

JULY NEWSLETTER

SWOT

SouthWestern Ohio T-owners

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Attention; Dayton Area T-owners see page number 17!!

We meet monthly at one of two places, unless we have a field trip or a garage crawl.....Rib City during the colder weather and at MG Services in the garage during nice weather. There are no dues....no officers....really not much of anything is necessary but your presence. Please make arrangements to join us for a good evening among friends. Any T-car owner will benefit from knowing others with the same interests and knowledge to help you with any problems. We know where you can get parts, get things done, secret machine shops, chroming, the mechanics, as well as improvement and modification details. All T car owners lick an ice cream cone and recite poetry at the same time. If you don't have a T car....just say you do and come out anyhow.

Next meeting is August 20th at Rib City. It will be a relaxed and good time. Come on out and bring your significant other and join us. We eat at six and the meeting takes up at seven. Polite belches are tolerated.

BEHOLD.....SUCH A PLACE OF REVERENCE....A PLACE OF REFLECTION AND REDEMPTION.

BEHOLD.....ART AND EXPRESSION FOUND IN A DUECE DEPOSITORY.

BEHOLD.....A DESTINATION WHERE THE ROLLING STONES COULD FIND SOMESATISFACTION



I hope I don't have to explain what the odd theme in this photo....If I do have to explain it.....then you have to turn your man card in.

If you have been around for a while, then you are aware of faddism in the car world. You know about fins and pop up head lights and the abundance of chrome. There was an effort in the fifties to make some cars look like jets from the rear. Look at the rear end of some Caddies or pull up behind any early Thunderbird. One of the biggies was two-tone paint. A-ha, two different colors on one car. It was big at one time. Colors come and go....yellow, orange, brown, but pink and purple fall into a category of their own. Orange was big in the sixties on mustangs, brown was big in the late seventies and early eighties. Now, a brown car is strictly up to the taste of the owner....not many car makers are stocking brown paint. There aren't that many pairs of brown pants to choose from. In my peasant mind, brown looks like something we don't like to touch or step in. I admit that in the early eighties, an acquaintance of mine had a brown Chevy van with white painted wheels and I liked it. We change! I have kissed a few girls I ain't admittin to kissin. I changed...or they did I think.

Colors stir emotion and that is a fact that has been researched and leaves little room for disagreement. It has been shown that blue plates can cause you to eat less. There have been holding cells painted pink that calmed angry drunks down that were brought in during the wee hours. It was also found that the drunks left in the pink cell too long became even angrier and more difficult to deal with. Pink zapped their strength and minds at first. Red lights....blue lights...yellow lights...green lights can all have a suggestive meaning. Why are ambulances often white, blue, red, or a combination of all of the above? A hearse that carries us to our final resting place is often black. They can be white but more often than not, they are black. I sat in a race relations class once and we were shown a poster with two VW bugs. One was black and one was white. The black one was depicted as mean and evil in the advertisement. The facilitators saw this as racist....I didn't think anything of it....i liked the black one..... but it did stir emotion in others. I thought that was dumb to pick that out of a car advertisement. Get a life and shut up. In discussion, I had to admit that it was possible that someone of the black race could see that as something they were sensitive to all their life....as long as our con artist instructor wasn't humping a dumb circumstance to collect his 300 dollar a day stipend. There are those that pollute minds and can make something from nothing to promote themselves and a popular idea.

It's interesting why two tone cars can look good or turn you off completely. I think we are sensitive to them and evaluate their appearance in our mind on the spot. I like itI don't like that!

Arguably, I admit, there are few cars that would more readily adapt to the idea of a two tone paint job than a T car. Of course the interior and top have to agree to the scheme. The two colors certainly must compliment one another. (It seems the English can have some odd ideas about color anyhow.)

If the TD in the photo below were dark green....you would give it the once over and decide if you like it....or better yet, you could live it. This one is obviously a two-tone and you pause as you look at it...you must consider it longer than if it were one color.....the fenders.....hmmm yeah. The red... the red and the black.....hmmm then the top and curtains announce themselves in this format. It takes a little longer to look at and form an opinion over. Could you live with it? You like it? It certainly screams... “I got old rolly and cool fenders”....she looks sort of dignified sitting in front of a nice looking home...a grand old lady. It magnifies an old sweeping fender look of earlier times for sure.

