



The Dipstick

The Tidewater MG Classics

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The Tidewater MG Classics is a club dedicated to the preservation, appreciation and maintenance of the MG Automobile, and the fellowship of the club



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Need a Change of Address? Contact **Nahn Swinon**, the Membership Chairman at: (804) 481-9054

Marque Time

A very pleasant meeting was held under the Keeler's trees and stars. But, just as the meeting was being called to order (?) some local pests descended upon us. Then, just as suddenly, a gentle fog rolled through and rid us of THEM. Two prospective members were undeterred with the talk of pests and joined as soon as the fog and meeting cleared.

I feel a very strong statement was made by Mark Childers concerning club car badges. We are not fully supporting the club when we do not display a club badge on our car(s). TMGC is the largest single marque club in Virginia and maybe in the mid-Atlantic states. We seek out new members for friendship and to ensure that their MG's keep running. If we have the opportunity we hand a fellow MG driver a membership card, but if by chance our car is parked without us then our badge tells the curious what we are about.

In 1994 a show of hands was asked to see how many badges to order. Twenty eight hands went up. Fifty badges were then ordered to have the best possible net cost, \$13.50/pc. To date sixteen have been sold, several have been used for trophies and several have replaced broken ones. Twenty-six remain to be mounted to a grill or badge bar leaving the club with a \$351.00 hole in the treasury. Support your marque, support your clubs image.

More upbeat is the abundance of drive out events offered for September and October. At least three car related and one very delicious food related, the Ash's. Other than weather to distract our driving, which ever we decide at the September meeting, let's support those with gusto.

Safety Fast

Chuck Hudson

UP-COMING CLUB ACTIVITIES..

- | | | |
|-----------|------------------|---|
| Weds | Sep 4 | Monthly Meeting
The Viller's
3133 Inlet Rd.
Va Bch 481-6398 |
| Sat & Sun | Sep 14
Sep 15 | 12th annual Richmond
British Car Days
Central Va MG Classics Ltd
Berkeley Plantation
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| Sun | Sep 29 | Annual Pig Roast
The Holcomb's
INFO INSIDE |
| Tues | Oct 01 | Monthly Meeting
The herbert's
669 Lord Dunmore dr
Va Bch 523-4827 |
| Sun | Oct 05 | Fall British Car Fest
Shenandoah Valley
British Car Club
(540) 943-5697
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| Sat | Oct 12 | First Ever Antique Aircraft
Fly-In and British and
European Car Show-
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| Weds | Nov 06 | Monthly Meeting
The Bush's
3361 Glen Ellen Quay |

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John Severin

Meeting Minutes August

Chuck McLaren started the meeting promptly at 8:13 PM on the Keelers back deck. Bill was good enough to fog for/against mosquitos so we sat in bug free bliss with only slightly clouded minds. Terry Gould and Rob Dobman were welcomed as prospective members.

The minutes were accepted without comment except for high praise.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: 122.00,
Expenditures 40.00,
Balance \$631.03.

Activities: Shelly was not present but Bob McLaren discussed the tech session at his house and the Berkely Car Show. Another Drive out to the eastern shore home of the Ashe's was also discussed for late October. Stay tuned for further developments.

Membership: John Severin was not present so there was no report. **PAY YOUR DUES TO BOB MILLER ASAP.**

Newsletter: Greg needs submissions. Send him your literary efforts NOW!!!! Don't be shy. Bill Keeler is also working on a story regarding his trip to Indianapolis for the MG show. Unfortunately, he is leaning toward an oral recounting rather than a written one so his slides at the meeting may have to suffice. **ANOTHER REASON TO GO TO MEETINGS!!!!**

Regalia: Mark Childers was pushing coolies and T-Shirts along with grille badges. These are limited edition items that will never be restocked (until we run out) so buy lots of goodies now before the end of year holiday rush. Those of you who asked that grille badges be purchased should step forward NOW to pay for your badge. We used the "honor" system to order these so please don't let us down.

Spares: Robert Davis mentioned a friend who has a "spare" midget with wire wheels but no engine or trans that's for sale. Call him if interested.

Clubs: Mika Ashe brought the usual collection of wonderful MG magazines to peruse. **ANOTHER REASON TO GO TO THE MEETINGS!!!!**

Publicity: Our meeting was mentioned in the Virginia Pilot Star Ledger Gazette as usual but a week early. It was then repeated thankfully the following week. Bill Keeler made sure he wasn't home the previous week just in case some misinformed souls stopped by.

