



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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JULY NEWSLETTER

Hi Guys--

Sometime between now and the end of this newsletter, a few of us Tidewater T-people will have squeezed in a trip to Canada for the Toronto GOF. I'm sure we had fun and I'm sure I'll tell you all about it elsewhere in these pages. Also look for a bang-up eyewitness report from Silverstone, a little lesson in political ideologies, and a torque conversion chart (courtesy of Levi Tarr) for those mechanics who need more than 10 fingers to count.

THE LAST MEETING--About 30 of us trekked over to Don and Barbara Moore's lovely house in Baycliff for the June meeting. Our newest prospective members, Ross and Ann Haines and Bill Ponton, were in attendance as well as a guest, Tom Langley, who was curious to see what we were all about. He said jokingly that we wouldn't be seeing him again. At least I think he was joking!

TREASURER'S REPORT--Even without the mini-GOF money and all the dues, Don Moore reports that we have \$368.50 (look elsewhere in this newsletter for our take of the GOF money). It's embarrassing to read financial reports in other club newsletters stating they have \$1,374.96 in their treasuries, then have to report we are \$84 from bankruptcy and fading fast. It's nice to be in the money again.

REGALIA--Co-chairpersons Levi and Elsie Tarr have Colonial Clutch dash plaques and patches for sale for \$1 each. Such-a deal, folks. The Vintage Touring Society of Rhodesia sent us a \$12 cheque for our car badge. They must really have wanted it. We also still have the usual assortment of T-shirts, visors, car badges, etc., at bargain basement prices.

PARTS--Robert Davis reported that Hartford Motors (Conn.) has replacement headlights for TDs at \$33 apiece. These are fast becoming hard to find and the consensus of opinion is that \$33 is a good price. If interested, contact Robert (482-4309). Robert also had for our scrutiny what was supposed to be an "original green warning light" for a TD. The only warning the light is good for is warning us not to order it from Lucas because it is clearly inferior.

TECHNICAL TIP--Roy Wiley reported on a product that will be of interest to those of you with leather upholstery in any of your cars. This is a leather restorer called Leatherique--also leather restoration kits which include the Leatherique, Rejuvenator Oil, Crack Filler, Solvent Cleaner, sandpaper and brushes necessary for restoring leather products. There are four kits ranging in price from \$12.75 for small two-passenger cars to \$59.00 for largest cars. Roy personally recommends this stuff as doing an outstanding job (and being a helluva lot cheaper than reupholstering your seats in leather). It can be ordered from The Clausen Company, 1055 King George Road, Fords, New Jersey 08863. The owner is a 'T' owner and Register member and gives a 10% discount to all T-Register members.

Following adjournment, we ventured onto the Moores' back porch where we all

became addicted to Barbara's fabulous jalapeño-cheese dip and other scrumptious goodies. Thanks to the Moores for tolerating us. Because of the July 4 holiday, our next meeting will not be until WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, at Jim and Brenda Banvard's, commencing at 8 P.M.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES, SHAME ON YOU!

WHAT YOU'RE GONNA MISS--

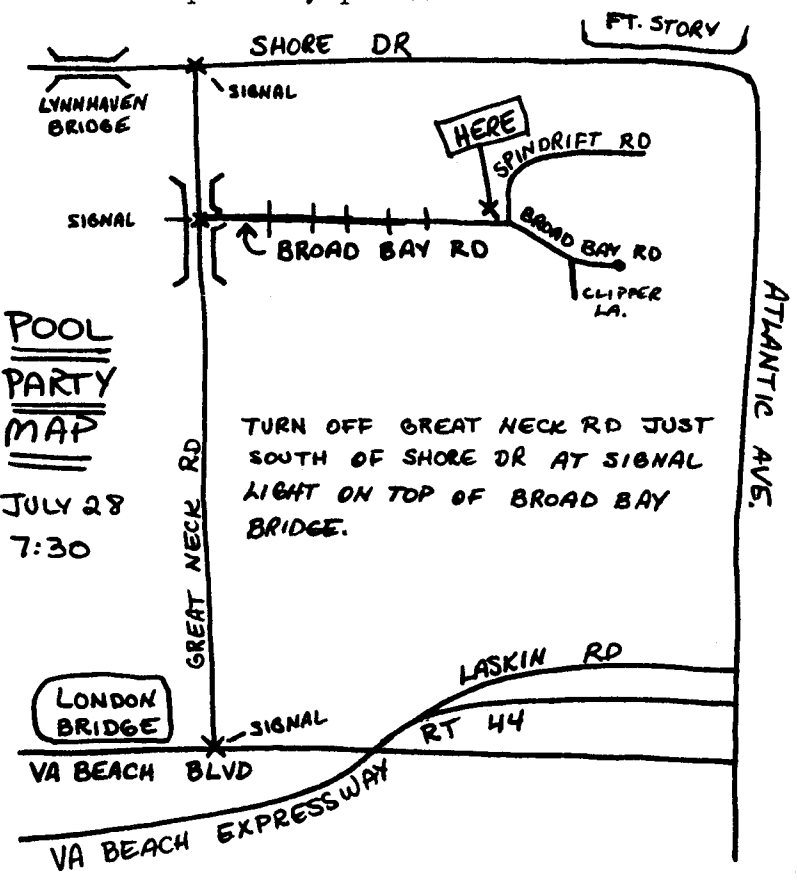
JULY 28 (Friday)--POOL PARTY--Bob and Peggy Pellerin's--7:30--see map.

