

THE DIPSTICK



President.....Ken Bingham
Vice President...Bob McClaren

Secretary.....Cynthia Faschini
Treasurer.....Jim Villers

Editor....Chris Holcomb

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MARQUE TIME:

Our sincere thanks to Faye and Robert Davis for hosting the February Meeting! We wish them both a speedy recovery from their accident (the Land Rover too!). What MG enthusiasts'...They still insisted on having the meeting at their home, and thanks to everyone who helped!

If you missed the Chili Cook-off you really missed an exciting event! What a turn out...over 60 people and 16 Chilies! Our friends from the Richmond and Chesapeake Chapters showed up in true MG fashion. Our own Bob/George Ulrich took "The Best" Chili award! Lynette Gold placed second, and Libby Keeler and Chris Holcomb tied for third! Bill Ludtke identified the most items (in fact - all but one!) in the Tool Box Game. Sue Bond won the Sewing Box Game and Cynthia Faschini won by a "nose" in the Smelling game! I think everyone had a grand time and I want to thank Carol, Jennifer and Mike for hosting the event and making it a real success!

I want to thank Bob McClaren for making up the new "readable" membership roster. If you haven't gotten one they'll be available at the meetings. Thanks Bob!

The weather broke that Sunday after the Chili Cook-off, so I took my TD out for a test drive and all seems to be in good working order and ready for spring to get here! The Tech session on Sunday the 28th of February at Frank Linse's should be very interesting - Body Repair! So plan on coming out with your MG's and learning something or just Socialize!

The committee for the Anniversary Dinner Party has been busy getting ideas and plans together. More information will be in the next Dipstick, but please note the date: **Saturday the 22nd of May!**



Safety first!
Ken

Ken Bingham

MINUTES OF THE MG T CLASSICS MEETING HELD 06 JAN 93

Ken Bingham thanked Mike and Jennifer Ash for hosting the meeting. As usual the atmosphere was delightful and the food was plentiful. The turnout was good. Daryl who is restoring a 53TD is a new member and we had three guests including Stan (76 Midget) Cecil (77B) and Tom Rosendale (AH Sprite 63).

Treasurer's Report - Balance of \$1,917.99

Activities - Sunday February 28 Tech Session at Frank Lindsey's. Next meeting is January 2, Tuesday at Robert and Faye's. Don't forget the Chili Cookoff Saturday the 30th at Ken and Carol Bingham's. Ken Bingham - 20th Anniversary of the Club. Need suggestions on what everyone wants to do to celebrate this momentous occasion. Suggestion already mentioned were going to Blue Pete's, Capt. George's or the DamNeck Club. All suggestions welcomed.

Membership - A suggestion received from Dave Barrows- We should get a better roster printed. The current one is unclear in some places and since we have over \$2000.00 in the treasury why not use it for this. Another suggestion was to update it then send it out in a more legible format.

Regalia - George Ulrich was on a roll trying to sell the MG cup holders. Good for beers, soda etc. Bargain price of \$3.50 they come in various colors.

Spares - Robert Davis - defroster items for the windshield were the agenda item. (1) Lucas makes electronic defrosters; (2) to solve Faye's problem "immediate gratification of clearing up her windows" Robert said that a Volkswagon blower with a pipe soldered to a Lucas connector using original defroster hoses for input plus a squiggly looking edifice seems to do the trick.

Fittings/Hoses - BB Rubber Bambridge will make hoses up to 500 feet. Very nice people to deal with. Bill Keeler suggested NAPA as another place to inquire about hoses.

New Business - Most Active Member It was suggested that we keep this award for vintage cars then create another one for the other MG's.

Old Business - President's Award presented to Bill Keeler. Also the most active member awarded this year went to Ken and Carol Bingham for their outstanding participation in Co-hosting the rally, chili cookoff not to mention attending GOF, Berkley and Bowie.

Marque Time - Armand Escobio purchased a new B. Dave Bowling said you can receive a discount on MG parts if you are member of the a New England MG "T" Register free shipping plus 10% off. Moss also gives you free shipping. Be assertive, they will not offer this information. British Part Direct will also pay shipping. Ken Bingham repainted his MGTD; he received a 20% discount from Norfolk Paint. Again a special thanks to Bill and Libby Keeler for putting together a great Christmas Party.

