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**FROM THE CHAIR'S SEAT**

Greetings, Roadrunners! As we look forward to our Board Breakfast on the 5th of May, we always enjoy making the Octagon MG pancakes, etc. We are hopeful for a large turnout of Roadrunners! We think it’s great to see MG’s in the parking lot, but we think that ALL members are important, so come in what runs and join us for a great breakfast!

As tradition goes, we will have a poster board calendar on an easel and we will plan for the coming year, beginning in June. For several of the past years, the Calendar has not been full! We are not real sure what the cause is, “it’s the same old-same old”, “It’s too hard to plan an event” or do some of you think, “The events aren’t as much fun as they used to be!” All of these may be true, so let’s get creative and fill the calendar beginning with June with some interesting and new events! With no events being planned, this club may well be put out to pasture!

I don’t mean for this to be negative, and I certainly hope this didn’t scare anyone away! If you have never planned an event, but would be willing to, there are members who are willing to help you as needed! Kenny and I belong to the Arizona MG Club, and the vice-president plans most of the events, often two a month! That is an interesting plan for them, and he does a great job, but The Roadrunners have a tradition of involving our members in planning our calendar of events! It has worked well for many, many years, 42, to be exact! So, let’s carry on our great tradition and come to the Board Breakfast with some of our traditional events, and also some new and interesting events!

As I have been doing in my column each month, the thought from my “Think Happy, Be Happy” book is “Most FOLKS Are About As Happy as they Make Up Their MINDS to BE!”

So, we will expect a group of Happy Club members ready to enjoy a great breakfast and plan some traditional events as well as some new and interesting ones! Put your Thinking caps on!

We’ll see you at Breakfast, Ginny Martin
MEMORIAL RITES OF SPRING RALLYE

This year’s Memorial Rites of Spring Rally was a most enjoyable event! We met at the home of Danny and Barbara, Young and were greeted at the walkway by one of the GOF 2013 Cactus, holding balloons and British flags!

This rally began just south of the Young’s home, and then further south into the Tempe area, went to the Tempe Lake, up through the Zoo, then through the Botanical Gardens, eventually through Old Town Scottsdale along Scottsdale Road. Then left on Camelback and in and around the area along 68th street and the area between McDonald and Lincoln Drive. Then we headed south on Hayden, stopped at an area where we had to exit our cars and answered several questions as we walked along a “Peaceful Walkway.” From there in a round about way, we were led back to the home of Danny and Barbara, this time we ended in the alley street behind their home where we saw a Food Truck! Most of us then chose to park out front and walk to the back yard and chose our lunch from the Food truck! We heard good reviews about the different things some of us ordered. Danny and Barbara have a lovely back yard, beautiful pool, and plenty of seating for everyone to enjoy their meal!

Club members who enjoyed this Rallye were, Sherwood and Jane Parker, Ken and Ginny Martin, Art Kaplan and Alan Patterson, Art and Gale McCall, Dave and Gretchen Boyer, Tom Cornelius and Dena Roach, Greg and Ursula Hoeft and their cute dog, Ed Battershell and Gloria McNeil, Rich Flammang and Don Pottenger and Victor & Evelyne Rodrigues. Also joining us for lunch from the food truck were Pete and Lisa Gannon, Danny’s son Aaron and daughter in law Cali, and I believe even a neighbor came to get some lunch from the food truck!

We Thank Danny and Barbara for their efforts in planning this event! We know well how much work goes into planning a Rallye!

Ginny
Drivers meeting.

Ready for the Rallye.

Art Kaplan looking for answers.

Ginny Martin & Greg Hoeft got the answer.

Our Food Truck, yum yum!

Roadrunners enjoy Food Truck lunch.

Rich Flammang, Dave Boyer, Don Pottenger.

Tom Cornelius & Dena Roach
Evelyne & Victor Rodrigues and Sherwood Parker visiting after lunch. Victor enjoys an Old Speckled Hen!

Ed & Gloria had to leave early, so Ginny got Ed on the phone to let them know they had WON the Rallye.

Ed Battershell & Gloria McNeil were excited to have won the Rallye and look forward to planning next year's Rallye.

