



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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① OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Brrrrr.... That was a short summer!

I think I have driven TopDown for the last time this year; how about y'all?

First, a report of the September meeting which was held at the home of Dan and Suzy Boswell on October 6th. There were 15 members in 5 T's, and maybe a couple of Detroit clunkers. The first matter of business was to inspect Dan's TF restoration. Suzy mentioned it in last month's newsletter, but her natural modesty held her back. It is a beautiful job Dan, and something to be very proud of - especially when it is all your own work we see there. Congratulations, and many happy miles in her!

Cathy Dowrick opened the meeting - her last as president. The first matter to be brought up was the election of officers for the coming year - November 1, 1976 to October 31, 1977; there were no further nominations from the floor, and the slate of officers was proposed, as published in the September newsletter, viz:

President - Roy Wiley	Treasurer - O. D. Dawson
Vice President - Dave Barrows	Secretary - Jennifer Ash

Jim Banvard moved that the slate as published be elected; Dan Boswell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. It was unanimously agreed that the slate of Committee Chairmen be adopted, as shown in the last newsletter, also; viz:

Parts Chairman - Robert Davis	Technical/Librarian - Dave Barrows
Tools Chairman - Jim Banvard	Service Chairman - Mike Ash

There is now a space on the Activities Committee, but it was decided to shelve nominations for the time being, or at least until there is another meeting to discuss future activities.

We all thank Cathy Dowrick for serving as President during the past year; she has done an admirable job, but she says she now needs time to do the things that have been accumulating during the past year!

Mike Ash gave a report on our trip to the Mini-GOF in Highpoint, N.C. at the beginning of October. "We took the Y-type on her maiden voyage, with only 100 miles on the engine after a rebuild, and she performed admirably - without any mishap at all. We arrived on the Friday afternoon, and were the first out-of-towners to arrive in fact. After dinner that evening, there was a keg opened and a cocktail party courtesy of the local M.G. dealership. We were also treated to simultaneous continuous slides and a film-show of Watkins Glen over the years. We met some old friends and made some new ones, as one always does on these weekends. We also found out that ours is not the only coffee-and-cream Y-type in the USA; we were shown pictures of "the other one", and the only difference is that that one is restored, and ours isn't!

"Saturday morning found the men at a tech session given by Len Renkenberger of the

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Chesapeake Chapter, and the ladies at a lecture about the furniture industry of High Point, N.C. Then it was back to polishing the cars ready for the show of cars in the afternoon. We drove in caravan to a country barn, where there was a picnic lunch, courtesy of a local restoration artist, and the show of cars. Guess whose Y-type won 2nd place trophy in the Vintage/Variant class? - Right! (of course when there are only two cars in the class....!). After all that, there was a mini rally around the surrounding countryside, which was very pleasant. (Let me inject here that we met two of our club members there - Carroll and Kemp Davis, from Richmond - we can generally count on meeting them at the GOF's). Well, on the rally, those two got so badly lost that they had to break into the secret envelope for instructions back to the motel - shame on you guys!

Before the banquet, there was a cocktail party, courtesy of some other sponsor of the club (boy, do they ever get support from local business!), and then the banquet, after which they held an auction, instead of the usual raffle. (That is quite a money-maker, too). We partied into the wee hours with our old and new friends - a tradition among some of us! We left right after breakfast on Sunday morning and were home by mid afternoon. Another pleasant page in the memory book."

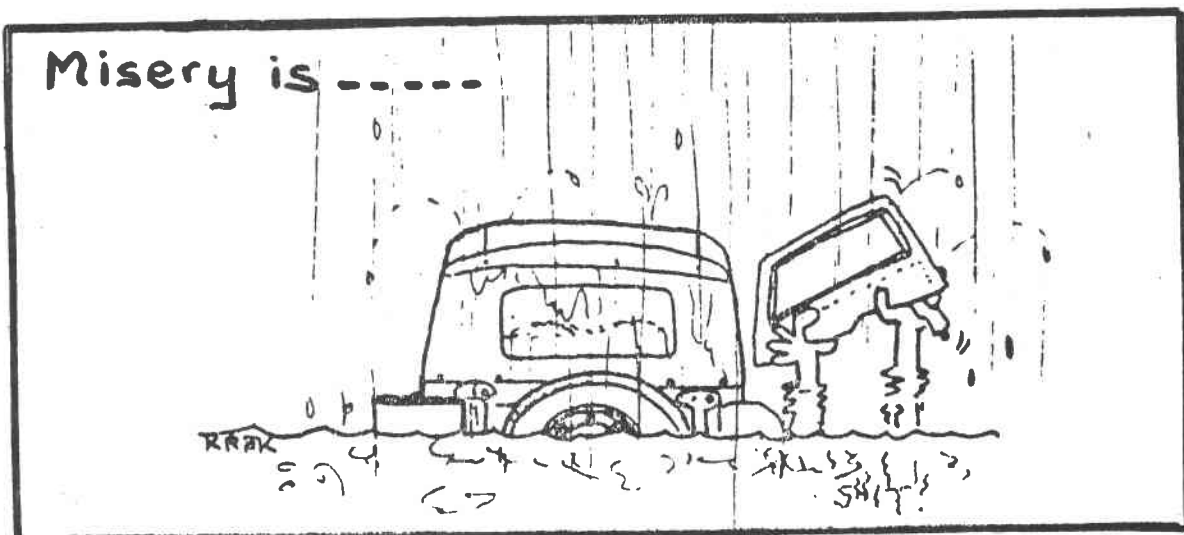
Reminder of future events:

November 2: Next meeting - at home of Jim Banvard (see map) 7.30 p.m. TUESDAY

November 14: Drive-out to Fort Monroe Officers' Club for Sunday Brunch (if you've not been before, come and join us, you don't know what you're missing. We gain a few more devout followers every time we do this. (Due to the chilly weather, it has been decided to postpone the trip to the Petersburg Battlefields, as it is a long drive. This will be re-scheduled, along with the Dismal Swamp outing, for next year, when the Activities committee next convenes.) After the brunch, we will have a short side-trip down to the Lighthouse and First Landing memorial at Fort Story; a good place to see, and one that many "locals" have always put off visiting - you know how it is!

