

MARCH NEWSLETTER

PART TWO



**JOHN'S GARAGE
CRAWL HAD A
GOOD NUMBER IN
ATTENDANCE.
JOHN'S PRE-WAR
MG WOULD BE FUN
TO DRIVE THE
WAY IT IS NOW!!**

*THANKS TO PETE BAILEY
FOR TAKING PHOTOS.*



**JIM CLARK HAS
BET A VISITOR
THAT HE CAN
BELCH THE
ALPHABET WITH
ONE SWALLOW OF
BEER. NEVER
TAKE THAT BET
WITH JIM.**

**SEVERAL SWOT MEMBERS THAT WILL REMAIN NAMELESS
WANTED TO SEE A PHOTO OF TONY OR ELVIS IN HIS
UNDERWEAR. I FOUND ONE OF ELVIS. THERE ARE NO
PHOTOS OF TONY IN HIS UNDERWEAR.....YET. IT
APPEARS TO ME THAT THE FELLOW ON THE FAR LEFT IS
ENJOYING THIS EXERCISE WAY TOO MUCH!!**



**A SHARP EYE WILL
FIND JIM P. IN THE
LOWER LEFT
CORNER.....STEVE
WRIGHT CAUGHT HIM
GRABBING LOOKER'S
KNEES UNDER THE
TABLE.**



JOHN'S HISTORICAL J2 IS IN THE FRED FLINTSTONE STAGE OF RESTORATION AT THIS POINT.BUT HE IS MAKING PROGRESS.



STEVE AND JIM P. DISCUSS THINGS THAT TURN THEM ON ABOUT HILLARY CLINTON.....JAN IN THE BACKGROUND IS MULTI TASKING WITH HIS ARMS AND HANDS IN TWO DIFFERENT PLACES.



THERE IS A BENCH FOR EVERY PROJECT IN THE SHOP. HERE, YOU CAN SE WHAT A NICE REAR END JOHN HAS.



JOHN HAD TWO TSA AGENTS ON HAND FOR SECURITY. THEY ONLY HAD TO PERFORMED ONE CAVITY SEARCH....AND THERE WAS ONE VOLUNTEER

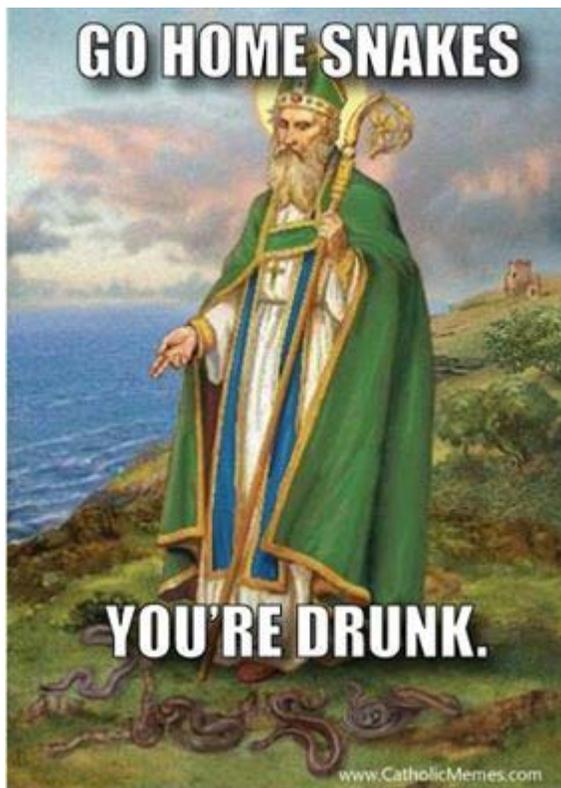


JOHN'S SHOP IS VERY IMPRESSIVE.....A MAN'S CAVE FOR SURE. HE TALKS WITH SOME GUYS ABOUT HIS PROJECTS. MARTHA STEWART WOULDN'T KEEP HERS ANY MORE ORGANIZED OR ANY CLEANER.



GREG AND KURT WERE IN CHARGE OF CRUSHING BEER CANS IN JOHN'S HYDRAULIC PRESS. KURT FOUND A CAN ON THE FLOOR WITH A LITTLE BIT OF BEER LEFT IN IT....WASTE NOT WANT NOT.

