

The Octagon Wheel

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FROM THE CHAIR'S SEAT

Greetings Roadrunners! I hope you are all enjoying the beginning of our cooler days which should get even cooler in November! But back to October to tell you that the October 13th Tech Session by Wyatt Tichenor of Tichenor Coach Works was a great and most interesting event. We will cover it in more detail later in the Octagon Wheel.



Speaking of November, we are looking forward to the British Wheels on the Green car show on November 4th! We know of a few Roadrunners who plan to enter their cars, but, we were hoping for more cars from the Roadrunners!

The next BIG event will be GOF 2019 in Prescott Arizona, August 11th to the 15th. The Arizona MG Club has agreed to co-host the event, with 2 members of the Steering Committee taking on the big planning jobs, and all other activities will be the responsibility of the AZ MG Club, Roadrunners, and members of the Mile High British club of Prescott. If you will be planning to attend this event, please let Kenny and I know and we will be glad to have your help! So, we have almost a year to get all of the clubs ready for the Drive to Prescott in 2019!

Happy Motoring! Ginny

2018 MG EVENTS

NOV. 4 British Wheels on the Green Car Show
DEC. 8 Christmas Party

2019 MG EVENTS

JANUARY 19 Barrett Jackson Breakfast

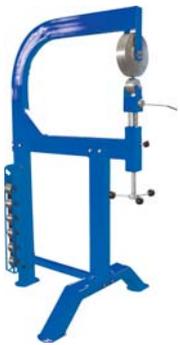


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Tech Session

Saturday October 13th was the date chosen for a Tech Session by Wyatt Tichenor of Tichenor Coachworks. It was one of the days in October where we had record rains, but that didn't stop club members from attending the event! However, there were no MG's in the parking lot!

Attendees were greeted with coffee and donuts, and surely the hot coffee warmed them up after running to the shop in the rain.



Wyatt demonstrated how to make a motorcycle fender from a flat piece of steel using the English Wheel and a variety of different hammers. Though Jane Parker and I were the only women in attendance,

Jane was in the other room reading a book, but I found Wyatt's demonstration to be very informative! It was interesting to see how much work is involved in making just about any part on the English Wheel! Wyatt will be making the wheel covers for Terri Bounty's TF, and that would be very interesting to see how Wyatt will do that!



Those attending the event were of course, Wyatt Tichenor, Sherwood and Jane Parker, Sherwoods guest, Greg Nelson, Dee Parkhurst and his son, Ron Parkhurst, Don Mapes, Doug Robinson, Doug Pelton, Warren Kosters, Burke Wyatt, Rich Flammang, Randy Copleman, Ralph Cacace, Eric Baumert, Phil Dooley, Pete Gannon and Ken & Ginny Martin. Count them! There were 19 of us!

We sincerely Thank Wyatt for his willingness to do a Tech Session for club members, and we also thank Sherwood and Jane Parker for taking care of the coffee and donuts!



**Top: Sherwood & Jane Parker's 1955 Arnolt.
Middle: Terri Bounty's 1955 TF.
Bottom: Don Mapes's 1952 TD.**



Top Left & Right: Beginning with hammers and a sand bag.

Middle Left & Right: The English wheel comes into play.

Bottom Left: More English wheel.

Bottom Right: Almost finished, needs trimming & a little more wheel work.

Inside The Garage

By Ralph Cacace

Tips from GOF West Lake Tahoe

During the GOF West held at South Lake Tahoe, tech session was being conducted in the rear parking lot by John Twist noted MG technical expert. Various MGs lined up with their concerns or problems. The session was held for two days. John was there with a limited amount of tools. He was able to perform many tests and adjustments on the cars. Here are some of the methods he used:

To adjust valves, the car is put in 4th gear with the engine off, and slowly moved forward. As the valves open and close using a feeler gauge and wrenches the adjustments can then be made.

Verification of the two carburetors air intake being the same, John used a long hose placing one end to a carburetor and the other to his ear listening for the suction. The housing for the air cleaner was removed. With the link between the carbs removed, each could be adjusted for equal intake.

To determine if the carb is operating too lean or too rich, a small wire similar to a paper clip is inserted in the hole of the carb pushing up the chamber & piston assembly. If the engine speeds up the carb needs to be leaned out. Always speed up the engine between adjustments. If the engine falters, it needs to be adjusted for a richer setting. The carb should increase only slightly when using the pin as it is inserted in the hole.

