



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

THE DIPSTICK

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Hello again--

It's dues time already. Dues are due this month-a membership application renewal is included in this issue.

The search for the next newsletter editor has reached the critical point. With Andy away, the demands on my time by my family, my job, and Dairy Queen make it impossible for me to continue as editor. Please contact Ross or me if you are interested in being editor.

MAY MEETING - SECRETARY'S MINUTES:

The meeting was brought to order by the "sit in President" Vince Groover. There was a correction to the minutes (not due to an error by the secretary but because the person who translated the phone call from Bess gave incorrect info). To make a long story real short, we should have subtracted \$119.56 instead of the previous reported amount. However, as of 26 Feb, we had a balance of \$904.50; 31 Mar-\$899.16 and the present balance- 30 Apr-\$779.60. Cries of "Let's have a party" filled the room.

EventsEventsEvents - On 16 May the rally, which will be over by the time this newsletter is delivered. We'll be anxious to find out who won the rally!

A discussion was held in regards to the dash plaque. Should we or shouldn't we purchase them for events. The vote was not to purchase them-- too expensive and what do you really do with them after each event. Wiley said "Some of our members held their cars together with them."

The next meeting will be at the Pellerins'--no one is sure whose house so please check the map before coming to the meeting.

Gee, Roy was long winded--still more events: on June 6th a Tech Session at the Banwards', I think! Try it, if they're not there we'll have one without them. On June 20th a trip to the Mariners Museum in Hampton or is it Newport News--well, one of the two. Mike and Jen have the pleasure of planning this outing; it should be a very nice day filled with excitement. Sounds interesting!

The Chesapeake Chapter's Mini GOF was a huge success. Everyone said it was wonderful. Good food, lovely reception, more good food, beautiful cars, and still more good food!!! It seems that the consensus of opinion was that if Henry C. Griffin III won that the ballot box had to be stuffed or that there was block voting by the Chesapeake Chapter.

Seems that an on the spot repair job was needed and a lot of people pulled together to get Hank back on the road. Thanks, Dan, for the parts!

It was determined that Rt. #13 was a rough road--the Banvard's car clunked all the way home. And Vince finally got the message that there was something seriously wrong with his car when he found oil all over the place. The cost of this major repair was \$1.00 - one dollar! (Want to spell it out as we knew you'd think it was a typo.) Details to follow in GOF report.

The phone rang--it was the one and only Big Mike West calling from Idaho...he just wanted us to know he was in spirit. Actually he called to tell us that GEW Auditing would be auditing our financial records. (GEW stands for Giffin, Eaton, and West...can you imagine anyone turning anything over to them?) When announced, "up yours" was shouted by Roy. Mike said "I'd expect that from a Marine," Walt jumped up and responded, "Look out, you're talking to one." Somehow all this lost some of the "funny" in the translation or is it in the transmitting. The crowd is now going wild, everyone is shouting things to Walt to tell Mike-- poor Walt. Robert and friend just came in--only an hour late but as someone said, better late than never. Vince has lost control.

"Elsie's Cardboard Sales" have become a booming success--keep it up Elsie and you'll be Regalia Chairman forever! She has been averaging \$50.00 a month on "t" shirt sales. New "t" shirts will be available for the next meeting.

All the old ^{business} was more mention of the British Car Days, etc. Detailed info available thru Carol.

The Trivia Quiz was won by one of the partners of GEW--it was "E"-- Ron Eaton. Congratulations!

Mary left the room to prepare the snacks and her new executive secretary took notes. (I am not responsible for anything after this point. (M.T.)) The exec secretary was the one and only Bill Litchfield.

Here they go--Ross has worms. Eating all the trees, inchworms fall into BarBQue sause. Ross needs tarp--forget it, use an umbrella.

Hope Vince doesn't take charge often--is he the VP?

