

# THE DIPSTICK



SEPTEMBER 1989

President..... Dave Bowling  
Vice President .... Don Jones

Secretary ..... Tom Lund  
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Editor ..... Chris Holcomb

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Marque time:

Our thanks to Mike and Jennifer Ash for hosting both the August meeting and the tech session. We all appreciate the Ash touch in planning fun club events. They are currently planning a caravan to the Richmond British Car Day on Sunday, September 10 and the "Drive-out Mystery Tour" on Sunday, September 24. Be sure to put these two special events on your calendar!

Thanks to Mel and Judy Baker for putting on another successful annual MG pool party last month. The water was great, the weather nearly perfect and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Is your car down and are you getting sick and tired of looking at it? Most of us have had this feeling many times. It's a common car collector malady called "burn out". If you feel the symptoms coming on, call any MG club member to get behind you to help relight the fires. It worked for me!

Safety fast,

Dave



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS...

You will find your new Membership Roster included with this Dipstick, and it has a space to add on all the new members' phone numbers as they join during the year....watch this space...!

DEPARTURE - We are sorry to see Tony Perino leave the area, and hope he will be back to join us from time to time. He has been a very active member of this club ever since he joined, serving as Vice-President and then as President for a year. We wish you luck, Tony, in your new job, and your new life: don't forget us!

ARRIVAL - Migrant Member, Hank Girrin, has migrated back to Tidewater and a new posting as C.O. of the Thomas Gates. He will be at sea until November, but will be attending as many events as his schedule will allow. Welcome back Hank & Steve and your lovely, growing girls!

The Fifth Annual Richmond British Car Day

# THE BRITISH ARE COMING! THE BRITISH ARE COMING!



Presented by: **The Central Virginia MG Classics Ltd.,**  
 Chapter of The New England MG "T" Register

Where: **Maymont**  
 1700 Hampton Street / Richmond, Virginia 23220

When: **Sunday, September 10, 1989**  
 Field opens at 10:00 a.m. - Registration closes at 12:30 p.m.

Awards: **Judging by registrants, noon to 2:00 p.m.-Awards at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Pewter - Best of Show**  
**Pewter - Maymont Award (Special Maymont Foundation Selection)**  
**Pewter - First in Marque or Series with 6 or more cars Pre-registered**  
**Pewter - Second in Marque or Series with 9 or more cars Pre-registered**  
**Pewter - Third in Marque or Series with 12 or more cars Pre-registered**  
**Plaque - Oldest British Car**  
**Plaque - Distance Award**  
**Plaque - "M.O.F.I." (Most Opportunity for Improvement)**  
**Ribbons - Honorable Mention**

Photo Contest: Bring your best **black and white** or **color** photographs for judging  
 Photographs may be unframed but your name should appear on the back.

What Else You Get: **Door Prizes - All Registered Are Eligible**  
**Dash Plaques - All Pre-registered Cars & at Gate While Available**  
**Registration Packet - (Full of Goodies) - All Registered**

Food: Food & beverages will be sold, or you may bring a picnic lunch

Sorry: No pets or alcoholic drinks are permitted.

### DIRECTIONS TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL RICHMOND BRITISH CAR DAY

Plan to enter Maymont from the Hampton Street Entrance near the corner of Hampton and Dakota Streets.  
**From the EAST or WEST - Take Rt. 64 to Rt. 95 South.** Follow the instructions from "From the North or South" below.  
**From the NORTH or SOUTH - Take Rt. 95 to Exit 9A (the Downtown Expressway).** Take the **Meadow St. Exit - Quick Right** just after the toll. Take a **Left** onto **Meadow St.** for 7/10th of a mile. Take a **Right** onto **Dakota St.** for 1 block. **Left** onto **Hampton St.**

Information: Write - Fred or Nancy Emig  
 or 601 Sheldeb Court  
 Registration: Richmond, VA 23235  
 Phone - (804) 272-6836  
 After 6:00 p.m.  
 Before 10:00 p.m.

