



# A-Antics



Dave & Chari Smith's House-Rowdie  
Business Meet 4-12-14 Holt, MI

*Rowdie Business Meet*  
Kimber B'Day Meet Pictures  
*Bruce & Willy Mann's TD*  
The Shaft Hits Its Mark



# MEMBERS PAGE

Rowdies Website: Larry Pittman, Webmaster

<http://www.mgcars.org.uk/michiganrowdies/>

Larry Pitman's Database Report:

66 Active and Paid-Up Members

## Win \$50

The Rowdies will have a drawing at each meet for a gift certificate worth \$50 in merchandise from Jeff Zorn's Little British Car Co.

We hope to see some new faces at our meets and encourage you to bring a friend to join. All paid-up members are eligible for the raffle to determine each meet's winner.

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Send Email & Address Changes to Editor.

Deadline for submitting material for the next issue is: June 20, 2014

## Letters:

### GT-39 Caravan

Hi Peter and Ann Tilbury,

*The Michigan Rowdie Business meeting is this Saturday. Please send me a synopsis of when the "Cruise to the Capital" will be in Michigan and if there will be an overnight. Will let you know ASAP if some Rowdies will be interested in joining the convey here.*

Dave Smith

Rowdies Meets Chairman.

Hi Dave,

*Good to hear from you after many years. The Cruise will enter Michigan on "Route 2" between Ashland, WI and Ironwood, MI on the morning of Friday July 11th. We are staying the previous night in Duluth, MN at the Best Western Spirit Mountain where the Minnesota MG Club is hosting a special dinner for the*

*drivers. From Ironwood, we drive on the "28" through Wakefield, Ishpeming, and Marquette to the night stop in Munising. In Munising we are staying at the Comfort Inn, SR 28, M-28, E. Munising, MI 49862 (phone 906 387 5292).*

*The following morning, Saturday July 12th, we drive through Seney, and Newberry to Sault Ste Marie, crossing back into Canada. The night stop is then in Massey ON.*

*More details of the Cruise can be found in the C2C articles on the NAMGAR web site, along with a registration form. The articles have also been in recent MGA! Magazines.*

*If you get a group together, we urge you to book rooms in the Comfort Inn asap.*

*All the best,* Peter Tilbury

### Calling All Rowdies

*This information was announced at the business meeting held last Saturday but if you weren't able to attend, please be aware of the following IF you're planning on attending GT-39 in Ottawa, Ont.*

*The Rowdies will be hosting hospitality night on Thursday during the GT. Please try to make yourself available for that night.*

*For hospitality night, we'll again be wearing the lime green Rowdies shirts. If you ordered shirts last year, you're all set. Otherwise, consider ordering the polo shirts this year. Please LET ME KNOW and I'll place the order from Thread Logic. The cost is \$24.50 / shirt and sizes run from XS to 6XL with the 2XL and above costing extra. Both men's and women's sizes are available. There may be shipping charges also depending on how many members order shirts.*



*I NEED TO KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE ME TO ORDER SHIRT(S) BY FRIDAY, MAY 9th. I'll figure out how to get them to you once the order is received.*

*Lastly, I'll be delivering the GT-40 announcement during the GT-39 Thursday night banquet. I'd like to include more pictures of MG's in Frankenmuth so if you happen to have some and wouldn't mind sharing them please pass them along to me.*

*Larry Pittman, GT-40 chair*

### ***MGB FOR SALE***

*1977 MGB body for sale with or without the motor and transmission. The front cross member with all the front suspension now*

*resides in a Cobra kit car. The wire wheel rear end is there. The top frame is there but without the top. \$375.00 or \$1,000.00 with 18V motor and trans. Delivery can be arraigned within Michigan.*

*Mark Barnhart 810-444-2054*

## **NAMGAR GT-39 Registration**

**Dear Rowdies,**

**You are invited to NAMGAR's Get Together - GT39, which will be hosted in 2014 by the Ottawa MG Club in Ottawa, Canada's capital city.**

**It's not very often that a NAMGAR GT is held north of the US / Canada border. In fact, 2014 will be the first time in seven years and only the fourth time in NAMGAR's almost 40 year history that the GT will be held in Canada. This is a rare opportunity that you won't want to miss. For Canadians, it's a chance to attend a GT in your own country. For others, it's an opportunity to spend time experiencing the capital city of a foreign country.**

To register or RSVP click on one of the links below:

**[Register Now!](#)**

Feel free to contact GT39 Registration if there are any questions.