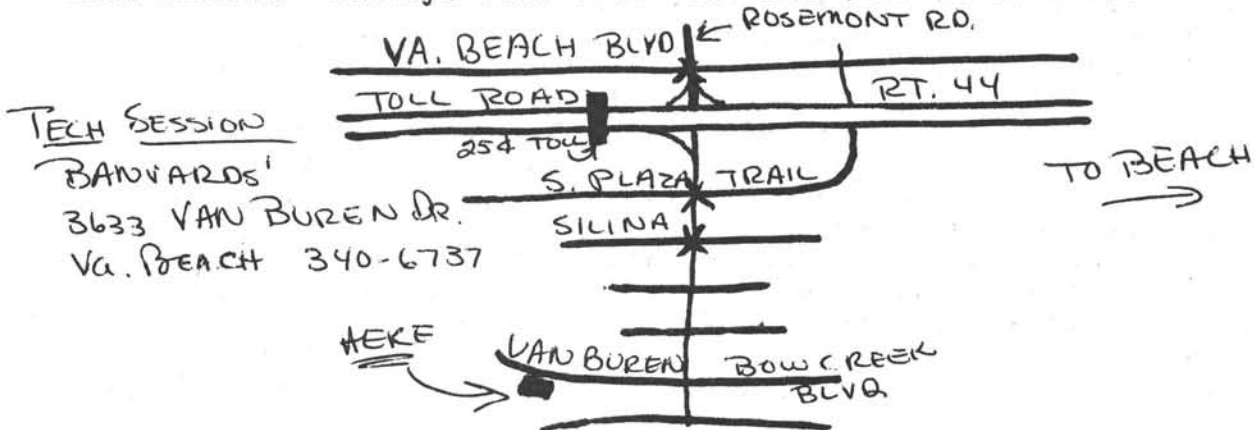
I think the meeting was adjourned; they have left our home. At least we think so!

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY DIPSTICK IS JUNE 25

UPCOMING EVENTS

June Meeting--Tuesday, June 1 at the Pellerins'. (Map on last page.)

Tech Session--Sunday, June 6 at Banwards', 10 AM to 5 PM.



Sunday, June 20--Drive Out to Mariners Museum/Brunch at Smithfield Inn. Meet at the Medical Tower, Norfolk (1st right turn after the Colley Ave. light on Brambleton) at 10:15. We will leave at 10:30 on the dot to insure that we will arrive at Smithfield Inn by 11:30. Dress is casual (but not too casual--no halters or brief shorts, please), and we should be able to have a private room. Among the menu items offered will be the "Virginia Gentleman"--2 eggs, ham, fried chicken, fruit, biscuits and beverage (\$4.95) and quiche, fruit and biscuits (\$3.95). After brunch we'll go on to the Mariners Museum, renowned as one of the most fascinating in Virginia. (There may be a small admission fee.) If you're planning to go, please notify Jennifer Ash (495-0307) by Wed., June 16 at the latest. (Call after 6 PM.) June 20 is Father's Day, so give Dad a treat and take him out for brunch and to the museum.

July Meeting--Wednesday, July 7 at the Paddocks.

FROM OLDE NUMBER 6733:

Well, it looks like we have a race again! Just when I thought I couldn't stump him, Hank missed one. As you can see from the following talley, we had a tie between Mike Ash and Andy Wallach for the monthly winner, and the race for first place overall is very close between Jim Banvard, Hank Giffin, and Ron Eaton:

<u>Name</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Jim Banyard	10/10	39/40
Hank Giffin	9/10	39/40
Ron Eaton	9/10	38/40
Mike Ash*	8/10	17/20
Andy Wallach*	8/10	17/20
Bill Gordon	7/10	11/20

*Tied monthly winners - winner to be chosen by drawing at the June meeting.

