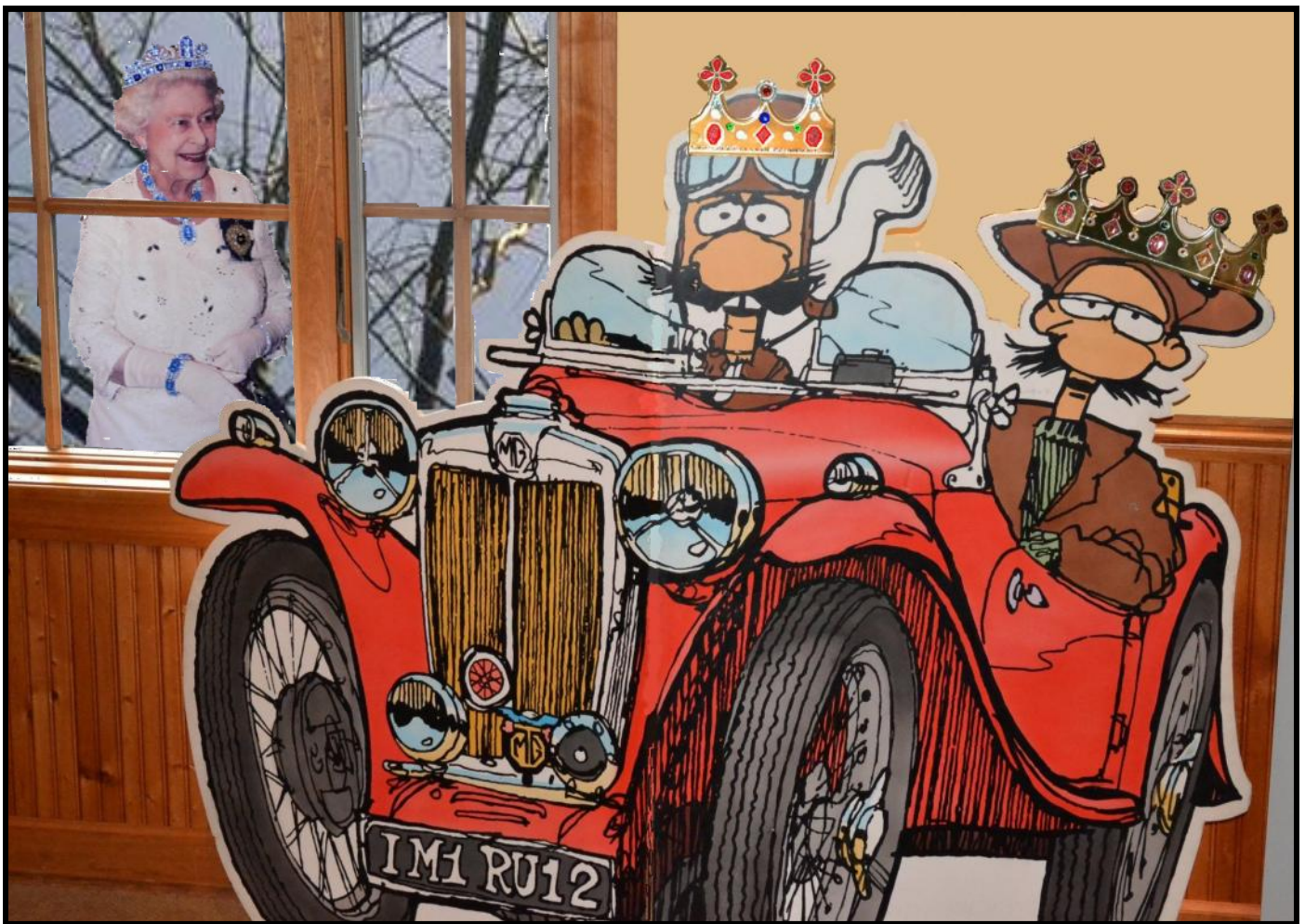




T TIMES



I have to be seen to be believed.

- HM Queen Elizabeth II

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Chairman's Corner

I am pleased to announce that although January had very cold weather, it also had a few exceptionally warm days. This gave me an opportunity to drive my 1951 TD car! It is my understanding that my T-car was not the only one enjoying a spin, "Bridget" Tom Sorensen's 1953 TD was also out there as well.

And there was the Hibernation Party/Annual Meeting. A club first (as far as I have been around), two T-cars were driven there as well. And they came from Novi and Ypsilanti, nice!