**Mail before September 1st.**  
**Make check to: Central Virginia MG Classics**

**Pre-registration - \$8.00**  
**After September 1 - \$12.00**  
**Vehicle For Sale - \$15.00**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ SERIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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**WAIVER OF LIABILITY - Must be signed to enter show**  
 NEITHER I NOR MY HEIRS WILL HOLD THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA MG CLASSICS, THE NEW ENGLAND MG "T" REGISTER, THE MAYMONT FOUNDATION, OR THE CITY OF RICHMOND LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGES OCCURRING WHILE ENGAGED IN, OR TRAVELING TO OR FROM THIS EVENT.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

MG Meeting  
August 1, 1989

Mr. Charlie Dixon, a out-of-town member, and Mr. Ken Klein, from Newport News was present.

Treasures report - We had a beginning balance of \$935.71, income of \$354.50, expenses of \$84.74 for an ending balance of \$1,205.47

Activities report - There will be a tech session August 20 at the Ash's and the September meeting will be at the Lund's on September 6, 1989. A rally is planned for the end of September. More information will be available in the newsletter. See the newsletter for other events of interest.

Newsletter - Please have articles to Chris by August 28, 1989.

Parts report - Robert has some "T" distributors at a good price. Abington Spares sells them for \$265.00.

Register reports - none; The MG "C" club needs a spokesman - Bob McClaren volunteered. The MG "B" register needs a representative - Craig Barber volunteered.

Old Business - The amendment to the bylaws was read and the motion carried.

New Business - Jennifer Ash has MG earrings available for \$15.00 a pair. See her if you are interested. Fest-Events needs volunteers with cars for a parade on September 16. Contact Dave Bowling if interested. Mel Baker has been nominated chairman of the nominating committee. Bill Keeler has started to categorizing tech articles for the "T" series and has offered it to the club librarian. Jock McGrigor has offered his British Forces Postal Number if you are ordering parts from the U.K.

Marque Time - Charlie Dixon has a B convertible top for sale. His "B" has been sold and the "GT" can't use it. The MGA GT (Get Together) 15 will be held in Williamsburg, Va. John German's MGA is for sale. Lee Kline will probably buy John's Magnette. Chris Holcomb brought in some motorcycle fork oil which he bought and used in his shocks for remarkable results. Those people who need inner tubes for TD can get them locally at Hume Tire. Wire wheel repair can be done by Ye Old Wheel Shop in Md. and balancing can be done at motor city on Witchduck road. The Price Club in Hampton has Michlin tires to fit the TD.

The raffle was won by Anita McGrigor and the meeting was adjourned.

Those in attendance were: Dan Boswell (77 MGB), Dave Bowling (53 MGTD), Jock & Anita McGrigor (74 MGB), Bob & Kay Bell (60 MGA), Charlie Dixon, Pam & Vince Groover (51 TD), Jim Newman (72 B), Craig Barber, Bob McClaren, Paul Thiergardt (54 TF), John Wessel, Butch Ballback, Gloria and Frank Benson, Paul Speaks (72 BGT), Susan Bond (72 BGT), Ken Klein (75 B), Don Jones, Bill Keeler (52 TD), Frank & Gloria Benson, Bryan Massey (MGB-80), Tom & Jeanne Lund.



DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER DIPSTICK: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.  
GUEST CONTRIBUTIONS, PRINTABLE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR  
WELCOME.

Richmond Holiday Sun - Wiltoughly 8:00



UP-COMING EVENTS

- SEPT 6 (Wed) MONTHLY MEETING at Tom & Jeanne Lund's (see map). 7:30 p.m. kick tyres. 8:00 p.m. business meeting.
- 10 (Sun) BRITISH CAR DAY. Maymont Park. Richmond. You will find the registration flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. We will discuss going up to Richmond in groups at the meeting. For anyone wishing to stay over Saturday night, there will be a gathering for dinner at a British Pub, and we will have hotel recommendations at the meeting. This is becoming quite a tradition, now, and you get to socialize with members of other clubs around the state.
- 24 (Sun) FALL RALLY-TOUR. We will meet outside Highs Ice Cream in the Fairfield Shopping Center Parking Lot ( Kempsville Rd. & Providence Rd.) at 12:30 P.M. Our rally tour should be a pleasant 60 to 70 mile ride ending up with some sort of feast around 4 or 5 P.M.
- OCT. 3 (Tue) MONTHLY MEETING at Don Claudia Jones'
- 7 (Sat) BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL. WAYNESBORO, VA. This is a very pleasant car show, in lovely surroundings after a lovely drive through the mountains. There is a very large Crafts Show and local food specialty booths in the center of town, which is within walking distance of everywhere!
- 22 (Sun) ANNUAL PIG-ROAST at Chris and Shelley Holcombs - the event youve been waiting for all year!



