

THE DIPSTICK



APRIL 1990

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

Secretary.....Bryan Massy
Treasurer.....Frank Benson

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Marque Time:

Sorry to have missed the lively March meeting at the Ash's house. I understand the MG talk was especially stimulating and Jennifer's refreshments were delicious as always! My thanks to Butch Ballback for filling in for me to handle the gavel and to Jock McGrigor for taking minutes as the newest acting secretary!

Thanks to Bob and Kay Bell for putting on the March tech session. The refreshments were great, Kay! Did we ever finish that giant submarine sandwich? Bob was most helpful in accommodating a wide variety of member car projects.

A special thanks to the Giffins for all their efforts in planning and preparing our spectacular champagne brunch at their home. This first quarter activity was thoroughly enjoyed by a large turn out of members and guests. Thanks for serving the club so graciously, Hank and Stevie!

Plans are already underway for the second quarter activity - a weekend trip to Bowie, Maryland for the annual "Original British Car Day" on June 24. Peggy Bradford and Bill Keeler have volunteered to lay out a rally enroute on Saturday, June 23. Get your car ready and help the organizers by making an early commitment to participate.

I hope to see you on the road soon. Stay

Safety fast,

Dave

Deadline for May Dipstick Monday, April 23, 1990

THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 7TH MARCH 1990

The meeting was called to order by the Acting President at 8:02 pm.

Thanks were expressed to our hosts, Jennifer and Mike Ash; our hostess was serenaded by the assembled company in recognition of her recent birthday.

Steve Sasen was welcomed as a new member, he drives a 76 Midget; and Audrey Enger was welcomed as a guest.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as published in the March edition of The Dipstick, were accepted.

Treasurer's Report. The opening balance was \$1407:03, one check had been made out to the magazine printer for \$66:78 leaving a closing balance of \$1340:25.

Committee Reports

Activities. Jennifer Ash reported that the next Tech. Session will be held on 11th March at Bob & Kay Bell's: the Brunch will be held on 25th March at Hank & Steve Giffin's, and a list was then circulated for members to "sign up". This will definitely be an "all you can eat" event, the champagne and beer will be provided, cost will be between \$15 and \$20 per couple - adults only please. Hank cordially invited members to attend. The April meeting will be on 3rd at Andy & Cynthia Wallach/Faschini's. Jennifer also mentioned a Rally to Bowie British Car Day on 24th June, she will be away at the time and asked for a volunteer to organise it: Peggy Bradford volunteered.

Membership. Nothing to report.

Newsletter. Contributions by 26th March please.

Technical. Mike Ash reported a well attended session at Brenda's and reminded us again of the next session on 11th. Sue Bond expressed thanks for the technical article on carburetors.

Regalia. Peggy unexpectedly put on the spot had nothing to say, but the Acting President volunteered that he had full details of "specials". A discussion ensued over whether the club wished to order Rugby Shirts - the final outcome was "Yes" and it was agreed to coordinate an order at a future meeting.

Spares. Robert Davis arrived in the nick of time to say "No Report". Dan Boswell said that he still had a variety of spares looking for a new home as he is moving out of the area. Janet Wessel said that she was in need of a number of electrical spares.

Clubs. Nothing to report.

Old Business None.

New Business None.

Marque Time Mike Ash said there was a 1952 TD on offer for \$8 K. The virtues of Whitney fuel pumps were extolled, followed by a discussion on fuel pumps in general; it was agreed that rebuilding was not really recommended. Jim Villiers gave an update on the restoration work he is carrying out on his panels. Frank said that he had nothing new to report on his MGB, but Gloria had PROMISED to help him with it come the spring. Andy gave a progress report on his garage building project. Chris Holcomb said that since the demise of Shelley's car the MGA was his prime means of transport, and he was developing a love/hate relationship with it.

The Acting President raised the subject of the Presidents Award, and said that he would take nominations after the meeting.

Raffle The raffle brought in \$29. Ira Cantin won tonight's prize.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8.37 pm.

ACTIVITIES CORNER:

- APRIL 3 (Tue) MONTHLY MEETING at Andy & Cynthia Wallach/
Faschini's: 7:30 p.m. (see map at back)
- APRIL 22 (Sun) TECH SESSION at Dan & Francine BOONE's: 10 a.m.
until..? Bring your problems, or come and help
someone else solve theirs! (see map elsewhere in
this issue)
- Note: ** The ORIGINAL BRITISH CAR DAY - BOWIE, MD. will be on
Sunday, June 24th this year. Peggy Bradford and Bill
Keeler are setting up a weekend rally and overnight
stay in conjunction with this event. They will need
FIRM COMMITMENTS from membership on this event. Watch
the Dipstick for the next two months for details.
- ** NAMGAR members! Don't forget to register for GT-15 in
Williamsburg (July 19-22) There are over 150 rooms
already booked for this event. If you've never been to
a national gathering of MGA's before, now is your
golden opportunity to meet new people and see a lot of
beautiful machinery!
- ** G.O.F. WEST '90 - This is July 30 - August 3 (a mid-
week event!) and is at the Inn of the Seventh Mountain,
Bend, Oregon. This is a GOF for all marques of MG. If
anyone is interested in registering, details will be
available at the next meeting.

