THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS



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NEWSLETTER FOR THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY!

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Hello again!

This letter is a little earlier than usual, and there is a reason for this. (NO, I did NOT run out of things to do with my time!) The next monthly club meeting falls on Tuesday June 7th, however the next club event falls on Sunday, June 5th - the day after you would usually receive your newsletter. We thought this might be rather short notice, so you will be getting this a week earlier than usual so that you can hopefully arrange your calendar and join us on the drive-out and picnic on Sunday, June 5th. This outing will be a drive through the country lanes to the ferry over to Knotts Island, which is still in Virginia Beach, but about as far as you can possibly go and still be in Virginia. Details of this will appear in another section of the newsletter.

The May meeting was held at the home of Dave and Gail Parsons. We were supposed to have had a mini Fun Concours, but the weather washed out that idea - with a vengeance. However, there were 24 members present in 3 T's, a Y and an MGA. The events of the meeting were as follows:

- Buck Lampton, Regalia Chairman, reported that the sample badges we were supposed to have received to inspect had run into a bit of a "fix". It seems that the Italians were having a postal strike, and then some of the strikers went and set fire to a postal depot where, naturally, the sack containing our sample badges were reposing!! But... Buck reports that his contact in Italy is getting duplicates to us as soon as possible.
 - Also, Buck reminds us, we still have T-shirts and embroidered patches for sale. Shirts are \$3.50 and patches are \$2.50.
- -- Richard Hall, Activities Chairman, reported that the Activity schedule for June, July and August will be as follows:
 - June 5th Drive-out to Knotts Island. Meet at Princess Anne Courthouse at 1.30 pm. Bring a sandwich or chicken leg to munch on, and a cold drink.
 - 7th Monthly meeting at home of Bill & Bev Lassen; Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.
 - July 17 or 24 (to be announced) This will be a Funkhana held at the Naval Base and will be organized by Mike West and his helpers
 - 13 Monthly meeting (held late so as not to come on top of July 4th), at home of Jim and Brenda Banvard
 - Aug. 2 Monthly meeting at home of Caroline Talley
 - ? Middle of August a picnic and mini-fun-concours and car games at home of Robert Davis. This will be a family-type affair. Date to be announced.
- It was reported that Bob Pellerin is fully recovered and is once more drilling holes in peoples teeth.
- Jennifer Ash read out a list of T-Register Chapter gatherings being held during the summer months in case anyone is interested in attending one on their summer travels. Contact me if you want information on how to register for one of these.
- Treasurer, O.D. Dawson reported that the treasury showed a balance of \$388.77. Some members have paid dues in advance so that we have the up-front money for badges.

- -- It was agreed that the rally run in April had been a great success, and that the club should hold more of this type of event.
- -- Cathy Dowrick reported on the Coach Show she had attended, and the quality of the craftsmanship exhibited. Maybe we could combine this with an activity next year?
- -- Since the rain precluded us having the fun-concourse, Dave put together a slide show of T's and other classic cars. This was very enjoyable, and his commentary was mind-bending at times!

The meeting adjourned for snacks and sodas. Thank you Dave and Gail for a pleasant evening.

FOR SALE:

2-bow top for TD, black AMCO, almost new - \$40, or will trade for white top in similar condition. Call Mike West 489-4787.

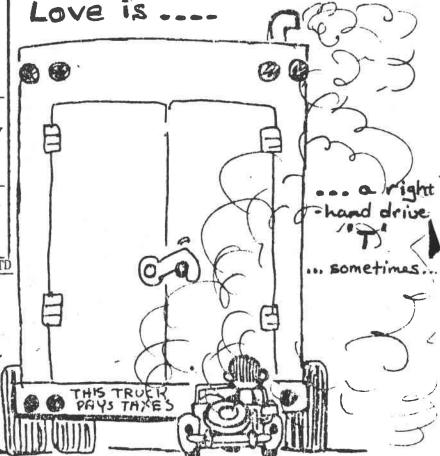
Car-trailer, suitable for T-type. Call Al Zanetti - 481-4907 Weekends only; Roy Wiley has information on this, so call him if you must call mid-week, 481-1543.

Robert Davis has a lot of parts for sale, too numerous to list here! Call him at 482-4309 before 7.p.m.

Quote from another newsletter read recently: (Hawaii Club's letter)

"Before I got my TD I used to smoke, drink, cuss and use foul language for (no reason at all.

....Now I have a reason!"



SKYLAND FLING MINI-G.O.F.: You know the Chesapeake Chapter of the T-Register had a mini-GOF? Well they did, and a number of our members went along - and what a number! Some of us set out for the gathering at Skyline Drive on Friday morning, two weeks ago; the rest of the party left after work, Friday evening and arrived in the small hours of Saturday morning! First, let me say what a fantastic turnout there was from this club. We were represented by 5 TD's, 1 TF, 1 YA and an MGA and a (shudder) Volvo-who-is-a-TF-at-heart! These cars contained 16 club members and 4 juvenile members. Those are only the in-town members, too; we were also happy to meet 8 more out-of town members up there on Saturday. There were Kemp and Carroll Davis and their families in a TD and a TF; Hank & Stevie Giffin in the TA and Randy Hicks, who stopped in to say hi, as he was visiting relatives nearby. I venture to say that we were the best-represented club there, outside of the host chapter of course.

