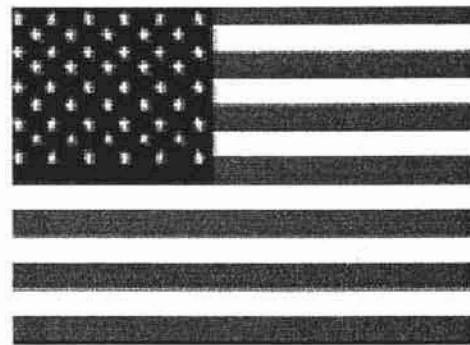


The Dipstick



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MARQUE TIME

Thanks to Alan and Becky Watson for hosting of the September meeting. It was another beautiful evening as "Constable" Alan parked the collection of MG's in front of his country estate in the suburbs of Pungo. And what a wonderful warm "hearth and home" feeling the meeting had with friends gathered around.

As I write this article my mind and emotions are still reeling from the shock and horror of the events of the past week as a result of what would have been inconceivable few weeks ago, a terrorist attack on our country. The images and the last moments of the life of some of the people that died in this attack are all too real in my mind. Because of advanced technologies such as cell phone calls and emails, they were able to communicate to their loved ones and ultimately to us while in some pretty horrifying situations. We have such vivid accounts of some the last thoughts and insights in to the victims as real people. In the past it has been mostly some body count statistic listed in the newspaper and not about the individuals. The down side is that I have a greater sense of loss and sadness because you feel that know these people. This experience has made me think about what is really important in life. This "mortality thing", meaning you don't live for ever, has come up several times in the last few month's, even at the MG convention.

On the surface it would seem a car club would not rate up there on the scale of importance. But on the scale of things just below our families are our friendships. I think the friendships that are fostered and nurtured in our MG club is what makes are our marque special and our club special.

That special friendship is something to value. This little MG sports car is a great equalizer allowing people to get beyond the superficial. It doesn't matter how successful you are, or how wealthy you are, when you are part of the club you are important for the person you are and not your status or social position that happens in a lot of the other arenas of life. Because we share that MG experience, that is a bases for the exchange of thoughts and ideas and by working together and playing together that leads to friendships. You have to make decisions in your life where you are going to invest your valuable and limited time. For me, it is a worthwhile investment. As I look back over the past seven years as a member of this club I have such wonderful memories and think of the wonderful people I have gotten to know in this club. I am glad that I have spent the time I have, with all of you, in the club.

As we elect new officers at the October meeting and I exit the stage as President, (the two years have flown by) I would like to say to the people who have served the club in any capacity while I was President: you have done a fantastic job. Until I became President for some reason I was never aware how much work went on behind the scenes by a team of people to plan, make decisions and to make things happen in the club. Many times this meant that they juggle personal, family and work responsibilities to do this. I don't think they receive the appreciation from us that they deserve. I want to thank them for their work. I also think you the members have been pretty fantastic too. I am often impressed when things didn't turn out exactly as was envisioned the members not only coped, but also seemed to find a way to enjoy the circumstances. It reminds me of a quote from a movie where one of the characters tells his young sidekick: "You can look at situations

that happen in life as an ordeal or an adventure." I guess because we drive MG's, we are familiar with coping with that adventurous side of life.

It is difficult to know, by the time you read this article, where we will be in the event time line of this current situation, whether things will have quieted down or escalated. But I will leave you with this image that came to me when my mind was in need of a break.

I think of a fall Sunday afternoon. A cool nip in the air, but just enough to make up for the heat in the cockpit of the little yellow MG with the top down. The

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September Minutes

Those attending the September meeting saw about a dozen of our favorite kind of classic British sports cars parked on the front lawn of a classic American farmhouse. Yes, a few of these houses actually remain in Virginia Beach. Barry dropped the gavel at 8:05 and opened the meeting by thanking Alan and Beckey Watson for hosting the meeting. Several favorable comments were heard regarding their newly restored living room. Note: Your humble VP was drafted into taking the minutes, as Doug was teaching a night class. That's his story. Hopefully I can decipher my chicken scratching into something resembling the truth.

