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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING; MARCH 19
RIB CITY @ I-275 and Rt 4
EAT AT SIX MEETING AT SEVEN

Featured Car;



Peter and Lora Jollis; stand next to and by their 51 MG.

Dragged back from the state of Virginia to here in Ohio in 2004, and the Jollis's went to work on the little green machine. Cars, like people sometimes exude a persona that you are drawn to. I have seen this car around when Peter drove it to MG Services for meetings and other club gatherings. This is a car you just.....like. It is not a trailer queen...it gets used and enjoyed. There are a few nicks and a little patina here and there....but each nick and worn area is part of the package for this sweet little example of the TD series T-car.

Don't misunderstand; the car has very few road scars. It looks as good or better than most of the T-cars on the road. Hell, It's cleaner than most of the girls I have dated.

“That happens when you actually use them” says Lora.

It's obvious right away that the car is tended to in every way. It's sharp and in good mechanical order. The interior and top are in beautiful condition.

Featured Car Cont:

Peter and Lora think the biggest thrill with owning the car is driving it. Some owners are sticklers for originality and some owners modify their car to make it more conducive to driving in today's traffic. Peter and Lora have made modifications for improvement but nothing that can't be changed back. It has never really ran hot but an MGB fan blade was installed to increase airflow through the radiator.

With a five speed transmission the car rides effortlessly at cruising speed.....it has an MGA rear end installed as well. To further the idea of reliability and use for trips, Peter installed an electronic ignition system...something you often see recommended by many car enthusiasts. Strangely, the only break down they have had was when the electronic ignition unit went south and left them hanging. The car is back on the original point and condenser system now with no problems.

We asked Peter and Lora "what was the longest trip they have taken the MG?" That would be to and from St, Charles, Missouri. From my experience, if you get a chance to pass up a trip to St. Charles.....take it. There's nothing there. They did make a trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee....now that would be an incredible experience for any MG owner. Of course, the car is included in the local drives our club makes in this area of Ohio.

Peter's biggest thrill with the car is taking his 85 year old. aunt and uncle for rides in it with the top down...Like Peter, his aunt and uncle are from England! It's fun to even think about taking them for a ride. Peter insures the car with Hagerty Insurance and I keep hearing good things about them. While Peter doesn't claim to be a mechanic of extraordinary skills, he does perform all of his own maintenance for the most part. If it's a big problem....you just call Jim Pesta...T-car Guru. His advice to new owners of T-cars is don't be afraid to use it....get in it and enjoy it. Peter did add seat belts to the car....so Lora doesn't fall out. She says she feels like Emma Peale when she is riding in it!

I always like to ask T-owners one question for sure....if you took on another British car....or is there another British car that blows your skirt up.....what is it?? There is another car that makes Peter feel all warm and fuzzy inside.....one that most MG owners don't discuss in polite conversation....whenever I hear the name....I remember how easy they are to work on....and add performance to.

That car is the Triumph Spitfire.

Check out Peter's car at our next function....it's one you would want to take home...with Lora in it!

Member's Views;

Informational Article...WD 40 Every work shop, pantry, or junk drawer in the kitchen has a can of WD 40 in it. No T-car owner should be without it. It's not just for squeaks and bicycle chains. Wait till Red Green in Canada gets this list in hand.

Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'Water Displacement' compound. They were finally successful for a formulation, with their fortieth attempt, thus WD-40.

The 'Convair Company' bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts.

Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you. When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as on glass. Then try it on your stove-top. It's now shinier than it's ever been.

You'll be amazed. It's a miracle!

Here are about 43 uses for WD-40.....I can personally testify to the accuracy of # 43 had a Jaguar you could not even drive into a neighbor hood where kids were throwing water balloons or it would get a wet distributor and quit. You could shoot the underside of the cap with a little WD-40 and it would fire right up.

WD-40 Uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floor that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps the flies off of Cows, Horses, and other Farm Critters, as well. (Ya gotta love this one!!!)
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
9. Untangles jewelry chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic / terracotta garden pots from oxidizing.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on both home and vehicles doors.
18. It removes that nasty tar and scuff marks from the kitchen flooring.

Member's Views Cont;

It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off.

Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.

19. Remove those nasty Bug guts that will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly!
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
21. Lubricates gearshift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers
22. Rids kids rocking chair and swings of squeaky noises.
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
31. Removes grease splatters from stove-tops.
32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
37. Florida's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.'
38. The favorite use in the state of New York, it protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.
40. Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
41. It is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray it on the marks and wipe with a clean rag.
42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
43. If you spray it inside a wet distributor cap, it will displace the moisture, allowing the engine to start.

