



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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JUNE NEWSLETTER

Hi Gang!

June is almost over, and the weather is getting better and better for T - ing, isn't it? We began the month with a good meeting at Roy and Marilyn Wiley's; present were 17 members and 1 guest in 5 T's (rain was threatening and kept some of the T's in their garages!). The matters that came under discussion at the meeting were as follows:

- Final details for the Fun Rally on June 20th (Report on that follows)
- Jim Banvard stated he had bought the tune-up kits to be used for technical sessions, as had been suggested a couple of months ago; these were paid for by the club, and members using these kits will pay for them as they use them, and Jim will replace the kit.
- It was suggested that instead of mailing flyers for the monthly activities, they be advertised in the newsletter for three months before the event, the final notice to be in greatest detail, or in the form of a flyer IN THE NEWSLETTER. Mailing costs have become so prohibitive so we will no longer mail flyers separately.
- It was suggested that to remind members of these activities a couple of days before an event, a telephone committee be formed to phone about a dozen members each, just to jog memories about events. (Hopefully, we'll get some better turnouts!) Those who volunteered to be on the phone committee were: O. D. Dawson, Dan Boswell, Dave Barrows and Verne Trowbridge. Any more volunteers, please get in touch with me or Cathy at the numbers at the top of the page.
- Meetings have been scheduled to the end of the year (monthly meetings, that is), as follows:

July	Robert Davis
August	Roosevelt Moseley
September	Cathy Dowrick & Camille Atwood
October	Dan & Suzy Boswell
November	Jim & Brenda Banvard
December	Dave Barrows (CHRISTMAS PARTY)

- The Chesapeake Chapter of the T-Register (the folks in D.C., Baltimore & Annapolis area) would like us to join them in putting on a Mini-GOF next spring; if anyone has any ideas as to location, please bring your ideas to this next meeting, or contact Cathy or me. The location should be somewhere between here and Washington, D.C. and be something of a beauty-spot or have some historic characteristics - something to draw people from other states.
- Mike Magri very kindly donated the prizes for the June Rally - a side mirror and a gear-shift knob.
- Bob Pellerin introduced a guest, Bob Salvin, who is in the market for a "T".

-- It was suggested I try to firm up the date of the September activity - the rally-tour down Virginia's Historyland Trail; I will report on that later on in this letter.

The meeting was adjourned for more tyre-kicking in Roy's garage and more of Marilyn's snacks.

Once again, I urge you all to make contributions to this letter. There are one or two members who do, and they know who they are; we all thank you. Contributions can be your own ideas, clippings from magazines or articles pertaining to our hobby, cartoons, or puzzles you might make up - get your ideas to me. My address is on the front of the newsletter, and my phone number is at the top of the front page.

I would like to offer a mini-report about G.O.F. Mk XXII, held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. on June 24 - 27th...

Mike and I towed my TD as far as Baltimore, where we left our son and our Oldsmobile. Then we drove the TD to Annapolis where we spent the night with Hank & Stevie Giffin. On Friday morning we set off - the Giffins in their beautifully restored TA and us in our TD (for which there is no adjective - except \$400!!). We drove interstates all the way and made the 220-mile trip in 5½ hours. The Buck Hill Inn was in a most delightful setting, right in the heart of the Poconos with wonderful views of the mountains all around. The weather was perfect - hot sunshine and no humidity! That night, the meal was a steak-fry - barbecue spareribs, fried chicken, steak, pork 'n beans, and much, much more; the dress was western-style. The evening was spent "gettin' acquainted" with some of the people we would be spending the weekend with. Saturday dawned bright, clear and hot, and more cars rolled in. In the Show of Cars, there were about 200 MG's if you can imagine such a wonderful sight; Old Number Two was there, as well as a J2, a J4, a couple of M-types and many other vintage MG's. (Next year, let's try to get a crowd from the Tidewater Chapter to attend - there were 10 cars from Michigan!) We met The Davis clan (our out-of-town members in Richmond), Carroll and Trudy, daughter Peggy, and son Kemp and his wife Linda. They drove a TF and a TD and a hunk o' U.S. iron. At the banquet on Saturday night, there were about 600 T-Register members present. The guest speaker was Capt. Charles Eyson, onetime world land-speed record holder. He is now in his 70's and has some good tales to tell about the old M.G's, although they were not the only cars he raced for Britain. Quite a few clubs had their banners along; we hung up our T-shirt, not to be outdone again! The awards were presented, and guess who got 1st award for TA/TB class? - Hank Giffin, of course! Congratulations, Hank, on winning the 'biggie' - you worked hard for it. Bron Prokuski, whom some of you will remember from the Williamsburg gathering, won 1st in the Concourse with his beautiful TC. (Bron is in the Chesapeake chapter). We arose early Sunday morning for the drive back to Virginia - a long haul in one day - and arrived home very much sunburned from Top Down driving in the heat of the day. It was another good MG weekend chalked up on our calendar, and I repeat - let's get a group together for next spring's GOF, which will be held in Michigan. Try it, you'll LOVE it!

