



T-Times

Summer Extra 2025

Special Photo Edition



Coming Events

July 28-31: MG2025 Annual Convention
of NAMGBR. Crystal Lake, IL

Aug 5: Monthly Meeting

Aug 9-10: Alden Sports Car Show, Alden

August 22-24: MG102 Festival, Huntsville, Ontario, organized by the MG clubs from Ottawa and Toronto.

Sept 1: Franklin Roundup, Franklin, MI
(contact Ken Klemmer)

Sept 2: Monthly Meeting

Sept. 7-8: Old Car Festival, Greenfield Village, Dearborn.

Sept. 8: Battle of the Brits, Camp Dearborn, Milford.

Sept 16-18: Put-in-Bay Roadrace Reunion (contact Manley Ford)

October 7: Monthly Meeting

October: Cider Run / Fall Color Tour, Windsor-Detroit MG Club (Details TBA)

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Chairperson's Utterance

MI Chapter NEMGTR

We are already half into our Summer and half way through 2025. Hard to believe.

Thank you to everyone that have attended these events along with providing us with great some great picture and memories for the club to enjoy!

As many of us attended the Chicago GoF-C this past June your Madam Chair sat in on the end-of-the-week Steering Committee Meeting to be "pressured" into MI being the host state for 2027 GoF-C which Michigan is LONG over due. Your Executive Board will be starting to form a sub committee so that we may start working on this next task.

NOTE: Coddiwomple and license plate games have officially kicked off for the season and expires on October 31st, 2025. Be sure to read and follow the instructions that have been provided by John Deikis & Melody.

Please continue to travel safe remember to record miles during this driving season.

Enjoy & Cheers!

Melody Klemmer
Michigan
MG-T Register
Madam Chairperson

Melody



Editor's Bully Pulpit

Welcome to a special Mid-Summer edition of *T-Times*.

A number of folks have sent me photos of events and we hope you enjoy looking them over. Please excuse photo attribution. I got everything a bit mixed up in my filing "system." As for yours truly, a bit of long distance motorcycling along the "Blues Trail" from St. Louis to New Orleans with a bit of Route 66 diversion ate up my June.

July meant an evening drive with Carol to the Chelsea fireworks for the Fourth and then to get some frozen yogurt in Dexter. I secretly noted to myself that the brakes felt funny. The next day, with Carol pumping the brake pedal as I attempted to bleed the system, I noticed a pressure leak between the master cylinder and the brake servo. I know from experience that taking out the servo and then actually getting the last two of the four nuts back on while lying upside down under the pedal box with the front seat still installed was going to be more than my back or my knees could handle. I needed Guy St. John who has little eye balls at the tips of his fingers. Driving to Guy's with just a hand brake was interesting.

Well, that's okay. We'll take the spare MG to get frozen yogurt this time. Only the TD's starter would only issue a 1-second groan and then nothing. As the battery had been indoors on a tender all winter and tested at about 12.8

volts, I assumed it was a bad starter. To get the starter out of a right-hand drive TD requires removal of the exhaust system and pulling the steering column out of the way. Undoing the car linkage helps as well.

All packed to drive to Connecticut for my brother-in-law's funeral, I took the morning of our departure to drive up to Southfield to Auto Electric International, starter in hand, to get a rebuild. Verdict: "This starter is fine!" Okay. When I get back from paying my respects, I'll order another size U-1-R Miata battery.

Let's try the '72 BMW motorcycle. Started right up. Put on 40 pounds of armored gear, my helmet and my gloves (it was only 92 out!), and press the little button. Nada! Too hot out to kick start. Air conditioned Ford to the rescue. Yet another battery for the UPS person to deliver.

July has been a slow MG month for me so far. I guess I won't win the Grand Coddwomple Award for 2025. How about you? Get driving!

John



July Meeting

by John Magee, Photo Journalist



Guess who!



Not far to drive if you are really motivated.