For more information go to the event website: <http://gt39.namgar.com/>

Your early response is appreciated. Members of the Ottawa MG Club look forward to welcoming you to Canada's capital city in July, 2014.

**Sincerely,**

GT39 Registration

NAMGAR

[gt39registration@namgar.com](mailto:gt39registration@namgar.com)

613-447-8224

# ROWDIES 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MAY

- 3 **DRIVE YOUR MG DAY**  
Meet at noon at Jerry's Pub in Brooklyn, MI  
Lunch Get-Together
- 18 **CAMP DEARBORN SPRING GATHERING, MILFORD, MI**  
<http://www.mgcars.org.uk/wdmgcc/>  
Steve Finch-Windsor Detroit MG Club

## JUNE

- 1 **TBD-possible TSD Rallye**

## JULY

- 13 **MAD DOGS & ENGLISHMEN**  
Gilmore Museum-Hickory Corners, MI  
Bruce Nichols (269-273-3118)  
[nicholsbm@aol.com](mailto:nicholsbm@aol.com)
- 14-18 **NAMGAR GT-39**  
Courtyard Ottawa East-Ottawa, ONT.  
<http://www.gt39.namgar.com/>
- 25 **CLARKSTON CAR SHOW**  
Detail tbd
- 26 **VINTAGE RACE-WATERFORD**  
At Clarkston, MI-Vintage Car Racing Event  
[Waterford Hills Racing](http://www.waterfordhillsracing.com)

## AUGUST

- 2 **ROWDIE BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
Lloyd & Janice Herring's-7600 Jericho Ave, NE  
Rockford, MI (616) 409-2414 [jann2043@att.net](mailto:jann2043@att.net)
- 10 **ALDEN SPORTS CAR SHOW**  
[Twin Bay British Car Club](http://www.twinbaybritishcarclub.com)
- 15-17 **UNIVERSITY MOTORS MG SUMMER PARTY**  
Grand Rapids, MI
- 24 **4TH ANNUAL CRUISIN' HINES**  
Hines Drive from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive. Windsor Detroit MG Club  
<http://www.mgcars.org.uk/wdmgcc/>

## SEPTEMBER

- 5 **NAMGAR AT THE GLEN**  
60th Annual Collier Cup Race Sept 3-8 at  
Watkins Glen, NY [NAMGAR Events](http://www.namgar.com)
- 7 **CAMP DEARBORN FALL OUTING**  
[Detroit Triumph Sportscar Club](http://www.detroittriumphsportscarclub.com)  
Battle of the Brits
- 26 **ORPHAN CAR SHOW**  
[Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum](http://www.ypsilantiheritagemuseum.com)  
Ypsilanti, MI

## OCTOBER

TBD **ROWDIE COLOR TOUR & LUNCH**

## DECEMBER

- 6 **ROWDIE CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Bone Island Grill, 4614 Francis St, Jackson, MI  
[Bone Island Grill Facebook Link](https://www.facebook.com/boneislandgrill)  
Dave & Donna Quinn (517) 782-9749  
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## 2015

## FEBRUARY

TBD **BUSINESS MEET**

## Register Your MGA With NAMGAR!



Join over 2,000 enthusiastic owners in the restoration, preservation, and sheer enjoyment of driving an MGA, Magnette, or variant of this noble breed. You'll receive six bi-monthly issues of *MGA!*, our full-color, award winning magazine, invitations to National and Regional Get-Togethers throughout the U.S. and Canada, plus a knowledge base and support group second to none. All this for just \$37.50 per year (North America), or \$52.50 (International). **Get more information at** <http://www.namgar.com>, or contact [registrar@namgar.com](mailto:registrar@namgar.com).





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**History:** The Chapter was established August 14, 1976. It was NAMGAR's first chapter. We are a low-key club, dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of our MGA's/ Anyone is welcome to join our chapter and they are asked to join NAMGAR as well.

