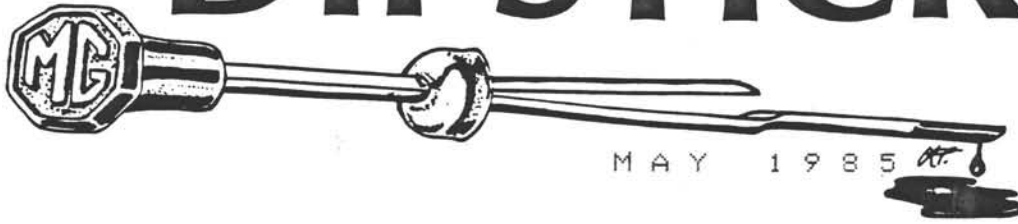


THE DIPSTICK



MAY 1985

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FROM OLE 6402

Hello, all you M.G. lovers, wherever you are. June is a big month for M.G. type events; a tech session at the Banvard's on the 2nd; a meeting at the Cantin's on the 5th; the Spring G.O.F. in Hershey, PA on the 13th to the 16th; a weekend event to Fredricksburg, that includes a winery tour and the Antique Aircraft Show on the 15th and 16th; and British Car Day on the 23rd in Bowie, MD. Now there's something for everyone, even a couple of unscheduled days to go to the beach, if you like. Let's get those funny little cars on the road and have some fun!

Start off by calling Jim Banvard, so he can schedule your M.G. ailments for the tech session on the 2nd.

Look for an activities survey in the July Dipstick. With the aid of the survey, we can plan a calendar for next year that everyone can enjoy.

See ya at Ina and Mary Cantin's on Wednesday, the 5th.

Vince

NOTE: Deadline for JULY newsletter is June 19

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S :

- June 2 Sunday - Tech Session at the Banvard's
10:00 - 5:00 (map in May newsletter)
- June 5 Wednesday - Meeting at the Cantin's
7:30 p.m. - Kick tyres.
8:00 p.m. - Business meeting followed by
 refreshments
- June 15-16 Saturday - Sunday - Fredricksburg
Winery tour, Antique aircraft show
See details later in newsletter
- June 13-16 Thursday - Sunday - Hershey PA
T-Register GOF
- June 23 Sunday - British Car Day
Bowie Maryland
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F O R S A L E

1977 MGB - Green Imron paint (never-wax) - \$2950.
New top and tonneau. Good Michelin tires.
Weber Carb. AM-FM Radio with 8 track cassette.

Call Jim Banvard, 340-6737 after 6p.m. and weekends.

WANTED

Call Ash
Mike Ash
#95-0307, or
see him at
the meeting

Donations of MG Parts, (or any items
for that matter) T-series, MGA, MGB,
to be used at our August Auction-
cum-crab-feast. To swell club funds
and to help pay for crabs, etc...

WEEKEND TOUR - JUNE 15 and 16 Call Vince Groover if you want to participate,
and he will give you times and meeting places, etc. 497-6904

15th Visit Stratford Hall - home of the Lee family, and birthplace of Robert E. Lee.
Also, Pope's Creek Plantation (birthplace of George Washington) and Ingleside
Winery, where you get a tour and winetasting, and opportunity to buy, of
course! Drive into Fredericksburg and spend the night.

16th Have leisurely breakfast/brunch; drive/walk around historic downtown, then
head on out to the Antique Aircraft Flying Circus for the afternoon.

This should make for an interesting weekend, but if you only want to participate for
one of those days, Vince will give you details of where to meet the crowd, and at
what time on Sunday morning.

MAY MINUTES

The May meeting was held at the home of Hank and Stevie Giffin. The attendees were: Vince & Pam Groover, Ira Cantin, Roosevelt Moseley, Tony & Barbara Perino, John & Sandy German, Tom Hall, Ed Hazard, Jim Banvard, Hank & Stevie Giffin, Mel Baker, Marc and Marcia Ostertag, Peggy Bradford and Bob & Pat Beauter. Fay was present but had to leave to find Robert who was having some trouble with directions to the Giffin's home. Robert arrived later but had to leave to look for Fay who had not found Robert. Hopefully, they found each other because neither one of them returned to the meeting.

Vince reported a treasury balance of \$?? [→] . The deadline for the June newsletter is May 22. The subject of dues was mentioned and a suggestion was made to double the dues for all out-of-town members, especially South Carolina residents with the initials Mike West. Dues are due in June.

The treasurer later left for vacation - hopefully minus our \$\$!

Jennifer and Mike Ash were otherwise occupied Tuesday night so there was not an activities, historian, or membership report. However, there will be a June activity at Jim Banvard's house, a tech session, on Sunday, June 2.