If you remember last year, in the midst of the hottest summer in 100 years, we planned a pool party and Murphy's Law went into effect. Instant cold! So this year, bring your long johns just as a precaution. Also, as you did last year, everyone please bring some type of snack or hors d'oeuvre for the general table, plus soft drinks, beer, liquor, etc. There is a coke machine and a refrigerator available for our use. Children are also welcome. The pool is on the left just after you pass the Bay Island pillars. Peggy says look for the green building (which is badly in need of paint) with the TD parked in front.

AUGUST 26 (SAT)--Dinner at the Wharf in Yorktown--except that Roy Wiley reported at the meeting that the Wharf has burned to the ground. So now we are looking for a new spot that must meet the following criteria--good food, reasonable prices, will take reservations and will not be overrun by tourists during what is the high point of the season. Any suggestions, contact Richard Hall (482-2821).

SEPT 24 (SUN)--TECH SESSION--This will be a good time to start winterizing the 'T' (YUCK!) and/or get it ready for the trip to Nag's Head the following weekend.

SEPT 30-OCT 1 (SAT/SUN)--Nag's Head--This is an overnight trip. If any is familiar with the area and can recommend a good hotel, reasonably priced, please contact Richard Hall (482-2821).



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WHAT Y'ALL MISSED--

THE FUNKHANA THAT WASN'T--Ash's Wrecker Service went into operation on Sunday, June 11, just prior to the start of the Funkhana when Funkhana Chairman Robert Davis threw a rod on I-64 in Newport News. By the time Mike Ash and son Philip arrived at Robert's house in Chesapeake with Robert and YA in tow, the prospective Funkhana participants in Robert's back yard had drunk a little too much beer and eaten a little too much food and no one was particularly interested in Funkhana-ing. Instead everybody oohed and ahed over John Walter's newly restored bronze TD and Herschel and Pam Smith's pretty little blue TD, which is what most of us would rather do anyway when a "new" T debuts at a club event. The perusers included Banwards, Boswells, Henry Blanchard, Richard Hall, Ted Hughes and Louann Merten, Ed Maltby and wife Loretta Atkinson, Bob and Pam McLaren, Bob Salvin and Roy Wiley. As further proof that this was not one of our finest

POOL PARTY MAP
JULY 28
7:30

hours, Vince Groover had to take his son to the hospital for stitches after his head encountered a door caught by the wind. Apologies to those of you who really wanted to do something dumb like drive around blindfolded and carry a cup of water on your radiator cap. To those newcomers present who wondered if Sunday was SOP (Standard Operating Procedure), well, actually, it was.

TECH SESSION--This is what a tech session is all about. Dan Boswell and Jim Banvard assembled a transmission for the Boswells' TD. Roy Wiley's speedometer problem was corrected as much as it could be without the new speedometer cable he suspects he needs. John Walter's carburetors were rebuilt and adjusted. In Herschel Smith's TD, the Lotus distributor was replaced, the carbs were adjusted and the timing and points were set. A new distributor was installed in Robert Davis' Y-type. The brake return spring in Don Moore's TD was hooked up, the rear spring pads were tightened and the valves were adjusted. The jammed brakes in Vince Groover's Y-type were loosened. And they still had time to replace the points and contact plate in the Banvard TF. And eat Brenda's usually superb goodies. Thanks, Banwards. That was a tech session and a half!