THANKS TO JOHN LIBBERT FOR OPENING AND SHARING HIS FUN WORKSHOP. JOHN HAS EXTENSIVE MACHINIST KNOWLEDGE AND GREAT CARPENTRY SKILLS. HE IS ALWAYS WILLING TO SHARE ANY OF IT WITH ANYONE.



WE HAVE A FEATURE CAR THIS MONTH. THANKS TO JIM PESTA FOR PHOTOGRAPHING AND PUTTING THE STORY TO WORDS.

Featured Car

Rick and Kathy Pardini's 1951 MGTD



This month two local families have acquired TD s for the first time. Above is a photo of Rick Pardini.

Rick responded to an ad on Craig's list for a TD that was in an estate that was being liquidated. The car had been in storage for the last forty years.

The fellow on the other end of the phone said that there was someone coming down from Dayton to look at the car. About 1/2 of an hour after he was supposed to meet with the Dayton guy, he called back Rick and said that the car was still available.

Rick was on his way immediately, a deal was struck and Rick and his wife Kathy were the proud new owners of this 1951 MGTD..



Featured Car Cont.;

These couple of photos show a car that looks pretty ratty. Even though this car has been altered by its previous owners, it is as nice of a car that I have seen come out of a garage after forty years of storage without being started or run.



The paint job that was applied all those years ago was not properly prepped so the paint that was applied, is now peeling off of the pristine metal work. There is absolutely no rust on the car, A body panels are straight and rust free. The doors fit better than most restored cars. Yes, it has the wrong door latches, gauges, starting solenoid, a real nice blond wood grain Formica laminate covering for the dash, and a couple of Triumph seats, but the bones of the car are quite good.

The car rolls easily, the engine looks relatively clean (SEE ABOVE) and while I was there we found the hand crank stashed in the side curtain box. and with the spark plugs out it was easy to turn over the engine.

Rick runs an auto salvage yard in New Richmand, see his business card below. Rick has obviuosly been a car guy for many years and has a 1971 Triumph TR6 that he personally completed a frame off restoration. There also is a newer model Corvette, under cover in his garage.

I'm sure that he has the knowledge and where-with-all to complete the restoration of this car and I know that our group will support him in any way we can.

Good luck Rick!



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As of this time we do not have the story on the other TD, but we will report it as soon as we get the information.



ARRIVING BEFORE SIX OCLOCK, RICK HAS A GROCERY BAG. HE SAYS THERE IS A SEVERED TALKING HEAD IN THE BAG. HE SAYS IT IS AN ORACLE. THE ORACLE GIVES ADVICE. RICK CHARGES A QUARTER TO TALK TO HIS ORACLE.



TERRY AND ANN EISNER WERE FIRST TIMERS. IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE SUCH NICE PEOPLE WITH US. THEY RECENTLY PROCURED A 53 TD. TERRY WAS WRITING A SONG AT THE MEETING AND HERE WE SEE HIM GETTING PETE TO SING THE CHORUS WITH HIM.



PETE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY TILL THERE IS AN AMBER BOCK IN HIS HAND.



MARK ANDRUS WAS ANOTHER FIRST TIMER AND A FUN GUY TO TALK TO. HE WAS UPSET AT FIRST AND COMPLAINED TO TONY THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHY HE HAD TO SIT NEXT TO A GIRL!



MARK AND MIKE WERE BOTH EXCITED AND ANIMATED IN THEIR STORY TELLING.....THE PERSON BETWEEN THEM LEFT TO ESCAPE THE ELBOWS. PUNCHES, AND LOUD VOICES



