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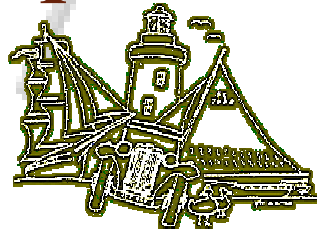
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Another beautiful spring !

The Square Rigger



**Quarterly Newsletter of the
Chesapeake Chapter of the
New England MG-T Register**

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WORDS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Chairman Comments

Now that the cherry tree blossoms have appeared and bloomed in Washington, D.C., spring is finally here. Even though we do have some chilly nights there are back-to-back days of 70+ degree weather. Hope everyone is getting out and enjoying it.

The past couple of months have been spent getting ready for Original British Car Day (OBCD). This year we are returning to Lily Pons Water Gardens in Adamstown, Maryland. The date of the show is June 4th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This year is the Centennial for MG, and we are going to celebrate this with MG being the Featured Marque.

In addition to the new website name, www.mgtchesapeake.com you can now register on-line and save the hassle of printing the entry form, writing a check, and then looking for an envelope to put one of those *forever* stamps on. However, you can still go that route. The important thing is to enter your car in the show.

In that OBCD was started by the Chesapeake Chapter it is only fitting that members of the Club volunteer for that day, too. There are a few positions that still need to be filled though and it would be great to give the Club an hour or two of your time. Please call or text me at 703-229-3317 or send an email to spenglish@aol.com. Thanks.

Another event in the making is the Fall Ramble which traditionally occurs in October. This year is now in the planning stage. John Williams will be heading up the Ramble this year and would like to hear from any members with suggestions. Drop him a line with any suggestions you may have. There are also some preliminary plans being made for the trip to Florida next year. Please see Milt's comments further in this TSR issue.

Your Chairman, Shaun English

Safety Fast!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS **2022**

Usually once a month on a
Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Contact John Twist of University Motors with your
email address to receive the notice time and date for
upcoming sessions.

June 4, 2023

OBCD Official British Car Day
Lilypons Water Gardens
6800 Lily Pons Rd., Adamsville, Md. 21710
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

October 27-29, 2023

Fall Ramble – TBD
Contact John Williams



Our Club Symbol --- A Real Chesapeake Bay Skipjack

UPCOMING CHAPTER & OTHER EVENTS



FLORIDA 2024 WINTER TOUR

All:

The Chesapeake Chapter is starting to plan its Florida 2024 Winter Tour for January or February 2024. We've been doing this trip now for nine or ten years. We'll have an initial planning meeting in a month or so to set the exact dates and destinations. Historically, our trips last ten days to two weeks.

If you'd like to register for this trip, please send me a brief email. Spouses or friends are welcome. T-Series cars only. There is no registration fee. Each participant is encouraged to help with the planning and logistics.

Your early registration is required since train tickets and hotel reservations increase in price very quickly. We want to get our train and hotel reservations done ASAP.

Warm regards,
Milton

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TIDBITS & ITEMS OF INTEREST

Our Stories

STILL ON THE ROAD

Vincent Mendes

My mentor all through school was a neat "old" guy who was an actual "Rocket Scientist" before it was fashionable. He was Chief Chemist the Naval Air Rocket Testing Station at Lake Denmark NJ. His mid-life crisis in 1955 caused him to buy a new MG TF 1500 which he drove around for the next 30 years. When he passed away, he left me the car in his will!

Doc's next of kin was his live-in girlfriend of 25 years, a useless creature and stubbornly absolutely helpless. She couldn't drive because she was "Only a woman". She couldn't change a fuse because she was "Only a woman". She couldn't even change a lightbulb because she was "Only a woman"! Yet she kept my friend Doc happy for 25 years.

She was a total basket case when he died. I had to handle all the arrangements. Now Doc was very blasé about death. Once he turned 50 and people started contacting him about "mausoleum space" and "perpetual care". He would say, "If you leave a body alone long enough the board of health will do something about it". He had arranged to get a "Smoke Job in a cardboard box" and have the ashes put in a tin can all for \$160.00. I was at the mortuary picking up the death certificate to probate the Will when UPS showed up with the ashes. The director asked what I wanted to do with them, so I took them with me. This was really a sad time for me because I realized that he was truly gone. When I got back to the girlfriend's house I said "Carla, about the ashes". She responded "Not another word! I do not want to hear it! I can't stand it!" so I put the ashes, still in their tin can, in the MG. They are still there, although I've painted the can Tartan Red to match the car and applied a New England MGT registry sticker to it.

