



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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Greetings, everyone--

The holiday season is here again--hope to see you all at the Christmas party at the Ashes.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES--NOVEMBER MEETING:

Notes and quotes were taken diligently by the "Super Secretary"... the way to the car the goat leaped from behind the barn and ate the pies...actually the "Stupid Secretary" lost them...so here goes from memory...the meeting was brought to order by our fearless leader Ross Haines...as our past president sat up in the rafters overlooking the situation...the meeting was held prior to the barn dance held at Kay and Carl Fisher's barn...we all sat huddled together as the temp was in the low 30's...brrr...Vince had some tonic that would warm anyone up... the upcoming events were discussed and everyone was excited over planning of the annual Christmas Party at the Ash home...details to follow... Vince appointed Roy Wiley as the new activity chairman...no discussion... he won...Roy requested "volunteers"-if interested please call Roy...

The Regalia sales are still moving right along and the French-cut T-shirts are still on order...so save your money!

Parts...we now suspect Robert is a figment of our imagination... he has no report and doesn't come to meetings!

Discussion as to who should be the contact point for the New England "P" Register...Jim Banvard won hands down...a true democracy...we also had a letter from the Register requesting our considering the ordering of shop manuals to sell. It was decided it would be a good investment and the manuals will be ordered and on sale soon...only one person opposed and no one cared so---

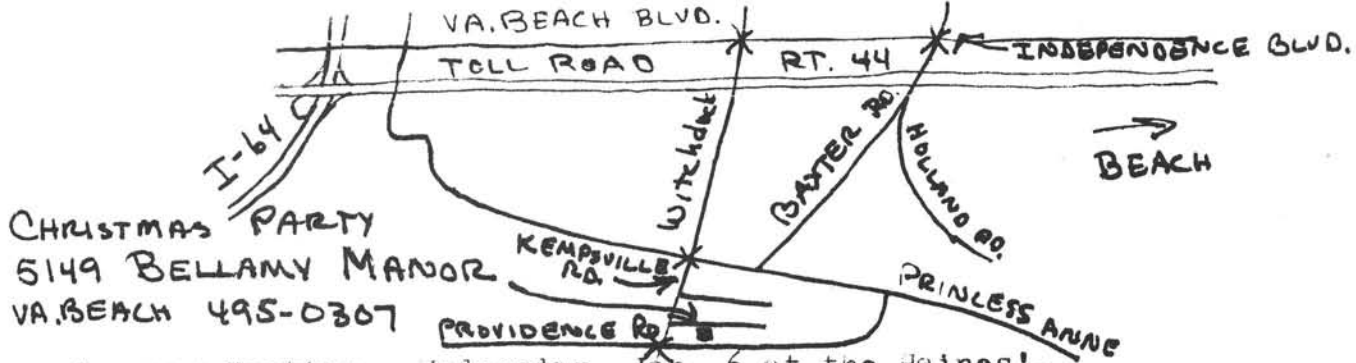
Approximately 12 members still owe their dues so please try to pay up...Bess can use the money.

The band was about to begin so for those of you who were unable to attend...you missed a super good time...thanks Fishers!

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for the next newsletter is December 18. There can be no exceptions because I will be away from Dec. 22 to Dec. 31 so I will have to mail the January issue before I leave. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas Party - Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 at Mike and Jennifer Ash's.
Please call Jennifer after 5:00 on or before Dec. 9
to tell her what hors d'oeuvre you will be bringing.



January Meeting - Wednesday, Jan. 6 at the Haines'.

Wicker Basket Affair - Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Banvards'.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween party at the Thompsons' was an enthusiastically attended affair. Among the party goers were Raggedy Ann and Andy (Groover), Waltina Thompson, an unnamed clown (who sounded suspiciously like Waltina's spouse) Zorro and his lady (Gordon), an Anglo-American and escort (Ash), the Dairy queens (guess who?), a fallen (pregnant) angel and the devil who made her do it (Bradford's), a mechanic and someone out of Star Wars (Brenda and Michael Banvard), and a mobster and his girl friend (Sams). The repartee was of such quality and quantity that it would require many pages to recount it all. Suffice it to say that those of you who did not attend missed a great party. Among the things you missed were: seeing Waltina and Zorro flashing each other from across the room; seeing Waltina bobbing for apples and the expression on his/her (?) face on biting into a tomato instead; delicious hot cider and snacks; an hilarious game of "pass the apple" which was won twice by the same team (the first time was declared invalid due to a rather narrow interpretation of the rules by the official--the second time the winners reconfirmed their skill and then stood by to watch the Dairy Queen on the opposing team trying to pick up his apple from the floor using his chin, an extremely difficult feat). Prizes for costumes went to the Raggedys, Waltina, and Zorro and his lady. The decorations (cobwebs and all) were great--there was even an ingeniously carved MG octagon jack-o-lantern.

