

August Newsletter

The logo for SouthWestern Ohio T-owners (SWOT) features the letters S, W, O, and T in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Each letter has a red outline and a slight drop shadow, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The letters are spaced out horizontally.

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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.

Featured Car

Renaker 1953 MGTD



The car pictured above has had a long, storied, past.

Dr. Renaker, a well-known surgeon from northern Kentucky loved vintage cars. He came across this TD and fell in love with it. Dr. Renaker originally bought this car back in 1972. Over the years he had owned up to 39 cars at one time, but this TD was one of his favorites. The young lady in the photo (Dr. Renaker's daughter, Stephanie) was in high school at that time and turned everyone's eyes when she would chauffeur her little brother around in the TD. (I wish that my dad would have the insight to have, and let me drive his TD)!

Over the years, Dr. Renaker was having trouble with his memory and was finally diagnosed with the insidious Alzheimer disease. What a tragic turn of events to come to a man who obviously had much to share and help heal with his fellow man.

Needless to say his collection sat dormant during the following years and he finally lost his battle this last year.

In order to settle his estate, most of the family's passions were sold, including his car collection.

Stephanie Renaker (pictured above) could not accept the idea of parting with her dad's favorite car, especially since she had spent many hours riding shotgun, in that car, with her dad.

So she decided to purchase it back from the estate!

Featured Car cont:

The car had not been started or driven for about 5 years. With a little help Stephanie's new baby was up and running. She has been spending some seat time in the TD reminiscing about her time with dad in better times.

For those of you who have a similar story about your car know exactly what she is talking about and experiencing.

Stephanie and her husband Richard Jansen who is a landscape architect, run an herb farm, nursery, and landscape business in northern Kentucky (reminiscentnursery.com) SEE PAGE 37, and when they heard about the September GOF event in Xenia with the Frank Lloyd Wright house tour, they were all in. It seems that the Renaker family is going to be regular fixtures on our trips, or at least I hope so. We need to keep the memories alive and relevant to ourselves and those who come after us.

Congratulations Stephanie and welcome to an understanding group.

There is almost never a bad memory associated with an MG. I know that is not true. I've just blocked all of those out of my conscious memory. If you really want to hear them, take me aside sometime and we will speak in hushed tones so as not to alarm anyone else.

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Next meeting is Sept. 17th 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.

The most popular meal at Rib City is also a favorite of many of the T group. Jim Williams allowed us to photograph his recent dinner order before he dived in and came up with a smile on his face. Greg approves of this nutrient rich dinner for all of us to enjoy. We hope you will join us on the third Wednesday of the month when we all gather to talk T-Cars and become physically involved in culinary delights like Jim is about to enjoy here.





Last newsletter, that would be July's newsletter, we talked about two tone T cars. Another photo cropped up of a TC. They grow on you and catch your eye pretty quickly. Some might feel this looks like a Taxi or a bee keepers car.interesting that tan and not black was chosen for an interior. We would like to hear any comments on this subject, we will put them in the next newsletter.

Please mark your calendar for Sept. 26th thru the 28th for the Fall Goof held in Xenia, Ohio. Xenia is right off 675, Helen Keller could find it. Peter and Lora Jollis will be arranging and hosting this honorable event. The Ramada Inn located at 300 Xenia Towne Square, will house our group. That number is 937-372-9921. Peter Jollis can be reached at 513-891-7383 or pgjollis@yahoo.com. If you can't catch him there, try the Hamilton County Jail. Please join us for another one of these memorable events and meet some new friends. Considering some of your friends I have seen you with, you need some new ones. I have sent out a registration form and information on the event but I send you another one as a reminder or incase you have misplaced it.



DID YOU ATTEND THE DAYTON BRITISH CAR SHOW? IT WAS SPECTACULAR! A HUGE TURN OUT OF CARS WERE TO BE SEEN. IT ALWAYS AMAZES ME HOW FRIENDLY FOLKS ARE AT THESE SHOWS.....you may speak to someone with a Sumbeam, or a “B” or a TR3, or a T car and they light up like a second cousin on yer mother’s side of the family. They will talk endlessly to you but if you saw them in a Wal Mart parking lot, they would look at you like you like your pants were unzipped. These cars magically occupy a special place in our minds and hearts and voice boxes. You get a few screwballs every now and then but I attribute it to irregularity and move on.

