

THE DIPSTICK



APRIL, 1983

PRESIDENT: Ross Haines
 VICE-PRES: Vince Groover
 SECRETARY: Mary Thompson
 TREASURER: Sandy Hall

EDITOR: Jennifer Ash

MAY THE EASTER BUNNY LAY MANY CHOCOLATE EGGS ON YOUR BONNET!... although our spring-like weather has not yet sprung; let's hope it is just around the corner. March events were not as well-attended as usual, except for the skating party, which was appropriate for the weather. The tech session was on a very cold day and only two participants showed up. I must admit I stayed by the fire all day; it was definitely not a day for driving and working on cars. The write-up on the skating party will follow later... Meanwhile, on to the minutes of the March meeting, written by Andy Wallach standing in for Secretary, Mary Thompson.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING: A small group of sixteen members gathered at the Wallach house on March 2nd for the monthly meeting. A new member, Larry Ricker, was present and President Ross Haines began to introduce Larry as a visitor - until someone interrupted and said, "...that's not a visitor, he's a paid-up member". Larry is at the Armed Forces Staff College for ten months and is restoring a TC as well.

After an apology by Jennifer Ash for a date error, the minutes of the February were approved. Ross reported for the Treasurer a balance of \$540.33. Jennifer stated that the last newsletter had cost \$52 to print, collate and staple; plus postage. Bob Beuter stated that he may be able to help out with printing (that's now definite. Ed.); Jim Banvard stated that the bottom line is that we are not counting on charity. Bob jokingly replied, "you gotta pay me by the hour". Mike Ash said, "Now all we need is to find someone who works at the Post Office..." and Jim Nolan replied, "They have been looking for years for someone who works at the Post Office !....."

Ross asked for the Activity Report, to which Jim Banvard replied "Activities are just as printed in the schedule". At the urging of the President, Jim covered the up-coming events in a little more detail.... Regalia Chairwoman, Elsie Tarr, reported that she had supported the Fleet by sending an MG vizer to Mark Ostertag, who is on the high seas somewhere... Jennifer stated that the April Dipstick material deadline is March 26th (as I sit here on the 27th writing up these minutes..) Vince Groover volunteered wife Pam to do the write-up on the Skating Party. Roosevelt Moseley told vince, "You'll get in hot water like I did last month" to which Jim responded, "Yes, I've seen his tent out on the front lawn !)

Ross requested that all parts orders for the combined Moss order be in to him, with a check for the full amount, by the end of the week. Mike wanted to know if he could participate in the future discounted

order if he didn't participate in this one. Someone asked if Moss would accept an institutional (group) order, and Jim replied, "Ross is not an institution." Mike, still wondering if he would be allowed to participate later, said, "OK, put me down for a dashlight bulb", and something was said about which car it was for, the Plymouth or the TF and what was the catalog number, and back and forth until Ross used the phrase, "Kiss my foot"

There was a 3-way tie for first place in the February Trivia Quiz, so young Jennifer Wallach picked one of the three names out of a hat to break the tie, and Peggy Bradford was the winner. Roosevelt stated, "Just to prove that it isn't fixed", checked the rest of the names, "Peggy, Peggy, Peggy - no, E.T." !! (It really wasn't fixed....Ed.)

Jim Banvard, Club Communicator, received NEMGTR current procedures for dealing with Local Chapter News. He capsulated his report to the T-Register concerning Tidewater happenings, as, "We are alive and well and there are no notable dates." He also mentioned some up-coming activities being organized by other Chapters, and these will be summarized elsewhere in the newsletter. (And on an on-going basis...Ed.)

After a bit more discussion about some other trivial matters - my notes legibility is inversly related to the quantity of beer consumed - the meeting was adjourned.....

Andy was also the cook, assisted by daughter Jennifer, and we all thank you for the delicious snacks and for your hospitality.

DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE - APRIL 23rd.....PLEASE SEND ME SOME NEWS ITEMS, OR A GOOD RECEIPE, OR A CARTOON, OR A "LETTER TO THE EDITOR"...ANYTHING'

FROM OLD NUMBER 6733: After our second Trivia Quiz of the year, here are the standings:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Mo. Score</u>	<u>Cumulative Score</u>
Peggy Bradford	10/10	20/20
Hank Giffin	10/10*	20/20
Jim Banvard	10/10*	20/20
Mike Ash	10/10*	19/20
Ron Henry	9/10	18/20
Bob Beauter	6/10	12/20
Vince Groover	9/10	9/10
Bill Gordon	4/10	9/20

* Tied for monthly winner (Note: Peggy Bradford is ineligible for another monthly win since she won the first quiz, by drawing.)

Trivia Quiz No. 13 can be found on page three.

