



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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MARCH NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS!

The old saying goes... "No news is good news"... Well, there is a lot of good news this month! Mike and I returned from GOF-South in Ocala, Florida, yesterday, and two days from now, my mother is coming over to this side of the pond for a month's visit; as you can guess, I have a lot on my plate and this letter will have to be a short one.

The last meeting was held at the home of Bobbie Thompson, and was a well-attended one (and well-catered, too!!). There were 24 members present in several T's and a few A's too. The following is the gist of what went on at the meeting:

- ** The treasurer - O.D. Dawson - requested that any members who feel so inclined, may pay their dues in advance, so as to get as much cash "up front" as we can in order to pay for the badges when they are ready.
- ** It has been agreed that a badge will no longer be given as part of membership on joining the club. Inflation precludes this.
- ** Amendments to the By-Laws:
 - a) That dues be raised to \$10 family membership per year; to \$6 per year for out of town membership. (See February newsletter for wording of the amendment) - Carried unanimously.
 - b) That the job of Secretary/Newsletter editor be separated into two jobs to be carried out by two separate persons - Carried.
 - c) The description of the badge, or club emblem (see February newsletter for wording) was agreed-upon, but it was agreed that the proposed Article III, Section 2 be omitted, as this would tend to lock us in to specific colours, which might one day be a stumbling block; also, the T-shirts we have at present only follow the design of the emblem and it would be costly to change in order to follow the precise colour as outlined. This was all agreed-upon by the majority of members present.
- ** In future, By-Laws will be handed to new members when they come to their first meeting. When they are revised (at a later date I will get to the typing of the amendments) copies will not be mailed out with the newsletter, as this will be too costly to the club; instead, they will be available at the meeting.
- ** At some future date (uncertain, as yet) we will obtain a copy of the film "The Magic Midget" put out by British Leyland, to show at a meeting.
- ** We welcomed two new members: Levi Tarr and Ted Hughes. I will give you addresses and all pertinent information later in the letter.
- ** Chairman Roy (sounds a bit like a late oriental leader, doesn't it?) handed out brochures on "toilet paper" filters, just as a matter of interest; it seemed to be the general opinion - after some lengthy discussion - that

these are not a particularly good idea.

- ** Parts Chairman - Robert Davis - has parts (Lucas) at dealer cost. All distributor parts have now been discontinued, with the exception of toggles and weights. As mentioned last month - all glass lenses are being discontinued and are being replaced by plastic ones. Glacier Bearings have now deleted XPAG bearings from their stock list! That means that Vandervell are the only company still making this item. If anyone wants a price catalog from Hartford Motors (Connecticut), Robert has the address and will let you have it willingly.
- ** O.D. Dawson gave out lists to members of the phone committee, so that every member should now be contacted by the same "phoner" each time.
- ** Future events were brought to attention:
 - a) Tech Session on March 20th (More on that later)
 - b) April 17th - Spring Rally (details later)
 - c) 24th - Tech Session at Banvards' residence 10 a.m. 'til?
 - d) May 13, 14, 15 - Mini-GOF in Charlottesville, Shenandoah National Park - see enclosures for details and application form. COMPLETE EARLY, AS IF YOU WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE DEADLINE, THE PRICE GOES UP!! (Ed. Note - This should be a super weekend, and at a very reasonable price, too.)
- ** Regalia chairman - Buck Lampton - reported, in absentia, that a sample of the badge to be manufactured is on its way to us. After inspection, and if the work is up to scratch (so to speak!) we will go ahead and place the order.
- ** Buck also wants a paint job on his car, and would welcome any recommendations any club member might have. Give him a call if you can help out.

think that about sums up the events of the meeting. After all that, we were ready for the steamed clams that Tom and Bobbie had for us - Mmmm! Delicious!. Thanks, you two!

REPORT ON TECH SESSION HELD ON MARCH 20th: There is nothing to report, as no-one showed up! Poor show....

SPRING RALLY - April 17th: Meeting in the parking-lot of Greenbriar Volvo on S. Military Highway, (between Indian River Rd. and Battlefield Blvd.) at 1 p.m. on Sunday April 17. The first car will be sent off at 1.15 p.m., sharp! This will NOT be a time/speed/distance type of rally. It will involve answering questions and the one who gets the highest score will be the winner - simple as that! There will be an entry fee of \$1.50 per car. Bring a picnic or snackie if you wish. The rally will end at a well-known fun-spot where we will be able to have a snack, if you bring your own. Nothing elaborate - do we ever??!

RALLY...RALLY.... APRIL 17, 1 pm...PUT IT ON CALENDAR!... RALLY...APRIL 17...CALENDAR

FOR SALE: Quote: "Wanted - good home for 1952 MG TD (TD 12689) Right-hand drive; red with tan top; black tonneau cover; new black carpet; new wiring; new water pump; 4 new tires and new jack. Extras include: engine block and pan; assorted gaskets; workshop manual; copy of original British registration; original British license plates HJF-330." This is being offered to club members before being advertised in the media. \$4,000 firm. Call Ellie Grumiaux - 482-2366.

RALLY... APRIL 17... 1 pm...MARK CALENDAR...RALLY... APRIL 17...1 pm...GREENBRIAR VOLVO..

... from February's "MOTOR SPORT"...



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MG Assembly Plant,
Abingdon-on-Thames,
Berks. OX14 1AU.

NEW MEMBERS: Please put these names and phone numbers on your roster, to keep it up to date.

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Norfolk, Va. 23518 '61 MG-A 1600

LEVI TARR Phone: Day-425-3310
AIMD NAS Oceana Night-Oceana BOQ Ext. 226
Virginia Beach, Va. 23460 '62 MG-A MkII

POT-LUCK SUPPER: This was a real fun evening. There was loads to eat and many of us over-ate in the effort to have a taste of everything. It was the general concensus of opinion that this event should be repeated at some future date. Apart from all the fun we had, it was a huge success financially - which was the object of the exercise in the first place. There were 31 members there and we made a clear profit of \$78.50. This puts us in good shape - together with the advance dues many members paid - to go ahead and make the initial payment on the wretched badges that have been hanging over us for so long now - or so it seems! Thanks go to Brenda and Jim for letting us use their home, and to all the people who provided the food to make the evening such a success.

APRIL MEETING: This will be held at the home of Jane and Fred Dantonio (I spelled it right this time guys - sorry about last time). TUESDAY, April 5th at 7.30 p.m. See the map at back of newsletter for directions. If you see a Morgan outside... then that's NOT the wrong house. Fred's poor mother...where did she go wrong!!

GOF-SOUTH: As I mentioned, Mike and I just got home yesterday, after a lovely trip to Ocala, Fla, in our TD. We took a day-and-a-half each way, and the car performed well. There were about 175 people at the gathering and about 100 cars were displayed. There were people from as far away as Toronto, Canada (drumming up business for the '78 Spring GOF Mk XXVI to be held there!!) The distance award went to a gal (yes!) from up-state New York, who drove 1,400+ TD+miles to be there. We did a lot of partying - with both T-Register people and with the A-Register people too. (They were holding a Get-Together concurrently) As always, we met some fine people and renewed old friendships. We bear greetings from members of other clubs to members of our club, and invitations to you all to attend some of the mini-GOFs coming up this year.

APRIL MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 5
7:30 PM

FRED & JANE D'ANTONIO
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NORFOLK

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