Since the late 1980's I have taken the MG to many rallies and car shows with the local British Car Clubs. People are bragging that they have the original manual or the original tool kit. Well, I have the original own-



Doc on the bonnet of his MG



Doc and Vincent

er! I still have my dear friend's remains in the boot of his old MG. People ask why I don't put him in a mausoleum or sprinkle him in the ocean. I could do that, but this is classier. I feel he is still doing what he loved to do all his life, riding around in his MG!

Meanwhile, if we are ever riding around on a dark night and someone taps you on the shoulder, don't turn around!

Peachtree Registry 2022

Reprinted from The Peachtree Registry newsletter, Madell Dobrushin, Editor

Something to think about.

by Shaun English

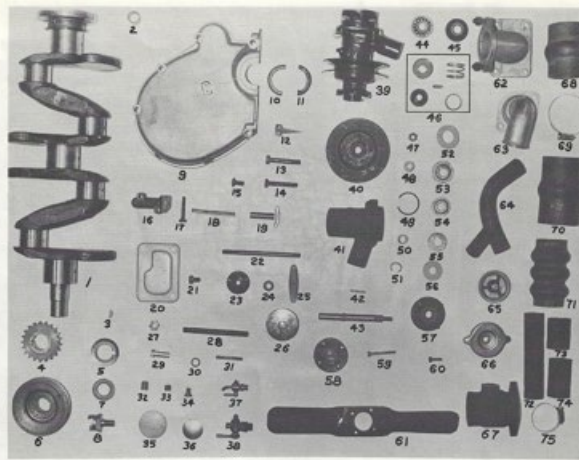
Recently while going through my files and came across a Moss Motors catalog from March 20, 1969. Out of curiosity I thought about the prices of parts for the T-Series and randomly selected various parts and compared them to the prices of today. I was surprised.

To make the comparisons I used the 1969 prices, adjusted them for inflation using the CPI Inflation Calculator (www.bls.gov) to see what they would be in today's dollars and compared them to Moss Catalog prices. Here are some of the results:

Clutch Plate	\$20.50	Adjusted for inflation	\$171.40	Moss Catalog	\$126.00
Front coil spring	12.50	Adjusted for inflation	104.51	Moss Catalog	89.99
Pressure plate (clutch)	31.00	Adjusted for inflation	259.00	Moss Catalog	289.00
Fuel sending unit	14.00	Adjusted for inflation	117.00	Moss Catalog	57.99
Engine crankshaft	110.00	Adjusted for inflation	927.00	Moss Catalog	2,900.00

As you can see when you compare the adjusted prices to the current prices some have increased significantly while others are a bargain e.g., crankshafts (if you can get them) and fuel sending units.

