

THE TIDEWATER MG T CLASSICS

THE DIPSTICK



SEPTEMBER 1992

PRESIDENT.....Bill Keeler

SECRETARY.....Bob Miller

VICE PRESIDENT..Susan Bond

TREASURER.....Jim Villers

EDITOR....Chris Holcomb

MARQUE TIME:

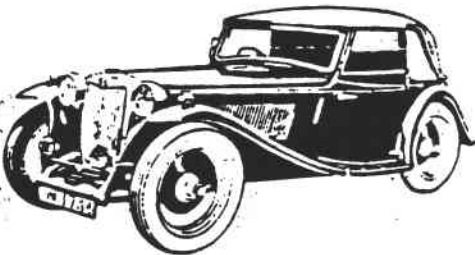
Libby and I enjoyed having such a big turnout for the August meeting, and were glad to see so many guests. Bob even signed up some of them, and we hope to see everyone at the September meeting.

Robert and Faye hosted a successful Tech Session. There were many MGs present. Bob Jordan replaced the clutch and brake pedal bushings in his TD. If you are contemplating this project, and your wife opens the garage door to tell you dinner will be ready in 15 minutes, go for it. No problem, simply remove your cars interior. When you can see the transmission and clutch housing, remove them. Talk the pedals out, pop on new bushings, re-assemble everything, test drive, eat dinner.

Unfortunately the pool party had to be cancelled due to water. But we did decide on a date for the annual 'Pig Pickin'', so mark your calendar for September 13. The following Sunday is the BCD at Berkeley. Two great events you don't want to miss.

More news on the MGCCNA. Please read the enclosed information, it may come about yet. If you would join on an individual basis (\$35 per year) please let us know, so we can pass on an estimated number.

The Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for the upcoming year at the next meeting. Also, last minute planning for the Pig Pickin' and the meander up Rt. 5, so don't miss the gathering at Andy and Cynthia's.



Safety  *Fast!*

Bill

Bill Keeler

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER DIPSTICK: MONDAY SEPT 21.

MINUTES OF THE MG T CLASSICS MEETING HELD AUGUST 4, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Bill Keeler, President, at 8:12. Our hosts for the evening were Bill and Libby Keeler. Guests for the meeting included Dave King with a "B", Carlos Rosenda with a "B", Steve Rollins with a midget and Randy Bear. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in "The Dipstick". The motion was seconded by Jim Vellines and carried.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance was \$1,440.11 with receipts totaling \$360.75 and disbursements totaling \$82.83. The balance as of the meeting was \$1,579.65.

Committee Reports:

Activities - The pool party and pot luck picnic will be held August 16th at Bob and Judy Miller's house. The next regular meeting will be on September 2nd at Cynthia and Andy's home in Norfolk. The club picnic and pig roast will be held on September 13th at Chris Holcomb's home. Don't forget the Richmond Chapter British Car Day in September. The club is still looking for a car event / overnight for mid-October. Ken's TD took Honorable Mention at Bowie, MD.

Clubs - Mike and Jennifer Ash attended the "A" Register outing. The "C" Register is going to England.

Old Business - None

New Business - Mike Ash has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee for the new slate of officers. The elections will be at the October meeting with the new officers taking over at the November meeting.

Marque Time - Frank painted his GT using Bob's new spray gun, looks good, the Trading Post has a 53 TD for \$15,000, someone shot Tom's MG. George informed the group of the upcoming SCAA races at Fentress on August 29th (classes) and 30th (races).

Dan won the raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Miller

Bob Miller, Secretary





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President: John W. Thornley CBE

M.G. Car Club North America Limited

It was with great sadness that I found the M.G. Car Club North American promotion tour cancelled, because so many North Americans I know and had met welcomed the opportunities its existence could bring them, their local M.G. club and for some their national register. The ultimate reason for cancellation was the strain put upon the M.G. Car Club finances in U.K. when our Donington Park two day event sponsorship did not materialise.

