

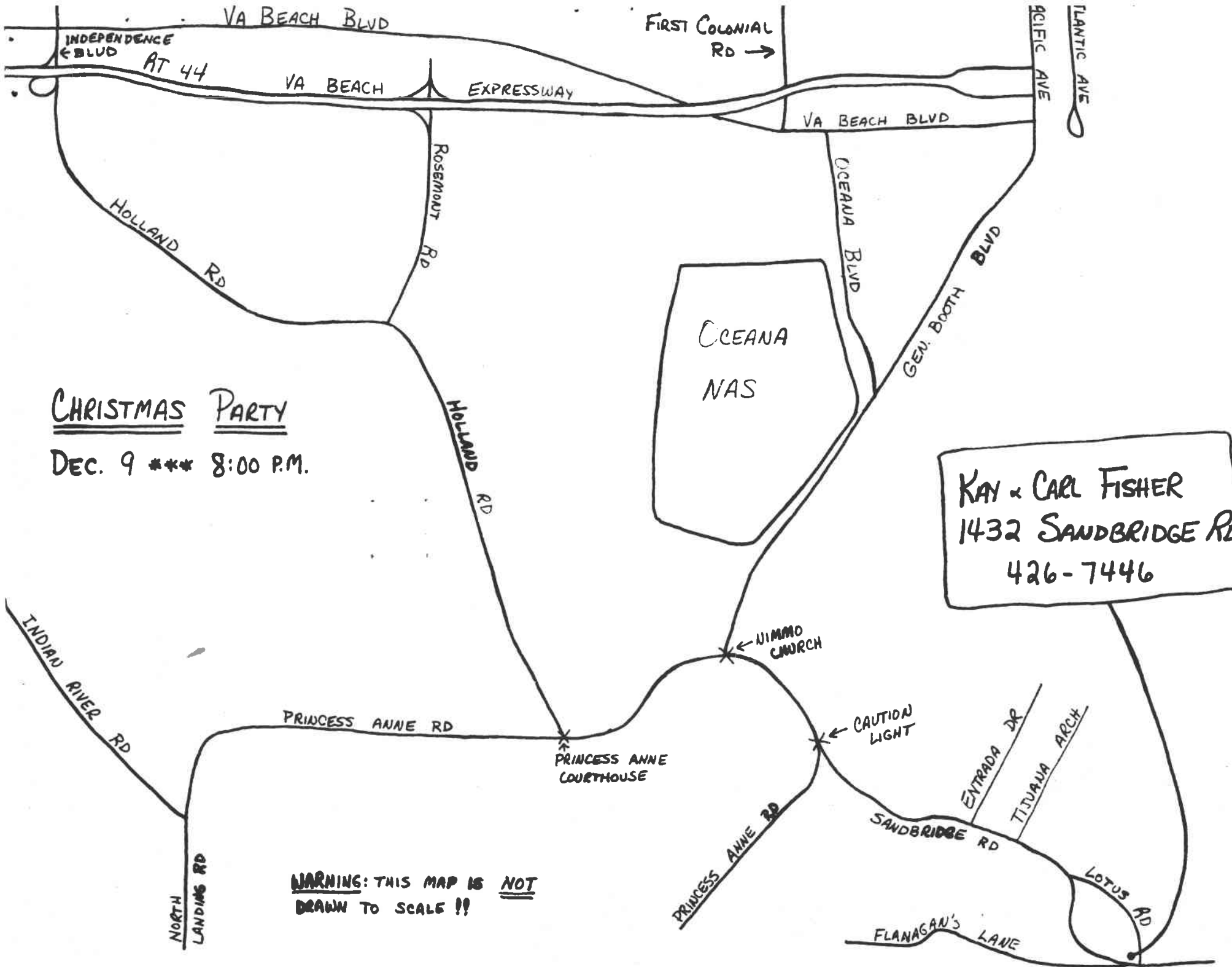
CHRISTMAS PARTY
FUN FOOD FROLIC
DEC. 9th

8:00 P.M. - KAY & CARL FISHER'S
(See map-over)



OUR HOSTESSES WOULD APPRECIATE SOME HELP WITH THE FOOD SO PLEASE CALL KAY FISHER (426-7446) OR HELEN BARROWS (428-3250) A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE SO THEY KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO PLAN ON.

THE BADGES WILL MAKE
THEIR DEBUT !!



CHRISTMAS PARTY
 DEC. 9 *** 8:00 P.M.

KAY x CARL FISHER
 1432 SANDBRIDGE RD
 426-7446

WARNING: THIS MAP IS NOT
 DRAWN TO SCALE !!



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

HAPPY THANKSGIVING--HAPPY HANUKKAH--MERRY CHRISTMAS--HAPPY NEW YEAR--
BAH, HUMBUG!!

