

THE DIPSTICK

DECEMBER / JANUARY 83 - 84



President.....Vince Groover
Vice-President...Peggy Bradford
Secretary.....Carolyn McHugh
Treasurer.....Elsie Tarr

AHA!!!! My first newsletter. So.....be patient.....it takes time to be perfect. I figure about the time I turn it over to the next editor, the newsletter I don't do will be perfect. Remember that you all are the contributors and I just apply it to paper. So keep those cards and letters coming.....

Blenda Barnd

FROM ALMOST OLDE 6482

Now that winter is approaching and most folks have put their "T's" to bed for this season, it's time to take inventory and think about buying parts necessary to start MGing in fine tune come spring.

Don't forget to call Bill and Sue Gordon to give them your input for activities or to host a meeting next year.

Here's hoping everyone has a **JOYFUL HOLIDAY** season and see you at the Christmas Party.

NEWS OF NOTE

Henry and Marcie are becoming Mr. & Mrs. Blanchard in November.

Bob Beauter and Pat Turner are now engaged and plan to marry in May.

Congratulations to you all.

And now a letter from an appreciative member:

I'm sure that I also speak for others who benefited from the recent Moss Motors 25% off sale when I say a great big "Thank You" to Ross Haines for coordinating it all. We all know how much of a hassle it can become just placing a small individual order so you can imagine what a nightmare a \$7,000 order consolidated from many individuals could become. Ross also took on the task of sending off (and receiving) the first order which enabled us all to get the 25% off the second order. A recent question was raised: "Will he still be receiving our back orders five years from now?". We hope not. Anyway, thank you Ross for doing a super job and saving us all those bucks. In addition, Ross also served as our President and initiated and coordinated the monthly trivia quiz for the past two years. Both of these tasks required a continuing effort on his part. We appreciate the time and effort you have contributed to the Club over the past two years and hope you enjoy this much-earned rest.

A Member

The Turkey Shoot

And once again the Tidewater Group gathered to feast. This time with the excuse of a Turkey Shoot - using cameras, of course.

As a result of popular vote, Vince Groover won first prize for his shot of an 'eating Mike Ash' proclaimed to be wanted and with descriptive phrases such as 'belt buckle worn parallel to ground' and 'measurements of 38-44-36'. First prize was a turkey, what else could it have been. Second prize, a rock cornish game hen was won by Mike Ash for his Turkey in the Straw entry of Pam Groover watching in dismay while Vince stirred his drink with the end of an umbrella. Third prize, another hen, was won by Mike Banvard for his Stuffed and Dressed shot of Jennifer Ash in her flag.

Attendees included Mike Ash (Jennifer was out of the country), Dave Barrows (Helen was in the country), Bob Beauter and Pat Turner (soon to be Mr. & Mrs. Turner-Beauter), Robert Davis and Fay, Vince and Pam Groover, Jim & Brenda & Mike Banvard, John & Sandy & Amanda German, Elsie Tarr, Peggy and Brad Bradford, Carolyn and Gene McHugh, and Bill & Sue & their two girls.

Lots of good food, camaraderie, and the warm hospitality of the Gordon's. Thanks, Bill & Sue.

REPORT OF NOVEMBER'S MEETING ---Carolyn McHugh

Vince Groover opened the November meeting at the home of Elsie Tarr. In comparison the cacophony of the chaotic October meeting, this meeting seemed subdued and controlled, but, then again, I considered the October meeting something of a baptism by fire for me...taking minutes for any successive meeting has to be a piece of cake! The minutes must have been satisfactory, however, because they were approved.

Vince reported that amount given for the treasury at the October meeting was indeed a mistake: the correct balance for October was \$551.72, and the balance as of October 31 is \$742.72. Robert Davis produced the elusive parts box, and the accompanying parts list. Robert read the list of individuals who "owed" the parts box, and some members were shocked to find that they owed parts dating back as far as 1979.

Since Mike and Jennifer were being wined and dined at the Old Crows conference, there was no historians' report. Elsie Tarr passed the baton to Chris Holcomb for Regalia, and it was reported that \$27 was ordered from out of town individuals.