Array of cars all with SU carburetors



What is this woman hiding?



TD or TC... You pick



GOF CENTRAL, June 16-20, Downers Grove, IL



Miss Mary, far from home







Valve Cover Racing Action





Ken Klemmer accepts an award.

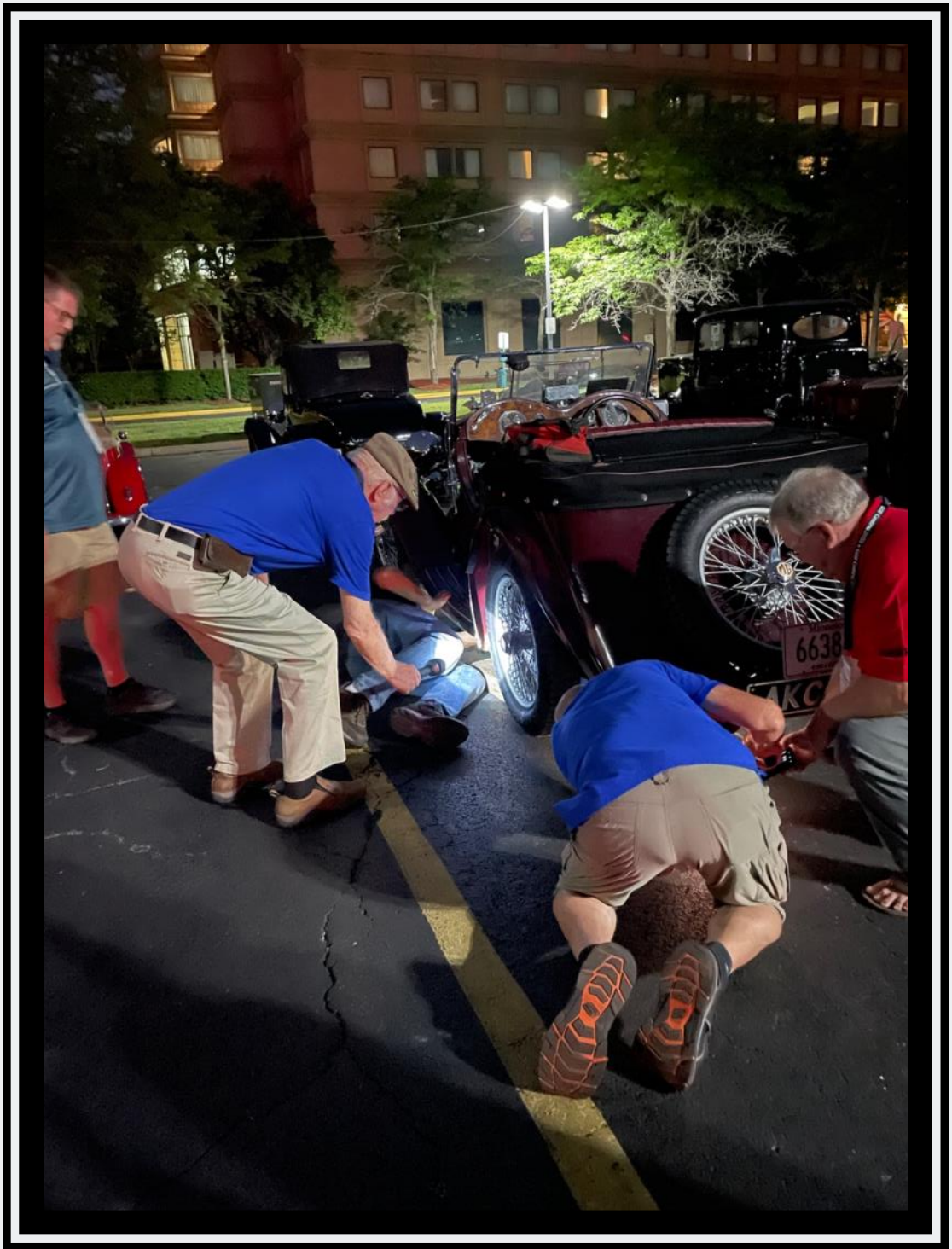


Melody Klemmer accepts an award

John Gervasi accepts an award



KUDOS!!!



