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FROM THE CHAIR'S SEAT

Greetings Roadrunners! It is so amazing how “time” flies! It is hard to believe that it is already June, and the “Summer Heat” is already upon us! That being said, and if you prefer not to drive your un-air conditioned MG, we all have other cars that are air conditioned, so drive whatever you choose to the summer Roadrunner events! The July 15th Birthday Party, the August 11th Pool Party at Barbara and Danny Young’s home, and the September event at the Hall of Flame Museum! By October, it may cool down enough to drive your MG again!

The June 9th event at the private collection in Scottsdale was very well attended, and we had a great time! We enjoyed a collection of just under 200 pedal cars and even some small boats! Then we were led to another building to enjoy all of the amazing big cars! We were impressed that Don Mapes made the trip down from Prescott to attend this enjoyable event! We again thank Doug Robinson for organizing the tour!

A nice thought is: “Wrinkles come from Smiling!” I am proud of my Wrinkles, because we always have a good time at Club Events with great friends! Happy motoring!

Ginny

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Happy Independence Day & Thanks to all those who serve
The Auto Museum Tour was a highly attended event, running a close second to the Board Pancake Breakfast! We Thank Doug Robinson for arranging this tour for the Roadrunners! This is not a museum that just anybody can go to, so if you didn’t get to this event, it may be years before we get to go there again!

Our Host for the day was Rich Heinrich, and he was a most gracious host! He invited all of the MG’s and the Healey to enter a covered area which kept them out of the sun and cooler when we came back to get them!

We began the tour in a building that housed 196 pedal cars! we probably spent an hour going through that amazing display, and it was great to see a TD and TF pedal cars, 2 miniature Vespas, with small motors, and I could go on and on!

We then moved on to the Big cars, and what a great variety there was! There was a beautiful Arnolt MG, as well as Race cars, fancy salon cars, as well as French, British, and Italian cars! Some are beautifully restored, others are polished with their original paint! one beautiful car that had not been restored, was amazing to enjoy!

As club members originally arrived, we asked for a donation to give to our Host for being willing to come in on a Saturday for us! Ginny collected the donations, and then gave it to Doug to present it to Rich. I believe we gave him a tip of a bit over two hundred for his willingness to allow us to enjoy the Museum!

Club members who enjoyed this event were: Ralph Cacace, Ed and Karen Winkler with their grandson, William Regan, Mark and Bonnie Mater, Marie Thompson and Betsy Kavash, Danny and Barbara Young, Sherwood and Jane Parker, and guest, Scott Morrison, Tom Cornelius and Dena Roach, Terri Bounty, Wyatt Tichenor and guests, Travis Jacobson and his mom, Joyce Jacobson (owners of a TF that Wyatt got running for them, Dee Parkhurst and his son Ron, Eric and Sheila Baumert, Suzanne and Wayne Hall who (drove up from Casa Grand), Victor and Evelyne Rodriguez, (visiting from Switzerland), Warren Kosters, Randy and Sandi Copleman, Pete Gannon, Don Mapes (came down from Prescott), Burke Wyatt, Norma Kafer, Phil and Cintya Dooley, Ken and Ginny Martin, and our Host and Hostess, Doug and Patty Robinson! I must say that Rich Heinrich came around with a tub of cold water to offer to us, and it really was appreciated!

Kenny and I want to thank you for letting us know your plans to attend this event. It is always helpful to know how many guests to plan for! Count em’ there were 41 of us!

Please Remember the request from the manager, you were free to take photos, but he asked that we not post them on the internet with descriptions, etc. Thanks!
Top and Middle: More of the pedal car collection, notice the TD and TF cars.

Bottom: The start of the big cars, what a wonderful chance to see a lot of very rare automobiles! We were asked not to post photos and descriptions on the internet.
More automobiles from the collection.
IT REALLY WASN’T ROSIE’S FAULT!

Rosie who you say? Well, Rosie McCaffrey of course.

Last year when our usual venue for the annual MG Birthday Party, the “British Open Pub,” became the “British Closed” we had to punt. With less than a week’s notice Rosie McCaffrey’s Irish Pub at 9th St. and Camelback became our last minute choice for an alternate location.