Jim Banvard reported on the upcoming December 9 Christmas party. (Check the details in the activities part of the newsletter).

Under new business, Peggy Bradford will be working on the Trivia Quiz. Vince received a letter from the Commissioner of Revenue, City of Virginia Beach which seemed to indicate that the city will now be charging personal property tax on antique cars. In the past members have received letters about registration fees on antique cars, but this is different. Richard Hall is checking with Dennis West of the Antique Car Association to find out how that organization is responding, and other members volunteered to contact officials at various levels in Virginia Beach bureaucracy in order to obtain more information.

John German mentioned that there might be a discount for MG members who purchased Christmas trees from a certain lot that he was interested in...see him for details.

REMINDER: There is no December meeting.

May Robert Davis' and Jennifer West's mothers recover completely from their recent hospital visits!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 3, 1984 - January meeting at the home of the Gordons - map in November newsletter.

Saturday, January 28, 1984 - "ANNUAL WICKER BASKET AFFAIR" at the home of Jim & Brenda Banvard. Remember this is a "gourmet" pot-luck dinner held annually to enhance our treasury a bit and to recapture the holiday spirit to sustain us through the winter doldrums. Please call Brenda Banvard, the hostess, to let her know what you will be bringing or to get a suggestion as to what to bring. Call 340-6737 after 6 p.m. any evening prior to the 28th. Wine, beer, and coffee supplied. Starting time on the 28th is 7 p.m. Bring yourselves, \$5 per couple, your pot-luck gourmet speciality, and hearty appetites. Once again, we expect to see our old friends the Boswell's. Please call - or we'll be calling you.....

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUIZ No. 20 - NOVEMBER, 1983

191. The MG TC with NEMGT Register # 400 belongs to Frank Churchill. TSO, Aug 82, p. 10
192. In 1886, Jekyll Island, Georgia was purchased for \$125,000. TSO, Aug 82, p. 32
193. The first Australian Grand Prix was held in 1928 on Phillip Island, Australia. TSO, Dec 78, p. 28
194. The third annual Natter & Noggin was held at Andover, Mass. TSO, Dec 78, p. 28
195. Two of the following three men set speed records in EX181 (The Roaring Raindrop). Circle the correct two.
- b. Stirling Moss
c. Phil Hill TSO, Feb 80, p. 48
196. EX127 was given what nickname? The Magic MG
TSO, Feb 80, p. 28/29
197. The NEMGT Register is governed by a Board of Directors who serve how long? Until they resign
NEMGT Register application, p. 2
198. The dues for a local member joining in February are \$4.00.
Club Bi-laws, p. 2
199. Newly elected club officers assume their positions on Nov 1.
Club Bi-laws, p. 3
200. Exportation of MGB/GT's to America ended in 1975.
TSO, June 83, p. 13

TRIVIA QUIZ

Our Christmas present to you is - NO quiz this month - notes from Olde Number 6733:

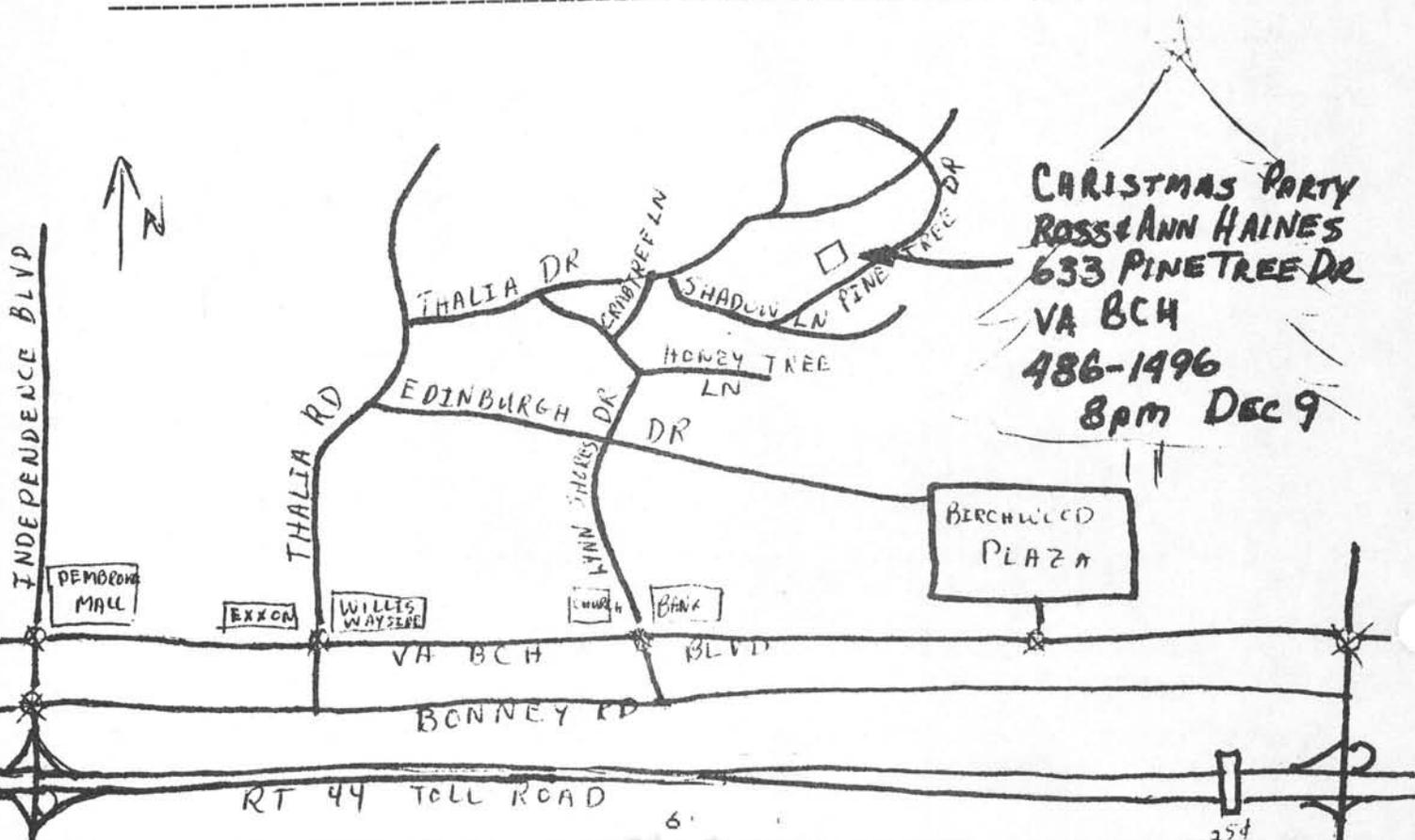
As the second annual Trivia Quiz comes to a close, it looks as though Peggy faded just a bit, but not quite enough for Hank to catch her. --quite an exciting finish, nevertheless. Here are the final standings:

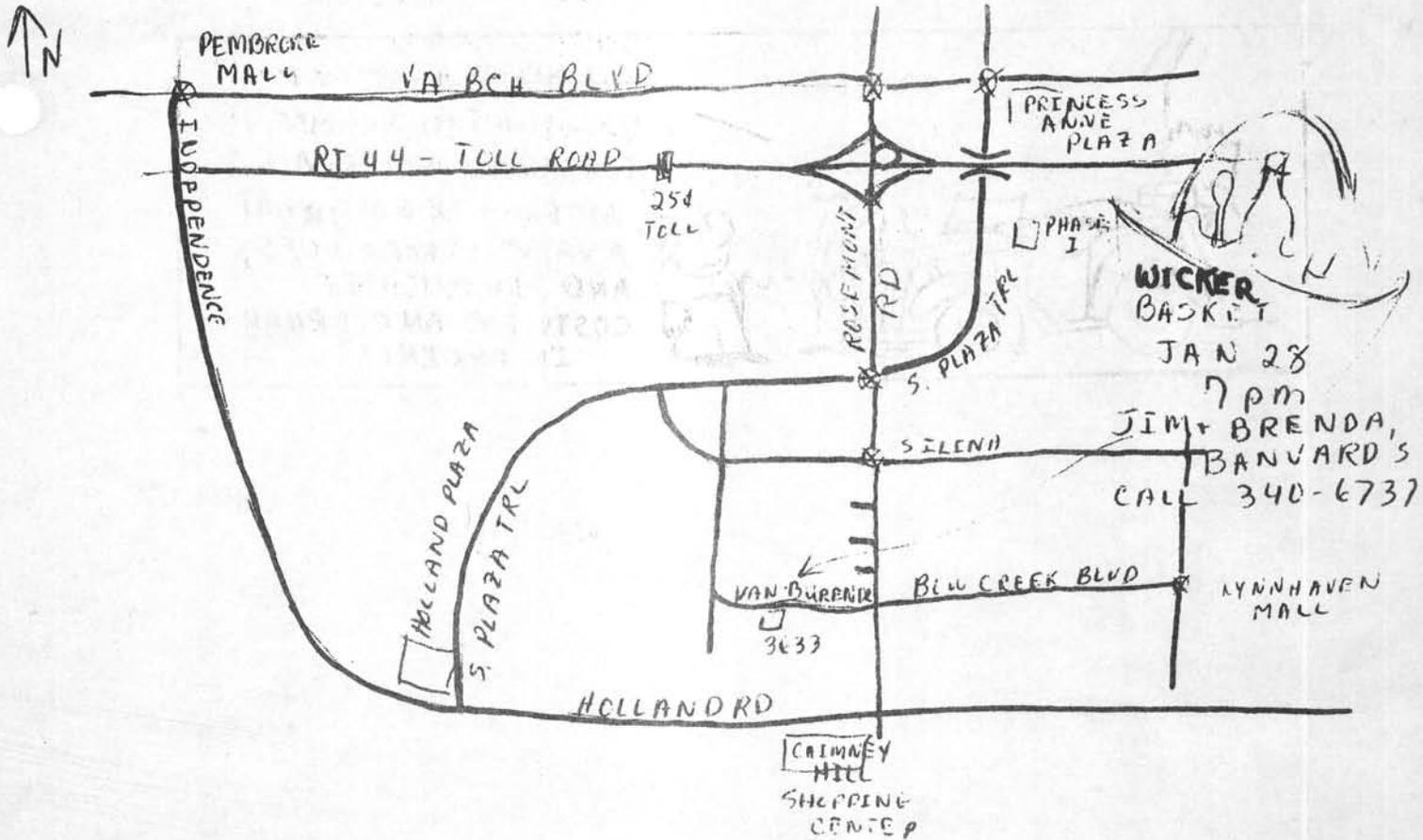
NAME	MONTH'S SCORE	CUM SCORE
Peggy Brandford	9/10	98/100
Hank Giffin	10/10	97/100
Jim Banvard	8/10	93/100
Ron Henry	-	55/70
Mike Ash	-	52/60
Bob Beauter	4/10	33/70
Charlie Dixon	-	30/50
Vince Groover	-	27/30
Bill Gordon	-	14/30

Note: No monthly winner

Whooops! Who you compete, who you compete, who you compete!

(Editor's note - Come on, out there - T R Y. After next March when all the experts - Bradford, Giffin, and Banvard have won their month's for the new year - it's a wide open field. Come on, all you need is to answer the most of the new submitters - and you'll win a \$5 gift certificate.)





And now a word from Chris Holcomb, our regalia chairman:

Remember that MG Regalia make GREAT Christmas Gifts. Get your order in right away !!! The following are items we have available now:

- Men's T-shirts.....\$3.50 or \$4.50 (style)
- Ladies' T-shirts.....4.50
- MGT Club Tote Bags.....4.50
- Leather Visors.....5.00
- MG T series handbooks.....10.00
- MG T Classics Car Badges.....10.00
- MG Ski Caps.....8.50

We only have a few "I ♥ my MG" ski caps left. order yours now to make sure you get one!!!

To order, call or write: Chris Holcomb, 416 Brian Ave, Va. Bch., Va. 23462.....490-0358.....

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 16 - MONDAY

And with apologies to cartoonist Thaves:



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