DON'T FORGET THE POOL PARTY--JULY 28!!

<p>"THE COLONIAL CLUTCH" TIDEWATER/CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER MINI-GOF MAY 12-14, 1978</p> <p>BALANCE SHEET</p>	
<u>INCOME</u>	
REGISTRATION	\$ 655.00
BANQUET	999.00
RAFFLE TICKETS	393.00
IN SPIRITS	4.50
PATCHES	12.00
TOTALS	<u>\$ 2063.50</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
BANQUET	\$ 843.84
CASCADE BREAKFAST	10.20
TROPHIES (AWARDS)	DONATED
BADGES	248.50
ADVERTISING T.S.O.	75.00
COKE & BEER	284.54
DASH PLAQUES	27.50
BABY SITTEES	20.00
RALLYE EXPENSES	52.00
HANK GIFFIN'S EXPENSES	54.07
JIM BANVARD'S EXPENSES	32.14
BARROWS'S EXPENSES	27.52
BOSWELLS' EXPENSES	2.07
TOTALS	<u>\$ 1677.38</u>
TOTAL PROFIT	\$ 386.12
PROFIT PER CLUB	\$ 193.06

Our foreign correspondent, Mike West, comes through again with another report on 'T'-ing it in merrie olde England.

Dear T's:

Well, since the last report from England, Nita and I have really done it up big! We visited Abingdon and saw the MG plant (which was okay as far as plants go!) and saw the Magic Midget Pub, which looks like a 7-11 shop with MG pictures!! My son Mike remarked that it looked like an MGB body with a TC interior!

Then, to top it all off, we went to Silverstone to the annual MG Car Club weekend (Ed. note: Silverstone is about 30 miles north of Oxford and during May is 'the place' to be for the annual MG meet which includes racing, concours and driving tests). I took some fabulous films of M-type through MGBGT V-8 races! The MGA race was the most exciting. The T-series were almost all TC Specials--and I saw them beat MGB's, mind you!! There was one TD and one YA--neither of which finished to my disappointment. The MGB races were fast generally, but the driving was so civilized that it was less than exciting. The MGA's were fast, uncivilized and two wheels on the corners!! That was exciting. The T's were just uncivilized!

They took corners too fast, spun once or twice, waved at the fans and generally really strutted their stuff. One pair of TC's were at it all day and really put on a show. I met Al Moss there and Wiard Krook, the Dutchman who drove through Russia last year. Al and I sat through several races together and he told me all about his YA restoration--he even had N-I-C-E things to say about Mike Ash! All in all it was a lovely time and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. I will send a copy of my film (movie film) and a ~~complete~~ cassette narration and maybe

you all can use it for a meeting some day. (5 mins!)

Our best, Mike and Nita

Ed. note: We're all looking forward to the film of Silverstone and appreciate the time and effort Mike has taken to get it to us. Thanks, guy.

***** WE SURVIVED TORONTO, I THINK!! *****

(A) Torque Conversion Chart

Inch-Ounces	Inch-Pounds	Foot-Pounds	Centimeter-Kilogram	Meter-Kilogram
16	1		1.15	
96	6	1/2	6.91	
192	12	1	13.82	0.138
384	24	2	27.65	0.276
576	36	3	41.47	0.415
768	48	4	55.30	0.553
960	60	5	69.20	0.692
	72	6	82.95	0.829
	84	7	96.77	0.967
	96	8	110.60	1.106
	108	9	124.42	1.244
	120	10	138.25	1.382

(B) Torque Conversion Factors

Multiply	By	To Obtain
Inch-Pounds	16	Inch-Ounces
Foot-Pounds	12	Inch-Pounds
Foot-Pounds	13.82	Centimeter-Kilograms
Foot-Pounds	0.138	Meter-Kilograms
Centimeter-Kilograms	100	Meter-Kilograms

Divide	By	To Obtain
Inch-Ounces	16	Inch-Pounds
Inch-Pounds	12	Foot-Pounds
Centimeter-Kilograms	13.82	Foot-Pounds
Meter-Kilograms	100	Centimeter-Kilograms

FOR SALE

For sale an MG 'TC'
 With piston ring
 Two rear wheels
 And one front spring
 Has no fenders
 Seat or plank
 Burns lots of gas
 And is hard to crank
 Carburetors busted
 Halfway through
 Engine misses
 And hits on two
 Thirty years old
 Coming this spring
 Has shock absorbers
 And everything
 Radiator busted
 And sure does leak
 Differential dry
 You can hear it squeak
 Ten spokes missing
 Front all bent
 Tires blown out
 Ain't worth a cent
 Got lots of speed
 Will run like the deuce
 Burns either gas
 Or tobacco juice
 Tires all off
 Been run on the rim
 A darn good MG
 For the shape its in.

