



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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H-h-h-howdy, G-g-gang!

My fingers are so numb (along with the old brain) so please excuse any errors you might find in this rag newsletter. Let's hope that the weather will get a bit warmer from here on in; surely it couldn't get colder? Perish the thought!

We had a super February meeting. It was held at the lovely home of Bob and Peggy Pellerin, and there were 28 members present, but as it was so cold I didn't go outside to count the numbers of T's (besides, I forgot to ask who drove T's when I had the 'floor' during the meeting - can't win 'em all; this ed. definitely can't!).

There was a lot of business discussed at the meeting, and Mike has summarized the "heavy stuff" for us. I will summarize all the other matters that came under discussion first, and then give you Mike's material.

- Treasurer, O.D. Dawson reported a balance of \$182.17 on hand. This has to cover printing and postage of newsletter for the next five months, PLUS the purchase of new club car badges.
- Suggestions were made as to various methods of raising funds to cover this expense. They were as follows: Garage Sales; Entry fee for rallies; Monthly raffle at the meeting; Selling copies of engine rebuild article (mentioned in last newsletter); Raising membership dues. The last was proposed by Brenda Banvard and seconded by Tom Lund and carried unanimously. This matter involves an amendment of the By-Laws, and this proposed amendment follows later in the letter.
- It was suggested that members be requested to pay dues several months in advance of "dues date" (June 1) in order to advance money to pay for aforementioned badges.
- Buck Lampton, Regalia Chairman, reported that he has another contact in Milan, Italy, who is getting another quotation, with a view to obtaining the mold of the badge after they have been produced. You will remember that there is a charge for casting the mold, then a price for the badges in amounts of 50 or 100 (the latter being the better price, but too many for our purposes) and the total amount the club will have to come up with is in the region of \$250 - \$300 (we don't yet have a firm price)
- It was agreed to activate the Telephone Committee to call the members to remind them of the brunch at Fort Monroe on Feb. 20th, and the following drive-out to Fort Eustis and the Army Transportation Museum there.
- The Spring Gathering Of The Faithful (T-Register event) will be held in Dearborn, Michigan, June, 23 through 26, 1977. Anyone wishing to join our little caravan, (Mike and me) please get in touch; or if you are a little interested, put the dates on your calendar. There will be a registration form in a future T.S.O. (hopefully!)
- It has been brought to our attention that we may hire a film from British Leyland, and it was agreed that this would be a good meeting topic and we should send for it.
- Tom Lund will be travelling in Pennsylvania and New Hampshire in the near future; if you need any parts picking up in these areas, let him know, and he will be glad to get them for you, as he will have a large station wagon. Call 480-3090.

- Parts Chairman - Robert Davis - has some discontinued Lucas parts. Give him a call for details - 482-4309. He says that the round glass TD rearlight lenses are now going to be manufactured in plastic; he is able to get a few of the last glass ones.
- It was the concensus of opinion that we print in the newsletter the title, or subject matter, of technical articles printed by other newsletters. If a particular article is of interest to you, you can borrow it from the Club Librarian, Dave Barrows.
- Phase I (remember the cards Robert handed out in January?) will give dealer net price on Lucas parts.
- THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE HOME OF BOBBIE THOMPSON (SINCE IT IS LARGER THAN TOM LUND'S, THE HOST!) on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2nd at 7.30 p.m. See map at back.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS: (concisely worded by Mike Ash)

It may come as a surprise to some club members to learn that we have by-laws, because we have been somewhat remiss in providing new members with a copy. However, by-laws DO exist and we do try to abide by them when necessary. As a result of the last club meeting (Feb.) two changes in club policy/organization were proposed; both of which, if executed, would require an amendment to the by-laws.

The first amendment concerns the increase in annual dues, from \$6.00 to \$10.00 for in-town members, and from \$2.00 to \$6.00 for out-of-town members. This amendment affects Article IV, Section 3 of the by-laws which presently reads as follows:

" The annual fee for full or associate membership shall be six dollars (\$6.00) per family. This fee shall be paid annually, in advance, in June. Failure to pay the fee by the following end of August shall automatically terminate membership. Membership shall be reinstated upon payment of the full annual fee. The fee for new members, joining the club after June, shall be prorated according to the number of full months before the following June."

It is proposed to re-write Article IV, Section 3 of the by-laws to read as follows:

"The annual fee for full or associate membership shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per family. This fee shall be paid annually, in advance, in June. Failure to pay the fee by the following end of August shall automatically terminate membership. Membership shall be reinstated upon payment of the full annual fee. The fee for new full or associate members shall be prorated according to the following schedule: June - September, \$10.00; October - November, \$8.00; December - January, \$6.00; February - March, \$4.00; April - May, \$2.00. The annual fee for out-of-town members shall be six dollars (\$6.00) and shall not be prorated for new members."

