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THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Greetings, Friends!

It's that time again folks - the end of another active month and time for me to get another newsletter out to you, and let you know what has been going on in the club if you haven't been able to participate; maybe we can entice you!

On March 30th, twenty-one of us descended on Blue Pete's Seafood Restaurant for an evening of conviviality. It really was fun and the food was good too. (It has been suggested we do this again, on an impromptu basis, and less expensively - say at Fass Brothers, where they have very good and inexpensive "all-you-can-eat" items on the menu.)

There was another tech session on April 3rd, which, due to lack of publicity on my part, was not as well-attended as previous ones; seven members in 3 T's were there. Plenty was accomplished though, and all who attended were glad they did.

The April meeting was on Wednesday, 7th, at the home of Fred & Jane d'Antonio (the couple with the wierdest "T" - I think it's the Morgan Model), who made us all most welcome. It was an extremely well-attended meeting - 28 members and 6 T's showed up. The items under discussion at the meeting were:

- The embroidered badges are on order and should be delivered shortly.
- The Williamsburg checkpoint for the Bicentennial Rally was discussed and the location considered most desirable and feasible was the William & Mary campus; now all we need is permission to use it! Mike will take care of that.
- We have made arrangements for the rally-runners to stay at the Ramada Inn in Newport News for the Williamsburg overnight stop, ready for the run up to Annapolis the next day.
- We have yet to arrange a checkpoint in Virginia Beach for the Rally, but Mike has that under control also.
- Dash plaques for the club's last rally are on order and should be here in time for the next meeting.
- Mike Ash moved that the club buy some tune-up kits (points, etc.) to use at tech. sessions, to be sold to members who need the items to get their car in shape at that time. It was unanimously agreed that this purchase be made on the understanding that the items be paid for by the member at the time he uses it.
- Members should be prepared to make their own repairs at tech. sessions; the "experts"(?) will give all the assistance they can - but give them some slack! Be prepared to learn to do the repair yourself. Incidentally, we have quite a few members who at one time knew very little about the innards of their T's; they are now "A" students, eager to learn it all and proud of what they can accomplish.

We welcomed two new members attending their first meeting - Ron Eaton and Bob and Nancy Brethauer. We also welcomed two guests, Jim Nichols and Tony Edwards, both of whom are just crazy enough to want to become one of us. More about our new members later in the letter.

On April 24th - a lovely sunny warm Saturday - 3 T's and a something-else unloaded their passengers for breakfast at the Holiday Inn (Willoughby). After a light repast

we headed for Williamsburg and the James River plantations. We stopped at Berkley where we had a picnic lunch in the grounds, and then drove on to Shirley. We returned to Williamsburg after a lovely drive through the peaceful, leafy lanes that have known so much history. We were joined by more members of the club in the evening, and a party of 13 dined at Christiana Campbell's Tavern in the Colonial Area. The atmosphere lent itself to fun and laughter and as is the wont of M.G. types, we all had a terrific time. The only mishap all weekend was when Mike discovered his fuel hose was leaking, and he had to miss early service at Bruton Parish Church in order to locate a replacement hose so that we could continue our trip. (Mike, there are some who will never believe you didn't "arrange" that!! Ed.) We all met at the Cascades Restaurant, reknowned for it's magnificent Sunday brunch. After downing several platters of breakfast, we hung around until 11 a.m. to see if any other members would be joining us just for the day, but our numbers remained the same. We then headed for the Jamestown Ferry, crossed the river and stopped at Smith's Fort and then Bacon's Castle on the way back to Virginia Beach. When we reached Portsmouth the heavens opened up and let it all fall on the Y-type (we were on our own by that time). Up to then, the Y had not been exposed to such a pouring-on of water. Thanks to two paper-cup-wielding passengers in back, we were saved from complete saturation! (At least we know where the leaks are). It was a jolly good weekend outing, and we all thank Cathy and Camille for arranging it and taking care of the details.

