

MG T – OWNERS GROUP

Jan. 2013

Featured Car



This beautiful black MGTF is owned by Dave and Ellen Shelburne. It lives in Reedsville, Ohio (Marietta area), and should be at the New Philadelphia gathering this summer.

A five-speed gearbox was installed so that Ellen would feel more comfortable driving with a gearbox that had syncros in all 5 gears.

This was the car featured in last month's AV program showing the installation of the Moss 5-speed gearbox, this is how that car looks as of 12-10-12. The owners came into town to drop off their grille shell to be re-chromed (see later in newsletter) and to pick up their new wheels and tires as seen on the car.

If you would like your car to be the featured car of the month, submit a digital photo of it with a brief description and before long it will be immortalized in the newsletter.

**Everyone needs your help with the content of this newsletter,
Submit early and often!**

If you have any suggestions on what should be included; please call,
Tony Carito 513--867-8785 or
Jim Thomas 513-393-4385
or mgbjt@zoomtown.com
with any suggestions

Mission Statement

This group was formed because there seemed to be a lack of practical information available to facilitate the ability of the local T-owners to get and keep their cars on the road. This group seeks to fill this void. Jim Pesta from MG Services in Cincinnati jump-started the group and provides the technical expertise. The group itself decides what direction the group will pursue.

All owners, or potential owners, are welcome to come to the meetings, submit questions, answers, opinions, or suggestions through this newsletter.

**THIS IS YOUR GROUP!
And this Newsletter is its voice.**

All members will be happy to help you with your project. If they do not have a specific answer, they should be able to point you to the right person that can supply the answer to solve your problem.

New Year/New Direction

This month's newsletter is going to concentrate on what direction our group will be taking during this upcoming year. The meeting summary, tech articles and all of the regular stuff will be back next month.

Driving our cars without fear!

**Remember our Credo;
Don't be afraid be prepared!**

As a group, we have been meeting for about seven months now and you have heard me say that phrase over and over.

The time has come to stop talking and put it into action!

It is time to start driving the cars. My focus for this year is to get more of you to experience different types of events with our cars.

Once you have driven a couple of times outside of your mileage comfort zone, and it did not turn into the end of the world, then you should be comfortable driving just about anywhere.

Upcoming Events

The Natter is the winter tech session, swap meet, and business meeting of the Ohio Chapter of the NEMGTR.

The 2013 Ohio Chapter Natter and Noggin will be held Fri. Jan. 25-27, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio at the Comfort Inn. Activities will be centered near the hotel. For room reservations, call 740-392-6886 and mention the Ohio Chapter of the T register for the discount rate of \$80.00 Rooms will be held until Jan. 4th.

<p>Fri. PM</p> <p>Socializing and hospitality at the hotel Dinner at the Alcove restaurant at 7 PM.</p> <p>Sat. AM.</p> <p>Swap meet smaller spares, accessories, literature, etc. Tech session after lunch Crafting activity for those who not interested in the car talk. Valve cover races for rules call Lora 513-891-7383</p> <p>Sat. PM.</p> <p>Banquet Annual Ohio Chapter Auction remember to bring items to donate and cash to buy.</p> <p>Sun. AM.</p> <p>Board meeting Departure till next year</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Registration 2013 Natter 'n' Noggin January 25-27th</p> <p>Name(s) _____ Phone _____ Email _____ Fees</p> <p>Per person \$16.00 Per Couple \$30.00 _____</p> <p>Lunch (Sat.) \$12.00 X ___ = _____ Dinner (Sat.) \$35.00 X ___ = _____ Total _____</p> <p>Dinner reservations Fri. Night # _____ Vendors table _____ I will bring swap meet items _____ I will bring auction items _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Remember your valve cover racer</p> <p>Send payment to; Suzie Star 84b Colony Drive Hudson, Ohio 44236-3312 (330) 663-3608 (H) susanstar84@yahoo.com</p> <p>Reservations by Jan. 16, 2013</p>
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No one will be driving an MG to this event (a two-hour trip in January without windows or heat is only something that only an idiot would do. Unfortunately, I have first hand knowledge of that idiocy.

As you can see from the write\up there is something for everyone during this event either car stuff or crafting.

There are usually about forty-fifty people at this event who are willing and able to assist you with any question or problem you might have.

If any of you are going to get serious about driving any distances, you will need a form a network of contacts to rely on when you get in trouble on the road. Who are you going to call when you're in Columbus, Akron, or Cleveland?

This is a great opportunity to have a good time and expand your MG world. If you so desire, there will be Ohio Chapter applications at the meeting so that you can join the group.

Upcoming Events

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**Tentative date Sept. 15-17
Put-in-bay road race reunion**

There has been some interest expressed about participating in this event by a couple of members of our group.

This newsletter will announce the details to this event as they become available.