The weather was wonderful, and the location of the motel was the highest point on Skyline Drive. The view from each bedroom window was a spectacular vista of the mountains and the valley to the west. We met some old friends, and for those club members who had never been to a GOF before - well, they made new friends and got a taste of what keeps Mike and I going to more GOF's. Saturday morning, everyone was out polishing cars in preparation for the show of cars. The cars are judged by popular vote, and the awards were handed out at the Banquet on Saturday night. There was a keg of beer on tap most of the day and night, and on Friday when we arrived, also.

Our club brought home some of the pewter, too! Dan and Susan Boswell won 3rd place TF, and Mike and I won 2nd place Variant Class (with the YA)... of course in our case, we just had to show up - there were only two variants at the gathering! Dan and Susan won competitively, and we congratulate them on their "first" - the first trophy Dan has won with his restored TF, which he did himself. Our club members also won their share of raffle prizes, and I was very touched by Jim Banvard's gesture - giving me the British Flag that he won, so that upon receiving U. S. Citizenship, I would not forget my past allegiances. It was a beautiful gesture. After the banquet, there was a Blue Grass band to dance to at the motel, and many people in gathering had a ball there, doing their "thing". After the band retired for the night, the MG-ers kept going - fortified by the keg of beer in the Pub. "Bosch Man" put in an appearance, which is a customary event at Chesapeake Chapter gatherings, and there was much hilarity... it went on until about 4.30 I believe, but I don't know for sure - we crashed around 1 a.m. and that was late enough for us.

The trip home was relatively uneventful, and we all arrived home safely, with no major mishaps; Robert Davis had a flat tire and Dan Boswell had fuel pump irregularities, but it was nothing that couldn't be taken care of. I do hope that some members will come to other gatherings with us, after having a taste of this one. It was a lot of fun.

CHIT-CHAT: I am now the proud owner of an MGA coupe! It is not running, as yet, but will be restored and on the road for the winter - I hope! I LOVE IT, IT LOVE IT! - But not as much as my TD.

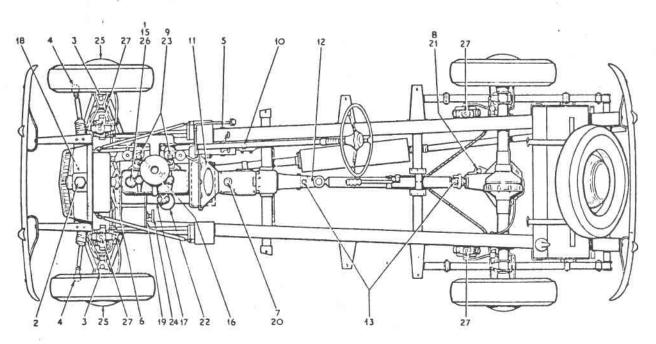
We have been tossing around the idea of maybe forming a chapter of the MGA Register here in the Tidewater area; there are certainly quite a few A's owned by T-owners now, and there must be a whole lot more out there that have not heard of the T club. If you know any MGA owners who might be interested, ask them to call Mike and I and we'll toss it around some more.

We welcome Peggy Bradford to the area. Peggy has been a member of the Conn/NY chapter for some time, and has recently re-located to Virginia Beach. She has a lovely green TD and does most of her own engine and body work! Some of us met Peggy on the Bicentennial Rally, and at other gatherings. She is an enthusiastic T-lover and will be an asset to our club.

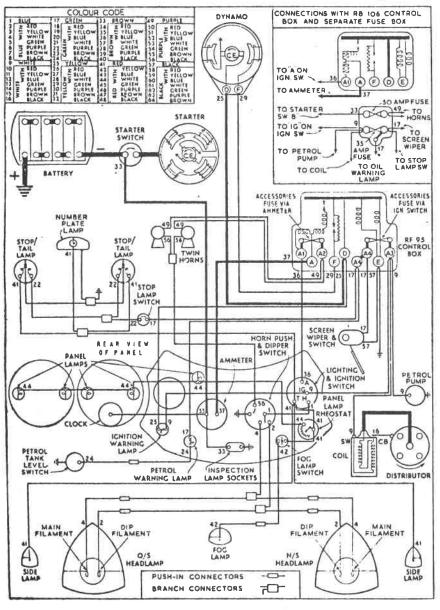
Detroit, anyone? Get in touch with Mike and I (424-1660) if you want to join us on June 23, 24, 25 and 26; we will be leaving here on June 22nd and returning on the 28th. We will be spending one night with out-of-town member John Newman, and joining the Ohio contingent to Detroit. Of course, we expect to see Bob and Judy Brown when we are at the GOF. They have both been on the phone with us recently, and send greetings to their friends in the club.

