



T TIMES



Oh Baby!

January 2010 Edition

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Chairman's Corner

Happy New Year Everyone!

Our club had a *fabulous* Hibernation Party/Annual Meeting in December and a great time was had by all attending. Complimentary DVDs were given out of photos taken at all of last year's events, along with stockings filled with goodies for everyone. The auction generated \$304.00 for a charitable contribution to the Humane Society. It was a wonderful social event for the club!

It looks like we will be having an even more exciting year with our T cars, a road trip to the GOF Central in Huron, Ohio on July 1st-3rd. Plans are already in the works, and we welcome everyone to attend (form for registration in this edition of the T-Times).

But before July, we also will be having a few tech sessions to get everyone's vehicle up and running to make that journey. The tech sessions are a great way to share your expertise, gather valuable information on repair work and enjoy the company of fellow club members. Everyone is welcome to bring their LBCs to allow others to check out what is under that bonnet and kick a few tires, of course. Hopefully this year we will have even a few more T cars gracing the roads as I know for a fact, a few of our members' cars are near restoration completion.

And we hope to bring back a few of the favorite events from last year too, the ever popular

Champagne Brunch, the Drive-In Movie Nite in your T car, and the Alden Car Show (which had a fantastic club turn-out last year). There are also a few new driving events for 2010.

I will continue to encourage everyone to recruit new members, we want our club to get back to the numbers of days of old (which was about 131 at our best). We will have club business cards and membership applications at the meetings (applications are also available on our club website www.michiganmgt.com) for everyone to take and promote other T owners to come drive with us!

So in closing, mark your calendars for the first Tuesday of the month as a T-Club Meeting date at the Brass Pointe, and plan on attending to make this year better than the last. We need volunteers to chair or co-chair events, and always welcome your ideas as to how to make T-Club even more outstanding!

-Sandy Kuivenhoven-
Chairman of the Board



Events

by shari pelic

We are now looking forward to creating the upcoming year's event calendar. If you have any events/activities you would like to see next year or if you would like to host an event, please contact me!

We started our extra Events Fund off in January at the meeting with a 50/50 raffle. Lois Booth was the winner of \$15.00. This money will be used to provide extras during our events (such as the Cracker Jacks for Drive In Movie Night and Buffalo Ride in 2009)

2010 Events Fund \$15.00

2009 Events Totals:

	<u># MEMBERS</u>	<u># T CARS</u>
Tech Session	14	1
April Meeting		2
Kimber Run	2	2
+ 1 supporting		1
May Meeting		3
Champagne Brunch	24	11
June Meeting		3
British Bash	4	1
Orphan Car Show	8	3
Drive In Movie	7	4
Motor Muster	14	6
Howell Balloon Fest	3	2
Downriver Cruise	3	1
July Meeting`		10
Mad Dogs	19	6
August Meeting		9
Jackson Hot Air	2	2
Alden Car Show	18	7
Victorian Tea	2	1
September Meeting		3
Battle of the Brits	25	14
Chili Cook Off	14	8
Fall Color Tour	10	2
Hibernation Party	26	0

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.



FROM THE COVER

EDITOR'S DESK

THE WINNER IS:

THOMAS GOFF

with the picture of his granddaughter in his T car

**RUNNER-UPS FOR THE COVER
OF THE T-TIMES**



Bob Leinen in his fabulous 1948 TC!



One year old Shari Pelic on the
bonnet of her 1949 TC!



Sandy Kuivenhoven with her
future '51 TD in 1958!

Special Thanks To...

All of the following members who donated items to the **Hibernation Auction**:

Lou & Elaine VanKoningsveld, Bill & Hilda Larson, Bob & Eleanor Lorentz, Lee Jacobsen, Tom & Karen Norman, Sandy & Larry Kuivenhoven, Mike Barns, Fred & Sue Leydorf, Shari Pelic, Jeff & Jan Zorn, George & Rita Patrick, Dick & Carol Axford, Eric Richardson, Richard & Betsy Quick, and Dave & Charli Johnston.

And thank you to all attending that purchased the donated items!

Also thanks to the following **Businesses** for their donation of **Door Prizes**:

Mike Barns Distinctive Leatherworks (T-Car Key Chains), Little British Car Company (English Picnic Basket), Mothers (California Gold Showtime Instant Detailer), and Union Lake Liquor Shoppe (Six Pack of Speckled Hen Beer).

