

THE DIPSTICK



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Thanks to Barbara and Tony Perino for hosting the September meeting. Gracious hosts as usual, even though we had to sit on the floor in the den since their new furniture had not arrived.

Welcome to new member David Black. Nice to have you with us.

A new line of regalia is on order and we should have everything in stock for the November meeting. Many of the goodies coming in will make excellent Christmas gifts, so keep regalia in mind.

British Car Day in Richmond attracted over one hundred and fifteen cars and the weather was beautiful, unlike last year's scorching 104° temperature. The competition was really tough, and the only trophy we took was for the oldest car won by Ira Cantin.

Among club members attending were myself and Judy in the B, the Ash's in the TF, the Perino's in the Healy, Paul Thiergart in his TF, the Hall's in a GT, the German's in an A, Ira and Marshall in the TC, Peggy Bradford, Kelly Blalock, Ed and Frances Hazard, and Vince and Pam driving the TD for the first time since the restoration. Also Jim Banvard in his TF, and out of town members George Perry, Ron and Rosemary Eaton, and Fred and Nancy Emig.

I hope to see a good turnout at the tech session October 12th at Tom Lund's. There is no better time to learn about our cantankerous cars than at a tech session.

See you at the next meeting October 1st at the Moore's (Wed.).

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N O T E : D e a d l i n e f o r N O V E M B E R n e w s l e t t e r i s O c t 2 2

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September Meeting was held on 2 September 1986 at the home of Tony and Barbara Perino, with President Mel Baker presiding. Secretary Andy Wallach sent his regrets so, after Mel produced a tape recorder, I reluctantly volunteered to record the minutes of the meeting. Actually, the more interesting discussions took place before and after the meeting. Like Hank Giffin extolling the virtues of his orbital polisher who, when pressed had to admit that he had never actually used it in the year he has owned it; or Roy Wiley trying to decide whether or not to spend a couple of weekends reassembling his restored VA Saloon and enjoy driving it, or to sell it as is and never enjoy driving it; or Lundy Sykes discussing his yellow with purple polka dot color scheme for his TC; or Hank Giffin (again) describing how the pleasure of driving his Jaguar XJ6 for one week a year was worth the other 51 weeks it spent in the shop! But, such discussions were not part of the formal meeting, and will not be reported here.

President Mel Baker called the meeting to order at just after 8:00 pm sharp, and, after the background noise had settled down to a dull roar, the meeting began. Mel welcomed new members David Black (MGB) and Winston & Mary Churchill (TD). Winston is in the Coast Guard and has come to the area for seven months. His previous duty station was Hawaii and his next is London (whose coast is he guarding?), so Mary Cantin suggested that Norfolk must be a pit-stop!

The minutes of the August meeting were passed as published in the Dipstick. Treasurer Pat Beuter reported a treasury balance of \$1401.54, and Jennifer Ash added that she had an additional \$200 in dues to turn in. Parts Chairman Robert Davis reported in absentia that he still has a number of unclaimed parts that he had ordered for members from Scarborough Faire and that, in his absence, can be collected from Tony Perino. Regalia Chairman Tony Perino reported that the regalia was on display and that the cash register was open. Historian Mike Ash reported nothing. Activities Chairman Jennifer Ash reminded the meeting of the up-coming activities, most of which will be history by the time you read this. The Pig-Roast on September 28 elicited some lively discussion lead by instigator Hank Giffin. Hank proposed that, because of the exorbitant sum in the treasury, there be no charge for the pig-roast. As he put it, years ago if we had \$200 in the treasury we thought we were rich, and now, with \$1500, we still feel we have to charge for every event. Vince countered with the fact (somewhat exaggerated) that back then TDs could be bought for \$50! After further discussion, a motion that there be no charge for the pig-roast was put to a vote and passed 14 to 5. (A victory for Giffin, West, and fiscal irresponsibility) A second motion was made that the no-charge apply to members and their immediate families only, and that all others be charged \$3. That motion passed, also. Other activities discussed were the Tech Session at the Lund's on October 12; British Car Day in Richmond on September 7; British Car Day in Waynesboro on October 4; and the next meeting, hosted by Jerry & Margie Moore, on October 1.

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Under new business: David Black suggested a technical question and answer column in the Dipstick, and Mike Ash offered to provide the answers, if the members provide the questions; Mel announced that the club has membership applications for the New England MG "T" Register, the North American MGA Register, the American MGB Association, and the MG Owners Club (Gt. Britain); Hank and Mel agreed that they would be willing to join a club for Ts and As (I'm not sure I understand that as neither owns an MGA); and Jennifer announced that Robin & Christine Raphael have volunteered to have a Christmas/Festive meeting again this year in December. Mel remembered that the election of club officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) is coming up and volunteered Vince to head the nominating committee. Under the club by-laws, no club officer can serve for more than two consecutive years. All of the present officers are completing their first year; so all are eligible for nomination and re-election.

Under T-time, Mike & Jennifer showed their 1 foot by 5 foot panoramic picture of the car show field at the MGB Mini-Con in Lancaster, and Tony Perino announced that his 1969 MGB GT is for sale.

After a motion and vote for adjournment, the meeting ended and those present proceeded to enjoy MG-talk, refreshments, and Barbara's excellent snacks.

An attendance sheet was not passed around at the meeting, so the following, from memory, are those present: Tony & Barbara Perino, Winston & Mary Churchill (with TD), Vince and Pam Groover, Roy Wiley (with TD), Mike & Jennifer Ash (with TD), Paul Thiergardt (with TF), Mel Baker (with MGB), Hank Giffin (with TD), David Black (with MGB), Ira & Mary Cantin, Kelly Blalock, Lundy Sykes, Tom Lund, Jerry and Margie Moore, Randy & Parker Rankins, Lee Kline (with MGB), Ed Hazard, Pat Beauter, Brenda Banvard (with MGB), Peggy Bradford. My apologies if I missed any people or cars!

