

THE TIDEWATER MG T CLASSICS

THE DIPSTICK



DECEMBER 1989

President.....Dave Bowling
Vice President.....Butch Ballback

Secretary.....Jim Jackson
Treasurer.....Frank Benson

Editor.....Chris Holcomb



Marque Time:

We picked a wonderful Sunday for this year's pig roast at Chris and Shelley Holcomb's ranch in Chesapeake. Chris procured the pork shoulders and cooked them to perfection! This year we even avoided the traumatic questions from young girls about what happened to one of the three little pigs! Thanks Holcombs for another great MG outing.

Don and Claudia Jones hosted the November meeting. We had a big turn out of both members and MG cars. Jennifer Ash lead the main agenda of lining up hosts for next year's meetings and tech sessions. Lots of volunteers but there are still a few open dates if you missed this session. Claudia's delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Brenda Bonvard has agreed to host the Christmas party on Friday, December 8. More details inside. Be sure to let her know what finger food you plan to bring so we don't wind up with all chicken wings! This has always been a major club fun event. Hope to see you all there. Stay

Safety fast,

Dave



NO DIPSTICK NEXT MONTH. DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY: MONDAY, JAN. 29, 1990

Hot off the fax Machine from Jim Jackson

MG Club Meeting
1 November 1989

Correction to the October minutes - the Ashes drove a GMC, not an MGC.

Kudos were extended to Tom Lund for his performance as past secretary. This will be my only submission of minutes as club secretary due to an unavoidable company transfer to the Washington area.

Guests/New Members - Robin Raphael, an out-of-town member, was welcomed back. We also welcomed new member Robbie Strother (71 MGB) who joined on referral by Robert Davis.

Treasurer's Report - We had a beginning balance of \$1299.85, receipts of \$239.50 and expenses of \$79.12 for an ending balance of \$1460.23. It was noted that there are still expenses outstanding from the pig picking.

Membership - Craig Barber reported providing Marta Nelson (76 MG Midget) with a brochure. A brief discussion of calling cards/information flyers for recruiting purposes followed.

Newsletter - No December meeting. November 20 deadline for December Dipstick.

Technical - Tech session scheduled for 19 November at Sue Bond's. Mr. Lee Dowdy is expected to be there to appraise autos for those interested.

Regalia - Kudos to Don Jones for past performance. Bob Bell modelled regalia for the well-turned-out MGBer. Sweatshirts/Rugby shirts are available on consignment at Jennifer Ash's. Go for it now for Christmas.

Activities - Jennifer called for hosts for the Christmas party. Robin Raphael volunteered (tongue in cheek) but declined to provide transportation to Belgium. Further details in next newsletter. There was then an extended period of calls for and volunteers for next year's events. A schedule will be included in a subsequent newsletter.

Marque Time - The transmission and engine are now installed in Ira Cantin's MGA. Bob Bell volunteered to update name tags on his computer. Craig Barber showed a new MGB-MGBGT catalog for new and after market items plus a brochure for the new British Motor Heritage Ltd replacement MGB Body Assembly. New verification of Butch Ballback's TD ownership was received followed by a discussion of its file.

The raffle was won by Craig Barber.

Those in attendance were: Tom Wedgewood, Tom Lund, Craig Barber, Bill Keeler, Jim Villers, Butch Ballback (not the TD), Jim Jackson (84 Honda), Ron Stoops (52 MGTD), Anita and Jock McGrigor (74 MGB), Frank and Gloria Benson (Buick), Ira Cantin (82 M-B), Mike and Jennifer Ash (69 MGB), Robbie Strother (71 MGB), Robin Raphael (Rover), Bill Hoggard (Mustang), Dan Boone (72 Midget), Susan Bond (72 MGB GT), Cynthia Faschini/Andy Wallach (Porsche), Vince Groover (66 MGB GT), Bob Bell (60 MGA), Bob Miller (77 MGB), Dave Bowling (53 MGTD) and Joan Hauger (70 MGB GT).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1990