CARTOON CORNER: (This, submitted by Hank Giffin)



TRIVIA QUIZ NO. 13 - APRIL, 1983:

121. How many Q-Type Midgets were manufactured? _____
122. TRUE or FALSE. The J-4 and J-5 Midgets had a $1\frac{1}{2}$ gallon reserve fuel tank. _____
123. The Tidewater MG "T" Classics car club is dedicated to the preservation, appreciation and _____ of the "T"-series and earlier models of the MG car and to the fellowship of the club members.
124. TRUE or FALSE. The TF 1250 was priced at \$2250 in 1954. The TF 1500 was priced at \$1995 in 1955. _____
125. How many J-2's were built? _____
- a. 1973
 - b. 2083
 - c. 2126
 - d. 2341
 - e. 2602
126. Who is credited with the best driving performances in the K-3? _____
127. TRUE or FALSE. The TD required a different facia panel for the left-hand and right-hand drive models. The TF. used the same facia panel for both left-hand and right-hand drive models. _____
128. TRUE or FALSE. The TF was the last of the T-series models. _____
129. In what month and year was the "Colonial Clutch mini-GOF held? _____
130. At how many major GOF's a year is an auction held? _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

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Ross Haines
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ANSWERS to.....

TRIVIA QUIZ NO.12 - MARCH, 1983:

111. How many TB's were produced? d. 397 (TSO, June 1979, p.6)
a. 132
b. 463
c. 976
d. 379
e. 1233
112. What happened to EX 120 during the cool-down lap following its one-hour, 100 m.p.h. run? Engine caught fire (TSO, Feb 1980, p.25)
113. What is the name of the official magazine of the M.G. Car Club? "SAFETY FAST" (TSO, April 1981, p.45)
114. What club member was accused of having a "little black encyclopedia", instead of the usual "little black book"?
d. Bob Salvin (Dipstick, Dec. 1978, p.3)
a. Roy Wiley
b. Robert Davis
c. Jim Banvard
d. Bob Salvin
e. Mike Ash
115. TRUE or FALSE. The Q-type was originally manufactured without wings or headlamps. TRUE (Dec 1981, TSO, p.6)
116. TRUE or FALSE. Cecil Kimber is credited with the design of the TD. FALSE (He died in 1945) [TSO, June 1979, p.8]
117. What was the POE selling price of new TC's in 1948? a. \$1875 (TSO, June 1979, p.44)
a. \$1875
b. \$1950
c. \$2025
d. \$2175
e. \$2200
118. The New England M.G. "T" Register, Ltd. is a CENTRE (TSO, April 1980, p.47) of the M.G. Car Club?
119. Who was the editor of the Tidewater MG "T" Classics car club in June of 1978? Susan Boswell (Club Newsletter, July 1978, p.1)
120. Who has the distinction of holding register number 1 (one) in the New England MG "T" Register, Ltd.? Richard L. Knudson (TSO, June 1979, p.55)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

DEAR TIDEWATERERS,

NICE GUYS FINISH FIRST! GOOD TRIUMPHS OVER EVIL! FAIR PLAY OVER FOUL! HONESTY OVER CORRUPTNESS!!!

Despite a concerted effort by the tech quiz author and an ex-officer of the tidewater chapter to make the winner a townie

(in-town member), obvious superior technical knowledge and skill . . . of an out of town member triumphed in the end!!!

Not being one to gloat about a victory or rub salt in an obvious open wound, it is apparent that cream rises to the top in a situation such as this and that the best man did, in fact, win.

Overcoming obstacles and dirty tricks such as reducing my quiz to a barely readable size, late mailings, address changes on my answer sheet, and open collusion between bridge partners, one of whom was the quiz author, an out of town member was still able to win the tech quiz.

I humbly accept your \$25 check, mutilated as it was, not only as a symbol of winning the trivia quiz against overwhelming odds, but also as recognition of technical superiority and expertise! I realize the pain it must have put you through to see some of your precious treasury escape the tidewater area.

Despite what some others are saying, I don't really believe the drips on the dipstick on the front of the newsletter symbolize the tears (or blood) of certain members of the tidewater chapter spilt over losing the contest to me.

warm regards,

HANK

GIMMICK RALLYE....APRIL 16.... TRY IT, YOU*LL LIKE IT !....GIMMICK RAL

UP-COMING EVENTS:

April 5 - TUESDAY MONTHLY MEETING, at home of Jim Nolan. Kick tyres 7:30 to 8:00; meeting at 8:00. See map on cover.

April 16 - SAT. GIMMICK ROAD RALLY: Bill & Sue Gordon co-ordinating. This is something new for us and promises to be a lot of fun... **A COURSEMARKER-NAVIGATION GIMMICK**

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C	A	A R R	R R A A	L	L	Y	Y	E	
C	AAAAAAA	RRRRRR	RRRRRR	AAAAAAA	L	L	YYY	EEEE	
C	A	A R R	R R A A	L	L	Y		E	
CCCCC	A	A R R	R R A A	LLLLLLL	LLLLLLL	Y		EEEEEEE	

(Bill says he always carried a flashlight on one of these rallyes!!)