Old Business: September 29th is the PIG ROAST. **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!!!**

New Business: The AACA show on September 7th that Terry Bond has been working on so hard is right around the corner. If you want to show your car you must be an AACA member. However, you only have to be interested to attend and take a look.

The Berkely Car show is also in September. If you want to dive up there with the club meet at the Military Circle McDonalds at 7:30 to leave at 8:00AM on September 15th.

Rumor has it that an MGF may be making an appearance at the Pig Roast courtesy of a visiting English Wing Commander!

Chuck Hudson mentioned that the Soap Box Derby was just held and that we should consider sponsoring a car next year. Give him a call if you're interested.

Marque Time: Chuck Hudson went out in his TC for a big long drive on the 4th of July and never saw ONE MG! He didn't see one for three hours and suspects it was in mourning over the holiday. Robert Davis is driving his Magnette daily. Sue Bond knows of a 73GT for sale cheap. If you're interested call her.

The raffle was held for a free membership! **ANOTHER REASON TO GO TO THE MEETING!!!!** George Ulrich won and we all groaned before dodging the mosquitos, watching Bill Keeler's slides, and chowing down like rabid dogs in a dumpster.

Autocross Calendar

Sep 08	Sun	Va Mtr Sports Park Dinwiddie, Va VMSC K. Van Horn
Sep 15	Sun	Downtown, Wilson, N. C. Tarheel SCC Tenative, Festival
Sep 22	Sun	Old Dom Reg SCCA Ft Monroe
Sep 29	Sun	SCCA Blue Ridge Region Central Va Bomm College Lynchburg, Va. (804) 237-5835 T. Cohen
Oct 06	Sun	Back to School TSCC
Oct 20	Sun	Old Dom Reg SCCA Ft Monroe
Oct 20	Sun	Old Rocky Mount (N C) Airport Tarheel SCC
Oct 20	Sun	South Side Speedway VMSC (804)598-4009
Nov 10	Sun	Tidewater Winter 4-# 1 TSCC-Fentress
Nov 17	Sun	Old Dom Reg SCCA Ft Monroe
Nov 23 & Nov 24	Sat & Sun	State Champ AutoX Va Mtr Sprts Prk Dinwiddie, Va VMSC
Dec 15	Sun	Tidewater Winter 4 #2 TSCC-Fentress

Motor Fuster

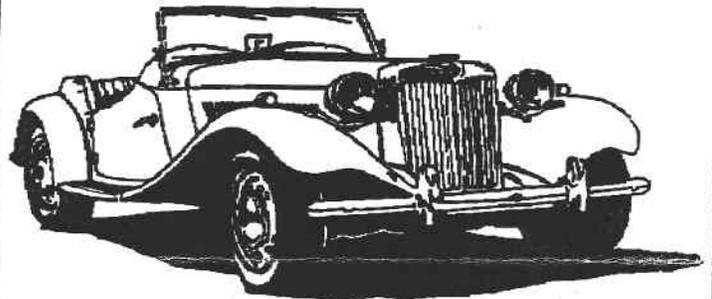
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Your
Name

Name tags are available for sale. Price is \$5.00 per tag. Order at next meeting or send check or money order to: Frank Linse, 301 E McGinnis Circle, Norfolk, Va. 23502



**1972 MG Midget Good body-primed
Mechanically OK, Needs clutch.
Call Paul-H-587-3235 W-396-0294**

**1970 MGB FOR SALE Red roadster with
black interior. Fresh battery, brakes and
tires. Carbs rebuilt. Good runner. \$2500.00
Call Mark @ 473-1757 or Dig Pgr 626-9686**

**74MGB FOR SALE. Never been wrecked. Slight
rust behind doors. Lots of new parts. Car is in
Williamsburg. Call George Brady at (703) 709-0879
Best Reasonable Offer.**

**1979 MGB Manynewparts,justtuned,overdriveand
luggage rack. Blue with taninterior. Top boot and
tonneau included. 71.000 miles - \$2200.00 call Dennis
Sobota**

