

The Dipstick



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MARQUE TIME

"Hola! Amigos". If you attended the January meeting you may have been part of a club historical event, our first Mexican British Car Club meeting. It was held at El Rodeo Mexican restaurant. We were seated in the balcony in El Rodeo at a very "loooong" table, which made for an interesting challenge to speak and conduct the meeting. I am not sure a lot of business was done but the atmosphere was "mucho" fun and festive. I think we even had a "pinata", octagon shaped, cardboard, we just needed to fill it with something appropriate, maybe "Old Speckled Hen" or something and hang it from the ceiling. Ok, I'll quit, I think I am weaving across the double yellow lines here, too much "Dos XXs". One of the highlights of the evening was the new club rosters that Alan Watson has done a great job on and that his dad, Robin Watson so graciously passed out to the eager members at the meeting in Alan's absence. For the members that were not at the January meeting, they will be available at the February meeting. The remaining copies of the roster that haven't been picked up will be mailed out. With the new roster, I now have a new resource to check the spelling of the members' names as I write my Marque Time. ("Cait" Fisher, sorry about the incorrect spelling in the TSO article and the January Marque Time.) I also would like to say that I thought Ed Kehrig did a great job on the January Dipstick with it's new look and the new calendar format first seen on the web site last year that gives whole year's events with a traditional calendar look. It is suitable for mounting on the refrigerator with all those refrigerator magnets you have collected. Be sure to check the web site www.mg.org

"The Latest" for up to date info on events and meetings.

Now that I have my MGB engine removed, I have been pondering what step to take next. What started as a clutch job continued to grow. This is the most disassembled my MG has ever been since I have owned it and I am a worried MG owner. The "tell tale heart" of my MG, with many years of use and abuse, lays bleeding oil and anti-freeze on the floor of my garage. Sometimes I wonder what I have done. Oh my "gawd" I have killed my MG. But like Kenny in "South Park" hopefully my MG will come back to life for the next episode. The Spring Tour is coming up fast, because the entire month of March I am supposed to be away at school for the government. I know you have heard this before, back last summer, but this time I am afraid this is for real. I am being shipped out to the front in March. Which means, that I have only the short month of February to sort all the MG repairs out. After consulting with a "Doctor of MG", we came to the inevitable conclusion, if the patient is to quickly recover a transplanted restored engine is in order. The original engine will be stored in my garage, on a new engine stand with 360-degree rotation, for easy viewing. It will be a conversation piece to stand around and drink beer and suggest all the future modifications possible to it, to break the land speed record at the Bonneville Salt Flats. It will also join the large and growing collection of items stored in a large and growing number of boxes (octagon in shape, for their magical powers), stored in my garage. The parts in these boxes, "a cast of thousands," will be used in the production of "the Ultimate Restoration, the Agony and the Ecstasy (ecstasy; not to be confused with the drug)". It

January Minutes

With a hearty "Hola amigos y amigas" from President Barry the meeting opened promptly at Ocho O'clock as we all gathered around the banquet tables of the El Rodeo restaurant. Arranging our Dos Equis we took our seats and got underway, big-screen mexican wrestling accompanying us in the background. Our thanks to Peggy for setting up this meeting site. Brian Moan was welcomed as a visitor. He has a blue 79B.

ROSTER UPDATE: Rosters are now available! If you don't pick yours up at the next meeting it will be sent to you.

Note: Seating was a bit tight and noise was tricky so the Secretary apologizes for the lack of accuracy and detail! No, I wasn't drinking. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Treasurer's report: In \$300, Out \$604, Balance \$2324

Minutes: Approved as written.

Newsletter: Ed was complimented for his good work.

Activities: We were hunting for a host for the next meeting. We'll return to El Rodeo at this point. Barry will bring a megaphone. Dan discussed the spring tour plans. It will go from 3/30 to 4/1. The weekend prior will be a tuneup party. Sign up ASAP!

Spares: Mark was at the other end of the balcony. I have no idea what he said.

Clubs: No report other than Mike suggest

could be years in the making. Coming to a theater near you in wide screen cinemascope. Rated NPPA, not pretty but pretty awful. To be continued.

Ok, we still have a few dates that we need volunteers to host meetings and events, these dates are going fast. So think about it. Become famous (or is that infamous) in your neighborhood with all those MGs, with those bumper stickers that say "Born to Be Wild" parked in front of your house.

Safety Fast! Barry

Minutes cont:

ing that we need info on the Minneapolis all registers meet to be published in the Dipstick.

