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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"--Shelley

And if that doesn't perk up your winter doldrums, just be thankful that we don't live in the Midwest. They'll be lucky to have their Ts dug out by June. Speaking of Ts and winter, we all have a chance to head south at the end of March for sun, fun and fellowship with the Southern faithful. GOF SOUTH IS COMING.

THE JANUARY MEETING was held at the home of TED HUGHES who was ably assisted by LOUANN MERTON. Twenty-one people, a respectable showing, arrived in mostly warm, air-tight vehicles, plus those two ubiquitous Y-types, who know who they are. Most of the meeting was spent planning the mini-GOF which is reported on elsewhere.

Other items of interest include the BADGES AND OTHER REGALIA: Regalia Chairman Buck Lampton is appearing in public again with badges in tow. They are very nice and well worth waiting for. He recapped a listing of regalia items as follows:

Badges--	\$10.00
Leather Visors--	\$6.00
T-shirts (all sizes and colors, with pockets)--	\$3.50
Patches--	\$2.50

Welcome to JOHN HUDSPETH who was attending his first meeting. John is in from sea for a while and plans to try to be more active in the club. He and wife CANDY showed up for the buffet at Banvard's as well, so welcome to Candy also. It's always nice to see new faces.

PARTS CHAIRMAN ROBERT DAVIS reported availability of replacement glass lenses for TC and Y-types through Abingdon.

ROY WILEY announced that a friend of a friend has a friend in England who is collecting United States' license plates. If you have any old license plates from any state, please bring them to the next meeting and Roy will dispose of them for you.

Which brings us to the NEXT MEETING which is at the home of BUCK AND SUZY LAMPTON (willing to chance it, huh, Buck, now that the badges are here?). The meeting is Tuesday, February 7, at 8:00 PM. See the map for the nickel tour to the Lampton abode. Thanks to Ted and Louann for having us. Everything was delicious, but the fudge was outstanding.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 19: Sunday brunch at Ft. Story. We will meet at Dave and Helen Barrows' at 11:00 (see map) and caravan down to Ft. Story, leaving Barrows' no later than 11:15. Anyone who would prefer doing so should meet us at Ft. Story about 11:30. The brunch menu includes bloody marys and a champagne punch, the usual juices, scrambled eggs,

eggs Florentine, home fries, French toast, creamed beef, welsh rarebit, stewed tomatoes--just a few of the approximately 24 items on the table. So come hungry. Price is \$3.25 for adults, \$1.65 for children 6-12, \$1.00 for children 3-6. Under three is free. The brunch lasts till 1:30 so we'll have plenty of time.

MARCH 12: Tech session in the Banvard garages. It'll be time to bring the 'T' out of hibernation, give her a tune-up, check the water and oil, put the top down, and GO! (South, maybe?)

MARCH 31-APRIL 2: GOF South, Orlando, Fla. Dan and I are still planning to go. More on this next month, but right now I want to say that the North American MG 'A' Register is holding its GT (Get Together) with the T-Register people and that all MGA owners are also urged to attend.

APRIL 23: Spring Rallye!! Don't know what sadist is going to get his jollies laying this out (though I have a few candidates in mind), but it promises to be another hum-dinger.

DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER IS FEB. 19 (It's a short month).

