



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Greetings T-groupies--

No, I did not get a new typewriter. I just have access temporarily to an IBM Selectric II, so thought I'd take advantage of it. 'Tis fun but humiliating to type on a machine that's smarter than I am.

THE AUGUST MEETING was hosted by Mike and Jennifer Ash. Thirty people showed up in assorted nondescript domestic fare since the weather was threatening to do something unpleasant. We T-people are a cowardly lot.

TREASURER'S REPORT--Don Moore reported via the grapevine from London that we have \$804, which is more money than this group has seen in its existence. Dues are coming in at a nice clip, but a few people haven't renewed, I hope because it's just slipped their minds. The delinquents will not be receiving this newsletter, so if you know anyone who meant to renew but hasn't, jog his/her memory a bit.

REGALIA-- Levi and Elsie Tarr had their T-shirt booth set up for all comers. We are rolling in T-shirts again, in all sizes and colors, with pockets, \$3.50. We voted to purchase 225 club patches at \$1.24 each which will give us a healthy supply. Elsie reported that they've taken in \$106 since the last meeting. This sum was not included in the Treasurer's balance.

PARTS--Robert Davis is now working at Phase I which was mentioned last month as a good parts supplier for us to patronize (it can be found at 172-B S. Plaza Trail, Va Beach, 463-1190). Robert guarantees first-rate, preferential treatment. Robert also reported access to U-joints at \$5 each, original heater knobs and switches, new TC oil filters, and ring gears for early TC or TD. Contact Robert (482-4309) for details.

The meeting adjourned and everyone stood around munching on Jennifer's delicious bean dip and other goodies and enjoying Mike's slides of past club events and GOFs. The SEPTEMBER MEETING is WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6, at Dan and Susan Boswell's at 8:00 pm. Maybe by then we'll have the foundation poured for our garage addition.

GOF

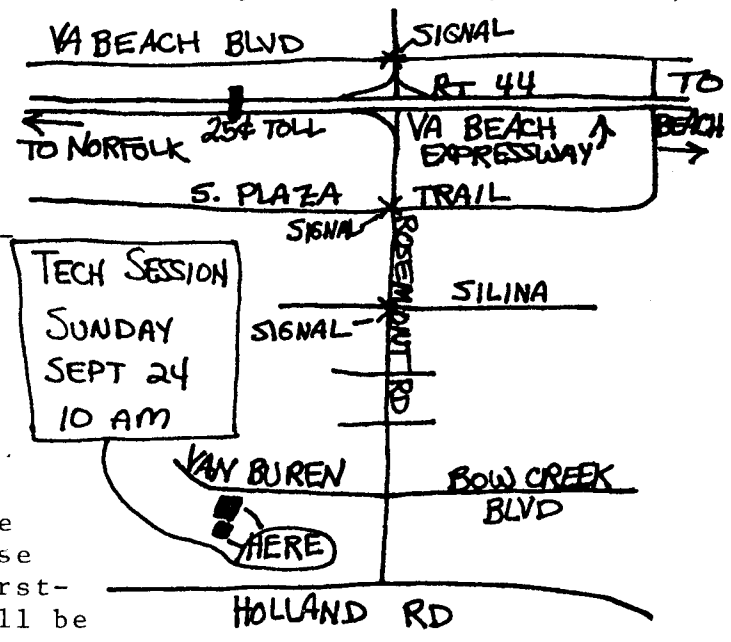
UPCOMINGS EVENTS--Due to last month's fiasco, I was remiss in my duties and failed to mention two GOFs coming in September that may interest some of you. As the Ashes can testify, it's never too late to jump in the car and show up at these things. Someone's always got an extra bed.

SEPT 7-10 (THURS-SUN)--GOF MK XXVII, NEWPORT, R.I. Dan and I spent a summer in Newport once, courtesy of the Navy. It really is one of the most picturesque towns in the country, with a magnificent harbor and of course the 'summer cottages' of the super-rich which are really palatial mansions. GOF events will include a shipwreck party and clambake, a mid-night cruise, and a tour of Newport and the beautiful Breakers mansion, plus the usual car display, rallye, flea market, banquet, etc. Registration forms are in the June issue of TSO. Gary Cole may attend and of

course you never know what the Ashes will do.