It is proposed that the revised Section 3 of Article IV become Section 4 and that a new Section 3 be added to define "Out-of-Town Members"; to read as follows:

"Section 3. Out-of Town Membership shall be available to full or associate members who leave the Tidewater area, but who wish to retain membership in the club; and to new members who reside outside of the Tidewater area. For this purpose, the Tidewater area shall be defined as the cities of Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Hampton and Newport News. In all club business, out-of-town members shall have the rights and priviliges of associate members."

The second amendment concerns the introduction of the office of "Newsletter Editor". The purpose of this amendment is to relieve the club secretary of the task of producing the monthly newsletter, which is a duty in addition to the other requirements of the office. Article VII, Section 4 is as follows:

"The Secretary shall issue, or cause to be issued, notices for all meetings, shall keep their minutes, or cause their minutes to be kept, shall have charge of the

seal and the club books, shall execute, with the President, reports, instruments, contracts or obligations, and shall perform such duties as are incident to his office or are properly required of him by the full members or the President."

A change to Article VII, Section 4 is not proposed, since it is not specifically stated that editor of a newsletter is a function of the office of Secretary. However, under Article VIII - Chairman and Committees, it is proposed to add the following:

"Section 5. A Newsletter Editor shall be elected by the membership. The editor shall be responsible for publishing a monthly newsletter to report on past and future club activities, and to include items of interest to the membership. The newsletter shall normally be published within one week prior to the regular monthly meeting."

The existing Section 5 will become Section 6.

When the club was first formed and the by-laws were written, the form of the club emblem had not been decided. Article III - Club Emblem, was "to be supplied..". Since we have had a club emblem for a couple of years, it is proposed that Article III be written as follows:

"Section 1. The club emblem shall consist of an octagonal MG crest superimposed over the center vertical part of a large letter "T" (upper case). The horizontal part "T" shall contain the word "TIDEWATER" and the base of the letter "T" shall contain the word "CLASSICS".

"Section 2. Where the emblem is reproduced in color, two colors - brown and beige - shall be used. The shade of these two colors shall be similar to that of the TD radiator badge. The distribution of colors within the emblem shall be: the "T" in brown with "TIDEWATER" and "CLASSICS" in beige, with the octagonal MG crest the same as the TD radiator badge. This shall be the preferred color distribution for badges and patches. Printed material may have the colors interchanged."

Article XI of the by-laws provides for their amendment as follows: "These by-laws shall be amended by a majority of all of the full members of the club, voting either in person or by proxy, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been read at a previous meeting and provided in writing to those members not present at that meeting." The proposed amendments were discussed at the February meeting and approved in principle, if not in text. The publication of these proposed amendments in this newsletter constitutes notification to all members in writing. Therefore, the proposed amendments will be voted on at the March meeting. Since it is expected that these amendments will be accepted, members who do not expect to be present at this meeting and who wish to vote AGAINST the amendments, should call the secretary, (Jennifer Ash, 424-1660) prior to the meeting to record their dissenting vote. Failure to vote at the meeting or to call in a dissenting vote shall be considered to be approval of the proposed amendments.

(AMEN... Ed.)

We have four new members this month!! Three are full members and one is an out-of-town member. We welcome all of you and hope that you will get a lot out of the club in the way of technical assistance (when and if it is needed) and in social contact too. We look forward to meeting you and exchanging views. Our newsletters are not usually as business-like as this one, so don't let this put you off. PLEASE ADD THESE NAMES TO YOUR ROSTER:

Arthur C. Bunton III
812 Boxhill Ct.
Va. Beach, Va. 23462
53 TD : Ph. 499-5017

Gary Cole
1644 Malibu Place
Newport News, Va. 23602
53 TD : #1529 : 874-7373

Gerald L. Matthews
127 Rosewood Drive
Hampton, Va. 23669
52 TD : 850-0708

David R. Bogese
115 Beech Dr. Rt.1
Hopewell, Va. 23860
55 TF-1500
Register # 5433
1-458-3848

BADGES: When we mention badges, we mean the club badge for the badge-bar of your car. In the past, this has been offered as part of your membership; you have paid for it in addition to membership fee when you join the club, but then you have paid \$3 less in dues the second year you have been in the club. Since the cost of badges is now going to be considerably higher than we have paid in the past, it will be necessary for members to purchase the badge in addition to paying dues, if they wish to own a badge. We will revise the membership application accordingly. Sorry about this, but inflation is the culprit, as usual!!