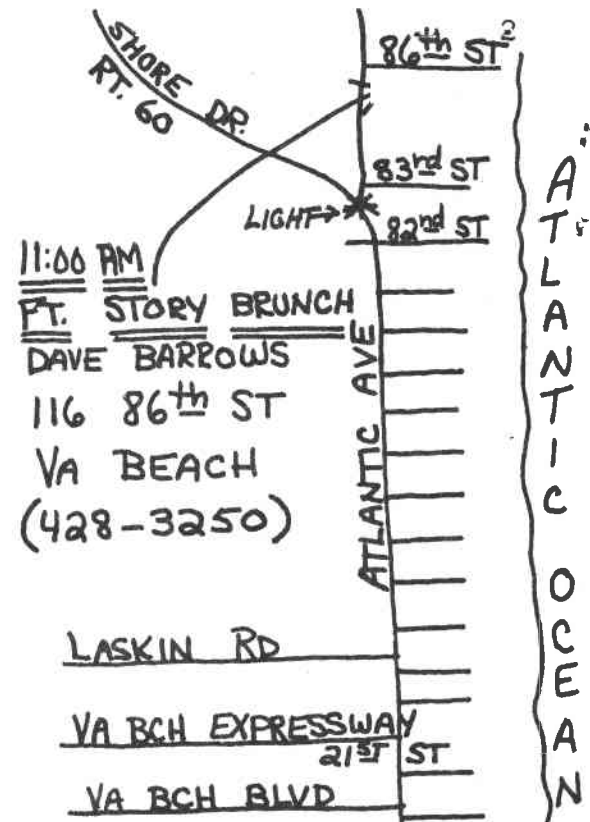
THE SECOND ANNUAL WICKER BASKET AFFAIR: Since we are resolved to have a buffet dinner every year, it has been decided to dub the thing the Annual Wicker Basket Affair, which 2nd annual one was held last Saturday night, Jan. 28, at the home of JIM and BRENDA BANVARD. The turnout was fantastic--seventeen couples which netted our treasury \$80 plus a \$5.00 donation via Bank Americard (don't ask me about that). So we are solvent for a little while longer. Thanks to everyone for the really great food and special thanks to Jim and Brenda for their usual grand hospitality.

THE COLONIAL CLUTCH AT WILLIAMSBURG IS COMING, MAY 12-14*****

REPORT ON THE MINI-GOF, from now on known also as "The Colonial Clutch":
The following is the list of committee assignments for "The Colonial Clutch":

Tavern Dinner--Mike Ash
 Fun Rallye--Richard Hall
 Raffle Prizes--Robert Davis
 Registration--Helen & Dave Barrows
 Car Display--Dan & Susan Boswell
 Kegman/Cokeman--Tom Lund
 Cascade Breakfast--Bob Gilmer
 Flea Market--Elsie Tarr
 Movie Projector--Dave Barrows, Levi Tarr, or Bob Gilmer
 Chapter History--Jennifer Ash

All the chairmanship positions have been filled, but if anyone would like to volunteer his/her time and talents, I'm sure Jim Banvard or one of the committee chairmen could find something for him/her to do. As Raffle Prize Chairman, Robert Davis would like some help, especially from our



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FINALLY, a contribution from the troops. Thank you, Jim Banvard.

MAKING YOUR OWN TIMING LIGHT
by
JIM BANVARD

Chip Olds' article on distributors in the December '77 issue of the TSO is an excellent one and will be of great value to the amateur mechanic. I would like to amplify slightly on the timing light itself.

Making a timing light for static timing is simplicity itself for one with a few basic hand tools, including a soldering iron. In order to make the light, one will need a single contact socket which includes a short pigtail on the center conductor, an eight to ten inch piece of almost any kind of wire, a twelve volt single contact bulb, and two alligator clips. Wire size is almost immaterial since the current carrying capability requirement is minimal. Size should be selected to provide some small amount of rigidity so that the light can be placed where it will not have to be hand held and will not short to ground.

First take the pigtail lead from the socket and attach one alligator clip to it. This can be done either mechanically or by soldering; both methods utilized simultaneously will yield the best results. Next attach the other alligator clip to the short piece of wire. Lastly, solder the other end of the loose piece of wire to the casing of the socket. Install the 12 volt bulb after the casing has cooled and check it by placing the leads across the battery. If the light illuminates, you are now ready to follow Chip's procedures for timing the 'T' series. If anyone would like some further clarification or assistance in the manufacture of a timing light, let me know and I'll be glad to help.

Technical tips like the above are one of the many things I am looking for in the way of contributions. So if you have any great ideas, write them up and let me have them--also jokes, stories, cartoons, etc.