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From THE WIND MACHINE,
 official publication of
 the Sorry Safari Touring
 Society, Ltd., California
 chapter of the N.E.M.G.T.R.

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FOR SALE: 1953 MG YB

Good Body, exterior and
 interior. Runs very
 well. \$3300 or offer.
 Mike Ash, 424-1660.

(A) A conversion chart; (B) conversion factors for interpreting torque values in various units.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MAN:

- SOCIALISM--You have two TDs, and you give one to your neighbor.
- COMMUNISM--You have two TDs, the government takes both of them and gives you tickets for the bus.
- CISM--You have two TDs, the government takes both of them and sells you tickets for the bus.
- NAZISM--You have two TDs, the government takes both of them and shoots you.
- BUREAUCRACY--You have two TDs, the government takes both of them, dismantles one of them and drives the other over a cliff.
- CAPITALISM--You have two TDs, you sell one of them for a profit and start

your own car restoration business.

 IF YOU DON'T PAY YOUR DUES, JUST LOOK AT WHAT YOU'LL MISS--THIS NEWSLETTER!!!

ODDS, ENDS, 'N ADDITIONS--

NEW MEMBERS--Ross and Ann Haines, 633 Pine Tree Dr., Va Beach, VA 23452 (486-1496). They have a '53 TD which they bought in Portsmouth two years ago. They saw it advertised in the Auto Trader, went to see it, and "fell in love." They also have a new baby, their second daughter, Kimberly Michelle, 7 lbs., 9 Oz., born 14 June 1978. Welcome to all the Haines and their TD.

Also welcome to new out-of-town members Clark and Charlotte Williams, 110 Three Point Court, Yorktown, VA 23692. They have a '48 TC (#3748). It's always nice to see another TC in the club. I believe they are new arrivals in the area, and like many of us are Navy.

ADDRESS CHANGES--Ted Hughes has started medical school this summer and has moved to 623 Boissevain, Apt 2, Norfolk, VA 23507 (625-0412).

Also out-of-towner Gary Ford has a new address: 1318 Southam Dr., Richmond, 23235.