The question that begs to be asked.....would you ever? I am kinda out to lunch on two tones....maybe...I think I kinda like it. Does it draw more attention than a conventional single color? I think it does. My britches aren't usually the same color of my shirt. I could live with it.....yeah, I think I could drive a well presented two-tone T car. What say you?



BAD MOON RISING



SUBMITTED BY KURT NIEMEYER

HARBIN PARK SHOW 2014

A FUN DAY IN FAIRFIELD OR SURE ! THE MARQUES WERE WELL REPRESENTED AND EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME. THE FOOD WAS OVER THE TOP THIS YEAR AND THERE WAS A GREAT SELECTION.



Don't know who this guy is but he spent a lot of time explaining the facets of the MGs to his daughter. It was fun to watch him cruise among the cars and hold sessions. His daughter listened to everything he said with great interest. Much of his communication was done with hand motions. I think Steve Wright was even learning a few things about his own car.



There was a group of Land Rovers at the show that are officially headed to South America. The group's mission is to bring clean water to children. According to the news, many of S.A. children got tired of waiting and are at the border now.



Number 3 of 3 of the Land Rovers headed to South America. Not sure where they are gonna put the water they're delivering.



Now that is a cool interior ! If it were mine, there would be pop cans everywhere.boxes of tissues... papers...cigars and other unidentifiable items.



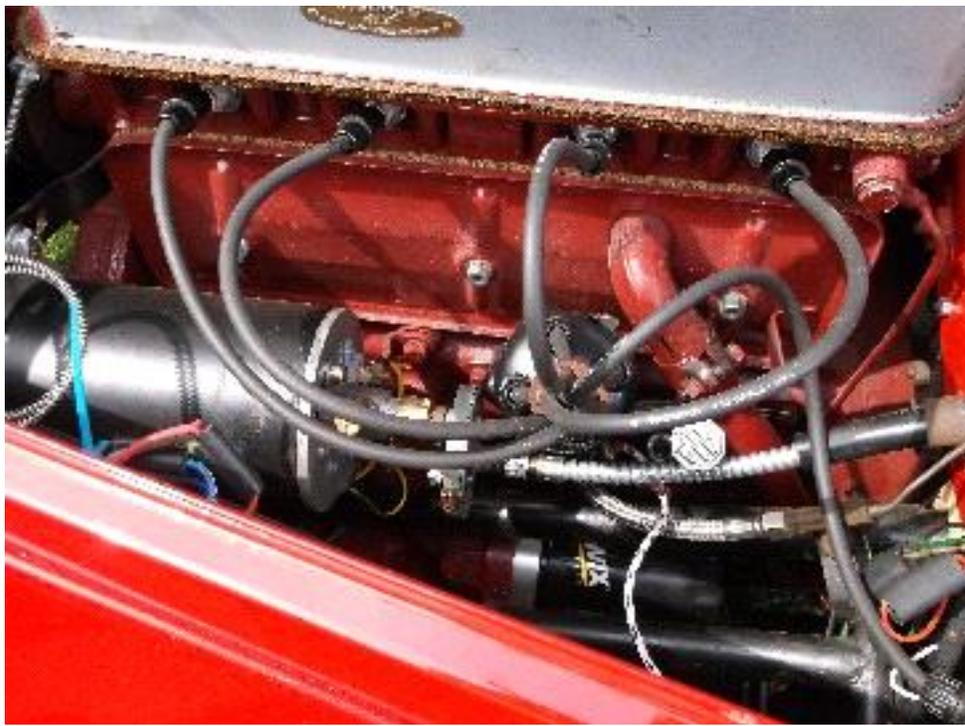
Hit a bump and bang your head on that roof top. Sure looks neat though !

Wonder what they expect to run into?

The Land Rover's were a sight to behold and someone showered them with equipment and gadgets. These were the Discovery models on display. I have always heard that they go through head gaskets regularly and Consumer Reports loathes them. The owners of these vehicles claim they are incredibly dependable.



A London phone booth in the middle of a Fairfield Park? It happened and here's proof.



Ever wish you had a photo of the firing order for a T car to look at....just to make sure?



