

THE DIPSTICK



MARCH, 1983

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GREETINGS FROM SUNNY TIDEWATER!

While the rest of the north-east is shovelling out from under, we are basking in sunshine this weekend. Mike and I even took both sidecurtains out of the TF! (Of course, he kept the one for my side in the car in case he started getting wind in his ear about the draught, but needless to say, this trooper enjoyed the breath of fresh air down along the beachfront).

The February meeting was held at the home of Mary and Walt Thompson, where a good time was had by all. The minutes of that meeting are eagerly awaited by me, but I will leave space for them here, instead of relegating them to the back page, as threatened.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Well here we go again.....it seems harder and harder each month to meet Jennifer's deadline....perhaps I'm getting more and more I'll spare the ugly details....you can leave it to your own imagination.

The meeting was called to order by the dapper and efficient Ross Haines. It was an extremely quiet and orderly meeting due to the absence of two faithful but noisy members. We really missed you Roy and Jim. Ross felt as if he wasn't conducting a meeting....no screams of laughter or rude comments.

Once again the minutes were approved and applaudedso I don't always tell the truth. They were approved!

Sandy gave her report. Many questions were raised about her absence last month.....no one felt Richard cutting his hand excused her. Then the conversation got dirty....seems there was to be a scar showing contest....I can't begin to tell you where some of our members seem to have scars. We really did have a report, Sandy managed to bust in and give a total..... \$459.83.

We have been living free and easy with free printing (name withheld to keep the person from being fired). We may be paying once again. It was a consensus of opinion to have the newsletters hand delivered. It was also mentioned that Jen do the deliveries ...just think..... you would have an opportunity to greet all members each month.... remind them of upcoming events ...make them feel we like them... and you would never have to diet again.....just think all those birds with one stone. So it's not such a hot idea!

The two events in the near future were discussed. The Progressive Dinner and the Ice Skating Party. (The Progressive Dinner is history and will be written up in this issue. It was a fantastic time...one of our best events.....nice idea Ann.) The Ice Skating Party is

moving right along. Vince and Pam will do a super job planning it. Let's thank them for their efforts by participating. Some discussion was held on the time for the event this was the outcome and I quote "big buns go after 10:00pm and cute ones go earlier.....I have no idea when this group should attend.

The March Meeting will be at Andy Wallach's remember..... Andy owns the Dairy Queen and also Andy thinks pudding is a finger food.....so be prepared....it may be most interestingwe sure miss Carol. We get reports often (Carol is in Officer Training USN) glad you'll be stationed in Norfolk.

Elsie gave her Regalia Report. She said no new items but plenty to sell. Everyone was impressed with her last report. Thanks for a SUPER job.....keep up the good work and you'll be the chairman forever!

Parts....well this is another story.....people are beginning to think Robert ran away with the parts and will never return.

I'd probably be able to get this to the Editor on time if she didn't talk so muchJen requested cartoons or any helpful hints you might wish to share someone mentioned on entitled "Where To Put The Coat Hanger" someone thought Bill Gordon may be able to help with this article. It seems Bill lost his muffler enroute to the monthly meeting.

The next portion was called or should have been calledhow to rip off Moss Motors. Details to follow

We called it an evening and munched out..... hope to see you at the next meeting. If you came all these silly notes would make much more sense.

Many thanks, Mary, for the delicious snacks and for your hospitality.

COME SKATING.....details to follow.....COME ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SKATING.....!

MOSS MOTORS DISCOUNT: Interested in buying parts? Moss is offering a discount on future orders to those who buy between now and March 14, 1983. The discount rate on the subsequent order is dependent upon the size of the order placed before March 14. (maximum discount rate is 25%, for an order of \$750 or more) The discount is good until September, 1983.

Several club members have expressed an interest in "pooling" a current order to increase their discount rate. Ross Haines will be co-ordinating the "pooling" buy. If you are interested in being included, make a list of what you need, identify Moss catalogue numbers and prices, write a check (no cash, please) for the items you want and give the information and check to Ross not later than the March Club Meeting - March 2nd. Ross will have a catalogue and current price list at the meeting for anyone who wants to finalize this order then. All those who participate now will be entitled to a discount on a subsequent "pooled" order to be placed in late summer or early fall.