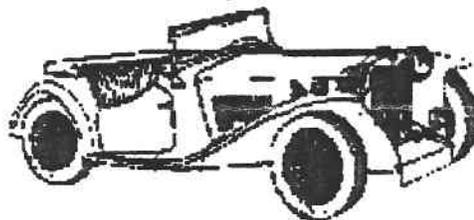
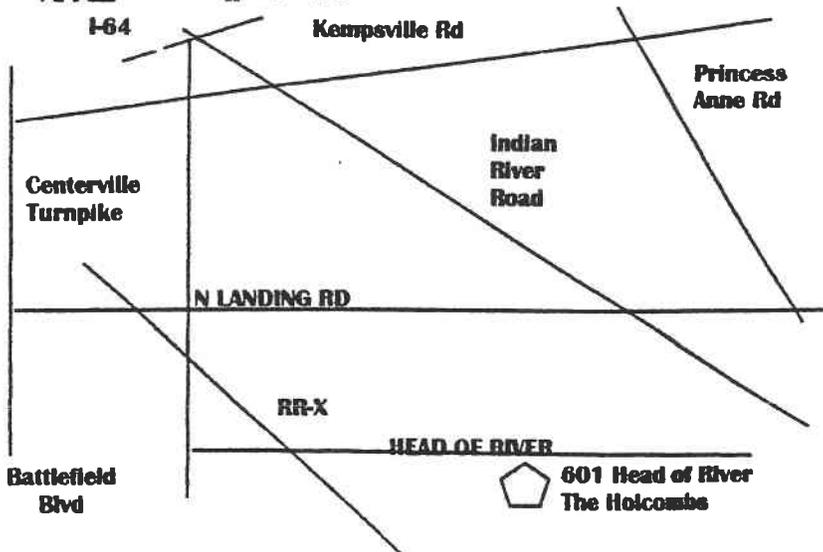
**1973 MGB GT Olde Eng White w/red leather. Full
restoration 6 K ago. 106.000 miles. Overdrive. wires.
am/fm-cassette. good dash. Good oil pressure. 483-**

ELEVENTH ANNUAL PIG ROAST & CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
2:00 PM



RSVP by WEDS, SEP 25TH
TO
Chris & Shelley Holcomb
421-9252



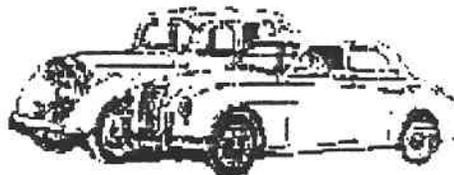
The Club Provides:

- *PIG & TRIMMINGS, beans, slaw, etc.
- *BURGERS-for non-pig pickers
- *DESSERTS



You Provide:

- *ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE-if you wish
- *LAWN CHAIR
- *APPETITE
- *\$5.00-Adults, \$2.50 Kids under 12



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 driver 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 MGs. If your car is drivable there is no excuse for not showing up.

JUDGING IS BY POPULAR VOTE

Anyone looking for LINREAD bolts will be forced to chug-a-lug barbecue sauce.



FIRST EVER Antique Aircraft Fly-In And British and European Car Show

Hummel Airfield
(W-75)
Topping, Virginia

October 12, 1996
9:00AM to 3:00 PM

AWARDS
Popular Vote
Best Car
Best Aircraft

For More Information:
Jaimie Barnhardt
Innovative Restorations
(804) 758-2753

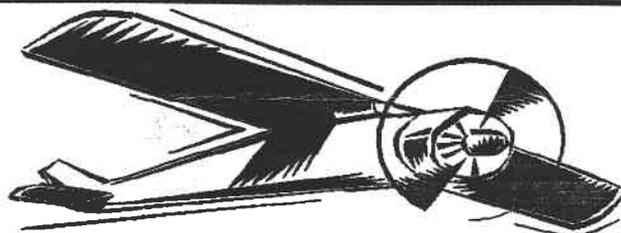
Presented by
Middlesex County
and
Innovative Restorations

Where:
Rt #, Topping, Va
65 Miles East of Richmond
50 Miles North of Hampton

When:
October 12, 1996
9:00 AM To 3:00 PM
Rain or Shine

ENTRY FREE

Food and Lodging
Pilot House Restaurant And Motel
(804) 758-2262



64-W >

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Norfolk
70 miles

RT 17 N

West Point



RT 33 E

Richmond
60 miles

RT 17 N

1 Mile

Saluda
RT 33 E

Hummel
Field

RT 3, 2 miles



Fall British Car Festival

Registration Information

(Please print)

Registrant's Name

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Evening Telephone Day Telephone

Organizational Affiliation (if applicable)

