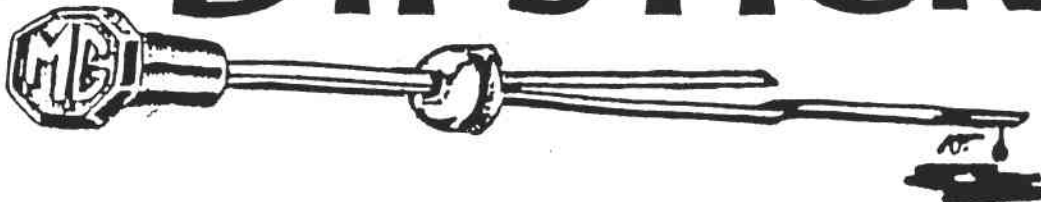


THE DIPSTICK



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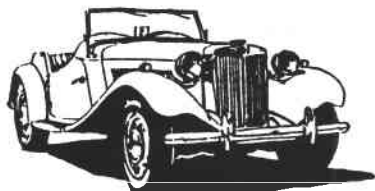
I'd like to personally thank Francine and Dan Boone for hosting the November meeting. We all know how important it is to have a meeting place for our Club! Everyone is grateful and thanks for a super evening! Ted Hughes brought a door prize for everyone - you never know what you can get at a meeting so come on out! Thanks Ted!

As we are about to enter the 20th year of the Tidewater MG Classics I'd like to say what a privilege it is to have been elected your president. I will do my best to serve you in this our 20th Anniversary. Again, I'd like to thank Bill for all his leadership, inspiration and friendship during the past two years (and for pointing out all the little things wrong with my TD). I look forward to your heckling at the meetings! I'd also like to thank the Officers elected and Committee Chairpersons for volunteering to serve the Club for this coming year.

Remember the Club was formed by a handful of enthusiasts who had the common goal in "Maintaining the Breed" and the common love of our "Little Cars". This goal lives on and it is great to see that this Club has grown to what it is today. I hope I can inspire everyone in the coming year to either get his/her car on the road, start a new restoration, finish an old project, fix a minor problem, find a major problem, host a Club event, contribute an article to The Dipstick, contact an old member, find a new member or just come to a meeting, socialize and have **FUN!** This is your Club and you can only get out of it what you put in...! So why not start by coming to the Annual Christmas Party hosted by Libby and Bill Keeler on the 5th of December? I can guarantee you a good time and lots of MG talk! (Plus we'll get to look for dust in Bill's garage!)

Our Activities committee, Peggy and Carol, have worked hard to come up with a slate of Activities that I'm sure will fill your calendar for 1993! Starting with the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off in January! If you haven't volunteered to host or help on some activity give it a try... half the fun is planning something with a fellow MG person. Keep your calendar open for the 20th Anniversary Dinner on the 15th of May. I'm looking for ideas, if you have any suggestions please give me a call (H 721-3034/W 464-8237).

I wish you all a Happy Holiday and may you get the MG parts you want for Christmas! **See you at the Christmas Party!!!**



Safety First!
Ken

Ken Bingham

MINUTES OF THE MG T CLASSICS MEETING HELD 04 NOV 92

Bill Keeler thanked the many people who worked very hard during the time he was president. These included Sue Bond, Bob Miller, Chris Holcomb, Jim Villers, Peggy Bradford, Bob McClarin, Mike Ash and Robert Davis. After thanking everyone the presidency was turned over to Ken Bingham. His first comment as president was as follows... "Behind every good man is a good woman, thanks to Carol for getting me the position. Looking forward to a good year." He then thanked Francene and Dan Boone for hosting the meeting. There was speculation that Roosevelt Mosely showed up to pay his dues so he could come to the Christmas party. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Balance of \$2,182.82

Activities - Tech Session - Bonds - Sunday, November 15
Christmas party - Keelers - December 15... bring a dish and notify Libby.

Membership - Ned Kuhns volunteered to take over for Bob McClarin. There are 134 individuals who belong to this club.

Newsletter - Deadline for the December Dipstick is November 16. Deadline for February Dipstick is January 16. There is no January Dipstick. Cartoons, recipes and articles are welcomed.