SEPT 16 (SAT)--White Stone Country Fair and Antique Car Show (SEE FLYER).

SEPT 24 (SUN)--TECH SESSION at the Banvard Garagorium, 3633 Van Buren Drive, Va Beach, to commence at 10:00 AM and continue until y'all get tired.



SEPT 30-OCT 1 (SAT/SUN)--NAG'S HEAD-

Can you believe the area was booked through September and we almost had to cancel this, but Roy Wiley did some calling and got us a block of 12 rooms at the First Colony Inn for \$20 a room. This is supposed to be a very quaint 46-year-old inn with a veranda and rocking chairs and a magnificent view of the ocean. Since we have only 12 rooms available, these will have to be parceled out on a first-come, first-served basis. A list will be passed around at the meeting or you can call Roy Wiley (481-1543) before September 15. Should we fill the 12 rooms, then perhaps others will wish to join the group for either day, or come along for the night and take your chances, or perhaps we can share rooms (after all, it's only for one night). At any rate, something can be worked out.

ROSEMONT RD EXIT OFF RT. 44

This will be a very unstructured weekend with people free to do as please. Besides the obvious attraction of a magnificent, brooding beach and no crowds of tourists, the Nag's Head area offers other diversions. Of course it is the site of Kitty Hawk which has a very interesting (free) museum devoted to the Wright Brothers and aviation. Also impressive are the huge sand dunes of Dare Beach which are now popular with the hang gliders. You can rent equipment and also be given lessons in the sport. Just remember that it takes two operable legs to drive a 'T'. Also for the adventurous there's the carcass of the LAURA BARNES which wrecked on Coquina Beach in 1921, as well as Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and Hatteras Village which is the southernmost community on Hatteras Island and is a commercial and sport fishing center. Then one can take the ferry to Ocracoke Island where Blackbeard was captured in 1718. Or tour the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site where Sir Walter Raleigh's group tried to establish a settlement in the 1580's, before it mysteriously disappeared. Fort Raleigh also includes the Elizabethan Garden established by the Garden Club of North Carolina to commemorate Elizabeth I and the Lost Colony. So you see that there's lots to do.

The group will meet at Princess Anne Courthouse at 8:30 on Saturday morning, September 30. We hope to leave no later than 8:45. Driving time to Nag's Head is approximately 2½ hours. The return time on Sunday will be left up to the individual, though I'm sure some will wish to caravan home. This is a weekend designed for whatever suits your fancy, from lounging on the beach to playing the tourist. So come and enjoy. (Ed. note: At the meeting, Robert Davis reported that a friend had rooms for us at a hotel in Kill Devil Hills, except when it was learned we were coming, a water spout came through and flattened the place. That's th for three, folks--one Italian post office, one restaurant, and one motel. For new members who wonder why all these references to an Italian post office: We were trying to get new club badges through an Italian firm, an enterprise which became a comedy of errors and made former Regalia Chairman Buck Lampton a legend in his own time. After numerous delays,

the firm finally sent a sample badge for our inspection. But the Italians in a fit of pique at their postal system (which makes ours look like a model of efficiency) burned the post office in which the sample badge reposed. Shortly after that a restaurant in which we had expressed an interest as a future dinner site burned to the ground. So that's why the running box score of the havoc we continue to wreck.)

SEPT 29-OCT 1 (FRI-SUN)--FALL MID-SOUTH GOF, RODEWAY INN (US 70, east at I-40), ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. Gary Woodyard, an out-of-town member of our group and the newly elected president of the Mid-South MG 'T' Register, called Roy Wiley to personally invite our club to attend this regional GOF, much of which is set for the magnificent Biltmore Mansion in Asheville. Unfortunately it does coincide with our Nag's Head weekend which prompted Roy to suggest that in the future in planning our calendar, we keep in touch with the Mid-South and Chesapeake Chapters so that we can avoid this kind of conflict of events. These are the chapters closest to us and it would be nice if we could all support each other. But more on this later. For now, one desiring a jaunt into western North Carolina should hurry on over to Asheville and enjoy their hospitality. They have planned a special luncheon and tour of the Biltmore Mansion and also promise beautiful mountain scenery. Registrations must be in by Sept. 15 and I do have registration forms if you want one.