FROM OLD NUMBER 633: We had a very good response to our first Trivia Quiz of the new year. Here's the standings:

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| Peggy Bradford | 10/10 |
| Hank Giffin | 10/10 |
| Jim Banvard | 10/10 |
| Mike Ash | 9/10 |
| Ron Henry | 9/10 |
| Bob Beuter | 6/10 |
| Bill Gordon | 5/10 |

(Move over Hank and Jim - He-e-e-re comes Peggy!)

ANSWERS to
TRIVIA QUIZ NO. 11 - February, 1983

101. The MG -K3 placed 1ST in the 1933 Mille Miglia: a) 1st.
b) 2nd; c) 5th; d) 23rd; e) 64th? (TSO, October, 1981, p.6.)
102. According to Kick Knudson, who has the world's largest collection
of MG's? SYD BEER (TSO, June, 1981, p.9.)
a. Sean Thompson
b. Jim Banvard
c. Syd Beer
d. George Eyston
e. Bert Denley
103. What was the standard body color the MG Q-type? M.G. STANDARD
DUBLIN GREEN (TSO, December, 1981, p.13)
104. Who was the president of the Tidewater M.G."T" Classics club in
June, 1978? ROY WILEY (Club Newsletter, June, 1978)
105. How many major GOF's does the T-Register sponsor each
year? TWO (TSO, December, 1978, p.2.)
106. M.G. Midgets date back to what year? 1929 (TSO, June, 1979, p.4.)
107. William Richard Morris was later known as? LORD NUFFIELD
(TSO. April, 1980, p.27.)
108. How many cars were displayed at the Colonial Clutch? 46
a. 44
b. 46 (Club Newswetter, June 1978)
c. 48
d. 50
e. 52
109. In what city and state is Moss Motors Located? GOLETA, CALIFORNIA
(TSO, December 1978, p.21)
110. According to Dick Knudson, how many MG-TC's were imported into
this country? 2001 (TSO, June 1979, P.10.)

MARCH TRIVIA QUIZ - PAGE 5.....ENTER NOW, IT'S NOT TOO LATE.....

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: We have two new family memberships this month, so please
add this information to your roster:

Dave & Judy Willard
39 Long Ridge Rd.
Carlisle, Mass. 01741

1948 TC - Reg.No.5721 Phone: 617-369-6340

Dave & Judy belong to the New Hampshire T-Party,
and used to be the newsletter editors for that
club. Since giving up the job, they would like
to still get club news from us and joined our
ranks in order to do so. We've never met Dave &
Judy, but hope they will come and visit one day.

Larry & Patsy Ricker
5308 Doon St.
Virginia Beach, VA. 23464

1948 TC, Basket Case! Phone: 467-1807

Larry & Patsy have been receiving our news-
letter for several months now, prior to moving
here to a new duty station. Larry is a
Marine Corps Major, and we look forward to
meeting them both as soon as possible.

Elsie Tarr (Regalia Chairman) - Wrong phone number listed. Please correct your roster in case you need to order regalia! New No: 466-7499

Phil & Vicky Topcik - Phone No. 460-6253

Jim & Dondra Rudd - old members who many members will remember - wrote to us last week. They added a son to their family just one year ago, see photo of father and son, Jason, in the TD. They became grandparents the same day they became parents!! Jim and Dondra are on the move once again, and expect to get orders for Germany. If you know anyone moving to Kansas City needing a 4-bed house, call them as they're looking for a buyer! Best of luck in Germany, and let us know your address when you get there, hear?



VIRGINIA BEACH — Kathryn Mansour Nolan, 42, of 3321 Glen Eden Quay, died Sunday in a hospital.

She was a native of Barnesville, Ga., and was a teacher at the Navy High School on Norfolk Naval Base. She graduated from the University of Georgia in 1962.

Mrs. Nolan was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Tidewater MG Classics Auto Club, Virginia Beach Professional Women's Association and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Survivors include her husband, Marine Corps Col. James Morgan Nolan; a daughter, Charlotte Marie Nolan, and a son, John Patrick Nolan, both of Virginia Beach;

Memorial donations may be sent to the Lupus Foundation or to the Navy Relief Fund.

KAY NOLAN

Jim, your friends in this club offer their deepest sympathy at this time.

Kay will be missed by all who knew her.

