

THE DIPSTICK



DECEMBER-JANUARY, 1982/83

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS, FELLOW M-Gers!

I can hardly believe we are at the end of yet another year; how time flies when you're having fun...!

This newsletter will be for both December events and January events, so don't throw it away with the Christmas decorations (or before the Christmas decorations), since it contains all the information you will require to see you through January's fun events.

Since I am trying to get this typed in a hurry so that I can get it out before Mike and I go out of town once more, I will start with the material I already have on hand, which is President Ross' "Blurb To The Membership"....

FROM OLD NUMBER 6733:

Well, our first Trivia Quiz has come to an end, and what a surprise finish! I didn't even receive an entry from our leading contestant. Maybe the pressure from the in-town membership was too much for the out-of-town contingent. After all, it caused Ron Eaton to drop out earlier. Birds of a feather..... Anyway, with all that behind us, here's the order of finish:

<u>Name</u>	<u>This month</u>	<u>Over-all</u>
Banvard (Winner - \$25)	10/10	93/100
Giffin (2nd place - \$15)	-	86/90
Ash (3rd place - \$10)	10/10	69/80
Eaton	-	38/40
Wallach	-	17/20
Gordon	-	17/30
Thompson (Mary)*	9/10	9/10
Davis	-	4/10
Haines (Ann)	-	2/10

* Monthly winner

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUIZ #10:

91. What is the wheel-base length on the TC? 94 inches. (See cover of December 1978 TSO)
92. According to factory manuals, what is the normal running temperature for the cooling system in the "T" series MG's? 80° C. to 90° C. (176° F. to 194° F.) Source: TSO, August, 1982, p.27

93. What GOF number, (Mark) was held at Mt. Snow, Vermont? Mk. VIII
 Editor note: Ross commented on all contestants getting this wrong, so Ash said, "Did you ever consider your source may be wrong", so Ross conceded this could be so; when compared Ash was right; proof was on den wall!!
94. There was a special radiator cap-mounted hood ornament designed especially for the MG. What was the name given to this MG "mascot"?
MIDGE - 1934 issue of MG Magazine, ad on p. 385. Source: TSO, August, 1979, p.22.
95. Two MG SA's were fitted with special bodies in Switzerland. What was the name given to these two cars (the name of the special body)? KELLER - considered the most beautiful of all built in 1937/38. Source: TSO, December, 1980, p.19
96. MG number EX 181 was involved in record-breaking speed runs in the 1950's. What was the nickname given to this car? ROARING RAINDROP. Source: TSO, February, 1980, p.48
97. What is the nickname of the man after whom the Arnolt was named? WACKY - Source: TSO, December 1981, p.36
98. The corporate name of British Leyland Motors was changed to JAGUAR ROVER TRIUMPH, INC. Source: TSO, October 1979, p.27
99. What is pictured on the cover of the July/August, 1972, issue of the T.S.O.? St. Augustine, Fla. Gathering, Mk. VI. (TSO, August '82 p.42)
100. What was the chassis number of the first TF.1500? TF 6501 (7/12/54) Source: TSO, October, 1980, p.13

NOVEMBER MEETING: This was held at the home of Bill Litchfield, the meeting started out with a tyre-kicking session in Bill's antique-filled garage, all to be refinished or restored. The highlight of this session was when Phil Topcik brought in a paper sack, emptied its contents on the floor, (charred and shredded shards of wood) and said, "Does anyone have any wood pieces to replace these?" Seems he had been using a propane torch to loosen up some nuts, and an hour or so later noticed smoke emanating from the region behind his running boards!! It was a helluva good laugh, needless to say. (Hooray, Mary has brought me the minutes to this meeting....)

The November Meeting was a smashing success. It was well attended and the hospitality delightful. The gents enjoyed the garage while the ladies took a guided tour of the house and went wild over Bill Litchfield's woodworking skills. Thank you Bill for hosting the meeting.

Now to the minutes.....Ross made a grand attempt to calm the crowd but knowing the crowd you can appreciate his efforts. The minutes were approved as printed and everyone agreed that Andy takes great notes. Than' Andy!

