



# T TIMES



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# Chairman's Corner

## *Greetings All!*

We are officially into the 2010 driving season with the help of fabulous March & May tech sessions. Many thanks to Lee Jacobsen for the use of his business building to allow the members to inspect/tune-up their vehicles before taking them on the road.

Personally, my headlight replacement failed due to an incorrect part, but I am pleased to announce my 1951 TD now is equipped with pertronix (an exciting ignition installation) at the March tech session. The May tech session allowed me to address a major oil leak and have my timing adjusted. I also had a new fuel filter put on.

Now I know some of you are thinking, "did she really ready to get down and dirty", well, the answer is "*oh yeah*"! My greasy blue jeans, nasty t-shirt, and old tennies were just waiting for the day - it's all about the "*look*" for us ladies after all.

As proof, just check out this picture of just one of my hands!



There are future tech sessions in the planning stages since our vehicles are not getting any younger and need more attention as time goes by. Keeping those babies in good running condition is a must!

So watch your e-mails for further announcements of upcoming tech sessions, more are in the



works in the upcoming weeks.

We also have monthly club meetings that are awesome opportunities to drive your T-car or seek help for it. At the April meeting we had a "Do You Know Your Nut Size" challenge and found out that Tom Sorensen and Tom Norman surely did! The May meeting brought out our newest members, Andy & Paula Abraham with their TF for the club to check out! And June's meeting in during "Drive Your British Car" week, so we hope to have a wonderful collection of T-cars in front of the Brass Pointe that evening as well.

There are also great club events planned, check out the website [www.michiganmgt.com](http://www.michiganmgt.com) for all the latest information, Cary Gersh our webmaster does an amazing job keeping that up and running perfectly!

So no excuses, tech sessions to get your car road ready, events to drive to, it looks to be a great driving season ahead!

Later,  
-*Sandy Kuivenhoven*-  
Chairman

# Events

by shari pelic

And so it begins, the 2010 Season . . .

We successfully had our first two Tech Sessions, have our third one (balancing a vehicle) in the works and by the time this gets out, we probably will have had our Champagne Brunch.

Within the next few weeks, Roger Melton will have his route and time frame posted for the GOF Central trip in July.

Catherine Boyle has agreed to put on another Drive-In Movie night, this year we will be including other British Car Clubs. Details upcoming.

Rick Peet is going to be organizing our trip to Alden for the car show there in August.

The Fall Colour Tour this year will be amazing.

I secured time at the Michigan International Speedway so that our T cars can do laps

around the track. See pages later in newsletter for more details.

We still need Hosts for other events, like Mad Dogs. Or if you have a trip/event you would like to add to our calendar, please contact me.

Remember, trophies will be awarded at the Hibernation Party for most miles in a T car and most events attended. Last year we improved out attendance to events by over 50% from the previous year - let's do even more this year!

2010 Events Fund                    \$79.00  
(from 50/50 raffles)

<u>EVENT</u>	<u># Members</u>	<u># T Cars</u>
March Meeting		2
April Meeting		2
April Tech Session	25	6
May Meeting		4
May Tech Session	18	4

## Name Badges



The badges cost \$8 for a pin back and \$10 for a magnet back. The magnet back is very nice for those people who don't want to poke holes in clothing. They are also easier to get on straight.

Your first name is engraved larger than your last to make it easier for people to read it when you are in a large group

If you would like one send me the name you want printed via email and a check via mail in the appropriate amount.

Tom Sorensen  
226 Dexter Street  
Milan, Michigan 48160

## Don't Forget To Get Your Club Patches

The Club Patches sales are off to a good start. They measure 5 inches (wing to wing) by almost 4.5 inches top to bottom. Perfect for jackets, lawn chairs, car towels, etc.

The patches were privately funded. The profits will be donated to the Events Fund (see Events page for details). Cost is only \$5.00 per patch. Patches will be available to meetings and/or contact Lou VanKoningsveld or Shari Pelic to purchase yours.



# MARCH TECH SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



For more photos, visit the gallery on the club website at [www.michiganmgt.com](http://www.michiganmgt.com)

# MARCH TECH SESSION "IS YOUR T READY TO GO"



# The New T Club Coasters



This year we added a new 'prize' for attending events. It's a black leather coaster with gold printing.

Here are the rules (subject to change) as they are now:

1. One Coaster for a member attending a Tech Session and Driving a MG.
2. One Coaster for a member attending a Club Meeting and Driving a MG.
3. One Coaster for a member attending an Event - whether or not you drive your MG.
4. Special Recognition.