Archive: Sue Bond showed the work she's doing to memorialize our work.

Old Business: Mark explained that our Holiday party donations were shared with the YMCA's Women in Crisis program since the Samaritan House had met their quota of needs.

New Business: The Antique Car Club will have a swap meet on March 3.

Marque Time: Barry has pulled the engine in his 69B to cure a slipping clutch problem. This of course revealed various other engine problems so he's digging into it.

Vince has a 78B he's dishing up and is for sale now cheap, less cheap when he's done.

Jennifer Ash has some info on someone willing to swap a sailboat for a fixer-upper B! She'll get it into the Dipstick.

There was no raffle so the meeting was adjourned and we returned to our fiesta with speed approaching a tourist heading for the ba~no after one too many burritos.

We still haven't had enough folks to host our meetings. We're meeting again at El Rodeo's in February due to lack of a host. We all had a good time in January and the food was great but we don't want to do this too often. Hosts are still needed for April, September, October and November. Some of the annual events also need hosts. Perhaps you can find someone willing to co-host with you. Please call Peggy at 382-7547 if you can help.

Editor's Note:

My E-mail address has changed a couple of months back.

If anyone needs to contact me, please use

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Ed Kehrig



It's time for...



"The Wicker Basket Affair"

Choose your favorite recipe, pack it in your MG and take a Sunday drive to a fabulous array of food, cars and great company. Also, bring one or more of your favorite MG memorabilia to display.

MENU

Hors d' oeuvres
Meat dishes
Vegetable dishes
Bread
Desserts

Soda, wine, beer,
coffee & tea provided

DATE: Sun, Feb 25th

TIME: 2:00 pm

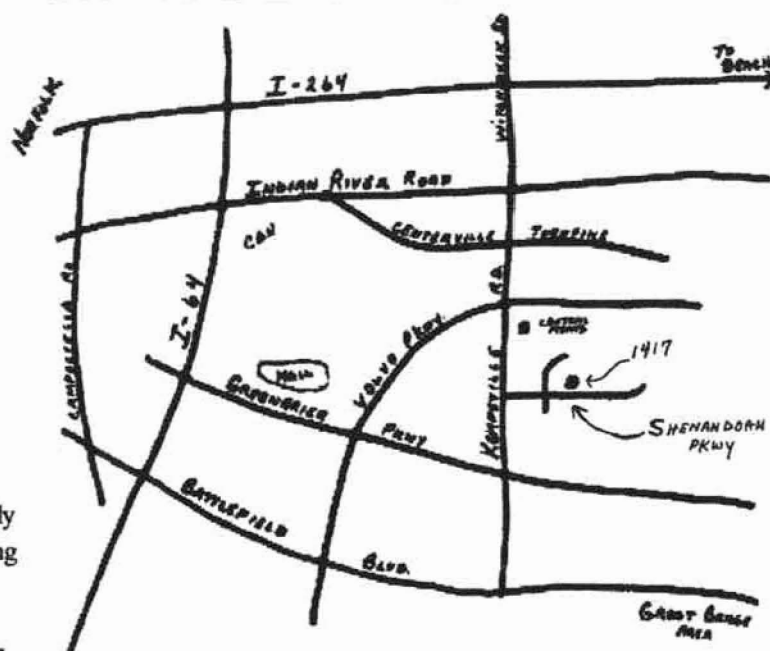
**PLACE: George & Peggy Craig
1417 Shenandoah Pkwy
Chesapeake**

Phone: 382-7547

*Please RSVP to Peggy
by Fri, Feb 23rd to let
her know you're
coming and what
you'd like to bring.*

