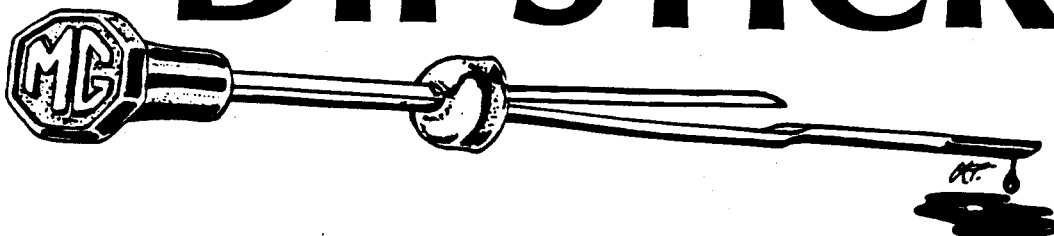


# THE DIPSTICK



SEPTEMBER 1984

President.....Vince Groover  
 Vice-President...Peggy Bradford  
 Secretary.....Pat Beuter (THANKS. ed.)  
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 Editor.....Brenda Banvard

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FROM OLE 6402

The months are just rolling by and we have an active calendar for the rest of the year.

The nominating committee has put together a slate of officers for the upcoming year. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the September meeting. Voting will be at the October meeting. Let's all try to make both meetings.

We have a club pig roast scheduled for the 13th of October. A per head or per family fee will be decided on at the September meeting. More info in this (minutes) and the October Dipstick.

The Shenandoah Valley Triumph Association will sponsor in conjunction with the Waynesboro Fall Foliage Festival, the Third Annual British Car Festival on Saturday, October 6th at Waynesboro, VA Ridgeview Park. See me if you wish a registration form at the September meeting.

Pam and I had a great time at the picnic with the newly-formed Richmond club. Thanks go to Jennifer Ash and Nancy Emig for organizing a fine even.

See ya at the Pellerin's on Tuesday, the 4th of September.

Vince

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DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19  
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Sweet Dreams Are Made of This Part I  
by P.J. O'Rourke (Playboy Guide)

Like every normal American male, I wanted a sports car - not a "sporty car" or a "personal-sized luxury car" but a real sports car, a blood-red, wire-wheeled, Devil-take-the-left-lane open roadster.

I am talking about the kind they don't make anymore. You see, however slick or sophisticated, no Pontiac Fiero, Mazda RX-7, or even Porsche Turbo can match the visceral appeal of the MGA I had in college. It was lean lithe and made a noise more glorious than a Bach concerto. It was beautiful form produced by pure function - just engine, suspension, me, my date and enough sheet metal to keep the beach blanket dry. Such automobiles, alas, are gone forever.

I was shopping for a car recently and lamenting this state of affairs when the old bug began to get the better of me. Forget those nimble newcomers, I thought. I'll get another MGA. I'm reasonably prosperous now. I can afford to have it fixed up. And with new cars costing what they do, a few thousand dollars for an old MGA is a real bargain. Of course, I'd have to buy a new top, interior, grille, a couple of fenders, a rebuilt engine and probably another whole MGA for parts. But it would still be a bargain. Let's see, a new top would go for \$150; a new grille would run me \$100; and then a rebuilt engine would cost about \$1500. Hmm .....

All right, so it wouldn't be a bargain. But sports cars aren't supposed to be cheap. That's not the point. The point is style. Real sports cars defined the style of an era. It was an era of optimism, an era of *joie de vivre*, an era of much shorter hair. Not a lot of windshield on those cars. A drive in an open roadster with my current haircut would mean being beaten in the eyeballs by thousands of layer-cut forelock ends. And when I came to a stop, I'd look like Wendy O. Williams.

This could be a problem. To tell the truth, the real point of a sports car is the way it attracts women. Most women, I have found, don't go for men who look like Wendy O. Williams.

And women have this thing about wind in their own hair. "It's so cute" is the first thing a woman says about a sports car. But the second thing she says is "Can we put the top up?" There goes style. An MGA is beautiful form produced by pure function, yes. But not with the top up. With the top up, it looks like a hamster in a White Sox cap.

(to be continued.....)

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MINUTES BY PAT BEAUTER

The Aug. meeting of the MGB Club was hosted by Ted Spilman who was assisted by his daughter Elizabeth. Jennifer reported no new members this month. The secretary's minutes were approved as published. Elsie reported a balance of \$1,162.68. Regalia sales from last meeting were \$23.50. Dues collected were \$124.00. The cost of the newsletter was \$43.92. Robert was not present for a parts report. Mike, our technical historian had no report. The drive-out to Chippokes is being coordinated by Jennifer and catered by Sunney House. The cost is \$10 per couple. August 19 tech session at Bill Gordon's because of New London British Car Day. The deadline for submitting newsletter items is Aug. 22. Under Old Business, the secretary for the rest of the term is Pat Beauter. The Pig Roast will be hosted by Mel Baker on Sept 29.