Since this newsletter will not be appearing again until after the first of the year (due to the scheduling of the January meeting for a week later than usual to give everyone a chance to recuperate), I thought I would take this opportunity to wish everyone the joy of the season. I believe I have the subject well covered, but if anyone feels slighted, equal time will be granted. After all, any contribution of material to this newsletter is gratefully accepted.

NOVEMBER MEETING: Despite the rain, we did have a November meeting--with one of those overwhelming turnouts of the membership which send the hostess (me) scouting the freezer and the cupboards for extra snacks. Twenty-seven people showed up, but not necessarily in their T-types, which severely limited the tyre kicking. Only the Ashes and their faithful (rain-proof) Y-type made it along with our TF (in the garage) and a TC on the back of Ron Eaton's shirt. It was nice to see a lot of not so familiar faces and one new couple who have been members for several months and finally made it to their first (and I hope not last) meeting. This was Jerry and Mary Ann Matthews from Hampton who brought along their newest addition, their 11-week-old daughter Shannon who was probably the quietest member there.

To hit the high points of this meeting, which is about all I heard while running back and forth between kitchen and living room:

- a discussion of the schedule of events and meetings for 1978 which I will elaborate on elsewhere in this newsletter.
- a lengthy report on the GOF in Enfield, Conn., which I will not elaborate on since that was included in last month's newsletter.
- a suggestion by Gary Cole that perhaps the club would like to see a MiGi (those fiberglass TD replicars) at one of the meetings. Don't gag, folks. I for one would like to scrutinize the thing just to see how close to authentic it really is. Unfortunately, we don't have much daylight at our winter meetings, so I think this is something we should postpone until spring. Take heart, Gary, and don't lose the man's name and phone number.
- an assurance by Buck Lampton that THE BADGES ARE COMING. (In fact, they have arrived and Buck assures me they are BEE-YOO-TI-FUL. They will be unveiled at the Christmas party. This is truly the season of miracles.)
- a report by Parts Chairman Robert Davis that he has updated his

parts list to include MGAs and Y-types as well, so contact him if you need one.

Then the meeting was adjourned, and some after meeting entertainment was supplied by Levi Tarr who brought along his slides of the last few outings, including the car show in Whitestone and the Fall Foliage Drive-out along Colonial Parkway. Keep the old shutter clicking, Levi, and we may make you the official club photographer.

THE NEXT MEETING is the Christmas Party at the Fishers' on Dec. 9th at 8 pm. See the enclosed flyer for the map and don't forget to call Kay Fisher or Helen Barrows and volunteer some snacks.

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Speaking of MiGis which we were a moment ago, what's this in the October TSO about a company in Brazil manufacturing T-roadsters with VW engines to be sold in this country for \$10,000? Is that sufficient cause for breaking diplomatic relations?

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WHAT YOU MISSED--SWAIN'S:

The turn-out for this was rather disappointing, especially after word was passed around to potential attendees (thanks to Jennifer Ash) that we were assured tables together (thanks to Tom Lund). A couple of those weather-resistant Y-types represented the breed as eleven people showed up for the seafood buffet--Ashes, Banvards, Boswells, Eatons, Tom Lund and friend, and Robert Davis looking like the Artful Dodger. The best part of the evening was the entertainment. We had stage-side seats for a two-piece combo which featured the female lead singer on drums and her male companion on organ and piano. Their sound was smooth and mellow and well-suited to the mood of the evening.

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DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADS FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER IS 1 JAN 1978

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It will shame all the Tidewater members to know that the first (and so far only voluntary) response to my request for contributions--a history of your car, a funny story, or what your car means to you, etc.--came from Tony Roth, editor of THE OCTAGON, which is the newsletter of the four Florida clubs, which are centered in Orlando, Miami, Jacksonville, and Tampa. He also included this sage advice: "Also, after many years of experience, I have learned that people will not respond to an appeal for input. You have to assign people a job to write a particular article--then they will come thru." Alas, sad but true. So come on, gang, get your old muses in gear and give me SOMETHING. Back to Tony, whom I wish to thank publicly for his advice, support, encouragement, and this fascinating history of his 1953 TD, which is the same car he and Len Renkenberger drove to second place in the Bicentennial Rally in 1976, in spite of losing a wheel somewhere along the way. He says we may remember it as being "Red, White and Blue, etc."

"[The car] came with the original English title which showed the complete history of all owners of the car."

10-8-53 Wolsey, Ltd. sold it to John Michael Walker, Leicester, Eng.
7-2-60 Brian Fitton, Towchester, England
7-6-61 Allan Alexander, Coatbridge, England

- 9-7-64 Daniel Robertson, Glasgow, Scotland
- 5-25-65 James McLellan, Glasgow, Scotland
- 6-6-66 David Cassels, Glasgow, Scotland
- 9-30-66 Malcolm McNaughton, Isle of Cumrae
- 5-18-68 James K. Benson, Brechin
- 7-15-73 Jerry Ridings, Orlando, Florida, U.S.A.
- 1-26-76 Tony Roth, Orlando, Florida, U.S.A.
- 1-22-77 John Shannon, Ft. Meade, Florida, U.S.A.