As of October Bess resigned as Treasurer, however she still gave the report. We have a balance of \$639.90 . Somewhere along the way we

gained \$200.00..... a comment from the crowd "dump a treasurer and gain money". As I stated earlier, it was a wild crowd! The books have been exchanged and Sandy Hall is the new treasurer.

There will be a brunch and trip to the Langley Visitor . There was a good bit of discussion but not documented as it will be over by the time the newsletter comes out.

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The Annual Christmas Party

Friday, December 10, 1982

8:00 p.m. - Anne throws us out!

Please bring a finger food.....Andy wanted to know if that meant he couldn't bring pudding.....a gourmet cook I am not, but I do know that pudding is not considered a finger food Andy! Please call Anne by Wednesday, December 8th to let Anne know what you plan to bring. Mike Ash the official mapmaker will provide details on another page. It is truly a festive occasion.....perhaps some of our out of town members will attend. SEE FURTHER INFO. IN 'ACTIVITES' SECTION (Ed.)

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We tried to encourage people to host meetings, you don't need a big home or even any cooking skills. We are a good group and adjust to even the smallest room. Try it, you'll like it! If you can host a meeting please call Jim Banvard 340-6737. He's the new Event Chairman. At this point we'd like to thank Roy Wiley for a year of outstanding events. All the events were well planned, organized, and most affordable. Too bad more members didn't take advantage of the events.....it really was a good year. Thanks Roy!

The meeting for January will be held at Carolyn and Gene McHugh's home. It seems so early to talk about 1983 but it's just around the corner. The reason all this info is being discussed now is because the Editor, Mrs Ash, won't be producing one in late December. (one....refers to a newsletter).....sometimes I get carried away. We thought this would be easiest. Map and all details to follow. Mike might have second thoughts about this volunteer position..... stand by Mike as you still have another one..... the WICKER BASKET ! It will be held on Saturday, January 29th. at the Banvards. It is always a lovely event and ever so tasty. Details to follow.....map too!

Alist of the meetings from January - June :

January	McHugh
February	Thompson
March	Wallach
April	open
May	Gordon
June	Hall

All the other meetins are open and looking for volunteers!

Regalia had many interesting tid-bids to share with us.....Elsie has been trying to spice up our regalia but most companies require more than we could ever hope to sell. It was recommended that Elsie contact Hank and share the thoughts with their club, perhaps with a joint-effort we can work out a deal. It was requested that Elsie come up with some sort dollar figure for inventory purposes.

Robert had some information on canvas tops from Moss Motors. They are of excellent quality and the cost is \$120.00. The tops are for any "T" Series car. New/old stock "T"distributors unmodified.....whatever that may mean. everyone at the meeting got excited so I felt it was note worthy. Anne got excited over the canvas tops, wanted Ross to buy one . Ross said, " it's my money" at this point the conversation was getting good. I was writing quickly (well as quick as I can go) when Anne said, "see ...she's writing that down".....I just noted that I was efficient.....Vince disagreed.....there is always one hateful person in the group.

A news flash..... Jennifer Ash is the EDITOR all by herself ! In a moment of insanity she volunteered. Retirement has done something to her mind.....note the secretary typed this or else it would have been edited out. See this position does have some priviledges. *(while the editor edits!!!)*

Jack Jackson seems to be doing much better. It was requested that we send him a card. Go to work Jen!

The pig-out.....it should be documented somewhere in this newsletter..... was obviously a success. The cost to the club was nominal due to the generosity of the Groovers and the Germans. Thank you from all. It was brought to the attention of Vince that not everyone paid. This was really clever conversation but I felt the newsletter could not be enclosed in a brown wrapper.

Bess showed us some neat hats with little MG cars around the bottom. Roy thought they were bunnies. The discussion was long and basically rude but the bottom line was to turn it over to Elsie and pre-order 12 to be sold before Christmas. Jen said perhaps we should order more, she wanted 3. The comment from you-know-who was "I wouldn't be caught dead with one of those on my head".....her reply was, "you bloody well will wear one if I buy it for you".....on that note the meeting was adjourned!

Many thanks, Bill, for hosting the meeting; for a batchelor, you certainly put on a good table of snacks! Thanks again.

