



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

President: Cathy Dow
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Secretary: Jennifer
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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

9/76

Friends, Countrymen, T-Lovers!

Lend me your parts.... Apologies to Shakespeare, but I was stuck for a salutation this month, and that seemed as good as any! Your secretary is getting a little flaky, because she has taken on too much this month, and as a consequence this newsletter might be a bit briefer than in the past; on the other hand, my brain might get into gear and I might surprise myself. Promise you next month will be better because by that time I will have had a mini-vacation at a mini-GOF and had a mighty good time.

The September meeting was held at the home of Cathy and Camille on Tuesday, September 7th. There were 19 members present in 7 T's and other odds and sods (excuse the olde English). It is always interesting meeting at the President's home - you never know which wall will have been knocked out since the last time you were there - and we can get an up-date on the super restoration and remodelling job they are doing.

The following matters were discussed:

- The Treasurer, O.D. Dawson, reported that there was roughly \$295 in the kitty.
- The Activities Committee reported that there was a picnic coming up on September 26th at the home of Rafael deEcheandia on Buckroe Beach (a run-down by our roving reporter later in the letter); a tech. session in December, and the Christmas party date was set for Friday, December 10th. All these events will be listed later in this letter, by date, with the most imminent one last so that it sticks in our minds!
- Elections are to be held at the October meeting (which will be held at the home of Suzy and Dan Boswell - see later in letter). The President selected a nominating committee, viz: Mike Ash, O.D. Dawson and Dave Barrows and requested they come up with a slate of officers to be presented at the next meeting and to be published in this newsletter. (So far, the slate hasn't been sent to me, but I will scream at my husband a little louder and if I get results, I'll publish the list later in this letter).
- The materials for the club banner have been purchased. This banner will be in the form of a small hooked wall-hanging, and will be worked on by anyone who can get a hand in on the effort at monthly meetings. Brenda Banvard is in charge of the project and has designed it. Those of us who go to GOF's were envious of some of the banners the other chapters bring along, and we got rather ashamed of the T-shirt we hung up on a hanger when it hung next to some of those banners. (Besides the last T-shirt got ripped off - probably by the hotel staff!)
- There was some discussion regarding finding a new supplier for our enamel car badges, and Roy Wiley (the chief badge-getter) has solicited some bids and will report at the next meeting.

There was a sad note at the last meeting, and that was because Gary Cook was with us for the last time; he has now left for Hawaii, and we will really miss him. It was rather funny, because the very first meeting he came to was at Cathy & Camille's too.

We all wish him well, and hope that we will hear from him now and again. You know you will have a warm welcome here in Tidewater, Gary, any time you come to visit!

Another farewell; Ken Bartlett has been transferred out to the West Coast on quite short notice. He asked me to say his farewells for him via the newsletter, and he will remain an out-of-town member. Hope you get that TD together before too long, Ken; let us know when you do. Best of luck in your new job!

After the business meeting, we adjourned for snacks, and then watched a slide show which Mike Ash presented - slides of club events, and GOF's he's attended over the past few years.

That's about all that happened at the meeting this month. See you next month, I hope.

JENNIFER

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS - Mike Ash

October is the month we elect club officers for the year starting November 11. Cathy Dowrick appointed a nominating committee at the last meeting (September), to consist of Mike Ash, Dave Barrows, and O.D. Dawson. Under the bye-laws of the club, the four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) may hold office for no more than two consecutive terms. Since all four of the present officers are serving their first term, they are all eligible for re-election.

In considering members for nomination, the committee felt that the requirements for a prospective candidate were:

1. Active member and frequent participant in club activities.
2. Not having prior commitments that would prevent attendance at the majority of regular monthly meetings for the succeeding 12 months.
3. Willing to serve as a club officer.

Of the current officers, Cathy Dowrick did not wish to be considered for re-election; the remainder did. As a result, the following nominations are made:

President - Roy Wiley	Vice President - Dave Barrows
Secretary - Jennifer Ash	Treasurer - O. D. Dawson

The nomination of the three of the four current officers means that three positions will have to be filled by new members next year. However, it was felt that at this time there were no other members who met all three of the above requirements. However, if any member wishes to nominate any other member for any one of the officers, they may do so by calling one of the nominating committee, or Cathy Dowrick, or by attending the October meeting.

In addition to the officers, the position of club chairmen were considered. The Parts Chairman position has been vacated by Mike Magri, and Robert Davis has been nominated to replace him. The incumbents have been nominated for the other chairmanships. The chairman nominations are as follows:

Parts - Robert Davis	Technical/Librarian - Dave Barrows
Tools - Jim Banvard	Service - Mike Ash

Other nominations will also be accepted for election at the October meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ROSTER:

Please add the following names to your rosters; The first two forgot to renew, until they missed getting their newsletters! Don Moore was left off in error, for which I most sincerely apologise, Don. Caroline Talley is our newest member, and I forgot to mention her in my report of the September meeting; Gary left us, but Caroline has come to take his place. Welcome, Caroline!