Vehicle(s) coming to the Festival

Production Year Make Model

Production Year Make Model

I am planning to participate in the following:

Friday ___ "Free" Reception, # attending

 ___ Parts Auction

Saturday ___ Museum & Mall, # attending

 ___ Awards Banquet, # attending

Sunday ___ Monticello Tour, # attending

"Premiere" Class

(For previous 1st Place Show Winners)

___ Check here for entry

Registration Fees

Registrant

Fee per car ___ x \$12.00 \$ _____

After 9/14/'96 fee is \$15.00

(Awards per class are based on the number of pre-registration forms received)

Awards Banquet (Saturday Evening)

(Confirmation regarding attendance must be received no later than Friday evening during registration)

of Adults ___ x \$17.50 \$ _____

(tax and gratuity inclusive)

of Children ___ x \$8.00 \$ _____

(eight years of age and under)

Buffet Dinner includes Beverage/Desert

Vendor's Space \$15.00

Fee is \$20.00 day of Car Show

Total Amount \$ _____

Mail form with check or money order to:

SVBCC

P.O. Box 323

Waynesboro, Virginia 22980

(Sorry! No refunds can be accommodated)

I am aware of the hazard(s) inherent with motor vehicle events and specifically do hereby release and indemnify the organizers, supporting sponsors, The Shenandoah Valley British Car Club, Ltd. and the Fall Foliage Festival, collectively and separately from any and all liability(ies) and/or property damage incurred by me or my guest(s) while participating in this event!

I have read and do agree to this release!

Registrant's Signature

Date

For Your Information

Friday's Activities

Arrive at Ingelside Resort Hotel,
Registration from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

"Free" Reception from 6:00 p.m.- Until
(*food and beverages provided*)

* Parts Auction with "Free" kegs
(*provided by The Roadster Factory*)

*Participants wanting to have parts auctioned
should bring them cleaned and tagged.

Saturday's Activities

Breakfast

Caravan to Show at 8:30 a.m. from Ingelside
to Ridgeview Park

Same day Registration until 10:30 a.m.

Car Show begins at 9:00 a.m.

P. Buckley Moss Museum/Outlet Village Mall
van departs various times

Voting and Judging ends at 3:00 p.m.

Reception, Ingelside (cash bar) at 6:00 p.m.

Awards Banquet, Ingelside at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday

Caravan to Monticello, home of Thomas
Jefferson, departs Ingelside at 9:00 a.m.
(**There will be an admission charge**)

Open Schedule to allow for enjoyment of
other Fall Foliage Activities

Extending Your Vacation?

If you would like additional information to
help plan an extended stay while visiting the
Shenandoah Valley and surrounding area, we
suggest you call the following:

Staunton and Vicinity (540) 886-2351
Waynesboro and Vicinity (540) 949-8203
Charlottesville and Vicinity (804) 295-3141
Jefferson's Monticello (804) 984-9822

Accommodations

Host Hotel

The Newly Owned and Renovated

Ingelside Resort Hotel & Golf Course
Route 11 North P.O. Box 1018
Staunton, Virginia 24401

Reservations

(540) 248-1201

Inflation Fighting Room Rate(s)
\$55.00 - "All Rooms" Same as Last Year!

Because of the increased attendance during
last year's car show, we have blocked off 100
rooms for this event! You must mention the
Fall British Car Festival to receive this lower
rate. Area tourism is very high during October!

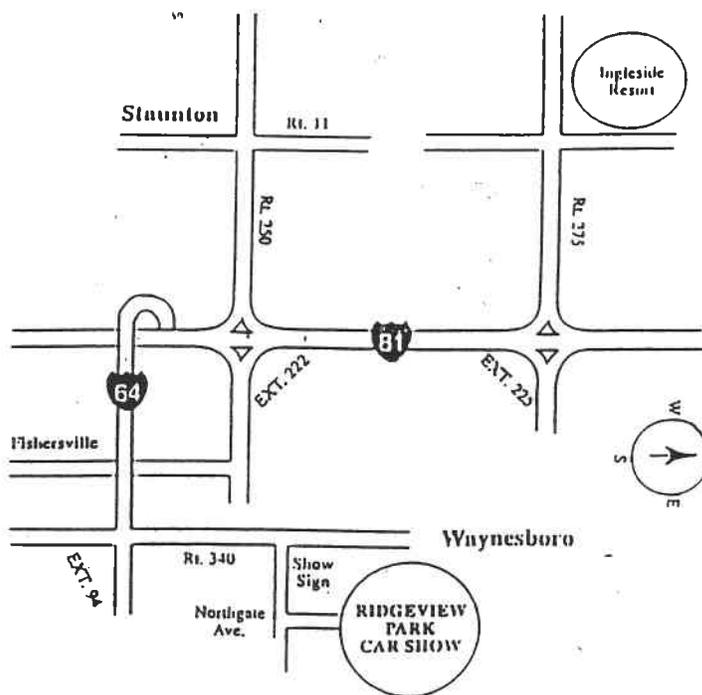
Reservations must be made by
August 5, 1996!