... But we can't all be winners

Kincardine, Ontario







Leave it to the Brits to design such a stunning piece of work as the Daimler SP250

Mad Dogs & Englishmen





1933 MG J2 Midget



847 CC - 36 HP

British Registration
AMC 12

Chassis Number
2878

Original Owner
A. G. Sanderson (Racer)

Triple M Newsletter
September 2020 Car of The Month



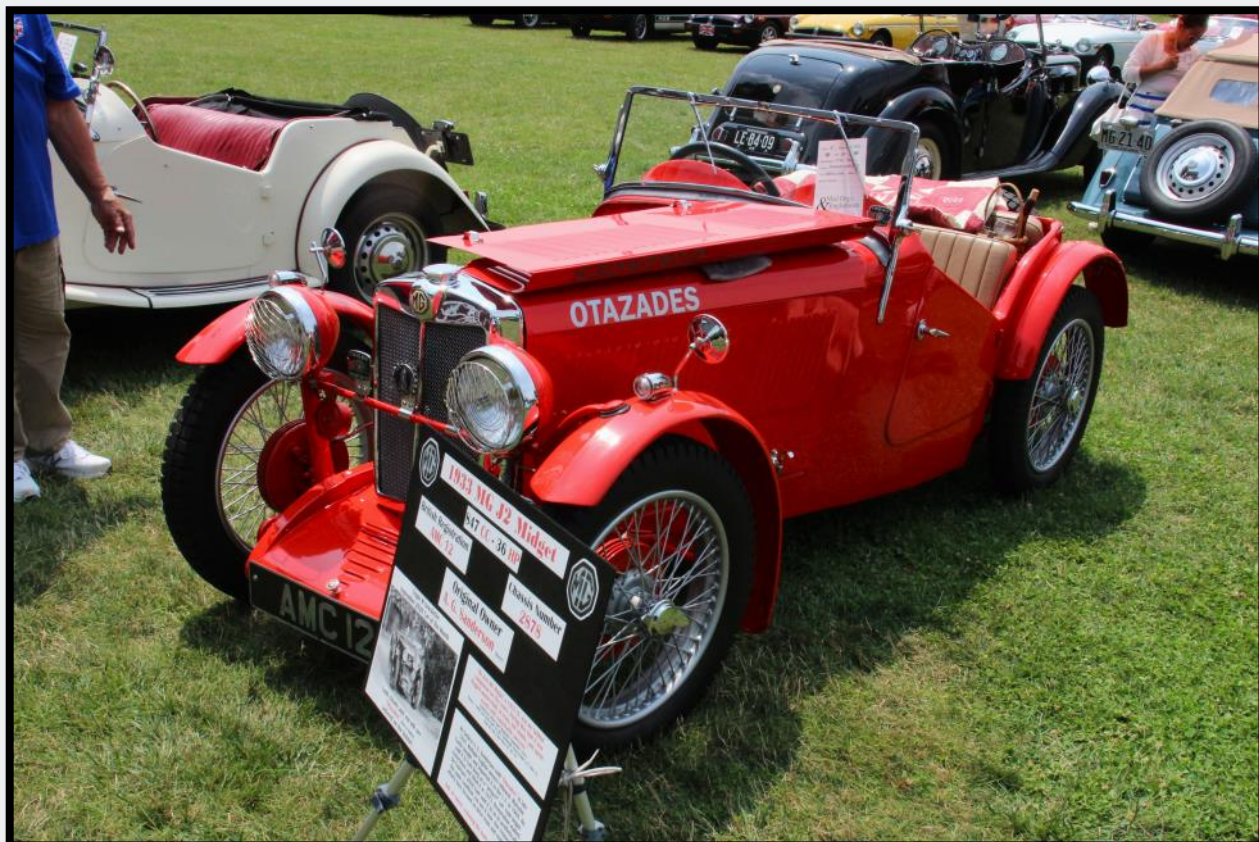
Look closely and you will see
"Otazades" (Hot As Hades)
lettered on the bonnet.