Mike Phillips stopped by to talk to a Sunbeam owner.....I'll bet someone wound up buying a pocket knife off of someone before this conversation ended.



Rick and Steve decided to share a hamburger. Not sure Steve is gonna get his share. Steve brought his TF and Rick has his MGA along at the show.



Steve's TF drew a lot of lookers. It makes you just wanna get in it and take off.



Not sure I have seen this TD before but Sam Smyth brought it along to share. It was in very good condition.

Sam was taller than some of the trees in the park, yet, he was able to get in the car and drive it off.



Oh My....Now what man could look at Kurt's TC and not be moved.... somewhere. This is a beautiful example of the TC family.



Tony had his mistress there. Tony has owned the car since 1962. If it isn't the most original TD with all of its original parts then I would like to see the one that beats this one. There are still farts in that cabin that he let in the sixties. It has never been rebuilt and purrs right along at forty miles an hour just like any other.



Rick Taylor brought his TF along. Rick drove this car to the GOF in Athens and never missed a beat along the way. This car won first place in the T class at the show.



**Rick Benhase' MGA
always carries itself
well....and runs great!
Rick brought it to the
show and hung with
the T guys at the top of
the hill.**



**Kurt's TC looks good at
any angle. All TC cars are
right hand drive and carry
the tall wire wheels.**

then the unthinkable happened

The skies opened up and the lightening came.....the thunder roared and the rain fell very hard at times. The shelter behind the T group filled up with smelly kids and drowned adults. Owners hustled to their cars to cover them up...others jumped in their cars and left the show in hopes of beating the storm down the road



Some left in a hurry and others grabbed tarps to cover their cars.



It poured down on the festivities.



A man and his umbrella hustling to get his tarp out to cover his car. I saw things in the little blue building in front of the cars....that could scar a sensitive person for years to come.



Rick with his first place TF in the rain.



Fancy a cover like this for your T type?? It did a beautiful job of protecting the car and is made of durable material. Contact Tony...he has information on the cover. (See page 30) In this day and time, I should inform you that you cannot drive the car with this cover on.



These two are clearly up to no good. There is shame in their body language. They look like two kids that got caught spray painting the neighbor's cat.

Dayton British car day August 3rd

MG Services schedule has changed to allow them to provide a rolling tech session for T-cars during the show. So, if any Dayton area T-car owner has his car at the show, you can bring it over to the tent and discuss any issues that you may have, we should be able to diagnose the problem and who knows, maybe we can resolve the problem right then.

HEY, WHAT ARE PARKS FOR?



RIB CITY MEETING / JULY 16, 2014

We met on Wednesday, the 16th and we didn't have such a good turn out this time. Some of our regulars were missing and missed. Those attending included....Peter and Lora Jollis, Greg and Cindy Garnett, and then Bob and Jeanne Hanseman made it....Johnny Carson, Mike Phillips, Jim Pesta, Steve Wright, JT, and Alvin Wulfehuhl.

Happy Birthday to Alvin this week!!

Jim Pesta reviewed the GOF that recently happened in Athens. It wasn't a typical GOF meeting in regards to all the activities that were planned and carried out. There was a large representation of T cars

totaling about 50 ...that brought a large number of enthusiasts to one local. With the activity and the association of folks with a common interest, it must have been a banner time for all those involved. Makes us proud that Peter and Lora Jollis are hosting the event here for Southwest Ohio this fall. The fall meeting, Sept. 26 – 28th, will be held in Xenia, Ohio.

Those wishing to travel.....there is the big meeting in Chaska, Mn. Happening from July 31 till August 3. Contact Greg for information on that.

The queen mother of British Car shows happens August 2 at Eastwood Park....rumors have it that there could be as many as 300 cars!!

The average person passes gas seven times a day. This has nothing to do with British cars but you could look at this part of the newsletter as an intermission. No wonder little people are grumpy when you consider that they must smell most of the time in a crowd.

Hey....Rib City Meeting...August 20th. Peter and Lora Jollis drove their car to the meeting this time...and I have proof.....



You walk out of an establishment and this is waiting to whisk you away....This is just one of the ways the T-cars pay you back for all the effort and busted knuckles. I have said before that there is something about Pete and Lora's car that draws you in.

