



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

T-folks--

This has been the month for hearing from old friends, in one way or another, as you will see. Also, we almost lost the Nag's Head weekend, but thanks to Roy Wiley's persistence, it's still on. See the Upcoming Events calendar for details. Boswells are still going to Asheville that same weekend and we will miss y'all. P.S. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING--Ye gads, Bill and Suzanne Ware do have that TD they always swore they owned. And come hell or high water, Bill was going to bring it to one meeting before they left the area for San Diego! So for the September meeting, in front of Cecil Kimber and everyone, Bill drove up with that proud beauty of theirs in tow. What a sight! First 'T' ever trailered--gasp--to a monthly meeting! That was just the beginning of Bill's adventure as he was soon to set off across the country dragging his TD behind him. Hope you had a safe trip, Bill.

The scene of the grand debut was the Boswells. A pleasant, precipitation-free night brought out a multitude of Ts, Ys and VAs, including a surprise appearance by Carl Fisher and their VA. Carl was home temporarily from the Great Lakes, where his ship is cruising, and just couldn't stay away. Glad to see our wanderers hit the home front occasionally. We were also pleased to welcome former Tidewater 'T' Rick Darezzo. One of the original members of the club, Rick and 'T' now reside in Connecticut. Rick's here temporarily while his submarine does time in the yards in Newport News. Former member Jack Manherz's yellow TD came back on the scene via its new owner and one of our newest prospective members, Pat McDonald. Also welcome to new member Kevin Ray and to guest Ginny Allen.

TREASURER'S REPORT--Bills started catching up with us and we aren't as solvent as we thought with \$491.45 in the treasury.

PARTS--Chairman Robert Davis showed off some MGA shock links which a couple of the MGA owners pounced on. Robert may still have them so contact him. He also told us that while fixing the brakes on his Y (I think--anyway, on one of his MGs), he found two shillings in the brake box! The way the dollar is falling against the pound, better hang on to those, Robert.

Most of the meeting was devoted to a controversy that has arisen in the past few months concerning the name of the New England M.G. 'T' Register and the location of its GOFs. The NEMGTR, our parent organization, has now expanded, probably beyond the wildest dreams of its co-founders, Dick Knudsen and Frank Churchill, to include every state in the union and even several foreign countries. There has been some interest expressed in changing the name of the NEMGTR to something more representative of that expanded scope, e.g. the North American M.G. 'T' Register. Also, some people would like to see GOF South and GOF West recognized as officially sanctioned NEMGTR gatherings in addition to the two annual GOFs presently sponsored by the NEMGTR (one of which must be held in New England). After much discussion, the club reached what I would say was pretty much an unanimous decision in adopting the following resolutions (if anyone should ever ask us):

- 1) We resolve to support the continuation of the name New England M.G. 'T' Register for the parent organization of which we are a local chapter;
- 2) We resolve to support the recognition of GOF South and GOF West as officially sanctioned gatherings in conjunction with the two presently recognized GOFs.

The OCTOBER MEETING day has been changed to WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4, at 8:00 pm. at Henry and Jeannette Blanchard's. Come and vote.

 ***** DON'T FORGET NAG'S HEAD SEP 29--OCT 30! *****

UPCOMING EVENTS--

SEPT 30--OCT 1 (SAT/SUN)--Nag's Head. That rustic, oceanside, verandahed hotel, the First Colony Inn, cancelled out on us (the finks)--no explanation given. They weren't even too cooperative about helping us locate another place, but Roy sweet-talked their reservations girl who was new on the job and nice (much nicer than the manager). Roy told the manager we were part of a national organization (let's not get started on that one again) and we would be sure not to patronize her establishment in the future--so there, lady! The new location is the Colony IV on U.S. 158 Business Route at Mile Post 8½, Kill Devil Hills, N.C. (919-441-5581). We're still meeting at Princess Anne Courthouse at 8:30 AM on Saturday, Sept. 30, to leave no later than 8:45. Roy has already paid for the rooms so please bring your money (\$20.73 per room) to reimburse him. The poor man has two kids in college and a duck to support!

SEPT 29--OCT 1 (FRI--SUN)--Fall Mid-South GOF, Asheville, N.C.

OCT 6-9 (THURS--SUN)--GOF MK V, St. Augustine, Fla.

