

# THE DIPSTICK



DECEMBER 1985

President.....Mel Baker  
 Vice-President...Tony Perino  
 Secretary.....Andy Wallach  
 Treasurer.....Pat Beauter  
 Editor.....Brenda Banvard

## " T " NOTES

Thanks to Andy Wallach for hosting the November meeting. I'd like to see the recipe for those delicious pizza rounds published in the newsletter.

The attendance at the last few meetings has been excellent, and I hope this trend will continue.

Judy and I wish everyone a very merry holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year.

The December meeting will be a festive affair hosted by Chris and Robin Raphael. Robin has promised to show us how Christmas is celebrated in the "Homeland".

See you there.

Mel

## UPCOMING EVENTS :

- December 4 - Wednesday - Festive meeting at the Raphael's - see later for map  
7:30 p.m. - English demonstration of Holiday celebration.
- January 7 - Tuesday - January meeting at Baker's  
7:30 p.m. - Kick Tyres  
8:00 p.m. - Business meeting followed by refreshments.
- January 25 - Saturday - Annual Wicker Basket Affair at the Banvard's  
7:00 p.m. - See later for details

\* \* \* THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS 1986 EVENTS SCHEDULE \* \* \*

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## NOVEMBER MINUTES

Thirty-eight "enthusiasts" crowded together at the humble abode of Andy Wallach and observed the debut of newly-elected President Mel Baker as he convened the November meeting at 8:04 p.m. In response to his call for introductions of guests/new members, several people admitted their presence and ownership of the mark. Chris Holcomb introduced his cousin Steve Sharpe (MGB). Vince Groover gave his condolences to Steve. Chris responded - "For being my cousin or owning an MGB?"; Vince replied "on both counts". Vince introduced Jerry Moore (ex-Vince's '71 MGB V-8) who in turn presented his wife Marjorie. Randy Rankins introduced his wife, Parker. Mike Harper, who had met Robert Davis and was subsequently sent a newsletter, stated that he owned a '69 MGB. President Mel welcomed "one and all".

As his first duty as President, Mel told Vince "please step forward." to which the assemblage responded with lots of laughter. Former President Vince stated "remember, we are two stories up." (Sec. note: Vince has always had a problem with counting - we were only one story up). Mel presented Vince with a plaque, honoring him for two years' hard work as President. Vince stated that he will have the first "President's Award" to present at the next meeting. Vince proceeded to thank personnel and to discuss his administration in detail. Mike Ash brought this to a close with "Thanks Vince - Sit Down". (Sec. note: The only members who get less respect than current Presidents is a former President.)

Secretary Andy Wallach moved that the minutes of the October meeting be approved. John German objected, "People who were present were not mentioned" in the list of attendees. Jennifer Ash commiserated, "Brenda called to see who was at the Pig Roast and Mike and I were not counted" in Brenda's "The Pig Roast" article. The minutes were amended to include unlisted October meeting attendees and were passed.

Treasurer Pat Beuter stated that the bank balance was \$1,185.05. Mel asked if Robert Davis, Parts Chairman, was present and someone responded "He will be here later".

Historian Mike Ash said there was "nothing new" (Sec. note: I thought historians were supposed to talk about "old" things not "new" things.)

President Mel stated that he was ordering coffee mugs and tankards with MG-TC's up thru MGB's on them and that they would be available in December. Jennifer added "...nice stocking stuffers". Quizzical Brenda, "Tankards??" Jennifer responded "Coffee mugs - who drinks more here Mike or Jim?"

Activities Chairwoman Jennifer mentioned that she was compiling a list of activities to mail with the newsletter. Upon review of the list of members who volunteered to hold meetings, Andy stated "We are getting such a good response, we could probably sell the meetings." President Mel said that there will be a Social event every other month: January - Wicker Basket, March - Brunch & Rally, May - British Car Day, July - Pool Party, September - Pig Roast, and November - William & Mary Homecoming.

