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THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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MAY NEWSLETTER

Hi There T-Lovers!

We started off the month of May with a great meeting. All of us who were there had so much fun, and thank Dave and Gail Parsons for being such great hosts. There were 25 members present in 7 TD's, 2 TF's, 1 TC and 1 Y-type - an excellent turn-out again. The theme of the meeting was "A Fun Concourse", so quite a while was spent inspecting cars - or tyre-kicking, if you prefer! The results of judging will be listed at the end of my letter.

The business discussed at this meeting was as follows:

- It is DUES TIME AGAIN: I'm sending out an application for membership with this letter. Please complete it (so I can get out an up-to-date, corrected roster) and return it to our Treasurer, O. D. Dawson (address is on application) together with your dues. If you joined last year and paid \$3 for a badge, then your dues will only be \$3.00 for your second year - see Dues Policy for details. Dues for all members, otherwise, will be \$6.00 as in past years.
- We now have the embroidered patches in stock and these will now be sold for \$2.50 each - not \$2.25 as originally planned. (But we're NOT raising dues, folks!)
- Checkered Flag has agreed to man the Virginia Beach checkpoint for the Bi-Centennial Rally, which will be passing through on July 24th; we and the New England M.G."T" Register really appreciate their co-operation.
- It was requested of the Activities Committee that they come up with an activity for June, which they did in no time flat! They have a rally organized for Sunday, June 20th. There will definitely be a flyer the week before with more details - time, meeting place, etc., but PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR, and plan to join us; we could stand to have a few more members participate in the weekend activities. Don't feel you have to drive a "T", because you will be welcome, whatever you drive.

We welcomed a new member to this meeting - Bob Bilicki - and we hope he will be at many more of our activities.

At the end of the meeting, prizes were awarded for a few random categories (there was nothing very organized about this) and judging was done by a hastily-formed committee of (almost) impartial members and a couple of Dave's neighbours!

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
Best Paint Job	Bob & Nancy Brethauer	Free hot wax job - with a fill-up (at owner's expense) at Plaza Shell Sta.
Worst Paint Job	J. Ash/R.Davis/M.Ash (3-way split)	Free hand-rubbed paint job by Mrs. Parks' 1st-graders (Green Run Elem.)
Best-running Car	Bill & Bev Lassen	All-expense-paid tour of the Va. Beach Expressway - one-way.
Car with Most Potential ('cos it looks like nothing now!)	Robert Davis	\$200 for car, as is.

Best TF	Gary Cook	Associate membership in the local Morgan Car Club.
Baldest Tyres	Robert Davis	One "I sent you" card, good for discount at Dayton Tire Service.
Best Red Car	(3-way tie) Dave Barrows/ Jim Pagley/ O.D.Dawson	Can of touch-up paint - in British Racing Green.
Best-decorated Car	Gary Cook	Can of Ortho Rose Spray
Best Y-type	Mike Ash	No prize - after all what can you give a guy who has everything!

Of course, you had to be there to appreciate the humour in some of this; we all had a lot of laughs and appreciate the time and thought Dave gave to procuring some of the prizes! See you at the June meeting; June 2nd at Roy Wiley's. Th-th-that's all folks!

JENNIFER ASH

MINI G.O.F. at STRASBURG, PA. Two cars set out on this trip - Mike and I and Jim and Brenda Banvard. We were joined by two of the club's out-of-town members when we arrived there; they were Carroll Davis (of Richmond) and his daughter, Peggy; and Hank and Stevie Giffin (Annapolis) and their two children. Carroll drove his TF, Hank towed his TA to within a few hundred yards of the motel, then proudly wheeled on in (justifiably so, too!); Jim was in the TF and Mike drove my TD. We had a grand old time in Pennsylvania-Dutch country (and the food was mind-boggling; never have we seen so much good food at one time). There were about 40 cars in the show - 13 of them were TC's!! (There were more TC's than TF's, in fact) and two TC's from Toronto won the distance award. The only award received by a club member was the Vintage Class - 1st award - which went to Hank Giffin for being the only vintage car there. Of course the club can't take very much credit, because Hank really belongs to the Chesapeake Chapter now, and he only pays his out-of-town member dues because we keep mailing him these newsletters. There were many opportunities for tyre-kicking sessions and the weather was excellent; there were many pictures taken and much beer drunk (in spite of the town being dry!) and much fun was had on the historic train-ride to Paradise, Pa. on an early steam train. These G.O.F's are great for renewing old friendships and forming new ones. I strongly recommend every T-owner try to make it to a gathering; he would never want to miss another one after that first one. You really get hooked on the people you meet.

