

# THE DIPSTICK



September, 1991

PRESIDENT.....Bill Keeler

SECRETARY.....Bob Miller

VICE PRESIDENT..Susan Bond

TREASURER.....Jim Villers

EDITOR....Chris Holcomb

MARQUE TIME:

It was good to see so many MGs at our August meeting. The weather finally cooperated and it was a nice night for top down driving. Hank Giffin drove his Morgan to his last meeting with us before moving to Washington, DC. If you go to Summit Point, you might see Hank racing his Morgan. We wish Hank and Stevie the best, and hope to cross paths many times again. We were also pleased to welcome guests Debbie and Kevin Barrett, Elaine Ferguson, and Woody Vosler.

There are many events on the calendar for the fall. If you haven't been participating, please get your MG out and join the fun. Our friends in the Central VA MG Classics are having their Annual British Car Day September 22, at Berkeley Plantation. This is a perfect opportunity to see some Virginia History, some British History, and meet some new friends. Dust off your car, pack your picnic lunch and make the beautiful drive up Historic Rt. 5. The emphasis is on family fun with an opportunity to gather as many of our beloved cars as possible. Please do everyone a favor, and register early. This is very important. Call Peggy Bradford for convoy info.

The following weekend is our very own Pig Pickin' hosted by the Holcombs. If you like a day in the country, British Cars, Bar-B-Que, and your favorite beverage (this could be a plus in your normality resume') then I guarantee your MG is itching to see the great out-of-doors again after Berkeley.

Now that you're on a roll, October 5, is the Waynesboro BCD and its time to take the family for a weekend in the mountains. Where did summer go?

Shifting gears, nominations will be accepted at the September meeting for the 1992 officers. If you are interested in serving your club, please let us know. Mike Ash is serving as nominating committee chairman and would welcome your call.

See you at Jim Viller's in September. Until next time:

*Safety*  *Fast!*

*Bill*

MINUTES OF THE MG T CLASSICS MEETING HELD AUGUST 6, 1991

The meeting was called to order by Bill Keeler, President, at 8:18. Our hosts for the evening were Bill and Libby. Guests for the meeting included Kevin and Betty Barnett (MGB), Woody Vosler (MGB) and Elaine Ferguson (MGB GT).

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in "The Dipstick".

Treasurer's Report - The opening balance was \$1,475.54 with receipts of \$235.75 from dues, regalia sales, raffle tickets, and mug orders. Disbursements totaled \$211.36 for printing, cost of mugs and rally costs. The ending balance as of the meeting is \$1,499.93.

Committee Reports

Activities - The picnic with the Richmond Chapter at Berkeley Plantation had great weather but the turnout was small. Everyone who went had a good time. Upcoming events include the annual pig roast on September 29th, the Richmond British Car Day on September 22nd, the British Car Festival in Waynesboro on October 5th, the chapter rally on October 20th and a tech session on November 17th. The Richmond Chapter is sponsoring an overnight rally or tour on November 9th - 11th and the North Carolina car club will be sponsoring an Appalachian Adventure Rally in April, 1992.

Membership - Don't forget your dues and updated information for the chapter roster.

Newsletter - Deadline for "The Dipstick" is August 19th.

Regalia - Still taking orders for mugs.

Spares - Robert discussed the galvanizing of parts to increase their life. He has the names of companies that will galvanize, charging by the pound.

Old Business - None

New Business - The election of officers is fast approaching. Mike Ash has agreed to head the Nominations Committee with the committee's recommendation appearing in the September newsletter and the election of officers at the October meeting.

Marque Time - Terry purchased another GT; Mike and Jennifer attended the MGA meet in Huntsville, Alabama; no progress on Butch's TD - he is working on the boat; Robert knows of containers that are coming over from England if anyone wants to ship over here; Bob detoxed his C and now it won't run right; Frank, like Terry, bought another GT.

Raffle - Elaine won the raffle.

