



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

THE DIPSTICK

MARCH 1982

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Hi, gang--

Thank you all for submitting your articles and inputs to me on time--now that I'm working full time your cooperation is especially appreciated. Included in this month's issue are a new Trivia Quiz and the answers to the first one and an application for the Chesapeake Chapter Mini-GOF, April 30-May 2. Please note that if you're planning to attend the GOF you should get your reservation in early as space at "The Pasadena" is limited and the prices there are better than elsewhere.

FEBRUARY MEETING--SECRETARY'S MINUTES:

The February meeting of the Tidewater MG 'T' Classics should have been called "German's Gourmet Delights", for those of you unable to attend you really missed a treat. The food was absolutely magnificent. We are fortunate that Sandy waited until the meeting was adjourned before displaying the delights or Ross would have had more problems controlling the crowd.

The minutes were approved but we did have a correction to the trivia quiz. Third prize for the contest is \$10 rather than \$5 as printed in the February Dipstick. It was highly recommended that each contestant put their name on the entry blank. Sorry we forgot to add it! Oh! Please have all entries postmarked by the 15th of the month.

The balance in our treasury as of 3 February was \$955.41. The "Wicker Basket" was not only a gala event but also most profitable, we collected \$100.00. There were, however, several who were able to escape without remitting their fair share. Those who did not pay will be listed as a fungus!

It was a unanimous decision that a standing ovation be given to Roy Wiley and his committee for an excellent slate for the upcoming months.

Ross suggested all Newsletters and other club's information be sent to Dave Barrows (Tech Librarian) to update his records.

Bill Litchfield volunteered to host the November meeting.

The manuals have been ordered from the New England 'T' Register and will be on sale as soon as they arrive. So save your pennies.

A trip to the Eastern Shore had been planned by the events committee when all of a sudden out of the clear blue sky appeared a welcome to a Mini-GOF hosted by the Chesapeake Chapter. Vince Groover suggested we cancel our trip and support the Mini-GOF. The motion was carried. It was suggested we send our registration forms in early as the Inn only has 44 rooms. A deposit is required. For more information please see registration form enclosed in this month's Dipstick.

The Mini-GOF is slated for April 30-May 2 so it was suggested the committee plan an event for March. Bess suggested a St. Patrick's Day Party...perhaps she can come up with some ideas!!

Suspense is still in the air as to which TF will be on the road first--MG Ash or Andy? Rumor has it that Andy's car will be painted completely in three weeks!!

Now the action begins...if these minutes seem confusing...you should have been at the meeting. It truly documents the confusion. The 'T' Register will be holding their Annual Meeting. They had two items they asked for response to:

1. What are our feelings on printing the TSO quarterly instead of every other month? (It would have double the information if printed quarterly.)
2. Would we be interested in a 'T' Register Roster?

Violent objections were a mild indication of the feelings of the group present. Many questions were raised as to why they wanted to reduce the number of issues. A long discussion was heard but no solutions. Ross made a motion that Jim and Andy investigate the details further and report the feelings of our club. The motion was put to the floor and carried.

Everyone was in favor of the printing of a Roster.

Now the confusion really begins, it was brought up in the form of a motion that the club reimburse for the "Wicker Basket". It was then brought up that the club reimburse for the "Wicker Basket" and the Christmas Party. A third proposal was then added...the Wicker Basket, Christmas Party, and Halloween. Now to add to all this chaos...a fourth motion was added...anything other than a monthly meeting should be reimbursed. It was then open for discussion and more discussion and more. It was pointed out that things could get out of hand so reimbursement should be for the Wicker Basket and Christmas Party only. It was made apparent that a reimbursement for paper products and cups be paid. The motion was then carried. It was also brought out that we could make a motion to help support any function the club felt worthy.

An investigation into a Bulk Rate/Non Profit Organization status for our club-- would it be profitable. Carol and Mary will report findings at the March meeting.

An Editor is still needed. The name "Jennifer Ash"...was heard among the chatter. Perhaps you should consider it, Jen, popular vote says something and everyone knows you're easy.

The meeting was adjourned only to dine on the culinary delights of Sandy. Thanks so much for a delightful evening.