OCTOBER 6-9 (FRI-SUN)--GOF MK V, PONCE DE LEON LODGE, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, sponsored by the Panhandle 'T' Confederation. If you don't want to go north to Newport or west to Asheville, how about south to St. Augustine, the oldest city in America (and it has preserved much of its Old World and Spanish charm). I have applications for this one also so please call me if you're interested.

OCT. 29 (SUN)--Fall Foliage Drive-out. Where?

Nov. 19 (SUN)--BRUNCH. I can promise you one thing, it's always good.

Speaking of upcoming events and calendars, it's time to put together a new calendar. The activities committee will be gathering in October and it could sure use some suggestions from the peanut gallery as to what you all would like to do. So please call Roy Wiley or me before October if you have suggestions. As was mentioned above, we also intend to try to coordinate our schedule with those of our neighboring clubs.

It will also be time to lineup the meeting places for the next year. In the past the same people have tended to host the meetings. We did have several offers for two available dates last year which leads me to believe that perhaps others in the group might like to have a meeting. So anyone who's interested in hosting, please call me (only) at 486-1293. I will give priority to those who have never hosted.

Also, although we have traditionally held our Christmas party around the player pianos at Barrows or Fishers, it seems that others have expressed an interest in having the Christmas party. So in fairness to all, we will open the floor for nominations (so to speak) to those who would like to volunteer and who also have the facilities to handle the 50-60 people this event always attracts. If interested, call Roy Wiley. The Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15.

WHEW!!!

COME COMB THE BEACH AT NAG'S HEAD!!