MINUTES OF THE "MG" CLASSICS MEETING HELD 02 FEB 93

Ken Bingham called the meeting to order. Thanks to Faye and Robert Davis for hosting this meeting. John Goswell was welcomed and informed us he had a 1978 MG8. Chris announced that the set of minutes for January were not included in the DIPSTICK, therefore, members will be receiving 2 sets of minutes in the February DIPSTICK.

Treasurer's Report - Balance of \$1,907.28.

Activities - The first activity of the year was a wonderful success with 58 people attending the Chili Cook-off. February- spaghetti dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse; March-possibly bowling; April 18- Champaign Brunch, tentatively at the Wallach/Paschini's. Meetings are sponsored through October. Need a place to have the XMAS party. June-Tail Gate party; July-Pool party at the Millers; August-get together with the Richmond club near Richmond; September-Pig roast; November-Turkey shoot. Tech Session - 28 February will be at Frank Lindsay's (headlight testing device will be available). November's at the Bonds.

Newsletter - Chris Holcomb has extra rosters and any recipes will be welcomed.

Scorers - Robert Davis' temperature sensing unit costs between \$15 - \$20 with copper fitting. Saves horsepower. Takes 6-12 horsepower to move a large amount of air through a mechanical fan on highway. Electric fan makes a difference and improves gas mileage. Has switches for 90 C and goes off at 95 C. Robert reported favorably upon last month's defrosters (no smudges, clears up right away but is noisy).

Memberships - Ned Koons reported Steve Gold joined, Stan Whinter possibly will join; John Goswell was identified as managing petroleum stock in the Navy. Name tags were unanimously agreed upon to be clip-ons.

New Business - The club's anniversary was discussed and Alexanders on the Bay was \$30 a head. The club wants to keep it to \$15-20 a head. Jennifer Ast suggested keeping it at the beach where the club originated.

Marque Time - Ken Bingham drove his MG Sunday on the back road and felt that "leaving well enough alone" was going to be his motto. The Bonds informed us that Ken will be driving back from Houston in his Jeep in a few days. Jim Villers went to San Diego and visited the Auto Museum. He saw a 1929 MG Midget MA, stating it was the smallest he has ever seen. Chris Holcomb mentioned there is a recall of MG 1977-1980 seatbelts. Snake Oil Products, Dallas, TX for \$189.90 will give you webbing true for restoration. A new member stated they are just as bad as the old ones but look better and retract. Once again Mike Ast gave two thumbs up for the Chili Cook-off.

"THE TIDEWATER MG CLASSICS"

"1993"

ACTIVITIES

SAT FEB 20	SPAGHETTI WAREHOUSE	PEGGY BRADFORD
SAT MAR 13	BOWLING PARTY	CAROL BINGHAM
SUN APR 18	CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH	ANDY & CYNTHIA
SAT MAY 22	20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER	COMMITTEE
SUN JUN 13	GRAND PRIX TAILGATE PARTY	
	(FUNKHANA/PICNIC)	
JUL _____	POOL PARTY/PICNIC	MILLERS
AUG _____	GET-TOGETHER WITH	
	RICHMOND CHAPTER	
SEP _____	PIG ROAST/CAR SHOW	HOLCOMBS
NOV _____	TURKEY SHOOT	
SAT DEC 4	CHRISTMAS PARTY	

TECH SESSIONS

SUN FEB 28	FRANK LINSE
SUN MAY/JUN	_____
SUN JUL/AUG	_____
SUN NOV 7	TERRY & SUE BOND AND FRANK LINSE

MEETINGS

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	_____

TO HOST OR HELP HOST AN ACTIVITY

PLEASE CALL PEGGY BRADFORD (427-3365) OR CAROL BINGHAM (721-3034)

OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES

JUN 23-28	GOF MK 56 PORTLAND, ME.
SUN JUN 27	BRITISH CAR DAY BOWIE, MD.
??	LIME ROCK, CT. RACING
SEP	CENTRAL VIRGINIA MG CLASSICS BRITISH CAR DAY
SEP	WAYNESBORO BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL
SEP	MGs OF BALTIMORE, LTD., MGs ON THE ROCKS
SEP 29-OCT 2	GOF MK 57 BURLINGTON, VT.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

At the 2 February meeting, Ken Bingham gave those present the "hot off the press" edition of our current membership roster. The roster was prepared and produced by Bob McClaren using his computerized data base. Ken gave me extra copies which I will make available at the next meeting or through the mail for those who might want one.

