



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Hi, gang:

In case you didn't notice, the chores of Newsletter Editor (now separate from those of secretary) have been transferred from the capable typewriter of Jennifer Ash (noted for her bright and breezy English prose) to the willing (and surprisingly nervous) typewriter of Susan Boswell (all Mid-Western twang with a hint of adopted Southern drawl). Jennifer has done an excellent job the last two years and I'll do my best to carry on the tradition. So, onward and upward.

One of the zaniest meetings ever was held at the home of Richard and Sandy Hall. Sparsely attended, with 1 TD and 1 Y-type representing the breed to whose preservation we are dedicated, it was decided that a cold dark night coupled with the Halls' location in the boondocks of Chesapeake stayed all but the bravest (or craziest). We welcomed a prospective new member, Bob Gilmer, whom many of you met with his wife Gail at the British Affair Rallye. Bob and Gail have an MG Midget, but also that unmistakable glint in their eyes when looking at "T"s. Bob works for everyone's favorite electric company, but we're tolerant souls and won't hold that against him. Other business included:

NEW OFFICERS--The slate of candidates was reported by the nominating committee and was unanimously approved by those in attendance:

President--Roy Wiley (incumbent)
V. President--Dave Barrows (incumbent)
Secretary--Tom Lund
Treasurer--Don Moore

Our best of luck to the two newest officers and our thanks to Jennifer Ash and O.D. Dawson for their two years of service to the club.

THE GREAT BADGE SAGA--Buck Lampton was afraid to show his face in public so Jennifer Ash reported that a sample badge has been reproduced and barring World War III or the collapse of the Italian government, we should have badges in hand by Nov. 9--Christmas at the latest. No one was daring enough to specify the year. It seems that among other things, poor Buck has found religion during this episode. Also, in a frenzy of guilt that drove him to go above and beyond the call of duty, Buck has managed to get us T-shirts with pockets for the no-pocket price. Ask Jennifer what Buck promised the man in return. As a postscript to this still unfinished tale, I'd like to add something I saw in the newsletter from the Hawaii chapter. It

a TF, a TD, and something American. Congratulations to Kemp and Linda Davis who brought two-week-old no. 2 son, Kevin Lee, along for the ride.

It was decided that Levi Tarr would choose the picnic spot since the last time that chore had been left to Banvard and Hall (sounds like a vaudeville team--need I say more), the result had been less than pleasant (remember Knotts Island). But no one could have gone wrong on a day like this in an area as beautiful as that along the James River. We managed to survive the ferry ride without dumping any cars or people in the river and somehow found our way home, inspite of Jim Banvard's efforts to detour the group through Chuckatuck (ending up in Windsor). The whole day had the flavor of a Keystone Cops Comedy with everyone popping out of cars while we tried to decide where to go next and Jim Banvard having to get out of his VA every few miles to close the trunk so he wouldn't lose any of Brenda's picnic goodies. But as usual the craziness was fun.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to John and Paulette Collins, new associate members with a 1959 and a 1962 MGA. Please add their names and address to the roster: 6312 Dartmouth Way
Va Beach, VA 23462 424-5695

SUCH-A DEAL WE GOT FER YOU:

- FOR SALE: (1) MGYT--4 seater Tourer; new paint, upholstery, top, tires, etc. in 1975. Excellent body which has no rust. \$5,000.
- (2) MGTD--1952--Fair running condition with good top, seats, minor rust, good wood. Ready for restoration. \$2500. Contact Ernie Betts, 815 S. 25th St., Arlington, VA 22202 703-684-8456

FOR SALE: Original round Lucas driving lights and bulbs. Brand new. Supply limited. Dan Boswell--486-1293. \$22.50 ea.

Three original tool kit items--Lockheed brake bleeder hose in original can; Lucas distributor screw driver and feeler; and Dunlop tire extractor. \$6.00 for all. Also water pump for XPAG engine. Mike Ash--424-1660. (\$25.00)

WANTED: MGTD parts as follows: (1) oil dip stick; (2) flat face speedometer and tach; (3) original choke cable; (4) door latch covers; (5) tach gear reduction box; (6) jack handle; (7) starter crank; (8) inside rear view mirror (have pedestal). Contact Ernie Betts, 815 S. 25th St., Arlington, VA 22202 703-684-8456

