



T TIMES



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Chairman's Corner

Happy New Year Everyone!

Here's hoping that your New Year's Eve was filled with Pink Champagne Cocktails and Angel Food Cake, mine was-the best!

And speaking of the best, we all know this will be "the best year for the Michigan Chapter of the NEMGTR". We can look forward to many more tech sessions in order to get our cars running perfectly for July 28th. Don't be surprised if you receive a telephone call inquiring on the basis of your vehicle and information where the nearest tech session will be held near you.

And our club will be celebrating it's 40th year! This will occur in March and special events are in the works to commemorate this milestone properly. And of course, we will be hosting the 2011 GOF Central in Kalamazoo, Michigan, July 28th-30th. It is not too soon for you to make your hotel reservation at the Clarion, register yourself and your vehicle online at our club website www.michiganmgt.com too!

Our club will also be attending several car shows again this calendar year around the state, but our main focus will be our GOF Central. It is never too late to call up one of the people in charge of various aspects of the event and volunteer your services.

And January also marks a new year and membership renewal for all of us. This renewal can now be done online at our website (with a new PayPal option) or a form is also included in this edition of the T-Times for your convenience.

As a chapter of the New England MGT Register, we all need to belong to them as well. You can register at www.nemgtr.org. This membership entitles you to the bi-monthly publication of the Sacred Octagon. This journal is a wealth of information on MGT activities throughout the United States. And another benefit, you will be able to read the "Michigan Annual Chapter Report" written by yours truly along with club photos in the next edition. You don't want to miss that!

In closing, as you can see from the cover, I wasn't the only one to have an outstanding New Year's Eve, so did my MG TD. So all in all, a good time was had by all.

-Sandy Kuivenhoven-
Chairman of the Board



Detroit GM Billboard Slogans

These slogans were created by GM for use on billboards around Detroit, Michigan. We thought they worked pretty well for our LBCs as well.

Oh yeah!



Proof that your parents were actually cool once.



In this town, bodywork doesn't mean plastic surgery.



The only carbs you cared about were under the hood.



Remember when your cup holder sat next to you and wore a poodle skirt?



One 50-year old that looks good with a spare tire.



NEWEST MEMBERS



**Edmund & Chris Szalap
Novi, MI
1952 MG TD**

**Returning:
Andrew P. Szedlus
Dearborn Heights, MI
1953 MG TD**

**Returning:
Wm. Craig Faulk
Taylor, MI
Unknown T cars in his barn**

Events

by shari pelic

We're starting to work on next year's events, so if you have any other event you would like us to promote or set up, please let me know.

Lee and Karen Jacobsen have stepped up to do our Champagne Brunch next spring at their home. Thanks!! Looking forward to it.

EVENT FUND (from 50/50 raffles)

November Meeting	\$25.00
December Meeting	\$19.00
January Meeting	\$13.00
	\$57.00

Here's the final numbers from 2010

<u>2010 EVENTS</u>	<u># Members</u>	<u># T Cars</u>
March Meeting		2
April Meeting		2
April Tech Session	25	6
May Meeting		4
May Tech Session	18	4
June Meeting		9
Motor Muster	16	6
GOF 2010 10	5	
July Meeting		5
Mad Dogs 11	5	
August Meeting		5
Alden	9	4
Battle of the Brits	27	17
September Meeting		3
October Meeting		2
Checkered Flag	11	9
November Meeting		3



GOF CENTRAL 2011 UPDATE

Mark your calendars for Thursday- July 28th, through Saturday, July 30th for the Michigan Chapter of the New England MGT Register hosting of the GOF Central 2011.

Now is the time to call the Clarion Hotel (269-385-3922)

Reserve your room at the blocked rate of \$94.99 plus tax per night. Then go to our club website www.michiganmgt.com and register yourself and your vehicle (or more if you have more) for this awesome event. We now have a Pay Pal option available online.

Or you can review the Registration Form and Schedule of Events in this edition of the T-Times, fill it out and return it to Tom Sorensen with payment.

A big “thank you” to Geoff Gillis for volunteering for “Promotion” of the GOF event. He will be writing articles and updates to keep people on the event.

We still need a chair people for the following areas, with the listed responsibilities:

Vendors:

Contact vendors to attend on our event on Thursday. Direct set-up & take down if needed. Also send out thank you notes to vendors for participating in the event.

Arts & Craft Show/Photo Contest:

Items will be set up in Clarion Ballroom during event. Tags created with a number to indicate who item belongs to, what it is. People will vote for their favorites, ballots need to be collected and counted prior to Awards Banquet.