John German quickly volunteered to host the Pig Roast only to find out that Vice-president Tony had already grabbed it, but Tony conceded to John...

During discussions on the upcoming William & Mary Homecoming parade, Vince said "I get the Queen". Jennifer replied, "Mike got two Queens, Miss Virginia and Miss Williamsburg last year." Jim quipped "He couldn't handle two of them." Someone said something about "leather and chains" and "Miss Harley-Davidson for 1946". Mike Harper said "I'll probably tow mine up there (to Williamsburg) to make sure it will run." (Ed. note: What? his Harley-Davidson...?) Jim Hutton asked, "Can a new member who just joined go?"

Membership chairwoman Jennifer reported that we had 72 members versus 73 for last year, that she has T-Register membership blanks, and that the next newsletter deadline is November 23. She mentioned that there are also MGA and MGB registers.

There being no old business, President Mel, under new business, announced some of his appointments. (Ed. note: Does the membership have to approve these?) Tony Perino will handle Regalia, Peggy Bradford - Publicity, Jim Banvard - British Car Day in May. Mel said that he will maintain a scrapbook and that spares listings will be published in the newsletter.

Upon the mention of spares, Parts Chairman Robert Davis and Faye arrived and presented the plastic "Battery Box". Hank Giffin - "Beer cooler, isn't it?" Robert responded to Steve Sharpe's question - "Doesn't a battery need air?" that the box is not totally sealed. (Ed. note: ...and thus won't keep your beer very cold, Hank.)

Jim Banvard mentioned that he had an application for the Mini-GOF to be held in Jacksonville, Florida in March and could make copies. Jennifer - "What dates?" Jim - "I knew someone would ask...(after searching for the application)...March 21 to 23" He also reported receiving a letter from "Regalia Ltd" offering to mail out descriptions of wares and prices if provided a membership list. It was decided not to send a list but to obtain their brochures and pass them out at meetings.

Under T-time, Hank mentioned he had a TA for sale and Tony asked did it come with a warranty? Robert - "I have a car for sale". Vince - "Go ahead, Robert". Robert - "You're not the president anymore." Vince - "Your time's up." (Meeting temporarily suspended as Brenda is presented with a birthday cake. (Sec. note: Brend needs practice blowing out candles)). Robert - "Nice car for sale." Ira Cantin - "I'll make a deal." Brenda - "You'll do the operation for the car." President Mel - "I overhauled my carbs, and although I'm a real klutz, they came out well." (Ed. note: If any of the above T-time makes sense to anyone, I'd appreciate having it explained to me)

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

(Sec. note: In addition to the aforementioned, the following members were present: Henry and Marcie Blanchard, Paula and Tom Russel, Bob Beuter, Patrick Masterson, Pam Groover, Tom Hall, Jim Hutton, Randy and Parker Rankins, Paul Thiergardt, Ed Hazard, Tom and Jeanne Lund, Mike Brewer, and Peggy Bradford)

(Ed. note: After adjournment, all members feasted on brie and beer and wine and Andy's fantastic mini-pizzas and birthday cake)

Andy Wallach

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N O T E : Deadline for F E B R U A R Y newsletter is Jan 22  
There will be N O January newsletter.....

REGALIA REPORT

T-shirts will not be at the December meeting unless scheduled in advance. Please call Tony Perino (486-1373) in advance advising him of the size and color desired. The available regalia list follows:

T Shirts:	\$4.50		
Men's, w/cars but no pocket		Men's, w/pocket but no cars	
Large (42-44)		1 Large Yellow	
1 Blue		2 Medium Yellow	
3 White		Men's, no cars and no pocket	
6 Orange		1 Large White	
10 Brown		2 Large Yellow	
Men's, w/cars but no pocket		1 Medium Yellow	
Medium (38-40)		1 Medium Orange	
7 Blue		Women's	
5 Orange		5 Large Brown	
9 Brown		5 Large Yellow	
Men's, w/cars but no pocket		4 Medium Blue	
Small (34-36)		3 Medium Brown	
1 White		4 Small Brown	
2 Orange			
3 Brown		4 T Series Hand Books	\$10.00
Men's, w/cars & pocket		3 Ski Caps	\$7.50
Large		14 Tote Bags	\$4.50
2 White		51 Badges	\$10.00
3 Yellow		164 Patches	\$2.50

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X X ANNUAL WICKER BASKET AFFAIR X X  
X X SATURDAY JANUARY 25, 1986 X X  
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To be held at the home of Jim & Brenda Banvard.

