

1992

Tidewater MG Classics



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Calendar

8 January	*Meeting
1 February	*Chili Cook-off
4 February	*Meeting
4 March	*Meeting
29 March	*Tech Session
7 April	*Meeting
6 May	*Meeting
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7 June	*Champagne Brunch
13 June	*Rally
28 June	Bowie British Car Day
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Vice President	Susan Bond
Secretary	Bob Miller
Treasurer	Jim Villers
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	Ken Bingham
Membership	Bob McClaren
Regalia	George & Sue Ulrich
Publicity	Peggy Bradford

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Chili Cook-Off

February 1, 1992 at the home
of Ken and Carol Bingham

Chili Cook-Off

Bill Keeler

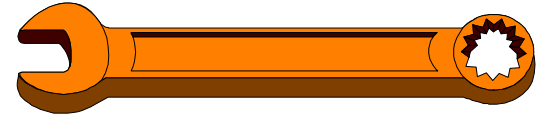
We thank Mike and Jennifer Ash for hosting the February meeting. Only three days earlier, they co-hosted the Chili Cook-off with Ken and Carol Bingham. This was a very successful event held in the spacious Bingo Garage. Visiting from the CVMGC were Barbara and Jerry Andres, Bruce and Mary Beth Woodson, and Dennis Urick. We appreciate these folks making the trip from Richmond, and enjoyed the opportunity to socialize with them again. Jerry won the award for Best Chili, and Bruce won the Parts Identification Contest. Our very own Bob McClaren took first in the "State and Logo Identification" Test. Remember he also took first place on the Mid-Winter Exam. And the multi faceted Sue Bond identified the most kitchen utensils used to repair an MG.



Tech Session

March 29, 1992 at the home
of Frank and Gloria Linse

March Tech Session

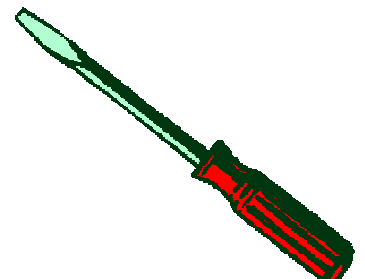
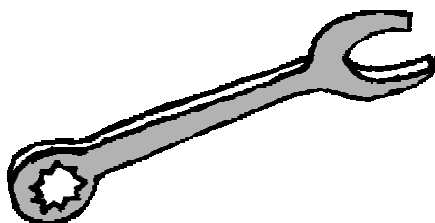


The first tech session of 1992 was held at Frank and Gloria Linse's garage on Sunday March 29th. The turnout was as terrific as the weather – what a beautiful day and a great turnout. MGs were everywhere; TDs TFs nearly as numerous as the Bs and B-GTs. A best guess count of attendance came up with 21 members and 4 or 5 guests.

George Ulrich had his head under the bonnet of his “B” but I don't know what was done. Andy Wallach towed his “TF” – top down of course – to the session. He tweaked on it, got it started, and drove it around the block several times before running out of gas. With a new supply of gas, Andy was able to drive it around the block several more times before towing it home. Susan Bond's “B-GT” now has a heater control that works -- just in time for warm weather, and the radio works correctly thanks to Frank. Bob and Andy Miller worked on their “B” doing something under the bonnet. Other work was probably done but it seemed as if everyone enjoyed themselves kicking tires.

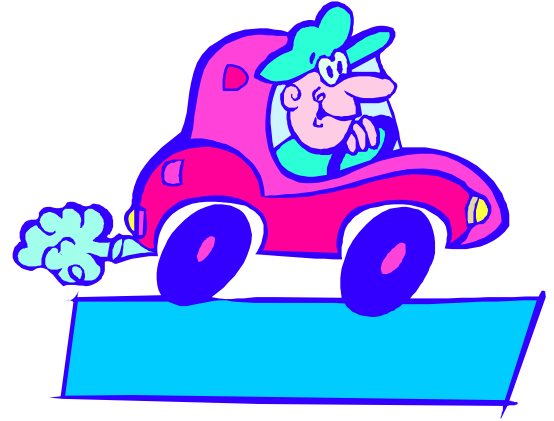
Bill Keeler:

It was a beautiful day for our first Tech Ssession of 1992, and MGs were out in force. The few who were absent, and we have your names, missed a lot of activity including Bob's Clunk Clinic and Andy's 'Round-The-Block-Ralley'. That's right, Andy's TF was amongst the strong T-series showing. Anyway, what could be better than hanging around a bunch (Rootes had the Group) of MGs, partaking of coffee and donuts, and smelling oil with fellow enthusiasts. Thanks for a nice day Frank.