Guests: None

Membership: Alan introduced one new member, Ed Adams of Virginia Beach. Ed has a very nice 74 1/2 rubber bumper GT that was actually given to him by a

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Marque Time cont:

two-lane winding country road with the twin yellow stripes, snakes by and is complemented by the yellow foliage along the roadside. There is a crisp blue sky and the sun is making the fall colors of gold, copper and bronze display brilliantly against it. The fall air is whipping through the cockpit, as the little yellow MG rushes along, carrying whiffs of the aroma of leaves burning and freshly cut fields of golden grain worthy of a Van Gough painting. The little yellow MG's engine hums, the tires sing along the pavement and with steering wheel in hand, I feel the input of the machine to my senses. The peaceful solitude allows my mind to enjoy the pleasures of the moment. As the gold, copper and bronze mosaic of leaves swirl behind the little yellow MG, awakened from their slumber where they lay, I think of the miles to go before I sleep and dream....

Safety Fast! Barry

October Minutes cont:

a neighbor, although not quite in the condition it is in today. Alan reported that only about 30 members have renewed their memberships. He will send out reminders. C'mon folks, get those dues into Alan!

Treasurer: Jim Villers reported that the Treasurer's report in the August minutes incorrectly stated that \$2055.58 was carried forward, when in actuality \$1912.98 was carried forward. Jim recommended that this be noted and corrected in the September minutes. So be it. Jim reported that there were no receipts, \$95.76 in disbursements for postage, and a balance of \$1817.22 left.

Minutes: The August Dipstick contained the error mentioned above in the minutes. Vince motioned to accept the minutes, with the exception of the incorrect balance. Someone seconded, and they were approved as noted.

Newsletter: The September Dipstick contained information and applications for some car shows in Sep and Oct. Mark had information in there concerning the club's annual Pig Pickin'. Sue had articles in there about the TSD rally organized by Dan in July, the August tech session, and the August Ice Cream Social and Driveout.

Regalia: Frank mentioned he still had some shirts for sale. I forgot what sizes were still available, so check with Frank. He also has some nametags, so if you ordered one, see him to pick it up. He mentioned there is a minimum order of 5 for new nametags. Andy suggested we order some generic nametags to hand out at the meetings. What a kiddler!

Activities: Peggy began by discussing the upcoming car shows in Richmond, Topping, and Waynesboro.

She passed out a signup sheet for the annual Pig' Pickin' to be held on Sunday, October 14th at Mark and Debbie Childers house. Peggy mentioned that the Bond's would host the Fall Tech Session on Sunday, Nov 4th. They will hold a bonfire, or is that a Bond fire (sorry, I couldn't resist) to celebrate Guy Fawkes Day.

Dan talked about the Lucas Night rally he is setting up for Sat, Nov 17th. The actual route is still in question, and he was seeking suggestions. He will provide more info at the next meeting. Dan also talked about

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OCTOBER

3 (Wed) Monthly Meeting
Host: Jim & Betty Villers

14 (Sun) "Pig Pick'n & Rally"

5-7 20th Annual British
Car Fall Festival
Waynesboro, Va

NOVEMBER

6 (Tue) Monthly Meeting
Host: NEEDED

17 (Sat) Lucas Nite Rallye
4 (Sun) Fall Tech Session,
"Bond" Fire & Eats to celebrate
Guy Fawkes Day at the Bond's

DECEMBER

TBA Christmas Party
Host: Paul & Carmon
Thiergardt's

September Minutes cont:

next years April Fool's Tour, and asked for a show of hands so he could get an idea of how many might be interested in going and start preparing early. About a dozen hands went up. Dan also mentioned the Sufferin' Suffolk Run, an SCCA TSD rally on Sep 22nd. If 5 MGs sign up, there is a special prize.

Barry received his 1st place prize from last month's Ice Cream Social, an MGF matchbox model car. Jim Villers received his 2nd place prize, a matchbox model of the "Shaguar" from Austin Powers. Or was it the other way around? Barry talked about two local car shows in October. Driver Days in, where else, Driver, and a show at Lee-Hall Mansion on the peninsula.