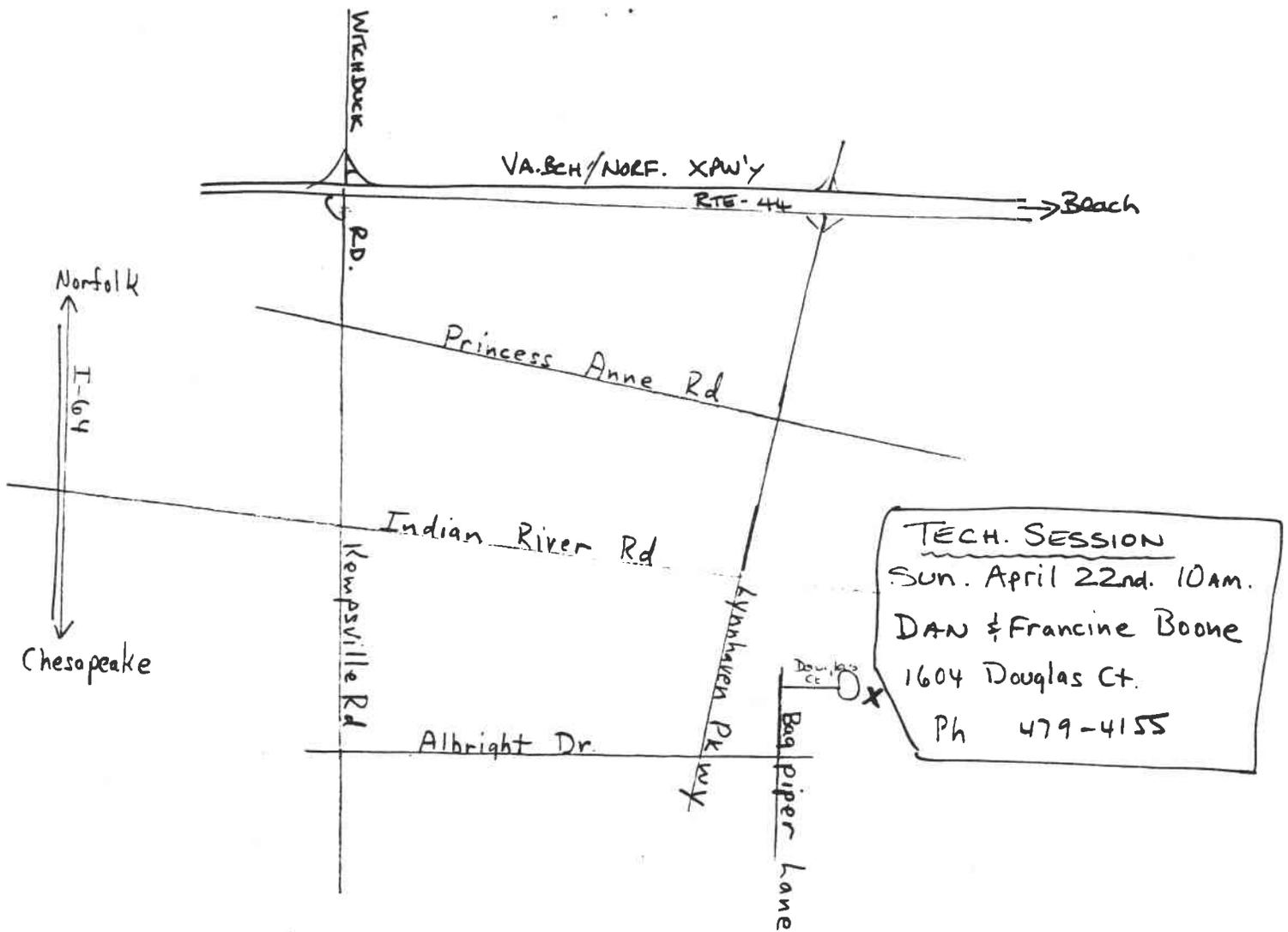
REPORT ON CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH: What can we say? If you weren't there,
you missed a great time! Steve had provided a wonderful
spread of delectable delights and Hank had selected a
tremendous variety of Champagnes. It was great fun, with
about thirty members in attendance: Hank showed Cynthia how
to use Andy's sword - for popping Champagne corks, of course
(is there any other use for a Navy sword?). Some of the
guys got engrossed in videos of Hank's racing career - and
quite a successful career it is at that! Thank you, Steve
and Hank, for all the work you put into such a successful
event: it was much appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please welcome Joan and Don Bierwerth as the most recent new members to the
Tidewater MG Classics. Joan and Don reside at 249 Sea Oats Trail Kitty Hawk
N.C. 27949 Phone * 919 261-2670. Their current MG pride and joy is a 51 TD.
Please update your rosters accordingly.

