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FROM THE CHAIR'S SEAT

It is so amazing to me, that July is almost behind us, and we will be looking forward to August! August doesn’t bring any cool weather, but we can look forward to August 11th when the club is invited to the gorgeous back yard and pool at the home of Barbara and Danny Young! Details will be found in our “Next Event” page in this newsletter.

Our recent Birthday Party was a huge success with 46 club members in attendance! If you were there last year when we were in a small room upstairs, you were very appreciative of the conference room this year! We were also able to get pictures of 13 club members to add to our new roster! It was also great to enjoy visiting with club members who may have been at the Board Breakfast, but flipping pancakes made it difficult to visit with many of you!

My thought for this month is: “MAY YOU FIND NEW ROADS TO TRAVEL; NEW HORIZONS TO EXPLORE; NEW DREAMS TO CALL YOUR OWN.” AND MAY YOU FIND THE TIME AND MONEY TO FINISH RESTORATION OF YOUR MG, AND UNTIL THEN DRIVE WHAT RUNS TO CLUB EVENTS! Happy Motoring!

Ginny Martin

2018 MG EVENTS

AUGUST 11 Pool Party
SEPT. 15 Hall of Flame Museum
OCTOBER 13 Tech Session
NOV. 4 British Wheels on the Green Car Show
DEC. 8 Christmas Party

Arizona MG T Roadrunners Website Update

Our new webmaster, Mike Grogan has made changes to the website and has requested our members to check out the site located at (www.arizonamgtroadrunners.org). He would like you to view it and reply to him with comments and ideas that you would like him to include in the new site. Reply to Mike through his E-mail: mg@akeene.com
The MG Birthday Party this year was a huge success! We sincerely Thank Jane and Sherwood Parker for their efforts to make this years party the success that it was! We had the “conference” room on the main floor so it was comfortable and enough room for everyone to have a table to sit at and in most cases, joined by other club members! Rosey McCaffrey provided 2 waitresses for our group, and it worked out well! One took orders and sent them to the kitchen on a computer, you could order drinks from her also. The other waitress was the “runner” who delivered food as it came out of the kitchen. We didn’t hear anything negative about the food, and we may just do the same thing next year!

Kenny and I were able to get photos of 13 club members who will now have a photo in this years new roster!

There were several club members there that we haven’t seen often, and others we met for the first time! Club members who enjoyed this event were: Sherwood and Jane Parker, Ralph and Christine Cacace, Wyatt Tichenor, Terri Bounty, Mark and Bonnie Mater, Danny and Barbara Young, Betsy Kavash, Marie Thompson, Ken and Ginny Martin, Michelle Hodges and friend, Graham and Susan McDonald, Ed Battershell and Gloria McNeil, Phil and Cyntia Dooley, Frank Diaz, Burke Wyatt, Ron and Jean Coats and their daughter Nikki, Norma Kafer and Jim Gordon, Tony Wende, Dave and Gretchen Boyer, Mike and Barbara Grogan, Zach Lamberti and Laura Rudolph, Mickey and Stella Saperstein, Don and Ginger Pottenger, Warren and Debbie Kosters, and David and Amy Severs and their daughters Madelynne, and Claire. That’s a total of 46 members who chose to enjoy this event! We met Amy Severs and their younger daughter Clair for the first time. The girls enjoyed themselves, and Amy was out and about introducing herself to several other club members! Thanks again to Sherwood and Jane Parker for hosting this event! We think this venue is a good choice!

Ginny

Top: Rosie McCaffrey’s Irish Pub was our host. Bottom: Our dessert table for the evening.
Top Left: Order up food & drink.
Middle Left: More good times.
Bottom Left & Right: Time to eat!

Top Right: Lots of fun & conversations.
Middle Right: Waiting for the food to arrive.
Roadrunners enjoying good food and conversation at the MG Birthday Party. Ros- sie McCaffrey’s did a great job with our group.

ATTENTION ROADRUNNERS

Danny and Barbara Young will be leaving in September to attend GoF West 2018 in South Lake Tahoe, NV. They have asked that if any club members have any donations to take to the event for the auction or raffle to please bring them to the Youngs before September 5th at 211 E. Papago Dr., Tempe. If you’re coming to the Pool Party on August 11th, bring them with you. Donations for the auction and raffle are how we can help pay for future GoFs!