JANUARY	3 (Wed)	MEETING - Bowlings
FEBRUARY	6 (Tue)	MEETING - Bradford
	18 (Sun)	TECH.SESSION - Banvard/Villers
MARCH	7 (Wed)	MEETING - Ashes
	11 (Sun)	TECH SESSION - Bells
	25 (Sun)	CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH
APRIL	3 (Tue)	MEETING - Wallach/Faschini
	22 (Sun)	TECH SESSION - Boones
MAY	2 (Wed)	MEETING - McGrigors
	20 (Sun)	TECH SESSION - Jacksons
JUNE	5 (Tue)	MEETING - Banvard/Villers
	? Sat/Sun	BAY'N BOWIE WEEKEND RALLY
	?	NEMGTR G.O.F. - Syracuse, N.Y.
JULY	3 (Tue)	MEETING - Barbers
	19-22	NAMGAR GT-15, Williamsburg, Va.
	26-29	AMGBA - MINI-CON EAST, Atlanta, Ga.
AUGUST	8 (Wed)	MEETING - Cantins
	26	TECH SESSION - Ashes
SEPT.	4 (Tue)	MEETING - VOLUNTEER HOST?
	9 (Sun)	BRITISH CAR DAY, Richmond
	30 (Sun)	ANNUAL PIG ROAST - Holcombs
OCTOBER	3 (Wed)	MEETING - Lunds
	21 (Sun)	TECH SESSION - Stoops
NOVEMBER	6 (Tue)	MEETING - VOLUNTEER HOST?
	11 (Sun)	TECH SESSION - Bonds
DECEMBER	7 (Fri)	P-A-R-T-Y - T-I-M-E

Many thanks to all who have volunteered to host events during the year, and if anyone wants to take on the September or November meeting-nights, please call us at 495-0307.

MIKE & JENNIFER ASH
Activities Chairmen

ACTIVITIES

The HOLIDAY-SEASON PARTY is to be held at the home of BRENDA BANVARD on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th at 7:30 p.m. (see map) Brenda has kindly stepped into the breach. (We were to have had the party at the club-house we used last year, but our erstwhile host, JOE DILLARD, has been called to temporary active duty - fighting the Drug Wars in Key West! As he says in his letter to us... "It's a dirty job, but someone has to do it"! He will not be back here until after the first of the year, and may even get sent to Panama after then. Go get 'em, Joe!!)

Please let Brenda know what kind of finger-food you will be bringing to the party (call her at 340-6737, and leave a message if you don't get a hold of her). The Club will provide beer, wine-punches, sodas & coffee; all YOU have to do is put on party clothes and a festive mood, bring your favourite dish (and/or your spouse, ha!ha!) - finger-food, remember - and a good time will be had by all! Again - Many Thanks, Brenda!

You will find the ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE, 1990 included with this issue, so please mark the dates on your new calendars, when you get them, and please let us know if you can take any of the open dates. We hope you will like the events we have planned for you, and that you will make committments for them well in advance. You will notice that there are more Tech.Sessions next year, which is in response to suggestions made by the membership. The champagne brunch and overnight rally will require a lot of planning on OUR part, and we hope that when the time comes, you will make YOUR committments in a timely fashion.

Hoping to see you all on the 8th at the PARTY: if not, HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE A'ALL!

JENNIFER & MIKE ASH

P.S. Please note there will not be a DIPSTICK published between Christmas and New Year, so don't forget the JANUARY MEETING at Dave & Joan Bowling's on Wednesday, January 3rd. (see map)



It may be an MGA 1600, but carburetor

By Tom and Ray Magliozzi
King Features Syndicate

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 1959 MGA 1600 with twin SU carbs. The engine is kept in perfect tune (or as perfect as a British engine can get), yet I've had one problem for a year and a half.

If the car is allowed to idle too long, or after prolonged city driving, the engine will start to sputter and I'll have to blow it out with high revving for a minute or so. Any ideas? — Brian.

Tom: The technology of your carburetor is pretty simple. Go into your office, Brian. Lift the top off of the white porcelain fixture in the corner. You see the float? That float shuts off the water when it reaches a certain level. You have the same sort of floats in the carburetors of your MGA.

Ray: Like matzah balls, carburetor floats come in two varieties: sinkers and floaters. Yours are sinkers. I don't know if you have metal or plastic floats, but both become porous when they get old.

If they don't float and cut off the gas flow, too much fuel rushes into the carburetor, and the engine floods. When you "blow it out" at high revs, you are burning the excess fuel. New floats should fix this.

And if you want floaters in the future, Brian, beat the egg whites separately and give those matzah balls plenty of room to expand while they cook.

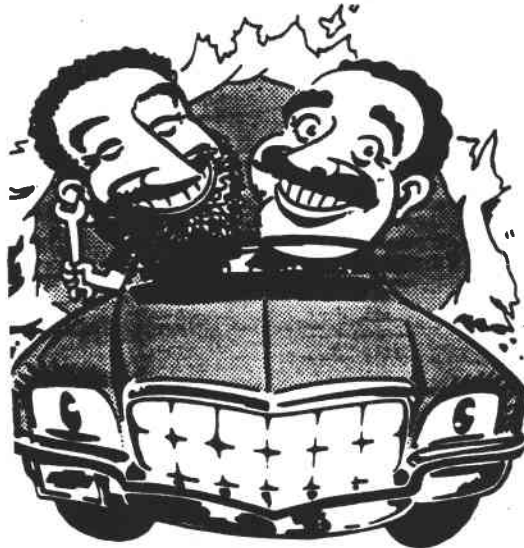
still has a float like

a toilet's

From

"THE DESERT OCTAGON"