(Pictures of this event are on the last page.)



COME TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
AT MIKE AND JENNIFER ASH'S!



TIDEWATER MG"T" BARN DANCE

The Barn Dance (and Oyster Roast) was held at the Fisher's on the evening of 21 November. Except for the fact that the barn was not really a barn (some wag described it as a shed with bales of hay piled in front), and that we had our first freeze of the winter; the Dance/Oyster Roast was a success. The Fisher's can vouch that it froze that night because after the party the water hose was frozen when we tried to douse the campfire.

Approximately 34 hearty souls attended to consume a bushel of oysters, two dozen spare ribs, two cases of beer (a refillable flask) and assorted goodies brought by various club members. This was followed by "freestyle dancing" to Country Western music played by the Younger Brothers, a local group. Apparently Fisher's Barn is just one step on the road to stardom. We were particularly pleased to see our out of town members from Maryland attend even though Dan admitted that he was in town on a poker junket anyways. The party was also attended by three horses, one pony, two goats, two singing dogs, two very sociable cats, and various other farm critters.

The party started off very formally with the President calling a short meeting since we hadn't had a November monthly meeting. The members assembled in the barn seated on bales of hay, except for the President Emeritus, who assembled on the rafters. Since his ladder was removed, he remained there throughout the meeting basking in the hot air generated by the club members below.

After the meeting the host stoked up the fire and began roasting oysters and club members who tried to warm themselves by the fire in spite of the smoke. A few brave souls ate raw oysters but the majority waited for them to roast or ate barbequed spare ribs cooked by Dave Barrows and Roy Wiley. The most outstanding display of oyster roast expertise was provided by the Pellorins with son Bobby shucking them and father Bob eating them. Way to go Bob, most of us have to shuck our own!

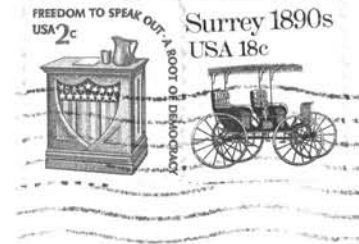
After gorging ourselves (some people remarked, "If I'd known we were going to have all this I wouldn't have eaten dinner too."), we moved to the barn where the Younger Brothers had set up a dazzling display of speakers, amplifiers, spotlights and space heater. They were really very good musicians and have our best wishes for a successful career. Talk about playing under adverse conditions, do you realize that guitar strings become brittle and break when frozen? They must have broken at least three.

However our club members enthusiastically picked up on the country western theme with dancing, singing along and telling of farm tales (the equivalent of sea stories). The band reciprocated by spicing up the selection of songs with some Country Western Classics later in the evening. In spite of the cold, everyone had a GOOD OLE TIME.

Carl Fisher



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 CHRISTMAS PARTY!

12/3/81

- 1 - Sp. weekend
- 2 - Fall "
- 3 - Diveouts / Pizza
- 4 - Tech Ass.
- 5 - Picnic
- 6 - Harbor Tour / ~~Mar. Museum~~ / ⁸ Trans. Museum (Brunch - Ft. Monroe / Ft. Story)
- 9 - ~~Langley / NASA~~
- 10 - ~~Rally (Gof)~~
- 11 - ~~Prog. dinner~~
- 12 - ~~Photo Rally~~
- 13 - ~~Pig Roast~~
- 14 - ~~Sunday Brunch (#8)~~

Call Brenda by 25th 7:30

- ✓ J Wicker Basket 1/30
- Walt F mtg 2/2; Ft. Story Brunch 2/21
- M prog. dinner OPEN (Tech Assoc) 3/28
- overnighter 4/24-25
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- Richard M Rally (Cavalier) 5/16
- J Mar. Museum / ^{picnic} driveout 6/20
- Richard J Beach Party / ^{Hopdax's} picnic - NAGS 7/17
- Ann A Field Day / Picnic 8/22 Bayville on parking...
- Roy/Rich & Dave S Photo Rally → Roy's 9/19
- Vince/Carl O Pig Roast 10/23
- Gordon N NASA / Ft. Monroe O'club 11/14
- D XMAS party 12/10

our place

invite Chesapeake