Questions and Answers - Trivia Quiz #4

31. T or F - TD radiator grilles were never chrome plated on standard production models.

A. True. "The radiator grille was usually painted to match the upholstery color, but was sometimes painted to match the exterior body color. Which grille color was chosen for any given car may have depended upon the interior/exterior color combination used on the car, but this is by no means certain. With the exception of those on late examples of the TD Mark II, TD grilles were never chromium plated." (TSO, April 80, p.42) "The Mark II was assembled at Abingdon right along with the standard TD, and underwent the same design changes described earlier in this article. When the standard TD changed, so did the Mark II." (TSO, April 80, p. 44)

32. In what year was the TA (or Series 'T') introduced?

A. 1936. "The TA Midget introduced in 1936 had several features which would later appear on the TC in 1945." (TSO, June 1979, p. 6)

33. T or F - The first MG was called "Old Number One".

A. False. "The first MG was not 'Old Number One'. MG's identifiable as such were built for some two years before that famous car was built. It might, however, be true to say that Old Number One was the first MG built specifically for sporting purposes." (The Magic of MG, p. 11)

34. What was the color of the last MG manufactured at Abingdon?

A. White. "...the last MG rolled off the assembly line in Abingdon on October 24, 1980, and right into British Leyland's Car Heritage Museum at Brentford in West London. The white MGB was the last of the 1,155.032 MG's made in Abingdon since 1929. (Dipstick, Nov. 80, p. 7)

35. What name did the British give to TC fenders?

A. Wings. "While the fenders were effective at their design function (keeping mud off the coachwork and the driver's elbow), they also added greatly to the car's esthetic appeal; and the British term--wings--appropriate." (Retrospect, 1947 MGTC - reprinted in January 1979 Newsletter, p. 7)

36. What club member's MG engine became a home for mice?

A. Andy Wallach. "Andy Wallach's TF is now without engine and transmission. While Hank Giffin, Andy and Andy's father-in-law, Earl, were disassembling the engine after aborted attempts to cause it to run, it was discovered that number two and three cylinders had evidence of past residency. Mice had used the engine for a home some time during the last ten years. The moral of this story is that when an engine is to be left idle for an extended period of time, cover any access holes to keep the varmints out, right Andy?" (The Dipstick, November 79, p. 1)

37. T or F - Beginning in 1948 all TC's were produced with bumpers.

A. False. "It was not until late 1948 that bumpers were installed by the factory, and then only on the EXU version of the TC." (TSO, August 79, p. 35)

38. On what date was the Fifth Annual Wicker Basket Affair held?

A. January 17, 1981. "January 17 will be the Fifth Annual Wicker Basket Affair." (The Dipstick, January 1981, p. 1)

39. T or F - The first MG Midget was not an "A" Type.

A. True. "Ask any group of MG enthusiasts which model of MG was the most important in the Company's history and you will have a heated debate under way. One can make claims for the M Type, the first Midget and the (car) which really set Cecil Kimber up in the business of quantity production of small sports cars." (TSO, April 81, p. 4)

40. To what car does the MGTF owe its existence?

A. The Healey 100. "We wanted to get on to the MGA, which had grown out of special vehicles we had built under the counter for George Phillips to race at LeMans, and we ended up with the vehicle which we have always called HM06, which was really the first prototype MGA - the pre-prototype - in that it was rather larger than the MGA ended up, and this was the way the car that we had to show to Len Lord (BMC chief) to

TRIVIA QUIZ #5 - JUNE 1982

41. M.G. stands for _____.
42. Name the two main functions of the New England MG 'T' Register:
a. _____
b. _____
43. In the first Watkins Glen Grand Prix, of the first 10 finishers, _____ were MG's.
44. What was unusual about the interior rear view mirror on TC's produced for sale in England? _____

45. In 1955 who drove an MGTC to victory in the SCCA's national championship in class G?
a. Tom Worthington
b. James O'Maley
c. Steve Tucker
d. George Valentine
e. George Eyston
46. What was the name of the restaurant that burned down after we scheduled an outing for it? _____
47. In what year did the octagon first appear on the MG radiator? _____
48. NEMGT Register #2 belongs to _____.
49. What is the highest mark of honor and recognition the Register can bestow? _____
50. On what month's issue of the club's newsletter did "The Dipstick" first appear? _____

Your name: _____

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Annual membership dues are payable in JUNE. Memberships not renewed by SEPTEMBER will be terminated. Membership shall be reinstated upon payment of the full annual fee.