OCT 29 (SUN)--Fall Foliage Drive-out. We will meet at Sears in Pembroke Mall (corner of Va Beach Blvd and Independence Blvd) at 1:00 pm. The drive will last about 2½ hours and will end up at Roy and Marilyn Wiley's for a cook-out. The food and soft drinks will be supplied, but please bring your own beer or bottle.

NOV 1 (SUN)--Brunch.

DECEMBER 15 (FRI)--Christmas Party tentatively set for Kay and Carl Fishers in Sandbridge unless we have another volunteer.

 ***** EITHER VOTE BY MAIL OR VOTE AT THE MEETING, BUT VOTE! *****

THE ELECTION--Speaking of voting, eligible voters have found attached to their newsletter a ballot listing the three candidates for the offices of president and vice-president. Please vote for one candidate per office and return your ballot to Roy Wiley, 2221 Poplar Point Rd., Va Beach, VA 23454, before the start of the meeting on October 4. Voting will also be conducted during the meeting. Only one vote per membership is allowed. Please identify your ballot, either by signing the back or by signing the envelope you mail it in. Unidentified ballots cannot be counted. All ballots will be kept secret. And now that I re-read this, I'm not sure I've made myself clear. We're asking those who cannot make it to the meeting to please vote by mail and get their ballots to Roy before October 4.

 ***** VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE! *****

LETTERS--This first comes from Ken Bartlett who with his wife Sharon left the Tidewater area for California about 18 months ago. Since they feel California will be their home for the next few years, they've decided to drop their out-of-town membership.

Dear Club Members:

Over the past year and a half I have truly enjoyed keeping in touch with all the club events and what everyone has been doing by receiving the club newsletter. My only regret is that I have not been able to participate.

moving van and stopped to introduce them to the club. Kevin's with the Coast Guard and they were in the process of moving from Illinois. Kevin's had the TD since high school (1968), but has had to store it most of that time and only now has been able to take it out of storage. It runs, but still needs work. The Rays have a daughter, Kristen, who will be three November, and are expecting their second child at any moment.

Bess Mann, 774 Westminster Lane, Va Beach, Va 23454 (3404011). Bess has wanted a 'T' since the '60s and finally found one, a 1953 TD, brown with white interior. Bess teaches government at First Colonial High School. Welcome to all.

NEW ARRIVALS--Levi and Elsie Tarr wish to announce the addition of one 1953 YB, which is the green one we all saw in the Ashes driveway. We can now also welcome Levi and Elsie as full voting club members. Congrats!

ADDRESS CHANGES--Poor Ted Hughes probably wonders where I store my brains since they obviously aren't in my head very often. His correct address is 623 Boissevain Ave., Apt 2. If that's not right, then Ted's just going to have to move. While you're at it, add Box 84 to Mike and Nita West's address. A new roster will be out next month.

FOR SALE--1952 TD, body in good condition, runs well, \$3900. Call Al Zanetti--after 7:00 week days, anytime weekends--481-4907.

Y'ALL HAVE A GOOD TIME AT NAG'S HEAD!



BOSWELL'S FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS--from the Classic MG Club of Hawaii via the VMG via the CMG (and whoever else was in on it!)

WHITWORTH adj. A type of thread not be confused with the B.S.F. thread (British Standard Fine, or colloq. British Strip Fine), and not interchanged with SI or SAE threads as used by the developed nations of the world. The selection of suitable wrenches for use with Whitworth fasteners is sometimes confusing to the novice, but is greatly simplified if these few rules--which are completely true and correct--are committed to memory. Whitworth nut sizes are not in even fractions of an inch, except in certain cases where they are. A Whitworth wrench is not the size marked upon it and will not fit a nut of that size, though it will fit a nut which fits a bolt that is almost, but not quite, that size. A Whitworth wrench of a given size will fit the nut that fits a B.S.F. bolt of 1/16 inch larger nominal diameter, hence of approximately 1/16 inch larger actual diameter, than the bolt that fits the Whitworth nut the wrench fits:

some Whitworth SI and SAE wrenches fit some Whitworth SI and SAE nuts and others definitely do not.

