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FROM THE CHAIR'S SEAT

Greetings Roadrunners!
Goodness, May has been interesting, either very hot, or a bit cooler, under 100 degrees every once in a while!

Our Board Breakfast, this year was well attended, and our Calendar for 2018-2019 is well filled, and it is awesome that some new people offered to plan events, along with our regular events. Ken has listed events for the first 7 months, and dates will be added when the volunteers can make them available to us.

We would like to Thank everyone who helped make the breakfast a success, and we also appreciated that some members stepped up to help clean the stoves, and haul everything up the hill so we could pack them in the suburban so that it would all fit! (You know who you are, and we appreciated all of the help!)

We look forward to an event that Doug Robinson has arranged for us, and it will most likely be a one time opportunity for this event, so look for information in the newsletter and plan to join us, and girls will like this event too!

Thanks again for a Calendar full of events! Enjoy the summer, and be safe if you will be traveling out of state!

Sincerely, Ginny Martin

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2018 MG EVENTS

JUNE 9    Auto Museum Tour
JULY 15   MG Birthday Party
AUGUST    Pool Party
SEPT.     Hall of Flame Museum
OCTOBER  Tech Session
NOV. 4    British Wheels on the Green Car Show
DEC. 8    Christmas Party

FLY YOUR FLAG

The Arizona MG “T” Roadrunner Club is affiliated with The New England MG “T” Register
April 28th, we met in the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market parking lot at 24th St and Baseline. This event was planned as a Joint Club event by “H” Garcia of the AZ. MG Club. When it was determined that everyone going had arrived, we set out to follow “H” on a nice drive as we headed up toward South Mountain Park. It was nice of several cars driving in the neighborhood to let all of us pass by before they crossed the intersection! We even noticed someone pulled over with a motorhome, and she was out taking pictures of the group of 8 MGs and a Porsche! The drive up to the top of the mountain is a beautiful winding road that was great fun to be driving an MG!

When we arrived at the top, we parked our MG’s in a row which made for some good pictures! We all headed off to see the valley below and enjoy the scenery, we came back to find lots of people there looking at the cars, even taking pictures with some of them. Did I mention that there were at least 3 sedans and maybe a truck that was part of our group? Proof that you can have a good time at an MG event even though your MG is not yet ready to drive!

We hung out for a while visiting and getting to know members of the AZ MG Club (though several Roadrunners belong to the AZ MG Club as well!). And, I must say that the ride back down the mountain was just as much fun as it had been going up! Roadrunners who enjoyed the event were: Sherwood and Jane Parker, Mike and Barb Grogan, Don and Ginger Pottenger, Dave and Gretchen Boyer, Phil and Cintya Dooley, Victor and Evelyne Rodrigues, and Ken and Ginny Martin. There were also about 6 or 7 members of the AZ MG Club.

Once down the mountain we went to the area where there are nice tables and benches with shade structures! Several of us brought table cloths, as you never know how clean the tables will be! We Thank “H” Garcia for a well planned and enjoyable joint Club event!
Top Left & Right: We made it to the top!

Middle Left: More cars at the top.  
Middle Right: A hazy view of Phoenix from the top.

Bottom Left & Right: Both Clubs enjoyed their picnic lunches at the Ramada after coming down the hill.
The Board Breakfast this year was, in our humble opinion, a great success! Kenny and I were grateful that nearly everyone of you were kind enough to RSVP! We were expecting 50 this year, but due to illness and a few wives not wanting to get up early, we actually fed 46 club members and friends this year! 50 would have been a record attendance, but we understand. Joining us this year were: Sherwood and Jane Parker, Mike Grogan, Wyatt Tichenor, Terri Bounty, Mark Mater, Ralph and Christine Cacace, Warren Kosters, Victor and Evelyne Rodrigues, Danny and Barbara Young, Graham and Susan McDonald, Rich Flammang, Art and Lee Kaplan and friends Margo and Jim Webb, Ed Battershell and Gloria McNeil, Marie Thompson and Betsy Kavash, Dave Ames, Ettoree Balletto, Bob Izard, Doug Pelton and Dorothy Pelton, Ron and Jean Coats and their daughter, Nicola, Phil and Cyntia Dooley, Will and Ashley Parker and darling children, Derek and Jason, Barry Briskman, Pete Gannon, Burke Wyatt, Mickey Saperstein and Friend, Eric Baumert. I should say that Eric has a very nice Austin Healey and is the newest member of the Roadrunners!