EDITOR'S NOTE:

A new feature of the DIPSTICK will be a technical question and answer section. Mail or phone in your questions with your name and phone number so that members with answers can respond.

495-0307 - MIKE ASH

UP-COMING EVENTS:

WILLIAM & MARY HOMECOMING - SAT. NOV. 15

Once again, we have been asked to participate in the W&M Homecoming Parade and to carry honored guests in our cars. We will need about 15 MGs, as we did last year, and there will be a keg-party for us on the terrace of the Alumni House after the parade, as well as lunch; as in past years, there will be free seats for the homecoming game, on the 25-yard line. Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be able and willing to participate - 495-0307 - Jennifer Ash.

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OCTOBER EVENT - TECH SESSION - OCT 12th (SUN) 10am :...:til?

"Bring your tired and puddled chassies" and other needy parts for fixing and learning "how-to". (Apologies to Emma Lazarus)



PUTTING OUT A NEWSLETTER

Getting out this newsletter is no picnic.
If we print jokes, people say we're silly:
If we don't, they say we're too serious.
If we clip and use things from other papers, we're too lazy to write our own articles:
If we do - we're stuck on our own stuff:
If we don't print contributions and/or receipts,
We don't appreciate true genius:
If we do, the newsletter may be filled with junk.
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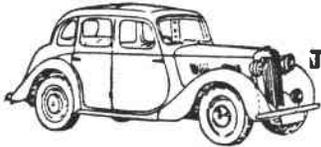
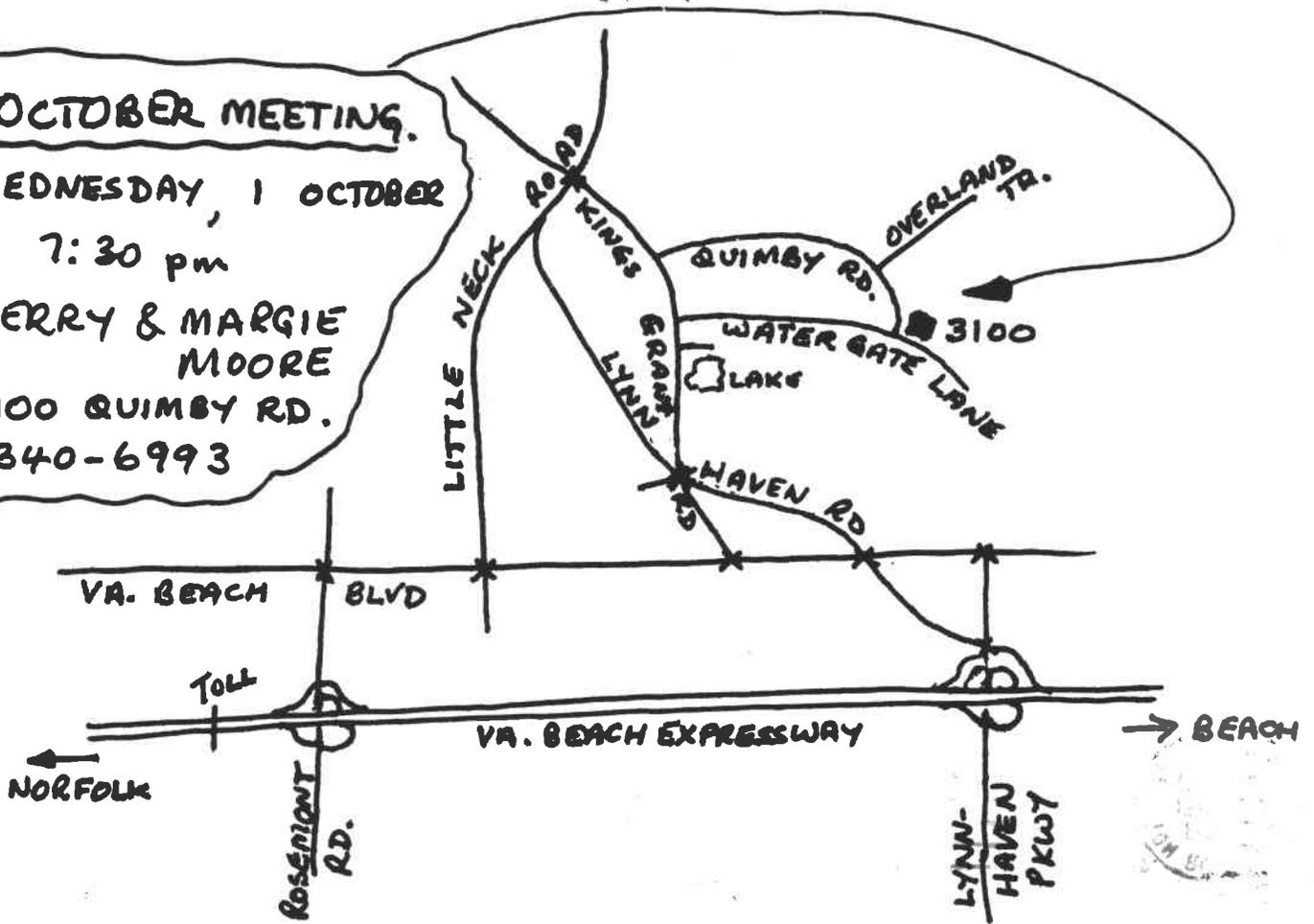
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