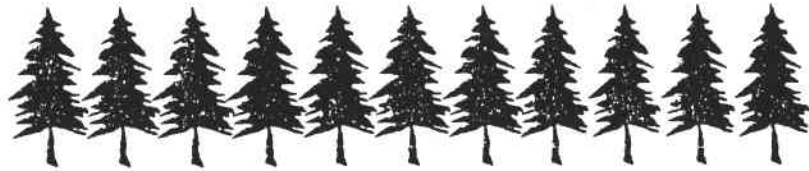
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Bob

Bob Miller, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS	73 MGB
Jim and Kit Sycks	78 MGB
5617 Jagger Court	74 BGT (For Sale)
Va. Beach, VA 23464	66 MGB (For Sale)

# 1991 Blue Ridge Run



In the immortal words of RAMBO, "apathy is a disease and a British car run is the cure".

Please join the Central Virginia M.G. Club on November 8th-10th, 1991, for a run down the

Blue Ridge Parkway. We plan to leave Richmond at 6:00pm on Friday the 8th and drive to the Holiday Inn.

The hotel is located at the intersection of 64 west and the Parkway and we plan to spend the night there.

Saturday morning at 9:00am we will begin our drive of the Parkway. We should arrive at the Peaks of Otter Lodge around noon. After lunch everyone is invited to join us as we climb the Peaks of Otter. Later that afternoon we will have a cocktail hour at 5:00pm followed by dinner at 6:00pm. Sunday am we will travel back to Richmond via routes 460 & 360. If you or anyone you know is interested in this event please contact me as soon as possible. These hotels fill quickly this time of the year so please do not delay.

Best Regards

Kevin Allocca

282-2361



## MGs Of Baltimore, LTD. Present the Twelfth Annual MGs On The Rocks Car Show & Parts Market

Saturday September 28, 1991 Rain or Shine  
Rocks State Park, Harford County, Maryland

On Saturday September 28th there's only one place an MG owner should be (with car of course) and that's at the Twelfth Annual MGs on the Rocks Car Show.

This low pressure, popular vote event gives you the opportunity to show off your MG while trading stories and gathering those parts that you're sure you'll need some day.

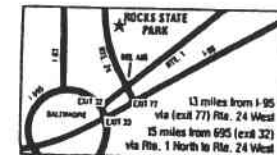
The Rocks State Park 4-H Camp is an excellent country setting in Harford County.

Bring a picnic basket or purchase your lunch at the park and join The MGs of Baltimore, LTD. for what has always been a superb show. Just ask anyone who has been before.

As always the number of classes and awards are based on pre-registrations. So mark your calendars and get those pre-registrations in by August 24th. See you at The Rocks!

- Three awards per class (or as determined by pre-registrations)
- Dash plaque for each entry
- Popular vote judging by adult spectators 12-2 p.m.
- \$1.50 pre-registered cars will receive a free commemorative pin

- Food & drink available
- Awards presented at 3 p.m.
- Cost: \$10.00 per car before 8-24-91. \$12.00 per car on day of show. \$15.00 Vendor fee. \$1.00 spectator fee. Children 12 and under, free.



### Pre-registration Deadline 8-24-91

Mail form and check, made payable to MGs of Baltimore, LTD., to:  
Tracy Trobridge, registrar  
8 Kinball Ridge Ct.  
Catonsville, Md 21228

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, call (301) 788-7969 after 6 p.m.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MODEL, YEAR & COLOR OF MG \_\_\_\_\_ CAR CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver of liability (Must be signed to enter show). Neither I nor my heirs hold The MGs of Baltimore, LTD. or the Rocks State Park 4-H Camp liable for any damages done by me or to me or to my car while engaged in or traveling to or from this event.

ANNOUNCEMENT and INVITATION TO COMPETITORS  
TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS PRESENTS THE OCTOBER EVENT  
A RALLY

