

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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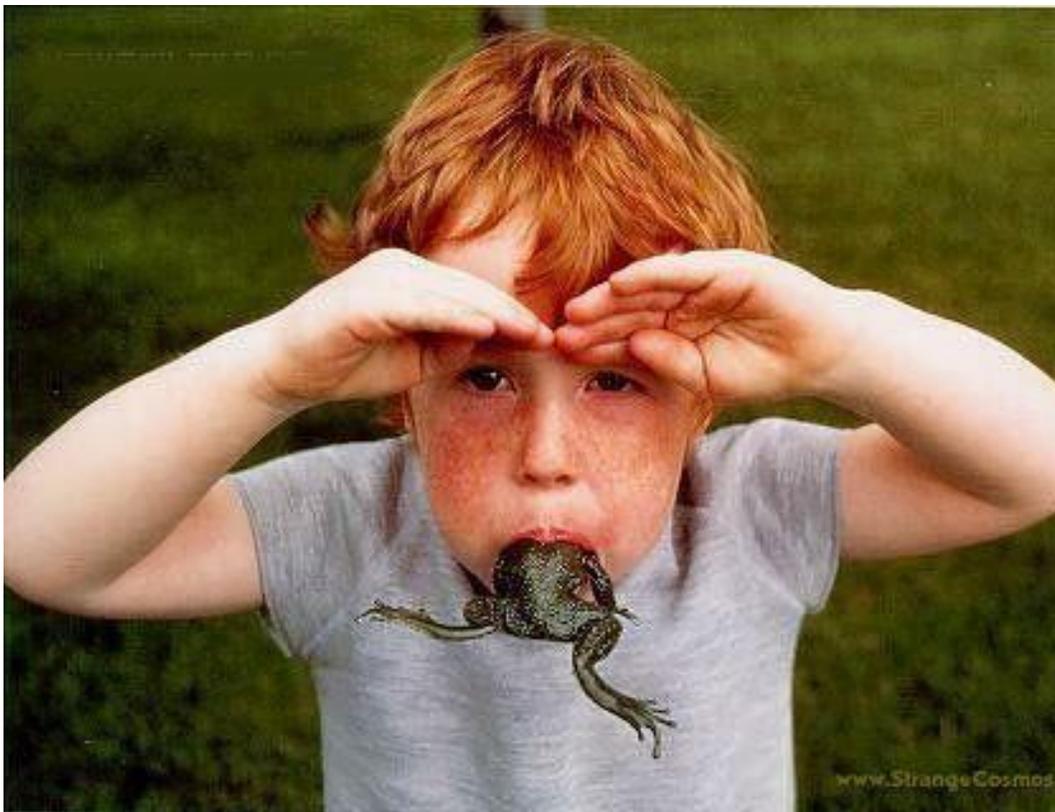
We meet monthly at one of two places, unless we have a field trip or a garage crawl.....Rib City during the colder weather and at MG Services in the garage during nice weather. There are no dues....no officers....really not much of anything is necessary but your presence. Please make arrangements to 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.

Next meeting is JAN 21ST, at Rib City. It will be a relaxed and good time. Come on out and bring your significant other and join us. We will send out a reminder.



WE WISH EVERYONE A PROSPEROUS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. 2014 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR OUR GROUP. MEETINGS ARE ENJOYABLE, PEOPLE ARE HELPING OTHERS WITH THEIR CARS, THE CAR SHOWS WERE GREAT FUN, AND NEW FRIENDSHIPS WERE MADE. WE HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

OUR DECEMBER MEETING WAS HELD AT JIM WILLIAMS' AND JANE GRIMM'S HOME. WE HAD A GOOD TURN OUT. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE EVERYONE WITH A WASHED FACE AND CLEAN CLOTHES ON. MOST CONVERSATIONS INCLUDED COMPLETE SENTENCES WITH GOOD INTONATIONS PLACED STRATEGICALLY FOR EFFECT. THERE IS JUST SOMETHING ABOUT CHRISTMAS AND THE GOOD WILL THAT IS UBIQUITOUS. FOLKS BROUGHT FOOD AND WE WERE ALL ABLE TO MAKE A MEAL FROM THE GREAT ENTRÉE'S THAT WERE ASSEMBLED. A NOTE FOR FUTURE PARTIES...IF YOU BRING FROG LEGS...REMOVE THEM FROM THE FROG FIRST.



