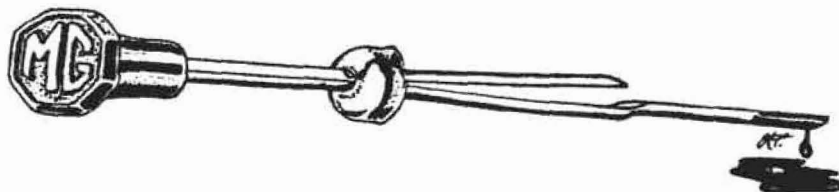


The Dipstick

The Newsletter of the
Tidewater MG Classics Car Club



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MARQUE TIME

As snow fall softly on cedars on this winter night in January and my MG sleeps quietly under its car cover that blankets it in its warm and dry hibernation, we both dream of warm sunny days on the road. As I sit by the fireplace, the fire pops and crackles. I begin to make plans in my mind over my tankard of hot mulled cider braced with rum, for the MG year to come.

I think of how I will be able to (legally) drive my antique MG more often because of the new law (as of July '99) for antique vehicles that Terry Bond informed us of at the January meeting (details in this Dipstick). A celebration of this could be the Fourth Annual British Car Drivers Week, May 20-28. A week to drive your MG often and visibly and show the Octagon (Boulders on May 21st, happens to fall in that week).

I think of how much fun the Wicker Basket and March Meeting, Feb 27th, will be hosted by the lovely and gracious Peggy Bradford. (and Peggy thanks for hosting the January "What is a HOKIE?" Meeting). I am looking forward to seeing at the Wicker Basket, some of the memorabilia on display from the archives, celebrating the rich 27 years of the history of our club. I am sure a few Octagon tales will be spun by some of our more senior club members over a glass or two. Which reminds me, Susan Bond has volunteered to take up the cause of club historian, researching, recovering, organizing and maintaining our history for posterity. She will need our help to find photo's, news clippings or any other memorabilia (preferable scanned, it's the digital age you know). We will need to search our closets, photo albums, attics, basements, where ever and contact Susan. This is an important task, maintaining our club history. It's a new millennium and this may help some anthropologist in the next millennium who will be trying to figure out the sub culture represented by an Octagon encircling the letters MG. A club President really appreciates a volunteer with a vision.

I also know that time is drawing near to start to make plans for the untimate road trip, to MG 2000 in Cleveland (the heart of Rock and Roll). The rooms at the host hotel go quickly and that is where the party is. Dates are June 15th thru 19th. Then there is Boulders, NAMGAR GT-25, Berkley, Wings and Wheels, Waynesboro. In a MG it's not just the destination - it's the drive.

I then think of the excitement of vintage sports cars racing at "The Race at The Base" scheduled for the 5th, 6th and 7th of May. Let's see if I put a roll bar on my MG, maybe a Weber, new cam, shave the head . . . Now where are those parts catalogues, Moss, British Victoria, Seven, PAECO . . .

As I sit by the fireplace, I drift off into a winter's slumber from the warmth of the fire and the cider, I say to myself it's going to be a great MG year.

---SAFETY FAST--- BARRY

Upcoming Club Activities

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| Feb 2nd | Wednesday Meeting
Chuck & Judy
Hudson's |
| Feb 27th | Wickerbasket at
Peggy Bradford's |
| Mar Mtng | Hosted by Peggy
Bradford on Feb
27th during the
Wickerbasket |
| March | Spring Tech Session
at Bruce & Brenda |



January's Minutes:

7:30 saw a good group arrive, but so did the rain. A few die-hards remained outside while everyone else moved inside.

8:05 started the meeting (Vince was maitre'd of seating). A hearty thanks was extended to Peggy for offering to hold the meeting.

New Members & Guests: Welcome was extended to all. New members Gary & Marie Root (just arriving from Japan) have a 69 BGT in storage. Alan said they're paid up too! Paul Paska from England was recognized - he was here on vacation.

Membership: Was discussed with the club having a membership of 116, but only 58 actually paid. Various recommendations were made on how to handle those who have not paid up yet. Embarrassing them seemed to get the most attention!