Under Old Business the car badge dilemma was brought up again. After some discussion, a motion was made to put the badge on a plaque and make it into an official award to be given once a year to people most active in club activities and driving a T series MG. The plaque will be awarded by the outgoing president on an annual basis and will be called the President's Award. A roll of some type will be kept on people and types of cars at meetings, etc. The motion was passed unanimously.

The decision of the plaque requires an amendment to the constitution which requires a committee. Vince called for a volunteer to chair a committee to write the amendment which Hank Giffin enthusiastically volunteered to do. He will be recruiting committee members to help him.

The subject of a questionnaire concerning club activities was again mentioned and a decision was made that a committee should be formed to design a questionnaire to determine club members' interest in type of activities. Mike Ash was nominated to chair the committee. Since he was not present at the meeting he was unable to decline and was voted chairman of the Questionnaire Committee.

Under New Business, a telephone survey was conducted by some club members to determine what type of activities should be conducted. Most people wanted to see more MG related functions. Also, the question of changing membership requirements was addressed and the decision was to leave requirements as they are.

The meeting was adjourned for a beer break, after which everyone viewed Mel Baker's slides of the British Isles Festival at Waterside which featured a variety of MG's and starred Mel's MGTD. After the slide show, everyone returned to the Kitchen for food, drink and talk.

Pat Beauter

The Original British Car Day

Eighth Annual Meet

Call Vince Groover
for Registration
Form - 497-6904

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1985 at Allen Pond Park in Bowie, Maryland (RAIN OR SHINE)

FEATURING: ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND NEW BRITISH CAR DISPLAY, ANTIQUE & CRAFT DEALERS, FLEA MARKET.

FIELD OPENS AT 8:30 A.M. — JUDGING BEGINS AT 12 NOON

All British Cars and Motor Bikes welcome, Car Parts Vendors, Antique, Flea Market and Craft Dealers are also invited. Last year over 600 cars were on display and more than 115 awards were presented to the car owners. The show was attended by more than 4,000 people.

A dash plaque is guaranteed to all preregistered cars and every car will be placed in a class for judging and award purposes. Cars not parked in assigned class will not be eligible for awards.

AWARDS:

First place pewter for each marque or series with at least **6 PREREGISTERED** cars.

First and second place pewter with at least **9 PREREGISTERED** cars.

First, second and third place pewter with at least **12 PREREGISTERED** cars.

Honorable mention ribbons.

Judging done by registrants (Popular Vote).

The field opens at 8:30 AM, the judging begins at noon and the balloting is closed at 2:00 PM. The awards will be presented at 4:00 PM.

"FOR SALE"

A special area will be set aside for all "For Sale Cars". \$10.00 preregistered, \$15.00 at the gate. "For Sale" class will have awards based on number preregistered.

No "For Sale", etc. signs will be allowed in award classes display area.

VENDOR SPACES:

Minimum size for one space is enough area for a van and two tables. \$15.00 preregistered, \$20.00 at the gate. Absolutely no selling, vending in display areas.

ADVERTISERS:

Send 600 inserts before June 15 along with \$50.00 and we will put one in each registration packet. Inserts/flyers, etc. may only be distributed from a vendor space.

CAR ENTRANT:

Car classes will be based on number preregistered by June 7th. Preregistration by June 7 is \$6.00. After June 7 by mail and at the gate the fee is \$10.00. The field will be limited to **700** cars and no race prepared cars will be accepted.

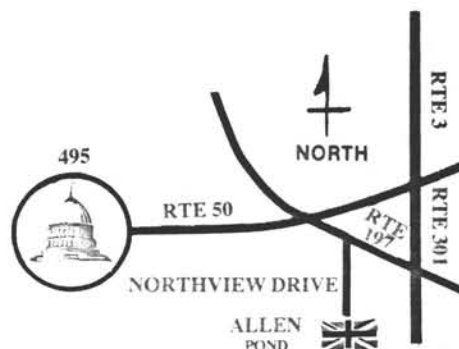
SPECTATORS:

\$1.00 per person admission and children under 12 accompanied by an adult are free. Parking is 50¢ for car.

FOOD:

Food and beverages will be sold at the show and picnic areas will be available.

All Profits from British Car Day Will Help Sustain Local Non-Profit Organizations.