Jane & Sherwood Parker receiving their Second Place trophy from Rallye master Danny Young.

Danny Young presents Art Kaplan and Alan Patterson with their Third Place trophy.
Fuses in a TD

The TD has a simple fuse block that contains two fuses. The ratings of each are hard to determine in the literature. The TD shop manual and the owner’s manual do not list the ratings of the fuses. The rating of 35 ampere appears to be in the literature for the MGA. With this high rating it is possible that an electrical short in the wiring or electrical components can cause a fire. One solution is to add a modern fuse block with fuses in line with the various components such as the fuel pump, lights, horn, etc. The solution I used is to add inline fuses to the many components as shown in the picture. This avoids rewiring the harness to accommodate a new electrical fuse block.

Another concern is when you perform a total restoration and paint all of the body parts. After the parts are assembled, there are many electrical isolations between such parts as the fender to the tub. Possible intermittent connections. One possible way to avoid this is to clean the metal connections to achieve electrical continuity. This may not be desirable due to possible corrosion later on. Another solution is to add ground wires through out the car. The ground wires are not included in the original harness and would have to be added. Some things to consider.

Interesting Event Ideas

Some of these ideas came from Ginny, and some from Rich Flammang:

- 50’s , 60’s, 70,s party in a home or back yard.
- Halloween Party in a home or back yard.
- Payson overnight (could be a Pumpkin Run).
- Verde Valley Train Ride - drive whatever runs.
- Tempe Town Lake Boat Rentals, sounds fun!
- Breakfast or Lunch at Duck and Decanter.
- Ice Cream Social - short drive and end at a home or yard.
- Picture Scavenger Hunt Drive - with BBQ or Restaurant stop after.
- Carefree drive and lunch at El Encanto, there are other good restaurants in that area.
- Butterfly Wonderland - tickets about $25 each.
- Music Museum.
- Heard Museum.
- Hall of Flame Museum.
- Charity Events – Serve Meals, Group Event packing food boxes.
- Food drive for St. Mary Food Bank - they donate to other charities Statewide, so their aid is far reaching.
- Thanksgiving Rallye , just for fun prior to Thanksgiving.
- Car Museums in the Valley - Tour.
- Odysea Aquarium Tickets: $38.

We are open to anyone volunteering an event of your choosing!
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 pre-
pared 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: [ ] No: [ ]

Method of Registration Payment: Cash: [ ] Pay Pal: [ ] Check: [ ]

Check here if this is my first GoF West Event: [ ]
(use one registration form per car entered)
License #: ___________ State: ___________
License #: ___________ State: ___________
License #: ___________ State: ___________

If yes, License #: ___________ State: ___________
If yes, License #: ___________ State: ___________

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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, 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: 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.
La Jolla Concours d’Elegance – TC1675 Wins MG Class

April 8, 2018 was just a superb day with the perfect setting for the 2018 Concours. The sky was cloudless and the backdrop for the car show was the calm and blue ocean at La Jolla, CA. This year the concours included a class specific for the MG’s. The MG community was well represented with a J2, TA, SA Saloon, VA Tickford, TC, TD, Arnolt, & TF. All were decked out and polished for the scrutiny of the judging staff.

Judging started at 9am with about 20 minutes per car. There were 5 categories looked at: coachwork, interior, engine, chassis, & operations. Each category was worth 20 points for overall possible 100 points. Specific questions were asked of each owner to give the judges an insight to the car they were scrutinizing. Everything had to be functional or point were deducted. Originality was of the utmost importance.

Early afternoon the judges returned to hang ribbons for public viewing on the cars. The blue 1st place was hung on TC1675, owned by Doug Pelton and restored by his company, From The Frame Up. Remaining placing awards were VA Tickford, SA Saloon, & J2 in order.

The formal award presentation was conducted late afternoon with the winning car for each class being brought forward to drive across the red carpet to receive a coveted trophy. It was certainly a proud moment for the TC and Doug Pelton.

Congratulations Doug and Carol!
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

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

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LARGE COLORED EMBROIDERED LOGO PATCHES 8"X 6" $5.00
SMALL COLORED EMBROIDERED LOGO PATCHES 6 1/2"X 5" $4.00
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