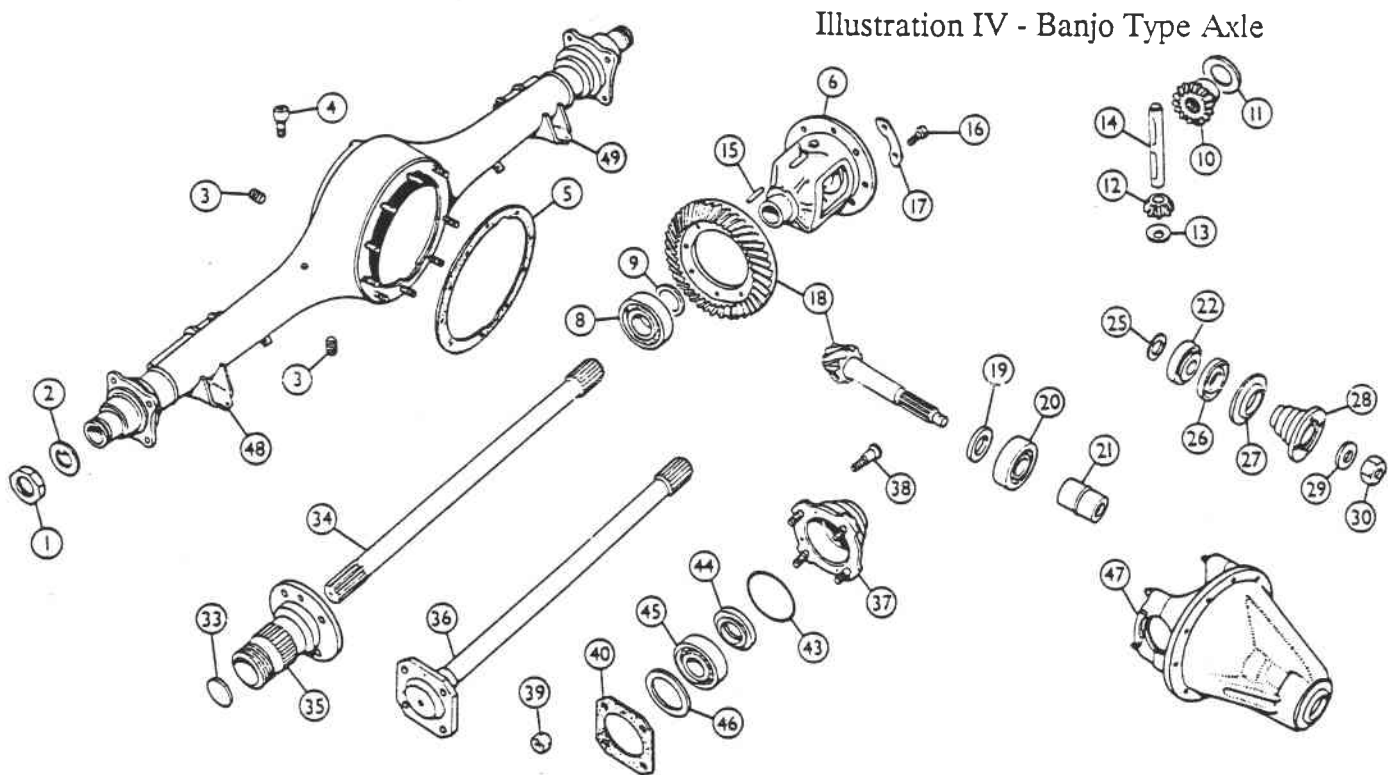
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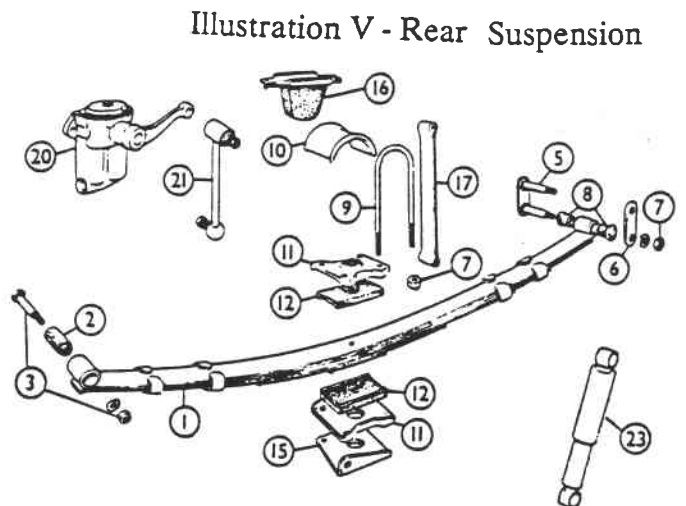
- When: SUNDAY, October 20, 1991  
First car off at 1:01:00 PM, EDT
- What: A straight-forward, easily-followed rally  
over paved TPR's primarily in Isle of Wight  
County, Virginia.
- Where: Churchland Shopping Center, Route 17,  
Churchland Community, Portsmouth, VA.
- Format: Vehicle odometers will be obscured; No other  
odometer will be permitted. Competitors will  
be required to maintain average speeds without  
ANY mechanical assistance except the vehicle  
speedometer. No digital or analog calculator  
will be allowed. Competitors may use any watch  
desired, and any pen/pencil, but no columnar paper.  
Only blank or horizontally-lined paper will be  
permitted.
- Call or Write the Rallymaster. Pre-registration is  
encouraged. Chuck Edwards, 632 Green Valley Dr., Virginia  
Beach, VA 23462-4628, (804)495-8110.
- Fees: \$8.00 pre-registered by October 10.  
\$12.00 after October 10 and on-site.
- Vehicles: MG's are preferred, but any 4-wheel passenger  
vehicle that presents a clean appearance will be allowed.  
All vehicles must be licensed, inspected, and insured. This  
is not a speed-related, competitive event.