That's all for now; see you Tuesday, July 6th at Robert Davis' house.

Jennifer Ash

You know Dan Boswell is restoring his TF? Well, the other day, Suzy called up asking if I knew of a source of rags - they have run out!! All I could suggest was Goodwill; so Suzy started making calls as has come up with several sources, which we are passing on to you in case you need any. Hang on to these addresses now:

Rag sources... cont'd.

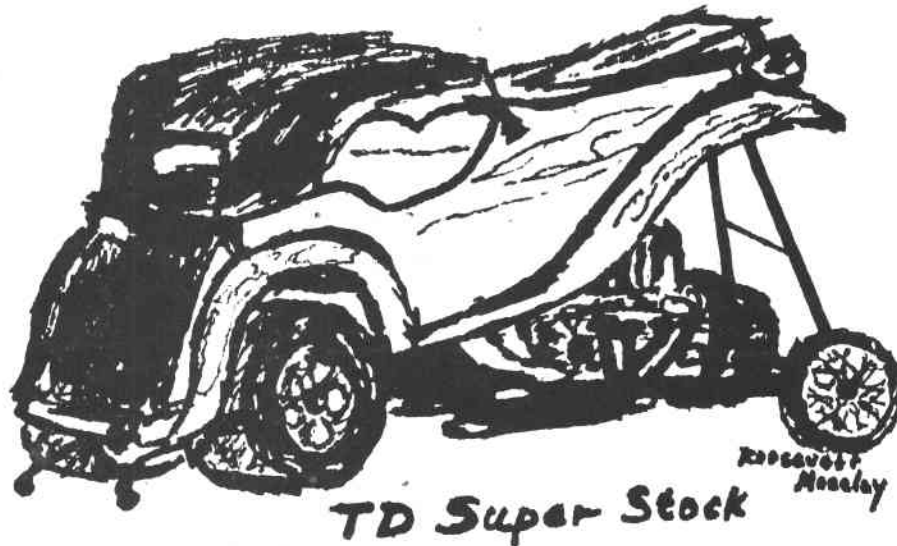
Goodwill 431 E Brambleton 627-7733..... 25¢ per Lb.	Dy-Dee Service Inc. 424 Catalpa Ave, Hampton Norfolk Phone 625-0243... 51b bags @ 90¢ per lb. (CALL BEFORE GOING)	Jacobson & Co (Hotel Supplies) 1349 Ingleside Rd. 853-4567.... Old towels in 5-lb. bundles @ \$1.35 lb.
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Thanks Suzy; I know many people will be grateful for this.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- July 11 (Sunday) - Tech session in Mike Ash's garage. 5149 Bellamy Manor Drive, Va. Bch. (Kempsville area) 424-1660. 11.00 a.m. to whenever it all gets done!
- July 18 (Sunday) - Funkhana and Picnic. (At present, the location of the funkhana is not known, due to the fact the first location needs great amounts of insurance, which the club possibly will not be able to afford) DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN BY TELEPHONE COMMITTEE a few days before, but please mark your calendar and keep that day free for fun.
- August 15 (Sun) - Fort Monroe brunch; War Memorial Museum; home via James River Bridge.
- August 29 (Sun) - Tech Session - Jim Banvard's garages.

CARTOON CORNER



(Thanks Roosevelt; that's so obscene, it should be X-rated!!)