**Chapter Dues:** \$20 annually (\$35 for printed newsletter)

**Nickname:** Rowdies

**Motto:** People First!

**Rowdies Site:**

<http://www.mgcars.org.uk/michiganrowdies/>

**MG Car Council Site:** <http://www.mgcars.org.uk/mgscouncil/>

**NAMGAR Web Site:** [www.namgar.com](http://www.namgar.com)

**Past Chapter Chairpersons:**

1976-1980	Bruce Nichols
1981-1982	Tom Latta
1983-1984	Dick Feight
1985-1988	Dave Smith
1989-1990	Dave Quinn
1991-1994	Mark Barnhart
1995-1995	Herb Maier
1996-1996	Tom Knoy
1997-1998	Neil Griffin
1999-2002	Bruce Nichols
2003-2004	Bob Sutton
2005-2008	Gordie Bird



## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

by Dave Quinn

That was a LONG winter. Ken Nelson learned Spanish and felt the need to use it in every email he sent me until he finally got home and returned to his senses.

Kathy, please take up interest in French language; at least I know a few swear words that I could use to answer your husband. I understood why you two ran off to Guatemala. In early March the city of Grand Rapids had 110" of snow, the number three City in the entire USA for snowfall at that point. Sadly, when Ken later returned he forgot to 'walk like a duck' and he took a bad spill.

During our long winter Dave Smith found a local machine shop, after two failed attempts, that he is confident with for prepping a serious MGA race engine. Good luck DTS. And he has been working behind the scenes to make the 60th Collier Cup race at Watkins Glen one of the best ever. Curt Smith made progress on restoring a beautiful red MGB roadster. If anyone has the hot's to buy an over-restored B roadster, call Curt – honestly, you won't be sorry. Bruce Mann has been working non-stop to restore a MG TD.

Why? He's been hanging around with Larry Pittman who got an earlier start on restoring a TD. I guess Bruce thought it looked like fun. At least Bruce was honest when he said TD's have way too damn much wood!! As for myself, I didn't accomplish anything working on the MG. Before winter hit, my leaking gas tank sending unit was solved by draining the gas to just below the sending unit and pushing the car into the corner until the week before the Kimber party. Some thing's cannot be put off. Our Treasurer Jeff Zorn had open-heart surgery and did well. Blackberry stock dropped for a couple days but

he's back to pushing keys again. Thanks Jeff for processing all those dues; even the late ones from some of the procrastinators. Larry Pittman keeps plugging away at the million details that make being GT-40 Chairman the job he would like to give to someone else but I cannot think of anyone better for it. If you didn't volunteer to work with Larry on GT-40, shame on you. By now you know the Rowdies did GT-10, 20, and 30, so this is your chance to be part of history. Finally April came and there was a hint of snow melting and sunshine. So I ventured into the garage only to discover a deaf mouse? Or that's what I thought since he was only two feet from the highly touted ultrasound device that was plugged into the wall beside him. I picked up a micro cloth from the wall rack and a deer mouse, aka field mouse, dropped to the floor by my feet. How can this be? I have taken every precaution known to man to keep these nasty critters from making a home in my man-cave. I have a number of traps with a variety of offers like cheese, sunflower seeds, and peanut butter. I have a number of cat food tins filled with mice poison. I have caulked up the outside corners of the garage so they cannot come up between the siding. And finally I have four or five of those ultrasound devices installed. Thankfully, the very next day I did catch him in an old fashion trap and have not heard or seen any evidence of others since. I suspect he just came in the door and got so close to the noise he went deaf. What do you think?