December 5: Tech. session at Mike Ash's house; bring your ailing, cold cars and we'll see what we can do for them. 10 a.m. 'til...?

December 10: CHRISTMAS PARTY at Dave and Helen Barrows - 8 p.m.



REPORT ON RALLY / TOUR OF HISTORYLAND TRAIL:

Last Friday afternoon, 14 of us (including two 12-year-olds) took off up to Fredericksburg where the rally was to start on the Saturday morning. We stopped on route 17 in Tappahannock for dinner at Lowry's, a well-known motoring hostelry, and arrived in Fredericksburg at about 9 p.m. We met a couple of members of the Chesapeake group that evening, but the rest of the "gang" were to arrive on Saturday morning. Saturday dawned bright and sunny and COLD, but after a hearty breakfast, we were all rarin' to go. We were joined by Kemp and Linda Davis and his father, Carroll and sister Peggy; Kemp in the TD and Carroll in the TF. The Chesapeake group brought 4 T's and a Detroit "T" (?) and our rallymasters, Len and Ruth Renkenberger in a TR6 (the Tidewater group consisted of 3 TF's, 2 TD's, 1 Y and a Volvo - that includes the Davis family). So, 31 people participated in the rally and it was a grand bunch; if you didn't come, you missed a lot of fun.

The rally started off taking us to Chancellorsville Battlefield, then back into the historical part of Fredericksburg (lovely houses), then down lovely leafy lanes in full fall colours into Colonial Beach, where some of the group stopped for lunch. We were taken to abandoned fishing towns, sleepy rural villages, George Washington's birthplace, Popes Creek Plantation (VERY pleasant), the home of Robert E. Lee, Stratford Hall, which I understand was an exquisite place, and one that we might put on our list of "things to do and places to see" for next year. The whole day's ride was following written route directions, and trying to average 24.24 m.p.h. over the whole day. We ended the day at Windmill Point - a lovely situation right where the Rappahannock River joins the Chesapeake Bay. We enjoyed a hearty buffet meal overlooking the water, with a log fire roaring in the grate.

Sunday morning, our instructions were to find certain places about which we were to answer questions, find our own routes using as few miles as possible, and end up at Carroll Davis' home just south of Richmond. Our trip took us out to Gwynn Island, the little towns of Matthews, White Stone, Bavon, and many, many more places of scenic and historical interest - Post Offices long-abandoned along with the old country store. The day was overcast, but the trees seemed to be brighter even than the day before; we picked exactly the right weekend to see the foliage at its best. We arrived at Carroll's, where Trudy had a lovely fire waiting for us, and plenty of coffee and beer. Len and Ruth were busy working out the scores, as they had been the night before while the rest of us were partying. (Mike and I were out of the rally after 9/10ths of a mile - our speedometer cable broke). The winner of the first day's rally was Kemp Davis - who only lost points for being 10 seconds late! (He won a conversion gasket set). The winner for the second day, and over-all winner of the rally, was Dan Boswell, who had fantastically low mileage for the whole trip. (He won a magnum of wine). When we were all rested up, we set off for home and arrived back in Tidewater late in the afternoon. It was a good group and a good trip; our heartfelt thanks to Len and Ruth Renkenberger for the trouble they went to to set up this weekend up. Let's do it again next year, shall we?

DON'T FORGET... JIM BANVARD'S HOUSE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd (Election Day) 7.30 p.m

(How about some offerings for the newsletter? T-Tips, funny stories, tall tales, anything that might interest other people with T-series cars. Call me if you have any contributions; I'll even come and collect!!)

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FALL RALLY

JOINT MEET WITH CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER

OCTOBER 23 & 24

FRIDAY EVENING OCTOBER 22:

MEET & STAY NIGHT AT SHERIDAN IN
FREDRICKSBURG. (OR MEET SAT. AM.)

SATURDAY MORNING OCTOBER 23:

10:00 AM - RALLY STARTS FROM SHERIDAN
IN FREDRICKSBURG

RALLY ROUTE THROUGH BEAUTIFUL
VIRGINIA COUNTRY-SIDE, PLENTY OF TIME
FOR SIGHTSEEING (LEE'S BIRTHPLACE, ETC.).
LUNCH AT WILKERSON'S IN COLONIAL BCH.

SATURDAY EVENING OCTOBER 23:

STAY NIGHT AT WINDMILL POINT MARINE
LODGE (\$20 DOUBLE), OR CAMP NEARBY.

SUNDAY MORNING OCTOBER 24:

LEAVE FOR MORE RALLY

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

FINISH AT HOME OF CARROL & TRUDY DAVIS
NEAR RICHMOND (SOUTH-SIDE)

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