

THE TIDEWATER MG T CLASSICS

THE DIPSTICK



JUNE 1992

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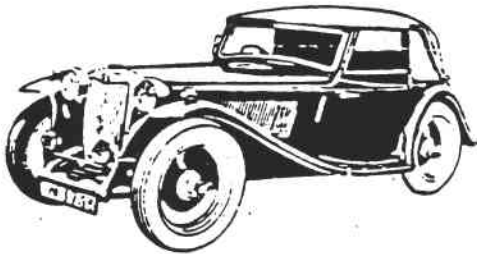
MARQUE TIME:

We thank Bob and Pam McClaren for hosting the May meeting. It's always interesting to see what Bob is up to in the orphanage. We welcomed guest Clara Houseman ('69B), and look forward to seeing her at our more typical June meeting.

In case you missed the last meeting, most of the night was devoted to the issue of affiliating with the North American MG Car Club. Discussion at the June meeting will be limited to 15 minutes, and then we will vote, so please be there.

June is one of our busiest months, many members are working very hard to organize these activities, so if you haven't signed up yet, get your calendar straight, and do so at June's meeting. If we haven't seen you in a while, now's the time. Your Activities Committee is doing a great job, and our summer socials will be their best if you are there.

All's well. See you at the Bingham's.



Safety  *Fast!*

Bill

Bill Keeler

DEADLINE FOR JULY DIPSTICK: MONDAY JUNE 15.

MINUTES OF THE MG T CLASSICS MEETING HELD MAY 6, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Bill Keeler, President at 8:03. Our hosts for the meeting were Bob and Pam McClaren. Our guest for the evening was Clair Houseman who has a 69 B. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the "Dipstick".

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance for the April meeting was \$1,539.23 with receipts totaling \$42.50 from dues and raffle. Disbursements totaled \$110.34 with the new balance as of the May meeting totaling \$1,471.39.

Committee Reports:

Activities - The Healey Club is planning a gathering in Williamsburg on May 17th, call George Ulrich if you are interested in attending. The club "fun" rally is scheduled for June 13th "around" the Pungo area. In addition, during the month of June the club has the regular monthly meeting on June 2nd at Ken and Carol Bingham's, the Champagne Brunch at Robert and Faye Davis' on June 7th and a Tech Session on June 14th. The Bowie British Car Day is scheduled for June 28th.

Membership - Bob said we are getting new members. He recently sent out 2 or 3 letters to interested MG owners.

Spare - Robert is selling the last of his Smith's vacuum gauges for \$40. They have gone for as much as \$100 on the outside.

Old Business: None

New Business: Club affiliation with the newly formed MG Car Club of North America was discussed in great detail. The MGCCNA initially is being sponsored by the MG Car Club in Abington, England. The cost for club affiliation is \$100 per year and entitles the club to advertising space in the monthly magazine, space in the magazine's club highlights section, listing as a affiliated club, commissions for advertising obtained and regalia for the club to sell. Discussion centered around the past philosophy of the club not to pay for national affiliation, the benefits to the club for the membership fee and the benefits to the individual club members for affiliation. A motion was made and passed to table the decision to the next regular club meeting with the discussion on the affiliation not to exceed 15 minutes.

Marque Time: Due to the length of the discussion on the MG Car Club, this part of the meeting was deferred.

Raffle: Terry won the raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Miller

Bob Miller, Secretary



OK EVERYBODY, GET READY FOR JUNE. WE HAVEN'T HAD THIS MANY THINGS IN A LONG TIME. IT'S PACKED FULL OF ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE. PLEASE RSVP EARLY. MEMBERS HAVE GENEROUSLY SPENT MUCH TIME AND EFFORT IN PREPARING FOR THESE EVENTS AND DESERVE OUR RESPONSE AND, PARTICULARLY, OUR PARTICIPATION...

TUE, JUN 2 MEETING - Carol and Ken Bingham

SUN, JUN 7 CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH - Faye and Robert Davis
This has always proved to be a super day to spend with MG friends. Lots of food, friends...and Champagne. This is a must for all members...RSVP early
(see info in this Dipstick) See you there!