And of course, it goes without saying, all members are encourage to attend the event, bring your T-cars, volunteer to help out where needed during the event (for example, car show, hospitality room, registration, where a lot of help will be needed).

**If you are interested in volunteering, please call
Sandy Kuivenhoven at (248) 894-7123.**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

RENEWAL DUE JANUARY 2011

Enclosed is a Renewal Membership Form and Envelope.

We are in the process of updating everyone's information (cars, colors, email addresses, phone numbers all change). *Possibly those "TBA" colors of the MGT projects have a color now.*

We have also included a field for you to list any issues / projects that you have going on with your car that you might need help with or you would like to share with the club. We are trying to come up with some Tech Session ideas.

Please fill out the renewal form and mail it back with your Annual Dues of \$15 to Tom Sorensen, our Membership Chairman. We have enclosed an envelope for your convenience.

****NEW* - you can fill out your renewal form and pay via PayPal on our website.***

Thank you.



New England MGT Register - Michigan Chapter

RENEWAL APPLICATION

www.michiganmgt.com

NEMGTR Membership Number: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

PLEASE LIST CARS ON BACK

Annual Membership \$15.00

Made Payable to: Michigan Chapter NEMGTR

Mail to: Tom Sorensen - Membership

226 Dexter Street

Milan, MI 48160

Series MG _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

Car #: _____ Engine #: _____

Series MG _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

Car #: _____ Engine #: _____

Series MG _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

Car #: _____ Engine #: _____

Series MG _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

Car #: _____ Engine #: _____

Series MG _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

Car #: _____ Engine #: _____

Car and Engine numbers can be found on the brass plate on the battery box, tool box or firewall. TD owners are cautioned to include letters in the bottom half of the plate: i.e., EXL, EXLT, EXR, EXL/NA, etc. Also include all the letters in the Engine No., such as XPAG, XPEG, etc.

We are trying to compile a very accurate Michigan Chapter register of MG information so please complete this entire form.

Looking for Tech Session ideas for next year. Is your car having any issues we can help with?

(body work, engine, interior, etc.)

Tech Comments -



Brake Fluid

by Lee Jacobsen

Most of the expertise of this article was lifted from the MG club of Chicago, (Hosts of the 2012 Central GOF) who, in turn, lifted it from the Honda folks as noted. Steve Wall, the expert, does an excellent job of summarizing the issues regarding regular and silicone brake fluid. Why do I care? For the last 2 years my MGSA project has been 'braked' to a stop, which fluid to use in the brake system?

The MGSA has had the brake system rebuilt. The copper lines are original, somewhat clean, and all of the cylinders, wheel and master, are sleeved or new, including new rubber seals. Friends around the world have offered their opinions, based on their experiences. After reading Steve Wall's comments, I have decided to stick with the original Dot 3 brake fluid. Let me tell you briefly why.

First and foremost, if the brake system is not absolutely clean of all petroleum contaminants, sludge issues could occur, not immediately, but just when you don't want them. That means

wheel cylinders, even new, must be cleaned of assembly oils to be cleaner than new. Military regs make this so in their vehicles, for the same results, we must do the same with silicone. (Note: according to Steve, the military is thinking of changing back to a variant of Dot 3!)

Second, Folks promote silicone to prevent sticking wheel cylinders. If wheel and master cylinders are sleeved with bronze, brass, or stainless, they will not rust or stick. For 40+ years I have used stainless on several cars, without rust or sticking. Finally, with the TD, after 40 years, without sleeves, sticking cylinders finally occurred. My unwritten rule is, when you replace the tires, tear down and examine the brake system, replace as needed, and, of course, replace all the brake fluids. If you don't drive your car(s) much, it is wise to at least bleed them profusely every 2-3 years, as Dot 3 does eventually absorb water and the fluid needs to be changed.

The third reason is consistency and availability. Dot 3 has been around

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much longer than silicone. The swelling agents in Dot 3 are designed for OEM cars and a wide variety of rubber seals, silicone specs are hazy in this regard, even though they meet government Dot 5 regulations. 99% of cars use Dot 3, there may be a reason beyond being one third the cost. One thing for sure, Dot 3 can be purchased anywhere, not so with silicone. My nightmare with silicone is a helpful mechanic mentioning as I drive out of the service area, "by the way, I topped up your brake fluid!" What a mess that would create!



