



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

THE DIPSTICK

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Hello again--

It's almost time for the GOF--hope you've all sent your registrations in to Mike Ash. It promises to be a lot of fun.
For those of you who haven't paid your dues yet, September is your last chance, so don't forget!

FROM OLDE NUMBER 2400, 7085, 4270, 7662, & VM 199:

Given family vacations and all of the other potential alternative family activities the month of August has been an enjoyable MG month. The meeting on the Banvards' deck was well attended with visitors from the frozen north included. Although the tech session was minimally attended the refreshments were excellent (thanks, Elsie) and Herschel and Pam Smith's TD was fixed in time for them to set out for Pensacola on permanent orders. We will miss their smiling faces and always pleasant contributions. The dinner at ChiChi's produced some 20+ people. A very long and full table provided quite a scene for the general public. Our food related events are somehow always well attended. That must say something of the MG lovers' character. September is going to be a big one for our chapter as the GOF Mk. XXXIII takes place on the last weekend. Get your applications in soon if you desire to be in the old Cavalier. Listed below are the chairpersons for the various committees for the event. If you see an activity which appeals to you, call the chairperson and volunteer your services. See you at the Groovers' for the meeting and then at the beach for the GOF.

Keep on "T"ing,
Jim

GOF Mk. XXXIII Committee Chairpersons:

Registration - Jim Banvard
Raffle - Walt and Mary Thompson
Rallye - Richard Hall
Fun & Games - Ross and Ann Haines
Sand Castle - Kay and Carl Fisher
Show of Cars - Dan and Susan Boswell
Balloting - Clay and Carol Richards
Photo Contest - Martin and Janet Schorer

UPCOMING EVENTS

September Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 1, at the Groovers'. (Map on last page.)

GOP Mk. XXXIII - September 24-27, The Cavalier, Va. Beach.

October Meeting - Wednesday, October 7, at Perry and Georgia Kelly's.

Halloween Party - Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Thompsons'.

AUGUST TECH SESSION

The August Tech Session was held at the home of Elsie Parr (me), Sunday, Aug. 9th. First of the group to arrive was Vince Groover in his out of place Chevy Step Van. Robert Davis was on time via the telephone--he called to say he was on his way, but he didn't arrive till 4 hours later, with his sister Anne's MGB. Somehow Robert has a way of getting sidetracked! Roy Wiley and his TD arrived with an electrical problem, and after careful investigation by our crew of technical geniuses, the conclusion was reached that he needed a new battery. Herschel Smith arrived with TD in tow, and after several hours of "expert" advice from all in attendance, including the inappropriately dressed Jim Banvard and Andy Wallach (Uniforms? At a tech session??) Herschel was able to pilot home the TD without the use of a tow bar! An Amazing Feat! Before driving home the tow car, Pam announced that someone had put a "For Sale" sign on the TD at Oceana (Who could have done that, Levi?) Even with the price marked at \$75.00, there were no takers!

The Mad Signmaker in his MGA and Peggy and Brad Bradford both made brief appearances. It was good to have new members John and Robin Sams and Fred and Delores Paddock. Welcome newcomers! Next time bring a challenge for our "T" experts.

Elsie Parr and son Levi

DINNER AT CHICHI'S

ChiChi's Fiesta was a super success with delicious food and dancing girls...well the food was delicious anyway...just ask Mike Ash.

The gala event was well attended by: Bill, Sue, and Nancy Gordon; Mike and Jennifer Ash; Elsie Parr; Pam and Vince Groover; Jim, Brenda, and Michael Banvard; Andy, Carol, Jennifer, and Josh Wallach; Bess Mann; Brad and Peggy Bradford; Ross and Ann Haines; and last but not least the Thompsons. There were several no shows but names will not be mentioned..10 lashes at the Sept. meeting... look out Levi and the Sams!!!

The evening was filled with many interesting goodies...such as Andy and Mike Asn arguing over whose TF would be the best...did Mike want a quick job or a quality car, such as the one Andy was building?

Carol stole the show when she reminded Andy about the "Birthday Ride" he promised her...in 1976...a little late wouldn't you say, Andrew? Seems to everyone that Quality is getting a little out of hand. On Carol's other side was Jim Banvard smoking away and rubbing his fingers through his hair (oops, over his head), filling her in on how to solve the problems of the world. And now to our dear sweet Pam...who didn't know if she was drinking martinis or margaritas. Bess Mann's vacation must have been a hair curling experience...the vote was we all love it!! All in all we had a wonderful time even though Jen wouldn't walk out of ChiChi's with Mike...seems he wore half his food home.

Words of Wisdom from Walter: The strong turnout lends credence to the old saw that the Tidewater MG functions are best attended when the agenda includes food and spirits.