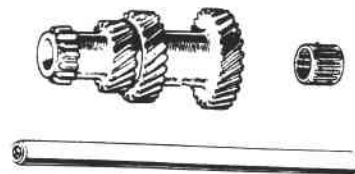
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REPORT ON THE POOL PARTY  
BY MEL BAKER

GOOD WEATHER---GOOD FOOD---GOOD FRIENDS---WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR? ABOUT THIRTY ONE M G FANS SHOWED UP FOR THE ANNUAL POOL PARTY AND EATING EXTRAVAGANZA. AS GEORGE BERNARD SHAW SAID, "THERE IS NO LOVE SINCERER THAN THE LOVE OF FOOD" AND I BELIEVE THAT OUR MEMBERS WHOLLY SUBSCRIBE TO THAT PRINCIPLE.

IT WAS A GREAT DAY TO SWIM, PLAY LAWN DARTS, VOLLEYBALL OR JUST RELAX AND TALK ABOUT OUR FAVORITE SUBJECT, M G'S, OR ARE THE CARS OUR SECOND FAVORITE SUBJECT? POSSIBLY THE HIGHLITE OF THE DAY OCCURRED WHEN ROBERT SITTING POOLSIDE (TOWEL IN LAP) CHANGED FROM SHORTS INTO HIS SWIM TRUNKS. I SNAPPED A PICTURE OF THIS UNUSUAL SCENE, BUT SOMEHOW IT LOSES SOMETHING IN THE TRANSLATION. THOSE ATTENDING INCLUDED FAYE DAVIS, CRAIG & BETH BARBER, JUDY BAKER, JOAN HAUGER, DAVE & JOAN BOWLING, MIKE & JENNIFER ASH, JOCK & ANITA McGRIGOR & MRS. CLEMONS, ALSO TONY PERINO & GUESTS, BRENDA & MIKE BANVARD & JIM VILLERS, ALSO SUE & TERRY BOND & FAMILY, PHILIP ASH & STACY JENSON, BRIAN MASSEY, ALSO DAN & FRANCINE. HOPE I DID NOT LEAVE ANYONE OUT.

TECHNICAL CORNER - by Mike Ash



We had a Tech Session here the Sunday before last. There was a fair turnout, and a few things were accomplished. I had hoped that the Tech Session would have provided a few topics for this month's article, but there were no unusual maintenance items performed. So I will just report on the Tech Session.

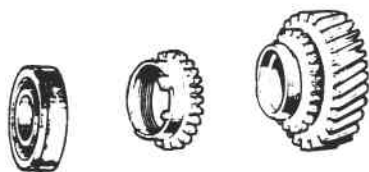
Jim Villiers, and son Jim, Jr. were here first with Brenda's TF to adjust the valves. Jim and Jim were experts by the time they had completed the job, and the TF sounded a whole lot quieter. Jim worked on a few other items on the TF, but I don't recall exactly what they were. Anita McGrigor brought her MGB to replace the inner suspension bushings. She also brought along Keith Clements from Washington to do the job! The job progressed very well, despite Keith's easily diverted attention! When Anita backed into the garage, we noticed that one of her back-up lights was not working, but forgot to fix it. Fortunately Anita was able to fix it herself late before taking the car for inspection, but that's another story.

Bill Keeler stopped by without his TD, and lent a hand on some of the projects. Vince Groover brought his TD, but spent his time working on other people's projects. Paul Thiergardt brought his TF with generator problems. He had a temporary generator on the car that he had borrowed from Robert Davis, but we replaced it with the original generator and confirmed that was indeed bad. With the borrowed generator, the regulator appeared to be working correctly, so if Paul gets the original generator repaired, all should be well. Ira Cantin came over in his TC, and brought some MGA suspension parts to be checked over. Don Jones and his rather-in-law stopped by briefly with Don's MGA, but it was just a social visit.