Also thanks to Custom Trophies Ltd. for their timely engraving and restoration of our club traveling trophies. Thank you to Marty's Cookies for their wonderful service in creating two trays of desserts which were enjoyed by all at this event. And thanks to Marc Stump for his documentation of the event through photographs that evening



2009 HIBERNATION PARTY/ ANNUAL MEETING



Carol & Dick Axford



Tom & Lois Booth



Andy & Tanya Hanzel



Malcolm Castle with Maurice & Pat Horgner



Bob Tapert & George Patrick



John & Catherine Boyle



Bill & Hilda Larson



Eleanor & Bob Lorentz



Rita & George Patrick



Betsy & Richard Quick



Karen & Tom Norman



Thomai & Cary Gersh

IN MEMORIUM

Thomas Burke

On Wednesday January 6th, 2010 we lost a former club member , Thomas Burke.



Tom was an active member in the club during his 4 year restoration of his MG TD.

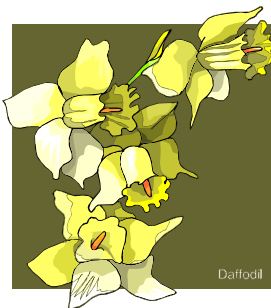
In September 2007 he and his wife Gloria set out on their cross country RV exploration. He kept a journal of their daily experiences (<http://www.mytripjournal.com/burkervadventure>).

In September 2009 Tom suffered a stroke while traveling in Montana. They moved to Texas to get out of the cold weather, but Tom had a bad fall resulting in additional head trauma which totally incapacitated him.



IN MEMORIUM

Caroline Scott Robinson Twist



Caroline Twist, the wife of former club member John Twist, died at the age of 56 on January 12th, 2010, at home surrounded by her family.

For 33 years with the help of her husband, she created, organized , managed, and directed University Motors, a local MG sports car business of international acclaim in Ada, Michigan.

Caroline had a lifetime passion for horseback riding and reading. A fiercely independent woman, she valued family greatly and was extremely dedicated to and supportive of her four children, Mary (Chris) VanOpstal of Wilmette, IL, J Brooks Twist, Barbara Rose Twist, and James Oliver Twist, all of Ada.

She left a brilliant impression on all she met. Her legacy was her incredible strength. "Don't let yourself get weak; you are as strong as you stay."



TRAVELING TROPHIES OF THE T-CLUB

There are three major traveling trophies in the club which are the Ralph Morris trophy, the Richardson trophy, and the Spirit of MG trophy.



The Ralph Morris trophy is an award given out to the member of the club who has participated in the most Michigan Chapter events throughout the year. This year the award went to George and Rita Patrick.

This award was named after Ralph Morris, who was with a charter member, the club's first Membership Chairman, also served as Treasurer. Both he and his wife Jackie gave countless hours of their time and effort to the club .

Ralph was very proud of his two TDs, a sherbet green (which he continually assured everyone was an original factory color) and a cream TD (which was restoring for his wife). After his passing in 1979, the club offered to complete the restoration as a gesture of thanks for his many contributions to our club and Jackie accepted. His memory lives on in this award.



The Richardson trophy is awarded for the most miles driven in a T car to Michigan Chapter events throughout the year. This year the award went to Catherine Boyle and her dad John, who drove Catherine's 1953 white TD named "Pugsley". Catherine just learned to drive a manual transmission this year and took "Pugsley" down to Kentucky on her first major road trip. The TD logged over 1,800 miles in 2009.

This award was named after Rex and Anna Richardson . They drove the 1986 Ocean-to-Ocean Tour across the United States (New Jersey to California-9,000 miles), the 1988 Kimber Alaska Challenge to the Artic Circle (12,000 miles), in 1989 the Lap of New England (2,000 miles), in 1991 the Maritime Mender (2,000 miles), in as well as New England GOFs and GOF Centrals in their TF. Rex served as club Chairman, wrote technical articles for the newsletter, a true MG enthusiast..

TRAVELING TROPHIES

continued



The newest club traveling trophy is the Spirit of MG. Created in 2009 by Chairman Andy Hanzel, this chairman's choice trophy is given to the member exhibiting those qualities which bring a sense of Fellowship and Well-Being to the club.

This year the award went to Lee Jacobsen who displayed throughout 2009 a sharing (volunteered his garage and home) for tech sessions, served as librarian (attending all meeting while bring technical support material along with him), submitted articles to the T-Time on progress of his vehicles, and generally shared of himself with others his knowledge and passion of MGs.

The invitation is now out there in 2010 for club members to perhaps strive to be awarded on of these traveling awards in the future. Keep track of your MG mileage when you start her up at the beginning of the driving season and mark your calendar with club events that you might enjoy. Happy motoring!



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR "T" OWERS

If my car isn't running, I will get it on the road during 2010.

Whether or not my car is running, I will attend at least one Michigan Chapter event in 2010.

If at all possible, I will drive my "T" to Ohio in 2010 to help represent the Michigan Chapter at the GOF Central.

I will submit an article, ad, picture, sketch or question to the "T-Times" in 2010.