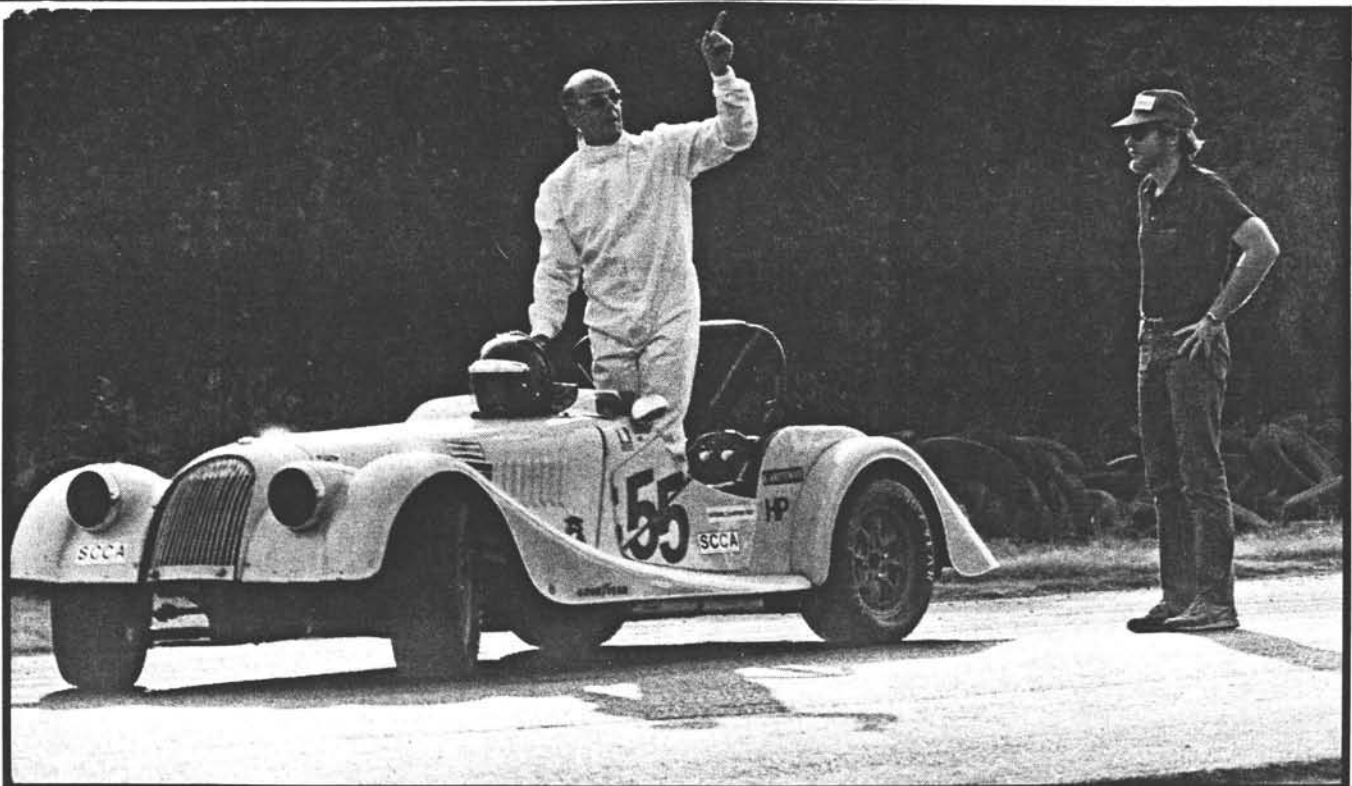
FOLLOW THE SIGNS

REPORT ON MINI-G.O.F. AT TILGHMAN'S ISLAND: Mike Ash

A whole bunch of us arrived, independently and in assorted vehicles, at the home of the only skipjack fleet left on the Chesapeake Bay. It was raining to beat the band when we arrived, which was a good excuse to stay in the bar and exchange sea-stories - and we did! Friday night, dinner was at Harrisons Hotel where the dining-room was packed with MGers, fishermen, partying McDonalds restaurant owners (from Pittsburgh, in a party-wagon called BIG MAC - fantastic bus), enjoying the oyster buffet and other seafood delicacies, and making a lot of noise - especially the Tidewater MGs and the Big Macs who exchanged lots of toasts, bottles of champagne and plates of food across the room.