We all had to make a quick pen & ink change to the roster when John & Kris Doswell became our newest members. John is a lieutenant commander in the US Navy Supply Corps currently assigned as Director of the Fuel Department at Naval Supply Center, Norfolk. Kris is a civilian Navy contracting specialist. Their address is: 7312 Shirland Ave., Norfolk, Va 23505, telephone 804-451-2831. They have a 78 B which John has driven since his graduation from the Naval Academy.

If you have candidates for membership, please let me know at (O) 423-2832, X357 or (H) 552-0292 so we can get applications and a letter from our president to them. Thanks, Ned Kuhns

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN FEB 28 TECH SESSION AT FRANK LINSE'S.
MGB DOGLEG CLINIC.

WED MAR 3 MONTHLY MEETING AT ARMAND AND PAULA ESCOBIO'S.

SAT MAR 13 BOWLING PARTY AT DAM NECK NAVAL BASE.

TUE APR 6 MONTHLY MEETING AT NED AND JUDY KUHN'S.

HELP-HELP-HELP-HELP-HELP-HELP-HELP-HELP-HELP-HELP

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF HOST/SPONSORS FOR ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR. WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, HOSTING MEETINGS AND TECH SESSIONS AND PLANNING OR COORDINATING ACTIVITIES SEEM TO END UP ON THE SAME MEMBERS -- MOSTLY BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE WILL VOLUNTEER. IF YOU HAVE BEEN ENJOYING THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR FOR A WHILE, NOW IS THE TIME TO SERIOUSLY THINK ABOUT GETTING TOGETHER WITH OTHER MEMBERS AND HELP PLAN OR HOST AN EVENT. UNLESS WE GET MORE HELP, OUR ACTIVITIES WILL BE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN THIS YEAR. PLEASE HELP FILL IN THE BLANKS ON OUR '93 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE.

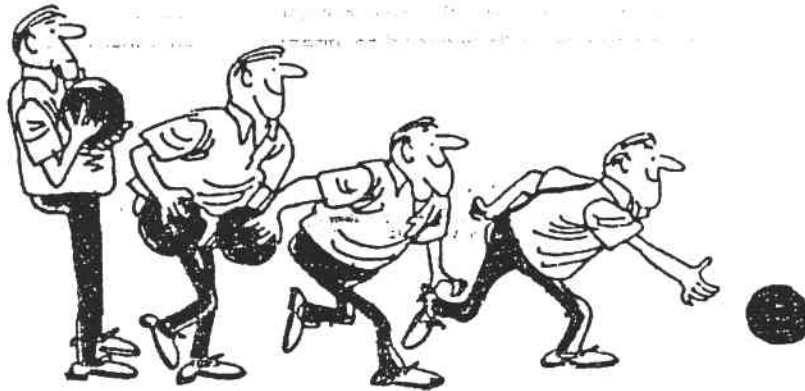
OUT OF TOWNER NEWS

HANK GIFFIN SENDS AN UPDATE ON HIS LIFE IN ITALY--"I'VE DONE A FAIR BIT OF READING, AND HAVE REWATCHED ALL MY RACING VIDEOS AT LEAST ONCE." ALTHOUGH HE ASKS THAT WE NOT SEND HIS ADDRESS TO MIKE WEST FOR FEAR THAT MIKE MIGHT COME BY, HERE GOES ANYWAYS:

RADM HENRY C. GIFFIN III
ACOS LOGISTICS/HQ AFSOUTH
PSC 813, BOX 137
FPO AE 09620-0137

HANK'S LETTER WILL READ INTO THE MINUTES AT THE NEXT MEETING. ALL MEMBERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING A TISSUE.

BOWLING FOR DOLLARS! NOT. BOWLING FOR FUN - YES!!!



SAT 13 March
7 pm
Dam Neck Naval Base
Bowling Center

\$1.00 PER/PERSON PER/GAME - FREE SHOE RENTAL

IN ORDER FOR CIVILIANS TO GET ONTO THE BASE
A LIST OF NAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE
SECURITY OFFICE AND FORWARDED TO THE FRONT
GATE ON WED 10 MARCH. SO PLEASE...