There's Mr. Greenjeans sitting in the parking lot. This is a great car and Peter has showered it with lots of attention and care. Now is that a Green Bay or Great Briton sticker??

Do you know of a great drive for the cars?? Here's your opportunity to plan a drive and create a great excursion. We have two dates for a drive if you would like to plan one for us. We have open dates in August and September. Step right up and contact Greg! Call him at 523-3720.

The Put In Bay Race Reunion is August 25 –27th ...Contact Kurt in regards to that. This is a grand time in a beautiful setting.

Kurt has a short drive and a picnic at his place on October 11. This is not to be missed....wonderful setting amongst some beautiful automobiles. Kurt's manner and open welcoming is only comparable to Ricardo Montelbaum's on Fantasy Island.

Our meeting wound down with a report on the newsletter.....again, Tony and I apologize. If you have anything to offer, we would like to hear from you or if you would like to write the next newsletter....it's all urine.

Jim P. offered up a question and answer time for our usual tech session.



Mike has Sunbeams as well as an MG. It's interesting to talk to him about his Alpine and Tiger.



Happy Birthday Alvin ! Glad he was able to come to the meeting and share with us.



Jim P. holds court with a good story.



**This was an exciting part of the meeting!
Peter J. returned from a trip to the bathroom..**



Jeanne and Jim P. try to guess the waitresses' age and weight. Jim said he had to see her feet in order to offer his guess.



Greg and Bob are a wealth of knowledge and have many experiences to share about their cars and the places they have been....always ready to talk to a fellow T owner. I am not sure they will talk to a Triumph owner though.



Steve drives a black TF and was at the Harbin Park Show.

He likes Volvos and Jaguars too!



Two ladies that are tried and true warriors of the road in an MG....Their participation make our group better it every way....Lora and Cindy.



My favorite part of our meeting is at the end and everyone has eaten.. This is when we have a belching contest and the winner gets to dance with our waitress. There is some tough competition on the far side of that table.



Be Careful out there...remember that not everyone is as skilled and considerate and objective as T-Owners!

July Tech pages;

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This month's tech article is going to be a little different;

Every year, during the driving season, when we are on the road with our cars, and there is a breakdown, there is usually someone new to the traveling group and they wonder why we carry so many obscure parts with us, or how did we know to carry a spare lower carb float bowl mounting bolt?

History is what tells us. Almost all of these parts have been used on a previous travel repair done on the road.

They range from thrown fan belts to doing a valve job in a Albert lee, Minn. motel bathtub, to a complete engine swap at a motel parking lot in Alamosa, Co., to fabricating a Lock tab for a TC rear axle under the table at the Holiday Inn restaurant next door to the Corn Palace, in Mitchell, South Dakota.

I've driven a lot of miles in a T car with others and have been involved in many breakdowns repairs along the way.

These complete lists are available through the following link. There are other tech articles being posted on the mg repairs web site all of the time. We are just now populating the site with tech information.

Jim Pesta

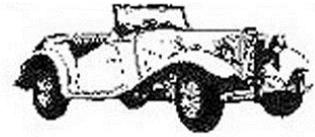
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Tools and Traveling Spares

If you are going to be driving your T- car a large amount of miles;
you should not live in fear of a breakdown.

DON'T BE AFRAID, BE PREPARED

The following few paragraphs were written by Dave Zyp after the Ocean to Ocean T Tourist Trophy trip we both completed in 1985.

Dave had already owned his TD for about 8 years and had already clocked over 20,000 miles on it by 1985.

On the other hand, I met with Hank Rippert who organized this trip, the year before it was scheduled to transpire. It became abundantly clear that this was going to be an opportunity that I could not pass up. I loved the idea of making this trip in a T-car.

The problem was I did not own a T-car so I had to purchase my TF 1500 specifically to participate in this adventure.

We prepared our cars together and planned our spares and tools to be able to handle most anything on this 6,000-mile trip.

Dave has a MG parts business specializing in T-cars. On this trip, he was joining with about 100 of his MG friends not only from the United States but all over the globe. As a result of the trip, his business expanded from a regional to a national and international client base.

During those years, I would help him whenever he got too busy to do all the work himself. I credit Dave for showing me what these cars needed in order to keep them functioning properly in a reliable condition on the road.