## History of MG Modifications, Part III - By Robert F. Davis

Last month I presented the technical aspects of the MG TD front disc brake conversion. The TD disc brake conversion is best accompanied by a rear axle conversion. I chose to use MGA and MGZ series components because the parts were easily obtained in the nineteen seventies when the conversion took place. The six most common gear ratios available for the banjo type rear axle, 5.125, 4.875, 4.555, 4.100, 4.300, and 3.909 were available in a number of different makes and models within the British Motor Corporation (BMC) and later the ever changing British Leyland group (Illustration IV - 18). The two axle pads must be removed from the axle housing and reversed so the hole for the handbrake cable is facing the rear (Illustration IV - 48 and 49).



The axle pads must be aligned with the rear suspension plates (Illustration V - 11) and the height of the flange that attaches the drive shaft must be positioned (Illustration IV - 28). The correct position for axle pads and flange must be measured from the original TD rear axle. The drive shaft must also be shortened about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

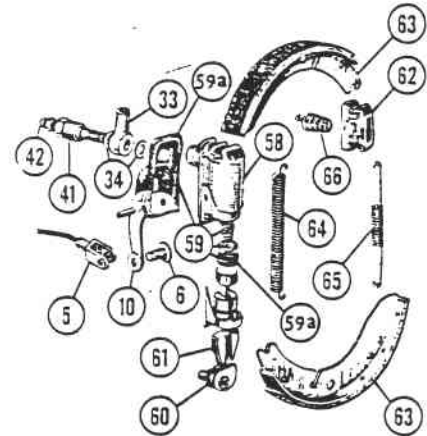


MGA, Z Series Magnette, or early MGB rear braking components can be used. It is necessary to line up the lever for the handbrake so the cable can be attached (Illustration VI - 5 and 10).

The TD spare wheel mount must be adapted for the 15" wheels of the MGA or ZB. With the original hub caps in place it is almost impossible to notice the slight difference in the wheels. Please note, wire wheels can also be fitted when the proper hubs are utilized.

More to come !!

Illustration VI - Rear Brakes



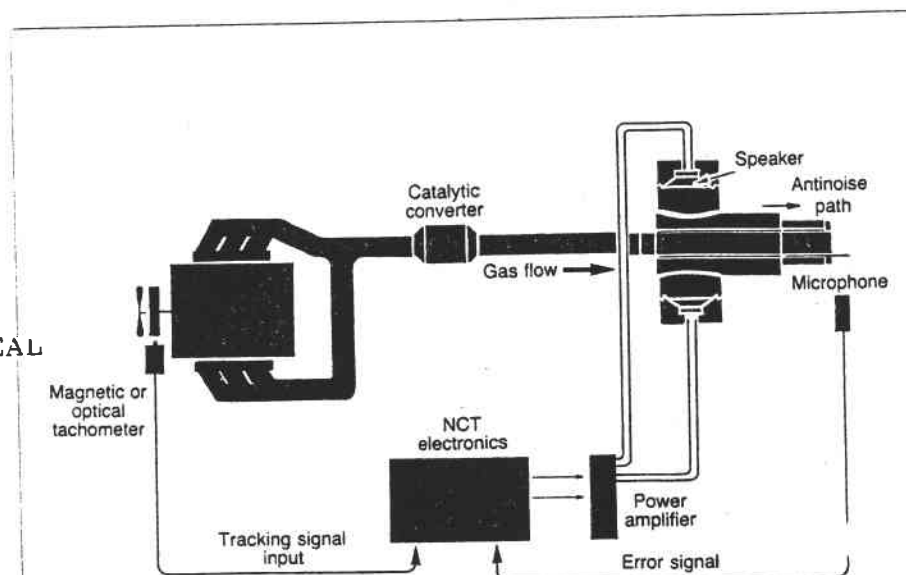
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**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