Tucson MGT Register



Tech Session Notes

We have had tech sessions on warmer days, but what can you expect in November? Well, the barn was finished, the coffee and sun were warm and several people did work on their cars. The Millers did something to VAROOM (did you leave a speedo cable behind?), Jim Villiers worked on the TF while Bonnie watched TV where it was nice and warm. Joan Hauger put new rebound straps on her GT and found out the hand brake cable is broken. Mike Ash emerged from under the dashboard of Anita McGrigor's B (it now has heat and one less leak) and answered everyone's questions and generally made himself indispensable. Mike Field (new member) stopped by with his B. These details are sketchy because I spent most of the time in the house and visited with Jennifer Ash and Paul Speakes and his wife, and saw Vince Groover, Butch Ballback, Craig Barber and Ira Cantin stop for coffee before heading for the barn. Lee Dowdy did appraisals for Anita, Bill Keeler, and Dave Bowling and had a good time visiting with members. I'm sure I missed mentioning a few people (whose white B was in the front yard?) but I really enjoyed the tech session. You're all invited back next year when we'll be a little bit more organized.

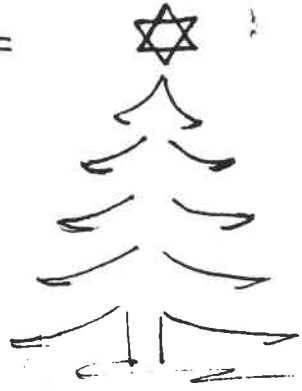
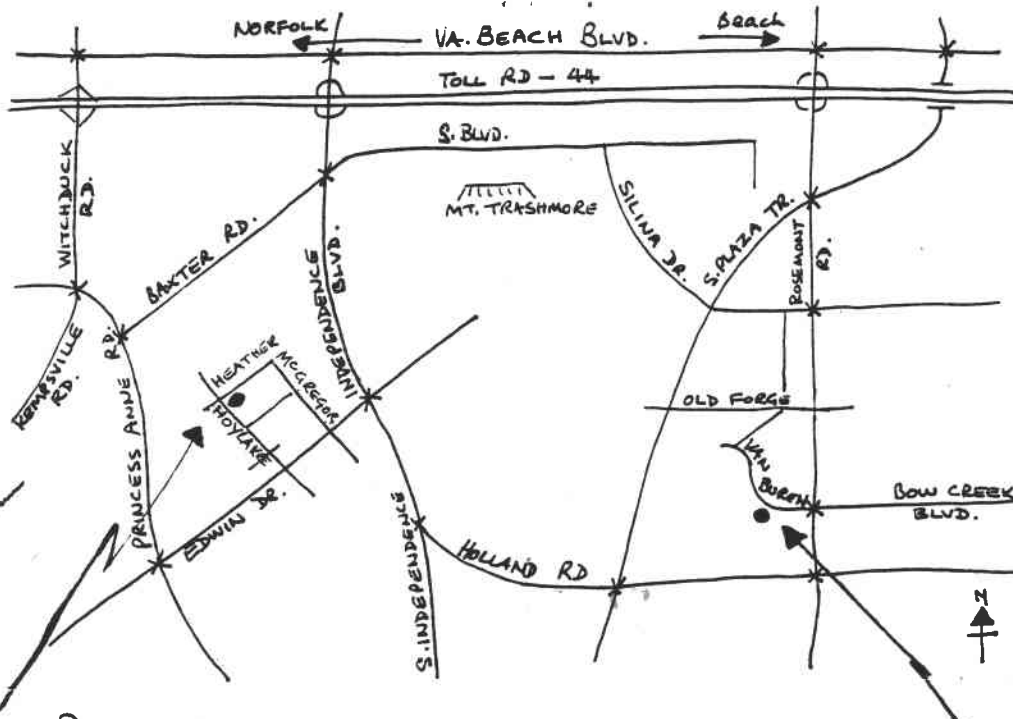
Susan Bond

P.S. Warning--never leave your B out in the front yard while all the others are having fun in the back. At the end of the tech session I pulled my GT into the barn and it left a huge puddle of oil on the nice new floor. After two evenings of coping with the mushroom factor it's fixed, but I've learned my lesson.



JANUARY 1990
MEETING

at: Dave & Joan Bowling
4636 Hoylake Dr.
Va. Beach
499-6632
on: JAN 3rd. (Wed.)
7:30 p.m.



HOLIDAY
PARTY

FRIDAY
DEC. 8th

at: Brenda Banvard's
3633 Van Buren Dr.
Va. Beach
340-6737
7:30 p.m.

TIDEWATER M.G. CLASSICS
5149 BELLAMY DRIVE
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23464



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