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## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Hello, folks:

This should be a rather abbreviated newsletter since a) not much has happened T-wise; b) NO CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE CROSSED MY DESK (I know, y'all took pity on the poor mailman who was already struggling with all those cards and packages, but next month...); and c) the roster is included in this newsletter. Those eagle-eyes who spot errors in the roster, please (seriously) contact yours truly who is responsible for compiling the roster. I did my durnedest (huh?) to get all names, numbers, cars and whatever correct and apologize for any errors or omissions.

<u>PAST HAPPENINGS</u>: THE CHRISTMAS PARTY was its usual howling success with most of the howling coming from the den where the player piano was. As one of the prime howlers, I can only offer my condolences and this comforting assurance--that we are seized by this mad passion for noise only one night a year and should be forgiven our folly (more to be pitied than censured?).

Mucho thanks to KAY and CARL FISHER for hosting the party this year in their lovely home in Sandbridge. A lot of old regulars didn't make it and I hope they weren't deterred by the prospect of a long drive to Sandbridge over dark, deserted roads. It really wasn't as far out as the map may have implied. If this did keep people home and Kay and Carl are crazy enough to want to put up with us again next year, then maybe a caravan from somewhere in civilization might be in order. We'll see. Anyway, a special welcome to BOB McCLAREN who was back from playing submariner (though not for long).

As to the breed, a few did venture out--including two TDs, two Ys, and a VA from the city to keep company with the Fishers' VA. Oh, yes, and some distant cousin, some kind of funny looking round-bodied MG--I think they called it an MGA. Then, of course, the usual more mundane assortment of four-wheelers, including one rather woebegone Corvette, sporting a new fan belt, acquired and installed along the way.

Kay and Helen Barrows asked me to thank all for their contributions of goodies. We were certainly not lacking food. Everything was delicious and Kay and Helen were most grateful, since it made their party preparations so much easier. This is really the only way for the club to throw this kind of bash. P.S. Kay reports a square wooden dish a cheese knife were

FUTURE HAPPENINGS: left at their house. She'd like to return them to the owners if they will call her.

THE NEXT MEETING is WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11 at 8:00 at the home of TED HUGHES (see map) who will be assisted by his friend Louann Merton. It seems that in last month's newsletter I erroneously conferred the state of connubial bliss on Ted and Louann much to the surprise of their families. Ah, well, easy come, easy go.

POT LUCK DINNER is on Jan. 28 at 7:30 at JIM and BRENDA BANVARD'S (see other map). This money-raising project was a smashing success last year, netting us \$78.50 for the treasury. Cost is \$5.00/couple and everyone is to bring a covered dish and however.

Brenda well in advance so she can coordinate everything.

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(Continuing Jennifer Ash's practice of citing upcoming events a couple of months in advance)

KEEP THESE DATES IN MIND:

FEB. 19: Sunday brunch at Ft. Story where the Officers Club has a reputation as one of the best in the military. We can also tour the old Cape Henry Lighthouse.

MARCH 12: Tech session in Banvard's garages. This is a good time to de-winterize the T in time for the spring rallye or GOF South. MARCH 31-APRIL 2: GOF South. Those who go in Ts will qualify for a 1000 mile plaque (according to the Mid-South newsletter) and all are guaranteed a grand time. This will be held at the Regency Inn on US 92 in Orlando, Florida, four miles from Disney World. If you're afraid your MG won't make it, you are welcome in anything that will get you there. All warm bodies are gratefully accepted.



REPORT ON THE MINI-GOF from the desk of Co-chairmen JIM BANVARD and HANK GIFFIN:

Those of you who have carefully perused your December issue of the TSO and last month's calendar of events will have noticed that we are on with the Chasapeake Chapter for the Mini-GOF on the 12th thru 14th of May this year. Hank Giffin is the Co-Chairman for the Chesapeake Chapter and Jim Banvard is the Co-Chairman for the Tidewater Chapter. They have been in communication with regard to the division of responsibilities between the two chapters for sponsoring this event. Reservations have been made at the Francis Nicholson Motel in Williamsburg where we had our 1975 GOF.