Mr Pesta was there under the tent generously performing tech sessions and helping T owners out with problems or questions. He is the Jimmy Swaggert of T cars.



Maybe it’s the language that would make someone cover their ears....The orange car in the background is well known among TVR clubs. It has traveled many miles and runs like a Toyota. Dick Gregory has owned it for decades. So much knowledge and experiences in the heads of the owners of these cars....wish we could write it all down.



Field Operations of the MG REPAIRS.COM Organization. Owners were invited into Jim's tent for diagnosis and small repairs.



New Owners, the Boitnotts offer up their baby for Jim's adroit touch. You don't see many white ones....



No pressure here when the Sopranos show up with their organization's parade car. Say the wrong thing and the glove box comes open



Jim's prolific comments are directed at those attending this session.



Steve Markman keeps his TD in pristine condition. He was at Bob Hanseman's garage crawl recently with this red beauty.



Jim is making final adjustments and prepares to close the hood on the red TD.

There were less than six T cars at the show. In the past, there have been as many as a dozen. If Jim continues this exercise, it will surely draw more participants.



NEAR TRAGEDY.....

It's never good when an owner pulls his or her T car into the service area and runs over everyone directing him or her in.



FORTUNATELY,

Everyone was okay...and they were moving around on the ground after the driver stopped and took off running.

The lady appears to have a lot of tire prints on her white shirt. Jim is looking for his hat.



YO.....

**TELL THE WIZARD,
TONY, WHAT
TROUBLES YOU
AND RECEIVE
ANSWERS AFTER
YOU DROP A COIN
IN THE GREEN
POCKET FORWARD
OF HIS RIGHT
HAND.**



**Much to the terrorists' surprise
the virgins awaiting them in paradise
were not quite what they expected.**



Just what Steve's wife wanted to see in her front yard on a Saturday.....bunch of Steve's hoodlum friends hanging outtalking real loud and walking real proud. Spitting...there was probably a lot of spitting in grass....The neighbors are likely still talking about Rick's MGA, Greg and Cindy's TC...Joe's TD (Joe brought his dad along to this event)...even Rick's TF sitting out...and our roving kurt even showed up. Many of our local communities are falling prey to such events that draws misfits and nearer-do-wells like these.





Steve invited everyone to have a late lunch or early dinner at his place after the drive. Part of those eats included dessert.....cake.....a real special cake. Godzilla curiously checks out a ferry full of T cars....



GOOD BYE ROBIN WILLIAMS

A Cheerleader with a hairy navel....

That was Robin. Someone said he was addicted to our laughter and smiles. Can't think of much that would say it better. This doesn't have anything to do with T-cars and SWOT but he did give us the best he had and probably made everyone of us laugh at one time or another. If you didn't see Patch Adams, you missed an excellent movie. Just wanted to take a moment to honor one of the good guys.



We shared a photo of Marilyn Monroe's TD once before but here it is in action as she uses it to snag yet another man.

This might have been the General Lee of the fifties.

Thanks to Mike Phillips for sharing this photo.



Pete Bailey submitted a shot of Jim playing twister with the new owners of the white TD....the Boitnotts.

IF YOU HAVE A PHOTO OR A STORY TO SHARELET'S HAVE IT. JUST SEND IT TO THIS EMAIL ADDRESS AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE OR A SHOT OF YOUR CAR.

IF YOU HAVE ANY REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE QUESTIONS, SEND THOSE AS WELL. JIM WILL ADDRESS THEM STRAIGHT AWAY. IF YOU HAVE A DOG THAT IS DIFFICULT TO HOUSE BREAK, TOE FUNGUS, OR IF YOU HAVE SMELLY FEET....JIM HAS ANSWERS FOR THAT TOO.



WOULD YOU TELL HER OR WOULD YOU JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH??



Some doctors have to be creative in order to get a SWOT member and patient to cooperate during a prostate check.....commonly known as “playing swing finger.”



He used to look at the ladies like that.....

**HARELY and
DAVIDSON**

THEN....



**HARLEY and
DAVIDSON**

NOW.....



RECOGNIZE THIS MANTIS FACED CREATURE?



John likes to think of this as one of the dumbest questions anyone ever asked him.

Steve is a man that will ask for directions



Whoa! That's a hot ride!! Steve has found a company that sells a complete kit to easily convert to front disc brakes. He has all the information if you are interested.