Treasurer's Report: None given, Jim Villers was not present. Someone hinted that Jim may have been in the Bahamas.

November Minutes: Were approved.

Newsletter: Ed Kehrig made a pitch again for more articles of interest for the Dipstick.

Ragalia: We still have T-shirts, license plate frames, patches, and hats available.

Activities: Chuck Hudson announced that he will host the February meeting at his home and that coffee, desserts and sweets will be served after the meeting. Wickerbasket on February 27th at Peggys. A pot-luck get together starting at 2:30 pm. Whether or not to invite non club members was discussed. People attending the Christmas Party acclaimed it's success and a letter from the Ronald McDonald House was read - they were very pleased to receive the donations collected at the Christmas party.

Parts: Mark Childers recommended the Grand Junction on Bonney Road in Virginia Beach for SAE hardware at really great deals.

Meets: North American MGA meets in July in Morgan town.
There's an Auto Swap Club meet on March 4th. Terry Bond recommended a booth.

Old Business: Problems with the website are still being worked. It was agreed that the website name should be kept even if we move to a different Service Provider.

New Business: None.

Archives: Sue Bond is looking for photographs, menu's from events, newspaper articles, etc for a scrapbook for the club. Prime choice is for digital photos, but any photograph, article, or menu can be scanned. If you have duplicates and can donate the photo that would be great.

Antique car registration rules have changed...see the insert in this months Dipstick.

Vince says he's willing to part with his 74 1/2 B - that it's all there, has the usual rust spots, it's derivable, good tires, has a 73 bumper, and is mostly Red (except for the rust).

Bob McClaren got his TC back on the road after reworking the steering box. He says it's now boringly straight. Oh, he also turned the front axle around the right way and reworked the brake cylinders. He says it now goes and stops.

The raffle was held, Ed Kehrig and Terry Bond both won tonight.

Vince says his body hurts and asks if we can end the meeting.

8:50 meeting adjourned.

Brenda U. Banvard
Nov 5, 1940 - Jan 8, 2000

Very sadly, Brenda passed away in Colorado Springs of complications from breast cancer.

She is survived by her son, Michael, and leaves behind a host of devoted friends, here and in Colorado Springs.

Brenda was a very talented person, and will be remembered for her wonderful needlecraft, stained-glass work and cooking ability as well as her contributions to this Club. She and her late husband, Jim, instituted the "Wicker Basket Affair" (a gourmet pot-luck supper for which we paid the princely sum of \$5.00 a head) at a time when the Club was low in funds and needed money in order to keep the "Dipstick" being printed and mailed; this traditional February event is continued to this day.

Brenda was a kind, loving friend and will be missed greatly!

In accordance with Brenda's wishes, a wake will be held in celebration of her life to which her friends are invited to attend. We will meet at "The Street Cook" - located in the Parkway Shopping Center (between A.J. Wright's & Abbey Animal Hospital) at the intersection of Lynnhaven Parkway and Princess Anne Road, on Sunday Feb 6th at 2:00 PM. If you plan to attend please contact either Mark & Jennifer Ash @ 495-0307, or Pam & Vince Groover @ 497-6904.

Lets celebrate Wicker Basket Heritage . . .

. . . at Peggy Bradford's on February 27th, Sunday, 2:30.