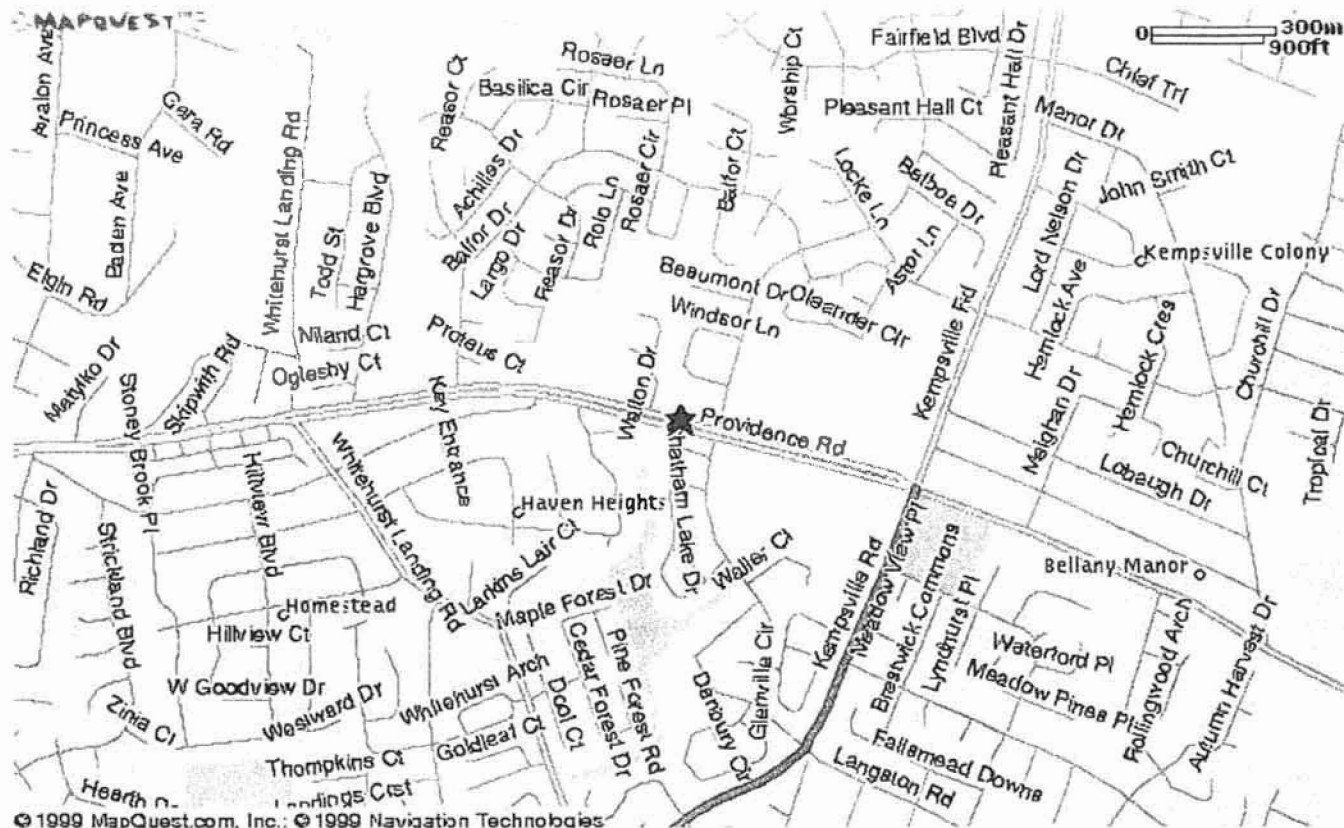


The March monthly
meeting will also be held during
this afternoon.



The Tidewater MG Classics Activity Calendar for 2001

JANUARY 9 (Tue) Monthly Meeting @El Rodeo's Providence Rd. Va. Beach POC: Peggy Craig	FEBRUARY 7 (Wed) Monthly Meeting dinner @7:30 @El Rodeo's meeting@8:00 Providence Rd. Va. Beach POC: Peggy Craig 25 (Sun) "Wicker Basket Affair" @ Peggy & George Craig's	MARCH <i>Monthly Meeting held during Wicker Basket Affair end of Feb</i> 24 (Sat) Tune-up Session for April Fool's Weekend Tour @ Dan Kirby's 30-1 Apr April Fool's Weekend Tour
APRIL 4 (Wed) Monthly Meeting Host: NEEDED 30 Mar – 1 Apr April Fool's Weekend Tour POC: Dan Kirby 22 (Sun) Spring Tech Session @ Frank Linse's	MAY 1 (Tue) Monthly Meeting Host Andy & Cynthia 12(?) British Car Show Williamsburg, Va 17 (Thu) Club Ice Cream Social/Drive Out 22(?) "The Boulders" Car Show Richmond, Va	JUNE 6 (Wed) Monthly Meeting @ John Jones' 14 (Thu) Club Ice Cream Social/Drive Out ?? Bowie Car Show
JULY 3 (Tue) Monthly Meeting Host: Doug & Betsy Kennedy 2-6 "MG 2001", all Registers St. Paul, Minnesota 19(Thu) Club Ice Cream Social/Drive Out	AUGUST 1 (Wed) Monthly Meeting Host: Paul & Carmen Thiergardt 16 (Thu) Club Ice Cream Social/Drive Out 20(?) (Sun) Summer Tech Session Host: NEEDED	SEPTEMBER 4 (Tue) Monthly Meeting Host: NEEDED 23 (Sun) Richmond British Car Show Brown's Island, Richmond 30 (Sat) "Wings and Wheels" Show Topping, VA
OCTOBER 3 (Wed) Monthly Meeting Host: NEEDED ?? "Pig Pick'n & Rally" Host: NEEDED ?? Waynesboro Car Show Waynesboro, Va	NOVEMBER 6 (Tue) Monthly Meeting Host: NEEDED 19 (Sat) Lucas Nite Rallye ?? (Sun) Fall Tech Session at the Bonds'	DECEMBER ?? Christmas Party Host: NEEDED