Mary Thompson

AUGUST MEETING: SECRETARY'S MINUTES:

Out of the din of voices upon the Banvard stilted edifice overlooking the hallowed garages, a voice (Levi Parr's) was heard: "I think if everybody would keep quiet, you could start." The August meeting began with the welcoming of guests Brad Wladish, a TC and TF owner from Syracuse, New York; George Cookson, a TC owner; Walter Vahl, TC and '71 B owner; and Royal Connell, who announced he was an A owner. Levi instantly responded, "One of the few with class." Unclass Roy Wiley suggested, "Why don't you two run away and get married." Contrary to reasonable beliefs, the gentlemen from upstate New York came to Tidewater to visit the ocean and not just to attend our meeting.

Secretary Andy Wallach opened up the meeting with the minutes of the July meeting. Roy Wiley stated that the minutes should be corrected to reflect the fact that his house moved or a lake changed names or something. However, when asked for specific wording as to the proper location description, Roy responded, "I'd just as soon that you not know where I live." In the background, Mary Thompson was stating, "I wouldn't even say the dirty words that she said," and "Jennifer's lips are well formed." When asked to explain her comments, Mary said, "The problem is this is a family newsletter as Carol (Wallach) stated; and Jennifer's (Ash) comments are definitely not family material." (Secretary's note: While these minutes may seem disjointed to members who did not attend, they are an accurate reflection of the meeting's tone.) The July minutes were approved.

Jim Banvard, reporting for the Treasurer, announced that we had \$743.18.

New members are Jim and Sandy White of Alexandria, Fred Paddock of Yorktown, Dick and Becky Clifton of Norfolk, and Carol and Gene McHugh of Norfolk.

Under events, Vince Groover announced that the November meeting will be in Yorktown at Fred Paddock's. "All the oysters one can eat in his backyard--some of them really get tall." Levi: "He crossed them with beefsteak tomatoes." The tech session in August will be at Elsie Parr's, and the ChiChi's eat-out will be on August 16th. Jennifer asked whether ChiChi's will burn down before we get there. The September meeting will be at the Groovers' and on the 24th-27th of September, the Gathering of the Faithful will be at the Cavalier.

Elsie Regalia Parr announced that the new T-shirts have arrived and that a ladies' French cut style is now stocked. The T-shirt drawing was done by Levi Parr III. Prices are being held at \$4.50 per shirt. Tote bags are not quite here yet but three dozen will be ready soon.

Jim Banvard, under new business, announced, "The month is August." (Isn't it nice having an astute President.) "The nomination committee forms and gets candidates for offices. Mike Ash is chairing the committee. All those approached please contribute your contributions." Carol Wallach stated that she has application packets for the GOF in Stone Mountain, Georgia, October 9-11. There is also an Atlanta roadrace November 14 and 15, for which Carol has details.

Mike and Jennifer Ash discussed the major upcoming GOF and requested that members desiring to assist, contact committee chairmen directly (a list appears on page 1).

The 29 assembled MG-ites adjourned to a smorgasbord of Brenda's delicacies; and someone was heard to say, "I told you, you shouldn't eat dinner before coming to a meeting at the Banwards'." Thank you, Jim and Brenda, for a fine night at the MG Emporium. The Michelob beer was stated to be in remembrance or anticipation of our out-of-town in-town member. (The fact is, I think it was decided to drink it before it disappeared upon Hank Giffin's arrival.)

DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER DIPSTICK IS SEPT. 27

One of our loyal readers submitted the following:

The letters from Mike West, Bob Salvin, and Henry C. Griffin added a lovely touch to our newsletter. It's so nice hearing from old friends--can't wait to see you at the GOF.

Hints for Hank--

It's been too long when:

- Brenda's sofa has lumps from not being slept on.
- The wax on Jim's auto is fading and the GOF is approaching.
- Michael needs additional training on shining the car.
- The neighbors are asking if Jim is away since the GF left town.
- Andy may have to close the DQ since the "Dominant" left town.
- And it's really been a long time because everyone thinks Mary Thompson is the most intelligent member of the club.

The Secret Squirrel

Congratulations to Hank on his new assignment to Washington--we now expect an outing at the White House--you must have some connections!!

The Nominating Committee has made the following nominations for the October election of officers:

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| Ross Haines - President | Mary Thompson - Secretary |
| Vince Groover - Vice President | Bess Mann - Treasurer |

Levi Farr, III
Ink Drawings

You provide the picture,
we will copy with or
without dents as desired.

Contact at Elsie's (461-0183)

For Sale:

TF with approx. 20,000 mi.
Needs restoration. Asking
about \$5000.

Contact Mrs. Westfall, Harri-
sonburg, Va. (703) 740-8188



IGNITION COILS AND MISFIRES by John Brookman

(Eds. note: This article was taken from the October, 1978 issue of "Ye Olde Valve Clatter", the newsletter of the Club 'T' MG, Inc. of Oregon.)

