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# Chairman's Corner

**We're back**, your 2015 Executive Board!

Elections were held at the Hibernation Party/Annual Meeting last month and we were re-elected once more. Why mess with a good thing when it is working, right?



**Chairman**, yours truly for the 7th year. This year I hope to see the club become even bigger and better. There are new events in the works, shared events with other car clubs and I still am out to beat Malcolm Castle's run as Chairman of the club. He served for seven years so this will tie things up.



**Vice-Chairman: Lou VanKoningsveld** is his second consecutive year. Capable gentleman who could easily take over the club if need be. And besides, he is still working on the restoration of his 1951 TD so it is best he stay around.



**Recording Secretary: Richard Quick** for his third year. Richard, like Lou, is also working on a restoration of his 1953 TD. So yet another gentleman who is in the club and does an awesome job with minutes and sharing birding tips.



**Membership: Kenneth Klemmer** for his second year on the job. He has it under control and I am sure would wish for me to remind everyone that Club Membership dues are to be in by **April 1st**. Application included in this issue of the newsletter. Let's make him work!



**Treasurer: Shari Pelic** is controlling our club checkbook for a third year. She is best known for her meeting reporting, "we have money" and we are extremely fortunate for have her sign on for another year. Also our **Newsletter Editor and Events Coordinator** in her free time.

Other club members continuing to serve the club, **Cary Gersh** as our **Webmaster**.

**Lee Jacobsen** is still our **Technical Library** man. And **Lou VanKoningsveld** also handles the **Club Regalia** when not working on his T-car. Thank you all for staying on to help out the club.

We are all looking forward to 2015 as yet another great

Thanks to Marc Stump for the awesome photos above!

So with that all being said, let's look forward to another great year of MGing.

The club will be inviting other British clubs to join us in some of our planned activities this year. The more the merrier. There is a possibility that Oscoda may be back on the fall calendar, a swap meet with other clubs invited is in the works, and let us not forget our Events Coordinator Shari Pelic is always open to your suggestions and support in new and exciting event ideas.

With the official start of spring just around the corner, it is time to start considering those "should do MGT projects" so our cars can be up and running as soon as this blasted snow stops falling.

My TD should get a set of tube in its tires (which it has never had to the best of my knowledge) since my sister's TC got a set this year already (and we are not competitive, right!). And I think an overall check-up is overdue with an oil change, new filter replacement and so on, and so on, and so on. Never ending....

We are also looking forward to the Indiana GOF Central this summer. Our club's valve cover racing track will be used there and also at the NAMGAR GT-40 Frankenmuth hosted by our fellow member Larry Pittman. A great couple of events to show off your little valve cover racers and let's not forget the Valve Cover Racing Challenge in Alden as well. Lots of opportunities to pick up a trophy or two.

Our Valve Cover Buffalo Racer (aka Award Winning Running Squirrel) has also received a new and exciting make-over by Shari and I. We are girls, what else would you expect from us? Again, our racer should be a real crowd-pleaser and just *may* make its debut at an upcoming club membership meeting. Hopefully our next racer can live up to the great career of Award Winning Running Squirrel.

With space running out on this article, just want to thank again all our club volunteers and members for all you do for the T-Club. This is an amazing club and keeps getting better every year!

Later,

-Sandy Kuivenhoven-  
Chairman, once again





# 2015

## CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

This year's **Champagne Brunch** will be hosted by Ken and Melody Klemmer at their home in Farmington Hills. The Brunch will be begin on Sunday, **May 24th, 2015.**

There will be information out with all the details, but mark your calendars now, you don't want to miss this club event. T-cars will be on display, the champagne will be flowing and it is promised that a great time will be had by all.

### SEND IN YOUR CAR(S) PHOTOS FOR THE 2015 T-CLUB DIRECTORY

The T-Club Membership Directory for 2015 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](mailto:spelic@simplexgrinnell.com) by **April 30th** to assure they will be in the 2015 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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The way this works is you order your own items and pay EmbroidMe directly. The club is not stocking any items.

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# HIBERNATION PARTY/ ANNUAL MEETING



The Hibernation Party/Annual Meeting was held at The Garage and Fuel Bar in Northville on January 24th. The Garage contains an actual 1930's garage attached to the banquet room and Lee Jacobsen so kindly drove his T-car to park in there during the festivities. Everyone enjoyed seeing the British beauty attending the party.



The theme was the 1950's and some of our members really got into it. John Deikis wore the suit jacket he had worn to junior and senior prom. Stylin'. Richard Quick wore his "Woodville... not just a speed trap" where he actually got a ticket while driving through there. John Gervasi actually borrowed a *real* cigarette from someone so he could wear it behind his ear. A lot of stories and tales about visiting Salvation Army for just the right look. Sandy Kuivenhoven even ran the Annual Meeting dressed up like a Mouseketeer.