Also at the Hibernation Party, we held our annual auction for charity. This year it was the Collectors Foundation and we raised \$349.00. Thanks to John Deikis our Auctioneer and his assistant Richard Quick for entertaining the crowd. We maxed out the capacity of the room at Karl's Cabin this year.

At the auction, there were some amazing items donated. Thanks to all of you who contributed. There was a pair of massive wire cutters donated by Lee Jacobsen (ones that were previously evidence from a break-in at one of his properties), many car parts, even an MGB suspension spring. Every donation went to a good home.

I personally bid on and won two lovely items for my TD. An authentic TD license plate frame, donated by Lou VanKoningsveld is now mine. Lou promised installation and I am also requesting he redo the paint job on my 1951 license plate before he puts it on my car. Lou did a fabulous job on his plate, and nothing but the best for my T-car too!

The other item I won was an oil catcher designed and built by John Gervasi. It is an amazing metal container that fits under your vehicle, collects oil drips and shares the pavement. There is also a tap on it so the oil can be drained out into a container for disposal.

George Patrick picked up some nice T-parts as well. It would be nice to see him and Rita cruising this summer, it has been a few years now....

There was also the business part of the Annual Meeting. My many thanks for the two retiring Executive Board members, Tom Norman - Recording Secretary (who said that evening he was NOT leaving the club) and Lou VanKoningsveld - Club

Treasurer. They both did an wonderful job serving the T-Club and it is greatly appreciated by all.

And welcome to the Board Richard Quick, new Recording Secretary and Shari Pelic, new club Treasurer. Mike Liberty and I have agreed to hold our positions for another year.

And of course, a special thank you to our returning Committee Chair people. Cary Gersh has agreed to stay on as club webmaster (with some new changes to the site this year), Lee Jacobsen as Technical Library Chairman, Lou VanKoningsveld for Regalia and Shari Pelic as the T-Times Editor.

The new revised Constitution/By-Laws were also approved at the Annual Meeting.

And per the Constitution/By-Laws, it was announced that the club dues would be increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00 (if you receive the T-Times newsletter via email) or \$35.00 if you would like a copy of the newsletter mailed to you.

Looks like a great upcoming year for the club if the Hibernation Party is any indication.

I received a call from John Russell (Twin Bay Car Club President) and they have officially accepted our challenge of a Valve Cover Race at their show on August 11th. We will have a tech session in the next month or so, invite Twin Bay and also Windsor/Detroit MG Club as they too have valve cover cars and go to the Alden Show. This promised to be a Great Race!

Our Events Coordinator also has informed me that we have some new and exciting events scheduled for 2013. Watch for emails and articles in the T-Times for the events, dates and times!

And in closing, I have been told it is never too early to start thinking and working on your T-car to get her ready for the first spring drive!

-Sandy Kuivenhoven-



SEND IN YOUR CAR(S) PHOTOS FOR THE 2013 CLUB DIRECTORY

The T-Club Membership Directory for 2013 will be printed at the end of April, so if you would like a photo of your car(s) included with your membership information now is the time to send them. Please email the photos to Shari Pelic at spelic@simplexgrinnell.com by April 30th to assure they will be in the 2013 Membership Directory.

This is a nice feature to our club directory and a great way to check out other club members' vehicles.

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DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR CLUB PATCHES

The Club Patches sales are off to a good start. They measure 5 inches (wing to wing) by almost 4.5 inches top to bottom. Perfect for jackets, lawn chairs, car towels, etc.

Cost is only \$5.00 per patch. Patches will be available to meetings and/or contact Lou VanKoningsveld or Shari Pelic to purchase yours.



AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

A Lou VanKoningsveld Recommendation and Stamp of Approval Product:

The product is MAAS Metal Polish (finally a shine that lasts!). Tired of polishing just to see tarnish reappear within weeks? MAAS IT! This powerful wipe on - wipe off formula instantly removes years of residue, rust, tarnish and oxidation from all metals and more (silver, brass, copper, aluminum, chrome, stainless, gold, pewter, nickel, platinum, bronze, magnesium, dirigold, dirilyte glass, crystal, enamel, ceramic, porcelain, fiberglass and Plexiglas).

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Plated Metals: Not recommended for use on thinly plated surfaces.

Lacquered Metals: Lacquer must be removed prior to polishing.

Lou found this product at McNab's Hardware, 3681 Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328 but you can also visit: www.maasinc.com for further information.

