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THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hello, Folks!

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Well, this will be the last newsletter from the typewriter of yours truly. At the next meeting we will vote on our slate of new officers and, having served my two years in this job, it is now time to step down and let some new blood be injected into the veins of this very vibrant club. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years as secretary and editor, but will be pleased to let someone else take over so that I can be free to commit myself to other projects should occasion arise.

The September meeting was held at the home of Cathy Dowrick and Camille Atwood on the 9th, and there were about 35 members and guests in attendance - a jolly good crowd in fact but because of threatening rain, there were not too many MG's in evidence. The following is the gist of what transpired at that meeting:

Regalia Chairman - Buck Lampton - continued his soap opera about the happenings regarding our club badges! The long and short of it is that they have been received by "our Man in Naples", who is looking for the first samggies available boat or plan returning to this area so that they can be handed over to us.

Buck also reported that T-Shirts are on order. (Ed.. These are now in our hands and will be on sale at the next meeting, October 6th; all sizes and colours. Shop early for Christmas!!). We also have lovely hand-crafted leather sun-vizors, adjustable to your size head, for the very low price of \$6.00 each.

- * Activities Chairman Richard Hall gives us these dates and events to mark on our calendars:
 - October 23 Colonial Parkway "Fall Foliage Drive-out". We will meet at 12 noon at the <u>Holiday Inn on Ocean View</u>; please bring a picnic or snack lunch to eat at the picnic area along the Parkway. We will drive the full length of the Parkway, from Yorktown to Jamestown, returning by way of the Jamestown Ferry. (Those who wish may come home by way of the Interstate; or we all will if it is a rainy day). It promises to be a very lovely, relaxing drive and at one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. (Total cost of the afternoon, 60¢ for the ferry - hard to beat!)
 - October 6 October Meeting, to be held at the Hall's home, see the enclosed map for details. As this is rather out in the woods, Dave Barrows suggested that people from the Beach end of town meet at the Princess Anne Courthouse, on the corner of Princess Anne Rd. and North Landing Road. at 7.10 p.m. so that you all get **inst** there together. THIS MEETING IS ON A THURSDAY, please note.

The November Activity is to be dinner at the most favorite Seafood Restaurant on the water. This is to be on Friday, November 11th, and so far the restaurants we hve had suggested are, Bay Cove, The Lighthouse, Three Bays, Nick's at Sandbridge, That Seafood Place and The Ship's Cabin. Please come to the October meeting and vote on this. We will give you details as to place and time in the next letter. The November meeting will be on Wed. 2nd at Suzan and Dan Boswell's.

- ** Parts Chairman Robert Davis Informed us that East Cost Imports have now opened a new store in the Hilltop Shopping Center on Laskin Road. He also reminds you that he has the Lucas Parts list still available, for the price of \$1, to go the club treasury.
- ** President Roy Wiley appointed a nominating committee to get together a slate of candidates for election in October. They were, Susan and Dan Boswell, Mike Ash and Cathy Dowrick. The said committee held a meeting and have come up with the following slate of officers for the year 1977-78:

President	(Incumbent) Roy Wiley
Vice President	(''' ')Dave Barrows
Treasurer	Don Moore
Secretary	Tom Lund

The job of editor has been divorced from the duties of the secretary and this is to be an appointed position in the future, much the same as the Committee Chairmen. Susan Boswell was asked to take this position, and she has accepted. (Praise the Lord!!.. Ed.)

We welcomed some new faces at the meeting - some are members attending for the first time, other are people we hope will join us - Bob Blickens and his wife; Bob Ruegsegger; Bob Levin and Gary Cole. It was also good to see Don Pryor again; we know he has a very busy schedule, so we are happy he could join us this month.

At this writing, Camille Atwood is in Norfolk General Hospital recovering from surgery, and our thoughts are with her with our hopes for a speedy recovery.

WHITESTONE COUNTRY FAIR: This event, sponsored by the Whitestone, Va., Volunteer Fire Department, was something to which our club was invited to participate in. There is an antique car show and parade each year, and this year they had a Sports car category. There were four cars from our club participated, and Dan Boswell's fine TF took best car in the class award; congratulations Dan! We had a fine time up there. Three cars left here on Friday afternoon, and two families camped out in the woods on the shores of the Rapahannock River, while our sprightly senior citizens stayed in the motel. The weather was just wonderful for our drive up and for the day of the car show and parade. (There were a couple of our members who almost missed being in the parade, which was the highlight of the day; however, they got back on the right road and were able to get in the end of the parade!). On the Saturday night there was an open-air dance in the field with a very good local band - quite nostalgic, dancing under the stars! - and the whold day was great fun. We travelled back to Tidewater on Sunday morning, across the Piankatank River and through historic Gloucester. Good company and good fun, these MG weekends!

TECH SESSION: We had quite a well-attended session at the garagorium of Jim Banvard on the 10th of September. Quite a lot was accomplished and those not working on cars scarfed up on Brenda's delicious baked goods.