LET'S SEE HOW MANY YOU CAN COLLECT !!!!!

# *New Members* *Andy & Paula Abraham's*



**T**  
**F**  
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**A**



# MAY TECH SESSION

## TIRES & BRAKES





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### TECH SESSION BURGERS

- 2 lb ground beef
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 (1 oz) envelope dry onion soup mix
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Mix everything in a large bowl.  
Make into 1/4 lb (2/3 cup) burgers.  
Grill 6 minutes on each side.  
Makes 8 burgers - Yummmmm!

# BRAKE PROBLEMS?

A MG 'T' car will give lots of clues that the brakes need attention, all you have to do is recognize them. To help you, the following are some typical poor brake symptoms, and possible causes to investigate. (taken from Autobook on MGTA thru MGTF concerning brakes)

Take a moment and think about what happens when you apply your brakes. If your car has any of the above 'symptoms', it's time to get started on a fix - and don't stop until it is done - **SAFETY FAST !!!**

## FAULT DIAGNOSIS

### A. SPONGY PEDAL

1. Leak in the system
2. Worn Master Cylinder
3. Leaking Wheel Cylinders
4. Air in the System
5. Gaps between Shoes and Undersides of Linings

YES ?	NO ?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### B. EXCESSIVE PEDAL MOVEMENT

1. Check #1 & #4 in A-SPONGY PEDAL
2. Excessive Lining wear
3. Very low Fluid Level in Supply Tank
4. Too much free movement of Pedal

YES ?	NO ?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### C. BRAKES GRAB OR PULL TO ONE SIDE

1. Brake Backplate loose
2. Scored, cracked or distorted Drums
3. High spots on Drum
4. Unbalanced Shoe adjustment
5. Wet or Oily Linings
6. Worn or loose Rear Spring Fixings
7. Front Suspension or Rear Axle Anchorages loose
8. Worn Steering Connections
9. Mixed Linings of different grades
10. Uneven Tyre Pressures

YES ?	NO ?
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### D. BRAKES BIND

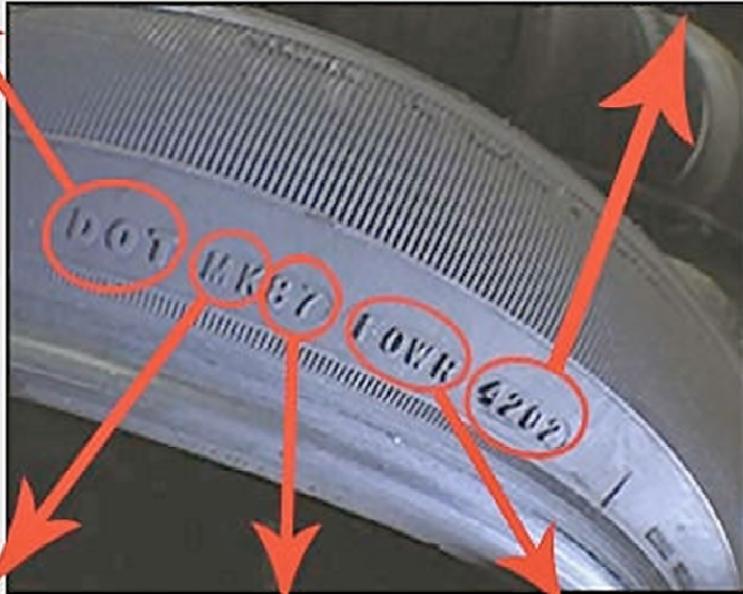
1. Seized Handbrake Cable
2. Shoes incorrectly adjusted
3. Weak or broken Shoe Springs
4. Pedal Spring weak or broken
5. Wheel Cylinder Piston seized or Cups swollen
6. Blocked Pipeline
7. Filler Cap Vent choked
8. No free movement on Pedal
9. Compensator Port in Master Cylinder covered by swollen Rubber Cup

YES ?	NO ?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# HOW OLD ARE YOUR TIRES?

**DOT:** Tire meets DOT safety standards.

**4202:** Week & year tire was made -- 42nd week of the year 2002



**MK:** DOT's tire plant code

**87:** Tire size code

**FOWR:** Manufacturer symbol identifying tire brand

Tires made in the 1990s have THREE numbers at the end of the DOT code, while tires made after 2000 have FOUR numbers. (There is no decade distinction for tires prior to 2000.)

# Traveling Trophies

The New England MGT Register, Michigan Chapter (fondly referred to as the “T-Club”) has three traveling trophies that change hands every year.