MG VALVE COVER RACING CAR TECH SESSION

With Valve Cover Car racing becoming an increasing popular sport and the Great Alden Car Show Challenge (August 11th), we are having a tech session.

Date: Saturday, March 16th, 2013

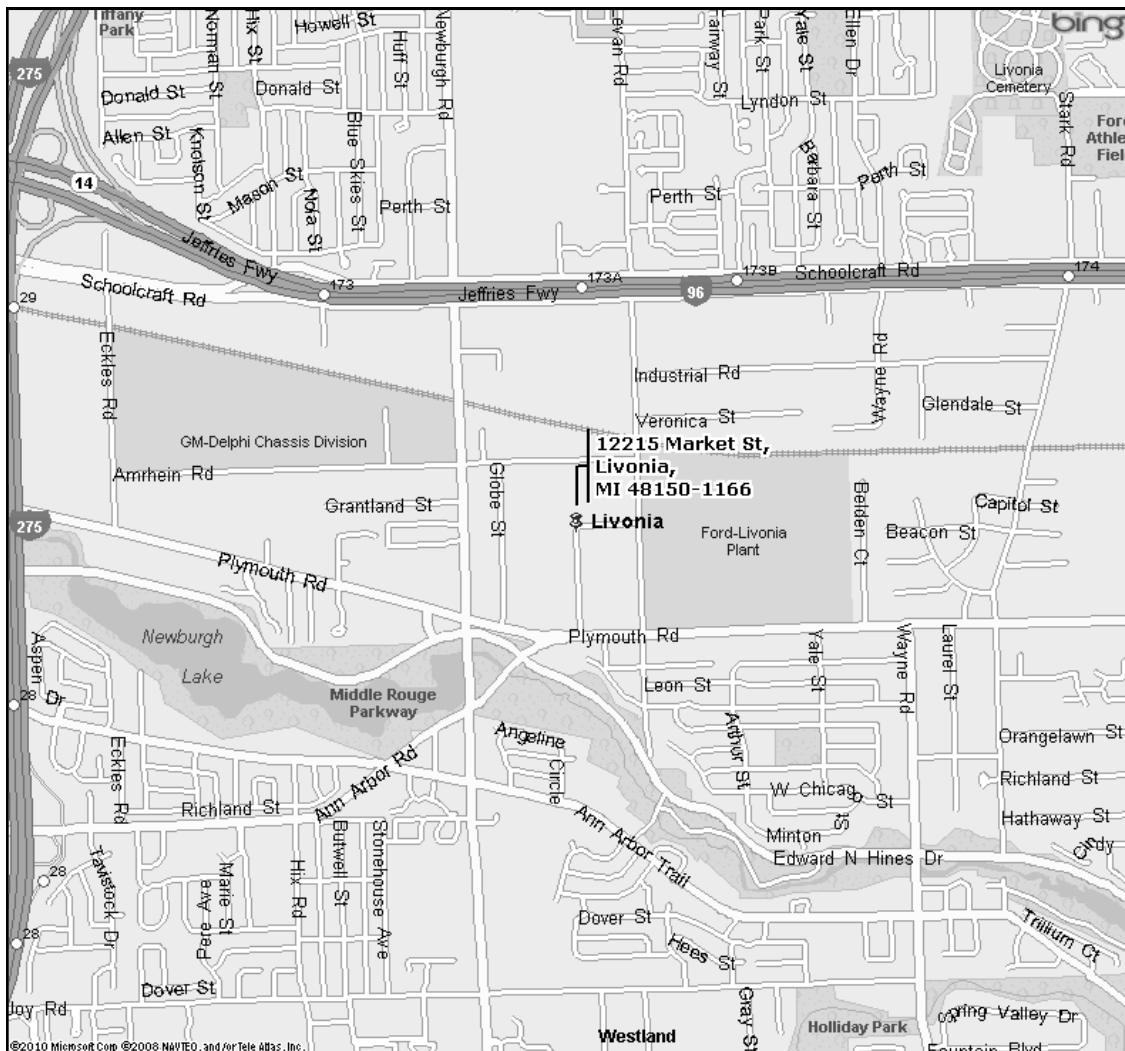
Place: Jacobsen Industries (with our host, Lee Jacobsen)
12173 Market Street
Livonia, MI 48150

Time: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Purpose: To discuss valve cover car construction, view videos on valve cover car racing, go over the rules, test out your car(s) on a valve cover track, improve the performance of your racing car and share tip with other racers regarding the sport. This should be an awesome tech session.

