

The Dipstick

The Newsletter of the Tidewater MG Classics Car Club



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Marque Time

Our thanks to Frank and Glo Linse for hosting the July meeting which featured about fifteen MG's and a host of admiring motorists who cruised the block all evening. Paul's TF decided to develop headlight trouble as he pulled away, but an impromptu tech session got him underway before the beer turned warm. It was nice seeing Tom Sawyer again. He and Frank are currently at Tom's place (BRIT BITS) up in Ontario, dolling up a B.

I was looking forward to giving Doug Wilson some competition in the rubber bumper class at MG98! in Hagerstown....yeah, right; his B is absolutely unbeatable. I stayed home, but from what I hear, everyone who didn't go missed a helluva good show. Not only did he take second place in the Rubber Bumper category, but for his first major mechanical undertaking he completely rebuilt the engine by himself, after a finding a bevy of misaligned ring gaps, and two rods installed the wrong way 'round. He fired it up, and had a problem-free round trip with several more horses on tap thanks to a Kent street cam kit.

For those of you who enjoy perusing the want ads for race-oriented stuff, try SPEEDCONNECTION.COM... it's a compilation of every race car, race boat, race plane, race-you-name-it on the market today. If you have a race-prepped car, bike or whatever for sale, you can post it for free for a limited time. In the near future, a small fee will be charged. If you know of a good on-line bulletin board for MG parts, cars, or services, please share it with the rest of the club. We can start by running a list in *The Dipstick*, and later add them to our web site (MG.ORG)

Again, thanks to Alan Watson and Electronics Systems for printing the DIPSTICK. Please remember them whenever you need office equipment or service.

Safety Fast! Mark

Upcoming Club Activities

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| Aug 5 | Club Meeting - Bill Keeler's |
| Aug 23 | Tech Session - Bob McClaren |
| Sept 1 | Club Meeting - John Jones' |
| Sept 13 | Pig Roast and Rally - Alan Watson's |
| Sept 20 | British Car Day - Berkeley |
| Sept 26 | AMGBA Meet '98 Charlotte, NC |
| Oct 4 | British Car Festival, Waynesboro |
| Oct 7 | Club Meeting - Dave Shepard's |
| Oct 18 | Hunt Country Classic, Middleburg, VA |
| Nov 4 | Club Meeting |
| Nov | Tech Session at the Bond's |

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July's Meeting Minutes

The July meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. as Mark welcomed everyone, and thanked Frank Linse for his hospitality. Guests were Ed Kehrig with the Tidewater Scottish Festival; Tom Sawyer, former member, visiting from Canada. Since Doug was out of town, Alan Watson was volunteered to take the minutes. (He then volunteered his wife to type these minutes, thank you.)

Treasurer's report: Receipts, \$380.00; Disbursements, \$233.26; Balance, \$529.82.

Minutes: Were accepted.

Membership: Memberships are due -- PAY YOUR DUES! Pleased to announce a new member, Bill Carter from Poquoson (with a "TD").

Clubs: Nothing to report.

Publicity and social events: The pig roast is planned for September 98 at the home of Alan & Beckey Watson (thanks again honey). A road rally is planned for the same day; details to follow. The pig roast will be \$5.00 per adult, \$2.50 per child. BYOB, BYOSD (side dish), BYOC (chairs), club will provide sodas and pig. Please complete RSVP form and return at the August meeting so we can get a head count to order food and beverages. Next meeting August 5th at Bill Keeler's house.

Dipstick: Thanks again to Bob for an excellent issue. It was decided that a complementary copy would be mailed to Phase One Auto Parts, who is willing to display it on their bulletin board.

Regalia: A book and tool kit were the raffle prizes. Coffee mugs are still on sale for \$5.00. Jennifer Ash is trying to obtain a nine-inch square tile with MG logo that could be used for a trivet or clock.

Technical: Still need a technical person.

Old business: It was noted that Vince was at the meeting. The soap box derby was a success, with good club support. Our driver, Chris Bradford, finished 9th overall. Tidewater Scottish Festival was

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pleased to have our support; we had five cars on Saturday and seven on Sunday. (One Triumph showed up.)