I felt the North American M.G. owner/enthusiast had been let down and my subsequent discussions with many of your countrymen gave me the incentive to assist in turning the situation around. At the August M.G. Car Club Executive meeting approval was given for the use of the M.G. Car Club North America Name and Badge to the previously nominated managers to conduct a promotion campaign to ascertain the level of support for the Club amongst known M.G. Clubs, owners and appropriate traders given the new situation.

Their letter contains proposals for the establishment of the M.G. Car Club North America, that will eventually make available to North American M.G. people all the M.G. Car Club basic facilities and those required by its North American membership.

Please try and forget the rumours which were deliberately misinformative about the M.G. Car Club intentions in bringing the Club to North America, they were never true, but were developed to protect existing financial interest and the small market share obtained by national organisations.

Please consider the offer and advise your Clubs policy at the earliest opportunity so your Club might have a voice in North American matters and maybe served more effectively in the future.

Yours Otegonally

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Phil Richer
Overseas Director,
M.G. Car Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- WED, SEP 2 MEETING - ANDY AND CYNTHIA FASCHINI/WALLACH
- SUN, SEP 13 ANNUAL PIG ROAST AND CLUB CAR SHOW AT CHRIS AND SHELLEY HOLCOMB'S.
- SUN, SEP 20 BRITISH CAR DAY AT BERKLEY PLANTINTION SPONSORED BY THE RICHMOND CHAPTER-- THIS IS ALWAYS A GOOD TIME! MARK YOUR CALENDAR.
- SAT, SEP 26 MGs OF BALTIMORE ANNUAL "MGs ON THE ROCKS" BEL AIR, MD. CONTACT KURT NAGL (410)557-7107
- SAT, OCT 3 SHENANDOAH VALLEY BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL. WAYNESBORO, VA.
- OCT 31-NOV 1 CENTRAL VA MG CC SECOND ANNUAL BLUE RIDGE RUN
- ACTIVITIES CO-CHAIRPERSONS: PEGGY BRADFORD 427-3365, 445-3136
KEN BINGHAM 721-3034, 444-5087

MG CAR CLUB - Classic Car Magazine is CLUB of the YEAR 1990

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to the new members who joined our ranks during May , June, and July of 1992. To name a few:

- Ken and Barbara Nelson... '53 TD
- Gregg Coogan '73 B, '74 1/2 B
- Terry Obrien '78 B
- Steven and Brenda Rollins ... '74 Midget
- Stephen and Denise Underhill .. '71 B
- Andy Anton '69 Midget
- Clare Houseman..... '69 B
- Ed and Linda Solomon '74 B

At the July meeting, two of the guests included Carlos and Karen Rosende ('70 B) who seemed to enjoy the good hospitality and nice people at the Keeler's and will be joining us this month. Ed and Linda Solomon (see above) recently heard about the club through Vince Groover and have joined with us before attending their first meeting. Welcome to all! (My apologies to any and all new members that I have failed to mention.)

Jerry McVeigh of Newport News is spreading the word about the best little MG club in South-Eastern Virginia! Added to the back of membership applications. *and put under wiper arms on likely looking MGs...* !!!WARNING!!!

THIS IS NOT A TICKET

Hi MG Enthusiast,

As a fellow owner of an MG (65 MGB), I would like to congratulate you on your choice of cars.

I'm a member of the "Tidewater MG Classics" car club. This is a group of MG owners that get together monthly to talk about their cars, the problems and solutions, and to receive advice from everybody else. Activities include parties, tech sessions, car meets, and road trips. A monthly newsletter is also published.

Members have cars from T's to A's to B's to C's and even a B-V8. The main idea is to have fun and enjoy all MGs.

If this sounds like your kind of organization, send the application on the other side to Bob. If you want more details or want to come to the next meeting before making the decision, call me at home at 872-9006. Directions to the meeting and other events are included in the newsletter.

Remember, as an MG owner, YOU NEED NOT BE ALONE!