We had a letter from Gary Cook, in Hawaii. He is helping get some organization into their club, and set out a rally that he said "threw the book at them" - only about 5 cars finished! Shame on you, Gary! He wants to know where we are getting our badges made - do you think we ought to subject him to all that hassle - after all, he really wasn't a bad member of this club, was he?

There will be a couple of cars going to the fall mini-GOF held by the Panhandle chapter and the Mid-Tenn's chapter (I think). This will be the end of September - in Atlanta, Georgia. Let us know if you want to join us and we will plan a route; if we all know the way we're going, there's no need to stick in a little bunch on the highway - we can all maintain our own speed, and if there's any breakdown (which there won't be) the next car along will see you and stop, and we'll have pre-arranged overnight stops. This will be a FUN TIME.



M.G. MIDGET TD WIRING DIAGRAM



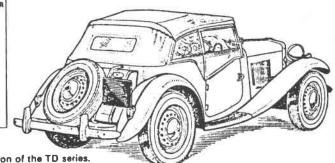
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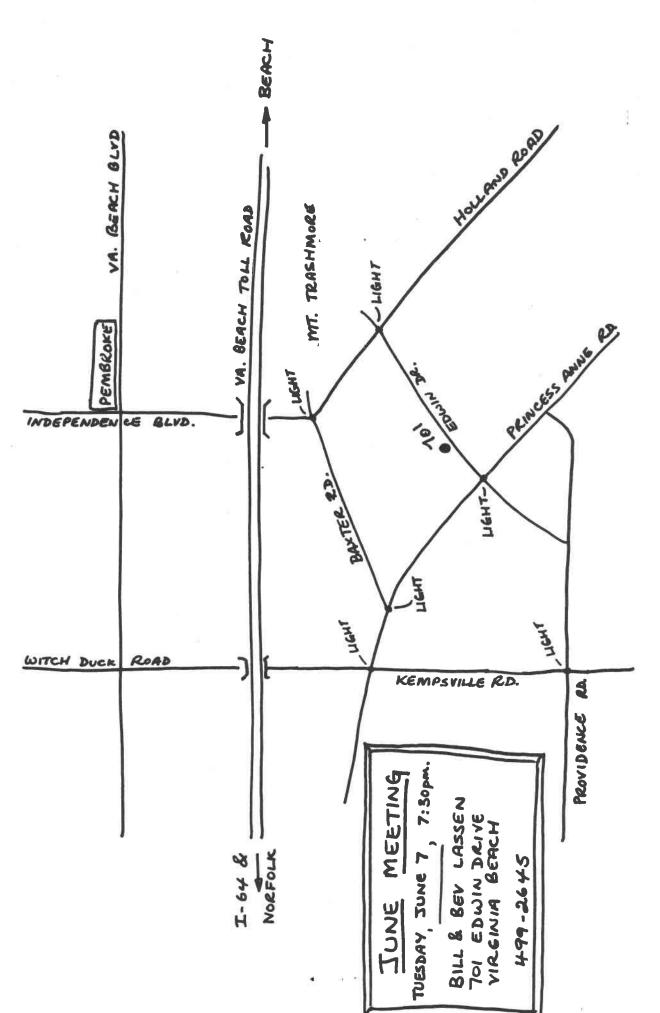
- 1. Engine sump Top up
- 2. Radiator
- **EVERY 500 MILES**
- 3. King pin bearings (4) Grease gun
- Steering outer ball joints (2) > (chassis
- 5. Brake and clutch pedals (1) grease) (I.h. drive only)
- Water pump bearings (1)-Grease gun (bearing grease)

EVERY 1,000 MILES

- 7. Gearbox
- 8. Rear axia
- 9. Carburettor dashpots > Top up
- 10. Brake fluid reservoir
- 11. Battery
- 12. Propeller shaft splines (1) Grease gun
- 13. Propeller shaft universal (chassis joints (2) grease)
- 14. Control joints, door locks, hinges-Oil can **EVERY 3,000 MILES**
- 15. Engine sump—Drain and refill
- 16. Air cleaner—Clean and refill with oil.
- 17. Distributor—Oil shaft bearing, auto. advance and contact breaker pivot. Grease cam
- 18. Steering gear-Oil gun (hypoid oil)
- 19. Dynamo-Refill lubricator with hearing grease. **EVERY 6,000 MILES**
- 20. Gearbox Drain and refill
- 22. Engine oil filter-Renew element (complete filter on earlier cars)
- 23. Petrol filters (carburettors and fuel pump)—Clean
- 24. Rev. counter drive gearbox (1)-Grease gun (chassis grease)
- 25. Front wheel hubs (2)—Grease gun (later repack caps) (bearing grease)
- **EVERY 12,000 MILES**
- 26. Engine sump-Remove and clean
- 27. Shock absorbers-Top up



DISTINGUISHING FEATURES—No outward changes have been made since the introduction of the TD series.



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