FUND-RAISING: After the discussion on this had been closed at the February meeting, I had the idea of a pot-luck supper. I mentioned this to a few of the girls present, and they thought it was a great idea, and we should be able to raise close to \$100 dollars without too much effort. The idea is to charge \$5.00 per couple, \$2.50 for singles, and each couple bring one covered dish, be it casserole, salad, desert. We will try to co-ordinate something if there promise to be too many baked beans!! Seriously, we ask that every wife make her favourite, or most exotic one-dish meal - to serve 6 to 8, say - and hubby bring enough for the two of you to drink, be it a 6-pack or half a bottle of exotic up-state New York! There will be coffee provided. This 'do' is to be held at the home of Jim and Brenda Banvard on March 11th (a Friday). We will discuss this in more detail at the March meeting, and the telephone committee will be activated before the date of the 'party' to remind you and to get an idea of numbers. Please try to come; it should be a great deal of fun and it is to aid the club as well. Let's try to top the turn-out we had at Blue Pete's last month!

FORT MONROE & FORT EUSTIS: On Sunday, February 20th, 2 TD's, 2 TF's, 1 Y and two cars of a different ilk - 19 people in all - met at the Holiday Inn, Willoughby, and drove over to Fort Monroe Officers' Club for brunch. After gorging ourselves silly, we drove on up to Fort Eustis (by this time we were down to 3 T's and one 'other'; we know why two cars left, but we are still trying to find out what happened to Carolyn and Jerry Talley). We toured the Army Transportation Museum there, and it was a lot of fun if you could ignore the mud we had to wade through around the outside exhibits; most of us did ignore it, and enjoyed being a kid again and climbed over in into all these neat obsolete vehicles. These included a couple of prototype "flying jeeps", and a real experimental "flying saucer" (which never managed to fly at altitudes in excess of 3 feet!!!). There were trains, helicopters, tanks; and all manner of historical vehicles inside the museum. If you didn't make it on the club's trip, your kids would love you to take them there, and you would get a kick out of it too.

FOR SALE: All the following may be obtained from Jim Banvard - 340-6737:

TF wiper motors \$65	TD/TF starter end band \$4
TD/TF tach. cable \$12	TD/TF generator end band \$4
TD/TF tach. cable inserts \$5	TD rear pans (new) \$30
TF speedo. cable insert \$5	TD hood panels R.H. (new) \$50

QUOTE-OF-THE-MONTH: (lifted from the Hawaii Club's newsletter)

Before I got Octagonal fever
I smoked, drank and used
foul language - for no reason
at all.

Now, thanks to my MG, I have
a reason!

COMING EVENTS:

- March 2 (Wed) MEETING at home of Tom Lund & Bobbi; 7.30 p.m. SEE MAP FOR DETAILS.
- March 20 (Sun) TECH. SESSION - at Jim Banvard's at 1 p.m. Please note the time, as it is NOT the usual time for these sessions. Call Jim for directions - 340-6737.
- April 5 (Tues) MONTHLY MEETING at home of Fred & Jane Dantonio (Morganites!).
- April 17 (Sun) SPRING RALLY - Details next newsletter
- April 24 " TECH SESSION