T-SHIRTS: We now have a new supply of T-shirts - S, M, L and XL - but unfortunately we have to raise the price to \$3.00 (two for \$6.00) due to inflationary printing costs. These will be on display at all meetings.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION INDEX: Dave Barrows has done a lot of work and compiled a list of technical articles that have appeared in various club newsletters and magazines that are received by our club. He has correlated this information in sections as they appear in your workshop manual; subject matter; name of magazine; date of issue and page. We have decided to give everyone a copy of this index and recommend that you slip it into your manual for safe-keeping so that you will always be able to find it at the time you need it. Thanks, Dave, for a good job.

NEWS FROM OUT-OF-TOWN: We have an associate member who is slowly going insane standing watch somewhere in the region of Sicily. He didn't actually say he was going insane, but if you read his letter, you'd agree I'm sure. (Of course a fellow must be a wee bit soft in the head to buy an MGA in the first place). He has written a poem - under a pseudonym of course - and here it is....

I think that I
 Shall never see
 A "T" that's good
 Enough for me!
 But I'm satisfied
 With no complaint
 I'd drive off
 In one that ain't!!

- Shakespeare

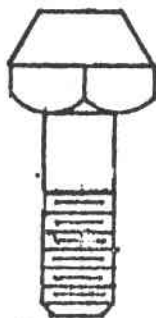
(Thanks Mike (West) and we'll raise a beer to you at the next meeting; I'm sure the old gal will get on just fine without you (the wife too!). Hope you find that 'T' if you ever get to Scotland. Ed.)

NEW MEMBER: We received a membership application this month from Tony Imperioli, who you will remember was at one of our Tech Sessions at Jim Banvard's. Tony has a TD and a TC stashed away in Pennsylvania.

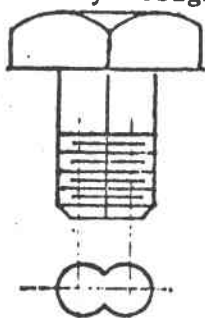
JUNE ACTIVITY: As previously mentioned, this will be a rally on JUNE 20th, and a flyer will be mailed nearer the time. This promises to be quite a challenging rally, run to general rally rules.

CARTOON CORNER: ('Lifted' from "T-Tattling", , Nov. 1975)

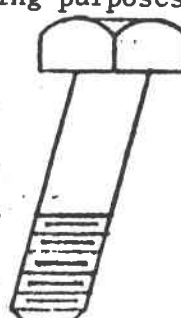
In view of some of the difficulties encountered in assembling MG T-type cars, these bolts have been specially designed for fastening purposes.....



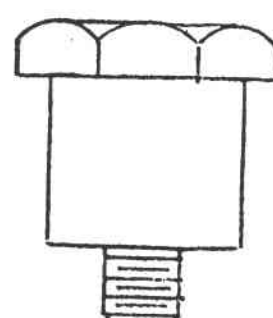
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 COUNTERSUNK
 WRONG WAY



"BINOCULAR"
 BOLT



HOLE
 DRILLED ON
 AN ANGLE



OVERSIZE
 HOLE

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 2nd, 1976, at Roy & Marilyn Wiley; see map attached for directions.

D O N ' T F O R G E T T O P A Y Y O U R D U E S----- \$6.00----\$6.00----

JUNE MEETING

WEDNESDAY JUNE 2
7:30 PM

ROY & MARILYN WILEY
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