The first pictured below is the “**Richardson Trophy**”, which is awarded for the most miles driven by a T-car to club events throughout the year. Last year, it was awarded to Catherine Boyle and her dad John, who drove Catherine’s 1953 white TD named “Pugsley” over 1,800 miles. This trophy is up for grabs again this year, so please keep track of your miles, as a new recipient will be awarded for the 2010 driving season!

The middle trophy pictured is the “**Ralph Morris Trophy**” awarded to a member who has participated in the most T-Club events throughout the year. George and Rita Patrick current have the trophy for 2009, but again, a new recipient in 2010 and it could be you. So, T-car or not, plan on attending club events. A list of activities can be found at the back of this publication or on the club website calendar.

The trophy pictured on the right is the newest club traveling trophy, the “**Spirit of MG**”. Created in 2009 by former Chairman Andy Hanzel, this chairman’s choice trophy is given to the club member exhibiting those qualities which bring a sense of Fellowship and Well-Being to the club. Lee Jacobsen was the proud recipient of this trophy in last year.

All this trophies are awaiting new recipients for 2010. These awards also encourage members to participate in activities, making the club even better than before, and is an honor to be recognized by your peers for your involvement with the T-Club. Go for it!



# MOTOR MUSTER 2010

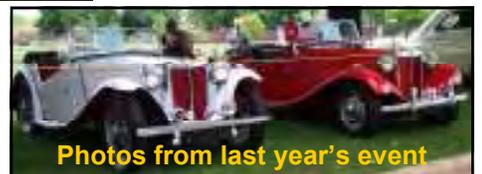
**June 19-20, 2010**

Saturday 9:30am til 9:00pm, Sunday 9:30am til 5:00pm til 9pm



*Join us to celebrate one of the innovative eras of American automotive history – 1933-1976. The streets of Greenfield Village will be filled with hundreds of classic cars, vintage trucks, motorcycles – even a fire engine or two. They're all here, from brawny, tricked-out muscle cars to the real straight-out-of-the-showroom cars you and your parents grew up with. This year we pay homage to the 1953 GM Futurliner. Stay late for the Saturday evening cruise.*

Several of our Members will be showing their T Cars at this event. No need to pay admission - we will have lots of extra "Free Admission" Buttons available. (Just call when you arrive there and we will bring buttons up to the front for you. Call either (248) 761-0097 for Shari Pelic or (248) 894-7123 for Sandy Kuivenhoven.) The T Club will be having a dinner Saturday evening at the Eagle Tavern - all are invited to join in the fun!



Photos from last year's event



# Checkered Flag Tour

*a.k.a. Cliff Schnell Fall Colour Tour*

**October 9th & 10th, 2010**

Gentlemen (and women) start your engines! The Fall Colour Tour has been renamed for this year. This year we are calling it the CHECKERED FLAG TOUR. (Due to availability of the track at Michigan International Speedway we had to move the tour up to October 9th-10th, 2010.)

The agenda for the weekend is to drive to Brooklyn Saturday morning. The T Cars will run laps around the race track at Michigan International Speedway around noon (maybe a little friendly competition). And if this wasn't enough, we will then do a short drive to the all famous Buffalo Ranch where we will be wagoned back through the fields to feed the buffalo. Supper will be catered by the even more famous BBQ Shack (mmmmm, mmmmm good). We drive home Sunday. Room have been blocked at newly renovated Brooklyn Super 8 (see next page) - just mention you are part of the MG Club. There is also a Bed & Breakfast, Dewey Lake Manor in the vicinity if you wish to stay there.

Of course everyone is welcome—whether you drive your T Car or not, it will be a lot of fun. So come for all, or part of the trip. (The laps on the race track will be limited to the T Cars.)

As time gets closer, we will post more details.



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Rooms \$65



## **DEWEY LAKE MANOR**

## *Dewey Lake Manor*

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[www.horsesandbuffalo.com](http://www.horsesandbuffalo.com)



**Cut-off date: JUNE 15, 2010**

Seating and/or participation cannot be guaranteed on registrations past this date.

Complete GOF information online at:  
[www.GOFcentral.com](http://www.GOFcentral.com)



GOF Central XXXII  
July 1-2-3, 2010  
Sawmill Creek Resort on Lake Erie  
400 Sawmill Creek Drive  
Huron, Ohio 44839

# GOF Central 2010 Registration Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home ph #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ph #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

The MG I am bringing is: (model & year) \_\_\_\_\_

I am bringing Additional MG(s): (model & year) \_\_\_\_\_

This is MY first time attending a GOF Central event: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

The MG I am bringing is a "First Timer," under my ownership, at a GOF Central meet: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

The MG I am bringing is in the "Premier Class" for judging: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

I have an entry for the Valve Cover Races/ Concours: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

I have an entry for the Photo Contest: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_; Craft Contest: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

I am a vendor and will require \_\_\_\_\_ # of tables (\$25 ea.) and \_\_\_\_\_ tables with electricity (\$35 ea.).