It's a good meeting when you get your 25 cent beers and see some good friends....then you leave and the birds are smiling. So it is at every for every SWOT meeting.

RIB CITY MEETING / AUGUST 20, 2014

We had a nice turn out for the meeting. We had several first timers show up to be in our group.....works every time when you advertise free tires to all that attend.

Those attending the meeting included.....Jim Pesta, Peter Jollis, Greg and Cindy Garnett, Jim Williams, Jane “come to my house for Christmas” Grimm, Bob Hanseman, Barb and Peter Bailey, Tony Carito, Wyatt Earp, Connie Carito, Steve Wright, Al Wulfekuhl, Dave Johnson, John Libbert, Mike Phillips, John Ligon, JT, Garry Weidl, Nelson Smith, Jan Johnson, Joe Newton and his daughter.

- **We welcome some new folks.....Dave Johnson and his 1950 TD.....Hey Dave!! He’s had it ten years.**
- **Welcome Gary Weidl and his 52 TD. Garry has had his ride since the seventies.....like many of my tee sheets.**
- **Joe Newton....been around the shows and just did a drive....made his first appearance at a Rib City Mtg. Joe is always fun to talk with.**

It’s very difficult to get Jim Williams to loan you five bucks....as Greg is discovering.



Greg gave us a great run down of the GOF in Minnesota. Greg, Cindy, and friends put 1700 miles on their cars. WOW....Greg's meticulous care of his TC pays off time after time. We really think he sat a TC body down on a Toyota Corolla chassis



We reviewed Steve's drive near King's Mill and the events afterward back at Steve's home and the backyard. Steve provided food for everyone that wanted it.

Jan tries to encourage Nelson to hit the high notes in Nelson's rendition of "I Will Always Love You"



Nelson's TD runs as good as any car you've ever heard. He credits it to the Jim's ability to tune it up and get it just right.

Jan's TA is gonna be a real looker when he completes it. TA's look a lot like a TC at twenty feet away.





Gary's car looks to be very original....he has owned it since the seventies. Gary wants to get it back on the road again and use it.

We consider our waiter assigned to our meeting room to be precious and everything has to be just right. He will not tolerate bad manners.





When Jeanne isn't along with Bob for one of the meetings, he abuses his chair by leaning back and putting his feet on the table.



Tony gave Pete a quarter. Pete is probably wise to check it to see if it is real.



Someone volunteered Jim to host our Christmas “get together” along with Jane. He was barely able to hide his excitement and was emotionally moved.



It was good to have Joe at our meeting with his pretty daughter.



Connie and Barb discuss the benefits of changing differential gearing ratios vs changing to five speed transmissions for modern driving needs in the T cars.



Nelson and Gary met up for the first time at our meeting. Two great guys anyone would want to add to their friend list.

Connie has one of those looks that says....."What am I doing here?"



Often during a meeting, Jim Pesta will sing and dance to Eastern European folk songs. Everyone is always enraptured . Alvin and Steve are speechless.



Steve has thirty seconds to make faces and get Tony to smile and win the game.