Come one, come all, to a coursemarker-navigation gimmick road rallye. Any type of car or truck can participate since speed is not involved. The only things required are the ability to read and follow a set of General Instructions, a set of Route Instructions and Course Markers located on telephone poles. The rallye will be April 16 starting in the back parking lot of Pembroke Mall near the theatres from 6:30pm to 7:00pm and end at the Pizza Hut on South Plaza Trail near Rosemont Rd. at Whenever. The course should take about 2 hours to run. Rallye masters are Bill and Sue Gordon and are not responsible for altercations or divorces resulting from this rallye. So come on out and get confused for a couple of hours so you can relax and enjoy some pizza and beer.

May 4 - WEDNESDAY - MONTHLY MEETING, at bill & Sue Gordon's.

May 14 - SATURDAY - 10th ANNIVERSARY DINNER: This is Happy Birthday to us and is being organized by Dave Barrows, one of our Charter Members. Dinner will be at FOGG's SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, (where we will have a private dining room) 5th St. & Oceanfront. Cash Bar 6 - 7pm and dinner at 7pm. We need to make reservations for this, so please call Dave, 428-3250. (More on this next Dipstick)

EVENTS IN OTHER AREAS, & BY OTHER TIDEWATER CLUBS:

Sunday, APRIL 10th. -

Flea Market sponsored by the Antique Car Club. BUY or SELL! (or both)
On Virginia Beach Blvd, by Military Hwy. overpass, behind Radio
Parts Dist. Co. 1:00 p.m.

APRIL 29 thru MAY 1st - MINI-GOF sponsored by CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER.

"Penn Panorama", at Ski Liberty, Nr. Gettysburg, Pa.

Lodging at Ski Liberty Inn. Registration forms available from Ross
or from me (Jennifer) at next meeting, or by phone. I believe
there will be several of our members going up there; that bunch up
there are as crazy as we are, and great folks to know. Reservations
should be made as soon as possible, as it is College weekend too, so
we need to register before the kids do! (It's the Ft. Lauderdale of
the north!)

MAY 22nd - M.G. Car Club, North East Regional Meet at Round Valley
Recreational Area, US Rte. 22, Clinton, NJ. Includes Councours
judging; popular vote; creeper race & awards presentation at 3pm.
Classes for all MG's. Pre-registration \$8. Call for information,
Bob Ewald, 201-738-8505

JULY 7 - 10; M.G. Car Club presents 1983 MINI-CON EAST, White Haven, Pa.
at Pocono-Lake Harmony Holiday Inn. Call for information,
201-738-8505 or 215-446-2073

You may be travelling - on business or pleasure - and like to stop in
on one of these events.

APRIL MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 5th - NOLANS - TUESDAY, APRIL 5th MEET I