WE HOPE MORE OF YOU WILL MAKE AN EFFORT IN 2015 TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENTS THAT ARE ORGANIZED. WE ARE LOOKING FOR FOLKS THAT WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE A DRIVE FOR OUR GROUP FOR THE YEAR AHEAD.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JIM AND JANE MANSE INCLUDED.....DAVE AND PAT ZYP, PETE AND BARB BAILEY, TONY AND CONNIE CARITO, GREG AND CINDY GARNETT, STEVE AND JUDY WRIGHT, JOHN LIBBERT, ROY ROGERS AND DALE EVANS, JOHN OLMAN, JIM AND LISA PESTA, KURT NIEMEYER, MARGARET KUHNELL, RICK BENHASE, NANCY KENDRICK, JIM OWENS, JANE GRIMM, AND JT.

SO MUCH GOOD FOOD....AND NO, IT WASN'T AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN OUT LEFTOVERS FROM REFRIDGERATORS AT HOME....IT WAS ALL FRESH AND SCRUMPTIOUS. WE HAD GERMAN, ITALIAN, AND AMERICAN DISHES....LOTS AND LOTS OF DESERTS ICLUDING CHEESE CAKE. CINDY EVEN BROUGHT HOME MADE CANDIES.

WE ALL HAD TOURS OF A BEAUTIFUL HOME AND WE WERE ABLE TO SEE JIM'S CINCINNATI REDS PARAPHENALIA. WE EVEN SAW A STAINED GLASS WINDOW WITH AN MG IMAGE IN THE WINDOW THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED BY JIM PESTA. IT WAS A TRUE WORK OF ART. THE COUCHES AND CHAIRS WERE REAL BOUNCY AND COMFORTABLE. JANE HAD THE HOUSE DECORATED IN SUCH A PRETTY WAY FOR CHRISTMAS. YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE MISSED THIS PARTY. THANK YOU JIM AND JANE FOR MAKING US ALL WELCOME AND PROVIDING SUCH A WONDERFUL TIME FOR ALL OF US!!

It is not uncommon for JT to ride his bike to the Rib City Meetings....However, this is the third bike that has been carted away. Someone always figures out his combination or they have state of the art tools to unleash the bike from its secure holding position. JT is considering offering a reward for information as to who is doing this or HOW they are making off with his bike. All communication will be held in strict anonymity.



A TF AVALANCH?

A TF TACOMA?

TF SILVERADO?

A T F150 MAYBE.....





1955 MGTF Pickup

In 1997 Don Martine had the unusual opportunity to purchase a rare 1955 MGTF 1500 Pickup. A good friend of Don's told him about a man in Fresno who had a highly modified MGTD race car that he might be interested in. Don called Jack Anderson and he was invited to see the racecar and the TF Pickup, also. Don was intrigued and off they went. Jack and his brother had raced the TD throughout the west in the early 50's. We already owned the Von Neumann TD Special that won a lot of these races so our interest flowed to the TF Pickup.

Jack bought the TF new and enjoyed driving it for many years. He developed MS and began to lose the ability to walk distances. He could still drive it but he needed a place to put his wheel chair. He restored the TF extending the frame 12 inches, making new rear side panels, making a pickup box and rear drop door. He used Ford Comet pickup hardware so the rear door works and looks factory. He put an MGA gas tank under the pickup box and built a side mount on the right front to carry the spare. All the original parts were saved and Don now has them also.

Jack then built racks for the pickup box on which he could tie down his snowboard when he went to the Sierras in the winter. Over time the MS disabled his left leg totally and he installed a vacuum clutch. Eventually he could no longer drive the pickup. Jack then re-restored the TF and Don was able to purchase it.

