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The Arizona MG 'T' Roadrunners Club is affiliated with The New England MG 'T' Register. Be sure to get your car ready for this years Memorial Rites of Spring Rallye.

**FROM THE CHAIR'S SEAT**

Greetings Roadrunners! It is interesting that in the month of March we will be hitting 90 degrees! I sincerely hope that does not set a precedence for what our summer will be like. But better to be warm than having the COLD weather in the North East!

So, March will soon be behind us, and April is always a great time to go on a Rallye, either in an MG, or whatever you normally drive. Sunday, April 15th will be our 42nd Annual Memorial Rites of Spring Rallye, and this year our Rallye Masters are Danny and Barbara Young. We will end at a location where we can enjoy lunch together. I know they have been working hard at making a route that we will enjoy, so plan to join in the fun!

I have been including a thought from my “Think Happy, Be Happy book.” “Live Simply, Dream Big, Be Grateful, Give Love and Laugh Lots! (Of course, part of living simply and being happy is to own and enjoy driving an MG! :)

In closing this column, I am Grateful for what I think is a great job Kenny has done on the Octagon Wheel for more years that either of us can remember!

Happy Motoring! Ginny Martin

**2018 MG EVENTS**

| APRIL 15 | Memorial Rites of Spring Rallye |
| APRIL 28 | Scenic Drive & Picnic at South Mountain Park with the AZ MG Club |
| MAY 5 | Board Breakfast & Event Planning Meeting |
| JUNE 9 | Scottsdale Auto Museum Tour |

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Our Annual Election of Officers took place at The Old Spaghetti Factory. They are very accommodating at allowing us to reserve a room, and the service by Jessica and her assistant was very well done.

Though we had asked for nominations from the club in all of the Board Positions, the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman had no one willing to step up! We had an interim Secretary when Kenna Petersen had to resign, but she chose not to do it on a permanent basis. Our Treasurer, Marie Thompson had decided not to do another year, so we needed a Secretary and a Treasurer, with no nominations in advance from the Board. So, I thought for awhile and called Susan McDonald to see if she would agree to be our Secretary, and she willing accepted! Then I called Bonnie Mater and she agreed to fill the Treasurers vacancy.

The Ballot was now full, and yet we left a space below each office for a write in nomination. Of course that didn’t happen, but as ballots were returned they either marked each position or “all of the above”!

So your club officers for the year are:
Chairman - Ginny Martin
Vice Chairman - Ralph Cacace
Treasurer - Bonnie Mater
Secretary - Susan McDonald
BMAL - Barbara Young

(The “BMAL” is an abbreviation for Board Member at Large) The position is filled by the past Chairman and exists to help retain the continuity of the club and to assist a new Chairman.

We appreciate the great job Marie did as our Treasurer, and we thank her for continuing on until Bonnie returns from a long trip. Once the three of us get to the Bank, Bonnie Mater will take over the position, and Marie will help her make the transition.

We also appreciate Linda Ackley acting as Secretary during a two month interim. Club members who were willing to attend and cast their vote were: Ken & Ginny Martin, Ralph & Christine Cacace, Sherwood & Jane Parker, Mark & Bonnie Mater, Graham & Susan McDonald, Danny & Barbara Young, Art & Gale McCall, Ed Battershell & Gloria McNeil, Marie Thompson, Rich Flammang & Penni Putao, Frank Diaz, and Greg & Ursula Hoef.

Of the 22 people who attended the Election Meeting only 11 were not already a Board member or were nominated for a Board position and their husbands or wives.

We appreciate those in attendance!

Ginny Martin
We Thank Rich Flammang and Penni Pu- teo for their efforts, and willingness in May to vol- unteer to plan an event for the Roadrunners!

The 5 & Diner is a nice place for a Club activity! It was great to see 6 MGs in the area cor- doned off for us to park in, and the Diner sets up tables on the lawn to accommodate us!

There were a few days before the event that the weather people were talking about rain, but that didn’t even become an issue! Though it was a bit chilly as we arrived at 8:30 to park our cars, but when the sun got above the trees across the street, it was a perfect morning!

We had a great waiter, and he got the or- ders taken, and our food came to our tables in a timely manner!

There were 20 club members who enjoyed this event, and they were: Steve Freegard and his friend Ronna Haak, Ed Battershell and Gloria McNeil, Ken and Ginny Martin, Dave Ames, Dave and Gretchen Boyer, Mike Grogan, Sher- wood and Jane Parker, Mark and Bonnie Mater, Wyatt Tichenor, Greg and Ursula Hoeft, and or course, Rich and Penni!

There were 6 Mg’s in the Parking area that was reserved for us - 2 TC’s, Steve Freegard, and Jane and Sherwood Parkers, 2 MGB GT’s, Rich and Penni Flammang’s and Ken and Ginny Martins, 1 TD, Mike Grogan’s, and 1 MGA, Dave and Gretchen Boyer.