Dave Bowling brought his TD, and adjusted the valves, and took care of a few other odds and ends. He had converted his previously clockwise rotating distributor into a counter-clockwise rotating version, but chickened out when it came to actually putting it on the car. He felt more comfortable with the borrowed TD distributor and the old axiom "if it ain't broke, don't fix it!". Hank Giffin brought his VA Tickford and traced the problem with the left trafficator to a faulty connector. Re-soldering the connector fixed the problem. The solution to the problem of the loose steering wheel center proved to be more elusive, and Hank decided that he could live with it the way it was.

Robert Davis brought his almost completed ZB Magnette, but the air conditioning quit on the way, so Robert headed back home to fix it ready for the ultimately abandoned trip to Grand Rapids, Mich. Fred McCall brought his MGA to fit a new light switch, which he accomplished without much help from anyone and was last seen driving off down the street making an important call on his cellular 'phone.

So, that was about it. Another enjoyable MG day, that hopefully improved the operation of some of the members' cars.





*This is a good  
craft car - show it  
for the  
tour leaders!*

**THE  
SHENANDOAH VALLEY BRITISH CAR CLUB**  
requests the honor of your presence at their

**EIGHTH ANNUAL BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL**

to be held  
**OCTOBER 7, 1989**  
(rain or shine)

beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
in the beautiful  
**RIDGEVIEW PARK, WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA**

- Classes based on pre-registrations
- Judging by popular vote
- Awards presentation at 3:00 p.m.
- Dash plaques guaranteed to all pre-registered
- Photo contest for show participants
- Vendor space available

**R.S.V.P. BY SEPT. 20, 1989**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make of car: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Amt\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*

If you placed First in your class last year and wish to participate in the "PREMIER" class, check here \_\_\_\_\_.

Vendor \_\_\_\_\_ Amt\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Photo Contest YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Amt\$ Included \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to:  
SVBCC  
601 Shore Road  
Waynesboro, Va. 22980

\*FEES:  
Show: \$8.00 before 9-20-89  
\$12.00 after 9-20-89  
Vendor: \$15.00

**WAIVER STATEMENT**

*\*cut here\**

I and my heirs hereby release the Shenandoah Valley British Car Club, its officers, acting officially or otherwise, and its members from any and all claims or actions on account of any injury, death or damage which may occur before, during or after the 1989 British Car Festival.

Must be signed to enter

Date

*\*Cut here\**

*RESERVE BY  
9/30/89*

**MOTEL RESERVATION - SEND TO:  
RED CARPET INN OF WAYNESBORO  
2060 Rosser Ave.  
Waynesboro, Va. 22980  
703-943-1101**

Named: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ rooms. [ ] Single-\$37/night plus tax  
[ ] Double-\$43/night plus tax  
[ ] Friday night-10-6-89 [ ] Saturday night-10-7-89

Payment by: [ ] check enclosed.  
[ ] credit card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card# \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type) Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

## MG STORY MAKES IT TO THE BIG TIME



The September 1989 issue of GOOD HOUSEKEEPING MAGAZINE carried a story entitled NATHALIE and the MG. It is about a father/daughter B restoration - a human interest piece with a moral.

Seems to me that, with appropriate name changes, this story would fit most of the families in our club!

- editor -

### FOR SALE

MG MIDGETS. 1972, 1973. One complete with rebuilt engine, running, lots of parts. Other 80% or parts car \$2500 for both.

Call Joe 588-4433  
588-1763

### APOLOGY

In the August DIPSTICK, Butch Ballback was mistakenly noted to be living on Broad Bay. In reality he lives on Linkhorn Bay. Sorry, Butch. We hope this retraction helps get back your Golf Club membership.

### SPACE AVAILABLE

This space is available for your cartoon, technical tip, doodle, autobiography, fingerprints, sketches, short story, long story, major motion picture manuscript...

