



# T TIMES

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL  
T-CLUB INTERVENTION!**



**April 2019 Edition**

The Michigan Chapter was established on March 30, 1971, to provide local activities for the NEMGTR members in the Great Lakes area. In addition to driving events, membership meetings are held regularly. Board meetings are scheduled intermittently (generally monthly) throughout the year. An annual business meeting, which includes the election of officers, is held in the last quarter of each year.

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## FROM THE DASHBOARD

OF KEN KLEMMER  
CHAIRMAN

While it's been bright and sunny, spring has limped in temperature-wise in Michigan. As I write this, the forecast for our upcoming meeting is only in the 40's but at least it will be raining. I can take one or the other, but not both.

Despite this rough start, Gigi the TC made it out of the garage for the first check of her repaired, repainted fuel tank and new fuel lines with only hours left to go in winter before the official start of spring at 5:58 PM on March 20. It was cold, it was windy and it was sprinkling but we made it too the post office and the bank before high-tailing it home.

Gigi is getting a flurry of repairs and upgrades for this driving season....and drive she will. We have trips planned with her to Toledo for Fort Meigs, St. Louis for the GOF, Kalamazoo for Mad Dogs and Alden for the Twin Bay Sports Car show. She has also received her acceptance for Motor Muster at Greenfield Village. I seriously thought about driving her to the Kimber Festival in Philadelphia in April, but then considered the time and season and decided to take my private jet instead, with 300 other people courtesy of Delta Airlines.

Why am I doing all this driving? To promote our upcoming GOF Central next year of course! We have a planning committee and work has started. More help is always welcome, and many hands make the work easy. We make firm commitments for the event soon, and those commitments will cost money. Therefore, if you wish to register and pay "in advance", we will have a special surprise for you at the event, preferential room selection at the Birchwood Inn and, it goes without saying, your Chairman's undying gratitude. Please contact me if you wish to become an advance sponsor in the GOF Central 2020 Abingdon Advance Club.

While the last few months were a little slow for club events, one VERY successful gathering was the "intervention" for Don Westphal a few weeks ago. You can read all about it elsewhere in this issue.

Lee Jacobsen has stepped up in a big way and will be hosting not one, but TWO great events, a tech session in April, and the Champagne Brunch in May. Thank you Lee!

Until next time, think warm thoughts and Safety Fast!

Ken



Gigi on the go.....

# Application for Membership/Renewal

## Michigan Chapter of the New England MG T Register

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Series MG \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Car No. \_\_\_\_\_ Engine No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

Chapter Interests:

<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Tours	<input type="checkbox"/> Social
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Spares	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical	<input type="checkbox"/> Rallyes	

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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**\$25.00 with emailed newsletters**

**or**

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Mail to: **Mary & John Gervasi**  
**4936 Jackson Street**  
**Trenton, MI 48183**

**Susan Height**, the beloved wife of Ted Height passed away after 49 years of marriage.

She enjoyed cooking, playing sports, travel, church and spending time with family. Susan often times attended car events with Ted.

Susan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in later years and was cared for by Ted at home until the last few months when she was moved to a nursing facility where she passed away on February 7th, 2019.

Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are asked to consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in Susan's memory.

The club's thoughts and prayers go out to Ted and their family.



**The Windsor-Detroit MG Club**  
invites you to

All Local Car  
Clubs  
Welcome

## Join Us For Our Spring Tech Session at Lee Jacobsen's Belden Garage

**UJ Refit, Undercar Inspection, Sandblasting, Ignition and Carb Tuning**

**Saturday April 6th from 10:00 a.m.**



12224 Belden Court  
Livonia, MI 48150

Look for a large orange sign with flags that says 'LEE'S →'  
on the corner of Plymouth and Belden Court



Note the 3 drop down exhaust hoses in the picture above. Up to 3 cars can be running, for tuning etc, with no exhaust issues as Lee has installed a blower system that sends everything up out through the roof.