Regalia - George Ulrich said that jackets and shirts can be ordered individually from a company in Ohio.

Spares - Robert Davis came with a bevel spanner for \$25. Bill Keeler said he made his own by cutting washers. Look for Bill's article.

New Business - Report on Tapphannock trip led to discussion on how to use the money currently in the treasury. Jim Villers motioned to subsidize each meeting with \$35; it was seconded by Sue Bond. Discussion followed Jennifer Ash suggested upping it to \$50. Robert Davis felt the money was better spent on durable goods, special tools and engine lifts. A vote was taken and there were 10 yes votes and 12 no votes. The motion was defeated. After thought..the club's 20th anniversary is coming up.

Marque Time - Mike and Jennifer Ash went to Blue Ridge and met up with Leonard Sargeant. Unfortunately the weather was "bloody awful." The Bond's MG is expected to have a rebuilt engine by 14 November. Eight cars went to Tapphannock. Carol Bingham videotaped the affair including sighting of at least 12 bald eagles. Ted Hughes came with his own surgical instruments and shared with the members. Everyone grabbed, smiled and felt XMAS had come early. Everyone was a winner what a nice surprise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT DEC 5 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE KEELERS. RSVP 547-2709.
WED JAN 6 MEETING AT THE ASHES
SAT JAN 30 CHILI COOKOFF AT THE BINGHAMS

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

LOUIS TAYON
916 MONTEBELLO CIRCLE
CHESAPEAKE, VA 23320

I DON'T KNOW WHAT VARIETY OF BRITISH BEAUTY KEEPS LOUIS UP
LATE AT NIGHT, BUT WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE HIM AMONG US
WHATEVER PUTS WIND IN HIS HAIR!

- REMINDER -

Our **DIPSTICK** editor Chris Holcomb has graciously agreed to retain that job for the new year. He has done a excellent job. But he has had to take on more than he should. His position is that of coordinator and producer; not article writer and page filler. Those are our jobs!

Let's help him out by sending him stuff! Tech articles, funny car stories, serious car stories, travel stories, cartoons, jokes, what happened to your car stories, questions, answers, other club doings, notices of any MG car club events. You never know how one seemingly little tidbit can help someone solve a problem.

Not everyone can go to every meeting - but our **DIPSTICK** can go to every member! Let's give 'em something to look forward to and help our Editor!!!

Many thanks,



NEW FEATURE! "THE RECEIPE CORNER!"

Because one of our clubs favorite activities is munching at the meetings, we're going to feature appetizer receipies in each issue! So please share with us your favorites, bring them to the meetings, and we'll print as many as we can each month!

Bon Appetite!

Appetizer recipe
Cynthia Faschini
Eight Layer Taco Dip
Bottom layer can Old El Paso Bean dip
Next combine 8oz sour cream, 8oz mayo
and 1 pkg taco seasoning (2nd layer)
Next mash 2 ripe avocados, 2 tsp mayo, 1/2
juice of a lime and 1 can chopped green
chillies. (3rd layer)
Grated Monterey Jack cheese (4th layer)
Grated Cheddar (5th layer)
Chopped green onions (6th layer)
Chopped black olives (7th layer)
Diced tomatoes (8th layer)
Serve with chips

HELP!

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OUR CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP TO HOST/PLAN AN EVENT. DO IT ALONE OR WITH SOMEONE. THE FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTIONS AND CAN BE MODIFIED OR CHANGED IF YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA! DATES ARE ALSO FLEXIBLE, HOWEVER THESE TIME FRAMES WERE CHOSEN TO AVOID CONFLICTS AND KEEP A BALANCE OF ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

ACTIVITIES-1993

SAT JAN 30	CHILI COOKOFF	BINGHAMS/ASHES
FEB ??	PROGRESSIVE DINNER	??
SUN MAR 28 OR		
APR 18	CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH	??
SAT MAY 15	20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER	BINGHAMS
SUN JUN 13	GRAND PRIX TAILGATE PARTY (FUNKHANA/TAILGATE PICNIC)	??
JUL ??	GET-TOGETHER W/ RICHMOND CHAPTER	??
SUN AUG ??	POOL PARTY/ PICNIC	??
SUN SEP ??	PIG ROAST/ CAR SHOW	HOLCOMBS
NOV ??	TURKEY SHOOT OR BOWLING PARTY	??
SAT DEC 4	CHRISTMAS PARTY	??