I've been reading an Internet threat discussing automobile event data recorders, your privacy, and insurance companies. It's interesting reading but sad to read at other times. I was reminded of debates on long drives to some far off vintage racetrack. Mark Barnhart, Dave Smith, and I used to debate about automobile GPS units and if they would lead to government spying on you. In this latest thread I'm reading,



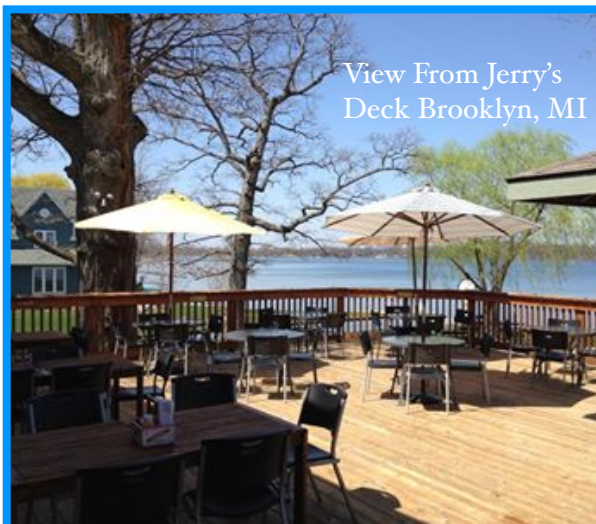
one poster said, "When I'm on the road I have nothing to hide, data recorders? Bring 'em on. I wonder how they'll deal with sanctioned and legal high performance driving though, e.g. auto cross." Then one of my friends, a car-loving lawyer, gave the following reply, "This person's statement sums up the future of our right to privacy. Like this poor soul, many people now believe they have nothing to hide, or that they can "draw the line" somewhere. They rush to surrender their privacy for things like free shipping, YouTube fame, discount offers and a vision of a world where the government monitors and controls every aspect of your life. A world where your self worth comes from the number of people who are watching you. They want it. They need it. And I'm pretty sure there are more of them than there are of me. Lament, comment, and pretend to be concerned. It is already too late." I'll let you be the judge on this one.

Dave Quinn

*Su Editor Respondo:*

*Yo pienso Señor Dave está correcto. Nosotros no podemos evitar regulaciones gobierno, pero yo espero que nosotros podemos controlar esos regulaciones para bien de la toda la gente.*

*Señor Ken*



## ***Drive Your MG Day-May 3rd***

**Meets Chairman Dave Smith has selected a destination for a lunch get-together on 'Drive your MG Day' for Saturday, 5/3/14. Plan on arriving at Jerry's Pub in the Brooklyn, MI area at noon. Eat, kick tyres and enjoy fellowship. Drawing for LB Car Company \$50 certificate by Dave Smith.**

**You can find all the necessary details on Jerry's Pub at this Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/jerryspub> . Rowdies are encouraged to contact members in your area to caravan to the event. Egan Road, which takes you directly to the Pub, runs north off US-12. Egan Road is 2.7 miles east of the intersection of M-50 and US-12.**



## **DRIVE YOUR MGA DAY**



**SATURDAY**



**MAY 3, 2014**



**Sunday, May 18, 2014, 11am – 4pm**

Camp Dearborn

1700 General Motors Road, Milford, MI 48380

**The Windsor-Detroit MG Club is proud to sponsor the second annual Spring British Car Gathering & Picnic at Camp Dearborn in Milford, MI.**

No registration, no formal car show or class parking, and no awards; just an opportunity to share our passion with fellow British car owners and clubs, and to get to know one another.

We have reserved a large grassy and well shaded area at Camp Dearborn in Milford. We will have access to a large drum grill fired-up for anyone to use. BYO picnic lunch, something to throw on the grill, beverages, etc.

The park entrance fee is only \$3 per car.

**NEW THIS YEAR – BOOT SALE**

Have some spare parts, tools, etc. that are cluttering your garage? Bring them along and offer them for sale from the boot of your car. We are not looking to host a full blown swap meet, so please no trailers full of stuff.

Whatever you can get in your car or bring pictures of larger items that you want to sell.

For more information contact us at [Board@WDMGC.com](mailto:Board@WDMGC.com)  
or contact [Steve Finch](#), Events Coordinator at (248)343-1614  
The Camp Dearborn Web Site is [www.campdearborn.com](http://www.campdearborn.com)



# Rowdie's Business Meet 4-12-14

The Business Meeting for the 2014 season for the Rowdies was delayed twice due to inclement weather conditions this winter (*see Chairman's Chatter*) and was finally held at Dave & Chari Smith's house after the Kimber Birthday Party Meet. We had a good turnout with 36 members and lots of MG's in attendance. Tracey Smith took the minutes. Let's see what was said and done at the meeting...