RSVP to Carol 721-3034

EVEN IF YOU DON'T BOWL
COME ON OUT FOR
PIZZA
BEER
LAUGHS!!!

1994 NAMGBR CONVENTION

This is your opportunity to attend a NAMGBR National Convention. The MGCC, Washington D.C. Centre, will be hosting the third Annual Convention somewhere in "The Suburbs", June 23-26, 1994. The Convention is scheduled the same week as the Bowie BCD, so all can participate in both. The NAMGBR event ends Saturday night with a Banquet, and the Bowie Show is Sunday. This gives you plenty of time to get your MG ready. After 1994, the Convention might not be in your backyard for awhile.

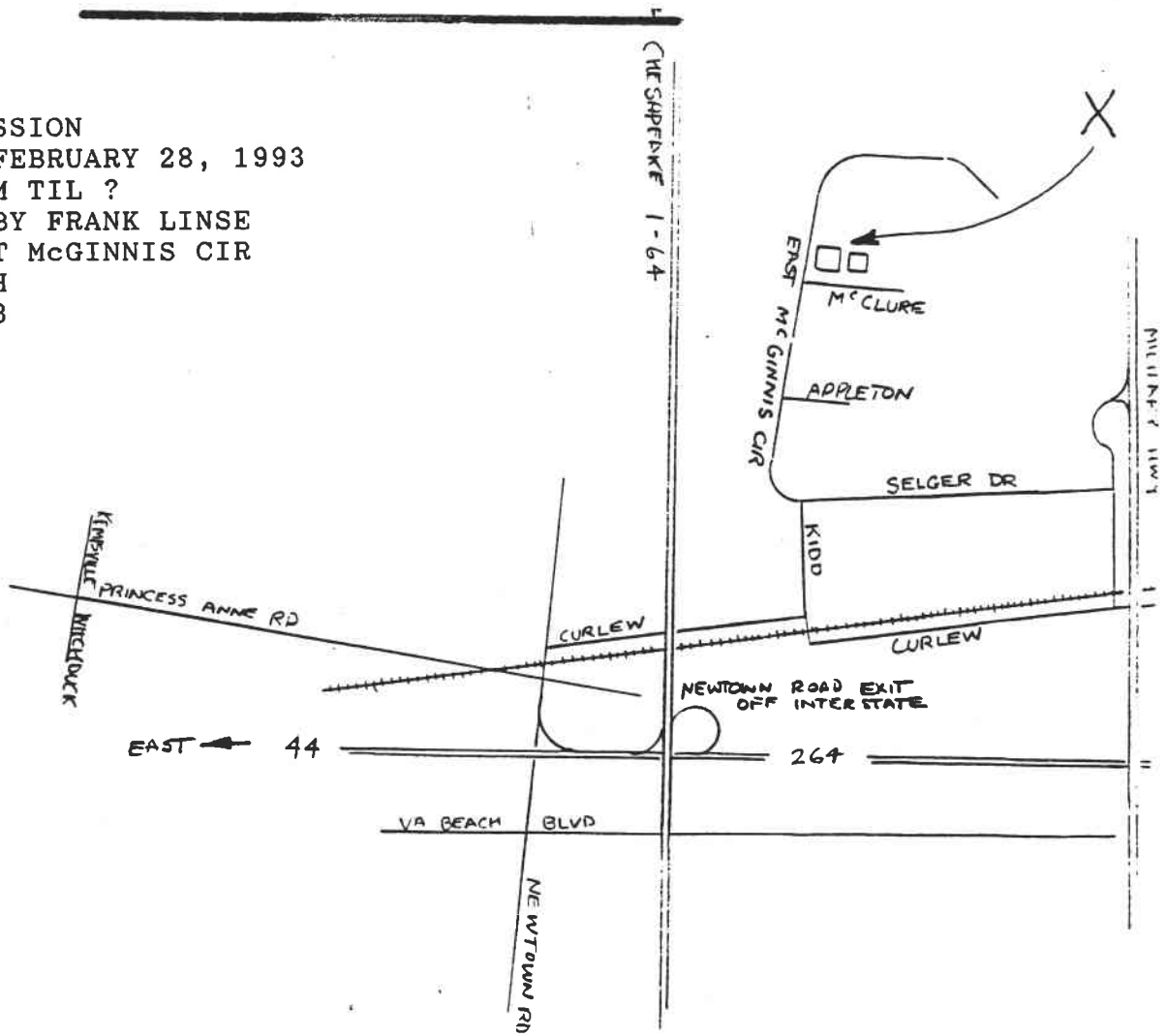
SEAT BELT RECALL

JAGUAR IS HANDLING A RECALL ON MG SEATBELTS FOR YEARS 77-80. WRITE THEM ABOUT YOUR FAULTY SEAT BELTS AND THEY WILL SEND YOU A SURVEY. IF YOU ANSWER CORRECTLY, THEY WILL SEND YOU NEW SEAT BELTS. WRITE TO JAGUAR CARS INC., ATTN. RECALL DEPT., 555 MacARTHUR BLVD., MAHWAH, NJ 07430-2327.

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1963 MGB ROADSTER. BRG, NEW PAINT, NEW INTERIOR, REBUILT
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STEPHEN OR CAROL ROMEO IN NEWPORT NEWS, 874-6316.

TECH SESSION
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 1993
10:00 AM TIL ?
HOSTED BY FRANK LINSE
301 EAST MCGINNIS CIR
VA BEACH
461-7783



SECOND ANNUAL RICHMOND CHILI CHALLENGE SUNDAY, MARCH 14

We've broadened our horizons this year to make the second annual Richmond Chili Challenge bigger and better. The Richmond Triumph Register, the Metropolitan Club and the British Motorcycle Club will join in on the competition and fun. Members of the Tidewater MG Classics will also be bringing their very best batches this year.

The 1993 Richmond Chili Challenge will be held on Sunday, March 14 from 2 pm to 6 pm. at The Warsaw Condominiums, located at 1401 Floyd Avenue in the historic Fan District of Richmond. The Warsaw Condominium is between Harvie Street and Plum Street and is four blocks west of the VCU campus. We appreciate very much that Pam and Chuck Sexton have made it possible to have our event at this excellent facility again this year.

First, Second and Third Place awards will be selected by a surprise panel of guest judges. A "Peoples Choice" award, determined by popular vote, will also be presented.



SCENE FROM 1992 CHILI CHALLENGE

If you enjoy cooking chili, then cook up your best batch and bring it in a crock-pot. If you don't cook chili, then we need you to bring food to accompany the chili. Suggestions include salad, cornbread, rice, vegetable tray, deserts, dip, and salsa. If you don't like Chili, then bring some fried chicken or your favorite covered dish.

