

### THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hi there, chaps!

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11 76 Here we are coming to the end of 1976, can you believe? Have you all written your Christmas lists for Santa Moss and Abingdon? Better hurry, or they won't be coming down the chimney in time, especially since the little elves dressed in brown have gone on strike!

The November meeting was held at the home of Jim and Brenda Banvard - Jim put on a fantastic spread, because Brenda had to work (election night) and wasn't there to feed us all; but Jim came through - thank you, Banvards. There were 21 people at the meeting in 5 T's and some other hunks of iron. It was Roy's first meeting as President, and he did a fairly decent job (seriously, Roy, you're O.K.). Points of discussion at the meeting are as follows:

> Treasurer O.D.Dawson was not able to be present, but he left the message that there was \$277.17 in the vaults.

Membership cards had been issued in the last newsletter, but it was not pointed out to members that these membership cards will enable you to get discounts at both B.A.P. on Military Highway, and East Coast Imports, on Granby Street. (ECI give a very good discount).

We are still waiting to hear from the Chesapeake Chapter as to what they have come up with in the way of accomodations for the Mini-GOF for next year. It was suggested by Richard and Sandy Hall that we consider Bryce Mountain for a future site for a Mini-GOF; we seem to be pretty-well locked in on the Charlottsville/Fredericksburg idea for 1977.

We asked for volunteers to host the monthly meetings for 1977 and were not stuck until we came to November, 1977, which is still up for grabs. You will find the list of hosts on the calendar for 1977.

Badges...Once again, this subject reared its ugly head! Our old supplier has gone out of business, necessitating us finding another supplier, and finding the capital to get the first die (I think that's the word) cut, which is not a cheap operation. The quotations Roy had received ran from a high of \$15, to a low of \$8.55, in lots of 50. It was suggested that this matter be shelved for a future meeting, and in the meantime we would try to get a better price; a couple of members thought they could help out in this direction.

The club needs funds before we can go ahead and get any more car badges. Don't forget, we have patches - to sew on jackets, sweaters or hats - for \$2.50 each (\$5.00 for two!), as well as T-Shirts at \$3.50 each. Buck Lampton (420-9507) is the Regalia Chairman (a brand new position in the club). He has charge of a Navy budget of many millions of \$\$\$, so we figured he would be able to handle this job fairly well!! So give Buck a call if you need to get some stocking-fillers for Dad's stocking all you Moms and children out there.

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The Activities Chairman position was appointed; it was very democratic we all turned to Richard Hall and said. "You can do it Richard", and he spluttered and coughed a bit, but we had moved to the next matter under discussion, so Richard never got a chance to make any excuses about being the wrong man for the job! Thanks, Richard, you're O.K.

Remember as how the Club needs a banner to show off at Mini-GOF's? Well Brenda has designed one and bought the materials, and we have started working on it; most of us did a row at the meeting. What we didn't do was take up a collection of at least .50¢ per person at the meeting to help defray the cost of this banner. Somebody please remember at the next meeting....please?

Don Moore, one of our newer members, suggested that we make up a short history of the club and include the type of activities we have, etc., etc. to give newcomers and prospective members. This was deemed to be a jolly good idea, and Dave Barrows and Suzy Boswell were raitra elected to do this job. (Suzy wasn't at the meeting, but we all felt that if she had been there she would have said 'yes' so we said it for her!)

That was all the formal, if you can call it that, part of the meeting; the rest of the evening was devoted to eating and drinking all that fine food and drink that Brenda (yes, it was Brenda and not Jim who did it all, really) had set out for us.

# PARTY...BARROWS' HOUSE...FRIDAY DECEMBER 10th...8 PM...PARTY...BARROWS' HOUSE...FRIDAY DE

Richard Hall called a meeting of the Activities Committee, and you will see the calendar of activities that they came up with. I think it covers just about all tastes in club activities, but IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN - Richard Hall, 482-2821. I have made up a calendar that you can put up on your bulletin boards so that there will be no excuse for missing something which you had intended to participate in, but forgot! It will be there for a whole year, won't it??? We will announce future activities for a couple of months ahead in each newsletter, of course, but this calendar will hopefully give you an over-all picture of what will be going on.

CEMBER 10th...8 PM...PARTY...BARROWS' HOUSE...FRIDAY DECEMBER 10th...8 P.M...PARTY...BARR

#### FOR SALE:

TD rear axle, less both  $\frac{1}{2}$ -shafts and less brake-drums. Robert Davis ph. 482-4309

MGA - almost concours. Call Bob Wayne for details - \$2,000 area 487-6103

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CHRISTMAS PARTY - as if you didn't know by now! Dave and Helen will host the Annual Christmas Party, and you will find directions on the map enclosed.