Road Rally

June 13, 1993



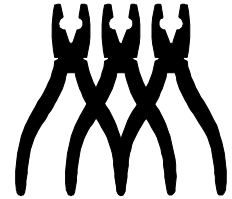
Rally

Bill Keeler

I was out of town during the Champagne Brunch, but I did attend the rally and picnic organized and hosted by Carol and Ken Bingham, and Sue and George Ulrich. It was a beautiful day, and the rally was laid out to give you time to enjoy the scenery. Definitely a well planned family day. Organizing a rally requires a tremendous amount of work. Those not in attendance will have to come to the July meeting to find out who won. All the hard work put into these socials is greatly appreciated. Members like these make your club one of the most active MG clubs.

Tech Session

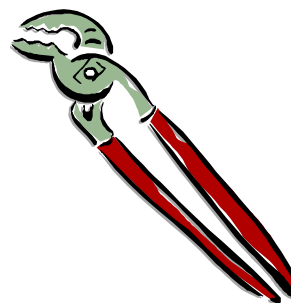
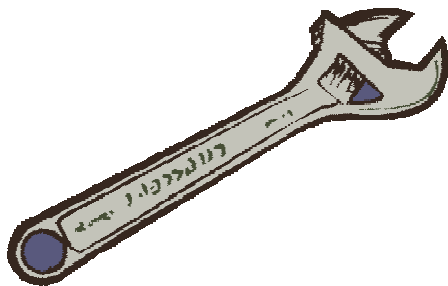
August 29, 1992 at the home
of Robert and Faye Davis



August Tech Session

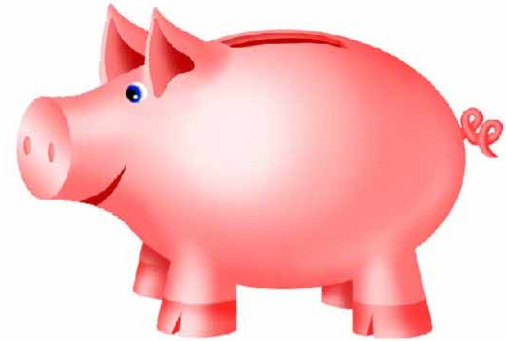
Bill Keeler

Robert and Faye Davis hosted a successful Tech Session. There were many MGs present. Bob Jordan replaced the clutch and brake pedal bushings in his TD. If you are contemplating this project, and your wife opens the garage door to tell you dinner will be ready in 15 minutes, go for it. No problem, simply remove your cars interior. When you can see the transmission and clutch housing, remove them. Talk the pedals out, pop on the new bushings, re-assemble everything, test drive, eat dinner.



PIG PICKIN'

September 13, 1992 at the home
of Chris and Shelley Holcomb



Pig Pickin'

Bill Keeler

The weather was perfect for our annual Pig Pickin'. Shelley and Chris Holcomb, and Sue and Terry Bond did another outstanding job. There was plenty of good food and a good turn out of MFs. Vince won best of show with his WHY.

Berkeley

September 20, 1992 at
Berkeley Plantation



Berkeley

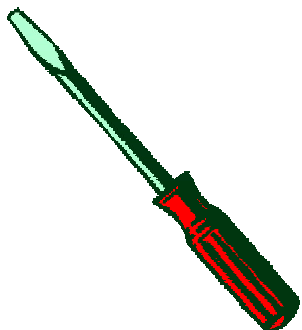
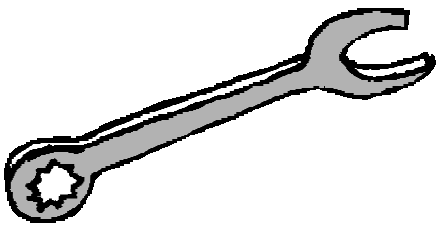
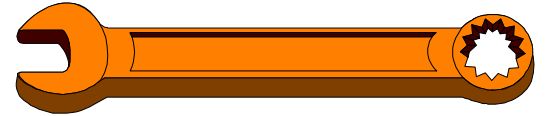
Bill Keeler

We were lucky, the weather cooperated for one more weekend, and many of us attended the 8th Annual Richmond BCD. It was held at Berkeley Plantation again this year, and I would like to compliment Kevin Allocca, Alan Serafim and the entire CVMGC for a great job on an event that requires so much planning. This show gets bigger and better each year. Approximately 300 cars registered this time, and there was a substantial increase in vendor and flea market participation.