I am bringing the following auction/door prize/raffle donation items: \_\_\_\_\_



Shirt sizes:  
Small: 34-36  
Med: 38-40  
Large: 42-44  
X-Lrg: 46-48  
XXLg: 50-52

Shirt Prices:  
Polo Shirt: \$30  
T-Shirt: \$20  
Order shirts before June 1st.

Fees	
Thursday Dinner Cruise	\$22 each x _____ \$ _____
Friday Noon Poolside Cookout	\$15 each x _____ \$ _____
Saturday Awards Banquet	\$40 each x _____ \$ _____
T-shirts _____ S; _____ M; _____ L; _____ XL; _____ XXL x \$20 ea.	\$ _____
Polo Shirts _____ S; _____ M; _____ L; _____ XL; _____ XXL x \$30 ea.	\$ _____
Vendor table fees: _____ \$25 tables _____ \$35 tables	\$ _____
<b>Registration Fee:</b> (Includes one additional MG for free)	\$50 \$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

Send registration and payment (check or money order) to:  
GOF Central 2010 Registration  
PO Box 6  
Reedsville, OH 45772





## '50s Era Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races Set for Second Annual Reunion, June 29-30, 2010 on Historic Ohio Island



Planning is well underway for the second annual Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races Reunion, an event commemorating the races held on the public roads of Put-in-Bay from 1952 to 1959 (and one event in 1963). Details are currently tentative, but are being actively firmed up by a team of committed volunteers.

**WHEN:** The 2010 Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races Reunion will be held Monday-Wednesday, June 28-30 on South Bass Island (Put-in-Bay), Ohio.

**WHO IS INVOLVED?** Coordinated by staff and volunteers associated with several established vintage racing associations, the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society ([www.leihs.com](http://www.leihs.com)) and the village of Put-in-Bay, OH.

**WHO IS INVITED?** A special effort is being made to gather the actual race cars and the people who participated in the Put-in-Bay races, but all with an interest in preserving the history of '50s sports car racing are invited to attend this casual, low-key gathering.

**WHERE?** Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island) is off the Lake Erie shore, a 30-minute ferry ride north of Catawba Island, and less than an hour east of Toledo.

**WHY?** To re-live and capture the memories. Proceeds of this event (and those planned for the future) are to support the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races archives and exhibit at the Lake Erie Historical Society Museum at Put-in-Bay.

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED

- Commemoration of permanent markers at historic locations around the original course (Sponsorships with naming rights available!!!)
- "Open mic" program featuring interviews with former Put-in-Bay drivers, organizers and other participants.
- Videos, slide presentations, photo displays at the town hall and the LEIHS museum showing what it was REALLY like to race on the public roads of Put-in-Bay and stories of who raced there. The list of notables is extensive and includes Carl Haas; Tom Payne, Chuck Stoddard, Chuck and Susie Dietrich, Dr. Sam Sheppard among many others.
- Re-dedication of start-finish line.
- Escorted tours of the original course.
- Organized (and on-your own) wine tasting, meals, etc. at famous P-I-B landmarks!
- Fun rally, at your own pace taking you and your vintage car to well-known and not-so-well-known points of interest on the island.
- Vintage racing and sports car show and awards
- Other events aimed at re-capturing the atmosphere and spirit of the original Put-in-Bay races will be announced as details are finalized.

### For more information --

See official blog at:  
<http://put-in-bay-sports-car-races-reunion.blogspot.com/>

Media contact: Manley Ford [Manley776@yahoo.com](mailto:Manley776@yahoo.com)

### Want to get involved?

- Join our email list for further information
- Donate Put-in-Bay races memorabilia
- Volunteer to help or provide sponsorship support

Send an email to [manley776@yahoo.com](mailto:manley776@yahoo.com)



# YOUR "T" CAR'S SIGN



*With many thanks to Pat W. & Pam D. (former editors of the T-Times!)*

**AQUARIUS:** (Jan 20-Feb 18) - The Aquarian “T” is on the whole a very reliable car. However, watch out for problems with the steering as the cars born under this sign have a tendency to want to go their own way. Colors on these cars are likely to be other than original due to their individualistic characteristics.