Jerry McVeigh

MG Car Club North America *Mk.II*

7/29/92

Mr. Mike Ash
NAMGAR TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS
5149 Bellamy Manor Dr
Virginia Beach VA 23464

Dear Mr. Ash,

Like most people you have probably heard much about the "on again -off again" MG Car Club North America which was proposed by the UK club as an umbrella to help support the smaller and more disparate clubs scattered about the United States and Canada.

Apparently the proposal was finally stopped by a vocal minority who felt threatened by the competition and sent their legal representative over to England to make a presentation to a divided Board of Directors. The Board evidently decided that too much of the UK money was being spent on the wrong side of the Atlantic. In addition, they may have assumed the very vocal minority in fact represented the majority of Clubs on this continent.

We do not believe this to be the case! It appears the opposition to MGCCNA came primarily, if not exclusively from some large National organizations. If so, the needs and desires of local chapters such as your own, have been ignored.

Well, the idea is now officially dead. But that does not mean that an umbrella club is not a good idea. And if there is sufficient support from YOU, there is no reason we should not do it ourselves on this side of the pond.

Our feeling is that an international umbrella club should have been formed in 1969 when Leyland withdrew financial support from the one-make clubs, or in 1980 when the Car Company was killed. In those times, MGCCUK did not have the resources and the only people with the strength to go national were the New England T Register. Their decision was apparently to continue doing what they do best, which is support the T-types, and not get involved with the A's and B's.

As we see it, a non-profit, national umbrella club, with democratically elected officers, would draw together and support the smaller local clubs (which would of course, remain autonomous). Additionally, such a club would be particularly good for the individual with more than one model of MG.

The continued growth of our clubs has been based on the MGB owing to sheer numbers (there are precious few T-types and MGA's left in barns these days). Considering the volume of B's that came to this country, particularly in the "Sunshine States", we have tremendous potential.

We are sure that the UK Club can be relied on for moral support, if not for dollars. We have borrowed from the UK Club the following proposal, subject to revision based on the input from you, the Clubs in North America, on what is feasible as far as the UK is concerned and on budgetary considerations.

MG Car Club North America *Mk.II*

- ✓ Open to all MG car clubs, registers, associations and British car clubs that are not exclusively MG.
- ✓ Central office for administration (voluntary, initially).
- ✓ Automatic membership in the MG Car Club UK.
- ✓ Establishment of North America supplement to Safety Fast!
- ✓ Regularly scheduled copy space in North America Safety Fast!
- ✓ Your club officers and contact people listed in each issue of NA Safety Fast!
- ✓ All club meetings listed in each issue, with contact people.
- ✓ Two major events per Club advertised free of charge each year.
- ✓ Each Club can act as an agent for trade and classified ads, the club receiving the appropriate commission (usually 15%).
- ✓ Individual full members can join for \$35.00 and will receive a monthly copy of Safety Fast! with the North American supplement.
- ✓ Members will be permitted to use the name and badges of the MGCCUK and MGCCNA MK. II.
- ✓ Members will be able to avail themselves of MGCCNA MK II regalia items through their local Club.
- ✓ Structure and control similar to MGCCUK, to include democratic elections of North American Directors Officers and Representatives.
- ✓ MGCCNA MK. II will determine the winner of the North American Nuffield Trophy on an annual basis.

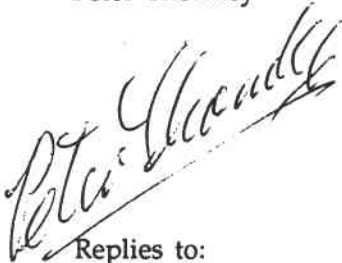
We very much want this to be your Club and welcome your comments, suggestions and support. In order that we might move ahead with this effort in a timely manner, may we suggest your input by Sept. 15, 1992. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and comment freely.

