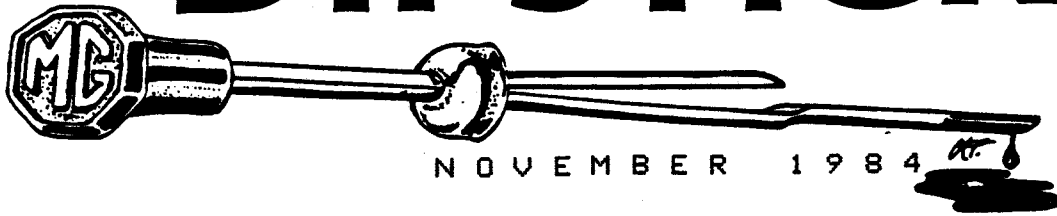


# THE DIPSTICK



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FROM OLE 6402

Welcome to a new "T" year, ya'll!

Thank you, Roy and Marilyn, for hosting the October meeting, and , also, to Roy for conducting club elections in such a democratic manner. (I must have missed something. ED.)

Thanks, also, go to Mel and Judy Baker for allowing their home to be invaded by the club for the Pig Roast on the 13th. Among the more than 40 people attending were the Eatons of Fairfax, the Colkers in their first-time-out 51 TD (with Brenda driving the station wagon, just in case), the Grays (Larry and Sylvia) in their first-time-ever-rained-on yellow TC, and Phil Topcik from Richmond, who arranged his drill weekend at Little Creek so he could make it, and all the in-town members, including Dave Barrows, we enjoy seeing at most gatherings.

Make note! We will have our Christmas Party on Friday, the 7th of December, so as not to conflict with the Richmond and Chesapeake Chapters' parties. Many of our and their members hold dual membership and no one wants to miss a party.

Our new Events Chairman is Mike Ash. If you wish to assist or have a recommendation for your favorite happenig, contact Mike.

See ya at the Perino's on Tuesday, the 6th.

Vince

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 21



REPORT ON THE PIG ROAST  
by Mel Baker

The effects of hurricane Josephine did little to dampen the spirits of over 40 people who attended the Pig Roast at Judy and Mel Baker's, October 13, 1984. In spite of windy and threatening weather, the event was acclaimed by many as a huge success.

It was to be a long day for Vince Groover, John German, and Mel Baker who arose early, and by 4 a.m., the aroma of a 150 lb. Porker roasting over hickory chips was drifting throughout the neighborhood.

Children enjoyed badminton, volleyball, and lawn darts, while the adults enjoyed cold brew and delicious barbecue (thanks, John and Vince.). Thanks also to those who brought a great variety of side dishes and desserts. (The recipe for that HOT picante sauce can be found later in this newsletter. ED.)

It was nice to see out-of-town guests, past club president, Ron Eaton and his wife Rosemary. Phil Topcik from Richmond was in the area for week-end reserve duty and everyone was glad to see him.

Mike Ash almost became a peg for the horseshoe game, but it was decided that he was too tall. When darkness started to fall, Roy Wiley was requested to place his hand on the peg so the players could see where to throw the horseshoes. Robert Davis came attired as an Australian Bush Soldier, which drew several comments. (I thought it was rather neat. Mel.)

The diehards began to leave around 9:00 p.m. and the unmistakable sound of M.G.'s was heard roaring off into the night.

Judy and I really enjoyed hosting this event. The club members are a great group of people and we look forward to having everyone over for a pool party next summer. (Mike, take note. ED.)

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UPCOMING EVENTS :

November 6      Tuesday - Meeting at the Perino's  
7:30 p.m. - Kick tyres  
8:00 p.m. - Business meeting

November 10    Night out at the Tidewater dinner theatre  
(see write-up later in letter)

December 7     Christmas party at the German's

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MG MEMBERS

Rebecca Holcomb (Parents - Chris and Shelley)

Kelly Elizabeth Ostertag (Parents - Marcia and Marc)

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Sweet Dreams Are Made of This Part II  
by P.J. O'Rourke (Playboy Guide)

Sports-car tops don't protect you from the wind, anyway. And in the rain, they're about as useful as edible underpants. The sole function of a sports-car top is to make the car look stupid.

That is presuming you could get the top unfolded and fitted into place to begin with. I couldn't. The top on a real sports car is a study in design simplicity. It simply doesn't work.

Because the top didn't work, the MG came conveniently supplied with a tonneau cover that could be snapped on over the passenger compartment. This provided shelter from the wind and rain, but it was very hard to see out from underneath it.

The tonneau cover was great, though for drive-in movies. It could be unzipped so that it covered only the passenger seat. That way, I could get my date into the drive-in for free. But once inside, the car was too low for us to see the screen and too small and open for us to do anything else. The size and the open-air exposure of real sports cars were responsible for a remarkable persistence of virginity in many young people of the early Sixties, especially me.

But I honestly admire the simplicity of a real sports car. It lets you have a hands-on relationship with the machine. Under the hood of a modern automobile, there's nothing to be seen but a maze of electronic do-funnies. A new car can be repaired only by people who wear clip-on neckties and spend all night at home-computer consoles playing canasta with the NORAD system. Not so with a sports car. All the elements of the drive train are recognizable and familiar. I understand at a glance what everything is and how it works. Which is more than I can say for sports-car manufacturers.