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TECHNICAL SESSION - Sunday, December 5th at Mike Ash's place. 10 a.m. onwards...Bring soo what Doctor can do to help you

# Leyland: good for Triumph, bad for MG?

AT CHRYSLER's press conference comment was made that the American owned giant was telling the press a lot more about what it was doing with our money than Leyland were. Like many generalisations there is a nub of truth within that remark and, even after the appreciated privilege of our interview with Leyland Chief Executive Alex Park this week (see page 8), we still find ourselves a little in the dark as to what Leyland actually intend to DO. We are all meant to know that the company has too many plants and that a great deal of "rationalisation" will be needed

will be needed. For "rationalisation" read shutting down extra plant and factories, shedding surplus men and doing the unpopular things that Leyland have needed to do for some time.

needed to do for some time. There is little doubt that there will be much national fuss about one of their expected manoeuvres — to close the MG Abingdon car plant by the end of 1977 — but company spokesmen said on Monday, "no decision has been made. If one were to be made we would first have to consult with the unions: no such discussions have taken place." Apparently the MG plant is on leasehold land, no successor is planned to Midget/MGB (the TR7 is Leyland's sports car of the future) and the laborious handwork production at Abingdon has no place in Leyland's ambitions to become a profitable multi-national. Perhaps the corporation can fill the MG gap by badge-engineering the Triumph (a Targa top 7? The rumoured 2+2 TR7?) but what happens to that almost brand new Leyland ST building and staff? Having just managed to find reliability in the rallying TR7, and winning form with the Group 1 rallying Sprint, are they to face the trauma of moving home again shortly? again shortly?

Who knows, we don't. Perhaps we should be told, and soon, so that the

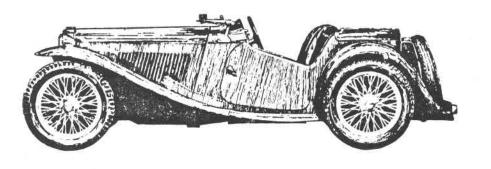
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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1 9 7 7

JANUARY	12	Monthly meeting at home of Don & Barbara Moore (WED)
	21	(Friday) Drive to Blue Pete's Seafood Restaurant in Pungo. Meet at Princess Anne courthouse at 7.30 p.m., or else we'll see you there.
FEBRUARY	1	Monthly meeting at Bob and Peggy Pellerin's (TUES)
	20	Sunday Brunch at Fort Monroe, then drive on up to Fort Eustis to the Army transportation museum they have there - this is VERY interesting.
MARCH	2	Monthly meeting at home of Mike & Jennifer Ash (WED)
	20	Tech Session - Spring Tune-up - site to be decided
APRIL	5	Monthly meeting at home of Fred and Jane D'Antonio (TUES)
	17	Spring Rally - Surprise you
	24	Tech session (you'll need it after a rally!) - site to be decided
MAY	4	Monthly meeting at home of Dave and Gail Parsons (WED)
	??	Mini-GOF this will be a three-day event, Fri, Sat & Sun. Details soon.
JUNE	5	Drive-out and Picnic - Knott's Island. This will be a lovely trip.
	7	Monthly meeting at home of Bill and Bev Lassen (TUES)
JULY	13	Monthly meeting at home of Jim and Brenda Banvard (WED)
	??	Beach Party at Rafael d'Echeandia's home on Buckroe Beach, shores of the Bay.
AUGUST	2	Monthly meeting at the home of Caroline & Jerry Talley (TUES)
	??	Funkhana or Rally - Robert Davis will organize
SEPT.	7	Monthly meeting at the home of Cathy Dowrick (WED)
	??	Parade of cars in Whitestone, Va, (over the Rappahannock) and seafood feast at Deltaville. This will be an overnight - Sat & Sun - event, and promises to be very enjoyable.
OCTOBER	ε 4	Monthly meeting at the home of Richard & Sandy Hall (TUES)
	??	Fall Foliage D rive-Out; along Colonial Parkway and onto Jamestown Island; this will be an all-day trip and we'll lunch along the way somewhere.
NOVEMBE	ER 2	Monthly meeting at the home of ANY OFFERS??? (1st Wed of month)
	??	Eat out one Friday night at some waterfront restaurant - WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO YOUR FAVORITE WATERFRONT EATERY (not too ritzy, though!)
DECEMBI	E <b>R 9</b>	Christmas Party (Dave & Helen again, we hope??)



1921/22 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost dual windshield Phaeton in excellent restored condition.

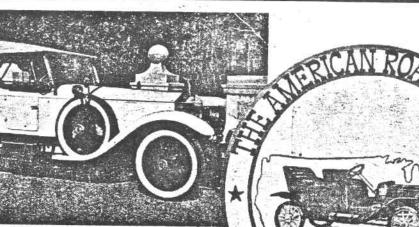
1905 Maxwell Roadster, forerunner to the Chrysler, an outstanding antique motorcar.