"My first MG Midget, a 1933 J2, was my faithful companion for five years. During this time it was flogged unmercifully in trials, hill climbs, and sprint events with remarkable success."

(Sanderson, Motor Sport Magazine, September 1945)
Bronze - Lands End Trials April 34, MCC Edinburgh Trial Premier (#1) May 34,
Dancers End (Class Wins 35, 36, 37)

We believe A. G. Sanderson sold **"Otazades"** in late 1938. Multiple English owners followed. Malcolm Castle bought and imported it to the U.S. in 1966. He sold it to Sam Borg as a "project" car. Sam began restoration and titled it in 1973. Restoration stalled. On February 2020 Sam sold it to us in aesthetically the same condition you see it now. Our restorative efforts have focused on drive train and engine work.

And, of course, restoring the name on the bonnet!!







Art Lewis takes 2nd in class for his first class MGTD



Motor Muster, Greenfield Village



Disco anyone?

Chapter members enjoying the shade



Matching shirt, matching van... How 70's!





Roger & Beverly Melton's MGA reflected in their Cadillac

What a summer so far!
And there is more to come!
Drive your MG!

2025 MG Grand Coddwomple Challenge

A reminder of the MG Grand Coddwomple!

The Coddwomple is an unusual rally. You run it at your own pace, whenever you want, collecting points and submitting them to the Coddwomple Committee of Committed Enthusiasts. The Grand Coddwompler will be announced and the trophy (referred to as The Mug) will be awarded at this winter's Hibernation Party.

You can make it a group affair. Pick your challenges. They are everywhere! Each entrant must submit a separate challenge email although the photo can be of the same challenge. If a photo satisfies more than one challenge, you may only use it for one (you pick)! The key concept is that a place or thing can only be counted once.

You can invite friends to join you. Get out and drive your MG, have a cup of coffee somewhere, stop for lunch, run out of gas...all in a day's fun. We're off!

Questions may be directed to your humble servant who may, or may not, be capable of providing a reasonable answer. John Deikis, (for the MG Coddwomple Committee of Committed Enthusiasts)
deikis@gmail.com

CHALLENGE #1: Spell out "John Thornley" with the first letter of a Michigan city or town. Take a photo. Your car must be visible, as well as the marker, entry sign, post office, police station or other landmark identifying the location. A different municipality must be used for each letter. For example: Jennison, Ontonagon, Hancock, Newberry, Trout Lake, Houghton, Ossineke, Rapid River, Naubinway, L'Anse, Escanaba, Yale. **J-o-h-n-T-h-o-r-n-l-e-y**. Easy peasy!

Email all 12 photos for this Challenge at the same time. You may use more than one email but please use the following format in the subject line: the letters in the included photos and 1 of 4, 2 of 4, 3 of 4. Eg.: "JOH 1 of 5." Next email "NTHO 2 of 5," etc. You can put as many "letters" into one email as your email service can accommodate. Just label them. *Completion of this Challenge will garner you **500** points.*

CHALLENGE #2: Lenny Bruce once said, "I hate small towns because once you've seen the cannon in the park there's nothing else to do." Would you believe a dead comedian? Why, Michigan is full of small towns— some with canons and some without. You do not need to visit the towns that do not have canons. Drive to towns with canons and take a photo of your car and the canon visible. One canon per town, please. Canons that are self-propelled, mounted on vehicles, attached in some way to an aeronautical implement are not permitted. Similarly, anything with more than one barrel won't count. Scale models of canons placed somewhere in some town that does not have its own regal armament on display will also bring down the Coddwomple Demented Instigator's wrath. And won't get you any points. Subject line of the email should say "CANNON."