Bring your British car because we're giving you a chance to show it off! The Chili Challenge is on St. Patrick's Day weekend. Decorate your car using a St. Patrick's Day Theme. Who knows, you might just win the grand prize for the best decorated car. No green chili...please!

We guarantee that each Club is going to be a winner! The \$1.00 per adult admission charge and proceeds from a special auction and raffle will be donated to a charity on behalf of all clubs participating. Please call Barbara and Jerry Andres at 353-8413 or 270-3168 to let them know what you plan to bring.

BRITISH CAR MEET and PICNIC SUNDAY, May 16



The Richmond Triumph Register will host a British Car Meet and Picnic on Sunday, May 16 at Stony Point Elementary School. Located in the Bon Air section of Richmond at 3400 Stony Point Road, this 28 acre site was originally the Larus Mansion, a huge tudor house with formal gardens.

Judging is by popular vote of registrants and a special "People's Choice Award" will be presented.

Events include technical demonstrations, door prize drawings and a live broadcast of the meet by WVGO.

The MG Club will have a booth to promote the Club and it's activities.

Pre-registration fee is \$10.00, or \$12.50 after April 25th. Vehicle for sale is \$20.00. Vendor space is \$25.00 and spectator admission is \$1.00 with children free.

Proceeds from food and drink sales will benefit the Stony Point School.

For further information, contact Ken Nachman, P.O. Box 5264, Richmond, VA 23220 or phone Jamie Barnhardt at 804-758-2753.

BRITFEST '93

sponsored by the MG Car Club Central Jersey Centre



Saturday April 24, 1993
9am until 3pm
Rain or Shine
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Children Free



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Phone: (201) 376-0684 days or (201) 762-8116 evenings



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Fellow Enthusiasts-Vendors- Refreshments !**



Swap Meet & Vendors:
\$20.00

Car Show Entry Fee
\$10.00 per car

MG, Triumph, Austin-Healey,
Jaguar and all other British
Marques welcome

Popular Vote Car Show
Set up-Car Show from 9am
Voting 9am till 1pm
Prize awards 2pm



Directions:

From I-80 East or West:
Take exit 37, turn right, follow
route 513 across Route 46 to
a "T" intersection. Turn right
onto Franklin Road, then 1/4
mile to Hamilton Business Park
on the right.

