

THE DIPSTICK



NOVEMBER 1989

President..... Dave Bowling
Vice President Don Jones

Secretary Tom Lund
Treasurer Frank Benson

Editor Chris Holcomb

Marque Time:

The October meeting was held at the home of Bob and Kay Bell. There was a good turn-out of both members and MG cars. Kay's generous refreshments were enjoyed by all. Thanks Bells!

The new slate of officers for the coming year was duly elected at the last meeting and will take over November 1st. On behalf of all the membership, I would like to commend the two out-going officers. Tom Lund faithfully served a two year term as club Secretary, and Don Jones filled the VP office and ran regalia for the past year. Both individuals and their families have been great MG people! We thank them for their contributions and look forward to their continued active support.

We are approaching that time of year when we need to line up members to host meetings, tech sessions and other activities for the coming year. Jennifer Ash has agreed to continue to chair the activities committee until a replacement is named. Craig Barber is relieving Jennifer as membership chairman. Please think about which function you would like to host or maybe co-host if you feel your home or garage is just too small. Please discuss this subject with your better half and be ready to speak up when the subject comes up. We will also need volunteers for the Christmas party committee and how about another exotic brunch? Should we plan more drive-outs or rallies? Give your input at the next meeting.

Great top down MG driving weather...particularly for someone like me who doesn't have a top yet!

Hope to see you all at the pig roast at the Holcomb's. 'Til then stay.....

Safety fast,

Dave



Deadline for December DIPSTICK
November 20, 1989



MG Meeting
October 3, 1989

I need to make two corrections to the September minutes before I start the October minutes. The Treasurers report should have shown \$97.91 for expenses (instead of \$425.91) for an ending balance of \$1,332.56 and Chris Holcomb was not present at the September meeting so he could not have discussed spot welding.

Fred Horner who is an out of town member and owns 3 "A's", a "BGT" and other British cars was present. Bill Hoggard and Rosa Queman with a 68 "B" and Sue Bonds son Ken, who is a recent 74 "BGT" owner, were guests. Jim Newman also introduced his guest Marlene Angus. Welcome all of you!

Treasurers Report - We had a beginning balance of \$1,332.56, income of \$66.50, expenses of \$99.21 for an ending balance of \$1,299.85.

Activities - The annual pig roast will be held at Chris Holcombs October 22, 1989 starting at 1:30 p.m., The Waynesboro "Fall Festival" is 10-7-89 with 80 plus cars on display. Mr Lee Dowdy has offered to attend the November 19, 1989 Tech Session and be available for Auto Appraisals (\$20.00 per appraisal).

Newsletter - The deadline for articles for the November Dipstick is Monday October 23, 1989. We discussed adding a classified section and distributing the newsletter to businesses that may wish to purchase MG parts. We decided the postage and additional work required to accomplish this would not generate enough income to make the classified worth while.

Technical - Mike Ash, dressed in a SUIT talked briefly about Cam Shaft replacement.

Regalia - Special tonight only - "T-Shirts" 50% off plus a surprise with every purchase.

Spares - Robert Davis showed windshield defrosters, A MGB chrome grill and mounting plates for "T's".

Old Business - The slate of officers for the coming year was read. Mike Ash moved that nominations be closed and the slate be accepted as read and Ira Cantin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the nominations were unanimous.

Marque Time - Don't break down in West Point because it could cost you \$165.00 for a tow back to Virginia Beach. Mike Ash has a 74 "B" parts car so if you need any parts contact him. Susan Bond has reinstalled the heater in her "BGT".

Dave Bowling had a flyer for the Virginia Beach Car Show for anyone interested. The raffle was drawn and Jim Newman won.