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Tech Session

November 15, 1992 at the home of Susan and Terry Bond



Rappahannock Cruise

October 24, 1992



Rappahannock Cruise

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Rappahannock River Cruise

Bill Keeler

We were on the road before dawn. Libby doesn't like music at that time of the day, she said the MG was already too noisy. I'm not sure she even likes me that early, so I decided not to push my luck. Radio off, top up we headed north. The caravan made it to the boat with time to spare; except for the McClarens, who just made it to the boat. We enjoyed a beautiful cruise on the Rappahannock, stopping for lunch at Ingleside Plantation followed by a tour of the winery. Next stop was Saunders Wharf and Wheatland Plantation. Our captain spotted every bald eagle along the shore, and Terry Bond spotted every open garage, using his binoculars to look inside for old spark plugs. When our captain pointed out one large house filled with Indian relics, Terry really got excited, thinking he meant parts from Indian motorcycles. The weather was beautiful and we had a great time. Peggy Bradford put together another fun event. Remember, your MGs were meant to be used and enjoyed.



Tidewater M.G. Classics

Carol H.Bingham #7707

Our year was off to a red hot start with our Annual Chili Cook-Off! Which was entirely appropriate since this crowd loves to eat! It was hosted by the Ashes and the Bingham's at Bingo's garage. What a way to ward off a cold winter's night by tasting good ol' recipe number 3! Or was it #10? No, it was #8. Well, maybe #5? In between grazing through the crockpots we sampled delicious combreads and salads, danced, and played games. Looking back, it was a good start to a fun year.

The winter months are quiet times for the cars, so our president, Bill Keeler, assigned us a mid-winter exam to keep our M.G. juices flowing. The highlight of this meeting was the riotous banter of those who had the most correct answer to each question.

As it got closer to spring, tech sessions got interesting. Our membership is open to all type M.G.s so all cars are fair game, There were demonstrations on installing a rear end anti-clunk kit, an analysis of tires, the ups and downs of shocks, bleeding brakes, TD clutches, and the ever popular discussion of everyone's theory on engine oil.

Spring in Tidewater is a fragrant and savory time of the year, and so was our Annual Champagne Brunch hosted by Robert and Faye Davis. How could food taste that good? But maybe it has to do with the way Jennifer slices the bottle necks off with a sword. Those Brits and their *elan*.

As the days grew warmer, you could detect soft humming sounds coming from our garages. Upon throwing open the garage doors, our M.G.s coughed and sputtered and came to life. Our first challenge was our "Where is Pungo?" car rally, hosted by rallymasters Ulrichs and Bingham's. What a rollicking good time we had roaming Virginia's country lanes looking for blue silos, the right cornfield, and Fred. The only boo-boo was in forgetting to account for a bridge lift at the ferry crossing. Of course this was all followed by a grand cook out picnic with plenty of ice cold beer to accompany all the rally stories.

Then it was British Car Day at Bowie, MD, located between DC and Annapolis, sponsored by the T Register's Chesapeake Chapter. They host over 800 cars spread over a beautiful park with a big flea market. It's a good meet. Our only T Type entrant was the Bingham's 1951 TD, and it got an honorable mention.

We had a super pool party planned at the Millers home for August, but since it rained every day that month we had to abandon the plan and every other outside activity.

As fall rolled around, it became primo M.G. weather. In September, we had our annual Pig Pickin' and Car Show at Holcomb's Ranch co-hosted by the Bonds. Boy, can these folks cook! The aroma of the pork slowly roasting over the hickory logs made our appetites swell. This year we had several car show categories so more folks could get awards. Best in Show went to Vince and Pam Groover's 1950 Y Type. It's a honey!

Then it was on to Berkley Plantation for the Richmond British Car Day sponsored by our friends at the Central Virginia M.G. Classics Chapter of the T Register. This show gets bigger and better every year. Over 300 cars entered and it is a popular meet for our club because of its close location. Keelers and Bingham's entered their TDs as did Leonard and Alice Lee Sargeant who took third with their 1952 TD. It's a beauty!

Then it was time for the BIG ONE!, the GOF at Cape May. Those of you who were there know what a wonderful time Bingo and Carol had, and they are still in a daze from it!

October is beautiful here -- gorgeous autumn colors and mild weather. And such was the day Peggy Bradford planned for our Tappahannock Driveout. We caravanned to the Rappahannock River and cruised up the river to the Ingleside Winery where we had a delicious lunch, a tour, and a wine tasting. On the return trip, the boat docked at the last steamboat wharf left on the river, and we toured the 1810 mansion, gardens, and museum. After the cruise, we went antiquing which built up our dinner appetites for some famous Chesapeake seafood. What a great day for all of our senses!

We've now had our election of officers for the coming year. And rest assured it was done very democratically. Ken Bingham was the only one out of town at the nominating and voting, so he was elected president. There's a lesson to be learned here! The new officers kick off with our annual Christmas party. Hopefully without too much struggle, they will continue a motivated group of chairpersons to develop another full calendar for 1993.