Tech Session and complimentary lunch (which will be served at 12:00 Noon by the "T-Divas") is sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the New England MG "T" Club.

Hope to see you there!



THE NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES...

The T-Club for the past several years has been financially sound. But we must do the math for the future in a simply form to be able to understand what is happening currently. So here we go:

With approximately 71 members (3 of which are lifetime members and pay no dues) paying \$15.00 per year, the club takes in approximately **\$1,020.00**.

If we refer to the financial statement last year, the club expenses were **\$2,240.00**.
This means we spent **\$1,220.00** more than we took in.

To date, this has not been too much of a problem since the club checking has a decent balance. The \$2,240.00 listed above does not include printing of the club newsletter, the T-Times. Printing has been gifted to the club for the last couple of years, but we should not continue operating under this assumption any longer.

In obtaining current costs if we paid to have it printed professionally, would be as follows:

A 16 page newsletter, color cover, black & white interior, 100 copies would cost: \$234.00
A 12 page newsletter, color cover, black & white interior, 100 copies would cost: \$184.00
A 16 page newsletter, all color, 100 copies would cost \$512.00
A 12 page newsletter, all color, 100 copies would cost \$384.00

Currently we send out newsletters six times a year.

At the very least, we would be paying an additional \$1,104.00 per year in professional printing.

We could of course, have fewer newsletter, but you get the idea, we would still be spending more than we take in.

To avoid financial issues in the future if and when we no longer have free printing, we need to make some changes now.

First, the club dues of \$15.00 have never been increased in 40 years. The Executive Board has voted to change that amount now. It was announced at the Hibernation Party/Annual Meeting that dues would increase to **\$25.00 per membership** if you wanted the newsletter emailed or **\$35.00 per membership** if you wanted a copy of the newsletter mailed to your home address.

With this edition of the newsletter, you will also receive one emailed copy so you can compare and decide which way you would like to renew your membership.

After renewals this year, we will be able to better judge if this will be enough to correct to financial flow, which we think it will.. Other fixes as mentioned above, we can have fewer newsletters each year, but hopefully that will not be the case. And with emailed newsletter, it is a greener way to go so that may work out as well.

The club is growing, and more activities are being planned each year. Costs continue to go up in life so we are hoping with the increase in dues, we can continue in the same direction that the club is presently going and this can resolve some of the costs sustained each year.

Dues and application for renewal (on the other side of the page) are due by April 1st, 2013.

A addressed envelop has been enclosed for your convenience.



Application for Membership

Michigan Chapter of the New England MG T Register

www.michiganmgt.com

NEMGTR Membership Number _____

Date _____ Phone (____) _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ E-Mail: _____

Series MG _____ Year _____ Color _____ Car No. _____ Engine No. _____

Series MG _____ Year _____ Color _____ Car No. _____ Engine No. _____

Series MG _____ Year _____ Color _____ Car No. _____ Engine No. _____

FOLD ALONG THIS LINE

This must be complete, letters as well as numbers. Required data is to be found on the 3" x 4" plate on the battery box, tool box or firewall. TD owners are cautioned to include letters in the bottom half of the car # rectangle: i.e., EXL, EXLU, EXR, EXL/NA, etc. This is a significant part of the car #. Also include all the letters in the Engine # such as XPAG, XPEG, etc.

Chapter Interests:

_____ Newsletter	_____ Tours	Other: _____
_____ Membership	_____ Spares	_____
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Annual Membership due by April 1st, 2013

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or

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Mail to: **Tom Sorensen - Membership**
226 Dexter Street
Milan, MI 48160

2012 TRAVELING TROPIES WINNERS



RALPH MORSE AWARD for most participation in club events went to **Shari Pelic** again this year. Even with vehicle issues on her 1949 TC, she has managed to attend the most club sanctioned events in 2012. She did some of the bigger events this year, Chicago for the GOF Central where her “T-Diva” valve cover car came in third in the completion, the Oscoda Tiki Tour and the Covered Bridge Fall Color Tour. She experienced brake issues as she headed for the Cover Bridge Tour in Ohio, but with a call to road service and a little help getting her vehicle back to the storage unit, she hopped in her every day driver and made the event. Again this year, Shari has contributed greatly to the T-Club, she is Editor of the T-Times, Events Coordinator, and this year, 2013, is serving as the Club Treasurer and on the Executive Board. Many thanks to her for years of service to the club and love of LBCs.