The TF has been to events all around the west. We use it as a parts car and run-around vehicle. It drives very well. It draws a lot of attention wherever it goes. The most frequently asked question is, "Is it a factory produced pickup?"

We have done a lot of engine work on it and it is very fast. We have flowed, ported and relieved the head; installed heavier valve springs, $\frac{3}{4}$ race cam; polished, filled, and beveled SU Carbs; balanced the engine; installed Scot crank, Airies pistons, stock rods. We have changed the rear end ratio to give lower RPM on the highway. The TF cruises between 65 and 80mph with no problems.

It has had parade laps on a lot of the west coast tracks, is rallied and shown. Don has not tried to enter the TF 1500 in the NASCAR Truck Series Races, yet.



DOING SIXTY IN A TD THROUGH A SCHOOL ZONE....WOW, THINGS WERE SO MUCH SIMPLER BACK IN THE FIFTIES.



IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN GREG ON A DRIVE IN HIS TC....KEEP CHECKING THE EVENTS CALENDAR, WE ARE PLANNING SOME GOOD TIMES COME SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL!!

THE PARTY.....



LISA IS SO SWEET AND ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT TO DO. WHEN JIM STARTS TALKING TOO LOUDLY AND POINTING HIS FINGER AT PEOPLE, SHE WILL REDIRECT HIM TO A TIME OUT CHAIR UNTIL HE CAN USE HIS INSIDE VOICE.



THERE ARE 36 DECORATIONS ON THAT WINDOW. LEAPING GUTS!



BARB HAS TO LEAD PETE AWAY FROM THE WOMEN. HE MUST BE MONITORED.



I'VE ONLY SEEN IT IN BYZENTINE ERA PAINTINGS BUTTHERE IS NO DOUBT THAT KURT STANDS IN AN ANGELIC GLOW AMONG HIS PEERS. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE HIM AMONG US.



BARB INTERACTS WHILE KEEPING AN EYE ON PETE AROUND THE FOOD. PETE HAS A PROCLIVITY FOR STIRRING CASSEROLES WITH HIS FINGER.





GOOD FRIENDS AND GOOD CONVERSATION...YOU SHOULDA BEEN THERE.





**HEY...YOU LOOK THROUGH A GUN PORT AND
WHAT DO YOU SEE? GREG AND KURT ENGAGED
IN A LAUGH AND A STORY.**



**NO PARTY IS
RIGHT
UNLESS
JOHN IS
THERE.
IT WAS A
GREAT
TIME!**



BOY, YOU ARE HAVING A NICE TIME AND ENJOYING YOURSELF AND YOU LOOK AROUND.....AND THEN YOU SEE SOMETHING LIKE THIS. WHAT DOES IT MEAN? WHAT ELSE MIGHT THIS PERSON BE WEARING THAT WOULD MAKE YOU LOOK TWICE? WAS RED GREEN REALLY AT THE PARTY?



**SOMETIMES, JT IS
LOOKING AT HIS
CAMERA AND HE
TAKES A PHOTO OF
HIS SHOES FOR NO
GOOD REASON.**



**SUDDENLY, THE CONVERSATION TURNED SERIOUS AMONG
MARGARET, NANCY, JUDY, LISA, AND BARB. THEY WERE
DISCUSSING THE CHALLENGES AND DIFFICULTIES THAT
COME WITH BEING A MAN. THEY AGREE....IT'S NOT EASY.**