*Completion of this Challenge will garner you **50** points per canon.*

MORE RULES, REQUIREMENTS, HOOPS TO JUMP THROUGH: The Committee will apply the following handicap system:

Pre-war MG -points x 6

MG TC, TD, TF -points x 5

MGA -points x 4

MGB -points x 2

Other motor vehicle -points x 1

Photos must be taken between Independence Day, July 4th and Halloween, October 31st and received no later than December 1, 2025 by The Coddwomple Committee of Committed Enthusiasts to be eligible. They must be sent to The Committee for verification, clarification and scoring at the following address:

MGCoddwomple@gmail.com



1929



2025

The Marque of Friendship

1929 - 1936

The North American MMM Register

PO Box 27182 – Littleton, CO 80127

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1935 – 1955

Pre-War/T-Series/Y-Type

The New England MG "T" Register

PO Box 1028 – Ridgefield, CT 06877

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1955 – 1962

MGA/Magnette

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1962 – 1980 & Post Abingdon

MGB/MGC/Midget/1100-1300/and Newer

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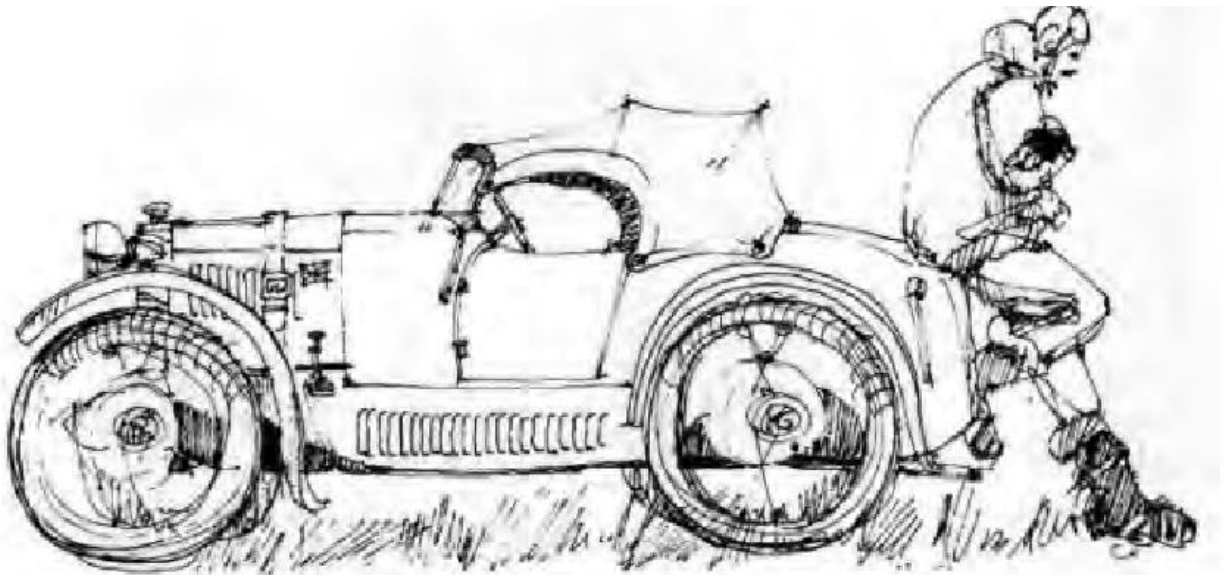
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The Michigan Chapter was established on March 30, 1971 to provide local activities for Michigan area members of the New England MG T Register.

In addition to driving events, membership meetings are held regularly. Board meetings are scheduled intermittently (generally very) throughout the year. Officers are elected annually by the membership.



Why did I take the MG to Costco???