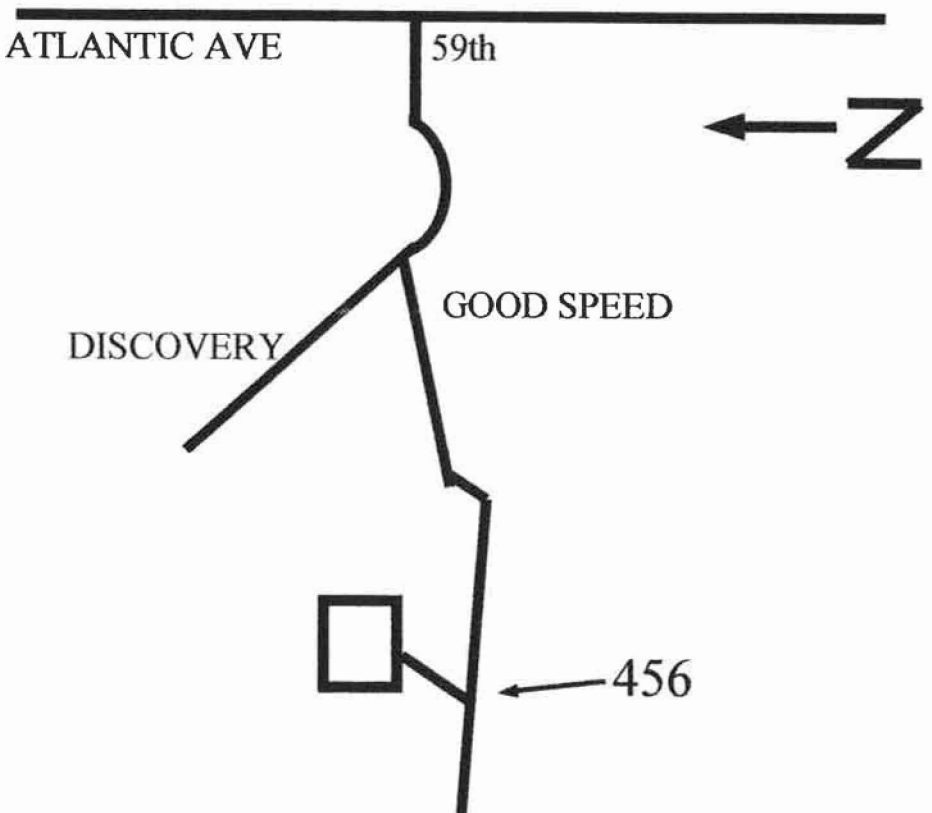
See December's Dipstick for a map to Peggy's, she hosted the January meeting.

Contact Peggy (464-0543) or e-mail: balloon@exis.net and let her know what gourmet disk you will be bringing.

February 2nd Meeting

Chuck & Judy Hudson's
456 Good Speed Road
Virginia Beach
425-6882

- - - - - Atlantic - - - - - Ocean - - - - -



Kick Tyres - 7:30
Meeting - 8:00

THE CLASSIC MG CLUB, LTD.

551 Gilbert Road
Winter Park, FL 32792

Plans are progressing for GOF, Mk. 34, South, which will be held at the lakeside Inn in Mt. Dora, FL the weekend of April 14 - 16th, 2000.

The North American MMM Register will be holding their annual get together at our GOF this year. This will add several historic MGs never seen in our area to the show of cars.

Enclosed is a copy of the registration form for the event. We ask that you include it in one or more of the next editions of your newsletters in order that your members will have time to make arrangements to attend.

If you would like, we can supply you with printed copies to save you end duplicating expense. Let me know how many you would like and I will see that you get them right away.

At this time, we would solicit any input your Club may have that will make this a more enjoyable event for all.

We are looking forward to another great weekend of MG fun and fellowship. We are looking forward to seeing many of your members there.

Sincerely,
Tony Roth
GOF South, Publicity Chairman

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY:	3:00	Registration opens
	4:00 to 6:00	First Timer's Show of Cars
	7:30	Barbecue on the Beach
SATURDAY:	9:00	Registration opens
	10:00 to 12:00	Show of Cars
	1:30	Driving events and seminars
	7:00	Cocktails in Lounge with entertainment
	8:00	Awards Banquet
SUNDAY:	9:00	Show of Winning Cars

To register, please complete the form on the next page. Thank you very much for your early response which will enable us to better plan for you

GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL MK. XXXIV, SOUTH

Mt. Dora, Florida
April 14-16, 2000

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION	Before March 1	\$25.00
	After March 1	40.00
EVENT T-SHIRT	(At event \$17.50)	15.00
HOST HOTEL	Lakeside Inn 100 N. Alexander Mt. Dora, Florida 32757	
ROOM RATES	Per night - Single or double First comer first served Make your own reservation by Calling Amy @ 1-800 972 7175 Mention the MG Event Room release date - March 20. 72-Hour cancellation notice required	80.00

Please complete and return to Jean Henderson, 926 Ensenada, Orlando, FL 32825
With a check made payable to the Classic MG Club.