ACTIVITIES COMING UP:

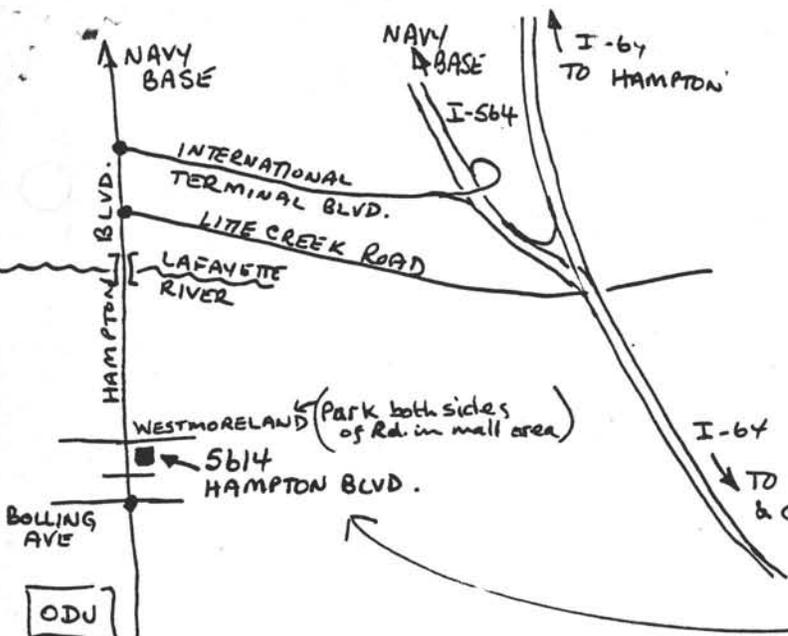
- Friday, December 10 -- Christmas Party. At Ross & Ann Haines (see map) It is traditional for members to bring a contribution in the food line - finger-foods preferably - and this needs co-ordinating with hostess Ann (so that we don't get ten plates of one item!) So please call Ann after 5p.m. any evening and let her know what you would like to bring, OR to ask her for a suggestion as to what is needed. Phone: 486-1406, deadline Wed. 8th. Start at 8p.m. (Drinks will be provided) Dress is dressier than blue-jeans, but not as dressy as formal!
- Wednesday, January 4 - Monthly meeting. At the home of Carolyn & Gene McHugh. (See map) Kick tyres 7:30, meeting to start at 8:00 sharp(ish!) This is the first meeting to be held in Norfolk for quite a while, so we hope to see lots of Norfolkiens
- Saturday, Jan. 29 - Wicker Basket Affair. For those newer members to our club, this is a "gourmet" pot-luck and we dress up a bit for it to recapture the party season that is all over by the end of January. Please call Brenda Banvard, our hostess, to let her know what you will be bringing (this is to eliminate the ten quiches!) Call 340-6737 after 6p.m. any evening before the party. (Deadline 28th) Starting time, 7p.m. Potent punch provided, or b.y.o. wine or whatever.
- Tuesday, February 1 - Monthly meeting, at the home of Walt and Mary Thompson; 7:30 p.m.

And that's all the activities on the calendar so far.....