We still need a host for the November meeting, so if you can do it, contact Peggy.

Spare: Mark talked about starting problems and how you can clean the starter solenoid contacts which, in many cases, will fix the problem. He said it's so simple, even a 12 yr. old can do it. Maybe there's hope then for some of us! So, try this first before plunking down some of your tax rebate check on a new one.

Clubs: Nothing to report.

Archives: Sue is continuing to work on the archives, time permitting.

Old Business: Vince proposed the slate of officers to be voted on at next month's meeting. Up for President is Mike Haag, and Barry Tyson was nominated for VP. No dissension was heard, and no new names were brought forward, although there is always the write-in vote. Jim Villers agreed to extend as Treasurer, and Doug Kennedy agreed to continue as Secretary.

New Business: Mark talked about the Pig Picking at his house. He and Alan had some discussions, and agreed to drop the \$5 cover charge again this year. Jim approved. Everyone was asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. The club will provide the rest.

Marque time: Mark is looking for a chrome bumper MGB and Vince says he gets calls from people looking for MGs.

New member Ed Adams won both of the raffle prizes! Maybe I'll get him to buy my next lottery ticket.

Someone made a motion to adjourn and someone else seconded. We migrated to the kitchen to chow down on some great food, including cucumber sandwiches, trifles, and Alan's favorite, London Pub pickled onions. Well, maybe he ate those.



The Tidewater MG Classics will celebrate.....

"Guy Fawkes Day" on Sunday, Nov 4th.

We'll start with a TECH SESSION at Sue & Terry Bond's garage and later in the day be joined by other members for a BONFIRE, complete with hot dogs and other great food. Some creative types could make a Guy to go on top of the bonfire while the techies are working.

For more information on the history of this celebration, visit

<http://www.bonfire.org/guy/>.



So... mark your calendars. Sign-up and more information available at the October and November meetings and in next month's Dipstick.

Don't miss the fun!

IT'S PIG-NIC TIME!!!

The umpteenth annual Tidewater MG Classics Pig Pickin' and the first annual Rally To The Middle Of Nowhere is on for Sunday, October 14th 2001 at Mark and Debbie's house.

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: Our House 3909 Pine Grove Landing in Chesapeake