## **Michigan Rowdies 2014 business meeting. As recorded by Tracy Bird:**

Called to order @ 2:35pm, 36 members in attendance.

Membership report: At end of calendar 2013, 69 members, down 3 from previous year. 86% belong to NAMGAR. As of April 12, 2014, at conclusion of renewal period, 63 members renewed. Not renewed: Ferguson (sold MG), Krentz, Moder.

Rowdies/LBC \$100 Drawing: In 2013 five members hosted an event at their home and were eligible for the drawing. The winner was Neil & Thelma Griffin.

Treasurer's report, with % change since 2013:

### **Main income:**

Dues:	1,726	+5%
Auction:	888	+109%
Tech Manual:	250	- 13%
Regalia:	0	
Total income	3,314	-6%

### **Main expenses:**

Newsletter:	822	+5%
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Christmas party:	977	
Minus	450	door collections
Net	527	
Meeting expenses	309	
Regalia	160	
Total expenses	2,589	+10%
<b>Bank account:</b>		
Total balance	5,526	+15%

Webmaster: website functioning fine, no changes.

Editor: Plea for articles and pictures from the membership.

GT-40 Update from Larry Pittman:

Seven ideas for GT-40 logo were presented by members and were voted on at conclusion of meeting. The entry by Thelma Griffin won. The Rowdies will be hosting the Thursday night hospitality room at GT-39. If you purchased a lime green Rowdies shirt for GT-38, please plan on wearing it that night. Larry Pittman is taking orders until May 9, 2014 for any Rowdies who wish to buy a shirt for GT-39.

Rowdies will work on the registration packet for GT-40.

Bill and Mary Ellen Weakley will be in charge of silent auction/raffle. Will need craft and donation items.

Updated on schedule for week.

Bavarian Belle riverboat tour, pretzel and streusel making classes, dinner at Frankenmuth Brewery.

Car games and gimmick rally being planned.

First timers reception, possible car display, and Magnette breakfast as well as tech sessions to include electrical, tyres, vintage racing,



distributors, rolling tech, and valve cover racing. Will try for valve cover racing youtube type video for GT-40 website.

Valve cover racing activity during show of cars. Banquet on Thursday evening will be served family style which is the tradition in Frankenmuth. NAMGAR has requested that we recognize the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MGA (1500). Discussed upload of participants photos for display at banquet. Question with regard to picture copyright was brought up. Club attorney contacted and gave opinion that no legal boundaries would be crossed with photo upload. Steve Mazurek has agreed to do GT-40 website and goal is to have live by August 2014.

Calendar of Events – Dave Smith presented and invited ideas for events in each month, then took votes of those present to determine interest level.

Ken Nelson received the Jack Spiral Shaft award for non-social behavior. It was awarded by Margi Barnhart who reported that an email had been circulating this past (record breaking) winter showing Ken on a boat in the warm sunny Virgin Islands drinking gin and looking refreshed and invigorated. The body of the Kens' email describing their vacation, written as only Ken can, was described by Margi as being somewhat “snarky” to those of us freezing in Michigan.

Other announcements – MGA rings were discussed and shown off by Dave Quinn (silver) and Steve Holliday (bronze). If interested, they can be purchased from: George Smith. 1452 S Ellsworth Rd, Mesa, AZ 85209-3700. Email: [mgsmith2008@gmail.com](mailto:mgsmith2008@gmail.com). The price is in

question as Dave Quinn reported that he was quoted \$40 for the silver ring, paid \$50, but suggested to the artist they be sold for \$100. If price has been raised above \$40, suggest asking Dave Quinn for the difference.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Tracey Bird

“Looks like snow again in Michigan, lads”



The Collier Boys at Watkins Glen, New York in the 1950's



# Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Car Faire 7-13-14



*Photos from 2013 show-Ken Nelson.*



**Sunday, July 13. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Registration, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The 24th Annual British Car Faire is a day full of family fun, open to all British made vehicles! The show will feature cars for sale and swap meet area. Enjoy people's choice judging, car games, and rides in the Museum's Austin London Taxi and Tea Time, too!