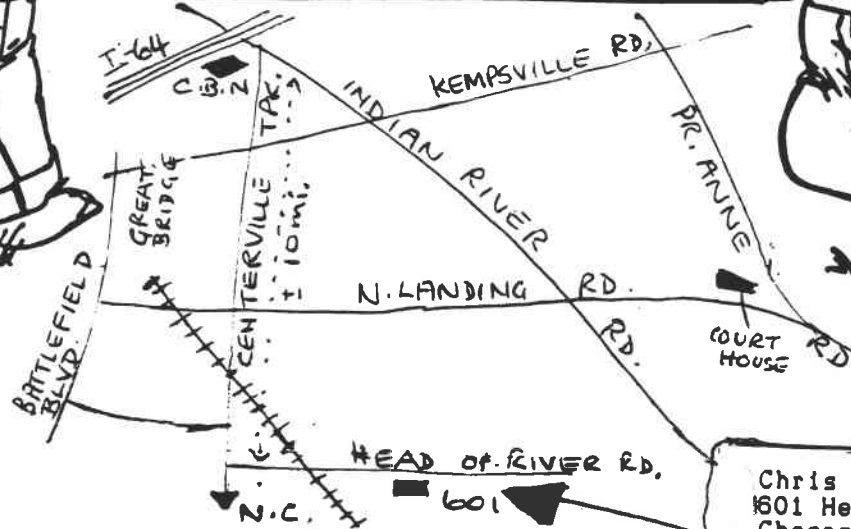
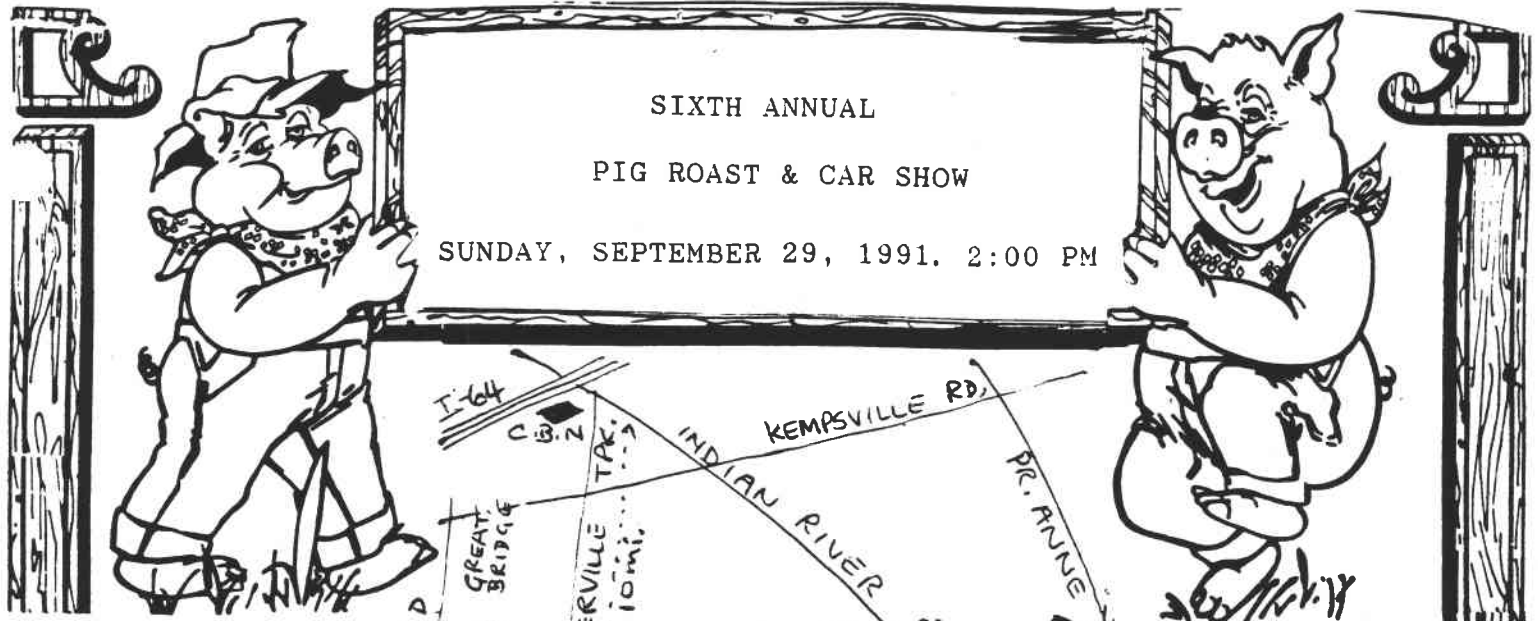
- Sep 4 (Wed) Monthly meeting at Jim Villers'
- Sep 22 (Sun) Richmond British Car Day  
Berkeley Plantation
- Sep 29 (Sun) Annual Pig Roast at the Holcomb's
- Oct 5 (Sat) Shenandoah Valley 10th Annual British Car  
Festival - Waynesboro, VA
- Oct 1 (Tue) Monthly meeting at the Lund's
- Oct 20 (Sun) Rally - Rallymaster - Chuck Edwards