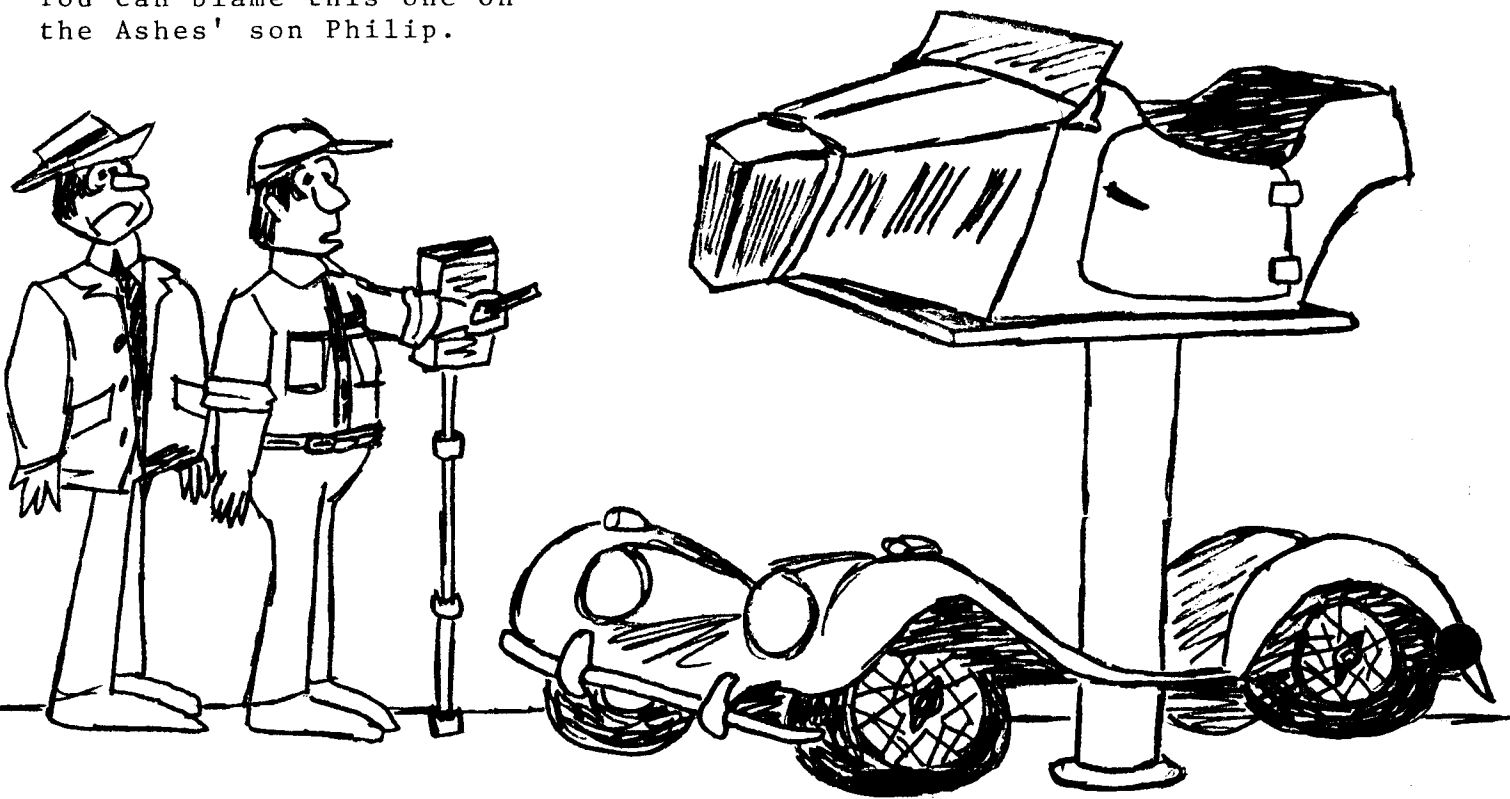
PAST HAPPENINGS--THE POOL PARTY--We actually had very pleasant weather for this event (no repeat of last year's 55) which was attended by Ashes, Banvards, Barrows, Boswells, Fishers, Groovers, Haines, Lassens, Pellerins, Bob Salvin and Jane Hill, Wileys, and assorted children. Since everybody brought a snack, we had plenty of food, and Bob Pellerin assumed responsibility for insuring that (nearly) everyone saw the inside of the pool at least once. I understand that several people got their revenge after some of us had gone. It cannot go unreported that Bob and Peggy Pellerin very generously paid the \$50 rental fee for the use of the pool and for that we all thank them. We hope to continue the pool party as annual event but other financial arrangements will be made. Thanks, Pellerins, for a delightful, relaxing, refreshing evening.

CAPTAIN KIDD'SThis group does like to eat and twenty of us proved it the night of August 26th at Captain Kidd's Restaurant in Pungo. The consensus of opinion was that the food was excellent and abundant and the company congenial, with a few of the attendees in rare form. Among those present were the Ashes, Banvards, Boswells, Eatons, Groovers, Haines, Halls, Wallachs, Wileys, as well as Levi Tarr and Bill Ware who were baching (batching?) it while their wives were off in their home states visiting family.

For some reason talk revolved around MGs. At our table, we received tips from Andy Wallach on painting a TF engine (and Andy's assurance that his restoration was only into its fourth year) and from Ron Eaton on painting the garage floor while a TC was resting on it (must have a tech article on that one). Ross and Ann Haines reported that the left rear fender of their TD was side-swiped in the parking lot where he works by a driver who preferred to remain anonymous. Fortunately, there was a witness to the accident and the culprit was located. Perhaps we can squeeze a tar and feathering into next month's schedule.

After inspecting the damaged Pungo Ferry Bridge and the bag worms devouring the local greenery (see what a grand time you missed), we all got into our respective cars and some of the smart ones even went home. And thus ended another adventurous evening with the Tidewater 'T's.

You can blame this one on the Ashes' son Philip.



You SEEM TO HAVE A SLIGHT RUST PROBLEM!