Octagonally yours,

Peter Thornley

Bob Welch

Lou Marchant



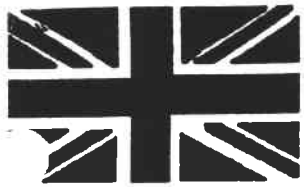
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Lou Marchant
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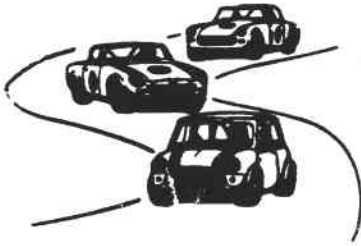
OPEN HOUSE

Come to the **Seven Enterprises Open House** on Saturday, September 19 and meet the people behind the phones! Take the official warehouse facility tour! See those "goodies" you've wanted for your car! Also, attend **British Car Day** on Sunday, September 20 at Berkeley Plantation, just north of Williamsburg on the James River! Have fun with your British car!

Open House Special—10% off any purchase of \$100 or more
Sale merchandise and our scratch & dent items excluded.

Bring your car and enjoy the fun!

—Door Prizes—
—Parts Quiz—
—Free Soft Drinks—



OPEN HOUSE AT SEVEN ENTERPRISES

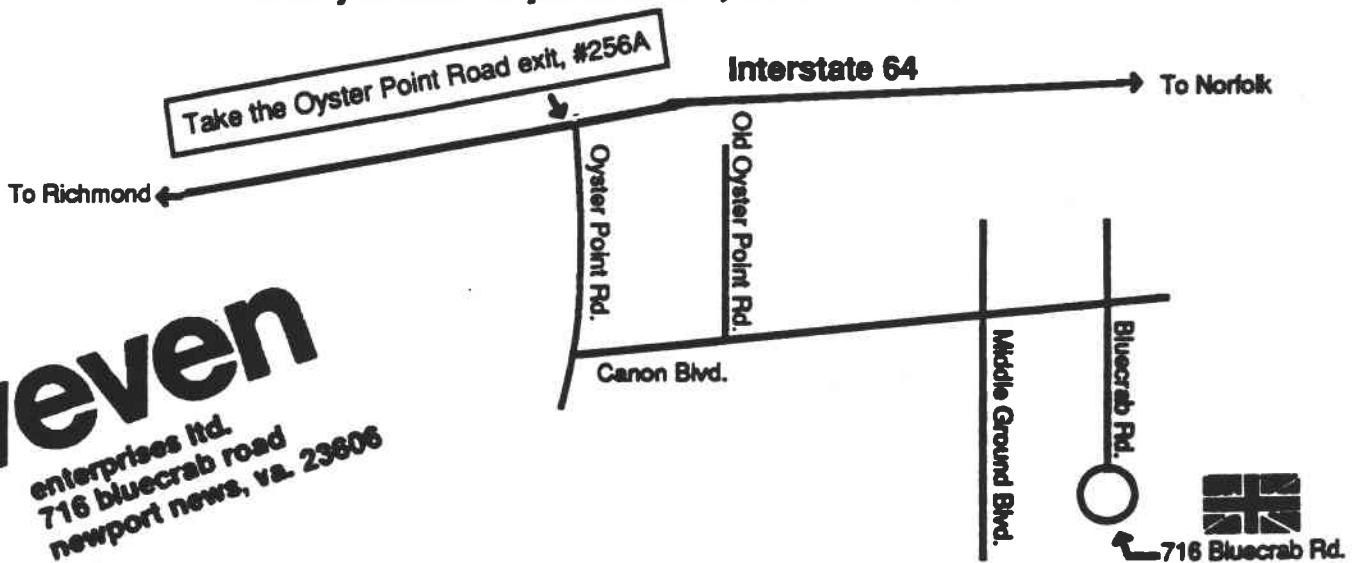
BRITISH CAR DAY BERKELEY PLANTATION

WHEN: Saturday, September 19
TIME: 9 am – 3 pm
WHERE: 716 Bluecrab Rd., Newport News, VA

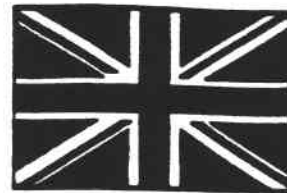
WHEN: Sunday, September 20
TIME: 10 am – 4 pm
WHERE: Rt. 5, Charles City, VA

•For further information, call 804-873-0007•

Seven
enterprises ltd.
716 bluecrab road
newport news, va. 23606



THE BRITISH ARE COMING!