DEADLINE FOR APRIL DIPSTICK, Saturday, March 26 - SKATING PARTY DAY - 3-26

UP-COMING EVENTS:

- Tues. March 2nd MARCH MEETING at Andy Wallach's - see map on cover.
- Sun. March 13th TECH. SESSION at the Ash's - 10:30 a.m. until.....
If you have a problem, here's how to find out what it is and how to fix it. Call Mike if you want to bring something in for re-build, you basket-casers.
- Sat. March 26th ICE SKATING at the new Va. Beach rink. See map for both tech.session and this event. COST: \$3.50; 2.50/child skate, .50¢ spectator. If more than 20 people sign up, the \$1 skate rental will be cancelled. TIME: 7:00 to 9:30 - meet at 7:15 there (we only get discount if one person pays!) CALL: Chris Holcomb 490-0358 or Vince Groover 497-6904 and let them know how many in your family will come and skate sizes so we can reserve. We will adjourn to "The Way We Were", a '50's-style bar/restaurant nearby, around 10p.m., until we make ourselves unwelcome!!

(more on p.7)

TRIVIA QUIZ NO.12 - MARCH, 1983:

111. How many TB's were produced? _____
 a. 132 d. 379
 b. 463 e. 1233
 c. 976
112. What happened to EX 120 during the cool-down lap following its one-hour, 100 m.p.h. run? _____

113. What is the name of the official magazine of the M.G. Car Club? _____
114. What club member was accused of having a "little black encyclopedia", instead of the usual "little black book"? _____

 a. Roy Wiley d. Bob Salvin
 b. Robert Davis e. Mike Ash
 c. Jim Banvard
115. TRUE or FALSE. The Q-type was originally manufactured without wings or headlamps. _____
116. TRUE or FALSE. Cecil Kimber is credited with the design of the TD. _____

117. What was the POE selling price of new TC's in 1948? _____
 a. \$1875 d. \$2175
 b. \$1950 e. \$2200
 c. \$2025
118. The New England M.G. "T" Register, Ltd. is a _____
 _____ of the M.G. Car Club?
119. Who was the editor of the Tidewater MG "T" Classics car club in June of 1978? _____

120. Who has the distinction of holding register number 1 (one) in the New England MG "T" Register, Ltd.? _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

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Ross Haines
633 Pinetree Drive
Virginia Beach
VA. 23452

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, cont..

Tues. April 5th MONTHLY MEETING, at Nolan's (this may be rescheduled for another location)

Sat. April 16 GIMMICK ROAD RALLY. Bill Gordon tells me that this will probably be an early evening event, finishing up with prizes and pizzas. More details next month.

NEED ITEMS FOR DIPSTICK: - CARTOONS, ARTICLES, ADS. etc. DEADLINE 3-26

WICKER BASKET AFFAIR: (no-one came up with a write-up on this, so I guess it's up to me...) This was very well-attended, as usual, with a wide array of gourmet dishes - Mexican, Italian; wonderful veggies with exotic sauces and dressings; terrific breads and desserts, and right after we had started our New Year diets - all shot to you-know-where! It was suggested that some of the recipes be published in the newsletter, but no-one gave me any - HINT! Personally, I would like to know the recipe for chocolate-orange fudge; it's so divine that one could make oneself sick on it (in fact one did, some time back). Also, we would like to know how to make that meringue crust dessert that Andy brought - did you really make it yourself, Andy? There were several members we hadn't seen in quite a while, including out-of-towners, Dan & Susan Boswell. Glad you could make it; it was good to see you all. Many thanks to Jim and Brenda for hosting this event yet another year.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER: This was a night to be remembered - in so many ways. Some tales can't be told; you just had to be there, you know? We started out at Mary's for hors d'oeuvres, with delicious nibbles and a bourbon punch, as well as wine, and we were well on the way! Kay had made some exotic marinated steak which was cooked at the table on a Korean oven; there were also steamed shrimp, and stuffed mushrooms and cheesy things. (That was only starters).... On to our house for the salad bar. I had terrific help from Bob Beauter and Anne Haines and Sandy Hall, and it turns out that if ever Bob Beauter's mother finds out that he can chop veggies and CLEAN UP after himself, he's got a lot of explaining to do! (We chopped and drank wine and got it all ready before we went to the first house, so we were all well-lit!) We all ate salad and drank wine, then went on to Jim and Brenda's for the main course; roast beef and all the accompanying vegetables and breads. It was a super piece of beef cooked to perfection; of course we drank during that course, too - I can't remember what we drank, but we did! It was during this course that someone asked Roosevelt Moseley when we would see Doris at one of our events, to which he replied, "Oh, when the kids are grown; when Roosevelt Jr. has gone in the army." (Jr. is 2 yrs. old!) If Doris ever knows he said that she'll kill him - and he'd deserve it, too! (But it was funny). Rosie decided to skip the dessert trip, and go home since he only lives a couple of blocks from Jim; one couple, who didn't know how to get to dessert, followed Roosevelt - all the way into his driveway - fortunately we were behind them, saw this grave error, and led them on to the last course. Dessert was at Ted & Vicki Spillman's, and consisted of lots of luscious stuff, AND champagne, and wine..... We laughed so very much, and heard some wild stories, and those people from Norfolk who were led around the labyrinthine sub-divisions of Virginia Beach by those of us who know our way blind-~~drun~~folded, deserve a round of applause; they would never have found their way out of there sober! It was a terrific evening, and each "course committee" worked hard to get all preparations done ahead so that they could enjoy the whole evening. Everyone got home safely, and the concensus seems to be - "Let's do it again next year!" It was also to be the last time Kay would be with us.