Enjoy Steve's comments, they go into much more detail.

Cheers,
Lee Jacobsen
1938 MGSA Tickford drophead
foursome



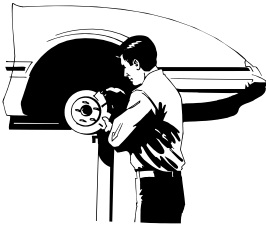
This article was obtained from the Honda Performance List.

By Steve Wall

As a former materials engineering supervisor at a major automotive brake system supplier, I feel both qualified and obligated to inject some material science facts into the murky debate about DOT 5 verses DOT 3-4 brake fluids. The important technical issues governing the use of a particular specification brake fluid are as follows:

Fluid compatibility with the brake system rubber, plastic and metal components. Water absorption and corrosion. Fluid boiling point and other physical characteristics. Brake system contamination and slugging. Additionally, some technical comments will be made about the new brake fluid formulations appearing on the scene.

First of all, it's important to understand the chemical nature of brake fluid. DOT 3 brake fluids are mixtures of glycols



and glycol ethers. DOT 4 contains borate esters in addition to what is contained in DOT 3. These brake fluids are

somewhat similar to automotive anti-freeze (ethylene glycol) and are not, as Dr. Curve implies, a petroleum fluid. DOT 5 is silicone chemistry.

Fluid Compatibility

Brake system materials must be compatible with the system fluid. Compatibility is determined by chemistry, and no amount of advertising, wishful thinking or rationalizing can change the science of chemical compatibility. Both DOT 3-4 and DOT 5 fluids are compatible with most brake system materials except in the case some silicone rubber external components such as caliper piston boots, which are attacked by silicon fluids and greases.

Water absorption and corrosion

The big bugaboo with DOT 3-4 fluids always cited by silicone fluid advocates is water absorption. DOT 3-4 glycol based fluids, just like ethylene glycol antifreezes, are readily miscible with water. Long term brake system water content tends to reach a maximum of about 3%, which is readily handled by the corrosion inhibitors in the brake fluid formulation. Since the inhibitors are gradually depleted as they do their job, glycol brake fluid, just like anti-freeze,

needs to be changed periodically. Follow BMW's recommendations. DOT 5 fluids, not being water miscible, must rely on the silicone (with some corrosion inhibitors) as a barrier film to control corrosion. Water is not absorbed by silicone as in the case of DOT 3-4 fluids, and will remain as a separate globule sinking to the lowest point in the brake system, since it is more dense.

Fluid boiling point DOT 4 glycol based fluid has a higher boiling point (446F) than DOT 3 (401F), and both fluids will exhibit a reduced boiling point as water content increases. DOT 5 in its pure state offers a higher boiling point (500F) however if water got into the system, and a big globule found its way into a caliper, the water would start to boil at 212F causing a vapor lock condition [possible brake failure -ed.]. By contrast, DOT 3 fluid with 3% water content would still exhibit a boiling point of 300F. Silicone fluids also exhibit a 3 times greater propensity to dissolve air and other gasses which can lead to a "spongy pedal" and reduced braking at high altitudes.

DOT 3 and DOT 4 fluids are mutually compatible, the major disadvantage of such a mix being a lowered boiling point. In an emergency, it'll do. Silicone fluid will not mix, but will float on top. From a lubricity standpoint, neither fluids are outstanding, though silicones will exhibit a more stable viscosity index in extreme temperatures, which is why the US Army likes silicone fluids. Since

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few of us ride at temperatures very much below freezing, let alone at 40 below zero, silicone's low temperature advantage won't be apparent. Neither fluids will reduce stopping distances.

With the advent of ABS systems, the limitations of existing brake fluids have been recognized and the brake fluid manufacturers have been working on formulations with enhanced properties. However, the chosen direction has not been silicone. The only major user of silicone is the US Army. It has recently asked the SAE about a procedure for converting from silicon back to DOT 3-4. If they ever decide to switch, silicone brake fluid will go the way of leaded gas.

Brake system contamination

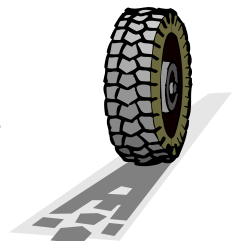
The single most common brake system failure caused by a contaminant is swelling of the rubber components (piston seals etc.) due to the introduction of petroleum based products (motor oil, power steering fluid, mineral oil etc.) A small amount is enough to do major damage. Flushing with mineral spirits is enough to cause a complete system failure in a short time. I suspect this is what has happened when some BMW owners changed to DOT 5 (and then assumed that silicone caused the problem). Flushing with alcohol also causes problems. BMW brake systems should be flushed only with DOT 3 or 4.