Once again, I beg you all - please let me have any articles, poems, cartoons, ideas, etc., etc. - any kind of contributions (that can be reproduced clearly, if it is printed matter). They will be accepted gratefully for future issues of YOUR letter. Let's get all the cars out now that we are heading for the Merry Month of May - see you all at the May meeting!

Jennifer Ash

MAY MEETING: This will be held at the home of Dave & Gail Parsons (see map for directions) This is going to be a SPRING FUN CONCOURSE - something different this month. It will be strictly in fun, and we will vote for the best looking car, as well as having prizes for various classes - i.e. best wax job, dirtiest car, baldest tyres, maybe even best-decorated; come prepared for anything. Just show up and we'll fit you into some category. There will be prizes too!! So, those of you who have been in hiding all winter, blow the dust off your cars (perhaps you should leave it on - you may get a prize for dirtiest car!), come and join us - Spring is here!

NEW MEMBERS: (Please add these names, addresses and phone numbers to your rosters)

BILL GAMES - Suite 312 Malibu Towers	340-0688	51 TD
3500 Va. Beach Blvd.	486-1300(bus.)	
Va. Beach, Va. 23452		

Bill bought Mike Ash's "pink" car, and is in the process of giving it new life. Please come to a meeting, Bill; we would like to meet you and hear how the car is coming along.

BOB & NANCY BRETHAUER - 1314 Melrose Pkwy	489-4329	51 TD
Norfolk, Va. 23508		

Bob is a convert from a Sprite, and got his TD in October last year. Both he and Nancy are originally from Ohio, and Bob is a resident at Norfolk General Hospital.

BILL & SUZANNE WARE - 3182 Kline Dr.
Va. Beach, 23452

486-2451

51 TD

Bill and Suzanne were introduced to the club by Jim Banvard (and I haven't been able to get hold of them to find out more about them.) We did meet these two new members at our Christmas party, though.

BUCK LAMPTON - 600 Cardamon Ct.
Va. Beach, 23462

420-9507

54 TF

Buck was brought into the club by Roy Wiley and has attended a meeting as a guest. Welcome to the club, Buck.

RON EATON - Ron and Rosemary are already on our roster, but Ron has never been able to stay on shore duty for a meeting until last month. Ron picked up his super little TC in Minnesota; only two owners and low mileage - how lucky can a guy get?

DAN BILICKI - 1329 W. Princess Anne Rd.
Norfolk, Va. 23507

623-3775

53 TD

We weren't able to get hold of Dan for his life history, so come to the next meeting Dan, and let us all get to know you and welcome you in person.

WANTS:

Want old Tachometers, speedometers, odometers. Call Dave Barrows - 428-3250

Want 2 TC wire wheels - Call Tom Connelie, 486-5275.

FOR SALE:

TF Heater (will fit all T's) plus pipe adaptor (\$104 in Moss Catalog) Asking \$50.00. Call Dan Boswell - Home: 486-1293 / Bus: 444-7811

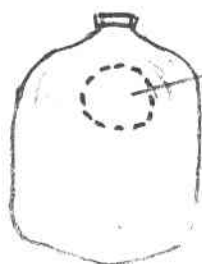
PARTS: Robert Davis (423-2705) has a list of parts available from Lawhorn Used Auto parts, in Richmond. e.g. Frames - with title!; rear axles; drive shafts; fenders; gas tanks; hoods, and much more - enough to build a car, EXPENSIVELY!

COMING EVENTS: May 23 - Hermitage House tour and picnic in the grounds. Mark your calendar NOW; there will be a flyer with more information later on next month. Call Richard & Sandy Hall if you want to know more now - 482-2821.

There are no T-TIPS this month, but here is the diagram I omitted from last month's column - sorry about that. It referred to the rear light lens, so cut this out and paste it on last month's letter.



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bottle



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(to handle)