COMMENTS ON THE COLONIAL CLUTCH AND ITS AFTERMATH--

The following are excerpts from Gary Woodyard's report in the Triad 'T' Talk (of the Mid-South MG 'T' Register) concerning the Colonial Clutch Mini-GOF and the breakdown of his TF in Newport News during the return journey.

"The GOF proved to be a fun time for all....In addition to pewter, several prizes were won by the Triad people. The prizes consisted of naval jelly, locklite, naval jelly, permatex, naval jelly, iron-ons, naval jelly, ignition parts, naval jelly, and finally, more naval jelly. All the MGs in the world could have been 'derusted' with the naval jelly given away at the GOF....

(The TF breaks down about four blocks from the James River Bridge in Newport News.)

"How do you get a 'T' home on Sunday afternoon when it is 150 miles away? You call Gary Cole of the Tidewater chapter who calls Mike and Jennifer Ash who happen to have a tow bar. Gary offered to let Sue and me drive his Saab back to Goldsboro with the TF in tow. (Ain't 'T' people great! Gary didn't know me from Adam but he offered his new car to us.)"

(Gary and Sue Woodyard and TF are all safely home in North Carolina. Gary reports that the cause of the breakdown is probably a connecting rod bearing but he hasn't had the time or the heart to tear into it and confirm his diagnosis.)

***** ANYONE FOR A TRIP TO ASHEVILLE? THE BOSWELLS ARE GOING! *****

ODDS 'N ENDS--NEW MEMBERS--This month we welcome three:

Larry and Joanne Diddlemeyer, 1024 Walt Whitman Way, Va Beach, Va 23455 (460-2364). Larry and Joanne have just arrived in the area with their '51 TD. Larry, a Navy man, is deployed until March, but we hope this won't stop Joanne from joining us for the meetings and other activities. The same goes for our next new members.

Flack and Kathy Logan, 2243 N. Lakeside Dr., Va Beach, Va 23454 (481-3859). Flack is a Navy Pilot who is deployed until February, but again we welcome Kathy to join us while he's gone. The Logans came to this area from the West coast and I have it on Roy Wiley's authority that their 47 'TC is a beauty--a real "California car."

Fred and Nancy Miller, 1403 Jamestown Rd., Williamsburg, Va 23185 (229-1412). The Millers are new out-of-town associate members with a '65 MGB. WELCOME!

Last month I mentioned the beautiful hand painted purse Ethel Walker brought to the meeting and I promised that this month I would tell you where to get one. For prices and orders, write Fran Schlabach, 103 Darby Court, Taylors, South Carolina 29687.

ADDRESS CHANGES--Seems the city fathers of Virginia Beach have been playing the numbers game which accounts for the first three changes. These people have not moved. Neither have the Wests who have a new duty station but are still in England.

- O.D. & Jonnye Dawson 3864 Stumpy Lake Lane
- Roosevelt Moseley 4768 Indian River Rd.
- Robert Hall 2449 Entrada Dr.
- Ted Hughes 625 Boissevain Ave.

(Remainder of address same as on roster for all the above.)

- Mike and Nita West
- c/o LCDR F.G. West, Jr.
- COMUSNAVACTSUK (Truly one of the Navy's great acronyms.)
- FPO New York, NY 09510

After reading the article in the Sunday, August 27, Virginian-Pilot, the Boswells have decided to trek on over to Asheville for the Mid-South GOF. Maybe you all would like to peruse the article and decide to go also.

OF COURSE IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE CLUB!!

This is our final list of paid members as of 28 August 1978.

Ash	D'Auria	Games	Logan	Salvin
Atwood	David	Giffin	Maltby	Smith
Banvard	C. Davis	Groover	McLaren	Souder
Barrows	R. Davis	Haines	Miller	Tarr
Blanchard	Dawson	R. Hall	D. Moore	Trowbridge
Bolen	D'Echeandia	Rbt. Hall	J. Moore	Walker
Boswell	Diddlemeyer	Hand	Newman	Wallach
Bradford	Dowrick	Hicks	Pagley	Walter
Clifton	Duff	Hughes	Parsons	West
Cole	Eaton	Imperioli	Pellerin	Wiley
Colker	Fisher	Kearley	Polifka	Williams
Collins	Ford	Lassen	Pryor	Woodyard
Cook				

THIS DOES SEEM TO BE THE MONTH FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS!!