NEW ARRIVALS: Jim Banvard has just taken delivery of a 1938 MG VA saloon, of which he is very proud. Vince Groover received a 1950 Y-type on the same boat that Jim's came on, and that is a very nice-looking car. Did I mention that Robert Davis was blessed with a Y-type also, a couple of months ago? Well he was! Apparently, or so rumour has it, the car is a great "bird-catcher"!! John Newman (member in Ohio) has just bought a 58 Magnette, which just tickles Carol to bits because it has a place to put the groceries!

ENGLISH CAR RALLY: This was held on September 25th, and was sponsored by Rice's Nachmans and Checkered Flag, jointly. There were about 150, or more, British Leyland cars of all vintages which entered this event, and our club was very well represented with at least 15 cars on the road. Kay Barrows Fisher had her newly-restored VA tourer out for the first time. It looked wonderful, although its performance was somewhat less-thanwonderful! Her problems were sorted out as soon as they appeared, and she finished the rally, somewhat late - but "better late than never", eh! - and was very happy with the whole day. The rally took us about 90 or 100 miles, to all the Rice's stores and Checkered Flag showrooms in the Tidewater area. We had to go through a checkpoint at each place and pick up our instructions for the next lap. The rally ended up at Janaf shopping center with a lunch of H Salt fish 'n chips and a drink of cola - just what the doctor ordered! Once again, the weather favoured us and a good time was had by all. Let's hope this event will be repeated at some future date

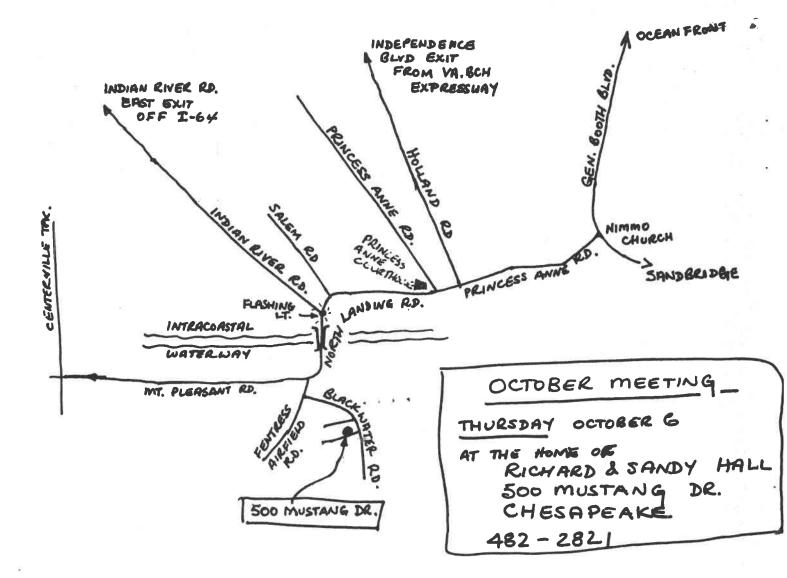
<u>NEWS FROM OUT-OF-TOWN</u>: We have just received a missal from Mike West, who has now taken up residence in good ole London-town. He bemoans the fact that he doesn't have an MG to drive (not even an "A"!!.... ED.). Already he has been affected by the language barrier; I quote... "Wanting to get the electricity turned on, I was sent to the Electoral Board instead of the Electricity Board, and before I knew it I had registered to vote for a new queen, been nominated as Prime Minister and accepted office as Lord Mayor of London!! But, alas, I was sacked because I hadn't paid my electricity bill!!!!". Mike has only been there one month; I dread to find out what the rest of the year will be like, but am anxiously awaiting the next month's installment!

CHALLENGE..... CHALLENGE CHALLENGE CHALLENGE

The Tidewater Sports Car Club has challenged the Tidewater MG"T" Classics to a <u>TRICYCLE</u> <u>RACE</u> on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 2nd</u>. at J.M. Field's parking lot (Va.Beach Blvd. and Independence Blvd., across from Pembroke Mall). Registration 10 a.m. (I think) For information call <u>Jeff Guerdat at 422-3096</u>. TRICYCLES WILL BE PROVIDED!! This is being held in <u>conjunction with an autocross</u>, but you are not required to enter that. PLEASE WON'T SOME OF YOU **IDIOTS** TAKE UP THIS CHALLENGE, AND SAVE THE REPUTATION OF THE CLUB??? Please! Mike and I would be glad to, but we will be representing the club at a mini-GOF in Atlanta that weekend. That is this coming Sunday; we would like pictures of anyone who takes up this challenge - that is pictures of them making-feels-ef-themselves, I mean actually doing this wonderful thing for our club.

Th-th-th-that's All, Folks!!

See you at Richard & Sandy Hall's on October 6 - come and vote! Address: 500 Mustang Drive, Chesapeake Phone: 482-2821 Time: 7.30 p.m.



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