Misfires at high revs can, sometimes, be traced to the ignition coil primary connections being reversed. This reversal causes the high-tension voltage applied to the spark plug to be positive rather than negative, increasing the high-tension voltage requirements for sparking.

The center electrode of a spark plug runs much hotter than the electrode connected to the threaded portion of the spark plug. The high temperature of this electrode causes it to become an electron emitter if the applied high-tension voltage is negative. This electron emission aids the sparking and thus reduces the high-tension voltage requirements.

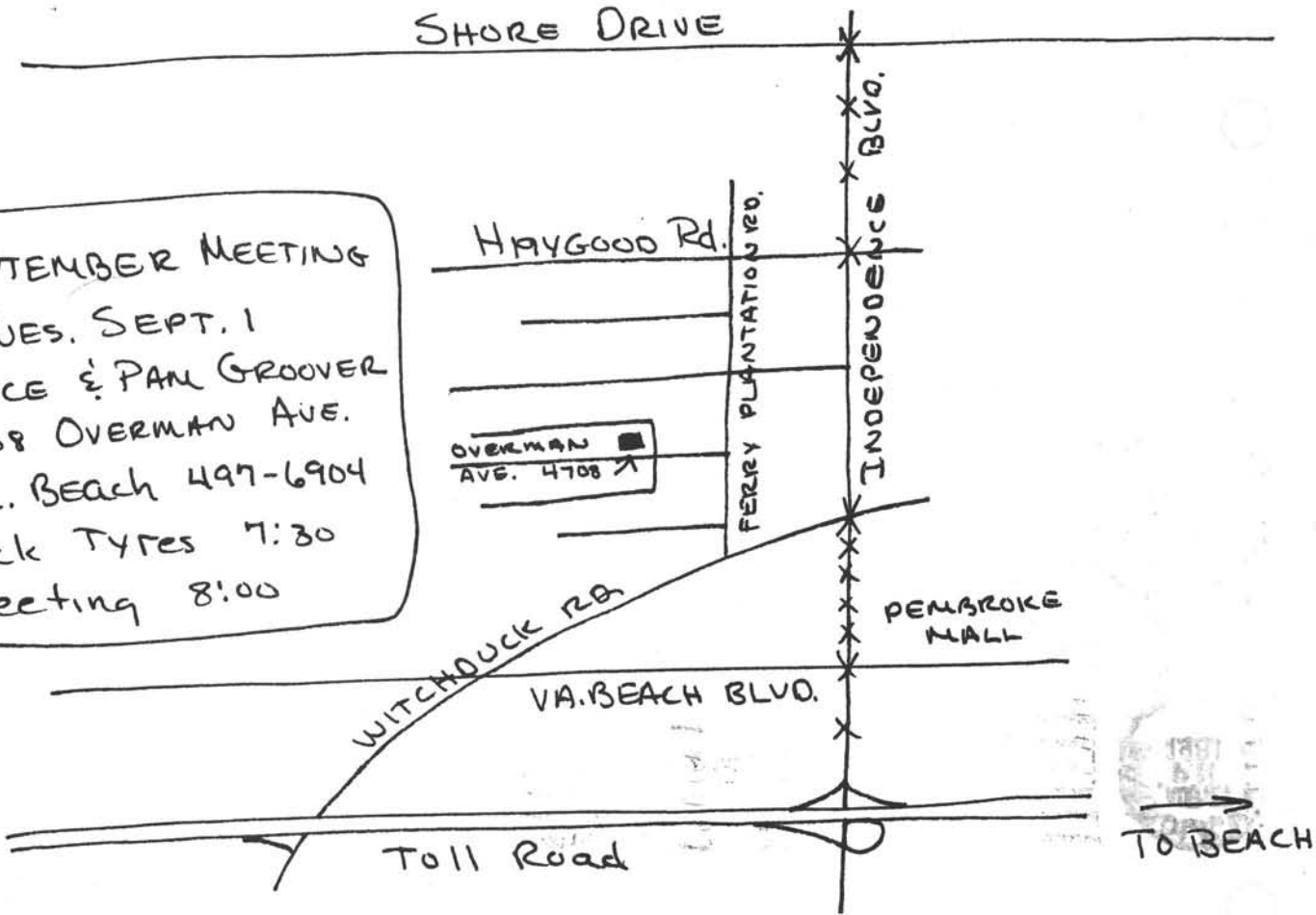
If the primary connections on your ignition coil are labeled "+" and "-", proper connection is obvious. (T-types, MGAs, and early MGBs are positive ground. The + connection is made to the distributor and the - to the ignition switch.)

If the primary connections are not labeled + and -, consult the manufacturer's catalog for proper connection of the primary circuit. Testing with an ignition scope may be used to determine proper connection of the ignition coil primary.



SHORE DRIVE

SEPTEMBER MEETING
TUES. SEPT. 1
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