

THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Oops--

Yours truly almost blew it! Somehow July swept by a heck of a lot faster than I expected it would. If it hadn't been for Robert Davis who had a new prospective associate member call me and ask to be put on the mailing list, you would never have received an August newsletter in time for the meeting. For some reason I thought I had another week to go. Anyway, as a well known scribe once phrased it--"To err is human; to Register devine." (Mike West, December, 1975)

THE LAST MEETING--A meeting at Jim and Brenda Banvards is always a culinary adventure. I noticed a few of the 27 members in attendance drifting into the dining room while the meeting was in progress to scope out the table and get a jump on the treats. I go knowing I will eat too much and vowing that the diet commences in the morning.

We welcomed some guests and new members at this meeting. Bob Salvin brought Jane Hall who loves our little cars and enjoys reading the newsletter. And from my favorite city, Charleston, South Carolina, come TD owners Bob and Ethel Walker. They are here for about 10 months while Bob works as a civilian at Little Creek training Saudi Arabian crews to take over four ships their government recently purchased from us. They (the Walkers, I mean, not the Arabs) have a beautiful concours TD that has been a prize winner at many GOFs and if they can find a place to store it, they will bring it up from Charleston for the duration. They are presently living in a trailer park without a garage. Since, as Dan and I well know, Charleston has never been able to put together an active group of T-enthusiasts, Bob and Ethel are thrilled to be in an area where there is a group of nuts like us (they even said that after the meeting was over!). Ethel brought along the most beautiful hand painted purse (hand painted with a 'T' of course) and next month when I get my act together, I will give you the particulars as to where you can order such a purse, custom painted to look like your favorite 'T'. More about the Walkers, they are friends of Mike and Jennifer Ash because they have all become acquainted at past GOFs. And finally, they live at:
Dismal Swamp Campground
693 S. George Washington Highway
Chesapeake, VA 23323 (no phone yet)

OTHER BUSINESS--Andy and Carol Wallach are back from a week in the mother country. They spent most of it touring Cornwall, but did find time to visit with Mike and Nita West, tour the works at Abingdon, stop by the parts place at Toulmin's, and pick up some bumper face bars and overriders (cheaper than on our side of the ocean). Which puts Andy and Carol just that much closer to getting their TF on the road!

REGALIA--I don't know what their secret is, but Levi and Elsie Tarr are making us a bundle on Regalia. They've sold \$122.50 since the last meeting. They are checking into the cost of patches and T-shirts to replenish the supply. In the T-shirt category, they have an overabundance of larges and X-tra larges, so if you know any broad chested T-lovers, call Levi and Elsie. Levi announced a special one-time deal on the brass knock-off hammers. Two are left at \$15 each or 2 for \$30. He's all heart!

MISCELLANEOUS PARTS AND OTHER TECHNICAL DATA--Robert Davis can get original heater knobs and rheostats from Lucas (I think. I don't have time to verify this, so call Robert at 482-4309). East Coast Imports, whom we once favored with our business, is no longer in the mood for being nice. So don't look for discounts and other preferential treatment from them. They wouldn't even donate to our mini-GOF raffle. On the other hand, Phase I at 172-B S. Plaza Trail, Va Beach (463-1190) is very accommodating and does give discounts to club members. Ask for Steve.

DUES--are still due. THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOU DON'T PAY BY THE END OF AUGUST. Roy Wiley reported a letter of complaint that our \$10 dues are excessive. First let me state that in perusing other newsletters, I find that our dues are not out of line. I've seen them for as little as \$5 and as much as \$15. Considering that for the last two years we have held our Annual Wicker Basket Affairs and charged \$2.50 a head (and you bring your own food!) merely to raise enough money to keep us solvent, and that two months ago we had \$84 and change on the books, a little extra money is better than not enough. The dues go mainly to support this newsletter (which is why I keep asking for contributions and this is as good a time as any to get up on that soapbox. This is your newsletter and your contributions would not only help your editor, but make the newsletter better and give you what you want). There are also some extraneous expenses such as for the printing of membership applications, the roster and if they ever get typed, the new by-laws. And we need front money for the purchase of regalia items, though we hope that will be recovered with a profit. Here's a breakdown of expenses for the July newsletter--