Please complete ALL of the following information so that we may maintain up-to-date membership records. Please include first names of both husband and wife.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: Home: _____ Office: _____
(Office number is optional)

M.G. CARS:

Type: _____ Year: _____ NEMG'T® _____
Reg. No: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEE: Members who are renewing memberships must pay the full fee of \$10.00. The fee for new in-town memberships shall be pro-rated according to the following schedule. Please check the appropriate box.

In-Town Renewal* (\$10.00) _____ New Member: _____
Out-of-Town (\$6.00) _____ Jun-Sep (\$10.00) _____
Already Paid _____ Oct-Jan (\$ 6.00) _____
Feb-May (\$ 4.00) _____

Make checks payable to "Tidewater M.G. 'T' Classics" and send to:

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774 Westminster Lane
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

*Defined as the cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Hampton and Newport News.

say, 'This is what we want to build.' Unfortunately, we got to Lord three days after Donald Healey had got to him with his Healey 100, and Lord had made a deal with Healey that he would promote the Healey 100. In Lord's eyes the two cars were so similar that the MGA could not go ahead. So it was that that really produced the TF; that is, the pressure created by the killing of the MGA. It was going to be two years before we got the MGA drawings out again and really got the thing going." (TSO, October 80, p. 6)

MINI GOF

April 30, May 1 and 2 was the time of a delightful weekend at the "Chesapeake Capers" - A Mini GOF held by the Chesapeake chapter at the Pasadena Lodge near St. Michaels, MD on the Eastern Shore.

The Tidewater group was represented by Ashes, Banwards, Groovers, Nolans, Haines and Wileys. Bess and Pat Mann stopped by for the car display on Saturday. It was nice to meet new friends and, of course, come face to face with some of our in-town-out-of-towners - Eatons, Boswells and Giffins. (Whose over-zealousness was apparent in any number of ways - no wonder poor Ross gets so much static with his quiz.)

The Pasadena is a lovely old lodge and an ideal GOF site. The management was most cooperative; the food, home-style and delicious and abundant. Even the weather cooperated (for a change.)

The machinery succumbed to a few of the usual ills common to the breed - Haines with a small wiring fire which wiped out high beams; Banvard with loose lug nuts on the L.F. wheel - on the return approach to the Bay Bridge Tunnel yet. Giffin wrung a bearing on the Y-type during a burst of youthful enthusiasm during the Funkana (egged on by Banvard who aided in the repairs - that'll show those I.T.O.O.T.'S.)