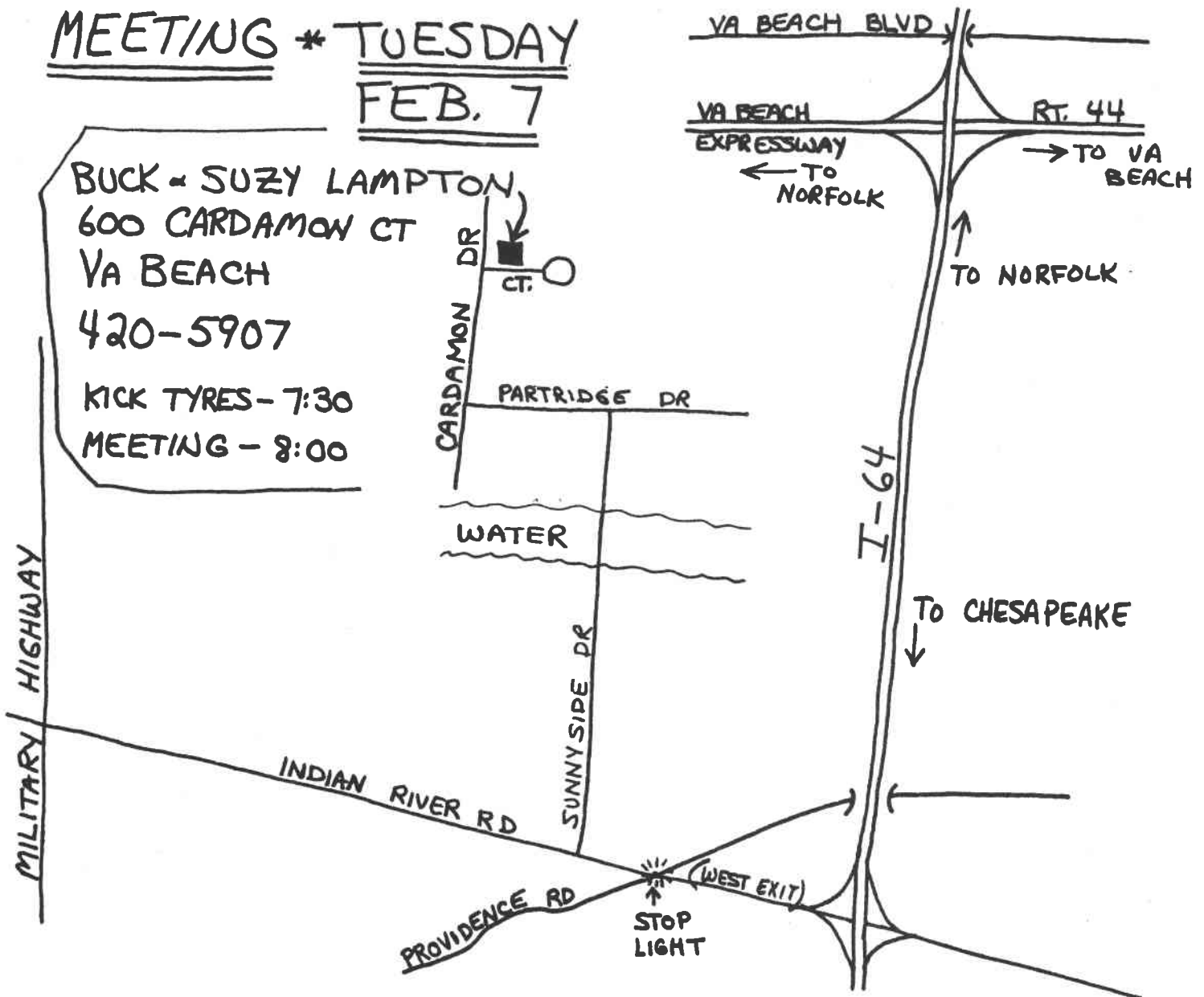
MEETING * TUESDAY
FEB. 7

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KICK TYRES - 7:30

MEETING - 8:00



And really finally...

I couldn't resist this groaner which comes from Tony Roth in THE OCTAGON, newsletter of The Classic MG Club of Florida. It may be Tony's creation, though if I were he, I wouldn't claim it. Anyway, seems that Tony recently heard of a newly restored TD for sale, "in excellent condition." All they wanted was three female pigs and three male deer. This sounded unusual, so Tony checked it out. Alas, Tony had gotten the information wrong. The man wanted six sows and bucks!

See ya next month--maybe.

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