\$17.78	printing for 108 newsletters (3 pages, both sides)
15.90	postage for 106 newsletters
<u>\$33.68</u>	

Of the number of newsletter mailed, only 72 (approximately) are paid for by the membership. The remainder go to other clubs, Dick Knudsen and the TSO, and complimentary copies are sent to prospective members. So the cost per paid member per month is \$.47 or \$5.64 annually. Out-of-town members pay \$6.00/year so their dues just cover the cost of the newsletter. In town members pay a little more but by our proximity, we get more benefits from the club. And occasionally the club does sponsor a picnic or other gathering where the beer and meat come out of the treasury. So \$10 is a fair price to pay for all the pleasure.

PS--continuation from MISC PARTS, etc. Also Redi-Strip of Newport News comes highly recommended. They suggest we come over for a demo one evening and they might even throw in a discount. Mike Ash had his MGA body stripped there and was pleased with the results. It beats stripping and sandblasting the things on your own.

Thanks, Banwards. The NEXT MEETING is TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, at MIKE and JENNIFER ASH'S at 8:00 pm.

DUES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 1!!

UPCOMING EVENTS--

AUGUST 26(SAT)--Dinner--Because the Wharf burned down (let's see, that makes one restaurant and one Italian post office--we're deadly)-- anyway, we still don't have a site for this event. This will be decided at the meeting so come and find out what you'll be doing on August 26!

SEPT 24(SUN)--Tech Session--Don't know where yet but I will keep you advised.

SEPT 30-OCT 1 (SAT/SUN)--Nag's Head--There was an article in Sunday's

newspaper (July 23) about Nag's Head, where to stay and eat, etc., so maybe this will help us plan our trip.

OCT 29 (SUN)--Fall Foliage Drive-out and weiner roast at Roy and Marilyn Wiley's. Last year we cruised the Colonial Parkway near Williamsburg. Any suggestions for this year? Of course, for sheer beauty, nothing will match our trip to the Enfield GOF last October, but that's not an easy trip for an afternoon drive.

IF YOU DON'T PAY, THIS IS IT GANG!

PAST HAPPENINGS--Our only past happening is the Pool Party at the Pellerins this weekend. Since it hasn't happened yet, you'll have to wait till next month for all the exciting details. Sorry!

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ENGINE TORQUES--As an addition to last month's torque conversion chart,

here's a summary of required torques to use during an engine rebuild taken from The Square Rigger, newsletter of the Chesapeake Chapter of the N.E.M.G.T.R.

Rocker Bolts	large 43 FT #
	small 29 FT # (Be careful!!)
Con Rod Bolts	27 FT #
Gudgeon Pin Piston	33 FT #
Main Bearing Bolts	63 FT #
Flywheel Nuts to Crank	50 FT #
Nut on Front of Cam	50 FT #
Timing Chain Cover	21 FT #
Oil Pump Bolts	12-15 FT #
Nut on Front of Crank	50 FT #
Pan Bolts	25 FT #

DID YOU EVER NOTICE HOW MUCH BETTER A 'T' STARTS WHEN THE KEY IS TURNED ON?

Here's something for the diet-groupies--which reminds me, I need recipes, ladies!!

Carol Wallach's LEMON ANGEL CAKE

Make an angel food cake.
Combine; 6 egg yolks, beaten; 3/4 c. sugar; 3/4 c. lemon juice; 1 1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind. Cook over low heat until thick. Soak 1 tbl. gelatin in 1/4 c. cold water. Add to egg yolk-lemon mixture. In a separate bowl, beat 6 egg whites until frothy and add 3/4 c. sugar slowly and continue beating until stiff (high speed). Fold egg yolk mixture into whites. Wash angel food cake pan and oil it. Break up cool cake. Beginning with a layer of cake alternate cake and egg mixture (three layers of each), ending with egg mixture. Refrigerate 2-3 hours or overnight.

DID YOU EVER NOTICE THAT THE REAR VIEW MIRROR ON A TF IS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED SO THAT THE DRIVER CANNOT SEE WHERE THE RIGHT FRONT FENDER IS GOING (LEFT-FRONT FENDER FOR RIGHT HAND DRIVE)?