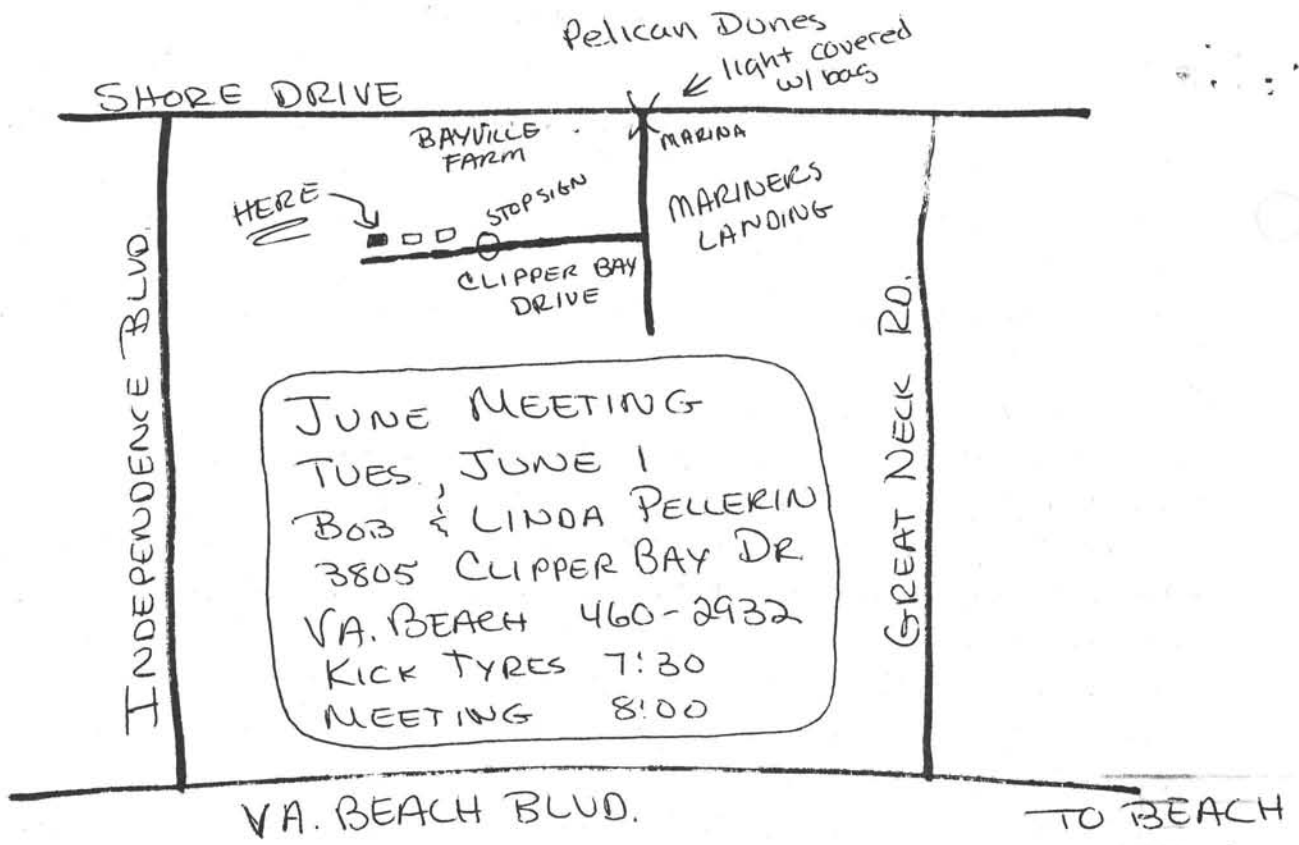
Sunday, a.m. was a too short tour of the lovely country side ending at the garage of Judge John North (of the John Ringling North circus family) - 21 cars were on display and we were given a brief rundown of each, then permitted free rein to drool over such exotica as Mercedes 540 K's, Bugatti's (4 types), Packard, Rolls, Bentleys and the same car that started the whole collection, a '51 TD. All agreed we had never seen such a magnificent collection, either public or private.

Lunch at a charming little restaurant on the Bay ended the weekend and a few fond goodbyes (and a few outright threats) we all headed for home. Thanks a bunch Chesapeake Chapter - ya'll really done good.

Spring Rally

Only 4 devotees of the Marque appeared Sunday, May 16th for the (annual?) Rally. Richard Hall and Ross Haines mapped out the run - which essentially followed the route of last fall's Cavalier GOF event. Vince Groover's TD roared in with the winning time (tyne?) followed by the Gordon (Mercedes), Brenda Banvard (TC) and Jim Pomerene (MGA). All retired to the Haines' for munchies and the swapping of war stories (old) and lies (new).

Roy Wiley



JUNE MEETING
 TUES. JUNE 1
 BOB & LINDA PELLERIN
 3805 CLIPPER BAY DR
 VA. BEACH 460-2932
 KICK TYRES 7:30
 MEETING 8:00

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6/1/82

- 1 - Guests & new members
- 2 - Secretary's report -
- 3 - Treasurer's report - \$730.60 Pungo drive in July (17)
- 4 - Events - Brochures to Roy - 20 June (Drove out); June 6 (Tech)
- 5 - Regalia
- 6 - Parts
- 7 - Tech librarian - still looking for info
- 8 - Editor - June 25 cutoff

Old Business

- 1 - need new editor - Kay will help; Pam
- 2 - British Car Day - Sunday, June 27th; Bowie Md.

New Business

- 1 - Sports car & vintage auto festival XI - June 6, Victor, N.Y.
- 2 - Ltr from Jim Suter - Jim Grief
- 3 - Trivia quiz #4 - drawing between Mike Ash & Andy Wallach
- 4 - Dues

ANDY