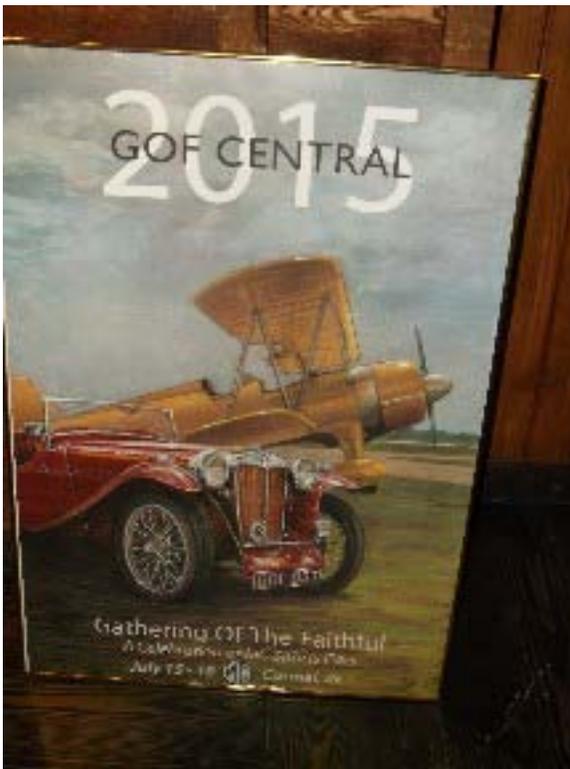
JOHN LIBBERT HEARS CONFESSION FROM JIM CLARK AND MIKE PHILLIPS.



JIM AND MIKE ARE GIVEN 8 HAIL MARYS AND TOLD TO BUY JOHN AND JAN A BEER.



CAREY EXPRESSES SURPRISE WHEN RICK HITS HIM UP TO LOOK IN THE GROCERY BAG AND TALK TO THE ORACLE...AND GIVE RICK A QUARTER.



DAVE ZYP SHARED THE OFFICIAL POSTER FOR THE GOF EVENT COMING UP IN CARMEL, INDIANA



**RICK APPEARS
GRATEFUL FOR A
MOMENT OF PEACE AT
DINNER....RICK KEEPS
KICKING THE
ORACLES BAG UNDER
THE TABLE.**



**DAVE JOHNSON AND BOB
HANSEMAN ARE
THINKING OF A
QUESTION TO ASK THE
ORACLE.**



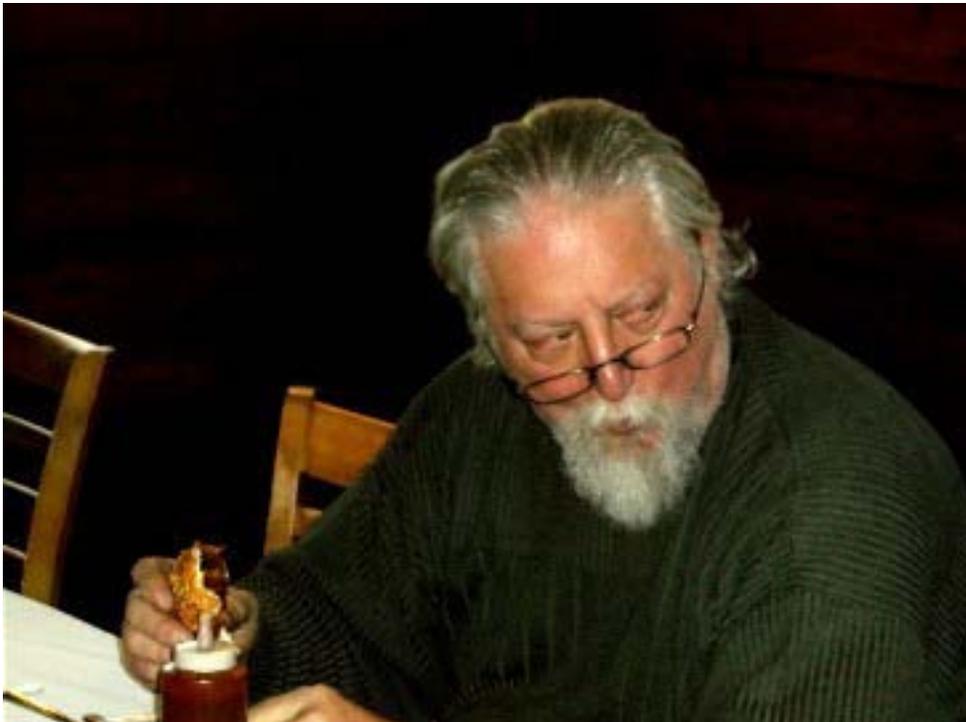
DAVE HAS CLEANED THE RIB BONE LIKE THE DESERT SUN.....NOW HE CONSIDERS HOW HE MIGHT GET THE MARROW OUT OF THE BONE.