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Dave wrote;

"I know that everyone has a different way of traveling and always seems to get by when a sticky situation arises. But I like to be prepared and want to be able to keep going. There is no substitute for a well-prepared car, both, with how it was built and how it is maintained, both of which will determine how it will take care of itself on the road."

The New England MGT Register's Ocean-to-Ocean trip started a string of long distant trips for, T cars, to Alaska, Canada, England, Nova Scotia, and various spots throughout the States during the following years.

The Tools and Parts list was provided by Motor Good Automotive in 1986.

"As I have said many times, the cars that are being put on the road for a long trip should have at least 1000 road miles on the clock before they even leave home for the starting line. No brand new engine should be starting a long trip unless it is well broken in. "

"On the Ocean top Ocean trip there were cars that suffered from freeze plugs blowing out, new clutch pilot bushings making noise, camshafts giving out, and many bolts or nuts coming loose causing adjustments not staying fixed.

In short, usually during the first 1000 miles a new engine or a car, for that matter, can succumb to Murphy's Law. So please drive the cars and get them to prove themselves before you start.

Although it makes for great stories, it is really not very much fun to be fixing the car on the side of the road."



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"I know that the following list seems to be a lot and is a very complete list of spare parts; I will carry every part on the list. I carry two 50 caliber ammo boxes in my car filled with spare parts at all times. I carry the same boxes where ever I go, no matter if its across town or cross country.

As far as I'm concerned, the spares have become part of the car. It may seem that I am harping on the point to carry spares. Even if you have no idea how to fix the car yourself, when you have the parts to repair it when it breaks down, then one of your traveling companions or a local mechanic can get you back on the road because you are well prepared.

On a trip to Cape May, New Jersey it was clear that many cars left home without proper spares aboard. The parts that I loaned to people they should have had with them. The parts I supplied did not come from my store stock but from behind my seat in my spares box. Please understand I do not mind giving my fellow drivers a spare part. I will do that in a heartbeat. Lord knows many have helped me when I was in trouble. But by not having your own spares you only exposes the donor to not being able to deal with his own problems if he breaks further down the road.

Without the parts it is most inconvenient to break down. It also seems that whenever I travel with groups the cars have sympathy breakdowns. Many trips have had part failure themes. If one fuel pump fails then half of the fuel pumps in the caravan will fail, again Murphy's Law.

A trip is an adventure in motoring but should also be a study in survival. When you are on the road, the parts suppliers are usually a long way away, so please be prepared"!



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Most of the parts and spares are listed as assemblies. The theory here is that it is easier to replace a part than try to repair a component on the road. Almost always it is dark, wet, or both. When the mishap occurs.

Example, a water pump pulley seldom falls off but needs to be pressed off and many times when doing that it will break. So have both the pump and the pulley assembly already together to be installed as a complete spare part.

Most of my experiences are with TD's and TF's, I have tried to remember what some of the TC problems were and suggested spares for that model.

This is a very important part of the discussion! If your car has been modified from stock; and stock repair parts do not fit your car, you must be aware of what parts that you would need to repair your modified car. Superchargers, custom axle shafts, disc brakes, special oil filters, etc. could cause some real problems on the road.

The first and foremost tool that is the required; **Local club directory**, and if your travels take you outside of your local area; **a National club directory**. The people in these directories could not be willing to help out another T owner who is out on the road, away from home, and in trouble. Not only may they have what you need to make your repair, if he doesn't he will know where to get it close by.

These two lists are only a suggestion, you can make up your own list after you have been a couple of trips and see what others need for repairs.

I know that everyone reading this is not capable of doing all of the repairs associated with these tools or parts. If you have the parts it doesn't matter if you can't do the repair someone who knows what they are doing will need them anyhow.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Local events sponsored by SWOTs

August 16? A drive is in the works. More to come.

Sept. 13? A drive is in the works. More to come.

Sept. 26-28 Ohio MG-T Fall GOF, Cincinnati. Hosted by Peter and Lora Jollis

Oct. 11 Fall short drive and picnic. Host Kurt Niemeyer

The Local Events need 3-4 more volunteers to be a coordinator for the above events.

Other events of interest to MG-T owners.

July 31-Aug 3 GOF Central, Chaska, Mn. Forms at www.mnmgtr.org

Sponsors are the 8 MG-T state chapters of the central US.