Name _____ Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Others in Party for name tags: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip. _____

Club Affiliation _____

What MG(s) are you bringing? _____

Is this the car's first time at a GOF, South (First Timer) _____

Registration \$ _____

_____ Friday night Barbecue (Chicken & Ribs) @15.00 _____

_____ Saturday Banquet @25.00 _____

(# Prime Rib _____ #Fish _____ #Chicken) _____

_____ T-Shirts @ 15.00 per. Sizes _____

Total enclosed \$ _____



P R E S S R E L E A S E

The Emerald Necklace MG Register will be celebrating 20 years behind the wheel by hosting MG2000 Cleveland Rocks - MGs Roll"; the 9th Annual International Convention of the North American MGB Register in Cleveland, Ohio on June 15 - 18, 2000. It is open to all MG enthusiasts.

Attractions include car shows, rallies, tours, nights out, valve cover races, MG Olympics, MG races and much more. This will be the premier MG event of 2000.

For details or to register call Tony and Lynne Burgess at 614/899-2394 or go to www.cleveland.com on the web.



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More information is available on our website at www.mgcleveland.com or contact Lynne Burgess at 614/899-2394. We highly suggest booking your hotel rooms now at the Holiday Inn located at I-77 and Rockside Road, Independence by calling direct at 216/524-8050. Please ask for Lisa and be sure to mention MG2000 to get the event rate of \$99.00 per night.

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The Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America proudly presents:

3rd ANNUAL AUTOMOTIVE SWAP MEET

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Saturday, March 4, 2000

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Khediye Temple Activity Center

645 Woodlake Dr.

Chesapeake, VA

Announcing our 3rd Annual Automotive Swap Meet from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, March 4, 2000, at the Khediye Temple Activity Center. The buying public will be admitted FREE. Indoor and outdoor vendor spaces are available. Vendor participation is restricted to vendors selling ONLY automotive parts, equipment, supplies, services, and/or automobilia (no craft or household items permitted). No food/beverage sales will be permitted.....the Tidewater Region AACA will have a refreshment booth open from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM; selling a wide variety of items at reasonable prices. Indoor spaces (10' X 10' for \$30 each) will be available by advance registration or while they last on Swap Meet Day. Outdoor spaces (10' X 20' approx. for \$20 each) are available by advance registration or on the day of the Swap Meet. Collector vehicles for sale must be in a Flea Market Space. Set-up will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday with preregistered vendors admitted at 7:00 AM. All vendors should be off the grounds by 5:00 PM Saturday.

Directions: Take Greenbrier Pkwy North off I-64 and turn left at the first light onto Woodlake Dr. Follow Woodlake Dr. 2/10 mile to Khediye Temple Activity Center building on the left side.

For more information call Terry Bond (757-482-5222), Neil Sugermeyer (757-486-5456) or Jeff Locke (757-421-9028).

Detach here and mail to Neil Sugermeyer, 3533 Kings Lake Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

I wish to participate as a vendor in the Tidewater Region AACA 3rd Annual Swap Meet on Saturday, March 4, 2000. By participating, I agree to be held responsible for any damage to the premises, floors, etc at my space(s), or caused elsewhere by me, and for any cost of repair or unreasonable clean-up. My participation also affirms my not holding the Tidewater Region AACA, its members, events organizers, and/or the Khediye Temple responsible for any damage or injury to my property or myself or anyone I authorize to be in my space(s).

NAME _____ PHONE # () _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Type of merchandise for sale: _____

#Indoor spaces (10' X 10') @ \$30 each: _____ \$ _____

#Outdoor spaces (10' X 20') @ \$20 each: _____

Total _____

Make check payable to Tidewater Region AACA and mail to:
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S.B. 1193
Again, How We Got It
 by Earl D. Beauchamp, Jr.

It seems there is a never-ending fight for survival in the antique auto hobby. Just when you think you've won, another villain steps out of the shadows. So, now, with threats to our S.B. 1193 for this year, let me start this saga by retelling the story.