If silicone is introduced into an older brake system, the silicone will latch onto the sludge generated by gradual component deterioration and create a gelatin like goop which will attract more crud and eventually plug up metering orifices or cause pistons to stick. If you have already changed to DOT 5, don't compound your initial mistake and change back. Silicone is very tenacious stuff and you will never get it all out of your system. Just change the fluid regularly. For those who race using silicone fluid, I recommend that you crack the bleed screws before each racing session to insure that there is no water in the calipers.

New developments

Since DOT 4 fluids were developed, it was recognized that borate ester based fluids offered the potential for boiling points beyond the 446F requirement, thus came the Super DOT 4 fluids - some covered by the DOT 5.1 designation - which exhibit a minimum dry boiling point of 500F (same as silicone, but different chemistry).

Additionally, a new fluid type based on silicon ester chemistry (not the same as silicon) has been developed that exhibits a minimum dry boiling point of 590F. It is miscible with DOT 3-4 fluids but has yet to see commercial usage.



Club Support for the 2011 GOF Central



It's amazing, but in a mere seven months, our Club will be in the midst of hosting the 2011 Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) in Kalamazoo, Michigan. That's

right. ... only seven monthsonly 28 weeks.....only 199 days. A lot of planning has been done already, but now comes the time to turn the plans into real actions. The Club now has 100 households in the ranks of membership. With all this manpower, we now have an opportunity to show the other chapters of the New England MGT Register how great we really are with our hospitality and putting on an awesome event for the first time in eighteen years.

Membership in one thing. Participation is another thing altogether. For this GOF to be successful, the members of the club need to find a way to participate. Several of the Club's members have already stepped up and have volunteered to spearhead some of the major GOF events. Helpers are needed in all the areas. Find a way to participate – that's the challenge to you, the membership.

Participation for this event can be done several ways. Members may choose to contribute in the planning, organizing, and/or execution of the event. The members need to make sure that participants attending the GOF experience a fun-filled, well-organized

event. This means everyone in the Michigan Chapter needs to contribute in some way, it is up to you to select a method of doing so.

I've volunteered to organize the auction at the GOF. As in the past GOFs, attendees bring items they donate to the auction. A successful auction means income for the Club, and helps pay for the event. A really successful auction allows the Club to bank some funds for the future. An auction is only as good as the items being auctioned. The better the items, the better and more successful the auction. With appealing items on the auction block, bidding gets exciting and creates a fun-filled event for everyone. So if you are one of the attendees yourself this year, you certainly would enjoy a vast selection of donated materials to select from.

So, here is an opportunity to support our club and our GOF event by donating a special item for the auction even if you are unable to attend. This could be something from your MG parts inventory, extra tools, literature, books or manuals. It might also be in the form of a gift certificate from Moss Motors or the Little British Car Company. If you can't contribute any other way, make a difference with a donation for the auction. Doing so will benefit the Club, and will give someone at the auction the pleasure of winning something that will always remind them of the wonderful hospitality of the Michigan Chapter.

Let's make this a great GOF,
Tom Norman-traynorman@ameritech.net



Dear MG Enthusiast:

The Michigan Chapter is pleased and honored to host GOF Central! The Gathering of the Faithful, Mark XXXIII will be held July 28 - 30, 2011 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Our host hotel is the 156 room, recently-renovated Clarion. It offers great meeting rooms, easy access, and tons of secure parking.

The highlight will be our car show held at the Gilmore Car Museum in nearby Hickory Corners. It is one of the premier automotive showcases in the country and a perfect setting for our classics. We also have an outing planned to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo aviation museum. Program details will be included in the confirmation packets sent after you register.

Hotel Information:

Clarion • 3600 E. Cork Street • Kalamazoo, Michigan • www.KalamazooClarion.com

Room Rate: \$94.99 per night plus tax

Reservations may be made by calling (269) 385-3922 by June 28, 2011 and referencing GOF Central.

We will be reducing our room block on June 29 to avoid paying for unused rooms - don't miss out on our room rate!