(ED NOTE: Date has been changed to 10-13)

Jennifer made a motion that the Club buy the pig and sell any that is left. Everyone is to bring a dish. There will be no charge for the pig roast. Mike seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

New Business: Trivia Quiz winner was Bob Beauter. Mike & Jennifer attended the July GOF in New Hampshire and the MGB gathering in the Poconos. Mike received an award from the MGB gathering - MG Olympics - for successfully reciting 40 different parts from an MGB. The Newsletter needs spicing up, we need some MG technical ideas. Payment of dues is still necessary.

Pat Beauter

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W A N T E D Late Model MGB (that Runs & has a Top)

Call Bob Beauter at 460-2290

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S L A T E O F O F F I C E R S

As put in nomination by our nominating committee - Ross Haines, Mike Ash, and Roy Wiley.

President ..... Vince Groover  
Vice-president .... Peggy Bradford  
Secretary ..... Pat Beauter  
Treasurer ..... Elsie Tarr

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ANSWERS TO DIPSTICK TRIVIA QUIZ #7 - AUGUST, 1984

61. Who designed our "Dipstick" logo? Levi Tarr, Jr. (Newsletter - 12/1982-83)
62. **T** or F - The "C" in the TD Mark II ID plate stands for "Competition". (TSO - 4/80, p 30)
63. Persons attending a GOF for the first time are distinguished from others registered by a colored name tag (usually green) (TSO - 8/79, p 28)
64. Phil Topcik brought a paper bag to a meeting and emptied the contents on the floor. What did it contain? charred and shredded shards of wood (Newsletter - 12/1 1982/3, P 2)
65. **T** or F - The EX127 is known as the Magic Midget. (TSO - 2/80, p 28)
66. Who is credited with causing the first MG for racing to come to America? Barbara Collier, Barron Collier, Jr.'s wife (TSO - 10/79, p 9)
67. How many TA Airline Coupes were made? 1 (TSO - 2/78, p 4)
68. What model was the "Magic Magnette" that was painted in cream with brown stripes and more familiarly called the "Humbug"?
  - a. K3 (The Magic of MG, Allison, p 193)
69. What MG race driver was called "Mr. MG"? Ken Miles (TSO - 10/79, p 41)
70. The last MG manufactured was
  - c. placed in the British Leyland's Car Heritage Museum. (Newsletter - 11/80, p 7)

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| September 4          | Tuesday - Meeting at the Pellerin's<br>7:30 p.m. - Kick tyres<br>8:00 p.m. - Business meeting                 |
| September 20<br>- 23 | GOF Mk XXXIX - Cincinnati, Ohio<br>King's Island Resort Inn.<br>Registration form and schedule<br>at meeting. |
| October 6            | Saturday - Third Annual British<br>Car Festival - See Vince   |
| October 13 -         | Saturday - Pig Roast - details in<br>October newsletter and at September<br>meeting.                          |
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For those of you at the pool party who enjoyed the dips for vegetables and for crackers, here are the recipes:

GREEK VEGETABLE DIP

- 1 cup lowfat cottage cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 8 oz package feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/2 cup chopped cucumber
- 1/2 cup chopped ripe olives
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 2 oz jar diced pimientos, drained

In blender container, combine cottage cheese, oregano, garlic powder; blend until smooth. Add feta cheese; blend until smooth. Stir in cucumber, olives, green pepper and diced pimientos. Chill 2 hours.

Serve with fresh vegetables. Makes 3 cups.

CHEDDAR NUT DIP FOR CRACKERS

- 2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup lowfat cottage cheese
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted and chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley

In small bowl, with electric mixer at high speed, beat Cheddar cheese, cottage cheese and milk. Stir in almonds and parsley. Chill 1 hour.

Serve dip with Crunchy Trio Snack Thins by Nabisco. Makes 2 cups.

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TRIVIA QUIZ SCORES

<u>Name</u>	<u>August Scores</u>	<u>Cum. Scores</u>
Mike Ash	9/10	58/70
Jim Banvard	9/10	58/70
Bob Beuter	5/10	28/50
Robert Davis	4/10	17/30
Charlie Dixon	4/10	40/60
Ron Eaton	--	19/40
Hank Giffin	--	23/30
Barbara Van Over	5/10	22/40
*Mike West	5/10	5/10

\*Monthly winner

Glad to hear from Mike. We know his strategy--wait far enough into the year to enter and you can be assured of being a winner. Just kidding Mike. Congratulations. Thanks to all the others who sent in entries. We only have three more quizzes until the end of the year.

