

THE TIDEWATER MG T CLASSICS

# THE DIPSTICK



November 1991

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## MARQUE TIME:

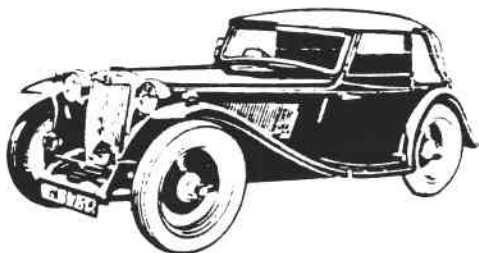
Thanks to Tom and Jeanne Lund for their gracious hospitality for our October meeting.

Our annual Pig Pickin' was a big success. We had about 20 MGs in the corral under sunny skies. Ira Cantin's beautifully restored MGA won Best of Show, and that's after he won the award for driving the farthest. The Holcombs and the Bonds put in a lot of time and effort to make this family day so nice, and we again thank them.

Well, the time is here to make plans for next year. The ever popular Host Sign-up Sheet will be ready for your name at the November meeting. Talk it over, and decide if you can host a meeting, tech session, or social event. You may even have an event you would like to add to the calendar. I really appreciate everyone's support this past year, and welcome your suggestions and help for 1992.

Libby and I are looking forward to hosting the Christmas Party, and hope you mark Saturday, December 7th on your calendar. Please help us with our plans by calling and letting Libby know what dish you will be bringing. The party starts at 7:30.

See you at the Ash's, November 6th.



*Safety MG Fast!*

*Bill*

Bill Keeler

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DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER'S DIPSTICK: NOVEMBER 18, 1991.  
THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER IN JANUARY, AS USUAL, SO ANY  
ITEMS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE PUBLISHED BEFORE FEBRUARY 1992  
NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BEFORE THE 18TH.

MINUTES OF THE MG T CLASSICS MEETING HELD OCTOBER 1, 1991

The meeting was called to order by Bill Keeler, President, at 8:07. Our hosts for the evening were Tom and Jeannie Lund.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with one correction. The "chapter pig roast" should be changed to the "club pig roast".

Treasurer's Report - The opening balance was \$1,901.77 with receipts of \$95.50 and disbursements of 87.51. The new balance is \$1,899.76. The report does not include the expenses and receipts from the pig roast.

Committee Reports

Activities - The Holcombs and the Bonds were thanked for all their work in making the club pig roast a success. Terry Bond took first place with his motorcycle at Berkeley. The next tech session will be on November 17th at the Bonds - the second floor will be open for tours. Chuck went over the details for the rally on October 20th. You don't have to drive a MG to participate. The club is looking for a host for the Christmas party.

Membership - The new roster will be distributed at the next meeting. Please pay your dues to be included in the roster.

Newsletter - The deadline for the November "Dipstick" is October 21st. All articles would be appreciated.

Regalia - We still have plenty of coffee cups.

Spare - Robert discussed the problems associated with the enlarging of the bolt holes in the lower wishbones and steering problems. Robert also mentioned the poly-beading process instead of sand blasting.

Old Business - The election of officers was held. Mike Ash, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers. No additional nominations were made from the floor. Vince made a motion to approve the slate of officers as approved in "The Dipstick". The motion was seconded and approved. The officers for 1991-1992 are:

President - Bill Keeler  
Vice President - Susan Bond  
Secretary - Bob Miller  
Treasurer - Jim Villers

New Business - None

Marque Time - Vince disassembled a Y type rear end if anyone wants it, Chris drove his MGA to Baltimore and back - ran good, Ken's GT is back on the road, Butch's car is healing by itself. Think about a committee you would like to join and sign up to host a meeting. The sheets will be at the next meeting.