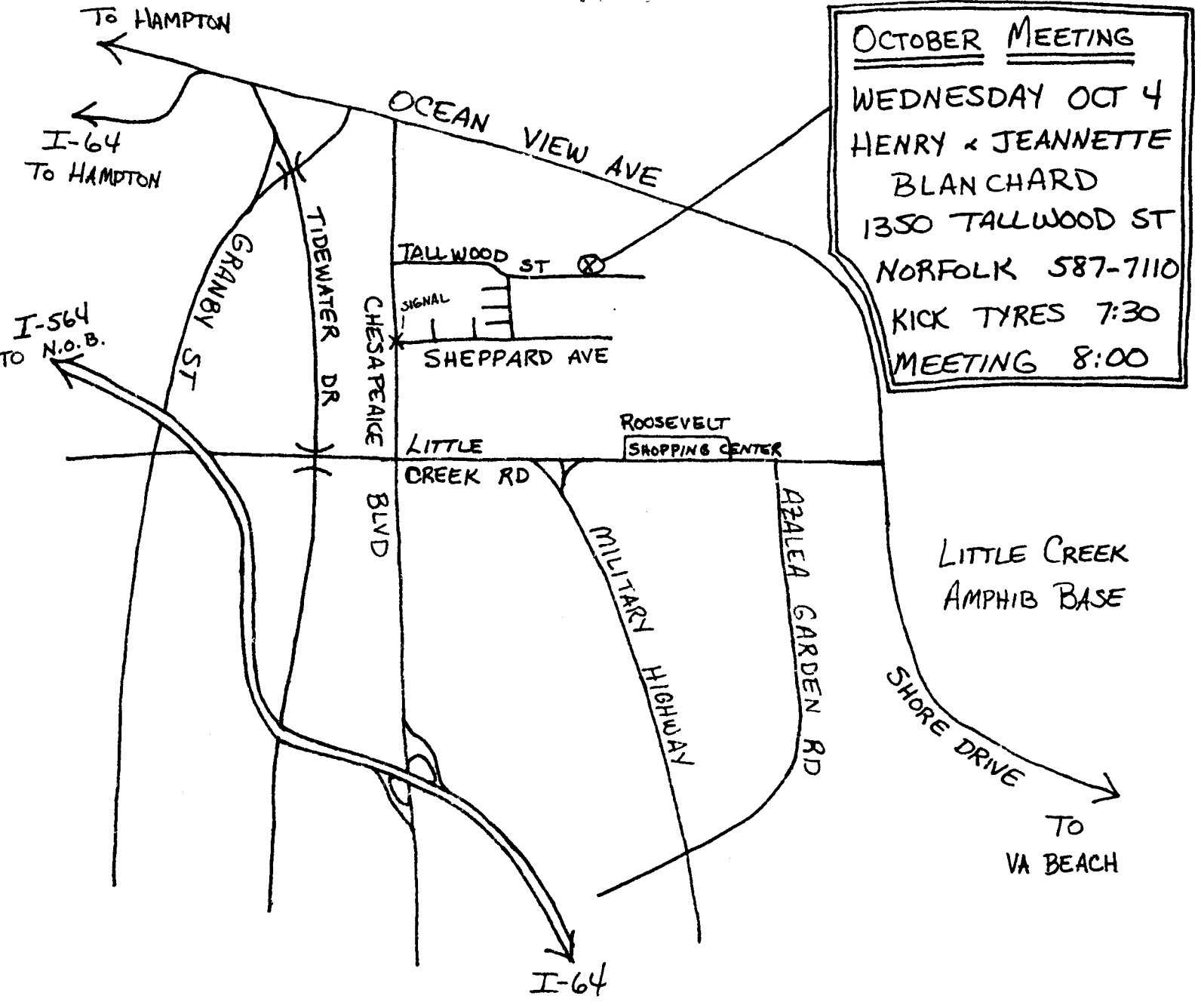
CLEAR AS MUD, ISN'T IT!

AND FINALLY--I've been at this job a year so it seems an appropriate time to thank all those who over the past year have helped make this newsletter possible--

Jennifer Ash, who got me started and has been a tremendous source of moral support;
 Brenda Banvard, who saves me endless hours of tedious work by supplying the address labels;
 Dave Barrows for making it a point to call and tell me how much he's enjoyed the newsletter;
 Mike West, our 'foreign correspondent,' for his delightful communications from England;
 Jim Banvard, for his tech articles and other contributions;
 Levi and Elsie Tarr, Buck Lampton, Gary Cole, Roosevelt Moseley, Louann Merten, Carol Wallach, Tony Roth, for their articles, charts, reports, cartoons and recipes;
 And last but not least, Dan, my husband, who must spend at least one evening a month with me collating, folding, stapling, stamping, spindling and mutilating.

THANKS, GANG!!

 DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 29!



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