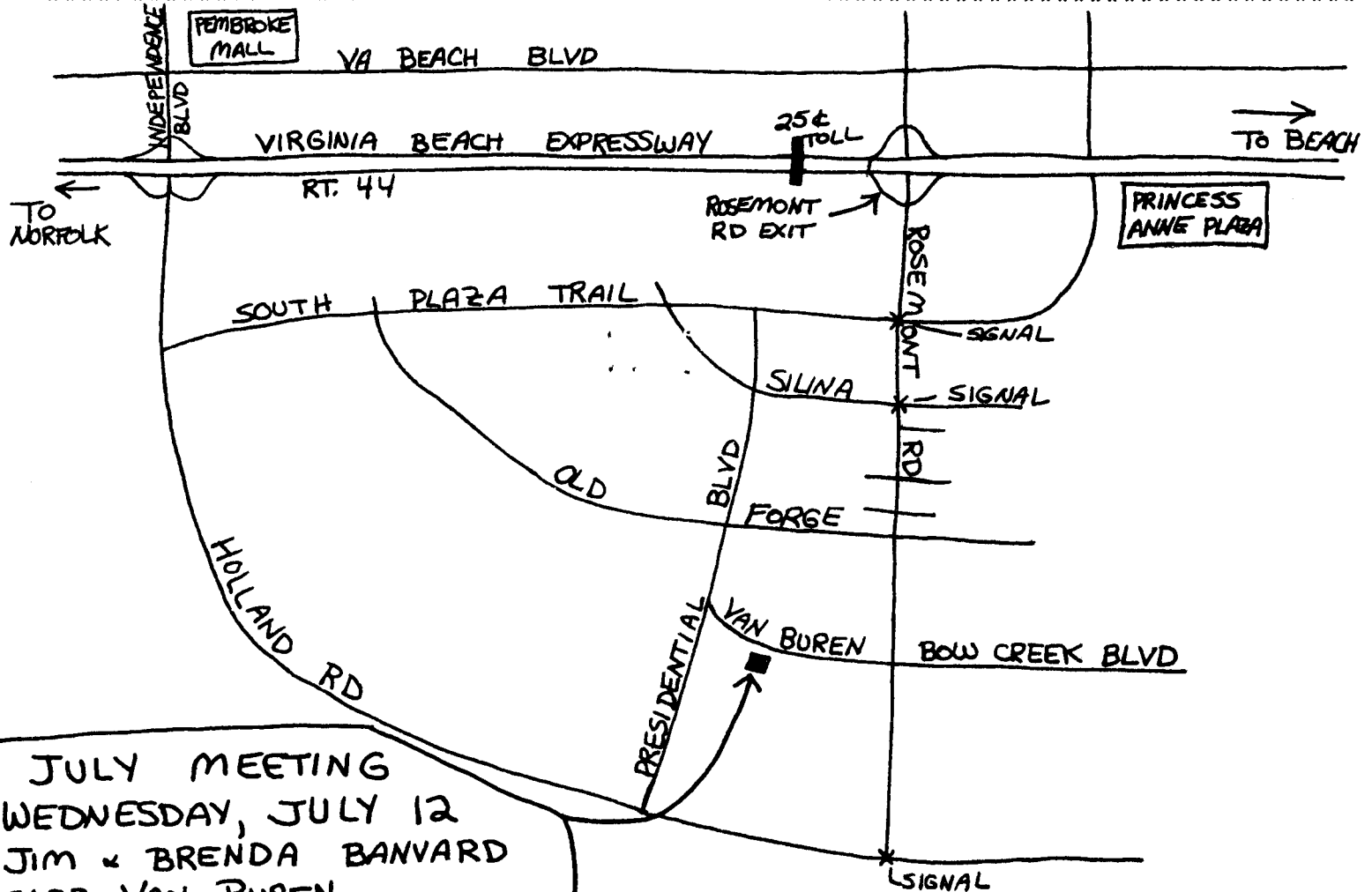
ADDITIONS--What a lucrative GOF. We have additional miscellaneous income from the Colonial Clutch to the tune of \$18.80 which brings the grand total to \$211.86 per club.

 DUES ARE STILL DUE, FOLKS!!

GOF Toronto--As usual, it was a grand affair, made even grander by the presence of at least one representative of almost every model of MG ever produced--including a magnificent SA Saloon with a \$40,000 restoration, a TA Airline Coupe, a TD Inskip, a beautiful silver Y-Tourer, and some of the rarer Js, Ks, Ls, Ms, Ns, Ps, an F Magna, a TA Tickford, Arnolts, and of course the newer MGAs and Bs (but not a BGT!!). That display alone was worth the 825 mile drive to Toronto (through the worst storm to hit Washington, D.C. in 19 years--and we had our top down). Ashes, Banwards, Boswells, and Carroll and Trudy Davis of Richmond represented Tidewater and we did our best to eat our way through Toronto and outcheer the Michigan contingent (with its 38 cars!) at the banquet. Dan ran the rallye with Tony Roth, the infamous Mouth of the South. Tony judged it to be a 6-beer rallye as they slid, sloshed and slipped through the streets of Toronto. At one point Dan executed a beautiful 4-point skid through a red light. This unique (and tough 2 1/2 hour) rallye included a set of photos. The participants were required to find the area pictured in the photo and then do whatever the car in the photo was doing. The intrepid team of Roth and Boswell finished second which wasn't bad for a couple of drunks. Speaking of crazy driving, Toronto is still talking about the funny looking tle black car that flipped a U-turn across eight lanes of traffic, through ed light into three lanes of oncoming traffic, no less. Fortunately, Brenda Banvard did not witness this maneuver.

The funkhana was equally intriguing and included driving blindfolded and snaking around pylons with the driver's right leg and the navigator's left leg tied together. The car display involved about 200 cars (?) and was almost

impossible to judge, especially the TDs. Boswell's TF did manage an honorable mention (Dan prefers to call it a fourth place). As usual the competition was tough. The return trip was through about 400 miles of rain, for 350 miles of which the Boswells were without windshield wipers, which is par for a GOF trip. Thanks to Ted and Myrna Knight and Bob and Lynda Thibou and the rest of the Ontario Chapter for a very fine GOF.



JULY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12
JIM & BRENDA BANVARD
3633 VAN BUREN
VIRGINIA BEACH 340-6737
KICK TYRES 7:30
MEETING 8:00

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