Please call them at 602-218-5460 and let them know if you have any items.
August Board Meeting

No Board Meeting This Month.

CARS & COFFEE AT PINNACLE PEAK

Show is held the 2nd Saturday of the month. 7 to 10 AM.

Location: The Villages at Pinnacle Peak
10458 E. Jomax Rd. Scottsdale, AZ. 85262
(E. Jomax Rd. & Alma School Rd.)

Another chance to get wet! For this party we will provide the main event, we will need you to bring appetizers, salads, and deserts, and bring your own drinks.

When you call to RSVP, Barbara will co-ordinate the food so that we have a variety.

Please bring your swimsuits so that you can be nice and cool.

Saturday, August 11th, 5:00 PM

Danny & Barbara Young
211 E. Papago Dr.
Tempe, AZ
Please RSVP to them at 602-218-5460 or E-mail barbarayoung12345@hotmail.com

Hope to see YOU there!
Engine oil for Older MGs

A lot of people aren't really sure what motor oil to use in their car. Traditionally, the characteristics of motor oil were linked closely to its weight. Heavier-weight oils protect well against heat; lighter-weight oils flow better in cold. In general, if you live in a cold climate, you should use a 10W-40 or similar oil. This oil is a 10-weight oil that behaves and protects against heat like a 40-weight oil. In warmer climates, you should use a 20W-50 oil. This oil doesn't flow as well at the colder climates, but gives an extra "edge" on the hotter end. The question of whether to use synthetic or traditional "dinosaur" oil often comes up among car buffs. Consumer Reports (July 1996) ran an extensive test on the two types of oil, altering amongst many different brands. The testers installed freshly rebuilt engines in 75 taxicabs and then ran them through the harshest conditions on the streets of New York City. Placing different brands, weights, and formulations in the cars, they racked up 60,000 miles on the engines, tore them down, measured, and inspected the engine components for wear. The oil was changed at 3,000 miles in half of them, and the rest were changed at 6,000 miles. The results: Regardless of brand, synthetic or traditional non-synthetic, weight, and oil change interval, there were no discernable differences in engine component wear in any of the engines. Their conclusion? Motor oils and the additives blended into them have improved so much over the years that frequent oil changes and expensive synthetics are no longer necessary. Still, some people swear by synthetic oil. In practice, I don't recommend using synthetic oil if you have an older car with old seals in the engine. There have been many documented cases in which the addition of synthetic oil has caused an otherwise dry car to start leaking. Once you get the car parked, place the oil pan bucket underneath the oil sump of the car. If your MG is too low to the ground to fit your oil change pan bucket underneath, then you will have to raise the car off of the ground. At the bottom of the engine sump there is a plug that is used for draining oil. Remove this plug carefully, and make sure you have a large oil pan under it. The oil will be very hot and will empty out extremely quickly, so be careful not to burn yourself (wear rubber gloves). There will be no time to grab any more buckets or oil pans if you underestimate, so make sure that the one you choose is big enough. While the oil is draining, it is a good time to remove the oil filter. The designs vary for each MG type. You want to make sure that you remove the filter with the oil pan still under the car because the oil filter is full of oil, and this oil will have a tendency to drip down out of the filter. Fill your oil sump using the filler cap located on the valve cover. Add about 5.4 quarts for TC and TD, 6.3 quarts for TF to the engine. Check the dipstick. Fill it up until it reaches the top mark of the dipstick. Make sure that you put the oil filler cap back on the top of the valve cover, otherwise, you will end up with a messy engine compartment when you drive away. If you had the car up on jack stands, lower it down to the ground. Now, start up the engine. The oil pressure gauge should increase to 50 psi. Hop out of the car and take a quick look underneath, verify that there's no volume of oil seeping out of the engine. Take the car out for a drive and bring it up to operating temperature. Shut the car off and then recheck the oil level (careful, the car will be hot). At this point, I like to top the oil off at the top point on the dipstick. Make sure that you dispose of your old oil at a respectable recycling station.
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: [ ] No: [ ]

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 510-220-6228 (voice message)
See reverse for Property and Event Highlights

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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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The Octagon Wheel

Drives Your T

Doug & Carol Pelton  1948 TC
Jan & Carole Ron  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
Mickey Saperstein  1913 Malcolm Jones cycle car

Under Construction

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