Pam won the raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

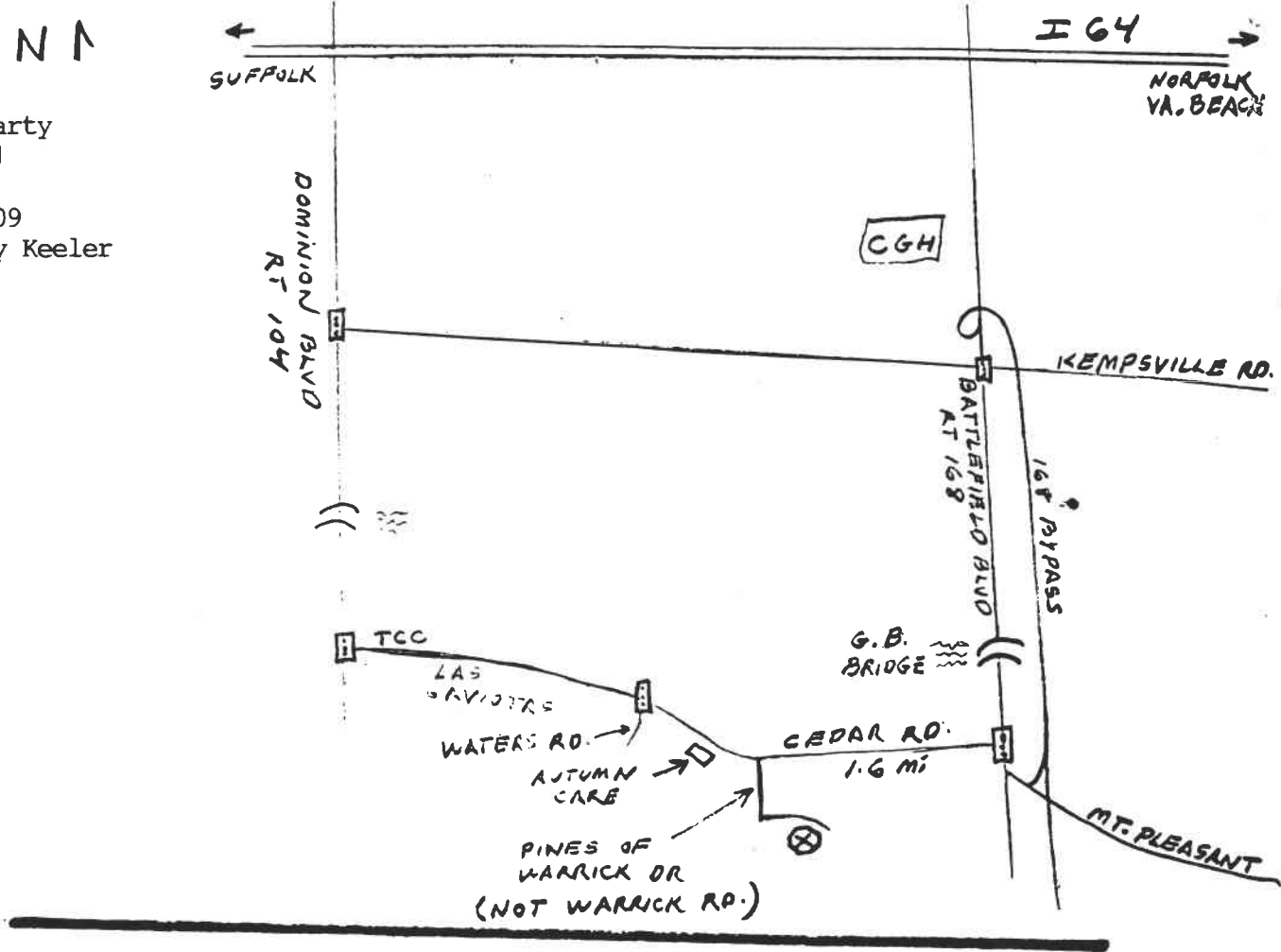
*Bob Miller*

Bob Miller, Secretary



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Christmas Party  
Dec. 7, 1991  
7:30  
RSVP 547-2709  
Bill & Libby Keeler



DRAMATIC PLANS AT ROVER SHOULD SEE A NEW MG on the road as early as autumn next year, and a whole family of roadsters by 1995. The strategy calls for three new models, launched at intervals over the next four years, and would ensure a dramatic re-entry into the sports car market for Britain's biggest car maker. The bare bones of these plans look like this:

- Autumn '92 - MGB V8 limited edition. Powered by Rover's V8, uses modern suspension. Bodywork based on old B, using the British Heritage shell, but extensively re-panelled. Planned run of 1500 units at £25,000 apiece. To debut at the Birmingham Show.