SEE DAVE ABOUT INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING GOF....HE WILL BE THE AUCTIONEER AT THE EVENT.



JAN DOES A QUICK CHECK TO MAKE SURE HE SHAVED TODAY.



**RUH ROH.....
I HAVE SEEN THIS LOOK ON JIM PESTA'S FACE BEFORE. HE HAS DETECTED A DEADLY CLOUD OF METHANE AND NITROGEN AROUND HIS HEAD. HE DOESN'T LIKE BEING THE VICTIM OF A ONE CHEEK SNEAK.....A RANDOMLY LAUNCHED AIR BISCUIT.**



**OH NO! IT HAS HIT
LORA TOO! SHE
LEANS BACK FOR
GOOD AIR.....
IT MAY BE TIME TO
GO BACK THROUGH
THE PHOTOS TO SEE
WHO IS SITTING IN
THIS AREA.**



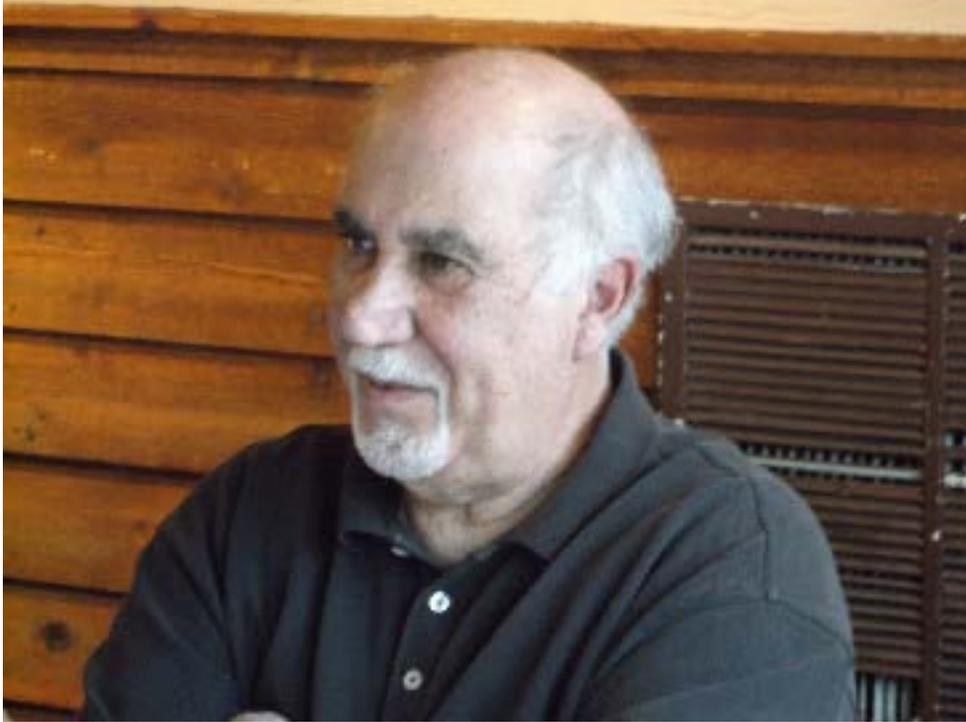
**PETER'S HEAD SNAPS SIDE TO SIDE BUT HE CAN'T ESCAPE IT
EITHER....HIS FIRST THOUGHT IS SAVING LORA....SOMEONE
YELLED STOP, DROP, AND ROLL!!**



**TONY AND
NELSON LOOK
AT PHOTOS OF
MARK'S 54 TF**



**NELSON'S MGTD
IS BEING
STRIPPED AND
PAINTED IN
RICK'S SHOP AS
WE READ THIS.**



**WOULD YOU
BUY A USED
MG FROM THIS
GENTLEMAN?**



**PETE'S TF WILL BE ON THE ROAD THIS SUMMER
AND HE IS JUST A LITTLE COCKY ABOUT IT. THE
TRAINED EYE WILL SEE CAREY TALKING TO THE
ORACLE IN THE BACKGROUND AND ANN IS
TRYING TO EVES DROP ON CAREY'S QUESTION.**



NO LONGER ABLE TO STAND IT...ANN BORROWS DAVE JOHNSON'S EMERGENCY QUARTER HE KEEPS IN HIS SHOE. SHE WHISPERS A QUESTION TO THE ORACLE IN THE GROCERY BAG.