SAT, JUN 13 RALLY/PICNIC - Ken Bingham and George Ulrich
You can't imagine how much time and energy goes into planning a rally until you've actually done one so please come out to show our appreciation to the rallymasters and enjoy a fun day. You don't even have to know what the word "Rally" means to participate and have fun.
(See info in this Dipstick)

SUN, JUN 14 FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DEVELOPED PROBLEMS THE DAY BEFORE OR ARE PREPARING FOR BOWIE---HERE'S YOUR ANSWER... A TECH Session - @Robert Davis's compound--you'll have to navigate around those things you see in movies called "Land Rovers", but you'll also find some MGs, tools, parts, lots of expertise and camaraderie. Please bring a "PROBLEM", "SOLUTION", or just the "CAMARADERIE" and join us.

SEE LAST MINUTE CHANGES BELOW!!

SUN, JUN 28 BOWIE - BRITISH CAR DAY, BOWIE, MD
This is a BIG annual event that should not be missed. Hosted by the Chesapeake Chapter.

WED, JUL 1 MEETING - Bob and Judy Miller

SUN, JUL 26 TECH SESSION - Jim Villers

SUN, AUG 16 POOL PARTY/PICNIC - Bob and Judy Miller

LATE SEP (TRA) ANNUAL CLUB PIG ROAST AND CAR SHOW

SUN, SEP 20 BRITISH CAR DAY at Berkley Plantation
Sponsored by the Richmond Chapter--(This is always a great time--Mark your calendars)

SUN, NOV 15 TECH SESSION--FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT MUST PLAN AHEAD--@the BOND's



We are still very much in need of a coordinator for a car-related event (rally/funkanna/driveout/weekend..whatever---get creative) for early October. Please call Peggy Bradford or Ken Bingham if you can help.

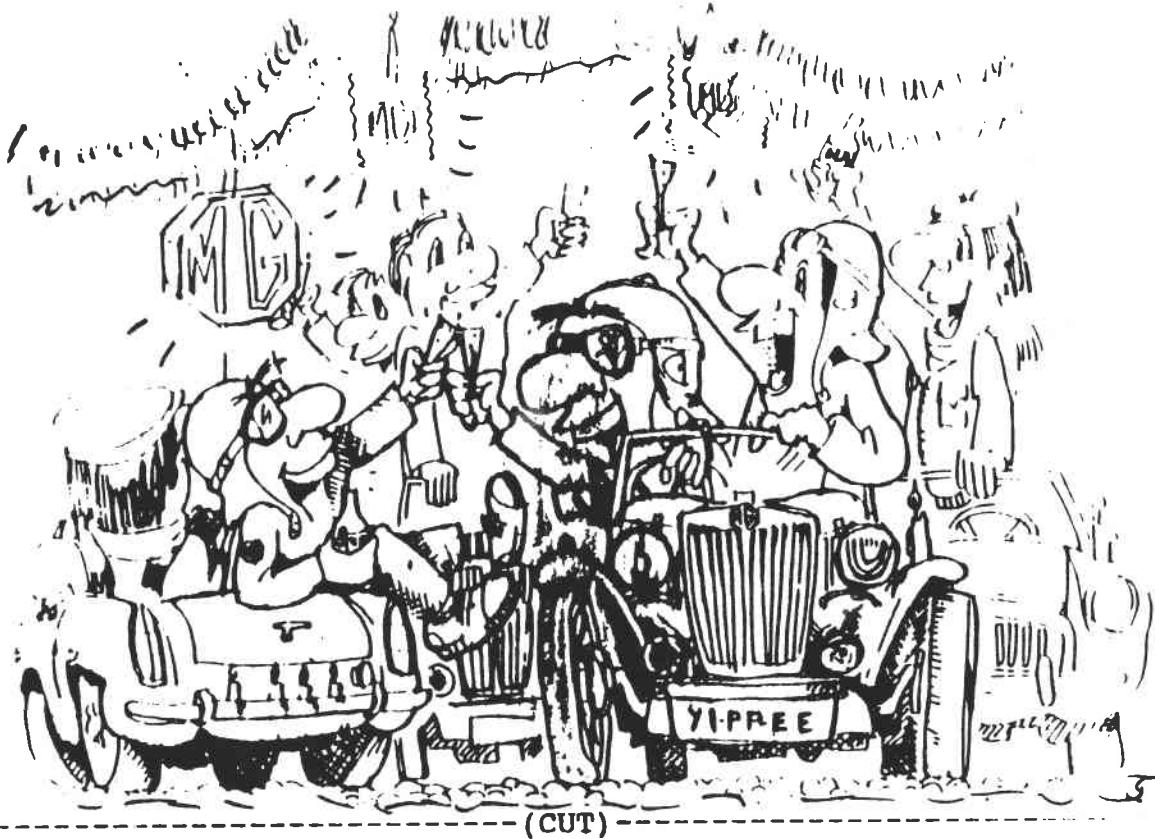
PLEASE NOTE!!