- Late '93 - MGD. An all-new, mid-engined 1.4-litre roadster using the K-series, designed to undercut the Mazda MX-5, A series production car. The MGD is entirely designed by Rover and uses no Honda components.

- Late '94 - MG V8. A modern interpretation of the V8 roadster theme, using a Rover 800 floorpan. Rear-wheel drive, it's likely to be powered by a big-bore version of an updated V8 motor, feature sophisticated suspension and luxurious cockpit trimmings. The projected price is about £40,000



 **SHOCK!**

I RIPPED THIS OFF FROM THE ARIZONA MG CLUB NEWSLETTER. NO TELLIN' WHERE THEY FOUND IT! THERE WERE PICTURES BUT SINCE COPIES OF COPIES KINDA LOOK LIKE THE OIL SPOT ON MY GARAGE FLOOR (BLACK AND SMUDGY) YOU'LL HAVE TO RELY ON YOUR IMAGINATION FOR NOW.  
ED.

WANTED: MGB. CALL ROY AT 486-9726 (WORK)

CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. COME TO THE NEXT MEETING TO BROWSE THRU THE REGALIA FOR AN MG GIFT TO PUT UNDER THE TREE!

Le Concours d'Odometrique  
 October 20, 1991  
 Results

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The day dawned gray and overcast but quickly became a mostly sunny and brisk autumn day. Six cars, carrying 12 intelligent, press-on-regardless rally people arrived at the start. They were rewarded with a clean, accurate rally which meandered through Isle of Wight County from Chuckatuck to the Courthouse and back.