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL DIPSTICK IS MARCH 26

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Meeting--Wednesday, March 3 at Dick and Lillian Bolen's. (Map on last page.)

Saturday, March 20--Dinner at Cisco's (formerly Cork and Cleaver), 1824 Laskin Road (Hilltop), 6:30 PM. Please phone Roy Wiley (481-1543) by March 15th for reservations.

April Meeting--April 6 at the Thompsons.

Mini-GOF--April 30-May 2 in Royal Oak, Maryland.

FOR SALE: Tow Bar-universal type, excellent condition, French racing blue paint, \$50.00. Call John Parker- 481-5116, 8-6 PM.

FROM OLDE NUMBER 6733:

It appears that our club is a bit short on trivia lovers. However, for those who dared to risk their reputations on the first trivia quiz, the composite score was 39 out of 40! Therefore, in order to try to separate the men from the boys, I've made the second quiz a bit tougher (as you might have noticed from the list of questions).

For those of you who are watchers rather than doers, here's a rundown on the first quiz:

A. Individual scores:

- 1. (tie) Jim Banvard 10/10
- 1. (tie) Ron Eaton 10/10
- 1. (tie) Hank Giffin 10/10
- 4. Andy Wallach 9/10

B. Questions and Answers:

1. Name the "Father of the MG Car Company."

A. Cecil Kimber. "Cecil Kimber, the father of the M.G. Car Company, realized that the enthusiastic public yearned for a sports car they could afford."

Source: TSO, June 1979, p. 4.

2. T or F - Wire wheels were not standard equipment on TF's.

A. True. "Section 'P' of the TF Services Parts list contains several pages of optional extras and alternative equipment: wire wheels, ..."

Source: TSO, October 1980, p. 18.

3. Approximately what percent of pre-WW II MG's were exported?

A. b. 15% "Prior to World War II M.G.s were built primarily for the Home Market, and were equipped to suit the tastes of the British motorist and the regulations of the Ministry of Transport. Only about fifteen percent of M.G.'s pre-war output was exported, and it was left up to the foreign dealers and owners to modify the cars if different tastes and regulations prevailed in the country of destination."

Source: TSO, April 1980, p. 40.

4. On the first TC's manufactured for sale in England, what was strange about the way the head lights operated when the dimmer switch was moved to the low beam position?

A. "The Home Model originally had high beams on both sides, but had a low beam only on the curb (left) side. When the dimmer switch was moved to the low beam position, the left-hand head lamp dipped to low beam and the right-hand lamp went completely out."

Source: TSO, August 1979, p.36.

5. Who was the first employee of the MG Car Company?

A. Cecil Cousins. "Mr. Cousins was the first employee of the M.G. Car Company and rose through the ranks to become works director in the years previous to his retirement."

Source: TSO, June 1979, p. 6.

6. In pounds, what was the price of the first SA's?

A. 375. "Aside from the M.G. diehards, acceptance of the SA was excellent especially in view of the (375 pound) price tag. (After all the KN Magnette predecessor cost (399 pounds)!)"

Source: TSO, December 1980, p. 13.

7. T or F--The first model of the "T-series" was the TA.

A. True. "In 1936, rather than an improved P-type, the Midget was given a brand new specification, so commenced the celebrated T-series Midgets: this one now being termed the TA."

Source: The Magic of M.G., p. 106.

8. What club member came up with the name for our monthly newsletter?

A. Dave Barrows. "Old Business included the naming of the newsletter. Several nominations were proffered from the floor including The Half Shaft (from Roosevelt Moseley-could be amended to Getting the Shaft from Moss Motors), "T" for Two, Tidewater "T" Times, the Tidewater "T"s Herald Tribune, and Robert Davis's choice, the very original The January through December Monthly Newsletter. After considerable confusion, and via the democratic process, we settled on "The Dipstick", submitted by Dave Barrows. Since no one has mentioned a suitable prize, I guess Dave will have settle for going down in history as the man who named the Tidewater Chapter newsletter."

Source: Dipstick, August, 1979, p.2.

9. Who were the co-founders of the New England MG T Register?

A. Frank Churchill and Richard Knudson. "Frank's interest in M.G.s extends beyond his own TD. He also owns a TC and serves as vice-chairman of the New England M.G. "T" Register LTD., an organization he co-founded in 1964 with Richard L. Knudson."