As Mike had the hood up on his TD, we noticed a Dad and his little son admiring the cars, and as they got near us, we asked which was his favorite car, and he said the “Red Hot Wheels Car!” That was Dave and Gretchen Boyer’s MGA!

It was great to see 6 MG’s in one spot from the Roadrunner Club. We do understand that many of you are in the process of getting your MG back on the Road! Even Kenny and I have work to do to get our TD on the Road! It just sits quietly in the garage waiting for attention! We have the parts we need, just need to get out there and install them!

As our Board Breakfast is coming on May 5th, please be thinking of an event you can vol- unteer to host! We have some events that happen each year, and it would be so nice to have 2 activities each month! Think about it!

Gratefully, Ginny

Top: Steve Freegard’s TC, Sherwood & Jane Parker’s TC and Mike & Barb Grogan’s TD.
Middle: Ken & Ginny Martin’s MGB GT, Dave & Gretchen Boyer’s MGA, & Rich & Penni Flammang’s MGB GT.
Bottom: Ready for breakfast.
Removing the TD Head

When required, removal of a TD head can be difficult. Initially, all the bolts are removed and the head should be released using a hammer and wooden block. The rear cover plate should not prevent head removal. The TD head is held on by 10 nuts mounted to the studs. To remove the head you have to undo these nuts and disconnect the manifolds and upper hose. You must also undo the three hollow bolts that hold the side cover and pry it away from the head. The cover’s gasket is pressed against the lower edge of the head. It is not essential to remove the rocker assembly but, if you do not, the pushrods will come up with the head and make it awkward to handle. It is possible that the head does not release due to the gasket turning to glue over the years. Another possible restraint is corrosion between the studs and the holes in the head. Spray liberal quantities of Liquid Wrench or similar product down the stud holes and let it sit for some time, then try again. Still failing to pull the head off, the studs could be removed with a stud extractor of double nuts on the stud. This will allow you to wriggle the head more, breaking any residual seal with the head gasket.

An alternate solution if the above fails to put the nuts back on the studs leaving them loose. Place the sparkplugs back in the block. Hand crank the engine. The head should release.
The Highland Games Car Show was held on Sunday March 3rd. Members of the Roadrunners that attended that I know of are: (sorry if I miss someone) Pete Gannon, Bob Izard, Danny Young and Dave and Gretchen Boyer. Pete Gannon won the Best of Show with his 1949 MG YT Tourer. Dave & Gretchen Boyer took 1st Place in the MGA class with their 1960 MGA 1600.
Calling all car nuts,
"Cars at Casa" Paloma has resumed it's Third Saturday Display for the 2018 season. The parking lot is reserved from 8:00 to 10:00 AM.
As a reminder, "The Shoppes at Casa Paloma" retail center is located on the South side of Ray Road between 56th and 54th Streets. The best, and most dramatic, entrance is turning south off of Ray Rd. between "Roy's" and "Buca de Beppo" restaurants. Feel free to pass this on to every other car nut you know.

Next event is on April 21th

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
We have a new member this month.
Bill & Lori Pothen  1952 TD
13644 W. Cavalcade Dr.
Sun City West, AZ. 85375
H: 623-584-9624
E-mail: billloripothen@aol.com

We hope to meet Bill & Lori at a future event. Please add their information to your roster.

No Board Meeting
This Month

DUES ARE DUE

MEMORIAL
RITES OF SPRING
RALLYE

This year’s Memorial Rites of Spring Rallye will be held on Sunday, April 15th. Danny & Barbara Young are our Rallymasters this year and have asked us to meet them at their home, located at 211 E Papago Dr Tempe AZ 85281. Please plan to arrive shortly after 8:00am. They will have coffee, donuts and restrooms available.

Drivers meeting at 8:30
First car out at 9:00

The route is top secret. Depending on the skill of the driver/navigator team, they will need about 1-1/2 Hours, (there could be some devious delights)! The ending location will be open so lost sheep can head over early if they have to bail out.
Rallymasters put lots of time into setting up a rallye, so we are hopeful that many Club members will turn out to support this Annual event, as this will be the 42nd running of The Memorial Rites of Spring Rallye!

Please RSVP to the Youngs at: 602-218-5460 or by E-mail: barbarayoung12345@hotmail.com

We hope to see lots of Roadrunners in attendance for this fun event!
SECOND CLUB EVENT

Join the Arizona MG Club, and the Arizona MG T Roadrunners for a picnic and scenic drive in South Mountain Park.

Saturday April 28th 9:30 AM

Meet at the Walmart Neighborhood Market Parking lot on the Southeast corner of 24th Street and Baseline. Departure will be at 10am Sharp!

Please remember to pack your own picnic basket!!!
FOR SALE

Old School MG TC Tail Pipe. Chrome over mild steel. NLS at Moss. It needs a good home so make an offer.

Original TD/TF Front Bumper Face Bar and Back Bar. No dings but needs to be rechromed. Much better than the Moss reproductions. Face bar, $100. Back bar $20.