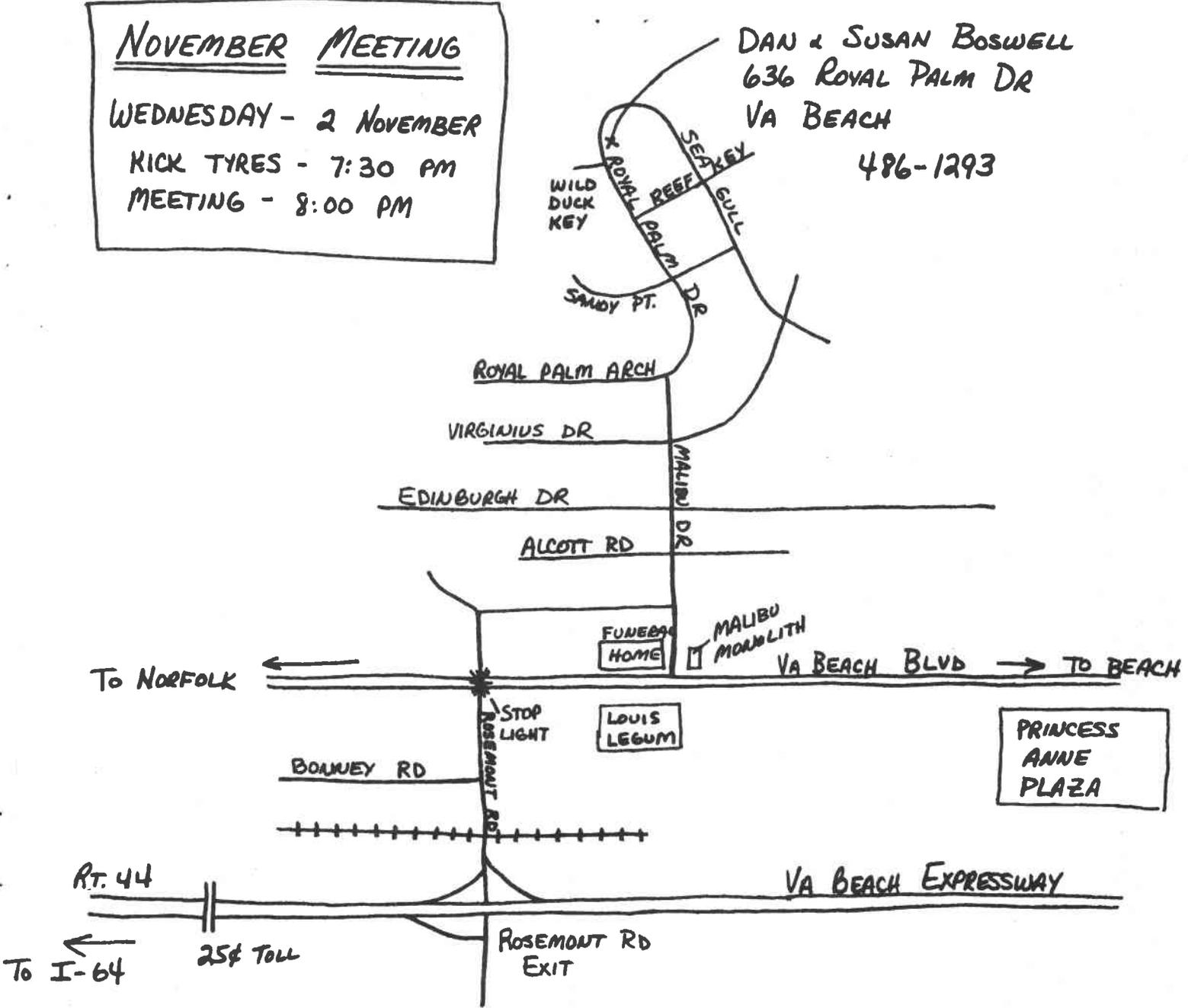
It has been suggested that we start a column to which we hope you all will be inspired to contribute. What I want is for you to tell me, in your own words, what your MG means to you. Or if that doesn't turn you on, then give me a history of your car (if you know it), or the story behind its acquisition, or how you came to be a lover of MGs. Or if you're still desperate for an idea, how about some funny incident

that happened to you in connection with your MG. Any length is acceptable (short of something approaching War and Peace, please). You may give it to me at a meeting or send it through the mail. Thank you.

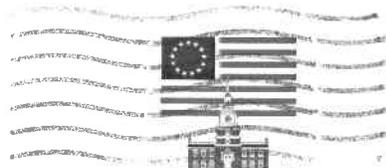
AND FINALLY--Look next month for the new roster plus what we hope-- and Buck Lampton prays--will be the concluding chapter of the continuing story of the Great Badge Saga--out in paperback under the title, "Mama Mia, How Did I Ever Get Myself into This", if and when the Italian publisher ever gets around to it.

NOVEMBER MEETING
 WEDNESDAY - 2 NOVEMBER
 KICK TYRES - 7:30 PM
 MEETING - 8:00 PM

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