CHIPPOKES PLANTATION PICNIC. REPORT ON - by Mike Ash

If you missed it, you missed a great outing. Since I did not know until afterwards that I had volunteered to write the report, I was not taking notes. So I will try to tell it like it was from memory. It was a beautiful sunny day, but not hot in the shade of the trees on the bank of the James River.

We left Norfolk at 10:45, on time for once - Jennifer and I in the TF, Vince & Pam Groover in the Y, Tony & Barbara Perino in the MGB, and the Germans, the Pellerins, Peggy Bradford, Elsie Tarr, Carolyn McHugh, and Andy Wallach in various other brands - and arrived at the Chippokes State Park at about noon. The picnic was a joint event with the Richmond club (officially known as the Central Virginia MG Classics, Ltd.) and we had an unplanned, synchronized arrival at the end of the road leading to the park. From Richmond were (and this is where I need notes): George & Kevin Perry first time out in their newly restored TD, Jim Wells in his TD, Dean & Beth Siwec in their MGB, and the Emigs, Bob Eichelbaum, Pat Wells, and other family members in various other brands, including David Eichelbaum in a Triumph. Our out-of-town members - Jim & Jackie Suter - arrived later in their TF.

Most of the time was spent kicking tires and talking MG's, with visits to the swimming pool for the children, occasional games of yard darts and badminton, and, for the more energetic, climbing down the cliff to the water's edge. Highlight of the afternoon, other than seeing Jim Suter driving his TF on a gravel parking lot, was the food. This we had catered by the Surry House - a delicious spread of fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, and hot rolls followed by lemon chess, peanut raisin, and coconut pies.

We all reluctantly left after all the food and beer was consumed, each heading our separate ways. It was a very pleasant and relaxing afternoon, with good company good food and a beautiful location. We must do it again!

**FOR SALE** by MIKE WEST 56 Parkwood Ave. Charleston, SC 29403. (803)-723-8226

MG YB 1953 - Green. Interior clean but needs to be replaced. Engine/trans run. Car has been kept clean and in a SC garage for last two years, but requires complete restoration. Driven to present location from Virginia and parked. Titled. \$3500

MG MIDGET 1961 - Red. MK 1 with 948cc engine and side curtains. Completely dis-assembled engine. Poor interior, rust free body but poor paint. All original with no modifications. Garaged since 1973. Not titled. \$500

TRIUMPH TR3 1957 - Blue. Small mouth, overdrive, wire wheels, front disc brakes. No rag top, interior OK, all original with no modifications. Body in good shape, with minimal rust. Driven to SC garage in 1979, cleaned and parked. Head presently removed for valve job. Not titled. \$1500

XPAG ENGINE BLOCK Bare, not rusted, restorable. \$400

XPAG TRANSMISSION Very good condition. No remote shifter. \$300

XPAG HEAD Banana type. Milled 2/32 in. No valve gear. \$200.