**General Admission: \$10.00 per person – children 11 & under are FREE**

**Show Car Registration Fee: \$25.00 per vehicle**

Includes all museum exhibits at no extra charge.

**Sponsor: Mad Dogs & Englishmen Club**

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# ***Kimber Birthday Party Meet Pics Delhi Cafe-Holt, MI 4-12-14***







Steve  
Holliday  
with the  
Ladies



The Limey's Take The Day



Furrin' Cars as Far as the Fuzzy Eye Can Focus!



Dave Quinn's Bootleg Tape  
Boot Sale





Steve Holliday looking for the Ladies—"Where'd they go?"



Cecil's the Man!



Margi and the Boys



Is it going to rain?



Steve Holliday with the Ladies again—"Found 'em"



Jeff & Jan Zorn sent their 2 clones while they were in FL.



## HOW TO ORDER YOUR MICHIGAN ROWDIES REGALIA

### Thread-Logic

<http://www.thread-logic.com/>

800-347-1612, Jordan, MN, Faith Kaiser handles sales for the Michigan Rowdies account. For a "embroidered" logo in the new style. Rowdies can easily place their own orders online. We charge a flat rate of \$15 to ship orders under \$300. Orders over \$300 ship for free. What has worked well for some groups is to have everyone place their own order online, but have the collective orders shipped to one common address. We typically list a deadline date for orders, say two weeks, for members to get their orders in. Then we ship at the end of those two weeks. Likewise, if 4-5 members wanted to group together, they could split the \$15 shipping if it is all going to one location. We would do that here, after the order is placed. The website will automatically add \$15 shipping. We are not interested in making money from charging you shipping expenses, so we are flexible with the logistics. All the prices you see listed online *include* the Rowdies chest logo and script. Add \$5 if you want Michigan Rowdies in script repeated on a sleeve. No minimum order. No sales tax.



*(Note: Pictures are of paid professional models. Your appearances may vary.)*



### EmbroidMe

<http://embfh.com/ShopOnline/>

248-994-0105, 27857 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington Hills, MI, Daryl & Adria Veit. For a "digital screen printed" logo in the style that retains Michigan Rowdies within the circle. Screen prints work especially well for T-shirts but can be used on any type of clothing. The cool thing about this vector file format is it can be enlarged from 3-1/4" to any size and retain the correct appearance and good resolution. For example, it can cover the full front or back of a T-shirt. Rowdies may deal direct with the store using their various in-store catalogs or use their online catalogs if they wish to have something screen-printed.



### Quality Lapel Pins

800-952-0305, Littleton, CO. Gary Konwinski

<http://qualitylapelpins.com/>

For your "hardware" items such as a grille badge, key fob, or pin. Rowdies carry the key fobs and pins in stock. Contact Brian Beery at 810-488-1975. Order the grille badge direct from Quality Lapel.



## Bruce & Willy Mann's MG-TD

The story begins like this... Once we got back from Dayton, Ohio GT37 and cleaned up the A and got it winterized I was in the mood to do another car. We were not sure what car to do but after being inspired by Larry Pittman and Ken Nelson along with Neil's love for the classics, "with the big hood out front", we were leaning towards a TD. They are definitely a classic.

A parade car as some of my friends call it or maybe even a snow plow, (Mr. Dave). So the search began for a TD.

I remember when Curt, Larry and I along with my grandson Kyle, went to Thelma and Neil's house to load up Neil's TD that Larry Pittman just purchased. The MG was in boxes and not all together. We loaded it up and off it went to Fenton.

After months of looking at cars, and many failed bids on E-BAY and other offerings, I finally settled on finding a MG-TD

We started the search. I found the car on E-BAY, and like most people, wrote to the owner and asked some questions about the car and was convinced it was a good one. It lived in Texas and Colorado. So the good news was that it was pretty much rust free. Pretty much, but not wood rot free!

We won the bid and had it transported to our house.

We thought about going after it but decided to leave the driving to someone else and let them deal with all the

things that could go wrong. Due to the time of year (Dec) I decided to put it in an enclosed trailer to protect it from the elements.



Interesting enough we bought the car on 12-12-12. Now who could forget that!