From route 10
Take the South Salem Street
exit toward Dover. Turn right at
the second light onto Franklin
Road, the second left is the
Hamilton Business Park

ENTRY FORM

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE MG CAR CLUB CENTRAL JERSEY CENTRE

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make Of Car _____ Model _____ Year _____

Mail this form to : P.O. Box 435 Convent Station, NJ 07961

Please reserve _____ Vendor Spaces at \$20 each

Car Registration (\$8.00 per car before April 1: \$10.00 after 4/1)

Vendor total _____

Registration total _____

GRAND TOTAL _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

NORFOLK

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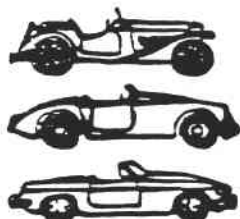
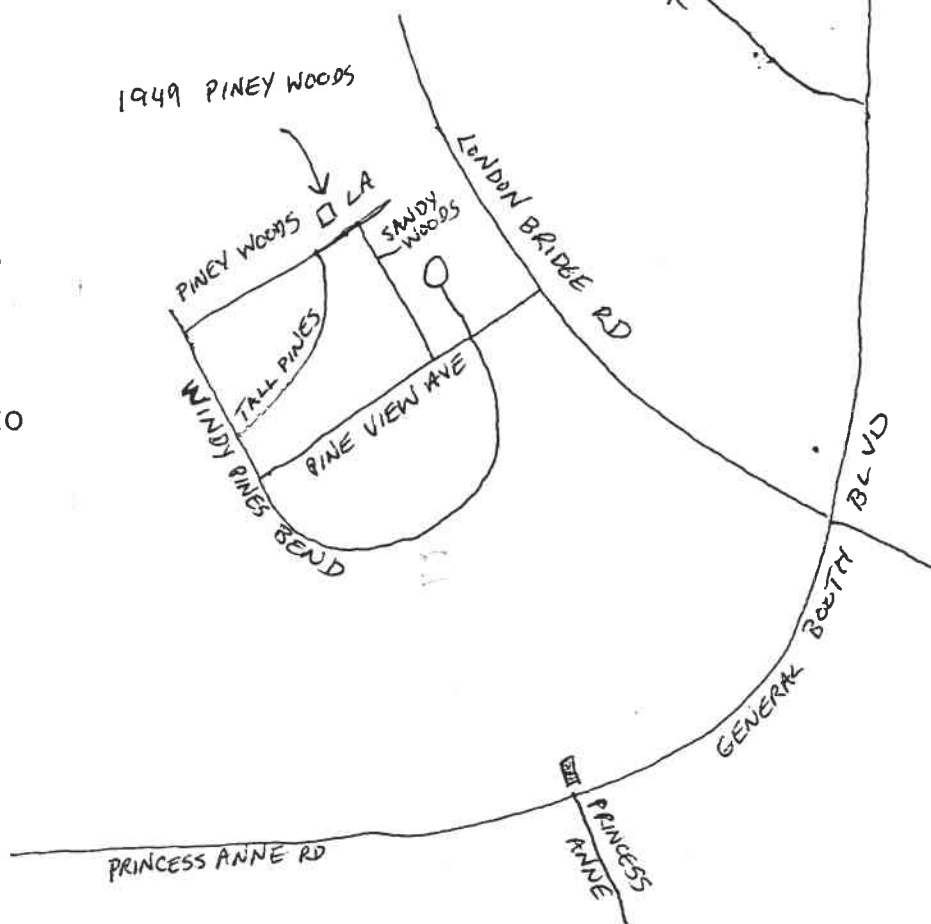
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BIRDNECK

1949 PINEY WOODS

MARCH MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 3, 1993
KICK TYRES 7:30
BUSINESS 8:00

HOSTED BY:
ARMAND AND PAULA ESCOBIO
1949 PINEY WOODS LA
VA BEACH, VA
430-2352



FIRST CLASS