Those in attendance were: Al Bianchi, Fred McCall, Jim Newman & Marlene Angus, Joan & Dave Bowling (MGTD), Bill Hoggard & Rosa Queman (1968 MGB), Charles Edwards, Bill Keeler (52 TD), Jock & Anita McGrigor (74 MGB), Ken Bond (74 MGB/GT), Susan Bond (72 BGT), Pam & Vince Groover (66 MGBGT), Chris Holcomb (62 MGA), Craig Barber, Fred Horner, Butch Ballback, Robert Davis (58 ZB Magnette - Varitone), Bob & Kay Bell (1960 MGA), Cynthia & Andy Faschini Wallach, Ira Cantin (MGTC), Joan Hauger (70 MGB-GT), Mike & Jennifer Ash (MGC), Jim Jackson (71 MG Midget). Frank & Gloria Benson, Ed Hazard and Tom Lund.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Nov. 1 (Wed) MONTHLY MEETING - at Don & Claudia Jones' (see map).
Kick tyres 7:30, meeting 8:00 p.m.



19 (Sun) TECH SESSION - at the new Garagatorium of Sue & Terry Bond. 10 a.m. until..?. (Lee Dowdy will be there to do appraisals, if anyone is interested in having their car appraised). As always, bring your problems and get help solving them, fixing them, etc.. or bring the offending instrument, component, whatever, to work on with other enthusiasts. See map for directions.

NOTE to NEWER MEMBERS... Please don't EVER miss a meeting, or event just because your **MG** is not on the road - you are welcome to participate in whatever IS running!

Dec. 8 (Fri) HOLIDAY-SEASON PARTY - The time of year we all get to dress up in good clothes, and don't recognize all the people we usually see in T-shirts and shorts!! This year we will have the party on a Friday night. Please put the date on your calendar, think of a finger-food dish to bring (we'll send round a list at the Nov.Meeting) and details on location will be in the next newsletter. **THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER MEETING**

*Please be prepared to sign up to host a meeting in 1990.
I'll have a list at the next meeting — Jennifer Ash.*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have two new memberships this month, another couple "over the water" in Newport News and an old member whose ship will be pulling into Norfolk fairly frequently... Please welcome them, and add them to your rosters.

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Bill and Rosa have a 1968 MGB and Fred and Jan own about 3 or 4 MGAs, a Land Rover, and several other special-interest cars, all garaged in their historic home in the Boston area.





This issue's Queen B is owned by William Gibbs. Here is his story:

It was the perfect fall day, cloudless sky with nature bearing her richest colors. The "B's" heater and our tweed jackets kept what chill there was in the air off of us. This was the season's last chance to enjoy life through an open top and we were going to enjoy it to the fullest.

Cindy and I embarked on the Rally with the enthusiasm of neophytes. Whatever reservations there were soon melted away in the camaraderie of the other MGs and their owners. We were enjoying the drive down shaded country lanes, becoming "one" with each other, our car, and with the magic of the day.

This came to a sudden end as a thoughtless driver ran a stop sign in front of us. The nightmare of broken glass and crunching metal is one that will always stay with me. In seconds, this driver undid months of loving restoration. Our "B," which was built solidly 19 years ago, held together though. It protected us from all, except minor injuries. The other car, a Japanese compact, fared far worse.

Four months after the accident, the "B" is home. Driving home from the body shop, I experienced a feeling of triumph that is impossible to put into words. The paint is a perfect match, and the new front bumper adds a special glitter to the car. The Octagon was salvaged from the old grill and is a reminder of the "old B." As I became more confident in driving the car and with myself, I started playing, testing to see if it was, in fact, my old "B." To my surprise and joy, it was! The handling was the same; it was my old "B." The people at Abingdon, who built my car in 1970, built it to last. The "B" is healed and I am healed. As an added bonus, Cindy and I came out of this ordeal stronger than ever. We look forward to many more open top drives down country lanes...Cindy, the "B," and me....