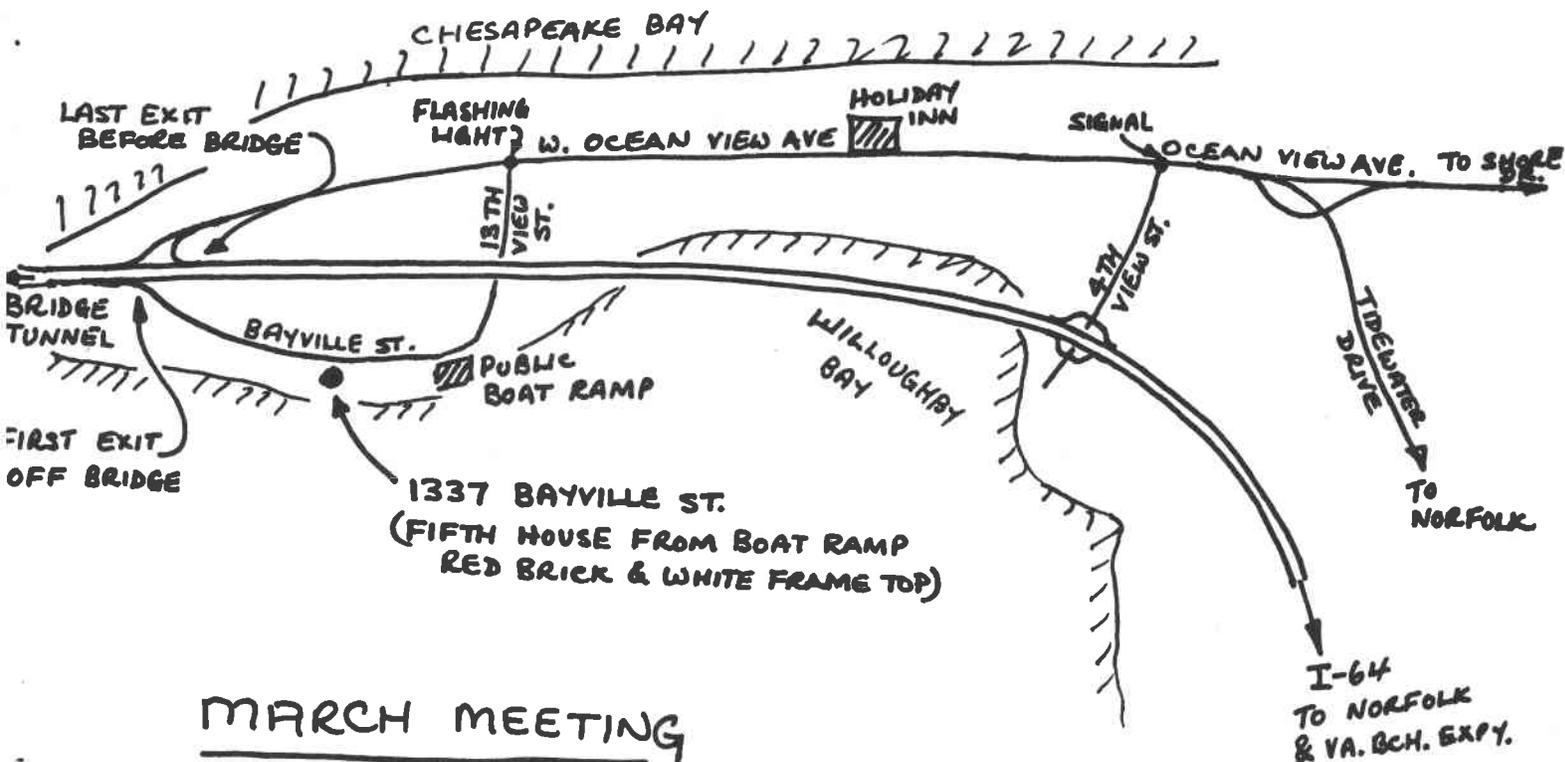
NON-CLUB EVENTS: March 25, 26 & 27. GOF - South; in Ocala, Fla. As of now, there are 5 members going down, Call me (Jennifer Ash) 424-1660 if you want information on registration,

GOF, Mk.XXIV, to be held at Dearborn, Michigan, June 23, 24, 25 & 26. I have registration forms, if anyone is interested in going. Mike and I are planning to drive out there.

Mike and I recently drove down to Florida on a business/pleasure trip (his business, my pleasure!). Whilst there, we got in touch with Tony Roth (better known as Mouth of the South) and he and his Orlando group - The Classic MG Club of Florida - gave us 'right royal bash'. Another couple were visiting Orlando at the same time - Pam & Ian Prior from Melbourne, Australia - and all four of us were treated to true southern hospitality. Tony called an impromptu ~~club~~ meeting of the club and they brought loads of food. Pam & Ian are a very young couple who are taking a year's leave of absence to travel around the world, spending 3 months in the U.S., and they had a film to show us of some of their club's MG activities. They are tremendously enthusiastic over there and have quite a variety of cars. We hope they will come to visit us if they get into the Virginia area at all. That goes for any members of other MG clubs around the country, too. Give us a call when you come to Virginia Beach/Norfolk. Mike and I would like to use this space to thank the people we met in Florida for their kindness and hospitality. We look forward to meeting you all again in Ocala at GOF-South, and at many future MG events. We've said this before, and at the risk of being a bore, I'll repeat it: M.G. people are some of the finest people we have met, and you can feel pretty sure you will be made welcome when you are in their territory.

JENNIFER ASH

DIRECTIONS TO MARCH MEETING - Wednesday March 2, 7.30 p.m.
1337 Bayville, Norfolk
(in case you can't follow the map, call
Dial-a-Prayer - 587-1001!!)



MARCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2 7:30 PM

1337 BAYVILLE STREET

(ON WILLOUGHBY SPIT JUST
OF WEST OCEAN VIEW AVE.
JUST BEFORE BRIDGE TUNNEL)

TIDEWATER M. G. "T" CLASSING
5149 BELLAMY 13R DRIVE
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23462



DAVE & HELEN BARROWS
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