The tables were decorated with vinyl, carnation sodas, and lots of candy from the 1950's. Everyone enjoyed Boston Baked Beans, wax bottles, candy dots, Good & Plenty, Bit of Honey, and let's not forget about those candy cigarettes. The room was also filled with music for the 1950's (some people were even doing the Hand Jive) as a slide show displayed on the big screen of photos from all the club events throughout the year. Everyone attending received a CD copy to take home with them too. And the room displayed albums from some of the great artists of the day like Frank Sinatra, photos from television like I Love Lucy & Father Knows Best, and The Honeymooners.



After dinner, the Annual Meeting was held. Board elections, committee chair people and club inventory addressed, traveling trophies awarded, then it was time for 1950 Trivia! Special thanks to Ken & Melody Klemmer and Shari Pelic for the donation of the fabulous trivia prizes. Also thanks to John & Mary Gervasi for their decorating skills, greatly appreciated. It was a different take on our Hibernation Party but it seemed that everyone enjoyed the change. Who knows what could happen next year!

**50's**

And as always, thanks to Marc Stump for all the photos, very creative.

Look for more photos on our club Facebook page [Michigan Chapter: New England MGT Register](#)







**RIDGEMONT HIGH HAS NOTHING ON THESE KIDS!**



## HIBERNATION PARTY/ANNUAL MEETING continued



Lee Jacobsen's MGT parked in the Garage during the Hibernation Party/Annual Meeting.



Above the classic beauty that normal resides in the Garage who yielded for a MGT





# 2014 TRAVELING TROPHIES WINNERS

**RALPH MORSE AWARD** for most participation in club events went to **George and Rita Patrick** this year. They are both original members of the club and nothing seems to stop them from attending club events. As an adorable couple, they arrive, mix and mingle with everyone. They continue to enjoy their cars, cars shows, technical sessions, the Champagne Brunch, Hibernation Party, club meetings, and everything in between. George has been known as the MG Guru of sorts, if there is an issue, the words spoken are "what does George think". His knowledge of the MGTs is extensive and he is always willing to share. Rita, the cutie of the two, always smiling and very social makes them the perfect pair. Congratulations on your win again, this isn't the first time your names appeared on the Ralph Morse Award.



**SPIRIT OF MG AWARD** for club and MG spirit was awarded to **Bruce and Willie Mann**. This dynamic duo restored a 1952 TD. In their garage, Bruce took the lead, while Willie helped out in the evenings and week-ends. A complete and gorgeous make over, every nut and bolt, but we won't mention the gas tank issues that were overcome. From the fabulous black paint job, complete interior redo, this vehicle started her engine at the end of 2014, just in time to qualify for this prestigious club award. There is even video footage of it taking its first drive around the neighborhood. This restoration goes without saying that we will see this vehicle pick just a few (right) awards when it hits the car shows in 2015. Congratulations, you two do good work!



**RICHARDSON AWARD** for the most miles driven in a T-car to club events and beyond last year went to **John and Mary Gervasi**. Although their mileage had come very close in past years, in 2014 they nailed it with 1,041 miles. Driving to meetings from Trenton, attending various car shows and let us not forget about the Champagne Brunch. Enjoying their burgundy 1952 TD MKII is no problem for these two, another one of the club's devoted couples to their beautiful British beauty. John knows his way around a MGT so going the distance is not a problem. He can deal with any breakdown the car can offer which makes traveling in it awesome. Mary, she just looks good riding in the passenger seat, supporting her man all the way, just sayin'. Congratulations, good ride!



**FOUNDER'S AWARD** for new member enthusiasm was awarded to **Dirk van den Muijsenberg**. Dirk is often referred to as "the man that bought Bob Leinen's car" which is an impeccable 1948 red MG TC. Dirk came into the club driving and enjoying the vehicle. He has attended many club events and meetings driving the TC and has also contributed to the club in other ways. In just the last T-Times issue, he went to the military funeral of Bob, with Bob's family in Washington D.C. and wrote an article to share with the club. Dirk has been a great addition to the T-Club, fun loving and we all enjoy the accent. He was in China during the Hibernation Party so all we can do is show the trophy. Congratulations and thanks for being a member!





## The Faithful will Gather once again in 2015 for our annual celebration of good times, old friends, and vintage MG's.

The Olde Octagons of Indiana proudly invite you to attend GOF 2015. The venue will be in Carmel, Indiana - on the north edge of the Indiana State capital, and sports center of the world, Indianapolis. This will be their fifth time for hosting the event, coming off the heels of most memorable Indiana GOFs at Speedway, Auburn, French Lick, and Nashville.



Home base for the event will be in The Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel, located in Carmel, Indiana. A Marriott boutique hotel; it was recently awarded #1 in Event Satisfaction by Marriott International. Centrally located, it will be a great place to rest, relax and enjoy the company of all T-Type Faithful. We have negotiated a \$129/night room rate.

"Wheels and Wings" is the theme. The main car show will be joined by a vintage aircraft fly-in at the Indianapolis Executive Airport, just a few short miles from our home base.



Plans are also set for a visit to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where participants can take a lap around this historic race track, as well as visit the museum. This will be your opportunity to be the Greatest Spectacle in Racing! Have a photo of you and your MG taken on the famous "Yard of Bricks"! This event is currently limited as to the number of cars - and is contingent up to the last minute on track schedule.