THE JUNE 14 TECH SESSION HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
THE JULY 26 TECH SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE DAVIS'S.



"FUN" CAR RALLY

START: 13 JUNE 1:00 PM
PLACE: PUNGO SQUARE
 SHOPPING CENTER
 DOWNTOWN PUNGO, VA
END: SURPRISE LOCATION FOR
 COOKOUT FINALE!!!
GOALS: TIME/DISTANCE
 AND QUESTIONS
AWARDS: PRIZES FOR FIRST,
 2ND, 3RD, AND LAST
RALLY
MASTERS: BINGHAMS & ULRICHS



(CUT)

RALLY/COOKOUT FEE \$10.00 PER CAR TO BE PAID BY JUNE 8TH

YES I WILL ATTEND RALLY & COOKOUT - NUMBER OF PERSONS

YES I WILL ATTEND COOKOUT ONLY! - NUMBER OF PERSONS

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

CHECKS/MONEY PAYABLE TO:

**KEN BINGHAM (721-3034) 1005 SORTA CIRCLE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23456 OR
 GEORGE ULRICH (427-0043) 1808 CASCADE COURT, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23456**

CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

11:00 AM

\$15.00 PER COUPLE

HOSTED BY

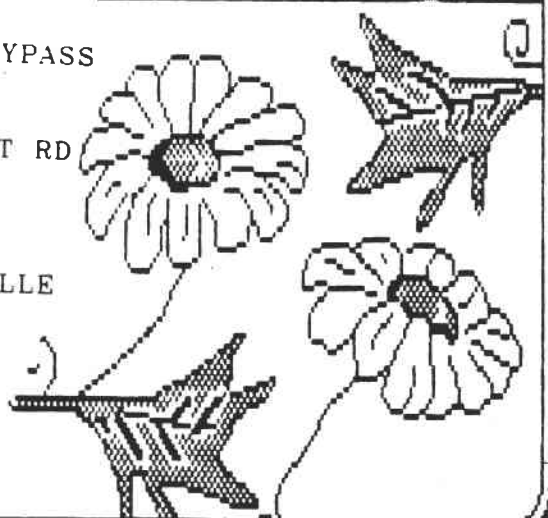
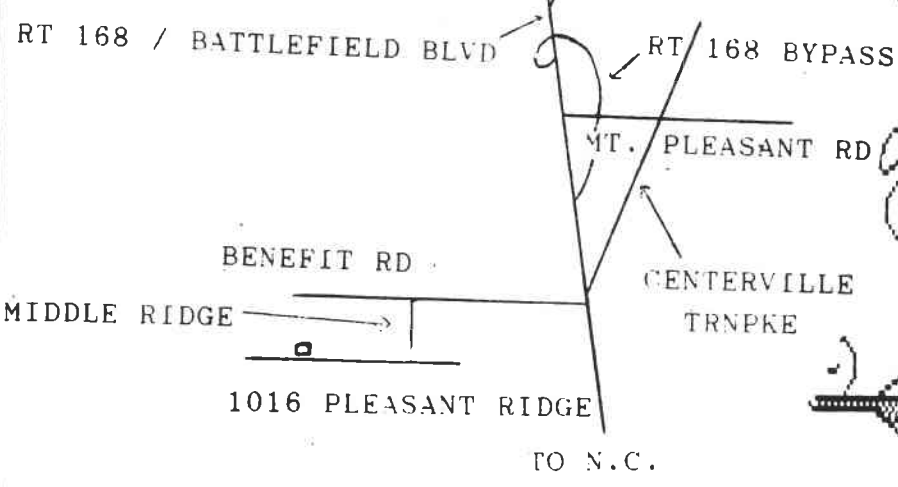
ROBERT & FAYE DAVIS