Below please find an article written by our member Kurt Neimeyer. It was printed by Victory Lane Magazine about the 2012 event.

Put-In-Bay Racing Resumes – story by Kurt Neimeyer

Put-in-Bay, the scenic resort town on South Bass Island off Ohio's north coast is once again hosting road races as it did in the 1950s. In the day, this venue was contemporary with America's other "racing around the houses" events in the era when Watkins Glen and Elkhart Lake were the most recognizable road races on continent.

Originally organized by the Cleveland Sports Car Club in 1952 on the island popular as a summer vacation spot, the resources were minimalistic with very few hotels and restaurants, most of the residents were summer only occupants

that thoroughly enjoyed the excitement generated by the little sports cars that came across on the ferry each summer.

Brought back to life several years ago by the Put-In Bay Road Race Heritage Society – an organization of second generation racers, original participants, vintage racers and islanders – it is an experience unlike any other motorsports event.

Grand Marshal Carol Clemens brought the heritage of the Reunion into focus, as Carol brought along her mother, who had crewed for her at the original Put-in-Bay races, and her daughter Robin, who flagged this year, along for the ride – a ride that started with an MGA in 1963 and continues today.

With multiple driving opportunities for both road and race cars the days were filled with activities that made the enthusiast salivate: bench races, races, rallye, car show, parties, old and newfound car friends. The tour of the original 3.1-mile course escorted by police was one of many highlights. The touring laps on the airport circuit embraced the festive atmosphere of the island.

The racing featured the cars that competed originally with MG being the most prolific marque represented; the Turner Owners National Meet supported the entire event along with Alfas, Elvas, Lotuses, Fiats, Morgans, Triumphs and an AC Ace that won at Put-in-Bay in 1956, driven then and now by Joe Bojalad.

Upcoming Events

Here is the schedule of additional events supported by the Ohio Chapter, most of which are here in Ohio.

I am planning to participate in most of them this summer.

Calendar of 2013 Upcoming MG Events		
Jan 23	Owner's Group Meeting	MG Seervices
Jan. 25-27	Ohio Natter	Mount Vernon, Ohio
May 3-5	Bluegrass Bash	Lexington, Kentucky
June 14-16	Ohio Chapter GOF	New Philadelphia, Ohio
July	British Car Day (MGTD featured)	Cin. Ohio
July 15-19	GOF Central	St. Charles, Il.
Aug. 3	British Car Day	Cleveland, Ohio
Aug. 3	British Car Day	Dayton, Ohio
Sept. 17 (tent.)	PIBRRR	Put In Bay, Ohio
Fall	Ohio Chapter Fall GOF	Hocking Hills, Ohio

It would be prudent to go on a couple of warm-up trips prior to going to these events to make you more comfortable about traveling in your car.

I'm guessing that I will be included in the group for the first couple of trips, but the goal is to make you comfortable enough to go on your own.

If you have a trip that you would like to take, or somewhere you would like to go, please let us know so we can submit it to the group for discussion and review.

I am looking at a warm-up trip to Darke County, Ohio where we will have many options to pass the time.

Darke County is located north of Oxford and Northwest of Dayton. It is about a 150 mile round trip. I anticipate a one full day's drive. Date of event to be determined, if accepted as an event.

Upcoming Events;

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We would travel the back roads to Greenville where we could visit the Garst Museum. This museum, in Annie Oakley's home town, naturally houses one of the biggest collections of her artifacts.



Greenville is also the location of The Battle of Fallen Timbers. Afterwards, The Treaty of Greenville was signed. This treaty was one of the last of the treaties in the settlement of the Northwest Territories. There are many exhibits of the infancy Northwest Territories.



In addition there is Bear's Mill, which is an old fashion water powered flourmill still in operation today.



Greenville is also home to Kitchen Aid Appliances and the Kitchen Aid Experience Retail Center. This venue houses a collection of historic pieces of Kitchen aid appliances, provides cooking classes, any new products that you may want to purchase, or even a tour of the factory.



There certainly is something for everybody. We will need to determine what sights we would like to see prior to departure to make arrangements with the sites in case the size of our group would need special treatment.

We might also like to spend the night and drive back the next day.

This is only the first suggestion. If you have any other ideas, please come forward.

If you miss a meeting, you miss a lot!!

Tony / JT

THE MG STINK !!!

You got it on you....you can't get rid of it.

You think about MGs, you think of ways to make yours better, and they are like elephants, you like to look at them....cost about the same to own too!

For many of us, they represent days gone by and take us back to adventures and times when very little else mattered when compared to driving old roads and being ogled at by those forced to drive ordinary cars. It was common to be stared at by a man driving a LeSabre or Impala...land yachts with a frumpy wife and backseat full of whiny kids. The nerve of you to bring out this little agile and beautifully designed contraption that had doors hinged on the wrong side!