CLUB OFFICERS--It's time to elect the club officers for 1979. We have something new this year--more than one nominee per office--which will necessitate a secret ballot and also absentee ballots for those who can't attend the OCTOBER meeting when the voting will take place. Ballots with the final slate of officers will accompany the October newsletter and those not attending the meeting will be instructed where and when to mail their ballots. The nominations below are not final. Anyone wishing to make a nomination for any office, please contact Mike Ash (424-1660) before September 24, which is the deadline for the October newsletter. Please remember that all nominees for office must be full voting members (not associate members) and should be active club participants who can attend the majority of the meetings.

- PRESIDENT--Jim Banvard, Dan Boswell, Ron Eaton
- VICE PRES--Jim Banvard, Dan Boswell, Ron Eaton
- SECRETARY--Tom Lund (incumbent)
- TREASURER--Helen Barrows

Beacuse Roy Wiley and Dave Barrows have served two consecutive one-year terms, they are not eligible for re-election to their present offices. Don Moore has declined re-nomination to the office of treasurer.

DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS SEPT. 24!!

AND FINALLY--Our condolences to Don and Barbara Moore on the death of Don's mother this past month.

Also it's always sad to say goodbye to those who must leave us. This being a Navy area, we do lose more than our share since the Navy does love to pack people up and ship them out. Dave and Faye Rasmussen left last month for Jacksonville, Florida, and Bill and Suzanne Ware are preparing for a cross-country move to San Diego. Good luck, Rasmussens and Wares. May your 'T' give you as many pleasurable hours at your new duty stations as we hope you've enjoyed here with us in Tidewater.

Keep on 'T'-ing!!!

Old Time Country Fair and Antique Car Show SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 23

UNRESTRICTED FLEA MARKET

Spaces 10' x 30', Confirmed

Sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Jackie B. Ashburn

Benefit

White Stone Volunteer Fire Department

Car Show 10:00 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.

Parade 3:00 p. m.

Plaques to First Fifty Cars Registered

TROPHIES AWARDED FOR

BEST OF SHOW, OLDEST CAR

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| Class 1. 1900 - 1928 | Class 5. 1936 - 1942 |
| Class 2. A Fords—
1928 - 1931 | Class 6. 1946 - 1957—
Spec. Interest |
| Class 3. Early V-8 Fords—
1932 - 1942 | Class 7. Modifieds |
| Class 4. 1929 - 1935 | Class 8. Sports Cars |

FOOD AND RESTROOMS AVAILABLE

Owner's Name

Address

Car Make Year

Enclosed: Car Registration \$3.00 each

Market Registration \$10.00 each

Mail To

Jackie B. Ashburn, Box 295, White Stone, Va. 22578

THE SECOND ANNUAL WHITESTONE WINGDING

Again this year the Tidewater MG 'T' Classics has been invited to the "Old Time Country Fair and Antique Car Show" in Whitestone, Virginia. The event takes place on the 16th of September, starting at 10 AM with a car show and ending at 3 PM with a parade through greater Whitestone. The entry fee is \$3.00 per car and there is both a 1946-1957 Special Interest Category and a Sports Car Class.

The southern contingent will meet at 8 AM at the Ocean View Holiday Inn. Departure will be prompt as we plan to meet the northern contingent at 8:30 at the Ramada Inn at the junction of Interstate 64 and US 17. Travel time to Whitestone from Ocean View is approximately 2 hours.

Those who desire to make a day of it may wish to join others of us for dinner at a mutually agreed upon location. Considerations include a picnic dinner at the Wharf in Yorktown.

This event has a small town flavor and may be especially enjoyable to the offspring and the antique hunters who may just have a ball at the flea market.

For further information, call Jim Banvard at 340-6737.