I promise to fix any little things that go wrong immediately, not five minutes before leaving on an MG outing.

I will recruit one new member into the club, even if they are only a "T-wanna-be".

I will try to get my MG friends to participate in the Michigan Chapter events.

HAPPY "T" YEAR!



International MG Calendar Girl 2010

by Lee Jacobsen

Many of the club members may remember or have met Alana, my 18 year old niece, who helped restore TC 0780 back to some of its former glory with upgrades to paint in the Spring of 2009. As a reward for her help, I taught her how to drive a 4-on-the-floor stick shift 1953 MGTD green sports car, most of you know the car. We spent 30 minutes in the local school parking lot, dodging light poles, going up and down the gears, a little 4 wheel drifting etc and she loved it.

After we returned home, I took a picture of her in the car to commemorate the event. In June, PreWarCar.com, a large international website dedicated to old cars from around the world, announced a call for photos for an international calendar for 2010, known as 'Proper Cars, True Ladies'. This International Calendar is a limited numbered edition (500 copies) printed on the best high quality papers. Proceeds are used to support the children orphaned from Wars. Past years have usually sold out within a day.

Competition to be a part of this calendar is fierce! Photos can be past or present, thousands are considered and evaluated, 30 make the final cut for the cover page, and, of these, 12 are chosen to represent a month for 2010.

I emailed the picture taken of Alana, sitting in the TD in my driveway. Nothing ventured, nothing gained!

She, and the TD, not only made the top 30, but were chosen to represent the month of March. I found out in December and was able to get a few copies for her in time for Christmas. Boy, was she surprised!



Congratulations Alana!
(You are now a pin-up girl!)



Meet Michigan Chapter's New Members

Manley Ford and his 1952 MG TD



Welcome also to our newest club member, Manley Ford, and his dark blue 1952 MG TD vintage race car, along with a 1948 TC, another 1952 TD, and a 1954 TF.

Below is the article from June 2008 AARP Magazine.



Bunnie & Clyde Williams with their 1953 MG TD Tempe, AZ



Racing Through Time

At the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, old means "fast"

ONCE A YEAR THEY COME roaring out of the past, twisting down the stone-wall-lined switchbacks of the Serpentine, hitting 100 on the straightaways of Schenley Park. It's the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, the last car race in North America to use city streets.

"It's surreal, drifting on four wheels through a curve and knowing exactly where your car's going," says Manley Ford (no relation to the automaker), who at 59 is looking for his fourth straight win driving a 1952 MG TD (above) in one of the seven races. "We all want to go home in one piece. But that doesn't mean we don't really drive hard."

Ford, who has participated for "at least" 18 years, wrote a turn-by-turn tutorial he sells to drivers. The proceeds, like all money from the event, go to charities dedicated to helping those with autism and developmental disabilities. The 26th Grand Prix is set for July 19 and 20. —George Morin

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you haven't renewed yet we have enclosed is a Renewal Membership Form and Envelope.

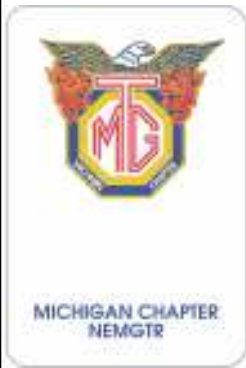
We are in the process of updating everyone's information (cars, colors, email addresses, phone numbers all change). *Possibly those "TBA" colors of the MGT projects have a color now.*

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.

Thank you.

Name Badges



The badges cost \$8 for a pin back and \$10 for a magnet back. The magnet back is very nice for those people who don't want to poke holes in clothing. They are also easier to get on straight. Your first name is engraved larger than your last to make it easier for people to read it when you are in a large group. If you would like one send me the name you want printed via email and a check via mail in the appropriate amount.

Tom Sorensen
226 Dexter Street
Milan, Michigan 48160

Cut-off date: JUNE 15, 2010
Seating and/or participation cannot
be guaranteed on registrations past
this date.
Complete GOF information online at:
www.GOFcentral.com



GOF Central XXXII
July 1-2-3, 2010
Sawmill Creek Resort on Lake Erie
400 Sawmill Creek Drive
Huron, Ohio 44839

GOF Central 2010 Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home ph #: _____ Cell ph #: _____ email: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

The MG I am bringing is: (model & year) _____

I am bringing Additional MG(s): (model & year) _____

This is MY first time attending a GOF Central event: yes _____ no _____

The MG I am bringing is a "First Timer," under my ownership, at a GOF Central meet: yes _____ no _____

The MG I am bringing is in the "Premier Class" for judging: yes _____ no _____

I have an entry for the Valve Cover Races/ Concours: yes _____ no _____

I have an entry for the Photo Contest: yes _____ no _____; Craft Contest: yes _____ no _____

I am a vendor and will require _____ # of tables (\$25 ea.) and _____ tables with electricity (\$35 ea.).