1016 PLEASANT RIDGE DR

CHESAPEAKE, VA

RSVP BY JUNE 3, PLEASE. 421 3504

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The Original British Car Day

Fifteenth Annual Meet

Sponsored By The Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG "T" Register
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1992 at Allen Pond Park in Bowie, Maryland (RAIN OR SHINE)

FEATURING: ANTIQUE, CLASSIC AND NEW BRITISH CAR DISPLAY, ANTIQUE & CRAFT DEALERS, FLEA MARKET.

FIELD OPENS AT 8:30 A.M. — JUDGING BEGINS AT 12 NOON

All British Cars and Motor Bikes welcome, Car Parts Vendors, Antique, Flea Market and Craft Dealers are also invited. Last year over 700 cars were on display and more than 115 awards were presented to the car owners. The show was attended by more than 4,000 people.

A dash plaque is guaranteed to all preregistered cars. Every car/motor bike will be placed in a class for judging and award purposes. Cars not parked in assigned class will not be eligible for awards.

AWARDS:

First place pewter for each marque or series with at least 6 PREREGISTERED cars.

First and second place pewter with at least 9 PREREGISTERED cars.

First, second and third place pewter with at least 12 PREREGISTERED cars.

Honorable mention ribbons.

Judging done by registrants (Popular Vote).

The field opens at 8:30 AM, the judging begins at noon and the balloting is closed at 2:00 PM. The awards will be presented at 4:00 PM.

"FOR SALE"

A special area will be set aside for all "For Sale Cars." \$30.00 preregistered, \$35.00 at the gate. "For Sale" class will have awards based on number preregistered.

No "For Sale", or promotional signs will be allowed in award classes display area.

VENDOR SPACES

Minimum size for one space is enough area for a van and two tables. \$30.00 preregistered, \$45.00 at the gate. Only one vehicle and trailer per vendor space. Any advertisement of this event without written consent is prohibited.

ADVERTISERS:

Send 700 inserts before June 16 along with \$50.00 and we will put one in each registration packet. Inserts/flyers, etc. may only be distributed from a vendor space.

CAR ENTRANT:

Car classes will be based on number preregistered by June 12th. Preregistration by June 12 is \$10.00. After June 12 by mail and at the gate the fee is \$15.00. The field will be limited to 700 cars. Absolutely no selling, vending in display areas. No race prepared cars will be accepted. No car trailers allowed in display areas.

No "For Sale", or promotional signs will be allowed in award classes display area.

SPECTATORS:

\$1.00 per person admission and children under 12 accompanied by an adult free. Parking is \$1.00 for car.

FOOD:

Food and beverages will be sold at the show and picnic areas will be available.

All Profits from British Car Day Will Sustain Local Non-Profit Organizations and Selected Charities.

ONE CLASSIFICATION PER FORM

Mail before JUNE 12th to:

RUTH RENKENBERGER
5 Miller Fall Court
Derwood, MD 20855

Please make check payable to: **Chesapeake Chapter, NETR**
For information call:
(703) 323-1260
(301) 948-8269



NAME(owner) _____ TELEPHONE() _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAKE OF CAR _____ SERIES _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____

VENDOR NAME _____

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TECH INFORMATION:

The following article has been blatantly lifted from the July 1991 issue of mgTalk from the Southeastern MG T Register Ltd. Thank You.