As soon as I learned the car was mine, I started looking for a contract hauler to move it from Colorado to Michigan.

The car arrived 7 days after I bought it. When it arrived we shot some starting fluid in the carbs and it started right up. I put it in reverse and I drove it to the garage. That is as far as it went.

Curt and Neil came up one day to look it over with me and as you know I value their





opinion. Who wouldn't! I took it all in and continued to look it over for a couple of weeks. Then one day Larry came over and we talked about all the work that had to be done. Huge, but not impossible, easier than an "A" so I thought. After pulling the head and looking at the valves, decided it needed a valve job. So off it went to the machine shop.

Next my neighbor who makes a living rebuilding engines looked at the pistons and such and said it looks a little tired. So I decided to take the engine out and have it rebuilt. The transmission had just been finished a couple of years prior according to the maintenance records, so that was an expense not necessary.

The info on the car was fairly accurate, however the major disappointment was the condition of most of the wood. For all intents and purposes it was pretty much rotted away. The doors were very loose, due to the latch pillar, (which for "A" owners is the A pillar) wood not metal, was in very bad shape.

Also the windscreen wood was all but gone and that is a major structural piece as it connects the cowl, dash and windshield together. The doors were also in bad shape, with the wood frame that holds the latching mechanism, rotted away.

**THE BIG COVER UP:** In the picture on EBAY there were #7 magnet stickers in the center of the doors. Looked kind of neat like a race car, so much for that, pretty deceitful. I never asked the obvious questions, oh did the owner race this car, or are you trying to cover up something with the big circle 7, Live and learn. The doors had epoxy/filler in them with peeled off paint that had cracked over the entire circle. Both doors were in the same condition.

Once I took the doors off the car and I took them to the basement and starting messing

with them. And messing is what I did. I was not sure what to do. The wood on the inside was completely rotted out. Dry rot and split!!!!!!!!!!!!!! So I got a hammer, chisel, pliers and started tearing out the old wood (below).

### ***Before:***



### ***After:***



And here is how it ended up!

One more critical structural piece was the wood that bolts the firewall and or bulkhead as it is commonly referred to, was terrible as well and had to be replaced. This firewall holds many of



the electrical components, fuel pump, battery, horns, tool box, makers plate, etc.

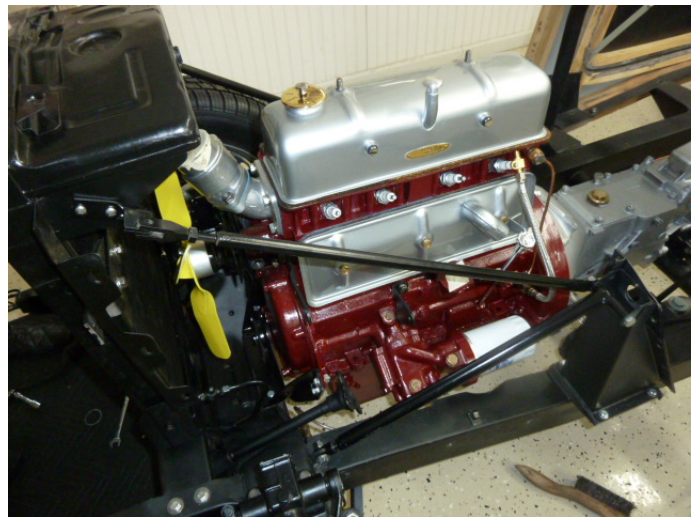


### ***Work in Progress!***

Moving right along, every day for some time now, maybe 1 hour or maybe 6 hours a day, something got done to the TD. It is now back in the garage with a fresh coat of black paint. Prior to sending it to the painter in pieces we pre-fit every part right down to the piping on the running boards.

I completely rebuilt the front and rear suspension, shocks, brakes, and hydraulic lines. Rebuilt engine, new clutch, carbs rebuilt, instrument panel rebuilt, distributor rebuilt, new plug wires, new carpet, replaced a lot of wood, and new chrome but only where necessary. Had to put new tires and caps on as well. We had the interior done as well, with red leather.

#### **Front End:**



Right now we are in the assembly mode and doing it very slowly. To be continued.....

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