Overflow Accommodations

(Two miles away from the host hotel)

Holiday Inn	Innkeeper	Master Inn
(540) 248-6020	(540) 248-5111	(540) 248-0888

Call for room rates and availability



EXHAUST NOTES *By Rob Green*

I believe the main purpose for a car club such as ours to exist, is the social and common interest around a particular automobile, namely the MG. Possibly, other British cars, special interest or collector cars are also of interest to some club members. There are, however, when our attention should be directed outside our club, primary interests and normal activities to areas that may remotely or even directly affect our particular interests. There is no doubt that most club members value their cars and the associations we have as a result.

The following article from the Wall Street Journal may be just one of those instances where we direct our attention and awareness to an area that potentially threatens our specific interests regarding the cars that we are interested in and our values regarding the freedoms we enjoy and hopefully will protect.

Calling your attention to this matter is not only to heighten your awareness to an issue that could affect our interests in our cars, but more importantly, to our freedoms that are constantly under assault and challenge by a variety of forces. Although I question the appropriateness of using this newsletter forum to raise and discuss topics such as this, I believe the following situation warrants discussion of this issue.

If anyone has any doubts about the desire for some to take away what one is now entitled to, you don't have to look hard or far to see that the path is well established, and that the precipitous decline of our freedoms is a known fact, only the degree is debatable. The opportunity taken here is to illustrate an example of the persistent and potential threat to the freedoms that we cherish, but sometimes taken for granted.

I welcome any feedback on this article and topic.

Coming Soon: A Plan to Confiscate Your Car

By ERIC PETERS

In the not too distant future, owning a second car, or one that is more than four years old, may be a legal impossibility—if, that is, a law recently passed in New Jersey governing automobile emissions inspections is allowed to stand, and other states use it as a template for their own legislation.

The auto emissions law was signed by New Jersey's Republican governor, Christine Todd Whitman, last June. It provides for a centralized emissions inspection regime explicitly designed to fail most cars more than four years old, after which they may be denied registration and ultimately forfeited to the state.

As extreme as this sounds, it is exactly what could happen if the emissions law is enforced as it is written. Here's the story: New Jersey, like all the other 49 states, is under legal obligation to comply with the strict air quality goals set forth in the 1990 federal Clean Air Act. Washington has been exerting considerable pressure on the states to meet these standards, and has threatened those that do not comply with the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in federal highway funding.

The target of least resistance has been private automobile owners, since they individually possess much less clout in state capitals than the organized presence of big utility companies, manufacturers and other industrial polluters. Garden State officials initially decided to adopt the so-called Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance chassis dynamometer test, known as I/M 240, that is favored by the Environmental Protection Agency. This would be implemented in conjunction with roadside monitoring using infrared sensing equipment and random testing by police.

Presently, a modified version of I/M 240 known as Asynchronous Mode Testing is being discussed as the procedure that would be put into place beginning later this year or sometime during 1997-98.

I/M 240 and ASM both involve driving a car or truck on what amounts to a treadmill while an operator measures emissions levels. These "enhanced" tests are being pushed hard by an Arizona-based company, Envirotest, and its lobbyists in state capitals around the country. Each new contract for an I/M 240 program means millions of dollars for Envirotest—and a government-enforced legal monopoly on all emissions testing and repair conducted in that state.

Many older cars are expected to fail the dynamometer test, perhaps 60%, according to EPA estimates; 30% according to the director of the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles. The reason is simply that typically vehicles more than four years old have minor wear and tear that slightly increase their emissions beyond the standard for each car's model year.

The tiny amount of increase attributable to this incidental wear is of no real consequence to air quality. Yet under the New Jersey law it would nevertheless be sufficient cause to deny a vehicle renewed registration. And since it is already illegal in most New Jersey counties to keep an unregistered vehicle on a privately owned driveway (these are quasipublic areas under New Jersey law, as in other states), the state may ticket, impound and even confiscate your unregistered car or truck—without compensation.