FOR SALE: TF 1250 - Call Mike Magri; home 622-5263, office 393-0061 Ext. 230

FUN RALLY REPORT

The Rally was organized by Robert Davis and Dan Boswell, and 10 cars set out (a better turnout than for many activities, but it could be better!) There were 8 T's, 1 Sprite and 1 MG-B (Who was going sailing, but saw the T's, thought we looked fun, decided to join the club on the spot and ran the rally with us!). One "T" dropped out on the

way, probably on account of the weather - it was DREADFUL; black sky and blinding rain most of the time. The rally took us around various areas on either side of the V. B. Boulevard, into Green Run, Princess Anne, and eventually out to Robert Davis' home for a cookout. It was a lot of fun, and we had to be constantly on the lookout for clues, but even our newest recruits managed to finish the course, even if they did get the booby prize, at least they persevered!! The Banwards came in 1st, the Ash's 2nd, Gary Cook, 3rd. and Stan and Gloria Wakefield (our new members) came in last. They were just THRILLED with their dash pot covers (which they had never seen before, and have no idea what they are for) and promise to donate them as the booby prize for the next rally we hold!! We cooked hamburgers, hotdogs, etc., and thank Robert and all his helpers for the food donations and the time that went into the preparation of the whole event. Luckily, the sun came out while we were cooking the burgers, and stayed out for the rest of the afternoon. Let's have more of these 'fun' rallies.

P.S. We were dealt three cards at starting time, and another one at each of the checkpoints. At the end, the crew with the best poker hand won a prize; it went to Bob & Pam McClaren - a box of chocolate-covered cherries. (They WERE dieting, too!!)

DUES - DUES - DUES. May is the beginning of the club year, and dues were due during that month. The following is a list of members who have paid to date; if YOUR name is not listed below, then you are NOT A MEMBER for the 1976/77 year. I am enclosing another application for you to complete and return to O.D. Dawson, just in case you lost the first one.

Ash	Cook	Imperioli	Pagley	<u>Out of Towners</u>
Atwood	David	Lampton	Trowbridge	Fouts
Banvard	de Echeandia	Lassen	Wakefield	Newman
Barrows	Duff	McClaren	Wiley	
Boswell	Eaton	Moseley		
Campbell	Herbert	Nichols		

Please, please get your dues in so that we can get a new roster out. You will see that we have 24 members so far; last year we reached 50+, so we know there are more of you out there. The July newsletter will be the last one sent to the present roster of members; after that we will only mail to current members as of that date.

BI-CENTENNIAL RALLY I am attaching information about this rally. There are about 45 cars registered so far, VERY FEW NON-T's surprisingly enough. There is still time to enter and it looks as if it will be a lot of fun. This is a GENTLEMAN's rally - no gravel-slinging type of thing. If you are not a member of the T-Register and want to enter this rally, give me a call, and I will mail you membership applications. (424-1660)

P.S. I nearly forgot - we also met John and Carol Newman (out of town members in Ohio) at the GOF. They were on vacation with family 75 miles away, and didn't have the T with them. They both say Hi to everyone here, and say that they miss our meetings and activities; Ohio is so spread out that they only meet twice a year. We are a very lucky group to have enough members to hold regular meetings and activities, aren't we?