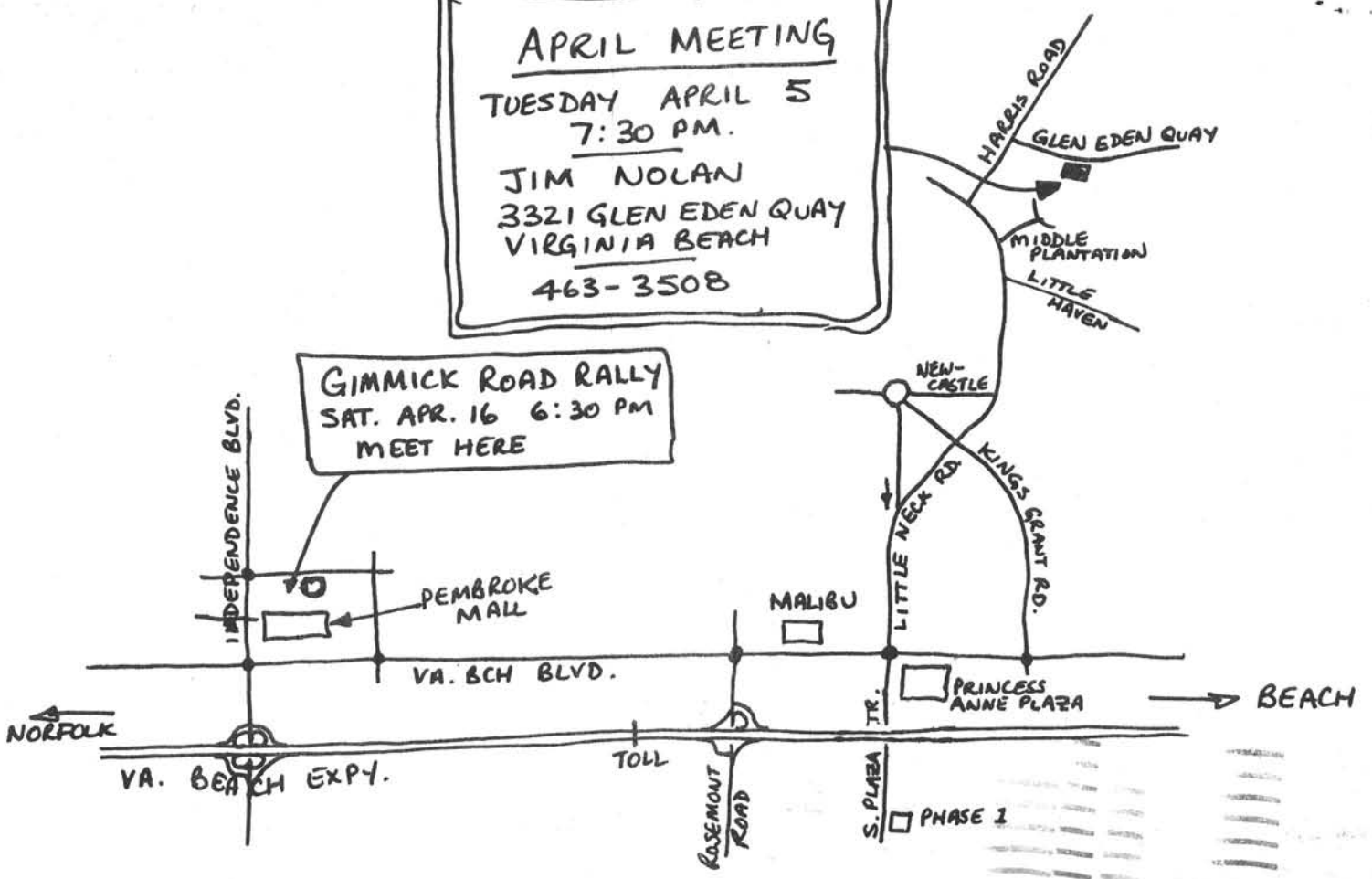
REPORT ON SKATING PARTY - by Pam Groover:

Twenty-two skaters and five spectators (chickens!) participated in the
outing at Iceland, on Saturday, March 26th. (It wasn't on Sunday, Andy!)
The question most often heard was, "Was it more fun to skate or to
watch?" Some skaters showed definite signs of experience; Jim Nolan,
his sister, Ellen, and Phil Topcik (who all originate from the Frozen
North...Ed.); Bob Beuter and girl-friend Pat, Ross Haines and his
sister-in-law Debbie - all cut quite a figure on the ice. They
whirled around the rink, waving at us spectators, Mike & Jennifer Ash,
Vince & me, and Carolyn McHugh, and for the most part, showing off!
Then there were the novices; we could spot them by the intense looks
of concentration on their faces and the wet patches on their britches!
Vicky Topcik, a first-timer, actually let go of the side rail after
quite a few circles of the rink and she was reported to have said to
Phil, "Do I look like I'm having fun?" The Pellerins, Bob & Linda
(were they looking for business?) with five youngsters in tow, had a
lot of hangers-on, making Linda's expertise difficult to exhibit. Gene
McHugh and twin sons, Kevin and Sean, showed various degrees of derring-
do, but Gene hung in there. Ann Haines and her brother, Bill, skated
with caution. Ann managed to fall once, right in front of us spectat-
ors, much to our malicious delight! Charlotte Nolan and her friend
skated with the fearless disregard that children have of broken bones.

About half the group went on to "The Way We Were" for drinks and
dancing afterwards. The Ashes and the Groovers and Topciks arriving
early to "save a table". I'd like to report that by 10 p.m. the "kids"
had all left, leaving the "oldies but goodies", who really remember
"the way it was". (It was neat dancing to Moonlight Serenade, Chubby
Checker, Elvis, et al, again....Ed.)

APRIL MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 5
7:30 PM.
JIM NOLAN
3321 GLEN EDEN QUAY
VIRGINIA BEACH
463-3508

GIMMICK ROAD RALLY
SAT. APR. 16 6:30 PM
MEET HERE



Tidewater MG "T" Classics
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4/5/83

- 1- Guests & new members - Ron Stoops
- 2- Secretary's report
- 3- Treasurer's report - \$ 454.48
- 4- Events - pay for charter members who come from out of town?
- 5- Regalia
- 6- Parts
- 7- Historian - Dave looking for sub → Mike Ash
- 8- Editor - 4/23 cutoff
Phil Topic - write up Rally

Old Business

- 1- Mass order ~\$900 - 25% discount for those who ordered - not a club order; anybody not get what they ordered?; no backorders yet

New Business

- 1- Trivia Quiz winners (tie between Hank, Jim, Mike)
- 2- AACA Flea Market - Sunday April 10 (this Sunday)