Mail GOF Registration to: Tom Sorensen - 2011 GOF • 226 Dexter Street • Milan, MI 48160

Checks payable to Michigan Chapter NEMGTR - GOF

Info: Tom • 734-439-5691 • toms53mg@yahoo.com

More information and additional registration forms can be downloaded from:

www.michiganmgt.com

Please detach here and mail with payment

Driver _____

Navigator _____

(as they are to appear on your badge and in the attendance roster)

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ email _____

Club Affiliation _____

Car(s) being registered:

Year _____ Model _____

Year _____ Model _____

Year _____ Model _____

First Timer? Y N (first time at GOF for car under your ownership)

Valve Cover Entry? Y N

Auction Donation? Y N

Safety Fast - See you there!

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Agenda of Major Events

Activities and Times Subject to Change

Thursday, July 28

9:00AM-11:00PM Check in and Registration
 9:00AM-11:00PM Spit & Polish at Clarion
 9:00AM-5:00PM Swap Meet at Clarion
 2:00PM-5:00PM Tech Sessions at Clarion
 6:30PM-7:30PM BBQ at the Clarion
 7:30PM-9:00PM First Timers Car Show at Clarion

Friday, July 29

9:00AM-? Registration at Gilmore
 10:00AM-1:30PM Car Show at Gilmore
 11:30AM-1:00PM Lunch on your own
 1:00PM-3:00PM Funkhana at Gilmore
 4:00PM-11:00PM Hospitality Room open at Clarion
 6:00PM-7:00PM Valve Cover Races at Clarion
 7:30PM-9:30PM Auction at Clarion

Saturday, July 30

9:00AM-5:30PM Hospitality Room open at Clarion
 9:00AM-2:00PM Kalamazoo Air Zoo
 11:30AM-1:00PM Lunch on own at Air Zoo

Saturday, July 30, cont.

2:00PM-4:00PM Tech Sessions at Clarion
 3:00PM-4:00PM Steering Committee Meeting at Clarion
 5:30PM-6:30PM Silent Auction/Happy Hour at Clarion
 6:30PM-8:30PM Awards Banquet at Clarion
 8:30PM-11:00PM Hospitality Room open

Sunday, July 31

9:00AM-11:00AM Hospitality Room open/ Goodbyes
 9:00AM-10:00AM Car Winners Display & Photos

Car wash, silent auction bidding, regalia, and hospitality will be open throughout the event.

Shirt Information (see logo on reverse)

Please pre-order as limited shirts will be available on site.

Short Sleeve Polo (Logo will be embroidered)

Color: Neutral
 Sizes: Men S-3XL, Ladies S-XL \$30

Crew Neck T-Shirt (Logo will be screen print)

Men's and Ladies; Color: Neutral
 Sizes: S-3XL: \$15

FEES:

Basic Registration	\$65 (1 person/1 car)	\$75 after 6/25/11	\$ _____
Passenger or Attendee w/o Car	\$40	\$50 after 6/25/11	\$ _____
Additional car(s) No.? _____		\$15 each	\$ _____
Thursday BBQ No.? _____		\$15 /person	\$ _____
Saturday Awards Banquet No.? _____		\$40 /person	\$ _____
GOF Central 2011 Ball Caps Qty? _____		\$15 each	\$ _____
Lapel Pins (1 is included with registration) Add'l? _____		\$ 4 each	\$ _____

Shirts: (fill in quantity in each size) \$ _____

Polo: Men's ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL @ \$30 each

Polo: Women's ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ @ \$30 each

T-Shirt: Men's ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL @ \$15 each

T-Shirt: Women's ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL @ \$15 each

Swap Table \$10 \$ _____

Vendor \$50 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Comments/Requests: _____

Safety Fast - See you there!

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MICHIGAN CHAPTER EVENTS



Jan 22	Hibernation Party (Karl's Cabin)
Feb 1	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
Mar 1	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills) HAPPY 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CLUB !!!!!!!!
Apr 12	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
May 10	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
Spring TBA	Champagne Brunch (Hosted by Lee & Karen Jacobsen)
Jun 14	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
Jun 18-19	Motor Muster (Greenfield Village, Dearborn)
Jul 10	Mad Dogs & Englishmen (Kalamazoo)
Jul 12	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
JUL 28-30	GOF Central - YAY!!!!!!!
Aug 14 ??	Alden Car Show
TBA	Battle of the Brits
Sep 25	Orphan Car Show (Ypsilanti)

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.

The patches were privately funded. The profits will be donated to the Events Fund (see Events page for details). Cost is only \$5.00 per patch. Patches will be available to meetings and/or contact Lou VanKoningsveld or Shari Pelic to purchase yours.