BOSWELL'S FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS--From THE OCTAGON, newsletter of the Classic MG Club of Florida, in describing the time and effort involved in restoring a 'T': "The above time figures are for one person working alone. If you have help, multiply this figure by the square of the number of people involved."

Other NEW MEMBERS--Besides Bob and Ethel Walker mentioned earlier, we have added some other new members--

Dick and Lillian Bolen, 1452 Ewell Rd. Va Beach, VA 23455 (460-1375).

We know Dick from the AACA. Besides his 1948 TC and 1952 TD, he also

owns a 1938 Rolls Royce which he has just finished restoring. Now he says he can devote all of his time to restoring his 'T's. Good luck.

Dick and Gwen Kearley, P.O. Box 15023, Norfolk, VA 23511. The Kearleys have a TC and a TF, are Navy and new to the area and as yet do not have a phone. Welcome and hope we get to meet you soon.

I'm sure most of you remember Dave and Gail Parsons who left us awhile ago and moved to North Carolina. They were the ones who used to sponsor that crazy concours for which Dave spent hours lining up ridiculous prizes for his equally ridiculous categories. That concours is sorely missed! Anyway, the Parsons have rejoined the club as out-of-town members and can now be found at 1222 Sturdivant Dr., Cary, NC 27511. Welcome back into the fold!

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE WORD, DUES ARE DUE!!

(ED. NOTE--I love telling people about our new TD, especially when, knowing we have only a one car garage and the TF is in that, they ask where we keep the TD.

"In the house," I answer nonchalantly, at which point they do a rather abrupt take as if I'd just told them we keep an elephant and two boa constrictors in our house. Inevitably, the next words out of their mouths are, "In the house? Where in the house?"

"Oh, in two bedrooms, the dining room, the den, under the steps, not to mention what's in the garage, the utility shed and the back yard." They end up wandering off muttering to themselves that they always knew there was something a little peculiar about the Boswells. Which brings me to the following poem. As a wife with a TD in her dining room and who in the past has had car parts in her sink, oven, refrigerator and freezer, I do sympathize whole-heartedly with this poor woman's plight.)

Lament of an MG 'T' Owner's Wife

There's an engine in my bedroom--step gently by the block;
Carefully dust the valves and leave the pistons by the clock.

There are 'T' parts in the freezer; the thermostat's aboil.
Something's baking in the oven; the spaghetti tastes like oil.

There's a crankshaft in the corner in the Christmas tree's abode.
There's grease upon the towels and the dinner's hours cold.

There's oil upon the driveway and on the young son's nose;
Sheetmetal's on the clothesline where the washing usually goes.

The fascia's in the closet; behind the stove, new wood.
The veneer is in the hallway, WHY? I never understood.

"Where the hell's the pieces that I took apart last nite?"
Oh, I can see it coming now, another lousy fight.

I guess when it's together, the 'T' is really chic,
But when it's all in pieces there's hell to pay for weeks.

From the New Zealand M.G. Car Club Bulletin via The Trillium News,
Ontario Chapter, N.E.M.G.T.R.

ONLY \$10 FOR ANOTHER 12 MONTHS OF ALL THIS WIT AND WISDOM!!