John removed the carb cap & damper inserting 80/90 gear oil in the chamber. Some owners used SAE 30 oil.

To determine if all of the sparkplugs are firing: Pulling the cable off one of the plugs and looking for the engine to falter. Try to avoid getting a shock. Careful to not bring the sparkplug wire close to the engine of frame. Another way is to use a tool that is

put in series with the plug wire. It will light up indicating a spark. The tool is very inexpensive.

Verification of compression was done by holding his hand over the sparkplug opening and cranking the engine. This was compared to each of the cylinders. That takes an expert to determine if the engine has good compression.

There were many other methods used to adjust, correct or getting the engines to run properly. I hope that I was able to convey his methods correctly.

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 &
2111 W. Fillmore St.
Phoenix, AZ 85009
602-272-7646

Extreme Coatings
2111 W Fillmore St.
Phoenix, AZ 85009
602-272-0268

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



ROLLING RIGHT ALONG

Safety  fast!



November Board Meeting

This month's Board meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 6th** at the Denny's Restaurant, 3315 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale. Just S. of the SE corner of Scottsdale Rd. and Osborn Rd. Starting time is **6:30 p.m.** and all Club members are encouraged to attend. The room we have reserved will hold up to 50 people.

Calling all car nuts,

"Cars at Casa Paloma" has resumed its 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. This Event runs from Oct. 2018 thru May 2019.

Next event is on November 17th.

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.)

NEXT CLUB EVENT

British Wheels on the Green

November 4, 2018

Our next Club Event is the car show being held by the AZ MG Club at the Peoria Centennial Plaza, 9875 North 85th Avenue, Peoria.

9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Unfortunately registration has closed and there are no day of show entries.

We encourage Roadrunners who didn't register to come out and enjoy the show with us, there should be about 100 British Cars on display.

Hope to see you there!

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

Mickey Saperstein 1913 Malcolm Jones cycle car

CLUB REGALIA FOR SALE



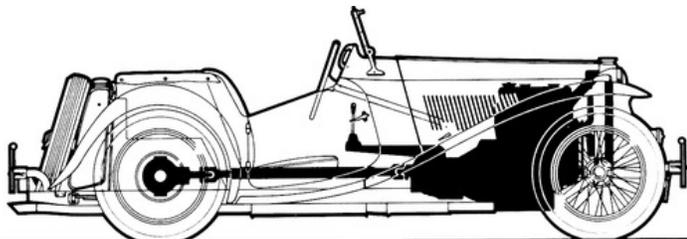
WHITE T SHIRTS WITH COLORED LOGO
VARIOUS SIZES \$16.00

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
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GoF West 2019



Roadrunners,

You will notice by the logo above that GoF West 2019 will be held in Prescott Arizona at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center, (Bucky's Casino) Aug. 12 thru Aug. 16th.

GoF West has changed, as they haven't been able to get an MG Club to entirely host the event. So, now, two members of the Steering Committee are working with the hotel, selecting a menu for the Banquet, hospitality, pins, patches, dash plaques, finances, registration, and goodie bags. They will also print the booklet. The steering committee asked The AZ MG Club to help with certain events. At their recent Board Meeting, AZ. MG Club Board and members present agreed to help! They have asked the Roadrunners for some additional man power as needed. Kenny and I have agreed to make the trophies, and we will be looking for other Roadrunners to step up and help at various activities as needed. We will not be asking a lot in advance, but will certainly need help as the event gets closer. Please let us know if you will be willing to help with this event! We have a year to get our MG's ready for GoF West 2019. Thanks!





45th ANNUAL
**VINTAGE MG CLUB OF
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 ALL MG PARTS EXCHANGE**



Sunday, Nov. 18th 2018. 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Largest U.S. All  Parts Exchange

**Location: The Olde Ship
 1120 W. 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706
 (829 D1) (South side of 17th Street. Near Bristol Street)**

Near 5/22/57 interchange. Exit Bristol St. off the 5 S freeway. Exit 17th Street off the 5 N Freeway.

Restaurant Open!

ADMISSION:
General: \$ 5.00
Vendors: \$20.00
(initial space)
\$10.00 each added
parking space

Closest Lodging (Outlets at Orange)
 Double Tree by Hilton Hotel
 100 The City Dr., Orange 92868
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Please visit our Vintage MG Club of Southern California website: www.VintageMG.com