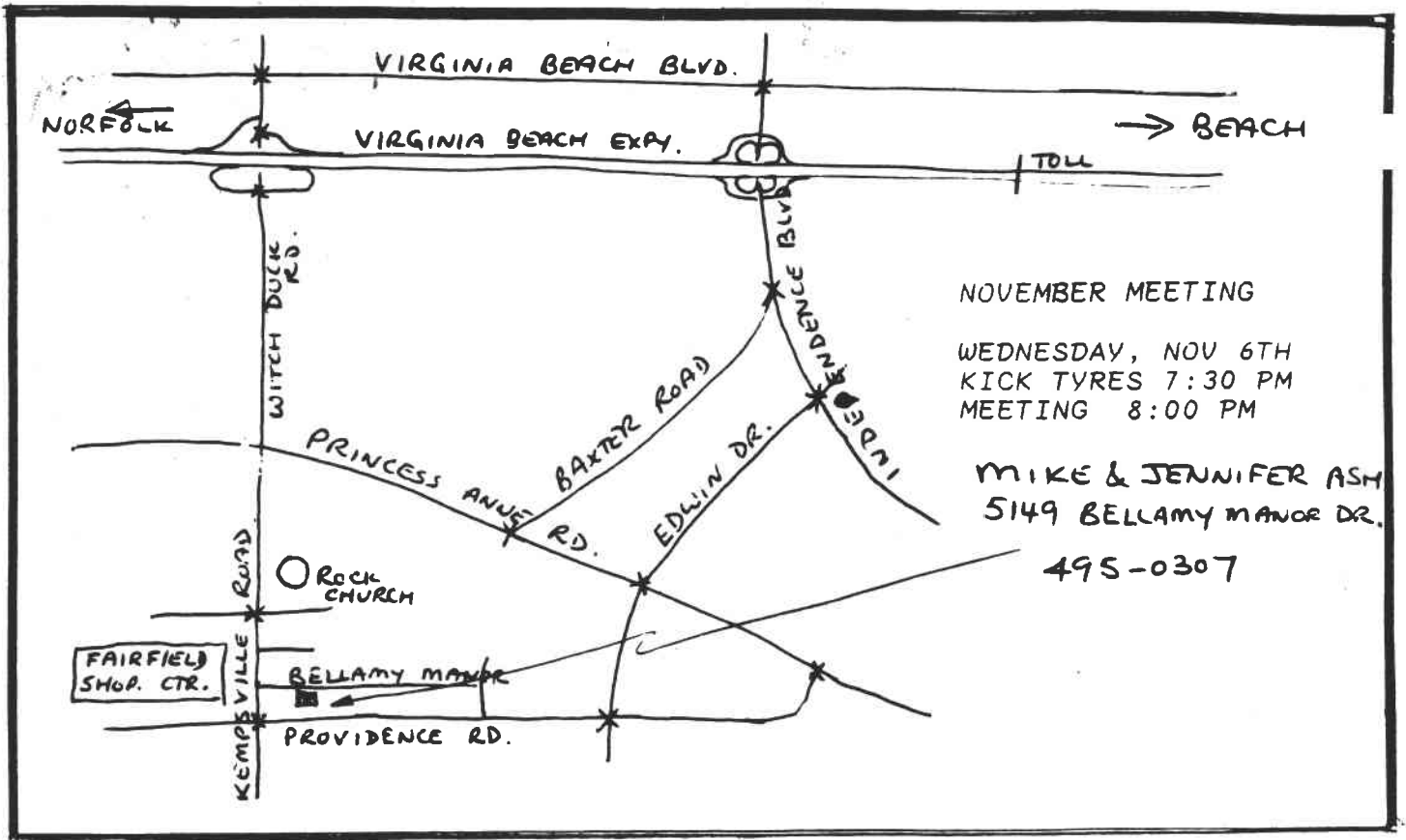
Each rally car got off course at some point having fallen prey to course-following priority number 3, or to the concept of turning "after" a quoted landmark. An instruction requiring the rally car to turn after "Woodland" required a turn onto Woodland road since the quoted sign occurred in the foreground, as it were, of the intersection.

Most rally cars found "40", a sign which read "Speed Limit 40". Those contestants who didn't find it may be speaking volumes about their observance of speed laws. After "40" was instruction number 21 which read, simply, R. A quick referral to the General Instructions would have revealed that R means "...a turn to the right of from 10 to 179 degrees." Some cars wandered off looking for an R, or skipped it, and turned left at "Butlers Farm Rd" while looking for L at Butler.

A raised tankard to those who pressed on and found their way to all three open controls. The points you see below are based on one penalty point for each 1/100 minute early or late. So don't snicker at a big score unless you were there.

-Chuck Edwards

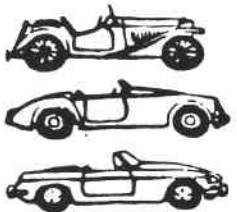
Driver/ Navigator	Checkpoint Position	Checkpoint 1	Checkpoint 2	Checkpoint 3	Checkpoint 4	Total
Villers Villers	1	16	1880	35	300	2231
Wessel Wessel	2	1069	261	630	500	2460
Bradford	3	769	65	515	4000	5349
King King	4	95	1564	3000	1004	5663
McCall McCall	5	236	2375	1027	9638	13276
Ulrich Ulrich	6	230	3000	3000	10000	16230



NOVEMBER MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOV 6TH  
 KICK TYRES 7:30 PM  
 MEETING 8:00 PM

MIKE & JENNIFER ASH  
 5149 BELLAMY MANOR DR.  
 495-0307



THE HOLCOMBS  
 601 HEAD OF RIVER ROAD  
 CHESAPEAKE, VA 23322

FIRST CLASS