TECH SESSIONS 1993- ALL SUNDAYS

FEB ?	FRANK LINSE
MAY/JUN	??
JUL/AUG	??
NOV 7	TERRY & SUE BOND, AND FRANK LINSE

MEETINGS-1993

WED JAN 6	ASHES
TUE FEB 2	??
WED MAR 3	ESCOBIOS
TUE APR 6	KUHNS
WED MAY 5	BINGHAMS
TUE JUN 1	McCLARENS
WED JUL 7	VILLERS
TUE AUG 3	KEELERS
WED SEP 1	WALLACH/FASCHINI
TUE OCT 5	ULRICHS
WED NOV 3	??

PLEASE CALL PEGGY BRADFORD (427-3365) OR CAROL BINGHAM (721-3034) TO SIGN UP TO HELP MAKE THIS A FUN YEAR FOR EVERYONE!

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Our new year was off to a red hot start with our Annual Chili Cook-off! Which was entirely appropriate since this crowd loves to eat!!! It was hosted by the Ash's and the Bingham's at Bingo's Garage. What a great way to ward off a cold winter night by tasting good ole recipe number 3! Or was it #10? No, it was #8. Well, maybe #5? Burp!!! In between grazing through the crockpots we also sampled delicious cornbreads and salads. We had challenged the Central Virginia MG Classics club (Richmond) for best chili - and they had the nerve to win! However, our own Terry Bond represented us in 2nd place!! Although it wasn't that easy to choose! All the entries were really delicious and all the pots were emptied! Richmond also won the Parts Identification Contest, but Sue Bond identified the most kitchen utensils used to repair an MG! Bob McClaren took first in the State and Logo Identification contest! Looking back, it was a great start to a fun year.

The winter months are quiet times for the cars so our President Bill Keeler assigned us a Mid-winter exam to keep our MG juices flowing! The highlight of this meeting was the riotous banter of who had the most correct answers! Bob McClaren won, but not without a fight from runners up Mike Ash, Terry Bond, Dave Bowling, and Robert Davis!!!

As it got closer to spring, Tech sessions got interesting. Our membership is open to all type MG's, so all cars are fair game!!! There were demonstrations on installing a rear end anti-clunk kit, an analysis of tires, the ups and downs of shocks, bleeding brakes, TD clutches, and the ever popular discussion of everyone's theory on oil types!

George and Susan Ulrich hosted our April meeting and had their '71 B proudly displayed in their den!! How accommodating!!! At the meeting Gygy Bradford was presented the President's Award; a plaque given to a vintage MG owner who has made a significant contribution and actively participated in the club and events.

Spring in Tidewater is a fragrant and savory time of year, and so was our Annual Champagne Brunch hosted by Robert and Faye Davis! How could food taste this good?!!! But maybe it has to do with the way Jennifer slices the bottle necks off with a sword. Those Brits and their élan!

As the days grew warmer, you could detect soft humming sounds coming from our garages. Upon throwing open the garage doors, our MG's coughed and sputtered and came to life! Our first challenge was our "Where IS Pungo?" car rally, hosted by rally masters Ulrich's and Bingham's. What a rollicking good time that was, roaming Virginia's country lanes and paths in Back Bay looking for blue silos, the right cornfield, and Fred. The only boo-boo was in forgetting to account for a bridge lift at the ferry crossing that slowed some times. Oops! Of course, this was followed by a grand cook-out picnic with plenty of ice cold beer to get us through all our rally stories! Andy Miller got the Booby Prize - we're lucky we didn't lose him!!!! Escobio's took 3rd, Keeler's took 2nd, and Ash's took 1st.

Then it was time for the British Car Day at Bowie, MD located midway between D.C. and Annapolis, sponsored by the T Register Chesapeake Chapter. They host over 800 cars spread over a beautiful park with a big flea market. It's a good meet. Ken and Carol Bingham entered their '51 TD and got honorable mention! Robert Davis entered his Land Rover. He didn't win anything but had a great time schmoozing with everyone!