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- 10:00 a.m. • Doors open
  - 10:30 a.m. • Changing the Universal Joints on a 1976 MGB.
  - 11:30 on • Lee invites you to use one of his side lifts to work on the underside of your own car.
  - Ever wonder how to sand-blast a part? How it works? Have a part that needs blasting? Bring it along and be prepared for a 'learning experience' and a 'clean' part.
  - Tune your car. We're inviting experts to help you out.
  - Look around Lee's extensive collection of cars.
  - Wrap up: • Mid-afternoon or earlier if everyone has finished.
- 

Coffee, doughnuts and snacks will be provided



## NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE T-CLUB



James & Patricia Bryan  
Trenton, MI  
Car: 1953 TD Ivory & Brown



John & Monique MaGee  
Wolverine Lake, MI  
Car: 1976 MGB Black



Leslie & Cynthia Miller  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI  
Car: 2000 Lotus 7

No Photo Available

Michael & Judy Nestell  
Frankenmuth, MI  
Car: 1949 MG-YT Black



## 2019 CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

*Save the Date!*

**Date:** Sunday, May 19th, 2019

**PLACE:** L. Jacobsen's Belden Garage  
12224 Belden Court  
Livonia, Michigan 48150

**Hosted By:** Lee & Karen Jacobsen

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Lee Jacobsen at  
(734) 564-7165



# Car Show Etiquette



While most people who attend car shows are kind and considerate, a small percentage are not. They will do things that annoy or insult car owners, belittle their hard work, or even damage their vehicles. No one wants scratches on the car they spent HOURS polishing to a high gloss. The trouble is, most of us have said or done something that qualifies as being rude without realizing it or meaning to. So give the following a look and make sure you're not "*That person*."

## Don't Touch the Cars!

Seriously – don't touch the cars.

Just don't do it!

Don't lean on it.

Don't reach out and put your hands on it.

Don't accidentally brush it with your coat or bag as you walk by.

Don't back into it while you're trying to take a photo of another car.

Don't rub against it as your trying to squeeze between two cars.

Just don't do it.

Don't touch unless your naked. Zippers, snaps, buckles, rivets, watches even fingernails can and will scratch paint.

***Seriously – don't touch the cars.***



## Mind Your Children

Bringing a kid to a car show is wonderful thing, but your kids are your responsibility. They shouldn't ever touch cars, throw toys that hit cars, sit in cars, sneeze on cars, stick their heads into cars and drip snot on the seats, etc. Don't let them throw dirt, rocks, toys, etc. Some people don't mind if the kid gets in the car but make sure it is okay before your kid climbs on or in a car, most people don't want fingerprints or candy stuck all over their car.



## Don't Talk Trash

You just spotted a terrible show car. It's sloppy. It's ugly. It's not even clean. You roll your eyes, make snide comments, chuckle, tell your buddy what's wrong with it, and move on. Here's the thing, someone in the world loves that car like a member of the family. They don't see the problems, the dirt, or the fact that it's downright hideous. They see a beautiful machine worthy of end-

less attention...and they don't need your disrespect.

The same goes for the newer cars. It doesn't have to be 40+ years old to be beautiful, fast, expensive, have a lot of work into it. Not everyone can afford a show car and a driver, or they love their car so much they prefer to drive it all the time.

Unlike some, they made a big effort to come to the show, paid the entry fees, spent their time to do things to their ride, spent hours cleaning and polishing (or maybe not, you rat rod guys know what I mean) and subjected themselves to the public eye. They don't deserve to hear trash talk...so if you can't say anything nice, just don't say anything. Maybe they are just getting started and wanted to show what they have started with or the mods they have done so far. Not everyone has a \$200,000+ show car build by so and so. We all start somewhere.

### **Watch for the Lenses!**

Tough to shoot photos when there is always someone in the way

There are always automotive photographers at cars shows, always someone that wants to get a picture of some nice ride. Some are there for fun and some are earning a living, newspaper, magazine, etc. Don't just ignore the photographers because you want a better look. Be polite and look around often and check that you aren't messing up someone's shot. Just as importantly, don't walk into someone else's shot. This is truer now with the high-quality cameras built into phones so pay attention to your surroundings. I see this a lot and deal with it a lot myself, it's not easy getting a clean shot.



