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Chairman's Corner

With some sense of sadness, as the weather is beginning to cool down, driving season for our beloved little T-cars is approaching an end in Michigan (not to say you can't drive them to a warmer climate and continue the journey) The club's Fall Colour Tour on the schedule is certainly something to look forward to, and the snow is not stopping us yet from getting in a few more good drives this year.

My 1951 TD enjoyed a fabulous day at the home garage spa a few weeks ago, and lovely oil change (20W-50 of course), fashionable oil filter replacement, and an relaxing zerk fitting lube. Then it was back to the storage unit, the vehicle feeling refreshed and pampered, as it always should.

I also plan to do a little work on the TD this winter, may actually challenge myself and refinish the dashboard, which is rather tired looking. A few minor replacement of some of the cosmetic parts also in order, since the clock is ticking on the "First Timers Show" at our GOF Central in Kalamazoo next July and I want my TD to be the best that it can be. Perhaps I am not the only one in the club that should be entertaining these winter beautification projects on our Tcars. Just sayin'! I am please to announce that my personal goal (as well as many other members of the club who have



also made it their own) of reaching the 100 membership mark by the end of this year is within reach. At the time of this writing, we stand at 96 and I have some very good leads on a few more T-cars with owners that just need to join our club yet this year. Many thanks to all who have kept a "T-eye" out for recruiting and promoting our organization. Job well done, people! We'll make it happen, I just know we can!

And in closing, remember that we have the knowledge and capability to conduct winter tech sessions. Our club is willing to do "house calls" or schedule space if required to address needed repairs. So if you have an issue or two with your T-car, don't hesitate to put a shout-out to the club for help. That's what we do, "that's what it's all about" Hokey Pokey.

Later everyone, -Sandy Kuivenhoven-Chairman

HALLOWEEN HAT CONTEST at the October 5th Monthly Membership Meeting

A "Halloween Hat Contest" will be held at the October club meeting at the Brass Pointe.

Everyone is invited to wear a hat to the October meeting.

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative hats, so decorate a hat, buy a hat, recycle a hat,





by shari pelic

Events

Well we had great summer weather this year for lots and lots of T driving. Hopefully everyone's T odometers reflect that. Remember there are trophies for the most mileage.

A date for the Hibernation Party has be secured - January 22, 2011, at the same place as last year - Carl's Cabin in Plymouth. More information (times, cost) will be forthcoming. Invitations will be going out in November.

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.

2010 Events Fund \$168.50 (from 50/50 raffles)

Still a couple of events to get your T counted.

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March Meeting		2
April Meeting		2
April Tech Sessio	on 25	6
May Meeting		4
May Tech Sessio	on 18	4
June Meeting		9
Motor Muster	16	6
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July Meeting		5
Mad Dogs	11	5
August Meeting		5
Alden	9	4
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This year we added a new 'prize' for attending events. It's a black leather coaster with gold printing.

Here are the rules (subject to change) as they as now:

- 1. One Coaster for a member attending a Tech Session and Driving a MG.
- 2. One Coaster for a member attending a Club Meeting and Driving a MG.
- 3. One Coaster for a member attending an Event whether or not you drive your MG.
- 4. Special Recognition.

LET'S SEE HOW MANY YOU CAN COLLECT !!!!!!



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

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.





Gentlemen (and women) start your engines! The Fall Colour Tour has been renamed for this year. This year we are calling it the CHECKERED FLAG TOUR. (Due to availability of the track at Michigan International Speedway we had to move the tour up to October 9th-10th, 2010.)

The agenda for the weekend is to drive to Brooklyn Saturday morning. The T Cars will run laps around the race track at Michigan International Speedway around noon (maybe alittle friendly competition). And if this wasn't enough, we will then do a short drive to the all famous Buffalo Ranch where we will be wagoned back through the fields to feed the buffalo. Supper will be catered by the even more famous BBQ Shack (mmmmm, mmmmm good) - cost will be \$25.00 per person. We drive home Sunday. Room have been blocked at newly renovated Brooklyn Super 8 (see next page) - just mention you are part of the MG Club. There is also a Bed & Breakfast, Dewey Lake Manor in the vicinity if you wish to stay there.

Of course everyone is welcome—whether you drive your T Car or not, it will be a lot of fun. So come for all, or part of the trip. (The laps on the race track will be limited to the T Cars.)