We had a super pool party planned at the Miller's for August but since it rained every day including the weekends, we had to abandon the plan and try other outside activity!

As fall rolled around, it became primo MG weather. In September, we had our Annual Pig Pikin' and Car Show at Holcomb's ranch cohosted with the

Bond's. Boy, can these folks cook!!! The savory aroma of the pork slowly roasting over the hickory logs made our appetites swell! This year we had several car show categories so more folks could get awards! Best Interior went to Bob McClaren's '67 GT; Best Paint Job went to Bob Miller's '77 B, Best Wheels and Best Engine went to Frank Linse's '71 GT. And Best in Show went to Vince and Pam Groover's '50 Y-type!. I should say, old chap! Pip, pip and Cheerio!

Then it was on to Berkley Plantation for the Richmond British Car Day sponsored by our friends at the Central Virginia M.G. Classics of the T Register. This show gets bigger and better every year. Over 300 cars entered and it is a popular meet for our club because of its close proximity. Keeler's and Bingham's entered their TD's as did Leonard and Alice Lee Sargeant who won Third Place with their '52 TD! It's a beauty!!! Terry Bond showed his 1912 Triumph motorcycle, but didn't enter it. It's already an established winner! It's just so much fun to see it!! Ira Canton entered his beautiful A, but was last seen grumbling something about trailered cars shouldn't win!!! (RIGHT-ON, Ira!) George and Sue Ulrich entered "Earl" their '80 B but had too much fun eating, drinking and being merry to take competing seriously!! Robert and Faye Davis and entourage set up camp with the Land Rovers. You could smell them a mile away! ? Well, they hauled their gas grill and cooked a hunk of tuna!!! Yummmmmmm!!! However, they were kind enough to offer us a Mimosa! Frank Linse did get Honorable Mention for his GT, and deservedly so. It's "cherry"!!

Then it was time for the BIG ONE. The MG T Register GOF (Gathering Of the Faithful) at Cape May. Ken and Carol Bingham were our only entrants. Vince and Pam Groover also went up, but by the time they were to leave "hurricane" Danielle was overhead and they forsook their WHY for the van! What started as a disaster for the Bingham's (the right rear axle broke and rendered their TD useless just as they pulled up to the hotel) ended with winning several awards! But the best part was meeting so many wonderful fun people!! On to Burlington VT in '93!!!

October is beautiful here - gorgeous autumn colors and mild weather. And such was the day Peggy Bradford planned for our Tappahannock Driveout! With Paul Thiergart leading the way we caravanned to the Rappahannock River and cruised up the river to the Ingleside Winery where we had a delicious lunch of course!, a tour, and the best part...a wine tasting!!!! It was back to "wasn't that chardonnay delicious? Or was it the vin blanc? Or perhaps we should try the red again. No-maybe the blush." BURP!!! The last we saw Jim Villers he was on sample #37 and Betty had moved onto champagnes!! At least Libby bought something - we heard the bottles klink together in a brown paper bag!? On the return trip the boat docked at the last steamboat wharf left on the river and we toured the 1810 mansion. gardens, and museum. After the cruise we went antiquing which built up our dinner appetites for some famous Chesapeake seafood! What a great day for all of our senses!!!