August 3 Dayton British Car Show

August 25-27 Put in Bay Race Reunion. Contact Kurt Niemeyer

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



Please join us for the fall 2014 Ohio GOF hosted by Peter & Lora Jollis

When: September 26 – 28, 2014

Where: Ramada Inn
 300 Xenia Towne Square
 Xenia, OH 45385
 (937) 372-9921

Check-in will begin on Friday at 3:00 PM and will be open until 9:30 PM. The hospitality suite will be open and all are encouraged to enjoy drinks, snacks and the camaraderie of the other participants. Dinner will be on your own with a list of close dining establishments provided.

Registration will reopen at 8:30 AM and a short driver’s meeting will begin promptly at 9:00AM. Two sets of directions will be provided to our destinations. One will be a direct shorter route and the second a more meandering route. Both will have approximate travel times.

Our first stop will be **Frank Lloyd Wright’s WESTCOTT HOUSE** located in Springfield, OH. We have made arrangements for a group guided tour which will have a cost of \$12 per person. The tour takes about 1 hour and they have a very nice museum store where Lora plans to spend a lot of time and, of course, money!

The lunch stop will be on your own and we recommend the following: **Young’s Jersey Dairy** located in Yellow Springs, OH. You will be able to choose between **The Golden Jersey Inn** with their friendly table service or **The Dairy Store** which has a walk up counter to place your order. Of course, both places serve their wonderful ice cream. For a look at the menu, go to www.youngsdairy.com/great-food/. For those who are still young at heart, you can linger after lunch to enjoy putt-putt golf, their 30’ slide or hit a bucket of golf balls (additional charges will apply). Or the **Clifton Mill**; their lunch menu can be viewed at www.cliftonmill.com/lunch.htm. The balance of the afternoon will be spent on a leisurely drive through the Ohio countryside. We will be passing two covered bridges on our way back to the Ramada Inn.

The Ramada is giving us a discounted room rate of only \$82 (+ 12.75% tax). Included is a hot breakfast and free Wi-Fi. Just mention the Ohio MGT group to get the discount. We look forward to seeing you all in September. The Saturday banquet will be buffet style featuring, Pork Loin, Honey Soy Chicken, Salad, Rolls, Cranberry Rice Pilaf, Southern Style Green Beans, Tri-color Pepper medley with Broccoli & Carrots, NY Style Cheesecake, Warm Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce & about 5 extra pounds of weight for the drive home.
 Xenia GOOF LXXXVII

Name(s): _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Registration Fee: (\$35 per couple; \$25 single) _____

Saturday Banquet \$21 x _____ = _____

Send checks payable to: Peter Jollis
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Ohio Covered Bridge Tour October 17th-19th, 2014

STARTING: Friday October 17th at 9:00 am at **Bob Evans** (2277 North Telegraph Monroe, MI 48162 (734) 243-1724) (Come earlier if you want to have breakfast.)

After Breakfast we will be taking a *leisurely* drive down to Clyde, Ohio stopping at interesting points along the way. Always remember—life's a journey to be shared with good friends!

LODGING: **Quality Inn** (1927 Ohio 53 Tiffin, Ohio 44883 (419) 447-6313)

\$90.00 (plus tax) approx. - *ask for "MG CAR CLUB rate"* per night—breakfast included.

Saturday we will tour the area visiting 5-6 Wooden Covered Bridges. Our photographer will be snapping shots at each bridge to use in a 2015 MGT Club Calendar. We'll stop for lunch along the way along with other sites. It will be a day of casual driving with lots of stops. (And for Sandy, maybe even a COW viewing or two—*No Tipping Please.*)

Friday Night Dinner will be just down the road from the hotel at the Plank Road Tavern and Saturday Night Dinner will be at Shell Shuckers (within the hotel).

Sunday we will head for home, there again taking our time and exploring the local sites.

Any type of vehicles are welcome, please don't shy away because you can't drive your T. This is going to be a really fun weekend driving and sharing lots of good times!

RSVP—to Shari Pelic (248) 761-0097 or [spelic @simplexgrinnell.com](mailto:spelic@simplexgrinnell.com)

Just picture yourself driving your car through these bridges!