The following is an article Mike and I got a charge out of, even though it isn't related to T-series MG's, and I thought I would share it with you. It is reproduced with kind permission of "Road & Track". I might add that if you find this amusing, Peter Egan has another article in March issue of R & T about his teenage enthusiasm for hobbestock racing... a hilarious and wonderfully-written article.

THE CORVETTE RACER

A Sprite driver's view, from a safe distance

BY PETER EGAN



DRAWINGS BY LEO BESTGEN

TO THOSE OF US who raced our diminutive H Production Sprites and similarly high-pitched cars in Midwest Council and SCCA regionals, Corvette drivers were always a breed apart. We spent many weekends pitted next to Corvette teams, adjusting our pathetic tiny Austin valves or performing some other jeweler's chore on our Bug-eyes, watching these fiberglass behemoths and the crews who serviced them out of the corner of one collective eye (we didn't have the nerve to stare with both eyes). Corvette drivers and Sprite drivers didn't mix much, except to borrow the occasional strand of safety wire or half roll of duct tape from one another, but a shortage of information and personal contact didn't prevent us from forming some well developed stereotypes and generalizations.

We knew a few things about Corvette guys:

Corvettes always seemed to be raced by drivers who had crew cuts long after everyone else in the club looked like George Harrison. You got the feeling that if they weren't driving Corvettes, they'd be dropping you for 50 pushups at Camp Lejeune or chewing Copenhagen without taking it out of the can. Corvette guys drove in black Wellington boots while everyone else wore effete moccasins or Nomex booties. They wore open-face helmets with no visors so everyone could see them scowl. When they dressed up to go out at night they wore white nylon windbreakers, white pants, Goodyear caps with the visors pulled down over the eyes and at least one arti-

crossed checkered flags on it, and they always went out for pizza and beer in a place with bright neon lights.

Corvette drivers adjusted their points with air wrenches and their pit men were sometimes crushed to death by fallen lug nuts. Corvette guys had trailers with six wheels and towed them with brand-new extended cab white pickup trucks with more checkered flags and stars & stripes on them. The trailers had overhead tire racks with tires that were exactly four times as wide as they were tall. These tires cost \$600 a piece and lasted only one practice session before being torn to bits by raw torque.

Corvette drivers never asked any questions at drivers' meetings.

When a Corvette driver started his engine the smoke and noise came out of side pipes the size of storm sewers, and the exhaust pulses threw large chunks of gravel and blew your tent down. When these engines blew up on the track, the concussion and coolant spray left corner workers dripping and dazed for hours. If a Corvette threw a rod through its sump, the resulting oil spill made your Sprite go backwards through Turn 3 for the rest of the season.

Every Corvette driver had at least one gold tooth. Corvette drivers made their money in cattle or lumber, or else they owned more than one gas station and paid men named Frank to run it for them. Corvette drivers themselves had names like Bart or Chuck or Bob, and their last names were usually Johnson. They always had Texas jet pilot accents even if they were from Michigan's Up-