Remember, this is a "gourmet" pot-luck dinner held annually to enhance our treasury a bit and to recapture the holiday spirit in order to sustain us through the winter doldrums. Please call Brenda Banvard, the hostess, to let her know what you will be bringing or to get a suggestion as to what to bring. Call 340-6737 after 6 p.m. weekdays, 1-247-8681 for work phone, prior to the 24th of January, 1986. Wine, beer, soft-drinks, and coffee (and hot water for tea) will be supplied. Starting time on the 25th is 7 p.m. Bring yourselves, \$5 per couple or \$2.50 per person, your friends, your pot-luck gourmet speciality (to serve 8-10 people), and your hearty appetites. Hopefully we will see our old friends, the Boswell's. Please call - or we'll be calling you .....

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1986

<u>SOCIAL EVENTS</u>		<u>TECH. SESSIONS</u>	
January 25 (Sat)	WICKER BASKET AFFAIR, hosted by Brenda & Jim Banvard. 7 p.m. (Gourmet Pot-Luck, and dress up a bit for this one!)	February 23(Sun)	Mel Baker - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
March 23 (Sun)	BRUNCH AT FT. STOREY, followed by a RALLEY (Watch the Dipstick for details)	April 20 (Sun)	Mike Ash - same time
May 24 or 25	BRITISH CAR DAY, chaired by Jim Banvard. (You WILL be hearing more about this event shortly)	June 8 (Sun)	Vince Groover - same time
July 20 (Sun)	POOL PARTY, hosted by Mel & Judy Baker	August 10 (Sun)	Tony Perino - same time
September 28 (Sun)	PIG ROAST, hosted by John & Sandy German	October 12 (Sun)	Tom Lund - same time
November 15(?XSat)	WILLIAM & MARY HOMECOMING - If we get asked back, and if we decide there are enough interested members!		
December ???	PARTY or FESTIVE MEETING - play it by ear!		

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** (Gather at 7:30 p.m to "kick tyres"; Meeting convenes at 8 p.m.)

JANUARY 7 (Tue)	Mel & Judy Baker	JULY 1 (Tue)	Marcy & Henry Blanchard
FEBRUARY 5 (Wed)	John & Sandy German	AUGUST 6 (Wed)	Jim & Brenda Banvard
MARCH 4 (Tue)	Mike & Jennifer Ash	SEPTEMBER 2 (Tu)	Tony & Barbara Perino
APRIL 2 (Wed)	Tom & Jeanne Lund	OCTOBER 1 (Wed)	Gerry & Margie Moore
MAY 6 (Tue)	Patrick Masterson	NOVEMBER 4 (Tue)	Paula & Tom Russel
JUNE 4 (Wed)	Ira & Mary Cantin	DECEMBER ??	Party or Meeting?????

DATES YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN, sponsored by OTHER CHAPTERS or NEW ENGLAND 'T' REGISTER

March 21 - 23	G.O.F. SOUTH - Palm Coast (St. Augustine) Fla.
April 11 - 13	T-REGISTER "ROAD SHOW" - Williamsburg, Va. (Big Tech.Session & T-Register explained)
May 2 - 4	MINI-G.O.F, CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER - Fredericksburg, Va.
June 21 - July 10	OCEAN-TO-OCEAN TOUR, sponsored by T-REGISTER to commemorate Statue of Liberty 100yrs.
July 10 - 13	G.O.F. Mk.XLII - TORONTO, Canada - T-Register Event
Sept. 18 - 21	G.O.F. Mk. XLIII - ALBANY, NY - T-Register Event