As time gets closer, we will post more details.





Michigan International Speedway 12626 US 12 Brooklyn, Michigan 49230 www.mispeedway.com



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Recently member Andy Abraham, conducted a tech session for the MG club. He demonstrated how to balance a prop shaft and first order of axle on another member's Bill Wetzel's 1951 MG TD.

Using a portable balance indicating system, Andy diagnosed the unbalance in these parts. He then corrected the imbalance by adding weight to the axle prop shaft. Balancing the moving parts of the vehicle results in a better ride: smoother, less vibration, and perceived improvement in the quality of the ride of the vehicle.

Any rotating component can be balanced such as crank shafts, flywheels, clutch assemblies, prop shafts, 1st order of axles, and tire and wheel assemblies. The goal of balancing rotating parts is to get the mass axis to co-inside with the geometric axis. Radial force causes an inefficient power train. The process of balancing reduces radial force leading to a smooth and efficient power train.

Andy has 25 years of experience in the noise and vibration and balancing fields. He has been employed by Raven Engineering, Inc., in Oxford, Michigan, for 10 years.

Also a special thank you to Bill Wetzel and his family for the use of his place of business for this tech session.



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VEHICLE SYSTEM BALANCING TECH SESSION









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NEW MEMBERS







Larry & Debbie Moffit Metamora, Michigan Cars: 1947 Green TC 1951 Red TD

Daniel J. & Cheryl Wilker Oxford, Michigan Car: 1952 TD

> Nathan Hale Taylor, Michigan Car: 1951 Red TD

> David & Jill Stein Troy, MI Car: 1952 Red TD

And re-joining the club:

Tom & Susan Fant Northville, Michigan Car: 1960 Iris Blue MGA

Wm. Craig Faulk Taylor, Michigan Cars: 1948 Dk. Green TC 1953 Moss Green TD







Mad Dogs & Englishmen July 11th, 2010

Hail, hail, a lot of the T's were here. Great day out at Hickory Corners for Bob Leinen and his 1948 TC (which won first place in the T category), Doug Jansen and his 1946 TC, Terry Frisch and his 1934 Vauxhall, Bill & Dawn Hirsch and family and their 1953 TD MKII, Art Lewis, Frank Ligon and his Jag, Richard Quick, Lou & Elaine VanKoningsveld, Shari Pelic with her 1949 TC, Jeff and Jan Zorn and a car or two, Michael & Gail Liberty (new member who has a 1952 TD & 1953 TD), David Deno (new member who has a 1951 TD), and Sandy Kuivenhoven and her 1951 TD.



Mad Dogs & Englishmen July 11th, 2010



A TD's Drive of a Lifetime.... (aka "Thank goodness my owner isn't a Trailer Queen")

It all started out as a trip to Alden for the car show and ended up to be the best drive of my 58 years on the road.

As I did two years ago, I met up with Papa Healey (Andy Hanzel) and my best friend, (Shari Pelic) a 1949 TC on Friday. We all drove up to Alden, following Papa Healey (the TC & I like little baby ducks behind Papa), with a fabulous spot of lunch in the afternoon.

The real adventure occurred on Saturday, the day before the car show. We had the time and Papa Healey knew the way. We (the TC & I) followed him on a day road trip that every MGT should have the privilege of being taken on once in their lifetime.

We drove first through Boulder Park in Charlevoix, admiring Earl Young's signature stone homes (almost kissed the bumper of the TC in front of me several times while gazing at those architectural beauties and not paying attention to my driving). Then on to Petoskey (didn't pick up any stones in my tires), Harbor Springs, and the "Tunnel of Trees".

The weather was perfect, slightly cooler so I certainly had no over-heat issues (I hate when that happens, but Papa Healey educated us on Water Wetter prior to the trip). The sun was shining on my hood, breeze brushed softly against my wind wings, just perfect for topless driving, which my owner always enjoys, as do I.

Words can not even describe the breathtaking views along the Tunnel, the road (hair pin turns, oh my gosh), the trees embracing us as we passed though, the drive...just so wonderful to be on the road. This segment of 119 was just made for cars like me, so incredible, although I was sometimes going off and on the shoulder when so taken by the vistas all around me. Papa Healey in front of us (I knew he wanted to open her up but the man took great care of us T's) setting the pace. For every MG out there, this was the "drive of drives", loved every second I was on the road. Made me proud to be an MG, I was built to be driven this way!