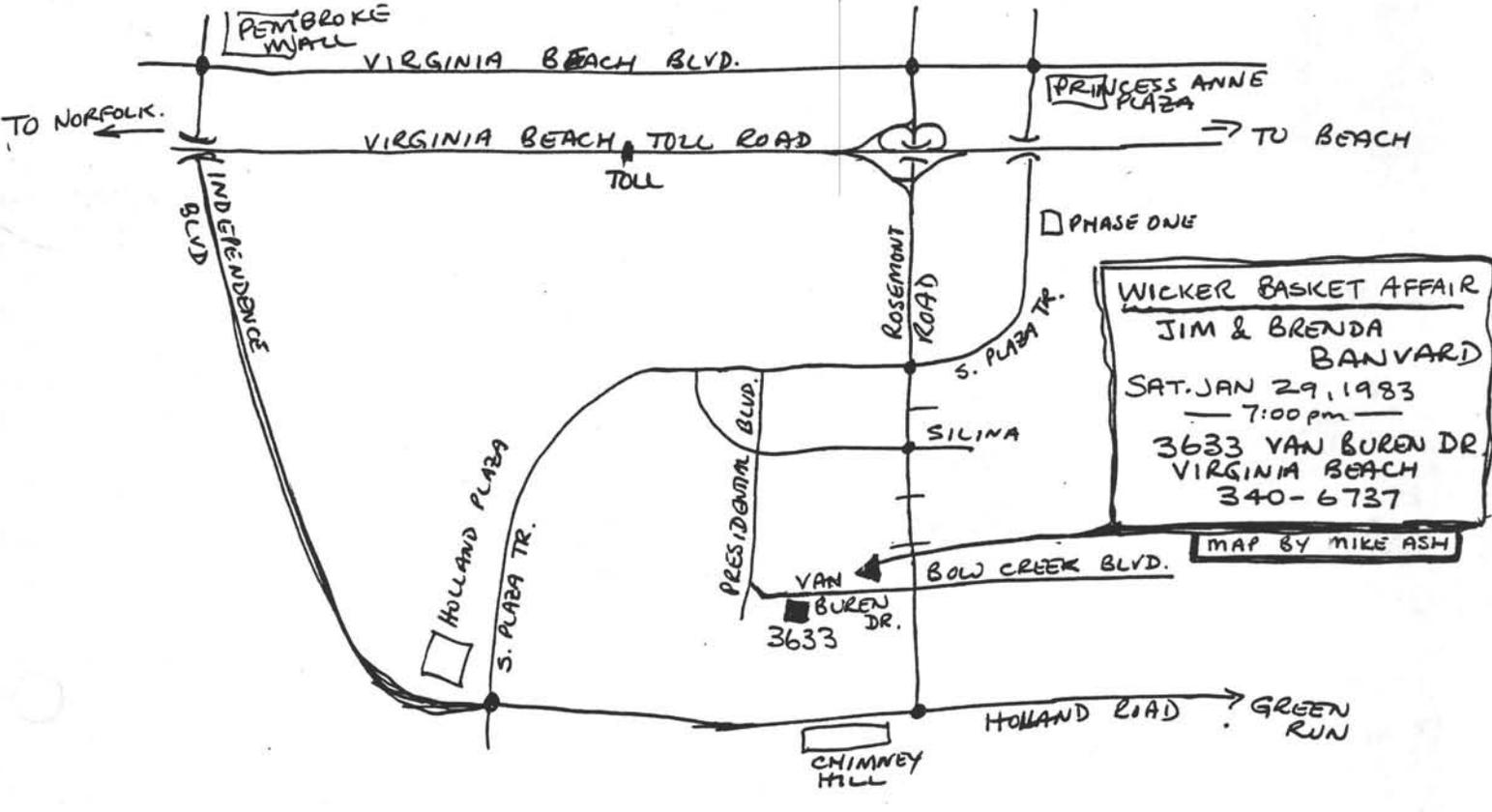
ADDENDUM TO TRIVIA STANDINGS: (By Ross Haines)

By the way, it seems that someone in the "mailing department" monkeyed with the return address on Hank Giffin's last Trivia Quiz, so that it ended up at Jim Banvard's house. Just to show we are fair, the entry was accepted late. With a score of 10/10 for the month, Hank finished with the largest cumulative score which earns him first place money prize of \$25 instead of the second place \$15 prize, as shown on page 1. We are all exceedingly sorry for the pain and anguish that Hank must have suffered over this error.