New business: Terry Bond discussed DMV's vintage tag policy. There are two ways to choose from. First, there is a restricted vintage tag that displays the year of manufacture, and can only be used to go to and from car shows. It does not need to be renewed and the car is exempt from annual inspections. The second method is more like a vanity plate, for every day use. You pay a one-time additional fee for the vintage tag. You are required to renew annually, and must have annual inspections. (*Alan confesses he was taking notes and listening at the same time, and does not guarantee accuracy of this was a nice article in information, but thinks it's right.)

Marque Time: Mark has '73 blue "B" that needs paint, upholstery, and a floor pan, but has a rebuilt engine. Call for details. There was a nice article in MG World that mentioned our club in reference to the "MGF" owned by Beth and Derek Shaw, who had been members while assigned here with NATO.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. and we proceeded to the delicious eats.

BRUSH UP ON YOUR APPETITE AND YOUR NAVIGATING SKILLS

September 13 is the date for annual pig roast (yes, its back by popular demand!) with a road rally added to increase your appetite and your thirst. The Watson's have graciously offered their homestead in Pungo for the event. Get the cars ready (prelude to Berkeley), ice down your favorite beverage, and enjoy the scenery and the company. Bring your own bottle and side dish, the club will provide the pig and the sodas. Dust-off those old beach chairs or those new traveling directors chairs. It will be a great time for the whole family!

\$5.00 FOR ADULTS / \$2.50 FOR CHILDREN

Sign-up at the August meeting or call Alan Watson at 426-2600.

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1998-1999 Membership Application and Renewal Form

Annual membership renewals are due on 1 July 1998. Information provided is for club use only. A social roster (containing information marked with an asterisk) will be distributed in Sept/Oct 1998 to all members. Except for the names and phone numbers of club officers and chairpersons, membership roster data is not released outside of the club.

New Members: Please fill in all pertinent data.

Renewals: Please fill in name and any changed information.

*First Name _____ & _____

* Last _____

*Address _____ *City _____ * State _____

* Zip _____ + _____

*Home Phone () _____ E-Mail _____

*** MG Ownership and Registry Data:**

	*Year	*Model	National/International Register
Example	1947	TC	NEMGTR # 1295 (Example)
Car #1	_____	_____	_____
Car #2	_____	_____	_____
Car #3	_____	_____	_____
Car #4	_____	_____	_____

Please send your completed application with a check payable to
"Tidewater MG Classics" to:

TMGC Membership Chairman
c/o Bob McClaren
5612 Susquehanna Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23462-4017

Dues Schedule

July 1-June 30 - \$20.00 Local / \$17.50 Out-of-Town

New Members January 1 - June 30 - \$10.00 Local / \$ 8.75 Out-of-Town

Local: Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News.
Suffolk, and Williamsburg.