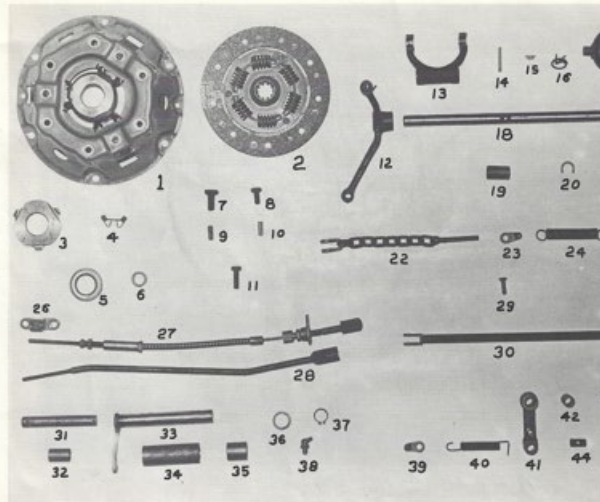




ENGINE PARTS

1	AA43108	Crankshaft	1	109.90	43	322839	Spindle (TC & TD w/ heads)	1
2	AA4304	Spigot bushing	1	.50	AA43083	Spindle (TC extra head & TP)	1	
3	AA4305	Woodruff key	1	.15	44	6301	Bearing	1
4	AA4366	Socket	1	36.50	45	W277	Seal (Clare TC & TP)	1
5	AA4378	Oil thrower	1	.65	46	SA1994/1	Seal kit (TC & early TD)	1
6	AA4379	Pulley	1	5.00	47	W1-28	Overhaul kit (TC & early TD)	1
7	AA4379	Masher	1	4.00	48	W1-35	Overhaul kit (lane TC & TP)	1
8	AA4379	Masher	1	2.00	49	W4477	Nut for spindle	1
9	SA4213/2	Timing chain cover	1	25.00	49	W4477	Washer	1
10	FD-13	Upper front seal	1	.40...	49	W4477	Washer	1
11	FD-14	Lower front seal	1	.40...	50	AA4379	Bearing spacer	1
12	SA4291	TC indicator	2	.20	51	AD5151	Circlip on spindle	1
13	AC-42	Nut, long (inner)	2	.20	52	AD5225	Felt seal, front	1
14	AA43286	Nut, washer	1	.90	53	AA43234	Washer, front	1
15	CA1122	Nut, short (rear)	2	.25	54	AD5225	Washer for rear felt	1
16	AA43791	Tensioner block	1	.65	56	AA43792	Plate for rear felt	1
17	AA43792	Nut for tensioner	1	.95	57	AA43234	Felt seal, rear	1
18	AA43240	Spring	1	12.50	57	AA43234	Impeller (TC & early TD)	1
19	AA43790	Plunger	1	.80	58	AA43234	Impeller (lane TC & TP)	1
20	AA43234	Rear cylinder head cover plate	1	.80	58	AA43234	Impeller (lane TC & TP)	1
21	CA1122	Nut	4	.25	58	AA43790	Spacer for fan blades	TD-TF
22	AA43232	Stud for valve cover	2	4.00	59	AA43232	Belt for fan blades	TD-TF
23	AA43234	Nut (DIN-914 150 chrome wing metal)	pair	.50	60	CA1220	Belt for fan blades	TC
24	AA43234	Fibre washer	2	.05	61	AA43200	Fan blade	TC
25	AA43234	Oil filler cap	1	.65	62	W4477	Fan belt	TC
26	AA43234	Nut for cylinder head	10	.35	62	W4477	Water outlet castings (TC & TP)	TC
27	AA43234	Nut for push rod cover (side plate)	3	.70	63	ALC124	Water elbow	TC
28	AA43234	Stud for cylinder head	3	.65	64	AC-42	Water branch pipe	TC
29	AA43234	Stud for push rod cover (side plate)	3	.40	64	AC-42	Water branch pipe	TC
30	AA43234	Plug for rear oil gallery	1	.25	65	AC-48	Water branch pipe	TC
31	AA43234	Plug for front oil gallery	1	.25	66	W4477	Thermostat	TF
32	AA43234	Plug for side oil feed holes	5	.50	66	W4477	Thermostat	TF
33	AA43234	Large cone plug	2	.50	67	43487/1	Thermostat	TC-TF
34	CA1206	Small cone plug	6	.15	67	27952	Screw for thermostat elbow	TC-TF
35	AA43234	Water pump complete	1	1.00	69	5236	Hose clamp (top hose)	TC-TF
36	CA1206	Small cone plug	6	.15	70	314	Top radiator hose	TC-TF
37	AA43234	Water drain tap in block	1	1.00	71	355	Top radiator hose	TF
38	AA43234	Fibre washer	1	.00	72	5229	Hose clamp (top hose)	TF
39	W1-76	Water pump pulley	1	12.00...	73	W4477	Bracket hose	TC
40	AA43234	Water pump pulley	1	12.00...	74	W4477	Hose, pipe to pump	TC
41	322839	Body (TC & TP to 4443 only)	1	6.50	74	W4477	Hose, pipe to radiator	TC
42	AA43234	Taper pin	1	.15	75	5229	Hose clamp (lower hoses)	TC

(ILLUSTRATED PARTS NOT LISTED ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE)



CLUTCH & FLYWHEEL

1	AA43015	Pressure plate (TC-early TD)	1	26.00...	31	W4477	Washer	TC
2	AA43015	Pressure plate (TC-early TD)	1	16.00...	32	W4477	Washer	TC
3	AA43015	Pressure plate (TC-early TD)	1	17.75...	33	W4477	Washer	TC
4	AA43015	Pressure plate (TC-early TD)	1	18.00...	34	W4477	Washer	TC
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11	AA43015	Pressure plate (TC-early TD)	1	18.00...	41	W4477	Washer	TC
12	AA43015	Pressure plate (TC-early TD)	1	18.00...	42	W4477	Washer	TC
13	AA43015	Pressure plate (TC-early TD)	1	18.00...	43	W4477	Washer	TC
14	AA43015	Pressure plate (TC-early TD)	1	18.00...	44	W4477	Washer	TC

** OVER CHANGES - PRESSURE PLATE - FL-10 - 2023 - FL-10
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TECHNICAL MATTERS

Stay tuned 😊

LOL

A slightly different method of auto repair....