# A COMPLETE MUSEUM CLOSE-OUT! NO RESERVES • EVERYTHING MUST SELL 3 BIG DAYS — FRIDAY • SATURDAY • SUNDAY

PUBLIC AUCTION

AT THE AMERICAN ROAD MUSEUM • WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA





View of one of the display areas with cars that will be

sold along with all of the settings and props.



Pictured above are a few of the many items that will be sold at this unusual auction. The museum is being liquidated to make room for hotel expansion in this historic area. It encompasses a 30-year collection of many rare antiques and fine motorcars.

### ANTIQUES COLLECTIBLES MISC.

Many rare items ... nickleodean - cigar store Indian - Kentucky rifles - pump organs - literature - coin operated machines - miniature steam engine wooden circus fixtures -- solid oak roll-top \* desk — license plate collection — early iuke box - 20's glass-top gas pump porcelain signs — 30 pair of brass lamps - 29 wood barrels (50 gallon) - many guns — penny chewing gum dispenser peanut machine, candy machine - pump organs - old radios - old cameras victrolas - Edison record cylinders original advertising signs - post card collection - 5 lead crystal chandeliers from the Virginia Beach Hotel built in 1904 - pot belly stove - hub cap collection - several early scales - butter churns, some very rare - shaving mugs dated perfume - 3 crank-type wall phones - hcrse collars - pictures and frames - #800 Charles Parker coffee grinder - several hand-crank washers automotive emblem collection - 1859 console viewer - typewriters - car trunks - old carpenter tools - yarn winder - spinning wheel - old tray collection - early parts manuals - cash register - bottles - lap robe - World War I posters - many old books - all museum decorations, stage settings, entire early print shop, building frame, early bar room, canvas back drops, etc. - also gun case, beveled glass show cases, theatre ropes and stantions, display shelving, turn style - 15 fully dressed manequins - 30 others - and much. much more!

# MOTORCYCLES

1920 Harley Davidson 1908 Exelsior, 1 cylinder 1910 Thor Motorcycle

# **BUGGIES • WAGONS**

1898 Grocers Delivery Sleigh, 1903 Buggy Deluxe — 1860 Perambulator Baby Carriage — Studebaker Wood Water Wagon — Old Buck Board Wood Wheel Wagon — 7 Steel Wheel Railway Express Baggage Wagons with Stakes — 1880 4wheel Wicker Buggy — 6 new hand-made wood miniature wagons - 4 new handmade wood miniature covered wagons.

# **GIFT SHOP**

800 model cars — a few antique toy cars — fine cast model cars (plastic, friction and iron) — 200-model Reo collection — toy guns, cannons — hundreds of hats — brass and gold plated state seal historical buttons — hundreds of brass horn replicas — jewelry boxes — decorative kerosene lamps — antique car whiskey decantors — hand made Indian pottery — simulated pewter plates — candle holders — hundreds of Bicentennial flags — banners and pennants — spice racks — prints and pictures — sterling silver charms — collector spoons — decorative mirrors advertising signs — and hundreds of other items from the gift shop.

# **DOLLS • GAMES**

Corn Husk Dolls — Apple Core Dolls — Revolutionary War Dolls and Figures — American Heritage Dolls — Carolson Historical Dolls — Car Puzzles — Children's Games — Plagues — and many other items.

### PARTS

Ranging in age from 1900 through 1955 with 80% new old stock and 20% used parts, a rare opportunity for flea market vendors ... includes hundreds of fenders - Model T splash aprons - many tail pipes - mufflers - Many Lincoln parts from the 40's and 50's - Buick Parts -Model A parts - Model T parts carburetors - generators - piston rings - V-8 Ford, Model A and early Chevy engine parts - rod bearings - cam shaft bearings, springs - light bulbs - 150 head lamps and lights - head light and tail light lenses - spark plugs - early Model A lights with outside glass flutes -12 Model A engines - 25 Model A rear ends - complete Model A tool kit - and many other items of interest to those restoring cars.