### **Be considerate of others.**

If your showing your car, don't crank your stereo. Some people enjoy the music already playing by the DJ or Announcer. They also want to listen to any information, door prize give away, contests, problems etc. that might come across the loud system. If your blaring your bazillion watt stereo, no one can hear it.

### **Pick up your trash.**

Don't just leave your nasty rags, empty cleaner or detail spray bottles, soda cans, water bottle etc. Someone must clean up after the event, most times it is the person that had to get there two hours before the show to set things up. They are hot, tired and ready to go home too.



Very important, no matter what you think of the other cars, remember that a lot of hard work, blood, sweat and tears have gone into them. Someone has spent their hard-earned money, time away from family or with someone special that might not be around anymore. In the end, we all share a passion about cars, we are all the same at the core.

In the end, a little common sense and courtesy goes a long way to helping everyone enjoy the show. Hope to see you there!



# BLAST FROM THE PAST - 2018 CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH



The Annual 2018 Champagne Brunch was hosted by Ken and Melody Klemmer at their home in Farmington Hills.

The weather was perfect, the food was fabulous, the champagne was flowing, and the members with their MG cars turned out to enjoy the day.





# **BUBBLE ON PEOPLE.....**

Photos by  
Marc Stump

# 2017 Champagne Brunch



The Champagne Brunch hosted by Lee Jacobsen at his Belden Building was an unique setting for this year's event.

Champagne and excellent food served up among Lee's collection of amazing vehicles, along with record attendance to this event was something to behold.



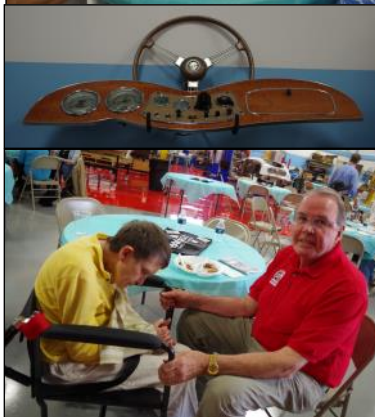
Weather was perfect for members to drive their lovely British cars, everyone enjoyed viewing Lee's building, club library, and collection of airplanes and valve cover racers and so much more.



A fabulous time was had by all. Many thanks to Lee, and Karen too, for hosting this event, the club greatly appreciated and enjoyed the experience.



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Marc Stump



# 2017 Champagne Brunch



Photo by B.Mann



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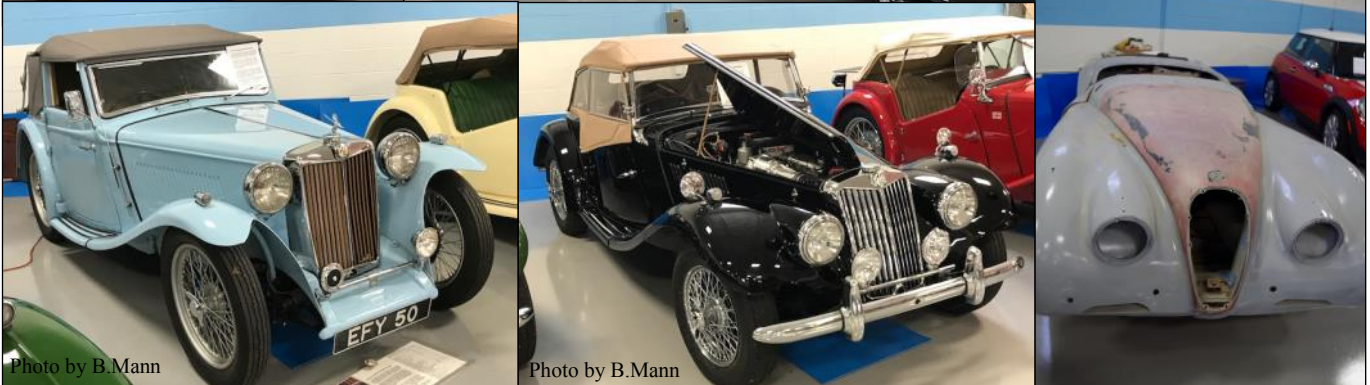