P.S.

As for that Basic, Main Ingredient..... Well.... it's FISH OIL....

If you have any suggestions on what should be included in the newsletter please call,

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Monthly Meeting Summery

Deep in bowels of February with a weariness of winter pasted on everyone's face, a motley crew met once again at Rib City. Folks never tire of gathering to break bread, talk and about MGs, and maybe trade a good cow for five magic beans. We had a reasonably good turn out for our meeting.....Those in attendance included; Kurt Neimyer, Bob Little, Cindy Garnett, Greg Garnett, JT, Jim Pesta, Jane Grimm, Jim Williams, Peter Jollis, Laura Jollis, Pete Bailey, Barb Bailey, Janis Joplin, Tony Carito, Connie Carito, Bob Garretson, Jan Johnson, John Libbert, Mike Phillips, and Jamie, our dedicated waitress who can never remember who ordered Amber Bock and who ordered Bud Lite.

We want to welcome a new person in attendance, Bob Garretson. Bob has a 59 MGA and is a great guy to talk with....quick with a smile. Bob will learn much from our meetings and he has a room full of guys very willing to give him a hand with his MGA anytime.

Kurt has a request for anyone with an all star concourse car up to 1959 to contact him. Kurt is associated with the Cincinnati Concourse show-car event and would like referrals from anyone with an extraordinary car. Participants are by invitation and he would like hear what you have. The show is scheduled for the second Sunday in June. I'm not so sure that includes many of us but any readers of this newsletter....if you know of anyone...contact Kurt please.



We welcome Bob Garretson in the foreground with the black shirt to our group. Kurt, who often wears a 7-up sign on his head to get our undivided attention, makes a referral request for extraordinary cars up to 1959 for the Cincinnati Car Show. Mike Phillips is to Kurt's right and Bob Little in blue is to Bob G's right. Bob L. has beautifully modified TD.

Monthly Meeting Summery Cont;

Below, a rare shot of two great minds contemplating their food order and talking MG stuff. Tony Carito on the left owns an original Black1952 TD that he drives locally. Pete Bailey on the right has restored several British cars. Pete is just finishing up his TF and getting it ready for spring events. Pay no attention to the Ex Lax advertisement in the top right hand corner of the photo.



Greg reported on the Natter and Noggin at Mt. Vernon, Ohio held in January.

Approximately 28 couples with MGs attended this year with six inches of snow on the ground. The celebrated valve cover races were a big hit again this year.....stories were shared while new and old friends were able to talk about their involvement with MGs.



Monthly Meeting Summery Cont;

JUST as Carly Simon sang of “Anticipa...yae yae shun, ” we did too. We anticipate some great drives and hang out sessions for spring, summer and fall. Much of what was presented and monopolized our agenda was up-coming events and strategies. Be sure to take your calendar in hand and mark some dates in our events section of this newsletter presented below. You’ll know it when you come to it because it says....”DRIVING / SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR”

Two important items that stand out include a visit to Peter Jollis’s garage for a tech session with brakes.....we can all stand around and learn as Jim solves issues and demonstrates the proper way to adjust brake shoes for optimum performance.

The other event is a visit to a chrome plating shop here in Cincinnati. I have seen the results of their work on Jim’s TF grille in the garage and they do beautiful work. Several of us are considering having our dentures and caps chrome plated with that kind of work. This will be an interesting field trip for our group and you should not miss it.

Jim introduced the group to identifying the different XPAG heads... literally.

He brought three of them into the restaurant. We learned how to look to see if a head has been milled down and how much. It was easy to see that some heads have a banana shaped water passage hole while others are round....better be careful which head gasket you put on your head.....

The banana heads use a ½” long threaded (short) spark plug and the round holed heads use ¾” (long) threaded spark plug.....you don’t want to opt for the long plug if you’re not sure. Valve trains, bolts, stressed head bolts, sequences for tightening, push rods were all part of the lesson.



Monthly Meeting Summery Cont;

The restaurant manager was much like Sgt. Shultz from Hogan's Heroes.....

“I see nothing.....I see NOTHING...

**BUFFET COUNTER OR NOT.....IF IT IS A
FLAT SPOT.....ANY MG GUY IS GONNA
PUT SOMETHING ON IT.**



Our “Headology” class was hands on. The ladies went to the other room to converse about men and how easily they are entertained.

While there is a lot to making the head right..... when it is done right....it is tough as nails and dependable.

Ya just gotta mind it. Jim always installs the hardened valves to work with the pitiful fuel for which we pay a premium.