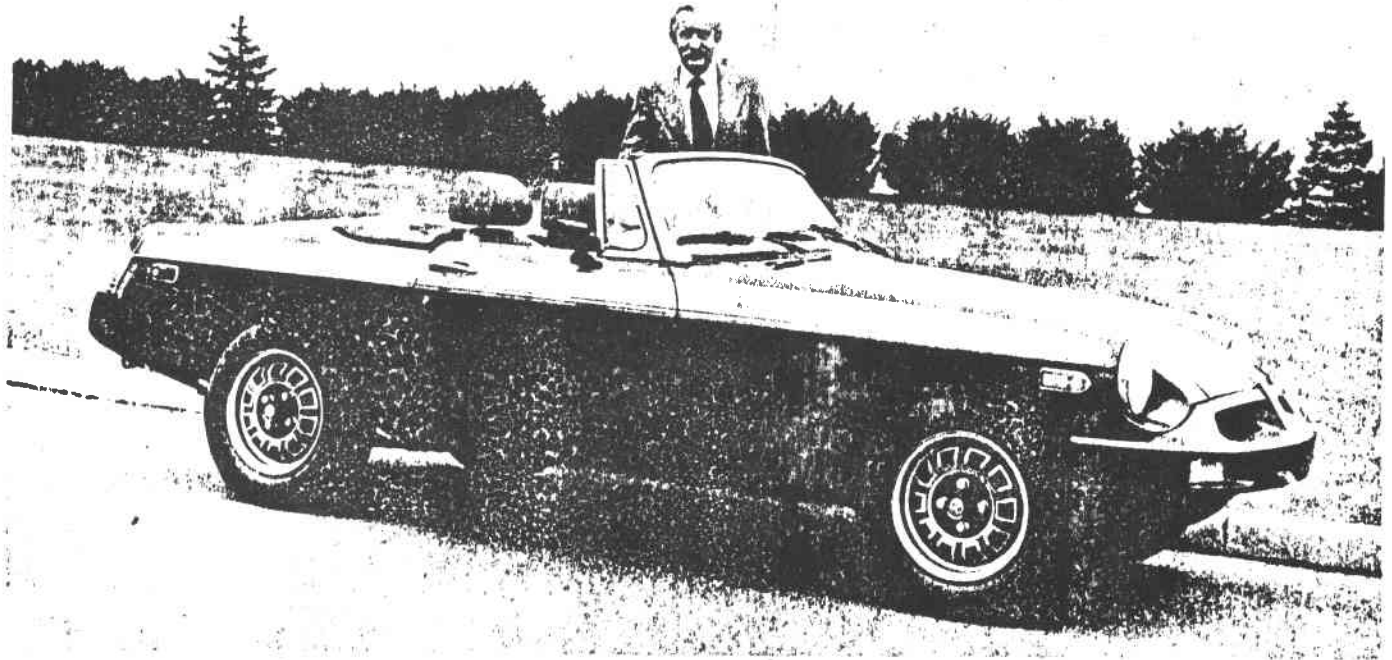
NEXT MEETING Robert Davis' house - map enclosed - Tuesday, JULY 6th at 7.30 p.m.



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This is a very special MGB. It is the millionth car produced at the M.G. factory in Abingdon. The handsome convertible is finished in a new color, Brooklands Green, and has interior trim and upholstery in Autumn Leaf (tan). Distinguished by special gold side striping, pierced disc wheels, and distinctive badge, the golden anniversary of M.G. sports cars is celebrated by this special edition automobile. Mounted inside is a unique plaque which reads: "Abingdon's millionth car. God Speed and Safe Driving from all at Abingdon!"

How to win it? Well, you will have to enter the 'T' Register's Bi-Centennial Rallye of the Thirteen Colonies. British Leyland Motors Inc. of Leonia, New Jersey, has made this very special car available to the M.G. clubs as the grand prize for this unusual and exciting event. Interested? **HERE'S MORE.**

The New England MG 'T' Register, Ltd. is sponsoring the Bi-Centennial Rally of the Colonial Capitals the last week of July. The cars will start in Savannah, Georgia, on Monday, 26 July. The first night stop will be in Halifax, North Carolina, after passing through Charleston, South Carolina. The second night stop will be spent near Williamsburg, Virginia. Perth Amboy, New Jersey, will be the third night's resting place after passing through Annapolis, Maryland, and New Castle, Delaware. A long run north will take the cars to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, with a detour through New York City on the way. The next to the last day of the rally will have the cars go through Boston, Newport, Rhode Island, and then spend the night in Hartford. The last day, 31 July, will be a run to Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, right next to Philadelphia.

The grand prize of the millionth car made at Abingdon has been donated by British Leyland Motors Inc. of Leonia, New Jersey. In addition, there will be trophies to the top twelve cars as well as distinctive awards to all cars finishing the event.

There are still some places left on the entry list. This is a very simple type of event with an emphasis on steady driving; beginners should do as well as the experts. All M.G.s are eligible to compete.

MG-BI-CENTENNIAL RALLY of the COLONIAL CAPITALS

26/31 July 1976

- ELIGIBLE CARS:** Only M.G.s will be allowed to compete. All drivers and navigators must be members of the M.G. Car Club or the New England MG T Register, Ltd. There will be a seventy-six car limit.
- EQUIPMENT:** Only original instrumentation will be allowed; no rally computers permitted.
- SCORING:** There will be a number of different events within the umbrella of the rally in order to provide a broad and fair method of scoring. The General Instructions have all the details, but the major scoring events are: total elapsed time and distance, economy leg, TSD leg, driving tests at night stops including a tire changing race and a plug change, daily inspection, concours, passage controls. Between the night stops competitors will be free to choose their route but must pass all passage controls for the day.
- AWARDS:** All starters will receive a dash plaque and all finishers will be awarded a distinctive award. Trophies will go to the top twelve cars. The grand prize for the overall winners is the millionth car built at Abingdon.
- ENTRY FEE:** The \$76 entry fee enables the driver and navigator to compete for all awards. The fee covers certain evening functions including the finish banquet.
- GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete General Instructions and Entry Blank are now available for mailing. Cost for this package is \$5 which will apply to the entry fee of successful applicants. Prospective entrants wanting the General Instructions package and Entry Blank should send a check for \$5 made out to The New England MG 'T' Register to:

MG
Drawer 220
Oneonta, New York 13820

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THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLUB ANNOUNCES ITS

SUMMER FUN RALLY !!

