

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

NEWSLETTER

1975

First of all, please accept my apologies for the delay in getting this newsletter to you and for having to combine two months in one letter. Unfortunately, family matters had to take precedence at this particular time.

The October meeting was held at the home of Cathy and Camille on Wednesday, 1st of October. We forgot to take a count of cars and members that night, but would estimate the number of cars to be about 10 or more and about 25 members. Among the cars that night were Rick Genders' Y-type and two very nice TF's belonging to our new members, Dan & Suzy Boswell and Gary Cook. We extend a hearty welcome to these new members and hope that they will enjoy their tour of duty here in Tidewater.

The annual election was held that night and the slate of officers and committee chairmen was unanimously voted in, viz:

Officers:

President
Vice-President
Treasurer
Secretary

Cathy Dowrick
Roy Wiley
O. D. Dawson
Jennifer Ash

Chairmen:

Spare Parts
Technical
Tools
Service

Mike Magri
Dave Barrows
Jim Banvard
Mike Ash

At the September meeting we had discussed the amendment of the By-Laws to offer flexibility of meeting nights within the first week of each month, thus allowing members with fixed commitments on the first Wednesday to be able to attend those meetings held on either a Tuesday or a Thursday. It was proposed and adopted that Article VI, Section 3, should now read, "The club shall meet in regular session during the first week of each month, according to a schedule published at least six months in advance, or as otherwise decided by the members present at the previous meeting." It was also agreed to amend the definition of "Spares Chairman", Article VIII, Section 1, to read, "... This chairman shall be responsible for maintaining lists of members' parts requirements and parts sources. He shall also keep a current supply of catalogs from known commercial parts sources." These changes have been incorporated into the new copy of the By-Laws, enclosed with this newsletter.

The October drive-out was on October 12th - a very breezy but sunny morning. Five cars met for a drive up to Williamsburg to spend a day at Busch Gardens. We all had fun touring the areas of England, France and Germany - old-country style - as well as sampling the free beer they so kindly provide!

FUTURE MEETINGS: This is the list, published ahead as per by-law stipulation, so that you can mark your calendars NOW!!

December Meeting - CHRISTMAS PARTY - Friday, December 12, 1975 (See flyer)

TUESDAYS: January 6, 1976
March 2nd
May 4th
July 6th

WEDNESDAYS: February 4, 1976
April 7th
June 2nd
August 4th

Also at the October meeting, a letter was read from Len Renkenberger, of the Chesapeake Chapter, asking us if we would like to co-organize a Rallye-Tour that would closely follow the route described by Henry N. Manney III, in the October '75 issue of Road & Track, in his article, "Sports Car Country - Tidewater, Virginia". The concensus of opinion was that this would be a great idea for the fall of 1976, and we will form a little special committee to work with Len on this a little nearer the time.

We received a letter from Bruce Young, a T Register member, who is selling these pendants (shown below) and would like us to give him some advertising.



NEW!....."MG" PENDANTS!

- This PENDANT is from England, and is identical to the T-type radiator/spare wheel medallion currently available (same manufacturer).
- The face is of fired ceramic, on a solid brass base, which is copper plated and chromed.
- Available in either Brown/Cream or Black/White - (Please specify)
- Cost (as of 9/75) is \$10.50 post-paid, complete with chain, from:

BRUCE YOUNG 2301 TC
1 CARRIE ANN DR. R.D.#3
ENDICOTT, N. Y. 13760

NOVEMBER MEETING: This was held at the home of Bob and Pam McClaren on Tuesday, 4th of November. There were 5 TD's, 1 TC and 1 MGA, as well as a couple of modern things! Twenty members and 1 guest (maybe a future member?) attended the meeting and scarfed up on Bob and Pam's snackies and goodies.

Cathy, our new president, opened the meeting with a suggestion as to format of future meetings. In the past we have stood around "kicking tyres" and chatting for the best part of 45 minutes or so before starting the business meeting. There are some people who would like to attend just the business part of the meeting at times, due to other commitments, etc., so it was suggested that we have a social period before and after the business meeting. The meeting will begin, as in the past, at 7.30 p.m. and we can stand around and chat, but the business meeting will start at 8.00 p.m. promptly, so that those who have the need to depart early can do so, and still participate in the meeting.

We welcomed three new members at this meeting - Richard & Sandy Hall, and Andy Wallach; and Mike West, who has an MGA, but is looking for a T, and will be an associate member for the time being.

We received a letter from Bron Prokuski, of the Chesapeake Chapter, informing us that they will be co-hosting a Mini-GOF with a Pennsylvania chapter next year. The location is Strasburg, Pa. (the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country) and the dates are May 14 through 16, 1976. They would like our support, so anyone interested in going please keep that weekend free and maybe we'll get a caravan together for the trip - how about it?

We discussed the Christmas Party, which will be held on Friday, December 12, 1975, and the details for this are on the flyer enclosed.

Chuck Botwright has gone into the foreign car business! He has the facilities to do restorations, machine work etc. and has a source of parts. At the moment he does not have a phone, but his home number is 425-3928 if you need to contact him.

Our November drive-out was a great success. About 9 cars met outside the Princess Anne Courthouse on Sunday, November 9th, around 1 o'clock. Richard and Sandy Hall - who are natives of this area - led us all through the country lanes around Pungo and Creeds and numerous other little communities. Our destination was the Back Bay Wildlife Refuge. We had been on the road for about 20 minutes when we began to run into mist that quickly became thicker and darker around the swamps! When we arrived at Back Bay, it was hard to see anything. We stopped anyway down by the water and kicked tyres for a while, then resumed our ride around the lanes. Our next stop was at a restaurant in a lovely location overlooking the old Pungo Ferry (now a drawbridge) where we partook of refreshments. After warming ourselves on coffee and hot chocolate, we set out again and as we neared civilization we dispersed to our various homes. It seemed as if everyone enjoyed the outing and seeing some of the beauty of a Virginia fall. Thank you Richard and Sandy for showing us around places where we would surely have been lost otherwise!



" T - T I P S "

(This is a new idea, and I would welcome any ideas from other members on how they "make-do". Jennifer)

This is how I made some replacement lenses for the dash of my TD. DON'T THROW AWAY EMPTY PILL BOTTLES!!

Fuel or ignition light: Saw the bottom off an amber-colored pill bottle; you will find a rough lump in the center of the inner surface. Cut the disc of plastic to the size you need - I use wire-cutting pliers that look like chiropodist's toe-nail clippers. No need to cut smoothly because you'll be sanding the edges anyway; also, you'll have to sand down the sharp point of plastic in the middle of the lump. Put some model glue around the inside edge of the lens collar, and drop the plastic disc into it so that the lump faces outwards; this makes a neat little lens - at no cost whatsoever!

(Next month: How to make a main-beam lens.)

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