The Eighth Annual Richmond British Car Day

Presented by: The Central Virginia MG Classics Ltd., Chapter of The New England MG "T" Register

Where: Berkeley Plantation — Route 5, Charles City, Virginia 23030

When: Sunday, September 20, 1992
Field opens at 10:00 a.m. — Registration closes at 12:30 p.m.

Awards: Judging by registrants, noon to 2:00 p.m. — Awards at 3:00 p.m.
Pewter — Best of Show
Pewter — Berkeley Award (Special Berkeley Selection)
Pewter — First in Marque or Series with 6 or more cars Pre-registered
Pewter — Second in Marque or Series with 9 or more cars Pre-registered
Pewter — Third in Marque or Series with 12 or more cars Pre-registered
Plaque — Oldest British Car
Plaque — Distance Award
Plaque — "M.O.F.I." (Most Opportunity for Improvement)
Awards — Honorable Mention
Premier Class — Last Year's First Place Winners

Photo Contest: Bring your best black and white or color photographs for judging. Photographs may be unframed, but your name should appear on back.

What else you get: Door Prizes — All Registered are eligible
Dash Plaques — All Pre-registered Cars and at gate while available
Registration Packet — (Full of Goodies) — All Registered

Food: Food and beverages will be sold, or you may bring a picnic lunch.
Sorry: No pets or alcoholic drinks are permitted.

DIRECTIONS TO THE EIGHTH ANNUAL RICHMOND BRITISH CAR DAY

From the North, take I-95 south to I-295 (Norfolk exit). Take I-295 to Rt. 5. East on Rt. 5 for 19 miles.
From the East, take I-64 to 199 exit. Follow to Rt. 5.
From the South, take I-95 north to Rt. 156 to Rt. 10. Left at Benjamin Harrison Bridge to Rt. 5. Right on Rt. 5.
From the West, take I-64 to I-295 east. Follow I-295 to Rt. 5 east for 19 miles.

Information or Registration: Write: Alan Serafin
4141 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Phone: (804) 266-3328
After 6:00 p.m. or
Before 10:00 p.m.

Mail before September 10th
Make Check payable to: Central Virginia MG Classics

Pre-registration — \$ 8.00
After September 10 — \$12.00
Vehicle for Sale — \$15.00
Vendor Space — \$25.00