SEPTEMBER MEETING

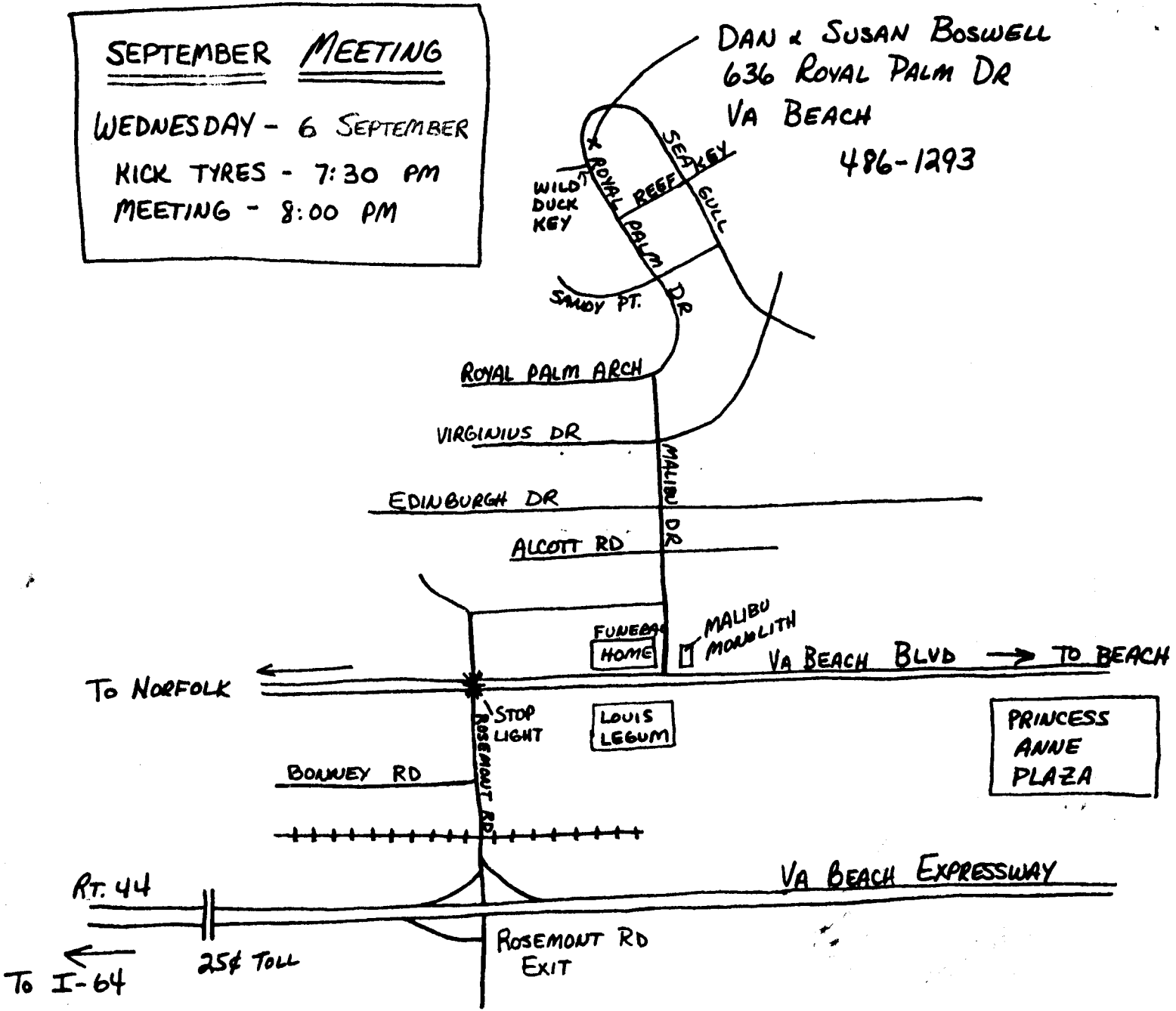
WEDNESDAY - 6 SEPTEMBER

KICK TYRES - 7:30 PM

MEETING - 8:00 PM

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