The ground work has been laid for an enjoyable and successful GOF. There is much work to be done in order to cause all of the

meeting the positions which require filling will be discussed. The open positions are listed below. Study them carefully and determine which of them is "down your alley." The greater the participation, the more fun any GOF will be.

- 1. Raffle Prize Chairman and committee
- 2. Car Display Chairman and assistant (1) 3. Flea Market Chairman
- 4. Cascade Breakfast Chairman
- 5. Kegman/Cokeman and assistant
- 6. Registration Chairman and committee (3) (Advance registration, Arrival Packet, Hospitality)
- 7. Fun Rallye Chairman and assistant (1)
- 8. Baby sitters

See you at the meeting for responsibility distribution. Let's all pitch in and make the Mini-GOF a roaring success. This is practice for the forthcoming National Event.

P.S. We are open for a slogan for this event; let your imaginations run wild.

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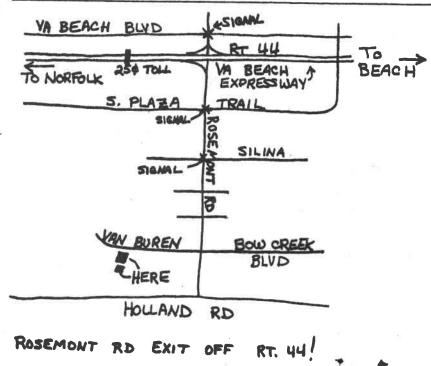
- WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: BOB and GAIL GILMER who have been mentioned before as prospective members. They have an MG Midget and would love to own a Bob is the one who works for that (expletive deleted) electric T. company.
- - And finally ...

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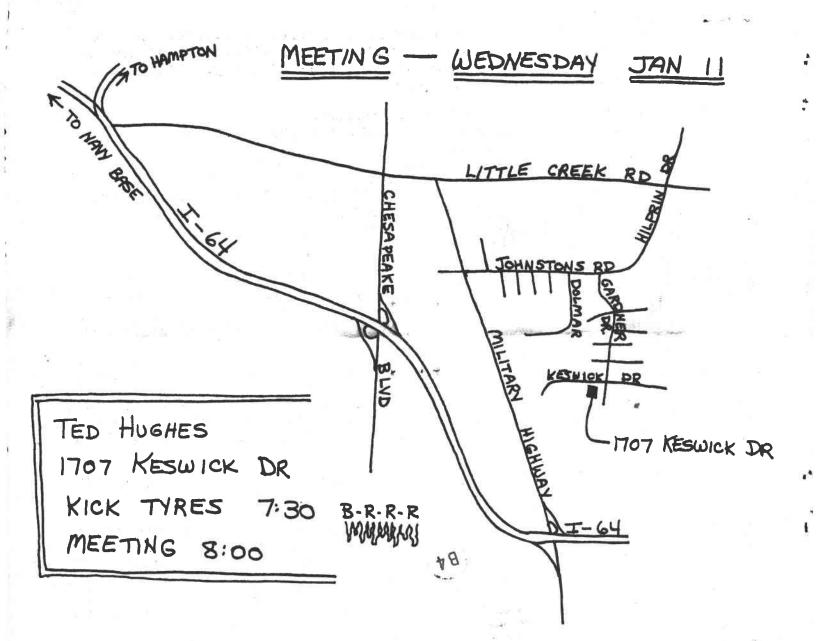
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This has been a good year for the club. We have money; we have badges (or so I've been told); we've had brunches and tech sessions and rallyes from which everyone has emerged in one condition or another. We managed to picnic at the Knotts Island garbage dump and had a pool party on the only cold day of the hottest summer on record. But we have survived and have emerged from 1977 bigger and better than ever. Here's to 1978--may it be another rousing good year for all:

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADS FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS JAN 29



OTHER MAP DINNER for Luck SATURDAY JAN 28 7:30 JIM & BRENDA BANVARD 3633 VAN BUREN VA BEACH \$500 COUPLE BRING A DISH ~ BEVERAGE



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