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DON & BARBARA MOORE
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53 TD

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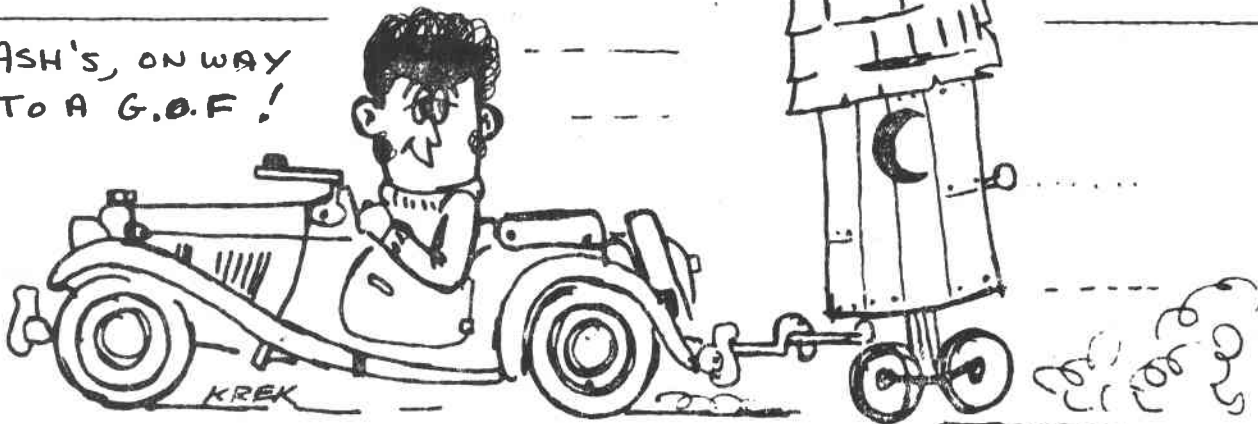
Please note the following changes of address:

GARY COOK
NRDC, Box 111
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and

KEN BARTLETT
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6614 Colton Blvd.
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ASH'S, ON WAY
TO A G.O.F.!



(Editor's Note: I have received a bundle of cartoons for all occasions from our friendly editor of the "Mouth of the South" - of course one could call the editor himself the Mouth of the South! Our grateful thanks to him and to the artist, KREK, for allowing his cartoons to be used.)

FOR SALE: TD Front Brake Drums - \$25 each: Robert Davis 482-4309
TF Top, (without frame), used, good condition - \$20: Dan Boswell 486-1239
TC Half Shaft, new: \$25: Mike Ash 424-1660
MGA 1500 Pistons (Standard), high compression, new: \$30, set: Mike Ash 424-1660

ADVERTISEMENT AS IT APPEARED IN THE PAPER

For sale: 1955 TF 1500: In daily use; original ground up restoration; canvass top and curtains; fresh hide interior; 14 coats of lacquer. Has been clocked over 130 & excellent economy; doors close good; 2,500 miles on newly fitted radial tires; less than 1,000 miles on complete engine rebuild; concourse -- good wood; Nardi steering wheel; must sell; make offer.

TRANSLATION FOR THE PROSPECTIVE BUYER

1955 ... the last "good year" for Morris Garage.

TF ...British for "The Finale."

1500the number of minor problems in the car.

In daily use.....bed for dog and resting place for wife's laundry.

Original ground up restoration.....just rescued from the shredder.

Canvass top & curtains...Made from a surplus WWII tent.

Fresh hide interiorNauga from Uncle's safari.

14 coats of lacquersome red, some blue, some black - some brushed - some sprayed ---most show.

Has been clocked over 100 & excellent economy...speedometer in Kilometers -same for odometer.

Doors close good.....won't latch!

2,500 miles on newly fitted radial tires.....50,000 prior on VW.

Less than 1,000 miles on engine rebuild....threw rod in drags @ 985.

Concourse....name of wax applied to finish.

Good wood....by testimonial of three generations of termites.

Nardi Steering Wheel ...hand wrapped electrical tape by Jose Nardi.

Must sell....seller can't keep up with maintenance costs.

Make offer...Wife says "it goes or she goes"!!!

REPORT OF FALL PICNIC: by our Roving Reporter, Suzy Boswell

The late summer (actually early fall) picnic was held at the home of Rafael and Diane DeEcheandia right on the Chesapeake Bay (and I mean RIGHT ON THE BAY. No wandering more than ten feet from the back porch, unless you want a nice salt-water bath.) The die-hard fanatics showed up in two TFs and a TD plus a non-club member TD belonging to Gary Cole who was visiting from the Chesapeake Chapter. There was also assorted domestic fare that was permitted to hide behind the garage out of site. Dan Boswell finally stopped driving that funny little yellow Japanese thing, and proved to the rest of the club that he really owns a T. His TF is almost completely restored and does look beautiful (I can say that, since I had little direct responsibility for the final product).