SPIRIT OF MG AWARD for club and MG spirit was awarded to **Edmund and Chris Szedlap**. They have worked on their 1952 TD for thirty-nine years and now it is up and running once more. You may recall reading an article in the T-Times last year on just how extensive the restoration was over the years. Edmund and Chris (due to their work schedule) are not usually seen at club meetings but now that their TD is back in commission, they are attending car shows within the state. They made a great showing at Frankenmuth last year and other local shows so we can rest assured, we will be seeing more of them in the future. They are even organizing a club outing on Memorial Day for the club to participate in the Novi parade so watch for more information on that very soon. They truly enjoy their MG TD and that is what the Spirit Award is really about. Congratulations!



RICHARDSON AWARD for the most miles driven in a T-car to club events last year went to **Linda Northrup** again this year. There is no stopping the woman when it comes to her and her MGT. She uses it as a every good day driver and even surprised everyone as she drove it to the Hibernation Party/Annual Meeting. It does help that her husband Jim is mechanical and helps her stay on the road with the vehicle running well. She has some awesome photos of the car from the Ohio Covered Bridge Tour, and weathered the elements again this year as she drove to Oscoda for Tiki fun. Nothing but salt on the road will stop her from being behind the wheel of her T-car . And again, for the forth year in a row, this trophy has been awarded to a woman club member. You go girl!



FOUNDER'S AWARD for new member enthusiasm was awarded to **Doyle Meredith** this year. Doyle and his 1955 TF are also motoring once more. His restoration of his vehicle was completed last year (again, his story in the T-Times) and his involvement with the club makes him an excellent recipient of this trophy.. He has attended tech sessions, and also monthly club meeting where he has consulted with fellow members on issues throughout some of the restoration process. Unfortunately, Doyle was in Florida at the time of the Hibernation Party/Annual Meeting and unable to accept the award there but we can rest assured that the Founder's Award Trophy will grace his home for a year as he enjoys driving his TF during the upcoming club year. Congratulations for a job well done!

Hibernation Party



What a royal affair! I haven't been in the club for all of it's years, but I am pretty certain this was the first time the Queen attended our Hibernation Party. Yes, indeed the Queen of England received all of the quests, posed for pictures and even passed out commemorative tiaras' to all the ladies. Good thing we had the photographer, Marc Stump, to capture the moment. (And yes, Cary we do have it on film when you went to grab the Queen - a blackmail letter will be sent out later.)



And to upstage the Queen, two - yes two, T Cars drove to the party. That may be another first for the event. Both TD's belonging to Linda / Jim Northrup and Akira Imai were spotted in the parking lot. Now



that took guts and a lot of heavy clothing.



Dinner was enjoyed by 52 attendees. Great food as usual and lots of fun. During the dinner service, our Chairman, Sandy conducted our Annual Meeting. We voted in the revised By Laws/Constitution along with our new Board. Awards were handed out. (Details on a following page.) Desert was a lovely red TD cake baked by Mrs. Maddox Cakes in Farmington Hills (business card is enclosed in the Ads section). It always seems like a shame to cut into the work of art, but that cherry nut cake makes it all forgiven.

Mr. John Deikis put on another fabulous show for our annual auction. He always entertains the crowd while bringing in the top dollars -



\$349.00 this year. A big "Thank You" goes out to John for performing for us! "Thanks" also goes out to his



lovely assistant, Richard Quick.

As a bonus this year the new club Valve Cover Car Track attended the event. Some members brought there cars to show off and practice racing. Two new valve cover cars appeared - Lee Jacobsen's car modeled from Bob Leinen's TC and Jim Northrup's 'hot rod'.



This year's Hibernation Party will go down in the history books as one of the greats. I want to thank everyone for attending and special thanks to my sister, Sandy, for all the help with the decorations (directions on how to make the candles on a following page), the Gervasi's for all their help in setting up.



I'm starting the plans for next year's event so if anyone has some suggestions, please let me know.