Distributor Timing - Static vs. Dynamic by Dick Martin

The distributors in our MGs carry out a two-fold function. The points within the distributor are set to provide the correct "dwell angle"..... and the distributor is rotated in relation to the rotation of the engine to properly "time" the precise point in relation to engine rotation at which the points began to open, thus "firing" the fuel mixture in the cylinder.

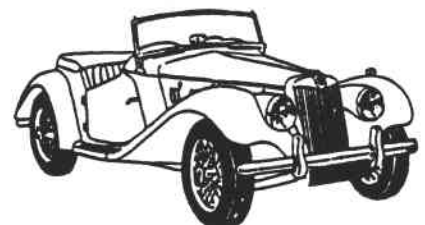
The fuel/air mixture in the cylinder burns at a finite rate regardless of engine RPM, so it is necessary to have an advance assembly within the distributor to accelerate the firing point in relation to engine rotation as RPM increases, so the maximum force generated by the fuel/air "burn" will occur just as the piston starts its downward "power" stroke, regardless of RPM. If the mixture is fired early, the result will be burned or melted pistons and/or ruined main bearings and crank shaft. Late firing will result in loss of power, poor fuel economy, and can lead to overheating.

The octane rating and additive package of the gas utilized within the engine have an effect on the rate of "burn" of the fuel/air mixture within the cylinder. As a rule of thumb, the higher the octane rating, the slower (and more powerful and controlled) the burn. In layman's terms, this means that the charge needs to be fired earlier if higher octane fuels are utilized in order to get the maximum power and efficiency in the engine. It also means that there is no single "correct" timing setting for our engines.

In the early 1950s, when our cars were built, British gas had octane ratings in the 80 to 85 range. This range requires total advance levels at higher RPMs in the range of 30 to 32 degrees. The distributors in our "T" cars have built-in advance weights/springs designed to provide a total of 15 to 16 degrees of distributor advance. This equals to 30 to 32 degrees of crankshaft advance, as the distributor rotates at one-half the RPM level of the engine. On this basis, an initial static timing setting of 0 degrees, or "at top dead center" would be appropriate if British 80-85 octane fuel is utilized.