While the state argues that this is the only way to combat airborne smog and catch all the polluters untouched by the present system, what it really means is that folks who can't afford \$700 in repairs to bring their car back into compliance won't have the option of parking their own car in their own driveway until they can pay the bill.

It also means the owner of an older collectible or specialty vehicle will see his hobby effectively criminalized (failure to submit to the test or keeping an unregistered car on your property can result in jail time in New Jersey). His second car

could be taken from him by agents of the state whose agencies, incidentally, share in any monies recovered as a consequence of the impoundment or forfeiture of an unregistered automobile.

New Jersey officials argue that historic and collector cars more than 25 years old will be granted an exemption, but it is the state bureaucracy that will define who qualifies as an historic or collectible car. The emissions law describes such a "qualified" vehicle as "a restricted issue make or model [manufactured] in sufficiently limited quantity . . . [or one] that is generally recognized" as such.

In other words, a classic Mustang or Camaro—both of which were produced in the millions—might not qualify under this definition and could be subject to confiscation or scrapping if it could not pass the test. It all depends on whether you can convince a harried DMV bureaucrat that your car is "historic."

But it's not just hobbyists who should be concerned. By the EPA's own admission, almost no car more than 10 years old is expected to pass the dynamometer test. Since the average car on the road today is at least seven years old, a lot of drivers are going to find themselves without their cars in New Jersey should the new emissions law be enforced to the letter.

The automobile manufacturers are probably salivating at that prospect, because they stand to profit enormously if New Jersey's tyrannical program is adopted by other states. Imagine if everybody had to buy a new car every three or four years.

What's happening in New Jersey is frightening and ominous. And it's not about "air quality" or anything else so ostensibly reasonable. It's about getting folks out of their cars, by force or fraud, and into some other form of transportation more amenable to control by the state. Take the new emissions restrictions seriously. New Jersey's environmentalist bureaucrats sure do.

Twelfth Annual Richmond British Car Days presented by: The Central Virginia MG Classics, Ltd. (Rain or Shine)

Saturday, September 14, 1996

Arrive 11:00-4:00 Richmond Airport Hilton
Registration open in lobby

11:00-4:00 Hospitality Room

12:00-2:00 Road Rally (Battlefield Tour)
(Free for pre-registered cars)

11:00-5:00 Vendor display by Seven
Enterprises, Ltd.

11:00-5:00 Chamber of Horrors Display
by Motorhead, Ltd

2:30-3:30 Rust & Body Repair Tech Session
by British Car Service, Inc

4:00-5:00 "Motorhead Inspection" tech
session with electrical discussion
by Motorhead, Ltd

8:00-Until End of Summer Party with live
music and Hors D'oeuvres
(Served between 8:00-10:00 pm)
on Hiltons Flight Deck with pool
and jacuzzi.

Sunday, September 15, 1996

Show Location: Historic Berkeley Plantation
Route 5, Charles City, Va.

Class Awards: Classes and awards are based
on pre-registration (judging
by registrants)

Special Awards: -Best of Show
-Berkeley Award
-Most Opportunity for Improvement
-Oldest Car
-Longest Distance Driven

9:00 AM Registration and field opens

12:30 PM Registration Closes

2:00 PM Judging Ends

3:30 PM Presentation of Awards

Richmond British Car Days Registration Form

Early Registration Deadline is September 1, 1996

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Series _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Series _____

Local Car Club _____

Yes, Register me for the Saturday Road _____
Rally (Free for all pre-registered cars)

of tickets for the Saturday party @\$15.00 _____
(children under 12 free)

of vehicles for pre-registration @\$12.50 _____
Vehicles(after Sept 1st)@\$20.00 _____
Vendor pre-registration @\$20.00 _____
Vendor (after Sept 1st) @\$25.00 _____
of vehicles for sale @\$20.00 _____

Full page ad in program booklet @\$75.00 _____
Half page ad in program booklet @\$50.00 _____
1/4 page ad in program booklet @\$35.00 _____
400 copies reg packet ads @\$75.00 _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