**THEY BEGAN TO BRAINSTORM WAYS THEY COULD THEY
COULD LIGHTEN THE BURDEN FOR MEN IN THE NEW YEAR
COMING.**



BARB TOOK THE CONVERSATION TO THE COUCH TO ENLIST CONNIE AND JANE IN ON THE CONVERSATION SHE WAS HAVING WITH THE OTHERS. BOTH CONNIE AND JANE IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO SUGGEST WAYS THEY COULD LIGHTEN THE LOAD ON THE MAN OF THE HOUSE. THEY SHOUTED OUT SUGGESTIONS AS THEY SOUGHT WAYS TO EASE THE PAIN. WE HEARD...NOT TALKING FOR THIRTY MINUTES WHEN THEY CAME HOME, DRESSING AND PUTTING ON MAKE UP PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL, HAVING A COCKTALE AND THEIR PIPE WITH TOBACCO READY, NO PROJECTS AROUND THE HOUSE DURING THE WEEK, WASH HIS CAR WHILE HE IS OUT, ENCOURAGING THEM TO BE WITH THEIR FRIENDS MORE OFTEN, UNPLUGGING ALL THE PHONES, NOT TO SPEAK UNLESS THEY WERE SPOKEN TO....THEY PLAN TO MEET ON THEIR OWN TO DEVELOP THESE IDEAS FURTHER.



TONY SETS UP A SYSTEM IN THE KITCHEN FOR THE LADIES TO WORK EFFICIENTLY AS THEY PREPARE THE DESSERTS. HE SHOUTS OUT DIRECTIONS AND EACH PERSON PASSES THEIR WORK ON TO THE PERSON TO THE RIGHT. ALL AGREE, HE IS TOUGH...HE IS DEMANDING...BUT HE IS FAIR.



OUR HOST, JIM, HOLDS CONVERSATION WITH JUDY AND MARGARET.



KURT AND JOHN DISCUSS THEIR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS. KURT HAS AN EMPTY PAPER PLATE THAT HE ATE OFF OF. I HAVE FIVE BUCKS THAT SAYS THAT TODAY, THAT PLATE IS STUFFED DOWN BEHIND THE SEAT OF ONE OF THE MG T CARS IN THE GARAGE.



PETE AND JOHN DISCUSS THEIR FAVORITE RAP ARTISTS. PETE SHOWS JOHN HOW TO BUST A MOVE



WITH PITCHPIPE IN HAND, RICK LED THE SMALL AND WELL FED GROUP IN SOME OF HIS FAVORITE ANNE MURRY SONGS. THE LOOKS DIRECTED AT KURT INDICATE HE IS A BIT OFF KEY.



JOHN GOT VIDEO EVIDENCE THAT KURT SHOULD SIT OUT ANY MORE ANNE MURRAY SONGS.



RICK AND JOHN HAVE A ROUND OF ROCK, PAPER, AND SCISSORS.



THIS WOULD NOT BE THE FIRST CROWD THIS CAR DREW. A TF IN OLD ENGLISH WHITE WITH WIRE WHEELS IS A LOVELY SITE ANYWHERE. STEVE SEEMED TAKEN WITH IT....HE HAS A BLACK ONE.



AIN'T IT PRETTY ? SLEEK ? SPORTY? FUN?





THE BIG RED MACHINE !!



HAPPY DAYS



SEE ANYTHING YA LIKE BOY??



THE BLACK TD HAS BEEN PLACES...EVIDENCE OF THIS IS THE COLLECTION OF PLAQUES ON THE DASH.





JIM AND JANE BROUGHT IN A BAND TO ENTERTAIN US AND THEY DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB. WITH A LITTLE WORK, THEY COULD GO SOMEWHERE.



MOST PEOPLE NEVER EVEN GET TO SEE A TICKFORD!! WE GOT TO DROOL ALL OVER ONE.



BOOM CHICA BOOM....DON'T CHA JUST LOVE IT!!





JIM'S PHILOSOPHY IS THAT COMPANY, LIKE FISH, STARTS TO STINK IF IT IS LEFT AROUND TOO LONG. WHEN HE TURNED THE LIGHTS OUT AT NINE OCLOCK AND ENTERED THE ROOM IN HIS PAJAMAS, SOME OF US WERE ABLE TO SURMISE THAT HE WANTED US TO LEAVE. WE WERE TIRED ANYHOW. WE HUGGED AND SAID GOOD BYE.

THANKS AGAIN JIM AND JANE, IT WAS GREAT!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Local events sponsored by SWOTs

NATTER AND NOGGIN **WEEKEND OF JAN.31** **MOUNT VERNON, OHIO**
JAN. 21 **RIB CITY MEETING.**
\Dec. 14 **Christmas get together.....YOU MISSED IT!**

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?

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