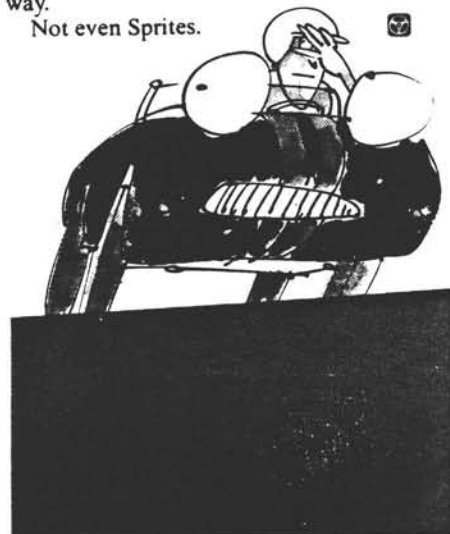
Corvette drivers used hacksaws to set their camber and had tool chests where each tool occupied a whole drawer. The sockets at the small end of their socket sets started at 1 1/4 in. and went upward to sizes that frightened Caterpillar mechanics. Between races, Corvette drivers arc-welded things to their chassis in a blinding shower of sparks. When a Corvette driver jacked up his car, he didn't so much lift the car, as push the earth away from it.

Male Corvette drivers had blonde wives who chain-smoked and had cattle ranch tans and pale blue eyes, while women Corvette drivers were always single because they couldn't find anyone who was man enough to marry them. Corvette drivers never lit their cigars. They just chewed them flat and walked around the pits until they saw the front suspension on a Lotus Seven or the engine in a Sprite. Then they threw the flat, wet cigars on the ground in disgust.

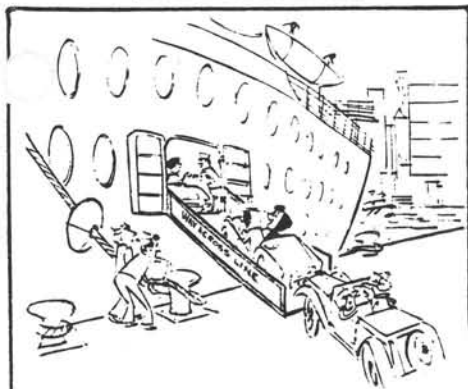
Corvette drivers used approximately 100 gallons of Union 76 racing gas on every lap and had government surplus fuel cells from armored vehicles. While those of us in Sprites, Midgets and Spitfires had to *drive* from one end of the main straight to another, Corvette drivers simply *launched* themselves in a great belch of power and landed at the other end on four smoking tires. Corvette drivers drove on a much shorter track than we did, and their pitboards flew by like fastballs and were impossible for the human eye to read, while we had time to examine the small print on the race marshal's badge-littered vest.

When Corvette drivers massed on the starting grid for the A and B Production races at Elkhart Lake, the announcer used to say, "Ladies and Gentlemen, it's time to shake the dew off the lilies." He didn't say that before the other races, because nothing else thundered, rumbled and shook the ground quite the same way.

Not even Sprites.



CARTOON CORNER



"Somebody really must have worked on this rally."

SPORTS CARS ILLUSTRATED/OCTOBER 1959

QUOTE: "...on the subject of functional bumpers..let's have an end of the chromium ornaments which uselessly adorn so many cars, and replace them with real protectors made of rubber, or a modern plastic material."

L. Driscoll
Welwyn Garden City
England.

"Autocar", December, 1955

DEFINITION:

The word carburetor is a French irregular verb meaning, "Leave well enough alone"

MG

1935 MG NA, \$1,000. Henry Olsen, Jr., Harper, Washington.

1953 MG TD completely restored. \$1,600. Full information and photographs on request. Bard Schaack, 88 Jamestown St., Gowanda, N.Y. LF 2-2255.

1949 MG TC classic roadster, metallic red with white top, excellent chrome, good mechanics, new top, tires, paint. \$1,000. Russ Tracy, 2520 Norfolk Road, Cleveland Heights, 6 Ohio. 932-6567.

1938 MG TA New B.R. green paint, New interior, engine recently rebuilt. J.E. Fitts, 1974 Willow Rd., Northbrook, Illinois.