As usual, the weatherman refused to cooperate, and delivered up a cloudy, breezy, rather nippy day that didn't allow for much beach time. But the view was inspiring, (to say the least) and the food outstanding, especially the turkey and dressing served by Rafael and Diane, and of course Mrs. Moseley's immortal potato salad. Thanks also to everyone else for the good food and drink and to Diane and Rafael for the sheet-cake decorated in MG style, a fitting climax to a sumptuous feast. Rafael supplied the entertainment of - what else- his old MG and its first restoration (alas, it needs it again, Rafael says. We all feel sorry for you). Some of the ladies preferred the porch and the ocean, and were fascinated by the stories of Diane's theatre career.

Although the turnout wasn't too impressive, 24 including kids, it was still great fun. Rafael apologised for the weather, (which was of course his fault!) so that we decided we might try again in mid-summer when it is guaranteed to rain and be chilly! Thanks, Diane & Rafael, for your grang hospitality. Now if we could all just take the view home with us.

UP-COMING EVENTS: (Please mark your calendars and keep the dates free, if you are interested)

- DECEMBER 10 - Christmas Party - at Dave & Helen Barrows', of course! 8 p.m. This is on a Friday night, so that we can party a bit longer than on a usual club meeting night. Guaranteed: Good Food, Good Company and and lot of FUN.
- DECEMBER 5 - Technical Session - at Jim Banvard's garages. 10 a.m. to dusk, or when all sick cars are better (whichever comes first!). The good doctors will be on hand to diagnose and prescribe treatment; you give your own treatment whenever possible!
- NOVEMBER 14 - Tour of Petersburg Battlefields, and luncheon at the Virginia House - a very well-known historic eating-place.
- OCTOBER 22/3/4 Drive up to Fredericksburg to start on Rally/tour on Saturday morning; Spend Saturday night at Windmill Point; rally a bit more on Sunday morning and end up for a bit of partying and prizes early Sunday afternoon at the home of Trudy and Carroll Davis, in Richmond. Come home late afternoon, all aglow from the friendships you have made with other T-owners in the Chesapeake Chapter of the T-Register. So far, there are 5 cars participating from our club... any more takers?...
- OCTOBER 6 - October Meeting at the home of Suzy and Dan Boswell (see map attached) at 7.30 p.m. - Y'all come now!!

Our Roving Reporter/Europe reports that he has seen a few crummy-looking cars, but nothing he would want to buy, over there. He will be home around October 25th and is looking forward to seeing some good-looking women (oops!) T's again. Get in touch when you return, Mike, and come and see our latest addition to the family; in case y'all didn't know it yet, we now own a 1957 MG Magnette (and qualify for membership in the A register!).

Mike and I are off to a Mini-GOF in High Point, N.C. this coming weekend; sure wish the club would send a convoy! We decided we just couldn't squeeze in the trip to Jeckyll Island in one weekend - much too tough on the car. It will be a new direction for us, and we are looking forward to the new scenery we will see and the new, and old, friends we will meet there.



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LATE - SUMMER PICNIC

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26, NOON →

AT THE HOME OF RAFAEL & DIANE DE ECHENDIA
ON THE SHORES OF THE BEAUTIFUL CHESAPEAKE BAY

BRING DRINKS FOR OWN FAMILY - FOOD WILL
BE PROVIDED.



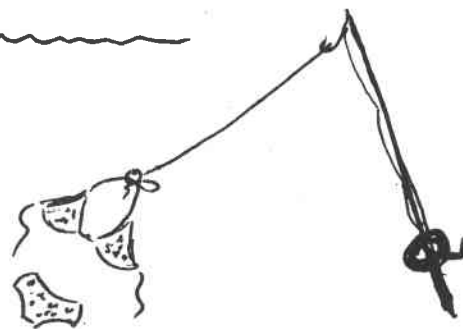
COME & ENJOY

SWIMMING

SAILING

FISHING

WALKING ON BEACH



MEMBERS
SOUTH-SIDE HAMPTON ROADS-MEET AT HOLIDAY INN
ON WILLOUGHBY SPIT AT 11:30 AM. / PENINSULA
SEE YOU THERE! MEMBERS

→ AT 12 LIGHTHOUSE DRIVE (851-2474) ←
HAMPTON

FOLLOW BEACH ROAD FROM OLD BUCKROE RD. OR
FOX HILL ROAD AND TURN LEFT AT BEACH ONTO
LIGHTHOUSE DR.

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