If you know anyone else interested in joining the club please have them contact me
at their convenience.

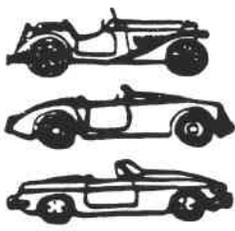
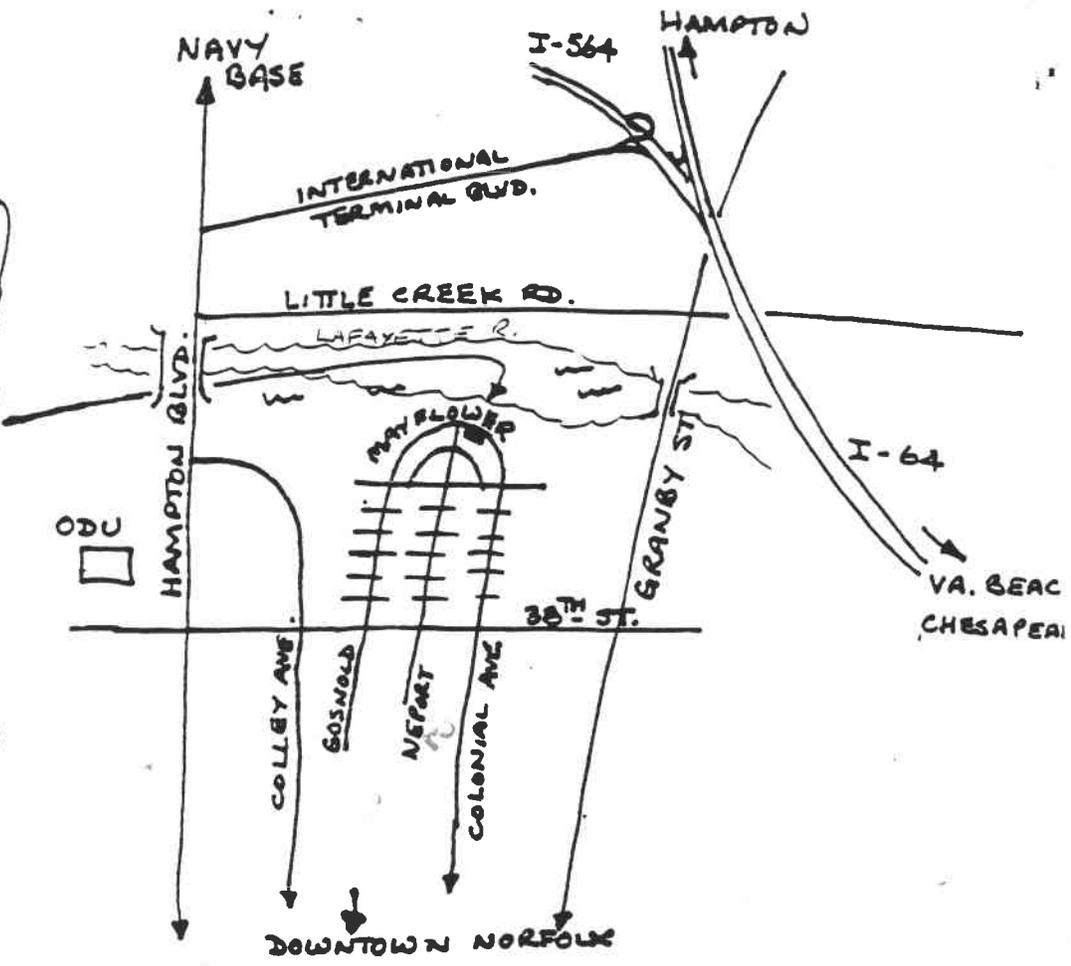
Craig Barber
Membership Chairman



APRIL NEWS ITEM

In a freak thunderstorm in Chesapeake last week lightning struck Chris and Shelley Holcomb's barn and burned it to the ground. There were at least ten MG's and countless spares of all varieties totally lost, including some rare and irreplaceable items. There was no insurance.

APRIL MEETING
 TUESDAY, 3 APRIL
 7:30 pm
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 & CYNTHIA FASCHINI
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