Source: TSO, April 1980, p. 30.

10. Who is the club member quoted as saying, "I'm too old for high school girls?"

A. Robert Davis. "Under New Business, the possibility of appearing in the Princess Anne High School homecoming parade was discussed and discarded. Mike Ash related that he and some others took a lot of verbal abuse when they participated in a Kempsville school parade. School teacher Moseley stated, "That's representative." Jim Banvard stated, "People who are red-headed bring that on." And Robert Davis stated, "I'm too old for high school girls."

Source: Dipstick, November 1980, p. 2.

MINI-GOF 1982:

"CHESAPEAKE CAPERS"

WHEN: Friday, April 30th through Sunday, May 2nd

WHERE: "The Pasadena", Royal Oak, Maryland
(5 miles from St. Michaels, Md.)

Mini-GOF will be held this year April 30th - May 2nd at a lovely bicentennial mansion, The Pasadena, situated in the gently rolling countryside beside the magnificent Chesapeake Bay, approximately 5 miles from St. Michaels, Md. The area abounds with rich farmland, magnificent waterways, fish, crab and birds, charming little towns alive with the history of the Eastern Shore.

This unique resort, constructed of stone and wood with solid oak floors boasts antique furnished rooms and home-cooked "Eastern Shore" meals.

There are 135 acres surrounding "The Pasadena". Just a bike ride away are Oxford and St. Michaels - once ports of call for ships traveling to the colonies.

Proposed Activities for Mini-GOF (so far)

Friday: Make an effort to be there in time for dinner. The buffet will include Roast Pig among other entrees.

Saturday: Car Show on the Lawn (complete with keg). To encourage first timers/new members we are considering a first-timers award. If there are 6 or more entries in that class - pre-registered - we will award a trophy.

Darts, Fun and Games, Perhaps a rally or boat trip.

Free Time - we are planning time for antique and shop browsing 'par excellence'. St. Michaels boasts one of the finest maritime museums on the east coast (Sorry New London), not to mention the famous CRAB CLAW RESTUARANT.

Banquet - the meal will offer Roast Duck a la Pasadena, the famous McCrea Crab Quiche or London Broil.

Sunday: Time for reminiscing, good-byes til next event and lunch at the CRAB CIAW.

Baby-sitting will be available Friday evening, Saturday daytime and Saturday evening (see the reservation form).

We are hoping that the cost of this year will allow more people to share in Mini-GOF. Price of the rooms at the Pasadena includes dinner and breakfast. This is really a bargain!! There are also special rates for children. PLEASE NOTE: the price of the rooms at the overflow motels are about the same as at the Pasadena but do not include the meals. So get your reservations in early - the Pasadena has only 44 rooms.

COSTS

Mini-GOF registration - \$15.00 per family
7.50 per person
3.00 in spirit (dash plaque)
2.00 late registration fee if received after April 9

Banquet (Saturday night) - The cost of the banquet is included in the room rates for those staying at the Pasadena. For those not registered there, the cost is: \$11.00 adults
5.00 children, ages 3-10

Buffet (Friday night) - The cost of the buffet is included in the room rates for those staying at the Pasadena. For those not registered there, the cost is: \$8.00 adults
4.00 children

Room Rates: "The Pasadena" - includes dinner and breakfast..
with bath \$30.00 per adult, per day
with shared bath \$25.00 per adult, per day
children over 10 \$17.00
" 3 - 10 \$ 5.00 room + \$7.00 meals
\$40.00 room deposit required

Overflow motels - rates about the same but do not include meals.

DIRECTIONS

From the South and West, cross the great Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Follow Route 50 to Easton, then proceed as below.

From the North, you cross the Delaware Memorial Bridge and travel over Rts. 301, 213 and 50 to Easton. Then take Route 322 to Route 33. Turn right onto Route 33 and proceed to Route 329. Turn left onto Route 329, a tree-lined country road, which will lead you to The Pasadena.

DIPSTICK TRIVIA QUIZ #2 - MARCH 1982

(Please return all entries to Ross Haines by March 15, 1982.)