AS MIKE OFTEN DOES, HE HYPNOTIZES GUYS TO GET THEM TO REVEAL WHAT PRIVATE CAR PARTS THEY HAVE STASHED IN THEIR GARAGE....IT DIDN'T WORK ON JIM....HE ONLY HAS DATSUN PARTS. JIM HAS A RARE DATSUN 2000 THAT IS AS NICE AS YOU WILL SEE.



BOB BROUGHT IN A KING PIN ASSEMBLY FOR SHOW AND TELL.....I SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT JEANNIE KNOWS HE USED THIS TOWEL TO WRAP IT IN. I WAS GONNA TRADE MY TEE SHIRT FOR IT....THIS TOWEL IS BETTER THAN ANY OF MINE AT HOME. YOU CAN SEE THE THREADS AND TAPERED EDGE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PIN. WATER HAS SEEPED INTO THE AREA AND PRETTY MUCH MADE IT USELESS. BOB WILL HAVE TO PRESS THE PIN OUT OF THE ASSEMBLY. ALSO, NOTE IT IS SMALLER ON THE RIGHT SIDE COMPARED TO THE LEFT. THE PIN IS ABOUT A HUNDRED BUCKS. BOB IS GOOD AT SORTING THIS KIND OF PROBLEM. I BET JEANNIE DOESN'T SEE THIS PICTURE.



KURT LED THE MEETING....IT WAS A GOOD CHANCE FOR HIM TO DO HIS JUDGE JUDY IMPERSONATION AND WEAR HIS JUDGE JUDY GLASSES DOWN ON HIS NOSE. HE DOES LOOK INTELLIGENT IN THEM.



**BOB AND GARY
SPOKE TO THE
ORACLE...THAT WAS
50 CENTS. THEY
WERE TOLD TO SELL
THEIR EDESEL STOCK
AND BUY RICK A
BEER. BOTH
COMMENTED THAT
THE ORACLE'S VOICE
SOUNDED AN AWFUL
LOT LIKE RICKS.
RICK SAID IT WAS
JUST THE
EXCITEMENT AND IT
WAS A KWINKIDINK**



**JIM FOUND A NEW
STEERING WHEEL IN
THE SHOP....STILL
WRAPPED IN
PAPER.....OTHERS
DEMONSTRATED
YEARS OF WEAR.**



JIM'S TECH SESSION WAS ON STEERING WHEELS....TIRED AND ABUSED STEERING WHEELS.... HE BROUGHT GOBS OF THEM ALONG.



JIM SHARED A GREAT TRICK THAT WORKED FOR HIM.....IN THE FOREGROUND, YOU SEE A WHEEL WITH THE STEEL RIM EXPOSED...ALL PLASTIC IS GONE. JIM PUT A QUARTER INCH HOSE AROUND THE RIM. HE FOLLOWED THAT WITH A LARGER HOSE THAT FIT TIGHTLY OVER THE SMALL ONE. WITH HOSES IN PLACE, JIM WRAPPED A DYED COTTON STRING TIGHTLY AROUND THE OUTER HOSE TERMINATING IT WITH ONE KNOT. A FINAL COAT OF URETHANE STIFFENED AND SOLIDIFIED THE STRING. HE HAD A GREAT NEW WHEEL THAT FELT EXCELLENT TO THE HAND. YOU CAN SEE THE FINISHED WHEEL BEHIND THE ONE WITH HOSES ON IT. THANKS FOR SHARING JIM!!



ENTER TD DRIVING JONATHAN GRINDER...IN HIS NEW MAGIC HAT THAT HE FOUND ON THE STREET.....HE SAID WHEN HE WORE IT, HE COULD SING LIKE MICK JAGGER AND IT MADE HIM PRODUCE TERRIBLE GAS. HE FOUND IT IN A PUDDLE OF WATER WITH A CARROT, TWO PIECES OF CHARCOAL, A CORNCOB PIPE AND A NOTE THAT SAID..."I'LL BE BACK AGAIN SOMEDAY!"

