



THE TIDEWATER MG 'T' CLASSICS

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Dear Members,

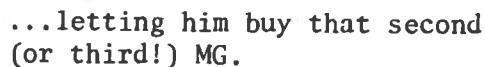
We have had another active month - t-wise that is - and it is encouraging to see so many more members participating these days.

The last meeting was held at the home of Caroline and Jerry Talley on August 4th, and plenty of people found their way, in spite of the directions in the newsletter! There were 31 members present, in 2 TF's, 7 TD's, 4 MGA's, a Y-type (Robert Davis') a Sprite, a TR-4 and two bicycles (Ed Maltby and his bride)! Ed, don't you think it's time you got that car together - you can travel so much further in a T than on a bike, if you're lucky!! It was a good meeting and here is what transpired...

- The treasurer reported that we have money in the bank (I forgot to write down how much - sorry!)
- It was reported, in Buck Lampton's absence, that we are still awaiting the badges, but they should be here by this next meeting. (Won't that be a relief!)
- Dave Barrows told us what a good time he had meeting the people from the Ontario Chapter of the T Register who were down here on vacation in their T's - 2 TC's, 3TDs and an MGA coupe (I think that's how many there were). Mike and I had met them all up in Williamsburg, and had a fine evening there. Then they decided to come to the beach for a couple of days, so we put them on to Dave, since they were wondering where they would be able to park on the ocean-front. We all know that Dave never minds seeing a "T" pull up outside his house; well, he was delighted to have that many visitors in T's and had a thoroughly good time. They are a delightful bunch of people - as are most MG enthusiasts we have met.
- Levi Tarr's son is something of a leather craftsman, and has made some lovely sun visors to wear, with the Club emblem tooled on them. These items are selling for \$6.00 and well worth the money. (We have seen them for \$15-up at various gatherings). Of course there is a small profit on each sale for the club funds.
- SEPTEMBER 17th - Car show and parade and Country Fair in WHITESTONE, Va. This has been advertised in the past two newsletters. Reservations have been made (temporary) at the Whispering Pines Motel in Whitestone for the nights of Friday 16th and Saturday 17th, and we need to know exactly how many people will be wanting rooms by the date of the next meeting - Sep. 7th. The car show starts at 10 a.m. on the Saturday morning and that is why we made some reservations for the previous night. But please give me a call (Jennifer Ash - 424-1660) before Sept. 7th if you want one of the rooms. The rooms cost \$17 - \$21 per night. (\$21 is if you have an extra bed).

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DUES: If you have not paid your dues by the next meeting, your name will be dropped from the roster, and **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANOTHER NEWSLETTER!** If you are not sure if you are paid up or not, contact O.D. Dawson, 420-8305. A new roster will be printed up and mailed with the September newsletter, and it does rather mess things up if we have to go changing it all because someone forgot to pay their dues!!



- FOR SALE: (Contact Mike Ash, (804)424-1660
for all items)

Manifold (inlet/exhaust)	\$20.00
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Air Cleaner (dry type)	20.00
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(Convert your T-type to single SU carburettor and "uncomplicate" tune-ups!)

Y-type oil-bath air cleaner (can be converted for T-type) \$30.00

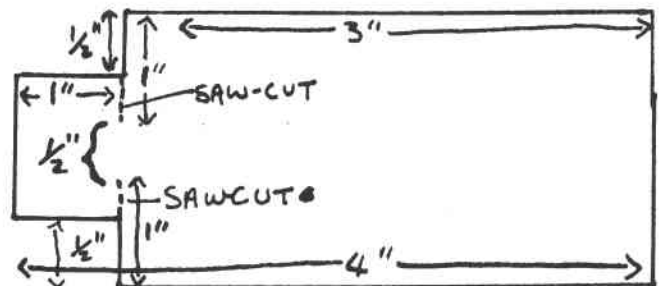
3/8 x 7/16 Whitworth box-end wrench, \$4.00

New and Original ignition keys, MRN series, many numbers available, \$2 each.

Water outlet elbows, suitable for TF, \$8

T-TIPS: "Guard against accidental short-circuits with this BATTERY TERMINAL COVER", says DAVE BARROWS.

1. Start with a 4" length of water hose, with inside diameter of 1"
2. Split hose lengthwise and flatten out to make the cuts as shown in diagram
3. Cut from each side to within $\frac{1}{2}$ " of center, 1" from one end.

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..CONTINUING.."MOTORING FIRSTS" by Merritt Horne, lifted from THE MUD FLAP, newsletter of the Tidewater Chapter of the AACA.

The police sided with the pedestrians and bicycle riders, and on May 20, 1899, a bluecoat watched with narrowed eyes as Jacob German at the tiller of the Electric Vehicle Company's Cab #1565 whirred by on Lexington Avenue, New York City, at breakneck speed - 12 miles per hour. The policeman leaped on his bicycle, and pedalling furiously, overtook German and booked him at the East 22nd St. station house for speeding, forever setting him apart from his fellow motorists. German was the first person to be ticketed for speeding!

Automobiles were increasing in number on the streets of New York and a few months later, on Sept. 13, 1899, Henry Bliss stepped off a street car at Central Park W. & 74th St., and was killed by an automobile driven by Arthur Smith. Smith was arrested and held under \$1,000 bail pending restitution to the family. Bliss died at Roosevelt Hospital, and his death is recorded as the first automobile fatality.

A hand-drawn map showing the location of ODU (Old Dominion University) and surrounding roads. The map is oriented with a north arrow pointing towards the top-left. Key roads include Bolling Av. (vertical), Polkman Ave. (horizontal, labeled 'POLKMAN AVE'), Hampton Blvd. (horizontal), Brambleton Ave. (diagonal), and Waterfront Dr. (diagonal). ODU is marked with a box labeled 'ODU' on Hampton Blvd. Other landmarks include 'NORFOLK GEN HOSP.' and 'SCOPE BOUSCH ST.'. Directions are provided for 'TO INTERNATIONAL BLVD TERMINAL BLVD TO HAMPTON, KD. ALSO TO LITTLE CREEK RD.' and 'TO I-264 & VA. BCH.'.

WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

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BOLLING AVE. IS ONE BLOCK^{NORTH} OF OLD
DOMINION UNIVERSITY (ODU) OFF
HAMPTON BLVD. POWATAN IS ABOUT
5 BLOCKS FROM HAMPTON BLVD.