Sen. Malfourd "Bo" Trumbo of Roanoke introduced Senate Bill 1193 into the Virginia Assembly on January 13, 1999, which called for a small increase in the cost of antique and vintage plates to \$10.00 for a lifetime tag. In return, original language in the Bill granted hobbyists the ability to travel 50 miles of home for recreational, non-club purposes. This, in *addition* to the necessary unlimited mileage for tours, parades, shows and other club functions, as previously authorized. Another benefit is that DMV will, in conjunction with hobbyist input, develop a new antique tag for those without a vintage tag (this has been done now, as it is yellow with black letters).

Sen. Walter Stosch, who sits on the Transportation Committee with Sen. Trumbo, suggested that 50 miles was inadequate and it should be 250 miles. Sen. Trumbo agreed and when the Bill got to the House, he suggested this to a special friend of the antique auto hobby, Del. Richard Cranwell. Del. Cranwell introduced an amendment granting 250 miles, which passed unanimously.

The Bill was voted out of the General Assembly with only one nay, and on March 22, 1999 the Governor signed it into law.

effective July 1, 1999. Our own Del. Tayloe Murphy kept his promise to me and voted for the Bill.

Special recognition should again be given to the Roanoke Valley Region, and especially Tom Cox of that Region, for spearheading this effort. Seeking approval for recreational non-club function use was my idea; based on the "occasional use for recreational purposes" I had known in the Maryland law. I started with 100 miles, but at the meeting in Richmond saw it shot down to 50 miles. However, Sen. Stosch came through for us one more time.

What did we lose? If you want to inspect and drive your old car every day, you'll have to have regular tags, as Vintage tags can no longer be used. That wasn't much to give up.

Some Thoughts On the Virginia Antique Car Use Law

by Tom Cox

Benefits of the New Antique Registration Statutes Created by the Passage of SB 1193

1. SB 1193 was the culmination of TWO years of discussion and work between Virginia automotive hobbyists, legislators, and the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles. Its passage was the result of consensus arrived at between the three statewide car club councils (Southwest Virginia Car Council, Tidewater area Car Club Council, and Central Virginia Car Club Council), the Old Dominion Meet Association (representing 15 statewide regions of the Antique Automobile Club of America), meetings with state legislators, and two meetings hosted by the Virginia DMV which included State Police representatives, the state Police Chiefs Assn., and representatives from the Commissioners of the Revenue. The

collective representation of Virginia Automotive hobbyists by the various groups involved amount to several thousands of Virginians directly affected by the new laws.

2. The new law produced a safer highly reflective tag which is of regulation size and will now fit all cars, yet continues to allow for the use of year of manufacture plates or the replica of the first state tag on collector cars registered as antiques.

3. The new law more effectively separates cars driven for hobby purposes from those driven for daily transportation and commerce. Consequently, it is now easier for state agencies to enforce inspection and emissions regulations upon cars used for general transportation purposes. People had used the confusion to escape these inspections on daily drivers, since cars registered as antiques enjoy exemption from these inspections as well as personal property taxes and registration fees, etc., by improperly registering their cars or failing to follow DMV instructions.

4. Prior to the changes made by SB 1193, the use of year of manufacture tags with stickers made it extremely confusing to law enforcement, DMV, and Commissioners of the Revenue.

5. Persons who previously used Antique tags on their cars for daily use now have the options of registering them as antique or using any of the vanity tags available at DMV.

6. The new law allows for occasional pleasure use driving of cars registered as antiques within 250 miles of the registered address. As a result, cars will now be properly exercised, keeping their safety and emissions producing systems in proper working order, creating safer, cleaner

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running vehicles. The previous statue had limited use to parades and club events. However, such tight restrictions allowed these cars to fall into disrepair and did not mirror laws in the rest of the nation.

7. The new registration laws also have the endorsement of SEMA (Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Assn.) and CARE (Coalition for Auto Repair Equality), both of whom represent the automotive industry and hobbyists on a national level.

8. Collector cars represent the heritage of our country as well as the hard work and creativity of good citizens, who are actively engaged in charitable events with their cars as well as supporting community events. It is for this reason that the Commonwealth has upheld the tradition of recognizing their importance through the allowances of special registration for nearly four decades.