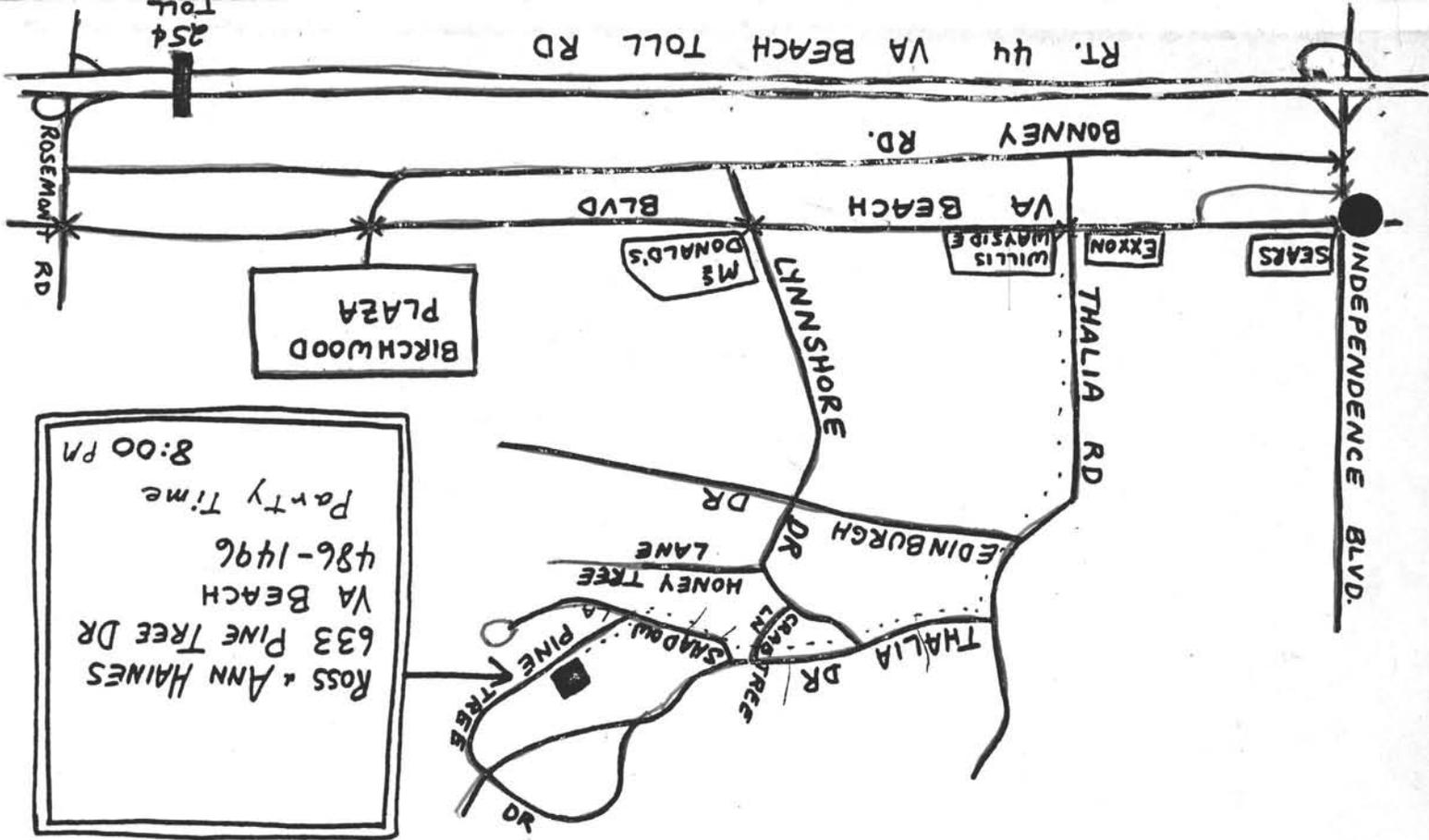
DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER - January 20, 1983 - DEADLINE, January 20.



JANUARY MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, 5 JANUARY 1983
 KICK-TIRES 7:30, MEETING 8:00 pm
 GENE & CAROLYN MCHUGH
 5614 HAMPTON BLVD.
 NORFOLK 423-6390



WICKER BASKET AFFAIR
 JIM & BRENDA BANVARD
 SAT. JAN 29, 1983
 7:00 pm
 3633 VAN BUREN DR.
 VIRGINIA BEACH
 340-6737



TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS
 % M.G. ASH
 5149 BELLAMY MANOR DR.
 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. 23464



ROSS & ANN HAINES
 633 PINE TREE DR
 VA BEACH VA 23452

Card for Kay
Newsletter to Triumph Club & Annie Werner
Mary's certificate

1/5/83

1 - Guests & new members

2 - Secretary's report

3 - Treasurer's report

4 - Events

5 - Regalia

X 6 - Parts

X 7 - Librarian

8 - Editor - Cutoff 15 Jan

● Business

1 -

New Business

1 - Continue Trivia Quiz? (\$100)

2 - Antigua car licensing - Jim Barwood

3 - St. Augustine Golf

4 - Clarke Spares & Repairs