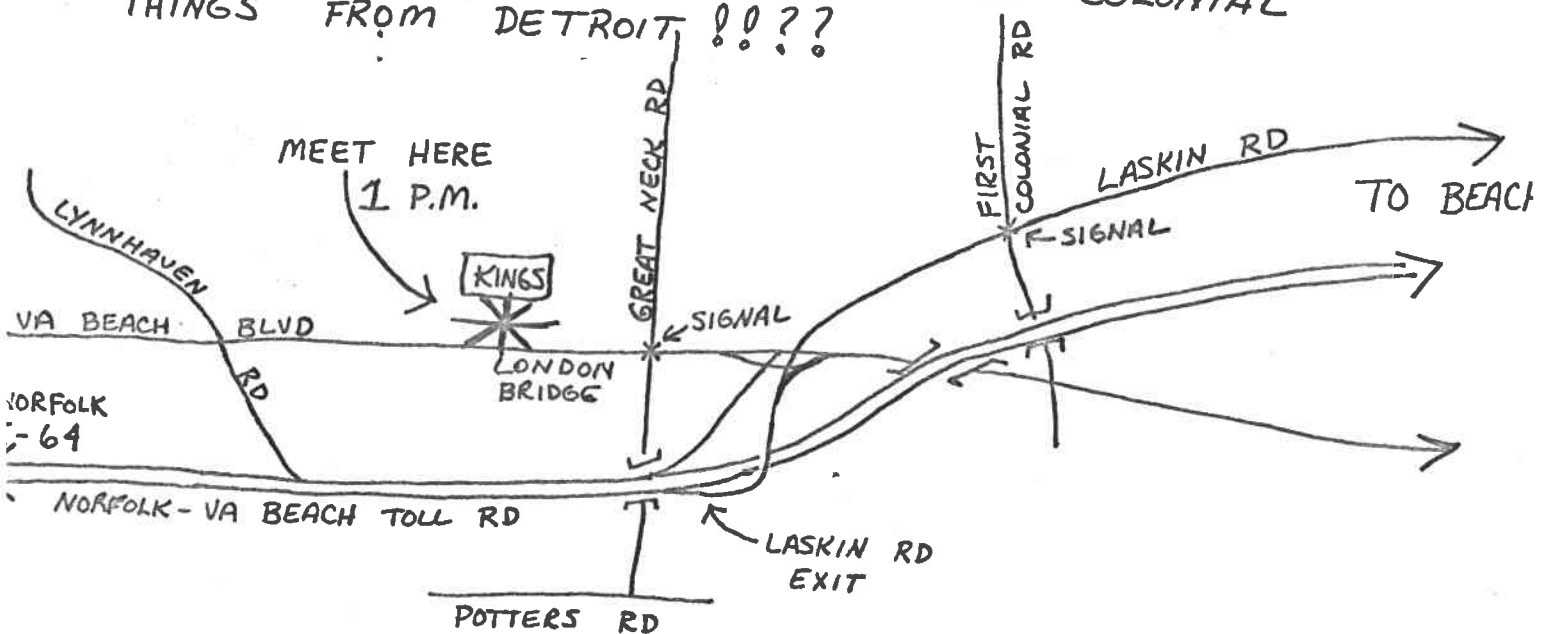
SUNDAY JUNE 20 AT 1 P.M.

AT KINGS — LONDON BRIDGE *

APPROXIMATE RALLY TIME: 2 HOURS

APPROXIMATE RALLY DISTANCE: 30 MILES

ALL CAR MODELS WELCOME, EVEN THOSE COLONIAL THINGS FROM DETROIT !!???



ENTRY FEE \$1.00 PER PERSON (DEFRAY FOOD COST)
FOLLOWED BY COOKOUT AT 'ROBERT DAVIS'
(MAP TO BE INCLUDED WITH RALLY INSTRUCTIONS)

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