Phone: 432-9155

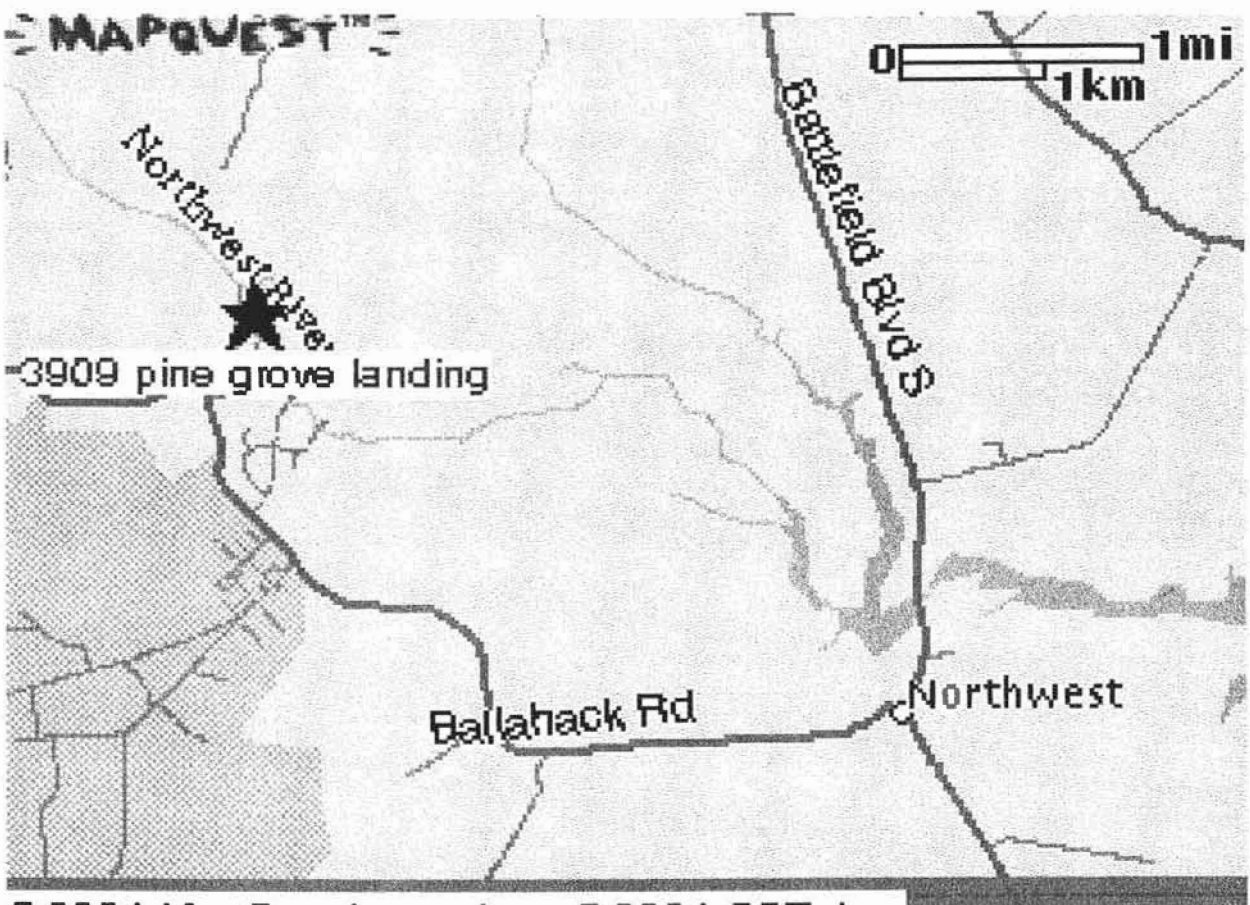
DIRECTIONS

From VA Beach and points west take I-64 the new Chesapeake Expressway (\$2.00 toll). From Norfolk, take 564 south. Stay on 168 South about 16 miles, thru the first light after the toll, then cross the Northwest River Bridge. Turn right at the next traffic light after the bridge onto the old Battlefield Blvd. Turn right at the light at the 7-Eleven store onto Ballahack Road. Continue past Backwoods road, the old white church, and a half dozen fields.

About 1/2 mile past the Navy base, turn right onto Pine Grove Landing at Northwest River Estates. . Another 1/4 mile will find you surrounded by friends, food, and fun.

For those coming from the Deep Creek area, go south on US 17 and turn left onto Ballahack Road at the country store. Pine Grove Landing is about 6 miles east of US 17, just beyond the sharp turn at Conway Road.

Please bring a lawn chair and a covered dish of your choosing. Club will supply the beer/soda/ wine, hot dogs/ burgers, barbecue and the traditional sides of slaw and potato salad. Fun events. Rain or shine. Fabulous prizes for the rally and contest winners. Admission is free for all... Sign ups will continue at the October meeting.



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Signed.....(PLEASE

THE CLASSICS AT LEE HALL 2001

The Newport News Rotary Club is sponsoring a classic car show at historic Lee Hall Plantation to benefit the restoration of another historic plantation in Newport News, Endview Plantation. We are looking for interested car clubs to have their members come out and show their classics, street rods, and antique automobiles.

The show will be held on October 27, 2001 from 11 am until 6 pm. The day's festivities will start with a classic car cruise from Newport News to Jamestown on the Colonial Parkway from 8 AM to 10 AM. We will then meet back at Lee Hall for the show from 11 AM until 6 PM.

This is the first year of our show, and we expect in excess of 200 participants. Your entry fee of \$25 (each show participant) will include a goody bag including a commemorative tshirt, a dash plaque, the Colonial Parkway cruise and other related items. There will also be food service available during the event. The entry fees will be used to support the restoration of Endview Plantation as well as other Rotary sponsored community service projects.

We are excited to be able to bring to this event some special interest vehicles, including some antique military vehicles and farm equipment.