To say it was an adequate venue for us would be a stretch, but they tried. It was too warm, too crowded and too noisy. Jane and I wish again to thank all who persevered.

Because of its more central location in Phoenix, it did seem to bring more Roadrunners from the west side of the Valley, like Graham McDonald who braved the heat and drove his TD, but then got caught in the monsoon before he left the party.

So, we thought we would give Rosie McCaffrey another chance. But this time we have our own dedicated room with more space, more cooling, more staff and only our own noise, AND we do not have to climb stairs! Please join us.

Where? Rosie McCaffrey’s Irish Pub, 906 E. Camelback Rd, Phoenix, 85014
When? July 15th, 2018 beginning at 5:00PM.
Who? Roadrunners and their guests.
What? Celebrating some sort of MG Birthday occasion, pick your own if you wish.
Why? Because we need a reason to get together.

We hope to see you there on July 15th. Please RSVP to the Parkers by Wednesday, July 11 at sherparker1@msn.com or 480-839-2980 (leave a message)

Sherwood and Jane
Electronic Ignition for the TD

Using points in the distributor has its limitations in wear out over time. Also the setting of the points requires patience. Two solutions have come forward, Petronix and Crane ignition systems. Both companies manufacture components for positive and negative ground automobiles. My experience is installing the Crane unit in the TD. The significant difference is the Crane unit requires an electronic box to be located somewhere in the car in close proximity to the engine. The Petronix unit as shown in the Moss catalog does not use a separate box. In the past some problems were reported for the Petronix unit. The unit was machined in such a way that the mounting plate that attaches in place of the points was too wide. This caused the outer edge fouled the cap thus preventing the base plate from being rotated. Therefore, when installing the Petronix unit, make sure the distributor cap is not interfering with the Petronix unit where it attaches to the base plate. With the electronic ignition the car runs very smooth.

The final step is to check the timing. Make sure the distributor is in good condition and that the mechanical advance is working properly. If there is a vacuum advance, disconnect the line and plug with tape. The distributor should be in its original position so the car will start. Carefully loosen the bolts holding the distributor without disturbing the position. Connect a speedometer meter to the coil and ground.

Start the engine and warm it up until the choke stops accelerating the engine. With the engine running, slowly advance the timing. The RPMs will increase and the engine will run smoothly as you get into the proper region. Proceeding further advance, the engine will falter. Back off to the smooth running point and then lock down the distributor after turning off the engine. Take the car on the road and find a hill. Drive up the hill accelerating quickly and listen for pinging. If pinging persists, loosen the distributor and retard the timing slightly. Repeat the drive again to verify no pinging.

Doug & Carol Pelton 1948 TC
Jan & Carole Rons TA “Encore” Special
Sherwood & Jane Parker 1955 Arnolt Coupe
Terri Bounty 1955 MG TF
Randy & Sandy Copleman 1954 MG TF
Barry Briskman 1947 MG TC
Don Mapes 1952 MG TD
Danny & Barbara Young 1958 MGA Coupe
Dave & Gretchen Boyer 1951 MG TD
Wyatt Tichenor 1954 MG TF
GoF WEST 2018
Registration Form
South Lake Tahoe, Nevada
September 10-14, 2018
Registration Fee:
$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: ___________________________

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: ________

Bringing:
MG: Year: ________ Model: ________ Color(s): ________
License #: ________ State: ________
Other British Car: Year: ________ Model: ________ Color(s): ________
License #: ________ State: ________

Will you be bringing a trailer? Yes: [ ] No: [ ]
Will you be bringing a RV? Yes: [ ] No: [ ]

Will you be staying at the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino? Yes: [ ] No: [ ]

Method of Registration Payment: Cash: [ ] Pay Pal: [ ] Check: [ ] Make check payable to “GoF West 2018”

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Send Registration to:
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Below are services that our members have used and recommend.

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.

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Tichenor Coachworks
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480-434-5887

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3. Check out and register for upcoming GOF meets.
4. Print out the form for DUES page to mail in.
5. Print out form to join the club and mail it in.
6. Check dates for club upcoming events. (also check newsletter).
7. Check out some past events.
8. Link to the FACEBOOK page.
9. Page of members own cars. Anyone can send in pictures.
11. Link to the NEW ENGLAND MG T Register
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