# CARS

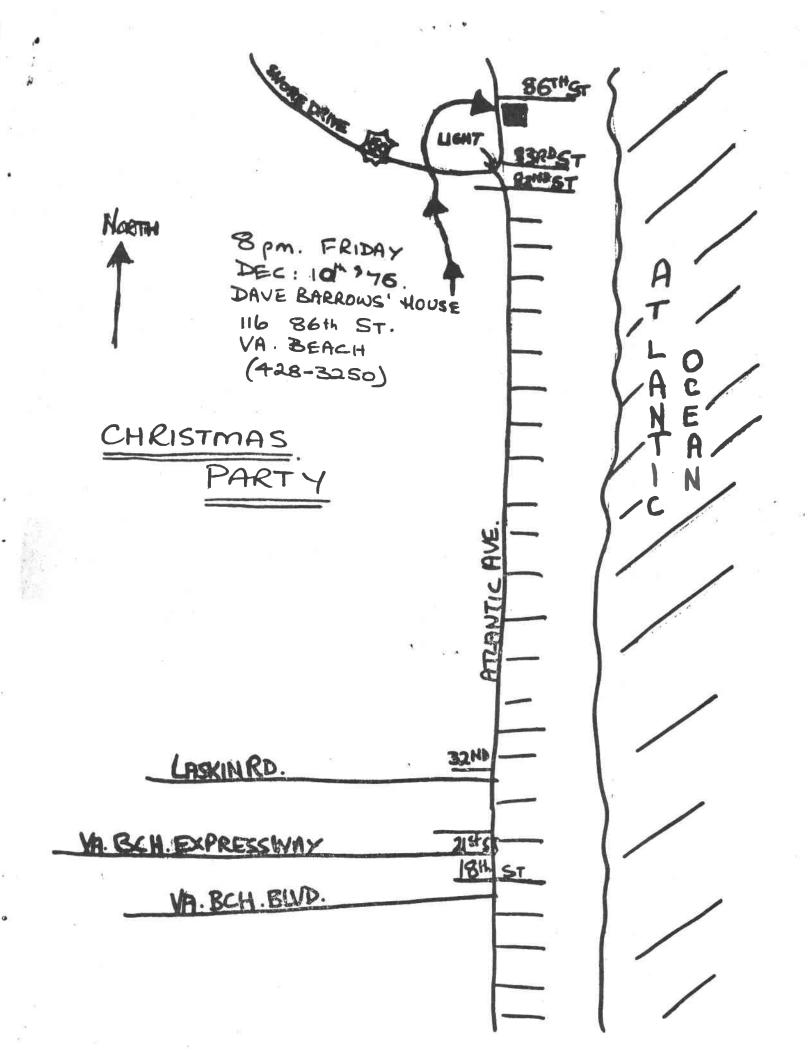
1907 Hatfield, one of the oldest known to exist - 1904 Oldsmobile, used in GM's 50th Anniversary Celebration - 1902 De-Dion Bouton Victoria, rare - 1913 Ford Model T Pickup Truck - 1929 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster, national prize winner - 1923 Jewett Sport Touring - 1915 Ford Model T Roadster - 1916 Studebaker Touring - Antique child's peddle car - 1923 Larabee 2 1/4 ton truck -1930 Buick Sedan - 1919 Detroit Electric Brougham — 1915 Chevrolet Royal Mail Roadster - 1932 Essex Sedan - 1906 Cadillac Double Tulip Tourer - 1928 Bederman Fire Hack — 1938 Ford Pickup Truck - 1964 Ford Falcon Pickup Truck - 1917 Ford Model T converted to tractor - 1936 Lancia Gustia - 1904 Curved Dash Olds Replica - 1904 Curved Dash Olds Replica Surrey - 1923 Near-A-Car - 1957 IHC Truck Tractor with 4-car hauler - 1957 Chevy 1 1/2 ton Truck with mounted car hauler - 1958 Tandam car hauling trailer - plus those pictured above.

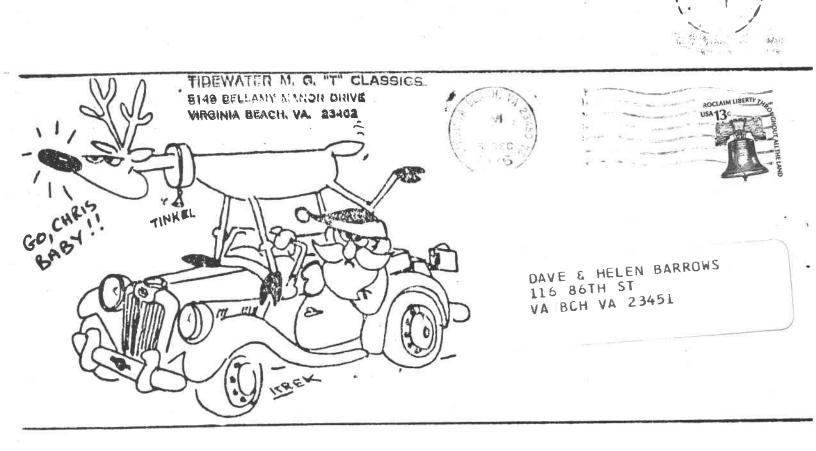
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