At the end of the Tunnel, we dined at Legs Inn in Cross Village (built in the 1920's by Stan Smolak, a Polish immigrant who fell in love with the area and its people -Native American Ottawa & Chippewa Indians). The Polish food served there, perfection, and I should know since I have been part of a Polish family myself for some 50+ years.

Again, this was driving at its best, and it was an adventure to cruise with Papa Healey and my TC friend. I will never forget it and can not thank them enough for sharing the passion. Thank you, dear owner, for keeping me out of a trailer. Simply an outstanding day!

I logged 700 miles on that magnificent week -end trip to Alden and beyond, never an issue (and Papa Healey was there for me if I needed help), nothing less than the best

road trip ever! And dare I mention, there is always next year...

Written by a **1951 MG TD (Engine #4098)** owned by Sandy Kuivenhoven









TC's view slong the Tunnel of Trees





Papa Healey leading the way







Rubber Rain Cover Ups The TC & I look so hot! ALDEN CAR SHOW August 8th, 2010

Sunday, August 8th and what a great day for a car show. Nestled in downtown Alden overlooking Torch Lake, this classic sports car show is a delightful experience for all British car owners. Hosted by the Twin Bay Classic Sports Car Club, the event is open to all "sports cars".

This year, in attendance were the following members: Mike Barnes and his 1951 TD (which took the "President's Award" at the event), Norman & Gail Golm with their 1948 TC (their car underwent a color change to British Racing



Green and they took 6th place at the show), Andy Hanzel with his Healey, Bud Harrison and his 1959 MGA, T. Michael Jackson with a car (not his TA however), Sandy Kuivenhoven with her 1951 TD and Shari Pelic with her ever popular 1949 TC.

At the show, two new members signed up, Mark and Gloria Frank who have a 1955 TF 1500 Red and Milo Kosich, (a former member of the club and Andy Hanzel's friend), looking to purchase a TF 1500 someday.

Andy Hanzel did some great grilling (good eats) in the park, while everyone strolled among the over 60 cars there to be enjoyed. Wonderful day in the park!

Always the second Sunday in August, mark your calendar for next year, a great event!

Andy Hanzel grillin' & chillin!

ALDEN CAR SHOW



Mike Barnes & his 1951 TD - President's Award winner!



Bud Harrison's 1959 MGA



Gotta love a Mini!



Shari Pelic's 1949 TC



Norm & Gail Golm-1949 TC

Battle of the Brits Sunday, September 12th, 2010

Battle of the Brits, and the MG's win once more!

There was a large turn out of members of the T-Club, with and without cars again this year at the Battle of the Brits.

Among those attending were Frank Blaydon with his 1950 TD, Malcolm and Nancy Castle and their 1940ish TC, Manley Ford with his 1954 TF, Jim Bauer with his 1950 TD, Terry Frisch with his 1934 Vauxhall (which won People's Choice in the Open Category & first place in the Open Category), John Gervasi with his 1952 TD MKII, Thomas & Meilin Goff with their 1953 TD, Andy Hanzel, Ted & Susan Hight with their 1958 Magnette (which won third place in Other MG Category), Lee Jacobsen with his 1939 Tickford. Sandy & Larry Kuivenhoven with her 1951 TD, Bill Larson with his 1950 TD, Gene Ledbetter. Bob Leinen with his 1948 TC (which won People's Choice and first place in the T Category), Mike & Gail Liberty with their 1952 TD, Rose Lieberman's car, Frank Ligon with his Jaguar (which won second place in the Jaguar E Type Category),

Carole Marshall, Tom Norman with his 1955 TF 1500, Pat McHugh, Dave Miller with his 1953 TD, Tom Parent with his 1954 TF (which took third place in the T Category), George & Rita Patrick, Rick Peet and his 1948 TC, Shari Pelic with her 1949 TC, Guy St. John with a MG, Lou & Elaine VanKoningsveld, and Jeff & Jan Zorn with a 1959 Austin Mini.