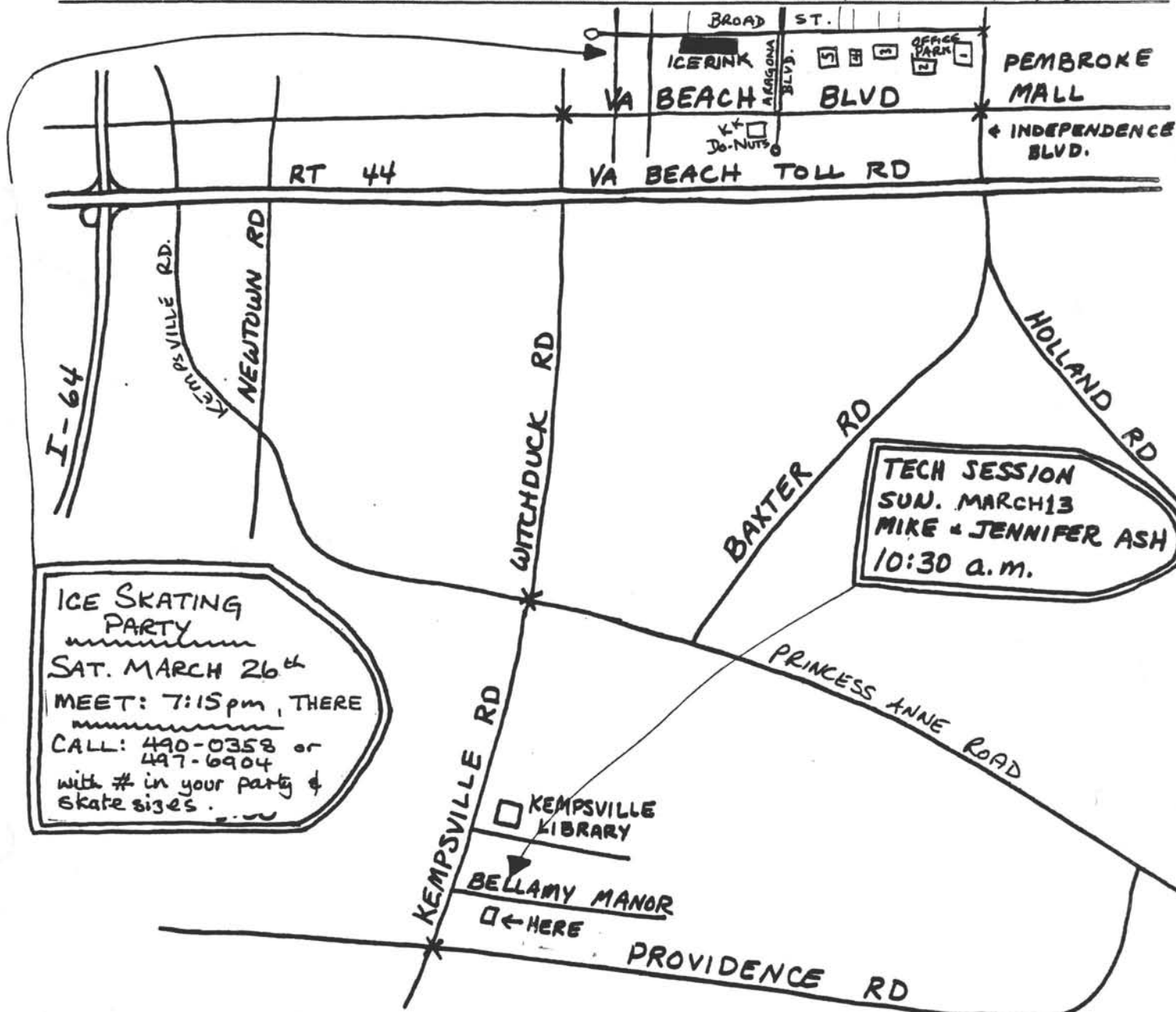
OGLE

OGLE COOPER-MINI—very limited production G.T. for the discriminating enthusiast, October-November demonstration and delivery—Full details and color shot; \$1.00 requested to separate serious from curious. Contemporary Motors, P.O. Box 1802, Jackson, Tenn.

OSCA

OSCA 750cc, 1960 LeMans Index Winner. Class Winner 1961 Sebring—Defeated LOLA-OSCA. Never beaten. Perfect condition, Trailer, eight wheels. Will accept trades. \$4,900.00. Bill Story, 1419 Temple Street, Clearwater, Florida. Phone, 446-8601.