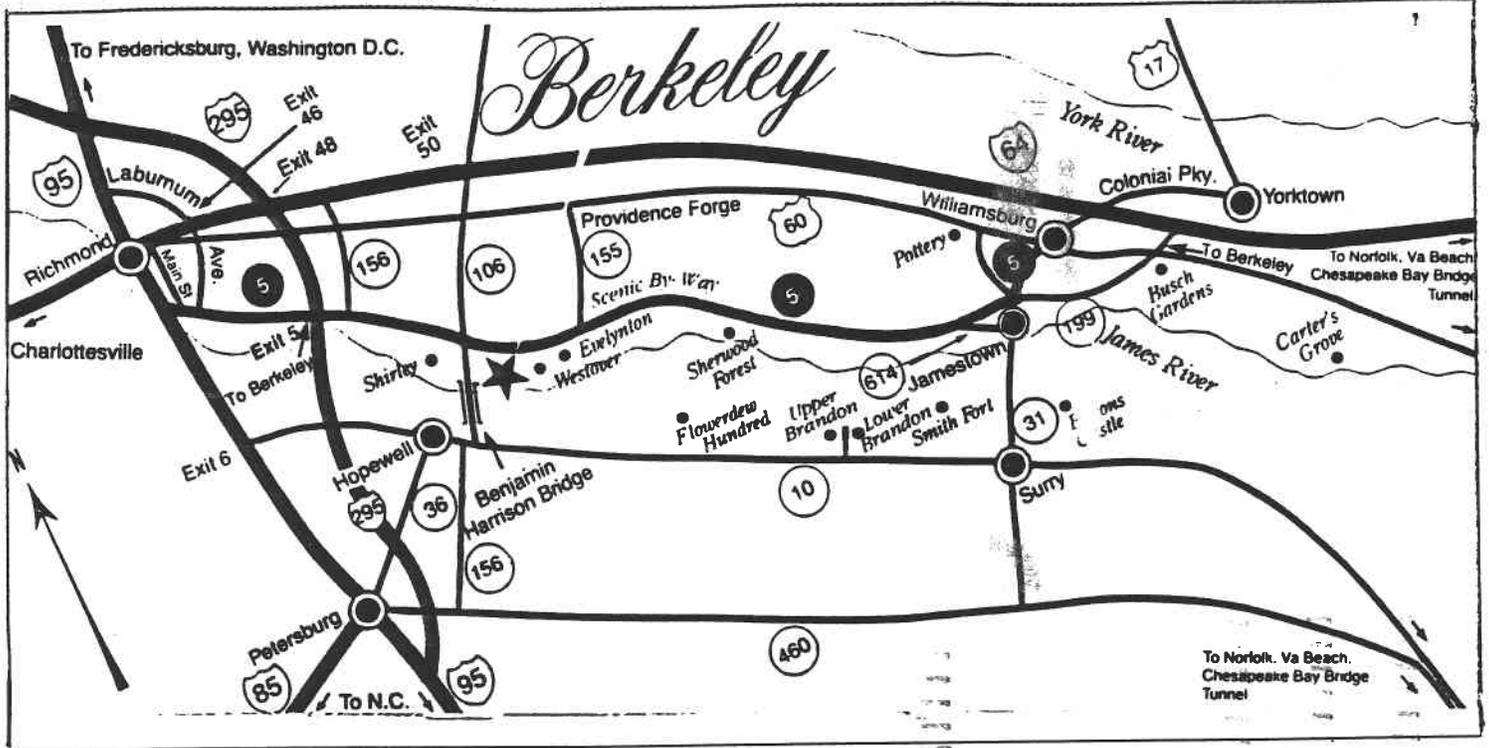
Yes I would like to offer door prizes for show participants
and will send them by September 1 _____

Make check payable to:
Central Virginia MG Classics, Ltd
Send to :
Richmond British Car Days
Glen Allen, Va 23059
(804)759-3262 for reg confirmation
(804)745-3305 for further info

WAIVER OF LIABILITY must be signed to enter show.
Neither I nor my heirs will hold the Central Virginia MG
Classics, Berkeley Plantation or the Hilton liable for any
injury, death or damages occurring while engaged in/or
traveling to or from this event.

Signature _____
A portion of the proceeds will be donated to charity.

BRITISH CAR DAYS-BERKELEY cont.



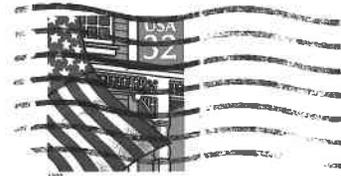
Don't forget to send in your dues and form!

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