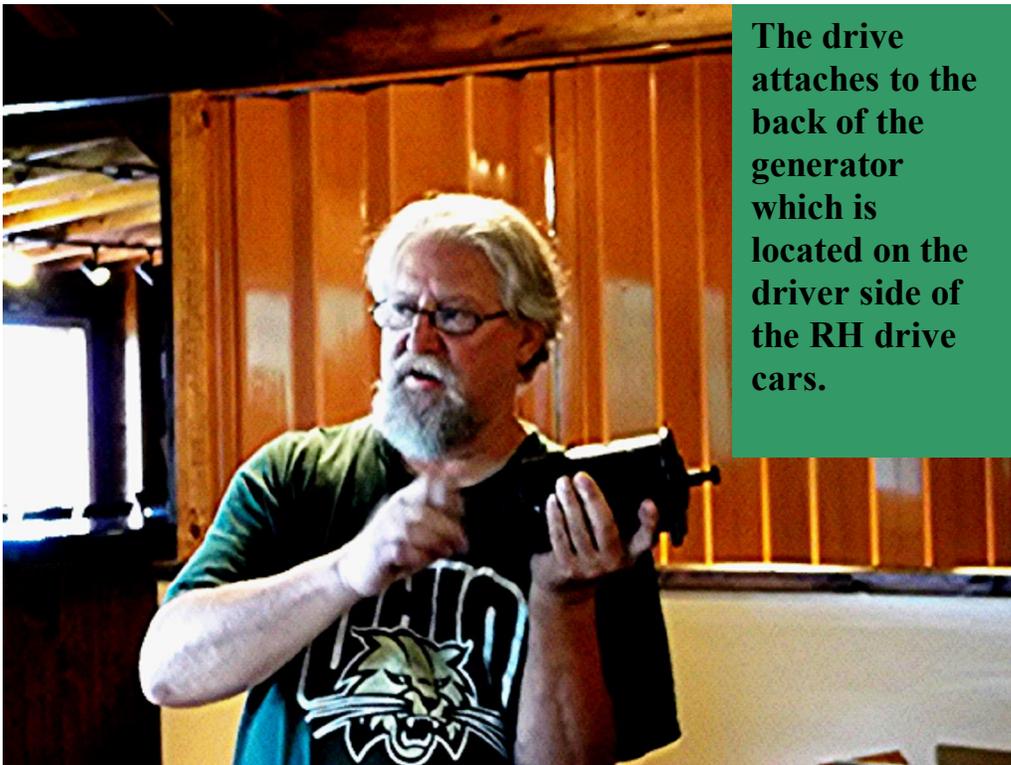
Tony is a difficult audience.



Jim prepares a tech session for this motley group. He brought along some props for those in the group that are tactile learners. For some reason, all the women disappear when this part of the meeting is about to begin.



The tach drive....gear reduction drive. Jim discussed how this can cause the distributor to short out if they come in contact over a period of time. Use wheel bearing grease to lube this component...but use it sparingly.



The drive attaches to the back of the generator which is located on the driver side of the RH drive cars.

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This month we are going to talk about an electrical problem that happens often enough to address it here so you can easily identify the problem when it happens while you are out on the road.

I know that I have been on a trip with other cars when one car pulls to the side of the road and stops. At least once, that person was me. And, of course, the first question everyone asks is... are you out of gas?

Now I have to admit that I have run out of gas in my TF, but that was a long time ago.

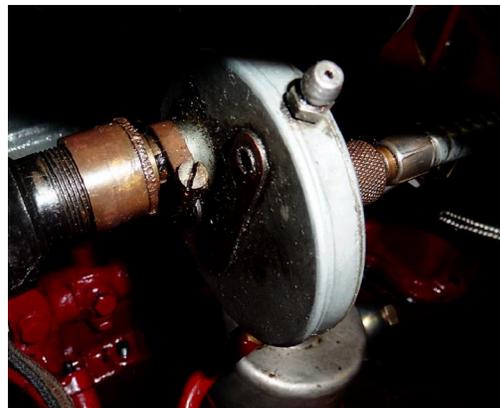
If you have gas, the second question is almost always is the fuel pump working?

If that is working what should be the next question?

I ask if the tach drive has just stopped working?

What in the world does the tach drive have to do with the car stopping? Well, lets take a look at this.

This round, silver piece with the zerk grease fitting on top is the tach drive gearbox. It is attached at the rear of the generator with a big brass fitting (center left in photo). Just behind that fitting is a small clamp that is tightened with a small slotted screw. These two things connects the spinning armature of the generator to this gearbox; which, in turn, drives the tach cable.



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At left is the view of the gearbox if you looked at it from the rear of the engine.

This TC has an older style cable with a metallic outer covering. newer cables might have a non-metallic covering. These are better for the electrical system, but they do not look as cool as the metallic ones. (There is always a trade off between how it looks and how it performs, only you can make the judgment that works for you!)

At right is a view from the top showing the offset orientation of the connection between the generator and gearbox and the connection of the tach cable.

You can plainly see that the drives are offset and therein lies the potential problem.



If the connections at the front of the gearbox become loose, the gearbox could rotate from the offset weight of the gearbox and tach cable. This usually happens because the small clamp, either breaks, or the silver housing wears enough so the clamp will no longer hold the gearbox.

NOW YOU SAY WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THE CAR STOPPING?