I am bringing the following auction/door prize/raffle donation items: _____



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Small: 34-36	Polo Shirt: \$30
Med: 38-40	T-Shirt: \$20
Large: 42-44	
X-Lrg: 46-48	Order shirts be-
XXLg: 50-52	fore June 1st.

Fees

Thursday Dinner Cruise	\$22 each x _____	\$ _____
Friday Noon Poolside Cookout	\$15 each x _____	\$ _____
Saturday Awards Banquet	\$40 each x _____	\$ _____
T-shirts _____ S; _____ M; _____ L; _____ XL; _____ XXL x \$20 ea.		\$ _____
Polo Shirts _____ S; _____ M; _____ L; _____ XL; _____ XXL x \$30 ea.		\$ _____
Vendor table fees: _____ \$25 tables _____ \$35 tables		\$ _____

Registration Fee: (Includes one additional MG for free) \$50 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Send registration and payment (check or money order) to:
GOF Central 2010 Registration
PO Box 6
Reedsville, OH 45772





'50s Era Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races Set for Second Annual Reunion, June 29-30, 2010 on Historic Ohio Island



Planning is well underway for the second annual Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races Reunion, an event commemorating the races held on the public roads of Put-in-Bay from 1952 to 1959 (and one event in 1963). Details are currently tentative, but are being actively firmed up by a team of committed volunteers.

WHEN: The 2010 Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races Reunion will be held Monday-Wednesday, June 28-30 on South Bass Island (Put-in-Bay), Ohio.

WHO IS INVOLVED? Coordinated by staff and volunteers associated with several established vintage racing associations, the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society (www.leihs.com) and the village of Put-in-Bay, OH.

WHO IS INVITED? A special effort is being made to gather the actual race cars and the people who participated in the Put-in-Bay races, but all with an interest in preserving the history of '50s sports car racing are invited to attend this casual, low-key gathering.

WHERE? Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island) is off the Lake Erie shore, a 30-minute ferry ride north of Catawba Island, and less than an hour east of Toledo.

WHY? To re-live and capture the memories. Proceeds of this event (and those planned for the future) are to support the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races archives and exhibit at the Lake Erie Historical Society Museum at Put-in-Bay.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED

- Commemoration of permanent markers at historic locations around the original course (Sponsorships with naming rights available!!!)
- "Open mic" program featuring interviews with former Put-in-Bay drivers, organizers and other participants.
- Videos, slide presentations, photo displays at the town hall and the LEIHS museum showing what it was REALLY like to race on the public roads of Put-in-Bay and stories of who raced there. The list of notables is extensive and includes Carl Haas, Tom Payne, Chuck Stoddard, Chuck and Susie Dietrich, Dr. Sam Sheppard among many others.
- Re-dedication of start-finish line.
- Escorted tours of the original course.
- Organized (and on-your own) wine tasting, meals, etc. at famous P-I-B landmarks!
- Fun rally, at your own pace taking you and your vintage car to well-known and not-so-well-known points of interest on the island.
- Vintage racing and sports car show and awards
- Other events aimed at re-capturing the atmosphere and spirit of the original Put-in-Bay races will be announced as details are finalized.

For more information --

See official blog at:

<http://put-in-baysportscarreunion.blogspot.com/>

Media contact: Manley Ford Manley776@yahoo.com

Want to get involved?

- Join our email list for further information
 - Donate Put-in-Bay races memorabilia
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- Send an email to manley776@yahoo.com

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Opps, we made a mistake.....

Sorry to Beverley Martin, who was described as "a nice Irish woman" when in actuality she is Scottish on Page 4 of the November 2009 issue.

Also sorry to Eric Richardson, who in some of the November 2009 issues on Page 9, had is last name spelled incorrectly.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER EVENTS



FEB 2	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills) Dave Miller bringing Vintage Movies of MG's Racing
MAR 2	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
APR 6	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
TBD	Kimber Birthday Run
MAY 4	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
TBD	Champagne brunch
JUN 1	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
JUN 4-5	British Bash - Kentucky
Jun 6	Orphan Car Show
Jun 19-20	Motor Muster
Jun 21	Lunch at Henry Ford Museum
Jun 29-30	Put In Bay Sports Car Races
JUL 1-3	GDF Central XXXII - Huron, Ohio
JUL 6	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
TBD	Mad Dogs & Englishmen
JUL 17	Jackson Hot Air Jubilee
AUG 3	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
Aug 8	Alden Car Show
SEP 7	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
Sep 12	Battle of the Brits
Sep 18	Oktoberfest