Remember, a cracked ruined head makes an excellent boat anchor.

Monthly Meeting Summery Cont;



BARB AND
CONNIE....A
PORTRAIT OF
TOLERANT
WOMEN WITH
WHAT LOOKS
LIKE AN EMPTY
CARTON OF
BUD LIGHT IN
FRONT AND IN
BACK OF THEM.



Former members of the rock band,
The Doors are seated.....

Ha...just kidding.

Jim Williams in the foreground, Jan Johnson in the middle and John Libbert, furthest away are very much engaged in a lesson on XPAG heads presented by Jim Pesta.

Members Submissions;

Ran across a great article in Hemmings Motor news by Richard Lentinello. It is from Sept. 1999 and is archived as sia #173.

Richard had a great idea....a comparison of three T-cars...the TD, TC, and TF. Richard went to the New York T register and found three owners that agreed to let two other guys drive their car and they in turn would drive two other cars. The TC owner got to drive a TD and a TF for a knockdown comparison.

We had Paul Allan, Micheal Mascelli, and Carl Meyer as drivers and evaluators. Mascelli had the TC. Allan had the TD. Meyer had the TF.

The article was an enjoyable read but you were anxious to get to the summation. That summation was expressed mostly in tables. They had seven categories to consider as they took 45 minutes in each car. The categories were Style, Character, Ride, Handling, Ergonomics, Performance, and Desirability. I hope you enjoy the results and ratings as much as I did. Of course they are subjective and just the opinions of the owners. The scale was 1 – 5.

(5 being the best)

Here they are.....

HERE ARE THE RESULTS FOR THE TC

	Paul	Michael	Carl
style	5	5	4
character	5	5	5
ride quality	5	2	2
handling	2	2	2
ergonomics	3	1	1
performance	3	3	3
desirability	4	5	4

Members Submissions Cont;

NOW, THE RESULTS FOR THE TD

	Paul	Michael	Carl
style	5	4	3
character	5	3	4
ride quality	4	3	4
handling	4	3	4
ergonomics	5	2	2
performance	4	3	4
desirability	5	3	4

And finally the TF

	Paul	Michael	Carl
style	5	3	5
character	5	4	5
ride quality	5	4	5
handling	5	4	5
ergonomics	4	4	5
performance	4	4	5
desirability	5	5	5

Members Submissions Cont;

Average scoreboard for all three cars

	TC	TD	TF
style	14	12	13
character	15	12	13
ride quality	6	11	14
handling	6	11	14
ergonomics	5	9	13
performance	9	10	13
desirability	13	12	15

PRODUCTIONS NUMBERS

TC	10,000
TD	29,664
TF (1200 ENGINE)	6,200
TF (1500 ENGINE)	3,400

Price guide per N.A.D.A Appraisal (1999)

	LOW	AVE.	HIGH
49 TC	14,150	23,000	30,400
	9,700	15,900	23,200
55 TF	12,300	19,800	25,100

Members Submissions Cont;

In conclusion, I will paraphrase from the article. The TF was the winner hands down...it was the fastest, newest, and most powerful. However, it may not fit the pocketbook of many. The TC was the most charming and offers great styling. This means a lot to enthusiasts and collectors.

Still, the TF provided the most rewarding driving experience. The TD is the most affordable likely because it was produced in much larger numbers. The steel wheels generally don't earn favor from enthusiasts.

I hope you enjoyed the findings of three T-owners from New York. I suspect that three owners from any area of the country would have similar numbers.

Thanks to Richard for making this unique study available. It's hard to believe that no one had ever done anything like this before.

Submitted by JT.

WHERE'S TONY THIS MONTH???



The most important car in the Kentucky museum avoided the floor collapse....with a very important person in it.

Hot Tips,

TIP ALERT

YOU READ ABOUT TIPS FROM TIME TO TIME....SOME CAN SEEM A LITTLE FAR FETCHED BUT THEY WORKED TO SOMEONE'S SATISFACTION. I READ ABOUT ONE I THINK I LIKE. CONSIDER YOUR RADIATOR HAS A DIFFICULT TO LOCATE LEAK OR YOU JUST WANT TO PRESSURE CHECK IT. ONE FELLOW CLAIMS HE TOOK A BICYCLE INNER TUBE AND CUT IT IN HALF. HE KEPT THE HALF WITH THE AIR VALVE IN IT FOR THIS TASK. EACH END OF THE INNER TUBE WAS CLAMPED TO THE TOP AND BOTTOM INLET AND OUTLET OF THE RADIATOR. THE CAP WAS IN PLACE ON TOP OF THE RADIATOR AFTER FILLING IT WITH WATER. WITH A BICYCLE PUMP, HE PUT THE AIR PRESSURE TO THIS SET UP THROUGH THE AIR VALVE ON THE TUBE. THE SEALED INNER TUBE SET UP A PRESSURIZED SYSTEM THE AIR AND WATER BUBBLES CAN EASILY BE SEEN IF INDEED THERE IS A HOLE.