Now that's a car that has been around!! Thanks, Tony.

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NEW MEMBERS: We do just keep growing as is proven by the addition of two new members this month, both out-of-towners.

Gary and Sue Woodyard, 1605 Boyette Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27530. Gary is the newly elected VP of the Mid-South MG 'T' Register which draws its members from the NC-SC-Tenn-GA area. When I look at other clubs, I realize how fortunate we are to have so many T owners concentrated in such a small area instead of spread out over whole states or conglomerations of states.

Mike and Joan Polifka, 12 Greenland Dr., Tabb, Va 23602. Mike and Joan are MGA owners. Although they are officially out-of-town members, Tabb is only just across the river near Yorktown, so I hope they can make it to our meetings or outings sometime.

PARTS: Dan has located a parts source which may interest everyone. This man has something like 36 Ts which he is parting out (somehow the vision that conjures up makes me want to cry). We have dealt with him and are very pleased with his service. His parts are of good quality and his prices are very reasonable. So anyone out there who is fed up with the prices charged by Abingdon and Moss (and in Moss's case, the service rendered) may want to contact this man and see what he's got.

Jarl's Foreign Car Service
1520 Second Ave.
Walnut Creek, Calif 94596
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BOSWELL'S FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS:

"Richards' two fundamental rules of M.G. 'T' repair. 1. It will take longer than you think, and, 2. If it works, don't mess with it."

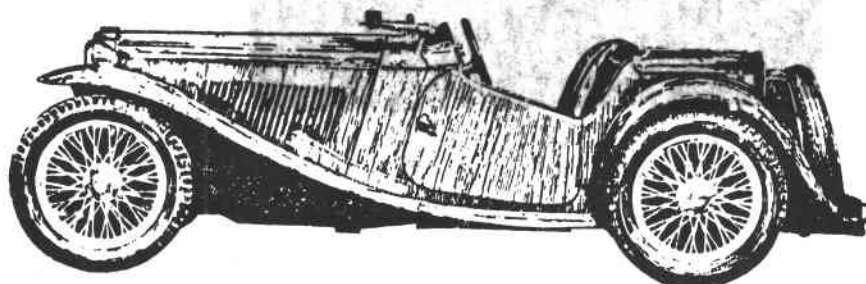
Carol & Clay Richards
Editors, The Sacred Octagon
October, 1977

You all may be wondering why there is no new roster this month, as was promised in last month's newsletter. Well, the activities committee surprised me with a new calendar of events which you will find somewhere in this newsletter, so in the interest of keeping down printing and

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1978*

- JANUARY 11 Monthly meeting at the home of Ted and Luann Hughes (WED.)
 28 Buffet dinner at Jim and Brenda Banvard's → bring a dish--
 \$5 per couple (SAT.)
- FEBRUARY 7 Meeting at the home of Buck Lampton (TUES.)
 19 Sunday brunch at Ft. Story
- MARCH 1 Meeting at the home of Robert Davis (WED.)
 12 Tech session in Jim Banvard's garages (SUN.)
- APRIL 4 Meeting at the home of Levi and Elsie Tarr (TUES.)
 23 Spring rallye (SUN.)
- MAY 3 Meeting at the home of Roy and Marilyn Wiley (WED.)
 12-14 MINI-GOF in Williamsburg sponsored by us!!! (FRI, SAT, SUN)
- JUNE 6 Meeting at the home of Don and Barbara Moore (TUES.)
 11 Funkhana and picnic (SUN.)
 25 Tech session (SUN.)
- JUNE 28--JULY 2 TORONTO GOF WED--SUN
- JULY 12 Meeting at the home of Jim and Brenda Banvard (WED.)
 28 Pool party at Bob and Peggy Pellerin's (FRI.)
- AUGUST 1 Meeting at the home of Mike and Jennifer Ash (TUES.)
 26 Dinner at the Wharf in Yorktown (SAT.)
 28 Roy Wiley's birthday (MON)
- SEPTEMBER 6 Meeting at the home of Dan and Susan Boswell (WED.)
 26 Tech session (SUN.)
- SEPT 30--OCT 1 Nag's Head (SAT--SUN)
- OCTOBER 3 Meeting at the home of?? (Any takers??) (TUES.)
 29 Fall foliage drive-out and weiner roast at Roy and Marilyn
 Wiley's (SUN.)
- NOVEMBER 1 Meeting at the home of?? (Any takers??) (WED.)
 19 Sunday brunch
- December 15 Christmas party (FRI.)

* All dates and locations are tentative and are subject to change.



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