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# 2017 Champagne Brunch



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# 2017 Champagne Brunch



# GOF CENTRAL 2020

**PRELIMINARY! for club release only.**



Date: Tuesday June 23 -Friday June 26

Host Hotel location: Birchwood Inn, Harbor Springs Michigan

Alternate hotel location: Colonial Inn (3 miles) Best Western (6 miles)

Michigan is in the early stages of planning to host the GOF Central 2020 in Harbor Springs, Michigan. Hosted at the Birchwood Inn, this is a full service “resort” setting type GOF where we have full access to the entire facility and planning staff for the duration of our event. This is the most beautiful area of Michigan’s lower peninsula with amazing driving opportunities.

**Lodging:** a variety of rooms are available and additional days at discounted rates are available to those wishing to arrive early or stay later. Mid-week schedule allows weekend “travel days” on either side of the event. While the Inn is a smaller venue, there is additional lodging nearby.

**Planning and costs:** Staff at the Inn can handle the bulk of the arrangements and needs, resulting in minimal volunteer effort. 3 nights double occupancy room, Continental breakfast, the first timer’s car show BBQ, 24 hour hospitality room (BYOB), lecture room, car wash and closing awards banquet included in one total estimated cost: \$500 per person, based on double occupancy. Alternate nearby hotels are available as well as camping at Petoskey State Park and KOA. We are in the early planning stages and exact costs/arrangements are not fully determined yet.

Want to help plan the event? We will be forming a planning committee for GOF2020 in February 2019. We expect to also work with members of the Twin Bay British Car Club.

# GOF CENTRAL 2020

## Getting There:

We are preparing MG-friendly route recommendations through Michigan from Detroit, Ohio and Indiana.

## Website:

Early information, including promotional video, is available at [www.GOF2020Michigan.com](http://www.GOF2020Michigan.com)

## Hosted Events:

First timer car show, all-members car show, valve cover racing, 3 exceptional drives with amazing scenery and tour venues, fully catered awards banquet onsite, lectures/tech sessions.

## Local Extracurricular activities:

Wide range of dining, sailing and boating options, shopping, sightseeing, historic museum, Petoskey state park, Wilderness state park and interesting towns like Petoskey and Charlevoix a short drive away. The Birchwood Inn has shuffleboard courts, a fire pit and heated pool.

## Fun facts:

The M119 Tunnel of Trees is about 27 miles of the best drive you've ever done, twisty and hilly.

Harbor Springs is 250 miles from Detroit.

The Petoskey Stone is native only to this area and will be an interesting part of our awards ceremony

The Headlands Dark Sky observatory park is the only one of its kind in Michigan and will be one of our events.



## **MG TF1500 Intervention**

March 16, 2019

by *Don Westphal*

My thanks to T-Club Chairman Ken for arranging this event in my new garage. Almost two years ago after spending three years on a complete frame-up restoration of the 55 TF-1500, the engine locked up on its first trip into town. I tried everything from rocking in gear and cranking, but no luck. I garaged it until I could get a new garage built. Thankfully I was now ready for a club intervention and Ken happily arranged for one.

Ken arrived early and to my surprise when trying the starter, the engine rolled over. So what intervention is needed now? It rolls over, but would not start. Ken tried the usual tricks, spark plugs, distributor, coil, no luck. Then to the fuel system; Pump, carb, floats...green colored gasoline, were we celebrating St Patrick's Day early? Flushed the old gas out of the system and behold! The little 1500 started up. It was purring like a kitten. Boy was I excited! We determined that the starter engaged going down the road and the engine locked up. Now I can look forward to detailing the green beauty and driving it when weather improves.