For you, it was better than that first mouthful of a UDF malt. What did they see first? The dashboard adorned with gauges, switches, handles, knobs, lights, and an alluring steering wheel the same diameter of the wheels....or was it the sweeping fenders, chromed radiator shells and mantis eyed headlights? Whatever it was, it was a vision unique to each beholder in his own way...and unbeknownst to you.....in his mind, he was sitting in your place and you had the noisy kids and his wife with too many undergarments on.

The Stink is there!

ya can't see it....ya can't touch it.... but it is in your smile, your walk, your tee shirt, your false humility, and you have that look like you know something that you can't tell anyone. Birds look at you from the air....dogs stare at you. They know that you have the answer. Kids call this esoteric manner of yours....."swagger"or "swag," We had swag before it was cool.

We have special eyes....we can see British cars a half mile away. We could name the marque within seconds of seeing them a half a mile away. We have a Steve Austin eye like the six million dollar man that would go....dit dit dit dit....as it focuses in on the British car too far away for those with no **Stink** to see. Wives claim you can't see your underwear that have been on the floor next to the bed for two days but you can see British Iron from afar. And, because of your swag and **the Stink**, you are able to skillfully pick that underwear up via Mr. Big toe and Mr. Long toe and throw them high enough to catch them in mid-air.

Let a Ford driver try that.

It was a shock to friends and family to see that you could imitate Linda Blair in the Exorcist by rotating your head 360 degrees when a Britty car went by or you were at a show taking them all in.

You have probably removed a nut and washer and thought that some "Limey" was the last bi-pedal carbon life form to handle this particular fastener. That would be a private thought.

Editor's Views

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Having **the Stink**.....you know every noise and creak in the car. You know when it is running right.....you wish auto-zone had more things for the T car you drive. But, there is always Jim Pesta you can go to....he has nearly every thing you need.

I saw you walkin' down the street the other day.
I could smell you a mile away.

Members Views

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**MG Services
Blatant promotional article**

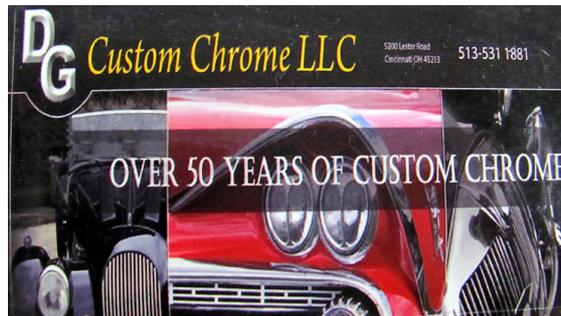
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**The revised format will be launched in next month's newsletter.
Stay tuned!**

Local Suppliers

As I had mentioned previously in this newsletter I spoke about a TF grille shell being re-chromed.

I know how hard it is to find a good supplier for many services. Chroming is one of the hardest. I use DG Custom Chrome LLC.



There is a custom chrome shop here in Cincinnati that has done a very good job for me on my own cars. The quality more than satisfies my needs.

It is DG Custom Chrome LLC
 5200 Lester Road
 Pleasant Ridge, Ohio
 www.dgcustomchrome.com
 513-531-1881

Ask for Al

And tell him that MG Services recommended them.

If you treat them right, they will treat you the same.

The delivery times have always been very reasonable. We requested the TF grille shell to be delivered on or about the third week of Jan.

As I'm finishing up the newsletter today (Jan. 2nd), the parts have been completed and shipped to the Shelburnes today, three weeks early!

Monthly Specials;

Safety Parts

Inner tubes



The TD and TF solid rims were designed long before the concept of tubeless tires. This early rim design were adequate for their time but if you do not have tubes in your tires, (quite common these days), you can find yourself in the middle of a tight corner, at speed. When the bead of your tubeless tire flexes enough to allow all of the air to escape from the tire. This is not what you would want, especially in a corner, at speed.

This could be really bad, dangerous, and costly!

You may not have noticed that Moss has been backordering inner tubes for a while now. With all of the local T-cars coming back on the road, there has been a big demand for inner tubes. Dave has had a large order on back order for some time and was recently told that they would not be available until after February.

We have identified an alternate source and ordered a good supply of tubes. As it turns out, all fifty tubes from Moss and the other source arrived on the same day last week. So now we have more tubes than we know what to do with.

So, they are now this month's special

These tubes will fit any 13, 14, or 15-inch rims and are available for
\$18.00each Cal Motor Good Automotive at 513-922-8076
for your MG needs.

Wishing you a happy and safe new year!

**These tubes will be available
after the January meeting.**

**There are always new products in the works, so stay tuned into the
next newsletters.**

Call me, if I can help, at 922-8076 or contact Jim, and I will get back to you.

