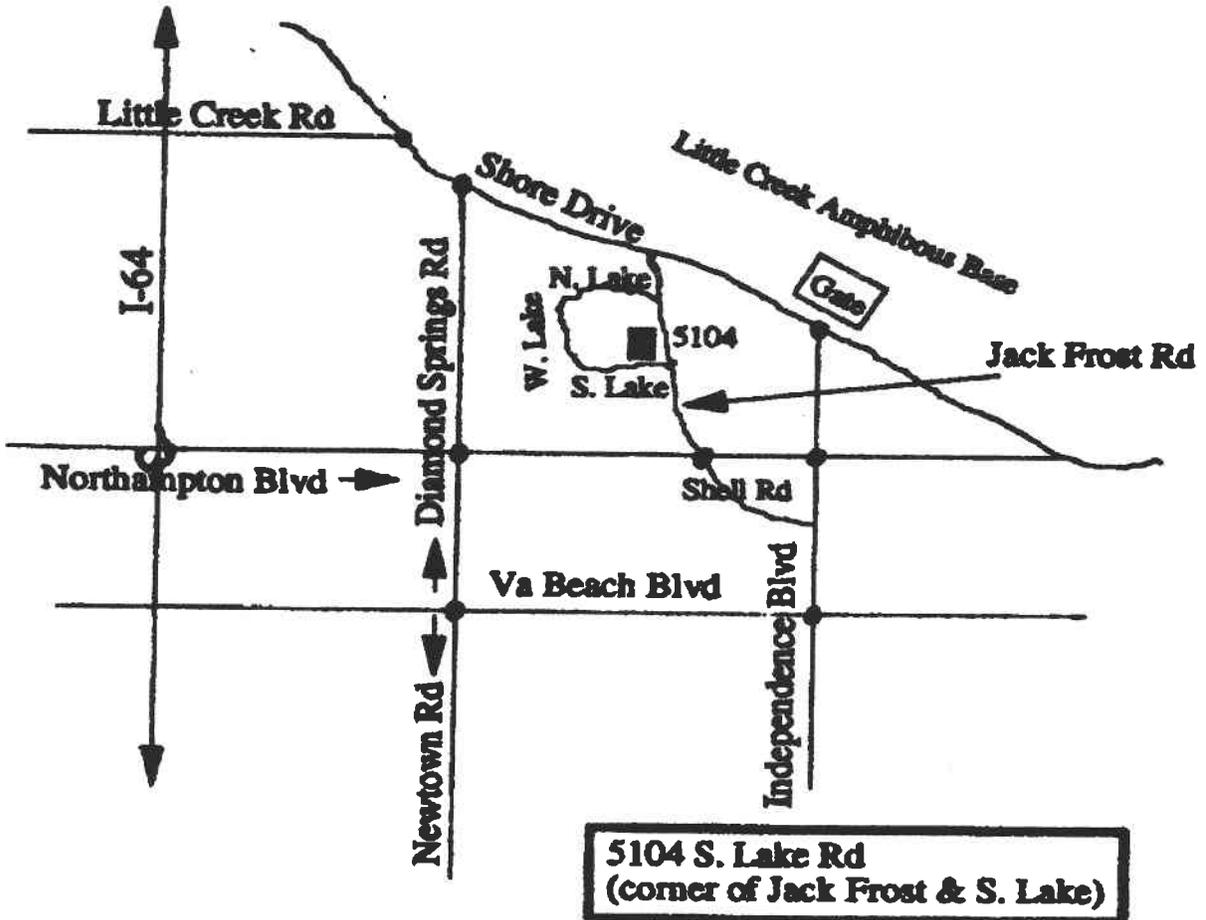
**For Sale:** 1977 B; 43,000 miles, fresh red paint, new carpets and interior, fresh tyres on turbine wheels, new front suspension, new rear springs, black hard top, weber, \$4,900/negotiable. Call Gregg 549-4565.

**MEETING NOTICE  
FEBRUARY 3, 1999**

**KICK TYRES 7:30**

**MEETING 8:00**

**PEGGY BRADFORD'S  
5104 S. LAKE ROAD, VA BEACH  
464-0543**



**COMPANY T- shirts for the next tech session. Bring your favorite international dish in a wicker basket, and your best date in your shiniest MG.**

**But wait...there's more: our meetings are lively, our members outspoken. And, much like the Comedy Club on open mike night, it can be a hard room to play. I can't believe anyone has been the target of anything other than a good-natured ribbing, and I hope no offense has been taken. I personally like the patter, friendly barbs, and the semi-open-forum that keeps the meeting in perpetual motion. If anyone is offended by comments or commentary, please express your concerns and we'll discuss them. Thanks.**

## **Safety Fast!      Mark**

**Note: Anyone in need of SNUGTOPÒ or CUSTOM HARDTOPÒ repair parts, give me a call and I'll give you the number for my factory contact. The prices are a bit wes-coasty but for a couple hundred dollars, all the trim, fittings, seals and glass can be renewed by the average do it yourselfer. If you have a technical question regarding fittment, they will fax the appropriate info.**

## **BEFORE PURCHASING A MG, THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD BE COMPLETED:**

- \* Are you ready to love this car, unconditionally?
- \* Do you realize that you will have to understand almost everything about this car including the engine, transmission, brakes, carburetors, etc.?
- \* If you already know about cars, are you willing to learn a whole new vocabulary?
- \* Are you willing to associate constantly with other MG owners?
- \* Are you willing to get greasy? All over? In you eyes, hair, skin, clothing?
- \* Are you willing to shed blood?
- \* Do you own a fire extinguisher?
- \* Do you realize that this will cost more money than you can sell it for?
- \* Do you have another reliable car?
- \* Do you possess a large vocabulary of four-letter words?
- \* Are you willing to drive without musical entertainment so that you can enjoy the incomparable pleasure of listening to your engine run and attempt to listen for new problems as they develop?
- \* Do you have garage space? For the car, parts, tools, more parts etc.?
- \* Isn't your relationship with this car a little unnatural?

It's time again to create those wonderful dishes to share at

## "The Wicker Basket Affair"

Choose your favorite recipe and call Peggy by Wednesday, Feb 24th to let her know what you'll bring. Pack that favorite dish in your MG and take a Sunday drive to a fabulous array of food and great company. We promise you won't go home hungry.

### *Menu* MENU

Hors d'oeuvres  
Meat dish  
Salad  
Vegetable  
Bread  
Desserts  
Sodas, wine, beer &  
coffee provided.

DATE: Sunday, Feb 28  
TIME: 2:00 pm  
DRESS: Sunday casual  
PLACE: Peggy Bradford's home  
5104 S. Lake Rd (Lake Shores)  
Va. Beach  
Phone: 464-0543

This year we are having an MG memorabilia display. Bring one or more of your favorite MG related items to display. No car parts please!



THE WICKERBASKET GOURMET FEAST WILL INCLUDE  
THE MARCH MEETING



The Tidewater MG Classics

Bob Miller  
5448 Mt. Jackson Ct.  
Va. Beach, VA 23462



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**NEXT MEETING**  
**PEGGY BRADFORD'S**  
**7:30 pm**  
**KICK TYRES**