ANOTHER HOT TIP..... In the photo below, you see Peter's car from the back. If you look closely at the plexi-glass wings at the tops of each door...you see a grey material between the wings and the windscreen. Well, Peter has figured out how to keep the rain from blowing in while en route. You are looking at ½ pipe foam insulation that has been cut in the right places to stay fixed and cover the gap between the windscreen and the wings. Brilliant! Peter wins a used muffler for this great idea.



Misc.

We asked Hillary Clinton “How understeer is different from oversteer.” Her reply was “What difference does it make!?”Well, it makes a lot of difference on the road or racing on the track.

Under steer is when you go into a turn and your front tires quickly lose grip with the road while the rear tires remain stable. Now if you are a deductive thinker....you have surmised that oversteer is when your rear tires pre-maturely break contact with the road when you take a corner quickly.

Not sure if that question has caused confusion for anyone in the past but now you know.



A popular advertisement when many of our T-cars hadn't had their first engine rebuild. Apparently, this ad is going after the female market and telling society that the medical community places its blessing on smoking.

I'm gonna ask Greg at the next meeting if any of this is true.

Upcoming Events,

The Dayton Car Show is one of the very best in this part of the country and not to be missed. However, there is another show that isn't nearly as large but draws a lot interesting cars.

Everyone enjoys it and it is always an interesting gathering at an old train depot....now a shopping experience. That show is The Second Street Market Show hosted by the British Car Museum. This show was always the event that made me feel ... "game on." Summer and driving season is here. I just found out that it is being held later this year....MAY 24th. You surely want to be in attendance for this show.

Shame on me if I didn't remind you that Mendelson's is two blocks away from the show...a nice walk. If you didn't know it...Mendelson's is an erotic salvage store housed in a huge old building on the east side of Dayton. It is known nationwide and has things you never knew existed.

There are oddball nuts and bolts by the pound....reels of shrink tube...electronics...odd little motors of all voltages, computer parts, lawnmower parts...scientific equipment...rubber mats...restaurant equipment...things to make your garage or workshop a mecca of cool...anyone restoring or improving an MG would skip like Dorothy in Oz down all those isles of stuff....switches, terminal strips, relays, wiring, furniture, and maybe even a spaceship.

Be sure you have May 24th marked on your calendar...It is a fun morning and those Dayton folks are nice folks!!

Call Tony or Jim if you have any questions about how to get to any meeting. The meeting takes up at 6:00 pm. Stay as long as you like. Come as you are, clothing is optional. Tony can be reached at 513-867-8785. Jim T. is at 513-393-4385 and Jim P. is at 513-532-1795.

Upcoming Events Cont;

2013 Driving / Social Events Calendar

Contact Greg Garnett, 513-523-3720, ggarnett@miamioh.edu

March 19	Rib City Monthly Mtg.
March 29	Garage Crawl / Peter and Laura Jollis. Ladies welcome.
April 12	Kurt's Adams County Drive
April TBA	Visit to Bob Hanseman's garage for tech session Dayton
May 2-4	Blue Grass Bash / Lexington Kentucky
May 17	A drive is in the works. more to come
May 24	Second Street Market Show
June 7	A drive is in the works. More to come
June 20-22	Ohio GOF in Athens, Ohio Forms at www.ohiogof.com
July ??	Cincinnati British Car Show Date is coming.
July 19	A drive is in the works. More to come
July 31-Aug 3	GOF Central, Chaska, Mn. Forms at mnmgr.org
August 16	A drive is in the works. More to come.
August ?	Dayton British Car Show...date is coming
August 25-27	Put in Bay Race Reunion. Contact Kurt
Sept. 13	A drive is in the works. More to come.
Sept. 26-28	Ohio Fall GOF, Cincinnati. Hosted by Jollis's
Oct. 11	Kurt's short drive and picnic

Highlights will be removed when a definitive date and time become available to us.

Missing a meeting is missing lots of information.

We are always looking for topics for discussion among the group. If you have a specific problem with your car or an idea for improvement, parts for sale, need parts, or even need to understand a concept better.....please email those inquiries. Names are withheld from discussion unless you want to share.