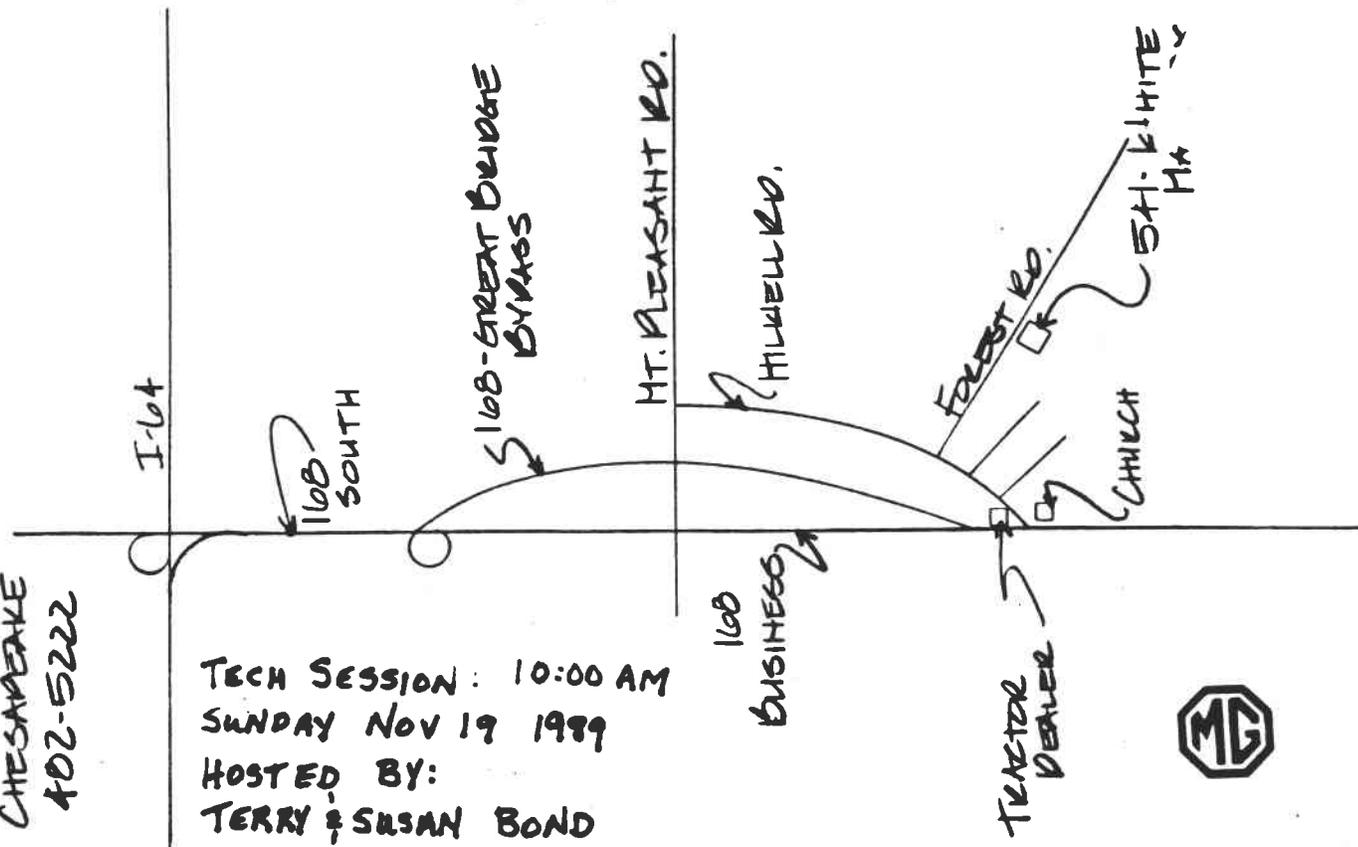
QUEEN B

To have your car considered for the Queen B send a B&W photo and history of the car to: AMGBA, P. O. Box 11401, Chicago, IL 60611.



Taken from MGB The American MGB Association, OCTAGON Newsletter, September-October 1989. Cindy and Bill Gibbs are members of The Tidewater MG Classics.

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ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Sunday October 22, 1989 was a beautiful day...a bright blue sky, brisk autumn temperatures, a yard full of hungry people, a line up of very nice MGs, and all the fixins for a pig roast. I won't try to name all the people who came out to the country side to join us because I'd lose track. There were forty or so adults and twenty children by Shelley's best guess.