We also had three new members sign up, Larry & Debbie Moffit who have a 1947 TC & 1951 TD, Nathan Hale who has a 1951 TD, and Daniel & Cheryl Wilker who have a 1952 TD. Also former Chairman, Tom Fant was there, he also re-joined the club. Tom's 1960 MGA won third place in its category.

As the club continues to grow, we dominate the T category at this event now. Nice to relax under the club tent, enjoy a beverage, and chat with fellow T members and their families (especially the Liberty grand babies, twins and cute a buttons)!

The battlefield looked awesome filled with T-Club vehicles!



Manley Ford's 1954 TF



Lee Jacobsen's 1939 Tickford



Shari Pelic's 1949 TC





Terry Frisch's 1934 Vauxhall BX



Jeff Zorn's 1959 Austin Mini



Tom Fant's 1960 MGA

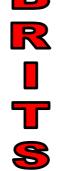








































GOF CENTRAL 2011

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. Currently, a tentative schedule of activities are listed on the opposite page.

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

Hospitality Room:

Have the Hospitality Room manned at all times that it is open. Create a schedule of volunteers to work in the room during the event. Have table of maps/directions/menus to local restaurants/attractions in area. Run "Door Prize" give-always hourly on Thursday.

Volunteers would answer questions from our guest, help out with registration if needed, keep the room straightened up, and make sure snacks and beverages are on hand. Have table sign-up sheets for Awards Banquet on Saturday available.

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.

Promotion:

Looking for someone to write articles regarding our event to be sent out and published in appropriate newsletters and magazines. Also updating information to above as more information becomes available regarding 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.

TENATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2011 GOF CENTRAL

PLEASE NOTE: ACTIVITIES & TIMES ARE STILL SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PLACE: CLARION HOTEL, 3600 East Cork Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 www.KalamazooClarion.com

Thursday, July 28th

9:00AM-11:00PM	Check in-Registration - T. Sorensen/C. Gersh - Hospitality Room
9:00AM-11:00PM	Spit & Polish at Clarion
9:00AM-5:00PM	Swap Meet (in tent) at Clarion - R. Peet /Vendors
2:00PM-5:00PM	Tech Sessions at Clarion
6:30-7:00PM	BBQ at the Clarion - S. Kuivenhoven & J. Frisch
7:30PM-9:00PM	First Timers Show at Clarion- L. VanKoningsveld
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PLACE: GILMORE CAR MUSEUM, 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI www.GilmoreCarMuseum.org

Friday, July 29th

9:00AM-?	Registration at Gilmore - T. Sorensen
10:00AM-4:00PM	Car Show at Gilmore - L. VanKoningsveld
11:30PM-1:00PM	Lunch on your own at Gilmore
1:00PM-3:00PM	Funkhana at Gilmore - R. Quick
4:00PM-11:00PM	Hospitality Room open (Volunteer needed)
4:00PM-6:00PM	Dinner on your own (R. Melton-Gull Lake Inn optional)
6:00PM-7:00PM	Valve Cover Races at Clarion - R. Quick
7:30PM-9:30PM	Auction at Clarion - T. Norman
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PLACE: KALAMAZOO AIR ZOO, 6151 Portage Road, Kalamazoo, MI www.airzoo.org

Saturday, July 30th

9:00AM-5:30PM	Hospitality Room open
9:00AM-2:00PM	Kalamazoo Air Zoo - L. Jacobsen
11:30AM-1:00PM	Lunch on your own at Air Zoo (10% discount w/ name badge)
2:00PM-4:00PM	Tech Sessions at Clarion
3:00PM-4:00PM	Steering Committee Meeting at Clarion - R. Melton & S. Kuivenhoven
5:30PM-6:00PM	Silent Auction/Happy Hour at Clarion - T. Norman
6:30PM-8:30PM	Awards Banquet at Clarion - S. Kuivenhoven & J. Frisch
8:30PM-11:00PM	Hospitality Room open
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Sunday, July 31st

9:00AM-11:00AM	Hospitality Room at Clarion -Good-byes, serve coffee/donuts
9:00AM-10:00AM	Car Winners Display, Photos and Farewells

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Jan 4	Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills)
Jan 22	Hibernation Party (Carl's Cabin)
Spring	Champagne Brunch (Hosted by Lee & Karen Jacobsen)
JUL 28-31	D GOF Central - YAY!!!!!!