To register for the event, we have included some registration forms for your club/organization's use. Please register your vehicles by October 13, 2001. Your space assignments will be given out the day of the event. If your club/organization wishes to be grouped together, please indicate this on your entry form. There is a club discount (five or more members) of \$5 per vehicle.

Any inquiries relating to the show should be directed to: Clay Drnec w4acd@aol.com(email)
757-249-3930 757-269-0509(fax)

Thank you for your support of history in Newport News. We are excited to bring a show of this quality to the area and look forward to seeing you at **The Classics at Lee Hall**

REGISTRATION FORM ~THE CLASSICS AT LEE HALL 2001 REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 13, 2001

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DO YOU BELONG TO A CLUB _____ YES _____ NO
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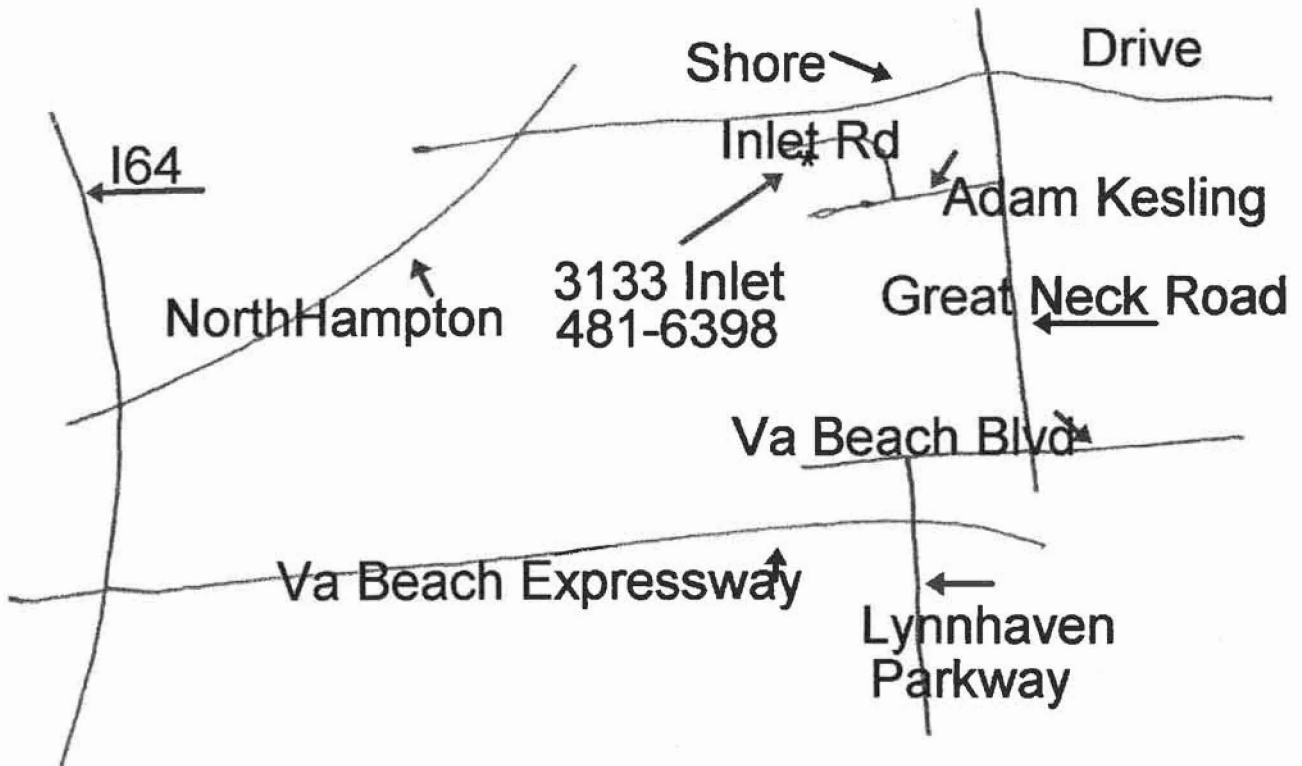
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday October 3rd

Jim & Betty Villers

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Virginia Beach 23454
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7:30-8:00 Kick Tyres

8:00 PM Meeting



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