REGALIA - REGALIA - REGALIA  
JUST ARRIVED - HOLIDAY SPECIALS

Tankards \$6.00 each:		Coffee Mugs \$5.00 each:	
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Design:	Qty Avail:	Design:	Qty Avail:
MG TC	2	MG TC	2
MG TD	3	MG TD	3
MG TF	3	MG TF	3
MGA	2	MGA	2
MGB	3	MG Logo	1
MG Logo	2		

These items will be sold on a first come, first served basis at the December 4th meeting. Call Tony Perino at 486-1373 to reserve your Tankards or Coffee Mugs now!

**WILLIAM & MARY HOMECOMING PARADE/PIG ROAST**  
Saturday - November 16th - Reported by Barbara Perino

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Although it was wet and cooler than we would have liked, it turned out to be a fun day with a minimum of inconveniences!

The majority of us caravanned to Williamsburg bright and early (7:00 AM from Willoughby) getting to the meeting place early enough for some good hot coffee and doughnuts. We lined up in parade order and drove to Olde Town Williamsburg and took our places amongst the rowdy fraternity house floats--straight from animal house!! Apparently all the antifreeze consumed during the night made them forget that it was too cold to be running around shirtless and in garbage bag diapers!

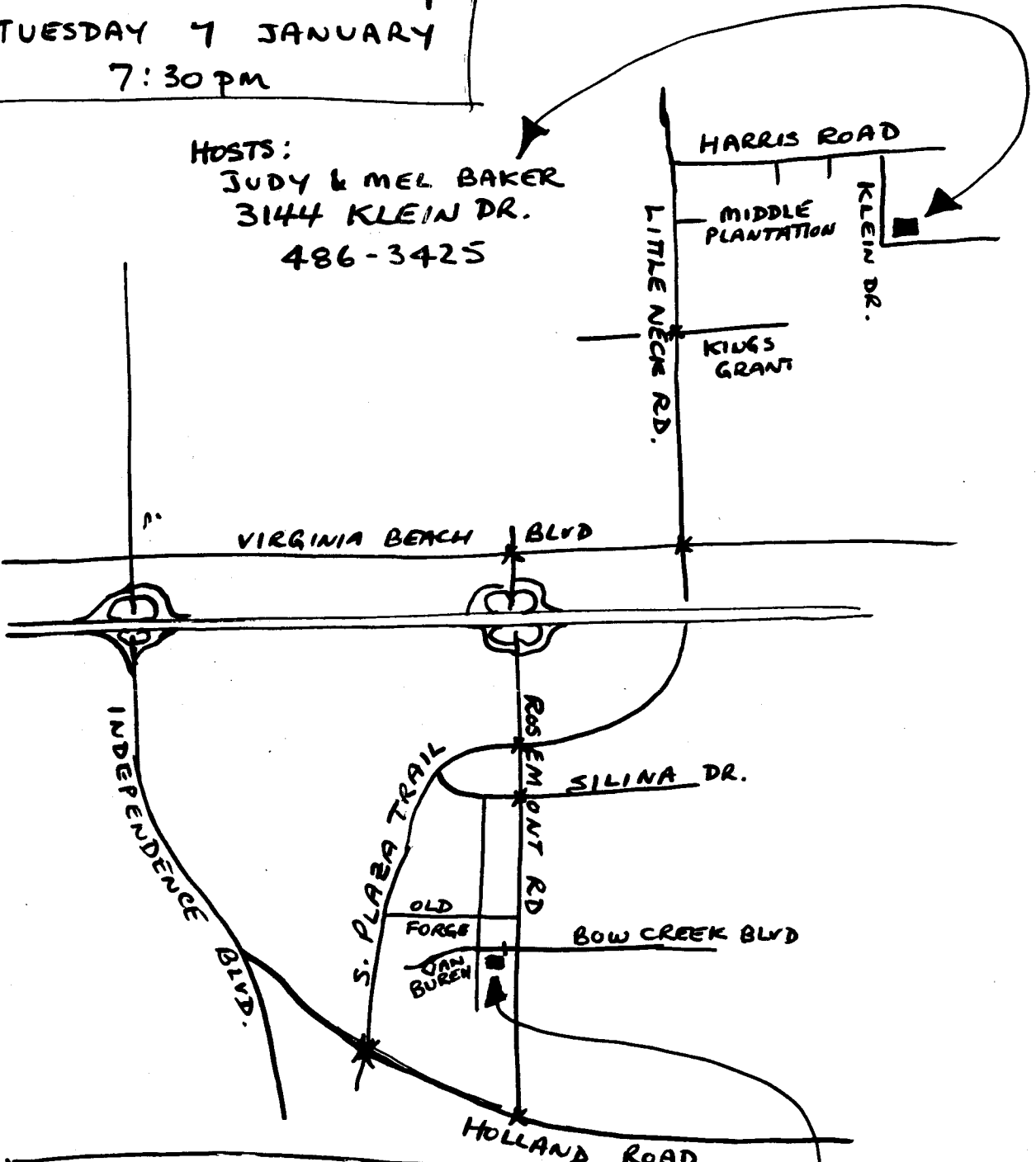
The parade went smoothly with only the unfortunate last one third getting wet when the rain started. The cars carried an assortment of dignitaries--from Miss Virginia 1986 (Paul Thiegardt) to the Rector for the Board of Visitors, Class of '44. The parade ended at the Alumni House, but because of the rain, lunch was served in William & Mary Hall. We went there via shuttle bus and enjoyed an excellent meal of beef barbeque, baked beans, cole slaw and apple pie with various toppings.