THIS ITEM WAS CLIPPED FROM  
JUNE 1991 / MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

JUST THINK, IF THIS IS FOR REAL  
YOU COULD TUNE A SCHOOL BUS  
TO SOUND LIKE A MIDGET WITH  
A HOT CAM ! CAN'T WAIT !!



**Nobody beats this muffler.** Noise Cancellation Technologies is developing an electronic muffler for cars that could be available by 1994. The system employs a feedback control design to generate an antinoise signal at the end of an automobile exhaust pipe.



Chris & Shelley Holcomb  
 #601 Head of River Rd.  
 Chesapeake Ph: 421-9252

**PIG ROAST DETAILS:**

The Club will provide:

- \* PIG - CHEFS - TRIMMINGS... Baked Beans, Buns, Coleslaw, Sauces, Chips, Pretzels, etc.
- \* BURGERS FOR NON-PIG PICKERS !!
- \* DESSERTS
- \* SOFT DRINKS

You Please Bring:

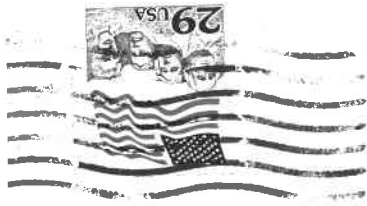
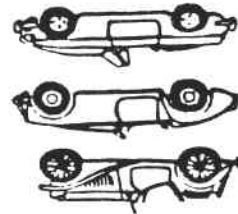
- \* Y.O.A.B.-- your own alcoholic beverage, if you wish
- \* LAWN CHAIR
- \* APPETITE !!
- \* \$5.00 FOR ADULTS, \$2.50 FOR KIDS UNDER 12

PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24 TO:  
 HOSTS, CHRIS AND SHELLEY HOLCOMB, 421-9252