By Mike Hughes



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Being twenty in the seventies was much more fun than being seventy in the twenties.

ALL THESE MEN BITCHING ABOUT WEARING A FACE MASK...



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**A graphic artist in Germany works from home.
His wife leaves their baby girl with him each day as she goes off to work.
A few months ago, he got tired of her texting to check on how he was doing with the baby.**

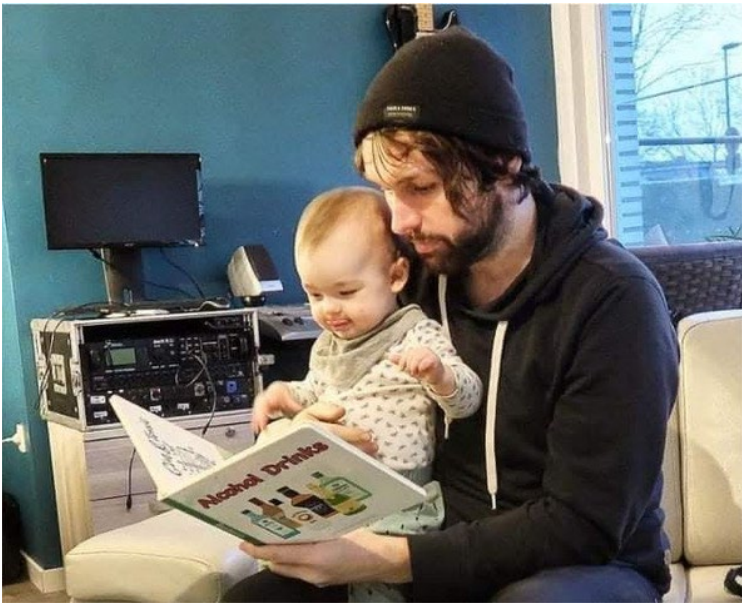
So, he started photo-shopping responses to text back to her.

His responses have become something of a sensation on Instagram.

Here are 14 of them.







CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM

1. The form on the following page can be used to send your information to the Chesapeake Chapter of the New England MG-T Register for Membership Registration or other information requests.
2. Please note that we will never supply your information to a third party, will never use your information for telemarketing, and will use your information solely for membership application/registration purposes.
3. You must print, fill-out and mail the form to the address specified below. You may do this by clicking [here](#) or by clicking on the form below (*this requires the free [Acrobat Reader](#)*).
4. Our organization is a local chapter of the New England MG 'T' Register, so we must require that all Chapter Members also be members in the "Register." If you do not belong to the "Register," please request information and application forms by contacting the "Register's" specific website: <http://www.nemgtr.org/join.htm>

Additional Notes:

1. Note that you do not need to own an MG T-type --- all that is required for membership is an interest in MG T-type and other classic automobiles!
2. Please include all letters and numbers shown in the car and engine number boxed on the "maker's" plate.
3. TD owners please note that there are three boxes on your "maker's" plate; include the information from all three.
4. If the engine is a replacement, list the number of the engine actually in the car.
5. This information is needed for the chapter's records and to correct and update the Register's files.
6. Incomplete forms will be returned to you via your provided address, for needed corrections.
7. If you have additional MGs, please attach additional forms as required.

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Send check to: **Chesapeake Chapter NEMGTR c/o Milton Babirak, 47539 Coldspring Place, Sterling, VA 21065-7446**

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Renewal

New Member

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date: _____

Full Name: _____ Spouse or other: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Cell or Business Phone: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

MG INFORMATION

(1) MG Model/Type: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

(2) MG Model/Type: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

*New England MG 'T' Register Number(s) Assigned to this Car (s): _____

If you have three or more MGs, please put that information on a second page.

GET INVOLVED!! Check the Activities Below in Which You Have an Interest

Tours/Rallye; Tech Sessions/ Tech Help; Car Shows; Membership; Event Hosting;
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By completing this application, you hereby agree to hold this Chesapeake Chapter and the NEMGTR harmless from all actions and claims arising from any participation by you or persons accompanying you in any Chapter event or activity.

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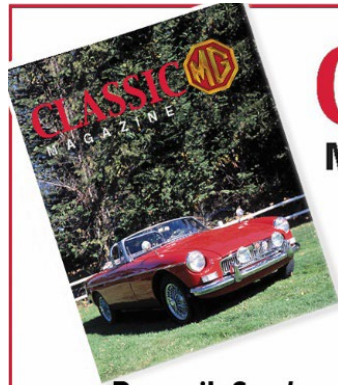
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