We Thank Kenny and Ralph for cooking the sausage, Danny Young was helpful to Ginny who made the Octagonal Pancakes, sincere thanks to Jane Parker for the delicious Fruit Salad! Barbara Young kept Roadrunners stocked with additional pancakes. We appreciate Marie Thompson, our interim Treasurer, for taking care of Roadrunners paying their dues that day. I would be remiss not to Thank Kenny for the loading of stoves, propane tanks, etc, everything that we would need into our suburban!

As we loaded it to the gills, I said, we can never sell this suburban!

I love making the Octagonal pancakes, writing MG backward, so it is forward when flipped, but as Chairman it is frustrating not to be able to get around to greet or visit with many of you!

Once everyone was fed, including the cooks, it was time to give an award. Ed Battershell and Gloria McNeil had won the Rites of Spring Rallye this year, so Kenny took the trophy to have their names put on the front and presented it to them. It was then time to present the Traveling Drivers Trophy for 2018 to Sherwood and Jane Parker who had driven their TC to more Roadrunner events than anyone else! See if you can win it next year!

We then moved on to what has become a tradition to make up a calendar of events from June to May of 2019. Though some events were already set, it was great to have several Roadrunners to step up who hadn’t volunteered before. You will see, elsewhere in The Octagon Wheel, a few of the events for the first few months, as well as the date for this years Christmas Party! Again, we are grateful to have so many of you come out and support the Board Breakfast!

We appreciate those who helped to clean the grills. Of course cooks Ralph and Kenny were working to get their grills clean, and Phil Dooley stepped up to help clean the Pancake grill! And, of course, everything had to be hauled up the hill and packed into the suburban again. We had some great help, and you know who you are. We are grateful for all of the help!

We look forward to some new and interesting events this year!
Top Left: All they need is butter & syrup.  Top Right: Roadrunners enjoy the Board Breakfast.
Middle Left: More Roadrunners.  Middle Left: Will & Ashley Parker’s family along with Grandma Jane.
Bottom Left: Part of the cleanup crew.  Bottom Right: Sherwood & Jane Parker accepting the 2018 Drivers Trophy for driving their MG to the most events.
Some of cars that were driven to the Board Breakfast.
Our first June event is almost here! We start out in June with a trip to the Scottsdale Automotive Museum here in Scottsdale. The museum is hidden in plain sight (it used to be an automobile dealer's location) and is more of a protective garage than a museum. All of the cars, if not being restored right now, are operational and driven regularly. This is not to say they are “daily drivers”, but they are capable of being driven any day!

“What is there?” you ask. What do you want? Hmm! What about something old? Yep, got that! What about something new? Yep, got that! How about an MG? Yep, got that (a very special one)! French, British, Italian, … Yeah, all of those! What about a race car? (One of these is a very special car to me as I saw THIS car race in the early 1960's!) Fancy salon cars? Yes, those are also there along with coach built specials, race cars converted to street use and … Are you getting the picture?

And just in case you are not convinced yet or might not be in a “real” car mood that day, there is a collection of more than 100 children's pedal cars to look over and enjoy!

There is one special request from the manager. You are free to take photos, but he asks that we don't post them on the internet with descriptions, etc.

Our host for the day is Rich Heinrich and we will be starting at 9:30AM on Saturday, June 9. Please be there a little early so we don't have to wait on you. The location is 6440 E. McDowell Road, NE corner of McDowell Rd. and N Galvin Parkway/64th St. There is plenty of parking!

Please RSVP to the Martins: 602-840-3554 or by e-mail: kmartin410@cox.net

See you there! – Doug Robinson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
We have a new member this month.
Eric & Sheila Baumert  1961 Austin Healey 3000
9842 N. 77th St.
Scottsdale, AZ. 85258
H: 602-394-8431
E-mail: eric.o.baumert@gmail.com

We hope to see Eric & Sheila at a future event. Please add their information to your roster.