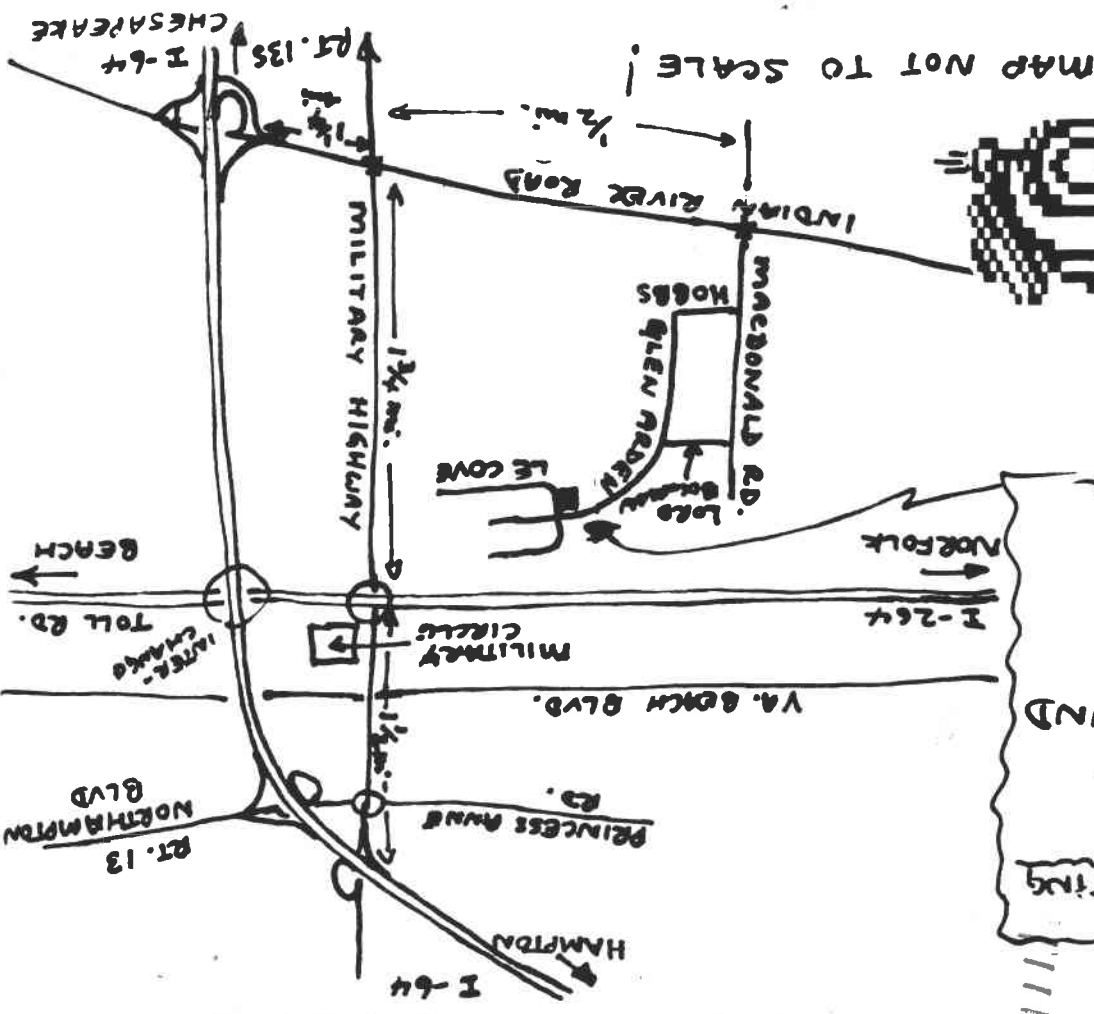
Send it to:

Chris Holcomb  
601 Head of River Rd.  
Chesapeake, Va 23322



*"Sometimes, Ray, I think that your work at the Garage has affected our marriage."*





SEPTEMBER MEETING  
 Wed. Sept 6th  
 — 7:30 pm. —  
 TOM & JENNIFER LUND  
 892 LE COVE DR.  
 VIRGINIA BEACH  
 523-4580



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 5149 BELLAMY MANOR DR.  
 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23464

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