Monthly Meeting **Wednesday - February 7th, 2001**

El Rodeo's

7:30 - 8:00 PM Arrival

8:00 PM Dinner Meeting

Across from Fairfield Shopping Center

In Front of Kroger's Grocery Store

CALL PEGGY CRAIG FOR MORE INFORMATION

382-7547

If your 75 -80 Zenith Stromberg tends to lose oil on a regular basis, there is a cure. It's a bit unorthodox, and reads a bit like instructions for, well, I'll leave that up to the imagination..... You will need to have saved the detritus from a ZS rebuild kit - the little rubber O-ring's that appeared to be spares during the last rebuild. Failing that, if the old one is so bad that oil won't stay in the reservoir, then you can knock the old o-ring out and match it up to one at Taylors Hardware, NAPA or a welding supply.

First, remove the dashpot cover from the carb. Those screws are not Philips - they're Pozi-drives, which you can overcome by filing the sharp point off of a cheap #2 Philips (or simply use the Philips and gouge the screw slots...

Remove the air piston from the cover. Next, unscrew the grub-screw that holds the needle in place, and remove the needle.

Fill the damper reservoir with motor oil. Place a paper towel or a piece of wadding over the open end to keep the oil from running out. You can also use the tip of a rubber glove finger and a rubber band. Turn the air piston upside-down, then insert a drift (or a hardwood dowel a little longer than the the damper chamber) in the end the needle has been removed from, and push the retaining clip and star washer out through the damper chamber.

The old O ring is usually plastered against the star washer, and unless it is wholly demolished, should be easy to identify its size. Replace the O-ring and reinstallation is opposite removal; just be sure to align the needle grub screw slot when the assy goes back together.

Reassemble the dashpot assy and refill with engine oil to a point where resistance is felt when the piston cap is 1/4" away from the dashpot.

WHITE ELEPHANT

S-A-L-E

Moss has just recently announced a sale. It goes through February 25, 2001. There are a lot of things on sale. Actually about 2000 items, 31 printed pages.

Classic Restorations prices will be 15% off of the Moss retail Sale price. And UPS Ground shipping is still free. You may already have gotten a flyer in the mail. If not, you can see the list at www.mossmotors.com

Or, I can send you the list sorted by Moss part#, including description and your price. Unfortunately, it is not broken down by marque, i.e. MG, Triumph, etc. I can send you the list as an attachment or as just text in an e-mail. If you would like the attachment, please tell me if you would like it in Excel or as a .txt file.

Let me know if you would like me to send the file to you.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks, and Happy New Year!

G-

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Do you know about MG2001 in St Paul, MN
If you want more info, just ask!



December 27, 2000

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(757) 625-4248
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625-5570 Women-In-Crisis HELPLINE

Mark Childers
M.G. Club
5013 Carnation Ave.
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Dear Mr. Childers:

Many, many thanks to you and others for the kind and generous contribution of various items, canned foods, and \$10 cash to the YWCA of South Hampton Roads' Women in Crisis Program. Through your support, you have enabled battered women and their children to find safety from dangerous situations, to find a brief respite from their overwhelming problems and to work on their options.

The YWCA serves over 450 women and children each year who have been rendered homeless when they have chosen to leave abusive relationships by providing shelter and counseling. We also offer a variety of supportive services for working families through our welfare-to-work, substance abuse, sexual assault and childcare programs.

Words cannot fully express how much this wonderful gesture means to our program. One third of our operating budget is based on donations from the community. This program could not continue without the help and generosity of people like you.

Sincerely yours,

Cheryl Marks *Thank you so much*
Cheryl Marks
Executive Director

PLEASE DESIGNATE THE YWCA ON YOUR UNITED WAY PLEDGE CARD



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Across from Fairfield Shopping Center

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