Contact Sherwood Parker @ 480-577-7545

The Arizona Minis invite you all to join their Spring into Summer Fun Rally on Sunday April 8th. "The flowers that bloom in the Spring"! We will meet at the Fry's shopping center on E. McDowell Road, at the SW corner of the lot by the Boca Bargoons store 7110 E. McDowell at 1:30pm ready to leave by 2:00pm and ending up at an Ice Cream Parlor.

April 21st -22nd is the BEAR drive organized by the Jaguar Club.

April 27th -29th is the British Car Days in Las Cruces N.M. in the Old Mesilla Plaza so numbers are restricted. Contact Shirley Blahak for registration forms for the above 2 events. shirleyblahak@gmail.com

Subject: Upcoming dctra events.

Hi. We are hosting a run to the music instrument museum on April 29th. We will meet at 32nd & Shea at 09:00 and go there at 09:30 I will have directions. Please give me a count of people going.

On May 19th We are planning to run to the T-Bone steak house starting at 5:30 from central Phoenix. A count there would also be appreciated. John Horton

I have put together a lunch run to Rock Springs on April 15th If any of your group want to go, you are welcome. We will meet at 32nd & Shea April 15th at 10:00 and leave at 10:30 See you there. Contact John Horton at: triumphshoppe@gmail.com to RSVP for the above.

UPCOMING EVENT

Annual Board Breakfast

Please join us for the Thirty-eighth Annual Early Bird Board Breakfast And Activity Planning Meeting

Saturday, May 5th, 2018 7:30AM
PAPAGO PARK—RAMADA #2
Same place as last year.
A map is enclosed.

R.S.V.P. to Ken & Ginny Martin 602-840-3554 or by e-mail kmartin410@cox.net

As your Board of directors, we promise to make this worth your effort in attending, and would appreciate it if you would be thinking of activities you might like to see happen in the coming year, and be prepared to help us plan accordingly.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!
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): ______
Other British Car: Year: ______ Model: ______ Color(s): ______

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

Hotel Information:

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Lake Tahoe
50 Highway 50,
Stateline, NV 89449
Phone: 775-588-1010 Fax: 775-588-3110
http://hardrockcasinolaketahoe.com/
Use group rate code of “GOFWEST18” $99 plus taxes & fees
To get group rate you must reserve your room by 1 August 2018.
Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit or debit card

Send Registration to:
GoF West 2018
C/o William Doyle or Andy Killian
PO Box 5506
Incline Village, NV 89450
goFwest2018@gmail.com

To register on-line, please visit our web site at www.GoFWest.org
Email questions to goFwest2018@gmail.com or call 530-220-6228 (leave message)
See reverse for Property and Event Highlights

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FOR SALE

1952 MG TD $22,500 OBO

The car has been restored body off with new paint over bare metal to original color. It has the original matching engine, 4-speed transmission, dual carburetors and interior and is factory correct. It has optional wipers and turn signals but they do not work currently. Electrical system has been converted to 12v. Included canvas split black tonneau cover. The appraisal from when purchased and full restoration details available to interested buyers.

For more information, please contact Dominic at: 480-203-6315 or dconn4@cox.net
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

DUES ARE DUE!!

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

Mail to: Marie Thompson
4408 E. LeMarche Ave.
Phoenix, AZ. 85032

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?

PLEASE BE PROMPT WITH THIS SO WE CAN COMPLETE THE NEW ROSTER IN A TIMELY MANNER, AND GET A COPY TO YOU.
FOR SALE

I have owned this 1954 MG TF since 2004 and now desire to sell it.

The car was originally part of the Curgie Pratt collection and was completely restored by Barry Briskman. Driven only 750 miles by owner since purchased in 2004

Color: Mercedes 904 (deep blue)
Right hand drive
Asking price $34,500
Buyer responsible for any shipping costs.
Location: Paradise Valley, AZ

Seller: James Unruh
5426 E. Morrison Lane
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253
Tel: (602) 881-5234
The Octagon Wheel

**DUES ARE DUE**

Under Construction

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

**CLUB REGALIA FOR SALE**

WHITE T SHIRTS WITH COLORED LOGO VARIOUS SIZES $16.00
LARGE COLORED EMBROIDERED LOGO PATCHES 8"X 6" $5.00
SMALL COLORED EMBROIDERED LOGO PATCHES 6 1/2"X 5" $4.00
ENAMELED CAR BADGES $35.00

Contact Danny Young at 602-218-5460

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**ROADRUNNERS RECOMMEND**

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.

Affordable Powder Coatings & Extreme Coatings
2111 W. Fillmore St. 2111 W Fillmore St.
Phoenix, AZ 85009 Phoenix, AZ 85009
602-272-7646 602-272-0268

Sherwood Parker also recommends.
Tichenor Coachworks
650 W. McKellips, Mesa
480-434-5887

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