If the trip to Indy and drive around the famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway aren't enough, then take a drive around the beautiful Indiana countryside. It's all starts just a few blocks from the Hotel! And check out our Event Updates page for the most recent additions and changes

So mark your calendars for July 15-19, 2015, and get your MG ready for the trip to GOF Central XXXVII in Carmel, Indiana!

FOR MORE INFORMATION-VISIT [WWW.HOOSIERMGS.COM/GOF.HTML](http://WWW.HOOSIERMGS.COM/GOF.HTML)





# Application for Membership

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This must be complete, letters as well as numbers. Required data is to be found on the 3"x4" 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.

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# WHITWORTH NUTS AND BOLTS

If you own an old MG, there will be times when you will need some of those Whitworth bolts or nuts. The times are gone when you could go to your fastener supplier and pick some up.

If you are lucky, there is a motorcycle shop in your area that works on old British cycles, and they may be willing to sell you a couple of fasteners.

Otherwise the Internet is your only source.

However, the need is, usually, inversely proportional to the amount of time that you have to complete your project.

The amount of time it takes to order and ship these parts back to you is unacceptable.

There is another alternative.

Make your own bolts!

There are a few things that you will need to know or have before you can fabricate your bolts.

There are a couple of different threads that you may need.

British Standard;	BSW
British Standard Fine;	BSF
British Standard Pipe;	BSP
British Standard Brass;	BSB

On our cars we mostly deal with BSF and BSW.

The other thing that you will need is a complete British Standard tap and die set.

We here at MG Services normally have the nuts and bolts in stock, but on occasion, we are in need and in a hurry.

Part of the tools that we sell here is a British standard tap and die set \$109.95.

High carbon steel 39 piece set comes in a plastic case and contains the following: Tap and die sizes 4-40, 6-32, 8-32, 10-24, 10-32, 12-24, 1/4-20, 1/4-26, 5/16-18, 5/16-22, 3/8-16, 3/8-20, 7/16-14, 7/16-18, 1/2-12, 1/2-16 (BSW) and 1/8-28 (BSP). Also die holder, tap wrench, T-type tap wrench and screwdriver. It is not the best quality, but it will do a good job for a very reasonable price

The first thing that you need to do is determine what size you need.

The bolts that I needed here were to mount the body securing towers, at the front of the body tub, to the frame.

The bolts needed for this application are 5/16 BSF Thread about 1" long. The easiest way to do this is find the correct diameter bolt with an unthreaded shank as long as you need. In this particular case a 5/16 X 5" lag screw was just what I needed.

These lag screws are made of Grade 5 metal which is quite acceptable for this application. Grade 5 is easy to cut your threads; Grade 8 metal is a little harder to work with.



The top left photo shows the lag screws before any work is done. The top right photo shows the bolts after the treads have been cut off of the lag screw. The bottom part of the bolt has been slightly ground to make it a little easier to start your thread out.

## Report Prepared



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If I am making more than one bolt, I will place the die in my vise and place the blank bolt into the die. I will then use a socket wrench to turn the bolt completely down into the die.



The photo above on the left shows the blank bolt threaded through its entire length. The photo above on the right are the new BSF bolts after they have been cleaned up on a wire wheel.



If you look at the bottom of the mounting tower you can see three of these bolts that go through the tower and secure it to the frame underneath.

In Conclusion;

It is not the normal situation to make these bolts here at MG Services, but I was working on my personal TF. I have been trying to make a concerted effort to get the car back on the road and I did not want to but off the mounting of the body.

If I would have stopped working on it because I did not have the bolts who knows when I would have gotten back to it.

As in most cases, you must get the most done, when you have the time.

As always, you can accomplish quite a bit even if you don't have a complete shop to work with.

As always, if you are experiencing a problem with your T-series car, feel free to call or send me an e-mail and I will try to solve your issue. And if we share our problems, we will all be better off as T-owners.

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# MICHIGAN CHAPTER EVENTS



<b>Mar 3rd</b>	Monthly Meeting - Archie's Restaurant
<b>Apr 7th</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Apr TBA</b>	Car Swap Meet, Livonia
<b>May 5th</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>May 24th</b>	Champagne Brunch - <b>Ken &amp; Mel Klemmer</b>
<b>May 30-June 7</b>	Drive Your British Car Week
<b>June 2nd</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>June 15-19</b>	NAMGAR GT-40 Frankenmuth - <b>L. Pittman</b>
<b>June 20-21</b>	Motor Muster, Greenfield Village, Dearborn
<b>July 7th</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>July 12th</b>	Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Hickory Corners
<b>July 15-19</b>	GOF Central, Carmel, Indiana
<b>Aug 4th</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Aug 9th</b>	Alden Car Show, Alden, MI
<b>Aug 31-Sept 2</b>	Put-In-Bay Road Races Reunion - <b>M. Ford</b>
<b>Sept 1st</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Sept 13th</b>	Battle of the Brits, Milford
<b>Sept TBA</b>	Speckled Hen's Corn Maze, Caledonia
<b>Oct 6th</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Nov 3rd</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>Dec 1st</b>	Monthly Meeting



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