11. In what year was the New England MG T Register formed? _____
12. Who coined the term "Gathering of the Faithful"? _____
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13. In pounds/shillings, what was the showroom price of the MG-J2?
a. 199/10
b. 199/12
c. 199/14
d. 199/16
e. 199/18
14. T or F--MG-TD's were exported from England to the United States in both left hand and right hand drive models. _____
15. In what year was the one millionth car manufactured at Abingdon? _____
16. What is unique about the MG-TF radiator cap? _____
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17. T or F--MG-TE's were manufactured for only several months before being replaced by the TF. _____
18. In what month and year did the Abingdon MG factory close? _____
19. Who was the owner of the first MG to win a National First Place at the Hershey Auto Show? _____
20. What club member was dubbed our "wash 'n' wear" swimmer? _____
- Your name: _____

(Fold)

Place
Stamp
Here

Ross Haines
633 Pinetree Dr.
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

(Fold)

MINI-GOLF RESERVATION FORM

Mail to:

Mike McCrea
The Pasadena
Royal Oak, MD 21662
Phone #: 301/745-5053

Check for \$40.00 required
for room deposit.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date and Time of Arrival: _____

Date of Departure: _____

Babysitting Needed: Friday Evening _____, Sat. day _____, Sat. Eve. _____

Number in party: _____ Number of Beds Needed: _____

Number of Children: over 10 _____, 3-10 _____, under 3 _____

We will be there in time to eat dinner Friday night Yes _____ No _____
(Friday dinner extra for those staying elsewhere)
(Adults, \$8.00 Children \$4.00)

Pasadena room rates (per adult, per day, includes breakfast/dinner)
with bath \$30.00
with shared bath \$25.00
children over 10 \$17.00
children 3 - 10 \$5.00 room + \$7.00 meals in parents room

Mail directly to:
Michelle Cattaneo
793 Stinchcomb Rd.
Severna Park, MD 21146

Registration:
_____ \$15.00 per family
_____ 7.50 per person
_____ 3.00 in spirit (dash plaque)
_____ 2.00 late registration fee
for any received after
April 9th
\$ _____

Banquet:
_____ London Broil
_____ Crab Quiche
_____ Roast Duck
Price included with Pasadena room
rate. Cost for those not staying
there cost is Adults \$11.00
Children 5.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Type of car to be entered _____ Year _____
First Timer _____

SHORE DRIVE

MARCH MEETING

WED., MARCH 3

DICK & LILLIAN BOLEN

1452 EWELL RD.

VA. BEACH 460-1375

KICK TYRES 7:30

MEETING 8:00

HAY GOOD
SHOP. CEN.

INDEPENDENCE BLVD.

EWELL RD.

CHURCH

DUNSTAN

(TREES)

HERE

PEMBROKE
SHOP. CEN.

VA. BEACH BLVD.

RTE. 44

VA. BEACH TOLL ROAD

TO BEACH

TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

7704 BERGEN STREET

NORFOLK, VA. 23518



ROSS & ANN HAINES
633 PINE TREE DR
VA BEACH VA 23452

3/3/82

- ✓1 - Guests & New Members
- ✓2 - Secretary's Report (Mary Thompson)
- ✓3 - Treasurer's Report (Bess Mann)
 - ~~January's?~~
 - ~~February's?~~
 - March's ? \$905.41
- ✓4 - Events (Roy Wiley) - Mar 28 Tech Session; ^{call by 15th} CIDCO's - dinner
- ✓5 - Regalia (Elsie Tarr)
- ✓6 - Parts (Robert Davis)
- x7 - Tech Librarian (Dave Barnows)
- ✓8 - Editor (Carol Wallach)

Old Business

- ✓1 - Bess - collect from wicker basket
- ✓2 - Carol/Andy - Newsletters to Dave - Roy to Dave
- ✓3 - Jim/Andy - letter to Dick Knudson
- x4 - Bulk rate on mailing - Mary/Carol
- ✓5 - Editor
- 6 -

New Business

- ✓ 1 - GOF Central - July 15-18 - Bettendorf, Iowa
- ✓ 2 - Multiple Trivia Quiz Winners
- ✓ 3 - MG printout - what to do?
- ✓ 4 - Trivia Quiz winners for February
 - a - Hank Giffin
 - b - Jim Banvard
 - c - Ron Eaton

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