Following lunch, we went our separate ways--the game, shopping, sight seeing--then regrouped at the Suter's house later in the day for lots of beer, more barbeque (pork this time), cake, good conversation and a fun time. Our sincerest thanks to Jim and Jackie Suter, their family, and Hank Lippert who flew in from Charlotte, for graciously sharing their home and doing a super job of organizing this memorable affair.

Attendees included: Mike & Jennifer Ash (TF), Phillip Ash (TD), Tony & Barbara Perino (MG-AH series), Mel & Judy Baker (TD), Ira & Mary Cantin (TC), John German (MGA), Ross & Ann Haines (Ash's MGB), Tom & Jeanne Lund (TD), Jim Hutton & Diane (MGA), Randy Rankin (MGB), Paula Russel (MGB), Paul Thiegardt (TF), Jerry Moore (MGB), Jim Suter (TF), Jim Wells (TD, Richmond), Don Foster (TC, Richmond), Doug Douglas (Austin Healy Club) and Charlie from Williamsburg in his '57 Thunderbird.

JANUARY MEETING  
TUESDAY 7 JANUARY  
7:30 PM

HOSTS:  
JUDY & MEL BAKER  
3144 KLEIN DR.  
486-3425



WICKER BASKET  
AFFAIR  
SATURDAY 25 JANUARY  
7:00 PM

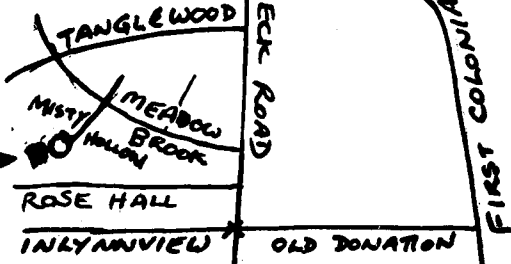
HOSTS:  
BRENDA & SIM BANVARD  
3633 VAN BUREN  
340-6737

DECEMBER MEETING  
 "CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION"  
 WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS  
 PARTY!

HOSTS:

CHRIS & ROBIN  
 RAPHAEL  
 1216 MISTY HOLLOW  
 481-9389



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