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Series: _____

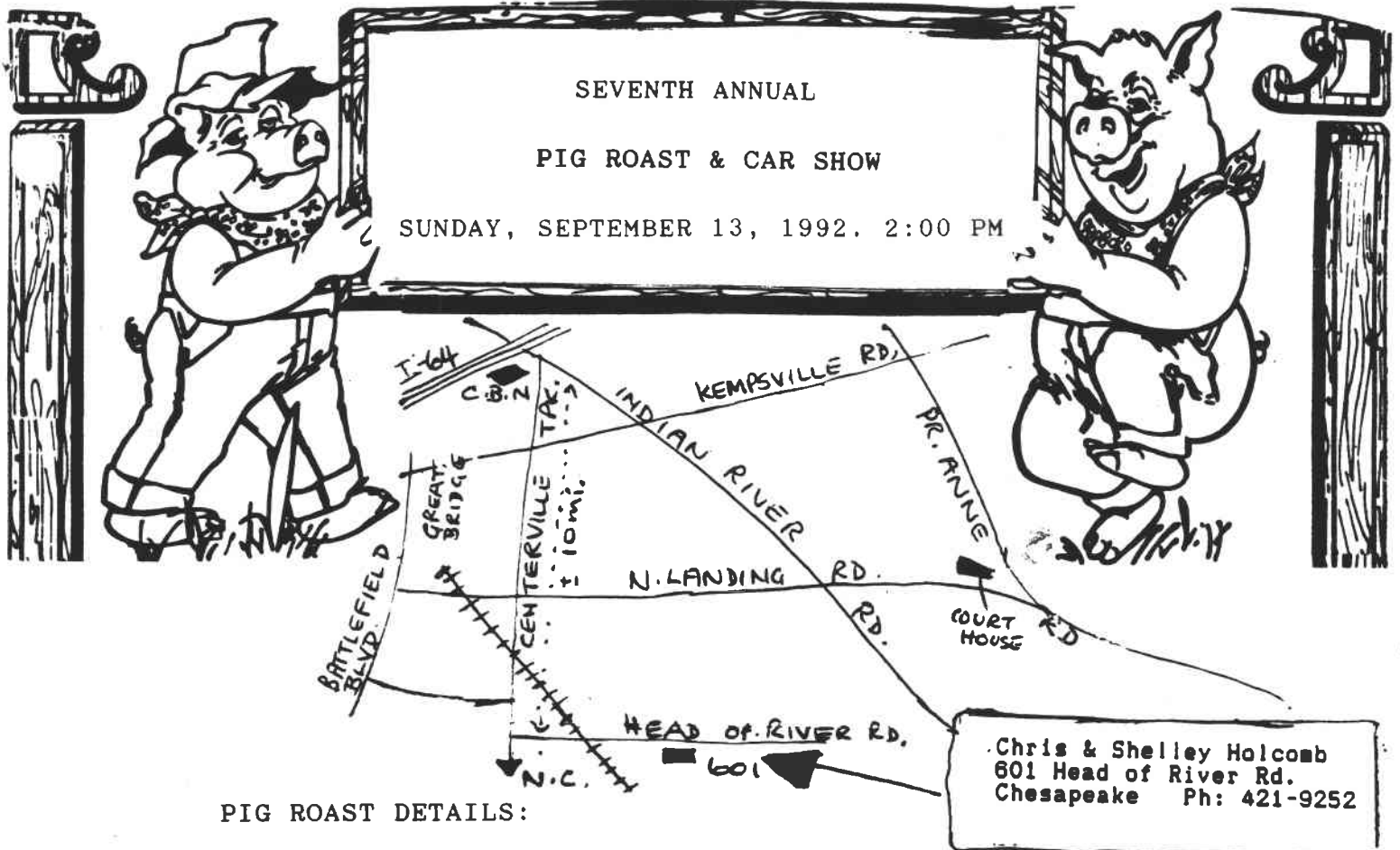
Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Series: _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Must be signed to enter show
Neither I nor my heirs will hold the Central Virginia MG Classics, the New England MG "T" Register, or Berkeley Plantation liable for any injury, death, or damages occurring while engaged in, or traveling to or from this event.

Signature: _____

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A portion of the proceeds will be donated to charity.



PIG ROAST DETAILS:

The Club will provide:

- * PIG - CHEFS - TRIMMINGS... Baked Beans, Buns, Coleslaw, Sauces, Chips, Pretzels, etc.
- * BURGERS FOR NON-PIG PICKERS !!
- * DESSERTS
- * SOFT DRINKS

You Please Bring:

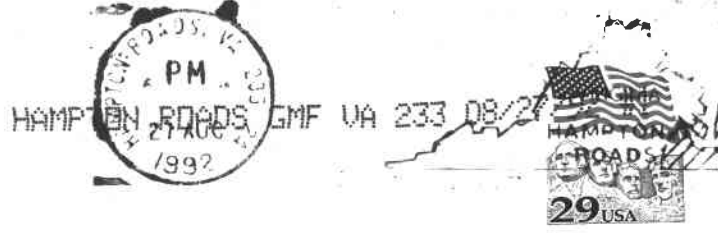
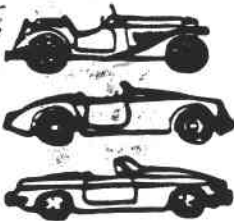
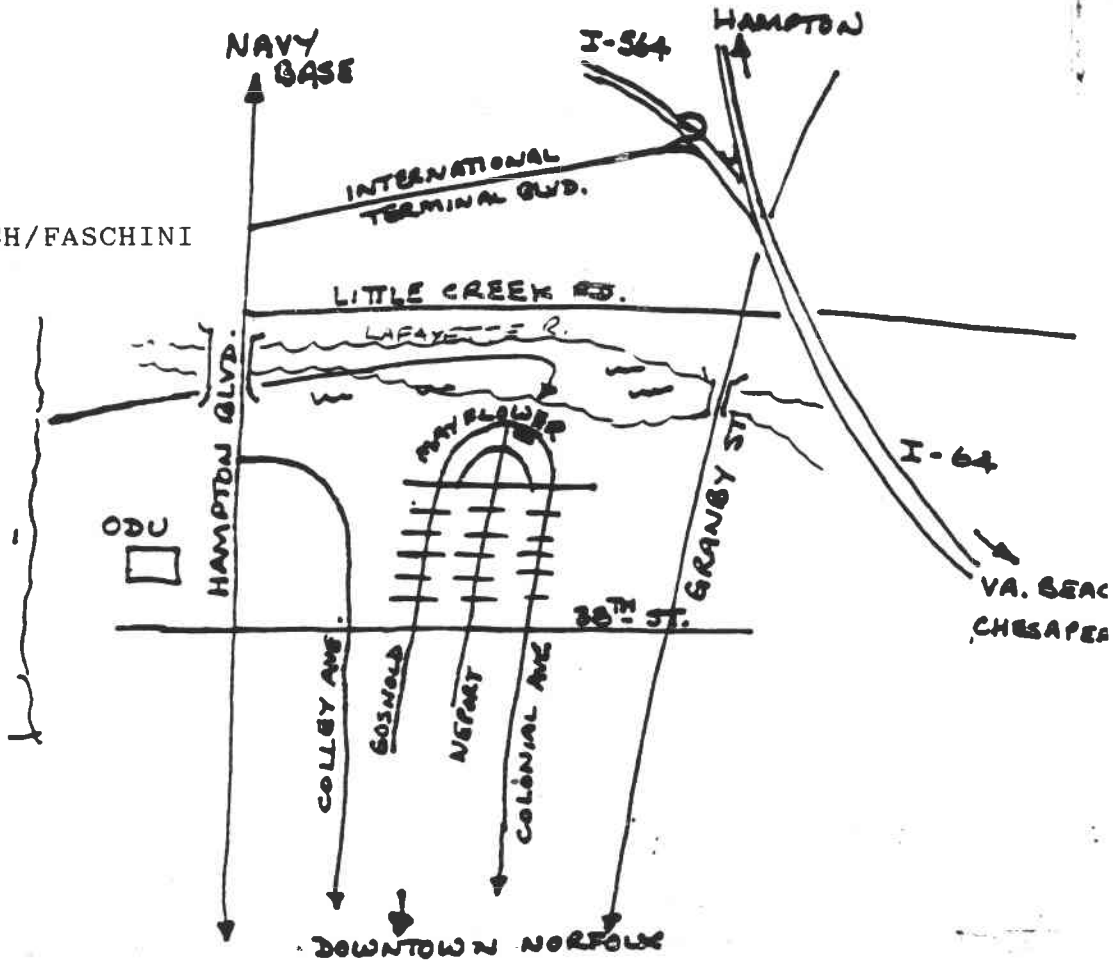
- * Y.O.A.B.-- your own alcoholic beverage, if you wish
- * LAWN CHAIR
- * APPETITE !!
- * \$5.00 FOR ADULTS, \$2.50 FOR KIDS UNDER 12

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY SEPT 9 TO CHRIS AND SHELLEY HOLCOMB, 421-9252 OR SIGN UP AT THE MEETING SEPT 2. BE THERE!

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 runner 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 MG's.
- * Judging is by popular choice. Anyone checking for LINREAD bolts will be forced to chug bar-b-que sauce.

SEPTEMBER MEETING
 WEDNESDAY SEP 2, 1992
 KICK TYRES 7:30
 BUSINESS 8:00
 HOSTED BY:
 ANDY AND CYNTHIA WALLACH/FASCHINI
 545 MAYFLOWER RD.
 NORFOLK, VA 622-8315



FIRST CLASS