My thanks to Ken Klemmer, Roger Williams, Shari Pelic and Sandy Kuivenhoven and my friend Mike Bailey who all made it a special MG day for me.



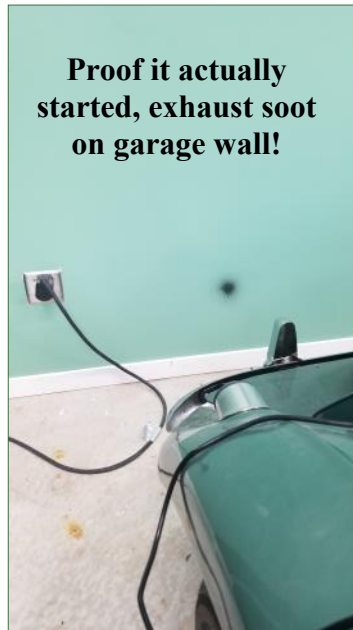
## MG TF1500 Intervention (continued)



**Bonnet back on**



**Success, job well done!**



**Proof it actually started, exhaust soot on garage wall!**



**Don's next project, a 1955 TF 1250**



**Don's other vehicle**



### **PHOTOS BY T-CLUB PRESS**



**Sandy  
Kuivenhoven  
&  
Shari Pelic**



# GOF Central 2019



**Thursday June 27, 2019 -**  
**Sunday June 30, 2019**

The MG Club of St. Louis have a fantastic Gathering of the Faithful (GOF) event planned for everyone this year.

Information can be found at:

<https://2019gofcentral.stlouismgclub.com/events/scheduled-events/>

or

[www.gofcentral.com](http://www.gofcentral.com).





## **CARS AND KETTLES**

### **Saturday May 18, 2019**

Salvation Army Port Huron Citadel at 2000 Court St., Port Huron

7:30AM—8:30AM  
9:00AM—11:00AM  
NOON—1:30PM

CAR DISPLAYS & SPONSOR EXHIBITOR AREA SETUP (\$25 entry fee)  
CAR DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS OPEN TO PUBLIC  
LUNCH AT RIVER CRAB BLUE WATER INN  
(1337 River Rd, St Clair, MI 48079)



:00PM—4:00PM

WILLS SAINTE CLAIRE CAR MUSEUM TOUR  
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# MICHIGAN CHAPTER EVENTS



<b>Apr 2nd</b>	Monthly Meeting - Big Tommy's Parthenon –Novi, MI
<b>May 7th</b>	Monthly Meeting - place to be announced
<b>May 18th</b>	Cars & Kettles Car Show (Port Huron)
<b>May 19th</b>	Champagne Brunch, Belden Garage, Livonia, MI
<b>May 25th-Jun 2nd</b>	Drive Your British Car Week
<b>Jun 2nd</b>	British Return to Fort Meigs - Perrysburg, OH
<b>Jun 2nd</b>	Alt Park. OH
<b>Jun 4th</b>	Monthly Meeting - place to be announced
<b>Jun 15th-16th</b>	Motor Muster - Greenfield Village, Dearborn
<b>Jun 27th-30th</b>	GOF Central - St. Louis, MO
<b>Jul 2nd</b>	Monthly Meeting - place to be announced
<b>Jul 7th</b>	Mad Dogs & Englishmen - Gilmore Museum (Pre-1955 MG)
<b>July 28th, 2019</b>	Alden Car Show - Alden, MI
<b>Aug 6th</b>	Monthly Meeting - place to be announced
<b>Sept 3rd</b>	Monthly Meeting - place to be announced
<b>Sept 8th</b>	Battle of the Brits - Camp Dearborn
<b>Oct 1st</b>	Monthly Meeting - place to be announced
<b>Nov 5th</b>	Monthly Meeting - place to be announced
<b>Dec 3rd</b>	Monthly Meeting - place to be announced



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Pro tip: add flex  
seal to your oil to  
stop it from  
leaking

**HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY!**