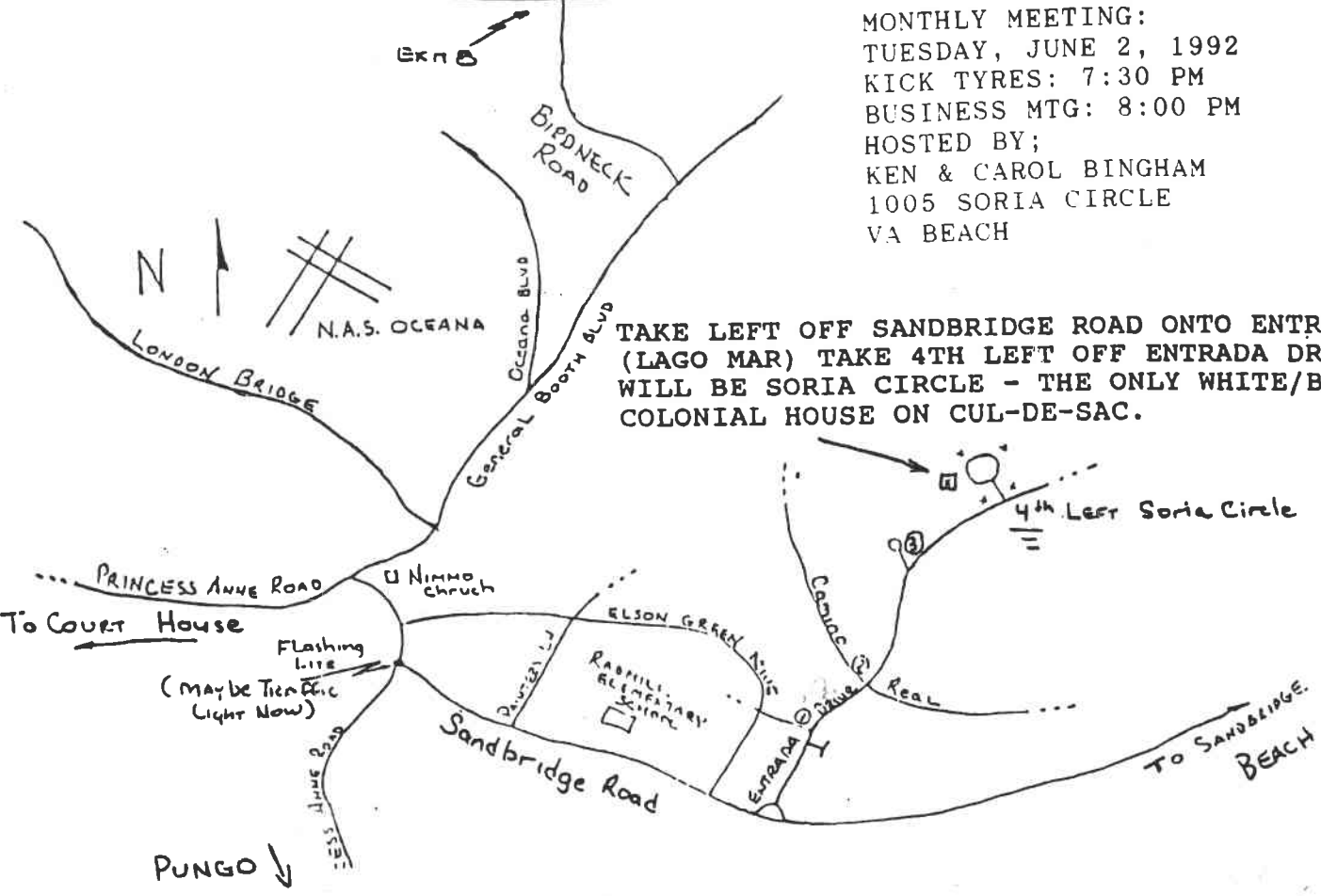
However, in this country in 1991, the octane rating of the fuel (was) between 87 and 93 octane, resulting in a slower "burn", and the need to advance the firing point so that total advance at higher RPMs is in the range of 34 to 36 degrees before Top Dead Center. This indicates the need for a static setting of as much as 4 to 6 degrees before TDC, or 1/8 to 3/16 of an inch measured on the crankshaft pulley perimeter to the right of the TDC groove (looking from the front).

In the final analysis, every engine is slightly different, with different compression, different fuel, and different levels of carbon build-up. So there is no exact setting which is correct in all cases. I suggest that a static setting at TDC be the starting point, with 2 degree (1/16 inch) advances until pinging is detected, the back off 1/16 inch to get maximum efficiency. Under any circumstances don't exceed the 6 degree static initial setting.

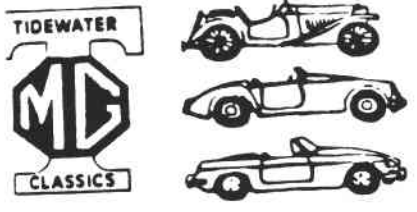


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MONTHLY MEETING:
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1992
KICK TYRES: 7:30 PM
BUSINESS MTG: 8:00 PM
HOSTED BY;
KEN & CAROL BINGHAM
1005 SORIA CIRCLE
VA BEACH



TAKE LEFT OFF SANDBRIDGE ROAD ONTO ENTRADA DRIVE (LAGO MAR) TAKE 4TH LEFT OFF ENTRADA DRIVE WHICH WILL BE SORIA CIRCLE - THE ONLY WHITE/BLUE TRIM COLONIAL HOUSE ON CUL-DE-SAC.



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