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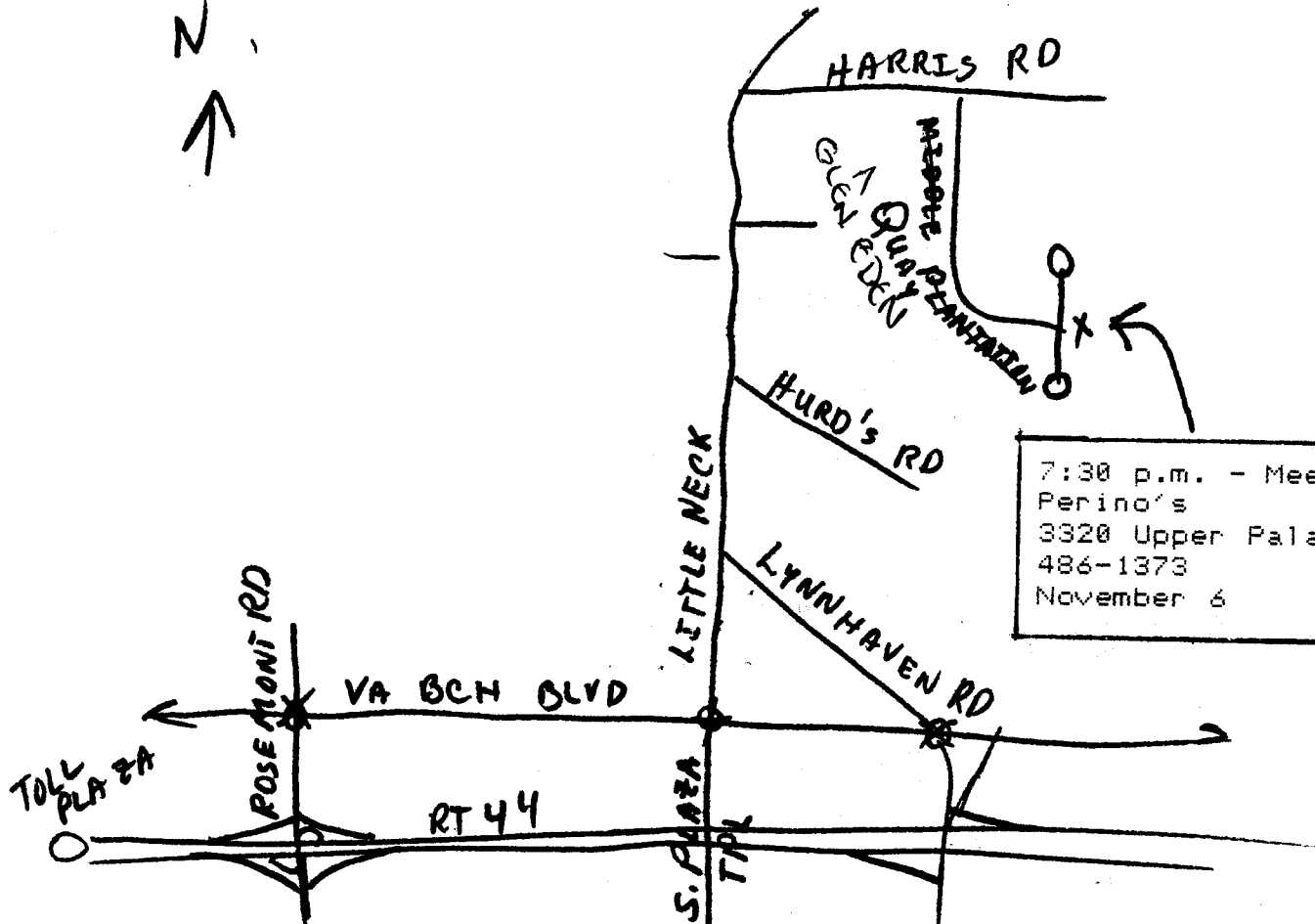
TRIVIA QUIZ SCORES

<u>Name</u>	<u>October Scores</u>	<u>Cum. Scores</u>
Mike Ash	10/10	76/90
Jim Banvard	7/10	73/90
Bob Beauter	4/10	36/70
Robert Davis	--	17/30
Charlie Dixon	3/10	48/80
Ron Eaton	--	19/40
Hank Giffin	--	23/30
Vince Groover	--	5/10
Barbara Van Over	--	22/40
Mike West	--	12/20

\*Monthly winner (none)

Everyone out there who has not entered the Trivia Quiz has a very good chance of being next month's winner. We didn't have a winner this month because everyone who submitted an entry had already been a monthly winner and the rules prohibit anyone being a monthly winner twice in one year. So lets hear from all you out there. Here's your big chance. You could get all the answers wrong and still win. What a deal! There's only one more this year after this month. Bob, I had to give you credit for #87. It was truly right but definitely not the answer I was looking for. You're getting sneaky!





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DIPSTICK TRIVIA QUIZ  
#10

91. T or F - There was an "R"-Type MG manufactured?
92. What was the biggest-ever MG model?
- a. VA
  - b. YT
  - c. WA
93. Who's telephone number is 235-6954? \_\_\_\_\_
94. T or F - A NEMGTR member may maintain membership after the sale of his/her car and still retain his/her original membership number and apply it to a future eligible car.
95. What is a Maestro and a Montego? \_\_\_\_\_
96. What is located on Route 5 just off Interstate 91 (5 miles south of Bellows Falls and 25 miles north of Brattleboro); \_\_\_\_\_
97. What is the "John A. Boiteau" award? \_\_\_\_\_
98. This year celebrated the \_\_\_\_\_ (number) anniversary of the NEMGTR.
99. What diaries did the NEMGTR negotiate for the exclusive publication rights to in 1983? \_\_\_\_\_
100. Who has the name "Girler"? \_\_\_\_\_

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(signature)

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