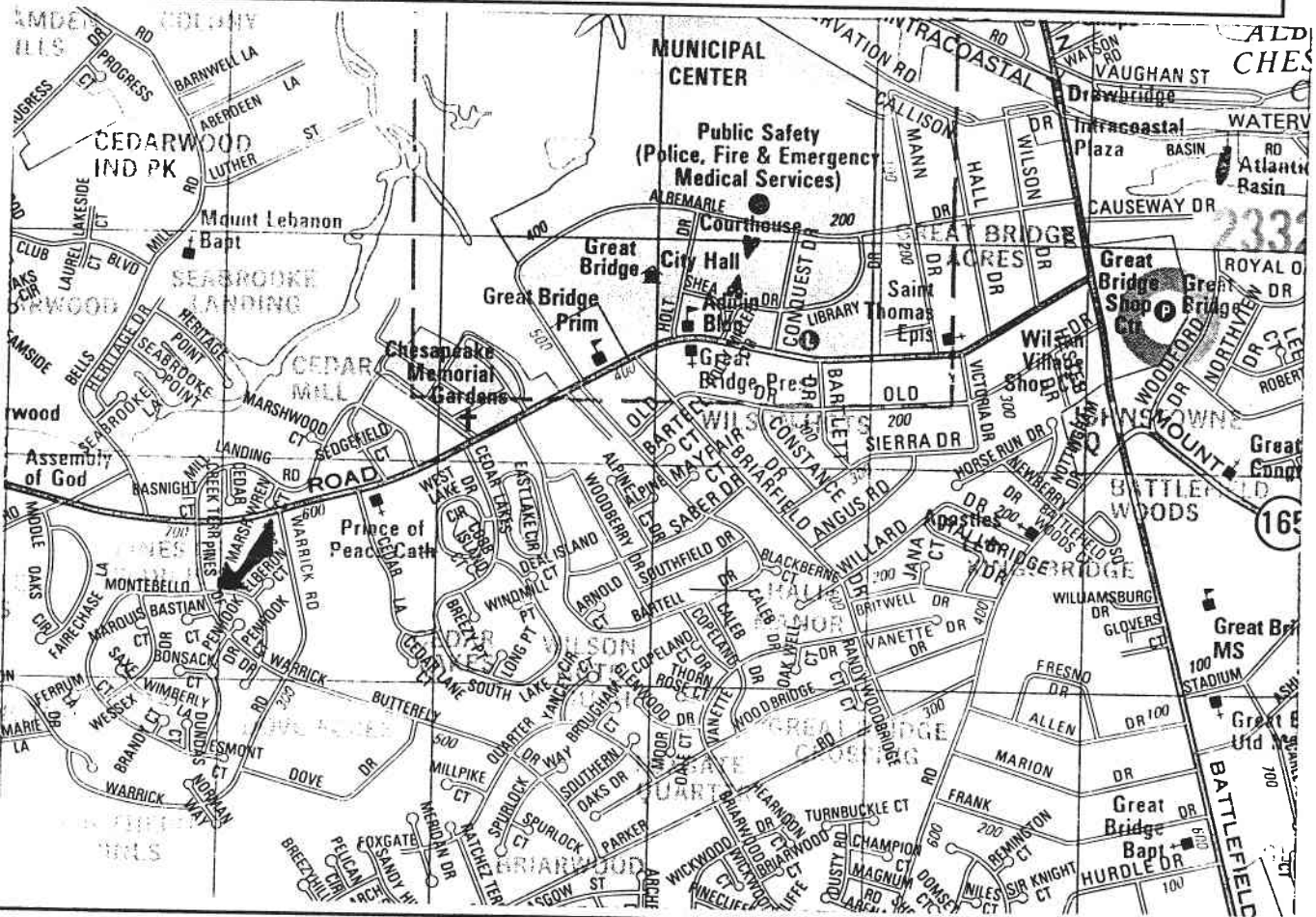
Out-of-town: membership covers cost of mailing "The Dipstick."

**MEETING NOTICE
AUGUST 5, 1998
BILL KEELER'S**

KICK TYRES 7:30

MEETING 8:00

**636 MONTEBELLO CIRCLE, CHESAPEAKE
547-2709**

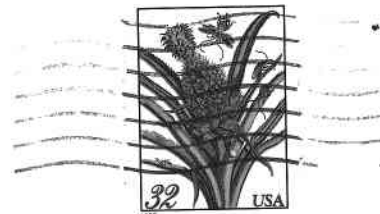


BEST TOOLS OF ALL TIME

Duct Tape: Not just a tool, a veritable Swiss Army knife in stickum and plastic. It is safety wire, body material, radiator hose upholstery, insulation, tow rope, and more in an easy-to-carry package. Sure, there is a prejudice surrounding duct tape in concours competitions, but in the real world everything from LeMans winning Porches to Atlas rockets use it by the yard. The only thing that can get you out of more scrapes is thirty-five cents and a phone booth.

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Technical	Volunteer Needed	
Clubs	Mike Ash	495-0307

NEXT MEETING

**AUGUST 5TH
BILL KEELER'S**

7:30 pm