Other Talking Points

1. Thank representatives and agencies for listening to the needs of the hobby community.

2. Discuss positive input you have received at area shows or meetings.

3. Stress the positive feelings generated towards State government and elected officials.

4. Talk about the need to keep legislation up to date.

5. Discuss the need that existed to eliminate abuse of the old statutes.

6. In general, relate any positive comments in your own words, and in hand written form, if at all possible.

7. Remember.....part of the necessity of separating our cars from the regular fleet is to make it easier to continue exemptions when increasing emissions testing comes into effect. We have to protect ourselves against future governmental regulation. Success can only be achieved by working ahead of time, and most importantly together.

Please use this as a guide only.

Remember you may have a lot to add that I may have missed.... Tom Cox

Why All This Information

Who Do You Write To?

It is our understanding that there will be a bill introduced in the General Assembly to repeal parts of SB 1193, and in particular the 250 radius for occasional

Be Prepared: We've heard that some DMV offices are giving out the wrong information on the new law. We've also heard that some policemen have given tickets to folks exercising the new 250 mile radius privilege.

Below is a letter from DMV to the various DMV district offices explaining the new law. Clip it out and put it into your glovebox.

From: JAMES DAVIDSON
To: CDISTRICT 1, CDISTRICT 2, CDISTRICT 3, CDISTRIC..
Date: Fri, Jun 11, 1999 10:47 am
Subject: New Antique Legislation

I think there may be some confusion about the new law going into effect on July 1st, regarding antique vehicles.

As of July 1, vintage plate holders will no longer be able to register their vehicle for everyday use, using their vintage plates.

If they want to register for everyday use, they **MUST** get new plates, either a blue & white, or some other plates.

If they register as an antique vehicle, they can:

keep their vintage plates

obtain a set of black & white antique plates

obtain a set of the newly design yellow antique plates

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TELL PEOPLE THEY CANNOT KEEP THEIR VINTAGE PLATES AND REGISTER FOR EVERYDAY USE.....

Also, the law is changing when vehicles registered as antiques can be driven. In addition to driving to and from obtaining repairs, parades, car shows, parades, they can now drive **"for occassional pleasure driving withln 250 miles of their residence"**.

Also, vehicles registered as antiques are not subject to safety inspection. If you have any other questions, don't hesitate to contact me.....

Jim Davidson

CC: DAISY DULICK, JANET HONEYCUTT

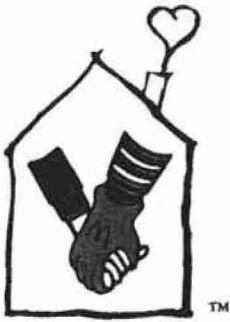
pleasure driving.

Here in the Northern Neck we have a new Delegate. Albert Pollard, Jr., 5202 Irvington Rd., Irvington, VA., telephone 804 438-5714. He is not a member of the House Transportation Committee, but it won't hurt to write or call him and ask his support in opposing any changes to SB 1193.

Likewise neither of the Senators representing the upper and lower Northern Neck areas are on the Senate

Transportation Committee. However, we have a friend on the Senate Transportation Committee, Senator Walter Stosch, 4551 Cox Road, Suite 110, Glen Allen, Va. 23060. And, Senator "Bo" Trumbo is still on the Senate Transportation Committee. He introduced S.B. 1193 last year. So, it wouldn't hurt to let both of them know that you seek their support in opposing any changes to SB 1193 during the 2000 General Assembly.

Just a short note, it is important **to you!**



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Dear friends,

Please know how very grateful we are for your most generous donation of paper products, canned goods, toiletries, videos, etc. A sincere thank you to Leslie A. Paul and William F. Seib, III for their twenty dollar check.

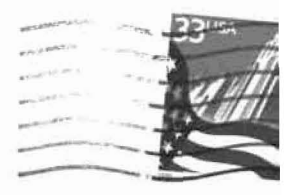
It was so kind of you to share your love and concern and caring with our Norfolk Ronald McDonald House. We depend on community support quite a bit and we appreciate you being a part of that support. You all are terrific.

Many thanks again and we truly wish you and yours a blessed holiday season and a peace filled New Year.

God bless.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Muhly
Resident Manager



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**February 2nd Meeting
at
Chuck & Judy Hudson's**

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