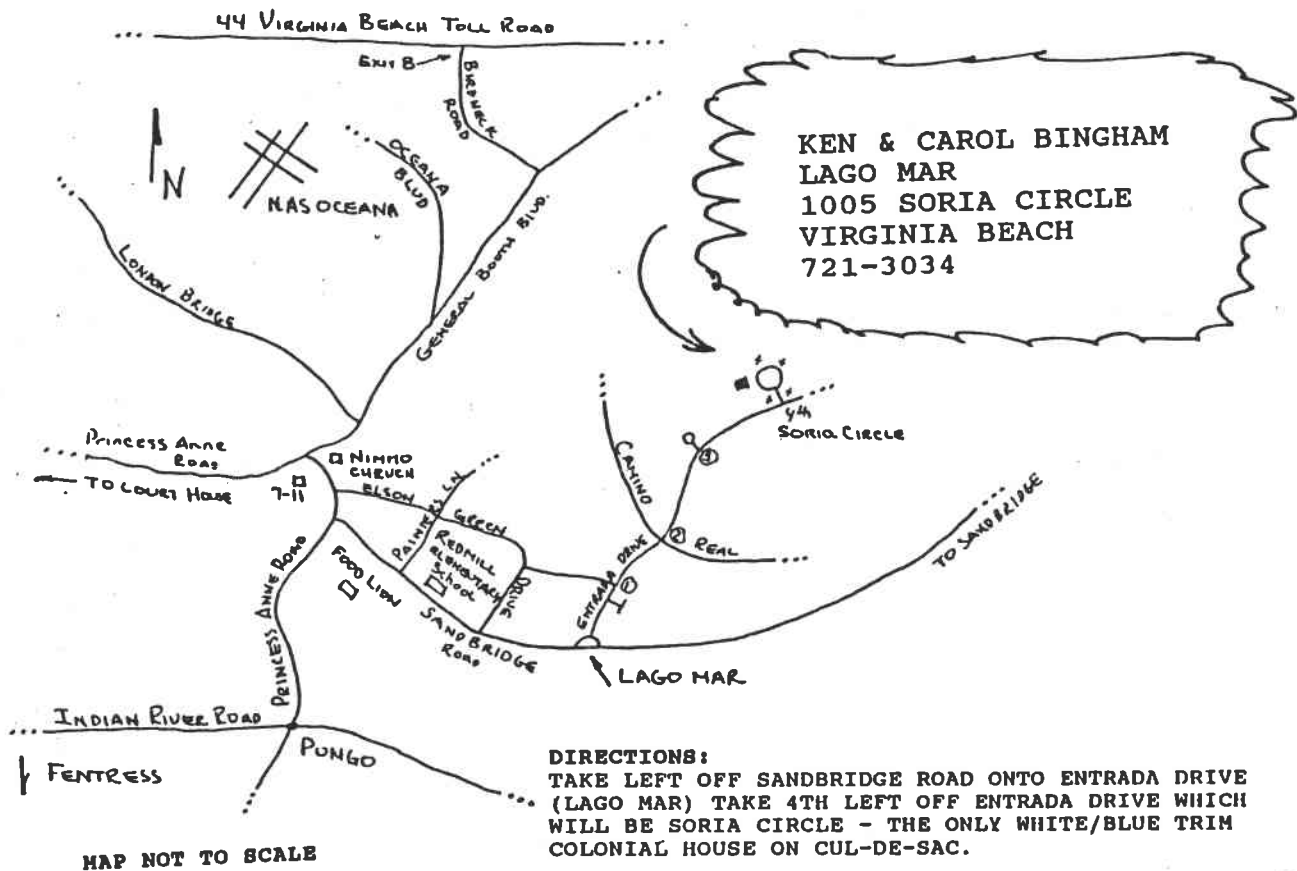
Many, many thanks to all our other members who also hosted meetings and tech sessions including Andy and Cynthia, the Wessel's, Escobio's, and the Boone's.

We've now had our election of officers for the coming year, and rest assured it was done very democratically. Ken Bingham was the only one out of town at the nominating and voting meetings, so he was elected President unanimously! There's a lesson learned here!!! The new officers will kick off with our Annual Christmas Party Food Feast! And hopefully without too much struggle, they will establish a motivated group of committee chairpersons, and present a fun filled calendar for '93!!!

TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS SECOND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF!!!

AT THE BINGHAM'S

FROM RICHMOND TAKE I-64 TO 44 (VIRGINIA BEACH TOLL ROAD) GO EAST TOWARDS THE BEACH THEN TAKE EXIT EIGHT (8) AND A RIGHT ONTO BIRDNECK ROAD GOING SOUTH UNTIL IT MEETS GENERAL BOOTH BOULEVARD TAKE A RIGHT ONTO GENERAL BOOTH AND FOLLOW THE MAP - SEE YOU THERE!!!



Coming next issue. TECH Session "Generator Service", by Mike Ash.

WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS HOSTED OR PLANNED AN ACTIVITY OR MEETING THIS YEAR. WE COULDN'T CONTINUE WITHOUT YOUR HELP. THANKS A BUNCH!



TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS SECOND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF!!!

Hosted by
MIKE & Jennifer Ash
KEN & CAROL Bingham

SATURDAY
30 January 1993
7:00 PM

GAMES
&
PRIZES !!

BEER & WINE
& SOFT DRINKS
PROVIDED

GOOD
TIME!!!



I'm going to
My Second chili
Cook-off! ARE
You?

BINGHAM'S

GRAND
PRIZE
FOR BEST
CHILI!!!

PLEASE R.S.V.P by 27 Jan 93
721-3034 or
495-0307 (after 5pm)

LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BRING:

YOUR FAMOUS
CHILI

CORNBREAD
OR
RICE

SIMPLE
DESERT

MUNCHIES

SALAD

RICHMOND YOU MIGHT HAVE WON LAST YEAR...
BUT TRY AGAIN - WE CHALLENGE YOU!!!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY

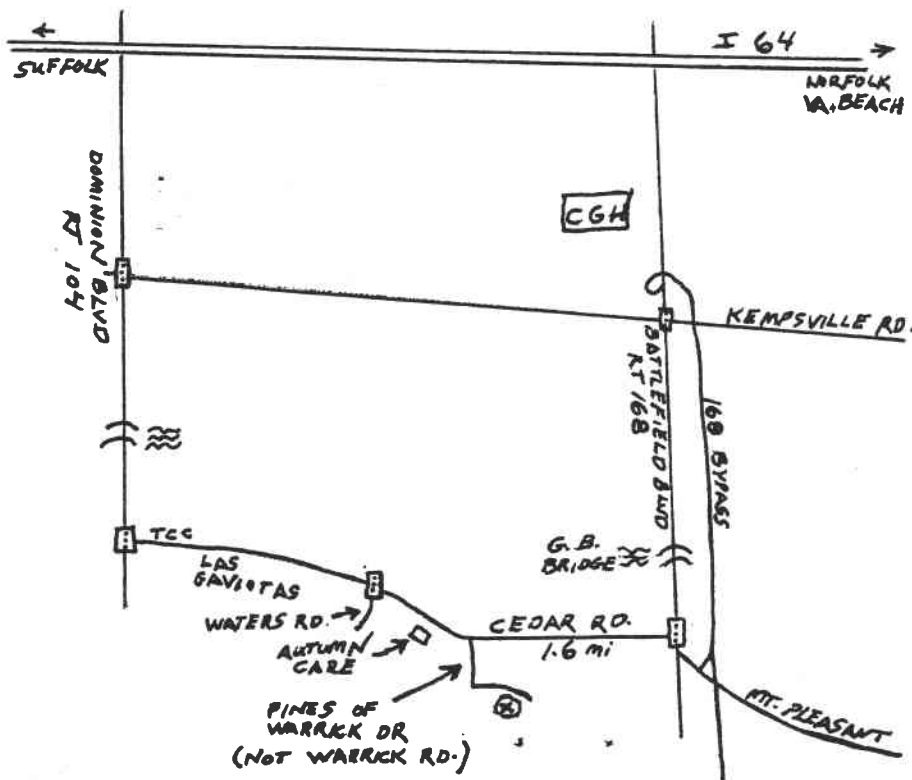
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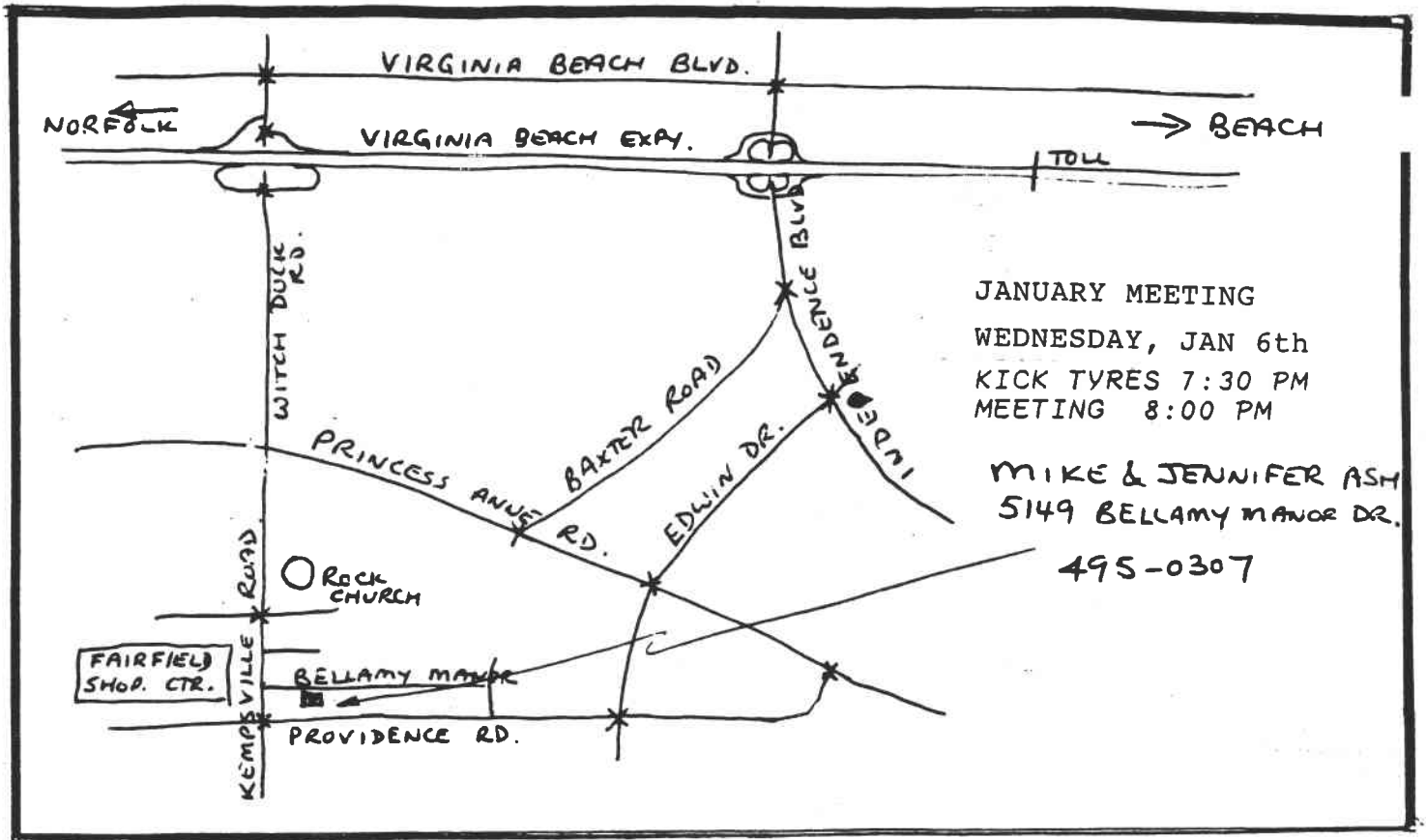
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HOSTED BY: LIBBY AND BILL KEELER
636 Montebello Cir., Ches.
RSVP 547-2709

Be sure your Holiday Season gets started on the right wheel. Plan now to share a festive evening with your friends and fellow enthusiasts.

PLEASE NOTE!! Anyone with the club banner, please bring to Christmas party or call Ken Bingham.





JANUARY MEETING

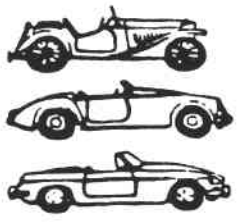
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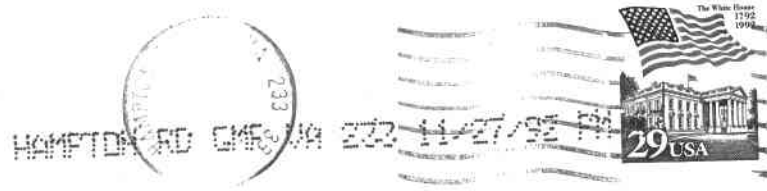
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MIKE & JENNIFER ASH
5149 BELLAMY MANOR DR.

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CHESAPEAKE, VA 23322



FIRST CLASS

SUSAN AND TERRY BOND
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