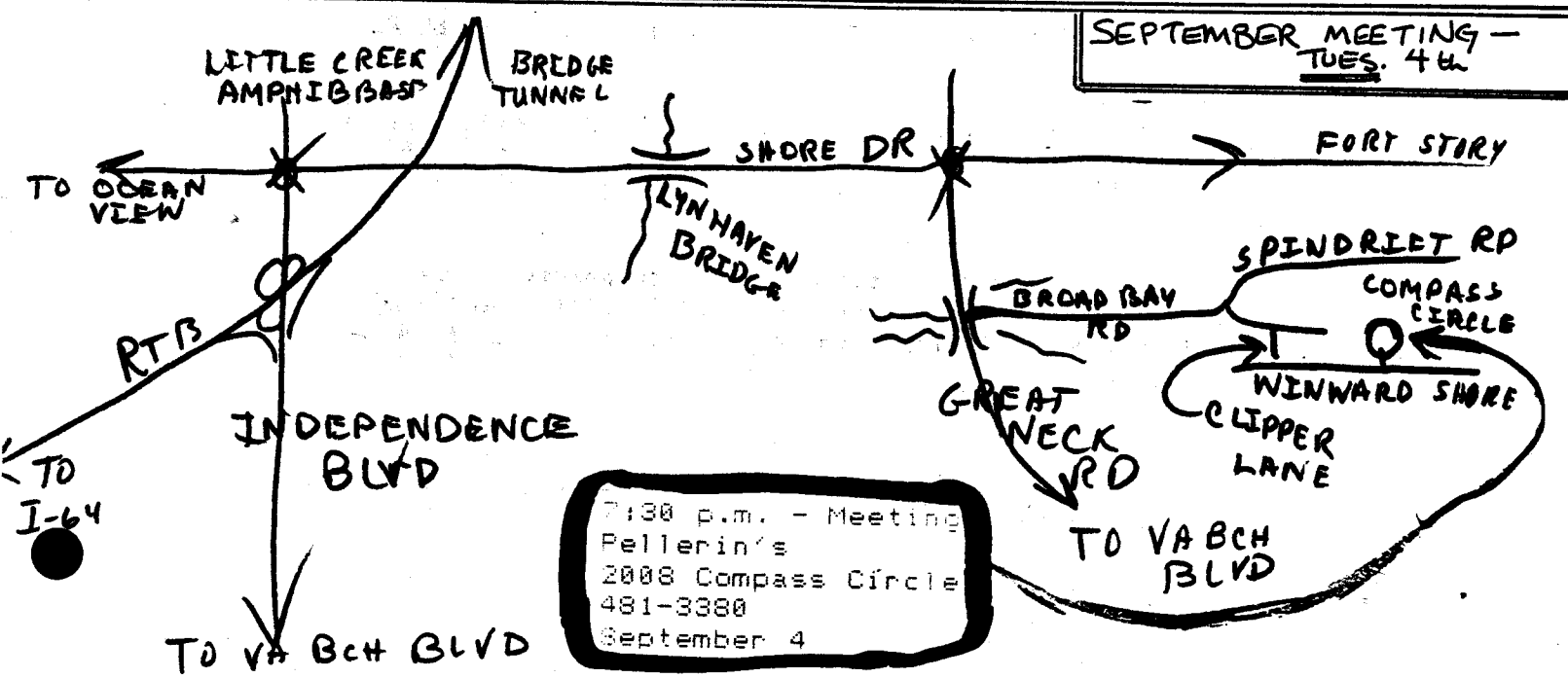
YB GRILLE \$50 Decent

YB WOOD SILLS \$50 Decent

YB REAR SEAT \$40 Indecent

MGA SEATS \$30 Vinyl covers, missing one back

MGA HARDTOP \$150 Factory original. Good condition. Needs new gaskets



SEPTEMBER MEETING - TUES. 4th

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As membership renewals have been coming in, we have been getting notes from all over with news of people who have left the area, and from those here at home who are unable to get to our meetings and get-togethers...

\*\* TED & LOUANN HUGHES...Ted is still busy delivering babies at Norfolk General, and they now have a six-month old son - who loves riding in the NGA!

\*\* HERSHEL & PAM SMITH...who are still at the Navy Postgraduate school in Monterey, now have a son Kip who is 20 months old, and number two is due at Christmas. Unfortunately, the TD was sold to finance yet another member of the family - a 1958 Mercedes 190 SL (Even if they don't have good sense, at least they have good taste!!). Pam and Hershel expect to be back in this area around the beginning of next year.

\*\* RON STOOPS...left the area suddenly in May to join the USS "America" in the Indian Ocean (The same ship as Marc Ostertag...wonder if they'll get together and have a meeting?)

\*\* BESS MANN...is busy with her "One-to-One" business, putting individual home-sellers in touch with each other.

\*\* WALT & MARY THOMPSON and LARRY & PATSY RICKER...are all in New Bern, NC...wonder if they ever met up with each other?

We enjoy getting news from our far-away members - and it also gives us material for the newsletter!!! So...keep those cards and letters coming in, and keep us up to date with your news.

The new roster will be published with your next issue of the DIPSTICK.



DIPSTICK TRIVIA QUIZ  
#8

71. The MG Car Company was established in what year? \_\_\_\_\_
72. Who was the overall winner of the 1st Dipstick Trivia Quiz?  
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73. How many SA bodies were made by Keller? \_\_\_\_\_
74. Where was the last race sponsored by the Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) held?  
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75. T or F - MG Car Company produced cars according to model years.
76. Miss Amy Johnson, the aviatrix, was presented with a Mark I Saloonette by Lord Nuffield in recognition of her achievements. What distinctive radiator mascot did it have?
- a. wings
  - b. plane
  - c. silver world globe
77. Who was the designer of the octagon insignia?
- a. Ted Lee, M.G.'s Cost Accountant
  - b. Cecil Kimber
  - c. H. N. Charles, Chief Engineer
78. T or F - "Old No. 1" was the first MG built.
79. What percentage discount did our chapter get on our second Moss Motors group order? \_\_\_\_\_ %
80. T or F - The TC/EXR/K is different from the TC/EXR in that the speedometer is calibrated in kilometers instead of miles.

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(signature)

(Please return to Peggy Bradford by September 15)

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