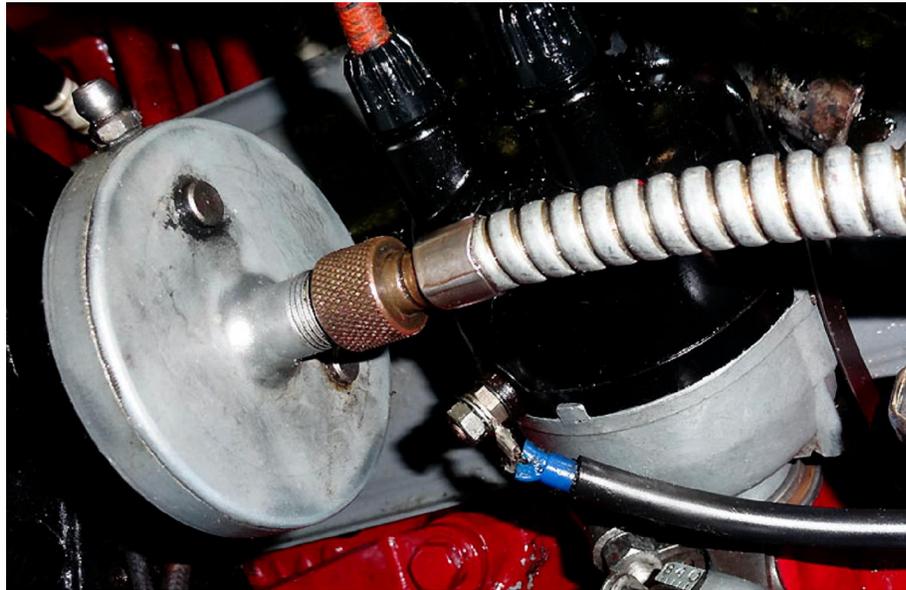
Well **SKIPPY**, if you look at the above photo, you can see the distributor cap at the top right side of the photo. Attached to it is the wire that comes from the coil and causes the points to fire.

If your car is positive ground; then this wire is from the negative lead of the battery.

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Here is yet another view of the gearbox mounted correctly to the generator and the distributor mounted, as designed, with the electrical lead pointed away from the engine block.

If the gearbox becomes loose; it will rotate counter clockwise which will bring the gearbox housing or possibly the cable into contact with the distributor lead.

If you are not an electrical engineer you need to know that when the positive lead comes into contact with the negative lead, it causes a dead short which breaks the circuit to the points does not allow the points to create a spark to ignite the air-fuel mixture in the cylinders. The car will act as if someone turned off the key.

The car will absolutely not start until this short is eliminated.

NOW THE GOOD NEWS

It is a very easy and inexpensive, fix, just make sure the two parts do not touch. If the connections are worn and will not tighten up then you must isolate the areas where they may touch. Electrical tape around the distributor lead, tach cable, and gearbox housing is effective on the road, but ugly if you show your car.

If you go the automotive parts store and ask for vacuum line caps, you should be able to find one that fits snugly over the distributor lead. This will accomplish the desired insulation between the parts.

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On a final note;

As always, before you think that you are too inexperienced to do any repairs, just look at it to see if anything looks wrong. Ask a traveling companion or other driver if they see anything amiss.

Its funny how we might not know a lick about the detailed workings of these cars, but we can sometimes see what does not look right.

Electrical tape in the tool box is a must!

Remember as you drive;

Don't be afraid, be prepared!

Tony, our list keeper, shared the following information about our little Southwestern group. We have about 119 people listed as owners. Car ownership roughly breaks down as follows....

11 MGTC

**2 1947 MODELS
3 1948 MODELS
6 1949 MODELS**

76 MGTD

**12 1951 MODELS
27 1952 MODELS
37 1953 MODELS**

16 MGTF

**12 1954 MODELS
4 1955 MODELS**

1 MGTA

1 1936 MODEL

The list and count is incomplete at this point but Tony gave us some rough figures as it stands now. He will report more later.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Local events sponsored by SWOTs

August 25-27 Put In Bay Race Reunion....contact Kurt....soon.

Sept. 7th A drive is in the works. More to come.

Sept. 17th.....Mtg. at Rib City. Look for a reminder from JT

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

Dec. ?? Christmas get together.....Jane will announce details soon.

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

Other events of interest to MG-T owners.

Anyone need a garage crawl?

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

It occurs to me that there are very talented and knowledgeable people in our group. We should take advantage of that knowledge. Anyone in the group should utilize the services of the other members of our group. However, we have no idea what each other does.

I'm thinking we should identify who knows what within our group.

Just thinking does anyone want to compile a services offered list?

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