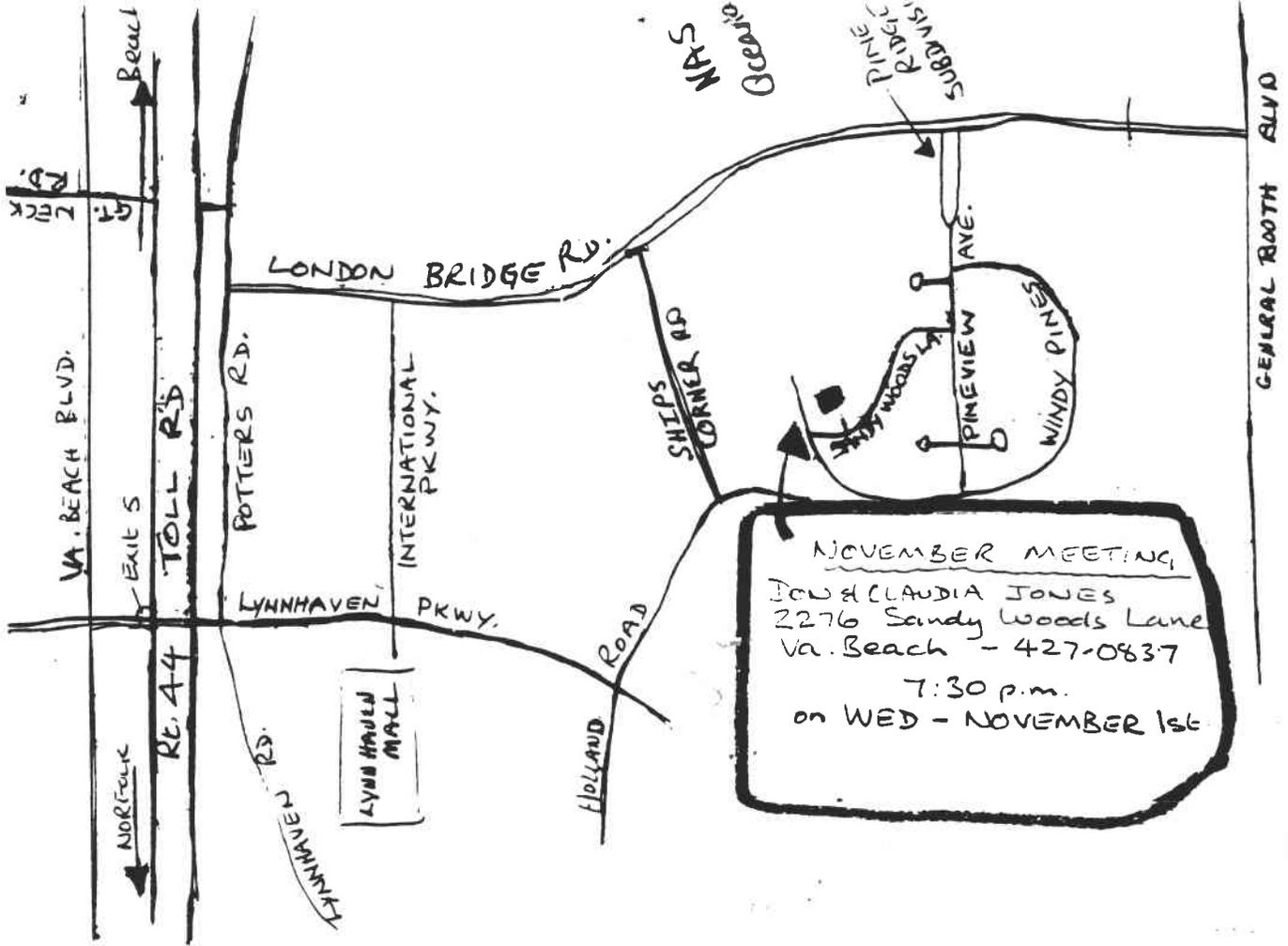
From my assigned post behind the huge charcoal grill, I could see MGA's, MGB's, MGTD's, a TF and a ZB. There may have been others, too, but I was so taken with the chopping of Bar-B-Q that I may have missed a few.

There were some heated croquet matches, some volleyball games, the neighbor's tree ate one kite. Conversation ranged from earthquakes and hurricanes to Telstar and Sputnik and covered all topics in between. It appeared that everyone was getting plenty to eat and enjoying great company.

Shelley and I are proud to have hosted such a fun event and want to thank all those who showed up to make it a success.

Chris & Shelley Holcomb





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