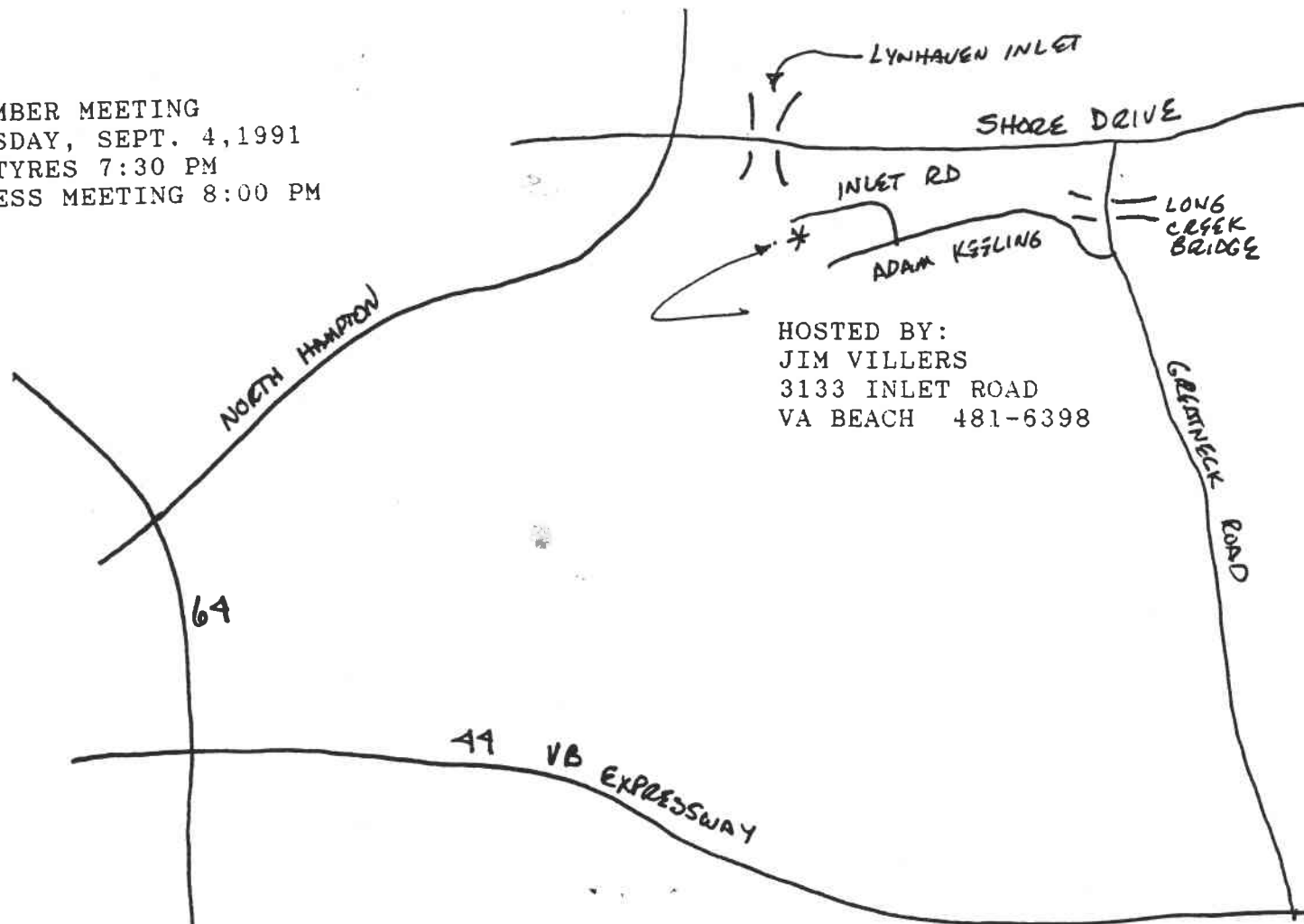
**CAR SHOW DETAILS:**

- \* This event has become the annual opportunity to show off your pride and joy with all the chrome polished and sparkling or to park your daily runner in the line up so the rest of the club can see an MG that gets lots of use! In previous years we have seen a wide variety of cars in every conceivable condition. There is plenty of off-road parking with a special area just for MG's.
- \* Judging is by popular choice. Anyone checking for LINREAD bolts will be forced to chug bar-b-que sauce.

THE HOLCOMBS  
601 HEAD OF RIVER ROAD  
CHESAPEAKE, VA 23322



SEPTEMBER MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4, 1991  
KICK TYRES 7:30 PM  
BUSINESS MEETING 8:00 PM



HOSTED BY:  
JIM VILLERS  
3133 INLET ROAD  
VA BEACH 481-6398