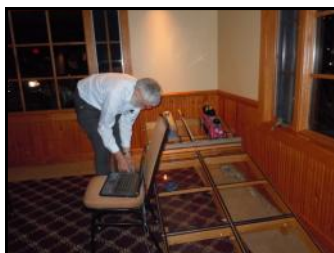
-shari pelic

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More Pictures from the Hibernation Party

- cuz we had an extra page



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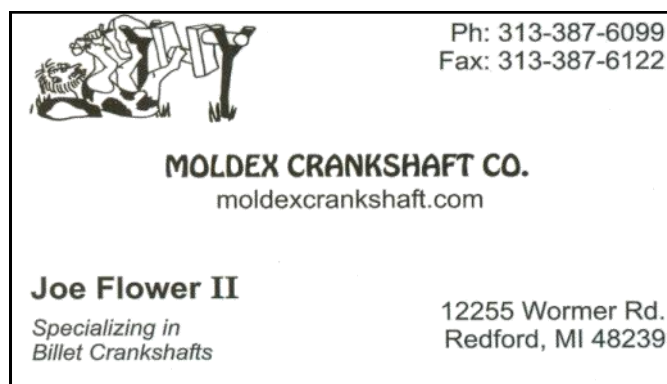
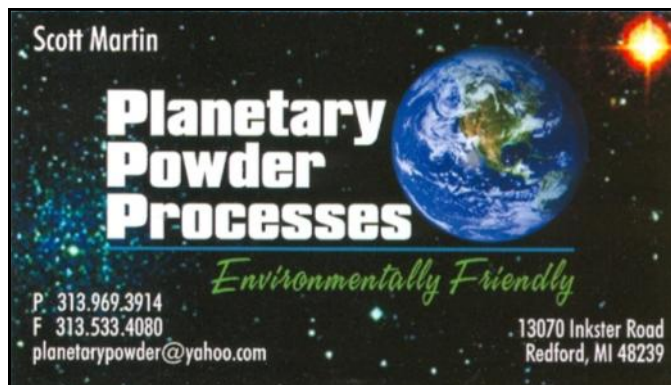
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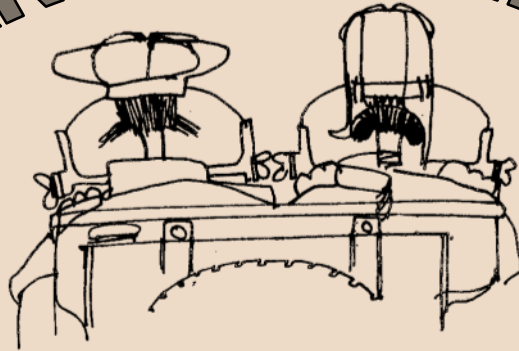
CANDLE WITH TISSUE PAPER TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions on how to recreate the candles in the centerpiece at the Hibernation Party were requested by several members at the event be included in the T-Times.

- Create the design on your computer that you wish to transfer onto the candle.
- Cut a piece of tissue paper to completely wrap around a 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of copy paper and tape the edges down smoothly to the underside of the copy paper.
- Print the image on the tissue/copy paper.
- Remove the tissue paper with the image on it from the copy paper.
- Cut out the image and place it on the candle. Cut away any excess tissue paper.
- Take a piece of wax paper (larger than the candle) and pull it tightly around to the back of the candle.
- Use a heat gun to melt your design onto the candle, moving it in a back and forth motion for about 30-40 seconds across the wax paper/design underneath..
- Once the entire design is heated, gently peel back the wax paper and make sure the entire image is adhered to the candle. If not, repeat with wax paper and heat gun.
- Other methods, like stamping on the tissue paper instead of computer printing are also found online, just search "tissue paper candles".



MICHIGAN CHAPTER EVENTS



Feb 5th	Monthly Meeting - Brass Pointe (Farmington Hills)
Mar 5th	Monthly Meeting - Brass Pointe (Farmington Hills)
MAR 16th	Valve Cover Car Tech Session - Lee Jacobsen's Shop
Apr 2nd	Monthly Meeting - Brass Pointe (Farmington Hills)
May 7th	Monthly Meeting - Brass Pointe (Farmington Hills)
May TBD	Champagne Brunch - Lee & Karen Jacobsen (Dearborn)
May 25th - Jun 2nd	Drive Your British Car Week
June 4th	Monthly Meeting - Brass Pointe (Farmington Hills)
June 15th - 6th	Motor Muster, Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI
July 2nd	Monthly Meeting - Brass Pointe (Farmington Hills)
July 14th	Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Hickory Corners, MI
July 15th - 19th	GOF Central, St. Louis, MO
Aug 6th	Monthly Meeting - Brass Pointe (Farmington Hills)
Aug 11th	Alden Sports Car Show, Alden, MI
Sept 3rd	Monthly Meeting - Brass Pointe (Farmington Hills)
Sept 8th	Battle of the Brits (location tba)
Sept 20th - 22nd	Put-in-bay road race reunion



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