**PISCES:** (Feb 19-Mar 20) - Piscean “T’s” tend to attract rain whenever they are driven on long trips. The Piscean “T” often has a garage mate who is under-going restoration. They often came with factory installed radios. Cars born under this sign will usually follow the pack and seldom lead.

**ARIES:** (Mar 21-Apr 20) - The Arien “T” is often a source of inspiration for others traveling the same route, seldom breaking down on long trips. These cars thrive on the competitiveness of rallies, racing and funkhanas. Cars of this sign are usually well-tuned and fond of speed.

**TAURUS:** (Apr 21-May 20) - Being afraid of taking any unnecessary risks, the Taurus “T” never goes on long trips. Taurean restorations are almost always uncomplicated and quickly completed. If exposed to any criticism these cars will stubbornly refuse to run.

**GEMINI:** (May 21-Jun 20) - Many Gemini “T’s” are in exceptionally good original condition or have been painstakingly restored to original condition and are the center of attention at gatherings. These cars usually run well under all conditions.

**CANCER:** (Jun 21-Jul 20) - These cars are homebodies, loving their garages, and are reluctant to venture far from home. These are normally one owner cars interested in the tradition of maintaining the breed.

**LEO:** (Jul 21-Aug 21) - Leos, knowing others are incapable of following the correct route, assume the lead car position whenever possible. When their leadership is challenged they tend to pout. However, Leos are normally very reliable.

**VIRGO:** (Aug 22-Sep 22) - Virgo cars have never been crank started. These cars have a very busy social life and are seen at many events. They often times have nonfunctioning tachs, but always run cool.

**LIBRA:** (Sep 23-Oct 22) Libra cars always have harmonious color schemes and immaculate interiors. Normally the Librian car has never been wrecked. However, they have problems on rallies because of their inability to decide which way to go.

**SCORPIO:** (Oct 23-Nov 22) - Scorpions often make strange noises which amount to nothing. These cars are determined to win any event in which they are entered. Cars born under this sign enjoy being thought of as sex objects by their owners.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (Nov 23-Dec 20) - The Sagittarian “T” spends a lot of time out of her garage (if she has one) and loves to participate in any and all sporting events, not caring if she wins or loses. Many Sagittarians have been wrecked at one time.

**CAPRICORN:** (Dec 21-Jan 19) - Cars born under the sign of Capricorn are well-turned, never burning oil or wasting gas. They have a tendency to keep all four wheels on the ground at all times. Usually their restorations are done with much attention to detail, and they usually win many awards.

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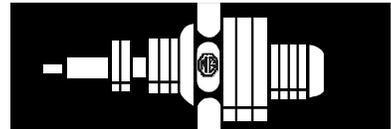
Saturday By Appointment

624 Carpenter Avenue  
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## Memorable Quote:

"I couldn't get any of the T Cars running, so I drove the Jag." - Lee Jacobsen 5/4/10

# MG SERVICE



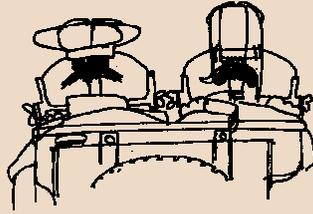
T Club Member, Tom Sorenson, is looking to take on some MG repair/service work. Call for details.

*Safety First!*

Tom Sorenson  
(734) 439-5691



# MICHIGAN CHAPTER EVENTS



- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>MAY 16</b>    | Champagne brunch                                  |
| <b>JUN 1</b>     | Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills) |
| <b>JUN 4-5</b>   | British Bash - Kentucky                           |
| <b>Jun 6</b>     | Orphan Car Show                                   |
| <b>Jun 19-20</b> | Motor Muster                                      |
| <b>Jun 21</b>    | Lunch at Henry Ford Museum                        |
| <b>Jun 29-30</b> | Put In Bay Sports Car Races                       |
| <b>JUL 1-3</b>   | GOF Central XXXII - Huron, Ohio                   |
| <b>JUL 6</b>     | Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills) |
| <b>Jul 11</b>    | Mad Dogs & Englishmen                             |
| <b>JUL 17</b>    | Jackson Hot Air Jubilee                           |
| <b>JUL 25</b>    | Meadowbrook                                       |
| <b>AUG 3</b>     | Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills) |
| <b>Aug 8</b>     | Alden Car Show                                    |
| <b>SEP 7</b>     | Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills) |
| <b>Sep 12</b>    | Battle of the Brits                               |
| <b>Sep 18</b>    | Oktoberfest                                       |
| <b>Oct 5</b>     | Monthly Meeting - BRASS POINTE (Farmington Hills) |