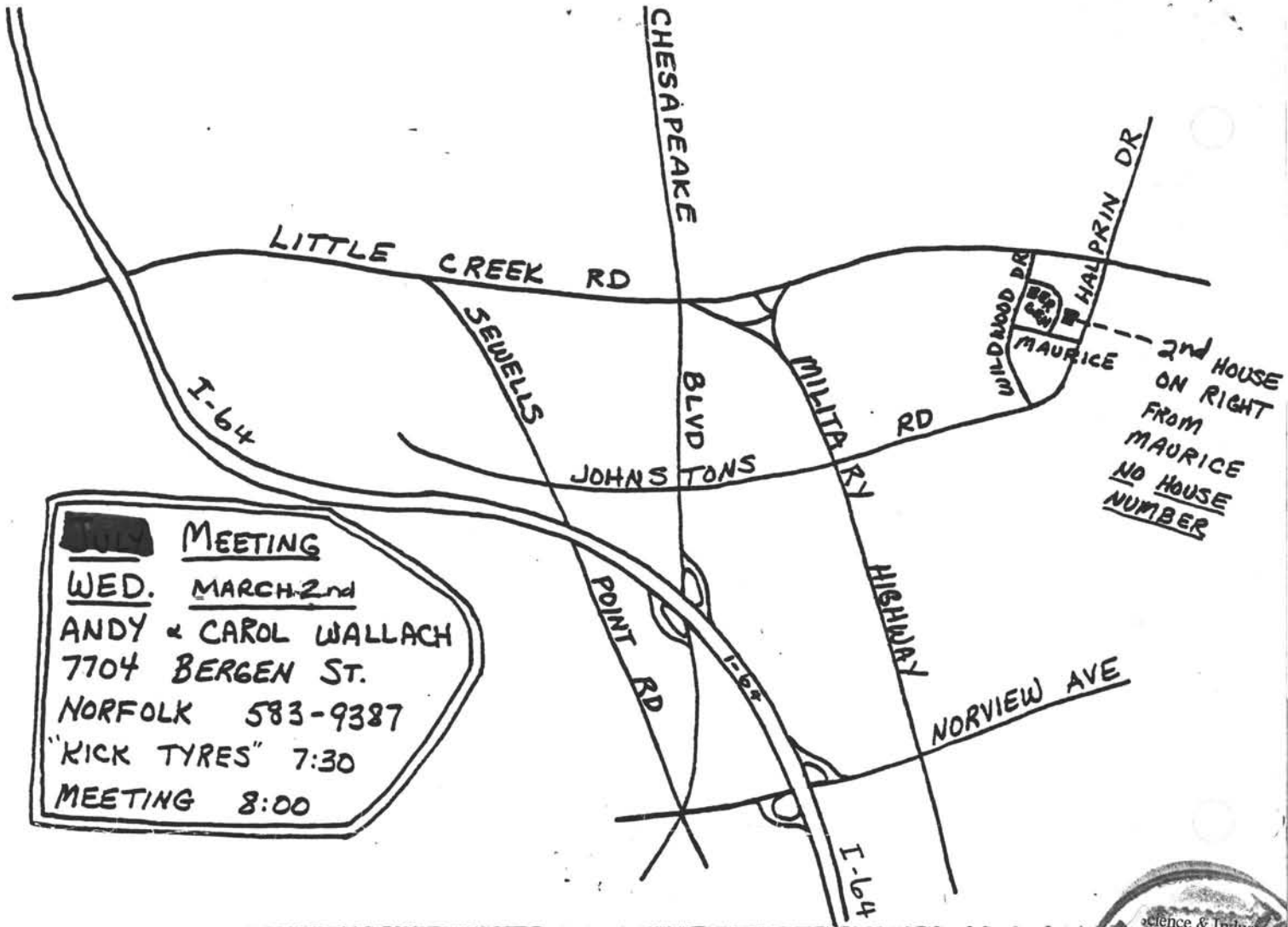
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ICE SKATING PARTY
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MEET: 7:15pm, THERE
CALL: 490-0358 or 497-6904
with # in your party & skate sizes.

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SUN. MARCH 13
MIKE + JENNIFER ASH
10:30 a.m.

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MEETING
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 NORFOLK 583-9387
 "KICK TYRES" 7:30
 MEETING 8:00

TIDEWATER M.G. "T" CLASSICS
 c/o. M.G. ASH
 5149 BELLAMY MANOR DRIVE
 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23464

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



3/2/83

- ✓1- Guests & new members - Larry Ricker
- ✓2- Secretary's report
- ✓3- Treasurer's report \$540.33 Bob Benter to check on free printing → Jennifer
- ✓4- Events
- ✓5- Legalia
- X6- Parity
- X7- Historian
- ✓8- Editor - 26 March - deadlines

Old Business

- ✓1- Moss discount order
- 2-

New Business

- ✓1- Trivia Quiz winner (tie between Hank, Jim & Peggy)
- ✓2- Letter from Roy Mencer
- ✓3- Flyers
- ✓4- Mike's letter