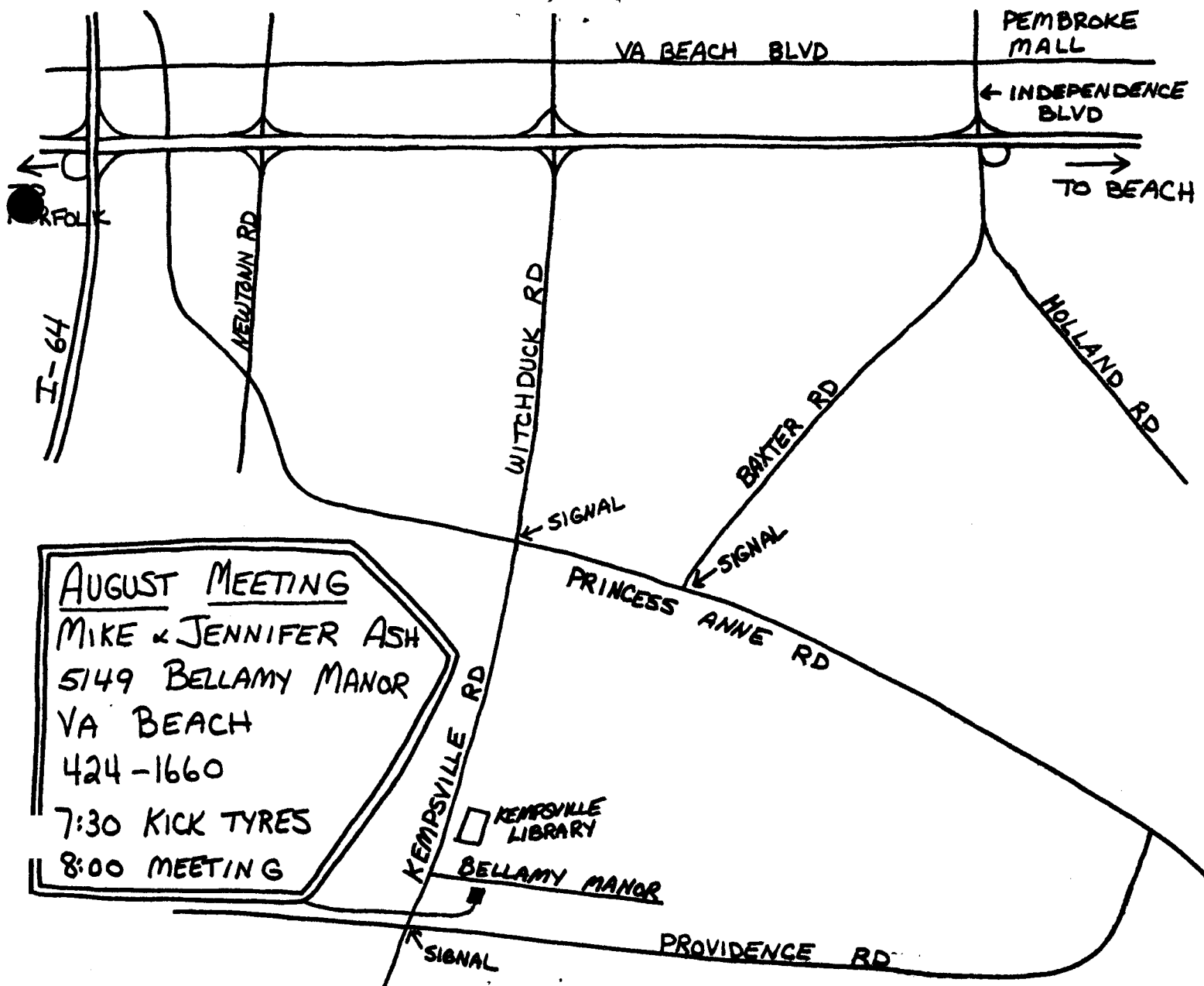
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The following people have paid their dues as of 26 July 1978--

Ash	Collins	Games	McLaren	Smith
Banvard	Cook	Giffin	D. Moore	Tarr
Barrows	C. Davis	Haines	J. Moore	Trowbridge
Blanchard	R. Davis	Hand	Parsons	Wallach
Bolen	D'Echeandia	Hicks	Pellerin	Walter
Boswell	Duff	Hughes	Polifka	West
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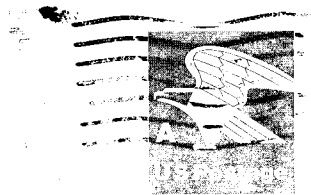
THE DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS 27 AUGUST!!!

AND FINALLY--Thanks to Carol Wallach, The Chesapeake Square Rigger, The Octagon of Florida, The New Zealand M.G. Car Club Bulletin and The Trillium News from our friends in Ontario, without whose aid this would have been a mighty mini newsletter. As my hero Charlie Brown is fond of saying while banging his head against the nearest tree, "Good grief!"

JUST ONE MORE GENTLE REMINDER--DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES!!



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