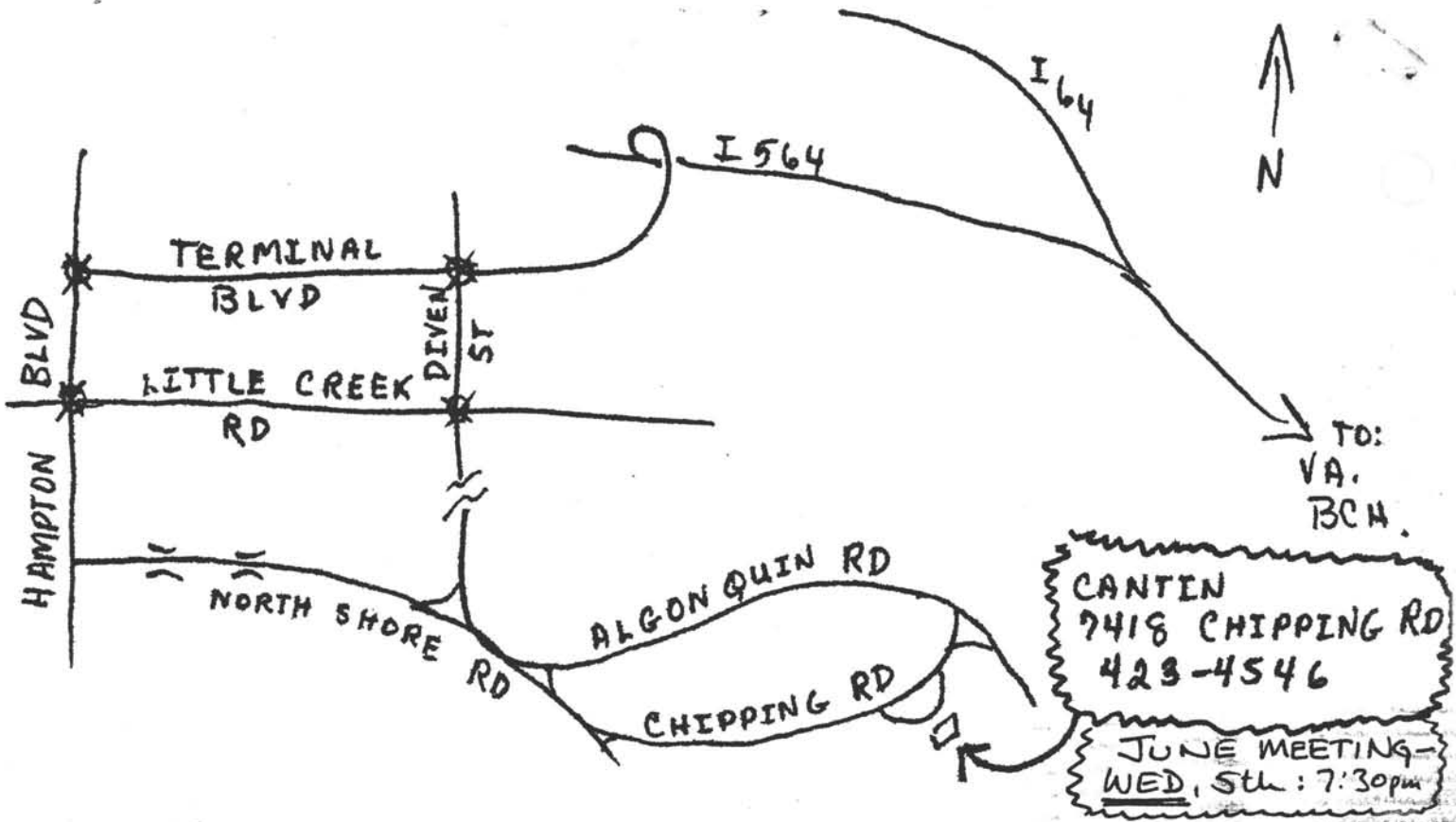
Saturday was sunny, windy and cool, but as the day wore on - or as we had more to drink - it got warmer. Tidewater T's hung around the cars all morning, adjourned to the bar when the sun got over the yardarm (about 10 a.m.) and went to lunch in St. Michael's, a historic town a few miles down the road. We dispersed after that and went sightseeing and antiquing, etc. Saturday night banquet was a rowdy affair, of course, and I managed to come away with pewter for 2nd TF and the Distance Award, on account of we went the long way round via Fredericksburg and Annapolis for a business trip on the Thursday - we totalled 360 miles going that way. As we were leaving the banquet, Hank Giffin dumped a full glass of wine over Jennifer and ended up plying her with margaritas the rest of the night as means of apology - I don't know who was the most sorry! Socializing went on until I don't know when - we left around 1 a.m. and the die-hards were still there.

Sunday was warmer and sunny and after a leisurly breakfast with friends from the Chesapeake and Richmond clubs, we set off for home, with promises of getting together again soon. Another good weekend of fun cars, fun people, and just plain FUN...



And an angel did appear to a lowly journalist as he stood watch at a remote part of the circuit, saying unto him, "Go ye and tell all nations that those who drive 55 shall never enter the Kingdom of Heaven, for they are boring."

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