Please review your records to see if you have paid your Club dues for this year, if not make a copy of the dues form in this newsletter and please mail as soon as possible. We would like to get a copy of the new roster out by the end of June. If you are not going to renew your membership this year please E-mail the Martins at kmartin410@cox.net and let them know. Thanks!
The care and feeding of the leather and vinyl components of your automotive interior are two very different processes. Using one product can affect the leather or the vinyl. First let us look at leather. Leather when existing on the cow is designed to pass moisture through tiny pores. These tiny pores absorb moisture when the leather is used in a car from humans. As the water evaporates, salts remain and absorb the essential oils in the leather. Exposure to sunlight will also cause and evaporation of the oils from the destructive UV rays and heat concentrated by the windshield. The loss of the oils is the first step to hardening, cracking and shrinkage. Cleaning leather may be accomplished by using a mild soap and water or a specifically designed leather cleaner such as LEXOL PH Cleaner. All cleaners will rehydrate the leftover salts and grime and wash them from the leather fibers. Once the leather is cleaned, a conditioner should be used to restore lost oils and emollients. Other good products are Neatsfoot oil and Connolly Hide Food. If your leather has hardened or needs softening, a good product is “Surflex leather Softener”. This product is made from natural and synthetic oils that restore the natural softness. Clean the leather and apply a liberal coat. Leave on for 24 hours. For really bad areas cover with plastic and let it sit for a few days. Refinishing leather due to scuffs, scratches or wear is a whole other area to deal with. There are various products in the market place, but one of the key areas is color match to your existing leather. In the past leather was dyed from the back side. Today the dye is applied from the front and sealed usually with a clear lacquer. For total color change there are spray paints that require a mask and ventilation for application. The dash, door panels and numerous other places are usually vinyl. Vinyl may be viewed as a raw semi-liquid material held together as a skin. The UV light breaks down the molecules of the skin allowing an outgassing. Many new cars have this effect with deposits on the windshield forming a haze. Silicone based vinyl dressing do not usually contain UV protectants, and the silicone may act as a magnifying glass, intensifying the UV degradation. Products to consider for vinyl protections are; Meguiar #40, Zymol Vinyl.
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$55 (USD) before 30 June 2018
$60 (USD) after 1 July 2018
In-Spirit $25
Cancellations before June 30, 2018 will revert to In-Spirit Registration, with the balance refunded. Due to advanced planning requirements, no refunds will be given after 1 July 2018.

Names -- as you want them to appear on your name tag and the event guide:
Last Name: ____________________________ First Name: ____________________________
Co-drive Last Name: ________________________ First Name: ________________________
Children’s names, under 12, (or dependents) who will be attending with you: ________________________________
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Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: ____________
Country: ______________ Phone: ____________ Email: ____________________________
Primary Club Affiliation (if any): ____________________________
Other Club Affiliations (if any): ____________________________

How many GoF West events have you attended: ______ Check here if this is my first GoF West Event: □
Bringing:
MG: Year: ______ Model: ______ Color(s): ______
License #: ______ State: ______
Other British Car: Year: ______ Model: ______ Color(s): ______
License #: ______ State: ______
If yes, License #: ______ State: ______
Will you be bringing a trailer? Yes: □ No: □
If yes, License #: ______ State: ______
Will you be bringing a RV? Yes: □ No: □
If yes, License #: ______ State: ______
Will you be staying at the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino? Yes: □ No: □
Method of Registration Payment: Cash: □ Pay Pal: □ Check: □
Hotel Information:
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Stateline, NV 89449
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Send Registration to:
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Andy Killian
PO Box 5506
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gofwest2018@gmail.com

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Email questions to gofwest2018@gmail.com or call 510-220-6228 (voice messages)
See reverse for Property and Event Highlights

*For Sponsoring Club Members Only
Roadrunners, our annual dues are now due. Last year we were still receiving dues in July. Please let’s get our dues in promptly so that we can avoid last year’s situation. Please be sure to include the dues form with your check.

Thanks

2018 Annual Dues Payment, $25.00
Make payment to: Arizona MG "T" Roadrunners

Mail to: Bonnie Mater
1848 E. Buena Vista Dr.
Tempe, AZ. 85284

Your name (s) ____________________________________________________________

Your address ____________________________________________________________
(as you would like it to appear in the roster)

City__________________State ____________ Zip ____________ Home phone ___________________

Cell phone __________________

MG "T" series owned, Type __________________________ Year ________________

Type __________________________ Year ________________

Other MG's owned _________________________________________________________

E-Mail address __________________________________________________________

Any corrections or changes from last roster? _____________________________________

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Who: Advanced Distributors
What: Rebuilds and Recurves our Distributors.
Comments: Reasonable price, fast turnaround, Jeff really knows our engines.
Recommended by: Sherwood Parker
Contact: www.advanceddistributors.com

From the Frame Up: Club member Doug Pelton’s company. He specializes in the hard to find TC parts. Contact him @ 602-690-4927 or www.FromTheFrameUp.com

Arizona Brake and Clutch. 602-256-7966, 2211 N. Black Canyon Highway, (that is on the east side access road). Take in your old shoes and they will be done in a week. Smart money says take in a drum and they will arc the brakes to your drum.

I have found very reasonable pricing and service for powder coating at: Affordable Powder Coating. They did a mesh grille for the TC for $40. They have a separate company at the same address for Ceramic coatings (like Jet-Hot). They did my Header, Header pipe Muffler and tail pipe for $212 and it was ready in 5 days.

Affordable Powder Coatings & Extreme Coatings
2111 W. Fillmore St. 2111 W Fillmore St.
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